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LUTON TOWN

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Mr. FRANK DICKINSON, Chairman of Blackpool Football Club, today writes a seasonal message to all our readers.

"In wishing everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year my fondest hope is that 1974 dawns with Blackpool F.C. echoing our resort's famous motto, 'Progress'. All being well, this should be evident with our new £20,000 floodlights which we hope to bring into use on New Year's Day. This further facility has been greatly helped by the handsome loan of a generator by the management of the 'Evening Gazette'."

"Blackpool F.C. are confident that our financial outlay on these improved floodlights will be fully justified in the future."

"Looking ahead, I believe there are very firm arguments in favour of the three-up, three-down system of promotion and relegation—now being watched with tremendous interest. At this moment there are a cluster of clubs keenly competing for these three vital positions at the top of Division II."



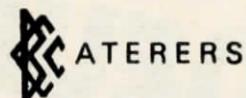
By our
Chairman:
FRANK DICKINSON

"It goes without saying that I trust Blackpool will finish the season as one of the three—preferably the first."

"Despite the present national crisis and its effects on football, we are confident at Bloomfield Road that the game will eventually sail into smoother waters. I stay convinced that for soccer to flourish all ground amenities must continue to improve to cater properly for the new type of spectator it seeks to attract."

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Best wishes to you all,
FRANK DICKINSON
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HERE'S HARRY

By
Harry Potts,
our Manager



To all our Supporters!
Compliments of the Season and Best Wishes for a
Merry Christmas
from the Chairman, Directors, Manager, Players and Staff
of Blackpool F.C.

In this last home game of 1973 for our first team we welcome Luton Town to Bloomfield Road this afternoon. It is our pleasure to extend greetings to their Chairman, Mr. T. R. Keens, Mr. Harry Haslam, the manager, and players and supporters. One can confidently predict an entertaining match because both teams are likely to play creative and attractive football.

I am sure you were all as delighted as I was with Blackpool's two great performances away from home—at Carlisle and Oxford. Our side fully deserved their dividend of three points out of four. In particular, the match against Carlisle was declared by everyone who saw it to have produced all the good things one expects from football.

I am also naturally pleased with the way our Blackpool Reserves are keeping up their good work. Since my last programme message to you they have maintained their winning way through obtaining excellent results against Everton Reserve and Huddersfield Town Reserve.

Today's article allows me the first opportunity I have had of extending to our former star, Tony Green, every good wish for his future. I am sure all Seasiders' supporters will join with me in this sentiment. Tony knows there is always a cordial welcome awaiting him from the Blackpool club.

Next, I was delighted to be named Division II "Manager of the Month" for November in the Bell's "Football Manager of the Year" award scheme. This was something I look upon as an honour for everyone connected with the club, particularly the players, who achieved such wonderful results in the month of November.

Travelling back in the coach from Oxford we listened to the draw for the F.A. Cup third round, learning that Blackpool are now due to play away at The Dell against Southampton. We face a hard encounter—but with the pleasant thought that we will renew acquaintance with our former popular Seaside, Hughie Fisher. In the meantime we have to concentrate on our quite demanding League programme.

Next Home Game

26th December (Boxing Day), 1973
Central League
BLACKPOOL v. MANCHESTER UNITED
Coming Soon . . .
Saturday, 29th December, 1973
Central League
BLACKPOOL v. PRESTON NORTH END
New Year's Day
League Division II
BLACKPOOL v. SHEFFIELD WED.



HARRY HASLAM
Luton Manager



JIMMY HUSBAND
Ex-Everton, now of Luton

THIS WEEK: LUTON TOWN

KEITH BARBER (Goalkeeper). Came into the game as a professional after having been spotted in London senior football and, after trials with Luton, went to Dunstable Town for a spell. Was recalled and displaced the experienced Tony Read in the First Team last season.

GRAHAM HORNE (Goalkeeper). Born London, Graham joined Portsmouth from Arsenal for one year. Joined Luton at start of this season.

JOHN RYAN (Right-back). Although he had played games in their League team, Fulham released this capable defender two seasons ago and, since joining Luton, has improved out of recognition and is now in the big money class. Kent born, he had a spell with Arsenal before going to Craven Cottage.

DON SHANKS (Left-back). Like Ryan, he found his way to Luton via Fulham with whom he had been an apprentice, but they did not sign him at the end of the prescribed period. Went on to earn England Youth honours and other clubs have already been taking notice of his progress.

