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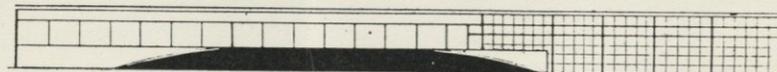
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EDITOR'S NOTES

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

It would be a very hard-to-please supporter who was not satisfied, or even thrilled, with the encounter against Burnley on Saturday. The last few moments were very tense with the result open until the final whistle. It was an excellent performance by the lads against a highly rated team, and augurs well. To-night we have another test in entertaining Luton Town, and hope the promise will be sustained. In welcoming our visitors we hope they will have with them their well known Director, Eric Morecambe, who kept us all in fits of laughter on his last visit.

The Reserves have commenced the season in fine style, winning at Swansea on Saturday, after drawing with the Combination leaders, Queens Park Rangers, the previous Wednesday. The latter game was one of the most interesting and one of the best I have seen from them for some time. It drew a crowd of over 1,000, and with the continuation of displays like this, they should be assured of support. As mentioned before, it is a pity they are faced with seven away matches out of the first ten, a stern test for them.

The Football League has issued a Circular to all Clubs, being a descriptive document on the Laws of the game, and being explanatory we propose to publish this in stages in the programme as an enlightenment to supporters. The first part, relating to Offside, Offences against the Goalkeeper, and Free kicks, appears on another page of this issue.

Quite a number of supporters have taken advantage of the Privilege Ticket, which, by donating 50p to the Club, the acquisition entitles the holder to a ground ticket on application to the Club during office hours up to twenty-four hours prior to the match. This operates on all ticket matches only, and thus avoids the holder having to queue at inconvenient times to get one. There is still time yet to apply to the Club Secretary before closing for this season.

The Shareholders' Association was to have made the trip to Birmingham on 2 October, following it with a dinner, but complications have risen which necessitate the outing being postponed until a later match. This is a disappointment to many shareholders who look forward to these events as a means of keeping contact with each other.

The Club was shocked to hear of the tragic accident on Friday in which Stephen Barnett one of our apprentice professionals was involved, and another footballer, Adrian Cooper



was seriously injured. We extend our sympathy to the parents and relatives of the young lady who died in this crash.

On Saturday we are at Preston, renewing our connections after their short sojourn in the Third Division, while on Wednesday next we have Millwall with us in the Second Round of the Football League Cup, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

The son of Flt. Lt. H. R. Irvine of R.A.F. Abingdon, has been one of our staunchest supporters for several years, but disappointment has come to him by having to follow the family to a posting in Cyprus. Not to be deterred he has sent me enough stamps to cover forwarding the home and away programmes for the next twelve months. Shall do.

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COMMENT

THE dropping 'gates' must be causing concern to most Clubs ourselves very much included. Our first two home games have only totalled 16,640, while last year we were supported by 23,985 and in 1969, 20,750. It could be that we have not commenced the season with the attractions we had in 1970, Sheffield Wednesday and Leicester City. Even so, this would not account for a drop of over 7,000; and consideration has then to be given whether the increase in admission charges has been a deterrent. With the glut of football at the beginning and end of every season, this could well be a reason, people just cannot afford two matches per week, particularly where families are concerned. So therefore are we having too much football at a higher cost which the public is unable to fully support. Or have the other factors (known to all without being repeated here), driven the genuine supporter away. There is nothing like a winning team to bring the crowds back, but even this does not always have the effect one would expect. The answer is becoming more obvious as years go by. The terraced supporter wants more comfort than he is afforded now, he wants easier parking than at present, and a greater measure of convenience once he is in. With increasing admission charges he has a right to more consideration, and until Clubs are in a position to give this I am afraid crowds will continue to diminish.

VIC COULING, Editor

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IT became clear from opening results that Luton were missing their ace striker Malcolm Macdonald, sold to Newcastle for £180,000 this summer. They were held at home by Norwich (1—1) and lost to Burnley (1—2). Meanwhile, Macdonald scored a hat-trick for Newcastle against Liverpool!

In his two seasons at Luton, Macdonald scored fifty-eight goals and with so many First Division Clubs showing interest in him it was inevitable—when Luton's own promotion bid failed—that he would move.

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. Until then there had been a distinct possibility they would regain the First Division place they lost in 1960.

The Hatters visited The Manor late in the season when their promotion chance had gone and we beat them 2—1, goals from Derek Clarke and Nigel Cassidy doing the trick. But we lost 0—4 at Kenilworth Road at the beginning of the season. Matt Tees and Malcolm Macdonald—neither of whom is now with the Club—scored two each. Viv Busby got their goal at The Manor and now much of the responsibility for rounding off their attacks will rest with him.

The Luton Club has had a varied history, sometimes hitting the highest spots, often sinking to the bottom of the pile. The 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 well, though. Serious financial problems arose and, when they finished second from bottom in 1900, they didn't bother 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.

