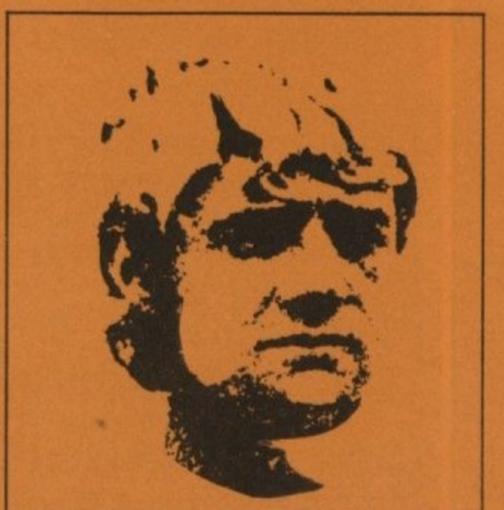
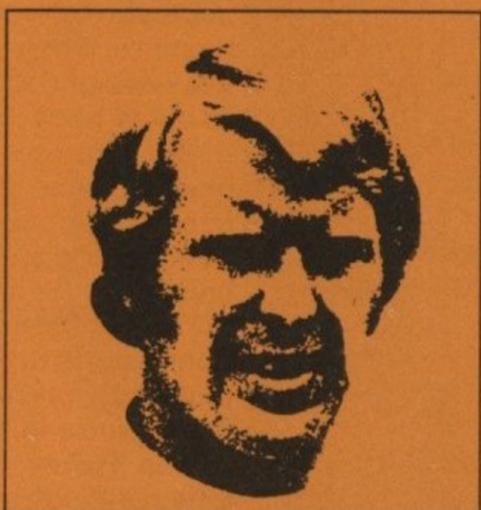
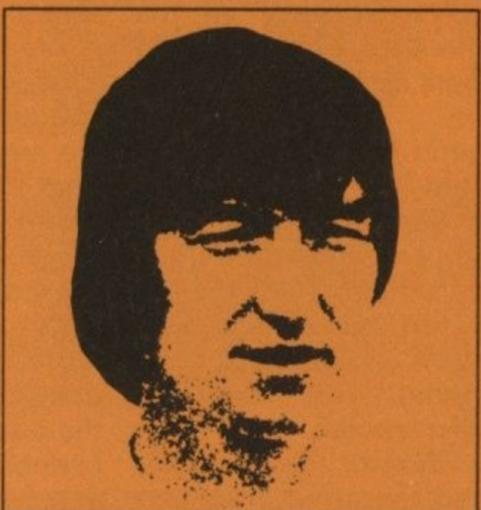
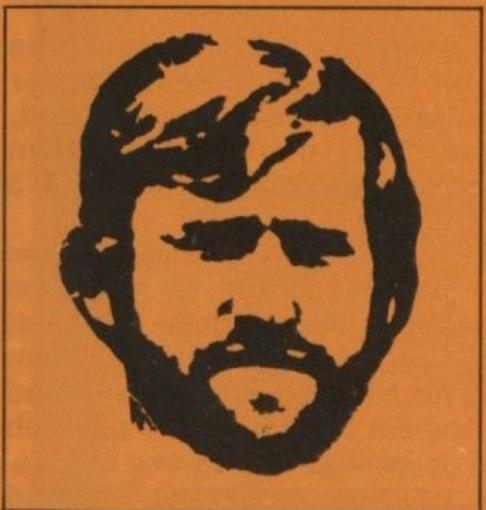
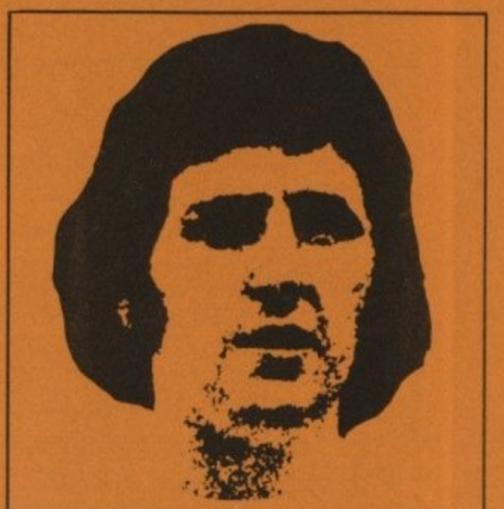
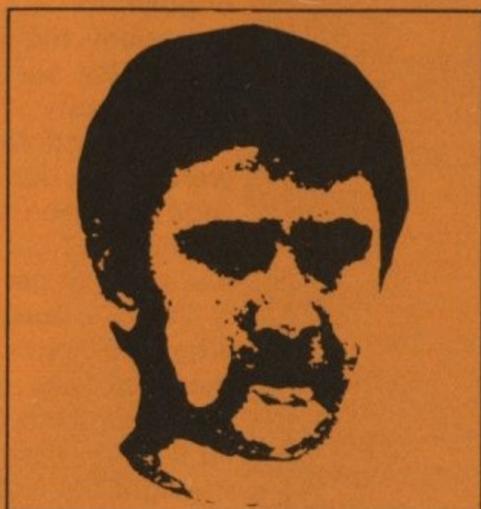
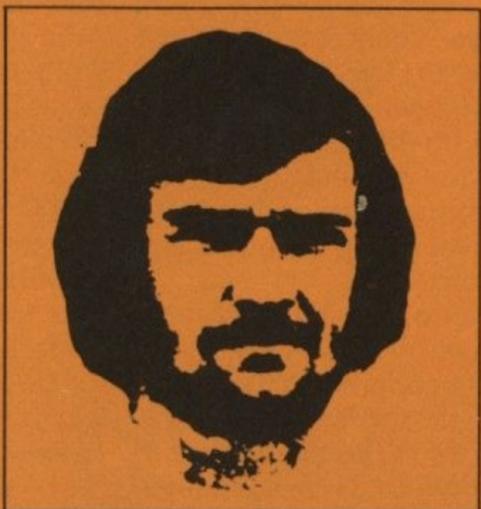
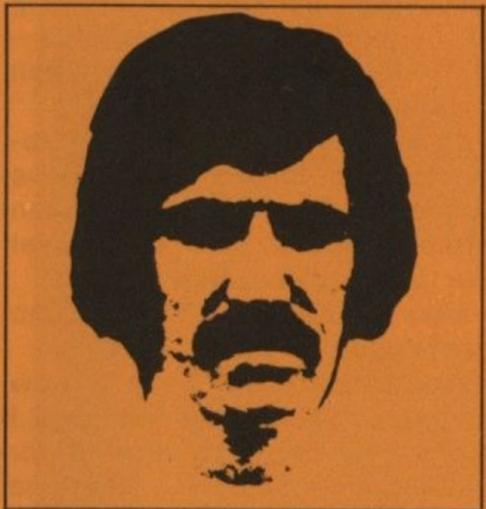
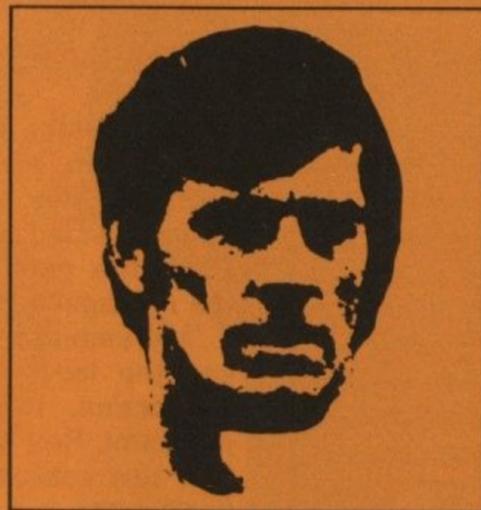
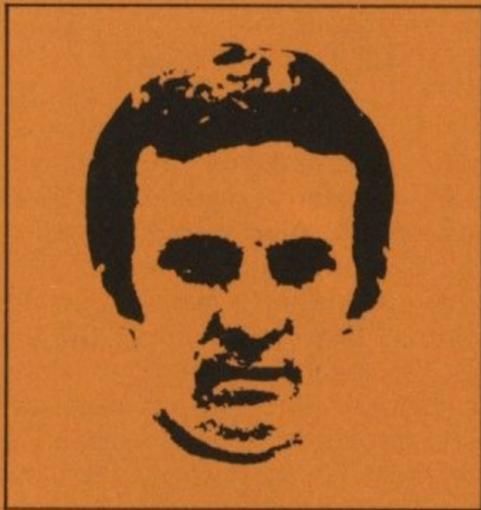
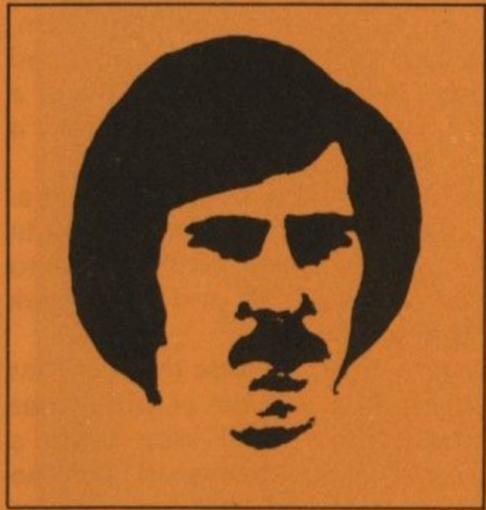


