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*Happy 21st
Birthday*
Don Shanks

v HULL CITY

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Manager Harry Haslam has spent months searching for top class players to boost his first team pool. It's been an arduous task, but it certainly paid off last week when he clinched the signature of Burnley star Alan West.

Alan, who made nearly 50 appearances for Burnley, is certain to be a tremendous asset to Town as they bid for promotion. We would like to take this opportunity of wishing Alan a long and illustrious career at Kenilworth Road.

Front Cover: Luton striker Barry Butlin wins the ball during the match with Swindon Town.

Certainly Saturday's defeat at Orient was disappointing, but it's not the end of the world—far from it.

After all, it was our first defeat in 10 league games and it's virtually impossible to criticise a record like that.

In fact if the lads continue losing one match every 10 games they'll have been defeated four times in the league by the end of the season—and who am I to hit out at a record like that? And don't forget the *occasional* defeat can do a great deal of good. It gives everybody the opportunity to sit down and talk facts and not fiction.

It's difficult in a way to discuss facts after your team has won but when you've lost it's cold hard facts and you can learn by your mistakes.

I was extremely pleased with our victory in the League Cup at Grimsby on Tuesday—even though it was at the third attempt.

At least we're through to the third round and I know a lot of managers and clubs who aren't!

HARRY HASLAM'S TOWN



We certainly won't be taking Bury lightly in the third round match on Wednesday, they may be in the Fourth Division but they are a League club with ambition, just like we are.

Alan West joined us from Burnley 10 days ago and although he has only played in two matches so far, I'm sure he's going to be a tremendous asset to the club.

We've had Alan in mind for a long time, but even though we have now signed him it doesn't mean we won't be looking around for other players.

We've got to continue our search for players, but that doesn't mean that whoever they replace has got to go. We want to build up a strong pool of players.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing Don Shanks all the very best on his 21st birthday and hope that all goes well for him in the future.

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THE TOWN'S

Date	Opponents	Result	Att	League Position	Goals Scored	Substitute Appearances	Withdrawal
Aug 25	Notts Forest	0-4	10,432	12	1		
Sep 1	Carlisle United	6-1	7,231	9			
" 8	Bristol City	3-1	12,208	8			
" 11	Notts County	1-1	8,509	8			
" 15	Portsmouth	3-3	11,552	8			
" 22	Sunderland	3-0	27,334	7			
" 29	Blackpool	3-0	10,365	7			
Oct 6	Crystal Palace	2-1	19,790	4			
" 10	Grimsby LC2	1-1	9,656	4			
" 13	Swindon Town	2-1	10,732	4			
" 16	Grimby LC2 R	0-0	13,643	4			
" 20	Orient	0-2	11,102	4			
" 23	Grimby LC2 2R	2-0	15,365	2			
" 31	Hull City			1			
Nov 3	Bury LC3						
" 10	Middlesbrough						
" 14	Bolton Wand						
" 17	Cardiff City						
" 24	Sheffield Wed						
Dec 1	Preston						
" 8	West Brom						
" 12	Millwall						
" 15	Cardiff City						
" 22	Aston Villa						
" 26	Blackpool						
" 29	Fulham						
1974	Bristol City						
Jan 1	Carlisle United						
" 5	FA Cup 3						
" 12	Portsmouth						
" 19	Notts Forest						
" 26	FA Cup 4						
Feb 2	Aston Villa						
" 9	Sunderland						
" 16	Swindon Town						
" 23	Crystal Palace						
Mar 5	Fulham						
" 9	Hull City						
" 16	Orient						
" 23	Bolton Wand						
" 30	Middlesbrough						
Apr 6	Preston						
" 12	Oxford United						
" 13	Sheffield Wed						
" 16	Oxford United						
" 20	Millwall						
" 27	West Brom						

