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ERIC PUGH talking...

For me to look back over the Town's playing career during the last few weeks, almost seems like an intrusion on someone else's private grief, because they struck a patch similar to the one that dogged them throughout October and did not end until mid-November.

Only two points have come from the last 12 which has meant a slump in the League table causing slight anxiety about relegation, though there are no solid fears about that at the moment.

At the same time, the recent record has been untimely in that it upset two calculations for the remaining weeks of the season.

In the first place, Manager Alec Stock wanted to go some way towards retaining support that, frankly, has been disappointing this season, with a series of first-class displays that would ensure a considerable following.

Instead, since the defeat in the FA Cup at West Ham, very little has gone right though, to be honest, there have been times when the team has played well enough to have earned considerably more reward than has come their way.

In that respect, one has the memory of the first half display against Sunderland but, on that occasion, as has been the case in too many others this season, the inability to accept scoring chances led to defeat.

Second intention of the manager was to give first team opportunities to several young members of the reserve team whom he regards as good prospects and this, at the same time, would have given him the chance to assess whether they are likely to make the grade in League football.

Had the safety mark in the number of points gained, been reached, then this would have been easy to implement, but it can be seen that there is danger in making too many changes.

Thus, such as have been effected, and I write early in the week before the composition of the side for today has even begun to take shape, have been gradual and fairly isolated.

A couple of clear-cut victories would make all the difference to the position and be a great builder of confidence and one can only hope that the first of a series will come this afternoon.

For Watford, closest and oldest rivals of the Town, this has been a season of almost unrelied disaster and they come here with nine consecutive defeats behind them, something that has more or less sealed their fate of relegation.

Of course, there is danger to the Town in this, because no team goes on losing for ever, but the plain fact is that if the Town play as well as they did for rather more than half the match with Sunderland and, at the same time, make the most of their scoring opportunities, then there will be no doubt about the outcome.

Football is a strange, complex business. Only a couple of months ago, after a fine win over Millwall, people were talking in terms of the Town having a slight outside chance of making a late bid for promotion.

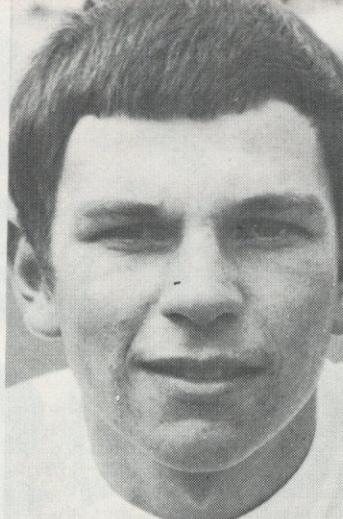
Their display in defeat at West Ham confirmed that, but then came the setback at Fulham which may have shaken them more than seemed likely at the time.

It is not for me, on this particular platform to discuss the why's and wherefore's, but let it be said that no one is more disappointed at the way in which things have shaped than the players and those most closely responsible for their activities on the field.

With some justice it can be said that they have scarcely had their share of that undefinable quality, luck, which plays such an essential part in the game and, certainly, the ball has rarely run kindly for them.



GERRY JONES



TERRY ROBINSON



MIKE GILCHRIST



NICK SPARKS

on TOP of the World

Luton Town Reserves are setting a fierce pace to win the Midweek Football League title this season. Town, who opted out of the Football Combination a couple of years ago, have been leading the table in the last few weeks and appear to be getting stronger, match by match, under the guidance of trainer Ken Whitfield, the former Wolverhampton half back.

We interrupted his training schedules to quiz him on the side's success. "The lads have put together a far superior goal average than any other side," he said. "They might have had it sewn up by now but for being beaten by the odd goal on five or six occasions.

"It was a simple case of lacking strength up front. But Mick Gilchrist and Terry Robinson have come through from the Youth side to increase the striking force on a permanent basis,

and it will have to be a good team to stop Luton winning this title.

"We have a fine crop of prospects who have been learning all the time in the company of skipper Ken Goodeve, Jimmy Ryan, and Robin Wainwright, all of whom have valuable first-team knowledge. Peter Wood has just left us on a month's loan to Southend, for whom Gerry Jones, our midfield and right winger from Barry Town, recently guested."

Ken, who also looks after the Youth squad,

was enthusiastic about the progress of Alan Garner, whom Luton snapped up within 24 hours after Millwall gave him a free transfer, and youngster Nicky Sparks, another who has stepped up from the Youth side.

"It's a good thing to have a successful reserve side, pushing for recognition, because it prevents any complacency creeping into the first team. I don't doubt for a moment that if the call came for any of these lads to join the League side they would acquitted themselves without any problems. The problem is ... just getting them the chance."

The advantages and benefits of playing in the Midweek League are principally that Alec Stock can see his "shadow" men every week and any first-teamer who wants an extra match, without missing the vital one on a Saturday, can also slot in and out without any problem.



