

# Darlington Football Club



**Official  
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**FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP—SECOND ROUND**

**9th SEPTEMBER, 1975**

# LUTON TOWN



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## NEXT HOME GAME

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE—DIVISION IV**

**Northampton**

**SATURDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER**

**kick-off 3 p.m.**

## Manager of the Month *writes:*

Good evening. Tonight we welcome Luton Town to Feethams for what promises to be an exciting and entertaining League Cup-tie. I hope also that I can extend a welcome to fans who might be visiting Feethams for the first time for some time and express the wish that our support continues to grow.

The team have worked very hard in building a successful opening to the season and as well as winning matches I trust they are winning the crowds back to Feethams. The story so far has been one of hard work and dedication to the job in hand. Darlington are now a team who fight for every ball and work all out in support of each other. It is this new spirit in the club which has brought success.

I am of course extremely pleased to receive the Manager of the Month award but I look upon it as an award to the team and the club as a whole. The key word now at Feethams is "us" and the nomination is due as much to Bill Atkins and all the staff at the club as to myself. I thank everyone for giving me such a good start to my managerial career.

Tonight's game comes after a magnificent performance in the first round against Sheffield Wednesday. The first leg at Feethams was an extremely fine game, both sides playing good football, but luck did not go our way and the Owls scored two late goals against the run of play.

In normal circumstances these goals could have been regarded as "killers" and indeed the Quakers lined up at Hillsborough with the local paper predicting that the home side would have little difficulty adding to their goal tally in the second leg. As history now relates things did not work out like that and two great goals from Steve Holbrook and Colin Sinclair and another magnificent team performance led to last Wednesday's replay.

Despite once more having home advantage Sheffield could not win, and indeed still seemed "rattled" by their defeat the previous week, offering little threat in attack.

Justice was finally done in the penalty competition after a goalless period of extra time.

This was another historical "first" for the Darlington team. Having been aware of the possibility of such a competition the morning before the game was devoted to spot kicks practice for the whole squad. After the practice I asked for volunteers and the five lads who later scored agreed to accept responsibility.

Having won the toss and scoring through Sinclair from the first kick, the pressure was then immediately put on to Wednesday and Prendergast pulled their first effort wide of the post. The self-confidence among the rest of the volunteers was borne out by the dynamic penalty taking that followed.

Finally thanks to the fans who made the journey to Sheffield for both games. There didn't appear to be many of them in that vast stadium but they did the lads proud with their vocal support.

Here's looking forward to a good game tonight and the continuation of our run of success. Luton representatives saw last Wednesday's game and cannot fail to have been impressed with what they saw.

PETER MADDEN



# Luton Town

**KEITH BARBER.** Keith was signed on professional forms in April, 1971, when Tony Read was injured, and the Club had to seek special permission from the Football League (the transfer deadline having passed) to play him against Sheffield Wednesday three days later. He played well enough to earn two more games before the end of the season and he has since held the place regularly for lengthy runs, though he was not first choice as 1974/75 kicked off.

**JOHN RYAN.** John's first taste of League football came with Fulham who were in the First Division when he made his bow in 1967/68. He enjoyed a long run, appearing in 24 games that season and holding his place for much of the following campaign. Shortly before the close of that season, though, he was transferred to Luton where he has always been a member of the senior squad. John has on two occasions (in 1970/71 and 1971/72) maintained an ever-present record. He was a member of the Hatters' team which won promotion to the First Division in 1974.

**STEVE BUCKLEY.** Steve is one of the youngest members of the Luton side and is now into his second campaign as a first-teamer. He was given a trial at Leicester in October, 1974, and performed with coolness which impressed manager, Harry Haslam. A few weeks later, Mr. Haslam decided to give Steve a further run and this time he played so well that, thereafter, former England international Bobby Thomson was unable to regain the left-back position.

**PAUL FUTCHER.** Paul was only 16 when he made his League debut for Chester against Cambridge in March, 1973, but, so quickly did he establish himself in the men's world of professional football, that he was transferred to Luton for £100,000 little more than a year later! "I couldn't believe it when I was told," says Paul. "I had no idea Luton were interested, anyway." Last season, Paul's robust tackling and his lightning summing-up of every situation made him a big success in First Division football and now he is tipped for representative honours. Paul is the identical twin of striker Ron who joined Luton at the same time.

**PETER ANDERSON.** Peter had looked little farther ahead than soccer fun with amateurs Hendon, in the Isthmian League, until Luton spotted him. Then things moved swiftly. Luton signed him in February, 1971, and promoted him immediately into their Second Division side. He soon settled and, indeed, the following season he was leading scorer with 10 goals. He has since remained a member of the senior side and has now made almost 200 appearances for the side.

**ALAN WEST.** Alan took over as skipper of the Hatters mid-way through last season and it was under his guidance that the team made such a remarkable recovery and was so very unfortunate to suffer relegation. Alan won England under-23 honours in his Burnley days but, after losing his place in the team which won the Turf Moor club promotion in 1972/73, he felt he would like to make a fresh start elsewhere. He signed for Sunderland but they amazingly turned him down, following a medical. Luton had no such reservations, signed him for £80,000 soon after 1973/74 had kicked off and he hasn't missed a game since.

