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COMMENT

WITH the curtains being drawn on yet another season, reflection will not be out of place, and to sum up one can say the aim of consolidation during 1970-71 has been achieved. The period when we were amongst the top runners in the League brought many possible problems to mind if ever First Division status was obtained, and although this was not to be, the problems still remain, and will have to be faced and solved before the next step forward.

Undoubtedly Mr Summers, his staff and the players, have done excellently throughout the season, the measure of football played has, more often than not, been brilliant, and has compared favourably with teams of high standing with a value of many thousands of pounds. It is a credit to the Manager and the lads to be finishing the season as a middle of the table team, taking into consideration all the factors with which they have to contend. Yes, there is confidence in the team for what they have done, and a promise in their ability of what they can do in the future.

As in the past two decades a youthful side is emerging, one capable of giving the Club more fame just as their predecessors did.

VIC COULING
Editor

Arthur Turner's TOPICS

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

Another season has now almost finished, and in spite of many thrills and setbacks during the last eight months, four points from these last two home games would bring us to one point above an average of a point a game; a very satisfactory season and a respectable position in the League Table, congratulations to all concerned.

The big talking point over the last few days has been the offside decision against Leeds United in their vital bid for the League Division One championship. Different reporters have expressed their views as to the right and wrong of such incidents others have expressed themselves against Don Revie, manager of Leeds United because of what he said when expressing his feelings and disappointment over such a decision. A football manager is human the same as his players are, but one thing is certain, if one places such an incident at the other end of the League Table it proves how thin is a team's retention of First Division status if one is involved in fighting to escape relegation, it is no more vital or easy than fighting for the top. I must admit personally I would have been choked myself if I were in the same position. Therefore I'm with Don Revie all the way on this one, and in my view the television pictures proved his point.

Maybe after this is all over the offside rule may be revised or discussed again. I have always held the view myself that once a player is in an offside position he should be penalized, or his team should, regardless of whether he interferes with play or not, or is played onside by a deflection or otherwise. Some matches are too vital in these days to be settled by such decisions. A manager is always ambitious for success every season—not many get the success they all want. But when one has worked, his players played so hard all through the season one man's decision can undo all that, even at the expense of even overriding one of his own aides who at that time made the correct one.

We welcome to the Manor Ground this evening our friends and opponents from Luton Town who themselves, after being promoted last season, have been one of the front runners for a place in Division One, and up until Easter it looked as if they would achieve it, but a couple of bad results at the vital time means they will be with us next season. Even so they deserve everyone's congratulations upon a fine season which even they themselves will feel happy about. Well done my friends Alec Stock and Jimmy Andrews. It should be a fine game this evening as we have a 0-4 defeat against us from the early part of the season, we want to make it level by beating you because a win will also make our position more respectable.

Make a note of the Testimonial match on Friday, 7 May at 7.30 p.m., three of Luton Town's players will be taking part in this game mainly due to the co-operation of Alec Stock their manager. We wish to express our grateful thanks for his assistance along with all the other managers who are doing likewise, I may add there are a lot of good fellows in this great game, and many of them are managers who may get crucified from time to time during their careers.

ARTHUR TURNER,
General Manager

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Gerry Summers Team Talk

TONIGHT we entertain Luton Town, who have done so well in their first season back in the Second Division. I was hoping they would still be in with a promotion chance, to boost our gate and add a little spice for our last but one game, but this is not to be. As the season draws to a close and your team is in a safe position in the League, often things tend to go flat. But I could not charge my players anything like this. They have retained their enthusiasm and have worked as hard as any time during the season over the past weeks.

Press criticism has to be accepted, though often my views and that of Bill Beckett's are as far afield as could be. I realize that everyone has a viewpoint, but the Press is all powerful and its influence tremendous. The local paper dismissed our efforts at Watford as farcical and that players didn't try too hard—but what a difference in what the Sunday Nationals had to say about the game and it gives one food for thought. What worries me is the damage that such a report does to our supporters who did not actually go to the match. Views can differ, and myself and team are always open to constructive criticism, but there is more to a team's defeat than a plain statement of lack of effort, one thing for me an Oxford side can never be criticized of. How many people state that when their side loses that the other team worked harder—but this is often the opposite of what has really happened.

After tonight's game and one more home match next Saturday against Bolton our season is wound up. We are about to undertake the first Tour in the history of the Club—two weeks to Benidorm in Spain when we are due to play four matches from 10 to 24 of May. This is a way of rewarding players for their efforts over the past season, though two of the members of the Tour will be our youngest professionals.