Back row (from left to right)
Colin Franks, Keith Eddy, Walter Lees, John Pearce, Ray Lugg.
Middle Row (from left to right)
Roy Sinclair, Bill Jennings, John Williams, Mike Walker, Larry McGettigan, Duncan Welbourne, Mike Packer.
Front Row (from left to right)
Charlie Woods, Jimmy Lindsay, Tom Walley (now Orient), David Butler, Kenny Owen, John Farley.

Division III Champions, 1968-69.

WATFORD

This has been a cruel season for George Kirby in his first year as manager of Watford and it will need an outstanding effort to lift the Vicarage Road club away from relegation in the last dozen games of the season.

As near-neighbours of Watford — and admirers of their Third Division Championship in 1969, when we finished in third place — it has been disappointing to see Mr. Kirby's efforts constantly dogged by injury problems. This factor, more than any other, is responsible for Watford's record of only four wins this season — and one point from 14 away matches.

When we visited Vicarage Road back in November, it seemed that a revival was on the way after a 2-1 win against The Hatters and a similar success over Burnley the following week. But, in the next 12 matches before meeting Millwall last Saturday, The Hornets managed only one point and had suffered their ninth consecutive defeat when losing at Sheffield Wednesday a fortnight ago.

Indeed, their goal in a 2-1 tumble against Wednesday was their first in over ten hours of football since new signing Pat Morrissey had scored in the last minute of his debut to secure a shock 1-1 draw at Norwich on December 11th.

It has been a heart-breaking experience for George Kirby, who, less than a year ago, finished his first season in management by taking Halifax

Town to third place in Division III and within four points of promotion. His stock was still sky-high when the Yorkshire club beat Manchester United in this season's Watney Cup, but, on the eve of the League programme, he was tempted to accept Watford's offer for him to succeed Ken Furphy.

His second managerial appointment within 12 months was rather in keeping with his widespread experience as a player. He served six League clubs as powerful centre forward — Everton, Sheffield Wednesday, Plymouth, Southampton, Swansea and Walsall — and finished off his playing days with New York Generals.

He then returned to England as coach at Halifax and succeeded his "boss" when Alan Ball Snr. moved on to Preston. Both men eventually left Halifax because they were attracted by brighter potential elsewhere, but fate has turned sour on Mr. Kirby.

In this troubled season, he has bought five players at a cost of £80,000 and took two others for loan periods. On the outgoing side, he received a big fee from Orient for wing half Tom Walley and also released winger Charlie Woods to Colchester.

Because of defensive worries early in the season, the new manager strengthened this department by buying Everton goalkeeper Andy Rankin and Wolves' centre half David Woodfield

— two players with plenty of First Division experience. But Woodfield was put out of action by cartilage trouble almost as soon as he got to Watford and Mr. Kirby had little better luck when arranging the loan of Hull City centre half Bill Baxter. He, too, was bothered by injury for some time.

As the team's plight at the foot of the table worsened by December, Mr. Kirby moved in again with successful offers for two experienced forwards, Mike Kenning (Charlton) and Pat Morrissey (Chester). But no player has scored more than three goals in League games this season — particularly disappointing for Ron Wigg after topping the list with 13 Second Division goals last term.

The resulting loss of confidence has spread through the team and the defence was breached badly in the early days of the New Year. The first three games in January saw Watford trounced 5-0 at Blackpool, 3-0 at home by Charlton, and then 4-1 at Vicarage Road by Third Division Notts County in the FA Cup. Since then, they have also crashed 4-0 to Hull.

But we have received reports of Watford playing good football without any luck. The only consolation for George Kirby is that the Watford public have appreciated his problems and are behind him as the last, vital days of the season come along.



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meet the captain and his team

Bottom-of-the-table battles are nothing new to Watford skipper Keith Eddy. In his early days with Barrow, they were usually fighting to avoid having to apply for re-election and, in fact, they finished in the last four in successive seasons in the early 'sixties.

Those hard times weren't in evidence when he made his League debut for Barrow, though. It was in 1962/63 and they were then pushing strongly for promotion for the first time in their history. In the end they finished ninth but the following season they were bottom — thus beginning the struggling days for Keith.

There was a complete change of atmosphere after his transfer to Watford during the 1966 close season. The Hornets were on the point of launching their first big drive towards promotion to Division Two and he was ever-present as they very nearly succeeded.

Victory in their last game at Oldham would have ensured promotion. But they drew 1-1 and Middlesbrough pulled ahead of them.

They went close again the next year but in 1969 they finally made it as Third Division champions and Keith, again, was an ever-present member of their team.

Watford have spent their entire period of Second Division service fighting to stay up. Last season Keith was shocked when, as skipper, he was one of several players axed following a disastrous home F.A. Cup replay against Oxford but he played himself back into the side within a month and maintained his position as Watford's penalty king, converting four spot kicks.

