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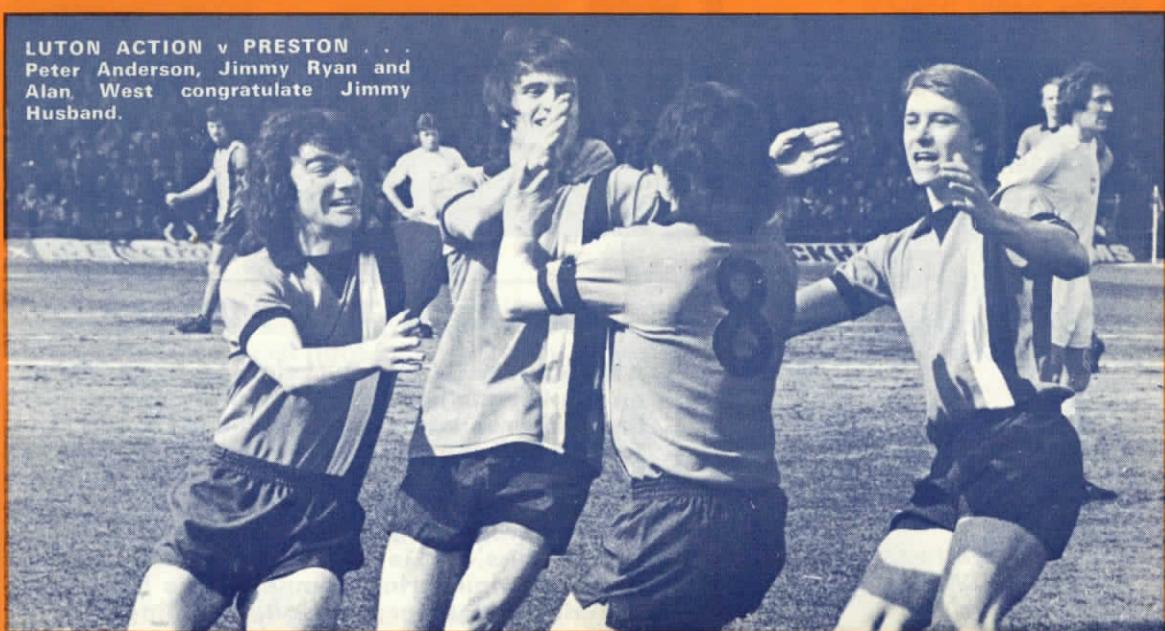
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# HARRY'S TOWN

The holiday period has made it necessary for me to compile this column before the start of perhaps the most crucial Easter programme for the club since they were last promoted to the First Division at the end of the 1954-55 season.

We had successive away trips on Friday and Saturday, the first to Oxford, to whom we play hosts today, and then at Sheffield Wednesday in a 48-hour period where the points involved were invaluable.

Unlike us all reading these notes now, I had no idea of the outcome of the two matches when writing, but what I did appreciate was that we realised that both Oxford United and Sheffield Wednesday would be fighting just as hard—but for entirely different reasons.

Our situation demanded the points just as much as the opposition, and the fact that we are at opposite ends of the table, with over 15 clubs between us, could not be considered a measure or guide to our chances of beating them.

The Second Division is the most cramped affair I can ever remember it being, a 'sardine' situation outside of Middlesbrough for most of the time.

I was pleased at the way the lads reacted to a half-time chat against Preston North End and then went out to beat them 4-2 to establish that three-point gap to the team below us. Some effective work up front had been nullified by a certain 'looseness' in defence, resulting in expensive slips which cost us goals. I knew that we hadn't really put our game together in the first-half, and if we could show a fundamental improvement, we would win.

The general improvement came, cutting down the possibilities for Preston, and it was good to see the players up front responding by shooting more often.

As we are essentially an attacking side, it is not unthinkable that we should concede goals, however tight and responsible the defence might be. It might be nice to think that we could switch from our natural approach and outlook and swing into a defensive pat-

tern for the remainder of the season, chipping out odd points to guarantee our objective. But after dictating a style and method of play into a squad for nearly two years, it cannot be policy to try and alter it—only as I see it improve and better the quality of the production we have persevered with.