G. SUMMERS
Team Manager

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SO we approach the end of another season. Whatever may happen on the field tonight or in our remaining home match with Bolton Wanderers next Saturday, we have established our status as a Second Division Football League Club. Although supporters may be disappointed that we have not maintained our challenge for promotion after our fine start to the campaign, there is no doubt that the season turned out better than many people thought at the beginning of the year. At one stage we were top of the Second Division table and although we were disappointed that we failed to remain in that position, the last few months have given us a valuable guide as to our future requirements. Two unfortunate months, namely November and February, when a total of seven Football League matches were played from which only one point was collected, robbed the team of the confidence they had shown in the early matches when we were in the top places of the Football League table.

However in the last few weeks the team have produced the quality of football which suggests better things for the 1971-72 season. Before last Saturday's match at Watford they were unbeaten for nine matches—our longest sequence without defeat this campaign.

Luton, to whom we extend a warm welcome this evening, look back on a most successful season even though they have failed to gain promotion to the First Division. Earlier in the season we visited Kenilworth Road and lost 4-0 to Luton and since our visitors stand above us in the Second Division table, we have something to avenge this evening.

SEASON TICKETS

WE wish to advise Season-Ticket Holders that resulting from the continued rising costs with which the Club has been faced, it has been decided to increase the prices of all season tickets for next season, and a special announcement appears elsewhere in this programme.

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Secretary of the Supporters' Club

TIME passes and changes become inevitable in all walks of life. Some are more difficult to accept than others, as in the case of Jim, who after twenty-two years service with the Supporters' Club has decided to retire due to ill health. Jim also feels he should now give way to a younger man, but is to continue as assistant for the time being to the newly appointed Jim Hunt, who will have the advantage of his experience in the job.

I can remember, writes Vic Culling, when Jim took over the position as Hon. Treasurer when the late Syd Tombs passed away, serving on the Committee, one year as acting Chairman, until he succeeded Les Chapman as Hon. Secretary in the early 1950's. Continuing in a honorary capacity until 1959, Jim was then appointed full-time Secretary to cope with the ever increasing work of the Supporters' Club in its efforts for the Football Club. During his terms of office Jim has seen no less than £325,000 handed over to the Football Club, and it is an undoubted fact that

without this financial aid the Club would not be where it is today.

Although the names of Jim Knapp and Oxford United Supporters' Club are synonymous, he cannot find praise enough for the many who have served with him making his job less onerous, and for the wonderful response he has had from supporters everywhere. One of his pleasures has been to see the Social side of the Club expand to what it is today, and to reflect back on the achievement of both the Supporters' Club and the Football Club in reaching its aim of membership of the Football League, a pipe dream of those early days.

Although Jim will be easing himself out of the routine work, supporters will still have the pleasure of meeting him at the Club, and in his capacity as Hon. Treasurer of the Shareholders Association he will still retain a measure of activity in our interests. So we say 'Thank you Jim' for all you have done to help bring the Club to its present status, a tribute we know will be re-echoed wherever supporters gather.



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- Reductions for Old Age Pensioners are made on production of the Pension Book at the time of booking.
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OWN GOALS MAY SETTLE ISSUES

TWO of the most vital promotion/relegation matches were settled by own goals on Saturday. Bolton, who visit The Manor on Saturday, were given a wonderful start when Blackburn's Freddie Goodwin put one into his own net in the second minute of their Burnden Park clash. Bolton were already doomed to relegation, anyway, but Blackburn had everything to fight for and, though they later grabbed an equalizer, that mistake cost them an important point which could well settle their fate.

Meanwhile Charlton Athletic, who needed a win virtually to put themselves out of danger, gave Leicester a much-needed promotion point when their Paul Went conceded the only goal of the game. Charlton, who can ill-afford to be so generous, have now conceded four own-goals this season and lost three points as a result. The remaining three were all 'scored' by Peter Reeves to make him the country's top own-goal scorer. But for all those slips Charlton would now be clear of danger as the following table (compiled as if all this season's own goals had been eliminated) shows:

	(Actual) position	P	F	A	Pts (Actual points)
Leicester	(1)	40	51	27	54 (55)
Cardiff	(3)	39	59	32	51 (51)
Sheff. U.	(2)	40	63	37	51 (52)
Carlisle	(4)	40	59	42	49 (49)
Hull C.	(5)	40	51	39	48 (49)
Charlton	(20)	40	39	59	31 (28)
Bristol C.	(19)	40	44	59	29 (30)
Bl'burn	(21)	40	34	63	27 (26)
Bolton	(22)	41	33	73	22 (23)

So when all is said and done—and the long season's planning and hard work is completed—both promotion and relegation issues might well be settled by own goals.

Saturday's results in the First Division definitely confirmed that Burnley will join Blackpool in relegation and, therefore, number among next season's visitors to The Manor. Burnley were among the longest-serving members of the First Division, only Arsenal and Manchester United claiming a longer unbroken reign at the top. Burnley who went up in 1947, must now reflect upon the changes taking place in soccer's social scale.

