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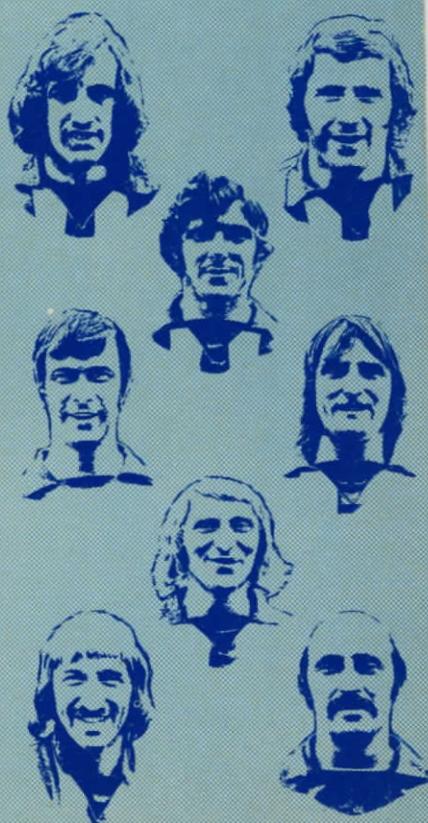


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Brian Joicey in action



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ACTION '74

This week we feature action from the Hillsborough semi-final between Burnley and Newcastle United.

Below (top): Macdonald's flying header is saved by Burnley's keeper Stevenson. Below (middle): MacDonald scores No. 1 for Newcastle past Burnley's keeper. Below (bottom): MacDonald scores No. 2 for Newcastle after Stevenson had blocked 2 earlier attempts.



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Malcolm MacDonald in action during the recent semi-final.

VIEWPOINT



By RON CROWTHER
"Daily Mail"

the semi-finals and to stake a strong claim in the League for a place in Europe.

All these precedents should be very heartening to Middlesbrough. They also show that a good team can do well in any company and that the so-called gulf between First and Second Division football is not quite as wide as some people would have us believe.

After the drift of so many of the town clubs into lower tables and the many predictions

that the First Division will develop into the big city league, there may be doubts in some quarters about the kind of support that Middlesbrough will get for First Division football. But, in this respect, they are much better placed geographically than Burnley, who have set such a brilliant example as a town club. On Tees-side there is a population of 400,000 from which to pull in support.

Middlesbrough, who went down in the distinguished company of Liverpool 20 years ago, have, in my opinion, more reasons apart from their overwhelming Second Division championship success to contemplate a prosperous return to the top table.

Like Liverpool, Leeds, Burnley and Derby before them, they come back fired with ambition. Under a manager like Jack Charlton they are not likely to regard Division One football as the end in itself, but as a means to an end.

Although Charlton admits to the need for a couple of reinforcements for his squad, he believes he has a side of greater footballing ability than that in which he went up into Division One with Leeds.

He also has enough sound Soccer sense to know that the successful pattern that put Middlesbrough in the top table is not one to be suddenly abandoned when they start out there next August. "If there's any transition at all," he says, "it will be a gradual one."

And, significantly, he also says: "We're not going up into the First Division with any ideas about simply hanging on. We're going up there to compete."

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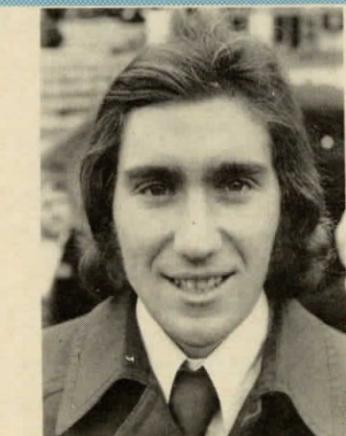
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PROFILE

Introduces: Alan Paterson



Alan Paterson has yet to have his first taste of soccer in the Football League, but the young man from Belfast will mark down the 1973/74 season as one to remember.

It was last October that Alan left his Irish home to join Wednesday, who paid a five-figure fee to capture a goalkeeper who had gained one amateur international cap – and who was earning "rave" reports from scouts who tipped him for a high place in the professional game.

Alan, who had been working as an estimator, gave up the chance of a second amateur cap to join the Owls, but he had no regrets because coming to England meant the fulfilment of the first part of a dream.

That dream will be complete when (a) he steps into Wednesday's League side, and (b) when, as he fervently hopes, he gains international recognition as a professional.

A week after signing for Wednesday, Alan made his Central League debut in the home match with Manchester United. It was a painful rather than a pleasant beginning, for he collided with a post and had to make an early exit.

Happily, he made a quick recovery, and, as well as

He was married in December, and this week he and his wife Janet (an Irish lass) moved into a house after five months as flat-dwellers.

Alan, who was 20 on March 25th, hopes to emulate his idols, Pat Jennings and Gordon Banks, but he didn't become a goalkeeper until he was 14. Previously he had played for his school team as a right-back.