I have always maintained that it's the only kind of presentation the public want and if we achieve what we set out to do this season, I shall consider there's none better. I have set no rigid point-collecting finish to the season, our final tally is a wide open figure—but it would be nice to end our campaign as we started this year.

If my arithmetic is right, Luton will certainly be in the First Division once they touch 54 points. I was hopeful before Easter, when we had six games left, that we could take nine points from them to get us to the guaranteed figure. We have matched such a spell before, when we started a six-match run on 12th January against Portsmouth and had nine points from it when beating Swindon Town 2-0 on 26th February.

But if the Second Division continues right to the end of the season in the way it's gone for most of the term, with about ten potential candidates taking a step forward and then two back, Luton could have a lot to celebrate sooner because 51 points might well be enough.

But there is no way of convincing us that we have reached our goal until it's certain. It's certain that there are no chickens being counted at Kenilworth Road. All I hope is by now the position is clearer, and that after today's second game in five days against Oxford United we are nearer to the prize we have all worked so hard to grasp.

HARRY HASLAM

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

... which isn't surprising, 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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Goals Scored		Opponents		Results		Att.		League Position		Litt	
1973				F-A	0-4	10,432					
Aug 25	Nottingham Forest	6-1	7-231	12							
Sept 1	Carlisle United	3-1	12,208	9							
Sept 8	Bristol City	8	8,509	8							
11	Notts County	1-1	11,552	8							
15	Portsmouth	3-3	11,552	8							
22	Sunderland	1-0	27,334	7							
29	Blackpool	3-0	10,365	3							
Oct 6	Crystal Palace	2-1	19,790	4							
Oct 10	Grimsby Town (LC2)	1-1	9,656	2							
13	Swindon Town	2-1	10,732	4							
16	Grimsby Town (LC2 R)	3-2	13,643	2							
20	Orient	0-2	11,102	2							
23	Grimsby Town (LC2 2R)	2-0	15,365	2							
27	Hull City	2-2	11,408	4							
31	Bury (LC3)	0-0	8,191	2							
Nov 3	Middleborough	1-2	22,520	6							
Nov 6	Bury (LC3 R)	3-2	7,826	2							
10	Blackpool	2-1	9,528	8							
14	Bolton Wanderers	0-0	5,999	7							
17	Cardiff City	0-0	9,543	6							
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	1-0	7,139	3							
22	Aston Villa	1-0	10,020	3							
26	Blackpool	0-3	7,796	4							
29	Bristol City	1-0	11,398	3							
1974											
Jan 5	Carlisle United	0-2	9,255	3							
9	Port Vale (FAC 3)	1-1	8,127	—							
12	Port Vale (Replay)	4-2	5,833	—							
19	Nottingham Forest	0-0	18,476	3							
26	Bradford C (FAC 4)	2-2	11,888	3							
Feb 2	Aston Villa	3-0	12,470	—							
5	Notts County	1-0	26,180	3							
16	Leicester C (FAC 5)	1-1	4,908	3							
23	Crystal Palace	0-4	25,712	—							
26	Swindon Town	2-1	14,287	4							
Mar 5	Fulham	2-0	2,600	2							
9	Hull City	1-2	10,071	2							
16	Orient	3-1	7,027	2							
23	Bolton Wanderers	0-1	17,045	2							
30	Middlesbrough	0-1	15,616	2							
April 6	Preston North End	0-1	19,812	2							
12	Oxford United	3-1	11,806	—							
13	Sheffield Wednesday	1-0	16,000	—							
20	Millwall	2-7	West Bromwich A (FA Cup—Final)	4-2							
May 1	Sunderland	15									
4	Blackpool	15									

