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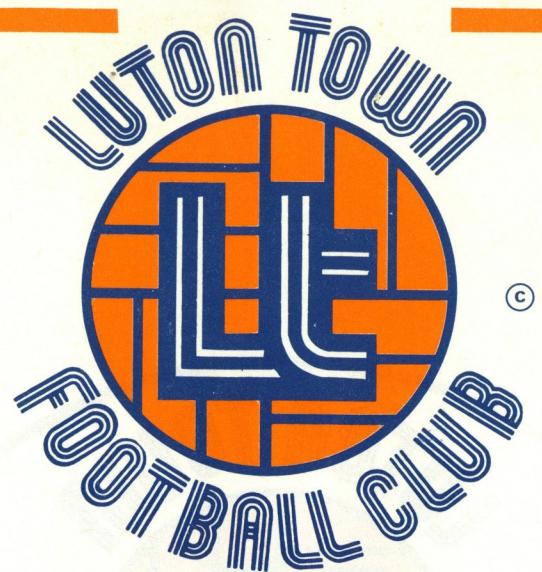
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INSIDE TOWN TODAY

HARRY HASLAM

FACE TO FACE

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# HARRYS TOWN



Tonight we play only our second home game of the season. I would like to thank our fans for their performance in the first one against Liverpool. You were great and made it a marvellous day for us.

I am just sorry we didn't win. The people of the town were delighted with the conduct of both sets of fans, and the shopkeepers can have had nothing to worry them as they have in other towns after big matches.

The only thing we can try to do to repay this fine support is to get into a winning run. Obviously only time will see us over certain problems, but the trials we are going to face in the First Division have already hit us, I am sure we have the composure to ride the storm.

I am sure we will come back and do the right thing for the club and the people of the town. I know it's been hard for the fans to swallow our first two defeats. It's hard for me to swallow too. I can assure you I am still looking for players, and there is a little money available for me to go out and buy. But with players costing what they do in the First Division I have to make that little money into a lot by dashing in exchange deals as well as straight cash buys. I also have to try to get a lot for a little.

The search for talent in football never ceases—at any level. Even clubs who play on the local parks are looking for good players.

My own efforts in this department never stop. They can't. The effort it took to get to the First Division alone warrants our continuing search for talent.

I don't like keep harping back to those defeats against Liverpool and West Ham United, but people keep asking me what went wrong.

Fate seemed strangely loaded against us—in pairs. For in the matches we had two good-looking penalties turned down, we hit the bar in each match, we had two first team regulars—John Faulkner and Jimmy Ryan—missing, and we had two world class saves from Ray Clemence and Mervyn Day stop us getting back into the game.

At West Ham last week we started with a bad mistake to give them an early lead, but in the second half I thought we had sorted ourselves out. We failed to score from a good chance.

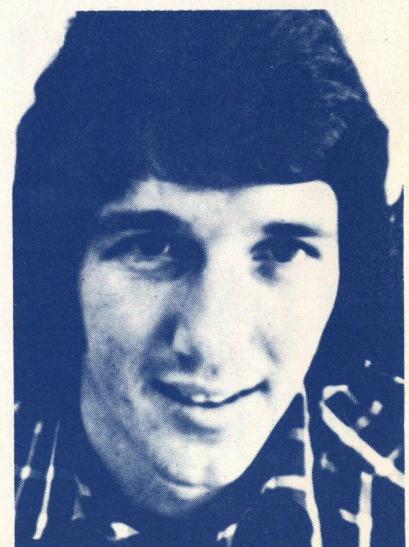
We have to start making things go our way. We hope to start that tonight by getting our own back on the 'Hammers'. We know we have a long way to go, but there are no faint hearts at this club. We'll fight all the way.