REFERENCE LIBRARY

FOOTBALL COMBINATION TABLE Up to and including 23rd October 1973

	Goals						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Bournemouth.....	14	11	2	1	34	11	24
Norwich City.....	13	9	2	2	27	8	20
Birmingham City.....	13	8	2	3	14	7	18
Luton Town.....	13	7	2	4	36	22	16
Leicester City.....	12	5	4	3	18	8	14
Oxford United.....	10	6	2	2	12	7	14
Swindon Town.....	12	5	4	3	17	13	14
Ipswich.....	13	5	4	4	21	21	14
Plymouth.....	12	5	3	4	22	14	13
Tottenham Hotspur.....	12	4	5	3	14	13	13
Queens Park Rangers.....	12	4	4	4	22	18	12
West Ham.....	12	5	2	5	13	15	12
Crystal Palace.....	9	4	3	2	9	8	11
Bristol Rovers.....	13	2	7	4	12	20	11
Chelsea.....	13	4	2	7	22	23	10
Swansea.....	11	3	3	5	15	17	9
Fulham.....	10	2	4	4	9	11	8
Southampton.....	13	2	4	7	13	34	8
Arsenal.....	9	2	3	4	7	14	7
Bristol City.....	12	2	1	9	9	26	5
Cardiff City.....	10	1	2	7	3	20	4
Reading.....	10	0	1	9	5	24	1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Match Digest

LUTON TOWN 7 BRISTOL ROVERS 0

Scorers: Fern (2), Finney (2), O'Connor, Homes, Sparks.

Team: Gordon, Price, Malcolm, Sparks, Lutt, Moore, O'Connor, Hindson, Holmes, Finney, Fern. Sub: Fuccillo.

Attendance: 481

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES

1973	Date	Day	Opponents	Ground	F A
Aug 25	Sat	Crystal Palace	Home	1	2
" 29	Wed	Chelsea	Away	2	4
Sept 1	Sat	Fulham	Away	2	6
" 5	Wed	Tottenham Hotspur	Home	2	0
" 8	Sat	Arsenal	Home	1	0
" 12	Wed	Tottenham Hotspur	Away	2	2
" 15	Sat	West Ham United	Away	1	1
" 22	Sat	Queen's Park Rangers	Home	5	1
" 25	Tues	Queen's Park Rangers	Away	1	1
" 29	Sat	Ipswich Town	Away	7	1
Oct 3	Wed	Chelsea	Home	3	1
" 6	Sat	Bristol City	Home	3	1
" 13	Sat	Swansea City	Away	0	3
" 20	Sat	Bristol Rovers	Home	7	0
" 31	Wed	Cardiff City	Away	.....	.....
Nov 3	Sat	Swindon Town	Home	.....	.....
" 10	Sat	Southampton	Away	.....	.....
" 21	Wed	Oxford United	Home	.....	.....
" 24	Sat	Leicester City	Away	.....	.....
" 28	Wed	Norwich City	Home	.....	.....
Dec 5	Wed	Reading	Away	.....	.....
" 15	Sat	Bournemouth	Away	.....	.....
" 22	Sat	Plymouth Argyle	Home	.....	.....
" 29	Sat	Crystal Palace	Away	.....	.....
1974	Jan 1	Tues	Fulham	Home	.....
" 5	Sat	Birmingham City	Away	.....	.....
" 12	Sat	West Ham United	Home	.....	.....
" 19	Sat	Arsenal	Away	.....	.....
" 26	Sat	Birmingham City	Home	.....	.....
Feb 2	Sat	Ipswich Town	Home	.....	.....
" 9	Sat	Bristol City	Away	.....	.....
" 16	Sat	Swansea City	Home	.....	.....
" 23	Sat	Plymouth Argyle	Away	.....	.....
Mar 2	Sat	Bournemouth	Home	.....	.....
" 9	Sat	Cardiff City	Home	.....	.....
" 13	Wed	Oxford United	Away	.....	.....
" 16	Sat	Bristol Rovers	Away	.....	.....
" 23	Sat	Southampton	Home	.....	.....
" 30	Sat	Swindon Town	Away	.....	.....
April 3	Wed	Leicester City	Home	.....	.....
" 24	Wed	Reading	Home	.....	.....
" 27	Sat	Norwich City	Away	.....	.....

