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**ERIC
PUGH
talking..**

Inevitably, it seems, at the start of a new season, there is comment on dwindling attendances and suggestions, most of them made at random, that football is losing its grip as the undisputed number one spectator sport.

Certainly, in the first fortnight of this campaign, the aggregate figures for the weekend games were showing a tendency to decline which made depressing reading to those concerned with the well-being of the game.

Since then, there has been some levelling out of the figures which may even rise comparatively in the weeks to come, but, at some time or another, the game will have to accept that there is a saturation point so far as support is concerned.

Various factors are put forward for the decline, not so much in interest which I am convinced is as great as it ever was, but in the number of people who are turning to support the game by payment at the turnstiles and that, in the end, must be the acid test.

Hooliganism on the terraces is something that is advanced as the bogey which is keeping people away from the grounds, but it could be that the effects of this, unfortunate and ugly as it is, have been exaggerated to some extent.

Slowly, this nuisance caused by a moronic section whose interest in the game is only secondary, is being brought under control, and that the authorities are alive in the incipient danger has been shown by the strong disciplinary action that has been taken in certain cases.

Maybe, the closing of two of the top grounds in the country, did not provide the best of platforms, publicity wise, for the opening of a new season, but this can only be one factor with which the game has to contend.

Behaviour on the field, to which, mistakenly in most cases, I believe, hooliganism on the terraces has been linked, has been tackled by the League in the most stringent manner available to them.

Whether they went the right way about it is not for me to say, but, in the end, there can be no doubt that the only answer can be favourable, in that it will make life easier for the player who relies largely on sheer football ability.

Among other reasons put forward is that foot-

ball is now a much more expensive way of spending an afternoon, comparatively speaking, than it used to be.

However, admission, at least to the cheaper parts of the grounds, costs only a matter of the price of a packet of cigarettes, and, compared with the continent, and the Town are aware of this from their experiences in Spain and Portugal, the prices are still in the reasonable category.

At the same time, the outlay remains considerable, especially when more than one member of the family is concerned. However, it has to be remembered that football nowadays is big business, and admission charges have to be geared to the higher wage bills which it has been necessary to meet.

There is also the point of whether the game is as attractive as it used to be. Certainly, it must be conceded that modern coaching methods have made it more efficient.

Here, the acid test would seem to be what the supporter wants from his game. I am not convinced that a shoal of goals in every match necessarily provides the answer.

Goalless draws can be thrillers but, at the same time, my feeling is that the average fan wants to see his quota of goals and that he wants to see them going in at the right end.

Which all boils down to the one irrefutable fact that a winning team will always gain prime support and this will be emphasised if goals are coming at the same time.

There are plenty of other factors which can be advanced for declining gates, not all of which hold water. In the Town's case, it is true that, before today's game, their aggregate for the three home matches was 9,423 down on the corresponding period of last season.

In terms of money, that is considerable, and most people have traced this to the sale of Malcolm Macdonald.

Now, the Town have an adequate replacement in Vic Halom and should they begin a winning streak immediately, preferably this afternoon, then I do not think there is any doubt whatever that the crowds will come back in numbers a good deal more healthy than has been the case so far.

Striking for Luton

VIC HALOM, signed to put goals and strength into Luton Town's attacking play, says that he was impressed with the "nice atmosphere" of the Kenilworth Road set-up as soon as he completed his transfer from Fulham.

The tall, powerfully-built centre forward is still living at his North Cheam home in Surrey before finding a new house in the Luton area. "It means I have to get up at 7 o'clock in the morning to set out for training," explains Vic. "I've never got up so early in my life, but I find that when I get to Luton I am more awake and more alive to work hard than ever before. Mind you, the training under Jimmy Andrews is the hardest I have ever sampled. But it is always interesting and makes you keen to get involved."

Vic has been impressed by the professional attitude of the Luton system, but says he is not surprised because "I have never played really well against The Hatters." He added: "They have always been a good, hard side and difficult to beat."