BOBBY THOMSON (Left-back). Not so many years ago, Thomson was regarded as the best left-back in the country and has a handful of England caps to prove it. Was then with Wolves from whom he moved to Birmingham City for a big fee. Somehow or other, he never really settled with Birmingham, who loaned him to Walsall during last season and then gave him a free transfer.

ALAN GARNER (Centre-half). His big chance came when Chris Nicholl was sold to Aston Villa last March and he went on to play confidently and earn himself a regular place. Was previously with Millwall who gave him few opportunities. Strong and assertive.

JOHN FAULKNER (Centre-half). As Nicholl was being sold to Aston Villa, Luton were negotiating with Leeds United for Faulkner as a replacement. However, this former Sutton United amateur never got a chance in the first team through Garner's consistency, but means to change that this time.

RODNEY FERN (Forward). Luton's biggest close-season signing, because he cost them a reputed £50,000 from Leicester City, for whom he played in their 1969 losing Cup Final. Strong, bustling type with a highly developed goal sense, he should increase the scoring potential.

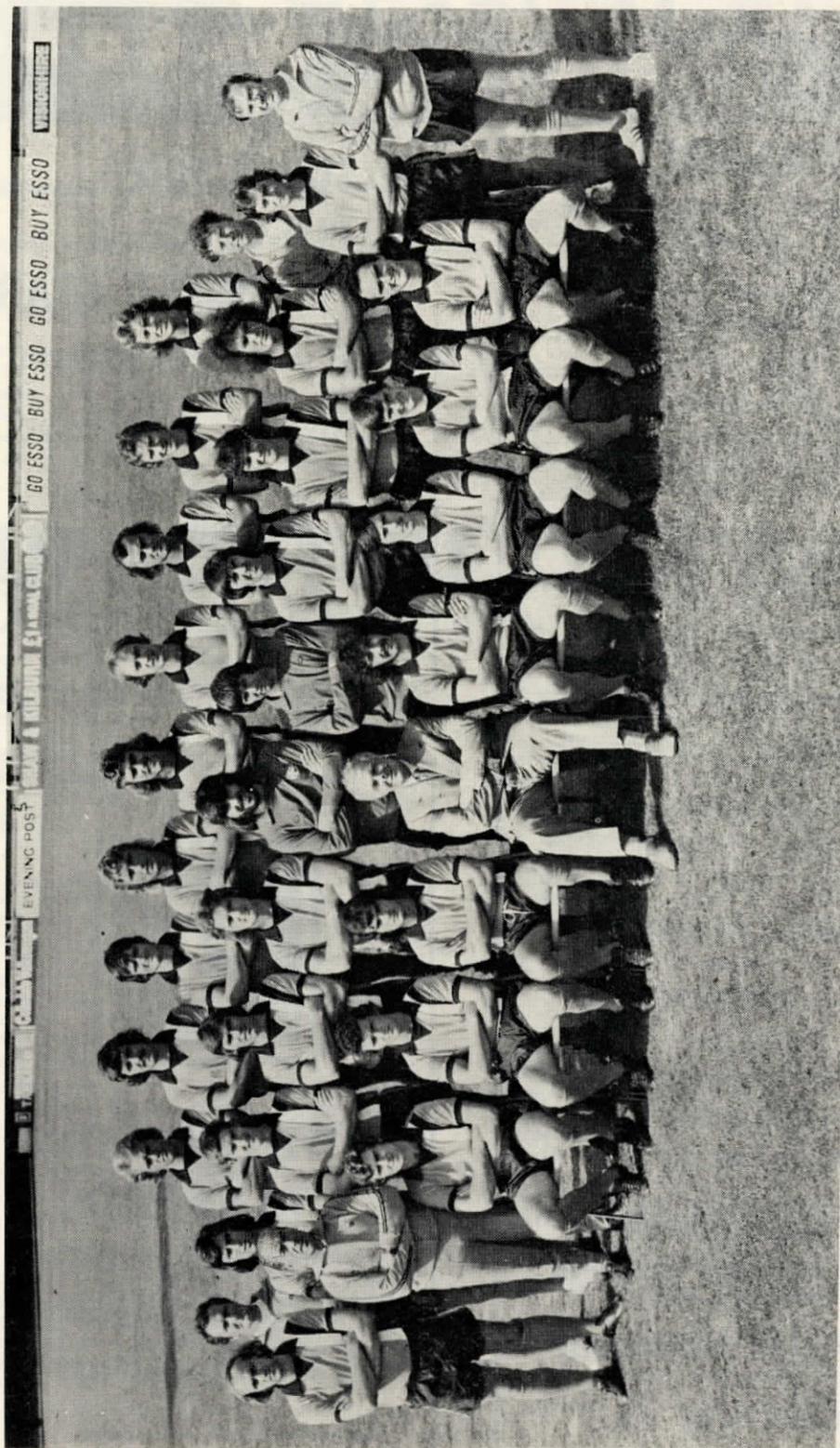
JOHN ASTON (Forward). Several other clubs were disappointed when Aston moved to Luton for a fee of £30,000, which begins to look a bargain figure. Now only 25, Aston has a load of First Division experience gained with Manchester United with whom he was a member of the first team squad for some seasons.