FEATURING LUTON TOWN F.C.



Picture: "The Luton News"

LUTON TOWN F.C. 1971—72

Back Row: Peter Woods, Viv Busby, Alan Garner, David Court, Don Shanks
Second Row: Ken Whitfield (coach), Don Givens, Chris Nicholl, Tony Read, Robin Wainwright, Peter Anderson, Jimmy Andrews (Assistant Manager)
Front Row: Ken Goodeve, Roger Hoy, John Moore, John Ryan, Alan Slough, Jimmy Ryan

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 would 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 strode like a Colossus into the Third, only narrowly missing promotion in their first season.

In 1970, when they finished runners-up in Division Three, they became only the second Club in Football League history to reach the 60-point mark for three consecutive seasons.

After their near-miss promotion effort last season, Luton didn't involve themselves in much rebuilding during the summer. Manager Alec Stock was hoping to find the replacement for Macdonald from his own staff but if the goals don't start to come then he will almost certainly send an S.O.S. out for a new striker. He did sign Millwall half-back Alan Garner who was picked as substitute for their opening games.

THE MANAGER AND MEN



ALEC STOCK

IT has been success all the way for Alec Stock, the manager with the golden touch. Last 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 Leyton 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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Tony Read (Goalkeeper) See special article.

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 from the Third Division in 1970. He was ever-present last season.

League record: Fulham 41 (4) appearances, 1 goal; Luton (87) appearances, 3 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.

Division Four Championship medal (1968).

League record: Luton 204 (5) appearances, 22 goals.

Mike Keen (Right-half) Mike was introduced to League football by Queens Park Rangers in 1959-60 and gave them wonderful service over ten years, participating in their remarkable rise from the Third to the

First Division—a feat he wants to repeat with Luton this season! Mike was also a member of the Rangers side which became the first Third Division winners of the League Cup in 1967. When manager Alec Stock left Rangers for Luton he quickly went back to his old Club for Mike's signature.

League Cup winners' medal (1967). Division Three Championship medal (1967).

League record: Q.P.R. 393 appearances, 38 goals; Luton 104 (1) appearances, 8 goals.

Chris Nicholl (Centre-half) Halifax spotted Chris playing for Witton Albion and rushed him into their first team three 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 in 1969. 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 67 appearances, 3 goals.

John Moore (Left-half) Luton signed John from Motherwell six years ago and he missed only seven League games in his first three seasons at Kenilworth Road.

Fourth Division Championship medal (1965).

League record: Motherwell 4 appearances; Luton 218 (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 in April 1970 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 (4) appearances, 3 goals.

Viv Busby (Inside-right) A Luton discovery, Viv got a few games in the League team two years ago but

OF LUTON FOOTBALL CLUB

hit top form with one five-goal hit in six games. He finished with eight goals and scored against Burnley recently.

League record: Luton 28 (10) appearances, 13 goals.

Don Givens (Centre-forward) Don won two international caps before making his League debut for Manchester United two seasons ago. 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 in April 1970 and was the Hatters' second-highest scorer with thirteen goals last season. He scored their first goal this season to earn a 1-1 draw with Norwich.

Republic of Ireland, 11 appearances, 4 goals.

League record: Manchester United 4 (4) appearances, 1 goal; Luton 41 appearances, 12 goals.

Peter Anderson (Outside-left) Peter made an extraordinarily quick rise from amateur circles into the League spotlight last 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 15 (1) appearances, 1 goal.

Alan Garner (Half-back) Alan developed with Millwall and made his League debut for them against Blackburn last October. He joined Luton during the summer and was named substitute for their opening two games—but wasn't called on.

League record: Millwall 2 appearances; Luton nil appearances.

N.B. Statistics do *not* include Saturday's game.

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ASK any budding footballer what positions he would most like to play in and it's for sure he'll plump for a glamorous spot like goalkeeper or centre-forward. Few of these boy-hood dreams ever materialize, of course. But in the case of Tony Read he made a success in both roles in League soccer!

Tony became a professional with Sheffield Wednesday—as a goalkeeper. But with Ron Springett, the England goalkeeper, in such devastating form and—for most of his stay there—another professional rival for the green jersey he didn't really stand much chance of making the League grade for them.

So he signed for Peterborough United and, at long last, got into League football. But only for a couple of games. Luton Town signed him in 1965 and, for a bit of fun, he played some practice games in the attack. At first glance he appeared a far better striker than goalkeeper so the Hatters tried him out in a couple of reserve games.

