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LUTON TOWN

SATURDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER, 1973

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ALAN GARNER (centre-half)

Was reserve centre-half for Luton when Chris Nicholl was sold to Aston Villa the season before last, and went on to play confidently and earn himself a regular place. Made 34 first team appearances last season, scoring two goals.



JIMMY RYAN (forward)

A former Manchester United winger Luton signed him three years ago. A Scot, he is a fast and tricky raider. Made 39 League appearances last season and five in Cup Ties, scoring five goals.

Jack Charlton talks to ...

IVOR BROADIS

Sunday Sun

Broadis: "Functional" and "Boring" are two of the terms used to describe Boro' this season. Any comment?

Charlton: People must get their priorities right, whether they want to stay in the Second Division and be entertained or go into the First Division. They can't have both. But I feel that in the process of being functional we've been entertaining.

Broadis: Home gates suggest that you haven't yet convinced your own supporters.

Charlton: I said after our defeat by Fulham that the players had to work hard and earn the respect of our fans. If they haven't convinced anybody now then there's no way we're going to improve our gates. All we've lacked in some home games is in taking our chances and we've got a bit anxious. But I'll start worrying when we stop making the chances.

Broadis: Do you get tired of people maintaining your style is that of Leeds a few years ago?

Charlton: I get sick to death of people complaining. What do they want from Middlesbrough. It all follows from the fact that I was at Leeds for so long, but nothing in our play stems from what we did there. I concentrate on getting the lads to play how I think they play best.



Broadis: What about the allegation that the Second Division quality is getting poorer not better?

Charlton: You've only got to look at the First Division and see how the two promoted teams Burnley and Q.P.R. are doing to get the answer to that question.

Broadis: What is your opinion of three up and three down promotion and relegation?

Charlton: If I've learned one thing in football it is that people will watch if there is something to watch that has a bearing on honours. They'll stay a lot longer while the chance of doing something is still there and three places involves a lot more clubs for a lot longer.

Broadis: Would your belief change if you became a First Division boss with Boro?

Charlton: No it wouldn't change. Falling attendances has been the big worry for years and something had to be done to maintain interest. We aren't feeling the benefit of three up and three down now, but in the last quarter of the season it's going to make a big difference.

SEASON 1973/74 FIXTURES/RESULTS/ATTENDANCES

SECOND DIVISION

August 1973				
25 Portsmouth	A	1-0	19,799	
September				
1 Fulham	H	0-2	14,977	
8 Crystal Palace	A	3-2	17,554	
11 Carlisle United	H	1-0	16,837	
15 Aston Villa	H	0-0	19,656	
17 Orient	A	0-0	9,744	
22 Blackpool	A	0-0	14,784	
29 Bristol City	H	2-0	17,049	
October				
2 Orient	H	3-2	22,164	
6 Swindon Town	A	1-0	6,787	
8 Man. U. L.C.2.	A	1-0	23,906	
13 Hull City	H	1-0	22,135	
20 West Brom. A.	H	0-0	18,997	
23 Carlisle U.	A	1-1	11,152	
27 Millwall	A	1-0	13,063	
31 Stoke City (LC3)	A	1-1	19,194	
November				
3 Luton Town	H			
6 Stoke City (LC3-R)	H			
10 Oxford United	A			
17 Cardiff City	H			
20 League Cup 4				
24 Notts. County (1)	A			
December				
1 Preston N.E.	H			
8 Sheffield W.	A			
15 Nottingham F. (2)	H			
22 Bristol City	A			
26 Sunderland	H			
29 Crystal Palace	H			
January 1974				
5 F.A. Cup (3)				
12 Aston Villa	A			
16 League Cup Semi-Final				
19 Portsmouth	H			
23 League Cup Semi-Final				
26 F.A. Cup (4)				
February				
2 Nottingham F.	A			
9 Blackpool	H			
16 Hull City (5)	A			
23 Swindon Town	H			
March				
2 Sunderland (LCF)	A			
9 Millwall (6)	H			
16 West Brom. A.	A			
19 Fulham	A			
23 Oxford United	H			
30 Luton Town (SF)	A			

