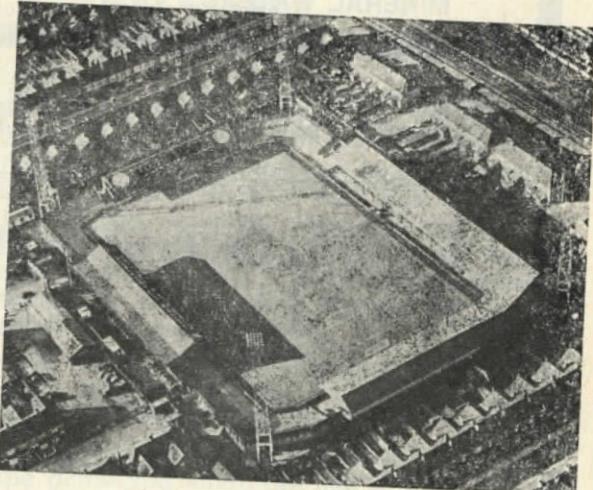
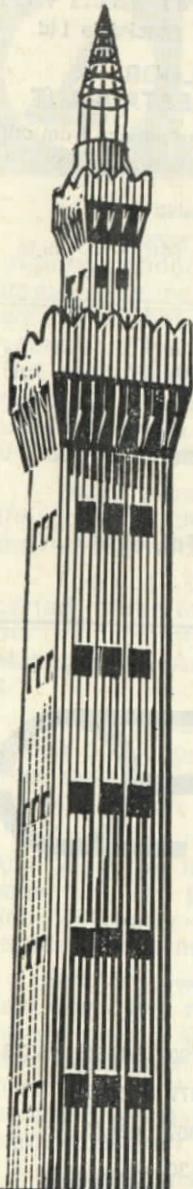


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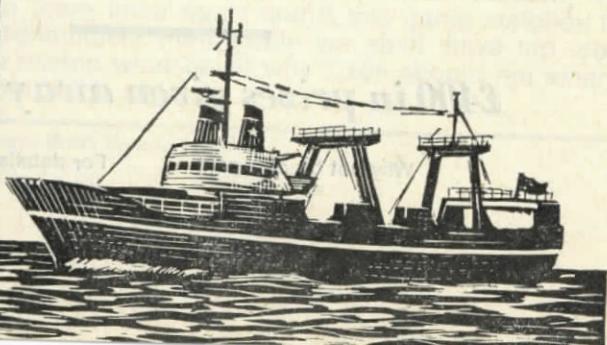
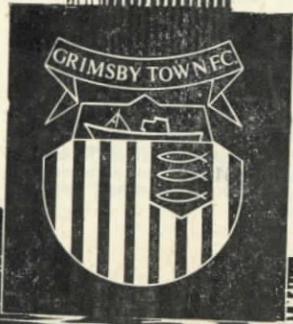
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Chairman's Notes

The sheer unpredictability of football is said to be the most intriguing aspect of our national game. If so, then it was never more in evidence, nor less desired, than during Saturdays League meeting with Aldershot. We have become accustomed to the fact, over the years, that lowly teams bring out the worst in Town at Blundell Park. But really none of us could have anticipated that after their recent good run - and last Tuesdays thriller against Luton - the Mariners would struggle so much against a team solidly entrenched at the bottom of Division Three.

There were, at the end of it all, two redeeming features, the goal and the victory which maintains Town's promising move up the table toward the contenders for Division Two.

The goal, by Frank Barton, resulted from one of the few concerted moves throughout the game and stood out like a beacon from the drabness of the football. The result speaks for itself, but no doubt Manager Ron Ashman had things to say about the struggle to achieve it.

It is undoubtedly difficult to raise one's game against unadventurous and dogged opponents. But there is little danger of that aspect raising its head tonight and we shall look forward to more of the play which has marked Grimsby's improvement this season.

Since the teams last met, Luton have completed the signing of Alan West the former Burnley mid-field player, for a reported fee of something like £80,000. Neither the size of the fee, nor any reputation, will worry the Town tonight but it does serve to illustrate the standard of Luton's ambition and determination to reach Division 1.

Similarly, we are aiming for Division Two and hope, within the next few days, to strengthen our first team pool, ready for the really crucial period ahead. Such intention is no slight on the players who have done such a creditable job for this season. The fact is that there must be a squad of good players, not just 12 numbers to appear on any given date, in order to maintain a challenge throughout an exacting season.

However, the immediate future concerns the third meeting with Luton. Welcome to them once again and if this game matches the previous two for entertainment then surely we shall have no complaint. There is no reason whatsoever why Town should not emerge as the eventual victors of this saga.

