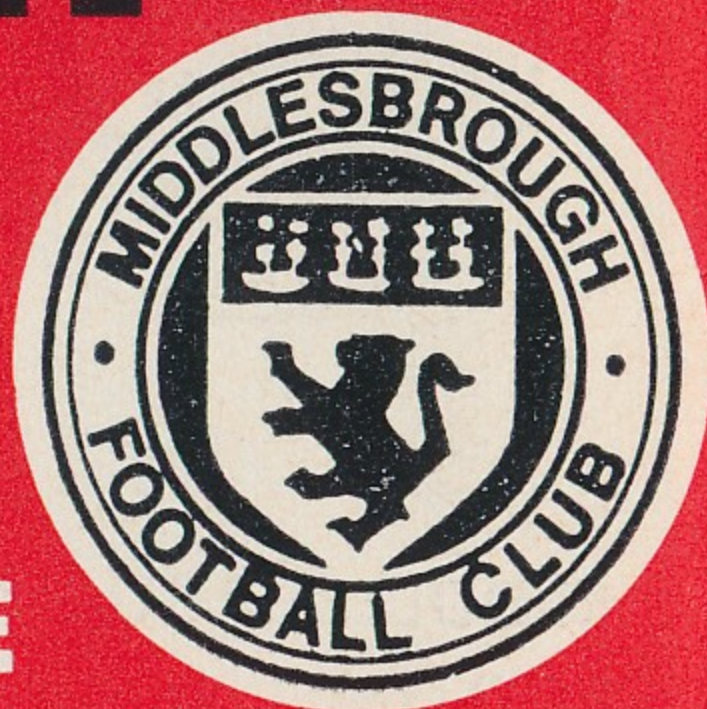


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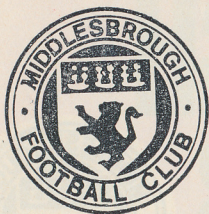
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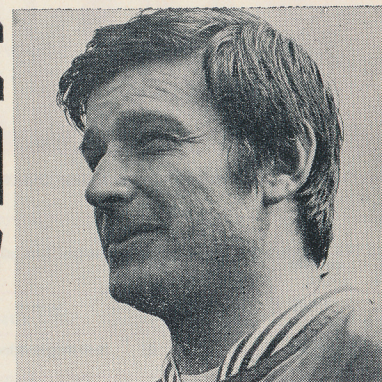


BILL GATES — Signed as an Amateur in 1959, and professional in 1961. Made his debut against today's visitors in that Season. Has now made over 300 First Team appearances — surely one of the best all-round players in the game.



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THE ANDERSON INTERVIEW



Stan Anderson

Manager Stan Anderson talking to
Len Shackleton (The People)

Shackleton: If you had your time to do over would you still become a professional footballer?

Anderson: Certainly. First of all I can't think of a better job than getting paid for keeping fit. I think the prospects now are much better than they were when I started with Sunderland. I was told by the manager, Bill Murray, that I must learn a trade to stand me in good stead if I didn't make the grade. I was apprenticed to a plumber and I enjoyed every minute.

Shackleton: What kind of money did you receive for being a part-time professional?

Anderson: It was good money alright—but their wasn't enough of it! Seriously, I received £4 per week from Sunderland.

Shackleton: Now to today's problems. I've heard it said that Boro are a dull and uninteresting team. Do you think that is true.

Anderson: Atmosphere is the important thing. Big crowds make players play. Put it this way: In the Liverpool area the football fans support their club exceedingly well, the grounds at Goodison Park and Anfield Road are really alive and there is always some tremendous atmosphere.

Shackleton: It could be you are leaving yourself open here Stan. I can imagine many Boro fans saying: it's up to you to give us a team like Liverpool and then we'll support you.

Anderson: Alright. But the two go hand in hand.

Shackleton: I get the impression that football today is too much like a game of chess. There is too much thought put into it and not enough scope for improvisation. Is football less entertaining now?

