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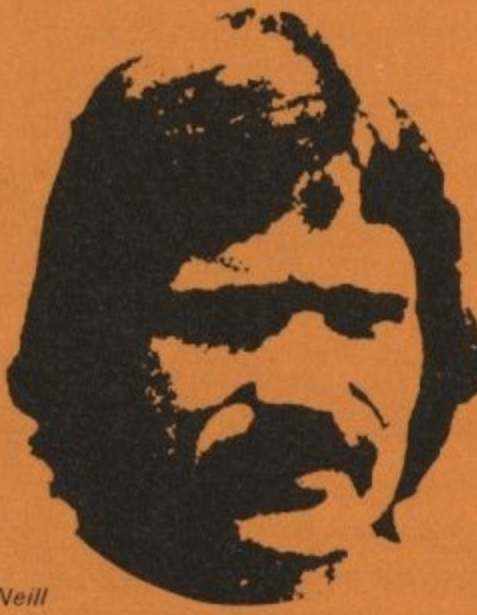
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HARRY HASLAM



The appointment of Paddy Sowden as Chief Scout at Luton Town was no spur of the moment decision by myself last week, when the news broke that there was going to be a new and important member of the backroom staff at Kenilworth Road.

I have known Paddy for over 20 years and, in that time, have grown to respect his ability to spot a prospect at an early stage. This, of course, was my capacity in the last couple of seasons at Luton and I feel that Paddy's inclusion in my staff seals a gap in our organisation which can prevent many players with promising talent slipping through our net.

I think it is necessary to have a very active and experienced scout at one's elbow and I think Paddy, who was a player with Blackpool, Gillingham and Accrington, is a man who mirrors many of my own ideas.

I was very happy, indeed, when he agreed to join us after my discussions with Blackpool, for he is the busy type whom we need at Luton, a man who can tackle 24 hours a day in his stride and one who is keen to grasp a challenge with both hands.

He has now inherited my original scouting responsibilities and, from the close harmony which we shall strike between us, I hope it will lead to more discoveries of the MacDonald and Nicholl quality.

The arrival of a new face rather coincided with the departure of Robin Wainwright, a player who had been part of the Kenilworth Road scene for a number of years. It was with a tinge of sadness that I arranged Robin's transfer to Millwall, because he has been a Luton man since the day he left school, and like the player himself, I always wanted him to get the breaks with this club.

But life is such that we don't always get what we want and, though I had belief in Robin's ability as a player, the way things have worked out this season, I wasn't able to give him the chance he deserves.

We both felt that his luck could change, and perhaps alter more quickly, with a new club and I was delighted that my old friend, Benny Fenton, placed his faith in this player.

I wish Robin every success with his new club and I hope he clicks with a few goals down at The Den—and anywhere else except when we entertain Millwall next month.

Our tremendous victory at Villa Park last week has, I realise, put some more pressure on us to produce the same successful form at Kenilworth Road.

But, in a world of pressures, it's the kind I like, for, while we can topple one of the strongest clubs in the Division, I feel it must only be a matter of time before the results start to flow for us at home.

Meeting up with both Bruce Rioch and Chris Nicholl in a match for the first time put up a testing challenge for both past and present Luton players. There was mutual respect on both sides.

But I think Luton shared the final satisfaction, because we acknowledged the strengths of these two players—and went ahead to minimise the opportunities for them to put them into practise.

Bruce's secret is to get the opposition's midfield men to 'sell' themselves and then go racing on to explode those famous shots of his. We didn't do the impossible and blot him out altogether—as Keith Barber will testify—but Rioch was restricted and, if any player caught the eye for running to great effect, it was Peter Anderson.

Yet it takes more than one player to shake a defence with the experience of Aston Villa's. By concentrating on feeding it through on the ground, Luton were able to command possession right up to the point where a spot of quick thinking could cause quite a lot of damage.

This, I think, we achieved and I'm glad it was before a typical Villa crowd of 30,000.

If the team plays with the same confidence this afternoon, I know they have sufficient skills to merge it into a performance which would deserve the attentions of a similar number.

Harry Haslam was talking to Norton Jones



LES RICHARDSON

The 90-minute tensions of Saturday afternoons are sometimes clearly etched on the faces of individual players when they turn to the Hatter's Club for refuge after a particularly harrassing League game.

It's then that Les Richardson, the manager of Luton's main after-the-match social spot, fulfils one of his most important roles as 'Uncle Les,' the one person the lads are most likely to find capable of producing the antidote they are searching for.

This former Wembley Stadium catering official has the respect and trust of management and supporters alike, a character with the vision to realise when a player needs his confidence batteries re-charged after being 'on the rack'.

"I feel the players must have somewhere close to the club where they can relax and it has been my aim to provide this type of 'shelter' for them. With the help of Mrs Connie Short, a 'transfer' from the Bobber's Club who rates in the £100,000 class; I do my part in the background to try and make the players life more pleasant."

