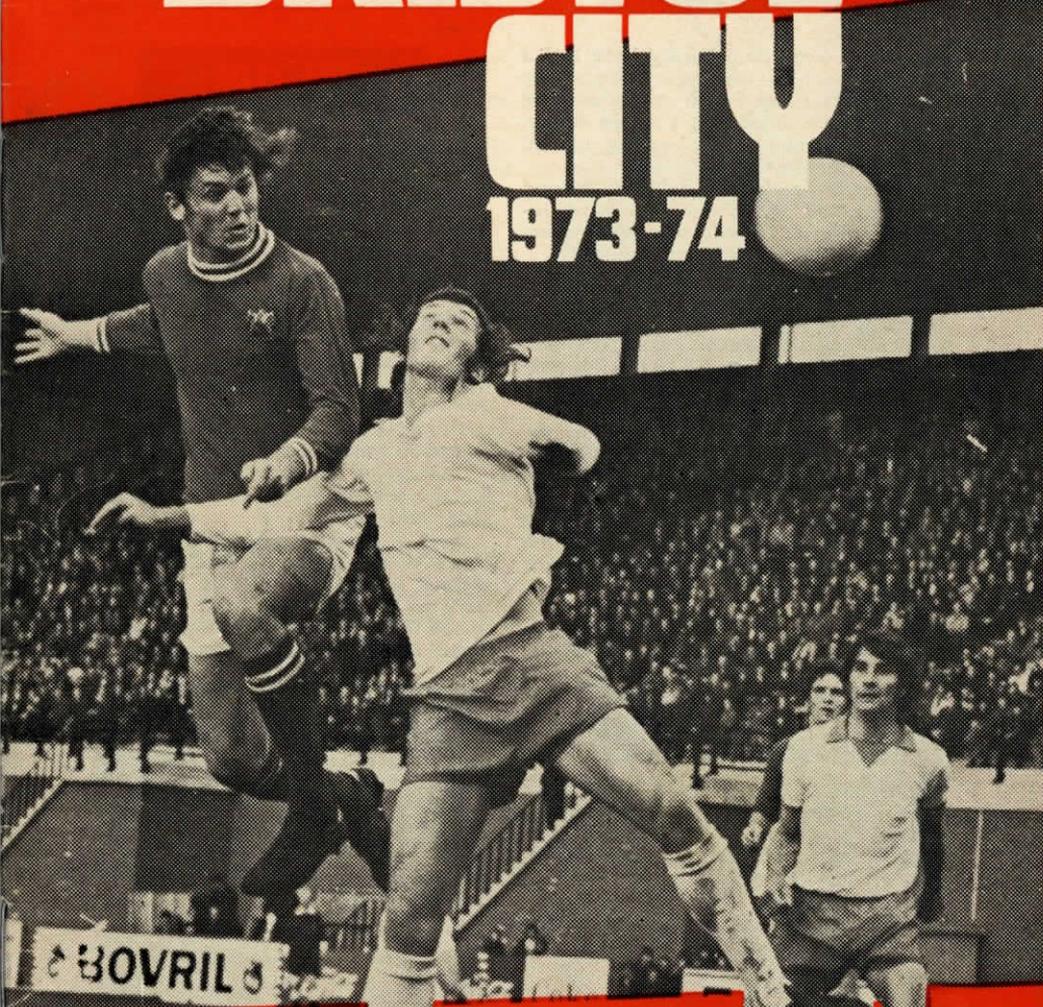


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1973-74



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LUTON TOWN

Luton Town could hardly have had a stranger start to their season, crashing 4-0 to Nottingham Forest on the opening day and then slamming Carlisle 6-1 in their first home game, scoring all six goals in the first half.

The club finished 12th in the Second Division last season with a most indifferent home record being the reason for not reaching a higher placing.

In fact, they won only six home games, three fewer than they won on opponents' grounds. Their away victories included a 1-0 success at Ashton Gate in October, and a 2-0 win at Aston Villa in November which took them to third place, their highest League position of the season.

