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TOWN FOCUS features Peter Anderson in the programme for Saturday's game against Aston Villa. Watch out for the magazines containing a personally autographed picture of Peter... they will win prizes for the owners.

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

PETER REEVES (Leicester). Played for England Schoolboys and was a professional with Leicester City and Mansfield Town before playing non-League soccer. Took up refereeing when his playing career was cut short by injury and progressed through the Leicestershire Senior League and Football Combination. Served for two seasons on The League line before being appointed to the supplementary referee's list. Promoted to the full list last season. Referee at last seasons F.A. County Youth Cup Final, and was a linesman for the 1971-72 Texaco Cup Final. The sales director of a hosiery firm, he is married with two sons. His hobbies include squash, cricket, tennis, gardening and crossword puzzles.

HARRY'S TOWN

With only twelve shopping days remaining to Christmas, it looks as if our Football Combination and Youth sides, have been "gathering their winter fuel" a little earlier than most, for they have recently presented us with some outstanding displays.

The youth-team are already through to the third round of the F.A. Youth Cup, by virtue of a 5-1 victory over Oxford City, a display which did them and their coach, Danny Bergarra a great deal of credit.

We wish them every success in the next round, which will be played at the end of the month, when they have to travel to meet the winners of the Stevenage v Charlton tie.

Our reserves meanwhile, seem

possessed by the number four, judging from the number of times they have managed to score that amount. A week ago they gave an impressive display to beat Reading 4-1 in a game that was watched by a whole posse of managers and scouts.

One outcome of the match was that Kenny Goodeve's performance prompted an immediate offer from Brighton manager Brian Clough and that deal has now been completed.

Kenny has been a sterling club-man for Luton, and I'm sure he will take those same qualities with him to Brighton. I would like to wish him all the very best with his new club, and thank him for the efforts he has made while at Luton.

The fact that we are playing tonight's match under flood-

lights is due to the hard work put in by Dave Roberts and a lot of other Luton enthusiasts. Simply locating a suitable generator these days is difficult enough. To get your hand on one is a near miracle. My sincere thanks are extended to all those concerned.

If you happened to see my TV appearance last Friday, you might be interested to know that it was quite a nail-biting experience, for we were involved in a hectic race against the clock.

At literally the eleventh hour, I made a cross-country taxi dash to Norwich, and arrived at the studios literally within ten seconds of my cue. There might be a lesson here for defenders on the importance of timing when making a tackle!

Seriously, though, I hope that I and the other members of the panel were constructive—we were certainly trying to be. These are every trying times, but I hope our supporters understand that we are making every effort to keep our heads above water.

We all hope that it will not be long before the sun breaks through the clouds, not only as far as the game is concerned, but with regard to the country as a whole.

Money, money, money— that's all Lyn Riches thinks about...

... which isn't suprising, really. With a name like Riches, she's just right for her job as Cashier at Shaw & Kilburn, Dunstable Road. She's there from Monday to Saturday in S & K's Service Department, making bill-paying as pleasant as possible for all customers. These include Luton Town players like Bobby Thomson, Jimmy Ryan, Peter Anderson—as well as hundreds of Luton Town supporters. All of them know where to get the best Vauxhall service in Vauxhall's home town—and that's at

