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(Front row): Jim Ryan, Jimmy Husband, Peter Anderson, Harry Haslam (manager), Barry Butlin, Rodney Fern, John Aston.

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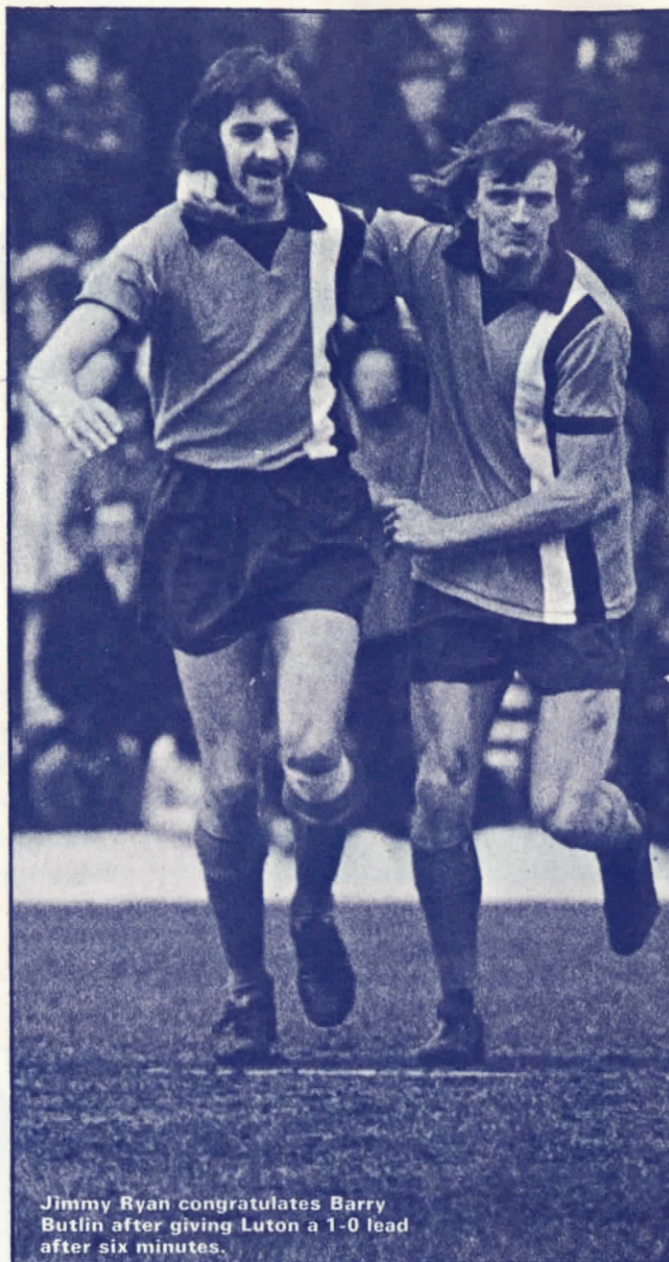
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Jimmy Ryan congratulates Barry Butlin after giving Luton a 1-0 lead after six minutes.

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

ROBERT MATHEWSON (Manchester). Began refereeing in Bolton Leagues and graduated through the West Lancashire the Lancashire Combination and the Northern Premier Leagues. Went on The League line in 1966-67, and he was promoted to the referee's list two seasons later, and last season was appointed to the F.I.F.A. panel. Refereed the 1971 League Cup Semi-Final—Stoke City v West Ham United—and has been on the line for several European Cup matches, plus the 1970 F.A. Cup Final (Chelsea v Leeds United). A quality manager with an engineering firm he is married with an 11-year-old daughter. His interests include gardening, motoring, wine making and soccer at all levels. He is chairman of Bolton Referee's Society and chairman of the North West and North Wales section of the Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen.

HARRY'S TOWN

WONDERFUL! That's the simple word which sums up the feeling that has swept over the club since the team clinched the crucial point at West Bromwich on Saturday, turning the dreams of the past two seasons into fantastic reality. Luton are back in the First Division for the first time for 14 years after living through times of tension since we first seriously thought, around Christmas, that we were going to make it.

But I am sure all closely connected with the club, and a few of the true supporters who I would like to thank for travelling to Albion on Saturday to give the lads the final 'lift' in the promotion programme could have used a tranquiliser or two when we had to endure that nail-biting finish when time seemed to freeze.

I did more good for *Embassy* than for my own health in the last quarter of an hour after a ridiculous penalty decision threw Luton on the rack. Up to that time, after Barry Butlin's 'best goal ever' for the club had put us in the driving seat, I was confident the club had done it and it was difficult to check my thoughts straying

from the immediate matters to the new world beckoning on the horizon.

I had to replace John Aston at half-time because of an 'old' knee problem and Gordon Hindson took over his role in a faultless way which had such an impact that he nearly inspired the team to a couple of second-half goals that would really have wrapped it up, nice and early. In the end, Albion's equaliser, from Tony Brown's penalty which should never have been because Willie Johnston ran into John Faulkner when their was no apparent danger, but it did not matter because we had won second place behind Middlesbrough and earned our right to join the First Division in the 'traditional' manner.