JIMMY RYAN (Forward). Another who took the now well-beaten track from Old Trafford to Kenilworth Road and he was valued at around £20,000 at the time. A Scot, he had a most unlucky last season through injuries and illness, but has been showing his best form this time.

PETER ANDERSON (Forward). Another recruit from senior amateur soccer. Anderson was with Hendon and actually made his first team debut for Luton when he was still an amateur. Top scorer last season with 10 goals.

GORDON HINDSON (Forward). Although this youngster had only limited experience at the time, Luton paid Newcastle United £25,000 for him, and are expecting big things from him this season. Was used mainly as a winger.

Recently signed:
ALAN WEST from Burnley



BACK ROW (left to right): Billy Holmes, Alan Slough (now with Fulham), Jimmy Ryan, Paul Price, Vic Busby (now with Fulham), John Faulkner, Ken Goodeve, 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, Peter Anderson, Graham French, Ray King (Coach), Nicholas Sparks, Roy McCrohan (Chief Coach). **FRONT ROW (left to right):** Reg Game (Physiotherapist), Bobby Thomson, Alex Malcolm, Vince Melisi, Harry Haslam (Manager), Derek Hales (on loan to Charlton Athletic), Gordon Hindson, Don Shanks, John Aston.

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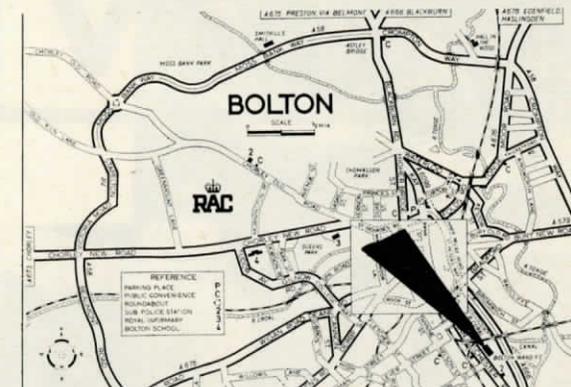
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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

There seems to be plenty coming up in the Supporters' Club in the near future, so after passing on to you the best wishes from our Chairman, Mr. Harry Alker, for a Merry Christmas to all supporters, the football club and players and hoping there will be a few points in the Christmas stocking, we will have to cut out the chit-chat and get down to the nitty-gritty.

HOLIDAY HOURS

In common with other clubs we have been granted extensions of permitted hours. Arrangements have been concluded for some time for top-class artistes on all holiday nights and there will be the usual organist, drummer, bingo, raffles, etc., in the clubroom which has been festively decorated by several of the committeemen and looks very attractive. For the convenience of members the opening hours are printed below.

Christmas Eve—Until 12.30 a.m.

Christmas Day—Lunchtime 12 noon till
2 p.m. Evening 7 p.m. till 10.30
p.m.

Boxing Day—Until 12.30 a.m.

New Year's Eve—Until 1 a.m.

New Year's Day—Until 12.30 a.m.

TALENT COMPETITION NEARING CLIMAX

The Talent Competition open to club artistes for the Jackie Jewell Trophy is now reaching its closing stages with the semi-finals and finals taking place early in the New Year on Friday evenings.

Friday, January 4—First Semi-final

Friday, January 11—Second Semi-final

Friday, January 18—Grand Final

COACHES TO AWAY MATCHES

In the last couple of weeks our regulars have seen the Pool come up with late goals to take points and with an average of one point a game away have had some reward for their support. Alan Shepherd, our Travel Steward, requests that with the diesel shortage it is essential that intending travellers should book by Wednesday for a Saturday match. Book today for the Boxing Day match at Bolton and by Wednesday for next Saturday's match at Millwall. We will also be running to Southampton for the Cup match on the 5th so get your name down early as we may be limited as to the number of coaches we can hire and in these times cannot just whistle up a coach for a few late-comers. Do book early.