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

League Division 2

Sat 10th November v Bolton Wanderers
Sat 17th November v Sheffield Wednesday

Football Combination

Sat 3rd November v Swindon Town
Wed 21st November v Oxford United

Mid-week League

Mon 19th November v Watford

MID-WEEK LEAGUE TABLE

Up to and including 16th October, 1973

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth.....	6	3	3	0	9	3	9
Millwall.....	7	3	2	2	16	13	8
Northampton.....	7	4	0	3	17	17	8
Orient.....	4	3	1	0	8	5	7
Peterborough.....	7	3	1	3	13	13	7
Southend.....	5	2	2	1	12	6	6
Gillingham.....	6	2	2	2	12	8	6
Brighton.....	6	3	0	3	12	9	6
Cambridge.....	6	2	2	2	11	9	6
Watford.....	6	2	1	3	7	7	5
Charlton Athletic.....	4	1	2	1	6	7	4
Colchester United.....	7	1	1	5	8	20	3
Luton Town.....	7	1	1	5	10	24	3



T FOCUS W M

Town Focus today turns the spotlight on winger Jim Ryan—one of three former Manchester United players now at Kenilworth Road.

Not unnaturally Jim's biggest disappointment was not making the grade at Old Trafford although he did play in 24 league and cup matches scoring four goals.

"Even so it was a great thrill playing in the quarter finals of the European Cup for Manchester

United against Polish champions GORNICK."

Born in Stirling, Town's tricky winger joined Manchester United when he was 17 and then nearly four years ago, he signed for Luton in a £20,000 deal.

Now his main ambition is to help Luton gain promotion and to win back his First Division place.

"It would be great to play in the First Division again and perhaps to face Manchester United again at . . . Old Trafford.

Jim has no hesitation in naming his father James as the biggest influence on his career.

Scotsman Jim and his wife Irene have one daughter, three-year-old Jane.

And being a Scotsman it's probably natural that his favourite colour should be blue! Along with most of the Luton players Jim likes wearing casual clothes

"My favourite singers are Bob Dylan and Barbra Streisand and my favourite group—The Who.

Jim admires a good many players but again, it's probably natural that his favourite player should be former Scottish ace Jim Baxter

When they get the chance Jim and his wife like to dine out on Italian food.

Jim's hobby is breeding Staffordshire Bull Terriers and he also likes walking and cycling.

His major dislike?—dishonest and false people.

Personal details:

Full name: Jim Ryan

Birthplace: Stirling

Birth date: 12.5.45

Height: 5ft 9½in

Weight: 11st

Colour of eyes: Blue

Colour of hair: Brown

Pets: Two Staffordshire Bull Terriers

INTRODUCING...

Two fine wins within days—3-1 at Cardiff and 2-1 at home to joint leaders Bristol City—ended a dismal opening to the season for Hull City.

The Tigers had been making the openings but just couldn't score. However, Ken Wagstaff, their ace goal-scorer, got right back into the mood with goals in both those morale-boosting victories. With 252 League goals, Wagstaff is now the competition's second-highest scorer. His early efforts went to Mansfield's credit and, since joining Hull in 1964, he has on five occasions been top scorer. Hull will probably play 4-4-2 with Stuart Pearson as the second striker. A local discovery, Stuart has been top scorer for the past

two seasons though he hit a lean spell this season.

If either Wagstaff or Pearson should be injured, we could see young Jeff Hemmerman—who made his League debut a month ago—in action.

Favourites for midfield positions are Jimmy McGill, Malcolm Lord, Roy Greenwood and Stuart Blampey.

McGill cost Hull £53,000 when they signed him from Huddersfield in October 1971. He began his career with Arsenal, making little headway until moving to Huddersfield in September 1967 when he blossomed as a midfield player.