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THE TOWN'S

Date	Opponents	Results	Att.	League Position	Goals Scored	
					S—Substitute Appearances	W—Withdrawal
1973						
Aug 25	Nottingham Forest	F-A	10,432			
Sept 1	Carlisle United	0-4	7,231	12		
8	Bristol City	6-1	12,208	9		
11	Notts County	3-1	8,509	8		
15	Portsmouth	1-1	11,552	8		
22	Sunderland	3-3	27,334	7		
29	Blackpool	1-0	10,365	3		
Oct 6	Crystal Palace	3-0	19,790	4		
10	Grimsby Town (LC2)	2-1	9,656	4		
13	Swindon Town	2-1	10,732	4		
16	Grimsby Town (LC2 R)	0-0	13,643			
20	Orient	0-2	11,102	2		
23	Grimsby Town (LC2 2R)	2-0	15,365	4		
27	Hull City	2-2	11,408	4		
31	Bury (LC3)	0-0	8,191	6		
Nov 6	Middlesbrough	1-2	22,520	6		
10	Bury (LC3 R)	3-2	7,826	8		
14	Bolton Wanderers	2-1	9,528	8		
17	Cardiff City	0-0	9,999	7		
21	Sheffield Wednesday	2-1	9,543	6		
24	Millwall (LC4)	1-3	8,326	5		
Dec 1	Preston North End	2-2	10,279	5		
8	West Bromwich A	0-2	10,192	6		
12	Millwall	1-0	6,965	3		
15	Cardiff City					
22	Aston Villa					
26	Blackpool					
29	Fulham					
1974						
Jan 1	Carlisle United					
5	(FA Cup 3)					
12	Portsmouth					
19	Nottingham 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 Wanderers					
30	Middlesbrough					
April 6	Preston North End					
12	Oxford United					
13	Sheffield Wednesday					
16	Oxford United					
20	Millwall					
27	West Bromwich A					
May 7	(FA Cup—Final)					

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FOOTBALL COMB. TABLE, APPS. AND GOALSCORERS

Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Name	Apps	Goals
Bournemouth	20	14	2	4	44	20	30	Anscomb	1	—
Norwich City	19	13	3	3	39	11	29	Barber	10	—
Leicester City	18	10	5	3	30	12	25	Bevis	(2)	—
Birmingham C	18	10	2	6	20	13	22	Butlin	1	—
Luton Town	19	9	4	6	45	32	22	Cruise	8	7
Plymouth A	16	8	4	4	32	18	20	Coyne	3(1)	—
Oxford United	16	7	5	4	16	12	19	Fern	17	11
Tottenham H	16	7	5	4	19	15	19	Finney	6	4
Crystal Palace	16	8	3	5	23	22	19	French	(1)	—
Swindon T	17	7	4	6	26	24	18	Fuccillo	8	1
Arsenal	18	6	6	6	21	23	18	Garner	1(1)	—
Q.P.R.	15	6	5	4	30	20	17	Goodeve	13	2
Ipswich Town	17	6	5	6	30	29	17	Gordon	4	—
West Ham U	18	7	3	8	21	24	17	Hindson	13	5
Bristol Rovers	19	5	7	7	23	34	17	Holmes	14	5
Fulham	17	5	6	6	19	20	16	Horn	5	—
Chelsea	17	6	3	8	28	25	15	Litt	20	2
Swansea City	17	4	3	10	22	35	11	Malcolm	19	—
Southampton	19	3	5	11	20	48	11	Mead	1	—
Cardiff City	15	4	2	9	12	26	10	Melisi	2(8)	2
Bristol City	17	3	1	13	16	43	7	Moore	20	2
Reading	16	0	1	15	8	38	1	O'Connor	17	4

MID-WEEK LEAGUE TABLE, APPS. AND GOALSCORERS

Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Names	Apps	Goals
Millwall	13	8	3	2	35	21	19	Anscomb	2	—
Orient	9	5	3	1	14	10	13	Barber	1	—
Brighton H.A.	11	5	2	4	23	15	12	Bergara	5	2
Watford	11	5	2	4	14	12	12	Bevis	7(2)	—
Peterborough	13	5	2	6	20	22	12	Biley	9(2)	2
Portsmouth	10	4	3	3	14	12	11	J. Brennan	2	—
Southend U	10	3	4	3	16	13	10	C. Bufton	1	—
Northampton	12	5	0	7	22	25	10	Carr	9	—
Gillingham	12	4	2	6	19	22	10	Chalmers	2(5)	—
Colchester U	12	3	4	5	15	24	10	Coyne	11	—
Cambridge U	10	3	3	4	17	15	9	Cruise	4	4
Charlton A	9	2	4	3	7	13	8	P. Elsie	1	—
Luton Town	12	3	2	7	19	35	8	Finney	1	—