It has been the first season for the three up and three down experiment and no doubt it will be combed over, for its values and side effects, by the powers that be. I am happy to have assisted the club back without the direct assistance of this controversial change. But regardless of our situation, and that of next season when we are in the premier League, I will back the continuation of the new system all the way. I have heard and fenced with

all the pro's and con's of the argument, but in the end, I still feel it is a winner and I want to see it retained.

While I am overjoyed for the club for the success it has earned, leaving an envious moment to sit back and ponder over the destiny of a future in a new field, I must admit to being a little overtaken by the swiftness of it all.

It has been a tremendous first two seasons in the managers chair for me, but last summer I said that we needed a positive five-year-plan to first get us into Division One and make ourselves an established member of the elite. Luton are now there before I dared ever think possible, but it is not altogether a shock considering the way we got off the ground in our first term together.

The team and those responsible for running it successfully, have brought something back to Kenilworth Road. We have big ideas for everybody, including our supporters, now all we have to do is to make them work.

As these are my final notes of the happiest nine months of my life, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed, large and small, to enable me to enjoy the honour of becoming a manager of a First Division club. I just hope that I can justify such recognition. Rest assured, no stone will be left unturned in an effort to fulfil those responsibilities.



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

Goals Scored S—Substitute Appearances *—Withdrawal				League Position		Results	Opponents	Alt	Date
1973	Aug 25	10,432	F-A	12	1	0-4	Nottingham Forest		
	Sept 1	7,231	0-1	9	8	6-1	Carlisle United		
	8	12,208	3-1	8	8	1-1	Bristol City		
	11	8,509	3-3	8	8	1-1	Notts County		
	15	11,552	3-3	8	8	1-0	Portsmouth		
	22	27,334	3-0	7	7	3-3	Sunderland		
	29	10,365	3-0	3	3	3-0	Blackpool		
	6	19,790	2-1	4	4	2-1	Crystal Palace		
	10	9,656	1-1	4	4	1-1	Grimsby Town (LC2)		
	13	10,732	2-1	4	4	2-1	Swindon Town		
	16	13,643	0-0	4	4	0-0	Grimsby Town (LC2 R)		
	20	11,102	0-2	2	2	0-2	Oxford United		
	23	15,365	2-0	2	2	2-0	Grimsby Town (LC2 2R)		
	27	11,408	2-2	4	4	2-2	Hull City		
	31	8,191	0-0	4	4	0-0	Bury (LC3)		
	Nov 3	22,520	1-2	6	6	1-2	Middlesbrough		
	6	7,826	3-2	8	8	3-2	Bury (LC3 R)		
	10	9,528	2-1	8	8	2-1	Bolton Wanderers		
	14	5,999	0-0	7	7	0-0	Cardiff City		
	17	9,543	2-1	6	6	2-1	Sheffield Wednesday		
	21	8,326	1-3	5	5	1-3	Millwall (LC4)		
	24	10,279	2-2	5	5	2-2	Preston North End		
	Dec 1	10,192	0-0	6	6	0-0	West Bromwich A		
	8	6,965	1-0	3	3	1-0	Millwall		
	12	7,139	1-0	3	3	1-0	Cardiff City		
	15	10,020	1-0	3	3	1-0	Aston Villa		
	22	7,796	0-3	4	4	0-3	Blackpool		
	26	15,529	1-1	3	3	1-1	Fulham		
	29	11,398	1-0	3	3	1-0	Bristol City		
1974	Jan 1	9,255	0-2	3	3	0-2	Carlisle United		
	5	8,127	1-1	3	3	1-1	Port Vale (FAC3)		
	9	5,853	4-2	3	3	4-2	Port Vale (Replay)		
	12	18,476	0-0	3	3	0-0	Portsmouth		
	19	11,888	2-2	3	3	2-2	Nottingham Forest		
	26	12,470	3-0	4	4	3-0	Bradford C (FAC4)		
	Feb 2	26,180	1-0	3	3	1-0	Aston Villa		
	5	4,908	1-1	3	3	1-1	Notts County		
	16	25,712	0-4	4	4	0-4	Leicester C (FAC5)		
	23	14,287	2-1	4	4	2-1	Crystal Palace		
	26	2,600	2-0	2	2	2-0	Swindon Town		
	Mar 5	10,071	1-2	2	2	1-2	Fulham		
	9	7,027	3-1	2	2	3-1	Hull City		
	16	17,045	0-1	2	2	0-1	Bolton Wanderers		
	23	15,616	3-1	2	2	3-1	Millwall		
	30	19,812	0-1	2	2	0-1	Middlesbrough		
	April 6	11,806	4-2	2	2	4-2	Preston North End		
	12	13,464	1-1	2	2	1-1	Oxford United		
	13	16,492	2-2	2	2	2-2	Sheffield Wednesday		
	16	16,353	0-1	2	2	0-1	Oxford United		
	20	16,740	3-0	2	2	3-0	Millwall		
	27	13,227	1-1	2	2	1-1	West Bromwich A		
	May 1						Sunderland		
	4						(FA Cup—Final)		

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FOOTBALL COMB. TABLE, APPS. AND GOALSCORERS

Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Anscomb	1	—
Norwich City	36	21	9	6	76	36	51	Barber	26	—
Bournemouth	36	21	8	7	64	39	50	Bevis	(3)	—
Ipswich Town	38	20	8	10	72	46	48	Biley	(2)	—
Leicester City	34	19	8	7	49	23	46	Butlin	1	—
Luton Town	37	16	10	11	73	49	42	Cruse	15	12
Arsenal	35	16	10	9	50	32	42	Coyne	6(3)	—
Tottenham H.	26	15	10	11	44	39	40	Fern	33	18
Chelsea	38	15	9	14	62	49	39	Finney	16	5
Oxford United	34	14	10	10	38	31	38	French	(1)	—
O.P.R.	32	13	11	8	54	39	37	Fuccillo	14(6)	3
Plymouth A.	32	13	9	10	50	43	35	Garner	1(1)	—
Swindon T.	33	12	10	11	43	41	34	Goodeve	13(2)	—
Fulham	34	12	10	12	33	35	34	Gordon	6	—
West Ham U.	35	12	10	13	38	44	34	Hindson	24	9
Birmingham C.	36	13	6	13	35	44	32	Holmes	27(2)	6
Bristol Rovers	34	11	9	14	43	56	31	Horn	5	—
Cardiff City	37	10	7	20	37	60	27	Litt	33	2
Crystal Palace	33	10	7	16	34	56	27	Malcolm	35(1)	—
Swansea City	32	9	5	18	40	55	23	Mead	3	—
Southampton	35	8	7	20	41	73	23	Melisi	2(8)	2
Bristol City	33	9	4	20	33	60	22	Moore	38	2
Reading	36	3	5	28	27	81	11	O'Connor	35	5
								Price	30	—
								Rouse	(1)	—
								Ryan John	4	—
								Sparks	32	4
								Sims	1	—

MID-WEEK LEAGUE TABLE, APPS. AND GOALSCORERS

Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Anscomb	4	—
Watford	19	13	2	4	37	18	28	Barber	5(1)	—
Millwall	21	11	6	4	44	31	28	Bergara	6(1)	3
Portsmouth	17	9	5	3	37	18	23	Bevis	11(4)	—
Orient	16	7	7	2	22	15	21	Biley	18(4)	4
Peterborough	18	8	4	6	35	28	20	J. Brennan	3	—
Southend U.	22	7	6	9	36	33	20	C. Bufton	1	—
Brighton H.A.	18	7	5	6	34	23	19	Carr	18(2)	—
Gillingham	18	6	5	7	29	30	17	Chalmers	11(5)	1
Colchester U.	23	5	6	12	29	50	16	Coyne	23(1)	—
Cambridge U.	16	6	3	7	23	23	15	Cruse	11	8
Luton Town	20	5	4	11	30	52	14	P. Elsie	1	—
Northampton	20	6	1	13	30	45	13	Fern	4	1
Charlton A.	18	3	6	9	18	38	12	Finney	8	3
								French	1	—
								Fuccillo	18(1)	3
								Goodeve	2	—
								Gordon	18(2)	—
								Hindson	7(2)	—
								Holmes	10	3
								King	17(1)	2
								B. Levene	1	—
								Litt	15(1)	1
								Malcolm	10(2)	—
								Mead	19(1)	—
								Melisi	9(2)	3
								Moore	5	2
								O'Connor	7	1
								Rouse	5(4)	—
								Price	5(1)	—
								Ryan John	2	—
								Sarno	9(4)	—
								Sparks	10	—

DIVISION TWO—GOALSCORERS

League and Cups	Goals
McKenzie, Nottingham Forest	25
Byrom, Bolton Wanderers	24
Wood, Millwall	23
Brown (T), W. B. Albion	22
Fairbrother, Orient	20
Halom, Sunderland	20
Foggon, Middlesbrough	19
Bullock, Orient	16
Butlin, Luton Town	16
Davies, Portsmouth	16
Rogers, Crystal Palace	15
Anderson, Luton Town	14

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES

1973	OPPONENTS	V	F A
Aug 25 Sat	Crystal Palace	H	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	3-0
22 Sat	Plymouth Argyle	H	2-2
29 Sat	Crystal Palace	A	1-2
Jan 1 Tues	Fulham	H	0-0
19 Sat	Arsenal	A	0-1
26 Sat	Birmingham City	H	2-0
Feb 2 Sat	Ipswich Town	H	2-4
23 Sat	Plymouth Argyle	A	1-1
27 Wed	Swansea City	H	3-1
Mar 2 Sat	Bournemouth	H	1-1
6 Wed	Birmingham City	A	5-1
9 Sat	Cardiff City	H	3-2
12 Tues	Oxford United	A	0-1
16 Sat	Bristol Rovers	A	0-1
23 Sat	Southampton	H	1-0
27 Wed	West Ham United	H	0-0
30 Sat	Swindon Town	A	0-0
Apr 3 Wed	Leicester City	H	0-0
16 Tues	Bristol City	A	1-1
24 Wed	Reading	H	4-0
27 Sat	Norwich City	A	—
29 Mon	Queen's Park Rangers	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 Tues	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
Jan 5 Sat	Portsmouth	H	1-1
15 Tues	Charlton Athletic	A	0-0
23 Wed	Southend United	A	1-4
30 Wed	Peterborough United	A	0-5
Feb 18 Mon	Southend United	H	3-2
20 Wed	Peterborough Utd (LC)	A	1-1
Mar 4 Mon	Cambridge United	H	1-3
13 Wed	Bright & Hove Albion	A	3-1
18 Mon	Peterborough United	H	0-5
21 Thur	Northampton Town (LC)	A	1-1
Apr 1 Mon	Cambridge Utd (LC)	H	1-1
8 Mon	Orient	H	0-0
10 Wed	Orient	A	2-1
22 Mon	Charlton Athletic	H	2-0
23 Tues	Cambridge United (LC)	A	2-1