Anderson: I think the game is taken far too seriously. It didn't seem to be so 20 years ago. I guess that was because there wasn't as much money involved. Before the days of European competitions it was a case of winning the First Division title, or the F.A. Cup, parading it around the town and sitting back waiting for the next season. Winning an honour now is only the start. Success in Europe brings in plenty of money and I'm afraid that is what the game is all about today. There are too many long faces when you lose and too many happy ones in victory.

Shackleton: Searching for success can't be bad though!

Anderson: Obviously not, but in the process I reckon there is a big danger of turning the best league in the world — the First Division — into just a stepping stone.

Shackleton: I'm afraid that's all it is now. I guess we all have to move with the times. Which brings me to the a Super League situation. How long will it be before there is one in operation?

Anderson: It seems to me one exists now — it's only lacking an official tag.

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Date	Opponents	Result	Att.	Plat.	Craggs	Spraggon	Stiles	Boam	Maddren	McMordie	Mills	Smith, M.	Charlton	Vincent	Moody	Creamer	Jones, G.	Hickton	Armstrong	Gates	Brine	Foggon	Taylor
1972	Sunderland	2-1	23,853	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9*	10	11	S								
Aug.	Oxford U.	0-4	8,428	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S								
26	Fulham	1-2	11,410	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S								
28	Orient	0-2	5,130	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S								
Sept.	Q.P.R.	2-2	10,001	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S								
5	Wrexham LCZ	2-0	5,808	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S								
12	Bristol C.	1-1	9,799	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S								
16	Preston N.E.	0-0	12,185	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S								
19	Hull City	0-0	9,679	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S								
23	Blackpool	0-0	9,181	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S								
30	Spurs LC3	0-0	14,714	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S								
Oct.	Millwall	1-1	23,822	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S								
7	Spurs LC3 rep.	0-0	10,863	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S								
11	Cardiff City	0-2	19,256	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S								
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28	Spurs LC3 2R	1-2	30,046	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S								
Nov.	Burnley	3-3	18,127	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S								
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Dec.	Brighton	2-0	11,116	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S								
9	Notm. F.	0-0	10,326	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S								
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Jan.	F.A. Cup 3			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S								
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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II (Up to and including Saturday, 16th December 1972)

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Burnley	21	6	3	1	20	10	5	6	0	15	9	31
Blackpool	22	6	4	2	21	10	4	3	3	15	13	27
Q.P.R.	21	5	4	1	22	11	4	5	2	15	15	27
Aston Villa	21	7	3	2	13	6	3	3	3	9	12	26
Oxford	22	7	1	3	18	10	3	3	5	9	12	24
Luton T.	21	3	5	4	18	17	6	1	2	12	8	24
Preston	22	4	3	3	9	7	5	3	4	11	11	24
Middlesbro	22	5	3	2	11	9	3	5	4	9	14	24
Sheff. W.	23	7	1	3	23	13	2	4	6	15	22	23
Fulham	21	5	4	2	18	10	2	4	4	11	15	22
Carlisle	21	7	1	3	26	14	1	4	5	6	13	21
Bristol C.	22	1	5	4	8	11	6	2	4	17	16	21
Notm F.	22	5	4	2	14	11	2	3	6	9	18	21
Hull C.	22	5	5	2	22	12	1	3	6	7	16	20
Swindon	22	4	5	1	15	12	2	3	7	14	20	20
Millwall	22	5	2	3	13	9	2	3	7	16	19	19
Hudd'field	21	4	5	2	10	8	1	4	5	9	16	19
Sunderland	21	3	5	2	12	10	2	3	6	14	22	18
Cardiff	21	7	1	3	20	12	0	3	7	7	22	18
Orient	22	4	4	3	13	12	1	4	6	7	15	18
Portsm'th	22	3	2	7	11	16	2	4	4	11	15	16
Brighton	22	1	6	3	14	18	1	3	8	10	28	13