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# HARRY HASLAM



#### TALKING TO NORTON JONES

No team has a divine right to success in any League. They have to go out on the field and fight to earn it. The manner in which they seek to achieve their aim is a responsibility which hangs directly over the head of their manager.

The 'hot seat' is an envied position when the policy decision brings subsequent rewards. But it is a lonely chair and an exacting role when results turn sour and morale drops as steadily as the teams status.

This preface clarifies, in a nutshell, the task which has been inherited, for the first time this season, by Harry Haslam, newly-elected successor to Alec Stock. Harry has gambled his future security in the manager's chair on 'Goals'.

'My ambition at Kenilworth Road is to see the lads reach the peaks in goals production. I have issued, through my right arm, Roy McCrowan, a firm directive that this season we must be masters by finding the net more frequently than the opposition.

'I want the entire team to share the search for success in this manner. The goal priority has been uppermost in Luton's mind when the three new signings were made during the summer. The message has been spelt out loud and clear to the lads . . . Luton are going for goals and we mean to get them.

'While I agree there will be occasions when we might leave the back-door open, the team has been conditioned and encouraged to pick their heads up and not to let it worry them. I think the players are in the right frame of mind to do so. Certainly, their pre-season attitude gives me this impression that they will have all the qualities, when the time arrives, of a floored heavyweight who gets up from the canvas to come back to win.

'My first object, and the very vital and important one if a club is going to enjoy a happy relationship with its players, is to build up the club spirit. If and when I can create this blend of harmony from the top to the bottom, I see no reason why Kenilworth Road cannot re-capture its pride and place amongst the more celebrated sides in English soccer.

'The Turkey trip—despite the administrative difficulties and the storm-in-a-teacup last match—served its purpose better

than we ever dreamed it might. We deliberately chose to get away from it all and go to Turkey for the specific plan of cultivating a thirst for goals.

'While the temperatures also made certain that there was also another thirst to satisfy, the team responded as if it was second nature to them to hunt for the oppositions net.

'The soccer standard was below that which Luton are used to experiencing. But when a team is battling against different elements, the exhausting heat and firm, uneven pitches, etc, I am fully convinced it puts a sides character and strength to a severe test from which one can extract a fair guide to its ability.

'The lads clicked and the goals came. I am sure if they take the same appetite into the League this season and are able to sustain it, all the planning and hard work will bring its rewards.'

