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NEWS & VIEWS

This evening we play our fourth game in eleven days, so most of the time recently has been spent in travelling and playing. These sequences of games impose a strain on playing resources but, fortunately at the time of writing, the Club is almost free of injuries.

Attendances at matches seem to have improved slightly, but there is a long way to go to reach the figures of three or four seasons ago, or even last year. One wonders how much attendances have been affected by the increase of prices for admission. Unfortunately less spectators reduces the profit on any ancillary services such as programme sales, and even the sale of 'Golden Goal' competition tickets.

If the match is sufficiently attractive and interesting, the crowds will still come. For instance, Cup games, and (I don't quite know if it is fair to make this comparison) the Cup Final, which is always a complete sell out, in spite of price increases almost each year. That of course is a very special occasion as against the hard treadmill of the long season of League football.

League football is the real mainstay of the game in this country and the chief source of revenue for all clubs. Without it the other competitions could not exist. Considered by many judges to be the finest in the world, may it long continue to be such.

Our home fixture with Luton Town last season was not a very fortunate one for us. We were due to play them on Saturday, 11th March, 1972, but the game was postponed because of water lying on the pitch due to a snowfall the previous evening.

The referee did not make the final decision until 2 p.m., much too late to inform our opponents, who travelled down on a special train. The return was scheduled for 5.30 p.m.,

so the Luton Party were forced to spend the afternoon in Swindon.

The re-arranged fixture on the 18th April, 1972, almost met with the same fate, as an hour before the kick-off a very heavy storm broke over the ground, making the pitch very wet. This, allied with the fact that Swindon had lost to Burnley at home on the 15th April, made the attendance figures very low - 8,948.

Result: Swindon 2 (Rogers and Horsfield); Luton Town 1 (Givens).

Swindon were rather lucky to win, as Luton proved to be a very good team, especially in the first half.

The complement of our visitors has changed since last season. Manager Alex Stock has joined Fulham in a similar capacity, and has been replaced by Mr. Haslam. Two players have been transferred for quite high fees - Don Givens to Queen's Park Rangers, and Chris Nicholl to Aston Villa. Two well-known players have been added to the staff, namely John Aston from Manchester United and Rodney Fern from Leicester City, both players with First Division experience.

Luton have made a good start to the season, so we look forward to a splendid game of football.

One final word. Shall we be welcoming Mr. Eric Morecambe this evening? We all hope so.

Cover photo:

A superb leap by Peter Noble enabled him to get in a header toward the Portsmouth goal, with Milkins looking anxiously on.



dave's column

Well at last we have broken our duck away from home with a well deserved draw up at Huddersfield and, even more pleasing, was the way we achieved it. We played our best football of the season and I can only hope that the lads can maintain it. Young Jimmy Allan came in for his first game of the season and after conceding a goal in the first six minutes, which must be a bit unnerving for a goalkeeper, he put the shutters up. Ronnie Howell also had his first match of the season, and did exceptionally well in the middle of the park, where our performances have not really been as good as they should be. These two are definitely boys with a great future and it is pleasing to know that we have some wonderful reserves and youth players, because the fact is that nearly every team in the country will soon have to produce their own players, because of the ridiculous transfer fees demanded.

At the time of writing we have now got two home matches, the first against Portsmouth and three days later we play Luton Town. Portsmouth are having a terrible time at the moment after winning two and drawing one of their first three matches and being very near the top of the table. They have now lost the last four games and, believe me, when these things happen they are very difficult to stop, and I would just like to add that after Saturday's match I hope that they put a stop to their losing sequence.

Tonight's match with Luton should be a very exciting one because they have made an excellent start to the season and are very near the top, but this is our chance to pull them back a little bit. The league is now beginning to take shape and as Tom Greaves, the manager of Huddersfield said, in the Second Division it is unusual for any team at the top of the league to draw away from the rest because there is not a lot of difference between the twenty-two clubs. He also said, and I'm inclined to agree with him, that you are either concerned in the promotion hunt or you are

looking over your shoulder at the other end of the table.

Frank Burrows has missed a couple of our last games with a troublesome groin strain, and I hope that he will be fit for tonight's match, because he has had a fabulous start to the season and I don't want him out for too long, but Ron Potter has filled the gap well, as it seems Ron can do a good job as a centre-half or sweeper-up.