— Goals Scored  
S— Substitute Appearances  
\* Withdrawal

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

## FOOTBALL COMB. TABLE, APPS. AND GOALSCORERS

Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Norwich City	36	21	9	6	76	36	51
Bournemouth	36	21	8	7	64	39	50
Ipswich Town	38	20	8	10	72	46	48
Leicester City	34	19	8	7	49	23	46
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>42</b>
Arsenal	35	16	10	9	50	32	42
Tottenham H.	26	15	10	11	44	39	40
Chelsea	38	15	9	14	62	49	39
Oxford United	34	14	10	10	38	31	38
Q.P.R.	32	13	11	8	54	39	37
Plymouth A.	32	13	9	10	50	43	35
Swindon T.	33	12	10	11	43	41	34
Fulham	34	12	10	12	33	35	34
West Ham U.	35	12	10	13	38	44	34
Birmingham C.	36	13	6	13	35	44	32
Bristol Rovers	34	11	9	14	43	56	31
Cardiff City	37	10	7	20	37	60	27
Crystal Palace	33	10	7	16	34	56	27
Swansea City	32	9	5	18	40	55	23
Southampton	35	8	7	20	41	73	23
Bristol City	33	9	4	20	33	60	22
Reading	36	3	5	28	27	81	11

## MID-WEEK LEAGUE TABLE, APPS. AND GOALSCORERS

Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Watford	19	13	2	4	37	18	28
Millwall	21	11	6	4	44	31	28
Portsmouth	17	9	5	3	37	18	23
Orient	16	7	7	2	22	15	21
Peterborough	18	8	4	6	35	28	20
Southend U.	22	7	6	9	36	33	20
Brighton H.A.	18	7	5	6	34	23	19
Gillingham	18	6	5	7	29	30	17
Colchester U.	23	5	6	12	29	50	16
Cambridge U.	16	6	3	7	23	23	15
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>14</b>
Northampton	20	6	1	13	30	45	13
Charlton A.	18	3	6	9	18	38	12

## DIVISION TWO—GOALSCORERS

League and Cups
Byrom, Bolton Wanderers
Brown (T), W. B. Albion
McKenzie, Nottingham Forest
Wood, Millwall
Fairbrother, Orient
Halom, Sunderland
Bullock, Orient
Foggon, Middlesbrough
<b>Butlin, Luton Town</b>
Clarke, Carlisle Utd.
Davies, Portsmouth
Burns, Blackpool

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



# TOWN FOCUS

One thing we quickly discovered when catching up Peter Cruse—he's not the superstitious type. Granted, like the majority of us, he thinks twice before taking a chance under a ladder. But it ends right there.

And that's just as well, otherwise Peter may never have made this season the success it's been—but the converted, may argue that it would have been better for him if he had dodged an injury which hit him six weeks ago and is now only just clearing up.

Checking on Peter's record with him, it transpired that after making his breakthrough to the League side, on the opening day of the season, against Nottingham Forest, the name Cruse has been number 12 and substitute for... 13 matches.

But that's a number which hasn't worried Peter and his parents since they moved into Regents Park, London, at... number 13, just as you might guess, 13 years ago. It needs ice-cool nerve and split second timing to make goals out of 'nothing' situations, and when you have 18 to your credit, the only 'number' on your mind, is the next one in the goals race.

"I couldn't care less about superstitions, the only thing I'm interested in, is a regular first-team place. It's been difficult this season because the boss has got a winning formula which has put us bang in line for the First Division.

"When I got in at the start of the season there was no happier man in the rest of the four Leagues. But it brought the biggest football disappointment in my life when Luton were beaten 4-0—but perhaps it

proved a blessing in disguise for the club."

On the face of it, it cannot be considered to have accelerated the progress of this England Amateur international, who has tasted Luton's League Two demands since, without without being able to really sink his teeth in to a spot.