FOOTBALL AND SPORTS QUIZ

The draw for our Football and Sports Quiz has now been made, and once again we have some very worthy teams competing. Details of the draw are set out below. Members and guests and supporters of visiting teams welcome.

1974

January 8th—

BOAR'S HEAD v. SOUTH SHORE CRICKET

B.F.C. COACHING STAFF
(Graham, Quigley, Pointer, Conboy)

v.

CHORLEY SUPPORTERS

B.F.C. YOUNG PROS.

(Betts (M.), Betts (S.), Moore, Tong)

v.

CENTRAL WORKING MEN'S CLUB

GOAL DYSON 'WON'T EVER FORGET' WAS IN VAIN!



KEITH DYSON . . . had three England Under-18 representative games while at Newcastle United. He joined Blackpool on October 27th, 1971.

BLACKPOOL striker Keith Dyson has just been recollecting his "goal-I-shall-never-forget." Which is quite understandable, seeing that the F.A. Cup third round is now uppermost in the Blackpool players' minds—and as this five-star goal by Keith came in a cup-tie.

We go back to 1969-70 when the talented Bloomfield Road attack leader was playing for his only other league club, Newcastle United. The previous season the "Magpies" had won the Fairs Cup.

"In 1969-70 we again progressed well in the Fairs Cup, getting to the quarter-finals against Anderlecht," Keith recalls. "On a home-and-away basis we were losing 2-0 when they came to play at St. James' Park. There was a 59,309 crowd. The atmosphere was terrific.

"United fans went crazy as "Pop" Robson bagged two great goals to put us level 2-2. With three minutes to go, I then scored the goal I shall never forget, which I felt MUST be the winner. But Anderlecht broke straight through from the restart and equalised. Less than a minute later the referee blew for time. And as 'away' goals counted double Anderlecht won the tie 4-3."

Keith originates from Blackhill, near Consett, Co. Durham. He might easily never have become a soccer celebrity after studying until he was 18 at Consett Grammar School. "I was really set on going to university—Leeds, Hull, York or Nottingham to study economics and geography," Dyson says.

"I had in mind also going to Loughborough College and then becoming a teacher in physical education."

But in football-mad "Geordieland" few lads with football talent in their feet escape the

Anderlecht equalised seconds after his 'winner'

scouting net. Keith Dyson was already a great "prospect." He had played for the Derwent Valley schoolboys' team, been noticed to possess a "cracking" shot and soon attracted Newcastle United's attention.

"Their representative persuaded me to sign schoolboy forms. Between the ages of 14 and 18 I used to go down to St. James's for coaching and training twice a week," Keith recalls.

In almost record time he was making good at the game—picked for Durham County grammar schools' team, Durham County youth . . . and then the England Under-18's.

His first match at Under-18's international level was against Wales at Oxford. Sunderland's Richie Pitt was in the same team. Dyson can proudly look back on three appearances with the England Under-18's.

About the same time there came the first stepping-stone in his career when he was signed professional by manager Joe Harvey for Newcastle United on August 8th, 1968 ("After getting my 'A' Level results").

Soccer success followed quickly. Within a month Keith had made his first team debut for United, against Spurs at home. His first couple of games, incidentally, were on the right wing.

"It was a tremendous thrill to be playing with stars like Jackie Sinclair, Bobby Moncur, Brian Robson, Wyn Davies, David Craig and Tommy Gibb," he says. "Spurs included several internationals, among them Mike England and Cyril Knowles."

Along the road of football fame the next big step for Keith Dyson was the arrival of former Blackpool manager Bob Stokoe at St. James's Park to recruit him as a Seaside in part-exchange for £150,000 Tony Green, on October 27th, 1971. "I had only ever been to Blackpool once before—on a day trip, playing in a junior match with a team from Consett Ironworks," Dyson said.

"But I had always been impressed by the fine players that Blackpool had. Ever since I came, everybody has made me feel really welcome at Bloomfield Road.

"In my very first season I enjoyed helping our lads to reach the final of the Anglo-Italian Cup for the second time, although unfortunately we lost. As Blackpool centre-forward I always aim to do better. In fact, I believe I can do even better than I have during our recent good run. I am particularly aiming to get more goals."

In this respect, the Seaside's striker now has a "bag" of 23 League and Cup goals since first joining the club. This includes that spectacular "hat-trick" of his, at home to Burnley in his first season. Keith made his 70th appearance for Blackpool in their last away game at Brunton Park, Carlisle.