Les has built the Hatter's Club into a thriving social scene with his candid comment and his experience of dealing with the big-stars of show-biz and the soccer world. For seven years he was a licenced manager amongst the V.I.P. classes at Wembley when he met everybody from Henry Cooper to Johnny Haynes.

"They were wonderful years which I like to recall.

I shall always remember the 1966 World Cup for I watched the semi-final between England and Portugal sitting next to Cassius Clay. What a great guy he is!"

For domestic reasons Les was forced to retire from being surrounded by the glitter and colour of the sporting world and he staked his future in Luton's Black Ball, a new licensed premises in the Town.

"Yet it didn't quite give my wife and I the breaks from the long hours and late nights which had become all part of the scene at Wembley. My present life is not exactly a part-time exercise. But it's not so continually demanding and this arrangement suits us both so much better. If you are happy at work, it's not difficult to be happy at home."

An unofficial 'banker', an arbiter in countless discussions and a man very much the centre-pin of an important cog in Luton F.C. activities, Les is a close friend to the present playing staff and a big admirer of some of the names of the past.

"I remember Tony Read in his playing days as a character and comic who was always good for a laugh. Roger Hoy and Jack Bannister have also left since I joined, and of course, Chris Nicholl, one of the quieter chaps, and Malcolm MacDonald."

The Terror of Tyneside was always the main item on the Hatter's agenda. "Every night the supporters would be discussing him, comparing his ability with that of the Lawton's and Lofthouses. I maintained that as long as he had the right attitude for the game, good luck to all he got out of it."

Carlisle United, now in their eighth season as a Second Division club, stand as an inspiring example to all those smaller teams who wonder if they will ever rise from an obscure existence in the Fourth Division.

Not much more than ten years ago Carlisle United were down in the bottom section, dodging the fear of having to ask for re-election, yet, within four seasons, they had achieved the remarkable cycle of promotion, relegation and then promotion right through to Division Two.

That, in itself, was like a fairy-tale for a club which had even considered applying for election to the Scottish League. Alan Ashman, now back in his second spell as manager, recalls the arrival of the first set of Second Division fixtures in the club's history. "The first three matches were against Norwich, Wolves and Southampton," he recalls. "I thought: 'Blimey! What have we got ourselves into?'"

He needn't have had any alarms. Carlisle established themselves in their first season and then had football fans staring in disbelief as they finished third in 1966-67, finishing just behind Wolves and in front of such clubs as Ipswich, Crystal Palace, Birmingham, Norwich and Derby.

It was then that Carlisle lost Mr Ashman to West Bromwich Albion. At first, they held their comfortable mid-table rating, but things suddenly slipped into a crisis early in the 1968-69 season.

They plunged to the foot of the table while managing only four points—and not a single victory—in the opening ten games. Mr Ward, the manager, left Brunton Park and Carlisle's astute Board of Directors then made one of their best-ever decisions by appointing Bob Stokoe.

The next manager was Ian MacFarlane, formerly coach at Sunderland, and he continued Mr Stokoe's plans by lifting the club to a final position of fourth—just three points behind second-placed Sheffield United.

Last season was Mr MacFarlane's first full campaign in charge, but, although Carlisle were satisfactorily placed in mid-table, they parted company with their manager and turned the clock back five years by inviting Alan Ashman to return home from Greece.

On arriving back at Brunton Park, Mr Ashman believed that Carlisle "have a better side than when I left," but, so far they have not found full consistency, largely because of injuries and the club's regular problem of having to sell to stay afloat.

TALKING ABOUT CARLISLE



(Back row): Joe Laidlaw, Graham Winstanley, Steve Derrett, Stan Bowles (now with Q.P.R.), Derek Hemstead, Stan Ternent. (Centre row): H. Nicholson (physiotherapist), R. Young (trainer), Allan Ross, Chris Balderstone, Stan Webb (now with Brentford), Bob Delgado, Dennis Martin, Tom Clarke, H. Neil (chief scout), J. Dent (secretary). (Front row): Ray Train, Les O'Neill, A. Ashman (manager), John Gorman, Bobby Owen.

In each of the last three seasons, they have been forced to part with a leading forward. First, they sold Hugh McIlmoyle for £50,000... last October, they transferred Bob Hutton for £80,000... and this year, they took £100,000 from QPR for Stan Bowles, a player who cost only a fifth of that fee when signed from Crewe last term.

The need to sell quality players is explained by the attendance figures, which have dipped to the most worrying level this season. Only once in eight League matches have they drawn a gate of over 10,000.

In all, only 67,000 spectators have paid to see League football at Brunton Park this season—and it was a welcome boost when a League Cup-tie against Liverpool pulled in a crowd of over 16,000 plus the share of receipts from a replay at Anfield.