When Bolton were relegated in 1964 they, too, ended a magnificent long run which dated back until 1935. Now, only seven years later, they are going down into Division Three.

The old order maketh way for the new—while once-great Clubs Aston Villa, Preston, Bolton, Blackburn, etc., are in the Third Division, new powers are replacing them one by one. Coventry, Southampton and, of course, one of the League's newest members... Oxford United!

TURNSTILE TOPPERS

	Aggregate	Average
1. Leicester City (1)	514,279	25,714
2. Birmingham City (2)	498,007	24,900
3. Sheffield United (3)	448,538	23,607
4. Cardiff City (4)	432,008	21,600
5. Hull City (5)	395,164	20,798
6. Middlesbrough (6)	332,775	18,488
7. Luton Town (7)	344,465	18,130
8. Sunderland (8)	345,482	16,452
9. Sheff Wed. (9)	327,354	16,367
10. Swindon Town (10)	320,425	16,021
16. UNITED	210,601	11,084

Figures are for League games only, and do not include last Saturday's games.

Figures in brackets denote position in last chart.

div' two table

(Up to and including 24 April 1971)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester City	40	21	13	6	54	29	55
Sheffield United	40	19	14	7	65	38	52
Cardiff City	39	19	13	7	62	38	51
Carlisle United	40	18	13	9	60	42	49
Hull City	40	18	13	9	52	39	49
Luton Town	39	17	12	10	57	40	46
Middlesbrough	40	17	12	11	59	42	46
Millwall	41	18	9	14	58	42	45
Birmingham City	40	17	10	13	57	47	44
Norwich City	41	15	14	12	54	51	44
Sunderland	40	15	11	14	51	52	41
Queens Park Rangers	40	15	10	15	55	52	40
Swindon Town	40	14	11	15	58	49	39
Oxford United	40	13	13	14	38	46	36
Sheffield Wed.	41	12	12	17	51	66	39
Portsmouth	40	10	13	17	44	58	33
Watford	40	10	13	17	37	55	33
Orient	40	9	15	16	28	49	33
Bristol City	40	10	10	20	44	61	30
Charlton Athletic	40	8	12	20	49	64	28
Blackburn Rovers	40	6	14	20	45	65	26
Bolton Wanderers	41	7	9	25	44	73	23

LEADING GOALSCORERS

	4	3	2	1 (Tot)	3	2	1 (Tot)	3	F.A. Cup	2	1 (Tot)	2	1 (Tot)	Eur. Comps	Grand Total
Macdonald (Luton)	1	3	12	(21)	2	(2)	1	(4)							27
Hickton (Mid'brough)	1	3	15	(24)			2	(2)							26
Chilton (Hull)	1	3	12	(21)											23
Marsh (Q.P.R.)	2	3	8	(20)			1	(1)			1	(1)			22
Hatton (Carlisle)	1	1	9	(15)	1		1	(4)	1		1	(2)			21
Summerill (Birmingham)	2	12	(16)		1	2	(4)				1	(1)			21
Rogers (Swindon)	4	8	(16)		2		(4)								20
*Warboys (Cardiff)	1	4	7	(19)											19
†Bridges (Millwall)	1	15	(17)				1	(1)							18
Clark (Cardiff)	1	12	(14)												17
Foggo (Norwich)	1	13	(15)				1	(1)			1	(1)			17
Possee (Millwall)	1	1	9	(14)			2	(2)			1	(1)			17

* includes 6 goals for Sheffield Wednesday; † includes 3 goals for Q.P.R.

N.B. Figures under '3' denote number of hat-tricks scored; under '2' how many times scored two in a game, etc.

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The gap between World Cups is becoming smaller and smaller. F.I.F.A. has announced that, for the first time ever, the next tournament will be played over three—instead of two—years. So England's battle to qualify for the West German finals in 1974 could well begin in October when the qualifying competition commences.

The closing date for applications is on 1 July this year—England's application is *not* among those so far received!—and the groupings will be announced about two weeks later.

The design for the new World Cup—to be known as 'F.I.F.A. World Cup'—is expected to be agreed shortly. The new trophy will cost approximately £10,000 and, possibly with thoughts still fresh of the Jules Rimet trophy's theft in England, F.I.F.A. is taking the precaution of having a replica made at the same time. This will be used for exhibitions and for taking photographs.

All countries winning future World Cup tournaments will be presented with a smaller version of the new trophy to retain permanently.

Malta, who put up such a good performance against England in the European Football Championship this year, face the possibility of losing all their voting rights at F.I.F.A. congresses unless they enter for the 1974 World Cup. A rule passed in 1964 stated that any member countries which do not participate in two successive World Championships or Olympic tournaments will lose these rights. Malta is the only European nation involved but, following their showing so far in the European championship, it seems highly likely that they will now enter the World Cup for the first time.