Up to the 5th December, 1973

DIVISION 2—GOALSCORERS

League and Cup	Goals
Mackenzie, Nottm. Forest	13
Bullock, Orient	12
Halom, Sunderland	11
Queen, Orient	10
Wood, Millwall	10
Brown (T), W.B. Albion	9
Bruce, Preston North End	9
McCulloch, Cardiff City	8
Randall, Notts County	8
Rogers, Crystal Palace	8
B. Levene	7(1)
Litt	7(1)
Malcolm	4
Mead	10
Melisi	7(1)
Moore	1
O'Connor	2
Rouse	5(4)
Price	1(1)
Ryan John	1
Sarno	3(2)
Sparks	2

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES

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

MID-WEEK LEAGUE FIXTURES

1973	OPPONENTS	V	F A
Aug 30 Thur	Northampton Town	A	1-5
Sep 5 Wed	Millwall	A	1-5
10 Mon	Gillingham	H	2-1
19 Wed	Watford	A	1-4
24 Mon	Brighton & Hove A.	H	1-3
Oct 1 Mon	Colchester United	H	3-3
15 Mon	Peterborough United	H	1-3
23 Tue	Colchester United	A	1-3
Nov 5 Mon	Cambridge United	A	4-3
19 Mon	Watford	H	0-0
21 Wed	Portsmouth	A	4-2
28 Wed	Gillingham	A	0-3
Dec 10 Mon	Millwall	H	—
17 Mon	Northampton Town	H	—
Jan 7 Mon	Charlton Athletic	H	—
15 Tue	Charlton Athletic	A	—
23 Wed	Southend United	A	—
30 Wed	Peterborough United	A	—
Feb 4 Mon	Orient	H	—
11 Mon	Peterborough United	H	—
18 Mon	Southend United	H	—
20 Wed	Peterborough Utd (LC)	A	—
25 Mon	Cambridge United	H	—
Mar 4 Mon	Northampton T (LC)	H	—
13 Wed	Bright & Hove Albion	A	—
21 Thur	Northampton Town (LC)	A	—
25 Mon	Portsmouth	H	—
Apr 1 Mon	Cambridge Utd (LC)	H	—
10 Wed	Orient	A	—
22 Mon	Cambridge United (LC)	A	—

John Faulkner



TOWNN

John 'Max' Faulkner is one of soccer's 'Cinderella' men, rising from the obscurity of an amateur side to be groomed as successor to one of England's World Cup-winning heroes with no less than Leeds United. That particular fairy tale did not have a happy ending, however.

But it says much for John's character that after the cruel luck of a serious injury and having suffered the anonymity of prolonged reserve football for United, he's rebounded to become one of the Second Division's leading centre-halves this season.

"You never know what's around the corner in this game," he says, "and whenever people mention how well I'm playing this season I'm inclined to touch wood." That's the philosophy of a lad who has sampled sufficient ups and downs to last the average professional a lifetime—yet he's only 25.

When Leeds romped six goals past Sutton United in the F.A. Cup, with Faulkner at number five for the amateurs, John could not have guessed the impression he made on Don Revie. He soon found out. "At the time it was like a dream, "I didn't really know what was going on," says John. "But next thing I knew I found myself at Elland Road training with a veritable array of star players. "They were great fellows. There I was, green as they come, and I was welcomed into the family atmosphere straight away. It was the Leeds lads who gave me my nickname. They are bonkers about golf. One of the first

things they asked me was if I played at all.

"I had never played. So, taking the gentle mickey, they called me Max after the famous golfer. And that nickname has stuck with me ever since. But I didn't feel out of place because they all have nicknames and they tried so hard to make me feel at home.

"It was a tremendous step for me to take because I had so much to learn. Don Revie gave me a chance however, and in the second League game I played, I fractured my knee cap. It was against Manchester City after Leeds had drawn with Chelsea in the Cup Final.

"It was a pure accident, Glyn Pardoe and I cracking our kneecaps together as we lunged after a 50-50 ball. I didn't think it was serious at first, but when I looked down I could see that I had caved in the knee cap. That meant I wasn't able to play again until November.

"It was hard enough when I was perfectly fit but to have to regain total sharpness at the same time as I was still learning about the game made it all the more difficult for me. Let's be fair, Central League football is still a cut above even the best amateur football.

