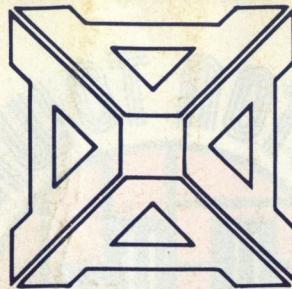


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HARRY'S TOWN



What a great Christmas the lads gave me—or perhaps I should say gave us all. I have been praying for that little bit of luck since things started going sour for us back in the early autumn, and it came at long last in the match against Derby just before the festivities started. With only about ten minutes to go Colin Todd tripped Peter Spiring and the referee gave us a penalty. I could hardly believe it. We have had so many turned down that we should have been given. Some people suggested that Peter had taken a dive. He collected a fractured toe in the tackle, and you don't get those by tripping over the line.

Then we went to Ipswich, fought like blazes to contain the top club. In injury time we won a corner. Over it came and there was Ronnie Futcher to head it in.

Then the lad goes and thumps in a hat-trick against Wolves. Things are looking up. I had a few nasty letters when I forked out that big fee for the Futcher twins. People said I was mad paying £125,000 for a couple of Fourth Division players—one of them a reserve. It's easy to be wise after the event, but I knew I was right. The worst thing was that I had to bring them on slowly. If I had chucked them into the first-team too soon they could have come out of it badly. Some young players never get over the shattering experience of being expected to perform at your best when you are not ready for it. I played my cards close to my chest. When we were losing week after week I had to ignore the wrath of the fans who shouted for the Futcher lads to be put in.

On reflection I think we did it just about right. Coach Roy McCrohan had brought them on well, and when Paul made his debut at Chelsea he fitted in superbly. Three weeks later Ronnie was ready. I think he proved that to everyone against the Wolves.

But don't let us get carried away. There is still

a long way to go. I would dearly love us to beat Chelsea today. We have a point to make to them. At Stamford Bridge I thought we should have won, but we missed a couple of easy-looking chances and paid for our mistakes by losing. I want to put that right today.

It's a funny old life. Just when things start to look as if they are bucking up, they go wrong in another way. On Christmas Eve I moved quickly to catch a friend who stumbled on the stairs—and whack—my cartilage went.

It's an old footballer's injury I know, but my playing days are long over, and so I hope I don't have to have an operation. The club doctor has given me some exercises, and I'm working on it. But it isn't half sore. I think I'll have a bit more sympathy with players with the same trouble from now on.

Things never go wrong in ones. I got home from Ipswich on Boxing Day full of the joys of spring, only to find my 83-year-old mother had fallen down the stairs and broken a hip. If we are not careful we'll have the whole family in hospital. But you can't have everything, and I couldn't be more delighted with the way things are going on the field at the moment. Our revival has come about by sheer fighting spirit. The lads won't give in, and I am more than happy with the way Alan West is leading the side while Bobby Thomson is out.

It's not an easy thing to step into the captain's job half way through the season—especially when you are bottom of the table. It all adds to the pressures of the game.

Bobby, you will be pleased to know, is doing a marvellous job in the reserves where he is helping the younger players with the example of his experience and ability.

Just one last word—to the fans I'd like to say thanks for the support you gave the lads against Wolves. I am sure that the atmosphere you created helped them to win.

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1—When was Luton Town founded?

(a) 1885 (b) 1896 (c) 1902

2—What is the name of Luton Town's Secretary?

(a) George Reader (b) John Readman (c) Bob Readhead

3—When did Luton Town last play at Wembley?

(a) 1965 (b) 1959 (c) 1948

4—For which player did Luton pay its highest-ever transfer fee?

(a) Paul Futcher (b) Alan West (c) Jimmy Husband

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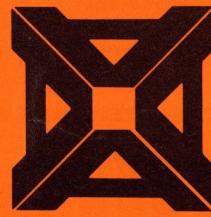
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FACTS & FIGURES