Though Watford's present position looks extremely grim, one man who believes in the while-there's-life-there's-hope philosophy, is skipper Keith Eddy who will be driving his men as hard as ever today.



JOHN WILLIAMS

DAVID BUTLER (Full back): Born Stockton. Played in over 200 first-team matches for Workington before leaving for Watford in November, 1970. While at Workington, he played with former Watford manager Ken Furphy and he was signed by Mr. Furphy for the Vicarage Road club.

DEREK EDMONDS (Goalkeeper): Born Newcastle. First turned professional with Leeds United, but

was kept in the background during his five years at Elland Road. Joined Watford in May, 1970, and played in 11 League matches last season.

JOHN FARLEY (Forward): Born Stockton. Played in North Eastern football with his home-town club before accepting professional terms with Watford in July, 1969. He came through to make his first-team bow last season with 11 appearances.

COLIN FRANKS (Half back): Born Wembley. First joined Watford as an amateur and then turned professional at the beginning of 1969-70, in which he started his Second Division career with 11 games. He also scored a brilliant goal against Stoke City's Gordon Banks in the FA Cup.

BILL JENNINGS (Forward): Born Hackney. Another former amateur who switched to the full-time staff in April, 1970, and broke into Second Division football last season. Played several times for the England Amateur Youth XI.

MIKE KENNING (Winger): Born Birmingham. Watford became his sixth League club when he moved from Charlton for a five-figure fee on December 31st. He started his career with Aston Villa, but had only three senior games before going into the Third Division with Shrewsbury, who later picked up a sizeable fee from Charlton.

Then he moved to Norwich and Wolves, costing £20,000 plus each time, and returned to Charlton in 1969.

WALTER LEES (Centre half): Born Glasgow. Spotted playing for Kilsyth Rangers in Scottish junior soccer and proved an excellent 'import' after joining Watford in June, 1968. He has played around 100 senior games.

JIMMY LINDSAY (Inside forward): Born Hamilton. Signed from West Ham for £20,000 just before the start of this season. Graduated through West Ham's junior ranks and

played in 30 First Division games in the previous two years.

RAY LUGG (Midfield): Born Jarrow. First turned professional with Middlesbrough, where he played in 34 League games before joining Watford for a five-figure fee in November, 1969.

LARRY McGETTIGAN (Forward): Born Hackney. A useful prospect who has matured from Watford's apprentice ranks. He became a full professional in December, 1970, and, after joining the first team on a trip to Czechoslovakia last August, he came into the League side early this season. Scored his first goal against Cardiff.

PAT MORRISSEY (Forward): Born Eire. Came to England to join Coventry City. After a few first-team games there, he had a spell with Torquay United, and then came to the fore with Crewe, where he was top scorer with 20 goals last season. Transferred to Chester last October and, within two months, he was on the move again to Watford for £8,000. Scored on his debut at Norwich.

KEN OWEN (Forward): Born Bangor. After completing his apprenticeship, Watford took him on the full pay-roll in November, 1970.

MICHAEL PACKER (Forward): Born London. Another product from the apprentice scheme, he turned full professional in April, 1968, and made his debut during Watford's Third Division Championship season. Had made 34 appearances by the start of this term.

JOHN PEARCE (Full back): Born Watford. Was on Watford's books for several seasons as an amateur and then switched to part-time professional in July, 1969.

ANDY RANKIN (Goalkeeper): Born Leamington Spa. Joined Watford for £25,000 from Wolves last September, but was unlucky struck down by cartilage trouble. He played in over 250 senior games for Wolves.

last November. Displaced Gordon West at Everton last season when he played in 28 League games and also helped the Goodison club reach the semi-final of the FA Cup and the quarter-final of the European Cup.

ROY SINCLAIR (Forward): Born Liverpool. Originally on Liverpool's books, but established as a League regular in over 130 games for Tranmere Rovers. Moved to Watford in March, 1969.

MIKE WALKER (Goalkeeper): Born Colwyn Bay. Experienced player who served York City and Shrewsbury before transferring to Watford in September, 1968. He has been capped by the Welsh Under-23 side and was also on stand-by for the last two Home International series. Toured New Zealand and the Far East with Wales last summer.

DUNCAN WELBOURNE (Full back): Born Scunthorpe. The longest-serving member of the Watford staff, he is now in his ninth season at Vicarage Road. He moved from Grimsby Town in November, 1963, and has played in just over 500 first-class games for his two clubs.

RON WIGG (Forward): Born London. Was once rejected by Orient, but made the grade with Ipswich Town and appeared regularly in the First Division in 1969-70. Then Watford stepped in with a £20,000 bid and Ron was their top scorer with 17 League and Cup goals last season.