"I was still learning when I came to Luton. In the first season, I felt that I was a bit over-awed and I was dropped just before Christmas and, worse luck, missed the Cup run. But then I came back towards the end of the season and hit a consistent run.

"Consistency is something that I've

been working at. You find that strikers can be brilliant one week and off form the next and that players somehow expect that variation from them. But they expect a defender to be consistent and that's what I have tried to become.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Full Name: John Gilbert Faulkner

Birthplace: Orpington, Kent

Birthday: 10th March, 1948

Height: Six feet, one inch

Weight: Twelve stone, nine pound

Colour of Eyes: Blue

Colour of Hair: Light Brown

Educated: St. Mary Cray Secondary School and Erith Technical College

Biggest Break: Being signed by Leeds United

Biggest Disappointment: Breaking my knee cap in my second game for Leeds United

League Debut: Leeds/Burnley 1970

Hobbies: Quantity Surveying (his profession before soccer) and golf

Favourite Artistes:

Male Singer: Rod Stewart

Female Singer: Diana Ross

Actor: Tom Courtney

Actress: Jane Fonda

Player: Norman Hunter

Composer: Lennon and McCartney

Group: The Rolling Stones

Food: Home made steak and kidney pie with all the veg

Drink: Lager and Lime

Car: Hillman Hunter

FOCUS

Frank O'Farrell's last match-day trip to Kenilworth Road brought a two-point boost towards Leicester City's spurt to the 1971 Second Division Championship. The Eire-born manager is equally desperate for success today—but this time the requirements are to lift his new club, Cardiff City, towards a safer place in the table. Cardiff have another important link with that successful Leicester side of two-and-a-half years ago. Willie Carlin, the 'mini general' in Mr O'Farrell's promotion campaign. Carlin, master-mind behind promotion sides at Carlisle, Derby, Leicester and Notts County, was signed on loan from the Nottingham club late in November and Mr O'Farrell needed only one match to decide that the Liverpool-born craftsman had something to offer towards Cardiff's cause.

His debut coincided with a 1-0 win against fellow-strugglers Bolton Wanderers—Cardiff's first victory in eight games—and Carlin completed a permanent transfer before helping the Welshmen to their most important triumph of the last couple of seasons.

John Farrington, bought from Leicester, also played an important part as Cardiff halted a run of 44 consecutive away games without a win when they went to Orient—of all places—and shocked the ambitious

Londoners by a 2-1 margin. Bobby Woodruff and Andy McCulloch clinched the goals which should give Cardiff the confidence they had lost during two terms of relegation-fighting.

The club's decline began when they just missed a First Division ticket in 1971. From being one of the most talented sides in the section, Cardiff slumped into the danger zone, finishing just one point clear of the drop in 1972 and only goal-average saved them last season.

It seemed that the worst was over when the 'Bluebirds' began this season with six unbeaten games, including a 5-0 larruping of Oxford United. But, in actual fact, this was the only win during that period and Cardiff slowly slipped into trouble following their narrow exit from the European Cup-winners' Cup against Sporting Lisbon.

Cardiff had reason to regret their excursion into Europe, for the match

INTRODUCING CARDIFF

in Portugal stripped them of three midfield regulars when they went to Villa Park four days later. The much-changed side received a 5-0 mauling and that was the start of a bad run which finally led to the departure of manager Jimmy Scoular within 24 hours of a home defeat by West Bromwich Albion on 3rd November. After nine years coated with frequent highlights, Mr Scoular left within a cloud of disappointment. The former Scotland, Portsmouth and Newcastle United wing-half had achieved considerable feats in reviving the club from an unhealthy state in the early Sixties.

He is remembered most for Cardiff's exploits in the Cup-winners' Cup. They have played 33 matches in the competition—a record—and only Leeds United and Liverpool, among the English clubs, have spent more time on Continental business. Cardiff reached the Semi-Final in 1967-68 when beaten 3-2 at home by S.V. Hamburg and also got as far as the Quarter-Final on two other occasions. In all, Cardiff have entered the competition in eight of its 14 seasons—a history of consistency built on their domination of the Welsh Cup. They have carried off this prize eight times in the last ten years.