1—Goals Scored
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| Date | Opponents | Attendance | | | | | | |
|--------|------------------------|------------|--------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | Resist | League | Position | Goals | Goals | Goals | Goals |
| Aug 17 | Liverpool | 1-2 | 21,062 | | | | | |
| | West Ham United | 0-2 | 23,182 | | | | | |
| 19 | Middlesbrough | 1-1 | 24,579 | | | | | |
| 24 | West Ham United | 0-0 | 16,931 | | | | | |
| 28 | Queen's Park Rangers | 1-1 | 18,535 | | | | | |
| Sept 7 | Leeds United | 1-0 | 26,450 | | | | | |
| 11 | Bristol Rovers (LC2) | 1-0 | 10,073 | | | | | |
| 14 | Ipswich Town | 1-4 | 17,577 | 20 | 6 | 3 | 4 | |
| 21 | Arsenal | 2-2 | 21,629 | 21 | 6 | 3 | 4 | |
| 24 | Coventry City | 1-2 | 15,617 | 21 | 6 | 3 | 4 | |
| 28 | Carlisle United | 3-1 | 12,987 | 19 | 6 | 3 | 4 | |
| Oct 5 | Leicester City | 0-0 | 19,024 | 18 | 6 | 3 | 4 | |
| 9 | Sheffield United (LC3) | 0-2 | 14,150 | 15 | 6 | 3 | 4 | |
| 12 | Birmingham City | 1-3 | 15,097 | 20 | 6 | 3 | 4 | |
| 16 | Middlesbrough | 0-1 | 10,464 | 20 | 6 | 3 | 4 | |
| 19 | Manchester City | 0-1 | 30,649 | 21 | 6 | 3 | 4 | |
| 26 | Tottenham Hotspur | 1-1 | 22,420 | 22 | 5 | 3 | 9 | |
| Nov 2 | Newcastle United | 0-1 | 30,141 | 22 | 5 | 3 | 9 | |
| 9 | Sheffield United | 0-1 | 12,670 | 22 | 5 | 3 | 9 | |
| 16 | Stoke City | 2-4 | 20,646 | 22 | 2 | 2 | 4 | |
| 30 | Burnley | 2-3 | 11,816 | 22 | 1 | 2 | 4 | |
| Dec 7 | Chelsea | 0-2 | 19,009 | 22 | 1 | 2 | 4 | |
| 14 | Liverpool | 36,151 | | | | | | |
| 21 | Derby County | 1-0 | 12,862 | 22 | 1 | 2 | 4 | |
| 26 | Ipswich Town | 1-0 | 23,413 | 22 | 1 | 2 | 4 | |
| 28 | Wolverhampton W. | 3-2 | 19,642 | 22 | 1 | 2 | 4 | |
| Jan 4 | Birmingham C (FC3) | 0-1 | 17,543 | 22 | 1 | 2 | 4 | |
| 18 | Chelsea | | | | | | | |
| Feb 8 | Burnley | | | | | | | |
| | Sheffield United | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Newcastle United | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Stoke City | | | | | | | |
| Mar 1 | O.P.R. | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Coventry City | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Carisbrook United | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Leeds United | | | | | | | |
| 29 | Derby County | | | | | | | |
| 31 | Wolverhampton W. | | | | | | | |
| Apr 5 | Tottenham H. | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Leicester City | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Birmingham City | | | | | | | |
| 26 | Manchester City | | | | | | | |
| May 3 | (FA Cup Final) | | | | | | | |



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Goals to Date

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION TABLE APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 1974-75

| Teams | P | W | D | L | F | A | P | Player | App | Gls |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-----|
| Bristol City | 23 | 16 | 3 | 4 | 46 | 22 | 35 | Alston | 9 | 7 |
| Chelsea | 21 | 14 | 6 | 1 | 46 | 19 | 34 | Aston | 3 | — |
| Plymouth Argyle | 22 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 47 | 28 | 33 | Barber | 9 | — |
| LUTON TOWN | 22 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 42 | 25 | 28 | Biley | 3(2) | — |
| Ipswich Town | 17 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 43 | 16 | 25 | Buckley | 16 | 3 |
| Leicester City | 23 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 32 | 28 | 24 | Chalmers | 1(1) | 1 |
| Arsenal | 22 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 24 | 22 | 23 | Carr | 6(3) | 1 |
| Tottenham Hot. | 21 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 28 | 31 | 21 | Coyne | 9(2) | 1 |
| Southampton | 19 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 41 | 30 | 20 | Faulkner | 3 | — |
| Queens Park Rang | 21 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 31 | 32 | 20 | Fern | 14 | 12 |
| Crystal Palace | 22 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 37 | 45 | 20 | Fuccillo | 16(1) | — |
| Norwich City | 20 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 31 | 27 | 19 | Futcher P | 16 | — |
| Cardiff City | 20 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 38 | 46 | 17 | Futcher R | 21 | 12 |
| Oxford United | 21 | 8 | 1 | 12 | 24 | 30 | 17 | Garnier | 5 | — |
| Birmingham City | 20 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 21 | 28 | 17 | Hindson | 2 | 1 |
| Bournemouth | 18 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 20 | 28 | 16 | Husband | 2 | 2 |
| Bristol Rovers | 22 | 6 | 4 | 12 | 20 | 37 | 16 | King | 17(2) | 7 |
| Fulham | 19 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 19 | 25 | 15 | Litt | 7 | — |
| Reading | 17 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 23 | 43 | 12 | Malcolm | 3(3) | — |
| West Ham United | 21 | 4 | 2 | 15 | 28 | 42 | 10 | Mead | 8 | — |
| Swindon Town | 17 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 8 | 40 | 6 | O'Connor | 5(1) | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | Pollock | 18(2) | — |
| | | | | | | | | Prosser P | 1 | — |
| | | | | | | | | Russell | 9 | — |
| | | | | | | | | Ryan Jim | 5 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | Shanks | 1 | — |
| | | | | | | | | Simon | 1 | — |
| | | | | | | | | Stewart | 1 | — |
| | | | | | | | | Thomson | 5 | — |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

