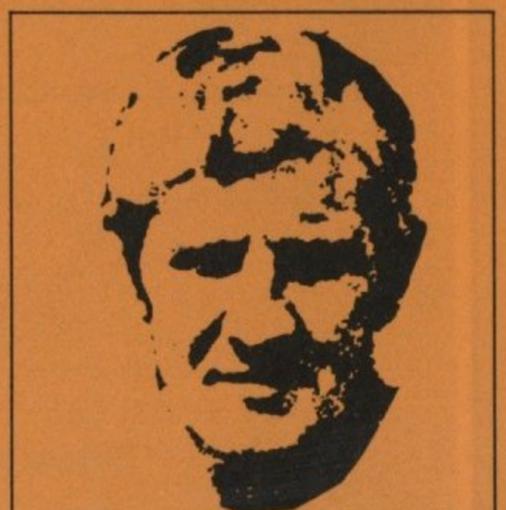
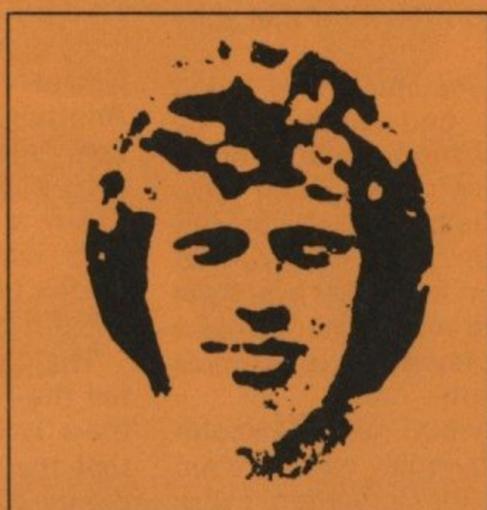
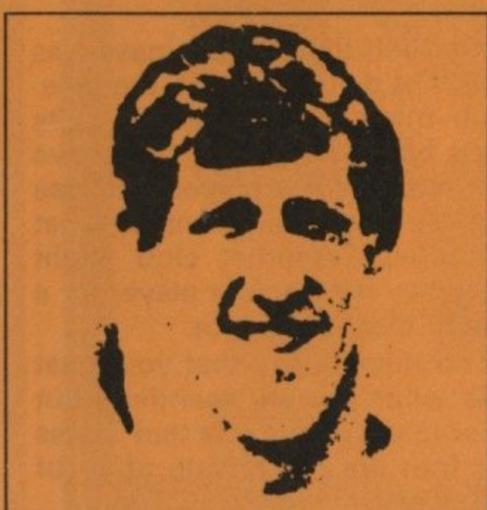
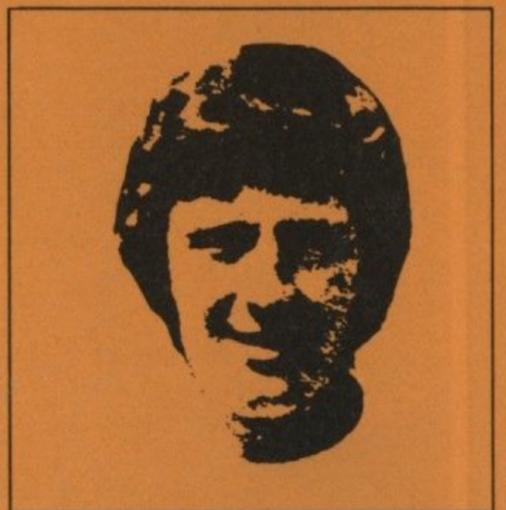
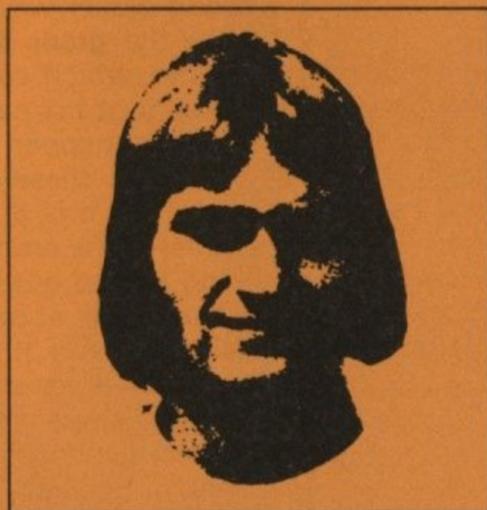
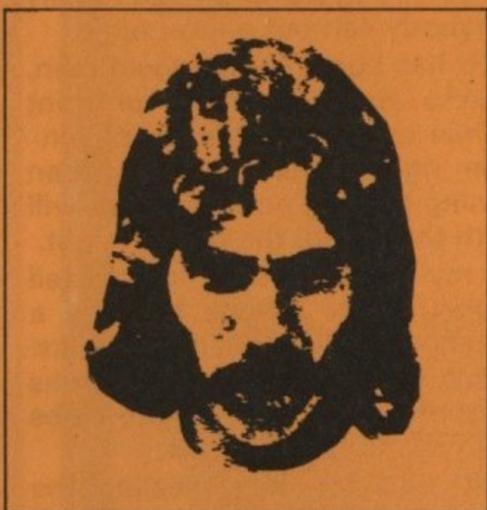
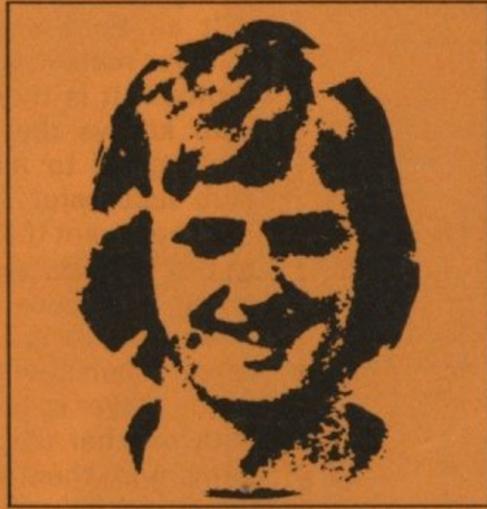
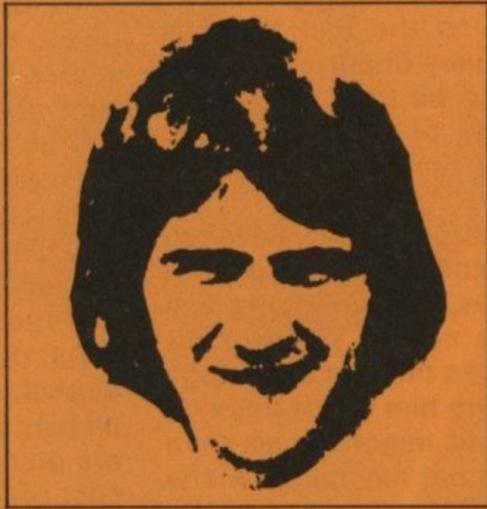
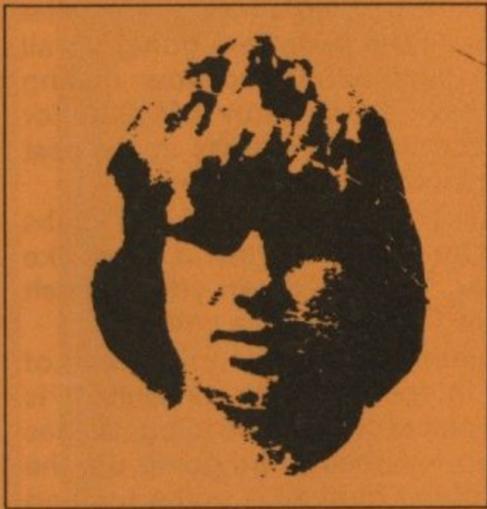