Apart from Malta, twenty-nine other nations face this ban. As none wants to lose its vote it is almost certain that most of them will enter the World Cup qualifying competition this year for what will certainly be a record entry. Countries like Fiji, Papua, the Bahamas, Afghanistan and Upper Volta, therefore, will probably be experiencing their first taste of World Cup football within the next few months.

And England's road to West Germany might possibly be littered by the likes of Mauritius, Dahomey or Chad somewhere along the way. All are unknown quantities at the moment, but these are among the countries who, through F.I.F.A. committees, are now pressing for more power and more say in how the world organization is run.

spotlight on Luton Town



LUTON'S magnificent bid to clinch promotion for the second season in succession finally exploded at Easter when they lost two games in as many days. Yet they can look back on a tremendous season and an amazing recovery which almost saw them regain the First Division place they lost in 1960.

After that the Hatters dropped from the First to the Fourth Division in five dramatic years in the early 'sixties, and for a while looked like returning to the top in equally breath-taking fashion. They won the Fourth Division championship in 1968, then last season gained promotion to the Second Division.

Everyone at Kenilworth Road is disappointed that they didn't quite complete the fairy tale this year. But they could make it next season. And, if they do, it would be an unprecedented achievement. Few Clubs who slide from the First Division to Division Four ever get back to the top again—much less, to achieve such a thing in twelve years!

The Luton Club was formed in 1885, playing friendly matches until being accepted by the Southern League nine years later. They maintained a good position, gathering sufficient support to gain admittance to the Second Division of the Football League in 1897.

Things didn't go so well, though. Serious financial problems arose and, when they finished second from bottom in 1900, they didn't both to apply for re-election. So it was back to the Southern League where they remained until the first division was taken over

en bloc to form the Third Division (South) of the Football League in 1920.

They had to wait until 1937 before they regained Second Division status which they held until a fantastic finish to the 1954-55 campaign saw them scrape into the First Division on goal-average. Contrary to most people's expectations, Luton made a good impression in the highest sphere and by 1959 they were good enough to earn themselves a Wembley visit to meet Nottingham Forest in the F.A. Cup final. Unfortunately, they struck a complete off-day and, though Forest played most of the game with only ten men, Luton were still defeated by two goals to one.

Luton's fortunes took a dramatic turn from that day at Wembley. Twelve months later they were relegated to the Second Division, in 1963 they sunk into Division Three and two years later—disaster, disaster!—they plummeted into the Fourth Division.

Spirits were so low that no one believed the Club could ever pick itself off the ground. But they put their backs to the wall, former manager Allan Brown picked up the fragments and restored some semblance of order about the team. In 1968 they were walk-away champions of the Fourth Division. Oozing with confidence, they stroke like a Colossus into the Third, only narrowly missing promotion in their first season.

Last season they became only the second Club in Football League history to reach the 60-point mark for three consecutive seasons.

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IT has been success all the way for Alec Stock, the manager with the golden touch. This season it seemed for a long while that he would lead a promotion team for the fifth time in his managerial career!

Stock, the manager, first hit the headlines in 1948 when he steered Southern League Yeovil Town to astonishing Cup victories over Bury and Sunderland. He was Yeovil's player-manager in those days and his achievements at The Huish set him on the road to a most successful managerial career. In August 1949 he was appointed manager of Leyton Orient and built the side which won promotion to Division Two in 1956.

He moved to Arsenal as assistant manager in 1956 but he was greatly disillusioned by conditions on the coaching side at Highbury and he ended his brief and unhappy stay by returning to Orient within a couple of months. The challenge of Italian soccer was laid before him and he took control of Roma F.C. but once again returned to the Orient when they were in trouble.

Alec Stock finally severed his connections with Orient in March 1959 and three months later took up his position with Queens Park Rangers, whose success under his able command was phenomenal. They won the League Cup and rose from the Third to the First Division.

It was one of the biggest shocks of the season when Queens Park Rangers dispensed with his services in November 1968. But within weeks he was back in the game—as Luton Town's Manager.

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TODAY'S REF'

Mr Bill Castle from Dudley

BILL CASTLE thanks his lucky stars he never has to referee a Wolves' game—for his son is one of their most fanatical supporters! There's no chance of his becoming involved in clashes of interest, though, for the League always ensures its officials are never placed in the embarrassing position of having to handle local games.

Now in his fourth season as a Football League referee, Mr Castle first took to the whistle in 1950 when he started in junior football in Wolverhampton. He progressed to the Staffordshire County League and the Central League, then spent six years as a Football League linesman before his promotion.

