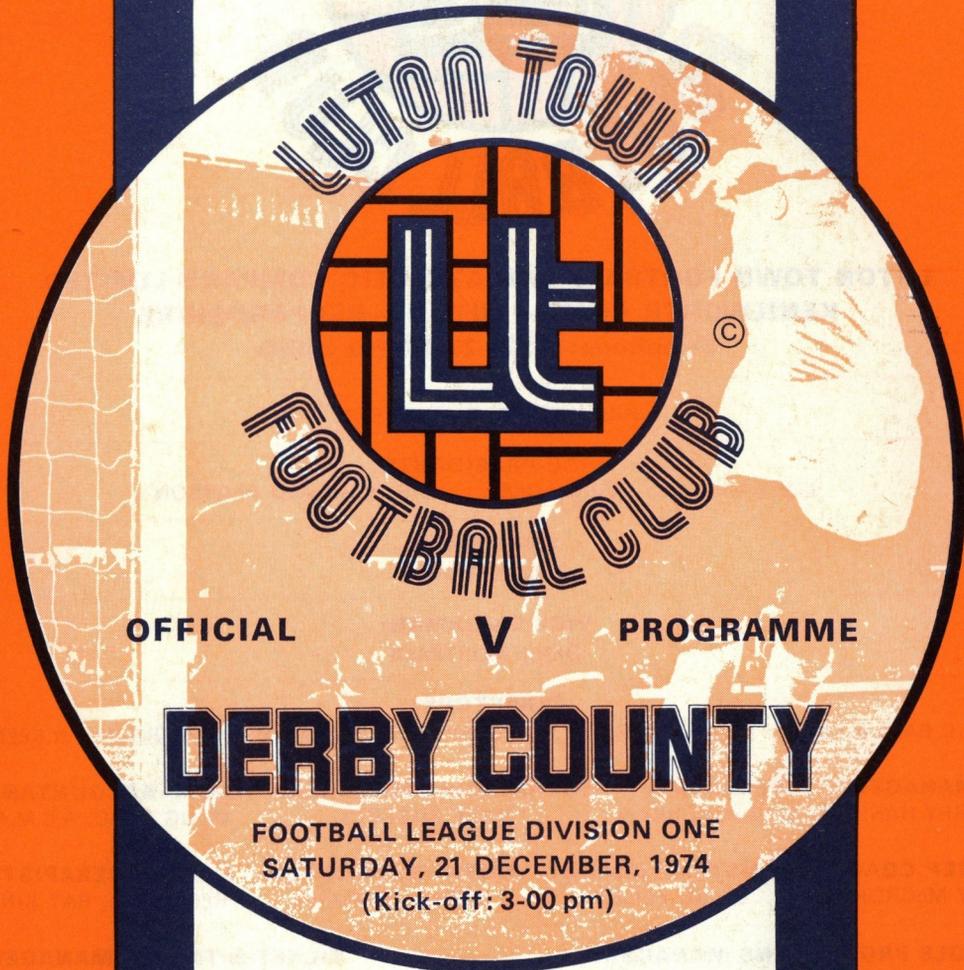


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HARRY'S TOWN

Today we reach the halfway stage of the season. Halfway to a shattered dream. If anyone had told me at the start of the season that we would be stuck to the bottom of the table by Christmas week I would have told them they were talking through their beards.

But here we are, I don't quite know what to say. I can't quite believe it. One thing I will repeat is that I still believe we have been dead unlucky. We are not as bad a side as our results indicate. We have lost so many matches by the odd goal, or through missing the sort of chances that you would expect to see schoolboys score from. But that's how it goes when you are down and out. Nobody wants to know you, not even 'Lady Luck'.

At the risk of boring you I will repeat that I still think we can escape relegation. Not once have I hinted that we are doomed, whatever other people have been saying.

For a start, look at the sides that still have to come to Kenilworth Road. We have to play Arsenal, Chelsea and Leeds United down here. And we still have to go to Carlisle. They are no great shakes this season. And all these sides are only just above us in the struggle for survival.

At times I think the side is so near getting itself right, but something always seems to go wrong. I can't tell you how many sleepless nights I've had trying to sort it out. When everything goes wrong you begin to think everything is hopeless. You wonder if you are doing the right job. But in the morning things always look brighter, and you start planning your next move.