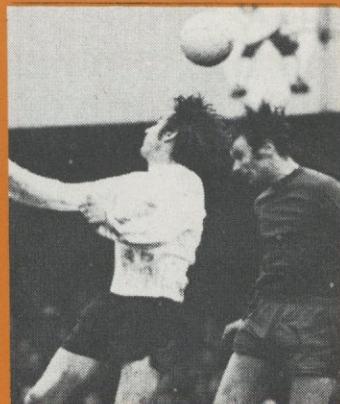
JOHN WILLIAMS (Full back): Born Tottenham. Another experienced defender who was promoted from Watford's apprentice ranks in September, 1964. He has made nearly 300 first-team appearances.

DAVID WOODFIELD (Centre half): Born Leamington Spa. Joined Watford for £25,000 from Wolves last September, but was unlucky struck down by cartilage trouble. He played in over 250 senior games for Wolves.

LUTON in ACTION

After setting the pace in the first half — and missing our chances — we trailed 1-0 at half-time to promotion-chasing Sunderland and then the Roker men put recovery out of reach with a second goal after 74 minutes. Chris Nicholl pulled a goal back near the end, but too late to save a disappointing home defeat.

Our *Luton News* pictures show ... Top (from left to right): Substitute Peter Anderson beating Ritchie Pitt, Vic Halom trying a shot under pressure from Pitt, Halom in the air with Martin Harvey, and Dick Malone beating Mike Keen in another heading duel. Bottom left: Another Hatters attack smothered by the strong Sunderland defence. Centre: Don Givens winning a tackle with Malone. Bottom right: David Court getting in a header at goal.



Sportsman in the know

ROGER DUCKWORTH'S VERDICT

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SPORTS POST

Talking to Keith BARBER

Luton Town proved third time lucky for Vauxhall-born Keith Barber when Alec Stock spotted the potential which two other First Division managers had earlier so obviously undervalued. From a personal point of view, it is a good thing this 1971 trialist caught the eye at Kenilworth Road to sign last season, because, had Keith failed to impress the Luton manager, goalkeeper Barber could have been lost to League soccer for good.

Keith, who has more than doubled last season's appearances in the first team this term, told us in between training schedules that before he joined Luton he had virtually given up hope of ever making the grade. "Both Chelsea and Southampton had invited me for a couple of games in their shadow squads. But, for no particular reason as far as I could determine, I was never recalled and I had settled down to playing for fun with Wandsworth in the Surrey Senior League when it all happened."

Tracking back to the source of the Barber bid for fame, Keith began his exploits between the posts with South London Schoolboys and local club sides in the Balham & District League. "But I didn't earn any boy-wonder medals," he said. "When the time came for me to start a career, I staked my future in a less attractive but more certain direction and I began a five-year apprenticeship as a lift engineer."

Keith has since qualified in this respect. But during the time that he spent on extra studying and additional training courses, he regularly looked forward to the Saturday afternoon break when he used to pull on a goalkeeper's jersey. "Yet, before I came to Luton, I didn't earn a single penny out of football — and it's now nice to think that I already have a trade to fall back on when football decides that it has paid me all it is going to give."

It was the eagle eye of chief scout Harry Haslam which put Barber en route for Kenilworth Road. This 24-year-old London product spent a

probationary period with Dunstable Town in the Southern League before he joined Luton on a permanent basis at Easter last year — at the age of 23!

Any number of current League teams have as many as half a dozen with three or four years experience in the senior side at such a time in life. But being a late starter does not worry Keith Barber, even though he admits that he nearly "took off" on his debut because of the pre-match butterflies. "What made it worse for me was the fact that the club had to rush through special registration papers for me to be eligible to keep goal against Sheffield Wednesday. Only a few weeks earlier I had been in the Surrey Senior League and, hey presto! there I was keeping goal for a team shaping up as First Division material. But I'm pleased to say that from the minute the referee whistled the game into action, I was back to normal. At the present-day pace of soccer, you don't have time to think about anything else than the job to hand."

Keith spotlights the special attributes which all top goalkeepers must have in their make-up when he says that to be a first-rate 'keeper one must have superb mental powers — as well as being physically sharp.

"It's a position where the older you are, the better you should be able to play — within certain limits, of course. A goalkeeper is not really at his peak until he is 27 or 28, because it needs years of experience to extract the arts of one's duty from perhaps a mere ten minutes of action each match."

We know that it is more difficult for a goalkeeper than any other player to find a permanent spot in a premier League side. If the break comes for Keith Barber and he is fortunate to command a regular spot, it is unlikely that he will let anyone down and, what is more, he could prove in a couple of seasons that both Chelsea and Southampton were wrong.



