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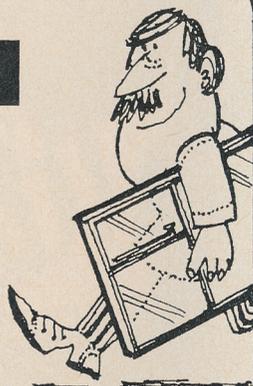
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AFTER last Saturday's very good performance and result at Sunderland, I feel the tide has turned after a disappointing period. We now hope we are over our bad patch and can start the climb up the table again.

Injuries have been something of a problem lately. And we are still without John Galley today although we are hopeful his knee injury will be a thing of the past by the time we go to Oxford next Saturday.

The Carlisle game was not one we wish to remember with any great affection. In the end, with a make-shift team, we found ourselves without recognised strikers. Gerry Gow moved up and played with his usual energy and was rewarded by scoring an early goal.

Unfortunately further defensive errors which have been proving costly and the failure to get a grip of midfield produced three goals for Carlisle by half-time.

We did show in the second half, however, that we could come back but our pressure was not rewarded by goals and we suffered our heaviest defeat of the season.

The Sunderland result was a great one for us. All credit must go to the team for the way they fought and challenged. We were under pressure quite a bit in the first half but David Bruton, who made his debut because Dickie Rooks was out with a hamstring injury, served the team well in his first taste of senior football.

We were unable to field the team I originally selected because Peter Spiring pulled out with a septic toe. It was sore the night before and Les Bardsley gave him penicillin tablets

## The ALAN DICKS page

to clear up the trouble. But by mid-morning on Saturday it was obvious he couldn't play so John Emanuel came in.

I was pleased to welcome Les Wilson back to the club—this time on a permanent basis. We have been interested in him for some time since his period on loan at the end of last season. When he became available last week I wasted no time in signing him.

It was fitting that he should score the equalising goal at Sunderland. True to his great character, he gashed his eye in a heading duel in the first half and went off to have it stitched.

But he bounded back in the second half and, in his role of makeshift striker, caused the Sunderland defence a few problems. I am sure he is going to be a most useful acquisition to the club for I felt we needed a new player to give us the little boost we required.

I am sorry the testimonial match for Terry Bush was such a disappointment on Tuesday. All spectators love to see goals but, unfortunately, it was one of those nights when they just wouldn't come.

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# Luton Town



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, Rogey Hoy (now Cardiff City), John Moore, John Ryan, Alan Slough, Jimmy Ryan. Picture.—“The Luton News.”

LUTON Town came close to returning to the First Division in two seasons when they challenged for promotion last season. Their bid to move from Third to First in successive seasons faltered near the end and they had to be content with sixth place with 49 points from their 42 matches.

Much of their success stemmed from the goal-scoring feats of Malcolm MacDonald who netted 30 goals. But an offer of £180,000 from Newcastle in the summer was just too much of a temptation and without him the side has not been so efficient this season.

Manager Alec Stock and team manager Jimmy Andrews recently bought Gordon Hindson and Vic Halom to pep up the attack—and in the last away game, at Blackpool, Luton won their only away match after five draws.

Here are details of the players expected to be in action today:—

**DAVID COURT (midfield).** Signed from Arsenal for a record fee of £35,000 18 months ago. Made for than 150 first-team appearances for the Gunners. Played 27 matches last season after protracted negotiations to secure his transfer.

**GORDON HINDSON (striker).** Signed from Newcastle United a month ago for £27,000. A 21-year-old from Durham who didn't get many chances at St. James's Park, making three League appearances.

### LAST SEASON

The Good Friday match at Ashton Gate will long be remembered for our second-half fight-back after trailing by two goals at half-time. Last season's match results:—

October 3: Luton Town 3 (MacDonald 2, Slough), Bristol City 0—15,992.

April 9: Bristol City 3 (Rooks, Garland 2), Luton 2 (Busby, MacDonald)—18 846.

He scored his first goal for Luton against Portsmouth last Saturday.

**VIC HALOM (striker).** Another recent signing, joining Luton from Fulham several weeks' ago. Comes from Burton, previously played all his football in London with Charlton, Orient and Fulham who paid £35,000 for his services.

**TONY READ (goalkeeper).** Has also played in the reserves at inside-forward and once in the first-team as well. Born at Haydock, Read's first club was Sheffield Wednesday and he joined Luton from Peterborough United. Has made almost 200 League appearances.