The one thing that I am delighted about this season is the way the kids have come along. At times I was very tempted to throw them in when things were going haywire, but I felt that to do so too soon would upset their progress.

Steve Buckley had to come in earlier than I intended when Bobby Thomson was hurt early

in the season, but he proved to me what a good player he was going to be.

Then I gave Paul Futcher his chance at Chelsea a couple of weeks ago. He too proved me right. People had a real go at me about buying him from Chester for £100,000, but I am sure I am going to make my point. I thought Paul showed a great deal of maturity when he made his First Division debut, and I am sure that both he and his twin brother, Ronnie will blossom into great players.

That didn't stop people hurling abuse at me from the stand and the touchline, and writing unpleasant letters to me. Still I'm broad-shouldered enough to take that. It's my job. I am just dying for the lads to click, and I would like to see them pull us out of the mire more than anything in the world.

Today's match traditionally attracts the worst crowd of the season at football matches. That won't bother us at Luton too much, because we get that regularly. But it will be a pity if people didn't turn up in sufficient numbers, not only to give our team a boost, but to see this skilful Derby County side.

Many people will want to say 'Hello' again to Bruce Rioch, who was the hero of Kenilworth Road before he was transferred to Aston Villa in 1969. Bruce is one of the finest midfield players in the country, and in many people's minds he has been unlucky not to be recognised internationally. Perhaps his chance will come.

Today we welcome Bruce back to Luton, and I would like to wish all our loyal supporters a Very Happy Christmas. I can sincerely say that I believe we are going to have a happy New Year. Things will go right for us one of these days, and we will start winning a few games.

Meanwhile, raise your glasses to the lads out there on the field. They are doing everything they know to pull Luton back into the safety zone.



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Date	Opponents	Result	Attendance	League Position	Horn	John Ryan	Thomson	Anderson	Litt	Garner	Aston	Husband	Futcher (R)	West	Hindson	Faulkner	Pollock	Barber	Chambers	Jim Ryan	Buckley	Fucillo	Fern	Spring	Futcher (P)
Aug 17	Liverpool	1-2	21,062	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8	10	11	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19	West Ham United	0-2	23,182	—	1	2	3	4	5	6†	7	8	8	10	11	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
24	Middlesbrough	1-1	24,579	—	1	6	3	4	5	—	11†	8	10	7	11	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
28	West Ham United	0-0	16,931	—	6	3	4	4	4	—	—	8	10	7	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
31	Queen's Park Rangers	1-1	18,535	17	6	3	4	4	4	—	—	8	10	7	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Sept 7	Leeds United	1-1	26,450	18	1	6	3	4	4	5	—	8	10	7	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
11	Bristol Rovers (LC2)	1-0	10,073	20	1	6	3	4	4	—	—	8	10	7	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
14	Ipswich Town	1-4	17,577	21	6	3	4	4	4	—	—	8	10	7	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
21	Arsenal	2-2	21,629	21	6	3	4	4	4	—	—	8	10	7	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
24	Coventry City	1-2	15,617	21	6	3	4	4	4	—	—	8	10	7	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
28	Carlisle United	3-1	12,987	19	6	3	4	4	4	—	—	8	10	7	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Oct 5	Leicester City	0-0	19,024	18	6	3	4	4	4	—	—	8	10	7	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
9	Sheffield United (LC3)	0-2	14,150	—	6	3	4	4	4	—	—	8	10	7	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
12	Birmingham City	1-3	15,097	20	6	3	4	4	4	—	—	8	10	7	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
13	Middlesbrough	0-1	10,464	20	6	3	4	4	4	—	—	8	10	7	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
16	Manchester City	0-1	30,649	21	3	3	4	4	4	—	—	8	10	7	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
19	Manchester City	0-1	30,649	21	3	3	4	4	4	—	—	8	10	7	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
26	Tottenham Hotspur	1-1	22,420	22	—	—	3	9	5	6	11	8	—	10	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
26	Newcastle United	0-1	30,141	22	—	—	3	9	5	6	11	8	—	10	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Nov 9	Newcastle United	0-1	12,670	22	—	—	3	9	5	6	11	8	—	10	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
16	Sheffield United	2-4	20,646	22	2	3	4	4	4	—	—	8	—	10	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
30	Burnley	2-3	11,816	22	2	3	4	4	4	—	—	8	—	10	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Dec 7	Chelsea	0-2	19,009	22	1	2	3	4	4	—	—	8	—	10	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
14	Liverpool	0-2	35,151	22	1	2	3	4	4	—	—	8	—	10	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
21	Derby County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
26	Ipswich Town	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
28	Wolverhampton W.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Jan 4	Birmingham C (FAC3)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
11	Chelsea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
18	Burnley	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
25	Sheffield United (FAC4)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Feb 1	Newcastle United	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
8	Derby County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
15	Everton (FAC5)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
22	Stoke City	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Mar 8	O.P.R.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
15	Coventry City (FAC6)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
22	Carlisle United	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
29	Leeds United	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
31	Derby County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Apr 5	Wolverhampton W.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
12	Arsenal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
19	Tottenham H. (FACSF)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
26	Birmingham City	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
May 3	Manchester City (FA Cup Final)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
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FOOTBALL COMBINATION TABLE APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 1974-75

Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Player	App	Gls
Bristol City	20	15	2	3	44	19	32	Alston	7	6
Chelsea	19	12	6	1	41	16	30	Aston	3	—
Plymouth Argyle	18	12	3	3	39	22	27	Barber	5	—
Ipswich Town	16	11	1	4	29	16	23	Biley	2(2)	—
LUTON TOWN	18	9	5	4	36	21	23	Buckley	16	3
Leicester City	21	8	6	7	28	24	22	Chalmers	13	(1)
Arsenal	20	8	4	8	22	21	20	Chambers	6(2)	1
Southampton	16	8	3	5	37	22	19	Coyne	5(2)	1
Norwich City	17	6	5	6	28	23	17	Faulkner	3	—
Tottenham Hotspur	16	7	3	6	24	25	17	Fern	13	12
Queen's Park Rang	18	6	5	7	25	28	17	Fucillo	14(1)	—
Cardiff City	19	7	3	9	36	43	17	Futcher P	16	—
Bournemouth	17	6	4	7	20	26	16	Futcher R	18	9
Birmingham City	19	5	6	8	20	27	16	Garner	4	—
Crystal Palace	20	7	2	11	32	43	16	Hindson	1	1
Bristol Rovers	19	6	4	9	18	29	16	Horn	13	—
Oxford United	19	7	1	11	22	28	15	Husband	2	2
Fulham	16	4	4	8	17	23	12	King	15(2)	6
Reading	16	5	1	10	21	41	11	Litt	4	—
West Ham United	18	2	2	14	19	36	6	Malcolm	3(3)	—
Swindon Town	16	2	2	12	8	38	6	Mead	8	—

N.B.: Swansea City have withdrawn from the League and the League Table has been amended accordingly.

Up to and including 10th December

Up to and including 7th December

MID-WEEK LEAGUE TABLE APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 1974-75

Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Player	App	Gls
Southend United	15	10	3	2	33	20	23	Alston	1	1
Orient	14	10	1	3	34	13	21	Aston	2	—
LUTON TOWN	14	7	4	3	35	23	18	Barber	3	—
Colchester United	13	7	3	3	26	18	17	Baugh	3	—
Peterborough Utd	11	6	2	3	28	14	14	Biley	8(2)	2
Charlton Athletic	11	5	3	3	17	13	13	Buckley	3	—
Gillingham	9	4	4	1	19	10	12	Carr	5(2)	—
Portsmouth	13	5	2	6	28	27	12	Chalmers	9(2)	5
Brentford	12									

FACE TO FACE



PETER SPIRING

Gerry Harrison of Anglia TV talks to Peter Spiring



Peter, what was your background in football before you joined Bristol City?

My father had played for Bristol City as a professional. He was an inside-forward in the years just before the war and then for a couple of seasons afterwards. But the war really ruined his career. Somerset is my home County. I played for Street, then progressed in the normal way to area and County sides. I also played for the England Amateur Youth side. Actually, I didn't sign professional straight from school; I started an Engineering Apprenticeship with a firm owned by the Chairman of Bristol City. I had always been interested in engineering and I thought that I ought to get some qualifications behind me. However, I did only two years of the apprenticeship before I signed full professional forms for Bristol City.

Have you always played up front exclusively?