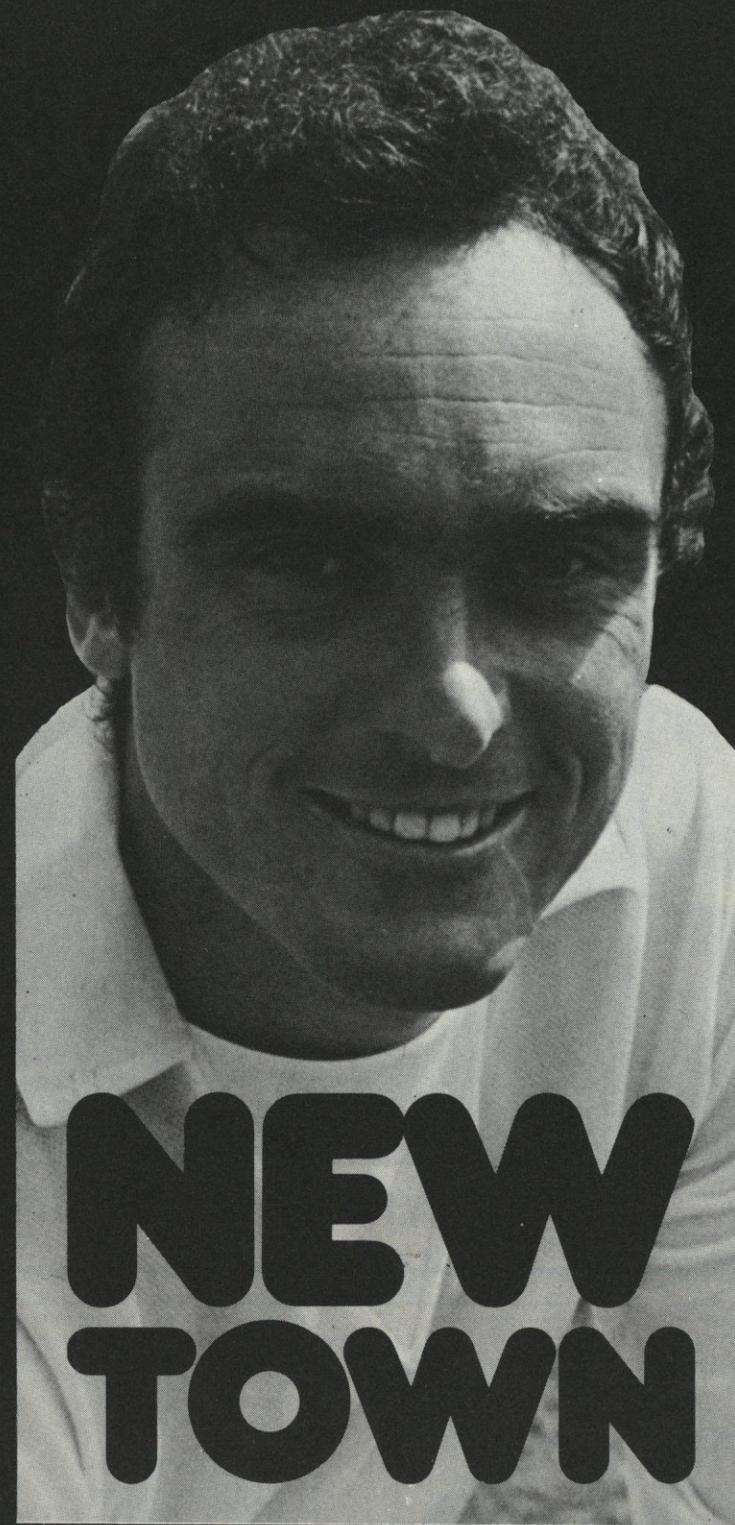
Harry Haslam does not hide the fact that his pride in his first season of office has been stung by the casual way Luton's prospects have been dismissed by the National prophets. 'I read that because we had sold our principal goal-getter—'Big Mac'—and the main key to our defence—Chris Nicholl—that Luton would only win what they deserve . . . nothing.'

That is a challenge which Lancashire-born Harry Haslam thrives on. 'No one more than me regretted the times when we were forced to lose two such great players. But Luton discovered them . . . and, rest assured, Kenilworth Road can unearth them again.

'This season's team will have a new freedom of expression on the field and I believe this is the breeding ground for players to fulfil their potential . . . and there is still oceans of it un-tapped as yet in the squad.'

We asked Harry, apart from the obvious, what targets he had set for the new season. 'Only one' he replied, 'to win as many games as we can and I'll be more pleased to win 4-3 than 1-0.'

Luton face an important stage of the season from the kick-off in their first eight-games spell. Five of them will be at home. All five must produce maximum points. 'We have trained hard and explored the odds. There is no reason why this club cannot do as well as any in the League, and Luton will hope to achieve that end with 101% effort and entertainment.'



#### JOHNNY ASTON

The most controversial transfer of last season was principally responsible for Luton capturing a left winger with over 150 games to his credit for one of the most famous sides in the world.

Johnny Aston, heir to the family soccer 'throne' first built by his father in the great United side of the Forties, decided to join Luton when Frank O'Farrell parted with a six-figure cheque for Ian Moore.

Johnny says: 'Wing spots at Old Trafford were always keenly contested and Willie Anderson and John Connelly kept the competition pretty fierce in the earlier days. But Moore's arrival left me no alternative.'

Luton had to part with a reported £30,000 to get the man which Harry Haslam had kept his eye on for many months. 'I knew he was very interested. But it was no rush job coming to Luton. From my own point of view, it was in my best interest to study all the offers carefully. When I realised how sincere the approaches were from Luton, I became convinced that this is where my future should lie.'

In company with Rodney Fern and Bobby Thomson, two more experienced professionals netted during the summer, Johnny Aston flew off for the pre-season tour of Turkey.

'For all the world, I might even have still been with United,' Johnny told us. 'From the player's angle right up to the best-forgotten last game, the tour was really great. The general reception was good and the hotel and service first-class.'

'But what was more important was the fact that in every game there was a tremendous spirit flowing through the team. Everyone worked hard and the rewards came in the form of goals. I know the Turkish team are not on our level but I think they were surprised at the way we found the net.

'Having now been on tour with the team, it has helped me immensely to see what kind of players they are and it has also enabled me to understand the mood and thinking of the club and management. They were good performances in Turkey. All I now hope is that we can carry them through into the League to give Luton's fans a taste of success.'

# TALKING ABOUT PRESTON



Back row: Alan Lamb, David Wilson, John Brown, Alan Kelly, Alan Spavin, John McMahon. Centre row: Harry Hubbick (trainer), Jim McNab, John Bird, Alec Bruce, Ricky Heppolette, Neil Young, Arthur Cox (chief coach). Front row: David Connor, Alan Tarbuck, George Ross, Alan Ball (manager), Hugh McIlmoyle, Clive Clark, Graham Hawkins.

Preston started off the new season on the wrong foot by losing 1-0 at home to Aston Villa and they're still wondering when they will shake off the jinx which seems to have haunted them since the start of 1972.