**JOHN RYAN (right-back).** A free transfer bargain from Fulham two years ago, although he had considerable first team experience at Craven Cottage. Last season he was an ever-present. Was born at Maidstone and had spells with Tonbridge and Arsenal before joining Fulham.

**PETER ANDERSON (outside left).** Signed professional earlier this year after taking his accountancy examinations. Originally an outside right with Hendon, a former England amateur international, now 21 years old.

**MIKE KEEN (midfield).** Had 10 years with Q.P.R. before moving to Kenilworth Road for £18,500. During his spell with the Rangers he led them into the First Division and was skipper when they won the League Cup. Was born at High Wycombe where he still lives and he joined Q.P.R. as a junior. Captained the F.A. tour party to Australia in the summer.

**DON GIVENS (utility player).** Signed two seasons ago from Manchester United. Born in Dublin, he followed the well-trodden path to Old Trafford and, at 22, is regarded as a very promising prospect. Has already been recognised by the Eire selectors and scored 11 goals last season for Luton.

**CHRIS NICHOLL (centre-half).** A 24-year-old 6 ft. 2 in. player signed two



● MIKE KEEN

seasons ago from Halifax Town for £30,000, then a record fee for the club. Yet, Nicholl had barely a season in League football, having gone to The Shay from the Cheshire County League football, Witton Albion. At one time, he had a trial with Burnley, but was turned down.

**ALAN SLOUGH (defender).** A local-born player, he has long been wanted by several First Division clubs. Missed only one match last season and the previous year when Luton were promoted. He has the added value of being able to play equally well in midfield or as sweeper at the back.

**JOHN MOORE (defender).** The club's longest-serving player. He was spotted while playing for Motherwell and was signed on a free transfer. Has now made more than 200 League appearances and has formed a solid defensive partnership with Nicholl. He was born at Hart Hill.

## I'm in charge

### IVAN ROBINSON (Manchester)

IVAN ROBINSON from Tyldesley, near Manchester, began refereeing in 1946 in the Eccles and District Amateur League. Progressed through to Lancashire Combination linesman's list and referees' list. Promoted to Football League linesman's list and on to referees' list in 1966.

Interested in motoring, golf, sport in general and football in particular. Vice-president of local referees' association.

During Army service refereed throughout the Far East.

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## Personality of the week



**Born**  
Newcastle

**Age**  
26

**Previous club**  
Burnley

**Signed**  
June 1971 on a free transfer

**Debut**  
For Burnley v. Chelsea  
1965. Has not yet played  
for City

**Countries played in**  
Switzerland, Germany,  
Spain.

**Most memorable match**  
Beating Naples in the  
Fairs Cup three years ago.

**Ambition**  
To get fully fit after  
Achilles tendon trouble  
and do well in football

**Other sports**  
Golf

**Wife's name**  
Pauline

**Children**  
Lee (five months)

**Player most admired**  
Billy Bremner

**Appearances up to this  
season**  
Burnley: 96

**Goals**  
One

No. 11 — DAVE MERRINGTON

## Club News in Brief

**W**E welcome Les Wilson back to Ashton Gate for his first League match on the ground since his brief stay on loan last season. He was signed for £15,000 last Thursday once Wolves manager Bill McGarry had returned from his club's successful trip to Germany the previous day.

Les Will be moving to the Bristol area as soon as possible.

It's a time for congratulations. Two players, TREVOR TAINTON and IAN BROOMFIELD, have been married since the last League match here.

Trevor married Miss Janet Mines and Ian's wedding on Thursday was to Miss Helen MacKenzie. We wish both couples every success in the future.

The hard-working TERRY BUSH testimonial committee have arranged what promises to be one of the highlights of his social events on December 14.

A Christmas Ball is being held at the Grand Hotel from 8 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. Competitions, games, dancing and the final heat of the Miss Bristol City competition will be among the festivities. Tickets are £1 (including buffet) and are available from the office or Supporters' Club.

Casualty news: GERRY SHARPE is leading a full and active life now his plaster has been removed. He now attends regular training sessions at Ashton Gate on Tuesdays and Thursdays and has another visit to the specialist on Monday.

DAVE MERRINGTON, who must be one of the unluckiest players in the country, is now in light training again. The plasters on both legs were removed last week and he hopes his Achilles tendon trouble has now been cleared up.

It was good to welcome CLIFF EDWARDS back to Ashton Gate on Tuesday. Cliff played for the club shortly after the war and is now a director of West Bromwich Albion.