That's all for now. I just wish I knew how we got on against Portsmouth, but as I say, these notes have to go to the printers four days before a match.

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Howell, Swindon's young mid-field player, tries to open up the Portsmouth defence with a short pass inside to Treacy.

Chaos in the Portsmouth goalmouth, as 'keeper Milkins looks for the ball in a melee of arms and legs during last Saturday's 1-1 draw at the County Ground.



Staff of Luton Town Football Club



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 Sparks.
Middle row (left to right): Tony Castiello, Alan Garner, Robin Wainwright, Ken Goodeve, Keith Barber, Willie Carrick, Tony Read, John Moore, Alan Slough, Steve Litt, Mick Gilchrist.
Front row (left to right): Ray McCrohan (Coach), John Ryan, John Aston, Harry Haslam (Manager), Rodney Fern, Viv Busby, Ken Whitfield (Assistant Coach).

Keith Barber (Goalkeeper)

Came into the game late as a professional after having been spotted in London senior football and, after having trials with Luton, went to Dunstable Town for a spell. Was recalled and displaced the experienced Tony Read in the first team last season.

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.

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 Birmingham, 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. Strong and assertive.

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.

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 during the present season.

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.

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 and other clubs have already been taking notice of his progress.

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.

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.

Rodney Fern (Forward)

Luton's biggest close season signing, because he cost them a reputed £50,000 from Leicester City, for whom he played in their 1969 losing Cup Final. Strong, bustling type with a highly developed goal sense, he should increase the scoring potential.

Jimmy Ryan (Forward)

Another 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.

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.

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)

Ken 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.



A recent photograph of Rod Thomas, Swindon Town's popular captain and Welsh international full-back.



Albert McCann



David Munks

Swindon Town v Luton Town

Tuesday, 26th September, 1972
Division II

SWINDON TOWN

- 1 Allan
- 2 Thomas
- 3 Trollope
- 4 Howell
- 5 Potter
- 6 Butler
- 7 Peplow
- 8 Hubbard
- 9 Treacy
- 10 Noble
- 11 Rogers
- 12 Moss

Colours:
red shirts
black shorts

LUTON TOWN

- 1 Barber
- 2 Ryan (John)
- 3 Thompson
- 4 Anderson
- 5 Faulkner
- 6 Slough
- 7 Ryan (Jim)
- 8 Fern
- 9 Busby
- 10 Halom
- 11 Aston
- 12

Colours:
white and black

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Referee
Mr W S Castle (Dudley)

Linesmen
Red Flag: **Mr C A Maskell** (Weston-super-Mare)
Yellow Flag: **Mr C W Gardner** (Taunton)



Peter Anderson (Luton Town)



Vic Halom (Luton Town)

Fixture list 1972/73

Division II

August	
12 Queen's Park Rangers	(H) 2-2
16 Sheffield Wednesday	(A) 1-2 (League Cup 1)
19 Carlisle United	(A) 0-3
26 Bristol City	(H) 2-1
29 Sheffield Wednesday	(H) 1-0
September	
2 Sunderland	(A) 2-3
5 Derby County (League Cup Rd. 2)	(H) 0-1
9 Blackpool	(H) 0-0
16 Aston Villa	(A) 1-2
19 Huddersfield Town	(A) 1-1
23 Portsmouth	(H) 1-1
26 Luton Town	(H)
30 Hull City	(A)
October	
4 League Cup (3)	
7 Burnley	(A)
14 Preston North End	(H)
21 Nottingham Forest	(A)
28 Brighton & Hove Albion	(H)
November	
1 League Cup (4)	
4 Luton Town	(A)
11 Huddersfield Town	(H)
18 Orient (F.A. Cup 1)	(H)
22 League Cup (5)	
25 Middlesbrough	(A)
December	
2 Cardiff City	(H)
6 League Cup (Semi-Final)	
9 Millwall (F.A. Cup 2)	(A)
16 Oxford United	(A)
20 League Cup (Semi-Final)	
23 Fulham	(H)
26 Portsmouth	(A)
30 Carlisle United	(H)
1973	
January	
6 Bristol City	(A)
13 F.A. Cup (3)	
20 Sunderland	(H)
27 Blackpool	(A)
February	
3 F.A. Cup (4)	
10 Aston Villa	(H)
13 Queen's Park Rangers	(A)
17 League Cup (Final)	
24 Oxford United (F.A. Cup 5)	(H)
March	
3 Burnley	(H)
10 Preston North End	(A)
17 Nottingham Forest (F.A. Cup 6)	(H)
24 Brighton & Hove Albion	(A)
31 Middlesbrough	(H)
April	
7 Cardiff City (F.A. Cup Semi-Final)	(A)
14 Millwall	(H)
20 Fulham	(A)
21 Orient	(A)
24 Hull City	(H)
May	
5 F.A. Cup Final	

