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Trevor's first in the First!

Here's a picture for Trevor Francis's scrapbook. The 18-year-old England Youth International raises his arms in salute of the goal that the First Division had been waiting for—his first in the top section.

It was a vital score, too. Crystal Palace, who had proved themselves on the up-grade with fine performances against Derby, Liverpool and Everton, showed the St Andrew's fans that they should no longer be under-rated. Gerry Queen put them in front after only 12 minutes—and the South Londoners are better than most at hanging on to a slender advantage.

So Trevor's 39th minute goal was a vital tonic to the Blues players. It came about when Gordon Taylor took a corner on the left wing. Stan Harland won the ball in the air and then came a frantic scramble for possession which was ended when Trevor stabbed out a foot to score from near the six-yard line.

So Blues retained a point from a 1-1 draw—and Palace later underlined their potential by winning 1-0 against Manchester City. So, in fact, they lost only once in their first six matches.

Picture: John Lines.

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Talking Soccer

I was surprised at our last home match at a small minority of fans who took it on themselves to barrack Stan Harland because they felt he had made a mistake during the game against Crystal Palace.

I thought it was extremely unfair and also uncharacteristic of our supporters whom I consider are as knowledgeable about the game as any band of supporters in the country.

Stan would be the first one to admit to his limitations as a player but he also has a great number of assets, some of which are not too obvious to spectators—assets which are essential to a team such as: taking responsibility on the field, offering advice to players, and a tremendous competitive approach which can inspire others.

These are the things which Stan has displayed throughout his splendid career and it would be a pity if the actions of a few spectators were to make it difficult for him to adjust to the First Division this year which is for him, also, a great challenge—that of playing in the First Division at the age of 32.

He exemplified his character, I thought, in our last match against West Bromwich Albion when I thought he had an outstanding game.

One final point on this matter. I am the person responsible for selecting players—they can only go out and do their best. But the basic responsibility lies with me in selecting any player so please don't jeer at them.

I am writing this before the result of our game at Wolverhampton but I thought our display against Albion

last Wednesday was superb and in my opinion deserved two points. It is far too early in the season yet for making complete assessments of our fortunes.

It should be borne in mind that no team should be judged on one display whether it be good or bad. We have still many things to learn about the First Division but our players' approach is right and I am confident they will learn, provided the right atmosphere is created by YOU during this period of adjustment.

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LEAGUE CUP

Stoke City brought the Football League Cup to the Midlands for the fifth time in 12 seasons of the competition by beating Chelsea 2-1 at Wembley. A capacity crowd paid record receipts for the Final. Aggregate attendances were the best in the Cup's history, but one record still standing is that of the biggest crowd for a match outside the final—the 63,418 who watched the Manchester clubs, United and City, meet in the semi-final in 1969-70.

The aggregate attendances over the 11 seasons of the competition are:

	Aggregate	Average
1960-61	1,204,580	10,755
1961-62	1,030,534	9,909
1962-63	1,029,893	10,097
1963-64	945,265	9,089
1964-65	962,802	9,825
1965-66	1,205,876	11,376
1966-67	1,394,553	11,818
1967-68	1,671,326	15,194
1968-69	2,064,647	17,497
1969-70	2,299,856	19,990
1970-71	2,035,315	17,546
1971-72	2,397,154	—

Derek Reeves (Southampton v Leeds in 1960-61) and Alan Wilks (QPR v Oxford in 1967-68) are the only men to hit five goals in a League Cup-tie.

Tony Brown (1965-66) and Clive Clark (1966-67), both of West Bromwich Albion, are the only players to score in each round of the competition in a season. Clark, in fact, scored in every game, including the two-legged semi-final.

The competition's leading scorers over the 12 seasons are:

1960-61	Gerry Hitchens (Villa)	11
1961-62	Ray Charnley (Blackpool)	6

1962-63	Ken Leek (Birmingham)	8
1963-64	John Ritchie (Stoke)	10
1964-65	Tony Hateley (Villa)	10
1965-66	Tony Brown (Albion)	11
	Geoff Hurst (West Ham)	11
1966-67	Rodney Marsh (QPR)	11
1967-68	John O'Hare (Derby)	6
	Jim Fryatt (Stockport)	6
1968-69	Don Rogers (Swindon)	7
1969-70	Jeff Astle (Albion)	5
	Colin Bell (Manchester City)	5
	John Byrom (Bolton)	5
	Rodney Marsh (QPR)	5
1970-71	Martin Chivers (Spurs)	7
1971-72	Martin Chivers (Spurs)	7

Record League Cup scores to date:
Workington 9, Barrow 1 (1964-65)
Northampton 8, Brighton 0 (1966-67)
Orient 9, Chester 2 (1962-63)
Coventry 1, Leicester 8 (1964-65)
Doncaster 0, Chelsea 7 (1960-61)

No club has won the trophy more than once, but three of the 12 winners came from outside the First Division. The winners are: Stoke City, Tottenham Hotspur, Manchester City, Swindon Town (Div 3), Leeds United, QPR (Div 3), Albion, Chelsea, Leicester City, Birmingham City, Norwich City (Div 2), Aston Villa.

Finalists: Aston Villa and WB Albion (three times), Arsenal, Leicester City, Chelsea, Stoke City (twice), Birmingham City, Leeds United, Norwich City, Manchester City, QPR, Rochdale, Rotherham, Swindon Town, Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham United (once).

LUTON TOWN



● LUTON TOWN, 1972-73 . . . Back (from left): Terry Robinson, Derek Hales, Les Harfield, Gordon Hindson, Bob Hatch, Vic Halom, Bobby Thomson, John Faulkner, Paul Price, Peter Anderson, Jimmy Ryan, Gerry Jones, Nicky Sparkes. Middle: 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. Front: John Wilkinson (assistant secretary), R. I. Burr, J. Richardson, T. Hodgson (president), R. Keens (chairman), L. S. Hawkins (vice-chairman), J. A. C. Bain, Harry Haslam (manager), Bob Readhead (secretary).

Just a few months ago Luton Town's defence-in-depth tactics almost cost Blues a vital promotion point, but Bob Hatton turned up with a late winner to defy the Hatters' plans to poach a goalless draw.