Up to and including Saturday, 28th December

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

FOOTBALL COMBINATION TABLE

APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 1974-75

| Date | Opponents | V | F A |
|-------------|----------------------------|---|-----|
| Aug 17 Sat | Bristol City | A | 2-3 |
| 21 Wed | West Ham United | H | 3-1 |
| 24 Sat | Crystal Palace | H | 4-1 |
| 31 Sat | West Ham United | A | 0-1 |
| Sept 4 Wed | Bournemouth | A | — |
| 7 Sat | Arsenal | H | 1-0 |
| 14 Sat | Oxford United | A | 1-1 |
| 18 Wed | Ipswich Town | A | 1-0 |
| 21 Sat | Crystal Palace | A | 0-0 |
| 28 Sat | Swansea City | H | 7-1 |
| Oct 5 Sat | Plymouth Argyle | A | 2-3 |
| 12 Sat | Leicester City | A | 1-1 |
| 26 Sat | Birmingham City | A | 2-2 |
| Nov 2 Sat | Bristol Rovers | H | 4-1 |
| 6 Wed | Cardiff City | A | 5-2 |
| 16 Sat | Swindon Town | A | 3-1 |
| 30 Sat | Southampton | A | 1-2 |
| Dec 7 Sat | Chelsea | H | 1-1 |
| 14 Sat | Bristol City | A | 2-0 |
| 21 Sat | Norwich City | A | 2-1 |
| 28 Sat | Queen's Park Rangers | A | 0-1 |
| Jan 8 Wed | Arsenal | A | — |
| 11 Sat | Reading | A | — |
| 18 Sat | Chelsea | A | — |
| 25 Sat | Southampton | H | — |
| Feb 1 Sat | Ipswich Town | A | — |
| 8 Sat | Cardiff City | H | — |
| 15 Sat | Swindon Town | A | — |
| 18 Tue | Reading | A | — |
| 22 Sat | Bristol Rovers | A | — |
| Mar 1 Sat | Bournemouth | A | — |
| 4 Tue | Swansea City | A | — |
| 8 Sat | Oxford United | A | — |
| 15 Sat | Queens Park Rangers | H | — |
| 29 Sat | Plymouth Argyle | A | — |
| April 5 Sat | Birmingham City | H | — |
| 12 Sat | Leicester City | A | — |
| 19 Sat | Tottenham Hotspur | H | — |
| 23 Wed | Fulham | A | — |
| 26 Sat | Norwich City | A | — |

MID-WEEK FIXTURES

| Date | Opponents | V | F A |
|------------|---------------------------|-----|-----|
| Aug 19 Mon | Northampton Town | H | 4-3 |
| 28 Wed | Millwall | A | 2-1 |
| Sept 2 Mon | Cambridge United | H | 0-0 |
| 11 Wed | Watford | A | 3-5 |
| 16 Mon | Colchester United | A | 1-2 |
| 23 Mon | Southend United | A | 3-0 |
| Oct 2 Wed | Southampton Town | A | 5-0 |
| 7 Mon | Brentford | H | 5-0 |
| 21 Mon | Millwall | A | — |
| 31 Thu | Colchester United | P-P | — |
| Nov 4 Mon | Gillingham | H | 1-1 |
| 13 Wed | Orient | A | 2-2 |
| 20 Wed | Portsmouth (LC1) | A | 5-1 |
| 27 Wed | Brighton & Hove A. | A | 4-4 |
| Dec 4 Wed | Portsmouth | A | 2-1 |
| 11 Wed | Charlton Athletic | H | 1-3 |
| 16 Mon | Orient | A | 2-2 |
| Jan 1 Wed | Gillingham | A | — |
| 13 Mon | Watford | H | — |
| 20 Mon | Peterborough United (LC2) | A | — |
| 28 Tue | Charlton Athletic | A | — |
| Feb 4 Tue | Portsmouth | H | — |
| 10 Mon | Brentford | A | — |
| 17 Mon | Cambridge United | A | — |
| 25 Tue | Brentford | A | — |
| Mar 3 Mon | Southend United | H | — |
| 12 Wed | Peterborough United | A | — |
| 17 Mon | Brighton & Hove A. | H | — |