But undoubtedly the highlight of the season for Luton fans was the F.A. Cup run which took the club to the sixth round. The run included away wins over Newcastle United and Bolton Wanderers and ended with a 2-0 defeat by the eventual winners Sunderland, at Roker Park.

Luton have been in Division Two since they were promoted, as runners-up in Division Three, at the end of the

THE MANAGER

When HARRY HASLAM took over from the popular Alec Stock, first as caretaker manager and later in a permanent capacity, he was practically unknown to the general public.

Yet the former Manchester United defender was a well-respected man in the game and had earned a reputation as one of the best scouts in the business.

He had taken a former Fulham full back named Malcolm Macdonald and signed him for Luton Town. When Macdonald moved on to Newcastle United for £180,000 in May, 1971 he had scored 49 goals in 88 League games.

The new Luton boss turned a few heads in November last year when he equalled the club's spending record, signing Barry Butlin from Derby County for £50,000, and again during the summer when he sold Viv Busby and Alan Slough to Fulham for a total fee of £70,000.

It seems likely that Haslam may move

THE CLUB

1969-70 season. Two seasons earlier they had been Fourth Division champions.

The club's last appearance in the First Division was in 1959-60 when they were relegated, along with Leeds United. They had spent five seasons in the premier section reaching their highest ever placing, eighth, in 1957-58.

In 1959, Luton reached the F.A. Cup final, losing 2-1 to Nottingham Forest with a team skippered by Syd Owen, now on the Leeds United managerial staff, and including Billy Bingham, now Everton's manager.

In May, 1971, Luton collected £180,000 for the sale of Malcolm Macdonald to Newcastle United.

One of the most notable dates in the club's history is April 1, 1936 when they crushed Bristol Rovers 12-0 in a Third Division (South) game and Joe Payne scored ten of the goals, still an individual record in the Football League.



into the transfer market again. He tried before to sign both Trevor Hockey and Wyn Davies and is obviously a fine judge of a player's capabilities.

He is also intent on giving Luton a brighter image. The former black and white club colours have been replaced by an orange strip.

THE PLAYERS

A player with one of the greatest names in British soccer history made his debut for Luton Town against Carlisle last Saturday.

TOM FINNEY, who cost £20,000 when he signed from Crusaders last month, is bound to draw comparisons with the former Preston North End winger.

Finney, who had come on as sub in the previous Luton League game, made a good start against Carlisle scoring two of the six goals.

Apart from Finney, the only other new face in the Luton line-up has been PETER CRUSE the former Slough Town amateur forward who was signed on a free transfer from Arsenal in July. It was Cruse who stood down for Finney in the Carlisle match.

The rest of the line-up is similar to last term. Goalkeeper KEITH BARBER, formerly with Dunstable Town, seems to have taken over as the number one keeper.

The full backs are DON SHANKS, a former Fulham apprentice who has gained England youth honours, and the former England international BOBBY THOMSON.

Thomson played 277 League games with Wolves and 63 with Birmingham before joining Luton, on a free transfer, in July, 1972. He also had a short spell, on loan, with Walsall while he was on Birmingham's books.

At the heart of the defence Luton have two strong men in ALAN GARNER and JOHN FAULKNER. Garner started his career with Millwall, but played only twice in their League side. Faulkner was signed from Leeds United as a replacement for Chris Nicholl who went to Aston Villa.

Faulkner was signed by Don Revie from the amateur club Sutton United after they had met Leeds in the F.A. Cup.



● JIM RYAN



● ALAN GARNER



Luton Town first-team squad 1973-74. Back row (left to right): Billy Holmes, Peter Anderson, Graham Horn, Keith Barber, John Faulkner, Ken Goodeve. Middle: Peter Cruse, John Ryan, Alan Slough (now Fulham), Paul Price, John Moore, Bobby Thompson, Gordon Hindson, Alan Garner. Front: Graham French, Viv Busby (now Fulham), Jim Ryan, Barry Butlin, John Aston, Rod Fern, Don Shanks.

Midfield man PETER ANDERSON also scored two goals in the win over Carlisle, which is twice as many as he netted in the entire League campaign last season. Signed from Hendon he actually made his first-team debut with Luton as an amateur.