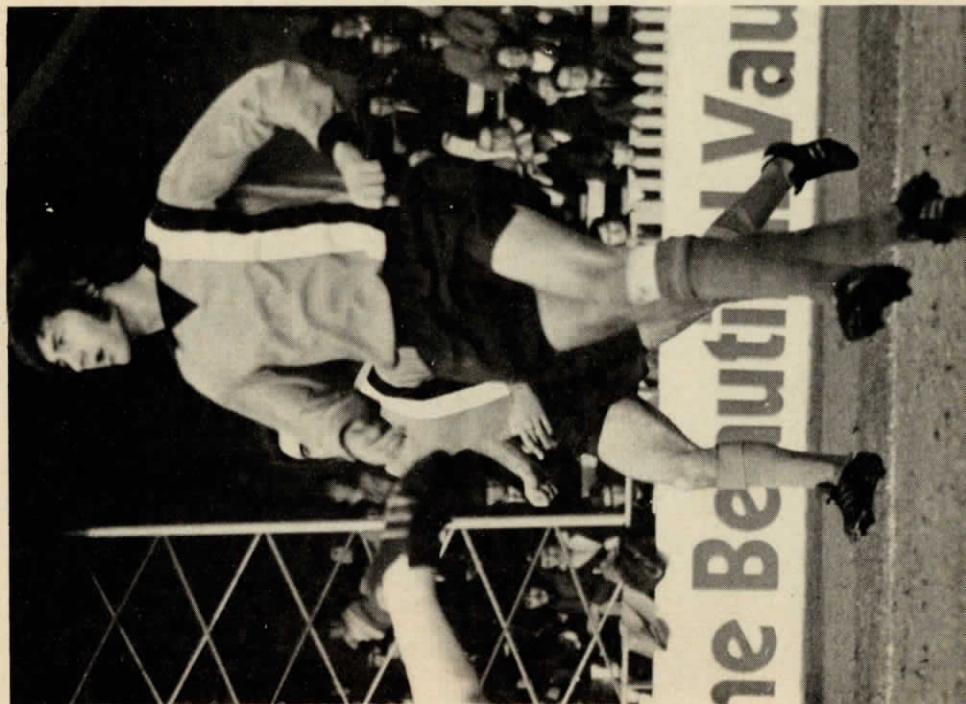
Playing "between the sticks" suited him better and he made quick progress. It was while performing in a local cup final for the Boy's Brigade that he was spotted by Glentoran – and they signed him on straight after the match.

After progressing through the third and second teams, he made his senior debut in August 1972. Last season he played for his national side against Scotland in Glasgow, and it was obvious that it would be only a matter of time before he stepped into the professional ranks.

Dad wanted Alan to continue his studies, but Alan pinned his faith in football. All the extra training he did in obscure corners of Dublin has already brought some rewards, but it seems certain that bigger dividends are just around the corner.



By KEITH FARNSWORTH
("Morning Telegraph," Sheffield)



THE HILLSBOROUGH WELCOME

Today's visitors . . . LUTON TOWN

If Luton win promotion this season they will create history as the only club relegated from the First to the Fourth Division ever to regain their place at the top. In the early 'sixties they dropped through all four sections in five years.

The man responsible for creating the new Luton is manager Harry Haslam. He has signed players of the calibre of Bobby Thomson, a former England defender, and winger John Aston. He also risked a then club record fee of £50,000 in a reasonably unknown player, Barry Butlin, who has proved a big success.

Mr. Haslam this season raised the record payout of £80,000 when he secured the transfer of Burnley's midfield player Alan West, then expended a further £70,000 in return for the experience of striker Jimmy Husband.

Thomson won eight England caps, and made 15 appearances for the under-23s in his Wolves' days. He joined Birmingham City in 1969 and towards the end of 1971/72 he spent a few weeks on loan to Walsall.

Luton paid £30,000 for left winger 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. Last season he was Luton's top scorer with 12 goals.

Butlin, now one of the Hatters' top scorers, began his career with Derby but also spent several months with Notts County on loan.

West developed in Burnley's juniors and, when he lost his first team place this season, he had apparently signed for Sunderland. But the Roker club called off the deal on medical grounds.

Husband, a recent arrival from Everton, made his League bow for Everton in 1965 and later won five England under-23 caps. Earlier he had played in school and youth internationals.

Peter Anderson, Alan West and Jimmy Ryan are the possible midfield players.

Anderson made a quick conversion from non-League circles. Signed from Hendon in 1971, he went immediately into Luton's first-team in 1971/72 and was their top scorer.

Jimmy Ryan, now the club's penalty taker, was for several years a Manchester United player but

it was after his transfer to Luton in 1970 that he began to play regular League football.

John Ryan, John Faulkner, Alan Garner, and Bobby Thomson are usually in the back four.

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.

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. Leeds signed him shortly afterwards but he linked with Luton two seasons ago.

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.

The goalkeeper is likely to be Graham Horn who appeared to have won his fight for possession with Keith Barber. Luton paid Arsenal £25,000 for Graham 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.

Last season we ran up our biggest victory of the season over Luton, John Holsgrove, Peter Rodrigues, Mike Prendergast and Peter Eustace netting in a 4-0 win.



Back Row (left to right): Billy Holmes, Alan Slough (now with Fulham), Jimmy Ryan, Paul Price, Viv Busby (now with Fulham), John Faulkner, Ken Goodeve, Peter Cruse, Phil O'Connor.

Middle Row (left to right): Rodney Fern, Ken Whittlefield (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 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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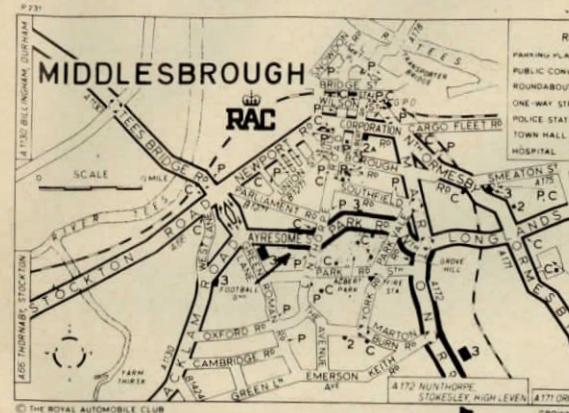
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