TOWN FOCUS

As with many Organisations there are, in a Football Club, many backroom personnel who carry through their work with efficiency and without fuss and so seldom do they receive the acknowledgment that they so justly deserve.

Leaving aside the playing staff, the excellent work carried on by Senior Executives, namely, **Bob Readhead** as Secretary, **Doug Lygo** as Chief Accountant, **Dave Roberts** as Commercial Manager, who with Harry, have formed our four-man Executive Management Committee which has played a big part in our success this Season. An essential back-up to our Executive Committee have been the following:

Mike Hardwick, our Pools Manager, who came officially into the Club in October, and since then has done a truly wonderful job. **Cliff Notley**, the Assistant to Harry, who has kept smiling and very optimistic since his arrival here, and **Bob Kent**, our Chief Groundsman, who has kept the playing surface good enough for Harry to achieve his aims in spite of handicaps which he has had to endure since the beginning of the Season.

I should also like to pinpoint the excellent work and service carried on behind the scenes during the last Season by a few other individuals which in their own way have contributed so much to the Club's successful Season.

John Wilkinson—Assistant Secretary

John has been with the Club for almost 20 years and has acted in many capacities. John is responsible for the issue of all tickets, and the supporters rarely meet him except over the counter on match days.

John Whiting

John Whiting has been with the Club some three years and is the internal Accountant. John has been associated with the Club for an immense number

of years at the Bobbers Club. An immeasurable amount of service has been put in without fuss or thanks.

Fred Bunyan

Fred Bunyan has been with the Club for five years and practically every part of the ground and the houses surrounding it have received attention in some form or other from this most versatile maintenance engineer. On a sunny day you can see him replacing slates or repairing the weather vane over the grandstand; on other days installing new machinery in the laundry or redecorating the offices.

Judi Morvan

Judi joined the Club from school and now, after four years, does all secretarial work in the Company's offices—for the Manager, Secretary, Commercial Manager, the assistant to the Manager—which she handles with great skill and confidence.

Dick Wassell

Dick Wassell has been with the Club for five years and now acts as Assistant Groundsman. Apart from his daily work he holds probably what is a unique record, namely, in his spare time he has visited every League Football Ground in the Country. With hard and competent work, he lives and would die for his football and Luton Town in particular.

Tommy Brannigan

Tom joined us before the start of last Season as Manager of the Hatters Club. This Club benefits from his lifetime of experience in the Licensed Trade and his quiet Irish wit has brought additional cheer to the Club. Tom's son Frank came to join him in the Autumn and the partnership has been advantageous to the Club and it's supporters.

Mrs Connie Short

Con has been with the Club for nearly 30 years and 27 years of this has been spent in the Bobbers Club. Her experience in the Licensed Trade

must be of great help to Tom Brannigan in the Hatters Club.

Horace Vass

Horace has been with the Club assisting with the Ground Bars for ten years. During the current Season he has been responsible for the match-day bars and Century Club Bar, including the stocking and selling. He has spent nearly a lifetime of service in the Licensed Trade and his inexhaustible energy in rolling barrels and crates amazes even the younger generation.

Mr and Mrs Vic Day

It gave me great pleasure during the year to present gold watches to Mr and Mrs Day. Their service during the last Season in stocking and operating the Ground Refreshment Bars has brought financial reward to the Club and cheerfulness to our Public.

Finally, I must emphasize that this list is not exhaustive, as many others have given similar and faithful service to the Club, and I am pleased to be given this opportunity to mention the following:

John Buttle	Mike Felix
Chris Ellis	Dolly Worsley
Susan Stanford	Sheila Kent
Sharon Payn, Mrs Mingay, and Mike Kitchener from the Pools Office	
All the car park attendants	
Percy Abbott and all our programme staff	
Ken Emerton and all his Stewards	
Ken Halsey, Fred Hayward and the Gatemen	
All the Bar Staff	
'Ollie' Ogden and Bill Mayhew	

Bobbers Club

Also to be congratulated for their marvellous efforts are the Bobbers Club Committee who, under the guidance of Mr Len Hawkins, do a marvellous job every year. I would also like to thank Sam Walker, the new Steward, for the enthusiasm and hard work he has shown since joining the Club, and wish him every success.

CHAIRMAN

TOWN FOCUS

The season that was planned to make Sunderland a First Division power has crumbled dramatically in the last two months—and Wembley-winning manager Bob Stokoe had written off all promotion hopes by the time the Roker club came to defend the F.A. Cup.