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Our Visitors

LUTON TOWN

KEITH BARBER (Goalkeeper) Became regular first team choice last season and made 42 appearances in the League, F.A. Cup and League Cup.

JOHN RYAN (Right Back) John joined them from Fulham four seasons ago. Formerly with Arsenal, Ryan is a full-back quick to over-lap

PAUL PRICE (Right-back) Made tremendous strides last season as a strong, competent full-back, and on Luton's close season Tour of Germany staked his claim for a first team place.

DON SHANKS (Left-back) Former England Youth International, Don came to Luton from Fulham. He has already attracted the attention of a First Div. Club this term.

BOBBY THOMSON (Left-back) Made Club Captain in his first campaign with the Club. Formerly with Wolves, from whom he moved to Birmingham for a big fee. Birmingham loaned him to Walsall the season before last and Luton beat the 'Sadclers' for his signature when given a free transfer.

ALAN GARNER (Centre-half) Was reserve centre-half for Luton when Chris Nicholl was sold and went on to play confidently and earn himself a regular place. Garner is strong and assertive. Made 34 first team appearances last season.

JOHN FAULKNER (Centre-half) Last season he established himself as the regular centre-back. 25 year old, signed from Leeds for £6,000 in 1972.

STEVE LITT (Centre-half) Signed from Blackpool, just before the start of last season. Steve a tall, strong defender, established himself as a strong contender for a first team place.

JOHN MOORE (Defender) Has been with the Club for nearly nine years, having had previous service at Motherwell. Was a member of the back-four last season.

KEN GOODEVE (Defender) This former Manchester Utd. player, joined Luton three years ago has received few first team appearances during his time at Kenilworth Road. Seven League appearances last season.

RODNEY FERN (Forward) Was signed from Leicester for £50,000 before the start of last season. 26 League and 3 League Cup appearances, scoring 5 goals.

JOHN ASTON (Forward) Signed from Manchester Utd. for £30,000 last summer, after considerable 1st Div. experience. Scored 12 goals in 43 appearances last term.

JIMMY RYAN (Forward) Another former Manchester Utd. winger who was valued at £20,000 when Luton signed him three years ago. A Scot, he is a fast and tricky raider.

PETER ANDERSON (Forward) A midfield player who likes to come forward in support of the attack. 38 appearances last season.

GORDON HINDSON (Forward) Luton paid Newcastle £25000 for Gordon in 1971. Has considerable speed and won himself a regular first team place last season.

BARRY BUTLIN (Centre-forward) Was signed from Derby in 1972 for £50,000 and scored in each of his first three games. Big and strong, excels in the air.

PETER CRUSE (Forward) Signed from Arsenal during the summer. Looks set to take over from Viv Busby, who was transferred to Fulham, as dual striker with Butlin.

BILLY HOLMES (Forward) Signed during the summer from Millwall, who allowed him to go on a free. Aged 22, he spent three years at The Den.

NICK SPARKS (Midfield) Discovered as a youngster and developed through their youth team. Is now on the verge of first team recognition.

PHIL O'CONNOR (Forward) Another player who was discovered last season. Fast direct, traditional type of winger.

GRAHAM HORN (Goalkeeper) Former England Youth goalkeeper who signed from Arsenal in February for £25,000. League debut was against Millwall.



Press Report

ACT 1 — A QUICK REVIEW

By Gerry Harrison, Anglia T.V's Match of the Week commentator

Act 1 of the 1973-74 season has now been completed. Conditions have changed, for playing and watching, a League pattern has been established with individual form and fortune revealing itself.

Things will obviously change again, more than once, before the end of the season. But looking back on the first quarter of the season's programme what are the local reactions to results so far and what do they indicate in general terms?

At Grimsby, Ron Ashman can look back on a start that he admits was "disappointing". But after some early teething troubles the Mariners began collecting some excellent results. "We weren't putting the pieces together" he says. "But we knitted together the more we played. Our worst showing was probably against Bristol Rovers when we created no chances but got a point. Apart from that we have created chances. In the first quarter Lew Chatterley was the only one who was scoring consistently and I know you always blame the strikers if they are not sticking it in but it wasn't quite like that. Like at Luton in the League Cup. We had what seemed a perfectly good goal disallowed early on, fell behind, dominated the second half, might have had a couple and equalised with a good goal five minutes from the end.

"Defensively we have looked good. We conceded three goals in the first game, then nine in the next eleven matches.