Mr Ashman has not let all of the money for Bowles lie in the bank. He paid a reported £36,000 for Kenny Wilson, scorer of over 80 goals in the last two seasons for Dumbarton, and then around £20,000 for Villa defender Brian Tiler.

However, injuries have affected the desire for a settled formation. Goalkeeper Allan Ross returned only last week-end after a long spell out with hand trouble... full-back Derek Hemstead is just coming back after ten weeks recovering from a ligament injury... Wilson broke down with a serious knee injury before he had opened his account for Carlisle... and now wing-half Stan Ternent is expected to be off duty for a few matches.

On the scoring front, Carlisle have been well pleased with the way Joe Laidlaw, another summer signing, from Middlesbrough, has adapted since being switched up front. Joe has scored six goals to be equal top League scorer. Skipper Chris Balderstone has also chipped in with five from midfield.

The club's biggest bother is the failure to record an away success since they won at Watford last April.

After a reasonable opening, in which they took four points from three games—including another away draw at Huddersfield—Carlisle fell away disappointingly. A 4-0 win against Cardiff and a draw with Sheffield Wednesday were the only rewards from the next eight fixtures, but a return to their old home consistency has righted things lately.

They have beaten Fulham, Portsmouth and Oxford in succession and there was also an encouraging goalless draw at Blackpool... and that's the kind of form which Alan Ashman is looking for from now onwards.

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CARLISLE UNITED'S EIGHT YEAR RECORD...

Season	Div	Pos	W	P	Season	Div	Pos	W	P
1971-72	2	10th	17	43	1967-68	2	10th	14	41
1970-71	2	4th	20	53	1966-67	2	3rd	23	52
1969-70	2	12th	14	41	1965-66	2	14th	17	39
1968-69	2	12th	16	42	1964-65	3	1st	25	60

LUTON v CARLISLE (Past League Results)...

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Best Win:
Home	3	0	2	1	4	6	2	We have yet to beat Carlisle.
Away	3	0	2	1	1	2	2	Worst defeat:
Total	6	0	4	2	5	8	4	0-2 at home last season.

MANAGER CAPTAIN

Alan Ashman is the man who always comes back to Carlisle United and, when he became their manager for the second time this summer, he said emphatically: "As far as I'm concerned, my wandering days are over now."

That should be good news for Carlisle, for under the management of Mr Ashman, they enjoyed the best days of their history, rising from the Fourth Division to the Second in consecutive seasons, and when he departed in 1967, they were only one place away from the First.

Mr Ashman first put down his roots in Cumberland 16 years ago when a £5,000 fee paid to Nottingham Forest bought Carlisle a valuable member of their forward line. As his playing days ended, so came the first break from Brunton Park.

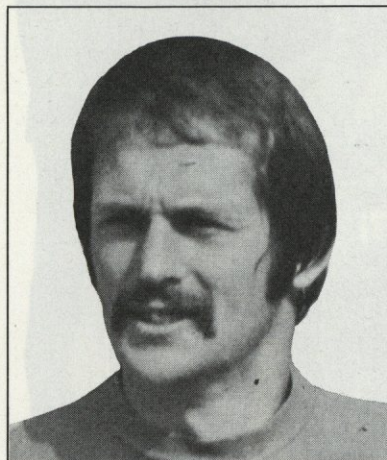
He became a poultry farmer and settled for an introduction into management as part-time boss of Penrith for four years, but his affection for Carlisle United swayed him to sell his farm and become their manager in 1963.

Success was instant and, as the world studied Carlisle's progress on a slim-line budget, it was inevitable that the bigger clubs should set their sights on one of the most promising managers in the game. West Bromwich Albion wooed Mr Ashman away in 1967 and four years' work in the Midlands saw the club win the F.A. Cup in his first season, reach the semi-final a year later, and then appear at Wembley again in a losing League Cup Final against Manchester City.

"I had a good record with Albion and was reasonably satisfied," said the modest Mr Ashman. But he departed last year to take up a contract with Olympiakos in Greece. They finished second last season, qualifying for the E.U.F.A. Cup, but the call of Carlisle brought Mr Ashman back home this summer.



ALAN ASHMAN



CHRIS BALDERSTONE

When Carlisle United skipper Chris Balderstone heard that the Cumberland club were to play in this year's Anglo-Italian Tournament, he was already to say 'goodbye' to his hopes of winning back his place in the Leicestershire County Cricket side.

Balderstone, the 31-year-old Yorkshireman, is one of the ever-decreasing band of players who try to combine their love of soccer and cricket at professional level. "I was disappointed when I knew we were to play against the Italian clubs," he says. "The close season is short enough already and it means I hardly have a chance to get my eye in for cricket."