Although Vic carries a noticeable Derbyshire accent — he was born in Coton Park, near Burton-on-Trent — his parents actually come from Hungary and his League football career has been concentrated in London. After captaining Derbyshire Boys, he went to Charlton with schoolboy pal Dennis Booth and was one of their youngest-ever first-team players when he made his League debut at 16.

"I think I did quite well as a midfielder player in a few games for Charlton," says Vic. "Then I pulled both cartilages — an injury which cost me a place in the England Youth squad. When I came back to fitness, Bob Stokoe, the manager, allowed me to go on loan to Orient where he thought I would benefit from the strict training of Dick Graham."

Vic liked the atmosphere at Brisbane Road and when Mr Stokoe left Charlton, the new manager, Eddie Firmani, eventually agreed to let him transfer permanently to Orient. "They were in the Third Division then," recalls Vic. "So it was ironical when I was sold to Fulham that my new club were relegated at the time Orient went up into Division Two."

Although Vic scored 11 goals in 23 League games in his first season at Fulham to justify a £35,000 transfer fee, he says that he never really settled in at Craven Cottage. "I was glad of the chance to move to Luton," he said. "I've been bought as a striker and I hope to get among the goals again. But I don't really mind where I play. I've had experience in most positions, especially midfield."





Back Row. Left to Right.
 W. Gates, R. Smith, A. Moody, S. Boam, W. Whigham, J. Hickton, W. Maddren, J. Vincent.
 Front Row. Left to Right.
 E. McMordie, N. Stiles, D. Downing, D. Mills, F. Spraggon, J. Laidlaw.
 Picture: J. Larkin Fotos, Middlesbrough.

MIDDLESBROUGH



Middlesbrough have averaged 48 points in each of the four seasons since their return from one term in the Third Division "wilderness". Each year they have tracked the promotion contenders, but, in the words of manager Stan Anderson: "We lacked the vital spark to land the pay-off punch."

So, at the end of last season, when Middlesbrough finished 7th — one point and one place behind The Hatters — Mr Anderson decided that the time had come to take more positive steps towards the First Division. Out came the Ayresome Park cheque book ... and in the last six months the equivalent of £205,000 has bought Middlesbrough four top-class players.

Birmingham's highly-talented inside forward, Johnny Vincent, was first to arrive before last season's transfer deadline. Next came Mansfield skipper and centre half Stuart Boam — "a player who can be kingpin in our defence," says Mr Anderson. Then a £35,000 cheque re-instated World Cup star Nobby Stiles to a regular League commission — he was bought, says Mr Anderson,

"with the intention of making others around him play."

Nobby was appointed skipper for the new season, but Mr Anderson's warning not to expect miracles while the newcomers settled down carried significance when Middlesbrough lost their first two away games at Portsmouth and Bristol City. That called for more action ... the £60,000 signing of Newcastle full back John Craggs and the switch of young Willie Maddren into the centre forward gap vacated by Hugh McIlmoyle's move to Preston.

The result: three successive wins and four goals in those games for Maddren. But the blending of a new-look team still had its hazards and 'Boro went out of the League Cup to Third Division York City in a disappointing replay at home.

The real loss was a money-spinning trip to Sheffield United in the next round — because, with the League Cup out of the way, Mr Anderson can concentrate on getting Middlesbrough into the First Division as part of his

personal crusade to re-establish North Eastern football. Mr Anderson, the only man on record to skipper Newcastle, Sunderland and Middlesbrough, believes that it was a disaster when the removal of the maximum wage caught the "Big Three" clubs in the Second Division together. "We were left at the starting gate," he claims. "The big city clubs became even more powerful and cornered the market with their huge incentives for the top names."

All three clubs went through a difficult stage of re-building — none more so than Middlesbrough as they lurched into the Third Division in 1965. "Too many people thought we were on the up-grade when we came back," says Mr Anderson. "They forgot that we needed time to get ready for the First Division.

Now Middlesbrough hope they are all set to climb again — and one of the first items on Mr Anderson's agenda is to break the club's unhappy record at Kenilworth Road. In six League matches here, they have drawn once and lost the other five.

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NOBBY STILES likes to be among people with ambition and a will to win against all odds. That's why he had no hesitation about joining Middlesbrough this summer after spending a "lifetime" with Manchester United.