JOHN RYAN made the switch from full back to midfield last season and is already attracting the First Division scouts. He was a free transfer signing from Fulham three seasons ago.

His namesake JIM RYAN is no relation, and plays on the right wing. He cost £20,000 when he signed from Manchester United and although he was dogged by injury at first, he missed only three matches last term.

Another ex-Manchester United player is JOHN ASTON who operates on the opposite flank. He cost £50,000 when he

was signed in July, 1972. He was the two-goal hero on last season's Cup win at Newcastle and is the son of the former England international full-back John Aston.

Manager Haslam is obviously pinning his goalscoring hopes on striker BARRY BUTLIN. The goal he netted against Carlisle was his fifth in the 13 games he has played since he joined the club.

He missed the last twelve games of last season with an injury. He started with Notts County but played only four games after signing for Derby County.

Others in the Luton squad include: RODNEY FERN, another £50,000 buy from Leicester City last summer, GRAHAM HORN, a £25,000 goalkeeper from Arsenal, and former Blackpool apprentice midfield player STEVE LITT.

BRISTOL CITY

Red and White

LUTON TOWN

White and Black

- 1 Ray CASHLEY
- 2 Gerry SWEENEY
- 3 Geoff MERRICK (Capt.)
- 4 John EMANUEL
- 5 David RODGERS
- 6 Gary COLLIER
- 7 Trevor TANTON
- 8 Tom RITCHIE
- 9 Bobby GOULD
- 10 Gerry GOW
- 11 Keith FEAR
- 12 Donny GILLIES

Referee: R. N. PERKIN (Stafford)

Linesmen: R. R. BRYANT (Plymouth) Red Flag
J. JURY (Tavistock) Orange Flag

- 1 Graham HORN
- 2 Don SHANKS
- 3 Bobby THOMSON (Capt.)
- 4 Peter ANDERSON
- 5 John FAULKNER
- 6 Alan GARNER
- 7 Jim RYAN
- 8 John RYAN
- 9 Barry BUTLIN
- 10 Tom FINNEY
- 11 John ASTON
- 12 Peter CRUSE



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TODAY'S REFEREE

ROBERT PERKIN from Stafford began refereeing in 1953 and progressed through local leagues and the Midland Intermediate League to the Central League as linesman (1962) and referee (1967). Promoted to the League's referees' list in 1971-72 after serving on the line.

Married, with one daughter, he works as a press shop toolsetter and enjoys motoring and dancing.

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PETER GODSIFF reports on

EXTENDED TRIAL FOR AUSSIE EXILE DON

IT must be tough going in the heat for the footballers who play for those clubs with strange sounding names in Australia.

After seeing trialist **DON PEACHEY** a month ago and again this week, it seems pretty obvious to me that the Australian sun is not conducive to hard training.

For Don (23) has shed more than a stone in weight since his arrival in Bristol to attempt a comeback in League football.

He tipped the scales at 12st. 6lb. when he reported for his first day's work-out. But the training staff put him on a gruelling schedule and he's not much more than 11 stone in weight now.

"Australian football is slower so you can afford to put on a few pounds in weight", he told me. "When I was playing for Coventry, 11 stones was my playing weight and this is what I set out to reach when I came back to this country".

Don, who played for South Coast United in Sydney for four years, fancied returning to British football although he enjoyed the Australian way of life.

He contacted **MICK KNIGHTS**, the City's representative in the Cambridge area, and the message was transmitted to manager Alan Dicks's office.

Don captained the reserve side last Saturday and learned this week that his month's trial is being extended for a further four weeks.

"I want to play in as many games as I can because match-practice is all-important", the midfielder man added. "My aim is to get a full season's contract here".

At the moment he is living alone in Bristol while his wife stays with relations in Cambridge. He's just waiting for that contract so that his wife can join him.

"If I don't make it here, I'll try elsewhere", he said. "I've given myself a year to make the grade. If not, I'll probably go back to Australia".

THE CITY SCENE



FIRST-TEAM TARGET

He told me: "I'm hoping this is going to be my season. I haven't played a game in the side for almost two years and I want to score enough goals and play well enough to force myself into the reckoning".