However, fate smiled on Balderstone's cricketing ambitions—even if his 1972 spell with Leicestershire lasted for only three weeks. In that time, he enjoyed perhaps the best spell of his career, making his best-ever Championship score of 80-odd against Worcestershire and then clinching the Man of the Match prize when Leicestershire won the Benson and Hedges Cup Final at the expense of his former county, Yorkshire.

"I wish I could give myself more time for cricket," says Chris, who spent nine years with Yorkshire and first played soccer for Huddersfield Town, where he made 117 League appearances. "I think I could have more success at cricket than I have done at football."

Carlisle fans will not necessarily agree with that last statement. Balderstone's value as skipper and midfield man has been a focal point of Carlisle's entrenchment as a Second Division club since 1965-66 and, only a fortnight ago, he completed 300 League appearances in the Cumbrian colours.

Now in his fourth season as Carlisle's captain, Chris has an ambition to reach 500 League games before he packs in his soccer life—and then looks forward to a last few years concentrating entirely on cricket.

POINTS ON PLAYERS

TOM CLARKE. Born Ardrossan. Joined Airdrie from a Scottish junior side and moved South to Carlisle in July, 1970. He finished last season with seven appearances. Has played frequently this season because of the injury to Allan Ross.

BOB DELGADO. Born Cardiff. Started his professional career in the Southern League with Barry Town, where he attracted the attention of Luton. Released by us at the end of 1971-72 and accepted an offer to join United. To the end of last season had made seven appearances for the club scoring one goal.

STEVE DERRETT. Born Cardiff. Signed professional for Cardiff City on his 18th birthday. He made 86 first-team appearances and also has three Under-23 and four full caps for Wales. Signed for Carlisle in April, 1972.

JOHN GORMAN. Born Winchburgh, Scotland. Signed from Glasgow Celtic in September, 1970, and although he had to wait a few months for his debut he quickly showed his ability and has made 70 appearances for Carlisle and scored two goals. Was voted United's 'Player of the Year' at the end of last season.

DEREK HEMSTEAD. Born Scunthorpe. His only previous club was Scunthorpe United from whom he was signed in July, 1969. To the end of last season had made 109 appearances for United and scored two goals.

JOE LAIDLAW. Born Wallsend. Joined United from Middlesbrough his only other club, in July, 1972. Operated successfully in both midfield and attack in 104 League games for 'Boro. Has settled in well with Carlisle, scoring five League goals so far.

DENNIS MARTIN. Born Edinburgh. Signed in June, 1970, from West Bromwich Albion, for whom he scored against United in the 1969-70 League Cup semi-



ALLAN ROSS

final. Last season he made 88 appearances for Carlisle and scored 25 goals.

LES O'NEILL. Born Hartford Colliery, Cramlington and signed by Carlisle from Bradford City in May, 1972. Appeared as substitute in three of the club's matches in the Anglo-Italian Tournament in June.

BOBBY OWEN. Born Bolton. Started his professional career with Bury and was later transferred to Manchester City for a

sizeable fee. To the end of season 1971-72 had made 81 appearances for the club and scored 24 goals.

ALLAN ROSS. Born Glasgow. Came to Bruton Park in June, 1963 from Luton. Has come close to winning a Scottish cap on numerous occasions and has travelled with the national team. Made 327 League and Cup appearances to the end of last season. Out of action this term because of a hand injury.

STAN TERNENT. Born Felling-on-Tyne. Joined Carlisle from Burnley, his only other professional club in May, 1968, and to the end of last season had made 181 League and Cup appearances and scored four goals.

BRIAN TILER. Born Rotherham. A strong-tackling defender who joined Carlisle for a five-figure fee from Aston Villa in October. In nearly four years at Villa, Tiler played in over 100 League games and captained the club for a spell. He had cost Villa £35,000 when signed from Rotherham, where he was also club skipper during his career of more than 200 League outings.

RAY TRAIN. Born in Nuneaton, he joined Carlisle from Walsall in December, 1971, and to the end of last season had made 20 League appearances for the club. A very good midfield player.

KENNY WILSON. The leading goalscorer in Scottish football last season, Kenny scored 42 times in Cup and League while assisting Dumbarton to the Second Division Championship. Kenny moved to Carlisle for a five-figure sum in September, but has recently been out of action because of ligament trouble.

GRAHAM WINSTANLEY. Born Croxdale, County Durham. Joined United in August, 1969 from Newcastle United, his only other professional club. Has made 134 League and Cup appearances and scored eight goals for Carlisle up to the end of last season.

MAN ON THE SPOT

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MAN ABOUT TOWN



For ten consecutive Saturday afternoons this season Gordon Hindson, Luton's reported £26,000 signing from Newcastle last October, wished the lads luck in the dressing room before facing the unenviable role of sitting on the sidelines.

