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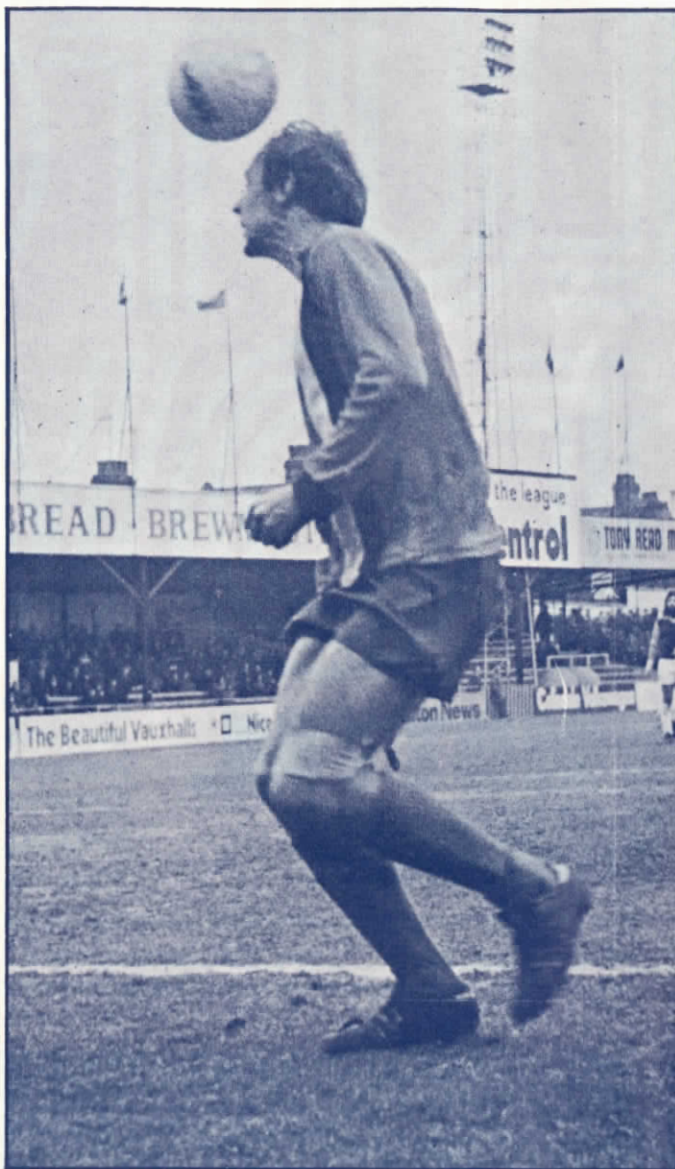
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The three action pictures featured in today's programme show part of the game in December when Aston Villa were our visitors. In spite of the good header of Villa's Chris Nicholl (page 10) Graham Horn did well to make a flying save and deny Villa even a point.

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

JACK TAYLOR (Wolverhampton). A highly experienced international referee having refereed more than 50 international and European Cup games in 32 different countries, including China and Russia. Went on The League line in 1955 after officiating in local Leagues and the Birmingham League. Promoted to the referee's list in 1958 and subsequently went on the F.I.F.A. and U.E.F.A. panels. A World Cup referee in 1966 and 1970, he took charge of the 1971 European Cup Final at Wembley, the 1966 F.A. Cup Final and the 1962 F.A. Amateur Cup Final. Has also refereed F.A. Charity Shield matches, Irish Cup Finals and F.A. Youth Cup Finals. A self-employed butcher, he is a magistrate in Wolverhampton and a member of the Sports Advisory Council. President of Wolverhampton Sunday League.

HARRY'S TOWN

The first commitment in the Cup each season for every club, no matter where the actual starting point is, always brings a game that is tough and difficult to tackle, physically and mentally.

Leading sides present problems with class and ability, less fashionable sides try and cling to the Cup on much effort and endeavour and, consequently, often raise their game in the process.

Luton were stretched to 180 minutes before making sure of a home tie against Bradford City, a hurdle cleared by beating Port Vale and an important one for this club because I particularly wanted some prolonged involvement in the competition. I think we can feel now that with normal luck, we shall reach the fifth round, though, take it from me, it will be stressed to the team, well before the day against Bradford, that it is no formality.