statistics

DATE	DIVISION TWO	Res.	Att.	DATE	Midweek Football League	Res.	
Aug. 14 Sat.	Norwich City . . . Home	1-1	12,428	AUGUST	Southend Utd. . . Home	1-0	
" 21 Sat.	Burnley . . . Away	1-2	13,333	Tues. 17th	Millwall Ath. . . Away	0-1	
" 28 Sat.	Preston North End . . . Home	1-1	11,772	Wed. 25th	Millwall Ath. . . Home	1-3	
Sept. 1 Wed.	Oxford United . . . Away	1-1	10,490	TUES.	Orient . . . Away	2-1	
" 4 Sat.	Orient . . . Away	0-0	8,703	WED. 8th	Cambridge United . . . Home	1-0	
" 7 Tues.	Crystal P. (LC2) . . . Away	0-2	13,838	TUES. 14th	Aldershot . . . Home	0-0	
" 11 Sat.	Birmingham City . . . Home	0-0	14,678	TUES. 21st	BRIGHTON & H.A. . . Away	0-1	
" 18 Sat.	Millwall . . . Away	2-2	12,433	OCT.	Watford . . . Home	4-0	
" 25 Sat.	Middlesbrough . . . Home	3-2	13,001	WED. 6th	Southend Utd. . . Away	0-1	
" 28 Tues.	Fulham . . . Home	2-0	14,017	TUES. 12th	Watford . . . Home	5-1	
Oct. 2 Sat.	Hull City . . . Away	0-0	13,904	WED. 20th	BRIGHTON & H.A. . . Home	5-1	
" 9 Sat.	Swindon Town . . . Home	0-0	13,423	TUES. 26th	Colchester United . . . Home	4-0	
" 16 Sat.	Norwich City . . . Away	1-3	22,558	TUES. 2nd	Orient . . . Home	4-0	
" 19 Tues.	Queens P. Rangers . . . Away	0-1	15,858	TUES. 9th	Northampton Tn. . . Home	5-0	
" 23 Sat.	Carlisle United . . . Home	0-2	11,963	MON. 29th	Peterborough Utd. . . Away	2-2	
" 30 Sat.	Sunderland . . . Away	2-2	17,971	DEC.	Watford . . . Away	2-1	
Nov. 6 Sat.	Charlton Ath. . . Home	1-2	11,011	WED. 8th	Colchester United . . . Away	3-0	
" 13 Sat.	Watford . . . Away	1-2	14,000	WED. 15th	Watford . . . Away	3-0	
" 20 Sat.	Blackpool (1) . . . Away	1-0	8,432	JAN.	CHARLTON . . . Home	2-0	
" 27 Sat.	Portsmouth . . . Home	3-2	9,910	TUES. 4th	Northampton Tn. . . Away	0-1	
Dec. 4 Sat.	Bristol City . . . Away	0-0	12,921	WED. 12th	Cambridge United . . . Away	0-1	
" 11 Sat.	Cardiff City (2) . . . Home	2-2	10,606	TUES. 18th	Charlton Ath. . . Home	2-0	
" 18 Sat.	Orient . . . Home	2-0	9,193	TUES. 25th	Charlton Ath. . . Away	2-1	
" 27 Mon.	Sheffield Wed. . . Away	2-2	31,391	FEB.	PETERBOROUGH UTD. . . Home	3-1	
1972				TUES. 8th	Watford (L.C.) . . . Home	3-1	
Jan. 1 Sat.	Millwall . . . Home	2-1	15,113	WED. 23rd	Millwall (L.C.) . . . Away	
" 8 Sat.	Preston North End . . . Away	1-0	12,844	MARCH	WED. 22nd	Aldershot . . . Away
" 15 Sat.	West Ham . . . Away	1-2	32,099	TUES. 28th	Millwall (L.C.) . . . Home	
" 22 Sat.	Fulham . . . Away	1-3	11,328	APRIL	WED. 12th	Watford (L.C.) . . . Away
Feb. 5 Sat.	Queens P. Rangers . . . Home	1-1	17,280				
" 12 Sat.	Oxford United . . . Home	1-2	9,892				
" 19 Sat.	Carlisle United . . . Away	0-0	8,731				
" 26 Sat.	Sunderland . . . Home	1-2	10,994				
Mar. 3 Fri.	Charlton Ath. (5) . . . Away	0-2	7,941				
" 11 Sat.	Watford . . . Home						
" 18 Sat.	Swindon Town . . . Away						
" 25 Sat.	Burnley (6) . . . Home						
" 31 Fri.	Birmingham City . . . Away						
Apr. 1 Sat.	Middlesbrough . . . Away						
" 4 Tues.	Sheffield Wed. . . Home						
" 8 Sat.	Hull City . . . Home						
" 15 Sat.	Blackpool . . . Home						
" 22 Sat.	Plymouth (S.F.) . . . Away						
" 29 Sat.	Bristol City . . . Home						
May 6 Sat.	Cardiff City . . . Away						
	F.A. Cup Final . . . Away						

NEXT DATES AT
Kenilworth road

Saturday, March 18th (3 p.m.)
League Division II

Luton Town v BURNLEY

Tuesday, March 28th (7.30 p.m.)
Midweek Football League Cup
Luton Town v MILLWALL