THE NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

(Up to and including Saturday, 9th December 1972)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle Utd. ...	15	11	3	1	51	14	25
Middlesbrough ...	15	11	2	2	42	12	24
Sunderland	13	11	0	2	40	12	22
Sheffield Wed. ...	14	9	2	3	38	18	20
Rotherham Utd.	14	6	4	4	29	27	16
Hull City	15	5	4	6	30	29	14
Chesterfield	14	5	3	6	29	31	13
Leeds United	13	5	2	6	25	16	12
York City	12	5	2	5	38	31	12
Grimsby Town ...	14	5	1	8	23	39	11
Sheffield Utd.	12	3	4	5	16	25	10
Barnsley	15	3	4	8	22	37	10
Doncaster R.	15	4	2	9	14	43	10
Scunthorpe Utd ...	17	4	2	11	17	51	10
Bradford City ...	14	3	3	8	12	27	9
Huddersfield T. ...	12	3	0	9	26	40	6

MATCH DIGEST

SECOND DIVISION

MIDDLESBROUGH v NOTTINGHAM F.

Saturday, 9th December 1972

Draw

Result: 0-0

Team: Platt, Craggs, Jones, Spraggon, Boam, Maddren, Gates, Hickton, Smith (M), Mills, Armstrong. Sub: Foggon.

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

LEEDS UNITED v MIDDLESBROUGH

Saturday, 9th December 1972

Won

Result: 0-1

Team: Smith (G), Bickerdike, Cochrane, Lavery, McAndrews, Taylor, Greener, Scaife, Riby, Woof, Whitehouse. Sub: Bailey.

NORTH MIDLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE

BARNSELY v MIDDLESBROUGH

Wednesday, 13th December, 1972

Lost

Result: 1-0

Team: Cuff, Bickerdike, Cochrane, McAndrews, Stonehouse, Scaife, Greener, Riby, Hosker, Foggon (Sub: Woof).

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

MIDDLESBROUGH v. ROTHERHAM UTD.

Saturday, 16th December, 1972

Won

Result 2-4

Scorers: McAndrews (1), Scaife (2), Whitehouse (1)

Team: Smith (G.), Vallily, Simon, Huntington, McAndrews, Bickerdike, Hosker, Riby, Woof, Scaife, Whitehouse. Sub: Bailey.



BACK ROW (left to right): Terry Robinson, Derick 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, Willi 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).

INTRODUCING...

Luton Town BY TONY PULLEIN



Luton's emergence as a powerful challenger for promotion has surprised many people. When the club released such outstanding players as **David Court**, **Don Givens** and **Chris Nicholl** — following the departure, a year earlier, of **Malcolm Macdonald** — it appeared that the Hatters might be in for a bit of a struggle.

But manager **Harry Haslam** also went into the transfer market as a buyer — and came back with some astute new signings. He bought two defenders, **Bobby Thomson** and **John Faulkner**, and two new forwards, **John Aston** and **Rod Fern**.

Thomson won eight England caps, and made 15 appearances for the Under-23's, in his Wolves' days. It was in 1961/62 that he made his way into the Molineux club's senior eleven and he made over 300 appearances for the club before joining Birmingham City in 1969. Towards the end of last season he spent a few weeks on loan to Walsall.

John Faulkner first sprang to national fame as the centre-half of amateurs Sutton United who met Leeds United in the F.A. Cup three seasons ago. He played so well that Leeds signed him shortly afterwards, possibly as a replacement for Jack Charlton. But when Charlton went on and on, John dropped out of the reckoning for a first-team place so he linked with Luton last season.

Luton paid £30,000 for left-winger **John Aston**, who had starred in so many games for Manchester United — none more so than in the 1968 European Cup final. After breaking his leg, John never really re-established himself in the United side

but is certainly enjoying his new lease of life at Kenilworth Road.

Rod Fern rose from the juniors to make his League bow with Leicester City in 1967/68 and two years later he was their top scorer. He didn't find the net so often in subsequent seasons and he, too, is revelling in his new surroundings.