Our problems against Port Vale were the traditional difficulties

in the Cup. Gordon Lee's side knowing that they had nothing to lose and intent on unsettling us as much as possible. But our draw in the first encounter brought a measure of satisfaction for me because the lads worked as true professionals and failed to get flustered as time wore on. They were well worth their equaliser and it showed a new side of their character which is something you cannot buy, but only develop.

There's an old saying that luck favours the brave in the Cup and I am sure, despite the reported after-the-match opinion of their manager—"Port Vale were robbed"—we were good value for our 4-2 win in the replay. The team took their setbacks without losing their heads at any time, and finally conquered the opposition on true merit.

I think Port Vale did well and perhaps exploited a weakness on the day which came as a result of more than one circumstance. We were prone to long balls down the centre and Port Vale capitalised on it.

But, as is often the case with the brave teams with limited scope, the more they moved forward the less cover they had, to stop us. With both Barry Butlin and Jimmy Husband missing, I thought goals would be hard to find, but the form of Peter Anderson, who had to move forward from midfield, was one of the key factors of our success.

We don't intend to do as many other clubs are planning, and push our Cup-tie into Sunday. We shall play Bradford City on the normal Saturday when we can concentrate in our own serious, quiet way of beating them without being subject and, perhaps, surrounded by the ballyhoo currently being banded around over the Sunday experiment.

Countless things have to be taken into consideration, primarily the players' attitude to playing on Sunday, and, at the moment, I don't think it is worth snatching at the prospect of a few extra pounds before being convinced that it will be of long term benefit.

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<i>Teams</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>P</i>	
Norwich City	23	15	5	3	48	17	35	Anscomb 1 —
Bournemouth	26	15	4	7	47	31	34	Barber 14 —
Leicester City	22	13	6	3	37	30	32	Bevis (2) —
Luton Town	24	11	6	7	55	37	28	Biley 1 —
Arsenal	24	10	8	6	33	26	28	Butlin 1 —
Plymouth A	21	10	6	5	38	23	26	Cruise 11 10
Tottenham H	22	9	8	5	26	20	26	Coyne 4(1) —
Q.P.R.	21	8	9	4	39	26	25	Fern 20 11
Oxford United	21	9	6	6	21	15	24	Finney 8 4
Ipswich Town	24	9	6	9	46	38	24	French (1) —
Birmingham C	22	10	4	8	24	21	24	Fuccillo 8 1
Fulham	24	8	8	8	24	28	24	Garnier 1(1) —
Crystal Palace	20	10	3	7	29	29	23	Goodeve 13 2
Swindon Town	21	8	5	8	30	29	21	Gordon 4 —
Bristol Rovers	24	6	9	9	31	43	21	Hindson 17 6
West Ham U	22	8	4	10	28	31	20	Holmes 18 6
Chelsea	22	6	7	9	31	29	19	Horn 5 —
Cardiff City	23	7	4	12	24	40	18	Litt 24 2
Southampton	25	4	7	14	28	58	15	Malcolm 23 —
Swansea City	20	5	3	12	25	41	13	Mead 1 —
Bristol City	22	4	3	15	22	49	11	Melisi 2(8) 2
Reading	21	1	1	19	13	55	3	Moore 24 2
								O'Connor 21 4
								Price 22 —
								Rouse (1) —
								Ryan John 4 —
								Sparks 19 3
								Sims 1 —
<i>Up to and including 9th January, 1974</i>								

LEAGUE DIVISION 2		LEADING GOALSCORERS	
<i>League and Cup</i>		Hindson	5
Wood, Millwall	16	Holmes	5(1)
Fairbrother, Orient	15	King	1(1)
Brown (T), W.B. Albion	14	B. Levene	1
Bullock, Orient	14	Litt	9(1)
Halom, Sunderland	14	Malcolm	4
Mackenzie, Nottm. Forest	14	Mead	10
Byrom, Bolton	13	Melisi	7(1)
Davies, Portsmouth	12	Moore	3
Anderson, Luton	11	O'Connor	4
		Rouse	5(4)
		Price	3(1)
		Ryan John	2
		Sarno	3(2)
		Sparks	4

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	2-3
17 Mon	Northampton Town	H	3-0
5 Sat	Portsmouth	H	1-1
Jan 7 Mon	Charlton Athletic	H	P
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	
Apr 1 Mon	Cambridge Utd (LC)	H	
10 Wed	Orient	A	
22 Mon	Cambridge United (LC)	A	

Former Luton Town manager Allan Brown today makes his second visit of the season to Kenilworth Road—and in quite different circumstances to the occasion when he brought Fourth Division Bury here in a League Cup-tie at the end of October.