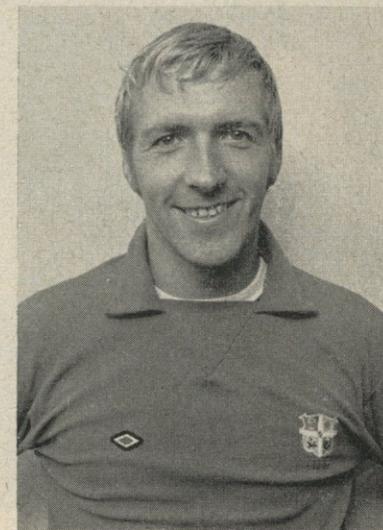
Tony did well enough to be chosen in place of John O'Rourke, who later won England under-23 honours, in Luton's attack against Newport in September 1965. In only his second League game in this position he scored the winning goal against Rochdale. Next time out he hit two into Barnsley's net.

A few weeks later he scored a hat-trick against Notts County!

His versatility came in useful in another way, too. When Luton's goalkeeper was injured in a match against Bradford City, Tony moved back into goal and was replaced by a field player as substitute.

Eventually, his scoring touch seemed to disappear. He was dropped and went back to his old position in the reserves. But in May he was recalled for Luton's final six games—in goal.

For the next two seasons he held his position in goal. Then he went out of favour. But last season he bounced back again, full of confidence.



TONY READ

Tony Read's League Career:

		apps	g/s
Peterborough	1964-65	2	—
Luton Town	1965-66	31 (2)	12
	1966-67	35 (1)	—
	1967-68	43	—
	1968-69	16	—
	1969-70	9	—
	1970-71	38	—
	1971-72	2	—
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(a) Referees must be satisfied that a player who is in an offside position is **interfering with play or seeking to gain an advantage** before he penalizes him for being offside.

(b) Linesmen should not 'flag' automatically if a player is in an offside position. Before indicating to the Referee that a player is offside the Linesman should ensure that the player is interfering with play or seeking to gain an advantage and should only flag when he is satisfied that this is so.

(c) Having decided that a player is, in fact, offside the Referee should blow his whistle immediately and not await the result of the pass. If, however, the ball touches, or is played by an opponent, whilst he is going to blow his whistle (but has not already done so), he should not blow it. (The action of the ball touching or being played by an opposing player brings into effect the 'unless' clause and Referees are not entitled to ignore it.)

(d) Referees shall acknowledge all signals from Linesmen. (The acknow-

ledgment may, of course, in some cases, take the form of penalizing a player.)

OFFENCES AGAINST THE GOALKEEPER

Referees must penalize the following:—

(a) Jumping at the goalkeeper under the pretence of heading the ball.

Punishable by a **direct** free kick.

(b) Raising the foot as the goalkeeper kicks the ball from his hands even though the ball may have left the goalkeeper's hands.

The above constitutes dangerous play and an **indirect** free kick should be awarded.

It was considered that no action could be taken against a player who stands in front of a goalkeeper to prevent him clearing the ball, or who moves from side to side with the goalkeeper. It is the responsibility of the goalkeeper to clear the ball even if only by throwing the ball. If, however, the player takes any action which could cause trouble or constitute obstruction

the Referee has discretionary power to take appropriate action.

FREE KICKS

(a) When raising the arm to indicate free kicks the Referee shall retain it in position until the ball has been played by a second player or goes out of play. This need not apply to offside indirect free kicks.

(b) In many cases Referees are not implementing the caution when players fail to retire the correct distance or when they encroach at the taking of a free kick. This part of the law must be strictly enforced and Referees should not leave players in any doubt that they intend to enforce it.

(c) Referees should no longer 'pace out' the requisite ten yards at the taking of free kicks. It is considered that it is more dignified to stand at the point from where the free kick is to be taken and **ensure** that the opposing players retreat to the ten yards position.

Referees to be advised of the urgent necessity for taking strong action to eliminate encroachment at the taking of free kicks.

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Terry Neill gets above Ken Skeen and Derek Clarke to head away