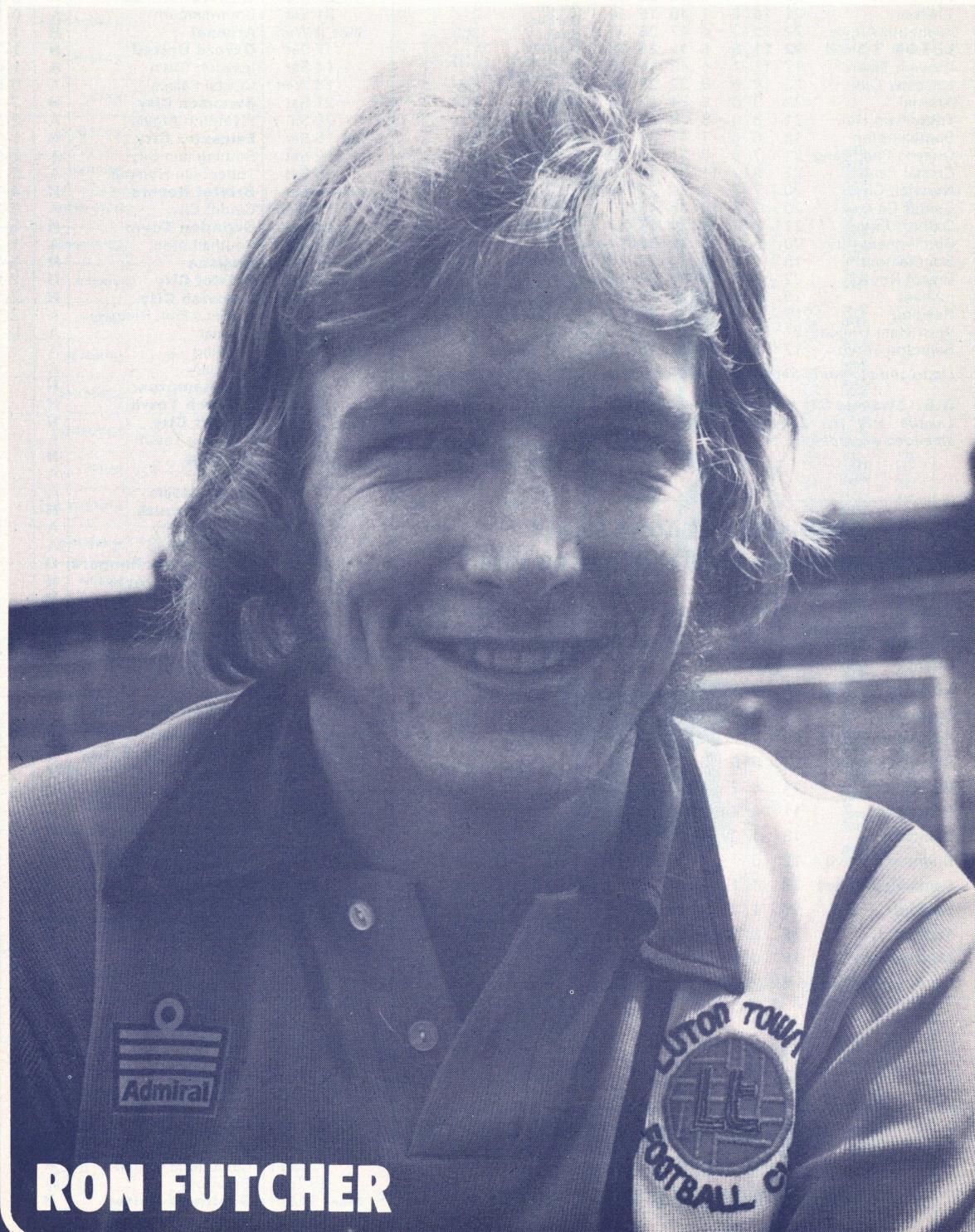
FORTHCOMING MATCH

MID-WEEK LEAGUE

LUTON TOWN v WATFORD

Monday 13th January

FACE TO FACE



RON FUTCHER

Gerry Harrison of Anglia TV talks to Ron Futcher

What were the circumstances behind your signing for Luton, Ron?

I was in Rhyl when I had a 'phone call from my dad telling me that I should come home immediately. When I arrived there it was to discover that I had been asked to go on tour with Luton to Majorca. I did so, and played a couple of games there. Then I signed in the June and both Paul and myself came down to Luton ready for the first day of pre-season training. We are now living in digs together. It is not true that I was signed simply to keep Paul company, although he did cost more than me. Neither of us care what people think about it; it's what Harry Haslam thinks that really counts. I don't go back home to Chester as much as Paul does. Mind you, he has a girlfriend up there which is his main reason for going back home. Anyway, I am quite happy down here.



Why is it that if you and Paul are supposed to be identical twins, you are nearly a stone heavier than Paul!

Well, I don't really know the answer to that. I suppose it could be because I eat more than he does, but I have always been a bit heavier than Paul. It's funny because we are both very fussy about our food. Neither of us eat greens or foods like that. We do like steak, and chips too—plenty of those. I can't drink tea—only coffee, and when we go away with the team I can't stomach anything elaborate. I mean, if we are offered something like prawn cocktail I just can't eat it. Also, I can't eat very much before a game. The only food I can take just before a match is a couple of slices of toast with jam on.

Ron, I suppose you will remember those first four goals—the one at Ipswich, the winner in fact, and the hat-trick against Wolves for a long time to come. As they say in television circles, talk us through those goals.

That one at Ipswich was rather strange really. From a corner I was standing just around the penalty spot. John Aston and Jimmy Husband were mucking around with the ball out on the wing for what seemed like ages to me. Then the cross came over and I went up for it, jumping just for the sake of jumping really because I couldn't even see the ball. The goalkeeper came for it, didn't get it and it was a bit of a surprise that it came out to me. I hit it and in it went. They couldn't catch me after that!

The hat-trick? For the first one I was on the penalty spot and our kid chipped the ball over Munroe's head to me. The second—I was on the far post for a great cross from John Aston and I couldn't help scoring from about six yards. The third—on the penalty spot again and a great little floater from Alan West. Nobody was marking me. You don't miss those, do you?