MIKE GIBSON, the club's Professional Footballers' Association representative, attended the union's meeting in Manchester on Monday.



The youth team are successfully through to the third round of the F.A. Youth Cup after a 1-0 win over a strong Bournemouth side last week. The winning goal was scored by NEIL HOWELL.

## ?City Quiz?

- 1 Who was Bristol City's Player of the Year last season?
- 2 What year did Spurs do the League and Cup double?
- 3 Who won the League Cup in its first season, 1960-61?
- 4 Name the home grounds of Celtic and Rangers.
- 5 Arsenal defeated a West club on their way to Wembley in the F.A. Cup last season. Which club?
- 6 What position did City Reserves finish in last season in the Football Combination?
- 7 Name the manager of Burnley, our next League opponents at Ashton Gate.
- 8 Who is City's longest-serving professional?

(Answers Page 14)

## Down Memory Lane

**I** HAVE been asked by a supporter from Taunton to recall the playing days of Ernie Glenn, a noted Bristol City full-back many years ago.

Glenn came from the Midlands. He played for clubs in the Redditch and Handsworth Leagues before joining Willenhall Town as a professional at the age of 22 — a club then in the Birmingham League.

Ernie once told me that it was the late Archie Annan who was, like Glenn, a really fine full-back for City, who signed him while he was scouting for the club once his playing days were over.

He proved to be a sound capture—a most modest type of defender who didn't say much, preferring to prove by deeds rather than words what a useful player he was.

He could play in either full-back position, but preferred left-back. He always thought a defender should always try to place the ball to a colleague rather than boot the ball way up the field.

### DEBUT

After only two games in the reserves Glenn made his debut in the first team on November 10th, 1923, at Ashton Gate, when City drew 1-1 with Blackpool to avenge a 2-0 defeat in Lancashire the previous Saturday.

Looking back through my records I note that left-half Sandy Torrance scored City's goal from a penalty. The team that day was:

Jim Goddard, Ernie Glenn, Dicky Hughes, Frank Davies, Fred Hawley, Sandy Torrance, Billy Newbitt, Andy Smailes, Jack "Smasher" Smith, Charlie Sutherland, Billy Pocock.

In 1926-27 Glenn helped City win the championship of the Southern Section of the Third Division. That season he

by Bill Pinnell

played in 40 matches and this was his best season with the club.

With the late Billy Coggins in goal and Dicky Hughes — now a licensee at Hutton, near Weston-super-Mare — his full-back partner, Glenn completed a fine triangle that played in the first 23 League games of which 13 were won.

Then, however, a leg injury kept Ernie out of the side for five games. He returned to play the final 16 matches. He also had a successful time in 1928-29 as then he was skipper for the latter half of the season.

That season he was awarded a benefit. Including Cup-ties and friendlies, he made nearly 250 appearances for the club — 210 of which were League games during his six years at Ashton Gate.

Tottenham Hotspur were City's opponents in the testimonial match and goals from Cyril Gilhespy and Ces. Blakemore gave City a 2-1 win.

### COVENTRY

When leaving the City, Ernie went to Birmingham and later Kenilworth where he became a popular licensee and hotel proprietor. He was also quite a good golfer.

The last time I met him was at a Cup-tie between City and Coventry in 1953-54 when City were beaten at Highfield Road 2-0. He was then in business in Coventry. I would be pleased to know if any City supporters have heard from him since then for he had many friends at Ashton Gate.

# Action... Action... Action



West Bromwich striker **BOBBY GOULD** challenges for the ball with **GEOFF MERRICK, DAVID BRUTON** and **IAN BROOMFIELD** in attendance.



A mid-air duel between centre-halves **JOHN WILE** and **DAVID BRUTON**.