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HARRY HASLAM



The £200,000-plus transfer of David Nish last week has prompted several people to ask me where it is all going to end.

They claim that transfer fees of this kind are inflated and that a ceiling must be reached some time.

I don't know that I altogether agree with that view, because like everything else the cost of footballers is going up all the time.

If a club is going to pay out £225,000 for a full-back, what is the cost of a 'striker' going to be?

It all boils down to the fact that the transfer market is a very important part of football. It is there to be used, and every club knows the type of player they are looking for to make their own particular club successful.

If they want that man, then they have got to pay for him. You don't get good players going free these days. The only time you free a player is at a certain stage of his career when it will be to the best advantage to the player in helping him to get fixed up with another club and negotiate his own terms with them without having a transfer fee round his neck. Or in the case of the young player who the clubs feel will not make the grade so they are given a free transfer, which can prove very costly if he makes it at his next club, and believe me this does happen in many cases.

No club these days gives good players away, and it is a hard fact of life that the smaller clubs are finding that they are not being helped out by the larger ones.

There are about four clubs who can really afford £300,000 transfers, but although they have got the money, it is how wisely it is spent that brings success.

Sunderland in the past were known as the 'Bank of England' club and spent a fortune for those days in star names, but it never brought the success on the field that they were hoping for.

Derby County for instance have spent their money wisely, and proved it by finishing at the top of the First Division.

People never mind how much you spend on a player, it is only when you sell one that they complain. And when you do sell you have to bear in mind that you have to find somebody as a replacement unless you already have a player in the reserves you feel can do the job.

We sold Chris Nicholl and Malcolm MacDonald. It was obviously easier for me to find a replacement for Chris than it was

for Mac, because Mac was a productive player and you could see his output by goals in the back of the net at the other end.

He is the type of player, the goal-scorer that everybody is looking for, that is going to keep the transfer market soaring in the future.

Another way that clubs try to keep the expenditure down is by the youth system, but this takes time, and if you get two lads to make the grade through your youth squad, you are doing well.

I don't think it is unfair on the smaller clubs, because the prices are going up all round, and such clubs are now finding that they have to pay out £10,000 for the player they want, whereas in the past they would look for free transfers.

Of course, these days, nearly all clubs buy players on deferred terms. It is just like buying a car. You put down your deposit and then pay the rest over a period.

As the transfer fees rise, the cost of everything in football rises as well. It is all part and parcel of the same thing. Wages are going up, overheads are going up, the cost of watching football is going up, and so is the price of players, and I can't really see how anybody can put a level on it.