April				
6 Notts. County	H			
9 Bolton W.	H			
13 Cardiff City	A			
15 Bolton W.	A			
20 Sheffield W.	H			
27 Preston N.E.	A			

May
4 F.A. Cup Final

NORTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE

August 1973				
28 Grimsby Town (LCF1)	H	2-0		
September				
4 Grimsby Town (LCF2)	A	2-1		
11 Sunderland	A	0-0		
19 Halifax	H	1-1		
26 Lincoln	A	2-0		
October				
2 Rotherham	A	1-1		
10 Scunthorpe	A	4-0		
16 Hull City	H	1-0		
23 Chesterfield	H	3-1		
31 Barnsley	A	0-2		
November				
6 York City	H			
13 Notts. County	H			
21 Bradford City	A			
December				
1 Hull City (LC1Rd)	A			
18 Lincoln City	H			
January 1974				
1 Doncaster	H			
8 Sunderland	H			
16 Mansfield	A			
22 Cup (2nd Round)				
29 Scunthorpe	H			
February				
5 Halifax	A			
12 Doncaster	A			
19 Mansfield	H			
26 Rotherham	H			
March				
6 Chesterfield	A			
12 Hull City	A			
18 Grimsby Town	A			
20 York City	A			
26 Barnsley	H			
April				
2 Bradford City	H			
9 Notts. County	A			
30 Grimsby Town	H			

(N.B. 'Boro score given first, all matches)

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II

(Up to and including Saturday, 27th October, 1973)

	HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	F	P	W	D	L	F
Middlesbrough	14	4	2	1	7	4	4	3	0	7
Aston Villa	14	4	3	0	16	6	2	3	2	5
Orient	14	4	2	1	10	4	1	5	1	11
Bristol C.	14	4	1	2	9	6	3	2	2	8
Notts Co	14	4	2	1	10	7	3	1	2	8
Luton T.	11	3	2	0	16	7	3	1	2	7
Carlisle U.	14	4	2	1	11	5	2	1	4	6
Preston	14	4	3	0	12	6	1	2	4	5
Notts F.	14	4	2	1	13	4	0	4	3	6
Hull City	14	3	4	0	8	3	1	2	4	6
Blackpool	14	3	2	2	8	6	2	2	3	5
Sunderland	11	1	3	1	5	4	3	2	1	9
Portsmouth	13	3	1	3	9	2	2	2	10	11
W. Brom	14	2	4	1	8	7	1	3	3	6
Fulham	14	3	2	2	4	5	1	3	3	4
Sheff. W.	14	4	2	1	12	5	1	0	6	4
Millwall	14	3	1	3	11	7	2	0	5	6
Oxford	14	3	3	1	9	6	0	2	5	2
Cardiff	12	2	2	2	8	5	0	4	2	9
Bolton W.	12	3	1	2	6	4	1	1	4	2
Swindon	14	3	1	3	6	6	0	2	5	3
Crystal P.	14	0	2	5	8	15	0	2	5	2

APPEARANCES AND GOAL SCORERS

Appearances:

Platt 14, Craggs 14, Spraggon 14, Boam 14, Maddren 14, Mills 12, Hickton 13, Foggon 14, Armstrong 14, McMordie 6, Souness 10, Murdoch 8, Smith 3, Taylor 4.

League Cup: Platt 2, Craggs 2, Spraggon 2, Souness 2, Boam 2, Maddren 2, Murdoch 2, Smith 2, Hickton 1, Foggon 1, Armstrong 2, Brine 1, McMordie 1.

Goal Scorers:

Hickton 3, Armstrong 1, Foggon 3, Murdoch 2, Mills 1, Taylor 1, Craggs 1, Smith 3.

League Cup: Smith 1, Brine 1.

MATCH DIGEST

Tuesday, 16th October, 1973

NORTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

MIDDLESBROUGH v HULL CITY

Result: Middlesbrough 1, Hull City 0

Scorer: McMordie

Team: Cuff, Huntington, Cochrane, Stonehouse, Creamer, Taylor, McMordie, Gates, Poskett, Brine, McGivern (Sub: McAndrews).