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KEN SKEEN

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	SWINDON				OXFORD UNITED				Total
	64/5	65/6	66/7	67/8	68/9	69/70	70/1	71/2	
Aston Villa ...					1	2(1)			3(1)
Birmingham...					1	2(1)	2		5(1)
Blackburn ...					1	2(1)	2		5(1)
Blackpool ...					1	2			3(1)
Bolton ...	1				2	2(1)	2		7(1)
Bournemouth ...				2(1)					2(1)
Brighton ...				2					2
Bristol City ...					1	2	2		5
Bristol Rovers ...			1	2					3
Bury ...				2	1				3
Carlisle ...						2	2(1)		4(1)
Charlton ...					1	2(1)	1(1)		4(2)
Colchester ...				2					2
Coventry ...	1(1)				1				2
Crystal Palace ...	1				1+S	2	2		6+S(1)
Cardiff ...	1(1)				1				2
Derby ...	1				1				2
Doncaster ...			1						1
Fulham ...					1				1
Gillingham ...				1...s					1...s
Grimsby ...				1(1)					1(1)
Huddersfield ...	1				2(2)	2			5(2)
Hull City ...					1	2	2	1	6
Ipswich ...	1					2	2		5
Leicester ...							2		2
Luton ...							2		2
Mansfield ...				2					2
Middlesbrough ...					1	2	1+S(3)		4+S(3)
Millwall ...					1	2	2		5
Northampton ...				1					1
Norwich ...					2	2	2		6
Oldham ...							2	1	3
Orient ...				2					2
Peterborough ...				2					2
Plymouth ...	1								1
Portsmouth ...					1	2(1)	2		5(1)
Preston ...	1				2(1)	2(1)	2		5(2)
Queens Park R. ...					2(1)	2(1)	2		6(1)
Reading ...			1	1(1)					2(1)
Scunthorpe ...				2					2
Sheffield U. ...					1	2	2		5
Sheffield W. ...									2
Shrewsbury ...				2					2
Southend ...		1(1)							1(1)
Southampton ...	1(1)								1(1)
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Torquay ...				1					1
Tranmere ...				2(1)					2(1)
Walsall ...				1					1
Walsall ...				1					1
Watford ...				2		2(1)	1(1)		5(2)
Watford ...				2					2
Total	10(3)	1(1)	3(-)	37+S(4)	24+S(3)	42(9)	39+S(6)	2	158+3S(26)

F.A. CUP

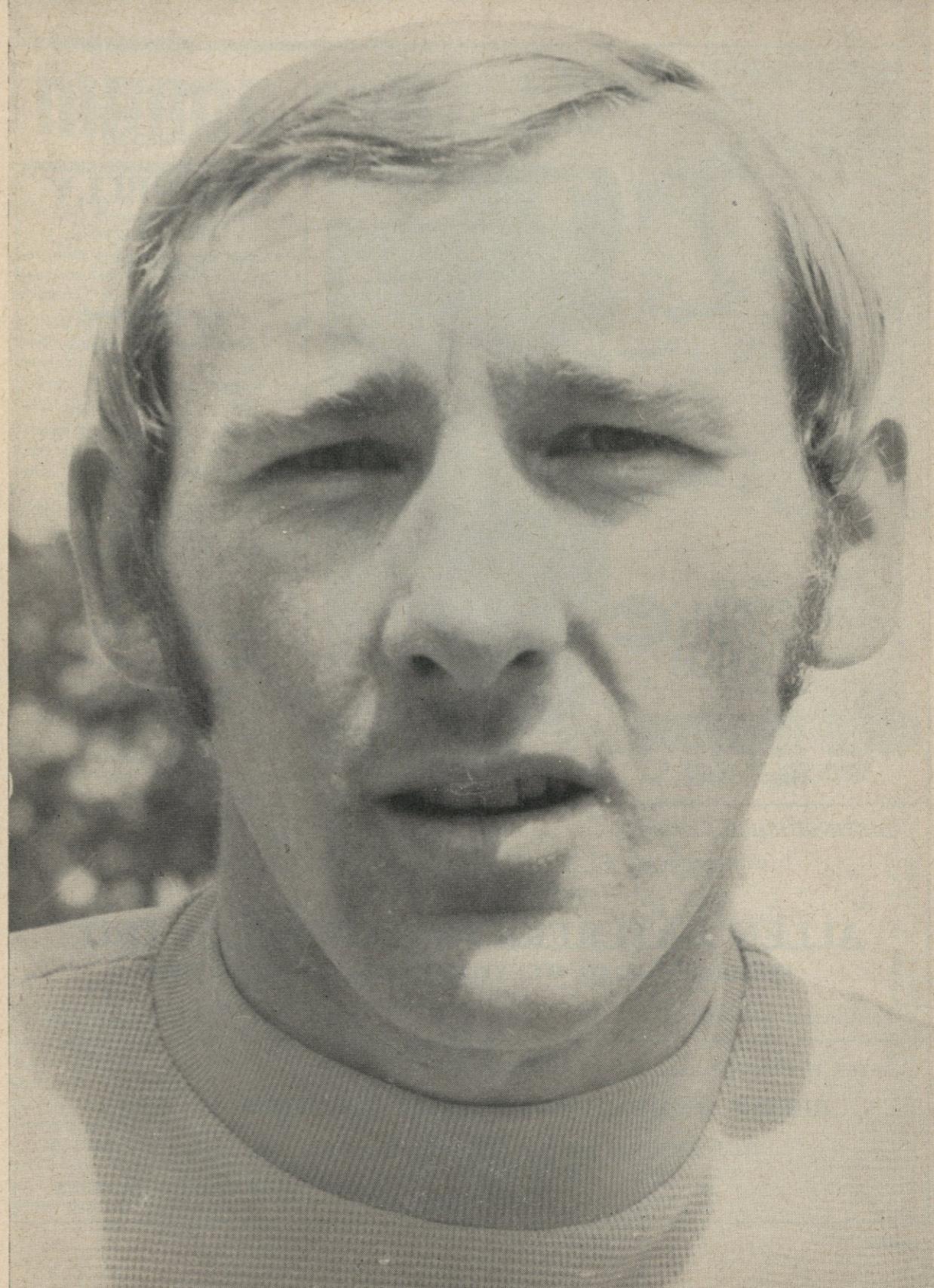
Burnley ...						1(1)			1(1)
Bury ...		1							1
Chelmsford ...				3(1)			2		3(1)
Leicester ...									2
Notts. Forest ...		3			2				5
Southport ...							2(1)		2(1)
Stoke ...							2(2)		2(2)
Watford ...				2(1)					2(1)
West Ham ...									2
Total	6(1)	3(1)	2	2(1)	5(3)	18(6)			