He said that "promotion would be a bigger miracle than our Cup win", expressed his concern over "letting down the fans", and following a Third-Round Cup exit against Carlisle United, he added: "I know the patience of our supporters is wearing thin."

A number of reasons can be tabled for Sunderland's failure to capitalise on last season's sensational rise from the doldrums. Stokoe prefers to believe that the players did not keep their feet on the ground following Wembley and was disappointed when star forwards Billy Hughes and Dennis Tueart asked for transfers.

However, it can also be argued that Sunderland were over-committed at the start of the campaign. Four games in the European Cup-winner's Cup—including a notable triumph over the Hungarians, Vasas, of Budapest—were crammed around a League Cup marathon of three games with Derby County and another pressure fixture with Liverpool.

INTRO SUNDERLAND

Their recent away form shows a depressing sequence of five consecutive defeats and the emotional scenes of Wembley last May now seem years away rather than a mere nine months. So Mr Stokoe is now back to the familiar territory of re-building just as he did in previous management spells with Bury, Charlton, Rochdale, Carlisle United and Blackpool.

At the moment, Sunderland continue to rely on the basic Wembley formation and the manager believes that the answer to the decline does not lie in the reserves. So far this season, his buying has been restricted to £65,000 for Rod Belfitt, the former Leeds United, Ipswich Town and Everton centre-forward, and around £5,000 for Irish international Danny Hegan, who started his English career at Sunderland but didn't make the League until playing for Ipswich

Town, West Bromwich Albion and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

The defence has been upset somewhat by injuries to Ron Guthrie, the former Newcastle United full-back, and Ritchie Pitt, the Durham-born discovery who played such a storming game against Leeds United in the Cup Final. Joe Bolton, one of the younger school of home-produced players, has appeared at left-back and Pitt's place has gone to David Young, another signing from Newcastle United, who was unlucky to miss the Cup run after losing his place because of injury.

The other back-four positions have been filled as usual. Dick Malone, a



HISTORY

Founded: 1879.

Elected to League Division One: 1890.

Ground: Roker Park.

Record attendance: 75,000, v Derby County (FA Cup), March 1933.

Division One Champions: 1891-92, 1892-93, 1894-95, 1901-02, 1912-13, 1935-36.

Division One Runners-up: 1893-94, 1897-98, 1900-01, 1922-23, 1934-35.

Division Two Runners-up: 1963-64.

F.A. Cup Winners: 1937, 1973.

F.A. Cup Runners-up: 1913.