The crucial turning point for Graham Taylor at Lincoln was the stage of the season when from 11 games they had picked up 13 points. In recent seasons, from an identical points tally, the Imps have gone on to miss promotion by one point - and also to be forced into the position of seeking re-election. So, naturally, the manager is adopting a wait-and-see policy.

"I'm reasonably satisfied" he said. "But I could have been a lot happier. We haven't put on consistently crowd-bulling performances at home where we have dropped too many points. We have missed chances although sometimes the atmosphere at Sincil Bank,

its spaciousness, its openness, doesn't make things any easier for the players. But that's not peculiar to this season.

"Defensively we have had quite a good start...about a goal a game which of course could again be better. Injuries? One or two but nothing serious. One thing I am pleased about is that the goalkeeper and the back four had not played together before but have knitted together well.

"We had a shocker at Nottingham Forest in the first game" said Luton coach Roy McCrohan. "They hammered us. But we talked about it, got it out of our system and worked hard. Getting six against Carlisle was a good boost. Then we started to play really well. Young Tommy Finney was scoring and everyone was working for each other. We have modified it slightly from last year...with John Aston on the flank but Jimmy Ryan dropping back more into midfield. We're still getting a lot of players up into attack whenever we can. Against Grimsby in the League Cup we fell into our old weaknesses of last year and were quite pleased to get a replay. We could still be top of Div. II by Christmas."

If your side is doing well, enjoy it. If they are not doing so well, there is plenty of time for a change. Talk of promotion and relegation will always crop up but in realistic terms it's not really significant. At the end of October last year Hereford were in 21st position in the Fourth Division - and were eventually promoted. Norwich were sixth in the First Division near the end of November and finally just escaped relegation. There is plenty of time yet for all sorts of things to happen - good and not so good.

POLICE PARKING RESTRICTIONS NEAR BLUNDELL PARK

Grimsby Division Police have issued details of plans they intend to put into operation at all first team home games played by Grimsby Town during the 1973-74 season. The plan (overleaf) shows how 'no waiting' signs will be placed and, in particular, attention is drawn to the parking provisions in Harrington Street.

These are -

No parking will be allowed in Harrington Street -

(a) from Manchester Street to the Police Box outside the rear of Blundell Park.

(b) from the Police Box to Blundell Avenue - no parking outside the houses.

(c) from Blundell Ave. to Park Street - single line parking only outside the houses BUT 'no waiting' signs will be placed alongside the wooden boards bordering the railway lines to allow normal traffic flow until one hour before the scheduled kick-off time. From that time a police officer will be in attendance and he will allow single line parking only alongside the boards, placing the 'no waiting' signs on the outside of this line of cars.

In addition the Police make the following requests to persons, particularly drivers, attending Blundell Park or passing through the area before or after a match -

(a) Latecomers should not attempt to park near the ground as it is obvious this area will be filled by early arrivals.

(b) Before parking your car consider your homeward route. Attempt to park facing the direction you wish to leave and plan your route so as to filter into traffic thereby causing fewer holdups than by attempting to cross streams of traffic.

(c) Be patient when leaving. The police are just as anxious to get you home quickly as you yourselves are.

(d) 'No waiting' regulations will be strictly enforced. Emergency services, i.e. fire service, ambulances, etc., must at all times have easy access to the ground and surrounding area and the positioning of the 'no waiting' signs have ensured this is possible.

(e) Drivers are advised to lock their vehicles (doors and windows) and keep valuable items out of sight, i.e. in boot, under seats or covered with a rug, etc.

(f) The Police finally wish to make it clear that they are interested only in ensuring that all who attend the matches are able to do so with as little inconvenience as possible, with the thought 'HELP US TO HELP YOU'.



Supporters Club

Seems a case of 'this is where I came in' but if tonights game is as good as the one last week then nobody will have any complaints. It goes without saying that the fervent hope is that the Town (Grimsby) of course manage to clinch the tie this time and go forward to play Bury in the next round. Whatever happens though I think that the games against Luton will be a talking point for all Town supporters and we might well look back on them to say that from this point on Grimsby Town started to click. Good performances against a club from a higher Division should prove to all concerned that we have a good team here.