FOOTBALL LEAGUE - DIVISION II												
	HOME			AWAY			P	W	D			
	P	W	D	L	F	A						
NORWICH	29	9	6	0	28	12	6	5	3	14	11	41
MILLWALL	30	10	5	0	28	13	4	8	3	21	22	41
Q.P.R.	29	11	2	1	29	9	2	7	6	13	15	35
B'HAM	29	10	4	0	35	12	1	5	5	8	14	35
SUNDERLAND	29	8	6	1	29	16	4	5	5	16	25	35
MIDDLESBRO	29	12	2	1	22	8	3	2	9	16	26	34
CARLISLE	30	9	4	2	24	14	4	3	8	19	22	33
BLACKPOOL	30	8	4	2	27	10	5	1	10	16	25	31
BURNLEY	30	8	3	4	30	19	5	2	8	19	22	31
SWINDON	30	7	4	4	19	10	4	4	7	11	21	30
PRESTON	29	9	2	4	22	11	1	7	6	17	23	29
OXFORD	30	8	5	2	21	11	2	4	9	11	27	29
PORTSMOUTH	29	7	6	2	24	16	2	4	8	20	28	28
SHEFF. WED.	30	7	5	2	23	16	2	5	9	17	26	28
LUTON	31	5	6	4	20	18	2	8	6	13	20	28
CHARLTON	30	8	5	2	26	15	3	1	11	17	36	28
BRISTOL C.	20	8	3	4	28	18	2	4	9	10	20	27
ORIENT	29	9	3	2	26	13	1	3	11	12	33	26
HULL	29	7	3	5	23	18	2	3	9	11	21	24
FULHAM	30	8	4	4	24	20	2	0	12	12	36	24
CARDIFF	28	5	4	4	23	17	1	4	10	14	33	20
WATFORD	30	4	4	8	12	18	0	1	13	7	37	13

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HATTERS APPEARANCES

Figures in Parentheses indicate number of times player has been named as substitute.

DIVISION II SCORERS

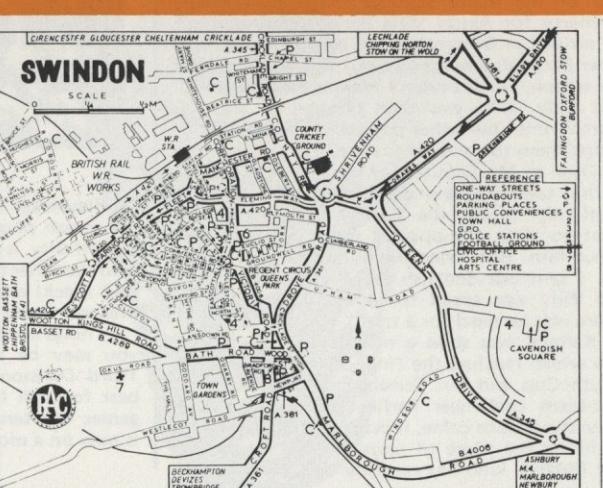
PLAYERS	LEAGUE	FA CUP	FL CUP
Latchford (Birmingham)	21	23	1
Hubbard (Norwich)	20	30	1
Marsh (Q.P.R.)	20	30	1
Clark (Cardiff)	19	30	1
Hatton (Birmingham)	19	30	1
Treacy (Charlton)	18	30	1
Bowles (Carlisle)	15	27(1)	1
Cross (Norwich)	15	30	1
Galley (Bristol City)	15	30	1
Hickton (Middlesbrough)	14	15(6)	1
Burns (Blackpool)	13	30	1
Casper (Burnley)	13	30	1
Bullock (Orient)	13	14(3)	1
Joicey (Sheff. Wed.)	13	22(2)	1
Bolland (Millwall)	13	7	1
Earle (Fulham)	12	16(1)	1
Silvester (Norwich)	12	12	1
Cassidy (Oxford)	12	12	1
Tueart (Sunderland)	12	12	1
Possee (Millwall)	12	12	1

DIVISION II ATTENDANCES

	Best	Average
Birmingham	47,930	28,685
Blackpool	22,610	14,290
Bristol City	23,560	15,920
Burnley	21,977	13,810
Cardiff	23,026	15,224
Carlisle	11,625	9,517
Charlton	16,223	9,582
Fulham	21,187	10,374
Hull	26,091	14,350
LUTON TOWN	17,280	12,345
Middlesbrough	34,846	20,010
Millwall	24,266	15,418
Norwich	34,118	21,233
Orient	19,081	9,047
Oxford	12,382	9,299
Portsmouth	16,058	12,849
Preston	27,284	16,048
P.R.	16,730	14,522
Sheffield Wed.	31,391	17,855
Sunderland	28,129	16,996
Swindon	21,383	14,341
Watford	14,575	10,938

