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# PORTSMOUTH





# ERIC PUGH talking...

To me, a fact that gives much food for thought is that, although the football season is 15 weeks old, this is only the Town's ninth match at Kenilworth Road.

And, even more sobering is the thought that five home matches, virtually a quarter of the club's ration, will be crowded into the space of 25 days during April.

That might be regarded as a good thing were the Town likely to be facing either promotion or relegation problems at that time, but scarcely of benefit economically should they, by then, have to be content with a mid-table position.

From bitter experience of what happened in the last three home games of last season when the gate figures slumped disastrously, the Town are well aware of the sort of burden they may be called upon to face.

Whether this arrangement is necessary, I am in no position to say, but it is a fact that mid-week League matches early in the season when enthusiasm is at its peak, have become fewer in recent years.

That this trend has been due to the necessity to accommodate various rounds of the League Cup and possible replays, I am well aware.

For those clubs fortunate enough to have an extended run in this competition, the arrangement is ideal, but for the unlucky ones, such as the Town, eliminated at the first hurdle, it is a different story.

Had they forced a draw to which they were so close at Crystal Palace then Kenilworth Road would have been used on at least one other important occasion, and the fans might well have been given something memorable to talk about.

As manager Alec Stock told me recently, "The League Cup has now become so important to the build-up of the season that an early exit is really a disaster.

"There is a lot of money to be made out of this competition, which has created great interest,

and such matches as the one we had with Arsenal last season, are good propaganda for the club, as well as giving the supporters something to remember and boast about.

"There is a lot of pride in football. Players have professional pride and a good run in the League Cup helps develop this materially.

Another disappointment to Mr. Stock: so far as fixture making is concerned, is that the Town have no home match during the Christmas period when there is an interval of nine days without a League match.

It was because of this that Mr. Stock agreed to the visit to Brussels which the Town are to make immediately before Christmas.

"Royal Crossing owed us a match and this particular time seemed the best at which we could fit it in. At least, there means there will be less of a break with the normal match routine than there would be in normal circumstances," said Mr. Stock.

In view of the run of unfortunate results which came to a welcome end at Blackpool, Mr. Stock admitted that, at times, there had been the temptation to take the team apart more than had actually happened.

However, the aim had been to achieve a pattern which he hopes has now happened. There is no doubt though that had there been a more solid basis presented by the results, more chances would have been given to young players like Robin Wainwright and Don Shanks, for whom the manager has a high regard.

There is no doubt in my mind that, when circumstances justify it, both will have extended runs and Wainwright must have been close to selection last week when he was the substitute.

Should he achieve the maturity he promises, then there will be a more than ordinary sense of achievement because he is local bred and born and all his senior football has been played with the Town.

## Reg keeps them fit...

When winger Jimmy Ryan disappeared from the public eye with a dislocated shoulder some weeks ago his recovery became the personal responsibility of one particular professional in another sphere, Luton Town Physiotherapist, Reg Game.

Jimmy's fight for fitness is perhaps the most important current case in the files of Reg Game. But he's just one of the many players who put their trust in the expertise of a man who has carried a qualified practice in the "repair" trade for over 20 years.

Reg Game is the "silent asset", a behind-the-scenes man on whom every League club attaches

vital importance and equal respect. The only time Reg is seen in public is when he fills his role as first team trainer when he brings the "magic" sponge out to breathe new life into "shattered" players.

Born a 100 yards away from the ground in Maple Road, Reg says "It's a seven-day week every week for me. There is always something to be done. I have had only two days off in the last ten months. But I'm not complaining. It's a very interesting and absorbing life".

Reg was originally with us in 1952 when assistant manager coach Jim Kelly secured his services for the Youth team. "In 1961, the time

of the abolishment of the maximum wage, I left to join Bedford Town for four years with Reg Smith and Basil Hayward".

"But Alan Brown asked me back in 1968 on a part-time basis — and three months later I found myself promoted to first team trainer".

We asked Reg what were the most common injuries? "Easy, ankle and knee ligaments" said Reg. "They come in cycles and it's impossible to explain why." What about Luton's players, we asked? "They are a great bunch of lads, no shirkers who work harder when they are injured than they do when they are fit. Some can play with pain, others can't. But we have mutual respect for each other and that's how I like it."



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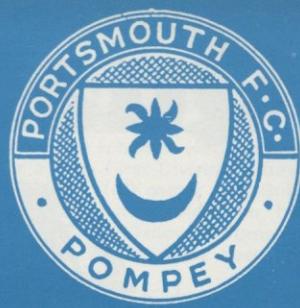
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 Albert McCann, Norman Piper, Ray Pointer, Ron Tindall (Manager), Jim Storrie (Captain), Nick Jennings, Mike Trebilcock.