"Middlesbrough offered me the type of challenge I can't resist," said Nobby. "They've got something big to aim for ... a return to Division One ... and I'd like to feel I can help them reach that goal."

Manchester-born Nobby made his international debut in 1956/57 when he played five times for England schoolboys. England won all five. Matt Busby signed him as an amateur and, in 1958/59, he graduated to the England youth team. He became a professional in 1959. Nobby made his under-23 and full international debuts within two months in 1965.

The most critical point in his career came during the 1966 World Cup. Some distasteful incidents in the France match gave momentum to a campaign to have him banned from the remainder of the competition. It is known that Sir Alf Ramsey had pressure put on him to leave Nobby out of the side. But Sir Alf rightly turned a deaf ear to the critics.

Nobby drove himself into the ground for the cause of England ... as he did in two League Championship campaigns for his club and, more particularly, when Manchester United won the European Cup in 1968. A cartilage operation put him out of football in 1969 but he was included in our Mexico World Cup squad.

meet the captain and his team



JOHN HICKTON

WILLIE BIGHAM (Goalkeeper): Scottish-born reliable who first made his name at Falkirk, where he was in their 1961 promotion team and then spent five years as a First Division regular before transferring to Middlesbrough in October, 1966. Willie helped 'Boro out of the Third Division in his first season at Ayresome Park and should reach 200 League appearances this season. **GORDON JONES** (Left back): The longest-serving player on Middlesbrough's books, completing his 400th League appearance last season. After joining Middlesbrough from school in 1958, he won England Youth international honours and made his League debut in 1960-61. Nine Under-23 caps then followed between 1962 and 1964. His wonderful consistency meant that he missed only 11 League games in the last seven seasons. **ALAN MOODY** (Full back): A former England Schools international who has been a Middlesbrough professional since January, 1968. He made his League debut on his 18th birthday and has since proved reliable cover for many positions in the senior squad.

ALEX SMITH (Full back): Although this local man has been a professional with Middlesbrough for ten years, he crammed the majority of his 114 League appearances into the last three seasons. Made his debut in 1965-66. This term his opportunities have been limited by the arrival of John Craggs.

JOHN CRAGGS (Right back): Born in Durham, John joined Newcastle from school and spent the last few seasons contesting the No.2 shirt with Irish international David Craig. But he had managed only 50 League matches when Middlesbrough came in with a £60,000 bid last month.

BILL GATES (Half back): Strong and courageous defender who has given Middlesbrough excellent service in the 11 seasons since he made his League introduction as a 16-year-old. A former England Youth international, he has played mainly at centre half but now lines up alongside newcomer Stuart Boam. Reached 200 League games last season. **STUART BOAM** (Centre half): During a club record run of 165 consecutive appearances for Mansfield, this impressive six-footer attracted the attention of many top clubs. Middlesbrough made the first successful move for his services with a £50,000 cheque during the close season. **FRANK SPRAGGON** (Left half): A professional for nine years, Frank has always impressed as a steady back-four player and chalked up his 150th appearance last season. Made his debut in 1963-64 and was a regular during the last four seasons.

JOHNNY VINCENT (Inside forward): Another of this year's big-money signings. Born in the Black Country, fair-haired Johnny joined Birmingham City straight from school and made his League debut as a teenager. Played for England Youths and carried on his promise to make over 200 appearances for Birmingham, but lost his place last season and was snapped up by Middlesbrough in a part-exchange deal involving wing half George Smith. **DONALD BURLURAU** (Winger): A professional for only three years, this promising forward was given his first look at League soccer during three games last season. He scored ten goals for the reserves during that campaign.