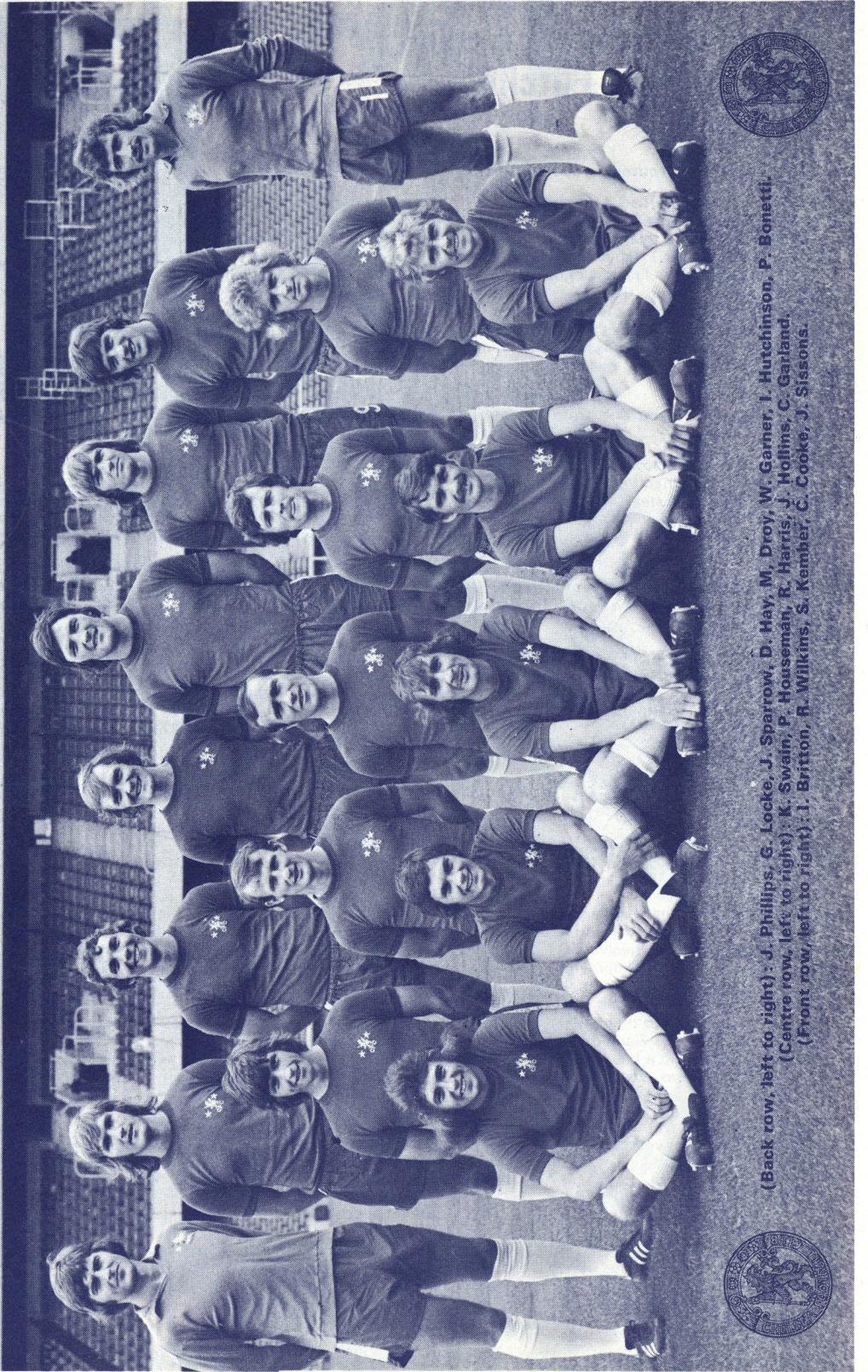
You have collected your fair share of bookings since you have been at Luton. Has this always been one of your problems, Ron?

I am afraid it has. I have appealed against the one at Ipswich otherwise I should have started a suspension by now. It is something I have got to try and conquer. The Gaffer is always having little talks with me about it and I know he hates the Club's name being involved in anything like that. I am naturally aggressive but have got to keep myself in check more. I do feel that things are improving a bit. It was even worse at Chester. In my first season I was booked three times and sent off twice in the space of a week. The first time was daft. We were winning 3-0 and I had been doing these sliding tackles which the referee had warned me for, then sent me off. The next time it was for swinging at somebody, but in the next season I only had one booking and I thought I was getting over this problem. I have always had a bit of a temper and have found that I wanted to argue although I knew that when I did I lost concentration on my game. In the reserves at Luton I picked up a couple of bookings, but in the First Division I have found there is no time for me to argue or get involved in issues as there is too much to worry about in my game and, consequently, I have found that I can keep on the straight and narrow better, but the 'Gaffer' still wants to see an improvement.

Well, Ron, you have come a long way since you signed for Luton. What do you think of your progress so far!

Not too badly really, but there is still a long way to go yet. I started off as substitute for the reserves but got in at the last minute. Then I had a great patch in the reserves when I was scoring plenty. There was talk then of possible promotion to the first-team but, unfortunately, it didn't come off. When I got into the side I was surprised, but injuries to other players made it easier for me, of course. But I know what the score is. If I am not scoring goals then I have no chance. However, the one thing that I do have on my side is that I am a lot younger than most of the other forwards which is obviously a great help. But I really am enjoying playing here at Luton. It is great that both Paul and I are together here playing in the first-team, with Paul playing so well particularly. After all, you can only be really happy if things are going well for you and, luckily, they are at the moment.

INTRODUCING CHELSEA



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It seems strange that Chelsea, despite the many famous players who have graced the club, have only ever won the First Division title once... and that was some 20 years ago, in season 1954-55, when they were preparing to celebrate their Golden Jubilee.

When you think of names like Fred Rouse—Chelsea's first £1,000 transfer, Willie 'Fatty' Foulke—that huge and hefty goalkeeper, Ben Warren, Viv Woodward, Davie Copeland, George Hilsdon—who once scored six goals against Glossop in 1906, Jim Windridge, Jackie Kirwan, Andy Wilson, the flying Scot Alex Jackson, wee Hughie Gallacher, the four Tommies, Law, McDermott, Walker and Lawton, Harry Halse, Jack Cock, Len Goudien, goalkeeper Vic Woodley—who won 19 England caps, long-throwing Sam Weaver, goalgrabbers supreme Joe Bambrick and Joe Payne, and Willy Steffan, the Swiss international full-back, one would surely have expected Chelsea F. C. to have joined the ranks of Champions long before they did!