# PORTSMOUTH



It is now 18 months since Portsmouth promoted player-coach Ron Tindall to the status of team manager — and, slowly but steadily, the Fratton Park club are starting to see the benefits of policies laid down by the new chief.

Mr. Tindall, who for many years combined a soccer career with regular county cricket for Surrey, has managed to improve results, tidy up the club's day-to-day finances, and, most important, revive the youth scheme which was abandoned when Pompey scrapped their reserve teams in the 1960's.

They are still running with a first-team squad of 19 players — and no reserve side. But the move towards developing youngsters re-started recently with the formation of a team in the South West Counties League. At the moment, chief scout Tony Barton and former skipper Ray Pointer are juggling around with local prospects with a view to forming a more established line-up for next season. Then Pompey will go back into the F.A. Youth Cup.

In formulating his scheme to produce home-grown professionals, Mr. Tindall also fostered a link with Hampshire League club Waterlooville, who moved into the Southern League this season and have played occasional mid-week matches under the Fratton Park lights. Though F.A. regulations require the clubs to be run independently, Pompey hope to discover prospective League players in the Waterlooville set-up.

Clearly, then, manager Tindall has built a firm foundation for the Pompey of the Seventies, but he still has to battle with the natural impatience of regular supporters who feel they have waited long enough to see Portsmouth back in the First

Division. They slipped into the Second Division in 1958-59 and their process of rehabilitation was not helped by one year in the Third Division.

They powered to the Division III title in 1962 and, by 1967-68, it looked as if manager George Smith was on the right lines as Pompey maintained a strong promotion challenge until the closing weeks of the season. But the next two years brought a slump into the bottom half of the table and that was when the Directors raised Mr. Smith to general manager and brought in Mr. Tindall in charge of team affairs.

*This arrangement was in power at the start of last term, but Mr. Smith departed during that campaign and Mr. Tindall fought a hard struggle to keep Pompey just clear of the relegation strugglers. They conceded four points to The Hatters — Don Givens scored in both games — and had to be content for a final placing of 16th.*

There were pessimists who predicted that Pompey would again find life difficult this season, but with only two new signings — defender John Collins from Spurs and forward Richard Reynolds from Plymouth — results have shown an encouraging improvement. "Everything about the club is giving rise to optimism," says Mr. Tindall. "Unquestionably, the team is playing better and, if we achieve the target of a high level of consistency, we could get up among the challengers."

That consistency has yet to be achieved in away matches, for Pompey have won only twice away from Fratton Park in the last two seasons — and on each occasion they triumphed at Hull City! Hard-fought draws at Sheffield Wednesday and Queen's Park Rangers are the only other

points gathered on their travels. In the League Cup, there was also a loss of local prestige when they went down 2-1 to nearby Bournemouth in the first round.

At home, the picture is one of steady progress, with just a solitary defeat against Blackpool at the beginning of September. Their best performance was a thumping 6-3 win against Fulham last month — a result which contained two significant team changes. Ray Hiron, the regular top scorer in the last couple of seasons, was dropped and winger Nick Jennings came back after injury. Jennings' return enabled Pompey to switch to the more positive 4-2-4 style favoured by Mr. Tindall and Jennings played his part with two goals.

Jennings forms a quartet of former Plymouth players on Portsmouth's books. Under-23 international Norman Piper has proved a fine signing at around £40,000 and Mike Trebilcock has been a useful marksman, but the real bargain capture was Reynolds, a former England Youth team striker who was released by Plymouth without a fee. Reynolds has been a regular in the Pompey team, introducing extra power in the air and a willingness to work hard.

Portsmouth's cash situation has demanded that Mr. Tindall looks for newcomers in the lower-priced bracket, though the Board have promised that money can be made available if the manager wants to make another signing. Patience remains the keynote of Pompey's long-term plan to return to their post-war standard when they won the First Division Championship in two successive seasons.

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# meet the captain and his team

A former Republic of Ireland youth cap, Eoin Hand has succeeded in his second attempt to make a success in English football. He spent several months with Swindon in 1964 but, after failing to make an impression, he went home to play for Dundalk. He later transferred to Shelbourne where he remained for four seasons before moving on again, this time to Drumcondra. In September, 1968, he played for the League of Ireland v. The Scottish League at Dalymount Park. The match ended 0-0, Eoin had a good match, and several of the League club scouts present at the game hurried home with their reports. Portsmouth put in an offer and clinched the deal at £7,500. He quickly settled into the Pompey side and, by the end of the season, he was under review by the international selectors.