DERRICK DOWNING (Winger): Signed from Frickley Colliery in February, 1965, and made his debut the following season in which Middlesbrough gained promotion from the Third Division. Injuries then interfered with his progress, but his ability to play on either wing has made him a regular in the last three seasons. **JOHN HICKTON** (Inside forward): The most consistent Second Division marksman in recent years, having collected 91 goals while topping 'Boro's scoring list in four consecutive seasons — and heading the divisional chart in three of those years. Yet when he joined 'Boro from Sheffield Wednesday in September, 1966, he was more recognised as a back-four player. Before the start of this season, he had scored 119 goals for Middlesbrough in 226 matches — a record which puts him in the £100,000 class. **JOE LAIDLAW** (Winger): Joe first came into the Middlesbrough side four seasons ago after making an impression as a determined, hard-shooting player in the reserves. Has been a regular for the last two years, scoring 18 goals in 75 matches. **WILLIE MADDREN** (Forward): the talking-point player of Middlesbrough this season after snapping up five goals in a run of four games. The versatile North-Easterner made his League debut at outside left, but seemed to have settled into a defensive role. Then he had a successful spell in the attack last season before switching again into the back-four. He opened this season at right back, but was soon sent up to hunt for goals and has filled the gap left by the sale of Hugh McIlmoyle to Preston. **DAVID MILLS** (Forward): A schoolboy player of considerable promise who was wanted by several clubs before Middlesbrough won the chase for his signature. He had ten League games last season when he was also the reserves' top scorer with 25 goals. **ERIC MCMORDIE** (Inside forward): An old schoolboy pal of George Best who went to trial with Manchester United together with Best. Both boys left because of homesickness, but George returned to Old Trafford while Eric played in Irish football with Dundella. Eric tried again in England with Middlesbrough in 1964 and was a regular by 1965-66. The following season he won Under-23 honours and has now earned 14 Irish full caps — including all three games in last year's Home International Championship.



JOE LAIDLAW

LUTON in ACTION

New centre forward Vic Halom made his bow for The Hatters in the goalless draw against Birmingham City a fortnight ago. But the former Fulham striker could so easily have got off to a goal-scoring start. In the far right picture, Vic is seen trying a second-half shot which unluckily struck goalkeeper Dave Latchford's knee and was scrambled clear. Another feature of the Birmingham match was Don Shanks' excellent close-marking of his England Youth team colleague, Trevor Francis, who is pictured (right) contesting a ball with the young Luton defender.

Pictures: Luton News.



Going for GOAL

Full back John Ryan joined the search for the elusive first home win when he came up into the attack during the first half of the Birmingham game. John tried a left-foot shot (pictured left) from the edge of the penalty area which clearly worried Birmingham centre half Roger Hynd! In the far left picture, skipper Mike Keen goes in to challenge a group of Blues defenders in the air.

Pictures: Luton News.

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Talking to

Chris NICHOLL

So far it would appear that Chris Nicholl has been far too busy growing in both the physical sense and in stature to do any real talking. The "lighthouse" of Luton Town's defence, Chris has never been known for his oratory outbursts on or off the field.

But he had a few points of view to trigger off the other day. A central figure in one of the big transfer "rumours" last month, Chris Nicholl firmly believes that this season's campaign, Luton's second in Division Two following promotion, is a critical one for the club and, for him personally, the most demanding nine-months since he first entered professional football seven years ago.

"It's imperative that Luton hold the reputation they won last year when we were right up with the leaders and carried as much chance as any other side of entry into the First Division. Once a club builds on the momentum of promotion, as we did, it is essential to hold on to it. Failure to do so leads to an evaporation of enthusiasm and club spirit and before you know where you are, you can be back to where you started. AND IF I HAVE ANY SAY IN THE MATTER — THAT'S EXTREMELY UNLIKELY."

This Macclesfield-born centre half stands at nearly 6' 2" in his socks. But, because Alec Stock has assembled a squad of defenders who can throw a six-foot screen around goalkeeper Tony Read, Nicholl's height is inclined to be camouflaged. It hasn't obscured the sizeable potential of a player who has already made around £29,000 profit for one grateful club.

Chris was netted at an early age by the long-

established scouting prowess of Burnley, a club which "trawls" the North with the diligence of a minesweeper. "I never made it at Turf Moor, like a lot of the lads who were linked with the club at the same time. I think it's partly the reason for their unfortunate decline that the one of the few "finds" in recent seasons has been Ralph Coates." But Chris agreed, after Luton's defeat at Turf Moor by the odd goal in three, that the nucleus is back at Burnley for them to build towards their ticket back to the First Division.