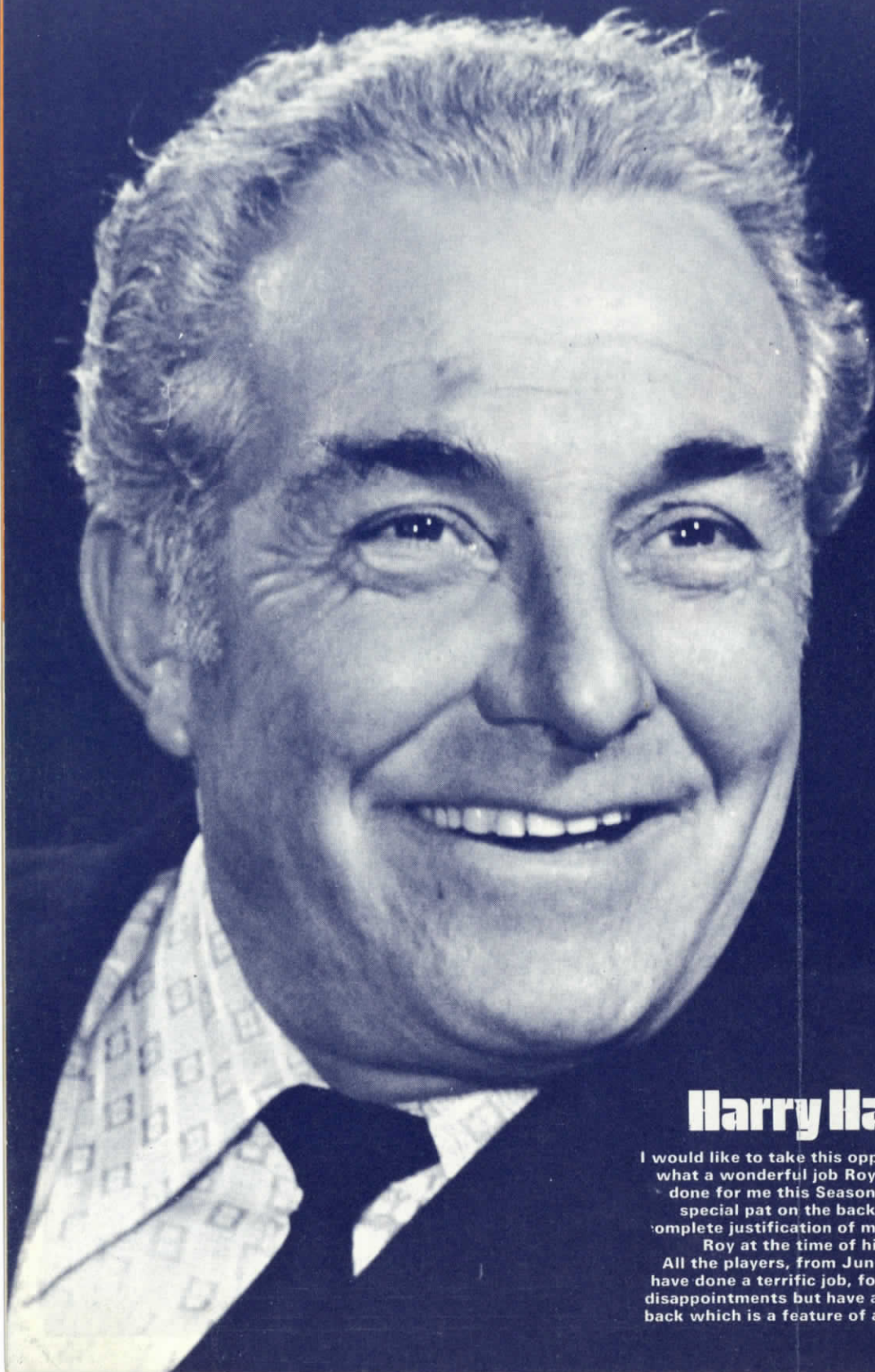


GOAL GETTERS

Go for Goals! That's the Harry Haslam message for 'The Hatters'—and the call was well answered by three members of the strike force reaching double figures. Barry Butlin (right) headed the list before Saturday with 16 League and Cup goals and was chased by Peter Anderson (left) with 14 and Jim Ryan (above) with 10.

GOAL GETTERS





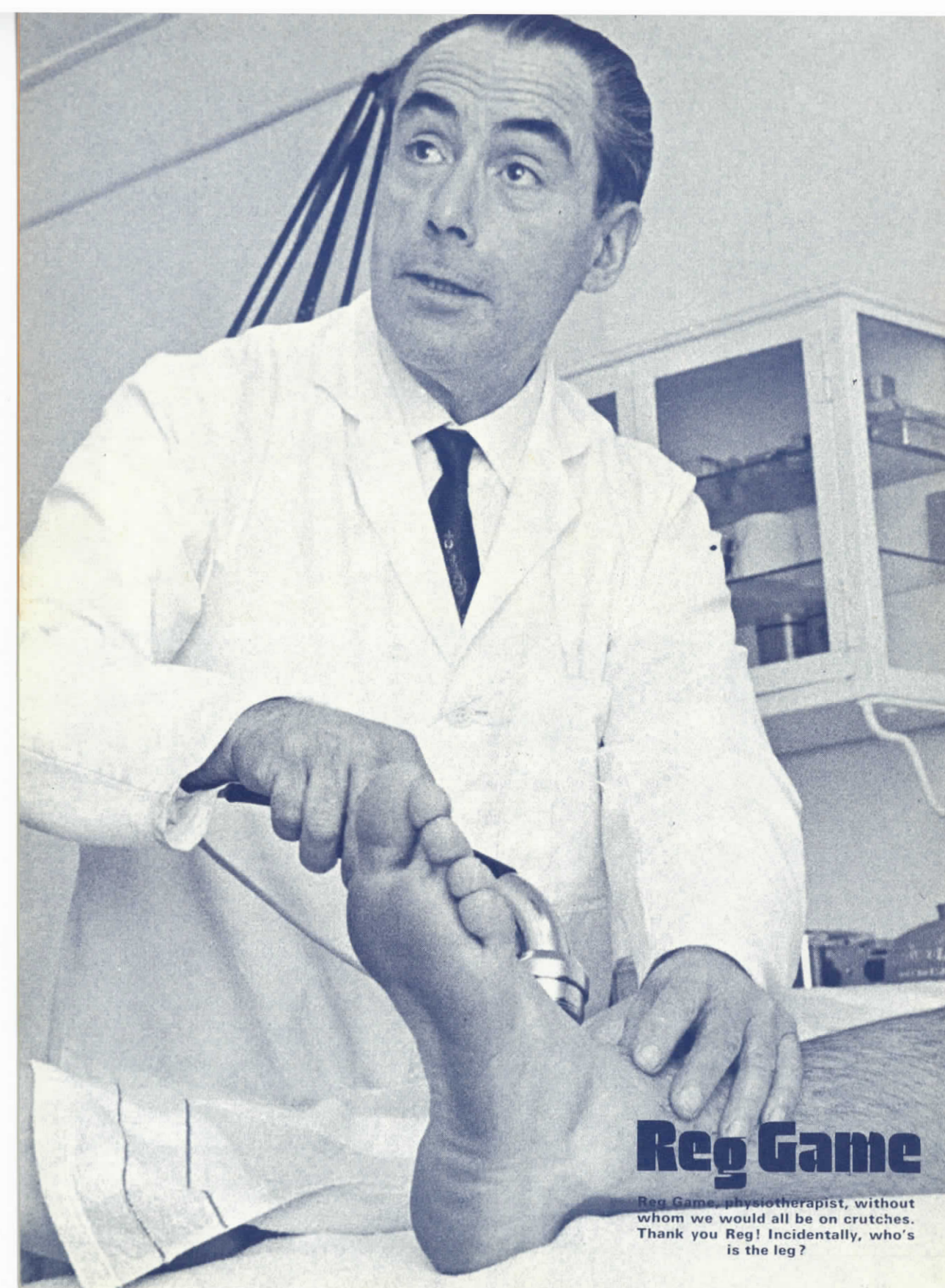
Harry Haslam

I would like to take this opportunity to say what a wonderful job Roy McCrohan has done for me this Season. He deserves a special pat on the back. May I add the complete justification of my confidence in Roy at the time of his appointment. All the players, from Juniors to Seniors, have done a terrific job, for they have had disappointments but have always bounced back which is a feature of any Club that is successful.