BY RAIL Luton 11.20 Arrive Swindon 13.35 Arrive St. Albans 19.20
Depart Harpenden 11.29 Depart Swindon 17.35 Harpenden 19.29
St. Albans 11.37 (Fare: £1.25) Luton 19.40

follow Luton to SWINDON



BY ROAD

LUTON. Leave by Dunstable Road, A505. Dunstable. (5 Miles). Leave by West Street, B489. Ashridge Estate. Junction of roads. Turn L for B488. Ivinghoe on R. Almost ½ ml. on, Turn R. Tring Wharf. Pass over cross roads into Upper Icknield Way. Junction of roads. Turn R onto A41. Aston Clinton, Aylesbury. (21½ Miles). Leave by Hartwell Road, A418. Thame, Tiddington. Junction of roads. Keep L along Wheatley by-pass. (A40). Oxford. (45 Miles). Leave as for Faringdon. (A420). Fyfield, Faringdon. (62½ Miles). Leave as for Swindon. (A420). Shrivenham. Turn R. on leaving Keep R. Junction of roads, keep L. (A361). Swindon, Wilts. (75 Miles). See plan for SWINDON FOOTBALL GROUND.

The determination of a boy's father and the memory of manager **Jimmy Scoular** gave CARDIFF CITY an outstanding prospect for the future. He is 18-year-old former Scottish schoolboy international **Billy Kelloch**, who in the space of seven days made his League debut and played in two Cup replays against Sunderland, scoring one of the winning goals.

Kelloch, a tall, strong midfield player, was one of the many signings made by Tommy Docherty for Aston Villa Park three years ago. He arrived in Birmingham in company with two other Scottish schoolboys, but was released after one season. "I felt I wasn't making any progress," said Billy, who was then booked to sign for Morton, until his father posted a letter to Cardiff asking them to consider his son.

Over to Mr. Scoular for the rest of the story. "I first saw him playing in a schoolboy match in Scotland," recalls the Cardiff boss. "When he went to Villa, I suppose I more or less forgot about him. But, once his father had written to me, I sent our Scottish scout to see the family and Billy was asked to join the ground staff. There was no need for a trial."

Kelloch was soon a member of the Cardiff side which reached the final of last season's FA Youth Cup and Mr. Scoular talked of him as a first-team challenger earlier this season. And, when the chance came, it was odd that he should be filling the place of another Villa "cast-off", **Mal Sutton**, who has recently had an operation

DIVISION II ROUND-UP



Flashback to July, 1969. Aston Villa pose for their pre-season photograph. Billy Kelloch, now starring for Cardiff City, is sat on the ground and marked by a circle. And the other two "rings" pick out the Riach brothers, Neil (back) and Bruce (seated), only a few weeks after their six-figure joint-transfer from Luton Town.

Things certainly change quickly, don't they? Bruce, you may be interested to hear, is skipper of Villa's Third Division promotion challenge and playing his best football for the club. Neil also had a couple of games this term, scoring twice against Blackburn, but is now on a month's loan to York City.

Those members who read Alec Stock's first weekly feature in the Luton News will recall his criticism at the small number of people to be seen wearing club badges. This is something we can all rectify quite easily, so at the next home game against Burnley let all members be seen wearing their badge. If, of course, you still haven't got yours, you will be receiving one with our newsletter during the next few days.

Have you obtained your tickets yet for our Grand Buffet Dance at the Civic Centre, Dunstable, on Thursday April 13th? If not, now is the time, you could win a Sky Tours holiday. Don't delay too long, for you may be disappointed, as the demand is brisk. Prices are: members £1.00 and non-members £1.25. Tickets can be obtained from:

SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

125 Oak Road (on match days or applying by post and enclosing a stamped addressed envelope together with the appropriate remittance.
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A "Supporter of the Year Award" is being organised amongst members and you are all invited to write in and nominate a friend. Let us have your letters stating the persons name and address, together with the reasons why you

think they deserve to qualify to: 125 Oak Road. All envelopes should be marked "Supporter of the Year Award."

Will all members make a special note of a meeting that has been arranged for Monday, 27th March at 8.00 p.m. in the Hatters Club. On this date, your committee has planned a "Meet the Supporters" evening. Please make a special effort to attend.

A date for all Bletchley Branch Supporters to enter in their diaries is Monday 13th March. At 7.30 p.m. on this evening a Sports Forum and Quizball has been arranged in the Wilton Hall. Admission is 25p; do come along and give your support to this event.

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Another Achilles tendon "victim" is BURNLEY'S experienced defender, **John Angus**. It couldn't have happened at a more frustrating time for the 33-year-old full back ... because he needs just one more match to beat the club record of 438 appearances which he shares with **Jimmy McIlroy**. Angus has played in only two games this term.

Neil Young, PRESTON'S expensive buy from Manchester City, scored his first goal for his new club at HULL, but North End went down 3-2 as a result of two goals from **Ken Wagstaff**, the revitalised striker who had then claimed seven goals in six games.