Even some great amateurs like Woodward, Nils Midden-Boef, Howard Baker, 'Baich' Bower, Max Woosnam and Steffan, could not bring the League-winning flag to London's S. W. 6—as much as they all would have loved to. Yet, except for an appearance in the 1915 F. A. Cup Final when they lost to Sheffield United, and three promotions seasons in Division Two, namely 1906-07, 1911-12 and 1929-30, things haven't always been rosy for Chelsea—especially down Stamford Bridge way. Money has never been a problem with Chelsea—not even in the past. And during the period spent on players—and in those days that was an awful amount of money.

But, as stated, things did not go altogether too smoothly for the 'Pensioners', and for long sequences the team's performances lacked just that little bit of finesse. Then, ten years after World War Two, the picture began to change and soon Chelsea hit the top, thanks to the shrewd, virile management of former Arsenal and England deadraught centre-forward, Ted Drake.

He succeeded Billy Birrell as team-boss in the summer of 1952 and within three seasons he led Chelsea to their first League crown with this record:

| Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | For | Against | Points |
|--------|-----|-------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| 42 | 20 | 12 | 10 | 81 | 57 | 52 |

They were four points clear of second-placed Wolves and 26 ahead of bottom club, Sheffield Wednesday. At a Luncheon given by the Directors to the players and staff at Stamford Bridge on Monday, 25th July, 1955, Mr J. H. Mears, the Club's Chairman, presented Football League Championship medals to the following: Roy Bentley (captain), Eric Parsons, Derek Saunders, Johnny

McNichol, Ken Armstrong, Stan Willemsen, John Harris, Les Stubbs, Bill Roberson, Frank Blunstone, Ron Greenwood, Peter Sillett, Stan Wicks, Jim Lewis, Chick Thomson, Seamus O'Connell, Ted Drake, and trainer Jack Oxberry.

And to complete their preliminary '50 years' celebrations Chelsea's reserves won the Football Combination Championship, their third-team captured the Metropolitan League title and their juniors took the South Eastern Counties League honours.

Since those palmy days Chelsea have added the F.A. Cup to their list of achievements, winning the coveted silver prize in 1970 at the expense of Leeds United whom they beat 2-1 in a replay after four goals had been shared at Wembley.

A year later Chelsea collected the European Cup Winners Cup when in another all-action replay they pipped the Spanish aces, Real Madrid, 2-1 in Athens. Earlier, in 1965, the League Cup found its way to the Chelsea Boardroom after Leicester City had been defeated 3-2 on aggregate in the two-legged Final, while in 1955 Chelsea won the Charity Shield by crushing Cup winners Newcastle United, 3-0 in London. And in 1967 neighbouring Tottenham Hotspur beat Chelsea 2-1 in the F.A. Cup Final which was, incidentally, the first all-London clash since the 1880's.

Chelsea's League record, following their Championship winning campaign of 1954-55 has not been all that bad—and, indeed, it's not been too good either. Admittedly they suffered relegation from Division One in 1961-62 (and returned 42 games later), but otherwise their 'bread and butter' performances have been slightly above the standard level.

In 18 full seasons of top grade soccer since 1955, Chelsea have totted up 802 points—an average of 44.5 per 42 matches. They came third in the table in 1964-65 and 1969-70; finished fifth in 1963-64, 1965-66 and 1968-69; took sixth spot in 1967-68 and 1970-71.

Many star players have given Chelsea sterling service since the hostilities of the 1939-45 War, just as those before them had done, and six who perhaps deserve a special mention more than other, must be:

Bobby Tambling, whose 202 goals for the club at the 'Pensioners' and for long sequences the team's performances lacked just that little bit of finesse. Then, ten years after World War Two, the picture began to change and soon Chelsea hit the top, thanks to the shrewd, virile management of former Arsenal and England deadraught centre-forward, Ted Drake.

Peter 'The Cat' Bonetti, the goalkeeper who recently played in his 500th League game for the Blues,

A Chelsea man since 1960, Peter has over 600 first-team outings to his credit. **Roy Bentley**, scorer of 128 goals in 324 First Division matches for the club between 1948 and 1957. Winner of 12 England caps, he started life with Bristol City and joined Chelsea from Newcastle United in January, 1948. Hard-man, **Ron Harris**, has been a Chelsea man for 14½ years and is now well on the way to topping the 500th League appearance. He has won four England Under-23 caps, six Schoolboy caps and eight Youth caps, and made his senior debut in 1961-62. Finally there is midfield graftier, **John Hollins**, a 'Blue' since 1962 who has won England honours at Full Under-23 and Youth levels.

Bonetti, Harris and Hollins, might be in action this afternoon for current Chelsea boss, Ron Stuart, who took over from Dave Sexton some four months ago, maintains that experienced players can play a big part in vital matches—and with this fixture a four-pointer, his team line-up could easily feature these 'old' campaigners. **Football, though, is a funny business. Anything can happen. So we'll leave it at that!**

CHELSEA—Facts and Figures ...

Club Founded: April, 1905. Its first Chairman being William Claude Kirby, who held the position for 30 years.

Best Win: 13-0 against Jeunesse Hautcharage in the E.C.W.C. of 1971.

Worst Defeat: 8-1 by Wolverhampton Wanderers, away, in Division One in 1953.

Most goals in a season: 93, in Division One, season 1960-61.

Most points in a season: 57, in Division Two, season 1906-07.

Most capped player: Eddie McCreadie (23) for Scotland.

Record Attendance (League): 82,905, against Arsenal, Division One, 1935.