"It's definitely the worst side of football for any professional to suffer. It's agony in the afternoon when the guys you sweat and train with all the week are suddenly elevated onto a soccer pitch and you are the one left out." This was the weekly schedule, a searching test of character, for Luton's North Easterner for the first couple of months of the new campaign when, as a member of the first-team squad, Gordon was involved in every detail and aspect—except for the most important hour and a half on Saturday's. But in a way it was a self condemnation to the 'trainers bench'. "During the pre-season training and the tour of Turkey I discussed the role I prefer on the field with the Boss and I impressed him that I saw my future as a midfield player—not on the wing where I played last season."

With such a clarification laid before him, Harry Haslam accepted Gordon's ideas, but told him that there was competition for the position and "I would have to play my way in." "Having been involved in the fierce push for places at Newcastle for three seasons, I reckon I know what that sort of challenge meant. But sitting out those ten Saturday's was something which I have never done in my life before."

"Because of the club's playing policies, there are only 'reserve' games in mid-week and with only nine sides in the Mid-week Floodlit League a player can very quickly get thirsty for some real action. Two of my most enjoyable games before I got back into the side was in two workouts with Arsenal. "I am sure those games against players of the calibre of Charlie George, Eddie Kelly, Sammy Nelson and George Armstrong did that little extra to tune me up for the time when my recall arrived. The results were incidental—1-1 and 1-3—but gave me 90 minutes against the Gunners compared to the same time spent getting two points out of such as Southend or Cambridge United, etc."

For the last home game with Swindon the players were called together at 11-00 am—a move from the traditional 2-00 pm round-up which has been made to try and counter the Kenilworth Road form disappointments. "On the surface, after Swindon had beaten us 1-0, the cynics could say it was a waste of time. But I feel it was a good thing to get together earlier, and go off to a local hotel for lunch."

Though he has carried a first-team ranking in the last few weeks Gordon has no illusions in believing that a player can't lose his place just as swiftly as it can be earned. "The strength of our squad means that the supply will always exceed Harry Haslam's eleven 'demands' and with fifteen to pick from a player must make the most of his chance when it comes along."

"It's a growing trend for all clubs to carry 'League' squads and not just a dozen regulars. Managers like to have flexibility in their side and this forces them to carry a bigger complement than is needed on the day."

TOWNTALK

Six L.P. records are again offered by *Pickwick International*, of Leighton Buzzard, for a "Guess the Gate" competition on the next home game against Queen's Park Rangers on Saturday, 9th December. Your entries should go to: Luton Town Promotions, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton, Bedfordshire, and must be received by mid-day on the 9th December.

Winners of the competition for the Swindon match are: Mr S. McGuckin, 24 Caslon Way, Letchworth, Herts. Mr F. C. Willis, 30 Recreation Road, Houghton Regis, near Dunstable, Beds. Mr P. Vann, 14 Corncake Close, Stopsley, Luton, Beds. Mr S. Whiting, 94 Grove Road, Harpenden, Herts. Mr P. W. Cornford, 1 Drayton Road, Lewsey Farm Estate, Luton, Beds. Mr S. C. Hill, Cemetery Lodge, Brackley Road, Buckingham, Bucks.

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on, roundabout, take second road. M.1 motorway, follow signs "London M.1". Scratchwood Service Area—20¼ miles. At end of motorway branch right onto A.41. Hendon to Golders Green, then turn right onto the A.406 (North Circular Road). Staples corner, continue ahead. At 2½ miles turn left onto the A.404 (Harrow Road). Willesden, Scrubbs Lane, Wood Lane (Shepherds Bush), Shepherds Bush Road and Fulham Palace Road, A.219. Then follow signs for football ground.

Ian Buxton Testimonial Match—Luton Town v Derby County, on Monday, 27th November, 1972. Kick-off: 7-15 pm. Prices as for first-team games.

Today's Mascot is Master Andrew Simmons.



SHAW AND KILBURN £1-A-GOAL CLUB...

At the start of the season Bill Powers, the manager of Shaw and Kilburns launched his firms sponsorship of the £1-a-Goal Club with a cheque for £25. Since then the 'Hatters' 28 goals have brought the total in the kitty up to £53.

This week Bill Powers handed over the cheque for £53 to manager Harry Haslam, whose delighted smile, we suspect is also partly due to the club's fine 2-0 win at Aston Villa last Saturday.

Bill has also very kindly agreed to give us a 'double bonus' by starting the kitty off again at £28, the number of goals scored by the 'Hatters' this season.

Many thanks for your generous support Bill.

TOWNTALK

STATISTICS...