The Lancashire club entered the New Year in high spirits. After a highly satisfactory return from one year in the Third Division, they turned into 1972 with 26 points to their credit and were scenting a reasonable chance of getting into the promotion race.

At that point, they were level in the table with eventual runners-up Birmingham City, but, whereas the Midlands collected 30 points in the last four months of the season, Preston gathered only ten and finished just ahead of the relegated teams.

They won only two of the last 19 fixtures and hopes of financial compensation from an F.A. Cup run were terminated in a Fourth Round defeat by Manchester United. Even more disturbing, manager Alan Ball became seriously ill and the season ended on a pretty grim note for North End.

Happily, Mr Ball has made a complete recovery and looks back philosophically. 'I worried myself stiff when we were in trouble and look where it got me. Worry doesn't make the team play better or win more matches; it puts you in hospital.'

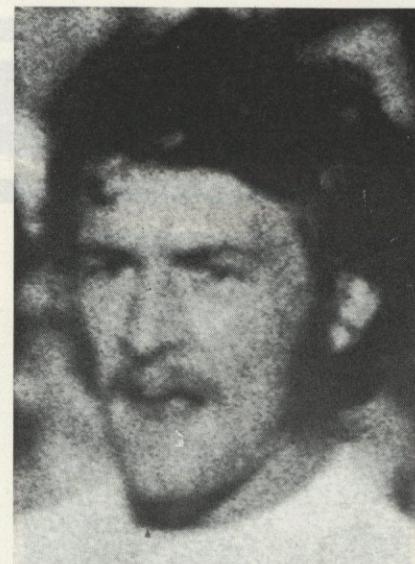
He told readers of the Lancashire Evening Post: 'I shall not let myself get upset by the stresses of the job. I've learned to look at life and soccer through new eyes and I don't think I'll be any worse as manager for that. In fact, I think I could be a better manager.'

If Mr Ball's thoughts prove correct, then Preston will be more than satisfied. For he has given them quite a facelift in his two seasons at Deepdale, bringing them out of the Third Division at the first attempt and going some way to reviving hopes of First Division football in the early days of last term.

To a large extent, he has achieved success with the players that dropped out of the Second Division in 1970, but he has also showed shrewdness in his transfer deals.

The one move he *didn't* want to make was to sell Archie Gemmill to Derby County, and noting the Scotman's form with the new League Champions, there's no doubt that the £60,000 fee seems cheap. However, Preston needed the cash at the time and Mr Ball put any surplus to good use.

One of his best buys was Bradford City forward Bobby Ham, who was at Deepdale for only a year but scored some vital goals in helping Preston out of Division Three. With promotion achieved, Ham was sold to Rotherham at a small profit and Preston then forked out £25,000 on Hugh



JOHN BIRD

McIlmoyle a replacement with a proven record of goalscoring in the higher division.

Despite a period of injury, McIlmoyle finished as top scorer in his first season and was followed home in the marksman's chart by Alan Tarbuck, another bargain signing who cost only £5,000 when bought from Chester.

Tarbuck scored several important goals during the time when Preston were making ground on the leaders last December. But scoring power later became a problem and Mr Ball went to Manchester City in search of more goals, paying out £90,000 to sign Neil Young and David Connor.

Young had been a regular scorer in City's rise to major honours—he got the winner in the 1969 F.A. Cup Final—but, so far, he has not revealed his true form with Preston. Connor, however, has given the midfield greater class and Preston are hoping that Young will soon be justifying Preston's biggest-ever transfer outlay.

To ease the financial burden of the Young-Connor deal, Preston again sold a good-class forward in the summer, Scots man George Lyall moving to Nottingham Forest for £45,000. Such sales have become necessary owing to North End's modest support.

'We need support to help us raise the cash to buy any players we might need, says Mr Ball. 'The alternative is to sell our best players. We drew crowds of 15,000 and 16,000 last season, when we were near the top. We didn't pull them in quite so much when we slipped towards the bottom. Our gates were reasonable. I hope they nudge the 20,000 mark this time.'

First signs were hopeful with a crowd of just over 17,000 turning out to see the Villa game, but Preston's old goal-shortage was largely responsible for a disappointing home defeat.

'On that form, we won't be going up,' admitted Mr Ball. But he remains optimistic for Preston's overall future. 'I believe we'll find a cure for the shortage of goals, given support and one or two breaks. Then Preston really will be on the way back.'

The Deepdale chief adds: 'My aim remains to make North End a name to be feared, as well as respected. I want to take Preston back to the top and make them proud again. And I believe I can do it—with good support, with the all-out effort of the players (which I know I shall get), with those vital breaks which give you freedom from injury and the odd goal or two when you need them most.'

'Derby County are a classic example of what I mean. They're Champions and they did it with virtually a dozen players. We needn't feel inferior to any Second Division outfit and I still believe we will do well.'

## PRESTON NORTH END

Founded: 1880. Original members of the Football League: 1888. Ground: Deepdale. Record attendance: 42,684, against Arsenal, 1938. Division One Champions: 1888-89, 1889-90. Runners-up: 1890-91, 1891-92, 1892-93, 1905-06, 1952-53, 1957-58. Division Two Champions: 1903-04, 1912-13, 1950-51. Runners-up: 1914-15, 1933-34. F.A. Cup winners: 1889, 1938. Finalists: 1888, 1922, 1937, 1954, 1964.

### Record in the last ten seasons . . .

Season	Division	Position	Won	Points
1971-72	2	18th	12	36
1970-71	3	1st	22	61
1969-70	2	22nd	8	28
1968-69	2	14th	12	39
1967-68	2	20th	12	35
1966-67	2	13th	16	39
1965-66	2	17th	11	37
1964-65	2	12th	14	41
1963-64	2	3rd	23	56
1962-63	2	17th	13	37

### Summary of the past League results between Luton Town and Preston North End:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HOME	10	3	3	4	16	16	9
AWAY	10	2	1	7	4	13	5
TOTAL	20	5	4	11	20	29	14

Best wins: 4-1 (at home in 1958-59 and 1961-62).

Worst defeats: 2-0 (at home in 1962-63 and away in 1956-57, 1959-60, 1961-62). 3-1 (at home in 1957-58 and away in 1962-63).

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# MANAGER CAPTAIN

English fans have long since admired Alan Ball's ability to shift mountains in the cause of his country. Those supporters need only to meet the Arsenal star's father to discover the origin of his aggressive, non-stop approach to the game.