Football Combination

August	
15 Southampton	(H) 2-3
19 Plymouth Argyle	(H) 3-1
23 Fulham	(A)
26 West Ham United	(A) 2-1
September	
2 Arsenal	(H) 1-0
6 Crystal Palace	(A) 1-1
9 Bournemouth & Boscombe	(A) 5-0
16 Oxford United	(H) 1-1
19 Norwich City	(H) 1-2
23 Bristol City	(A) 1-1
30 Queen's Park Rangers	(H)
October	
7 Tottenham Hotspur	(H)
10 Swansea City	(A)
21 Bristol Rovers	(H)
28 Leicester City	(A)
November	
4 Fulham	(H)
11 Southampton	(A)
18 Birmingham City	(A)
25 Reading	(H)
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21 Birmingham City	(H)
28 Norwich City	(A)
May	
5 F.A. Cup Final	

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The man in the middle

William S. Castle

Started refereeing in Wolverhampton amateur football in 1950 and progressed through the Staffordshire County League and the Central League to the Football League line in 1961. In 1967 he became a full League referee.

In 1968 he refereed the Youth international between Wales and Scotland and in the same year was a linesman in an important Fairs Cup game. A year later he was one of the linesmen for the Arsenal v Swindon Town Football League Cup Final.

A married sales representative with two children, a son and daughter, he lives at Sedgley, near Dudley.

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Division II

	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts.
Burnley	9	4	5	0	18	10 13
Sheffield Wednesday	10	6	1	3	20	12 13
Oxford United	9	5	2	2	14	9 12
Aston Villa	8	5	2	1	11	7 12
Nottingham Forest	9	4	3	2	8	8 11
Q.P.R.	8	2	6	0	16	11 10
Sunderland	8	3	4	1	10	8 10
Preston North End	9	4	2	3	7	6 10
Luton Town	8	5	0	3	10	9 10
Huddersfield	9	3	4	2	10	11 10
Blackpool	8	3	3	2	14	10 9
Middlesbrough	9	3	3	3	8	12 9
Bristol City	9	2	4	3	12	12 8
Fulham	8	3	2	3	11	12 8
Swindon Town	10	2	4	4	11	15 8
Carlisle	8	2	2	4	11	8 6
Portsmouth	8	2	2	4	8	9 6
Orient	9	1	4	4	7	11 6
Hull City	9	2	2	5	7	11 6
Brighton	9	1	4	4	12	19 6
Millwall	9	2	1	6	10	14 5
Cardiff City	9	2	0	7	8	19 4



Steve Peplow jumps high above the Portsmouth defenders in an effort to turn this cross goalwards.

Forthcoming matches

SATURDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER

Football Combination - ko 3 pm

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS

SATURDAY, 7th OCTOBER

Football Combination - ko 3 pm

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

SATURDAY, 14th OCTOBER

Division II - ko 3 pm

PRESTON NORTH END

SATURDAY, 21st OCTOBER

Football Combination - ko 3 pm

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Town: Swindon.
Born: Swindon.
Work: W. H. Smith & Sons. Clerical work.
Time with Girls: 2 years.
Hobbies: Football, Marching, Dancing, Flower-making, Records and Art.
Favourite pop star: Gilbert O'Sullivan.
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A further prize of £10 will also be given for the ticket bearing the number corresponding to the official attendance at the match.

YOUTH

STEVE NEWMAN



Home Village: Wanborough.

School football: Ridgeway Boys, Swindon Boys and Wiltshire Boys.

Youth football: Shared Youth games with Jimmy Allan.

Signed for Town: July 1971.

Games for Reserves: Reading, Bristol Rovers, Winchester.