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# FACTS & FIGURES

1—Goals Scored		S—Substitute Appearance		—Withdrawal	
Date	Opponents	Date	Opponents	Date	Opponents
Aug 17	Liverpool	1-2	West Ham United (LC1)	0-2	21,062
Aug 19	West Ham United	23,182	Middlesbrough	24	
24	West Ham United		Leeds United	28	
28	Queen's Park Rangers		Leeds United	31	
Sept 7	(LC2)		Leeds United	11	
Oct 5	Ipswich Town		Leeds United	9	
21	Arsenal		Leeds United	12	
24	Coventry City		Leeds United	16	
28	Carlisle United		Leeds United	19	
Oct 5	Leicester City		Leeds United	26	
9	Birmingham City		Leeds United	26	
12	Middlesbrough		Leeds United	26	
16	Manchester City		Leeds United	26	
19	Tottenham Hotspur		Leeds United	26	
24	Newcastle United		Leeds United	26	
28	Sheffield United		Leeds United	26	
Nov 2	Sheffield United		Leeds United	9	
13	(LC4)		Leeds United	16	
16	Stoke City		Leeds United	23	
23	Everton (FAC1)		Leeds United	23	
30	Burnley		Leeds United	30	
Dec 4	(LC5)		Leeds United	4	
7	Chelsea		Leeds United	4	
14	Liverpool (FAC2)		Leeds United	4	
21	Derby County		Leeds United	4	
26	Ipswich Town		Leeds United	4	
28	Wolverhampton W.		Leeds United	4	
Jan 4	(FAC3)		Leeds United	4	
11	Chelsea		Leeds United	15	
15	(LC5)		Leeds United	18	
18	Burnley		Leeds United	22	
22	(LC5)		Leeds United	25	
25	(FAC4)		Leeds United	25	
Feb 1	Sheffield United		Leeds United	8	
8	Newcastle United		Leeds United	15	
15	Everton (FAC5)		Leeds United	22	
22	Stoke City		Leeds United	22	
Mar 1	Q.P.R. (LCFinal)		Leeds United	29	
8	Coventry City (FAC6)		Leeds United	29	
22	Carlsbad United		Leeds United	31	
29	Derby County		Leeds United	31	
Apr 1	Arsenal		Leeds United	5	
5	Tottenham H. (FACSF)		Leeds United	12	
12	Leicester City		Leeds United	19	
19	Manchester City		Leeds United	26	
26	Manchester City		Leeds United	3	
May 3			Leeds United		

FOOTBALL COMBINATION  
TABLE, APPEARANCES AND  
GOALSCORERS 1973-74

Teams	P	W	D	L	A	F	P
Bournemouth	42	25	9	8	73	44	59
Norwich City	42	23	12	7	86	42	58
Ipswich Town	42	22	10	10	77	48	54
Leicester City	42	20	12	10	56	33	52
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>49</b>
Tottenham H.	42	19	11	12	60	43	49
Oxford United	42	18	12	12	48	40	48
Q.P.R.	42	18	11	13	74	51	47
Arsenal	42	16	13	13	51	38	45
Plymouth A.	42	16	13	13	59	54	45
Swindon Town	42	15	14	13	55	51	44
Chelsea	42	17	9	16	63	53	43
Birmingham C.	42	16	7	19	41	48	39
West Ham U.	42	14	11	17	46	56	39
Fulham	42	13	12	17	38	46	38
Southampton	42	14	8	20	54	75	36
Bristol Rovers	42	12	12	18	51	70	36
Crystal Palace	42	12	11	19	51	70	35
Bristol City	42	13	6	23	46	74	32
Swansea City	42	11	8	23	53	88	30
Cardiff City	42	11	8	23	41	70	30
Reading	42	5	6	31	35	92	16

MID-WEEK LEAGUE  
TABLE, APPEARANCES AND  
GOALSCORERS 1973-74

Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Portsmouth	24	14	7	3	57	26	35
Watford	24	14	5	5	44	25	33
Orient	24	10	9	5	39	27	29
Millwall	24	11	7	6	48	39	29
Peterborough	24	9	8	7	45	36	26
Southend U.	24	9	6	9	39	33	24
Brighton H.A.	24	8	7	9	40	32	23
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>21</b>
Cambridge U.	24	7	6	11	31	36	20
Gillingham	24	7	6	11	33	44	20
Colchester U.	24	6	6	12	31	50	18
Northampton	24	7	3	14	37	56	17
Charlton A.	24	5	7	12	26	49	17