Alan Ball Snr did not capture major headlines in a playing career with Southport, Birmingham City and Oldham Athletic and, his management talents were comparatively obscured during three years as coach to Stoke City.

But once Mr Ball was given his first manager's job by Halifax Town, the soccer world soon got to know about 'the other Alan Ball'. Running a club like Halifax—where they sometimes struggle to get more than 3,000 spectators—demands a unique kind of personality . . . and Mr Ball fitted the bill beyond the wildest imagination of the Yorkshire outfit.

They won promotion for the first time in their history, causing other clubs—Preston included—began to wonder whether Alan Ball's magic could work for them. And, as Proud Preston faced up to Third Division life in 1970, they tempted Mr Ball away from the humble Shay Ground.

He said he was impressed by the higher potential and boldly hinted that the Deepdale club could be back in the First Division within five years. Stage One went as well as Preston dared to hope and they won the Division Three crown a year quicker than much-more-wealthy Aston Villa.

The return to Division Two brought expected snags in terms of re-adjustment and there was another serious worry when Mr Ball was taken ill. Fortunately, he has completely recovered and he aims to make this another big season for the Ball family. Son Alan is happily settled in with Arsenal after his sensational transfer from Everton and father Alan will be pushing hard to bring about a future League meeting between Preston and Arsenal.



ALAN BALL (Manager)



GRAHAM HAWKINS (Captain)

Preston have an unusual system of appointing a club captain and an on-the-field skipper . . . and for most of last season, Graham Hawkins and Alan Spavin played together in the League side. Spavin, a 'veteran' of Preston's last Wembley appearance in 1964, is the overall captain, while Black Country boy Hawkins leads the team into action.

As it happened, Hawkins was 'on his own' when the new season opened at Deepdale last week, for Spavin was troubled by an ankle injury which required cortisone injections.

Hawkins, six feet tall and weighing in at around 12 stone, has never regretted the move which took him from Wolves, a glamorous First Division club, in January, 1968. The fair-haired centre half cost Preston a large fee and he has more than justified the outlay in 172 League appearances to date.

Born in Darlaston, near Wolverhampton, he first went to Molineux as a schoolboy hopeful and graduated through the famous Wolves nursery, breaking into the senior side around the time when Stan Cullis had ended his long reign as manager.

It was not the easiest time for a young player to establish himself with Wolves. After such immense success in the Cullis era, the fans didn't take kindly to relegation to the Second Division, but young Hawkins came through a gruelling baptism and played a part in their promotion side in 1967-68. Appearing in the same line-up was Hugh McIlmoyle, the travelled striker who was re-united with his old Wolves colleague at Deepdale.

Hawkins was still only 21 when switching to Preston and took time to adjust to a regular League place for the first time in his brief career. But he confirmed his potential by winning a place in an F.A. tour of New Zealand and was an ever-present when North End won the Third Division in 1970-71.

# POINTS ON PLAYERS

**DAVID CONNOR, Defender.** Made over 100 appearances in a long career with Manchester City and, although never a real regular, he attracted big bids from Everton and Spurs at one time. Moved to Preston last season in a £90,000 package deal with Neil Young.

**JOHN BIRD, Defender.** Joined Preston from his home-town club Doncaster Rovers in March, 1971, and helped North End to the Third Division Championship. A well-built six-footer, he established himself as an ever-present in the League side last season.

**JOHN BROWN, Goalkeeper.** Hails from Bradford and joined Preston as an apprentice six seasons ago. The consistency of Alan Kelly has given him little opportunity, but he managed five League games last term.

**CLIVE CLARK, Winger.** Leeds-born raider who captured West Bromwich Albion's interest when he was making the grade with Queen's Park Rangers. Moved to The Hawthorns for a sizeable fee and helped the Midland side win the Football League Cup in 1966, reach the Final again in 1967 (when he scored twice against Q.P.R. at Wembley), and then win the F.A. Cup in 1968. Returned to Rangers for a time before switching to Preston and assisting their Third Division Championship side.

**RICKY HEPPOLETTE, Midfield.** Although born in Bombay, his English parents brought him home for education in Bolton. Joined Preston on leaving school and was only 19 when making his debut in December, 1968. Has now topped 100 appearances.

**DAVID HUGHES, Winger.** Former junior who hails from neighbouring Blackburn. Is a useful player on either wing and made 13 appearances in the Division Three promotion side.

**ALAN KELLY, Goalkeeper.** The most capped goalkeeper in the Republic of Ireland's history, Dublin-born Kelly has been an almost permanent choice since making his debut against England at Wembley in 1957. He was then only 19 and playing with Irish club Drumcondra, but his international experience tempted Preston to make a successful bid in 1968. Topped 400 League appearances last season.

**ALAN LAMB, Forward.** With the departure of George Lyall to Nottingham Forest, the young Scot from Falkirk has the opportunity to win a regular place this



ALAN KELLY

season. Played seven times in the League side last term.

**HUGH McILMOYLE, Forward.** Top scorer last season in his first campaign with Preston. A Scot from Glasgow, he was only 19 when pitched into Leicester's 1961 Cup Final team at the last minute. A brief spell at Rotherham was his next stop but, on joining Carlisle he hit the jackpot with 39 goals in their Fourth Division promotion season. Within two years he was up-graded again with a £35,000 transfer to assist Wolves back to the First Division. A £20,000 cheque exchanged hands when he went to Bristol City for a year and then it was back to Carlisle, where he was a great success again, drawing a £50,000 bid from Middlesbrough. Had a good season there and moved to Preston for £25,000 in July, 1971.

**JOHN McMAHON, Defender.** Manchester-born defender who joined Preston as an apprentice and made first-team progress in their Third Division season. Became a regular with 33 League games last

term and is now rated amongst the most reliable backs in the Division.

**JIM McNAB, Defender.** Experienced and versatile player who served his first club, Sunderland, in over 300 games, playing in a variety of positions, including full back, centre half and inside forward. Cost Preston £40,000 in March, 1967, and has given them equally good service.

**GEORGE ROSS, Defender.** Injuries badly affected Preston's long-serving defender last season when he added only three appearances to his total of over 400 games. Hails from Inverness, arriving at Preston 14 years ago, and coming to the fore with the 1960 F.A. Youth Cup Final team. Played in the 1964 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.