Part of Peter's special conditioning for that place involved a planned month's term with Shrewsbury Town. But Peter was only on loan for two of the scheduled four Saturday's, when he crashed into big Jim Furnell, the veteran Plymouth Argyle goalkeeper, who was also once an Arsenal player, and that was the end of the loan and Peter's playing days until last week. "I tore the ligaments in my ankle and it's been a slow and tedious trail back. It's involved hours of treatment with 'physio' Reg Game and at first, when I thought I was ready, the ankle used to blow up every time I put it to the test."

Peter was hoping there would be no reaction to his first competitive action when turning out last week, the first step, he trusts, on the way back to a first-team place.

After 18 months at Arsenal, it's rather inevitable that some of the call of glory and glamour will rub off and add drive to players ambition of enjoying it before it's too late. "I began this season in the senior side—and if I'm lucky, that's where I'll finish."

"I don't think the promotion issue will be clinched for anyone, except, of course, Middlesbrough, so the final fixture this month could be the crucial one. I'm not superstitious, but if anyone told me to carry a rabbit's foot between now and the end of the

season, and I'll enjoy a hat-trick in that last game—Davey Crockett would look like a well dressed politician!"

## Personal Details

**Full Name:** Peter Cruse.  
**Birthplace:** London.  
**Birthday:** 10th January, 1951.  
**Height:** Five feet, eleven inches.  
**Weight:** Eleven stone, three pounds.  
**Colour of Eyes:** Brown.  
**Colour of Hair:** Brown.  
**Parents Name:** Lily and Harry.  
**Sisters Name:** June.  
**Father's Job:** Trimmer at Rolls Royce.  
**Educated:** Haverstock Secondary School, Chalk Farm, London.  
**Previous Clubs:** Enfield, Hoddesdon, Slough, Arsenal. Also played for St. Pancras Schoolboys, Camden.  
**International Record:** Two England Amateur caps.  
**Important Games Abroad:** England Amateur international against France in 1972.  
**Previous Occupation:** G.P.O. Telephone Engineer.  
**avourite Colour:** Blue.  
**avourite Clothes:** Modern Casual.  
**avourite Artistes:**  
Male Singer: Jack Jones.  
Female Singer: Diana Ross.  
Actor: Steve McQueen.  
Actress: Jane Fonda.  
Player: Alan Ball.  
Composer: Bert Baccarach.  
Group: Bread.  
Food: Italian.  
Drink: Mackeson.  
Car: Ford Capri XL.  
Likes: Sunbathing.  
Dislikes: Match of the Day.  
Ambition: To play in first Division football as long as possible.

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What went wrong? That was the question still bugging Oxford United as a season which started with promotion hopes eight months ago became a tense battle for survival in the three-match Easter programme.

The original optimism stemmed from last term, which was their best since being up-graded from the Southern League 12 years ago. Gerry Summers, an astute manager from the younger 'track-suit' school, took them into eighth place and felt that he had reasonable grounds to believe in a further improvement throughout this campaign.

It was not to be. Oxford scraped together only two points from the first five matches setting a pattern of struggle for the long winter months—and Mr Summers soon realised that he had problems in what was always recognised to be the strongest part of his team.

The 'Iron Curtain' defence lost its 'super security' appearance, especially in a 5-0 defeat by Cardiff City, and the Oxford chief was reported to be unhappy with the number of bad goals conceded. Victories over the two Nottingham clubs were the only positive results they had to show with a quarter of the season gone and it was decided that the time had come for changes.

Colin Clarke, a good signing from Arsenal's reserves when Oxford climbed into the Third Division in 1965, was dropped from the centre-half position and handed over the captaincy to Welsh international Dave Roberts, himself a product of London reserve football with Fulham. Nick Lowe, a local youngster who had played for amateur stars Oxford City, had an eight-game spell in the number five spot and Jimmy Light, another Oxford-born apprentice discovery, came in at right-back in place of the experienced Dick Lucas. But problems bugged Oxford's hopes right through to Christmas, which arrived with United deeply in the relegation zone after recording just four wins—including one away success at Sheffield Wednesday in November. It was then that things started to swing their way for the first time. Graham Atkinson, a survivor from the