## FORTHCOMING MATCHES

Football League Division One

### LUTON v Q.P.R.

Saturday 31st August Kick-off 3.00 pm

### Football Combination

### LUTON v ARSENAL

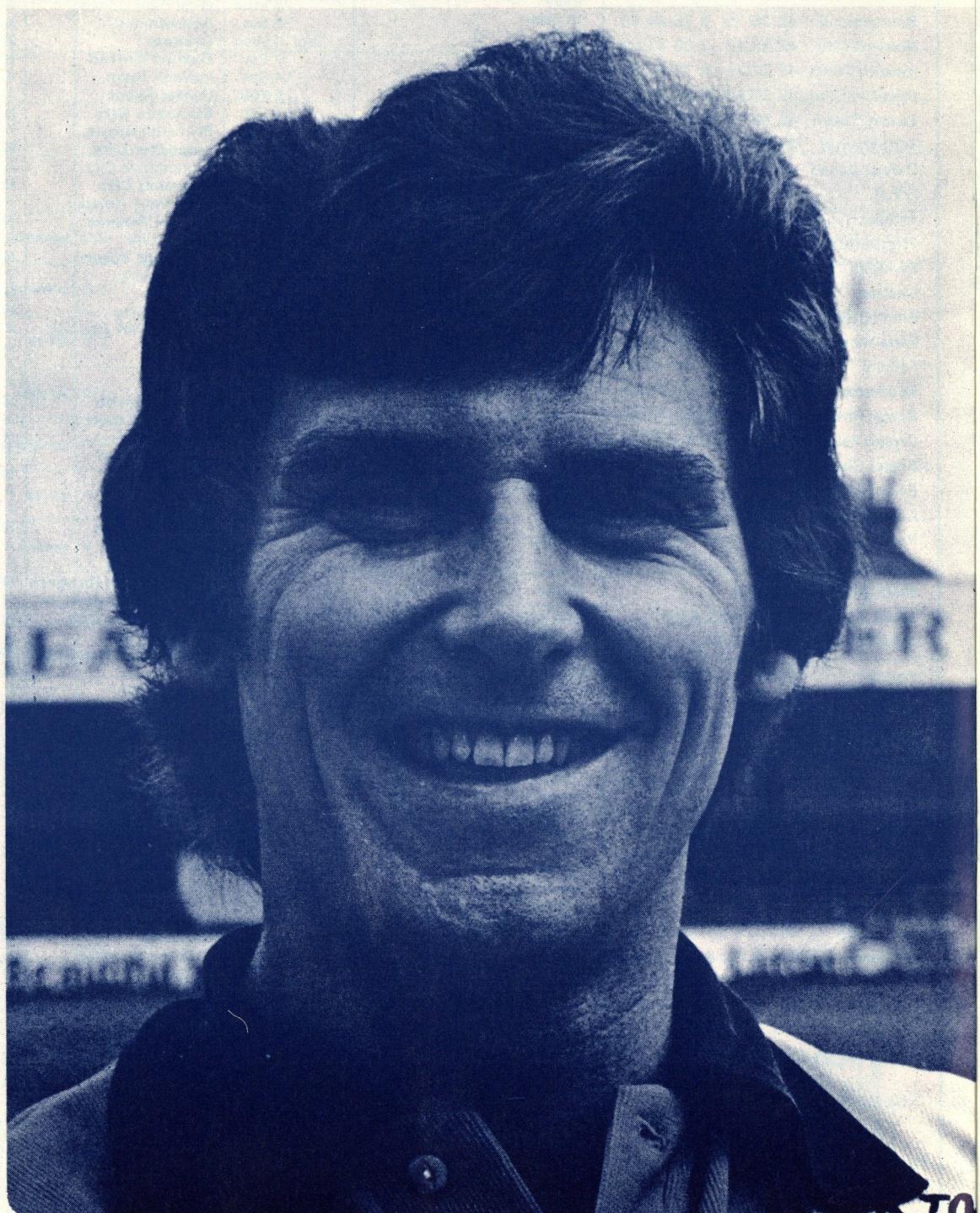
Wednesday 4th Sept. Kick-off 7.30 pm

Player	Apps	Goals
Anscomb	1	—
Barber	28	—
Bergara	(1)	—
Bevis	(3)	—
Biley	(2)	—
Buckley	1	1
Butlin	1	—
Chalmers	2(1)	—
Coyne	5(4)	—
Cruse	15	12
Fern	37	19
Finney	20	9
French	(1)	—
Fuccillo	14(7)	3
Garner	1(1)	—
Goodeve	13	2
Gordon	7	—
Hindson	25	9
Holmes	28(5)	6
Horn	5	—
Husband	2	1
King	4(2)	—
Litt	36	2
Malcolm	36(14)	4
Mead	5	—
Melisi	2(8)	2
Moore	42	2
O'Connor	39	8
Pollock	7	1
Price	32	—
Rouse	(1)	—
Ryan John	4	—
Shanks	4(2)	—
Sims	1	—
Sparks	34(2)	4