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

HOME AWAY										*HOME GATES		TEAMS	†LEADING SCORERS	
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A		Best	Average
18	5	3	1	19	10	3	6	0	13	9	25	BURNLEY	14,804	12,489
18	5	3	1	22	11	3	4	2	12	13	23	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	17,356	13,049
18	3	3	3	14	12	6	1	2	12	8	22	LUTON TOWN	12,197	10,933
18	5	3	2	10	6	3	3	2	9	10	22	ASTON VILLA	34,843	31,210
18	5	4	1	17	7	2	3	3	10	12	21	BLACKPOOL	15,043	11,915
19	7	0	3	21	11	1	4	4	10	14	20	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	30,197	20,445
18	3	3	2	5	4	5	1	4	11	11	20	PRESTON NORTH END	17,371	11,505
18	5	2	1	11	7	2	4	4	7	14	20	MIDDLESBROUGH	24,145	12,888
18	4	4	2	15	9	2	3	3	10	12	19	FULHAM	17,576	10,549
18	5	3	1	19	8	1	3	5	7	14	18	HULL CITY	13,426	9,627
18	5	0	3	15	10	3	2	5	9	12	18	OXFORD UNITED	11,330	9,143
18	4	4	2	12	10	2	2	4	8	14	18	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	18,082	10,349
19	4	4	2	10	8	1	4	4	9	15	18	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	12,840	8,941
19	0	5	3	7	10	5	2	4	15	15	17	BRISTOL CITY	15,648	13,351
19	4	5	1	15	12	1	2	6	11	18	17	SWINDON TOWN	15,304	10,492
17	6	1	2	20	11	0	3	5	4	12	16	CARLISLE UNITED	10,969	7,438
17	3	4	1	12	9	1	3	5	11	19	15	SUNDERLAND	18,717	13,789
18	3	1	5	9	12	2	4	3	10	12	15	PORTSMOUTH	16,419	11,413
18	4	1	3	11	8	2	1	7	12	15	14	MILLWALL	13,207	11,097
18	2	4	3	9	10	1	4	4	6	12	14	ORIENT	9,492	6,045
18	1	6	2	14	16	1	3	5	9	18	13	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	18,699	16,456
18	5	1	3	13	10	0	2	7	6	21	13	CARDIFF CITY	16,364	12,617

Up to and including Saturday, 18th November *League games only †League and Cup games

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 72-73				MID-WEEK FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES—SEASON 1972-73					
Date	Opponents	Att	F A	Date	Opponent	F A	Date	Opponent	F A
Aug 12	Cardiff City	16,364	1 2	Aug 23	Gillingham	7 0	Dec 5	Northampton Town	
19	Preston North End	11,507	1 0	30	Brighton & Hove A	1 0	13	Colchester United	
26	Orient	6,494	1 0	Sept 6	Cambridge United	5 0	Jan 3	Millwall	
30	Oxford United	10,891	0 1	27	Cambridge United	1 1	10	Brighton & Hove	
Sept 2	Huddersfield Town	8,133	4 1	Oct 11	Millwall	2 1	17	Orient	
5	Birmingham City (L.C.2)	20,962	1 1	18	Watford	1 1	24	Southend United	
9	Nottingham Forest	9,495	1 0	25	Watford	1 1	31	Charlton Athletic	
13	Birmingham City (L.C. first replay)	13,806	1 1	Nov 1	Gillingham	1 1	Feb 7	Watford L.C.	
16	Brighton & Hove Albion	11,627	2 1	8	Northampton T.	4 2	14	Watford L.C.	
20	Birmingham City (L.C. second replay)	11,139	0 1	15	Southend United	1 1	28	Northampton L.C.	
23	Sheffield Wednesday	18,913	0 4	21	Charlton Athletic		Mar 6	Northampton L.C.	
26	Swindon Town	8,469	2 0	29	Colchester United		14	Orient	
30	Burnley	12,197	2 2						
Oct 7	Blackpool	12,073	2 2						
14	Sunderland	13,394	2 0						
18	Portsmouth	9,813	2 2						
21	Hull City	11,560	1 2						
28	Bristol City	13,662	1 0						
Nov 4	Swindon Town	10,596	0 1						
11	Portsmouth	7,571	2 2						
18	Aston Villa	29,144	2 0						
25	Carlisle United								
Dec 2	Fulham								
9	Q.P.R.								
16	Millwall								
23	Middlesbrough								
26	Sheffield Wednesday								
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13	F.A. Cup—3								
20	Huddersfield Town								
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Feb 3	F.A. Cup—4								
10	Brighton & Hove Albion								
17	Cardiff City								
24	Millwall (F.A. Cup—5)								
Mar 3	Blackpool								
10	Sunderland								
17	Hull City (F.A. Cup—6)								
24	Bristol City								
31	Carlisle United								
Apr 7	Fulham (F.A. Cup—S.F.)								
14	Queen's Park Rangers								
21	Aston Villa								
23	Middlesbrough								
24	Burnley								
28	Oxford United								
May 5	F.A. Cup—Final								

BACKTRACK

MATCH:
BRISTOL CITY v LUTON TOWN

GROUND:
ASHTON GATE, BRISTOL

DATE:
SATURDAY, 28th OCTOBER

ATTENDANCE: 13,562

COMPETITION:
FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION 2

TEAMS:
Bristol City: Cashley; Wilson, Sweeney; Emanuel, Bruton, Merrick; Ritchie, Spiring, Galley, Gow, Bartley. Sub: Fear.
Luton Town: Barber; John Ryan, Thomson; Anderson, Faulkner, Garner; Jimmy Ryan, Slough, Halom, Hindson, Aston. Sub: Fern.