BRISTOL CITY disclosed their financial situation at a recent Press Conference. They said they would have debts of £240,000 by the end of the season, including an overdraft of £140,000. But financial Director **Mr. Graham Griffiths** said that the club was not in "financial difficulties" and that they could allow manager **Allan Dicks** £25,000 for a new player. Nevertheless, this shows the problems affecting most League clubs these days.

PORTSMOUTH also have problems ... though only those of keeping the staff contented with a one-team policy. The result is that they have finally agreed to a transfer request from former Arsenal defender **Tommy Youlden**, who lost his place in December.



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| A | Derby v Wolves | |
| B | Ipswich v C. Palace | |
| C | Leeds v Southampton | |
| D | Liverpool v Everton | |
| E | Manchester C. v Arsenal | |
| F | Newcastle v Leicester | |
| G | Tottenham v Manchester Utd | |
| H | WB Albion v Nottm Forest | |
| K | West Ham v Huddersfield | |
| L | Birmingham v Norwich | |
| M | Blackpool v Sunderland | |
| N | Bristol C. v QPR | |
| A | Cardiff v Fulham | |
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| H | Bournemouth v Bradford C. | |
| K | Halifax v Brighton | |
| L | Notts Co. v Aston Villa | |
| M | Plymouth v Rotherham | |
| N | Walsall v Swansea | |

SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES Continued

It is hoped in the very near future to commence the running of evening Bingo sessions. If there is anyone with experience in the organisation of these sessions who is prepared to either help or offer advice, would they kindly call in at the Club Shop during match days or write to the Secretary, 9 Stuart Road, Barton.

Committee members are required to assist in the running of various activities. If anyone is interested in contributing some of their spare leisure time providing some worthwhile help, then please call in at the Club Shop during match days.

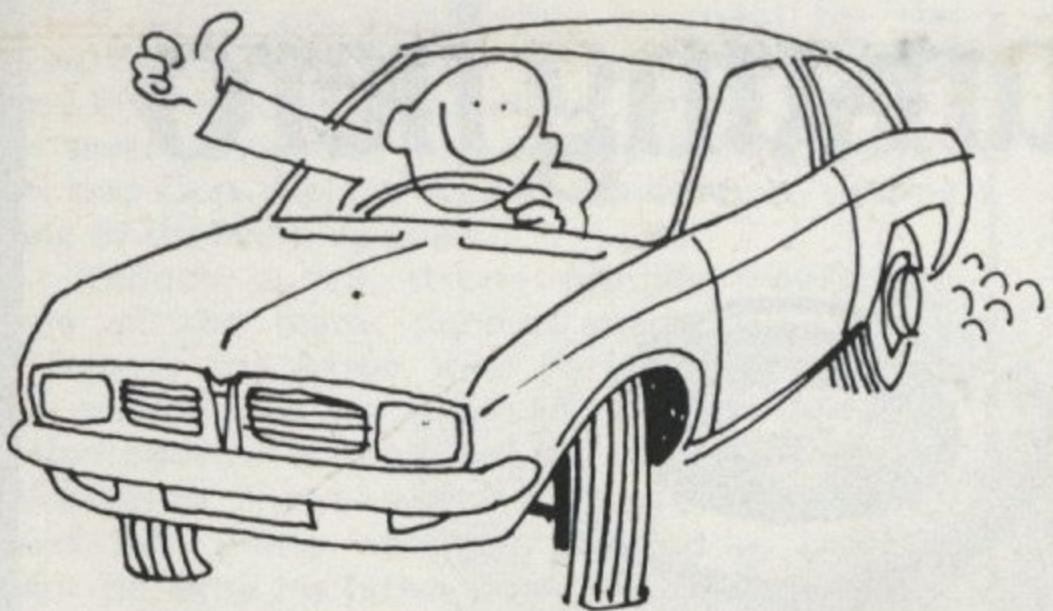
The Junior Supporters meetings each week in March are all being held on a Tuesday night. Details of the month's planned events are on: March 7th - Games Night. March 14th - Films (Football and Cartoons). March 21st - Games Night (for under 14). Disco (for over 14). March 28th - Games Night. Coming events for the seniors in the Hatters Club during March are discotheques on: Wednesday March 1st & 8th. Thursday March 16th & 23rd. Wednesday March 29th.

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6	Alan	SLOUGH
7	Jimmy	RYAN
8	David	COURT
9	Vic	HALOM
10	Don	GIVENS
11	Gordon	HINDSON

Sub.

Referee: J.K. Taylor (Wolverhampton)

Linesmen: C.C. Smith, E. Croydon (Red Flag)
J.A. Finn, Chigwell Row (Orange Flag)

Jack Taylor, a butcher from Wolverhampton, is one of England's top officials – a League referee since 1968, a member of the FIFA international panel since 1962, a World Cup referee in 1966 and 1970, and referee of the FA Amateur Cup Final in 1962, the FA Cup Final in 1966, and the European Cup Final in 1971. He has visited 24 countries as a referee.

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10	Jimmy	LINDSAY
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