After only 12 months on professional forms, Chris left Turf Moor to link with Witton Albion in the Cheshire League, where he stayed for two years. It was an eye for talent possessed by Alan Ball Snr. which put Chris back on his feet. The father of England's World Cup hero came to an agreement with Ken Barnes, manager of Albion, to have the tall pivot at Halifax.

AFTER GRADUATING INTO THE FIRST TEAM, THE BIG BREAKTHROUGH ARRIVED WHEN HALIFAX VISITED KENILWORTH ROAD FOR A LEAGUE GAME.

"I remember I never did anything really outstanding that day. It was routine as far as I was concerned. But I was in the Halifax coach ready to return to The Shay when Alec Stock asked me if I would like to sign for Luton. You could have knocked me down with a feather." The transfer was also quite a surprise to many more, for few people so far south had ever heard the name of Chris Nicholl. It came as a pleasant surprise to Halifax, for they went home with a point and £29,000 more in the bank!



Chris Nicholl... relaxing at his Dunstable home — and still plotting defensive tactics on the chess table?

DATE	DIVISION TWO	Res.	Att.
Aug. 14 Sat.	Norwich City ... Home	1-1	12428
" 21 Sat.	Burnley ... Away	1-2	13333
" 28 Sat.	Preston North End ... Home	1-1	11772
Sept. 1 Wed.	Oxford United ... Away	1-1	10490
" 4 Sat.	Orient ... Away	0-0	8703
" 7 Tues.	Crystal P. (L.C2) ... Away	0-2	13838
" 11 Sat.	Birmingham City ... Home	0-0	14678
" 18 Sat.	Millwall ... Away	2-2	12433
" 25 Sat.	Middlesbrough ... Home	.....	.....
" 28 Tues.	Fulham ... Home	.....	.....
Oct. 2 Sat.	Hull City ... Away	.....	.....
" 9 Sat.	Swindon Town ... Home	.....	.....
" 16 Sat.	Norwich City ... Away	.....	.....
" 19 Tues.	Queens P. Rangers ... Away	.....	.....
" 23 Sat.	Carlisle United ... Home	.....	.....
" 30 Sat.	Sunderland ... Away	.....	.....
Nov. 6 Sat.	Charlton Ath. ... Home	.....	.....
" 13 Sat.	Watford ... Away	.....	.....
" 20 Sat.	Blackpool (1) ... Away	.....	.....
" 27 Sat.	Portsmouth ... Home	.....	.....
Dec. 4 Sat.	Bristol City ... Away	.....	.....
" 11 Sat.	Cardiff City (2) ... Home	.....	.....
" 18 Sat.	Orient ... Home	.....	.....
" 27 Mon.	Sheffield Wed. ... Away	.....	.....
1972			
Jan. 1 Sat.	Millwall ... Home	.....	.....
" 8 Sat.	Preston North End ... Away	.....	.....
" 15 Sat.	F.A. Cup 3 ... Away	.....	.....
" 22 Sat.	Fulham ... Away	.....	.....
" 29 Sat.	Queens P. Rangers ... Home	.....	.....
Feb. 5 Sat.	F.A. Cup 4 ... Away	.....	.....
" 12 Sat.	Carlisle United ... Away	.....	.....
" 19 Sat.	Sunderland ... Home	.....	.....
" 26 Sat.	Charlton Ath. (5) ... Away	.....	.....
Mar. 3 Fri.	Watford ... Home	.....	.....
" 11 Sat.	Swindon Town ... Away	.....	.....
" 18 Sat.	Burnley (6) ... Home	.....	.....
" 25 Sat.	Birmingham City ... Away	.....	.....
" 31 Fri.	Middlesbrough ... Away	.....	.....
Apr. 1 Sat.	Sheffield Wed. ... Home	.....	.....
" 4 Tues.	Hull City ... Home	.....	.....
" 8 Sat.	Blackpool ... Home	.....	.....
" 15 Sat.	Portsmouth (S.F.) ... Away	.....	.....
" 22 Sat.	Bristol City ... Home	.....	.....
" 25 Tues.	Oxford United ... Home	.....	.....
" 29 Sat.	Cardiff City ... Away	.....	.....
May 6 Sat.	F.A. Cup Final ... Away	.....	.....