Youngest first-team player: Ian 'Chico' Hamilton, aged 16 years, 4 month, 18 days when playing against Tottenham Hotspur, away, in Division One on 18th March, 1967.

FOR THE RECORD...

The results of the last five Luton v Chelsea League matches at Kenilworth Road (Luton's score first):

| | | | |
|---------|----------|------------|--------------|
| 1956-57 | Luton 0, | Chelsea 4, | Division One |
| 1957-58 | Luton 0, | Chelsea 2, | Division One |
| 1958-59 | Luton 2, | Chelsea 1, | Division One |
| 1959-60 | Luton 1, | Chelsea 2, | Division One |
| 1962-63 | Luton 0, | Chelsea 2, | Division Two |



ACTION

RON FUTCHER 3, WOLVES 0...
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What a marvellous Boxing Day present for Ronnie Futcher. In only his second game for Luton. Ron lit up the Christmas scene with a hat-trick against Wolves. Pictures 1 and 2 show goals 1 and 2 whilst the third action picture shows the obvious delight on Roy McCrohan's face as he rushes to congratulate Ron at the end of the game.

Action pictures: Keith Dobney,
Evening News.



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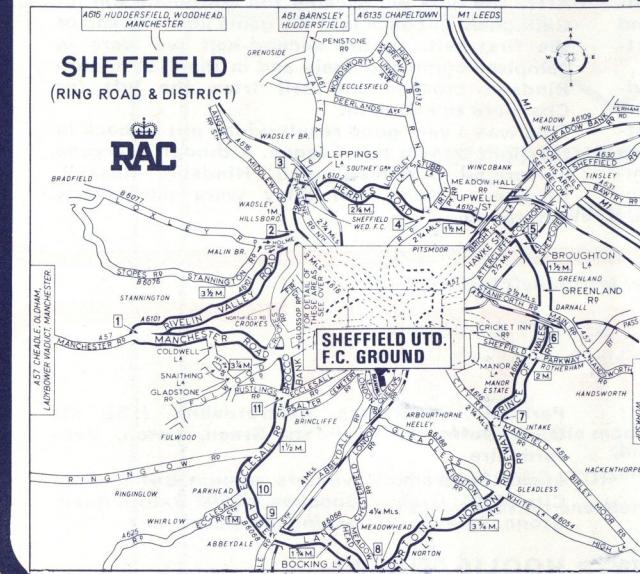
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RESERVE FOCUS

Football Combination—Saturday, 28th December
ARSENAL 1, LUTON TOWN 0
Team: Barber; Coyne, Thomson; Pollock, Price, Garner; Chambers, Russell, Chalmers, Biley, Simon. Substitute: Carr for Chalmers after 76 minutes.

A very young side put up an excellent display and were desperately unlucky to come away from Highbury without any reward. Only the brilliance of Barnett in the Arsenal goal denied our eager forwards who were probably the youngest ever to represent the club at this level. Russell (16), Biley (17), Simon (16) and Chalmers (17) all got their opportunity owing to injuries and promotion of reserve-team players to the first-team squad.

After only three minutes, a long cross was headed home by Harding for Arsenal. This goal was a result of three defensive errors and proved to be the match winner. Half an hour before the interval we began to take control of the game and Russell, Simon and Biley all missed good opportunities before half-time.

The pattern of the game continued in the second-half. The midfield trio, with Pollock having a fine game, pushed Arsenal back and Blockley, Matthews and Powling needed all their experience to repel our sharp attacks. We remained in command until the end but Barnett made four incredible saves when goals seemed certain. This

was our fifth defeat of the season (all by the odd goal), but it was possibly the most heartening performance so far.

Mid-week League—Wednesday, 1st January, GILLINGHAM 0, LUTON TOWN 2
Scorers: Russell, Chalmers.
Team: P. Walker; Mead, Malcolm; Fuccillo, Carr, Garner; Russell, Biley, Chalmers, Hindson, O'Connor. Substitutes: Stewart and P. Reed.

At Gillingham we fielded a very young side, but we had only one aim in mind—to win. And win we did, by playing very good football, proving once more that some of our youngsters have a very bright future. Russell scored the first goal after 28 minutes when Hindson took a short corner which Biley flicked back with a header and Russell, coming from behind, headed it in.

After the goal we became too confident and let Gillingham get back into the game until the end of the first-half. In the second-half we were in complete command again and in the 61st minute Hindson crossed the ball from the left for Chalmers to knock in.

This was a very good result which put us back in the fight to win this League. Although everyone performed extremely well, Hindson, Russell, Chalmers, Mead and Biley were particularly outstanding.

TOWN TALK

MASCOT

This afternoon's mascot is Darren McClelland, of Cell Park Farm, Markyate, near St. Albans, Hertfordshire. Darren is nine years old.

RECORD REQUESTS

During the last few weeks we have had several requests to play specific records for supporters attending home games. However, these requests usually arrive late and on many occasions we do not have the time to find the appropriate record requested. We would therefore suggest that you give at least three days notice in writing with as much detail as possible. Whilst talking of requests many of you are also aware that the Luton Hospital football commentary scheme broadcast to the Luton and Dunstable Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, Greenhills Old People's Centre and the Park Street Old People's Centre. It is hoped that this service will be extended to other homes and hospitals in the area in the not too distant future. Should any of you have any friends or relatives who are unfortunate enough to be confined to any of these establishments we would be very pleased to send them match day requests on your behalf.