North-Easterner Dyson is fond of reading when travelling with his colleagues, a lover of all kinds of music, but also knowledgeable on "pop." He lists "Cat" Stevens, "Bread" and "Slade" as his favourites.

Eighteen months ago, Keith married his girlfriend, Jennifer, from his schooldays. Their chalet bungalow home is in Lowick Drive, Poulton-le-Fylde. And it's interesting to discover that the Rover 2000 owned by Keith and his wife is something "special."

"I bought it new when I was with Newcastle United—in 1970—as a 'treat' to myself on getting into the United first team," Keith says.

Crippled by that dreaded soccer injury, a cartilage, last season, Keith spent the whole summer getting back to 100 per cent. fitness. And here, one of his favourite recreations proved to be invaluable. "I was helped immensely playing some tough games of tennis at Stanley Park with my team mates, Peter Suddaby, John Burridge, Stevie Harrison and George Wood," he said.

Keith's other get-away-from-football recreation is swimming and there's nothing he enjoys better than a dip at the Warwick Hotel pool with several other Blackpool F.C. swimming enthusiasts.



Vin's other love is the fight game

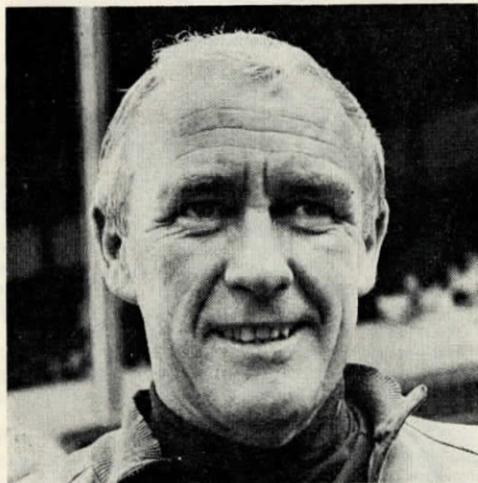
SOME people can't say the word, many more cannot spell it, while lots of others have no idea what it means . . . physiotherapist. In reality, the physi-you-know-what is one of the vital back-room boys of sport and indispensable in football. At Bloomfield Road the man doing this important job for Blackpool is regarded as one of the "top ten" at his profession throughout soccer.

Meet "Vinnie" Conboy, more typically Yorkshire than roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. A native of Sheffield ever-ready to point out: "I regard Chesterfield as my native town." A son of Irish parents, never happier than when recalling the grand times he has spent in Ireland.

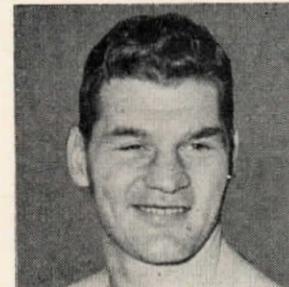
Which invariably brings "Vinnie" round to telling of his Uncle Peter—"the man who taught me everything I know about injuries and how to treat them, be it human beings, horses or dogs."

Blackpool F.C.'s skilled "physio" explains that his Uncle Peter, now in his eighties, practiced as a surgeon in Dublin but lived deep in the Irish countryside, eight miles from Cavan.

"He bred racehorses and greyhounds and educated me into so many things that have



Vince Conboy



BRUCE WOODCOCK
... former British, Empire and European champion who was once trained by Vince Conboy.

been useful to me in my working life," Conboy stresses. "Animals suffer many of the injuries that also afflict human beings. And this was where my Uncle Peter taught me how to use my eyes. Animals, poor things, cannot tell you where the pain is to be found when they have been hurt. You have to look for it. My uncle showed me how to do the same when helping an injured athlete."

Characteristically-Irish, Vincent Conboy began boxing at the age of eight. Up to being 21 he fought as an amateur, gained a manager's licence and for several years ran a flourishing boxing gymnasium in Chesterfield.

He can keep an audience entertained for hours on end with his reminiscences from the fight game which took him all over the world.

Vince worked with mighty Bruce Woodcock—British, Empire and European champion—but he rates as the best fighters he ever handled those tough-as-teak Tongans, heavyweight Kitione Lave, and light-heavyweight John Halafihi. Lave, of course, won renown by flooring Don Cockell.

In the sportsmen's hall-of-fame, the Blackpool F.C. "physio" likewise numbers among his friends Vincenzo Americanos, trainer to the Brazilian national soccer team, and ex-world champion fighter Nino Valdez.