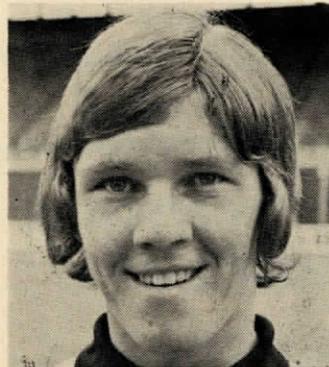
Griff. showed both his speed and goal-scoring knack on the Under-21 tour to Holland at the end of last season, so it wouldn't surprise me if he's not knocking at the door before long.

KEVIN GRIFFIN, the quicksilver striker from Plymouth, has lived in the shadow of his former schools colleague **TREVOR FRANCIS** of Birmingham for longer than he has liked.

But, I am happy to say, he has made a full recovery from the achilles tendon trouble which kept him out of all but two of the pre-season practice matches.

He made his comeback in the reserves against Reading last Saturday — and celebrated with one of the goals in the 2-0 win.

LUCKY LEN



LEN BOND and assistant secretary **JOHN LILLINGTON** — a former apprentice who had to pack up the game because of a knee injury — have just landed a job that half the men of Bristol must surely envy.

They have been appointed by A.D. as joint team managers of the Bristol City girls team — a side comprised entirely of agents for Bristol City Sporting Promotions lottery.

The girls — about 20 of them — turned out for their first training session on Thursday.

Now John is looking round for fixtures for the attractive team. "I hope to arrange for the team to put in an

BOB PERROTT, the 20-year-old left-back on trial from Trowbridge Town, returns to the Southern League club on Monday after his month at Ashton Gate.

It was his second attempt to make good. Bob, who lives at Hartcliffe and worked as a labourer before his month with the club, was rejected when he was 15 because he was too small.

Manager **ALAN DICKS** told me this week: "He has taken our decision well. We wanted to assess his ability and compare it with younger players on the staff.

"We feel we have players equally as good and that is the reason why we are not signing him on."

appearance on the pitch before one of our League games in the near future," John told me.

TERRY BUSH was to have been the team manager but his duties at the Indoor Bowls Club forced him to decline this pleasant task.

I was surprised by the lack of volunteers from the lads, though. I thought there would be a rush for the job. "They were all too shy", explained John. "And Len only agreed to do it if someone else gave him a hand".

I'll keep you in touch with the girls' progress from time to time.

Dine & Dance

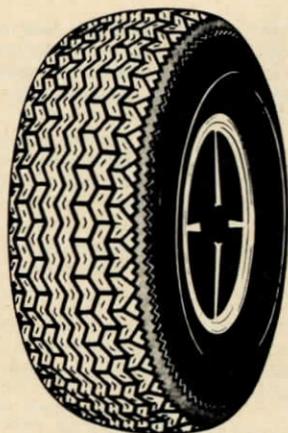
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**THE
ALAN
DICKS
PAGE**



WHAT a wonderful start to the season! Two wins in the first two matches have given us the best possible start to the 1973-74 campaign and supplied the tonic for the club, players and supporters.

This time last year we were all wondering whether we would ever win a match at Ashton Gate. It took nine attempts before we broke the hoodoo.

No one is more delighted than I am that we have broken our duck first time out. True, the win over Bolton was achieved by a very lucky goal — one in a million — but I still think we played well enough to win.

There were two strong claims for penalties and, contrary to the view of some observers, I thought we played very well in the first half and only faltered near the end.

At Orient last Saturday, the situation was a little different. It took us some time to get organised, but once we did, we turned on an excellent second-half display which was rewarded with the winning goal.

It came late, just a couple of minutes from the end, and David Rodgers deserved to get his name in headlines for the way he took the goal and the way he battled on courageously with blood oozing from the gash in his left eyebrow which later needed four stitches.

Let's hope that this is the first of many goals for David from now on. He has seldom netted a more important one.

I must praise our defence for their solidarity at Orient. Ray Cashley's handling was excellent and the back four showed a fine understanding.