Married with a son and daughter, Mr Castle lives in Dudley where he is employed as a sales representative for light-weight products for a building materials firm.

He admits that referees, like all human beings, make mistakes. 'But football would be a shambles without them', he says. 'Remember, it's not a referee's job to control players—only to enforce the laws of the game.'

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Opponents in Profile

Luton Town

Tony Read (Goalkeeper) Tony didn't make the League team at Sheffield Wednesday and only got a couple of chances at Peterborough. When he did make the grade at Luton it was as a striker—he hit twelve goals in 1965-66. And that included one hat-trick! He soon reverted to goalkeeping and, after losing his place, he returned this season.
League record: Peterborough 2 appearances; Luton 170 (3) appearances, 12 goals.

John Ryan (Right-back) Fulham gave John his chance in their League eleven during the 1967-68 season and he played regularly for about a year. Luton signed him during the following campaign and he formed a vital link in the side which gained promotion last season.
League record: Fulham 41 (4) appearances, 1 goal; Luton 81 (1) appearances, 2 goals.

Alan Slough (Left-back) A Luton discovery who was introduced to the senior side when it was in the Fourth Division in 1965-66. He won a permanent place the following season and was prominent in both the Hatters' recent promotion seasons. He has missed only three games in two years.
*Division Four Championship medal (1968).
League record: Luton 196 (5) appearances, 22 goals.*

Jack Bannister (Full-back) Jack has recently been recalled to the team following a spell in the reserves. He first tasted League football with West Bromwich, then spent one season with Scunthorpe before joining Crystal Palace in 1965. After more than three happy years at Selhurst, he signed for Luton early in the 1968-69 campaign.
League record: West Bromwich Albion 8 appearances; Scunthorpe 9 appearances; Crystal Palace 117 (3) appearances, 7 goals; Luton 81 (3) appearances.

Roger Hoy (Right-half) One of four summer signings by Alec Stock to bring his team up to Second Division standards, Roger came from Crystal Palace. Spurs first gave him League status but it was in his two campaigns with Palace that he began to make real progress.
League record: Tottenham 10 appearances; Crystal Palace 53 appearances, 6 goals; Luton 29 appearances.

David Court (Right-half) In eleven years with Arsenal, David distinguished himself in several positions, turning out for the League team as striker, in mid-field and defence. He was a member of the Gunners' team beaten at Wembley in the 1969 League Cup final. Luton signed him in July last year.
League record: Arsenal 167 (7) appearances, 17 goals; Luton 25 appearances.

Chris Nicholl (Centre-half) Halifax spotted Chris playing for Witton Albion and rushed him into their first team two seasons ago. He aided the Club's first-ever promotion effort, then moved

to Luton just days after playing a blinder against them in the League Cup last season. Now he is rated one of the best centre-halves in Division Two, attracting several big offers.
League record: Halifax 42 appearances, 3 goals; Luton 64 appearances, 3 goals.

John Moore (Left-half) Luton signed John from Motherwell five years ago and he missed only seven League games in his first three seasons at Kenilworth Road. He missed half of last season's promotion drive but is now back again and has recently completed his double century of League games for the Club.
League record: Motherwell 4 appearances; Luton 213 (5) appearances, 13 goals.

Jim Ryan (Outside-right) Jim developed in soccer's top academy at Manchester United. He made isolated League appearances for them over four seasons but couldn't oust the big names on a permanent basis. Luton made an offer for him last April and he was happy to step down a rung in order to play regular League football.
League record: Manchester United 21 (3) appearances, 4 goals. Luton 36 appearances, 4 goals.

Viv Busby (Inside-right) A Luton discovery, Viv got a few games in the League team last season but has recently hit top form with a five-goal hit in six games. His brother Martyn plays for Queens Park Rangers.
League record: Luton 25 (4) appearances, 9 goals.

Malcolm Macdonald (Centre-forward) Last season's leading Third Division scorer with twenty-eight League and Cup goals, Malcolm is now among the Second Division's crack goals. Yet three years ago Malcolm was a full-back with Southern League Tonbridge. Fulham signed him, converted him into a striker and he hit five goals in ten full League games for them. He joined Luton in 1969.
League record: Fulham 10 (3) appearances, 5 goals; Luton 84 appearances, 46 goals.

Mike Keen (Inside-left) See special article elsewhere in programme.

Don Givens (Inside-forward) Don won two international caps before making his League debut for Manchester United last season. Though he has since remained a member of the Republic of Ireland XI he didn't get many first-team opportunities at Old Trafford. So he signed for Luton last April and he is now the Hatters' second-highest scorer with twelve goals.
*Republic of Ireland 10 appearances, 4 goals.
League record: Manchester United 4 (4) appearances, 1 goal; Luton 36 (1) appearances, 10 goals.*

Peter Anderson (Outside-left) Peter made an extraordinarily quick rise from amateur circles into the League spotlight in February. He was playing for Isthmian Leaguers Hendon when manager Alec Stock signed him and immediately promoted him to the League team.
League record: Luton 11 appearances, 1 goal.