# Games.. Goals.. Gates..

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result	Scorers	Attendance
1971					
Aug.	14—Millwall	...	H 3—3	Gow, Sweeney, Garland	12,612
..	17—Plymouth Argyle	...	A 0—1		11,248
..	21—Sheffield W.	...	A 5—1	Galley (3), Emanuel, Garland	12,738
..	28—Middlesbrough	...	H 2—1	Wimshurst, Garland (pen.)	16,474
..	31—Cardiff City	...	H 2—0	Galley, Gow	23,460
Sept.	4—Burnley	...	A 1—1	Galley	13,593
..	11—Hull City	...	H 4—0	Galley (2), Fear (pen.), Gow	16,659
..	18—Birmingham C.	...	A 0—1		28,745
..	25—Norwich C.	...	H 0—1		18,748
..	28—Blackpool	...	H 4—0	Galley, Tainton, Wimshurst, Gow (pen.)	20,352
Oct.	2—Swindon Town	...	A 1—0	Spiring	21,383
..	9—Watford	...	H 2—1	Spiring, Galley	18,100
..	16—Millwall	...	A 1—3	Spiring	14,039
..	20—Portsmouth	...	A 1—1	Spiring	12,575
..	23—Orient	...	H 5—3	Rooks, Galley (2), Tainton, Spiring	17,772
..	30—Charlton A.	...	A 0—2		10,074
Nov.	6—Fulham	...	H 1—2	Galley	17,295
..	13—Q.P.R.	...	A 0—3		14,898
..	19—Carlisle Utd.	...	H 1—4	Gow	13,123
..	27—Sunderland	...	A 1—1	Wilson	15,655
Dec.	4—Luton Town	...	H		
..	11—Oxford United (2)	...	A		
..	18—Burnley	...	H		
..	27—Preston N.E.	...	A		
1972					
Jan.	1—Birmingham C.	...	H		
..	8—Middlesbrough	...	A		
..	15—(F.A. Cup 3rd Round)	...			
..	22—Blackpool	...	A		
..	29—Portsmouth	...	H		
Feb.	5—(F.A. Cup 4th Round)	...			
..	12—Orient	...	A		
..	19—Charlton A.	...	H		
..	26—Fulham (5)	...	A		
Mar.	4—Q.P.R. (L.C.F.)	...	H		
..	11—Watford	...	A		
..	18—Sheffield W.	...	H		
..	25—Hull City	...	A		
..	31—Swindon T.	...	H		
April	1—Preston N.E.	...	H		
..	4—Norwich City	...	A		
..	8—Carlisle U.	...	A		
..	15—Sunderland (S.F.)	...	H		
..	22—Luton Town	...	A		
..	26—Cardiff City	...	A		
..	29—Oxford U.	...	H		

## SECOND DIVISION

	Goals
Norwich	19 11 7 1 30 14 29
Millwall	19 10 8 1 33 20 28
QPR	19 8 7 4 25 14 23
Midd'bro'	19 11 1 7 25 24 23
Sunderland	19 6 10 3 26 25 22
Burnley	19 9 3 7 35 24 21
Birmingham	19 6 9 4 26 20 21
Preston	19 8 5 6 28 23 21
BRISTOL C.	19 8 4 7 34 28 20
Carlisle	19 9 2 8 28 24 20
Sheff. W.	19 6 6 7 25 24 18
Portsmouth	18 6 6 6 29 27 18
Charlton	19 8 2 9 30 35 18
Fulham	19 8 2 9 22 36 18
Luton T.	19 4 9 6 20 23 17
SWINDON	19 5 7 7 14 17 17
Oxford	19 5 7 7 20 22 17
Blackpool	19 6 3 10 22 22 15
Orient	19 5 5 9 25 38 15
Hull	19 5 3 11 16 26 13
Watford	19 4 4 11 17 33 12
Cardiff	18 3 4 11 24 35 10

*Appearances:* Wimshurst 20, Drysdale 20, Tainton 20, Sweeney 20, Gow 20, Merrick 20, Emanuel 20, Rooks 19, Galley 18, Cashley 16, Spiring 9 (4), Fear (6), Gibson 4, Garland 4, Wilson 1, Jacobs 1 (1), Bruton 1, Broomfield 1, Parr (2).

*Goal-scorers:* Galley 12, Spiring 5, Gow 5, Garland 3, Tainton 2, Wimshurst 2, Fear 1, Emanuel 1, Sweeney 1, Rooks 1, Wilson 1.