He was picked for the Republic of Ireland squad for the game with Czechoslovakia in May, 1969, and appeared as substitute. He gained further caps the following season — against Poland and West Germany — and was recalled for another game with Poland last season.

Eoin Hand was ever-present for Pompey in 1969/70, but he lost his place at centre-half when they signed Colin Blant from Burnley at the beginning of last season. Injuries enabled him to get back into the team at right-back, but, later in the season, he seemed to settle in at right-half, the position he has been occupying this season. He has been among the goals this season, too. With four — including two in successive games against Orient and Hull — he is one of Pompey's leading scorers, revelling in his new responsibilities as team-captain.



GEORGE LEY

**JOHN MILKINS** (Goalkeeper): This Dagenham-born six-footer had the chance to join top London clubs when he left school, but he chose Portsmouth. A former schools representative player for Essex and London, John later progressed to the England Youth team. He made his League debut in 1960-61 and eventually became first-choice in 1964. A broken arm in 1967 interrupted his career but has missed only 15 games in the last four seasons. He should top 300 Pompey appearances this season.

**GEORGE LEY** (Full Back): A bargain signing from his home-town club, Exeter City, for whom he made 91 appearances. Since joining Pompey, he has established among the best backs in the Second Division and has played over 150 senior games.

**TOMMY YOULDEN** (Full back): A six-footer from London who started his professional career in Arsenal's reserve teams. He was released in 1968 and readily accepted the chance of League football with Pompey. He had made 60 appearances by the end of last season.

**RAY POINTER** (Forward): Durham-born striker who won three England caps with his first club, Burnley. After scoring 118 goals in 222 matches for the Turf Moor side, he had transfers in quick succession to Bury, Coventry and Pompey. Captained Portsmouth for a time and gradually moved back into midfield. He is now mainly involved in looking after Pompey's new youth team.

**JIM STANDEN** (Goalkeeper): Cheerful Londoner who included a spell at Kenilworth Road among his travels between five League clubs. After playing for Arsenal and The Hatters, he achieved his best success with West Ham, winning Wembley medals in successive seasons in the FA Cup and the European Cup-winners' Cup

Later assisted Millwall and joined Pompey last season. Jim was also a top-class county cricketer with Worcestershire and topped the national bowling averages in one season.

**FRED SMITH** (Defender): A North Easterner who began his career with Burnley, making his League debut in 1963-64 and earning 81 League games before joining Portsmouth last season.

**COLIN BLANT** (Defender): Like Smith, this Lancashire-born half back started out with Burnley — where he made 45 League appearances — and also joined Pompey last season. He appeared 37 times in their League side.

**NORMAN PIPER** (Half back): One of the most promising young midfield players in the country, Norman won his first England Under-23 cap while playing for Plymouth. He made 172 appearances for Argyle before joining Pompey for around £40,000 18 months ago. He played in three of England's four Under-23 fixtures last season.

**JIM STORRIE** (Forward): Experienced Scottish striker who made Portsmouth his fifth professional club when transferring from Rotherham during the 1969-70 season. Made a good reputation with 48 goals in 89 games for Airdrie and was then signed by Leeds. Returned to Scotland for a brief spell with Aberdeen before joining Rotherham.

**MIKE TREBILCOCK** (Forward): Stockily-built goal-scorer who cost Everton a sizeable fee to Plymouth in 1965. Although he made only 41 appearances for the Merseysiders, he was the hero of Everton's fans when scoring twice in the 1966 FA Cup Final. He snapped up two hat-tricks for Portsmouth last season.

**RAY HIRON** (Centre forward): Born in Gosport, he was spotted by Portsmouth when playing in the Hamp-

shire League. Tall and dangerous in the air, he has been a steady marksman since making his debut in 1964-65. He was Portsmouth's top scorer in each of the last two seasons.

**BRIAN BROMLEY** (Forward): Burnley-born schemer who looked set for a long First Division future when playing 149 games with Bolton, but, after their relegation, he accepted a £20,000 move to Pompey in 1968-69. Has recently been on loan to Brighton.

**DAVID MUNKS** (Defender): Another five-figure signing by former manager George Smith. Born in Sheffield, he made the grade with Sheffield United, for whom he totalled 108 League games. Was a Pompey ever-present last season.