# INTRODUCING OXFORD

Southern League days and younger brother of former skipper Ron, announced his return to the first-team after a long injury battle by scoring twice in the 5-0 trouncing of Bristol City on Boxing Day. Then he scored one of the goals which beat his first club, Aston Villa, on 29th December. Hard-earned away points at Nottingham Forest and Sunderland, plus a home draw against Hull City, then stretched Oxford into a promising unbeaten run of five games. "I though we had got on the right lines then," said Mr Summers, but he

knew that relegation worries would be with him for the rest of the season when United suddenly lurched into three successive defeats. However, a 1-1 home draw against doomed Swindon Town knocked Oxford back into the trouble zone and was followed by defeats at Middlesbrough and at home to Bolton Wanderers. The latter game was especially disappointing to Mr Summers, who was driven to criticise members of his team. He said in a subsequent programme article: "I could have forgiven our

supporters for feeling, during the opening half, that apart from Colin Clarke, Dave Roberts and John Shuker, our players didn't look too interested. This is something I have never said about my players before." It appeared that the hard-hitting words had worked a week later when they met fellow-strugglers Sheffield Wednesday in a 'make or break' game at The Manor Ground. Hugh Curran, the former Scotland and Wolves striker, once more underlined the value of his club record transfer by scoring the single goal which dragged Wednesday back into the fight to escape the Third Division. Now Oxford are geared for maximum effort to make amends for a season which has brought so much disappointment on the field and financial worries from poor attendances. They went out of the League and F.A. Cups at the first stage and

even the gate of 13,435 against Manchester City was not the pay-day envisaged before the three-day week hit soccer gates.

Because of this experience United wanted to be Sunday pioneers, but they were constantly refused by opponents and had to soldier along.

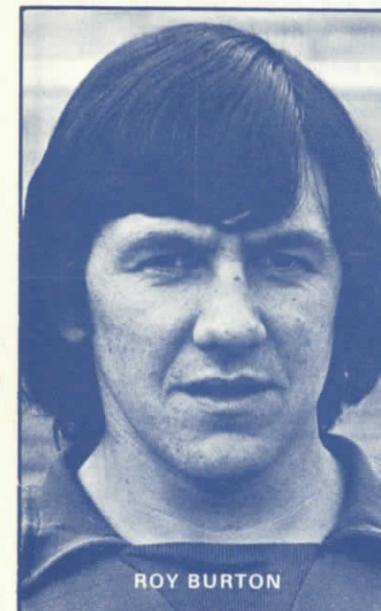
The good points of the season include above-average consistency from such players as home-produced goalkeeper Roy Burton and Dave Roberts. John Shuker, a long-serving defender who has also appeared in most other positions, has held down the left-back spot with authority, while Colin Clarke came back from the reserves in his old-style form.

Hugh Curran and ex-Wolves teammate Derek Clarke have shared the main striking roles with support from Keith Gough, a free transfer capture from Walsall last season, Geoff Bray, another 'free' signing from Gillingham, and Ken Skeen, a lengthy servant who was formerly with Swindon Town.

Among the midfield contenders, Oxford have used John Fleming, a Nottingham man who was signed four years ago, Steve Aylott, once a deputy for Bobby Moore at West Ham United, and Billy Jeffrey, a young Scot who made his debut while still 16 earlier in the season.