The 47-year-old Scotsman was then attempting to gather a spot of Cup glory for the Lancashire club and he succeeded to the extent of forcing a replay before we won 3-2 at Gigg Lane. Now the mission is much more vital—the search for promotion points which could have a bearing on the status of either Luton or Nottingham Forest next season.

Mr Brown, who also managed Torquay United after leaving Luton, became Forest's choice as new manager when Dave Mackay was tempted away to Derby County in November. He inherited a talented side which had emerged as promotion potential during a brief spell in the charge of caretaker chief Bill Anderson.

Forest, 4-0 winners against The Hatters in the first match of the season, lost their unbeaten home record to Aston Villa in the first match after Mackay's departure. But the promotion ambition was quickly revived when Forest won at Crystal Palace to gain their first travelling success in a year. The strange point is that Bill Anderson was also in

INTRODUCING FOREST

temporary charge when Forest won their previous away game at Sheffield Wednesday in October, 1972.

Having gained only nine points in 20 away fixtures during Dave Mackay's 12-month reign, Forest are now delighted with the improvement in their record on opponents' grounds. Mr Brown couldn't have had a tougher start than at Sunderland and Cardiff, but they gained two valuable draws and were unlucky to lose 1-0 at Middlesbrough when reduced to ten men.

Subsequently, they snatched a 1-0 victory at Meadow Lane on the resumption of Nottingham 'derby' matches and also picked up a point from Sheffield Wednesday. The point a game average from five away trips was backed by three points from the home meetings with Bolton and Oxford. So Forest entered the New Year in a handy position to challenge the top three.

They also picked up renewed en-

thusiasm from the local public when experimenting with a Sunday F.A. Cup-tie against Bristol Rovers. This turned out to be a 4-3 spectacular before a crowd of 23,456—nearly 6,000 better than their best League gate—and they are now booked for another attractive tie against Manchester City next Saturday.

Allan Brown realises that he was fortunate to take over the club when things were swinging Forest's way after a number of disappointing seasons in the decline from the First Division. Chairman Mr Jim Willmer said at the time of Mr Brown's ap-

pointment: "The atmosphere at the club is right. The players are in the mood for promotion."

Mr Brown took the job on the understanding that he would work for a contract. Forest fell in line with his request and are no doubt happy with the way things have gone in the last two months.

The new manager immediately announced that Forest would not be selling their best players—a welcome statement for the supporters who became disgruntled when the club accepted big fees for such players as

Ian Moore, Terry Hennessey and

Henry Newton in recent years.

They seem well stocked with forwards. Neil Martin, the 33-year-old former Scottish international, underlined his value with two goals in the Cup-tie against Bristol Rovers, while Ian Bowyer, Mackay's last signing in a five-figure deal with Orient, has popped in several useful goals in three months at the County Ground. In reserve, they also have John Galley, scorer of 130 League goals with Rotherham and Bristol City, and Eire international Miah Dennehy.

Midfield duties have been shared by a number of players. Most regular is George Lyall, a skilful Scot who was captured from Preston last season. Other contenders for places in this department are Irish internationals Tommy Jackson, a member of the Everton 1969-70 Championship squad and Martin O'Neil, a smart capture from Distillery in 1971.

Local boy Paul Richardson and Peter Hindley, a veteran of over 400 first-

team games, are also available for midfield duty.

The defence had been fairly settled all season. Former Oxford, Chelsea and Wolves goalkeeper Jim Barron plays in a back-four which has Irish international Liam O'Kane and the very experienced John Winfield operating on the flanks.

Sammy Chapman, a great competitor who was made skipper by Dave Mackay, plays alongside centre-half John Cottam, who has made vast strides since going on loan to Mansfield Town early last season. He could have been transferred to either Mansfield or Walsall and Forest are now glad those deals fell through. Dave Serella, another product of the youth-team, is generally deputy for the back-four positions and Forest have high hopes for young goalkeeper Dennis Peacock, who played ten League games while on loan to Walsall last season.