Saturday, 20th October, 1973

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION II

MIDDLESBROUGH v WEST BROM. A.

Result: Middlesbrough 0, West Brom. 0

Team: Platt, Craggs, Spraggon, Souness, Boam, Maddren, Murdoch, Mills, Hickton, Foggon, Armstrong (Sub: Smith).

Tuesday, 23rd October, 1973

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION II

CARLISLE UNITED v MIDDLESBROUGH

Result: Carlisle Utd. 1, Middlesbrough 1

Scorer: Foggon

Team: Platt, Craggs, Spraggon, Souness, Boam, Maddren, Murdoch, Mills, Hickton, Foggon, Armstrong (Sub: Smith).

Saturday, 27th October, 1973

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION II

MILLWALL v MIDDLESBROUGH

Result: Millwall 0, Middlesbrough 1

Scorer: Smith (M.)

Team: Platt, Craggs, Spraggon, Souness, Boam, Maddren, Murdoch, Smith, Mills, Foggon, Armstrong (Sub: McAndrews).

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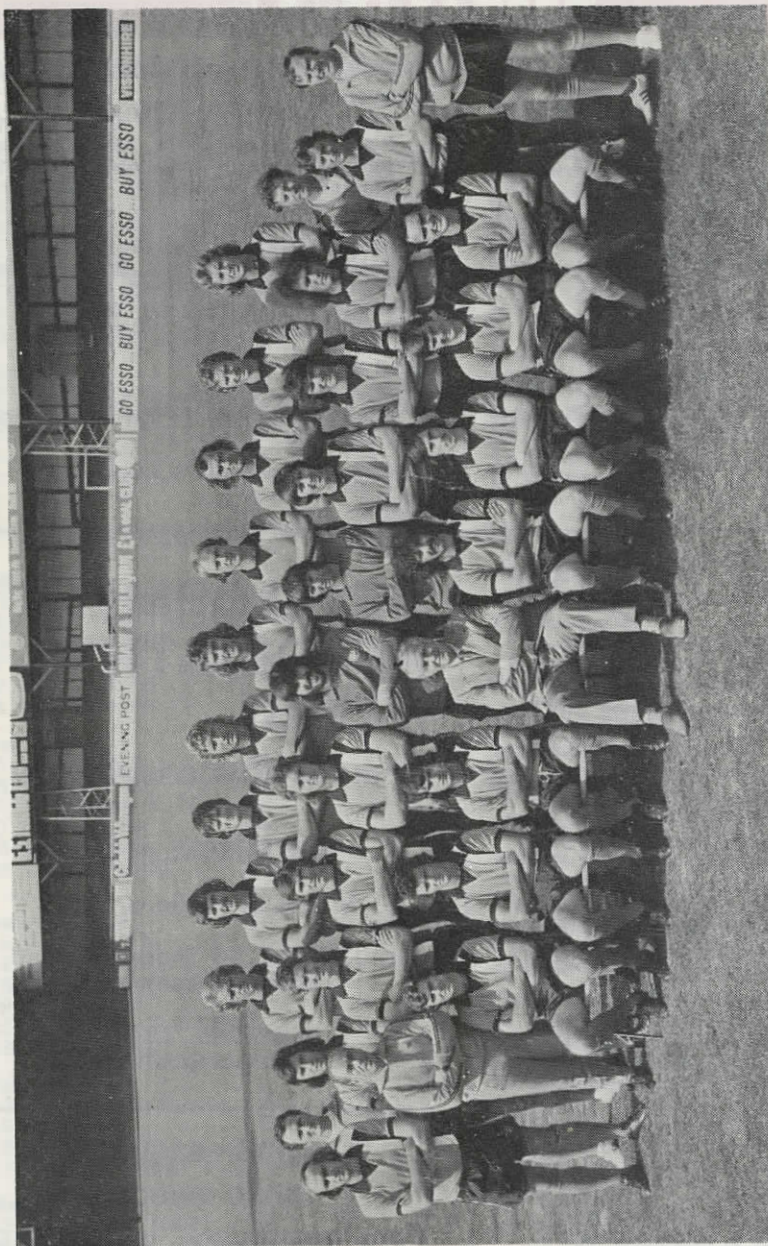
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LUTON TOWN F.C. 1973-74