The new defenders have been lining up with **John Ryan** and **Alan Garner** in the back four. Ryan, a Fulham regular in their First Division days, joined Luton in 1969 and has been ever-present for the past two seasons. Garner made his League debut with Millwall two seasons ago, signed for Luton in 1971 and is now playing regular League football for the first time.

Goalkeeper **Keith Barber** was signed from Southern League Dunstable Town in April 1971 and was quickly plunged into the bustle of League football. **Peter Anderson** also made a quick conversion from non-League circles. Signed from Hendon in 1971, he went immediately into Luton's first-team and last season was their top scorer.

Alan Slough, who has now made over 250 League appearances for the Club, and **Viv Busby** — who was disappointed not to have been signed by Newcastle last season after completing a successful loan period with them — are both Luton discoveries.

Vic Halom who earlier played for Charlton and Orient, joined Luton last season from Fulham for £30,000. **Jimmy Ryan**, who made several First Division appearances for Manchester United, has been with the club for three years.

Last season's Ayresome Park clash with Luton ended O-O.

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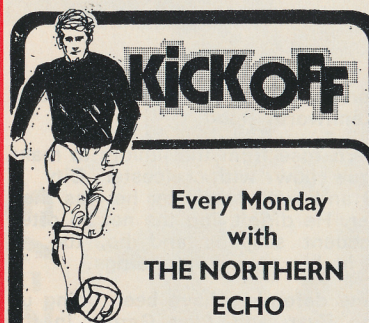
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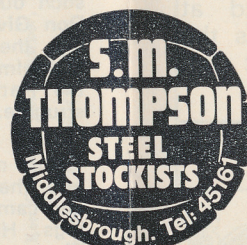
Middlesbrough

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- 2—JOHN CRAGGS
- 3—GORDON JONES
- 4—NOBBY STILES
- 5—WILLIE MADDREN
- 6—BRIAN TAYLOR
- 7—BILL GATES
- 8—JOHN HICKTON
- 9—DAVID MILLS
- 10—DAVID ARMSTRONG
- 11—ERIC McMORDIE

Substitute:
MALCOLM SMITH

Referee:
R. MATTHEWSON
(Worsley, Manchester)



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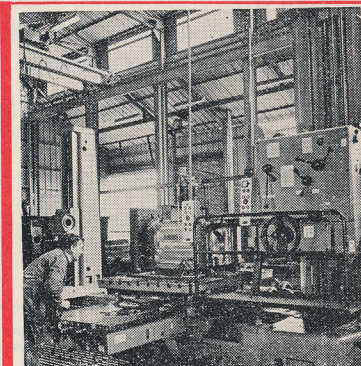
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Luton Town

Colours: Shirts White. Shorts Black. Stockings White.

- KEITH BARBER—1
- DON SHANKS—2
- BOBBY THOMSON—3
- PETER ANDERSON—4
- ALAN GARNER—5
- JOHN RYAN—6
- JIMMY RYAN—7
- GRAHAM FRENCH—8
- BARRY BUTLIN—9
- VIC HALOM—10
- JOHN ASTON—11

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Sub: Downing.

LUTON TOWN: Barber, Ryan (J), Shanks, Keen, Garner, Slough, Halom, Court, Anderson, Busby, Givens.



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TODAY'S MANAGER

HARRY HASLAM (Luton Town)

Harry Haslam took the hard road to success as a League club manager. He earned his trade in the hard backwoods of Southern League football where there was little money to splash around and where he had to discover his own stars.

One of his finest discoveries was Malcolm Macdonald, while Mr. Haslam was manager of Tonbridge, he sold him to Fulham. Now Macdonald is an England international.

In his playing days, Mr. Haslam was a full-back with Orient. He began his managerial career as assistant-manager of Hastings and he then put in five years as Barry Town's manager until joining Tonbridge in 1960.

Luton offered him the chance as a coach, the position he held until Alec Stock relinquished the managerial chair last season. Now Mr. Haslam is in full command at Kenilworth Road and still has the chance of capping his first full season by winning promotion.