It is obvious that Allan Brown has a squad rich in experience and promise. After many successful years in the First Division, they are hopeful of getting back at the second attempt and then re-building towards the heights of 1966-67. In that season, they finished as League runners-up and were talked of as 'Double' contenders until beaten in the semi-final of the F.A. Cup.



NOTTINGHAM FOREST F.C.—1973-74—(Back row):

John Galley, John Winfield, John Cottam, John Robertson, Sammy Chapman, Jim Barron, Liam O'Kane, Dave Serella, Paul Richardson, Neil Martin, Peter Hindley. (Front row): Martin O'Neill, Barry Lyons, Tommy Jackson, George Lyall, Miah Dennehy, Jimmy McIntosh, Alan Buckley, Duncan McKenzie.

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NEIL MARTIN

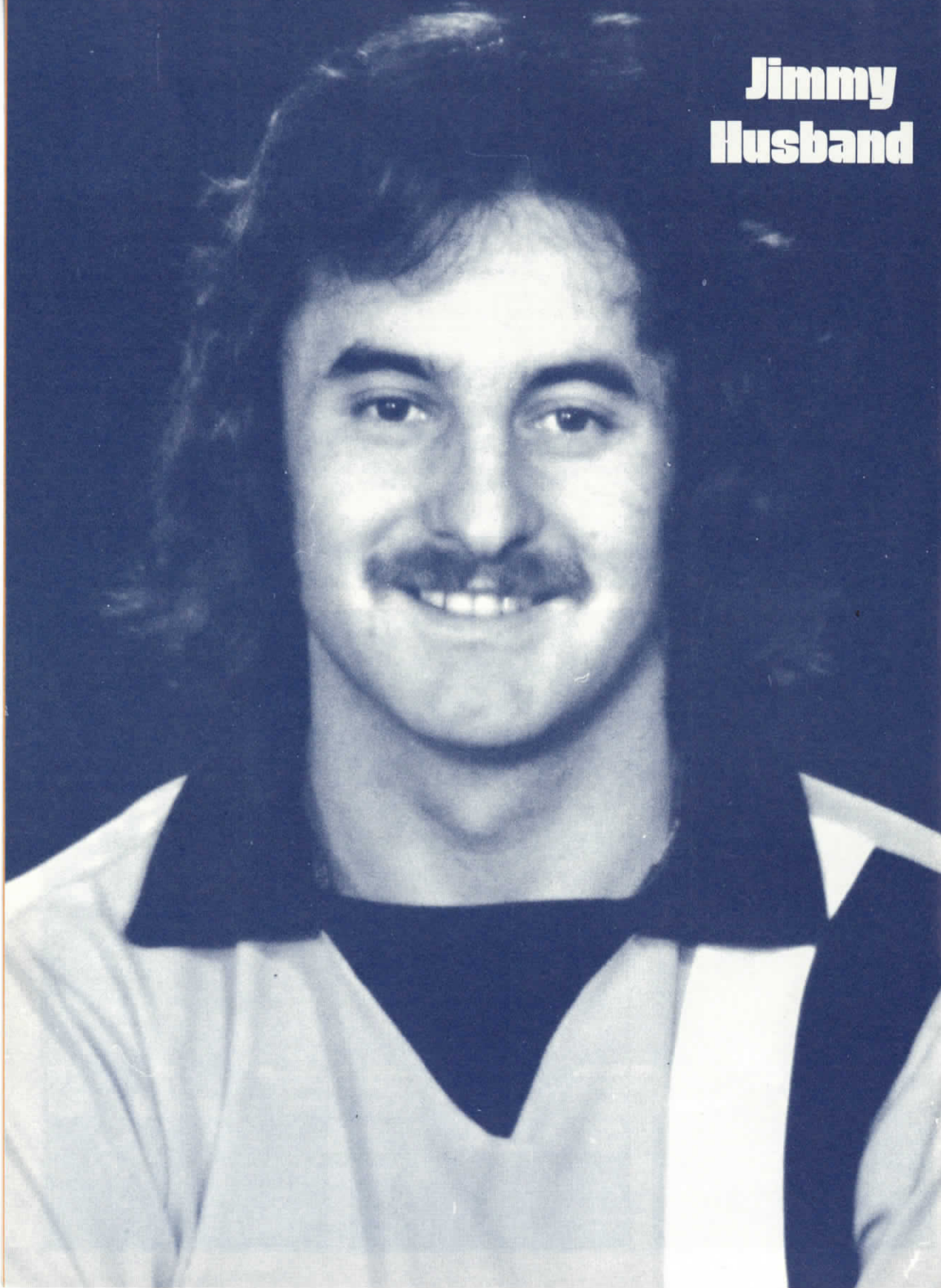


MARTIN O'NEILL



SAMMY CHAPMAN

Jimmy Husband



TOWN FOCUS

Whether a transfer costs £80,000 or £800, the player involved always has a difficult period of adjustment with a new club. Jimmy Husband, our expensive 'import' from the grandiose surroundings of Goodison Park, is no exception to the rule.