In view of their good results in Europe, Cardiff were often popular fancies for promotion, but they never quite achieved the necessary consistency. Now the hope is that a fresh start can stave off all fear of relegation and then build up for a real promotion effort.

The administration carries a modern outlook. Mr David Goldstone, a millionaire financier who was previously Chairman of Swansea City, took over the leadership of the Cardiff Board a year ago and encouraged the spending which accounted for the narrow escape from relegation last Spring.

Undoubtedly the best buy was Scottish Under-23 international Andy McCulloch, who came from Queen's Park Rangers for £40,000 and scored 14 goals in 26 League appearances. He has also notched a hat-trick this term against Oxford United and it did not take long for Mr O'Farrell to announce that clubs will be wasting their time

if enquiring about his availability. Other City signings last season included Johnny Vincent, the former Birmingham City forward who moved from Middlesbrough, and Welsh internationals Gil Reece and David Powell, who left Sheffield United at the time when Cardiff unloaded Brian Clark and Ian Gibson in a £100,000 package to Bournemouth.

Villa winger Willie Anderson joined Cardiff's spending spree late in the season and a £50,000 fee went out during the summer to capture mid-field man George Smith from Birmingham City.

Mr O'Farrell has obviously inherited many talented players and has already been singing the praises of Irish goalkeeper Billy Irwin. The rest of the defence carries a familiar look, with skipper Don Murray as reliable as ever at centre-half and Welsh international Leighton James offering class alongside Murray.

Phil Dwyer, a local discovery, has held the right-back spot since early last season and is partnered by Gary Bell, a former West Bromwich Albion junior who is Cardiff's penalty expert. Bobby Woodruff, formerly with Swindon, Wolves and Palace, is another example of Jimmy Scoular's sound buying policy and home-produced youngsters like Tony Villars and Derek Showers supply promise for the future.



CARDIFF CITY F.C.—1973-74 . . . (Back row): George Smith, Johnny Vincent, Albert Larmour, Peter King, Richard Morse, Bill Irwin, Willie Anderson, Roger Hoy, Andy McCulloch, Peter Morgan. (Front row): Philip Dwyer, Dave Powell, Richie Morgan, Gary Bell, Don Murray, Freddie Pethard, Leighton Phillips, Bobby Woodruff, Gilbert Reece.

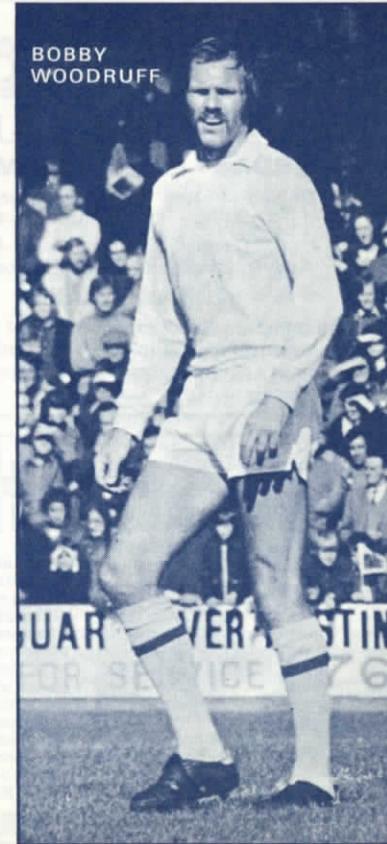
Founded: 1899, as River Side F.C. Became professional as Cardiff City in 1910. Elected to League Div. 2 1920. Ground Ninian Park, Cardiff CF1 8SX. Record Attendance: 61,556, Wales v England, October, 1961. Div. 1 Runners-up: 1923-24. Div. 2 Runners-up: 1920-21, 1951-52, 1958-59. Div. 3 (S) Champions: 1946-47. F.A. Cup Winners: 1927.