Date	Opponents	V	FA
Aug 17 Sat	Bristol City	A	2-3
21 Wed	<b>West Ham United</b>	H	3-1
24 Sat	<b>Crystal Palace</b>	A	
26 Mon	West Ham United	A	
31 Sat	Bournemouth	A	
Sept 4 Wed	<b>Arsenal</b>	H	
7 Sat	<b>Oxford United</b>	H	
14 Sat	Ipswich Town	A	
18 Wed	Crystal Palace	A	
21 Sat	<b>Swansea City</b>	H	
28 Sat	Plymouth Argyle	A	
Oct 5 Sat	<b>Leicester City</b>	A	
12 Sat	Birmingham City	A	
19 Sat	<b>Norwich City</b>	H	
26 Sat	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
Nov 2 Sat	<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	H	
6 Wed	Cardiff City	A	
16 Sat	<b>Swindon Town</b>	H	
30 Sat	Southampton	A	
Dec 7 Sat	<b>Chelsea</b>	H	
14 Sat	<b>Bristol City</b>	A	
21 Sat	Queen's Park Rangers	A	
28 Sat	Arsenal	A	
Jan 8 Wed	Reading	A	
11 Sat	Chelsea	A	
18 Sat	<b>Southampton</b>	H	
25 Sat	<b>Ipswich Town</b>	H	
Feb 1 Sat	Cardiff City	A	
8 Sat	Swindon Town	A	
15 Sat	<b>Reading</b>	H	
22 Sat	Fulham	A	
Mar 1 Sat	Bristol Rovers	A	
4 Tue	<b>Bournemouth</b>	H	
8 Sat	Swansea City	A	
15 Sat	Oxford United	A	
29 Sat	<b>Queens Park Rangers</b>	H	
April 5 Sat	Plymouth Argyle	A	
12 Sat	<b>Birmingham City</b>	A	
19 Sat	Leicester City	A	
23 Wed	<b>Tottenham Hotspur</b>	H	
26 Sat	Fulham	A	
Aug 19 Mon	<b>Northampton Town</b>	H	4-3
28 Wed	Millwall	A	
Sept 2 Mon	<b>Cambridge United</b>	H	
11 Wed	Watford	A	
16 Mon	<b>Colchester United</b>	H	
23 Mon	Southend United	A	
Oct 2 Wed	Northampton Town	A	
7 Mon	<b>Brentford</b>	A	
14 Mon	<b>Brighton &amp; Hove A.</b>	H	
21 Mon	Millwall	A	
29 Tue	Colchester United	A	
Nov 4 Mon	Gillingham	A	
13 Wed	Orient	A	
20 Wed	Portsmouth (LC1)	A	
27 Wed	Brighton & Hove A.	A	
Dec 4 Wed	Portsmouth	A	
11 Wed	<b>Charlton Athletic</b>	H	
16 Mon	Orient	A	
23 Mon	Gillingham	A	
30 Mon	<b>Watford</b>	H	
13 Mon	<b>Peterborough United</b>	(LC2)	
20 Mon	Charlton Athletic	A	
27 Tue	Brentford	A	
Feb 4 Tue	<b>Peterborough United</b>	A	
10 Mon	Charlton Athletic	A	
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24 Tue	<b>Portsmouth</b>	A	
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19 Mon	<b>Southend United</b>	H	
26 Tue	Peterborough United	A	

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# FACE TO FACE



## Gerry Harrison of Anglia TV talks to Bobby Thomson

### **Before you signed for Luton, Bobby, how was your career progressing?**

I was playing in midfield for Walsall at this time and enjoying my game, although basically I wasn't very happy at all. I had spent two very lean years at Birmingham City, where as things were so low, I spent my Saturday afternoons playing golf. I wasn't able to get a game and I was beginning to wonder whether I had a future in football. The loan period at Walsall came as a great relief to me because at least I was playing, and if Luton had not come along with their offer I probably would have signed for Walsall at the end of this period. In fact, at one point, I was negotiating terms with Walsall when my wife rang to tell me not to sign yet because Harry 'Someone-or-other' from Luton was on the telephone wanting to have a chat.