DATE	LONDON MID-WEEK	Res.
AUGUST		
Tues. 17th	Southend Utd. ... Home	1-0
Wed. 25th	Millwall Ath. ... Away	0-1
Tues. 31st	Millwall Ath. ... Home	1-3
SEPT		
Wed. 8th	Orient ... Away	2-1
Tues. 14th	Cambridge United ... Home	1-0
Tues. 21st	Aldershot ... Home	0-0
OCT		
Wed. 6th	Brighton & H.A. ... Away	.....
Tues. 12th	Watford ... Home	.....
Wed. 20th	Southend Utd. ... Away	.....
Tues. 26th	Brighton & H.A. ... Home	.....
NOV		
Tues. 2nd	Colchester United ... Home	.....
Tues. 9th	Orient ... Home	.....
Tues. 16th	Northampton Tn. ... Home	.....
Mon. 29th	Peterborough Utd. ... Away	.....
DEC		
Wed. 8th	Watford ... Away	.....
Wed. 15th	Colchester United ... Away	.....
1972		
JAN		
Tues. 4th	Northampton Tn. ... Away	.....
Wed. 12th	Cambridge United ... Away	.....
Tues. 18th	Charlton Ath. ... Home	.....
Tues. 25th	Charlton Ath. ... Away	.....
FEB		
Tues. 8th	Peterborough Utd. ... Home	.....
Tues. 22nd	Watford (L.C.) ... Home	.....
MARCH		
Wed. 8th	Millwall (L.C.) ... Away	.....
Wed. 22nd	Aldershot ... Away	.....
Tues. 28th	Millwall (L.C.) ... Home	.....
APRIL		
Wed. 12th	Watford (L.C.) ... Away	.....

NEXT DATES AT

Kenilworth road

Tuesday, September 28th (7.30 p.m.)

Football League - Division II
Luton Town v FULHAM

Saturday, October 9th (3 p.m.)

Football League - Division II
Luton Town v SWINDON TOWN

FOOTBALL LEAGUE - DIVISION II												
HOME						AWAY						
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
NORWICH	7	3	1	0	7	3	1	2	0	3	2	11
BRISTOL C.	7	3	1	0	11	4	1	1	1	6	3	10
BURNLEY	7	2	1	0	4	2	2	1	1	8	5	10
MIDDLESBORO	7	4	0	0	8	3	1	0	2	4	4	10
MILLWALL	7	2	2	0	6	4	1	2	0	6	5	10
PORTSMOUTH	7	3	0	1	7	6	1	1	1	5	5	9
Q.P.R.	7	2	1	0	6	2	1	1	2	5	4	8
BLACKPOOL	8	3	0	1	9	3	1	0	3	3	4	8
BIRMINGHAM C.	7	3	0	0	8	3	0	2	2	1	3	8
PRESTON	7	3	0	1	6	4	0	2	1	2	3	8
SWINDON	7	2	1	0	6	1	0	2	2	1	5	7
ORIENT	7	2	1	0	6	2	0	2	2	3	6	7
SUNDERLAND	7	2	1	1	4	4	0	2	1	2	5	7
HULL C.	7	3	0	1	4	3	0	1	2	1	6	7
CARLISLE	7	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	3	6	6	6
LUTON	7	0	3	0	2	2	0	3	1	4	5	6
CARDIFF	8	1	2	0	6	5	0	1	4	3	12	5
WATFORD	7	1	3	0	4	3	0	0	3	0	7	5
OXFORD	7	1	2	1	5	5	0	0	3	2	5	4
CHARLTON	7	2	0	1	3	2	0	0	4	4	10	4
SHEFF. W.	7	1	1	1	5	6	0	0	4	3	9	3
FULHAM	7	1	1	2	3	5	0	0	3	0	8	3