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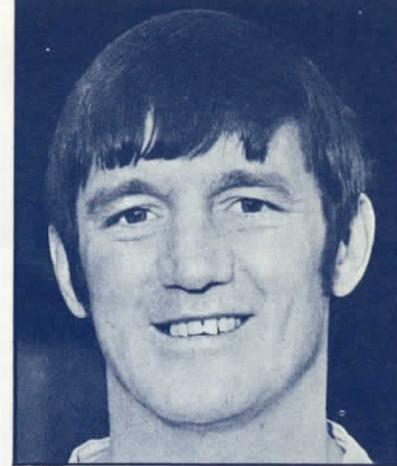
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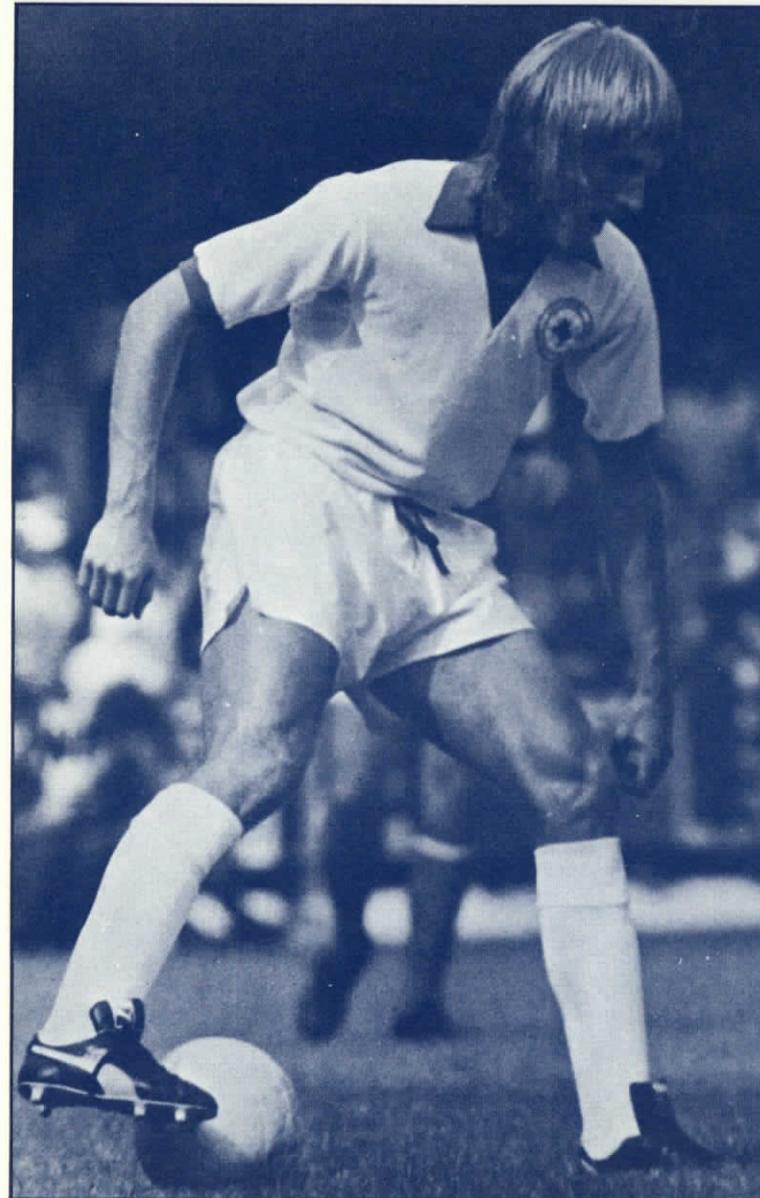


NEW FACES



Above—WILLIE CARLIN

Left—JOHN FARRINGTON



Frank O'Farrell had been in charge of Cardiff City for less than a fortnight before he made his first two signings and he delved back into the happy memory of leading Leicester City to the Second Division title.

Willie Carlin, the man who made Leicester buzz, was pulled in from Notts County, and winger John Farrington was rescued from Leicester's reserves. Mr O'Farrell's faith in players known to him could be the inspiration Cardiff need in their battle to climb clear of the danger zone. And, if Carlin's record is anything to judge by, then promotion will be the talk next year.

The little fella' from Liverpool has a heart almost as big as his five feet, four inch tall frame and says: "I've proved them all wrong—all those people who said I was too small to be a footballer." Liverpool were first to make that mistake. They had Willie in 1962, but gave him only one League game before he went to Halifax Town.