LEAGUE CUP

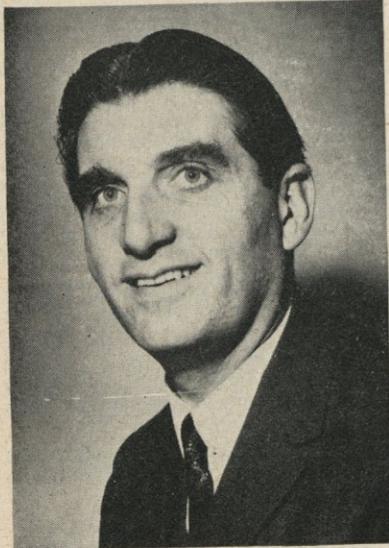
Bury ...					1(2)				1(2)
Carlisle ...					2	1			3
Northampton ...					1				1
Notts. Fcrest ...					1(1)				1(1)
Preston ...				1(1)	1(2)				2(3)
Swansea ...	1(1)								1
Swindon ...						1			1
Swindon ...				1					1
Queens Park R. ...						1			1
Wolverhampton ...									1
Total	1(1)	3(3)	2	6(3)	2	12(7)			

'S' denotes appearance as substitute

AUTOGRAPH



O.U.S.C.



JIM HUNT

WITH Luton as our visitors this evening we welcome all their supporters to The Manor. The 'Hatters' are always an attractive fixture and our encounters have that local derby atmosphere. We are confident this will bring the best out of our lads and we are looking for two points.

We are naturally pleased with our home draw in the League Cup, but realize Millwall will be a stiff hurdle to overcome. It is a coincidence that we now meet Millwall at The Manor twice in three days.

We would like to record our thanks, though a little late, to Bill Beckett of the *Oxford Mail* for presenting the Supporters' Club trophy and cheque to Colin Clarke as last season's 'Footballer of the Year'. Colin brought along two new members of the United with him for the presentation, Kevin Thomas and Geoff Bray and it was nice to have a talk with the latest members of our playing staff.

With so many of our Football Pool Agents on holiday at the start of the football season we found our total pool fell short of its usual amount. We apologise for the fact that the law did not allow us to pay more than half of the total pool, but

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WORLD SOCCER

ALARM, justifiably, has been shown at the big drop in attendances at Football League matches this season. If our game is to maintain its current high standard it is essential to increase support, not lose it. Yet, while we certainly should not be complacent about the problem, we are still not as seriously affected as many countries. In Austria, for instance, they have reported a decrease which brings the current average attendance per game down to 4,264—and that for first division games!

Brazil have announced the biggest breakthrough at Club level in the country's history. This season, for the first time, they are launching a truly national league. Previously, the two major leagues in Rio and Sao Paulo had been looked upon as the dual national competitions. Eighteen other states within the country all ran their own leagues but never produced a Club to match those belonging to the big two.

Now, with the help of loans from the Brazilian F.A., a 20-Club national league has been formed.

Carlos Alberto, captain of Brazil's World Champions last year, suffered a serious knee injury in the match between Botafogo and Fluminense and had to undergo a cartilage operation which ruled him out of several international games.

It now seems likely that Sir Stanley Rous will retire from his post as F.I.F.A. president in 1974 because Brazilian F.A. president Jean Havelange—who previously said he would under no circumstances oppose Rous if his nomination went in again—has now allowed his name to go forward.

Mr Havelange, who would become the first non-European to hold the position if elected, would certainly be a popular successor to Sir Stanley when this great English soccer administrator decides to call a halt to his phenomenal world travels.

we can now report that we are gradually building this back up.

The profit on our Football Pool last year proved to be the equivalent of what we were able to give the Football Club. This amounted to £6,000 but it could be so much more if only we could obtain more agents. We do pay commission, but again this is governed by law. Should there be any supporter willing to become an agent then please enquire at the Social Club or ring Oxford 63063 during office hours.