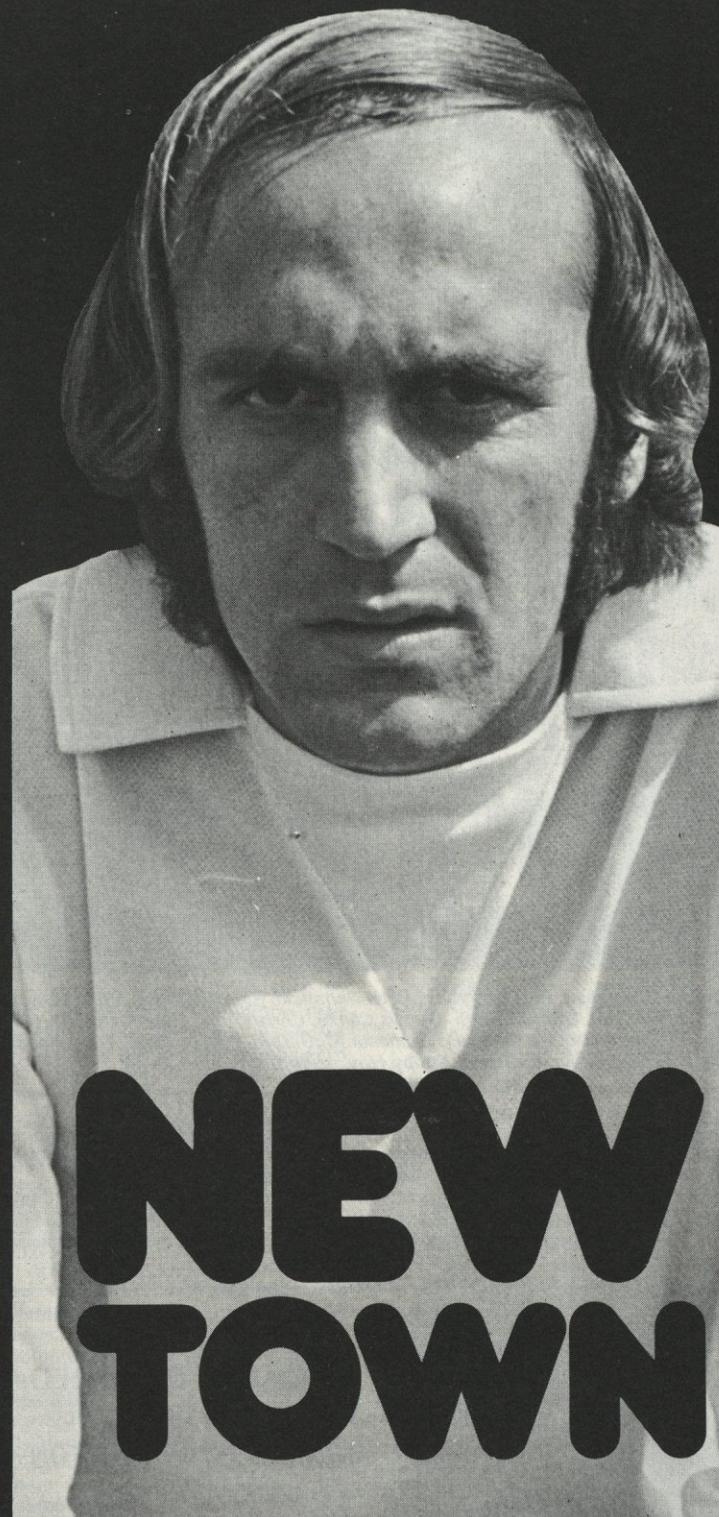
Every club has about ten midfield men, four full-backs and a shortage of front runners. While the demand for front runners of the right calibre is high, then clubs are going to hang on to them, or will not part with them until the price is right.

To finish my views I would like to tell of a statement made at one time by a certain manager which was 'If money talks, then my club is speechless' which sums up the plight of some of the league clubs as regards to the transfer market.

I was criticised for not revealing the transfer fee to the Press when we signed Rodney Fern.

At that time I felt that our business was best served by not divulging it at the time. Another club might decide that it suits their interests best to say that they have paid a lot of money for a player, because this is a surprise to the fans, and is what they want to hear. Another club might decide to say they have sold a player for a lot of money to clear their debt.

There are no rules to say that you must tell the Press what you are spending, but there is a Football League rule that states that transfer fees are the private affair of the club and player.



RODNEY FERN

Harry Haslam directed the biggest financial transaction of his lifetime during the close-season when he paid Leicester City a reported fee of £44,000 for Rodney Fern, a player whose roots at Filbert Street were so deep that the move didn't come easily.

Rodney, City's outside-right at Wembley when they were beaten 1-0 by Manchester City in the 1969 Cup Final, was the most expensive of the three 'injections' Luton's new manager arranged to strengthen the senior squad's search for goals this term.

Countless First Division games, trying to crack some of the best defences in the world, has cultivated a very experienced eye at spotting situations which unlock the way to goal—and this is what Rodney Fern will be contributing to the new Luton effort.

Since joining Leicester at 18, our biggest signing was principally occupied up front on the flank, potting for success between the posts. Now Fern's maturity commands him to a role rather deeper—but he is fully expecting to be a prominent figure when the goal-tally is counted at the end of the season.

A classroom pal of Vic Halom when both attended the same school near Burton-on-Trent, Rodney will be mixing craft with his speed amongst the 'floating' five which Luton are employing to link in turn with Viv Busby, who is a fixed spearhead of the attack.

A real 100 per cent club player, Rod told us it was a big wrench leaving Leicester City and he thought a lot about the only move he's ever made in his professional career. 'I had other offers. But Luton seemed the most favourable after a chat with Harry Haslam.

'I learned a lot about the team and its ideas in Turkey and from a player's point of view, I think the tour was very successful, even though I banged my big toe.'

Rodney wouldn't commit himself to a forecast on his future at Kenilworth Road—a cautious approach which possibly stems from his length of loyal service at Leicester which carried him so close to big soccer rewards.

'Naturally, I hope to do well and be successful. But years of experience has taught me that it can depend on so many different things.' Sounds like Rodney Fern is not the type to count his chickens before they are hatched.