The cost? A mere £1,500, but that became £10,000 when he joined Carlisle United in time to chalk up his first promotion success with their 1964-65 Third Division title side. And it was £40,000 when he assisted Sheffield United in their vain fight to avoid relegation in 1967-68.

But the best was still to come. Brian Clough paid £63,000 to make him part of Derby's Second Division Championship set-up. Another big fee changed hands so that Willie could help Leicester City to the First Division and when he stepped down to the Third Division with Notts County, the club soon found a promotion ticket.

Farrington, on the other hand, served only two clubs, but still picked up one special distinction from his old Wolves boss, Ronnie Allen. He called him the "fastest winger in English football", but John was never a Molineux regular and went to Leicester for £45,000.

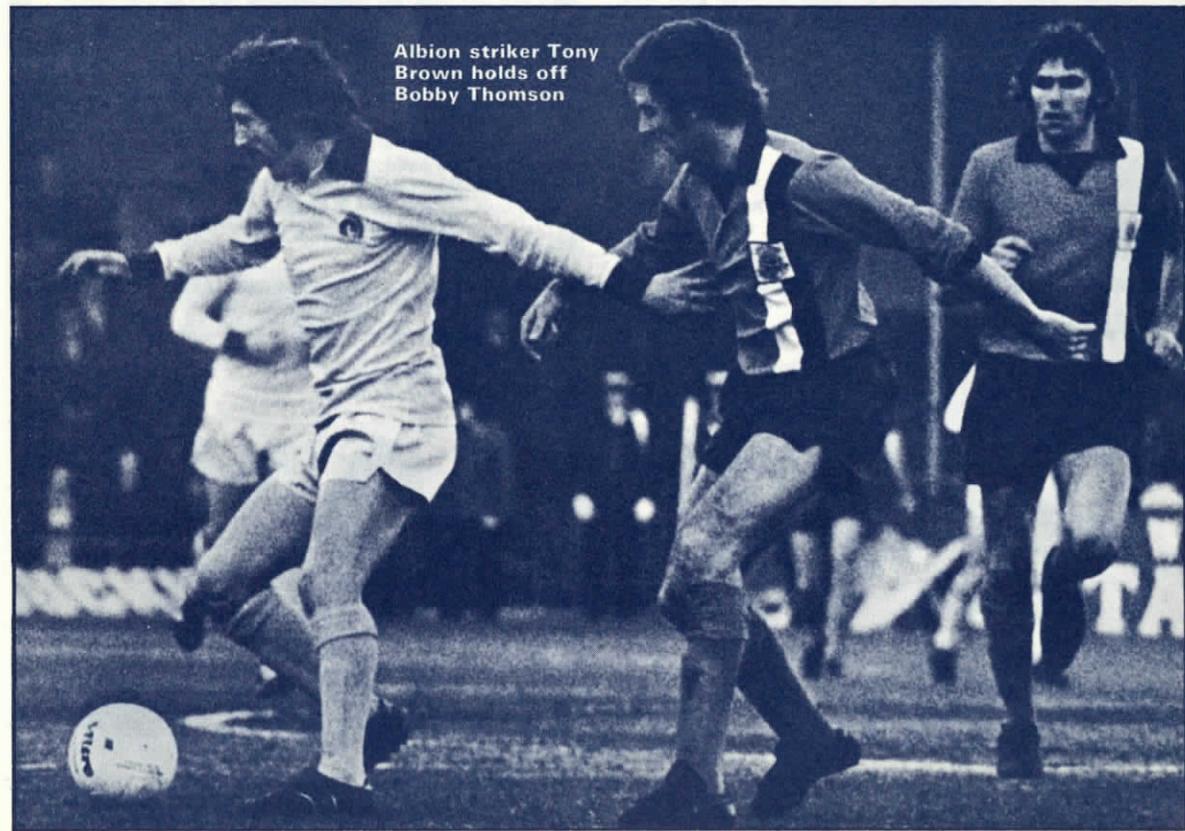
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Alan Garner tussles with Albion striker Joe Mayo



John Faulkner puts in a strong challenge on David Shaw



Albion striker Tony Brown holds off Bobby Thomson

CHAT CHAT

The club were delighted with the resounding success of Electrolux's sponsorship of our game against West Bromwich Albion. Arrangements, both on and off the field and behind the scenes, all fell into place extremely well. And we know that the Electrolux company were very happy with their afternoon at Kenilworth Road.