BACK ROW (left to right): Billy Holmes, Alan Slough (now with Fulham), Jimmy Ryan, Paul Price, Viv Busby (now with Fulham), John Faulkner, Ken Goodere, Peter Cruise, Phil O'Connor.
MIDDLE ROW (left to right): Rodney Fern, Ken Whitfield (coach), Alan Garner, John Moore, John Ryan, Stephen Litt, Graham Horn, Keith Barber, Barry Butlin, Peter Anderson, Graham French, Ray King (coach), Nicholas Sparks, Roy McCrohan (chief coach).
FRONT ROW (left to right): Reg Gamble (physiotherapist), Bobby Thomson, Alex Malcolm, Vince Melisi, Harry Haslam (manager), Derek Hales (on loan to Charlton Athletic), Gordon Hindson, Don Shanks, John Aston.

INTRODUCING...

LUTON TOWN

BY TONY PULLEIN



Luton Town have emerged as one of the most surprising runners in the promotion race. Over the past couple of seasons, manager **Harry Haslam** has sold half his first-team yet, amazingly, he has kept the Hatters close to the top all the while.

Mr. Haslam seems to have a Midas touch when buying players. He discovered young **Tom Finney** in Irish football, paid Crusaders £20,000 for him shortly before this season opened—and Finney scored five goals in his first four League games!

Last season Mr. Haslam paid a then club record £50,000 for centre-forward **Barry Butlin** and now he is their level top scorer with six goals. Butlin had spent several years with Derby County yet never really made good at the Baseball Ground.

Now all eyes will be on Luton's newest signing—**Alan West**, for whom Luton paid a new record £80,000. Alan attained star status at Burnley two seasons ago but lost his place last term. Is he about to become another discard to make it big at Luton?

Another of Mr. Haslam's signings, at £30,000, was **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 he has certainly enjoyed his new lease of life at Kenilworth Road where he was top scorer with 12 goals last season.

The arrival of West will have brought about some team-shuffling which could affect the midfield section in which **Peter Anderson**, **John Ryan** and **Jimmy Ryan** had been operating. **Gordon Hindson** was another player to appear here.

Anderson made a quick conversion from non-League circles. Signed from Hendon in 1971, he went immediately into Luton's first-team and in 1971/72 was their top scorer. John Ryan a Fulham regular in their First Division days, joined Luton in 1969 and was ever-present for two years until missing a few games last

term. Jimmy Ryan, who made several First Division appearances for Manchester United, has been with the club for four years.

Hindson was signed from Newcastle two years ago and has been a first-teamer for most of the time since.

Barring injuries, or other causes, the back four will be **Don Shanks**, **John Faulkner**, **Alan Garner** and **Bobby Thomson**.

Shanks had hoped to make the grade with Fulham, who signed him as a school-boy. He later became an apprentice at Craven Cottage but he was released in January, 1970 when they didn't feel he would make the grade. Luton took a chance on him, soon he was in the England youth team and two seasons ago he got his chance in their League team.

John Faulkner first sprang to national fame as the centre-half of amateurs Sutton United who met Leeds United in the F.A. Cup four seasons ago. He played so well that Leeds signed him shortly afterwards. When he dropped out of the reckoning for a first-team place he linked with Luton two seasons ago.

Alan Garner made his League debut for Millwall against Blackburn in October 1970 but he got only one further chance in the Lions' team. Luton signed him in 1971 and last season he became a regular member of the defence.

Thomson won eight England caps, and made 15 appearances for the Under-23s in his Wolves days. It was in 1961/62 that he made his way into the Molineux club's senior eleven. He joined Birmingham City in 1969 and towards the end of 1971/72 he spent a few weeks on loan to Walsall. Luton signed him at the end of that season.