We expect to see a different style from re-organised Luton tonight. New manager Harry Haslam (he was the chief scout who brought goal-machine Malcolm Macdonald to Kenilworth Road) pledged at the start of the season that Luton will endeavour to entertain their fans with a goal-conscious approach.

On succeeding Alec Stock, now in charge of Fulham, Mr. Haslam said: "Goals are my priority when making summer signings. The message has been spelt out loud and clear to the lads . . . Luton are going for goals and we mean to get them."

Mr. Haslam's bid to strengthen an attack, which suffered on the departure of

Macdonald to Newcastle, took him to the Midlands to sign Rodney Fern from Leicester City for a club record £44,000 and then to the North to pay around £30,000 for Manchester United left winger John Aston.

In addition, he also came to St. Andrew's and persuaded Bobby Thomson, our free transfer left back, that Luton offered a better future for the former England player than Walsall, who were also keen to sign Bobby.

Then Mr. Haslam went to great lengths to organise plenty of pre-season games—including a four-match tour of Turkey. And it was on Turkish soil that Luton discovered a new asset. Former winger Peter Anderson dropped back to midfield in emergency, and did so well in the new role that he began the League campaign in the No 4 shirt.

Anderson fits into a system which encourages midfield men to push forward

in support of the attacking spearhead, Viv Busby. He scored the only goal in Luton's first win against Preston and then The Hatters landed their first away success with a goal from Viv Busby at Orient.

Although they averaged only a goal per match in the opening three League fixtures, Luton did enough to suggest that Mr. Haslam's call for goals will be answered regularly. The manager's philosophy is simple: "I'll be more pleased to win 4-3 than 1-0."

Yet that does not mean Town expect to be especially vulnerable at the back. Indeed, Mr. Haslam thought the major factor in the victory at Orient was that Luton's back four was stronger than their opposite numbers.

This vital section has been assembled at a tiny cost by today's transfer standards. John Ryan, appointed club skipper in succession to the departed

Mike Keen, came from Fulham on a free transfer but is now rated in the £80,000-class by Luton officials. Likewise, Bobby Thomson cost Town only a signing-on fee, and centre half Alan Garner, from Millwall, also arrived on a free transfer.

The back line is completed by John Faulkner, a £10,000 capture from Leeds United who was bought to fill the gap left by Chris Nicholl's big-money transfer to Aston Villa. Faulkner, a former Sutton United amateur, was once tipped as successor to Jackie Charlton at Leeds, but broke a leg and, on recovering, was confined mainly to the reserves.

Goalkeeper Keith Barber was another "free" capture from London amateur soccer and emerged towards the end of last season as first-choice in preference to the experienced Tony Read. He settled down quickly in the League side and Bob Latchford and Co will tell you how difficult he is to beat. Remember his outstanding display at St Andrew's earlier this year?

So far, Luton appear to have discovered a nice blend which should see them improving on last season's position, just below the half-way mark in Division Two.

Certainly, they have firmly established at this level a rapid rise from the Fourth Division. The club's steady slump from the First Division place held in the 1950's was one of football's most disheartening post-war upsets.

Luton were FA Cup Finalists only 13 years ago and, in order to counteract the later slump, a new Board was gathered to give the club a bright modern image. Things began to pick up rapidly under the management of former Blackpool forward Alan Brown and then Alec Stock arrived to take them on the step up into Division Two.

Those were exciting days for the Kenilworth Road supporters. Malcolm Macdonald, signed from Fulham as a full back, was switched to centre forward and became the idol of the Town with his terrific goal-scoring feats.

He was so successful that Luton hardly suffered from the £100,000 sale of Bruce Rioch to Villa and Luton became First Division contenders.



● JOHN ASTON (right) . . . Luton's new signing from Manchester United.

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

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RECORD IN LAST TEN SEASONS

Season	Div	Posn	W	Pts	Season	Div	Posn	W	Pts
1971-72	2	13th	10	38	1966-67	4	17th	16	41
1970-71	2	6th	18	49	1965-66	4	6th	24	56
1969-70	3	2nd	23	60	1964-65	3	21st	11	33
1968-69	3	3rd	25	61	1963-64	3	18th	16	42
1967-68	4	1st	27	66	1962-63	2	22nd	11	29

PEN PICTURES...

KEITH BARBER (Goalkeeper): Came into the game late as a Professional after having been spotted in London senior football. Following trials with Luton, he went to Dunstable Town for a spell. Was recalled by Town and displaced the experienced Tony Read in the First Team last season.

WILLIE CARRICK (Goalkeeper): New-comer who was freed by Manchester United at the end of last season. Born in Dublin, is a former Eire Youth International and, at nineteen, is regarded as a highly useful prospect.

JOHN RYAN (Right back): Although he had played games in their League team, Fulham released this capable defender two seasons ago and, since joining Luton, has improved out of recognition and is now in the big-money class. Kent born, he had a spell with Arsenal before going to Craven Cottage. A keen golfer, he won the Kent Amateur Championship this summer.

DON SHANKS (Left back): Like Ryan, he found his way to Luton via Fulham, with whom he had been an apprentice, but they did not sign him at the end of the prescribed period. Went on to earn England Youth honours—playing together with Trevor Francis in 1971—and other Clubs have already been taking notice of his progress.

BOBBY THOMSON (Left back): Not so many years ago, Thomson was regarded as the best left back in the country and has a handful of England caps to prove it. Was then with Wolves from whom he moved to Birmingham City for a big fee. Somehow or another, he never really settled with Blues, who loaned him to Walsall during last season and then gave him a free transfer.

ALAN GARNER (Centre half): His big chance came when Chris Nicholl was sold to Aston Villa last March and he went on to play confidently and earn himself a regular place. Was previously with Millwall, who gave him few opportunities, and released him on a free transfer. Strong and assertive.

JOHN FAULKNER (Centre half): As Nicholl was being sold to Aston Villa, Luton were negotiating with Leeds United for Faulkner as a replacement. However, this former Sutton United amateur never got a chance in the first team through Garner's consistency, but means to change that this time.