Not really. At Bristol City I started off as an inside-forward in the old sense. Then as an Amateur in the Reserves, I played in the middle and up front, fitting in where necessary. My first game in the League side was in October, 1969 when I was marked by Bobby Thomson, playing for Birmingham City then, of course. I had a couple of games at the end of one season, then in the following season another six games wearing eight or seven. In the next season I had a spell when I scored five goals in five games and that was me: up front almost permanently at Bristol thereafter. At Liverpool I played in both positions to fit in where necessary, because reserve sides are naturally changed around quite a bit.

How far was your spell at Liverpool a dream turned into a nightmare?

That is exactly the way it turned out. Who wouldn't have thought that things were really going well when he had been transferred to Liverpool? It seemed to be a great breakthrough for me. I had read a bit about it in the papers beforehand and the manager had told me that Liverpool were interested but when I signed it seemed to be the beginning of marvellous things. As it turned out, it was sheer misery for most of the time. Things started to go wrong when I picked up gastro enteritis at the beginning of the first full season I was there. That set me back for three or four weeks. Then by the time I had recovered from that, this Achilles tendon trouble started. This meant that one way or another I was in plaster for twenty-four weeks, but it was five weeks out of action then free to do some work, then it would break down again. I did not know what was happening from one week to the next. I did a lot of body exercises but I was really cheesed off not being able to play at all and not knowing how soon it was going to clear up. When things did straighten out the side was playing so well with such a lot of competition for places that it was impossible to get a breakthrough there. At this time I lived in a nice spot at Formby and I was particularly friendly with Emlyn Hughes, John Toshack and Larry Lloyd who were really good lads, but overall it was a miserable time. I do not mind battling for a place, but it is hopeless if you are not a hundred per cent fit while you are trying to do it.

You came into a side which is finding it hard to get results. What are the things you notice about a side struggling to find its form?

The first thing I noticed was the team spirit here which is excellent. It is as good as Liverpool, although the circumstances are entirely different. I found that players are impatient to do the right thing immediately. They want to get the ball in the back of the net quickly; they want to make a good pass quickly; they don't take their time about things. This is a question of over-anxiety and dented confidence. This characteristic of doing things too quickly is particularly noticeable up front when we are trying to score. Because of this over-anxiousness there is a tendency to make mistakes. Against Stoke City, for instance, when we scored two goals away from home you would have thought that would be good enough for a point at least. But we made mistakes in both penalty areas and didn't get anything. I came to this Club because I knew that it was a good one and because I had good reports from players who knew something about it. Emlyn Hughes, for instance, told me that Liverpool were very lucky to beat Luton in the first game of the season. He said that they would have been quite happy with one point. Liverpool scouts who watch sides regularly said that Luton were not a bad side with plenty of good players. That is why I came here and I have seen nothing to change my opinion.

Mid-season moves are not easy. How quickly have you managed to settle in?

Well, although I say it myself, we have done very well. It has been hard for my wife, June, but she has been magnificent. We have got a little girl, Elisa, who will be two in January. Then on the day I signed for Luton, June gave birth to a boy, Karl. I picked up the telephone in Harry Haslam's office to find out how she was and was told that the baby had been born. We moved down here as soon as possible. We are renting Adrian Alston's old home whilst we are looking around for somewhere permanently. Frankly, the move was bedlam. A very difficult time but I am pleased that we are all together and I do not have a lot of motorway driving to do. I love driving country-lane style but motorways send me to sleep.

What sort of hobbies have you got, Peter?

I am a golf man when I get the time. My handicap is ten, but that is only in the summer when I get some practice. There were plenty of courses, one on my home spot at Formby. I have already had a game here. I played with John Ryan, Bobby Thomson and 'Max' Faulkner the other week. John is a very good player, of course. Bobby is a fair golfer and 'Max' is about a 24 handicap I would guess. I am very rusty. 'Max' and John beat us 2-1.

In the five seasons since they won the Second Division title in 1968-69, Derby County have become one of England's leading clubs, with their fame as an attacking football-playing side extending not only throughout Europe but all over the world. Indeed, 1971-72 saw them win the Division One Championship (for the first time in their history), the Texaco Cup and the Central League; while in 1969-70 they finished fourth in Division One and carried off the Watney Cup in its initial year. In 1972-73 they reached the semi-final stage in the European Cup and this term they are again challenging for European honours via the U.E.F.A. Cup, having qualified for this competition by pulling up to third spot in last term's League chart behind Leeds United and Liverpool. And also you must pencil in County as outsiders for this season's League Championship—which is proving to be one of the closest fought for many years.