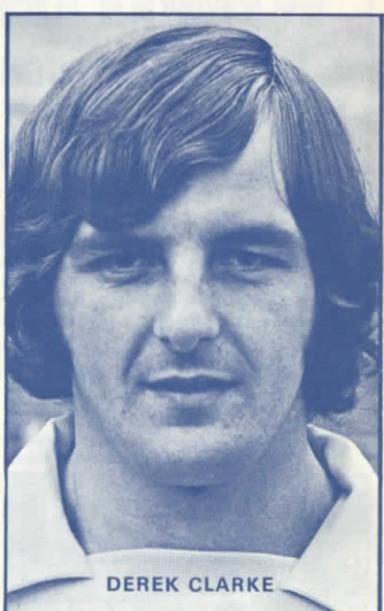
(Back row): Dave Roberts, Ray Pickett (now Yeovil), Rodney Smithson, Roy Burton, Kevin Thomas, Peter Hatch (now Exeter), John Shuker, Jimmy Light. (Centre row): John Fleming, Steve Flay, Derek Clarke, Hugh Curran, Nigel Cassidy (now Cambridge), Graham Atkinson, Keith Gough, Jimmy Campbell, Nick Lowe. (Front row): Ken Fish (trainer), Dick Lucas, John Evanson (now Blackpool), Geoff Bray, Gerry Summers (manager), Colin Clarke, Ken Skeen, Steve Aylott, Mick Brown (assistant manager).



ROY BURTON



DAVE ROBERTS



DEREK CLARKE

OXFORD UNITED F.C.—HISTORY—Founded: in 1896 as Headington United. Elected to League Division Four in 1962. Ground: The Manor, Beech Road, Headington, Oxford. Record Attendance: 22,730, against Preston North End (F.A. Cup), February, 1964. Division Three Champions: 1967-68. Promoted from Division Four: 1964-65.

## TEN-YEAR RECORD . . .

Season	Div	Pos	W	Pts	Season	Div	Pos	W	Pts
1972-73	2	8th	19	45	1967-68	3	1st	22	57
1971-72	2	15th	12	38	1966-67	3	15th	15	43
1970-71	2	14th	14	42	1965-66	3	14th	19	46
1969-70	2	15th	12	39	1964-65	4	4th	25	61
1968-69	2	20th	12	33	1963-64	4	18th	14	41

# Town Talk

## LUTON TOWN MASCOT

Today's mascot is Master Phillip Murray of 39 Marlin Road, Lewsey Farm, Luton, who will be ten years old tomorrow. Happy birthday Phillip.

## GRATEFUL THANKS ...

The Directors, Management, Players and Staff of Luton Town would like to offer their sincere thanks for the wonderful efforts of both VAUXHALL MOTORS and SHAW AND KILBURN in assisting us to obtain our new club coach.

During the coming months you will have the opportunity of seeing for yourselves the marvellous job the SHAW AND KILBURN's Paint Shop has done on the outside of the vehicle. They have re-painted the coach in the club's new colours and have even gone to great lengths to put the club badge on the rear of the coach. (Rumour has it that Bill Powers himself painted the badge).

The coach will be used for reserve-team travel and for other travel activities and, of course,

# Town Talk

this is just another step in our push towards the 'big league'.

## TELEVISING OF MATCHES ...

You may have noticed that during games where we have not had major television exposure from Kenilworth Road there has been a lone figure on the television rostrum beneath the main stand, operating a television camera, videoing the whole of each game. No, it's not Alfred Hitchcock, his name is Don Barden. Don who works at VAUXHALL, is a keen video enthusiast and when he learned that the club in conjunction with the Century Club, had purchased a complete video system, he kindly offered his services as operator.

We have also taken the equipment to away games and this has proved to be a great advantage to both Harry and Roy for training and coaching purposes. Once the system has been perfected and good sound commentaries included on the tape it is our intention to offer to show the individual games to such organisations which Harry and his staff feel can benefit from them ... like local hospitals, etc.

# Town Travel

WEST BROMWICH ALBION

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LUTON TOWN

SATURDAY, 27th APRIL, 1974  
(KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm)

The train times for the above match are not available at the time of going to press. Full details will be published in the next programme (against Millwall) and in the local papers.

Please try to go along to The Hawthorns, West Bromwich, and give 'The Hatters' a lot of support in this vital game.

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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This time goalkeeper Brown safely gathers a cross and beats Barry Butlin while Jimmy Husband watches the action closely.

# DIVISION TWO

FOUR GOALS IN A MATCH . . .

Brown (T), W B Albion v Nottingham Forest 12.1.74  
Clarke, Carlisle United v Swindon Town 30.3.74

HAT-TRICKS . . .