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HOOLIGANISM

We would like to welcome all the supporters from Chelsea today. And whilst hoping that you have an enjoyable afternoon, we would like to warn you of the measures taken here to combat hooliganism. We have a closed-circuit television camera which can focus in on any person within the crowd and record a head and shoulders picture of them. Should anyone cause an affray then we will not hesitate to make the video-recording available to the Police for purposes of identification. We hope we shall not be forced to take any action of this nature.

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 Ron Fletcher in the 'Face to Face' feature on page six carries a gold £10 stamp, you have won yourself £10. 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.



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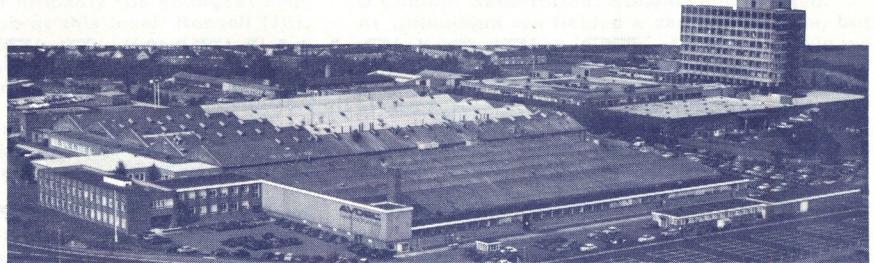
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- 3 STEVE BUCKLEY
- 4 PETER ANDERSON
- 5 JOHN FAULKNER
- 6 PAUL FUTCHER
- 7 JIM RYAN
- 8 JIMMY HUSBAND
- 9 RON FUTCHER
- 10 ALAN WEST
- 11 JOHN ASTON
- 12

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

CHELSEA

- 1 JOHN PHILLIPS
- 2 GARY LOCKE
- 3 RON HARRIS
- 4 JOHN HOLLINS
- 5 MICKY DROY
- 6 DAVID HAY
- 7 CHARLIE COOKE
- 8 RAY WILKINS
- 9 CHRIS GARLAND
- 10 BILL GARNER
- 11 PETER HOUSEMAN
- 12

Colours: Shirts—Royal Blue. Shorts—Royal Blue.
Stockings—White

SCORES

| LIST ONE | | SCORE |
|----------|----------------------------------|-------|
| A | Arsenal v Carlisle United | |
| B | Coventry City v Wolverhampton W | |
| C | Derby County v Liverpool | |
| D | Everton v Leicester City | |
| E | Ipswich Town v Middlesbrough | |
| F | Leeds United v West Ham United | |
| G | Newcastle United v Tottenham H | |
| H | Queen's Park Rangers v Burnley | |
| K | Sheffield United v Manchester C | |
| L | Stoke City v Birmingham City | |
| M | Aston Villa v Bristol City | |
| N | Bristol Rovers v Oldham Athletic | |

| LIST TWO | | SCORE |
|----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| A | Cardiff City v Norwich City | |
| B | Fulham v Nottingham Forest | |
| C | Hull City v Oxford United | |
| D | Orient v Millwall | |
| E | Portsmouth v Sunderland | |
| F | Bournemouth v Plymouth A | |
| G | Crystal Palace v Watford | |
| H | Preston North End v Wrexham | |
| K | Southend U v Brighton & Hove A | |
| L | Darlington v Brentford | |
| M | Northampton Town v Exeter City | |
| N | Rochdale v Crewe Alexandra | |

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

JOHN HUNTING

(Leicester)

John Hunting is a lecturer in physical education at the city of Leicester Polytechnic, he took up refereeing during his National Service with the Royal Signals. Progressed through the Leicestershire Senior League and Football Combination to The League line in 1966 and went on the full referees' list two years later. In 1973-74 he was appointed to the F.I.F.A. panel of international referees. He has refereed a U.E.F.A. Youth International—France v East Germany. Married with three children he plays squash and badminton and represents the Leicester Polytechnic teams in local leagues.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE

| Teams | Home | | | | Away | | | | P | | | |
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| Ipswich Town | 25 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 24 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 10 | 15 | 30 |
| Middlesbrough | 25 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 22 | 12 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 16 | 30 |
| Liverpool | 23 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 25 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 29 |
| Everton | 24 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 19 | 12 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 14 | 13 | 29 |
| Stoke City | 25 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 23 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 16 | 21 | 29 |
| West Ham United | 25 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 28 | 13 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 14 | 20 | 28 |
| Burnley | 25 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 26 | 17 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 19 | 23 | 28 |
| Manchester City | 25 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 25 | 28 |
| Derby County | 24 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 13 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 14 | 20 | 27 |
| Newcastle United | 23 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 22 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 23 | 26 |
| Leeds United | 25 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 22 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 13 | 20 | 25 |
| Wolverhampton Wand | 24 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 23 | 14 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 16 | 25 |
| Queen's Park Rangers | 25 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 18 | 20 | 25 |
| Sheffield United | 24 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 11 | 22 | 24 |
| Coventry City | 25 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 19 | 14 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 14 | 27 | 23 |
| Birmingham City | 25 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 24 | 18 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 21 | 22 |
| Tottenham Hotspur | 25 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 17 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 13 | 21 | 21 |
| Chelsea | 24 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 13 | 19 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 22 | 21 |
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| Carlisle United | 25 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 15 | 21 | 17 |
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Up to and including Saturday, 28th December, 1974

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