



Season 1972/73  
Football League  
Division Two

# FOREST REVIEW

**NOTTINGHAM FOREST**

versus

**LUTON TOWN**

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# Platform

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COLUMN**

by **KEN SMALES**

"PLATFORM" in the Forest v. Brighton programme on public relations seems to have created a lot of interest and produced some reaction, and that can't be bad. It was even honoured by being the subject of two letters in the "Football Post", one of which, admittedly, was anonymous, or to be more precise, written under a nom-de-plume! It seems that a great many people who have a lot to say don't like to be identified with the saying of it. Five out of last Saturday's "Pick of the Post" letter writers preferred not to append their names to their literary efforts. I wonder who these anonymous scribes really are? At least my rubbish has a name to it!

But I must be fair to the F.P. as not all their articles are written under a pseudonym. I am quite prepared to put hand on heart and swear that Harry Richards and Mike Beesley are real persons—they are friends of mine or were before they read this article.

I received some letters from supporters who preferred to write to me personally and I thank them for that. The letter that really caught my eye was one of the most beautifully written I have ever seen.

It came from Mr. Nicholas Robinson, N.D.D., F.R.S.A., of Thrumpton, who informed me that he was a professional "P.R." man. I didn't need telling—it was obvious from its presentation of a subject obviously dear to him.

I must accept his professional views because I am only a Secretary with no pretensions to being a "PR" expert—merely a Secretary with "PR" views. He accepts that my views were largely correct but there is much more to the subject than I stated. Furthermore there was much that was interesting and much that was worrying.

But let me quote some extracts from his letter, in which he cites some examples, in his opinion, of the club's poor "PR" attitude. "The ultimate aim of any football club, whose supporter is its life blood, is a healthy respect for that supporter. In return a belief by the supporter in the integrity of the club".

Integrity and healthy respect now they are really something to savour! With a Queen's Counsellor as one of the nine gentlemen on the Committee I doubt whether the club

lacks integrity, and I, at least, have a healthy respect for the supporters, particularly the one who hit me with a screwdriver thrown from the sanctuary of the crowd.

Mr. Robinson continues "At the start of the 1971/72 season Bobby McKinlay was quoted as saying that we have evolved a plan which will make it very difficult for visiting teams to beat us at the City Ground. The statement was not refuted and the season's results made nonsense of the claim. A good "PR" man is there to soften the "downs" and capitalise on the "ups" and thus build an image of integrity, belief and purpose within both management and organisation. As a professional I abhor the idea that you should use your supporters freely for your ideas on "PR"."

Now how does an amateur like me reply to a professional like Mr. Robinson? There should be no difficulty really because we all know how to tell the professional footballer to play or the manager how to select his team, don't we? Well, I will only say to Bob McKinlay that no matter how innocently your remarks are uttered someone will take exception to what you say.

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# Acquaintance renewed with the "Hatters" of Luton

With 38 points from their 42 league encounters last season, Luton Town did no more, and no less, than their fans expected because to finish in 13th spot in the Second Division was a reasonable enough position with which to end the campaign.

Promoted from the Third in 1969/70, Town then confounded their critics — possibly even themselves! — by ending the next season in sixth place in the Second Division with 49 points. But not too many people in and around Bedfordshire are unhappy, as we say, with last season's playing record, although, of course, it could have been so much better.

Where they disappointed was in the sparse number of wins they chalked up . . . only ten in all (only seven of these at Kenilworth Road) so they'll be hoping for a better share of the maximum points, both at home and away, this time round.

Luton Town were relegated from the First Division at the end of the 1959/60 season — just twelve months after they had appeared in the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley Stadium (losing to ourselves 2-1) and their slide continued at a savage financial cost to the club . . . relegated to the Third Division by 1963, demoted to the Fourth in 1965 and finishing only four points clear of having to apply for re-election in 1967.

It was about that time that the Directors decided that very drastic action was needed if Town were ever to be a force in the footballing fraternity again.

Gradually reorganisation played its part at Kenilworth Road and during the spell when Alec Stock took charge as Manager (from 1968 to 1972) things began . . . as they say in the modern parlance . . . 'swinging.'

Unfortunately, however, attendances never matched up to the kind

of spending that was being indulged in on big transfer fees to enrol better calibre players to the Kenilworth Road ground staff and eventually they were caught in the kind of soccer maelstrom that, at times, can befall clubs of their pulling power and potential.

They reluctantly had to sell some of their 'star' players in order to survive and amongst those who left Town are such as Bruce and Neil Rioch to Aston Villa for over £110,000, then later Chris Nichol to the same club for £75,000 and Malcolm MacDonald to Newcastle United for over £170,000.