TALKING ABOUT HUDDERSFIELD



Back row: (left to right): Jimmy Lawson, Mick Fairclough, Les Chapman, Dick Krzywicki, Peter Schofield, Stephen Smith, John Dungworth, Geoff Hutt, Jimmy Nicholson. Centre row (left to right): David Lyon, Graham Pugh, Dennis Clarke, Chris Wood, Gary Pierce, Terry Poole, Terry Dolan, Alan Gowling, Roy Ellam (now Leeds United). Front row (left to right): Grahame McGifford, Freddy Rose, Terry Henderson, Brian Marshall, Ian Greaves (manager), Paul Smith, David Smith, Bobby Hoy, Mick Barry, Alan Jones.

Huddersfield Town's relegation from the First Division last May was followed by a massive unloading of star players. Town have scooped in no less than a quarter of a million from the sale of four regular first-

team players.

First to depart was goalkeeper David Lawson, sold to Everton for a British record fee reported to be in the region of £80,000. That represented a profit of around £75,000 on a young man who

was once released for nothing by Newcastle United and later bought from Bradford Park Avenue for £5,000.

Huddersfield felt quite happy to take the tempting offer because they had Gary Pierce pressing for senior recognition and



Huddersfield Town's new-look defence in action at Villa Park. The men on view: Chris Wood, Steve Smith, David Lyon and Geoff Hutt.

were hoping that broken-leg victim Terry Poole would soon be fit again. However, the plans went astray because of a pre-season injury to Pierce and, with Poole still not ready, 17-year-old Chris Wood was pushed into the side with immediate success in August.

Huddersfield's defence was further re-shaped by two deals with Leeds United. First, Don Revie moved in with a £100,000 bid for skipper Trevor Cherry, who had come up through Town's junior ranks, and, later, the Leeds boss returned to buy centre-half Roy Ellam for £30,000—around three times what Town paid for him.

A further defender missing from last season's squad is right-back Dennis Clarke, kept out of action by an ankle injury. So, in fact, only Geoff Hutt remains of the back five!

Town's selling operation continued in August when they accepted a big fee from Leicester City for Frank Worthington, their top scorer in the 1969-70 promotion season. Leicester first wanted Worthington in May, but negotiations were suspended when he was whisked off on the England Under-23 tour, and, on his return, Liverpool tabled a successful £150,000 offer.

However, two medical reports caused Liverpool to withdraw and Worthington was still on Town's books at the start of the season—though only in the reserves. 'What would be the point of my including him in my plans?' queried manager Ian Greaves. 'He is fit and well now and might be transferred after playing only a couple of games.' Mr Greaves was proved correct for Worthington was soon on his way to Leicester at considerably less than Liverpool's bid.

To cover the departure of so many key players, Huddersfield bought new skipper Alan Gowling from Manchester United and spent over £50,000 to buy Sheffield Wednesday's former England Under-23 international midfielder man, Graham Pugh.

The back division was re-modelled with young Wood in goal and two modest signings of previous seasons—Terry Dolan,

Summary of past meetings in the Football League . . .

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Home	5	2	0	3	8	10	4
Away	5	2	1	2	5	7	5
Total	10	4	1	5	13	17	9

Best win: 2-0 (away in 1955-56). Worst defeat 3-0 (away in 1952-53).

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Division One Champions: 1923-24, 1924-25, 1925-26. Runners-up: 1926-27, 1927-28, 1933-34.

Division Two Champions: 1969-70. Runners-up: 1919-20, 1952-53.

F.A. Cup Winners: 1922. Runners-up: 1920, 1928, 1930, 1938.

Ten Year Record . . .

Season	Div	Posn	W	F	A	Pts
1971-72	1	22nd	6	27	59	25
1970-71	1	15th	11	40	49	36
1969-70	2	1st	24	68	37	60
1968-69	2	6th	17	53	46	46
1967-68	2	14th	13	46	61	38
1966-67	2	6th	20	58	46	49
1965-66	2	4th	19	62	36	51
1964-65	2	8th	17	53	51	44
1963-64	2	12th	15	57	64	40
1962-63	2	6th	17	63	50	48

from Bradford Park Avenue, and David Lyon, from Bury—forming a new central partnership.

Naturally, the wholesale changes made the start of the season a period of 'wait and see' for Mr Greaves. 'I shall have to see who fits in best and where,' he commented. 'With these lads playing together for the first time, it is doubly important that we make a good start.'

Well, things began well enough with a 1-0 home victory over much-fancied Blackpool, but a testing second match at Villa Park saw them lose 2-0 to the Third Division Champions of last season. This was followed by a 1-1 result at home to Carlisle United and Town were reasonably satisfied with a point-a-game schedule.

After all, it is never easy for a relegated club to regain complete confidence overnight. In addition, Town started by carrying the burden of perhaps the longest 'win-less' sequence in the Football League.

They did not win a single League game in their last five months as a First Division side—yet, just to show how fickle football fortune is, their last victory was against Derby County, the League Champions! And another of their six League successes came against Leeds United.

However, from the time they toppled Derby on 27th November, Huddersfield slipped into increasing fear of relegation. They drew ten and lost 12 of the final 22 fixtures, plunging them to the bottom of the table on an inferior goal-average to Nottingham Forest. Even so, they finished only four points behind 20th-placed Crystal Palace and could partly pinpoint their demotion to the loss of three points to the South London team.

Even during their period of torment in the later days of the season, Huddersfield retained a strong determination and, over the full campaign, they were beaten badly only once—that was when losing 4-1 at Tottenham. They conceded three goals in six other fixtures, but generally presented a tight, hard-to-beat formation.