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MIKE KEEN

MIKE KEEN was on the point of claiming a unique record this year. If Luton had gained promotion to the First Division he would have become the only player ever to gain promotion from the Third to the First Division in successive seasons with two different Clubs.

Previously he achieved this with Queens Park Rangers, the Club who spotted him playing for Bucks Boys Clubs when he was sixteen. He was signed as an amateur in 1957, turning professional a year later.

Mike spent another year in the reserves and it was after the arrival of Mr Alec Stock as manager that he was given his chance in the first team at York during 1959-60. He soon attracted the interest of bigger Clubs with some outstanding displays at wing-half and, at one time, it seemed likely he might leave Rangers.

But he stayed to participate in the Club's most successful season—1966-67 when they won the Third Division championship by a record margin of points and beat West Bromwich 3-2 in the League Cup final at Wembley. The following year Rangers equalled Charlton's 32-year-old record by rising in successive seasons into Division One.

Soon afterwards things began to erupt at Shepherd's Bush. Manager Stock was shown the door but, within days, was appointed team chief at Luton. And one of his earliest signings was Mike Keen from his old Club.

Last season Mike's strong mid-field performances were a factor in Luton's promotion side. And, until Easter results killed his hopes, he seemed on the brink of achieving his second double promotion ambition.

Mike Keen's League Record:

		apps	g/s
Queens Park Rangers . . .	1959-60	27	1
	1960-61	34	2
	1961-62	46	2
	1962-63	41	1
	1963-64	46	3
	1964-65	46	13
	1965-66	46	4
	1966-67	46	6
	1967-68	42	6
	1968-69	19	
Luton	1968-69	15	1
	1969-70	45 (1)	3
	1970-71	38	4
	491 (1)	46	

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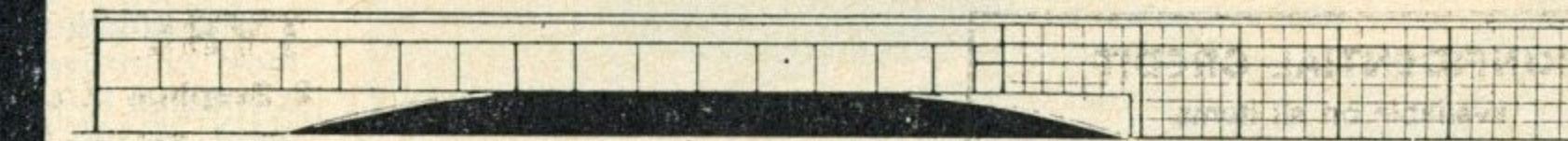
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PULLEIN'S PAGE



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ONE must sympathize with Don Revie and the Leeds Club who once again have seen most of their season's work go up in smoke in the closing weeks. Yet Mr Revie's demand for professional referees—following that hotly disputed goal which gave West Bromwich victory over them at Elland Road—seemed quite irrelevant in the circumstances.

The statement was made in a highly emotional moment, it is true, and I suppose he could well have uttered more severe comments. But, the point is, a professional referee in the same circumstances would have been no more likely to disallow the goal than his 'amateur' counterpart.

For isn't it a matter of progression in the game that players should not automatically be ruled offside, when they are not interfering with play, as they have tended to be in recent years? This was the subject of an article in the *Football League Review* only quite recently and would be one aspect where a professional referee would tend to be swayed by this new thinking.

Does Mr Revie suggest that the professional referee will never make a mistake? Do his professional players never err?

Supposing the incident had been re-enacted another way. West Bromwich were leading 1-0 and Leeds were awarded a penalty in the last minute. Johnny Giles shaped up to take it—then smashed it a yard outside a post.

That would be a terrible error by a professional player. But the effect of the mistake would have been precisely the same as in the case of the alleged mistake by the referee in the Albion game. Would Mr Revie have suggested that all professional players in the game were incompetent, and recommended they all be sent to advanced soccer colleges, because of one man's mistake?

The public at large—and I'm sure Mr Revie would too—would certainly express great sympathy for the player in his misfortune.

Yet, because the referee is thought to have made the mistake, everyone wants to shoot him. Why the difference of attitude?

Full-time referees will come one day. They will certainly bring about a gradual improvement in standards. But they will not be computers. They will be ordinary human beings who make mistakes like you or me.

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The Norwich goalkeeper collects a United corner

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SECOND DIVISION SCORING

Highest individual match scores

4 goals by—Francis (Birmingham), Hatton (Carlisle), Warboys (Cardiff).