There is no doubt that the controversial intellectual Brian Clough, who was manager of the club from June, 1967 until October, 1973, was the brains behind County's success in the late 'Sixties and early 'Seventies. Some of the players 'Cloughie' signed—men like Kevin Hector from Bradford for £40,000, Roy McFarland from Tranmere for £24,500 (his second buy for the club incidentally), Archie Gemmill from Preston, David Nish from Leicester, Colin Todd from Sunderland, Henry Newton from Everton and Roger Davies, the big striker from non-League Worcester City—have all turned out to be splendid bargains with most of them still comparatively young.

And one cannot forget players who were signed while County were in Division Two. For instance, there was Dave Mackay, now boss at Derby, whom Tottenham Hotspur 'gave away' for £5,000 in July, 1968; the high-flying wing ace, Alan Hinton, whose crosses, even now, are so accurate and telling; centre-forward John O'Hare, presently with Leeds, schemer John McGovern and Welsh cap, Alan Durban, nowadays player-manager of Fourth Division promotion hopes Shrewsbury Town.

In a way these men were lifted out of obscurity by a man who has, in the past twelve months or so, had a relatively sad bout of managerialitis: what with the Brighton job, his appointment and dismissal to and from Leeds and talk of him taking over as England's chief.

But 'B.C.' is no longer connected with Derby County Football Club. Dave Mackay is in the 'hot-seat' right now, and he is blending together an eager side, which he feels can once again become top club.

The craggy Scot has already made some notable signings. For instance, he paid a fair price for Swindon's international defender Rod Thomas, handed over a huge sum of money to Aston Villa for midfielder-man Bruce Rioch and then snapped up Francis Lee from Manchester City for what has perhaps turned out to be the 'snip' of the season. Add to these, goalkeeper Colin Boulton, an ex-Police Cadet who joined the 'Rams' in 1964, veteran full-back Ron Webster, a Derby man since 1960-61, youngster Steve Powell, the son of former County centre-forward Tommy Powell and the versatile Jeff Bourne, and the playing staff at Derby looks capable of doing precisely that . . . capturing the League Championship trophy for the second time of asking. At present they are handily placed, and if only they could string together two or three worthwhile results, then that number one spot could be Derby's come next April.



INTRODUCING DERBY



DERBY COUNTY—SEASON 1974-75. (Back row): G. Guthrie (trainer), R. Thomas, P. Daniel, R. Webster, G. Moseley, C. Boulton, A. Hinton, C. Todd, D. Nish, K. Hector, D. Anderson (assistant manager). (Front row): R. Davies, J. Bourne, A. Gemmill, R. McFarland, Stuart Webb (secretary), Sam Longson (chairman), Dave Mackay (manager), F. Lee, S. Powell, H. Newton, B. Rioch.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF DERBY COUNTY:

Founded—1884 by members of the Derbyshire County Cricket Club, with three men, Messrs Jervis, Wilson and Morley, the main initiators.

1888—Were one of the twelve clubs who helped to form the Football League.

League Career—Division One 1888-1907, Division Two 1907-12, Division One 1912-14, Division Two 1914-15, Division One 1919-21, Division Two 1921-26, Division One 1926-53, Division Two 1953-55, Division Three (North) 1955-57, Division Two 1957-69, Division One 1969 to date.

Honours—Division One Champions 1971-72, Runners-up 1895-96, 1929-30, 1935-36. Division Two Champions 1911-12, 1914-15, 1968-69. Division Three (North) Champions 1956-57.

F.A. Cup Winners 1945-46 (4-1 v Charlton Athletic). Finalists 1897-98, 1898-99, 1902-03.

Grounds—The Racecourse (1884-1895), The Baseball Ground (1895 to date).

Record Attendance—41,826 (v Tottenham Hotspur, Division One, 20.9.69).

Record Receipts—£65,000 (v Juventus, European Cup Semi-Final, 25.4.73).

Record Victory—9-0 (v Wolverhampton Wanderers, Division One, 10.1.91, and Sheffield Wednesday, Division One, 21.1.99).

Record Defeat—11-2 (Everton, F.A. Cup, 1889-90).