We have another sponsor for next Saturday's fixture against Aston Villa and we look forward to meeting with the party from Tricentrol, certainly one of the big up-and-coming companies. They have connections in North Sea Oil, distribution of Ford cars and all Ford industrial and commercial vehicles in the Luton area, garden suppliers at Flitwick, Bunty-Costin Coach Company and Travel House.

Tricentrol have arranged an excellent programme of pre-match events for Saturday and we urge you to come to the ground nice and early. You shouldn't miss the Derby Regalia Girls Band, all good-looking girls and experts in their musical and marching display. They are on parade at approximately 1.15 pm.

Fifteen minutes later, we switch to a novel competition which takes its theme from the popular television programme. *It's a Knock-Out*. Two teams of girls, one representing TRICENTROL and the other from Luton Town Supporters Club, will race from one goal to the other . . . steering a super-large push-ball!

Come along and cheer the girls. We're told there's truth in the rumour that they will all be wearing tight sweaters! And if you can take your eyes off the girls, there's a really explosive act on the ground at around 1-40pm. Tricentrol

present a troop of clowns with their exploding car—you may have seen them on TV on some of their many appearances before the cameras. But, please, lads, not too many pieces of that car on the pitch!

Tricentrol have also come up with what we consider to be a marvellous idea. They are sponsoring an international youth tournament at the end of the season and have donated a Cup which will be presented to an official of the Bedfordshire F.A. before the Villa match.

As you all know, Luton are doing everything possible to promote interest in local youth football—after all, it can be a good insurance for the future of this club and healthy exercise for all the young lads of the district.

Talking of youth football . . . what about the Hatters' youngsters in the F.A. Youth Cup? Weren't they just great when trouncing Oxford City 4-1 in an away second round tie?

We saw the benefits of the lad's demanding programme in the Mid-week League, in which they are often competing against professionals of a much older age group. They have done really well in that competition and found it an advantage when meeting Oxford players of their own age.

We were 4-0 up at half-time with goals from Andy King, Alan Biley, Dennis Bevis and Alex Martin—and the lads eased along to a comfortable victory. Now they'd love to trade shots with a youth-team from one of the top First Division clubs.

You'll see that Town Travel has booked a special train for the match at Blackpool on Saturday, 22nd December. Why not make it a family day out? Take the wife along—and she can finish off the last minute Christmas Shopping. It's cheaper, too, in the north.

However, we must ask you to keep an eye on the local press for further announcements. Because of industrial dispute and shortage of fuel, it's just possible that the train will not be available to us. But ticket arrangements are going ahead as normal.

The Spotball Competition, arranged in conjunction with the Football League and Ladbroke's, is getting well under way, but we're still looking for agents and collectors to help us play our part in a tremendous scheme.

Last week's winner was close to home, a Northampton Town supporter collecting the super first prize of £20,000. You can collect entry forms in The Hatters Club, Bobbers Club, Pools Office or Souvenir Shops. We'll be pleased if all our fans participate—let's try to find a £20,000 winner from The Hatters!

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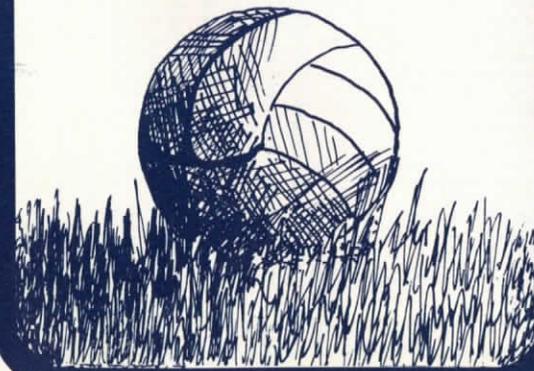
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