McCulloch, Cardiff City v Oxford United 12. 9.73  
Prendergast, Sheff Wednesday v C Palace 29. 9.73  
Wood, Millwall v Preston North End 22.10.73  
Halom, Sunderland v Derby County\* 31.10.73  
Tueart, Sunderland v Swindon Town 10.11.73  
Burns, Blackpool v Luton Town 22.12.73  
Farrington, Cardiff City v Sunderland 29.12.73  
Brown (T), W B Albion v Notts County 5. 1.74  
Byrom, Bolton Wanderers v Stoke City\* 6. 1.74  
Busby, Fulham v Sheffield Wednesday 2. 2.74  
Fear, Bristol City v Millwall 26. 2.74  
Husband, Luton Town v Orient 16. 3.74  
Butlin, Luton Town v Preston North End 6. 4.74  
(\*Cup Games)

HIGHEST HOME WINS . . .

Luton Town 6, Carlisle United 1 1. 9.73  
Cardiff City 5, Oxford United 0 12. 9.73  
Aston Villa 5, Cardiff City 0 6.10.73  
Millwall 5, Preston North End 1 27.10.73  
Blackpool 5, Portsmouth 0 3.11.73  
Oxford United 5, Bristol City 0 23.12.73  
Nottingham Forest 5, Middlesbrough 1 2. 2.74  
Bristol City 5, Millwall 2 23. 2.74  
Sheffield Wednesday 5, Cardiff City 0 16. 3.74  
Carlisle United 5, Swindon Town 0 30. 3.74

HIGHEST AWAY WINS . . .

Notts County 1, Sheffield Wednesday 5 9. 3.74  
Crystal Palace 1, Notts County 4 25. 8.73

Highest Away wins—continued

Notts County 1, Sunderland 4	1. 9.73
Nottingham Forest 1, W B Albion 4	12. 1.74
Swindon Town 1, Notts County 4	19. 2.74
W B Albion 0, Middlesbrough 4	16. 3.74
Fulham 0, Middlesbrough 4	19. 3.74
Sheffield Wednesday 2, Aston Villa 4	1. 4.74

MOST CONSECUTIVE WINS . . .

Middlesbrough (Nine to date)

MOST UNBEATEN GAMES . . .

Middlesbrough (24) from 8.9.73 to 2.2.74

MOST GAMES WITHOUT A WIN . . .

Crystal Palace (15) from 25.8.73 to 10.11.73

MOST SUCCESSIVE DEFEATS . . .

Swindon Town (4) Bristol City (twice), Fulham, Millwall and Sheffield Wednesday

HIGHEST ATTENDANCES . . .

43,080—West Bromwich Albion v Aston Villa	26.12.73
41,658—Sunderland v Middlesbrough	2. 2.74
37,323—Aston Villa v West Bromwich Albion	2. 2.74
37,038—Middlesbrough v Sunderland	26.12.73
31,935—Sunderland v Crystal Palace	27.10.73
30,162—Aston Villa v Fulham	19. 9.73
30,054—Crystal Palace v Millwall	17.11.73
30,036—Notts County v Nottingham Forest	26.12.73

LOWEST ATTENDANCES . . .

2,600—Swindon Town v Luton Town 26. 2.74

These statistics are up to and including Saturday, 6th April, 1974.

# STATISTICS

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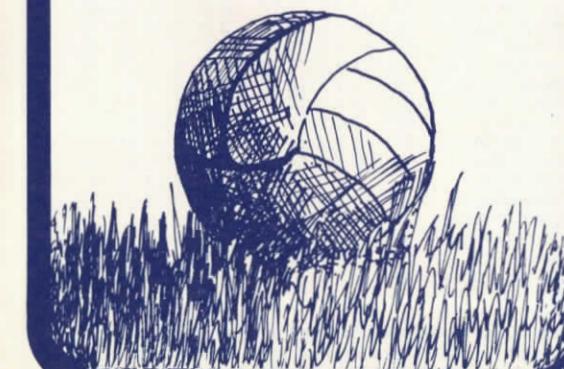
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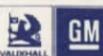


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- 4 PETER ANDERSON
- 5 JOHN FAULKNER
- 6 ALAN GARNER
- 7 JIMMY RYAN
- 8 JIMMY HUSBAND
- 9 BARRY BUTLIN
- 10 ALAN WEST
- 11 JOHN ASTON
- 12

## Colours:

Shirts: Orange with White and Navy Vertical Stripe

Shorts: Navy. Stockings: Orange.