**ALEX SPARK, Midfield.** Former apprentice from Stenhousemuir, Scotland, who progressed through Preston's junior sides and made his debut at the same time as Heppolette in December, 1968. The following year he represented Scotland in the European Youth Tournament in France.

**ALAN SPAVIN, Midfield.** Club skipper and voted Third Division Player of the Year when North End won promotion in 1970-71. Played alongside former England winger Peter Thompson in Preston's 1960 F.A. Youth Cup Final side and showed maturity as a ball-artist in the 1964 F.A. Cup Final. Made his League debut during Preston's relegation season in 1961 and has played over 400 first-team games. Missed the start of this season because of an ankle injury.

**GARY WILLIAMS, Forward.** Former amateur from Liverpool who made his League bow with one game before the end of last season. Was in the side against Aston Villa last Saturday.

**DAVID WILSON, Winger.** Like Spavin and Ross, he began in the 1960 Youth team and played in the F.A. Cup Final. Also won seven England Under-23 caps before joining Liverpool. Returned to North End nearly four years ago.

**ALAN TARBUCK, Forward.** Successful £5,000 signing from Chester last September, scoring ten goals in his 19 League appearances for North End. Had netted 16 for Chester in 1970-71 and had previously had a lengthy spell with Crewe.

**NEIL YOUNG, Forward.** Goal-scoring hero of Manchester City's 1969 F.A. Cup-winning side and a regular marksman in several of City's major triumphs of recent years. Joined North End last season along with David Connor.



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# TOWNSMEN



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Middle row: Roy McRohan (coach), John Ryan (captain), Steve Litt, Tony Castiello, Alan Garner, Robin Wainwright, Ken Goodeve, Keith Barber, Willie Carrick, Tony Read, John Moore, Viv Busby, John Aston,

Alan Slough, Rodney Fern, Michael Gilchrist, Reg Game (trainer), Ken Whitfield (assistant coach).  
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# STATISTICS

## LEAGUE DIVISION TWO—FINAL TABLE 1971-72

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Team	Home Gates		Leading Scorers
								Best	Average	
42	21	15	6	60	36	57	NORWICH CITY	35,076	23,283	Foggo 13, Silvester 12, Cross 8, Paddon 8
42	19	18	5	60	31	56	BIRMINGHAM CITY	45,181	32,336	Latchford 23, Hatton 15, Francis 12
42	19	17	6	64	46	55	MILLWALL	24,266	15,848	Possee 15, Bolland 14, Bridges 12
42	20	14	8	57	28	54	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	25,257	14,366	Marsh 17, O'Rourke 9, Leach 8
42	17	16	9	67	57	50	SUNDERLAND	28,129	15,849	Watson 13, Tueart 12, Kerr 9
42	20	7	15	70	50	47	BLACKPOOL	22,610	13,483	Burns 17, Dyson 12, Suddick 10
42	20	6	16	70	55	46	BURNLEY	21,977	12,850	Casper 18, Fletcher 10, Dobson 8
42	18	10	14	61	49	46	BRISTOL CITY	23,560	15,278	Galley 22, Gow 9, Spiring 9
42	19	8	15	50	48	46	MIDDLESBROUGH	34,846	17,957	Hickton 12, Mills 8, Maddren 7, Vincent 7
42	17	9	16	61	57	43	CARLISLE UNITED	12,281	9,477	Bowles 11, Owen 11, Martin 10
42	15	12	15	47	47	42	SWINDON TOWN	21,383	13,356	Noble 14, Horsfield 12, Rogers 7
42	14	10	18	49	53	38	HULL CITY	26,091	13,970	Pearson 15, Wagstaff 11, Butler 8
42	10	18	14	43	48	38	LUTON TOWN	17,280	11,379	Anderson 10, Givens 8, Halom 7
42	13	12	17	51	58	38	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	31,391	17,157	Joicey 16, Craig 10, Sissons 8
42	12	14	16	43	55	38	OXFORD UNITED	18,740	9,301	Cassidy 13, Sloan 6, Clarke (D) 5
42	12	13	17	59	68	37	Portsmouth	16,058	11,916	Reynolds 10, Hiron 9, Trebilcock 9
42	14	9	19	50	61	37	ORIENT	33,383	10,823	Bowyer 15, Bullock 12, Dyson 9
42	12	12	18	52	58	36	Preston North End	27,284	15,134	McIlmoyle 11, Tarbuck 10, Ingram 8
42	10	14	18	56	69	34	CARDIFF CITY	23,692	15,570	Clark 21, Warboys 13, Woodruff 6
42	12	10	20	45	68	34	FULHAM	21,187	11,051	Earle 11, Barrett 8, Conway 8
42	12	9	21	55	77	33	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	26,582	10,431	Treacy 13, Peacock 11, Hunt 9
42	5	9	28	24	75	19	WATFORD	22,421	10,859	Eddy 6, Wigg 4, Franks 3, McGilligan 3

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# FIXTURES

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 72-73

Date	Opponents	Att	F A
Aug 12	Cardiff City		
16	League Cup—1		
19	Preston North End		
26	Orient		
30	Oxford United		
Sept 2	Huddersfield Town		
6	League Cup—2		
9	Nottingham Forest		
16	Brighton & Hove Albion		
20	Portsmouth		
23	Sheffield Wednesday		
26	Swindon Town		
30	Burnley		
Oct 4	League Cup—3		
7	Blackpool		
14	Sunderland		
21	Hull City		
28	Bristol City		
Nov 1	League Cup—4		
4	Swindon Town		
11	Portsmouth		
18	Aston Villa (F.A.C.1)		
22	League Cup—5		
25	Carlisle United		
Dec 2	Fulham		
6	League Cup—S.F.		
9	Q.P.R. (F.A.C.2)		
16	Millwall		
20	League Cup—S.F.		
23	Middlesbrough		
26	Sheffield Wednesday		
30	Preston North End		
Jan 6	Orient		
13	F.A. Cup—3		
20	Huddersfield Town		
27	Nottingham Forest		
Feb 3	F.A. Cup—4		
10	Brighton & Hove Albion		
17	Cardiff City (L.C. Final)		
24	Millwall (F.A. Cup—5)		
Mar 3	Blackpool		
10	Sunderland		
17	Hull City (F.A. Cup—6)		
24	Bristol City		
31	Carlisle United		
Apr 7	Fulham (F.A. Cup—S.F.)		
14	Queen's Park Rangers		
21	Aston Villa		
23	Middlesbrough		
24	Burnley		
28	Oxford United		
May 5	F.A. Cup—Final		