In Jimmy's case, the worries have been accentuated by the difficulty of selling his home in the South Liverpool suburb of Woolton and finding a new property in the Luton area.

"In the sense of home life, the move couldn't have come at a worse time for me," says Jimmy. "No one seems to be chasing around for new houses around Christmas and the New Year and, obviously, I'm waiting to tie up the sale of my Liverpool house before getting committed to a property down here.

"It's been a real drag having to dash around the country each week-end and, of course, no father wants to be away from his family for such long periods. To make things more awkward, there's been the worry of the petrol shortage, the 50 miles-an-hour speed limit, and the train dispute.

"Somehow, I've managed to get there every week and one lucky break was the Cup draw which gave us a game at Port Vale. It's only an hour from the Potteries to home, so the wife hired a car and called down to pick me up after the match."

Even so, Jimmy certainly has no regrets about leaving one of the biggest clubs in the country—though he feels some concern that eight games had gone by without his first goal in the 'Town' colours. "That's the elusive one," he says. "And it has to

have a bearing on your attitude to the game.

Jimmy finds a tremendous change between the only two clubs of his professional career. "So many people were employed in the offices at Goodison Park that you never got to know anyone apart from the top people, like the secretary. But I soon discovered a close contact with people at Kenilworth Road—it's more of a happy family atmosphere. "I like the attitude on the playing side. The manager has an attacking policy and it's good to find a boss who does not say 'You can't do that' when he's talking about tactics."

Jimmy also welcomed the chance of re-establishing a regular place in League football. He had only nine League outings in his last 18 months at Everton during which he was set back by niggling injuries. "I naturally wasn't happy about being in and out of the side. It was also a bad time for the club. Things weren't going well for a couple of seasons and we have always seemed to have the name of 'Liverpool' at our throats."

There's one thing that Jimmy does miss now that he has left behind the First Division—the big crowds. But he is quite confident that he will be returning to the old big-match atmosphere with Luton next season.

"We must have a good chance of promotion from here," he believes. "I can't wait for the later weeks of the season when the pressure will produce the tension that every player responds to. The build-up in the last hour or so before a match is felt by everyone and it puts that sharp edge on your game."

"I must confess it was hard to get into the right frame of mind for my first

away match at Millwall. You get used to seeing people thronging to the ground and the good-natured jibes from opposing fans. But when we got to The Den I don't think there were more than ten people about at one o'clock. It seemed strange, but then, as a professional, it's up to me to get the right mental approach."

We're sure that Jimmy will do just that—and let's hope that he finds the goal-trail that will lead to the First Division.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Full Name: James Husband
Born: Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Birthday: 15th October, 1947
Height: Five feet, eight inches
Weight: Eleven stone, eight pounds
Colour of Hair: Brown
Educated: Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Schoolboy Honours: Newcastle, Northumberland and England Boys
Biggest Break: Signing for Luton
Biggest Disappointment: Losing the 1968 F.A. Cup Final
League Debut: Everton v Fulham in 1965
Professional Honours: England Youth and Under-23 caps. Winners' medals in F.A. Youth Cup and League Championship, and losers' medal in the F.A. Cup.
Hobbies: Reading, records, politics
Favourite Artists:
Male Singer: Neil Young
Actress: Sarah Miles
Actor: James Mason
Footballer: Howard Kendall
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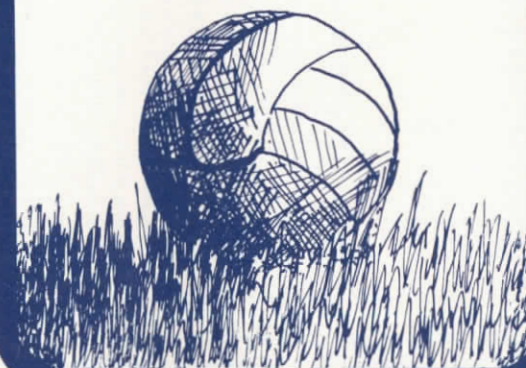