STEVE LITT (Centre half): Close-season recruit from Blackpool, who did not sign him at the end of his apprenticeship. Aged eighteen.

ALAN SLOUGH (Half back): During the last two seasons, he has been regarded primarily as a member of the back-four, but it has now been decided to use his undoubted talent and driving power in midfield. A local, he joined Luton straight from school.

JOHN MOORE (Half back): Luton's longest-serving player, he has been with them nearly eight years, having had previous service with Motherwell. A dour Scot, he has been a regular member of the back four and struck up an uncanny understanding with Nicholl.

KEN GOODEVE (Defender): Was one of four Manchester United players to join Luton two years ago, but has received few chances in the First Team. Such as

have come his way have been at left back, whereas it was as a centre half that he was signed originally.

LESLIE HARFIELD (Wing half): Former England Youth International, released by Southampton at the end of the season and given a two months trial period by Luton, who were well pleased with his form in pre-season training.

ROBIN WAINWRIGHT (Half back): A tall local product who has never really commanded a regular place although he has been on the verge of it at times.

RODNEY FERN (Forward): Luton's biggest close-season signing, because he cost them a reputed £44,000 from Leicester City, for whom he played in their 1969 losing Cup Final side. Strong, bustling type with a highly-developed goal-sense, he should increase the scoring potential.

JOHN ASTON (Forward): Several other Clubs were disappointed when Aston moved to Luton for a fee of £30,000, which begins to look a bargain figure. Now only 25, Aston has a load of First Division experience gained with Manchester United with whom he was a member of the First Team squad for some seasons. Played in the European Cup Final.

JIMMY RYAN (Forward): Another player who took the now well-beaten track from Old Trafford to Kenilworth Road and he was valued at around £20,000 at the time. A Scot, he had a most unlucky last season through injuries and illness, but has been showing his best form this time.

VIV BUSBY (Forward): Recruited from Wycombe Wanderers and spent two months on loan to Newcastle United during last season. In the end, Newcastle decided not to meet the £50,000 fee Luton were asking and he was allowed to return.

PETER ANDERSON (Forward): Another recruit from senior amateur soccer, Anderson was with Hendon and actually made his First Team debut for Luton when he was still an amateur. Top scorer last season with 10 goals. Now playing in midfield.

VIC HALOM (Forward): Costly £30,000 signing from Fulham last season as a replacement for Malcolm Macdonald. Was previously with Charlton Athletic and Orient, and is expected to be a consistent marksman this time.

GORDON HINDSON (Forward): Although this youngster had only limited experience at the time, Luton paid Newcastle United £25,000 for him, and are expecting big things from him this season. Was used mostly as a winger and has a considerable turn of speed.



● Pictured right: Luton Town's Rodney Fern.



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NEWS ON ONE

● ● Former Blues forward Jimmy Bloomfield has been manager of Leicester City for only a little more than a year—yet in that short time, he has been involved in transfers in which well over £750,000 has changed hands.

The Filbert Street fans could hardly keep pace with Jimmy a couple of weeks ago. First, he moved in to buy transfer-listed Huddersfield Town centre forward **Frank Worthington** and then, with the ink hardly dry in the local newspaper headlines, he acted again in record-breaking style.

Skipper **David Nish** went to Derby County for the highest fee ever seen in British football and, within hours, his replacement, **Dennis Rofe**, arrived from Orient for a sum that would have been a full-back record had Nish not already taken that distinction!

Jimmy Bloomfield was at pains to explain through the Press that his five big buys in the last 12 months had not left the club in a position where other players would have to be sold.

He pointed out that he had received a sum of around £200,000 for players he had sold—**Bobby Kellard** (Crystal Palace), **Willie Carlin** (Notts County), **David Tearse** (Torquay), **Alistair Brown** (West Bromwich Albion) and **Rodney Fern** (Luton). And, of course, that figure was easily doubled with the money for Nish.

On the incoming side, Leicester splashed estimated £100,000 cheques on three forwards last season—**Keith Weller**, **Alan Birchenall** and **Jon Sammels**—and also paid a sizeable fee for Walsall's teenage goalkeeper, **Mark Wallington**. Now you have to add close on £200,000 for Rofe and Worthington—with more to pay Huddersfield if various clauses in the contract apply.

It is reported that Leicester have agreed to hand over cash for a certain number of First Division appearances and goals and for an England cap if the Under-23 international continues to attract **Sir Alf Ramsey's** attention.

It took Mr. Bloomfield some time to get his man in the case of Worthington. His

interest stemmed from watching the player at Coventry about a year ago and came to the talking stage last May. Worthington actually went to Leicester for transfer discussion, but they broke off when he was called into the Under-23 touring side at the last minute.

By the time he was back in the country, Liverpool had tabled a more substantial bid and Worthington thought he was an Anfield player until two medical reports caused Liverpool to withdraw. Mr. Bloomfield, although concerned about Worthington's full fitness, kept abreast of the situation and when Huddersfield manager **Ian Greaves** confirmed that the player was medically A1, Leicester took the plunge.

The signing of Rofe was another long-term chase. Mr. Bloomfield knew all about the young full back from the time he was manager of Orient and, in those days, he predicted First Division careers for two members of his staff—Rofe and **Tommy Taylor**, who has since joined West Ham United.

Leicester first tried for Rofe last season, but were rejected by Orient, who said before this season that Rofe was happy to remain at Brisbane Road. However, circumstances can change quickly in the transfer world—and that's when a patient "hunter" like Mr. Bloomfield steps in.

Both of Leicester's newcomers had satisfactory debuts, Worthington scoring in a 1-1 draw at Old Trafford and Rofe impressing during the goalless draw against Coventry.

● ● **David Nish** was not so fortunate on his introduction to Derby County's team. They were beaten 1-0 in successive away games at Norwich and Everton and manager **Brian Clough** was wondering how to revive the League Champions' touch.

The real bright spot on the Baseball Ground horizon is the form of 16-year-old apprentice **Steve Powell**. When this brilliant prospect joined the club from school, Derby claimed that he was one of the greatest-ever prospects at that age.