TODAY'S REFEREE

Mr. R. MATTHEWSON, WORSLEY, MANCHESTER

ROBERT MATTHEWSON played for Bolton Wanderers and took up refereeing in local Bolton Leagues in 1958. Progressed through the Bolton Combination, West Lancs. League, Lancashire Combination and Northern Premier League to become a League linesman in 1966/67. He moved on to the referees list in 1968/69.

An assistant quality manager, he is married with a daughter and has

officiated in several important games including the 1970 F.A. Cup Final, Leeds United v Chelsea (linesman), 1969 European Cup semi-final Ajax v Spartak (linesman), 1972 League Cup semi-final Stoke City v West Ham United at Sheffield (referee). The Chairman of Bolton Referees Society, his hobbies include gardening, wine making and football at all levels.

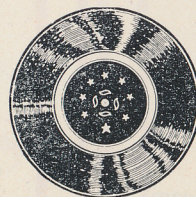
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B	Chelsea Everton	Southampton West Ham Utd.	Huddersfield Hull City	Swindon T. Fulham
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Ask him what he wants at Christmas and any fan will answer — GOALS! And Football League clubs, true to the festive spirit, have not often let the spectators down. Over the years some of the game's highest scores have been achieved at Christmas time.

The Fourth Division's record score was registered on Boxing Day 1962 when Oldham beat Southport 11-0, Bert Lister grabbing six of the goals. That was Oldham's finest win. Coincidentally, they also suffered their heaviest reverse at Christmas. They went down 4-13 — the highest aggregate score in League history — at Tranmere on Boxing Day 1935.

Fulham and Southampton both hit club record scores at Christmas. Fulham, aided by a fantastic burst of three goals in as many minutes from Graham Leggatt, cracked Ipswich 10-1 in 1963. Southampton ran up eleven goals against Northampton, without reply, in a Southern League game at Christmas 1901.

Then there was the curious case concerning Plymouth Argyle in 1960. They went down 4-6 at Charlton on Boxing Day but 24 hours later Plymouth reversed the tables by beating Charlton 6-4 at Home Park! Wilf Carter hit five of the goals in the second game.

A few other samples of Christmas scoring: Darwen 12 Walsall 0 (1896); Hull 10 Halifax 0 (1930); West Ham 2 Blackburn 8 and Manchester City 8 Scunthorpe 1 (both 1963).

Many clubs suffered their heaviest defeats over Christmas, among them Manchester United (0-7 v Aston Villa 1930), Aldershot (0-9 v Bristol City 1946), Rochdale (0-8 v Wrexham 1929) and Walsall (0-12 v Darwen 1896).

Blackburn Rovers suffered one of their most humiliating defeats of all time in a friendly on Christmas Day 1884. A few months earlier they had scored the first of three consecutive F.A. Cup triumphs. But that Christmas they were beaten at home by the famous Corinthian amateurs — by eight goals to one!

There were one or two ultra-special celebrations at Christmas games in war-time. In 1940 Norwich defeated Brighton 18-0 and four years later Leeds crushed Bradford City 9-1. Reason for that Brighton defeat was that they travelled with only five players — completing their team with soldiers from the crowd!

Those were unofficial games, of course. The only Football League games to be played at Christmas in war time were those of 1914 when two clubs no longer in the competition met twice, Leeds City scoring two 3-0 wins over Glossop. Bradford P.A. and Oldham drew 1-1 — in a First Division game! Bradford City and Notts County were also in the top section at that time.

Two famous stars turned out for two clubs on Christmas Day 1940. Len Shackleton signed as a professional and played for Bradford P.A. in the morning, then turned out for Bradford City after lunch. Tommy Lawton played for Everton v Liverpool first, then for Tranmere Rovers.

Stockport's Ray Drake hit the quickest Christmas goal, netting within seven seconds of the start of their match with Accrington in 1956. One of the longest distance headed goals was scored at Villa Park on Boxing Day 1921 when Frank Barson's 30-yard bullet flashed into Sheffield United's net.