Vince Conboy's shrewd Yorkshire-Irish instinct warned him that the impact of T.V. was going to "kill-off" boxing audiences. "Too many people were jumping on the bandwagon, taking out of boxing all they could and putting little back—so I got out myself," he recalls.

Seven years ago, "Vinnie" came to Blackpool and his invaluable link with Bloomfield Road arose when former manager Les Shannon heard of his "magic" as a masseur and phenomenal "physio" skills.

Conboy's first test came in being brought brilliant little Tony Green as a patient. "His chances of ever walking again were described as 50-50," says Vince, "but Tony had fabulous determination and the will to recover. He was a daily patient in the treatment room for 14 months. Afterwards, he played for Scotland."

Regarding his job Vince Conboy says: "I have always loved my work, so for this reason getting people fit from injury or illness has never become a bore to me. At Blackpool—if people only appreciated it—there are as fine remedial facilities to be found as anywhere, for free! That is, the sea. I am a great advocate of the healing properties of sea water. It can work wonders for tired muscles, injured ligaments and damaged limbs."

F.A. CUP SAINTS BOSS IS A HUSTLER BLACKPOOL VISIT SOUTHAMPTON on JAN. 5th

WHEN Blackpool visit Southampton next week in the F.A. Cup third round they will come up against The Hustler. The Saints' team boss, Lawrie McMenemy, a 6 ft. 4 in. giant, says: "I've always grafted. Long hours mean nothing to me. I hustle everyone here. My players have to think big. If any are content with one house and one car they are no good to me.

"They should want two houses and two cars. They have got to have a thirst for success."

Big Lawrie, Gateshead-born and a former Coldstream Guardsman, is determined to make Southampton a big-time club. He has tasted success. Since leaving Sheffield Wednesday where he coached, he has twice won the Fourth Division championship with Doncaster and Grimsby. Doncaster sacked him when they were relegated.

Lawrie borrows his old Guards motto for his Saints . . . Nulli Secundus (Second to None).

Congratulations !

NEWS of Bell's Scotch Whisky award of "Manager of the Month" in Division Two to Harry Potts arrived too late for our last programme . . . but here are our belated congratulations to Harry. The award consisted of a gallon bottle and six bottles of Bell's Extra Special. A £100 cheque will be presented at Bell's luncheon at the end of the season.