3 goals by—twice by Marsh (Q.P.R.) and Trebilcock (Portsmouth); once by Baker (Sunderland), Chilton (Hull), Hickton (Middlesbrough), Hunt (Bolton), Macdonald (Luton), Noble (Swindon), Possee (Millwall), Toshack (Cardiff), Wharton (Bolton), Woodward (Sheffield United).

Highest match scores:

HOME—Carlisle 6 Portsmouth 0 (5 December)
AWAY—Portsmouth 1 Sheffield Utd 5 (30 September),
Sheffield Wed. 1 Luton 5 (10 October), Bristol City 0
Oxford 4 (10 October). Watford 0 Millwall 4 (16
January) Sunderland 0 Cardiff 4 (13 February).

All the own-goal scorers:

Reeves (Charlton) 3; Brown (Millwall) 1; Carver (Cardiff) 1; Jones (Swindon) 1; Hunt (Q.P.R.) 1; Harland (Swindon) 1; Lees (Watford) 1; Nish (Leicester) 1; Payne (Norwich) 1; Pitt (Sunderland) 1; Parr (Bristol City) 1; Reece (Sheff. Utd.) 1; Russell (Blackburn) 1; Sjoberg (Leicester) 1; Wimshurst (Bristol City) 1

Leading scorers with each Second Division Club (League goals only):

Birmingham	Summerill 16, Francis 15.
Blackburn	Conlon 5, Rogers 5.
Bolton	Hunt 7, Wharton 4.
Bristol City	Galley 10, Garland 8.
Cardiff City	Clark 13, Warboys 12.
Carlisle	Hatton 15, Owen 11.
Charlton	Kenning 7, Plumb 7, Treacy 7.
Hull City	Chilton 21, Wagstaff 12.
Leicester City	Brown 13, Farrington 8.
Luton	Macdonald 21, Givens 10.
Middlesbrough	Hickton 24, McIlroy 13.
Millwall	Bridges 14, Possee 13.
Norwich	Foggo 15, Silvester 14.
Orient	Bullock 5, Lazarus 5.
United	Sloan 6, Skeen 6.
Portsmouth	Hiron 10, Trebilcock 8, Jennings 8.
Q P R	Marsh 20, Venables 10.
Sheffield Utd.	Woodward 15, Dearden 11.
Sheffield Wed.	Prendergast 15, Sinclair 7.
Sunderland	Baker 10, Hughes 9, Kerr 9.
Swindon	Rogers 16, Noble 14.
Watford	Wigg 11, Walley 5.

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G. Atkinson	38	2	5	6	1		
R. Atkinson	35	2	5	1	3		
N. Cassidy	17		5		4	4	4
C. Clarke	40	2	5	2			
D. Clarke	14		5	4	15		5
R. Clayton	18	2		2	4	21	13
P. Clinch						27	1
J. Evanson	26		5	5	2	7	1
R. Gladwin						24	
C. Harrington	1			1		35	9
P. Hatch						36	2
Davy Jones	1					37	3
M. Kearns	40	2	5				
B. Lewis				2			
R. Lucas	40	2	5	2	14		7
D. Roberts	12		5	1	2		
J. Shuker	40	2	5	1	1		
K. Skeen	37	2	5	1	9	2	
D. Sloan	32	2	5	3	6	4	
R. Smithson	28	2	5	5	1		
B. Thompson	18	2			16		2
M. Way		2		1	22		
R. Burton					36		
Lowe					38		
McDonald					6	1	
Barnett					15	1	
Fleming					25	4	
Taylor					6	1	
Light					23		
Hartigan					5	1	
D. Jones					2		
Knight					2		
Aylett					7		

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A good attendance enjoyed a very pleasant evening last Monday in the Social Club when, in the Knock-out Sports Quiz, Didcot Town F.C. narrowly defeated M.G. Sports, the scores were Didcot twenty-six points, M.G. twenty-three points.

We now have for the Final on Monday, 10 May, Clanfield F.C. v. Didcot Town F.C. This promises to be an even contest, both teams will bring a good following of Supporters. The questions once again are compiled and presented by Stuart Harrison of Radio Oxford. After the contest prizes will be presented to the winners and runners-up by a well known sporting personality. All members welcome.