AFTER THE MATCH
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IT'S ALL HAPPENING at the **HATTERS DISCOTHEQUE**
next Wednesday

Rehearsal time at the new Hatters Discotheque featuring (from left)... Vic Halom, Chris Foot, John Ryan, Mary Skinner and Viv Busby, which opens at the Hatters Club on Wednesday 29th September. Admission will only be open to MEMBERS OF THE HATTERS DISCOTHEQUE CLUB. You can join this exciting new Disco. Club at 231, Dunstable Road, Luton. (Tel: 30748). or at the door on the night. Minimum age for membership is 18. Make sure you're part of the new scene at the Hatters. Each session, we shall be featuring one of the players as our guest D.J. - Next Wednesday's Star is JOHN RYAN.

The HATTERS DISCOTHEQUE CLUB is promoted
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HATTERS CHATTER

"Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" are two new names on the Hatters professional staff. Before you look for them on the team-sheet, we'll let you into a secret... these are the new nicknames for Tony Read and Chris Nicholl! They've earned the titles because of their exploits on the golf course in their regular meetings with Jimmy Ryan and Alan Slough.

Tony and Chris regularly hammer their team-mates — and The Hatters Golf Committee are now considering whether it's time to slash their handicaps. Tony is off 14 and Chris off 16.



How did John Ryan come to be surrounded by this bevy of beauty? The answer: our bachelor full back was one of the judges for the Miss Sixth Form contest held by the Luton Technical College. The winner, Linda Gaskell, is in the centre foreground of the picture.

Wedding Bells rang last Sunday for reserve defender Peter Woods. Best wishes from the Kenilworth Road staff to Peter and his bride, Maureen.

Roger Hoy, now settling down in his new career with Cardiff City, had another addition to the family when his wife, Julie, gave birth to a 9lb 8oz boy earlier in the month. It's not true that when the doctor slapped the baby's bottom that the baby kicked him!

Congratulations to Youth Team players Terry Saunders and Bob Hatch, who were selected to play for Hertfordshire Youth against Hertford Town this week and against Cambridgeshire next Saturday at Cambridge City's ground.

ROUNDUP OF DIVISION 2

Huddersfield Town scouts covered three pre-season matches played by BRISTOL CITY. Purpose of the mission: to study City's regular top scorer, **John Galley**. They didn't pursue their interest... and the former Rotherham and Wolves striker promptly scored seven of City's 17 goals as they raced to the top of the table after six games!

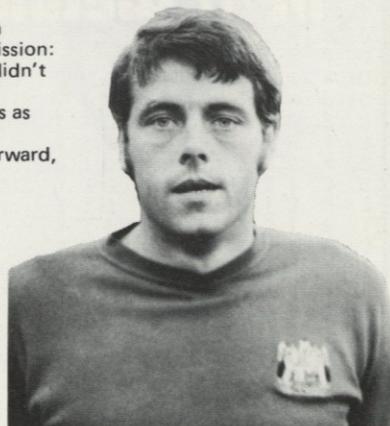
Manager **Alan Dicks** has since sold his other star forward, **Chris Garland**, to Chelsea and Galley has become an indispensable part of City's surprise start after five seasons of fighting off relegation. But Mr Dicks insists that the success has been due to "100 per cent. team effort." The rewards for the hard work have been good, too... with the players picking up around £100 a week, with incentive bonuses which include £25 for holding a top-two position on a Saturday night.

Mystery of the season is SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY'S struggle at the foot of the table. Some Middlesbrough players rated them the best team they had met so far — yet three days later Wednesday crashed 5-0 in the League Cup at Carlisle. Worried Wednesday have spent £150,000 on three new players to take their transfer spending to a staggering £792,000 in eight years, but the ambitious Hillsborough club apparently can't buy the precious commodity called "luck". Their fortunes must surely improve soon.

While Wednesday struggle after big spending, NORWICH CITY are among the early pace-makers... but with a section of their supporters in revolt because **Ron Saunders** hadn't bought a new striker. Is there any justice in the game called "soccer management"? We wonder after hearing that the Norwich "agitators" published a handbill calling for a boycott of last Saturday's home game against Oxford United. Happily, the move was "spiked" when the Canaries beat Brighton convincingly in the League Cup and then won at Blackpool.