SCORER:
Luton: Faulkner (12 mins).

RESULT:
Bristol City 0, Luton Town 1

PAPER TALK:
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Midweek League
LUTON TOWN RESERVES v COLCHESTER UNITED RES
Kick-off: 7-30 pm

MATCH:
LUTON TOWN v SWINDON TOWN

GROUND:
KENILWORTH ROAD, LUTON

DATE: SAT. 4th NOVEMBER

ATTENDANCE: 10,596

COMPETITION:
FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION 2

TEAMS:
Luton Town: Barber; John Ryan, Thomson; Anderson, Faulkner, Garner; Jimmy Ryan, Slough, Halom, Hindson, Aston. Sub: Fern.
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SCORER:
Swindon: Treacy (56 mins).

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League Division Two
LUTON TOWN v QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS
Kick-off: 3-00 pm

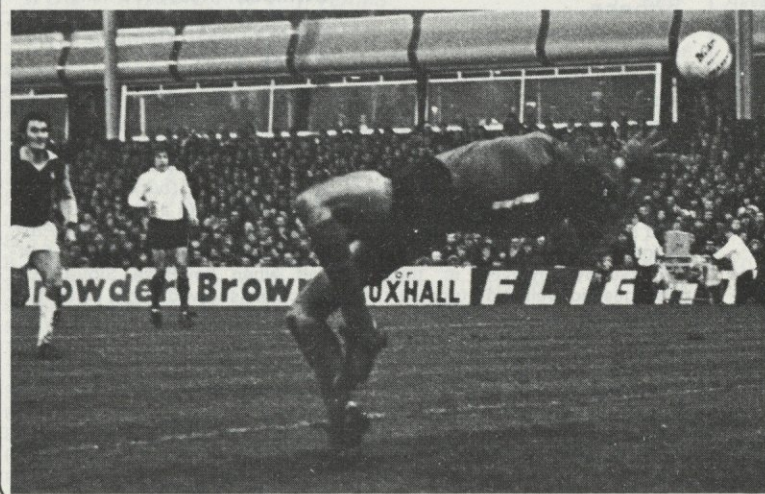
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TOWN IN ACTION

Another great away performance brought The Hatters a 2-0 victory last Saturday at Villa Park, where the powerful Villa side had previously lost only once since October last year. Rodney Fern and John Aston scored two well-created goals—and brilliant goal-keeping by Keith Barber kept the defence on top form.

Top: Keith reaches upwards to deal with a threatening cross. *Left:* He twists to turn a shot from Andy Lochhead for a corner. *Right:* The save of the match to keep out a header from former Luton colleague Chris Nicholl.



MEMORY MAN

The shock and surprise of their Wembley defeat punched great holes in Luton's previous form and the gallant losers clearly lost the spirit and confidence which had backed them all the way in their formative seasons of the earlier Fifties.

The same positive approach and quality football was rarely on the menu the following 1959-60 season and, with nothing to counter the slide down the First Division, Luton slipped from their proud pedestal amongst the giants of League soccer and looked forward to life in the Second for the 1960-61 term.

Their fortunes had seemingly turned a full cycle since the time, after their great campaign of 1957-58, that manager Dally Duncan had gone out in search of a key player to lead Luton to the Championship and arrived back with Irish international Billy Bingham.

For this former Glentoran winger life had virtually repeated itself in his soccer world in a couple of years because by signing for Luton he freed himself from the shackles of the Second Division when he was a member of the Sunderland squad which nosedived in the same direction in 1958.

Billy, now the number one national coach in Greece says: "After the Cup Final a few players lost form and inevitably age started to weigh against a few others. The team was never the same and it was very sad when we were relegated."

There has never been a player discovered yet who looked forward to playing in the Second Division after sampling the thrills and excitement of soccer at the top. But Billy Bingham was prepared to share this punishment—but only on the condition he received a £2 rise to boost his wages to £22. "I refused to sign because I held the common belief that footballers were being underpaid."

It was at Goodison Park where, perhaps, the best of Billy Bingham was seen, joining the company of a galaxy of stars including Tony Kay, Roy Vernon, Alex Parker. The Merseyside machine hummed sweetly to produce the most consistent football of the 1962-63 season, resulting in a championship medal for Bingham, their bombshell winger.