The replacements secured were adequate and have done a sound job but the fans seemed to resent the outgoing transfers yet they were not blameless for they had largely failed to give the club the confidence that was needed by attending the "Hatters'" games in greater numbers.

Average 'gates' of 10,000 or less were not sufficient for the club to pay its way so certain "key" players had to be sold in order for Town to remain solvent but still try to sustain a challenge for First Division status.

When Alec Stock resigned earlier this year, to take a similar post at Craven Cottage, Town appointed their former chief scout, Mr. Harry Haslam, to look after their playing affairs and he will be certainly hoping that things go well in this, his initial season at the helm.

It's been quite a while since we had the pleasure of welcoming Luton Town to City Ground in a league encounter; in fact it was in season 1959/60 when the game ended in a win 2-nil for us.

Let's finish with the fervent hope . . . with due respect to our opponents . . . that the maximum points again come our way today!

## Welcome to Luton



### LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded: 1885.  
 President: Mr. Tom Hodgson  
 Secretary: Mr. Bob Readhead  
 Manager: Mr. Harry Haslam.  
 Ground: Kenilworth Road, Luton.  
 Ground record: 30,069 v. Blackpool, F.A. Cup 6th Rd., 4th March, 1959.  
 Honours:  
 Division Two Runners-up 1954/55.  
 Division Three Runners-up 1969/70.  
 Division Three (Sth.) Champions 1936/37.  
 Division Three (Sth.) Runners-up 1935/36.  
 Division Four Champions 1967/68.  
 F.A. Cup Finalists, 1959 (beaten at Wembley 1-2 by Nottingham Forest!)  
 Football League Record:  
 Individual highest goals scored in a single game is ten goals scored by centre-forward Joe Payne, for Luton Town v. Bristol Rovers in 1936/37.

Ten-Year League Record:

Season	Div.	Pos.	W	F	A	Pts
1971/72	2	13th	10	43	48	38
1970/71	2	6th	18	62	43	49
1969/70	3	2nd	23	77	43	60
1968/69	3	3rd	25	74	38	61
1967/68	4	1st	27	87	44	66
1966/67	4	17th	16	59	73	41
1965/66	4	6th	24	90	70	56
1964/65	3	21st	11	51	94	33
1963/64	3	18th	16	64	80	42
1962/63	2	22nd	11	61	84	29



### LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB, 1972-73

BACK ROW (left to right): 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 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 (coach)  
 FRONT ROW: 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).

# LUTON TOWN

"Footballers are like ships that pass in the night" is a common expression used within the game and it is an apt description for, whilst a club remains a constant factor, the composition of its teams is an ever-changing feature.

It is only a comparative few months ago since we met Luton Town in the F.A. Cup here in 1971 (we drew 1-all but won the replay at Luton 4-3) but the players on duty on those two occasions differ in several respects from those of today.

But let's have a look at some of Luton's 'men of the moment' as we delve into their career details below.

**KEITH BARBER (Goalkeeper)** : Born Vauxhall, London. Came into the game late as a professional after having been spotted in London senior football. After having trials with Luton, he went to Dunstable Town for a spell but was recalled and displaced the experienced Tony Read in the first team last season to finish the season with 18 appearances.

**JOHN RYAN (Right-back)** : Although he had played quite a few games in their League team, Fulham released this capable defender two seasons ago. Since joining Luton, he has improved out of all recognition and is now one of the Division's top-ranking defenders. Kent born, he had a spell with Arsenal before going to Craven Cottage. An ever-present last season.

**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 other, he never really settled with Birmingham who loaned him to Walsall during last season and then eventually gave him a free transfer.

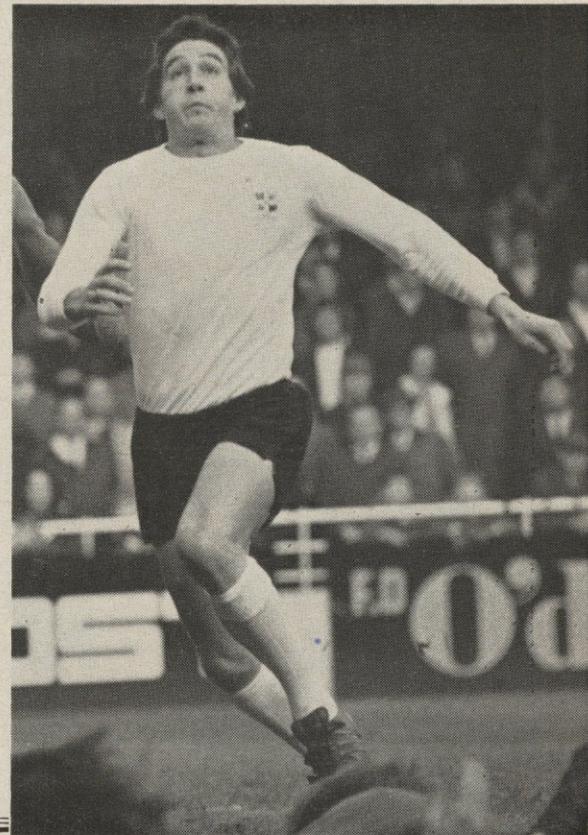
**DON SHANKS (Left-back)** : Like Ryan, he found his way to Luton via Fulham with whom he had been an apprentice professional, but they did not sign him at the end of the prescribed period. He went on to earn England Youth honours and other clubs have already been taking notice of his progress. His league debut came in Town's second home game of last season v. Preston North End and he went on to make 25 league appearances.