### **You have been a Luton player for two seasons, joining the club in July, 1972. What does Luton mean to you now?**

A great deal. Luton, and Harry Haslam in particular, gave me another chance—a chance to prove one or two people wrong, and I think I have succeeded in doing this. That is all one can ask for really. When you reach the stage of questioning your own ability and think that your footballing career may be finished, it is tremendous to be offered a great opportunity. I shall always be grateful for that. I spent eight marvellous years at Wolves, but since that time, joining Luton was the happiest move I have made. I am a different man now—you ask my wife.

### **How do you feel about playing in the First Division again?**

Well, obviously, it is a great thrill for me and I shall enjoy playing against all the famous names. In particular, I am looking forward to the two games with Birmingham City. But the important point is that I am lucky to have been given this opportunity again. How many other players—particularly at my age—have been able to get back into the First Division after being out for five years?

### **As a full-back, Bobby, would you say that your role has changed very much during those last five years?**

Almost completely. When I was in the First Division last, wingers were being used and there was very little over-lapping by the full-backs. Strangely enough, it seems that wingers are coming back now—most sides appear to be playing with one orthodox winger. Now, as well as doing a defensive job, a full-back must be better at coming forward.

### **In your opinion, how else will First Division football differ from that of the Second Division?**

All of us are delving into the unknown a little, I suppose. We will certainly be punished more for our mistakes and this means that we shall need to concentrate more all round. Although we played some very physical sides last season, I shouldn't think the First Division will be any more physical than the Second, but quite honestly we won't be really sure until we have played a few games, although I don't think we have anything to be afraid of. Personally, the better the opposition, the better I usually play and I think that would go for most of the lads.

### **A lot of young boys have the ambition of becoming professional footballers. If you were advising such a boy, would you tell him to concentrate on his strengths or work on his weaknesses?**

Both. If your weaknesses are too great, you will never make the grade, but your strengths are the qualities which will get you noticed. There are one or two First Division full-backs who are short of a yard or two of pace, but they rarely get caught out because they can employ their other skills. For instance, Norman Hunter rarely gets exploited on his right foot because his other skills are so good. Hard work is important, but it will only get you so far—you must have the natural qualities to work on.

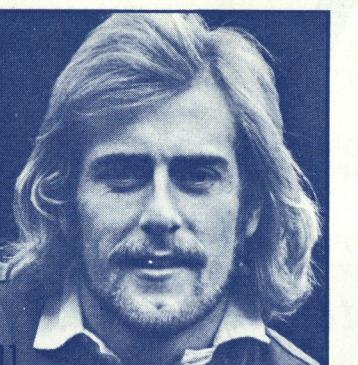
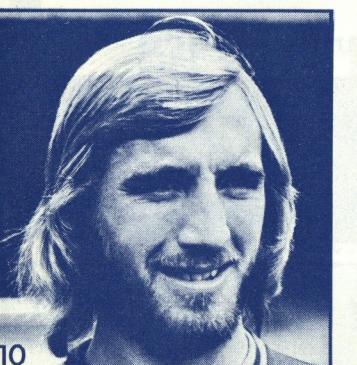
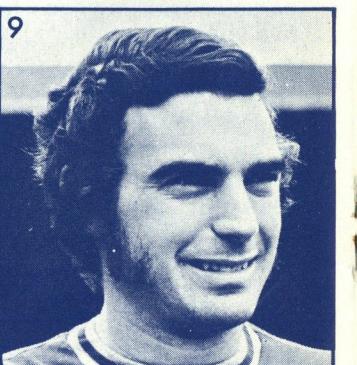
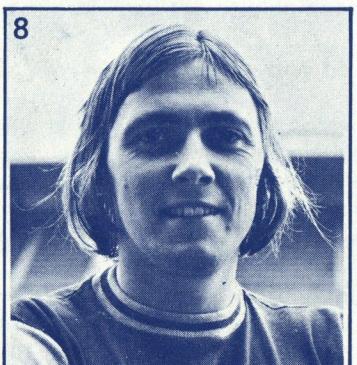
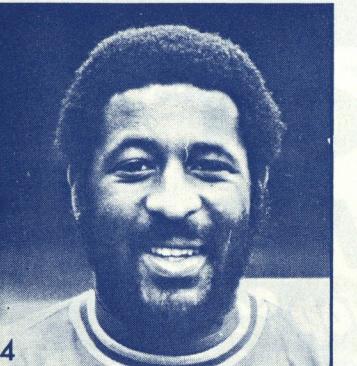
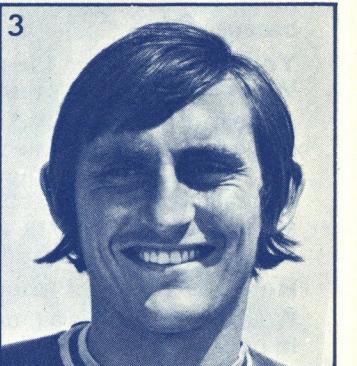
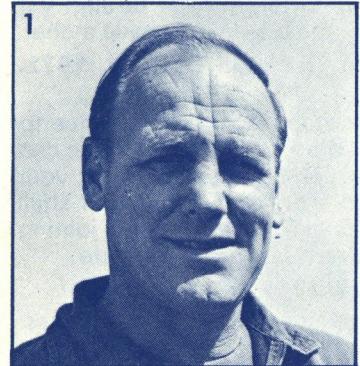