The announcement that **Tommy Docherty** is to manage Scotland for their first two internationals of the season gives HULL CITY an unusual double. Player-manager **Terry Neill** is also in charge of the Northern Ireland team this season. But, even with two international managers, Hull are still looking for the expected promotion form. The forced sale of **Chris Chilton** was a major blow and Chilton's old scoring partner, **Ken Wagstaff**, didn't hit the target in half-a-dozen games. Another factor in Hull's inconsistent start: £13,000 former Ipswich centre half **Bill Baxter** has had an operation for a troublesome groin injury.

Former Middlesbrough striker **Hugh McIlmoyle** has been a busy man in his first few weeks with PRESTON. He soon became top scorer — five goals in eight games — and also accepted the penalty-taking job. But his next role was a spur-of-the-moment shock for the £25,000 striker. When goalkeeper **Alan Kelly** went off against Oxford, manager **Alan Ball Snr.** asked any of his defenders to have a go. "They all ducked out," said Mr Ball. "So I asked Hughie. He protested that he had never done the job before but said he'd have a go."



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A	Arsenal v Leicester	_____
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C	Derby v WB Albion	_____
D	Huddersfield v Leeds	_____
E	Ipswich v Newcastle	_____
F	Liverpool v Manchester Utd.	_____
G	Manchester C. v Southampton	_____
H	Sheffield United v Chelsea	_____
K	West Ham v Stoke	_____
L	Wolves v Nottm. Forest	_____
M	Blackpool v Birmingham	_____
N	Bristol C. v Norwich	_____

A	Cardiff v Swindon	_____
B	Carlisle v Hull	_____
C	Charlton v Burnley	_____
D	Fulham v Orient	_____
E	Oxford v Sheffield Wed.	_____
F	Portsmouth v Millwall	_____
G	QPR v Watford	_____
H	Sunderland v Preston	_____
K	Aston Villa v Wrexham	_____
L	Blackburn v Swansea	_____
M	Notts Co. v Bristol Rov.	_____
N	Coventry v Tottenham	_____



ESO Golden Goal

Luton Town President Mr. T. Hodgson (left) presents a £50 Golden Goal cheque to Mr. T.W. Skinner, of Mansfield Court, Harpenden. Mr. Skinner was the lucky winner at the Preston match... try your luck today. Buy a ticket (5p) from one of the Golden Goal Girls.

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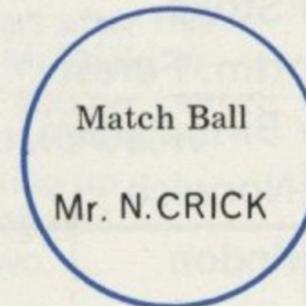
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Luton Town

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4	Mike	KEEN
5	Chris	NICHOLL
6	John	MOORE
7	Peter	ANDERSON
8	Alan	SLOUGH
9	Vic	HALOM
10	Robin	WAINWRIGHT
11	Don	GIVENS
12	Jimmy	RYAN



Middlesbrough

(Red Shirts and Shorts)

1	Willie	WHIGHAM
2	John	CRAGGS
3	Gordon	JONES
4	Nobby	STILES
5	Stuart	BOAM
6	Bill	GATES
7	Derrick	DOWNING
8	Johnny	VINCENT
9	Willie	MADDREN
10	John	HICKTON
11	Joe	LAIDLAW
12	Eric	McMORDIE

Referee: MAURICE WASHER (Bristol)

Reached the Football League list in 1964 after progressing through local leagues in the Bristol area and the Western League. Employed as a cost accountant, Mr Washer is interested in colour photography and collecting china "Toby Jugs". He is also involved in charity work.

Linesmen: H.R. ROBINSON, Norwich (Red Flag)
C.R. BOWEN, Battersea (Orange Flag)



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Mrs. B. Hammond, of Capshill Avenue, Leighton Buzzard, shows the £100 cheque which she won in the Development Association's weekly Bingo competition.