VIC HALOM →

**ALAN GARNER (Centre-half)** : Born at Walworth, his big chance came when Chris Nicholl was sold to Aston Villa last March. Immediately introduced into the "Hatters'" senior side, he went on to play confidently, earn himself a regular place and made ten appearances to the end of the season. A free transfer signing from Millwall who gave him few opportunities, he's a strong and assertive player.

**JOHN FAULKNER (Centre-half)** : Born Orpington. As Nicholl was being sold to Aston Villa, Luton were negotiating with Leeds United for Faulkner as a replacement and he cost £5,000 just before the transfer deadline. Hit the headlines two years ago when signed by Leeds after playing for Sutton United against Don Revie's side in the FA Cup. Played in a few First Division games that season.

**ALAN SLOUGH (Half-back)** : Born Luton and a real home-town loyalist, he says: "I'm too happy here to think about playing for any other club." Indeed, when First Division clubs were showing an interest in him, he asked for a long-term contract and signed on for three years with an option of a further three.



← JOHN RYAN

Still only 25 years of age, 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 and made nearly 150 league appearances for the Old Trafford side.

**JIMMY RYAN (Forward)** : Born Stirling. As an ambitious 17-year-old, he ignored offers from other League clubs and couldn't wait to sign for Manchester United. Gained First Division experience at Old Trafford and also played in Europe, but never gained a "safe" place and was happy to join Luton for a big fee in May, 1970. Missed a lot of games last term because of a dislocated shoulder.

**VIV BUSBY (Forward)** : Born Wycombe. Signed from top amateur side Wycombe Wanderers in 1969-70 and broke into Luton's League side with four goals in nine games. He added eight goals in 17 outings in season 1970-71 but lost his edge last season on the break-up of his partnership with Malcolm Macdonald. Their previous joint success prompted Newcastle to take him on a two-month "re-union" with Macdonald last season, but, although scoring in his first two games, he was not signed and returned to Luton.

**PETER ANDERSON (Forward)** : Born Hendon. 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. Was top scorer last season with 10 goals in 33 games, and scored the equaliser in their League Cup 1-1 drawn game with Birmingham City last Tuesday evening.

**VIC HALOM (Forward)** : Born Burton. A big-money capture from Fulham last season when he was bought to replace Macdonald. A strong, bustling player, he first played in the league with Charlton, and made his first team debut at 17 years of age. He later moved on to Orient, where he played as sweeper or striker, and then he cost Fulham £35,000 in 1968. He was unlucky at Craven Cottage, suffering a cartilage injury and, at one time, was advised by a specialist to retire.

**GORDON HINDSON (Forward)** : Born Dipton, near Newcastle. Although this youngster had only limited experience at the time, Luton paid Newcastle United £25,000 for him in October last, and are expecting big things from him this season. Was used mostly as a winger in his 22 league games for the "Hatters" last season, and has a considerable turn of speed.

He's a former schoolboy sprint champion and another of Town's ever-presents last season.

**JOHN MOORE (Half-back)** : Born Lanarkshire. Now the longest-serving member of the playing staff with over 200 League games behind him. When he arrived at Luton, he had played only once before in England, representing Scottish Boys' Clubs at Bolton. His first senior club was Motherwell, and, when they gave him a free transfer, Luton manager George Martin hastily flew to Scotland to complete the deal in 1965. 36 League appearances during 1971-72 season.

**RODNEY FERN (Forward)** : Born Burton-on-Trent. Luton's big close-season signing, costing them a reputed £50,000 from Leicester City, for whom he played in their 1969 losing Cup Final. A strong, bustling type with a highly-developed goal sense, he should increase the scoring potential of the Town side. Made over 130 League appearances for City, scoring 27 goals.