Now Steve, who played twice last

season—including a tense occasion against Liverpool—has won the right back spot from experienced **Ron Webster** and seems set to hold it down for years to come. He has that touch of arrogance that marks great players and Derby fans swooned over a cheeky back-heeled pass which deceived a Manchester City forward on his first appearance of the season.

Preston manager **Alan Ball** senior was at that game—completing a month's loan agreement for Derby striker **Roger Davies**—and he also raved about Powell's potential. Said Mr. Ball: "He is the most brilliant young player I have ever seen in any position. If you didn't know differently and somebody told you he was 24 and had a dozen or so England caps, you would not doubt them." Praise, indeed!

● ● Big news in Everton's revival is the form of **Joe Royle**, the former Under-23 and full international centre forward. At the age of 24, Joe suddenly lost his confidence during the Merseysiders' decline last season. Now it is all back and he scored in five of the first six matches.

Skipper **Howard Kendall** reckons that Joe is a certainty for Munich '74 in his current mood and new assistant manager **Tommy Eggleston** says there is not a better centre forward at the present time. With Royle in this form, the Everton lads are to back him to be the top First Division scorer. His odds at the start of the season were 40 to 1—generous for a man who has averaged a goal every two games in his career. But now they're down to 25 to 1!

● ● **Trevor Francis** is looking forward to meeting a few of his England Youth team colleagues on the First Division circuit. Members of this summer's Little World Cup-winning team are now flooding into the first-team reckoning.

Skipper **Kevin Lock** appeared as substitute for West Ham at Liverpool and, on the same day, inside forward **Steve Cammack** scored for Sheffield United at The Hawthorns. **Kevin Beattie**, of Ipswich Town, has been a regular in the East Anglians' bright start and scored his first

League goal in the 3-3 thriller at Leeds.

● ● Stoke City were pleased to welcome back England goalkeeper **Gordon Banks** in the game against Everton. Banks's recovery from a broken bone in a hand means that the Potters' casualty list is coming down to manageable proportions.

John Mahoney, out with knee trouble, has returned at Central League level, while **Alan Bloor** is improving rapidly after fracturing a cheek bone.

Another regular First Division player—Southampton skipper **Terry Paine**—played his first game of the season in the 1-1 draw against Wolves. Terry missed the opening two fixtures because of suspension.

● ● Any nominations for the unluckiest First Division player of the last 12 months must surely include Liverpool striker **Jack Witham**. Injuries have played a large part in hindering his progress as a talented goal-scorer.

While with Sheffield Wednesday, he was knocked down by a long-term ankle injury and his trouble also persisted after joining Liverpool for around £65,000. When he finally got a League place again, he showed his worth by slamming a hat-trick against Derby County.

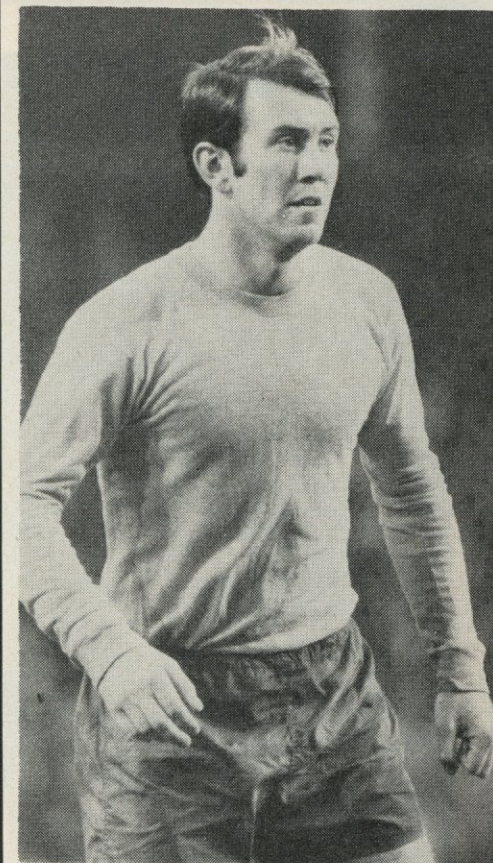
Then the injury jinx returned. A fractured knee-cap put him out for the rest of last season and, just as he was looking forward to better luck this term, he went down with cartilage trouble. This has called for an operation and he will be out for at least two months.

Meanwhile, his new big-money colleague, **Peter Cormack**, from Nottingham Forest, is getting over the injury which caused him to miss the Anfielders' dashing start to the season. In two comeback games with the reserves, he scored three goals, but competition for places is such that he has no guarantee of a regular senior spot.

Competition is also strong at Maine Road as **Malcolm Allison** searches for the blend which carried Manchester City so close to the title a few months ago. **Tony Book**, at 37, the oldest player in the First Division, was one of the first players to drop out.

He was replaced by 19-year-old **Colin Barrett** and his full League debut coincided with City's first win, against Norwich. Barrett was substitute for two matches last season and forged into the first-team picture during a Swedish tour in July.

At St Andrew's On September 23rd



HOWARD KENDALL

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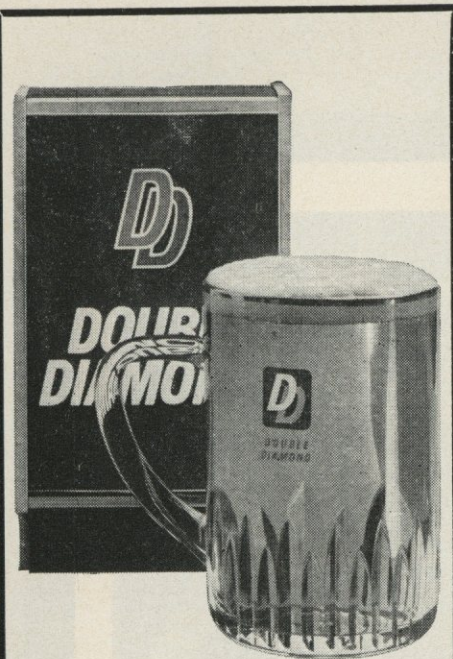
WEST BROMWICH ALBION 2,
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Wednesday, 30th August, 1972

The resumption of the Albion-Blues derby series after a break of seven seasons brought a rousing tussle for over 37,000 fans and Blues snatched a well-deserved point when Bob Latchford equalised in the dying seconds. This

added to Bob Hatton's first goal for Blues in the First Division. Dave Howitt, our 19-year-old right back, made a sound first-team debut and is pictured (below left) with Roger Hynd in facing up to a dangerous

situation created by Asa Hartford. Albion also had 19-year-old goalkeeper Peter Latchford playing in his first derby game and he is seen (below right) saving at the feet of Alan Campbell.