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1970					
15	Millwall	A	2	1	9,895
22	Sheffield Wed.	H	1	1	11,090
29	Middlesbrough	A	2	0	17,548
September					
1	Luton Town	A	0	4	16,173
5	Leicester City	H	1	0	12,895
9	Wolves (FLC2)	H	1	0	15,002
12	Birmingham City	A	1	1	22,346
19	Watford	H	2	1	13,270
21	Blackburn Rovers	A	0	0	6,220
26	Bolton Wanderers	A	2	0	8,801
October					
3	Norwich City	H	1	1	13,002
6	Carlisle (FLC3)	A	1	3	13,489
10	Bristol City	A	4	0	16,027
17	Millwall	H	2	3	13,715
21	Queens Park R.	H	1	3	15,058
24	Sunderland	A	1	0	16,376
31	Charlton Athletic	H	2	1	12,326
November					
7	Carlisle United	A	2	3	8,090
14	Hull City	H	0	3	8,770
21	Swindon Town	H	0	0	15,369
28	Sheffield United	A	0	3	18,202
December					
5	Cardiff City	H	1	0	12,206
12	Portsmouth	A	0	1	11,456
19	Sheffield Wed.	A	1	1	11,134

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January					
9	Blackburn Rovers	H	2	1	9,450
11	Burnley (FAC3)	H	3	0	17,010
16	Queens Park R.	A	0	2	10,909
23	Watford (FAC4)	H	1	1	17,814
27	Watford (FAC4)	A	2	1	19,200
30	Sheffield United	H	1	2	10,252
February					
6	Cardiff City	A	0	1	14,875
13	Leicester (FAC5)	A	1	1	34,802
17	Leicester (FAC5 Replay)	H	1	3	17,948
20	Swindon Town	A	0	3	17,744
26	Charlton Athletic	A	0	2	8,816
March					
6	Sunderland (6)	H	0	0	1,735
10	Orient	H	0	1	7,242
13	Hull City	A	1	0	26,772
20	Carlisle United	H	1	1	8,024
24	Portsmouth	H	1	1	7,517
27	Leicester City	A	0	0	22,223
April					
3	Middlesbrough	H	2	2	7,436
9	Birmingham City	H	1	0	16,196
10	Orient	A	0	0	6,266
12	Norwich City	A	1	1	15,025
17	Bristol City	H	1	0	9,048
24	Watford	A	1	2	10,211
28	Luton Town	H			
May					
1	Bolton Wanderers	H			
8	F.A. Cup Final				

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Date	Opponents	Score			
		Grd.	F.	A.	Att.
1970					
15	Birmingham City	H	2	3	761
19	Crystal Palace	H	1	2	584
22	Tottenham H.	A	0	0	
26	Fulham	A	0	0	
29	Southampton	H	0	2	
September					
2	Cardiff City	H	1	3	641
5	Swindon Town	A	5	2	
12	Leicester City	H	2	0	
14	West Ham United	A	0	3	
26	Norwich City	H	2	1	
October					
3	Birmingham City	A	1	3	
10	Chelsea	H	1	3	1,383
14	Plymouth Argyle	H	1	2	1,207
17	Leicester City	A	0	5	
24	Ipswich Town	H	1	2	
31	Queen's Park R.	A	2	4	
November					
11	Reading	H	2	2	
14	Bristol Rovers	A	2	3	
December					
2	Bournemouth & Boscombe	H	1	3	
5	Arsenal	A	0	2	3,000
12	Plymouth Argyle	A	2	4	573
19	Tottenham Hotspur	H	0	2	1,058
28	Bristol City	A	4	1	

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January					
9	Crystal Palace	A	0	1	
13	Fulham	H	1	2	501
February					
6	Arsenal	H	3	2	1,505
13	Swansea City	A	0	0	
24	Queen's Park R.	H	2	1	704
March					
3	Gillingham	H	3	2	1,112
6	Ipswich Town	A	0	3	
8	West Ham United	H	3	0	867
17	Bristol Rovers	H	1	1	584
24	Reading	A	1	2	
29	Swansea City	H	1	2	803
31	Gillingham	A	5	3	
April					
3	Southampton	A	2	0	
5	Bournemouth	A	1	0	
14	Bristol City	H	2	1	1,009
17	Chelsea	A	0	4	
21	Cardiff City	A	0	1	
26	Swindon Town	H			
May					
1	Norwich City	A			

HALF-TIME SCORES

A	Manchester City v. Chelsea
B	Leeds United v. Liverpool
C	Newcastle Utd. v. West Bromwich
D	Tottenham H. v. Huddersfield T.
E	Wolverhampton W. v. Ipswich T.
F	Hull City v. Carlisle United
G	Watford v. Swindon Town
H	Bradford City v. Fulham
J	Brighton & H. v. Plymouth Argyle
K	Gillingham v. Chesterfield
L	Shrewsbury Town v. Swansea City
M	Torquay United v. Halifax Town
N	Aldershot v. Stockport County
P	Crewe Alexandra v. Notts County
Q	Lincoln City v. Chester
R	Peterborough U. v. Bournemouth
S	Southend Utd. v. Exeter City
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