Luton paid Arsenal £25,000 for goalkeeper **Graham Horn** and, though he had not played in the Gunners first-team, he played several League games for Portsmouth while on loan to them last season.

Barry Butlin scored the only goal of the game when Luton came to Ayresome Park last season.



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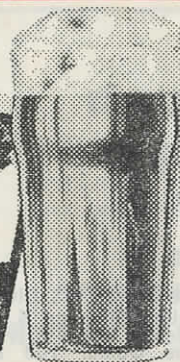
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- 4—BILL GATES or
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- 5—STUART BOAM
- 6—WILLIE MADDREN
- 7—BOBBIE MURDOCH
- 8—DAVID MILLS or
MALCOLM SMITH
- 9—JOHN HICKTON
- 10—ALAN FOGGON
- 11—DAVID ARMSTRONG

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(Doncaster, Yorks.)

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Taylor, Gates, Hickton, Mills, Armstrong, McMordie
(Sub: Smith, M.).

LUTON TOWN: Barber, Shanks, Thomson, Anderson,
Garner, Moore, Ryan (J.), Fern, Butlin, Halom, Aston.
Scorer: Butlin



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TODAY'S VISITORS

Luton Town

Year formed: 1885.

Turned Professional: 1890.

Limited Company: 1897.

Previous Grounds: 1885 Excelsior, Dallow Lane. 1897 Dunstable Road. 1905 Kenilworth Road.

Honours:

Football League, Highest position in Division 1: 8th, 1957-58.

Division 2, runners-up: 1954-55.

Division 3, Runners-up: 1969-70.

Division 4, Champions: 1967-68.

Division 3(S) Champions: 1936-37;

Runners-up: 1935-36.

F.A. Cup, Best Season: Runners-up 1959.

Football League Cup: Best Season 4th round 1963.

Record Victory: 12-0 v Bristol Rovers, Division 3(S), 13th April, 1936.

Record Defeat: 1-9 v Swindon Town Division 3(S) 28th August, 1921.

Most League Points: 66 Division 4, 1967-68 (equalled Division 4 record).

Most League Goals: 103 Division 3(S) 1936-37.

Highest League Scorer in Season: Joe Payne, 55 Division 3(S) 1936-37.

Most Goals in Total Aggregate: 243 Gordon Turner, 1949-1964.

Most Capped Player: George Cummins, 19 Eire.

Most League Appearances: Bob Morton, 494 (1948-64).

Record Transfer Fee Received: £180,000 from Newcastle Utd. for Malcolm MacDonald, May 1971.

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £50,000 to Derby Co. for Barry Butlin, November 1972.

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TODAY'S REFEREE

MICHAEL LOWE (Sheffield). Once a part-time professional with Scunthorpe United, a motor cycle accident ended his playing career and he began refereeing in local Sheffield leagues. Progressed through the Central League on to the League line in 1966 and supplementary

list in 1971. Was a linesman in the 1970-71 F.A. Amateur Cup Final. A newsagent married with three children, he plays tennis and five-a-side football during the summer and is a member of Sheffield Referee's Association committee.

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Half-time scoreboard

Key No. 1 Orange Key No. 2 Green Key No. 3 White Key No. 4 Yellow

A	Arsenal Liverpool	Newcastle U. Stoke City	Blackpool Portsmouth	Notts Co. Millwall
B	Coventry C. Ipswich T.	Norwich C. Leicester C.	Bolton W. Oxford Utd.	Orient Preston N.E.
C	Derby Co. Queens Park R.	Sheffield U. Birmingham C.	Cardiff C. West Brom. A.	Swindon T. Carlisle Utd.
D	Everton Tottenham H.	Southampton Burnley	Crystal Palace Nottingham F.	Bristol R. Chesterfield
E	Leeds United West Ham U.	Wolves Manchester C.	Fulham Bristol C.	Crewe A. Darlington
F	Manchester U. Chelsea	Aston Villa Sheffield W.	Hull City Sunderland	Northampton T Hartlepool