Lord, Greenwood and Blampey

are all Hull discoveries who are now well established in the Second Division side.

Frank Banks, Steve Deere, John Kaye and Roger de Vries have been playing in the back four. Banks joined Hull from Southend in 1966. He spent his first season in the reserves but after winning a first-team place he has remained more or less a permanent member of the side ever since. Deere, a one-time Norwich amateur, joined Hull from Scunthorpe this summer and his per-

formances at centre-half have enabled player-manager Terry Neill finally to relinquish his playing duties.

Kaye was once a top striker with Scunthorpe. West Bromwich paid £45,000 for him in 1964 and he was the Throstles' top scorer in 1965/66. Soon afterwards he switched to midfield and now he has moved back into defence.

De Vries came from the juniors to make his first appearance in the senior team in 1970/71. He was a regular for two years, lost his

place last season, but is now back on parade.

Goalkeeper Jeff Wealands was a £10,000 signing from Darlington two seasons ago. Wolves was his first professional club but he didn't get into their first-team. He spent a period on loan to Northampton but it wasn't until the opening day of 1971/72 after joining Darlington, that he played in League football.

During the run of inferior results, Mr Neill was preparing to sign Alex Reid, the Scottish midfield player who opened the season with Newcastle United.

Hull City manager Terry Neill—he is also Northern Ireland's team-manager—has had to face a few problems this season, after his

side had given a promising performance in the pre-season Watney Cup. The Tigers defeated Mansfield and Bristol Rovers both away from home, before going down to Stoke City in the final.

Ironically, it was last season's scoring exploits which put Hull into the Watney Cup yet the four goals they hit in those ties amounted to exactly double their tally from their opening seven League games this term!

Recent wins have boosted their confidence and relieved those early relegation worries. They were beaten only by the narrowest of margins (0-1) at Middlesbrough so better times look certain to come soon.

HULL CITY

HONOURS

Football League, highest position in Division 2: 3rd, 1909-10; Division 3 (N), Champions: 1932-33, 1948-49.

Division 3, champions: 1965-66; runners-up; 1958-59.

F.A. Cup, best season: semi-finalists, 1930.

F.L. Cup, best season: never past 3rd round.



HULL CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

Left to right

Back row: C. Galvin, S. Blampey, J. Kaye, J. Hawley, D. Beardsley (now with Grimsby), R. Greenwood.

Middle row: J. Hemmerman, S. Croft, M. Green, I. McKechnie, J. Wealands, P. Holme, S. Deere, P. O'Riley.

Front row: F. Banks, R. de Vries, J. McGill, T. Neill, K. Wagstaff, S. Pearson, M. Lord.

TOWN TALK

Supporters Club News

Goalkeeper Graham Horn got married last week and we would like to wish him and his wife all the best for the future.

Our good wishes also go to new signing Alan West from Burnley. We feel sure that Alan will quickly settle down and help Town in their push for promotion.

Away from good wishes and onto good cheer! The Bobbers club will now stay open until 5.30 pm, on Saturdays and we would like to see a few more members in the club.

Town Travel

HATTERS' SPECIAL

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Saturday, November 3rd, 1973

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Bedford 08.54

Arrive Middlesbrough 13.25

Depart Middlesbrough 17.40

Arrive Bedford 21.40

Luton 22.05

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Souvenir Shop

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Alan Garner

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CAMERA IN ACTION

Above: Luton goalkeeper Graham Horn punches clear during a recent match.

Above right: Town's midfield star Alan Garner leaves Swindon goalkeeper Jimmy Allen pawing thin air during last week's clash between the two sides.

Below right: Swindon goalkeeper Jimmy Allen is again left stranded—this time by a Peter Anderson header.

Gerry Harrison



Anglia
Television

Chapter one of the 1973-74 season is over. A League pattern has already been established and yet it's bound to change—more than once—before the winners, the losers and the also-rans are finally sorted out.