They also enjoyed a promising run in the F.A. Cup, beating Burnley, Fulham and West Ham United before bowing out 3-1 to Birmingham City in the quarter-final. That result was harsh, too, for they played without goalkeeper Lawson throughout the second half.

In the final relegation analysis, it was a great pity that their Cup scoring form—three against Fulham and four against West Ham United—couldn't have been repeated in just a couple of League games.

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MANAGER CAPTAIN

Ian Greaves, manager of Huddersfield Town for four seasons, is one of three League chiefs to have emerged from Manchester United's post-Munich Cup Final team of 1959.

Along with goalkeeper Harry Gregg, now manager of Shrewsbury Town, and wing-half Freddie Goodwin, now in charge at Birmingham City, Mr Greaves played at left-back in the Old Trafford side which lost 2-0 to Bolton Wanderers.

In that fantastically emotional period, Mr Greaves assisted United in their magnificent rise from the ruins of the air disaster in Germany. Fired by a wave of hysteria from the massed terraces, United conquered all the odds to reach Wembley, but were beaten by two goals from Nat Lofthouse.

While helping United build for more Championship honours in the Sixties, Mr Greaves—and his two fellow managers of today—learned much of their trade from the highest possible source, Sir Matt Busby.

Mr Greaves and Birmingham's Mr Goodwin have remained firm friends since making their way from Old Trafford. A coaching job at Leeds Road led to Mr Greaves becoming manager of Huddersfield and setting them on course to the Second Division Championship in 1970, while Mr Goodwin played with Leeds United, stepped into management with Scunthorpe, then sampled America with New York Generals before returning home to manage Brighton and now Birmingham.

Strangely enough, their paths crossed again last season—but in unfortunate circumstances for Huddersfield. The clubs met in the quarter-final of the F.A. Cup at St. Andrew's and it was Blues who took the semi-final place with a 3-1 victory. Then, at the end of the season, the two old chums exchanged places—Huddersfield were relegated and Birmingham stepped up a division.



When Huddersfield Town won the Second Division in 1970, they were captained by a former Manchester United player—Jimmy Nicholson. Now, on their return to this section, they have appointed a new skipper in Alan Gowling—and he also hails from Old Trafford.

Gowling, a tall, talented player who has proved that he can play with success in midfield or as a striker, joined Town for a reported £70,000 during the summer. He was made captain in succession to Trevor Cherry, who joined Leeds United, and he has been given the centre-forward job in place of Frank Worthington, now with Leicester City.

Like Liverpool's Steve Heighway, Alan Gowling is one of a growing number of University graduates making a name in professional soccer. The Stockport-born forward insisted on completing his studies for an Economics Degree at Manchester University before accepting a full professional contract.

When he made his First Division debut in 1968, he was on the part-time staff, but really made progress when adjusting to full training. In February, 1971, he slammed four goals in a 5-1 beating of Southampton and looked set for a permanent place as a striker.

However, there were new plans for Gowling as soon as Frank O'Farrell became United's manager. He was moved into midfield and, while enjoying his best-ever run in the League side, Gowling caught the eye of Sir Alf Ramsey, who made him captain of the England Under-23 side against Switzerland last season.

Gowling had 35 League outings, giving a full record of 64 appearances for United, with 18 goals. It came as a surprise when Mr O'Farrell listened favourably to Huddersfield's offer during the summer, but Gowling was only too pleased to have a change of scenery.

POINTS ON PLAYERS

MICK BARRY, Midfield. Hull-born player who went to Huddersfield as an apprentice in October, 1968—chief scout Roy Lambert's first 'find'. A former England Schoolboy Youth trialist, he signed professional in May, 1970, and has made 16 first-team appearances.

LES CHAPMAN, Forward. Former Chaddeton Grammar School player, he joined Town in September, 1969, in a move which involved centre-forward David Shaw moving to Oldham. Has made 78 first-team appearances and missed only four games last season.

TERRY DOLAN, Defender. Began his career with Bradford City and then joined Bradford Park Avenue. Signed for Huddersfield in October, 1970, and played mainly in the shadow of Trevor Cherry, replaced Cherry this season.

JOHN DUNGWORTH, Forward. Born Rotherham and signed as an apprentice in 1970. Became a full professional in March this year. Had trials for England Youth.

MICK FAIRCLOUGH, Forward. Accompanied Eire in the mini-world cup in Brazil during the close-season. Born in Drogheda, he signed for Town in August, 1971, and has played both as an amateur and professional for Eire. Played seven times for the first-team.

ALAN GOWLING, Forward. Club skipper and Town's costliest signing when moving from Manchester United in the close-season. Stockport-born he played for Cheshire and Stockport Schoolboys and was capped at junior and senior amateur levels. Signed part-time professional for Manchester United in 1968 and became full-time after obtaining an economics degree at Manchester University. Played for and captained England Under-23's.

TERRY HENDERSON, Defender. Born Shirebrook, he signed apprentice in 1969 and full-time in August, 1971. Played for Derbyshire at Under-13, 15 and 18 levels, and is a former England Youth trialist. Two first-team games.

BOBBY HOY, Forward. Joined Town from school in 1966 and became professional the following year. Born in Halifax, he has gained England Youth honours and made almost 100 first-team appearances. Scored on his debut against Birmingham City in the 1967-68 season.

GEOFF HUTT, Defender. Born near Castleford, he became an apprentice in 1966 and signed full-time in September, 1967. Has gained England Youth honours and has played 181 games for the first-team. Memorable debut playing in an F.A. Cup match against West Ham United in January, 1969.