**JOHN ASTON (Forward)** : Born Manchester, he's the son of a former United player. Several other clubs were disappointed when Aston moved to Luton during the summer from Manchester United for a fee of £30,000, which begins to look quite a bargain figure.

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| 4.  | DAVID SERELLA         |         |
| 5.  | JOHN COTTAM           |         |
| 6.  | DOUG. FRASER          |         |
| 7.  | JIMMY McINTOSH        |         |
| 8.  | GEORGE LYALL          |         |
| 9.  | DUNCAN McKENZIE       |         |
| 10. | PAUL RICHARDSON       |         |
| 11. | MARTIN O'NEILL        |         |
| 12. | To be announced LYONS |         |

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Referee :

Mr. R. L. JOHNSON  
(Lowestoft)



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(Redditch) (Yellow Flag)

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| 4.  | PETER ANDERSON   |         |
| 5.  | JOHN FAULKNER    |         |
| 6.  | ALAN GARNER      |         |
| 7.  | JIMMY RYAN       |         |
| 8.  | RODNEY FERN      |         |
| 9.  | VIV BUSBY        |         |
| 10. | VIC HALOM        |         |
| 11. | JOHN ASTON       |         |
| 12. | ALAN SLOUGH      |         |

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## SECOND DIVISION SCENE



Now that the dust is settling on the early-season games in the Division, it gives great pleasure to see ourselves so highly placed in the League table. A good start is vitally important and we must now go on and capitalise on it.

Last Saturday all the top three clubs in the section won their games and rating highly as "best performances" must surely have been our win at **Carlisle** and **Burnley's** 2-nil win at Fratton Park. **Sheffield Wednesday's** victory over **Bristol City** at Ashton Gate was another good achievement.

Twelve clubs in the section are unbeaten at home but only three of them, **Sheffield Wednesday**, **Oxford**, and **Sunderland** have 100% records on their own grounds. Four clubs, including ourselves, boast an "undefeated" label when travelling (**Burnley**, **Queen's Park Rangers**, and **Portsmouth** are the others) and—a sign of how difficult it is playing away from home in this section—not one of the 22 clubs still has a 100% tally when travelling.

**Orient**—who had several all-ticket games in the F.A. Cup last season when, in a fine run in the competition, they hit the headlines in sensational fashion—have played four home games for points this term and considerably less than 8,000 spectators have turned up for each!

**Sheffield Wednesday**—enjoying their best start to a season for some time—emerge as the top scorers in the section so far with 13 goals. Joicey, their former **Coventry City** attacker, bagging six of them to become the top early-season individual marksman of the division. **Orient** with only three successes in five games are the division's lowest scorers.

**Millwall**, so narrowly pipped for promotion last season, have got away to a slightly indifferent start in these early games of 1972/73 and their centre-half Barry Kitchener, became the 14th player to be sent off in a game this season when he received "marching orders" at Bloomfield Road where they went down 1-2 to **Blackpool**.

By 2nd September 110 Division Two games had been fought out but in only six of them had attendance figures of over 20,000 been recorded. Top "gate" so far is the 34,843 for the **Villa v. Huddersfield Town** game and the Birmingham club also figure in the next two highest attendances. 30,175 (last Saturday) spectators watched their game at Villa Park v. **Brighton** which topped the 29,047 present to see their win over **Carlisle United** (again at home).

The lowest attendance so far is the 5,130 recorded when **Orient** were at home to **Middlesbrough**.

The lowest number of goals conceded to date is the two we have against us in our first five outings although it has to be agreed that the five we have scored is the lowest amongst the clubs in the top half of the table. An interesting statistical note is that the First Division's 154 games (each club has played seven games) have produced 177 goals whilst the 110 in our section have produced 147.

The arrival of **Bob Stokoe** at **Blackpool** as manager in December, 1970, came too late to save the Seaside from relegation to the Second Division.

**Blackpool** bounced back from this big disappointment by winning the Anglo-Italian tournament in a most, enterprising fashion, scoring more goals in the process than any other club competing.

The following season, 1971-72, the "Pool" started off as if they were going back to the First Division at the first attempt, but gradually the impetus faded with players suffering from loss of form and injuries plus the sale of Tony Green which upset the rhythm of the side.

However, Mr. Stokoe remedied this by signing three new players, Lennard, Dyson and Simpkin, in a matter of weeks. Once the newcomers had settled in **Blackpool's** play improved tremendously, so much so that from being in a position of danger at Christmas, the side finally finished a highly respectable sixth, on the way qualifying for the Watney Cup by scoring 70 goals.

Guided by the quiet-spoken Geordie, **Blackpool** now have the skill and experience that was previously lacking, to make promotion this season very much on the cards.