## MID-WEEK FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES—SEASON 1972-73

Date	Opponent	F A	Date	Opponent	F A
Aug 23	Gillingham		Dec 5	Northampton Town	
30	Brighton & Hove A		13	Colchester United	
Sept 6	Cambridge United		Jan 3	Millwall	
27	Cambridge United		10	Brighton & Hove	
11	Millwall		17	Orient	
18	Watford		24	Southend United	
25	Watford		31	Charlton Athletic	
Nov 1	Gillingham		Feb 7	Watford L.C.	
8	Northampton T.		14	Watford L.C.	
15	Southend United		28	Northampton L.C.	
21	Charlton Athletic		Mar 6	Northampton L.C.	
29	Colchester United		14	Orient	

## BACKTRACK

Match: Cardiff City v Luton Town

Ground: Ninian Park, Cardiff

Date: Saturday 12th August, 1972

Attendance: 16,364

Competition: Football League—Division Two (First away match)

Teams: CARDIFF: Irwin; Carver, Bell; Foggon, Murray, Lamour; Gibson, Clark, Phillips, Warboys, Showers. Sub: Villars.

LUTON: Barber; John Ryan, Thomson; Anderson, Faulkner, Garner; Jimmy Ryan, Fern, Busby, Halom, Aston. Sub: Moore.

Scorers: CARDIFF: Bell (pen. 44 mins), Warboys (60 mins).

LUTON: Aston (pen 39 mins).

Result: CARDIFF CITY 2, LUTON TOWN 1

Paper talk: PETER JACKSON (South Wales Echo) said: 'City's start was a distinctly apprehensive one, having lost the early initiative to Luton in general and to Peter Anderson in particular. Anderson, skilfully switching the path of attack with raking diagonal passes, kept City back-peddalling as Luton drove forward in quest of an early goal.'

'... Luton's early control reduced City's aggression to a minimum.

'... Luton came back for a final fling and City wobbled with uncertainty.

'... The game held its interest right to the end. Barber making a spectacular punch-out from Warboy's head and Irwin springing to his left to make an exciting two-handed save from Busby.'

### FORTHCOMING MATCHES . . .

MID-WEEK LEAGUE, WEDNESDAY 23rd AUGUST, 1972  
LUTON TOWN RESERVES v GILLINGHAM RESERVES  
Kick-off: 7-30 pm

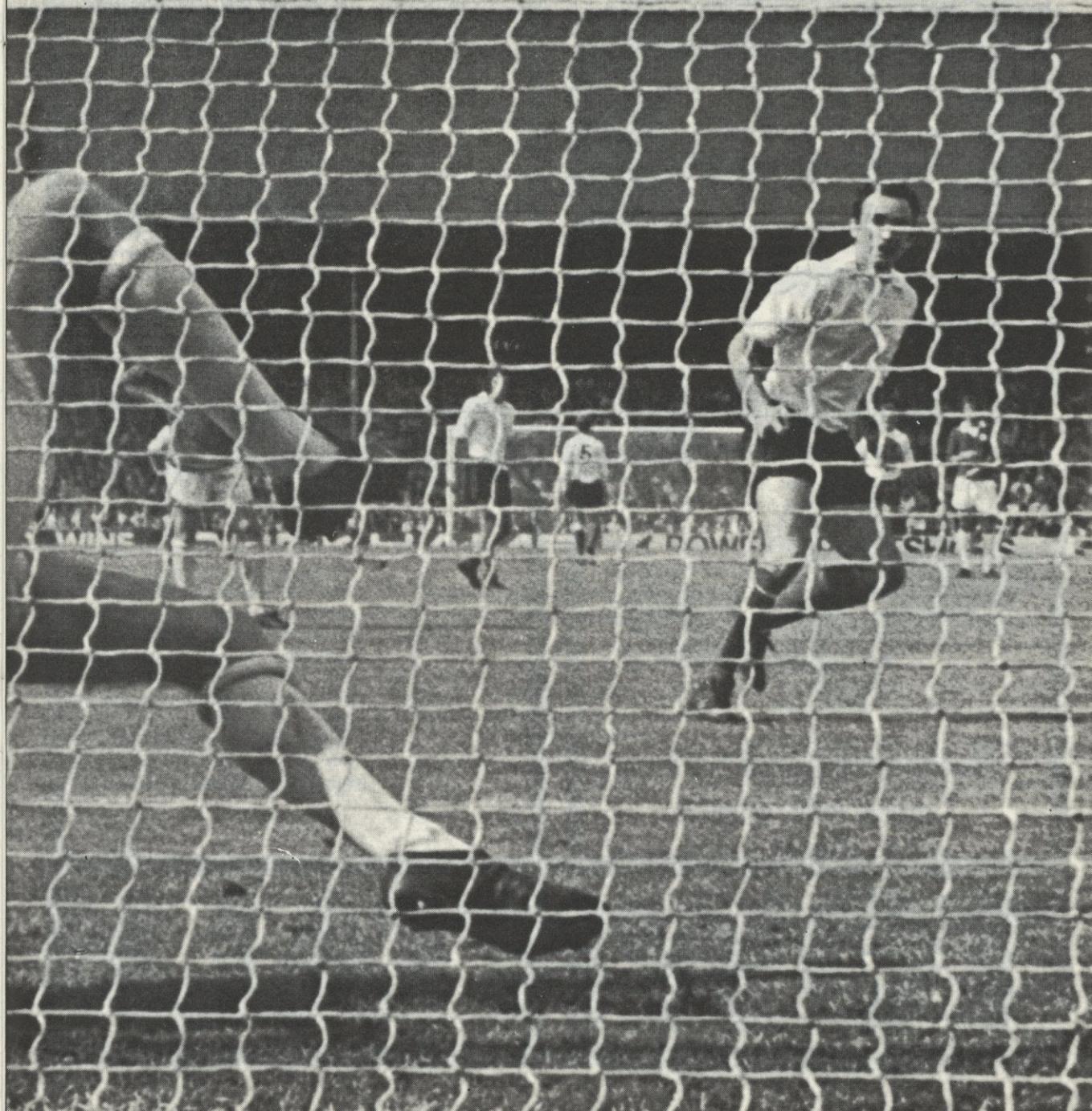
FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION TWO  
WEDNESDAY 30th AUGUST, 1972  
LUTON TOWN v OXFORD UNITED  
Kick-off: 7-30 pm

FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION TWO  
SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 1972  
LUTON TOWN v HUDDERSFIELD TOWN  
Kick-off: 3-00 pm

# ACTION



It was certainly a 'new-look' Town on parade at Ninian Park last Saturday and, despite the 2-1 scoreline in Cardiff's favour, there was a lot to admire about the Luton performance. Former Manchester United winger Johnny Aston got off to a flying start in his new career by equalising with a first-half penalty (pictured below by courtesy of the Evening Post). The match also marked John Ryan's appearance as new club skipper (left: he shakes hands with Cardiff captain Don Murray).



# TOWN TALK

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## TRAVEL

### ORIENT v LUTON TOWN

The club hope to run coaches to this match, please watch local Press for times and fare.

### NOTTINGHAM FOREST v LUTON Saturday 9th September, 1972

Depart Luton 11-55 am  
Bedford 12-15 pm

Arrive Nottingham 13-39 pm

Depart Nottingham 17-28 pm  
Bedford 18-55 pm

Arrive Luton 19-25 pm

Fare £1.35

## MASCOT

Any one wishing to be a mascot should contact the club Secretary, Luton Town Football Club, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton. The age limit for this is up to 12.

## APOLOGY

The club would like to apologise for last Wednesday evening's match against Royal Crossing to the supporters of the club who had to wait to be admitted into the ground. This was due to the shortage of staff who were away on holiday, the club tried every thing possible to help the supporters by moving extra gatemen to the gates concerned (e.g. Kenilworth Road and Maple Road). It was hoped that the Evening Post reporter would come to the rescue of the club as he was an eyewitness to the sparsity of the ground at 7-15 pm. The club would appeal to it's supporters to come to the ground earlier to avoid queueing, it also apologises to spectators using the wing stand for the inconvenience of the wrestling stage that was being used that night for the wrestling match. The club would like to take this opportunity of wishing all it's supporters a happy season.

# TOWN TALK

## SCORES

### List One

Arsenal v Stoke  
Coventry v Southampton  
C. Palace v Liverpool  
Derby v Chelsea  
Everton v Manchester Utd  
Ipswich v Birmingham  
Leeds v W B Albion  
Manchester C v Norwich  
Sheffield Utd v Newcastle  
West Ham v Leicester  
Wolves v Tottenham  
Aston Villa v Huddersfield

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## SCORES

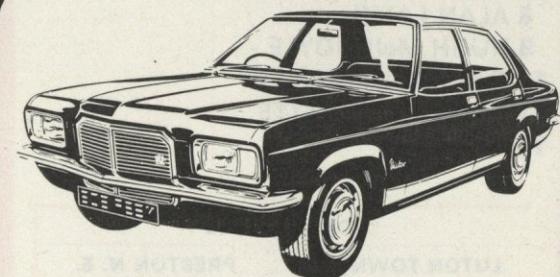
### List Two

Blackpool v Brighton  
Bristol C v Millwall  
Carlisle v Swindon  
Fulham v Burnley  
Hull v Nottingham For  
Oxford v Middlesbrough  
Portsmouth v Cardiff  
Q P R v Sheffield Wed  
Sunderland v Orient  
B'mouth v Chesterfield  
Halifax v Bristol Rovers  
Notts County v Bolton

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## LUTON TOWN

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- 3 BOBBY THOMSON
- 4 PETER ANDERSON
- 5 JOHN FAULKNER
- 6 ALAN SLOUGH
- 7 JIMMY RYAN
- 8 RODNEY FERN
- 9 VIV BUSBY
- 10 VIC HALOM
- 11 JOHN ASTON
- 12

## PRESTON N. E.

Blue Shirts, White Shorts

- 1 ALAN KELLY
- 2 JOHN McMAHON
- 3 JIM McNAB
- 4 JOHN BIRD
- 5 GRAHAM HAWKINS
- 6 DAVID CONNOR
- 7 NEIL YOUNG
- 8 ALAN LAMB
- 9 HUGH McILMOYLE
- 10 GARY WILLIAMS
- 11 RICKY HEPPOLETTE
- 12

GOALSCORERS			
LUTON TOWN		PRESTON N. E.	
HALF TIME		HALF TIME	
FULL TIME		FULL TIME	

**Referee:**

TREVOR SPENCER, Wooton Bassett, nr. Swindon.

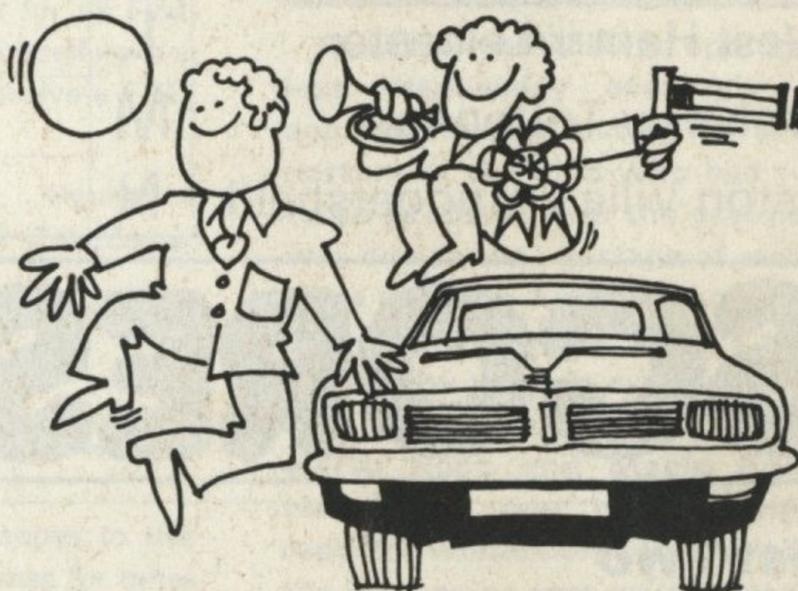
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