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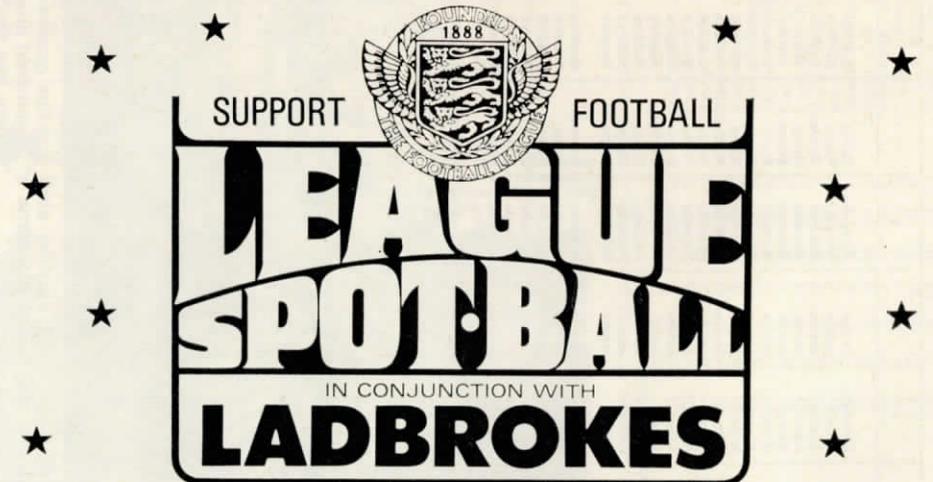
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1973	05 WEST BROMWICH A.	14,328	2-3	-	-	Wood	Hatton	Bentley	Alcock-1	James	Suddaby-1	Burns	Suddick	Davies	McEwan	Tully†	Rafferty
Aug.	01 Sheffield Wednesday	15,834	0-0	1	13	Wood	Hatton	Bentley	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns-1	Suddick	Davies	Fusichillo	Tully	Rafferty
Sept.	08 MILLWALL	9,442	1-0	3	12	Wood	Hatton	Bentley	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Walsh	Davies	Fusichillo	Tully	Hardcastle
	12 Fulham	9,301	0-0	4	15	Wood	Hatton	Bentley	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns-1	Walsh†	Davies	Fusichillo	Tully	Hardcastle
	15 Fulham	7,352	2-3	4	12	Wood	Hatton	Bentley	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Rafferty-1	Davies	Fusichillo	Tully	Dyson
	17 CRYSTAL PALACE	9,523	1-0	6	11	Wood	Hatton	Bentley	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Davies	Fusichillo	Tully	Dyson
	22 MIDDLESBROUGH	14,784	0-3	7	17	Wood	Hatton	Bentley	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns-1	Suddick	Davies	Fusichillo	Tully	Dyson
Oct.	29 Luton Town	10,365	0-0	7	14	Wood	Hatton	Bentley	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Davies	Fusichillo	Tully	Dyson
	2 Crystal Palace	15,080	2-1	9	11	Wood	Hatton	Bentley	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns-1	Suddick	Davies	Fusichillo	Tully	Dyson
	6 NOTTS COUNTY	11,072	0-1	9	16	Wood	Hatton	Bentley	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Davies	Fusichillo	Tully	Dyson
	9 BIRMINGHAM C. (LC 2)	7,689	0-1	9	17	Wood	Hatton	Bentley	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns-2	Suddick	Davies	Fusichillo	Tully	Dyson
	13 Cardiff City	7,652	0-1	9	17	Wood	Hatton	Bentley	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Davies	Fusichillo	Tully	Dyson
	16 Birmingham City (LC 2)	16,580	2-4	10	17	Wood	Hatton	Bentley	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Davies	Fusichillo	Tully	Dyson
	20 NOTTINGHAM F.	8,101	2-2	10	17	Wood	Hatton	Bentley	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Davies	Fusichillo	Tully	Dyson
	26 FULHAM	5,526	1-0	12	14	Burridge	Curtis	Bentley	Alcock-2	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Davies	Fusichillo	Tully	Dyson
	27 Bristol City	13,596	1-0	14	11	Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Davies	Fusichillo	Tully	Dyson
Nov.	31 (League Cup 3)	6,535	5-0	16	7	Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock-1	James	Suddaby	Burns-2	Suddick-1	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh-1	Parker
	10 Preston North End	21,580	3-1	18	5	Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock-2	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh-1	Parker
	17 SWINDON TOWN	7,404	2-0	20	5	Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock-1	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh-1	Parker
Dec.	24 HULL CITY	9,004	0-1	20	7	Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	1 SUNDERLAND	11,000	0-2	20	8	Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	8 Cardiff City	6,641	3-2	22	7	Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock-1	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick-1	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	15 Oxford United (2)	5,001	2-2	23	5	Burridge	Curtis	Hatton-1	Alcock-1	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	19 (League Cup 5)					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton-1	Alcock-1	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	22 LUTON TOWN					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton-1	Alcock-1	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	26 Bolton Wanderers					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton-1	Alcock-1	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	28 Millwall					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton-1	Alcock-1	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
1974	1 SHEFFIELD WED.					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock-1	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
Jan.	5 (F.A. Cup 3)					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock-2	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	12 ORIENT					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock-1	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	16 (League Cup Semi-Final)					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock-2	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	19 West Bromwich Albion					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock-1	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
Feb.	26 (F.A. Cup 4)					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock-1	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	2 OXFORD UNITED					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	9 MIDDLESBROUGH					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	2 CARDIFF CITY (5)					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
Mar.	23 NOTTS COUNTY					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	9 BOLTON W. (LCF)					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	2 BRISTOL CITY (6)					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	9 Aston Villa					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	16 Nottingham Forest					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	16 Preston N.E.					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	23 Portsmouth (SF)					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
April	6 HULL CITY					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	12 Swindon Town					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	15 Aston Villa					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	16 Aston Villa					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	20 CARLISLE UNITED					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
	27 Sunderland					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies
May	4 F.A. Cup Final					Burridge	Curtis	Hatton	Alcock	James	Suddaby	Burns	Suddick	Dyson	Bentley	Walsh	Davies



AH! BUT WHERE IS THE BALL? All exciting stuff... this goalmouth tangle between a bunch of Blackpool and Sunderland players in the recent big game at Bloomfield Road. But in spite of so much hectic involvement the question remains unanswered... "Where has the ball gone?"