Hobbies: Tennis (County player for Wiltshire).

Pop stars: Nobody in particular.

Height: 5ft 10in.

Weight: 10st 9lb.

GOLDEN GOAL WINNERS

BRISTOL CITY (Saturday, August 26th)
£60 — 1st Goal (21m 4s, paid on 21m 2s). Mr. Croome, Broadway House, Kempsford.
£10 — Last Goal (80m 56s). Mrs. J. Young, 36 Westcott Place, Swindon.

£10 — Attendance (15,304). D. Twining, 87 Bright Street, Swindon.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (Tuesday, August 29th)
£70 — 1st and Last Goal (81m 51s). C. Wisby, 3 The Lynch Field, Upper Wanborough.

£10 — Attendance (11,376, paid on 15,001). R. Langcaster, 32 Ashford Road, Swindon.

DERBY COUNTY (Tuesday, September 5th)
£70 — 1st and Last Goal (30m 33s, paid on 30m 34s). P. Sarahs, 9 Holly Close, Swindon.

£10 — Attendance (15,730, paid on 15,735). C. Wisby, 3 The Lynch Field, Upper Wanborough.

BLACKPOOL (Saturday, September 9th)
£10 (No Score). R. Mead, 16 Glendale, Swanmow, Southampton.

£10 (No Score). Mr. W. J. Crowfoot, 115 Manchester Road, Swindon.

£10 (No Score). J. Willgoss, 11 Briars Close, Churchdown, Glos.

£10 (No Score). Mrs. D. M. Caswell, 35 Bright Street, Swindon.

£10 — Attendance (10,069, paid on 15,001). M. N. Clifford, 38 Queen's Road, Wootton Bassett.



Don Rogers

Family Album — Paul Peterson

Pictured with Paul are wife June and 8-month-old Justin.



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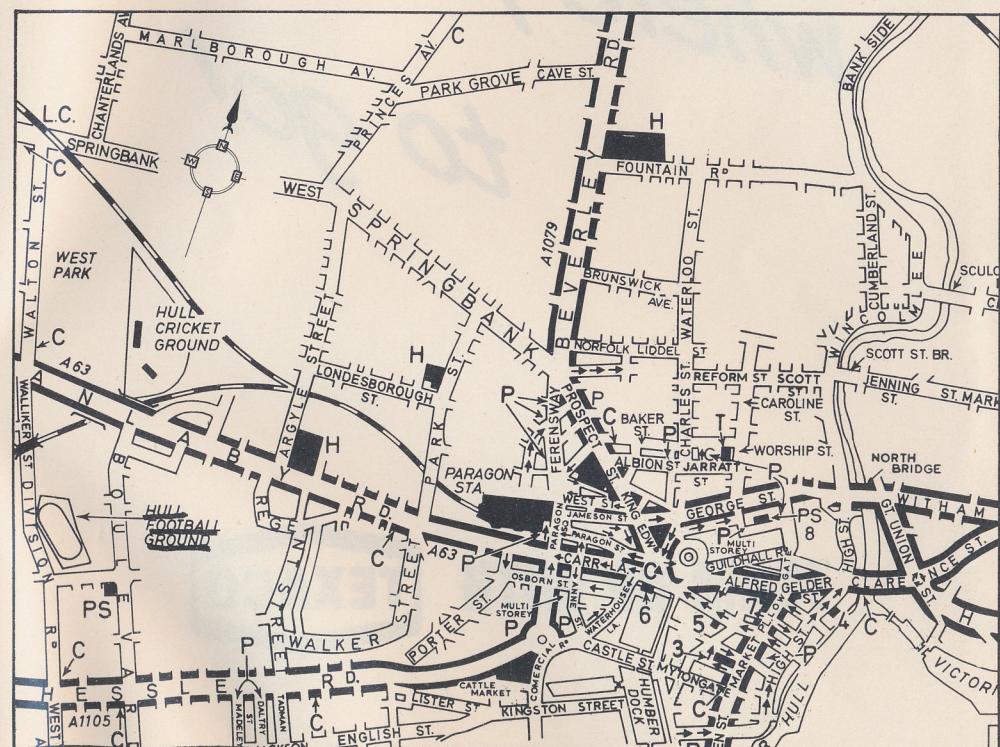
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**to Hull City
Saturday, 30th September**

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