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- 3 BOBBY THOMSON
- 4 PETER ANDERSON
- 5 JOHN FAULKNER
- 6 ALAN GARNER
- 7 JIMMY RYAN
- 8 JIMMY HUSBAND
- 9 BARRY BUTLIN
- 10 ALAN WEST
- 11 JOHN ASTON
- 12

Colours :

Shirts: Orange with White and Navy Vertical Stripe.
Shorts: Navy. Stockings: Orange.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

- 1 JIM BARRON
- 2 LIAM O'KANE
- 3 JOHN WINFIELD
- 4 SAMMY CHAPMAN
- 5 JOHN COTTAM
- 6 PETER HINDLEY
- 7 DUNCAN McKENZIE
- 8 GEORGE LYALL
- 9 NEIL MARTIN
- 10 MARTIN O'NEILL
- 11 IAN BOWYER
- 12

Colours :

Shirts: Red. Shorts: White.
Stockings: Red

GOALSCORERS			
LUTON TOWN		NOTTM. FOREST	
HALF-TIME		HALF-TIME	
FULL-TIME		FULL-TIME	

Referee:

J. K. TAYLOR, Wolverhampton

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A. McDONALD, Birmingham (Orange Flag)

LIST ONE		SCORE
A	Birmingham City v Manchester City	
B	Burnley v Sheffield United	
C	Chelsea v Derby County	
D	Everton v Leeds United	
E	Leicester City v Ipswich Town	
F	Manchester United v Arsenal	
G	Newcastle United v West Ham U	
H	Norwich City v Wolverhampton W	
K	Southampton v Queens Park Rangers	
L	Stoke City v Liverpool	
M	Tottenham Hotspur v Coventry City	
N	Bolton Wanderers v Bristol City	

LIST TWO		SCORE
A	Cardiff City v Carlisle United	
B	Middlesbrough v Portsmouth	
C	Millwall v Fulham	
D	Notts County v Crystal Palace	
E	Orient v Sunderland	
F	Oxford United v Hull City	
G	Preston North End v Aston Villa	
H	Sheffield W v Swindon Town	
K	W B Albion v Blackpool	
L	Bristol Rovers v Bournemouth	
M	Huddersfield v Watford	
N	York City v Charlton	

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

		HOME					AWAY						
Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	
Middlesbrough	24	10	2	1	20	6	5	6	0	14	8	38	
Orient	25	7	3	3	19	9	4	6	1	22	14	33	
LUTON TOWN	24	8	3	1	24	12	4	3	5	11	18	30	
Carlisle United	24	7	3	2	22	10	5	2	5	13	16	29	
Nottingham Forest	24	7	3	1	22	7	2	7	4	10	12	28	
Blackpool	25	6	3	3	18	8	4	5	4	16	17	28	
West Bromwich Albion	25	7	4	2	18	10	3	4	5	10	14	28	
Notts County	24	5	4	4	20	22	5	3	3	17	14	27	
Hull City	25	6	6	0	15	4	1	5	7	10	22	25	
Portsmouth	23	7	2	3	18	11	3	3	5	13	24	25	
Fulham	24	6	3	2	11	7	2	5	6	9	16	24	
Sunderland	24	4	5	2	16	8	4	2	7	14	17	23	
Aston Villa	24	5	6	0	19	8	2	3	8	6	16	23	
Bristol City	25	5	3	4	14	12	4	2	7	11	18	23	
Preston North End	25	6	5	2	20	14	1	4	7	9	23	22	
Millwall	24	5	3	5	18	13	2	4	5	11	17	21	
Cardiff City	25	5	4	4	16	10	1	5	6	12	25	21	
Bolton Wanderers	24	7	2	3	17	9	1	2	9	6	17	20	
Oxford United	24	5	5	2	19	12	1	3	8	6	19	20	
Sheffield Wednesday	24	4	5	4	17	15	1	2	8	5	16	17	
Swindon Town	25	5	4	3	15	12	0	2	11	7	27	16	
Crystal Palace	25	2	4	6	14	19	1	4	8	6	22	16	

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