But what does the future hold now for Luton and this afternoon's opponents Hull City? Certainly Kenilworth Road supporters will be looking forward to seeing Alan West add strength to the team. While Luton coach Roy McCrohan looks back on success rising from the ashes of disaster.

"After we were hammered at Nottingham Forest on the first Saturday we sat down, talked about it, learned to criticise each other constructively then worked on all the points that came up.

"Looking back it might have been a blessing in disguise. We got six against Carlisle and that set us up for a really good spell. Tommy Finney did very well but I think everyone accepts that full time training and this level of football is not something you can jump into overnight and not feel the strain.

"At our best we have been getting a lot of people forward, working well for each other and getting some good goals."

Hull City's worst bit of news this season was

the injury to captain John Kaye at Middlesbrough, a sad blow coming as it did on top of a string of fine results and five games without defeat.

The best of them was at Leicester in the League Cup (3-3) where the First Division side were 2-0 down at half-time and eventually forced a replay with a goal in injury time.

"It is obviously a blow to lose someone like John Kaye", says Hull's assistant manager Wilf Dixon. "But it doesn't matter who has been out lately they have been playing very well... open football, taking a few calculated risks perhaps, but producing what we are working for."

Jimmy McGill is now available after suspension and Malcolm Lord has also been missing with an ankle injury.

What can Luton supporters expect to see? Well, their team is going well.

"We have no intention of shutting the game up. They will see players trying to take men on, a lot trying to get forward as much as possible, the cut and thrust of two sides looking for goal. That can't be bad."

Last season we televised this game—and perhaps Luton fans wish that we hadn't. The Hatters were in tenth position having been defeated only once in the previous ten games. Hull were four points behind but the previous week, also televised, the Tigers had hammered Portsmouth 5-1 with Stuart Pearson getting four.

In this match Vic Halom gave Luton a first half lead but Hull had started to show a few signs before the break and in the second half two goals from Ken Houghton gave them the points.

Each side is likely to have at least half a dozen changes, some of them positional, from the teams which took the field that day. Both have bought players in key positions, both sides are geared to attack and both have shown form this season which must make talk of promotion not just an idle threat.

CHIT-CHAT

After losing 2-0 at Orient on Saturday, Town came right back into form at Grimsby on Wednesday to earn themselves a League Cup third-round tie against Bury.

The match will be at Kenilworth Road this Wednesday and if Bury's recent form is anything to go by we're all in for a feast of football.

Although the Lancashire club are in the Fourth Division they have turned in some fine performances this season, and like us, they believe in playing open, attacking football.

But back to the Grimsby match, our goals came from centre half John Faulkner and Irish striker Tom Finney and we all now hope that the players keep in the scoring groove against Hull City this afternoon and, of course, Bury on Wednesday.

Next Saturday, we travel to Middlesbrough and details of our special train are on page 10. Come along with us and see Jack Charlton's team—and bring the wife and kids along too.

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Today's referee Mr RALPH LEE from Cheadle in Cheshire, took up refereeing while serving in the RAF and officiated in local amateur leagues progressing through the mid-Cheshire, Cheshire and Northern Premier Leagues. Went on the League line in 1961 and the supplementary list in 1969. Promoted to the full list the following year.

Married, with two sons, he is manager of a firm of oil specialists. Interested in all types of youth work, he helps coach young referees in his area.

Answers to Last Quiz

1. Preston and Bury
2. 1949—when the crowd limit was 90,000.
3. January 1955 between Stoke and Bury. It lasted nine hours 22 minutes before Stoke won.
4. Stan Mortensen
5. Luton Town centre forward Joe Payne who scored 10 against Bristol Rovers in 1936.
6. Bill Foulkes (Chelsea v Sheffield United)
7. Ivor Allchurch
8. Martin Peters
9. Peter Osgood—13 days
10. Maurice Cook for Fulham against Bristol Rovers in 1960.

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