Tonight for the first time in the League since April, 1960, we welcome to Kenilworth Road West Ham United from London's East End. The two clubs have met twice already this season and no doubt they have learnt a bit about each other's type of play.

Under the shrewd guidance of ex-Chelsea player Ron Greenwood West Ham, over the past ten years or so, have built up a strong reputation for being a methodical, highly skilful and extremely entertaining side—one which is capable of matching and even beating the best teams in the land.

Yet so often they fail to reach the standard expected of them and this has led to frustration, not only inside the club but between their faithful supporters, who, since 1959 have had very little to cheer, apart from two major Cup triumphs—namely the winning of the F.A. Cup in 1965 and the E.C.W.C. in 1966.

The Hammer's League record since their Division Two title success of 1958-59 is not at all good—in fact it has been very inconsistent. Positions of 6, 14,



16, 8, 12, 14, 9, 12, 16, 14, 8, 17, 20, 14, 6 and 18 last season, makes sombre reading for the Upton Park loyalists when they notice that only five times in 16 instances have the club finished in the top half of the table.

Their tally before the start of this campaign was 988 from 1,050 games—a little under a point per game. In the West Ham line-up this evening we are likely to see, in goal, Mervyn Day, a Chelmsford lad who came on a bundle last term, and must surely be destined to become a full England international.

In the back-four division, Keith Coleman, ex-Sunderland, and Frank Lampard, a full England cap, with over 200 League games to his credit, will wear numbers two and three, respectively, while the other two places will probably go to England Under-23

star Tommy Taylor, formerly of Orient, who has topped 250 League appearances in his career, and Mike McGiven, a bargain buy from Sunderland and an apt replacement for the legendary Bobby Moore. In midfield there will be skipper Billy Bonds, once of Charlton Athletic, and a player who gives everything for his club. He has over 400 first-team games behind him.

England man Trevor Brooking, a local lad, and John McDowell will accompany Bonds in this sphere. The frontrunners will be led by the big Bermudian, Clyde Best, who, at 6ft 1in and 12st 3lb is a mighty heavy guy to push off the ball.

Bobby Gould, has served Coventry City, Arsenal, Wolverhampton Wanderers, West Bromwich Albion and Bristol City during his footballing days and will

share the brunt of the action with 'Besty', while Pat Holland is likely to be the third striking 'Hammer'. Defender Kevin Locke, and forwards, Ade Coker and John Ayrис are three more contestants for a spot in this fluent-looking West Ham United line-up. Well, it is good to once again renew acquaintance with the 'Claret and Blues' of Upton Park. They always offer good football, and with it the competitive spirit which makes for interesting watching.

#### FOR THE RECORD . . .

LUTON TOWN 3, WEST HAM 1  
Scorers: Luton: Lansdowne(og)  
McBride, Cummings. West Ham: Dunmore. Attendance: 12,034.



#### DATES IN WEST HAM UNITED'S HISTORY . . .

- 1895—Thames Ironworks F.C. founded, the forerunners of West Ham United.
- 1898—Thames Ironworks became a professional organisation.
- 1900—5th July—Formation of West Ham United.
- 1904—2nd September—First game at the Boleyn Ground. (Beat Millwall 3-0 in the Southern League).
- 1919—Elected to the Second Division of the Football League. (Drew first game 1-1 at home to Lincoln City).
- 1921—Played first game on the Continent—against Madrid (Spain) won 4-0.
- 1923—Beaten 2-0 by Bolton Wanderers in the first F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.
- 1932—Relegated to Division Two.
- 1953—Floodlights 'switched on' at Upton Park.