NEXT HOME MATCHES

Tuesday, 6th November, 1973	Kick-off 7.30 p.m.
FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP — 3rd ROUND REPLAY	
MIDDLESBROUGH v STOKE CITY	
Tuesday, 13th November, 1973	Kick-off 7.30 p.m.
MIDDLESBROUGH v NOTTS COUNTY	
Saturday, 17th November, 1973	Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
FOOTBALL LEAGUE — SECOND DIVISION	
MIDDLESBROUGH v CARDIFF CITY	



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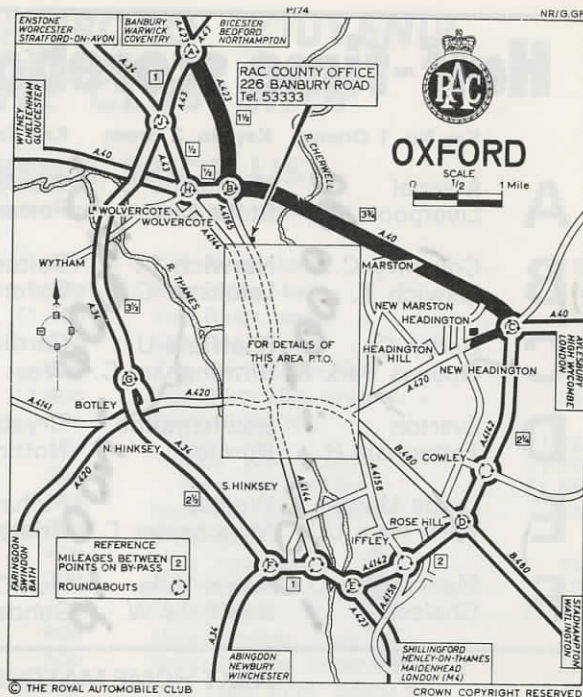
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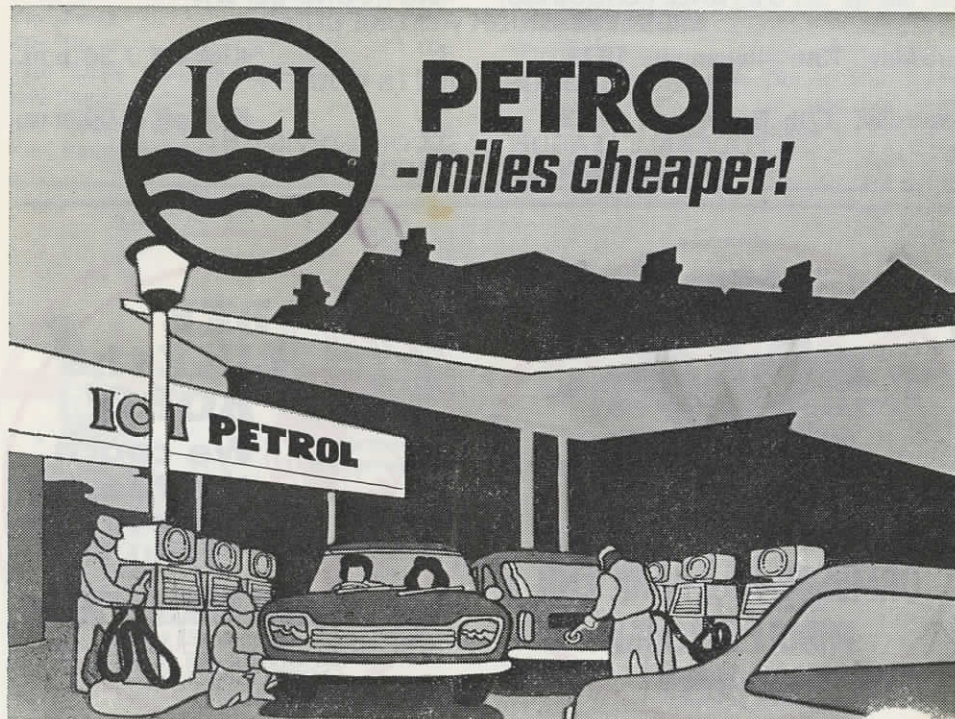
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