Incidentally, I would like to express my thanks to all Football Pool Agents who so willingly agreed to the printing of winners one week in arrears. My apologies to anyone who was inconvenienced, but the change-over appears to have worked efficiently.

It's nice to welcome Jim Knapp back after a short illness and at the same time may I wish Cyril Gardner, one of our Committee, a speedy recovery. For the benefit of well wishers Cyril is doing well but at the time of going to press he was still in hospital.

The most recent winners in our '260 Club' are as follows:

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We hope soon to have our Official Handbook on sale. In fact it may be out by the time this programme is on sale. This is well worth the 5p that is being charged, with contributions from Mr P. V. Playford, who was the Club Chairman at the time of the Handbook going to press, Tony Adamson (Radio Oxford), Malcolm Gamlen (Club Secretary), John Parsons (*Daily Mail*) and Vic Couling. Also all the usual statistics that go to make this a 'must' for all United supporters. The stocks are limited so if you want one please obtain this as soon as they are on the market.

Jim Hunt
SECRETARY

PULLEIN'S VIEW



TONY PULLEIN

One of the greatest criticisms levelled at referees this season is that they have penalized dissenters far more severely than the real criminals—the players who go in over the top of the ball, defenders who will cripple a forward if they cannot stop him by legal means.

They have a point. It is ridiculous that George Best, sent off for arguing, may be suspended for three months while so many hatchet men play on.

But consider this. For the game to survive in a civilized state the referee must be seen to be in complete control at all times. His position must be respected by football's administration and—though they may not see it that way at the moment—managers and players. Unless the referee is afforded this respect the game will indeed collapse in chaos.

The years have proved that all these demonstrations are completely futile anyway—how often have you seen a referee change his decision after an attack by players? Once, or maybe twice, in the last twenty-five years?

And, on the rare occasions he does change his mind, the referee immediately loses respect. Every one of his subsequent decisions will be the subject of complaint.

The referee has no choice. He has to be the complete boss. And if only everyone would accept that fact the game would be far more enjoyable.

CHEERS FOR TOUGHER REFS!

A LOT of nonsense has been talked about the game being in revolt because of the new disciplinary standards being applied by referees, under Football League direction, this season. Managers have been quoted as saying the game is 'collapsing'; players that the situation has become 'farical'. In fact, it was just because the game was in *danger* of becoming these things to spectators that the new thinking has been applied!

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Corners	
For 11	Against 5

Goals scored at CUCKOO LANE end	Against
For 1	1
Corners	
For 7	Against 7

Total Attendances to Date	
Home 16,640	Away 14,304

Home Gate last Match
8,756

Best Home Gate this Season
8,756

DIVISION TWO

DIVISION TWO GOAL SCORERS

	Lge L.Cup Total		
Earle (Fulham) ...	2	3	5
Treacey (Charlton) ...	3	2	5
James (Blackpool) ...	4	-	4
Marsh (Q.P.R.) ...	4	-	4
Bowyer (Orient) ...	3	-	3
Casper (Burnley) ...	3	-	3
Galley (Bristol City) ...	3	-	3
Garland (Bristol City) ...	3	-	3

Up to and including Saturday, 28 August, for Second Division players only.

DIVISION TWO TABLE

(Up to and including 28 August 1971)

	P	W	D	L	Goals			Pts
					F	A		
Blackpool ...	4	3	0	1	8	2	6	
Bristol C. ...	3	2	1	0	10	5	5	
Preston ...	3	1	2	0	3	1	4	
Charlton A. ...	3	2	0	1	4	2	4	
Norwich C. ...	3	1	2	0	4	2	4	
Sunderland ...	3	1	2	0	4	2	4	
Millwall ...	3	1	2	0	5	4	4	
Portsmouth ...	3	2	0	1	4	4	4	
Fulham ...	3	1	1	1	3	2	3	
Queens Park R. ...	3	1	1	1	6	4	3	
Orient ...	3	1	1	1	5	4	3	
Birmingham C. ...	3	1	1	1	4	4	3	
Burnley ...	3	1	1	1	5	5	3	
Hull C. ...	3	1	1	1	2	2	3	
Oxford United ...	3	1	1	1	3	3	3	
Swindon T. ...	3	1	1	1	3	5	3	
Middlesbrough ...	3	1	0	2	5	6	2	
Luton T. ...	3	0	2	1	3	4	2	
Carlisle U. ...	3	0	2	1	2	3	2	
Cardiff C. ...	4	0	2	2	4	10	2	
Watford ...	3	0	1	2	1	6	1	
Sheffield Wed. ...	3	0	0	3	1	9	0	

SECOND DIVISION SCENE

Burnley's First Defeat in 24 Years!