So England will not be going to Germany next year. Whilst I would agree that it is a blow I would take issue with those who describe the matter as a national disaster. So many so called experts tell us that as a result of last Wednesdays match, gates in this country will fall to an all time low. Well why should they. Has Englands result stopped you from coming tonight. Will it stop you from coming to see Grimsby Town? If so I really would like to know the reason. I cannot help having the suspicion that some of our so called 'experts' are upset because they might not get a month in Germany on expense accounts next year. Certainly there will not be the interest in the World Cup that there would have been but even so it is not necessarily all bad. We now have a breathing space and we might be able to learn something for the future. We were told after the last World Cup that we had nothing to learn (Sir Alfred Ramsey) no less, so in the long run it could do us good. I hope I am wrong but to my way of thinking the new formula for the World Cup Finals in that results are on a League table basis up to the Semi-finals could well provoke even more brutal play and defensive football. I even suspect that we might be saying next July - thank goodness we stayed at home. We shall see. Anyway after all that tonights game is the main point - give the Town the support they deserve and we shall win through.

Our next AWAY Match—Saturday, 27th October

v ROCHDALE (Kick-off 3 p.m.)

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Follow signs "Goole" along the A614 and 5 miles on turn left along the A1041 through Snaith to Knottingley. At $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on turn right along the B6136 and continue through Ferrybridge to Glass Houghton. Turn right along the A639 through Oulton to the M1 Motorway. 78 Miles

M1 South for 2 miles to intersection (42) Bradford, Manchester, M62. Follow signs "Bradford, Manchester" along the M62 for 33 miles to intersection (20) Oldham East, Rochdale, A627 (M). 113 Miles

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	25	Hereford U.	h	3
	28	League Cup 1	h	1
Sept.	1	Northampton T.	2	1
	8	Chesterfield	0	1
	11	Bristol Rovers	...	...	1	1
	14	Halifax Town	...	...	4	0
	19	Tranmere R.	...	...	0	0
	22	Blackburn R.	...	...	0	1
	29	Brighton & H.A.	...	...	0	2
Oct.	2	Shrewsbury T.	...	...	1	1
	6	Blackburn R.	...	...	4	2
	10	Walsall	...	...	1	1
	12	League Cup 2	...	...	1	0
	20	Southport	...	...	1	1
	23	Aldershot	...	...	1	1
	27	Halifax Town	...	...	1	1
	31	Rochdale	...	...	1	1
Nov.	3	League Cup 3	...	...	1	1
	10	Cambridge U.	...	...	1	1
	13	Wrexham	...	...	1	1
	17	Plymouth Argy.	...	...	1	1
	21	A.F.C. B'mouth	...	...	1	1
	24	League Cup 4	...	...	1	1
Dec.	1	F.A. Cup 1	...	...	1	1
	8	Watford	...	...	1	1
	15	Port Vale	...	...	1	1
	19	F.A. Cup 2	...	...	1	1
	22	League Cup 5	...	...	1	1
	26	Shrewsbury T.	...	...	1	1
	29	York City	...	...	1	1
1974	1	Bristol R.	...	...	1	1
Jan.	1	Chesterfield	...	...	1	1
	4	Southend U.	...	...	1	1
	5	F.A. Cup 3	...	...	1	1
	12	Tranmere R.	...	...	1	1
	16	League Cup S.F.	...	...	1	1
	19	Hereford U.	...	...	1	1
	23	League Cup S.F.	...	...	1	1
Feb.	26	Oldham A. (4)	...	...	1	1
	2	Huddersfield T.	...	...	1	1
	9	Brighton & H.A.	...	...	1	1
	16	Southport (5)	...	...	1	1
	23	Walsall	...	...	1	1
Mar.	2	York C. (LCF)	...	...	1	1
	9	Rochdale (6)	...	...	1	1
	16	Aldershot	...	...	1	1
	19	Huddersfield T.	...	...	1	1
	23	Wrexham	...	...	1	1
	26	Southend U.	...	...	1	1
	30	Oldham Athletic	...	...	1	1
April	2	Plymouth Argy.	...	...	1	1
	6	Charlton Athl.	1	1
	12	Charlton Athl.	1	1
	13	A.F.C. B'mouth	1	1
	15	Charlton Athl.	1	1
	20	Port Vale	1	1
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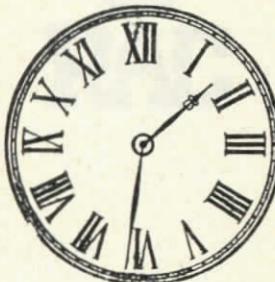
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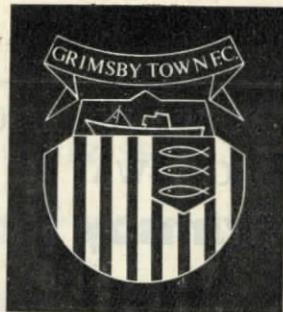
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