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## FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result		
1971					
Aug.	14—Swansea City	...	A 3-0	Bartley (2), Woods	—
"	16—West Ham U.	...	A 1-2	Bruton	—
"	21—Swindon T.	...	H 2-3	Spiring, Broomfield	962
"	24—Bournemouth	...	H 5-0	Bartley (2), Broomfield (2), Spiring	872
Sept.	4—Southampton	...	H 0-1		
"	8—Chelsea	...	H 4-1	T. Ritchie (2), Spiring, Broomfield	895
"	11—Leicester City	...	A 1-1	Bartley	942
"	14—Ipswich T.	...	H 1-3	Griffin	—
"	25—Birmingham C.	...	A 1-0	Woods	545
Oct.	2—Swansea City	...	H 0-1		
"	9—Swindon T.	...	A 0-0		
"	23—Bristol Rovers	...	A 0-0		
"	27—Oxford U.	...	A 0-1		
"	30—Crystal Palace	...	H 2-1	Woods, Broomfield	1,082
Nov.	6—Fulham	...	A 2-0	Broomfield (2)	—
"	10—Tottenham H.	...	A 1-3	Jacobs	954
"	13—Q.P.R.	...	H 1-1	Delve (o.g.)	2,502
"	27—Arsenal	...	H 1-2	Bartley	—
Dec.	11—Oxford U.	...	H		
"	18—Norwich City	...	A		
"	27—Plymouth A.	...	H		
1972					
Jan.	1—Southampton	...	A		
"	8—Reading	...	H		
"	15—Ipswich T.	...	A		
"	22—West Ham U.	...	H		
"	29—Bournemouth	...	A		
Feb.	2—Reading	...	A		
"	9—Cardiff City	...	A		
"	12—Bristol Rovers	...	H		
"	15—Norwich City	...	H		
"	19—Crystal Palace	...	A		
"	26—Fulham	...	H		
Mar.	4—Q.P.R. (L.C.F.)	...	H		
"	11—Leicester C.	...	H		
"	18—Chelsea	...	A		
"	25—Birmingham C.	...	H		
April	1—Plymouth A.	...	A		
"	15—Arsenal	...	A		
"	22—Cardiff City	...	H		

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Bartley	942
Griffin	—
Woods	545
Woods, Broomfield	1,082
Broomfield (2)	—
Jacobs	954
Delve (o.g.)	2,502
Bartley	—

**Appearances:** Bartley 18, Ritchie (T.) 18, Broomfield 16, Bruton 15, Parr 13, Ritchie (S.) 12, Jacobs 10, Bond 10, Woods 11, Cottle 10, Howell 10, Griffin 8, Gibson 5, Merrington 4, Spiring 4, Graham 5, Menmuir 4, Myatt 4, Fear (K.) 5, Collier 2, Brown 3, Cashley 3, Milne 1, Glover 1, Carnaby 1, Symes 1.

**Goal-scorers:** Broomfield 7, Bartley 6, Spiring 3, Woods 2, Ritchie (T.) 2, Griffin 1, Bruton 1, Jacobs 1, o.g. 1.

### ??City Quiz??-Answers

- 1 Gerry Sharpe.
- 2 1960-61 when they beat Leicester City 2-0 in the Cup Final.
- 3 Aston Villa—beating Rotherham United 3-2 on aggregate in the two-leg final.
- 4 Celtic play at Celtic Park; Rangers play at Ibrox Stadium.
- 5 Yeovil Town 3-0 in the third round.
- 6 Fourth with 53 points from 42 games.
- 7 Jimmy Adamson.
- 8 Gordon Parr, signed February 1957.

# Supporters' Club Page

THE souvenir shop will be opened on the following days and times:— all match days, before and after the match, Market Days up to including the 19th December from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays the 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

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First-day covers will be available to anyone who submits their name and address to the souvenir shop and arrangements will be made to obtain them.

The Christmas Draw will take place in the club room next Wednesday at 8 p.m. and over 60 prizes will be drawn for, plus a free draw for everyone attending. The first 100 to arrive will receive a memento of the visit. The evening will be rounded off with entertainment by the Somerdales.

### ENTERTAINMENT

Tonight: 7.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Bingo; 8.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. The Re-Union. Tomorrow: Cabaret time with the Mike Witts Quartet, Emerice Evans (Comedian), Ron and Joyce Adams (solos and duets).

Friday, December 10th: 8.30-10.30 p.m. Bingo; Saturday, December 11th: 7.45 p.m.-8.30 p.m. Bingo; 8.30 p.m.-11.30 p.m. The Somerdales; Sunday, December 12th: 8 p.m.-11 p.m. Cabaret time with "Three's a Crowd," Gordon Summers (vocalist), backed by the Roy Osborne Sound, with Arthur Price as master of ceremonies.

Wednesday, 15th December: (8 p.m.) Agents Party. Admission by ticket only. The club room will be closed to members during this evening.

The popular internal draw will take place on Friday, 24th December in the club room and tickets are now available from the entertainment committee price 12½p for a book of 10.

Tickets are also available, price 30p for the Christmas party to be held on Monday, 20th December when the entertainment will be provided by the Two plus Two.



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