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FIXTURES...

TABLES...GOALS...GATES

LEAGUE—DIVISION ONE

	Home					Away					Pts	Home Gates	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Best	Average
Arsenal	6	3	0	0	8	2	1	2	0	4	1	43,802	41,490
Everton	6	2	1	0	4	1	1	2	0	3	2	52,348	43,519
Tottenham	6	2	1	0	4	1	2	0	1	4	3	41,191	35,291
Liverpool	6	3	0	0	7	2	1	1	1	5	5	55,383	53,551
Chelsea	6	2	0	1	3	2	2	2	0	7	5	51,102	39,227
Ipswich	6	1	0	1	3	2	1	1	1	2	4	29,829	23,842
Leeds	6	2	1	0	6	3	1	1	1	2	4	36,555	33,472
Norwich	6	2	2	0	4	1	1	0	1	2	4	30,075	27,970
Wolves	6	2	0	0	6	2	1	1	2	5	8	20,525	19,424
Southampton	6	1	2	0	3	2	0	2	1	1	2	24,237	23,097
Sheffield Utd	6	0	1	2	1	4	2	1	0	6	3	40,159	29,129
Crystal Palace	6	1	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	2	4	30,054	26,630
Newcastle	6	2	1	0	6	2	0	1	3	2	7	27,435	26,424
West Ham	6	1	2	1	4	4	0	1	1	3	6	28,694	26,367
Leicester	6	1	1	1	5	5	0	1	2	2	6	37,045	34,650
Birmingham City	6	1	1	0	5	3	0	0	3	0	5	26,360	23,108
Stoke	6	1	2	0	5	3	0	2	2	1	3	31,868	31,520
Derby	6	0	2	1	2	2	0	1	2	1	3	24,616	22,537
Coventry	6	0	2	1	2	5	0	1	1	1	3	37,252	23,449
WB Albion	6	0	2	2	2	3	0	0	2	0	4	51,459	45,621
Manchester Utd	6	0	3	1	2	3	0	0	4	1	6	38,525	34,722
Manchester City	6	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	4	1	6		

(Up to and including Wednesday, 30th August, 1972).

Appearances

FIRST TEAM	Aps	Gls
Campbell	6	0
Carroll	4	0
Cooper	3	0
Francis	5	1
Harland	6	0
Hatton	4	1
Hope	4	1
Howitt	1	0
Hynd	6	0
Kelly	3	0
Latchford, R.	6	3
Page	1	0
Pendrey	4	0
Taylor	6	0
Want	6	0
Whitehead	1	0
Own goal	—	1
RESERVES	Aps	Gls
Allen	1	1
Bowker	3	2
Bryant	5	0
Burns	4	0
Cooper	3	0
Emmanuel	4	0
Good	3	0
Hendrie	4	1
Howitt	4	0
Jenkins	4	0
Kelly	2	0
Osborne	1	0
Passy	5	0
Phillips	1	0
Robinson	5	1
Smith G.	1	0
Summerill	2	0
Whitehead	2	0

Leading Goalscorers

Division I

Garland (Chelsea)	...	5
Richards (Wolves)	...	5
Royle (Everton)	...	5
Toshack (Liverpool)	...	5
MacDonald (Newcastle)	...	4
Peters (Tottenham)	...	4
Robson (West Ham)	...	4
Kennedy (Arsenal)	...	3
Latchford R. (Birmingham C.)	...	3
Hamilton (Ipswich)	...	3
Giles (Leeds)	...	3
Weller (Leicester)	...	3

Division II

Irvine (Brighton)	...	5
Clarke, D. (Oxford)	...	4
Joicey (Sheffield Wed.)	...	4
James (Burnley)	...	3
Bell (Cardiff)	...	3
Reynolds (Portsmouth)	...	3
Lewis (Portsmouth)	...	3
Pearson (Hull)	...	3
Lathan (Sunderland)	...	3
Peplow (Swindon)	...	3
Sunley (Sheffield Wed.)	...	3

Division III

Godfrey (Bristol R.)	...	6
Byrom (Bolton)	...	4
Downes (Chesterfield)	...	4
Macdougall (B'mouth)	...	4
Moss (Chesterfield)	...	4
Atkins (Halifax)	...	3
Peacock (Charlton)	...	3
Horsfield (Charlton)	...	3
Shipperley (Charlton)	...	3
Randall (Notts. Co.)	...	3
Welsh (Plymouth)	...	3
Gilbert (Rotherham)	...	3
Tinnion (Wrexham)	...	3
Garner (Southend)	...	3

Division IV

Brown (Newport)	...	5
Draper (Chester)	...	5
Hollis (Chester)	...	5
Wallace (Chester)	...	5
Humphreys (Crewe)	...	4
Binney (Exeter)	...	3
Lea (Barnsley)	...	3
Boardman (Barnsley)	...	3
Middleton (Bradford City)	...	3
McNeil (Lincoln)	...	3
Trebilcock (Torquay)	...	3

(Up to and including Wednesday, 30th August, 1972).