Roy McCrohan

I would like to thank all the playing staff for a wonderful effort this season—Harry Haslam for his confidence in me to do the job, and for all the rest of the coaching staff, Ken Whitfield, Danny Bergara, Reg Game, and Ray King for all the work they have put in.



Reg Game

Reg Game, physiotherapist, without whom we would all be on crutches. Thank you Reg! Incidentally, who's is the leg?

DUCEING ERLAND

Scottish Under-23 international who was bought from Ayr United, continues to play with attacking flair from right-back and centre-half David Watson confirmed his high reputation when called into the England international squad. Watson, signed from Rotherham United for £100,000, was used mainly as a centre-forward by previous manager Alan Brown, but Mr Stokoe was quick to return him to his original centre-half role.

Of course, the rearguard is completed by Jim Montgomery, the 20-year-old goalkeeper who made his first-class debut 12 years ago this month and completed a club record of 500 senior

appearances on New Year's Day. Jim has played for the England Under-23 team and the Football League.

Most changes during the campaign have occurred in the midfield department. Although Scottish-born captain Bobby Kerr and Wembley goal-scorer Ian Porterfield, formerly with Raith Rovers, have held down regular places, various permutations have been tried in the other position.

Mick McGiven, subsequently sold to West Ham United, started off in the number four shirt before Mick Horswill, the young Durham prospect, took over for an extended run. However, since Christmas, the position has been taken by Belfitt, Hegan and Jackie Ashurst, another apprentice discovery.

Perhaps the biggest disappointment stems from the scoring record of Scotsman Billy Hughes, who was leading marksman with 15 League

goals last season. Apart from three goals early in the season, he has not made the impact expected.

Tueart, second leading scorer last term, carries a £200,000 transfer rating from the time he was briefly listed at his own request. He has reached double figures again with the help of a hat-trick against Swindon Town in November.

The most consistent striker has been our old friend, Vic Halom. Since leaving Kenilworth Road last winter, he has scored 20 first-team goals and left a deep impression in the Derby defence by slamming a hat-trick past Colin Boulton in the League Cup. Vic was with Bob Stokoe at Charlton and later moved to Orient and Fulham before his spell with 'The Hatters'.

Sunderland are covered in the front-line positions by John Lathan, a former schools star in the town team. Considering his limited opportunities, he has a good scoring record which shows a League hat-trick against Portsmouth in 1972 and a couple of goals against Derby County this season.

One newcomer to the scene is Bobby Mitchell, a teenage winger who hails from Durham. He played his first League game at Hull in November.



SUNDERLAND

Season 1973-74

Back Row: Bob Stokoe (manager), Mick McGiven (now West Ham United), Vic Halom, John Lathan, Trevor Swinburne, Jim Montgomery, Ritchie Pitt, Joe Bolton, Keith Coleman (now West Ham United), Arthur Cox (assistant manager).