## OXFORD UNITED

- 1 ROY BURTON
- 2 JIMMY LIGHT
- 3 JOHN SHUKER
- 4 DAVE ROBERTS
- 5 COLIN CLARKE
- 6 MAX BRIGGS
- 7 KEITH GOUGH
- 8 JOHN FLEMING
- 9 HUGH CURRAN
- 10 DEREK CLARKE
- 11 STEVE AYLOTT
- 12

### Colours:

Shirts: White. Shorts: Blue. Stockings: White.

## GOALSGORERS

**Referee:**

Mr A. P. OLIVER, Leigh-on-Sea

### Linesmen:

Mr K. G. SALMON, Barnet (Bed Flag)

Mr G. DOWNEY, Isleworth (Orange Flag)

**LIST ONE**

<b>A</b>	<b>Birmingham City v Burnley</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Leicester City v Stoke City</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Liverpool v Manchester City</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Sheffield United v Leeds United</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>Blackpool v Aston Villa</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Carlisle United v Sunderland</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>Crystal Palace v Fulham</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>Nottingham Forest v Bristol City</b>
<b>K</b>	<b>Bristol Rovers v Tranmere Rovers</b>
<b>L</b>	<b>Cambridge United v Wrexham</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>Halifax Town v Blackburn Rovers</b>
<b>N</b>	<b>Plymouth Argyle v Charlton Athletic</b>

## LIST TWO

A	Port Vale v Watford
B	Shrewsbury Town v Hereford U
C	Barnsley v Peterborough United
D	Brentford v Colchester United
E	Chester v Stockport County
F	Crewe Alexandra v Northampton T
G	Darlington v Hartlepool
H	Doncaster Rovers v Lincoln City
K	Newport County v Swansea City
L	Scunthorpe United v Rotherham U

## LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Teams	Home						Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbrough	37	15	3	1	32	8	10	7	1	30	15	60
<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>45</b>
Orient	36	8	6	4	24	14	6	8	4	26	23	42
Blackpool	37	9	5	5	29	16	5	8	5	20	20	41
Carlisle United	36	10	5	3	35	16	6	4	8	19	25	41
Nottn Forest	36	11	5	3	37	17	2	9	6	13	18	40
W B Albion	37	7	4	4	25	22	6	7	6	20	19	40
Sunderland	36	9	6	3	27	11	6	3	9	20	24	39
Bolton Wand	37	11	5	3	28	14	3	5	10	14	22	38
Fulham	37	10	4	5	21	16	4	8	8	11	18	38
Hull City	38	8	8	2	22	13	3	8	9	19	32	38
Notts County	38	7	4	7	27	33	7	6	7	24	24	38
Aston Villa	35	7	9	2	29	17	5	4	8	12	18	37
Millwall	37	8	5	5	24	14	4	7	8	22	31	36
Portsmouth	37	8	7	3	23	14	4	4	11	16	44	35
Bristol City	37	8	5	6	24	18	4	4	10	18	30	33
Cardiff City	37	7	5	6	22	16	2	8	9	20	39	31
Sheffield Wed	37	7	5	6	29	22	3	4	12	18	31	29
Crystal Palace	36	6	7	6	24	20	3	4	10	12	27	29
Oxford United	36	7	7	4	25	19	1	6	11	7	25	29
Preston N E	37	7	6	5	22	19	1	6	12	14	38	27
Swindon Town	38	5	7	7	21	26	0	4	15	12	41	21

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