ALAN JONES, Defender. An attacking player, he was born in Barnsley and joined



Town as an apprentice five years ago. He has played 22 first-team games, making his debut against Nottingham Forest in a League Cup game in 1970.

DICK KRZYWICKI, Forward. Welsh born of Polish parents, he is a former record Town signing, joining them from West Bromwich Albion during Town's promotion season. Holds both Under-23 and full international honours for Wales. Made over 40 first-team appearances.

JIMMY LAWSON, Forward. Born in Middlesbrough, he played for his hometown club before joining Town in July, 1968. Developed in the Ayresome Park nursery after representing both North Riding and Yorkshire schoolboys.

DAVID LYON, Defender. The 6' 3" Cheshire-born player joined Town from Bury in September, 1971, and made his debut as a forward at the end of last season. Five first-team games, and has now succeeded Roy Ellam, now with Leeds United, in the number five spot.

BRIAN MARSHALL, Midfield. Another product of Town's successful nursery, he was born in Bolton-on-Deane and sign full professional in December, 1971. Played for Yorkshire schoolboys.

GRAHAME McGIFFORD, Defender. Born at Wallington, Surrey, he was captain of the successful Town juniors side last season. Signed full-time in July, 1972.

JIMMY NICHOLSON, Midfield. Born in Belfast and bought up with Manchester United where he made a very early name

for himself. Won his first of many full international honours with Northern Ireland when he was only 17. Transferred to Huddersfield in December, 1964, and has since made almost 300 first-team appearances.

GARY PIERCE, Goalkeeper. Born in Bury. Played as an amateur with Oxford United, Rochdale and Bolton Wanderers before joining non-League Mossley. He was signed from there in February, 1971. Played as an amateur for Lancashire and had an England Youth trial. Has made 12 first-team appearances.

TERRY POOLE, Goalkeeper. Born in Chesterfield, home town of England goalkeeper Gordon Banks. He was signed from Manchester United in August, 1968, and made his debut shortly afterwards against Manchester City. Has not played in a League match for 20 months after breaking a leg against Birmingham City in a Cup replay. Has made 92 first-team appearances.

GRAHAM PUGH, Midfield. Born at Hoole, Cheshire. Joined Sheffield Wednesday as an apprentice in 1965 and made his League debut in 1966. Played in an F.A. Cup Final when only 18—replacing former Town winger Colin Dobson. An England Under-23 international, he joined Town in May this year.

FREDDY ROSE, Forward. Born at Stannington, he signed professional in March this year after graduating through the nursery. He played for Northumberland at three levels and for England Youth last season.

PETER SCHOFIELD, Midfield. Born in Huddersfield, he joined the club in July, 1967, and was signed full professional in October, 1969.

DAVID SMITH, Defender. Born at Sheffield, he joined Town as a professional in April, 1969, having previously represented Yorkshire Grammar Schools. Played 16 first-team games and scored in several.

PAUL SMITH, Midfield. Born in Doncaster, he represented Yorkshire Boys before joining Town in 1970.

STEPHEN SMITH, Midfield. Born in Huddersfield. Played in most positions for Town but is now established in midfield. Signed professional in October, 1963, and made 199 first-team appearances. Described often as a 'Manager's player'.

CHRIS WOOD, Goalkeeper. Born in Sheffield, he went to Penistone Grammar School and joined Town from there last year. Signed full professional in May, 1972. Made his League debut at the start of this season.

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Last season was basically a term of torment for Luton striker Viv Busby, the player the pundits tipped to take over the scoring mantle from Malcolm MacDonald.

Turned down by Queens Park Rangers when he was 17, Viv's soccer world was poised to spin him to the top of his profession when he joined Newcastle United on trial and immediately found the net to lead them to successive away wins.

But the dreams of linking with his former co-striker, 'Big Mac,' turned sour when Newcastle crashed out of the Cup at Hereford. The dressing room afterwards was like a funeral parlour. United were so shocked, I reckoned they were more crestfallen than if they had lost a Final at Wembley.'

As a Luton-tied player, Viv didn't share the same emotional strains. His bitter disappointment was reserved for later, however, when the defeat backfired on the plans already laid by Joe Harvey to sign him and the whole deal fell through.

Back home at Kenilworth Road, Viv found Luton living on a starvation diet of goals and, with a growing emphasis being placed on preventing them to ensure Second Division safety, the former Wycombe Wanderers man slipped from the glamour of a First Division attack into a Second Division reserve squad.

'Amazingly, I had only 16 senior games for Luton last season and notched the princely sum of just two goals. But the 'trial' at Newcastle and Luton's own loss of form was probably a mental pressure which just simply destroyed my natural game.'

Bearing this in mind, last week's winner from Viv against Orient must have arrived as a very satisfying personal release from the problems of last season. 'The last goal I got brought Luton a 1-0 victory against Burnley in March.'

Over to Viv now to get the on-the-spot version of the first of what he hopes will be plenty this season. 'Earlier in the game, I noticed this particular Orient defender keen to use his goalkeeper. But there seemed to be a lack of understanding. I just bided my time and it came and I was able to pick up the back pass and beat Ray Goddard, even though the angle was tight.'

'I felt a little sorry for Ray, as I know him as a great guy from holidays together in Spain. Last season I might easily have missed. Now the whole team has got greater confidence and it is showing up in the number of chances we are creating.'

'Against Preston North End, we might easily have piled five into the back of the net. Johnny Aston, Rodney Fern and Peter Anderson were all unlucky. Give our attack a few more goals and I think it will be the signal for a real flood.'