# FOREST FORAYS

## Q.P.R. v. FOREST— Saturday, 16th September

### NOTTINGHAM

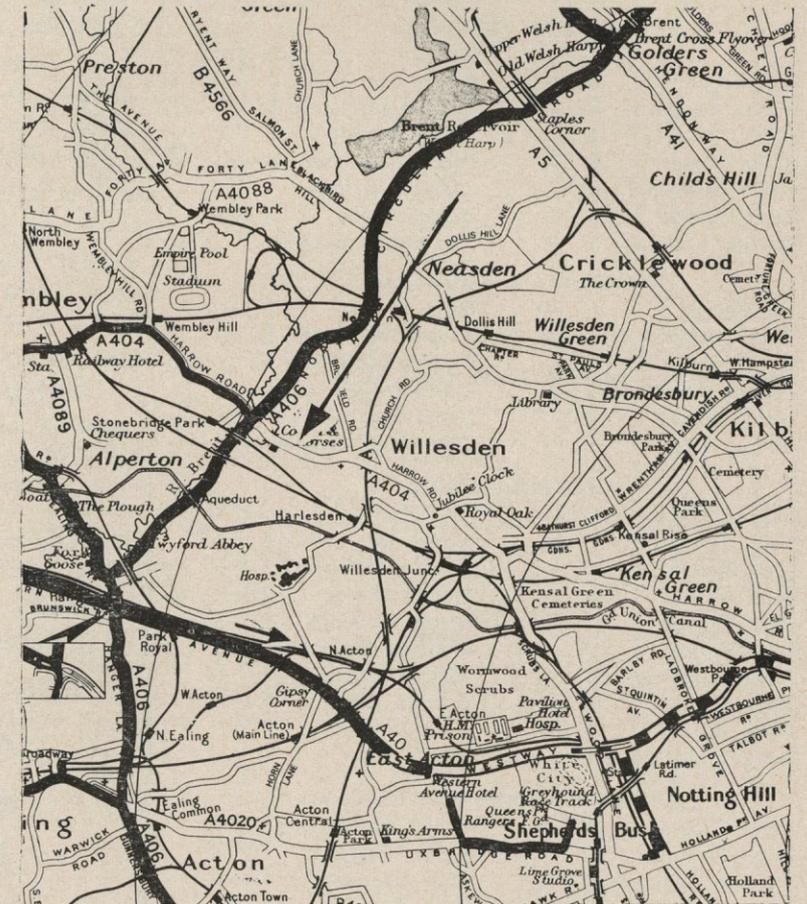
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# FACTS and FIGURES

## APPEARANCES

### SECOND DIVISION

app gls		app gls	
Jim Barron ...	5 —	Jimmy McIntosh	5 —
Bobby Chapman	4 —	Duncan McKenzie	5 2
John Cottam ...	1 —	Martin O'Neill ...	5 2
Doug. Fraser ...	5 —	Paul Richardson	5 —
Tommy Gemmell	5 —	John Robertson	1 —
Peter Hindley ...	4 —	David Serella ...	5 —
George Lyall ...	5 1	Substitute: Buckley	1 —

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

Jim Barron ...	1 —	Barry Lyons ...	1 —
John Cottam ...	1 —	Jimmy McIntosh	1 —
Doug. Fraser ...	1 —	Duncan McKenzie	1 —
Tommy Gemmell	1 —	Martin O'Neill ...	1 —
Peter Hindley ...	1 —	David Serella ...	1 —
George Lyall ...	1 —	Substitute: Buckley	1 —

### CENTRAL LEAGUE

Stephen Baines	6 —	Neil Martin ...	5 1
Keith Brown ...	2 —	Jimmy McCann	4 1
Alan Buckley ...	1 —	Seamus McDowell	2 —
John Cottam ...	5 —	Trevor Moden...	2 —
Gary Dulson ...	1 —	Dennis Peacock	4 —
Eric Hulme ...	2 —	Maitland Pollock	4 —
Tommy Jackson	6 —	John Robertson	5 1
John Limb ...	3 —	Tommy White	5 —
Barry Lyons ...	3 1	John Winfield ...	6 —
Substitutes: Limb 1, Pollock 1.			

### MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Keith Brown ...	1 —	Trevor Moden	3 1
Gary Dulson ...	2 1	Kieran Patterson	2 —
Richard Goslin	3 —	Glyn Saunders	4 —
Ian Hines ...	3 —	Barry Towill ...	4 —
David Hunter ...	2 —	Peter Wells ...	3 —
John Limb ...	1 —	David West ...	1 1
Jimmy McCann	1 —	Tony Woodcock	3 —
Seamus McDowell	2 —	Michael Woods	4 1
John Middleton	1 —	Lee Young ...	4 —

## NOTTINGHAM FOREST F.C.

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## MATCH DIGEST

### CENTRAL LEAGUE—Saturday, 2nd September

#### FOREST 1—MANCHESTER CITY 3

FOREST: Peacock; Limb, Winfield; Dulson, Baines, Jackson; Lyons, Moden, Martin, Robertson, McDowell. Scorer: Martin.

### MIDLAND INTER. LEAGUE—Saturday, 2nd September

#### FOREST 2—DERBY COUNTY 4

FOREST: Middleton; Saunders, Hines; Woods, Towill, Young; Goslin, West, McCann, Woodcock, Hunter. Scorers: Woods, West.

### MIDLAND YOUTH LEAGUE—Thursday, 7th September

#### PETERBOROUGH UNITED 1—FOREST 2

FOREST: Middleton; Saunders, Hunter; Woods, Towill, Young; Patterson, Goslin, Moden, Woodcock, Brown. Scorers: Patterson, Woodcock.

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SPECIAL R.A.F. ASSOCIATION MEETING

## Football League—Division Two

Date	Opponents	F. A.	Att.	Date	Opponents	F. A.	Att.
1972				Dec. 9	(2)Middlesbrough A		
July 29	Watford (Fr.)	A	2—1	16	Fulham ...	A	3,280
Aug. 7	Kaiserslautern ...	H	2—2	20	League Cup, Semi-final		4,881
12	Portsmouth ...	H	0—0	23	Bla.kpool ...	H	13,175
19	Hull City ...	A	0—0	26	Aston Villa ...	A	11,189
26	Oxford United ...	H	2—1	30	Hull City ...	H	9,591
29	Brighton ...	H	1—0	1973			10,659
Sept. 2	Carlisle United ...	A	2—1	Jan. 6	Oxford United	A	7,626
5	AstonVilla(L.Cup)	H	0—1	13	F.A. Cup, 3rd Round		17,655
9	Luton Town ...	H		20	Carlisle United	H	
16	Queen's P.R. ...	A		27	Luton Town ...	A	
19	Cardiff City ...	H		Feb. 3	F.A. Cup, 4th Round		
23	Aston Villa ...	H		10	Queen's P.R. ...	H	
25	Millwall ...	A		17	Portsmouth ...	A	
30	Sunderland ...	A		(League Cup Final)			
Oct. 4	League Cup, 3rd Round			24	(5) Fulham ...	H	
7	Huddersfield T. ...	H		Mar. 3	Huddersfield T. ...	H	
14	Bristol City ...	A		10	Bristol City ...	H	
21	Swindon Town ...	H		17	(6) Swindon T. ...	A	
28	Sheffield Wed. ...	A		24	Sheffield Wed. ...	H	
Nov. 1	League Cup, 4th Round			31	Burnley ...	H	
4	Millwall ...	H		April 7	(S.F.) Orient ...	A	
11	Cardiff City ...	A		14	Middlesbrough ...	H	
18	(1) Preston N.E. ...	H		21	Preston N.E. ...	A	
22	League Cup, 5th Round			23	Blackpool ...	A	
25	Burnley ...	A		24	Sunderland ...	H	
Dec. 2	Orient ...	H		28	Brighton ...	A	
6	League Cup, Semi-final			May 5	F.A. CUP FINAL		

Home League Aggregate Attendances 33,425  
Average 11,142

Away League Aggregate Attendances 18,815  
Average 9,408

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Burnley	5	3	2	0	11	4	8
FOREST	5	3	2	0	5	2	8
Sheffield Wed.	6	4	0	2	13	9	8
Oxford United	5	3	1	1	9	4	7
Blackpool	5	3	1	1	10	5	7
Aston Villa	5	3	1	1	6	5	7
Luton Town	5	3	0	2	7	4	6
Sunderland	5	2	2	1	7	6	6
Queen's P.R.	4	1	3	0	9	7	5
Portsmouth	5	2	1	2	6	5	5
Hull City	5	2	1	2	6	6	5
Swindon Town	6	2	1	3	8	11	5
Huddersfield	5	2	1	2	5	8	5
Carlisle United	5	1	2	2	7	6	4
Cardiff City	5	2	0	3	6	8	4
Millwall	5	1	1	3	5	7	3
Preston N.E.	5	1	1	3	4	6	3
Orient	5	1	1	3	3	5	3
Brighton	5	0	3	2	6	11	3
Fulham	4	1	1	2	4	8	3
Middlesbrough	5	1	1	3	5	11	3
Bristol City	5	0	2	3	5	9	2