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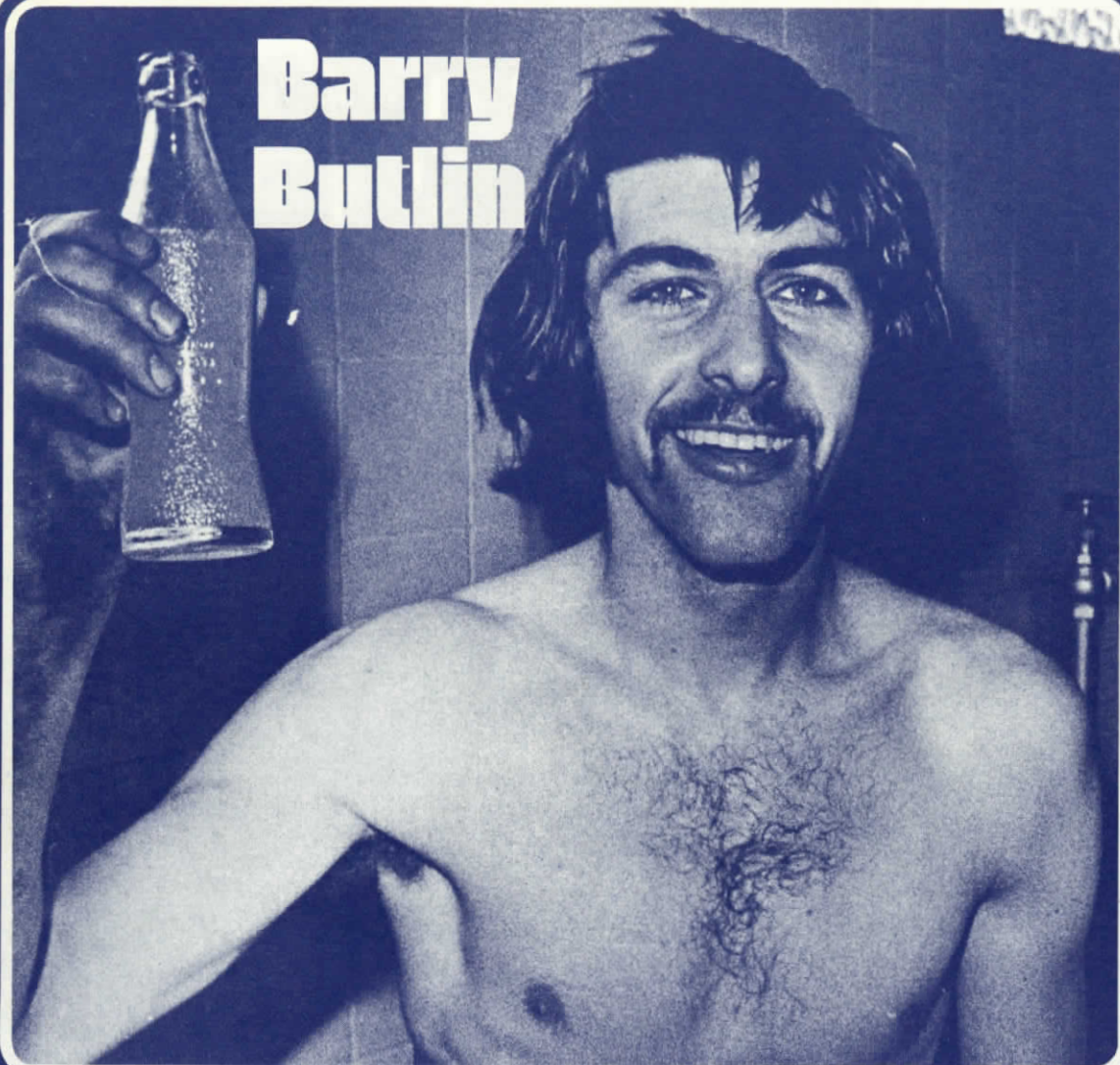
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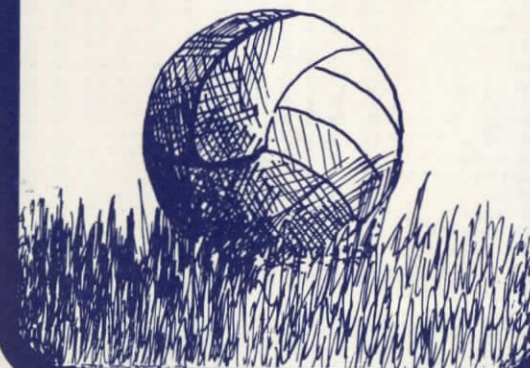


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" (2)	TOWERS (2)
BUTLIN (3)	ASHURST (3)
	HALOM (4)
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FULL-TIME	FULL-TIME

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LIST ONE

SCORE

A	Cambridge Utd. v Plymouth Argyle	
B	Blackburn Rovers v Wrexham	
C	Chester v Northampton Town	
D	Peterborough United v Gillingham	



Geoff Wright, 'Express & Star' photographer supplies the celebration pictures after our 1-1 draw at West Brom last Saturday.

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Teams	HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P		
Middlesbrough	42	16	4	1	40	8	11	7	3	37	22	65		
LUTON TOWN	41	12	5	3	39	21	7	7	7	22	26	50		
Carlisle United	42	13	5	3	40	17	7	4	10	21	31	49		
Blackpool	42	11	5	5	35	17	6	8	7	22	23	47		
Orient	41	9	7	4	27	16	6	10	5	27	25	47		
Nottingham Forest	42	12	6	3	40	19	3	9	9	17	24	45		
Sunderland	41	11	6	4	32	15	7	3	10	22	26	45		
West Bromwich Albion	42	8	9	4	28	24	6	7	8	20	21	44		
Hull City	42	9	9	3	25	15	4	8	9	21	32	43		
Notts County	42	8	6	7	30	35	7	7	7	25	25	43		
Bolton Wanderers	42	12	5	4	30	17	3	7	11	14	23	42		
Millwall	42	10	6	5	28	16	4	8	9	23	35	42		
Fulham	42	11	4	6	26	20	5	6	10	13	23	42		
Aston Villa	41	8	9	4	33	21	5	5	10	14	23	40		
Portsmouth	42	9	8	4	26	16	5	4	12	19	46	40		
Bristol City	42	9	5	7	25	20	5	5	11	22	34	38		
Oxford United	42	8	8	5	27	21	2	8	11	8	25	36		
Sheffield Wednesday	42	9	6	6	33	24	3	5	13	18	39	35		
Cardiff City	41	8	6	6	26	19	2	9	10	22	42	35		
Crystal Palace	41	6	7	8	24	24	5	4	11	18	31	33		
Preston North End	42	7	8	6	24	23	2	6	13	16	39	31		
Swindon Town	42	6	7	8	22	27	1	4	16	14	45	25		

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