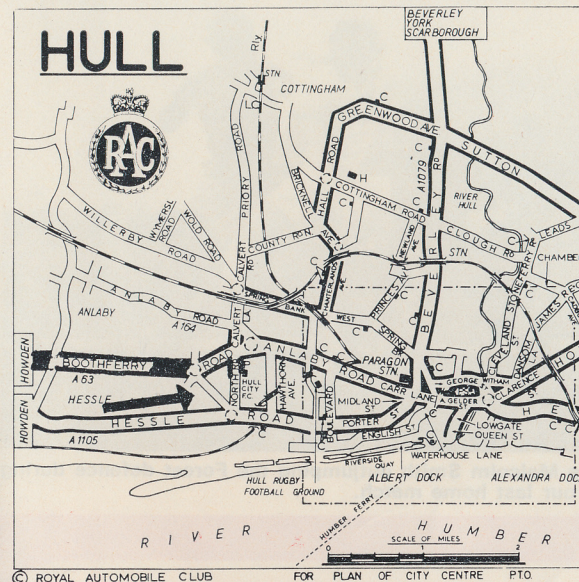
Christmas is not always a happy time for players. On Christmas Day, 1936, Ambrose Brown made a long trip across country to line up at inside-right for Wrexham at Hull. His journey was hardly necessary — he was ordered off by the referee before the game was twenty-seconds old!

Christmas is the time when many of us have one over the eight. Tranmere's Bunny Bell did just that on Boxing Day 1935, hitting nine goals into Oldham's net. Surey, the finest soccer Christmas present of all!

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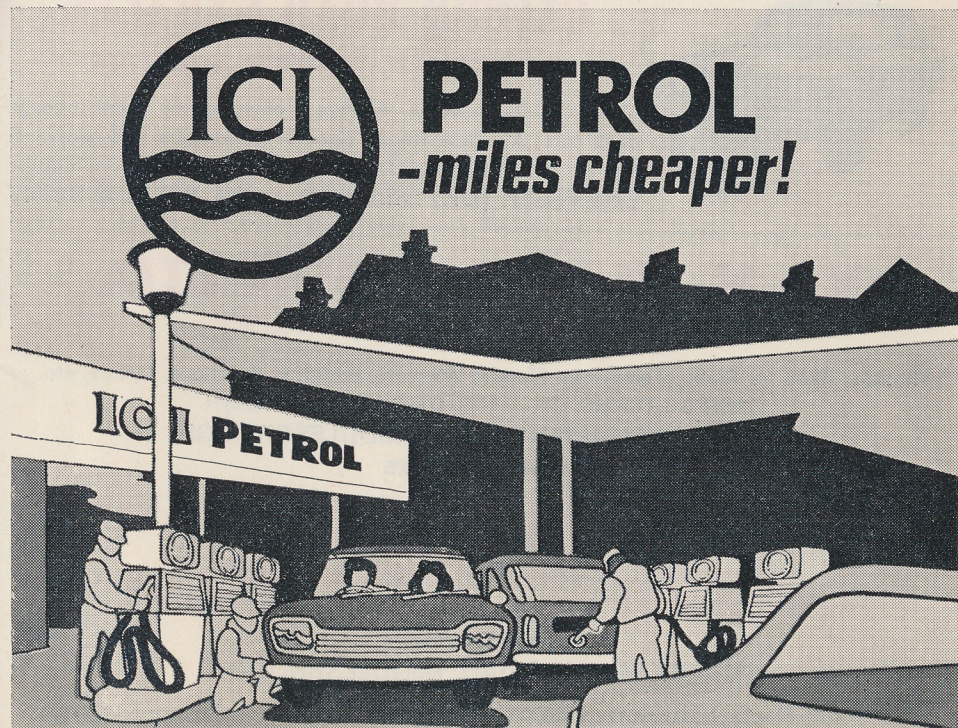


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