Geoff has settled down well at left-back, although we all know that his best position is alongside the centre-half. And young Gary Collier, just 18, is maturing with every match.

It took the Rodgers-Merrick partnership a long time to work as smoothly as

it did last season. A lot of people expected Gary to slip into Geoff's position overnight and play in exactly the same way.

But things don't happen quite so quickly. In the last two matches I have been particularly pleased with the way Gary has come through. He is a calm, collected player who can only become better through the experience of playing in the first team.

At times his handling of the situation at Orient made it difficult to realise that he was playing in only his fifth League game.

LES WILSON

It was with regret that we terminated Les Wilson's contract last week. It was not a decision taken off the cuff, but one which took a lot of careful consideration.

But over the past 12 months the relationship between Les and the club has deteriorated. Every member of the staff has tried to heal the breach, especially as we all realise what ability and skill Les can produce.

But we could never get the response or co-operation from the player to get back the enthusiasm he showed when he first joined the club. We could not get him behind the target all the club is striving for — promotion.

After a series of incidents, the club had no alternative than to cancel his contract because the team spirit and discipline has never been higher in the club.

One person — and that includes the chairman, directors, myself and the staff — cannot be bigger than the club.

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Supporters' Club Page

THE annual meeting will take place in the club room on Thursday, 20th September, 1973 at 7.30 p.m. Nominations for committee, stating name, address and membership number of nominee, proposer and seconder, together with a letter from the nominee expressing his willingness to stand, should be sent to the secretary, Bristol City F.C. Supporters' Club, Ashton Gate, Bristol BS3 2EJ, not later than Thursday, 13th September, 1973.

Football club director, Mr. Graham Griffiths, who is chairman of the new combined committee, will be in attendance.

The Bristol City Joint Committee, besides being responsible for all major fund-raising schemes on the ground, will also deal with many other aspects of the respective club's activities.

Members of the Supporters' Club are reminded that their voice can be heard on this committee if they attend the Supporters' Club meetings and express their views.

The Supporters' Club is well represented on this committee and are in a very good position to see that the views of the members are expressed in the right quarter.

The Supporters' Club will discontinue the lottery at the end of September, but will continue to operate the Beat the Clock competition on match days, draws and the national bingo competition promoted by the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs.

The committee wish to increase the number of City supporters in the club and members are asked to enrol one new member each.

However, this has now been re-arranged for Thursday, 28th September, at 6.30 p.m. This section of the club is open to all supporters up to the age of 14 years, at 15p per year. Application forms can be obtained from the club shop or office.

The souvenir shop, situated at the rear of the Grandstand carries a wide range of souvenirs in club colours, including hats, scarves, blazer badges, car badges, duffle bags, etc.

—ARTHUR FOWLER

SWINDON TRAIN

British Rail are running a special train to Swindon on Tuesday. It leaves Temple Meads at 5.45 p.m., arriving at 6.25 p.m. Departs from Swindon at 9.25 p.m., arriving at Temple Meads 10.10 p.m. The fare is 80p adults, 40p juveniles under 14. Kick-off time is 7.15 p.m.

Half-time scoreboard

A	SOUTHAMPTON RES. BRISTOL CITY RES.
B	ASTON VILLA OXFORD UNITED
C	BLACKPOOL MILLWALL
D	CARLISLE UNITED NOTTS. COUNTY
E	CRYSTAL PALACE MIDDLESBROUGH
F	FULHAM ORIENT
G	HULL CITY PRESTON N.E.
H	NOTTS. FOREST SHEFFIELD WED.
J	PORTSMOUTH BOLTON
K	SUNDERLAND CARDIFF CITY
L	SWINDON TOWN W.B.A.
M	COVENTRY CITY SOUTHAMPTON
N	DERBY COUNTY EVERTON
P	IPSWICH TOWN MANCHESTER UNITED
R	LEEDS UNITED BIRMINGHAM CITY
S	LIVERPOOL CHELSEA
T	WOLVES BURNLEY
U	GRIMSBY TOWN BRISTOL ROVERS