Blues' Division One Fixtures

Date	Opponents	Att.	Res.
1972 Aug.			
12	Sheffield United	H 37,045	1—2
15	Newcastle United	H 35,831	3—2
19	Ipswich Town	A 17,855	0—2
23	Tottenham Hotspur	A 30,798	0—2
26	Crystal Palace	H 31,066	1—1
30	W.B. Albion	A 37,252	2—2
Sept. 2	Wolverhampton W. A		
5	Luton (FLC 2)	H	
9	Manchester City	H	
16	Derby County	A	
23	Everton	H	
26	Arsenal	A	
30	West Ham United	A	
Oct. 4	League Cup 3		
7	Chelsea	H	
14	Manchester United A		
21	Southampton	H	
28	Coventry City	A	
Nov. 1	League Cup 4		
4	Tottenham Hotspur H		
11	Newcastle United A		
18	Stoke City (1)	A	
22	League Cup 5		
25	Norwich City	H	
Dec. 2	Liverpool	A	
6	League Cup SF		
9	Leicester City (2)	A	
16	Leeds United	A	
20	League Cup SF		
23	Arsenal	H	
26	Everton	A	
30	Ipswich Town	H	

1973

Jan. 6	Crystal Palace	A
13	F.A. Cup 3	
20	Wolverhampton W. H	
27	Manchester City	A
Feb. 3	F.A. Cup 4	
10	Derby County	H
17	Sheffield U. (LCF)	A
24	Leeds United (5)	H
Mar. 3	Chelsea	A
10	Manchester United H	
17	Southampton (6)	A
24	Coventry City	H
31	Norwich City	A
Apr. 7	Liverpool (SF)	H
14	Leicester City	A
21	Stoke City	H
23	West Ham United H	
28	W.B. Albion	H
May 5	F.A. Cup Final	

Football Combination Fixtures

Date	Opponents	Result
1972 Aug.		
12	West Ham United	A 1—2
14		
19	Arsenal	H 1—3
22	Tottenham H	A 0—3
26	Bournemouth & B	A 1—1
29	Reading	H 2—1
Sept. 2	Oxford United	H
6	Fulham	A
9	Bristol City	A
16	QPR	H
23	Crystal Palace	A
30	Ipswich Town	H
Oct. 7	Chelsea	A
14	Cardiff City	H
21	Southampton	A
28	Plymouth Argyle	H
Nov. 4	Tottenham H	A
14	Swansea C (7 pm)	A
18(1)	Swindon Town	H
25	Norwich City	A
Dec. 2	Bristol Rovers	H
9(2)	Leicester City	A
16	Fulham	H
26	West Ham United	H
30	Arsenal	A

1973

Jan. 6	Bournemouth & B	H
10	Oxford (7.30 pm)	A
13(3)	FA Cup 3	
20		
27	Bristol City	H
Feb. 3(4)	Swansea City	H
10	QPR	A
17	Crystal Palace	H
24(5)	Ipswich Town	A
Mar. 3	Chelsea	H
7	Cardiff C (5 pm)	A
17	Southampton	H
24	Plymouth Argyle	A
31	Norwich City	H

Midland Intermediate League LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP

Date	Opponents	Result
1972 Aug.		
12	Shrewsbury	A 2—1
19	Walsall	A 3—5
26	Wolves	H 5—1
Sept. 2	Stoke	A
9	WB Albion	A
16	Shrewsbury	H
23	Walsall	H
30	Wolves	A
Oct. 7	Stoke	H
14	WB Albion	H

19th AUGUST

IPSWICH TOWN 2, BIRMINGHAM CITY 0
Att: 17,855.
Scorers: Miller, Whymark.
Ipswich: Best; Hammond, Mills; Collard, Hunter, Jefferson; Hamilton, Viljoen, Belfitt, Whymark, Miller. Sub: Morris.
Birmingham: Cooper; Carroll, Want; Campbell, Hynd, Harland; Pendrey, Francis, Latchford (R), Hatton, Taylor. Sub: Page.

BIRMINGHAM CITY RES. 1, ARSENAL RES. 3
B'ham scorer: Robinson.
Birmingham: Kelly; Howitt, Passey; Jenkins, Robinson, Whitehead; Hendrie, Emmanuel, Burns, Summerill, Bryant. Sub: Good.

WALSALL 5, BIRMINGHAM CITY 3
(Midland Intermediate League Cup)
B'ham scorers: Calderwood, Allen (2).
Birmingham: Smith S.; Osborne, Spragia; Calderwood, Callaghan, Dyer; Hall, Fellows, Allen, Davies, Boyd.

22nd AUGUST

B'HAM CITY RES. 0, TOTTENHAM RES. 3
Birmingham: Cooper; Howitt, Passey; Jenkins, Robinson, Whitehead; Hendrie, Emmanuel, Burns, Bowker Bryant.

23rd AUGUST

TOTTENHAM 2, BIRMINGHAM CITY 0
Att: 30,798.
Scorers: Chivers, Coates.
Tottenham: Jennings; Kinnear, Knowles; Pratt, England, Beal; Gilzean, Perryman, Chivers, Peters, Coates. Sub: Naylor.
Birmingham: Kelly; Carroll, Want; Campbell, Hynd, Harland; Pendrey, Francis, Latchford (R), Page, Taylor. Sub: Summerill.

ASTON VILLA 1, BIRMINGHAM CITY 0
(Midland Youth League)
Birmingham: Smith (S.); Smith (J), Spragia; Calderwood, Dyer, Wilson; Fellows, Hall, Allen, Davis, Boyd. Sub: Carvell.

26th AUGUST

BIRMINGHAM CITY 1, CRYSTAL PALACE 1
Att: 31,066.
Scorers—Birmingham: Francis, Palace: Queen.
Birmingham: Kelly; Whitehead, Want; Campbell (sub: Summerill), Hynd, Harland; Pendrey, Francis, Latchford (R.), Hope, Taylor, Palace: Jackson; Payne, Roffey; Kellard, McCormick, Blyth; Pinkney, Queen, Wallace, Jenkins, Taylor. Sub: Craven.

BOURNEMOUTH RES. 1, B'HAM CITY RES. 1
B'ham scorer: Bowker.
Birmingham: Cooper; Howitt, Passey; Jenkins, Robinson, Good; Hendrie, Emmanuel, Burns, Bowker, Bryant. Sub: Osborne.

BIRMINGHAM CITY "A" 5, WOLVES "A" 1
B'ham scorers: Allen (3), Fellows, Callaghan.
Birmingham: Smith (S.); Smith (J.), Spragia; Hall, Atkins, Calderwood; Fellows, Davis, Allen, Wilson, Callaghan.