**ALBERT McCANN** (Forward): A busy midfielder who began his League career with six appearances for The Hatters before moving on to Coventry. Portsmouth have had the best service from Maidenhead-born Albert and he has now played over 300 first-team games.

**NICK JENNINGS** (Winger): Slimly-built touchline player who cost Pompey a big fee when signed from Plymouth in 1966. Including 98 League games for his first club, he is now well on the way towards 300 appearances in League soccer.

**JOHN COLLINS** (Defender): A Welshman who developed in Tottenham's junior teams but managed only two senior appearances in 1969-70. Signed by Portsmouth for £5,000 in the last close season.

**RICHARD REYNOLDS** (Forward): Born in Cornwall, he soon revealed outstanding promise as a teenager with Plymouth. In all, he made 124 League appearances for Argyle, but faded out of the first-team reckoning last season when he assisted Yeovil Town for a short loan spell. Signed by Pompey on a free transfer.

# LUTON in ACTION



# Whoops! It's a Goalie's Life

Charlton Athletic goalkeeper John Dunn had an upside-down view of the world among his most active moments in the South London side's 2-1 win at Kenilworth Road (see the bottom left picture). Like his colleagues, Dunn always had to beware of the chasing of Vic Halom. Vic and Charlton skipper Paul Went certainly "got to grips" in the pictures on the left and below, while the next picture on the bottom shows Vic forcing a "hair-raising" save from the Charlton goalkeeper!

Watford's Mike Walker was the next goalkeeper to find that Vic Halom can cause plenty of problems. The lively centre forward scored our goal in the 2-1 local derby defeat at Vicarage Road and our pictures show him creating more embarrassing moments for the Welsh-born keeper Bottom Right, Mike is "flat out" as Vic moves on the ball and, right, the Watford man has every reason to look startled as he drops the ball under pressure from Vic.



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# Talking to Don SHANKS

Though it's hard to believe after seeing him electrify the Hatters' Club in his role as a "knock-out" D.J., 19-year-old Don Shanks is one of the quietest members of Luton Town. Such modesty conveys an impression of a reluctance to accept that he is now a senior squad professional and that he has earned such a status without taking any short cuts. Don might agree to that — but he is very unlikely to admit that he could have the world at his feet!

That is a prize which is more than a distant speck on the horizon of a footballing career which has blossomed in the last year.

A proud holder of eight England Youth caps, the young Londoner has done the spadework to leave him poised for a crack at full international honours in the future. Last May Don was one of the few in the youth squad who played all five matches when England beat Czechoslovakia to win the Little World Cup.

An exercise of that nature, quite clearly must be the best breeding ground for any player with pretensions of representing his country. The chance favoured Don Shanks — and judging by his progress this season, he certainly didn't waste it.

Don came back from that tour with a medal and an inscribed gold watch, two of his biggest treasures so far. Commenting on England's success Don said "It was one of the most enjoyable times of my life when we collected the Cup. I was as proud as the rest of the lads."

*They, of course, included Johnny Ayris, West Ham's winger, Bobby Parker, now in Coventry's League squad, and Trevor Francis, Birmingham's bombshell who exploded into their first team last season. "With a reputation like that, Trevor was a tremendous inspiration when he played. The only time he had us worried was when he ran into a goal post and brought the woodwork crashing down on him."*

Don's earlier days at Fulham must have felt a long way off when he travelled home with the victorious England party. He was "paid-off" at

Craven Cottage by Bill Dodgin when he reached his 17th birthday after he had joined Johnny Haynes & Co. straight from school.

"I had watched a lot of football at Q.P.R. But I accepted an apprentice post with Fulham and, in my second season, I was one of the leading scorers at centre forward. But we were away one Saturday and, first, a midfield colleague and, then, a full back took knocks. Billy Gray, the former Millwall manager, who was Fulham's coach, switched me into defence and I have been there ever since."

But young Shanks didn't quite strike new manager Dodgin as a League prospect — everybody makes mistakes — and it only needed a reassuring chat from Harry Haslam, Luton's top scout and background man at Kenilworth Road to convince Shanks that there was a future for him with Alec Stock.

Predictably, Don Shanks has not let anyone down. He was introduced for his debut against Preston in the third League game this season. Don owes, according to his own admission, much of his rapid rate of professional progress to the guidance of Harry Haslam and the early incentives from his father. There has been no other footballer in the Shanks family — but brother Ian, who is only 9, looks like maintaining the new trend.