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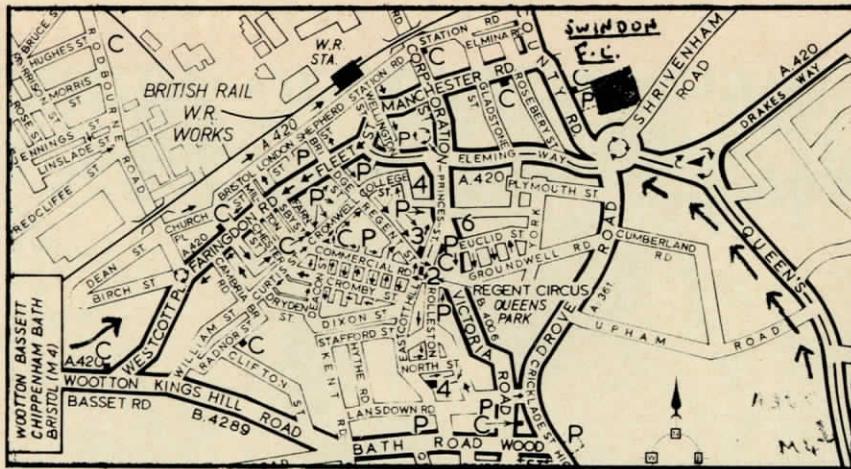
Above: GEOFF MERRICK leaps feet in the air to get in a header against Bolton. He beats defenders PETER NICHOLSON and DON McALLISTER as DAVID RODGERS awaits the outcome.

Right: The first two goals of the season which brought two 1-0 wins. Top: The luckiest goal of the season? Maybe. But the clearance by PAUL JONES which hit BOBBY GOULD meant a winning start against Bolton. Bottom: No luck about the fine header by DAVID RODGERS at Orient, though. He rises between TOM WALLEY (6) and MALCOLM LINTON. This time it's MERRICK'S turn to watch. Pictures: Richard Hudd.

ACTION AT ASHTON



SUPPORT CITY AT SWINDON



The R.A.C. recommend the following routes:

1—Come into Swindon on the A420 Wootton Bassett Road. At the end, turn left into Westcott Place. At the roundabout take first turning off the roundabout into Rodborn Road, the first right into Church Place, Bristol Street, London Street, Shepherd Street and Station Road. At the end of Station Road turn right into County Road, and the football ground is on the left before you come to the roundabout.

2—Alternative route from Bristol — take the second turning to Swindon off the M.4 Motorway and approach the town on the A345, entering at Queen's Drive.

Football Combination games . . . goals

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result	Scorers	Attendance
1973					
Aug. 25	Norwich City	A	1-2	Woods	—
.. 28	Bournemouth	H	1-3	Woods	916
Sept. 1	Reading	H	2-0	Harding, Griffin	606
.. 4	Plymouth Argyle	A			
.. 8	Southampton	A			
.. 12	Plymouth Argyle	H			
.. 15	Tottenham Hotspur	H			
.. 19	Bournemouth	A			
.. 22	Chelsea	A			
.. 25	Chelsea	H			
.. 29	Birmingham City	H			
Oct. 6	Luton Town	A			
.. 13	Leicester City	H			
.. 16	Swindon Town	H			
.. 27	Crystal Palace	A			
Nov. 3	Fulham	H			
.. 10	Arsenal	A			
.. 17	Queens Park Rangers	A			
.. 24	Ipswich Town	H			
Dec. 1	Bristol Rovers	A			
.. 8	West Ham United	H			
.. 22	Cardiff City	A			
.. 29	Norwich City	H			
1974					
Jan. 2	Reading	A			
.. 5	Swansea City	H			
.. 12	Tottenham Hotspur	A			
.. 19	Southampton	H			
.. 22	Oxford	H			
.. 26	Swansea City	A			
Feb. 2	Birmingham City	A			
.. 9	Luton Town	H			
.. 12	Cardiff City	H			
.. 16	Leicester City	A			

Appearances: Bond 4, Harding 4, Whitehead 4, Woods 4, Peachey 4, Bain 3, Rogers 3, Ross 3, Durrell 3, McNeil 2, Griffin 2, Gillies 2, Perrott 2, Crowley 1, Lee 1, Fear (V) 1, Wilson 1.
Goals: Woods 2, Griffin 1, Harding 1.