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Bob Latchford

TALKING TO
JOHN MOXLEY

● Bob Latchford (right) gets to know all about Albion's "Throstle" emblem—from younger brother Peter. The soccer-playing brothers met up at The Hawthorns last Wednesday and after the action on the field was all over, they met up for a family chat "behind the scenes".

A week last Monday Bob Latchford was relaxing at home when he had a visitor—his younger brother, Peter. It was on the cards then that some 48 hours later the welcome Bob gave his "kid" brother would not be reciprocated when he arrived at The Hawthorns on Wednesday.

"We joked about the forthcoming game," Bob told me, "and when he said 'There'll be no mercy' I replied, 'You can count on that'. It was general brother-to-brother stuff. But we both knew that, come Wednesday, it would be no laughing matter until the game was over."

The conflict of club loyalties is something new inside the Latchford household—but it is a problem which could occur for some years to come, for not only does Peter appear to have a bright future with Albion, but brother Dave is now on loan with Wolves.

"Naturally, I hope they both make it," says Bob, "but you can take it from me that as far as all of us are concerned, when we come face to face on the field, it is as footballer to footballer, not brother to brother."

"That is the way it has GOT to be. He had his job to do on Wednesday and I had mine. We both appreciated that fact and got on with it. No quarter was asked, given or even remotely expected. We are professionals, after all."

"Before the game, I did make an effort to see him and wish him well, but I couldn't find him. I didn't speak to him on the field and he didn't talk to me. I thought he played quite well, really, with those saves in the first half."

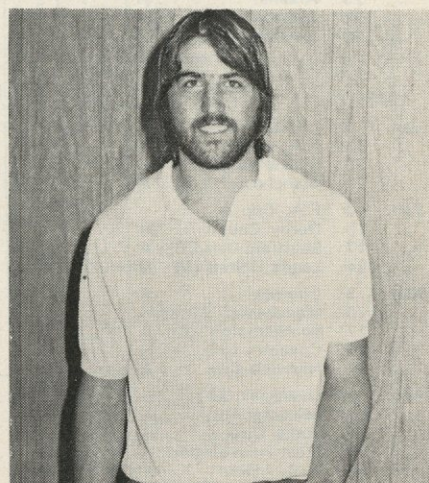
"At one time, I got a bit short-tempered with him when he wouldn't give us the ball for a free kick. Funnily enough, we

scored from that kick, so I made a present of the ball to him after I had fished it out of the back of the net.

"Afterwards, I saw him for a few moments and we were able to exchange our views of the game. You might know they differed somewhat. He thought they should have won and I reckoned they were lucky to get a point. It was all on a joking level, of course."

"The same as his complaints that I had kicked him on the head when he went down for Gordon Taylor's centre. Which was right—but he knew it was purely accidental. Anyway, I won the argument by telling him he should have saved my last-minute goal—actually, he was quite blameless because he was completely unsighted. I had enough trouble seeing the goal through the players in front of me let alone him seeing me."

I noticed at the game that Bob had



celebrated his last minute equaliser in appropriate style and asked him of his thoughts as he cut in from the right and tee-ed the ball up for his left. Was he at all conscious that the man he was ultimately attempting to beat was his younger brother?

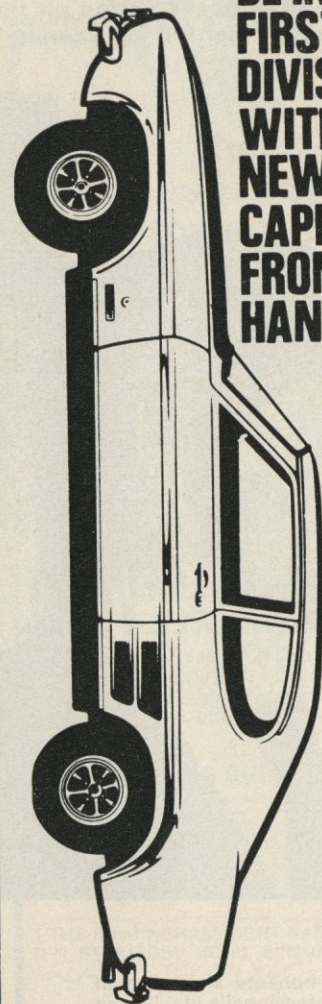
"Not a bit of it," he replied, "At times like that pure instinct takes over. To tell you the truth, I had forgotten I put it past Peter until you mentioned it. The reason

I was so pleased was because it was in the last minute and we had worked so hard for a point."

A sense of humour rates high on the list of priorities in the Latchford household. I asked Bob how his father, a lifelong Blues fan, had felt about Peter's selection. "I think he became a temporary Albion supporter," he said, "but he's still very much a Blues fan. I think my goal against them might have helped."

But humour and honesty also play an integral part of a professional's life. "Once a game is over, no matter what the result, one has to learn from it, laugh at the mistakes or success one may have had, and look forward to the next game."

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For Administrators

Mention the name of David Wiseman and the astute radio listener will remind you that this was the man who, up to a year or two ago, made the Cup Draw. And, of course, he would be right for David Wiseman, as Chairman of the Challenge Cup Committee from 1956 until his retirement in 1970, made many such "radio appearances". In fact his name and voice became familiar to the thousands who would tune in regularly around mid-day to hear the commentary on the draw.

Mr Wiseman was born in Small Heath, the son of a plumber. It was, as he says, only natural that he should become a Blues' supporter. He recalls the days when he would watch for skipper Alec Leake to arrive at the ground. "Carry your bag, Sir?" he would pipe up, as in those days players had to look after their own kit. Leake would reply: "I know what you want sonny," and would take David into the ground with him. From that day onwards David became a true Birmingham fan. In 1928 he was invited to join the Board of Directors and subsequently held the post of Vice-Chairman of the club. He is now a Life Member of The Football Association.