Outside of his responsibilities at Kenilworth Road, Don is current team manager of London Union of Boys Clubs. They have an important game in the All England Youth Competition against Surrey tomorrow and it's up to Don to pick a winning side!

Besides being a player, and a manager, Don is also an expert swimmer and one who enjoys summer vacations to his uncle's "ranch" in Scotland for some "Harvey Smith" action. But Don's main aim now is to consolidate a spot in Luton's League side, a springboard, perhaps which might easily project Don to the summit of his profession.



DON SHANKS ... relaxing at home with the family pet.

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NEXT DATES AT

**Kenilworth road**

Saturday, December 11th (3 p.m.)  
League - Division II  
Luton Town v **CARDIFF CITY**

Saturday, December 18th (3 p.m.)

Luton Town v **ORIENT**

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" 21 Sat.	Burnley ... Away	1-2	13333	Tues. 17th	Southend Utd. ... Home	1-0					
" 28 Sat.	Preston North End ... Home	1-1	11772	Wed. 25th	Millwall Ath. ... Away	0-1					
Sept. 1 Wed.	Oxford United ... Away	1-1	10490	Tues. 31st	Millwall Ath. ... Home	1-3					
" 4 Sat.	Orient ... Away	0-0	8703	SEPT							
" 7 Tues.	Crystal P. (LC2) ... Away	0-2	13838	Wed. 8th	Orient ... Away	2-1					
" 11 Sat.	Birmingham City ... Home	0-0	14678	Tues. 14th	Cambridge United ... Home	1-0					
" 18 Sat.	Millwall ... Away	2-2	12433	Tues. 21st	Aldershot ... Home	0-0					
" 25 Sat.	Middlesbrough ... Home	3-2	13001	OCT							
" 28 Tues.	Fulham ... Home	2-0	14017	Wed. 6th	Brighton & H.A. ... Away	0-1					
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Dec. 4 Sat.	Bristol City ... Away	.....	.....	Wed. 15th	Colchester United ... Away	.....					
" 11 Sat.	Cardiff City (2) ... Home	.....	.....	1972							
" 18 Sat.	Orient ... Home	.....	.....	JAN							
" 27 Mon.	Sheffield Wed. ... Away	.....	.....	Tues. 4th	Northampton T.n. ... Away	.....					
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AFTER THE MATCH  
WHY NOT VISIT

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To-night      Next Week

**TOMMY HUNT**      **FRANK IFFIELD**

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# HATTERS CHATTER

## ROUNDUP OF DIVISION 2

Andy Rankin, the £16,000 goalkeeper signed by WATFORD from Everton last week, made a save last season that was worth over £30,000 to the Goodison Park club. Andy's save (pictured below) gave Everton victory in a penalty-kick decider against German Champions Moenchengladbach and earned them massive gate money from a European Cup quarter-final against Panathinaikos, Rankin, who won one Under-23 cap in 1965, made 28 First Division appearances last season, but lost his place to Gordon West this term.



BIRMINGHAM CITY made another move to strengthen their promotion confidence — "I'm sure we can go up" says manager Freddie Goodwin — when they paid £20,000 for Ipswich Town's Eire international full back, Tommy Carroll. He first went to St Andrew's on a month's loan, during which he appeared in League games against Burnley and Orient.

BLACKPOOL, still with cash to spare after selling Tony Green to Newcastle and buying Keith Dyson (Newcastle), Dave Lennard (Halifax), and Chris Simpkin (Hull), have taken Manchester City full back, Arthur Mann, on a month's loan. If the Scot impresses, he can be bought for £30,000 — less than half the fee City paid to Hearts three years ago.

Loan transfers seem to have been on the increase this season — much to the displeasure of CARDIFF CITY manager Jimmy Scoular, who believes the system can be over-used by clubs struggling for points. He had in mind FULHAM's temporary capture of West Ham's £80,000 centre half, Alan Stephenson. Fulham also borrowed CHARLTON ATHLETIC goalkeeper Derek Bellotti, while WATFORD took HULL centre half Bill Baxter on temporary forms.

On the cash front, two Second Division clubs took useful fees for surplus players. MIDDLESBROUGH received a reported £10,000 from Brentford for utility player Mike Allen and PRESTON sold forward Bobby Ham to Rotherham United for a similar cheque. Ham started well for his new club, scoring five goals in his first four games.