POINTS OF INTEREST

Tewfik Abdullah, an Egyptian inside-right, became the first true non-European in history to play in a First Division game when he made his debut for Derby against Manchester City on 9th October, 1920—and he scored!

Derby have had six managers since the last war: Stuart McMillan, Jack Barker, Harry Storer, Tim Ward, Brian Clough and Dave Mackay.

In 1945-46, Derby created an all-time record by winning nine F.A. Cup-ties, including the Final.

Derby are the only League club since the last war to have been knocked out of the F.A. Cup at home in successive seasons by non-League sides—Boston in 1955 and New Brighton in 1956.

In April, 1970, Derby were fined £10,000 by the Football League for administration irregularities, and in August, 1972, the League imposed a £5,000 fine on the club in connection with the transfer of Nottingham Forest's forward, Ian Storey-Moore.

In seasons 1955-56 and 1956-57 Derby scored 110 and 111 League goals respectively while playing in the Third Division (North).

A GREAT DERBY STAR OF THE PAST

Probably the greatest name associated with Derby County is that of Steve Bloomer. Born at Cradley Heath in 1874, he moved to Derby at an early age.

He won many honours whilst at school and in 1891 Derby signed him up, paying him the not extravagant sum of seven shillings and sixpence (37½p) a week! Yet Bloomer was not slow to make his mark and County soon realised they had obtained a forward of phenomenal ability. He broke into the first-team in 1892 as a pale-faced, altogether delicate-looking stripling. But what a player he turned out to be. All told he won 23 England caps and scored 28 goals—a record that stood for almost 50 years. Bloomer, who died on 16th April, 1938, aged 64, attributed his success to his ability "to get to the ball first".

FOR THE RECORD

Derby have only visited Luton five times previously in League encounters—all were in Division Two.

- 1953-54—Luton Town 2, Derby County 1
- 1954-55—Luton Town 2, Derby County 0
- 1960-61—Luton Town 1, Derby County 1
- 1961-62—Luton Town 4, Derby County 2
- 1962-63—Luton Town 1, Derby County 2

ACTION

Peter Anderson (top picture) heads onto the Stoke City bar at the Victoria ground—another bit of bad luck. While Adrian Alston is thickly involved in the action at Chelsea. Action pictures: 'Evening Post'.



LUTON TOWN CHAIRMAN— Mr LEN HAWKINS



It is with great pleasure that we congratulate Mr Len Hawkins on becoming Chairman of the Club. Mr Hawkins' devotion to Luton Town goes back many years and he has, in fact, followed in the footsteps of his Father-in-Law, Mr Charles Jeyes, which of course gives Mrs Hawkins the distinction of being both daughter and wife of respective Chairmen of the Club.

Mr Hawkins' love of both the Club and the game is epitomised by the fact that at seven years of age he carried Fred Hawkes' bag into the ground to ensure himself a good view of the game, and when Preston North End came down here in the Cup many years ago, he played truant to stand on the Kenilworth End, was caught, almost expelled and spent the rest of the season every Saturday afternoon caring for the tennis courts at his school.

He is probably the only full-time Director in League Football and puts in a tremendous amount of work. His guidance with the Bobbers Stand and Supporters Club has made it one of the most successful of its kind in the country, and he still finds time to travel with Harry as he has done with many other managers, scouting and assisting on the playing side.

He is known in every Board Room in all four Divisions where he is held in high esteem and I am sure you will join with us in wishing him a long and successful career as Chairman of Luton Town Football Club.



1974-1975



The Directors, Players
and Staff of
LUTON TOWN F.C.
would like to wish all their
Supporters a very

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and a

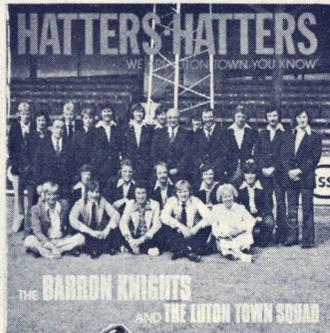
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Tricentral Coaches are leaving Maple Road Car Park at 11.30 am fare £1.15 returning at 8.00 pm. Tickets are available from Travel House, Leagrave Road NOT from the Club Offices.

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RESERVE FOCUS

Football Combination—30th November
SOUTHAMPTON 2, LUTON TOWN 1
Scorer: Hindson

Team: Horn; Price, Malcolm; Pollock, Litt, Fitcher (P); Chambers, Fern, Fitcher (R), Hindson, Fuccillo. Substitute O'Connor for Litt after 45 minutes.