Viv Busby now has a role in keeping with an Olympic marathon runner. 'The boss wants me to go forever up front and play the ball off to the lads moving through the pack. It's hard and punishing, but I am enjoying it.'

A gay bachelor, Viv's current companion to matches is Bobbie Cottam. 'I have no definite plans on settling down yet. But when it does happen I don't think it will do me any harm—in fact, I reckon it could do me a lot of good.'

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STATISTICS...

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO										
HOME					AWAY					
P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	
4	2	1	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	6
4	2	1	0	8	3	0	1	0	1	6
5	3	0	0	9	3	0	0	2	2	5
4	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	2	4
3	1	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	2	0
4	1	0	1	6	2	2	0	1	2	2
5	2	1	0	5	3	0	0	2	1	5
4	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	1	3	4
3	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	2
3	1	0	0	4	2	0	2	0	3	4
4	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	3	4
3	1	0	0	4	0	1	1	2	3	3
3	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	2	3
4	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	1	0	3
3	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	2
4	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	2	6	3
3	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	4
3	1	0	1	3	3	0	0	1	1	3
4	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	2	5	2
4	0	2	0	3	3	0	0	2	2	7
4	1	0	1	3	3	0	0	2	0	6
4	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	3

Home Gates		Team	Leading Scorers	
Best	Average			
13,175	10,475	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	O'Neil 2.	
14,804	12,591	BURNLEY	James 3, Thomas 2.	
23,109	21,367	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	Joicey 4, Sunley 3, Craig 2.	
34,843	31,945	ASTON VILLA	Rioch 2, Graydon 2, Vowden 2.	
14,067	14,067	PORTSMOUTH	Lewis 3, Reynolds 2.	
14,797	12,890	BLACKPOOL	Dyson 2, Hutchison 2, Lennard 2.	
15,304	13,616	SWINDON TOWN	Peplow 3.	
7,747	7,747	CARLISLE UNITED	Owen 2, Balderstone 2.	
11,507	11,507	LUTON TOWN	Anderson 1, Aston 1, Busby 1	
12,977	12,977	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	Leach 2, O'Rourke 2.	
12,658	12,658	SUNDERLAND	Lathan 3.	
8,428	8,428	OXFORD UNITED	Clarke (D) 4, Skeen 2.	
13,207	12,818	MILLWALL	Smethurst 2.	
7,249	6,291	ORIENT	Bowyer 2.	
12,840	11,161	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	Krzywicki 1, Smith (D) 1.	
11,189	10,028	HULL CITY	Pearson 3.	
10,285	10,285	FULHAM	Went 2.	
16,364	13,382	CARDIFF CITY	Bell 3, Showers 2.	
15,648	15,648	BRISTOL CITY	Spiring 2.	
16,839	16,372	BRIGHTON & HOVE A.	Irvine 5.	
24,145	1,7777	MIDDLESBROUGH	Smith 2.	
17,371	13,306	PRESTON NORTH END	Young 1.	

Up to and including Tuesday 29th August

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 72-73				MID-WEEK FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES—SEASON 1972-73					
Date	Opponents	Att	F A	Date	Opponent	F A	Date	Opponent	F A
Aug 12	Cardiff City	16,364	1 2	Aug 23	Gillingham	7 0	Dec 5	Northampton Town	
19	Preston North End	11,507	1 0	30	Brighton & Hove A	1 0	13	Colchester United	
26	Orient	6,494	1 0	Sept 6	Cambridge United		Jan 3	Millwall	
30	Oxford United	10,891	0 1	27	Cambridge United		10	Brighton & Hove	
Sept 2	Huddersfield Town			11	Millwall		17	Orient	
5	Birmingham City (L.C.2)			18	Watford		24	Southend United	
9	Nottingham Forest			25	Watford		31	Charlton Athletic	
16	Brighton & Hove Albion			Nov 1	Gillingham		Feb 7	Watford L.C.	
20	Portsmouth			8	Northampton T.		14	Watford L.C.	
23	Sheffield Wednesday			15	Southend United		28	Northampton L.C.	
26	Swindon Town			21	Charlton Athletic		Mar 6	Northampton L.C.	
30	Burnley			29	Colchester United		14	Orient	
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								

BACKTRACK

MATCH GROUND ORIENT v LUTON TOWN
BRISBANE ROAD, LEYTON

DATE SATURDAY, 26th AUGUST, 1972

ATTENDANCE 6,494

COMPETITION FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION TWO (Second Away Match)

TEAMS ORIENT: Goddard; Arber, Hoadley; Bennett, Harris, Allen; Downing, Brisley, Bullock, Dyson, Bowyer. Substitute: Riddick.
LUTON: Barber; John Ryan, Thomson; Anderson, Garner, Faulkner; Jimmy Ryan, Fern, Busby, Halom, Aston. Substitute: Slough.
Busby (56 minutes).

SCORER RESULT ORIENT 0, LUTON TOWN 1

PAPER TALK Harold Palmer, *Evening Standard*: 'Luton's back four were very sound, while Orient's defence was shaky and teenage centre-half Paul Harris was forced into errors by lively Luton forward Viv Busby.'
News of the World: 'Luton backed up the pre-season prediction of manager Harry Haslam that they would always try to entertain. But it was their defence that won them the match.'
Roger Duckworth, *Evening Post*: 'Haslam's Hustlers continued their attacking policy and well deserved to win. They never relied on falling back for a point, even when they had taken the lead through Busby in the second half. With Halom, Anderson and Fern always dominating the midfield, Luton's style made it a good, open and exciting game. The goal came in the 56th minute and was brilliantly taken by Busby.'