**NEXT MATCH
 AT ASHTON
 RESERVES v. PLYMOUTH
 WEDNESDAY
 SEPTEMBER 12th
 KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.**

CITY FIRST-TEAM FACTS

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result	Scorers	Attendance
1973					
Aug. 25	Bolton Wanderers	H	1-0	Gould	13,665
Sept. 1	Orient	A	1-0	Rodgers	7,216
.. 8	Luton Town	H			
.. 11	Swindon Town	A			
.. 15	Preston North End	A			
.. 18	Hull City	H			
.. 22	Sheffield Wednesday	H			
.. 29	Middlesbrough	A			
Oct. 2	Hull City	A			
.. 6	West Bromwich A	H			
.. 10	Scunthorpe (F.L. Cup 2nd round)	A			
.. 13	Millwall	A			
.. 20	Aston Villa	A			
.. 23	Swindon Town	H			
.. 27	Blackpool	H			
.. 31	(F.L. Cup 3rd Round)				
Nov. 3	Fulham	A			
.. 10	Crystal Palace	H			
.. 17	Sunderland	H			
.. 21	(F.L. Cup 4th Round)				
.. 24	Carlisle United (1)	A			
Dec. 1	Notts County	H			
.. 8	Portsmouth	A			
.. 15	Cardiff City (2)	A			
.. 19	(F.L. Cup 5th Round)				
.. 22	Middlesbrough	H			
.. 26	Oxford United	A			
.. 29	Luton Town	A			

1974	Opponents	Ground	Result	Scorers	Attendance
Jan. 1	Orient	H			
.. 5	(F.A. Cup 3rd Round)				
.. 12	Preston North End	H			
.. 16	(F.L. Cup Semi-Final)				
.. 19	Bolton Wanderers	A			
.. 26	(F.L. Cup Semi-Final)				
.. 26	(F.A. Cup 4th Round)				
Feb. 2	Cardiff City	H			
.. 9	Sheffield Wednesday	A			
.. 16	Millwall (5)	H			
.. 23	West Bromwich A.	A			
Mar. 2	Oxford United (L.C.F.)	H			
.. 9	Blackpool (6)	A			
.. 16	Aston Villa	A			
.. 23	Crystal Palace	A			
.. 30	Fulham (S.F.)	H			
April 6	Carlisle United	H			
.. 12	Nottingham Forest	H			
.. 13	Sunderland	A			
.. 16	Nottingham Forest	A			
.. 20	Portsmouth	H			
.. 27	Notts County	A			
May 4	F.A. Cup Final				

Appearances: Cashley 2, Sweeney 2, Merrick 2, Emanuel 2, Rodgers 2, Collier 2, Tainton 2, Ritchie 2, Gould 2, Gow 2, Fear 2, Gillies (1).

Goals: Gould 1, Rodgers 1.

SECOND DIVISION

Team	HOME					AWAY					P	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A
Fulham	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	4
BRISTOL C.	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	4
WBA	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	2	4
Oxford	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Aston Villa	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	3
Sunderland	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Swindon	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	1	1	3
Notts. F.	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Luton	2	1	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	0	4	2
Bolton	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Cardiff	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	2
Notts. C.	2	0	0	1	1	4	1	0	0	4	1	2
Middlesbrough	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	2
Blackpool	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	1
Orient	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Portsmouth	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Millwall	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	1
Preston	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	1
Sheff. W.	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1
Carlisle	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	6	1
Hull	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Crystal Palace	2	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	1	0	1	0

Figures in brackets indicate rounds of the F.A. Cup
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WATNEY CUP

Aug. 11—Peterborough A. 2-1; (Gould 2 — 9,138).
 Aug. 15—Stoke City A. 1-4; (Ritchie — 13,812).
Appearances: Cashley 2, Sweeney 2, Emanuel 2, Rodgers 2, Merrick 2, Tainton 2, Ritchie 2, Gould 2, Gow 2, Fear 2, Drysdale 1, Collier 1 (1), Gillies (2), Whitehead (1).



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