This was a most disappointing result after we had taken hold of the game in the second half and should have made more of three excellent opportunities. The heavy conditions made good football a little difficult but both sides played with speed and enthusiasm in the early stages. In the first minute, Chambers crossed a superb first-timer but Ron Fitcher headed tamely into Martin's hands. A few minutes later, Fern played Ron Fitcher through and his left foot drive skimmed just wide of the post with the defence beaten. Southampton hit back and Earls hit a fine drive past Horn to give the home side the advantage. Although we had most of the territorial play before half-time, the home side looked more dangerous near goal. At half-time O'Connor was brought on for Litt who had hurt his back in the first-half. Within minutes, a brilliant O'Connor run and cross was knocked in from close range by Hindson and we began to over-run the 'Saint's' defence. Haphazard finishing and Scottish international Martin's goalkeeping foiled our efforts

and 12 minutes from time Chatterley drove home to inflict our fourth defeat of the season.

Football Combination—7th December
LUTON TOWN 1, CHELSEA 1

Scorer: King

Team: Barber; Pollock, Price; Garner, Thomson, Chambers; King, Fuccillo, O'Connor, Fitcher (R), Fern. Substitute: Simon.

After a brilliant first-half, the game deteriorated as a result of some petty fouling and Chelsea's determination to hang on to a somewhat lucky early goal. However, there can be no denying that Chelsea deserved their point to stay at the top of the Football Combination. Their young side played with both enthusiasm and skill and, at times, their clever front-running had our back-four in all sorts of trouble. In the first half O'Connor opened up the Chelsea defence but we were not powerful enough in the box. Ron Fitcher and Fern were both unlucky but more should have been made of our territorial advantage. Chelsea always looked dangerous in quick breaks and their accurate passing was a prominent feature. Both Chelsea wingers, Bason and Swain, dropped into midfield in the second-half, and it became even more difficult to penetrate. Andy King scored a late equaliser and preserved our unbeaten home record.

TOWN TALK

LUTON TOWN STRIP

Following recent enquiries, I am now pleased to inform you that the new kit in all boys' sizes is available at 'Wilds' of Luton and Dunstable. So if you are interested in a Luton kit—buy 'Admiral'. Should you have any problems, please contact Dave Roberts, Commercial Manager. Other stockists—Shanks and Turner, West Side Centre, Luton.

F.A. CUP—ROUND THREE

Birmingham City—4th January, 1975

Tickets will be available from Monday, 23rd December for the above Cup-tie, priced £1.00 and £1.50 and as we have had a great demand so far we would suggest that you come along as quickly as possible to purchase your ticket.

Season Ticket Holders need not apply as their Season Ticket covers this Cup-tie.

LUCKY PROGRAMME

Referring to the front cover of the Programme, you will note that on each match day we are carrying a lucky programme. If the photograph of Peter Spiring in the 'Face to Face' feature on page six carries a gold £10.00 stamp, you have won yourself £10.00. Would the holder of this lucky programme kindly take it to the rear of the main stand to the Broadcasting Box and ask for Dave Roberts, our Commercial Manager.

POOLS

Golden Goal winner against Burnley: Mr R. Barton, 15 Newcombe Road, Luton.

Lucky Programme winner against Burnley: Mr Graham Snookes, 106 Oxford Road, Stone, Aylesbury.

MASCOT

This afternoon's mascot is Brian Wood of 74 Edgewood Drive, Stopsley, Luton. Brian is aged four-and-a-half.

OBITUARY

We have to record with great sorrow the passing of Mr Henry Pearce. Henry, who most of you know, was Luton's most famous Referee, reaching the pinnacle of his career by officiating at the 1950 Cup Final at Wembley. He will be sadly missed here at Kenilworth Road as, during his career, he frequently trained here. He contributed a great deal of energy and hard work to local football and to the Referees' Association. He will be sadly missed by his many friends in the game. Everyone at Kenilworth Road send their sincere condolences to his widow.