## Central League

Date	Opponents	F. A.	Att.	Date	Opponents	F. A.	Att.
1972				Dec. 23	Blackburn R. ...	A	
Aug. 12	Blackpool ...	A	0—2	26	Blackpool ...	H	961
19	Everton ...	H	2—1	30	Everton ...	A	374
22	Manchester Utd. ...	H	1—1				714
26	Coventry City ...	A	0—3	1973			1,397
29	Liverpool ...	A	0—1	Jan. 6	Coventry City ...	H	1,109
Sept. 2	Manchester City	H	1—3	20	Manchester City ...	A	391
9	Bury ...	A		27	Bury ...	H	
16	Sheffield Utd. ...	H		Feb. 3	Bolton Wand. ...	A	
23	Leeds United ...	A		10	Sheffield Utd ...	A	
30	Wolverhampton	H		17	Leeds United ...	H	
Oct. 7	Huddersfield ...	A		24	Wolverhampton	A	
14	Derby County ...	H		Mar. 3	Huddersfield ...	H	
21	Sheffield Wed. ...	A		10	Derby County ...	A	
28	Stoke City ...	H		17	Sheffield Wed. ...	H	
Nov. 4	Manchester Utd. ...	A		24	Stoke City ...	A	
11	Bolton Wand. ...	H		31	Preston N.E. ...	A	
18	Burnley ...	A		April 7	Newcastle U. ...	H	
25	Preston N.E. ...	H		14	West Brom. ...	A	
Dec. 2	Newcastle Utd. ...	A		16	Aston Villa ...	A	
9	West Brom. ...	H		21	Burnley ...	H	
16	Aston Villa ...	H		23	Blackburn R. ...	H	
				28	Liverpool ...	H	

Home League Aggregate Attendances 1,479  
Average 493

Away League Aggregate Attendances 3,467  
Average 1,156

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Blackpool	7	6	1	0	13	2	13
Coventry City	7	5	2	0	16	3	12
Sheffield Wed.	7	4	1	2	19	5	9
West Brom.	6	4	1	1	11	7	9
Derby County	7	4	1	2	21	14	9
Liverpool	7	4	1	2	10	7	9
Wolves	6	4	0	2	10	7	8
Huddersfield	7	2	3	2	11	9	7
Aston Villa	7	3	1	3	12	10	7
Everton	7	3	1	3	6	5	7
Manchester U.	7	2	3	2	6	8	7
Newcastle U.	5	3	0	2	8	7	6
Manchester C.	6	2	2	2	8	11	6
Bolton Wand.	6	2	1	3	6	8	5
Stoke City	5	2	0	3	10	7	4
Burnley	6	2	0	4	6	7	4
Sheffield Utd.	5	2	0	3	4	6	4
Leeds United	5	1	2	2	2	4	4
Preston N.E.	7	2	0	5	8	19	4
FOREST	6	1	1	4	4	11	3
Bury	6	0	1	5	2	24	1
Blackburn Rov.	6	0	0	6	4	16	0

## Midland Intermediate League

All home games to be played at the R.A.O.C. Sports Ground, Chilwell, Notts.

Date	Opponents	F. A.	Date	Opponents	F. A.
1972			Nov. 18	Mansfield Town ...	H
Aug. 12	Leicester City ...	A	25	Wolverhampton W. ...	H
19	Mansfield Town ...	A	Dec. 2	Wolverhampton W. ...	A
26	Coventry City ...	A	9	Derby County ...	H
Sept. 2	Derby County ...	H	16	Walsall ...	A
9	Aston Villa ...	H	30	Aston Villa ...	H
16	Leicester City ...	H	1973		
23	Mansfield Town ...	H	Jan. 6	Leicester City ...	A
30	Coventry City ...	H	13	Coventry City ...	H
Oct. 7	Derby County ...	A	20	Stoke City ...	H
14	Aston Villa ...	A	27	Shrewsbury Town ...	A
			Feb. 3	West Bromwich Albion	A
			10	Birmingham City ...	H
			17	Mansfield Town ...	A
			24	Walsall ...	H
			Mar. 3	Derby County ...	A
			10	Leicester City ...	H
			17	Aston Villa ...	A
			24	Coventry City ...	A

### CUP COMPETITION

SECTION "A"							
Walsall	4	3	0	1	13	10	6
Stoke City	4	2	1	1	7	5	5
West Brom.	4	2	1	1	8	6	5
Birmingham C.	4	2	0	2	10	8	4
Wolves	4	1	1	2	8	12	3
Shrewsbury T.	4	0	1	3	3	8	1
SECTION "B"							
Leicester City	4	3	1	0	7	2	7
Derby County	4	2	2	0	13	5	6
Mansfield T.	4	2	2	0	8	5	6
Coventry City	4	1	2	1	8	7	4
Aston Villa	4	0	1	3	4	14	1
FOREST	4	0	0	4	4	11	0