#### POINTS OF INTEREST . . .

- Record win—8-0 against Sunderland (home) in Division One—19th October, 1968.
- Record defeat—8-2 against Blackburn Rovers (home) in Division One—26th December, 1963.
- Record crowd at Upton Park—44,810 against Birmingham City (before alteration). F.A. Cup 1933. 42,322 against Tottenham Hotspur, Division One 1970 (after alteration).
- Most League goals in his career—306—Vic Watson (1920 to 1935).
- Most League goals in a season—41—Vic Watson (1929-30).
- Most goals in a game—six—Vic Watson against Leeds United (home) February, 1929.



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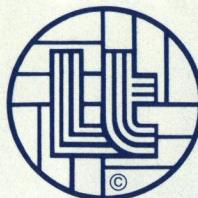
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# IN ACTION



**FLASHBACK—LUTON TOWN v LIVERPOOL**  
**SATURDAY, 17th AUGUST, 1974**  
Two action pictures where faces speak louder than words. (Below): A jubilant Barry Butlin after scoring our first League Division One goal in 1974. (Left): Phil Boersma doesn't look very happy with Alan West's Challenge. Pictures: Coloursport.



# TEAMS

## LUTON TOWN

- 1 GRAHAM HORN
- 2 DON SHANKS
- 3 BOBBY THOMSON
- 4 PETER ANDERSON
- 5 JOHN FAULKNER
- 6 JOHN RYAN
- 7 GORDON HINDSON
- 8 JIMMY HUSBAND
- 9 BARRY BUTLIN
- 10 ALAN WEST
- 11 JOHN ASTON
- 12 MATT POLLOCK

Colours:

Shirts—Orange with a White and Navy Stripe. Shorts—Navy. Stockings—Orange

## WEST HAM UNITED

- 1 MERVYN DAY
- 2 JOHN McDOWELL
- 3 FRANK LAMPARD
- 4 BILLY BONDS
- 5 TOMMY TAYLOR
- 6 KEVIN LOCK
- 7 PAT HOLLAND
- 8 GRAHAM PADDON
- 9 JOHN AYRIS
- 10 TREVOR BROOKING
- 11 CLYDE BEST
- 12

Colours:

Shirts—Claret. Shorts—White. Stockings—White

GOALSCORERS	
LUTON TOWN	WEST HAM UTD
HALF-TIME	HALF-TIME
FULL-TIME	FULL-TIME

Referee: Mr C. THOMAS, Treorchy, Glamorgan

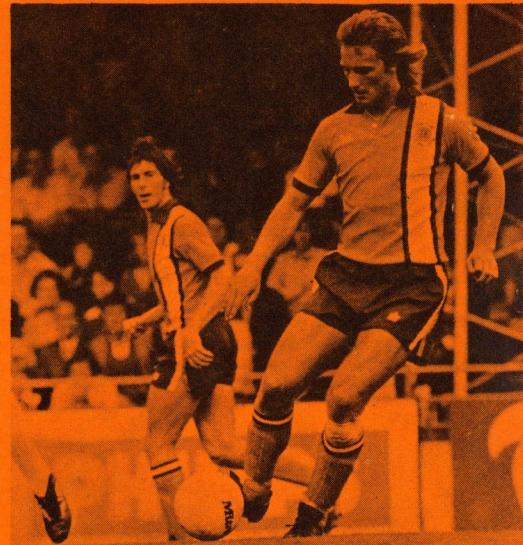
Linesmen:

Mr P. C. WRENNALL, Slough—Red Flag

Mr R. CHINN, Coventry—Orange Flag

# SCORES

LIST ONE	SCORE
A	Leicester City v Birmingham City
B	Stoke City v Everton
C	Tottenham Hotspur v Man City
D	Aston Villa v Hull City
E	Fulham v Notts County
F	Manchester United v Portsmouth



Steve Litt in action against Liverpool

## MAN IN THE MIDDLE

CLIVE THOMAS, Treorchy

Was once on Norwich City's books, but took up refereeing as a teenager and graduated through the Welsh League to The League list. Refereed the 1972-73 Northern Ireland v England international, a European Cup Winners Cup quarter-final (Sparta Prague v Schalke 04), also refereed in the 1974 World Cup Finals, refereeing two matches, Poland v Argentina and Brazil v East Germany. Married with two daughters, he is general secretary of the Boys' Club of Wales, his hobbies include basketball and table tennis.