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- 1 GRAHAM HORN
- 2 JOHN RYAN
- 3 STEVE BUCKLEY
- 4 PETER ANDERSON
- 5 JOHN FAULKNER
- 6 PAUL FUTCHER
- 7 JIM RYAN
- 8 JIMMY HUSBAND
- 9 PETER SPIRING
- 10 ALAN WEST
- 11 JOHN ASTON
- 12

Colours: Shirts—Orange with a White & Navy Stripe.
Shorts—Navy. Stockings—Orange

DERBY COUNTY

- 1 COLIN BOULTON
- 2 RON WEBSTER
- 3 ROD THOMAS
- 4 BRUCE RIOCH
- 5 ROGER DANIEL
- 6 COLIN TODD
- 7 HENRY NEWTON
- 8 ARCHIE GEMILL
- 9 ROGER DAVIES
- 10 GEOFF BOURNE
- 11 FRANCIS LEE
- 12

Colours: Shirts—White. Shorts—Black.
Stockings—White

SCORES

LIST ONE		SCORE
A	Birmingham City v Liverpool	
B	Burnley v Middlesbrough	
C	Chelsea v West Ham United	
D	Everton v Carlisle United	
E	Manchester C v Wolves	
F	Newcastle United v Leeds United	
G	Stoke City v Arsenal	
H	Tottenham Hotspur v Q P R	
K	Millwall v Sheffield Wednesday	
L	Norwich City v Bristol City	
M	Orient v Hull City	
N	Southampton v Fulham	
LIST TWO		SCORE
A	Brighton H A v Plymouth Argyle	
B	Gillingham v Chesterfield	
C	Grimsby T v Charlton Ath	
D	Halifax Town v Bournemouth	
E	Hereford U v Blackburn Rovers	
F	Huddersfield Town v Walsall	
G	Preston North End v Port Vale	
H	Southend United v Aldershot	
K	Wrexham v Watford	
L	Barnsley v Northampton Town	
M	Brentford v Scunthorpe United	
N	Doncaster R v Cambridge U	

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Mr A. R. LEES (Somerset)

Alex Lees went on The League's full list in 1972 after serving two seasons on the supplementary list. Started refereeing in Kent in 1958 and on moving to Somerset progressed through local leagues and the Western League. A linesman for a U.E.F.A. Cup match in Russia in 1973 and the F.A. Challenge Trophy Final at Wembley the same season. Married with four children, he is a senior master at a comprehensive school and is a qualified M.C.C. youth cricket coach. He helps run cricket and soccer teams at his school and is interested in philately and Gilbert and Sullivan operas.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE

Teams	P	Home			Away			P				
		W	D	L	F	A	P					
Everton	21	5	6	0	16	8	3	6	1	14	11	28
Liverpool	21	7	2	2	21	10	4	3	3	8	6	27
Stoke City	22	7	4	0	21	9	3	3	5	16	19	27
Manchester City	22	10	1	0	22	6	1	4	6	7	21	27
Ipswich Town	22	9	2	0	24	3	3	0	8	8	15	26
West Ham United	22	7	2	2	27	12	3	4	4	12	17	26
Middlesbrough	22	5	4	2	21	12	5	2	4	13	14	26
Burnley	22	6	2	3	23	15	4	2	5	17	21	24
Derby County	21	6	2	2	22	12	2	5	4	12	18	23
Leeds United	22	7	2	2	20	8	2	2	7	11	17	22
Wolverhampton Wanderers	21	5	4	2	21	14	2	4	4	7	13	22
Newcastle United	21	7	3	1	19	8	1	3	6	9	22	21
Sheffield United	21	6	3	2	18	13	2	2	6	11	21	22
Birmingham City	22	6	1	4	21	16	2	3	6	10	19	20
Coventry City	22	4	5	2	17	14	2	3	6	13	25	20
Tottenham Hotspur	22	4	3	4	15	11	3	2	6	12	20	19
Queen's Park Rangers	22	4	2	5	10	11	3	3	5	13	19	19
Chelsea	21	2	5	3	12	15	3	3	5	11	21	18
Arsenal	21	4	4	2	16	7	2	1	8	8	20	17
Leicester City	21	3	3	4	10	9	2	3	6	10	21	16
Carlisle United	22	4	1	6	9	10	2	2	7	11	17	15
LUTON TOWN	21	1	3	6	10	17	0	4	7	7	18	9

Up to and including Saturday, 14th December 1974

Linesmen:

Mr J. BARKER, Essex, Orange Flag

Mr P. H. TAYLOR, Middlesex, Red Flag

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