## Coming Your Way

Wednesday, 13th September (2.30 p.m.)  
MIDLAND YOUTH LEAGUE—Chilwell

### Swindon Town

Saturday, 16th September (3 p.m.)  
CENTRAL LEAGUE—City Ground

### Sheffield United

Saturday, 16th September (11 a.m.)  
MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE—Chilwell

### Leicester City

Tuesday, 19th September (7.30 p.m.)  
DIVISION TWO—City Ground

### CARDIFF CITY



## TODAY'S MAN IN CHARGE

Mr. **RAYMOND L. JOHNSON** from Lowestoft

A personnel manager, he started refereeing in 1956 in local football with steady promotion through the Eastern Counties League to The Football League in 1965. Married with two teenage sons, he is the referees' training officer for his area and chairman of a local football league. He has officiated as a linesman in Inter-Cities Fairs' Cup matches and was on the line in the 1967 F.A. Cup semi-final between ourselves and Tottenham Hotspur.

### CITY GROUND SOCCER SCHOOL

There are courses on Football for players, coaches, trainers, referees, and secretaries but none, that we are aware, for the average "fan". Now Nottingham Forest are going to remedy this situation by introducing a course at the City Ground for the supporter.

Commencing on Thursday, 28th September, at 7 p.m. and continuing each week for seven weeks, the professional staff will present a series of talks, discussions and demonstrations covering many aspects of running a professional club.

Numbers will be limited to 50 in order to make the classes manageable, and will be a course for the adult spectator, although a few 14 to 18-year-olds will be accepted if accompanied by a parent.

If the demand is such that all cannot be enrolled for this course, a second may be run in the new year.

Application forms and further details are now available from the office.

When, on 21st October, **Hereford United** meet **Northampton Town**, the latter club will be making a little-known contribution to soccer history that is worthwhile mentioning.

Town will then have met all the League's 91 other clubs for points and no other outfit in the competition can boast this fact.

It is, of course, hastened by (a) Hereford's election to the Fourth Division this season where Town already operate and (b) by the fact that Northampton have in recent years played in all four Divisions currently making up the League.

### THE 1972/73 HANDBOOK

The club's annual handbook will be available shortly and will include new photographs of the players, articles by Martin O'Neill on his first year as a professional, Bert Johnson on the apprentices, and the tour of Zambia, etc. Don't forget your copy—ask your newsagent to obtain a supply. There will be 64 pages chock-full of photographs, price 15p.

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## Scorechart

	Half Time	Full Time		Half Time	Full Time
<b>A</b> Southampton v. Ipswich			<b>M</b> Cardiff v. Aston Villa		
<b>B</b> Burnley v. Queen's P.R.			<b>N</b> Stoke City v. Leeds		
<b>C</b> Norwich v. Sheff. Utd.			<b>O</b> Sheff. Wed. v. Portsmouth		
<b>D</b> Chelsea v. West Ham			<b>P</b> Huddersfield v. Oxford		
<b>E</b> Mansfield Town v. Bury			<b>Q</b> Liverpool v. Wolves		
<b>F</b> Swindon v. Blackpool			<b>R</b> 'Spurs v. Crystal Palace		
<b>G</b> West Brom. v. Derby			<b>S</b> Birmingham v. Man. City		
<b>H</b> Newcastle v. Arsenal			<b>T</b> Southend v. Notts. C.		
<b>J</b> Man. Utd. v. Coventry			<b>U</b> Leicester City v. Everton		

GOLDEN GOAL TIMES WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE SCOREBOARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER EACH GOAL.

Half-time scores will be shown on the scoreboard.  
Full-time scores will be announced over the public address system.

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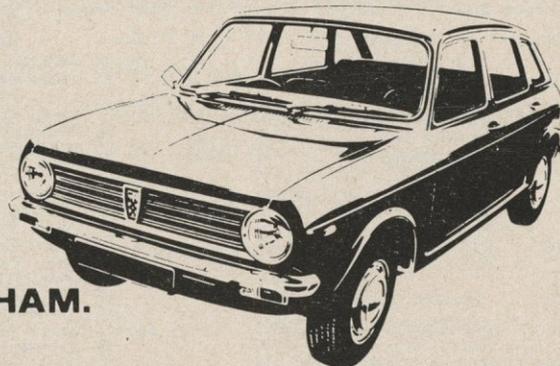


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