The story of David Wiseman's life in the business world and in the world of sport is one likely to inspire any ambitious young man whose sights are set above the ordinary, or the average. In his young days his readiness to work hard and for long hours, his drive, initiative and intuition when he established his own firm to manufacture bathroom furniture and fittings, coupled with his unquenchable interest in sport during his leisure hours, particularly Association Football, had its rewards in later life. An assured and far-seeing industrialist, his business career can only be described as brilliant and supremely successful, and even now, in his mid-eighties he is an active Vice-President of one of the largest and most progressive groups in the United Kingdom. For his numerous services to industry and sport he was awarded the O.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours of 1970.

Mr Wiseman is also blessed with a charming and pleasant personality; dignified, but easily accessible, he is always prepared to give a quiet word of help and encouragement.

The conscientious approach which earmarked all his business activities was also evident in his football life. Every Cup Draw was important to him; he would never allow any form of slackness to creep into his task and he would

religiously discuss the proceedings to be followed with members of the Football Association staff and B.B.C. representatives before every broadcast. In season 1969/70, when Leeds United and Manchester United drew in the semi-final of the Cup and the replay was fixed for Villa Park, near his home, the following Wednesday, Mr Wiseman, although then well over eighty years of age, worked through to the early hours of the morning to ensure that every detail for the match was adequately covered.

He was first elected to the F.A. Council in season 1941/42 as the representative of the Football League, but this was only a temporary war-time appointment. His permanent association with The Football Association and Football League began in 1949, when he was again elected to the Management Committee of the league and thus became a member of the F.A. Council.

Whilst Mr. Wiseman will always accord pride of place to his Chairmanship of the Challenge Cup Committee he has been associated with many other important offices during his long football career. For many years he has been a member of the International Committee and the Senior Selection Committee. In 1951 he managed the Football Association team which visited Australia on a good-will tour. On that occasion 21 matches were played with a goal record of 157 goals for, and 14 against. Among the players who accompanied David Wiseman on the tour were famous personalities like Sam Bartram, Reg Flewin, Syd Owen, Joe Shaw, Frank Broome, Jackie Sewell, Jimmie Hagan and Bobby Langton.

During his first two years as an F.A. Councillor he served on the Disciplinary and Referees Committee, but in 1951/52 he was appointed to the Challenge Cup Committee and he still serves on this Committee. As a member of the Senior Selection Committee, Mr. Wiseman accompanied England teams on numerous occasions and Walter Winterbottom, who was manager of the team from 1946 to 1962, recalls many happy occasions when David provided a most professional tap-dancing performance during leisure hours. Mr. Winterbottom also recalls the great encouragement which Mr. Wiseman gave to coaching, especially in Birmingham and the surrounding area, and his wide interest in all aspects of Association Football is further emphasised by the fact that he has served as a member of the F.A. Youth Committee for many years.

In this brief account it is quite impossible to mention the many activities with which he has been associated throughout his long life. All we can do is refer to a few to give some idea of the tremendous variety of activities with which he has been associated. He was Chairman of the "Jeff Hall Polio Fund", which provided approximately £8,000 for Polio Research and also personally subscribed to the Fund. He provided funds for professional golf players to enter tournaments, which otherwise they would have missed, to enhance the sport. Mr. Wiseman founded two Boys' Clubs, Moss Hill Avondale for boys of 13 years of age and over, and Shirley Juniors, for boys of 13 to 20 years of age. The football section of this club won five championships could put six teams in the field in one day, ranging from 13-14, 14-15, 15-16, 16-17, 17-18 and 19-20, in one season and, in point of fact, a number of International players graded from this club, and many professionals reached the First, Second and Third Division Football League standard and clubs. He was elected president of the prominent Boldmere St. Michael's Football Club, for which his own two sons played. Mr. Wiseman was also a very generous benefactor to help in the initial stages of this club. His great generosity was also in evidence when he lent his Rolls Royce to the late U.S. President and Mrs. Kennedy upon the occasion of their last visit to the Queen. The gesture was acknowledged, and David was thanked by the Prime Minister. Mr. Wiseman has made many donations to various Funds and Appeals including a contribution towards a new wing for the Solihull Old People's Homes, and to Restoration Funds for the Moseley, St. Martin's and Solihull churches.

His keen interest in horses when he was a boy led him, in later years, to join the sport of Racing as an owner with a certain amount of success. He was the owner of the very fine hurdler *Sans Finn* which won many races, and is still the beneficial owner of the well-known *Broken Melody*.

Even now, as Mr. Wiseman heads towards his 87th birthday, he still has that wonderful sense of humour and courteous approach which endears him to all who are privileged to be his friends; a truly remarkable man.

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● Pictured right: BLUES NEWEST INTERNATIONAL . . .

KATARINA BOZIE,

Shown here playing in the Final England Trials. The Yugoslavian-born striker of Birmingham City Ladies has been selected for the England squad for the forthcoming international match v Scotland. Seen over Katarina's shoulder is another Blues England trialist, Marian O'Brien, a midfield player.



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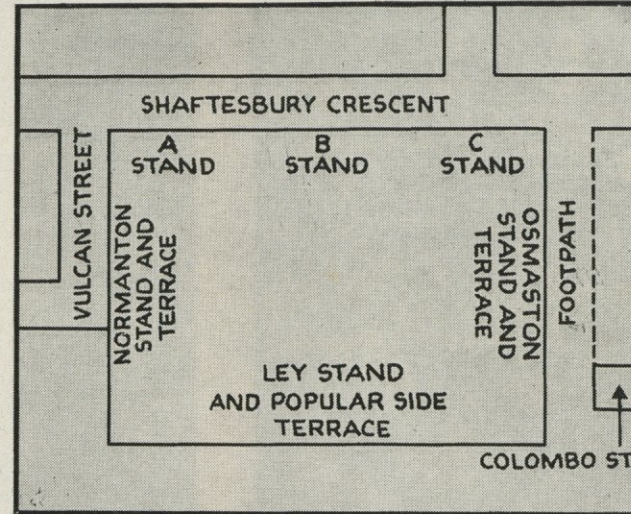
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TRAVEL

- Travel arrangements for the next three away matches are as follows:-
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- 10 Bobby HOPE
- 11 Gordon TAYLOR
- 12

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- 6 Alan GARNER
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- 12

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