"Everton won the League Championship and the League medal compensated for the one I lost in the Cup Final," adds Billy. No doubt their was a



BILLY BINGHAM

measure of sadness, also, for him at the end of that wonderful season because while Everton were celebrating their title, Luton had their ticket booked for the Third Division.

It was while he was at Everton that the club or country dispute first flickering because manager Harry Catterick refused Kay to Sir Alf Ramsey and Bingham was also banned from international duty, missing his first Irish game for ten years because Catterick wanted him to play against BANGU, of Brazil, at Goodison.

Little did Billy realise that two months later in the June of 1961 that he would prove a central figure in another controversy involving the same Brazilian club. Everton were on a South American summer tour when an English referee sent Bingham off after the Bangu left-winger had been seen to tug his shirt.

An interpreter was even called on to the pitch to explain to the Brazilian

that such behaviour wasn't allowed. But the referee needed no one to get the marching orders across to Bingham, who, for some obscure reason, suffered the same punishment as inflicted only a month earlier in Montreal.

When the time came for Billy to say farewell to Everton, he joined Port Vale but after only a year he broke his leg and it spelt the end of his playing days. The diminutive figure, superbly trimmed by his disciplined weight lifting exercises, had given hundreds of hours pleasure and enjoyment to many thousands in a career which covered 420 games in the First Division, plus 40-50 Cup-ties. Also on record are 120 goals, two medals, and the fantastic record of playing 56 times for Northern Ireland, including the World Cup Quarter Final in Sweden.

Billy's managerial career began when his action-days ended. From Port Vale he moved up to Southport and got them promoted from the Fourth Division.

His success attracted the attention of Plymouth's Directors and he was given the hot seat with the immediate aim of trying to stave off relegation from the Second Division. "The team gave me a hundred percent and I hoped at one time that Plymouth would escape. But in the end we were two points short."

The loss of Second Division status was another new chapter in Billy Bingham's yo-yo soccer life. While at Plymouth Billy became manager of Northern Ireland and it was this responsibility which eventually forced him to leave the club to be a full-time international manager.

Based in Belfast, the former Sunderland, Luton, Everton and Port Vale player also directed the fortunes of Linfield and they won the All Ireland title and also beat Manchester City in Belfast, 2-1 in the Cup Winners Cup tournament.

Less than two years ago the Greek F.A. approached Billy Bingham and he is now into his second year of a two year contract. From Athens Billy told us: "I am enjoying life here with my family and I wish all my friends and old colleagues—and shall I say older supporters—at Luton good health and prosperity."

No one who witnessed the baffling body swerve, the uncanny ball control and the accuracy with his crosses and shots can forget Billy Bingham, a player of superior class with a wing technique that's so sadly missed today.

SCORES

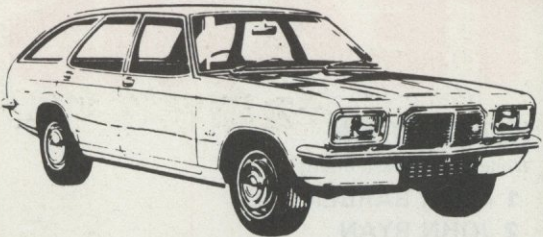
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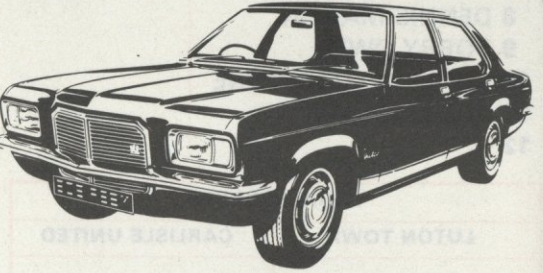
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TEAMS

LUTON TOWN

White Shirts, Black Shorts

- 1 KEITH BARBER
- 2 JOHN RYAN
- 3 BOBBY THOMSON
- 4 ALAN SLOUGH
- 5 JOHN FAULKNER
- 6 ALAN GARNER
- 7 JIMMY RYAN
- 8 PETER ANDERSON
- 9 RODNEY FERN
- 10 VIC HALOM
- 11 JOHN ASTON
- 12

CARLISLE UNITED

Blue Shirts, White Shorts

- 1 ALLAN ROSS
- 2 STEVE DERRETT
- 3 JOHN GORMAN
- 4 LES O'NEILL
- 5 GRAHAM WINSTANLEY
- 6 BRIAN TILER
- 7 RAY TRAIN
- 8 DENNIS MARTIN
- 9 BOBBY OWEN
- 10 CHRIS BALDERSTONE
- 11 JOE LAIDLAW
- 12

GOALSCORERS

LUTON TOWN		CARLISLE UNITED	
HALF TIME		HALF TIME	
FULL TIME		FULL TIME	

Referee:

H. DAVEY, Nottingham

Linesmen:

R. G. BALDWIN, Corby, *Red Flag*

G. F. KEEP, Catford, *Orange Flag*

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