FORTHCOMING MATCHES...
MID-WEEK LEAGUE, WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER, 1972
LUTON TOWN RESERVES v CAMBRIDGE UNITED RESERVES
KICK-OFF: 7-30 pm
MID-WEEK LEAGUE, MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER, 1972
LUTON TOWN RESERVES v MILLWALL RESERVES
KICK-OFF: 7-30 pm
LEAGUE DIVISION TWO, SATURDAY 16th SEPTEMBER, 1972
LUTON TOWN v BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION
KICK-OFF: 3-00 pm



TOWN IN ACTION

ORIENT 0, LUTON TOWN 1

Above: Bobby Arber, Orient's replacement for transferred Dennis Rofe, clears as John Aston dashes in.

Below: Arber v Aston again—a penny for John's thoughts?

Right: Goal-scorer Viv Busby again puts the pressure on Orient goalkeeper Ray Goddard.

Pictures: Topix.



MEMORY MAN

Bob Morton, the 'brains' behind many of Gordon Turner's goal-sprees for Luton 15 years ago, now keeps in touch with the professionals, past and present, through his job with Luton Sports Press.

This one-club man, who joined Luton just after the War and served his full career at Kenilworth Road before leaving in 1965, used to comb the defences of the 1950's from his centre-forward spot in the attack.

Now Bob covers the country with the same industrious thirst to supply many of the League clubs with the pools tickets which thousands of fans buy every match-day. 'I reach as far north as York and I also make regular calls in the opposite direction to Plymouth. Besides providing me with a job of work, my duties also keep me in touch with players and clubs all over the country. I have long hours, but it is interesting work.'

No doubt, Bob can swap many fascinating memories with the modern-day strikers, for his era saw Luton Town enjoy some epic prestige occasions before they sagged into the Fourth Division during the 1960's.

Bob made his living out of football when wages were pegged, though he did taste the fruits of the 'new charter' towards the tail-end of his playing days. 'Financially, players are Barons today compared to my time. But I'm sure the same spirit, which was behind every team's display during my years, is not there now.

'Football could draw on more loyal support in the years after the War and players used to count on it. Outdoor entertainment used to mean a lot more to the public. Boxing Halls, Speedway and the Theatres all did bigger business and more briskly. I had a great time and I was only too sorry when I had to pack up.'

But before Bob Morton hung up his boots he accomplished one of life's biggest ambitions for a footballer by going to Wembley with Luton. That was in a period when the finalists seemed to be drawn



BOB MORTON

from a much wider selection of sides than they are now.

Goal-manufacturer Morton cherishes the 1959 memory of Wembley. But, like the rest of the Luton squad that day, he wishes to hide the disappointment of a bitter defeat. After the cliff-hanger of a semi-final against Norwich City, when Luton only just prevented the first Third Division side going through to the Final by beating them in a replay at Birmingham, Luton went to Wembley TOO confident.

'We thought it was a formality,' says Bob, 'I don't think the lads ever entertained the idea that we might lose.' But confidence failed to breed success on this occasion. only, perhaps, complacency because Luton, Bob Morton included, were put out of their

stride by an early Nottingham Forest goal and never played well enough to get back into the game.

It was a shattering experience for Luton's deputy skipper—who took over the season following Sid Owen's departure—for this was the appearance he had dreamed about during his young footballing days in the village of Eaton Bray.

At 16, Bob joined Luton Colts while training to become a tool-maker with a local firm. But from a part-time status, Luton's local boy became a full-time player when he signed professional at 18. Bob had to wait three years until he got his break when he came into the senior side at wing-half.

'I remember I had to mark George Dix, who had just been bought by West Ham, and though he gave me a tough baptism, I did well enough to justify a regular spot in midfield. I had to wait until Jessie Pye left before I really got established in attack with Gordon Turner.'

Bob shared a clever understanding with Luton's ace goal poacher which paid off handsomely nearly every time Turner hit the net. 'I didn't play right up for the purpose of drawing the centre-half towards me. If I could, I would lure him out of the middle and create the gap for Gordon to go in.

'When the 'big fellows' got wise, we used to adopt a different plot and fashion our raids on a simple but very effective straight one-two. Gordon got many of his opportunities from this method and I am sure more teams could make better use of the same idea to brighten today's game.'

Bob was in his late 30's when he left to take charge of Bletchley as player-manager during the 1965-66 term. 'It was time to move on. I had had 19 or 20 good years with Luton, a good club who treated me at all times fairly and generously. I never regretted one moment with the team except for that damn disappointment at Wembley.'

SCORES

List One

Arsenal v Chelsea	A	
Coventry v Stoke	B	
C Palace v Newcastle	C	
Derby C. v Liverpool	D	
Everton v W. B. Albion	E	
Ipswich v Tottenham	F	
Leeds v Norwich	G	
Man City v Leicester	H	
Sheffield U v Southampton	K	
West Ham v Man Utd	L	
Wolves v Birmingham	M	
Aston Villa v Brighton	N	

SCORES

List Two

Blackpool v Millwall	A	
Bristol C. v Sheffield Wed	B	
Carlisle v Nottm Forest	C	
Fulham v Preston	D	
Hull v Orient	E	
Oxford v Cardiff	F	
Portsmouth v Burnley	G	
QPR v Middlesbrough	H	
Sunderland v Swindon	K	
Charlton v York	L	
Grimsby v Watford	M	
Plymouth v Brentford	N	



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