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date	fixture	res.	pts.	pos.
1973	25 Manchester United	1-2	0	-
Aug.	27 COVENTRY CITY	1-1	1	6
Sept.	1 BOLTON W.	3-0	3	6
	5 LEEDS UNITED	3-3	6	6
	8 Newcastle United	1-1	7	4
	11 Liverpool	2-1	9	4
	22 STOKES CITY	2-1	11	4
	29 WEST BROMWICH A.	0-2	11	7
Oct.	6 Burnley	1-0	13	4
	13 SHEFFIELD WED.	3-0	15	3
	17 Sheffield United	1-0	17	4
Nov.	7 ASTON VILLA	0-0	18	4
	10 Wolverhampton W.	1-0	20	4
	19 BLACKBURN ROVERS	2-2	21	4
	24 BURY	2-1	23	4
Dec.	8 Derby County	P	25	4
	8 EVERTON	2-1	25	4
	15 HUDDERSFIELD T.	2-0	27	4
	18 Nottingham Forest			
	26 MANCHESTER U.			
	29 PRESTON N.E.			
1974	1 Bolton Wanderers			
Jan.	5 Coventry City			
	12 Stoke City			
	19 NEWCASTLE UNITED			
Feb.	26 Leeds United			
	9 BURNLEY			
	9 Sheffield Wednesday			
Mar.	23 NOTTINGHAM F.			
	12 Huddersfield Town			
	12 SHEFFIELD UNITED			
	16 Blackburn Rovers			
	16 Wolverhampton W.			
April	30 Aston Villa			
	6 Bury			
	13 LIVERPOOL			
	15 MANCHESTER CITY			
	20 Everton			
	27 DERBY COUNTY			

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LEAGUE - DIVISION II				CENTRAL LEAGUE								
P.	W.	D.	A. Pts.	P.	W.	D.	A. Pts.					
Middlesbrough	21	13	5	12	33	Liverpool	18	11	5	3	32	
Luton Town	20	11	6	4	33	24	Everton Villa	17	10	5	32	
Orient	20	9	6	4	33	21	26	Blackpool	15	8	7	24
Notts County	20	9	6	5	34	30	24	Manchester United	15	6	7	23
Blackpool	21	9	5	7	23	22	23	Wolverhampton W.	16	6	7	23
West Bromwich Albion	21	8	7	6	26	15	22	Coventry City	16	6	7	23
Nottingham Forest	20	8	6	6	26	16	22	West Bromwich Alb.	17	6	6	23
Sunderland	21	8	4	8	24	21	22	Blackburn Rovers	17	6	5	23
Bristol City	20	9	4	7	28	25	22	Derby County	16	6	5	22
Carlisle United	20	7	8	6	23	22	22	Manchester City	16	5	5	24
Hull City	21	7	8	6	23	19	21	Sheffield Wednesday	14	5	4	20
Aston Villa	21	6	9	6	26	30	21	Stoke City	13	5	4	18
Preston North End	20	7	7	7	16	20	21	Newcastle United	17	5	4	28
Fulham	21	7	7	7	16	20	21	Leeds United	18	3	8	15
Portsmouth	19	8	4	7	26	30	20	Bolton Wanderers	16	5	3	26
Millwall	20	7	3	10	25	26	17	Sheffield United	16	4	5	16
Bolton Wanderers	20	7	2	11	16	22	16	Nottingham Forest	16	3	7	16
Cardiff City	21	4	8	9	21	31	16	Preston North End	15	4	4	18
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Blackpool

- 1—John BURRIDGE
 - 2—John CURTIS
 - 3—Dave HATTON
 - 4—Terry ALCOCK
 - 5—Glyn JAMES
 - 6—Peter SUDDABY
 - 7—Micky BURNS
 - 8—Alan SUDDICK
 - 9—Keith DYSON
 - 10—Bill BENTLEY
 - 11—Mick WALSH
- Substitute :

Officials

Referee :

P. WILLIS
(Meadowfield,
Co. Durham)

PETER WILLIS, Meadowfield, Co. Durham, a police constable, married with two children. Played as an amateur for Newcastle United and won county youth honours for Northumberland. Took up refereeing in 1963 and progressed through local leagues and the Northern League to The Football League line in 1968. Promoted to the Supplementary List in 1971 and to the full list for this season. His interests include swimming—he is a qualified life guard—and caravanning.

Linesmen :

B. DAVIES
(Red Flag)

D. OWEN
(Yellow Flag)

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 - 9—Barry BUTLIN
 - 10—Alan WEST
 - 11—John ASTON
- Substitute :

Half time check

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C CARLISLE UNITED
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D CRYSTAL PALACE
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