Only two months ago, Bill Irwin was an electrician in Belfast, training two nights a week and playing on Saturdays for Irish League club Bangor. Now, after brilliant performances for CARDIFF CITY, he is rated among Ireland's top-three goalkeepers and would almost certainly have been in the national squad for the postponed game against Spain. "I also filled in the visa for the trip to Russia earlier in the season," says 20-year-old Irwin, "but the selectors picked Middlesbrough reserve Jim Platts instead.

Down at the Hatters Disco club they are hailing Don Shanks as a successor to Emperor Rosko, the "King" D.J. of the pop-world. Don has really taken them apart with his slick professional patter and chatter behind the mike and now, by unanimous vote, looks like getting the job on a permanent basis.

About half a dozen of the Luton lads have "socked it" through a way-out scene at the Hatters. But Don Shanks has really knocked them groovy with his cool approach that makes Top of The Pops a get-together for grandmothers.

Shake-it-Shanks is the man they all want ... whipping up a Wednesday night storm that knocks them cold. But catch this "night-owl" during the day and believe us, he's as quiet as a mouse!

The Wedding Bells will be ringing out their good luck messages in triplicate for Luton Town players over the next seven months. First to sign on the "dotted line" will be Alan Garner who will wed fiancée, Silvia Hunter, in December. Alan came to Kenilworth Road from Millwall and we wish him and his bride to be a happy future.

Later we shall have both Ken Goodeve and Robin Wright starting a new life in June. Ken is marrying Hillary Peet, his wife to be whom he met when he was in Manchester on United's books. He intends to put his roots down in Wotton where he already has his "pad".

Robin, who has made great progress this term in the first team, will also be slipping the ring over the finger of the only girl in his life, Heidi — and they, too, will be settling on the outskirts of Luton.

The Hatters Chatter this week cannot be allowed to end without a final word about the "Butch Cassidy" exploits of the Towns top golfers.

John Ryan has stepped in as Alan Slough's partner in the absence of injured Jimmy Ryan to give the rest of the lads a real hammering.

It's rumoured that certain players have been Woolworth's best customers for golf balls in the last few weeks. Ryan and Slough have the evidence ... but it's been the opposition who have had the expense — and how!

## half time scores

- A Arsenal v C. Palace
- B Chelsea v Tottenham
- C Huddersfield v Derby
- D Leicester v Everton
- E Liverpool v West Ham
- F Manchester C. v Coventry
- G Nottm. Forest v Leeds
- H Sheffield Utd. v Ipswich
- K Southampton v Manchester Utd
- L WB Albion v Wolves
- M Birmingham v Fulham
- N Burnley v Swindon

- A Carlisle v Cardiff
- B Charlton v QPR
- C Hull v Millwall
- D Norwich v Middlesbrough
- E Orient v Sheffield Wed.
- F Oxford v Blackpool
- G Preston v Watford
- H Sunderland v Bristol C.
- K Bradford C. v Notts Co.
- L Brighton v Chesterfield
- M Bristol Rov. v Plymouth
- N Rotherham v Wrexham

### HATTERS FAN CLUB

Anyone wishing to join the Fan Clubs of any of the following players, should write direct to one of the organising Secretary's listed below:—

JOHN RYAN	VIV BUSBY	VIC HALOM
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## TEAM CHECK

### Luton Town

(White Shirts, Black Shorts)

1	Tony	READ
2	John	RYAN
3	Alan	SLOUGH
4	Mike	KEEN
5	Chris	NICHOLL
6	John	MOORE
7	Peter	ANDERSON
8	Viv	BUSBY
9	Vic	HALOM
10	Don	GIVENS
11	Gordon	HINDSON

Sub

Referee: CHARLES NICHOLLS (Plymouth)

Charles Nicholls, a Technical Officer with the Navy section of the Ministry of Defence, started refereeing in 1950 and gained valuable experience with Plymouth, South Western and Western Leagues. He was appointed to the Football League list in 1966 and has since been a linesman at important European and domestic games. He is interested in home decorating and enjoys playing golf. He likes travelling, too - maybe he has to as one of the most remotely-situated referees in the country!

MATCH-BALL  
DONOR  
R. J. Skidmore  
Vice President

### PORTSMOUTH

(Blue Shirts and Shorts)

1	John	MILKINS
2	Fred	SMITH
3	George	LEY
4	Eoin	HAND
5	Tommy	YOULDEN
6	David	MUNKS
7	Norman	PIPER
8	Richard	REYNOLDS
9	Mike	TREBILCOCK
10	Albert	McCANN
11	Nick	JENNINGS

Sub

Linesmen:

K.A. DUFF, (West Molesey (Red flag))  
D.B. MAHONEY, Croydon (Orange flag)