NIGEL CASSIDY'S second-half goal at The Manor on Saturday gave United the honour of being the first team to defeat Burnley in a Second Division match for twenty-four years! The Turf Moor Club had remained a First Division Club from 1947 until this year and were unbeaten this season when they came here.

Nevertheless, Burnley's Frank Casper, who equalised shortly after the interval, kept up his record of scoring in every League game this season. Only three other men have done this—Ray Treacey (Charlton), Chris Garland (Bristol City) and Rodney Marsh (Q.P.R.).

Barry Endean chose an appropriate occasion to score his first goal for Charlton—against Watford, the Club he left last season. It clinched Charlton's 2-0 victory and sent Watford tumbling among the relegation candidates.

Yet Watford must feel safe while Sheffield Wednesday keep losing. They are now the only Club in the country without a point and, including last season, haven't won in ten games. They lost only narrowly (0-1) at Blackpool who thus held onto first place.

Preston almost maintained their record of being the only team in the country not to concede a goal this season. They were leading 1-0 at Luton, with only eight minutes to go, when Peter Anderson broke through to equalise for the home side.

TOP TEN ATTENDANCES

	Aggregate	Average
1. Birmingham C. (1)	26,245	26,245
2. Middlesbrough (3)	20,574	20,574
3. Cardiff C. (2)	40,162	20,081
4. Preston (4)	16,425	16,425
5. Blackpool (5)	48,814	16,271
6. Swindon T. (7)	15,624	15,624
7. Portsmouth (6)	30,378	15,189
8. Queen's Park R. (-)	30,000	15,000
9. Bristol City (-)	29,086	14,543
10. Hull C. (8)	14,304	14,304
21. UNITED (21)	16,640	8,320

For Second Division games only, up to and including Saturday, 28 August 1971.

Figures in brackets denote position in last chart.

STATISTICS: SEASON 1971-72

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV. TWO

Date	Opponents	Grd.	F.	A.	Att.
1971					
August					
14	Orient	H	1	1	7,884
21	Hull City	A	0	1	14,304
28	Burnley	H	2	1	8,756
September					
1	Luton Town	H			
4	Preston N.E.	A			
8	Millwall (FLC 2)	H			
11	Millwall	H			
18	Norwich City	A			
25	Sheffield Wed.	H			
29	Queens P.R.	H			
October					
2	Birmingham City	A			
6	League Cup 3				
9	Middlesbrough	H			
16	Orient	A			
20	Fulham	A			
23	Sunderland	H			
27	League Cup 4				
30	Carlisle Utd.	A			
November					
6	Swindon Town	H			
13	Charlton Athletic	A			
17	League Cup 5				
20	Portsmouth (1)	A			
27	Blackpool	H			
December					
4	Cardiff City	A			
8	League Cup Semi-Final				
11	Bristol City	H			
15	League Cup Semi-Final				
18	Preston N.E.	H			
27	Watford	A			
1972					
January					
1	Norwich City	H			
8	Burnley	A			
15	F.A. Cup 3				
22	Queens P.R.	A			
29	Fulham	H			
February					
5	F.A. Cup 4				
12	Sunderland	A			
19	Carlisle United	H			
26	Swindon Town (5)	A			
March					
4	Charlton Athletic	H			
11	Middlesbrough	A			
18	Hull City	H			
25	Millwall	A			
31	Birmingham City	H			
April					
1	Watford	H			
3	Sheffield Wed.	A			
8	Portsmouth	H			
15	Blackpool (SF)	A			
22	Cardiff City	H			
25	Luton Town	A			
29	Bristol City	A			
May					
6	F.A. Cup Final				

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Date	Opponents	Grd.	Score	Att.
1971				
August				
14	Norwich City	A	1 2	
18	Fulham	A	1 1	
25	Queens Park Rangers	H	1 1	1,095
28	Swansea City	A	2 1	
September				
1	Cardiff City	A		
8	Reading	H		
15	Cardiff City	A		
18	Plymouth Argyle	H		
22	Chelsea	A		
25	Tottenham Hotspur	A		
October				
2	Norwich City	H		
9	Bristol Rovers	A		
13	Chelsea	H		
November				
3	Arsenal	H		
6	Swindon	A		
10	Crystal Palace	H		
24	Leicester City	H		
27	West Ham United	A		
December				
1	Bournemouth	H		
11	Bristol City	A		
18	Birmingham City	A		
29	Southampton	H		
1972				
January				
1	Leicester City	A		
5	Swansea City	H		
12	Birmingham City	H		
26	Fulham	H		
29	Queens Park Rangers	A		
February				
5	Ipswich Town	H		
16	Bristol Rovers	H		
19	Arsenal	A		
23	Swindon Town	H		
March				
4	Crystal Palace	A		
8	Reading	H		
18	Plymouth Argyle	A		
22	Tottenham Hotspur	H		
April				
1	Southampton	A		
8	Bournemouth	H		
12	West Ham United	A		
22	Ipswich Town	A		
26	Bristol City	H		

APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

	Lge	L/C	FA/C	Comb	Sub	Goals
G. Atkinson ...	3					
R. Atkinson ...	3					
S. Aylott ...				4		
N. Cassidy ...	1			1	1	1
C. Clarke ...	3					
D. Clarke ...	3					
R. Clayton ...				4		
J. Evanson ...	3					
P. Hatch ...				4		
Davy Jones ...				3		
M. Kearns ...	3					
R. Lucas ...	3					
D. Roberts ...	3				1	
J. Shuker ...	3					
K. Skeen ...	2			1		
D. Sloan ...	3			1	1	
R. Smithson ...				3		
B. Thompson ...				4	1	
M. Way ...				4		
R. Burton ...				1		
N. Lowe ...				4		
Barnett ...						
Fleming ...				4	1	
Taylor ...						
Light ...						
Hartigan ...						
Knight ...						
Thomas ...				3		
Bray ...				2	1	
Clougherty ...				1		

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Table of Results to Tuesday, 24 August 1971 (not inclusive)

	P	W	D	L	Goals		
					F	A	Pts
Queens Park Rangers ...	3	3	0	0	12	0	6
Ipswich Town ...	2	2	0	0	6	2	4
Crystal Palace ...	2	2	0	0	8	3	4
Birmingham City ...	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Arsenal ...	3	2	0	1	5	2	4
Southampton ...	3	2	0	1	3	3	4
Tottenham Hotspur ...	2	1	1	0	3	0	3
Chelsea ...	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
West Ham United ...	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Swindon Town ...	3	1	1	1	5	6	3
Cardiff City ...	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Fulham ...	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Bristol City ...	3	1	0	2	6	5	2
Leicester City ...	3	1	0	2	3	4	2
Norwich City ...	3	1	0	2	2	4	2
Oxford United ...	2	0	1	1	2		

REFEREE & LINESMEN

Mr J. TAYLOR (Wolverhampton)

LAST year was a mighty exciting one for Jack Taylor, the only English referee chosen to officiate at World Cup games in Mexico. He handled the Italy v. Sweden game and ran the line for three others. Earlier he had been in Italy refereeing matches in the new Anglo-Italian tournament.

It was Mr Taylor's second World Cup, for he was also on the panel for the 1966 games played in England. He also handled the F.A. Cup final in 1966, four years after he had taken the F.A. Amateur Cup final. In June he refereed the European Cup final between Ajax and Panathinaikos.

He first set out with his whistle in local Wolverhampton football in 1948. He progressed through the Worcestershire Combination and the Birmingham League to a place on the Football League's referees' list in 1958.

Mr T. HARDMAN (Red Flag)

Mr. W. H. COFFMAN

(Orange Flag)

TODAY'S MATCH

KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.

OXFORD UNITED

GOLD SHIRTS BLACK SHORTS

- 1 MICK KEARNS
- 2 RICHARD LUCAS
- 3 JOHN SHUKER
- 4 DAVE ROBERTS
- 5 COLIN CLARKE
- 6 JOHN EVANSON
- 7 DAVID SLOAN
- 8 GRAHAM ATKINSON
- 9 DEREK CLARKE
- 10 NIGEL CASSIDY
- 11 RON ATKINSON

SUB:

GOALSCORERS Nos.

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

4th..... 5th..... 6th.....

LUTON TOWN

WHITE SHIRTS BLACK SHORTS

- 1 TONY READ
- 2 JOHN RYAN
- 3 DON SHANKS
- 4 MIKE KEEN
- 5 CHRIS NICHOLL
- 6 JOHN MOORE
- 7 VIV BUSBY
- 8 ALAN SLOUGH
- 9 ROBIN WAINWRIGHT
- 10 DON GIVENS
- 11 PETER ANDERSON

SUB: JIM RYAN

GOALSCORERS Nos.

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

5th..... 5th..... 6th.....

HALF-TIMES

A	Chelsea v. West Bromwich Albion
B	Leeds United v. Newcastle United
C	Leicester City v. Southampton
D	Manchester City v. Liverpool
E	Hull City v. Birmingham City
F	Norwich City v. Orient
G	Portsmouth v. Blackpool
H	Sunderland v. Carlisle United
J	Watford v. Swindon Town
K	Aston Villa v. Mansfield Town
L	Bolton Wanderers v. Rochdale
M	Shrewsbury Town v. Walsall
N	Torquay United v. Bradford City
P	Aldershot v. Chester
Q	Crewe Alexandra v. Lincoln City
R	Gillingham v. Cambridge United
S	Workington v. Exeter City
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