# SPOTLIGHTING

**JOHN FAULKNER.** John's career has taken many curious turns on an unconventional route to success in the Football League. Once a Charlton amateur, he left to serve amateur clubs Bromley, Cray Wanderers and Sutton United. He was Sutton's centre-back when they enjoyed their incredible F.A. Cup run in 1970, his performances earning praise even before their epic battle with Leeds United. Soon after that game, John was invited to turn professional with Leeds United after turning down Arsenal, Tottenham and Crystal Palace. He had the galling experience of putting through his own goal on his League debut against Burnley but it didn't affect his confidence. Leeds' next game was the F.A. Cup Final with Chelsea but, having played for Sutton, John was not eligible to play. He was recalled for their match against Manchester City but had the tragic misfortune to break a kneecap. He never made a full recovery at Leeds so when he was offered the chance of a fresh start at Luton in 1972 he jumped at the opportunity and has since been the Club's number one centre-back.

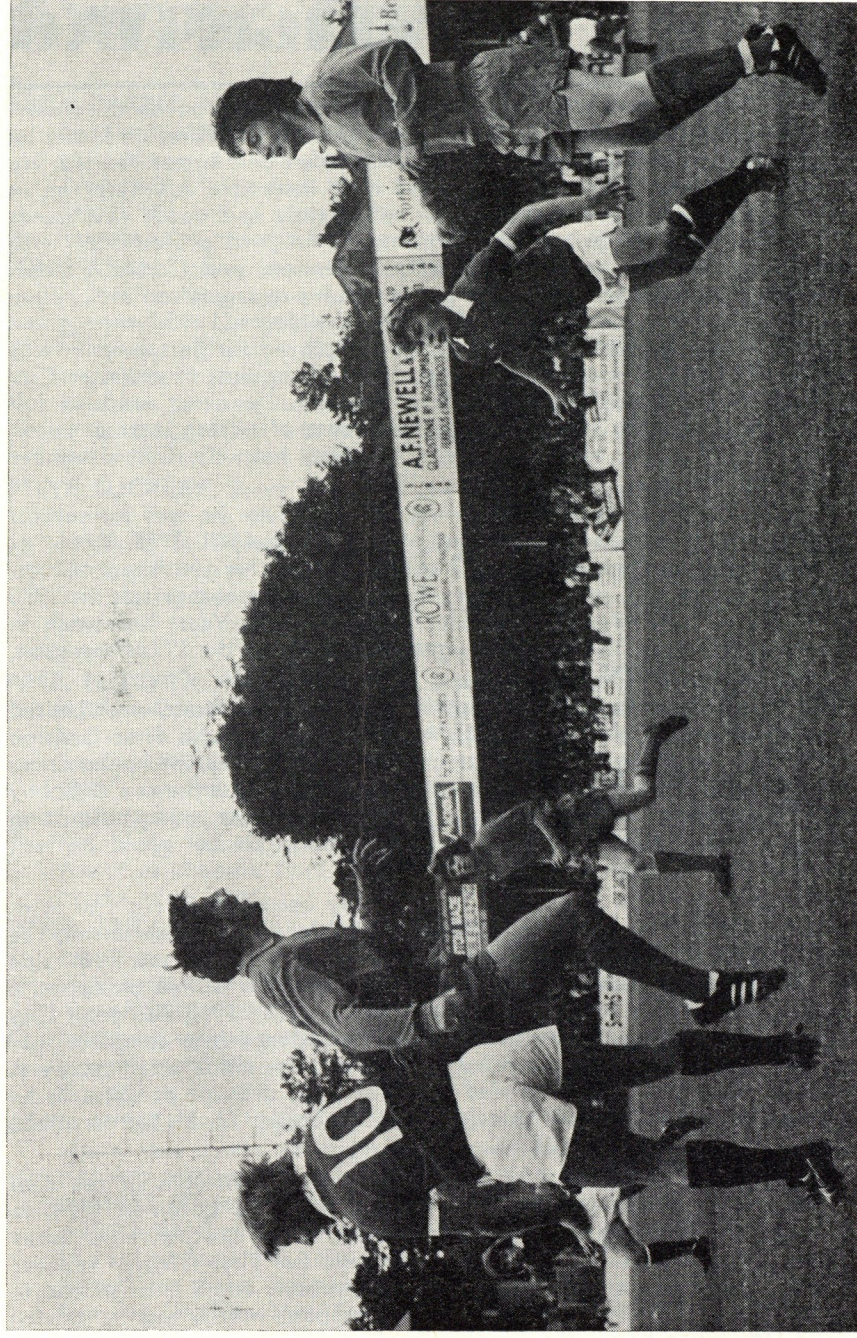
**JIMMY HUSBAND.** Jimmy made his name with Everton where he was for several years a first teamer, following his debut at Fulham in April, 1965. While at Goodison he won five England under-23 caps to add to his youth and school-boy honours. Jimmy was in the Toffees' League Championship side in 1970 and he was a member of their Wembley side beaten by West Bromwich in the 1968 F.A. Cup Final. When Luton signed him early in the 1973/74 season, they had to pay a £70,000 fee.

**JIMMY RYAN.** As a lad, Jimmy always dreamed of playing for Manchester United and he realised that ambition in 1965/66 when he made his First Division debut. Over the following five years he made several subsequent appearances without quite establishing himself as a regular—for this was the era of Bobby Charlton, Pat Crerand and Nobby Stiles. Scant chance of any youngster ousting those famous internationals at that time, so Jimmy felt he would be well advised to accept Luton's offer in 1970.

**JOHN ASTON.** John followed in father's footsteps by becoming a big star with Manchester United. Dad had been United and England's left-back during the immediate post-war period and young John followed him into the Reds' side in 1964/65. For several seasons John and George Best performed on opposite flanks for United, John's finest game probably being the 1968 European Cup Final when he teased and tantalised the Benfica defence into complete submission. Soon after that he broke a leg and never quite made a full recovery. The presence of his father also tended to prove a bit difficult at times so he moved to Luton on a £30,000 transfer in 1972. Earlier in his career, John played for the England under-23 XI.

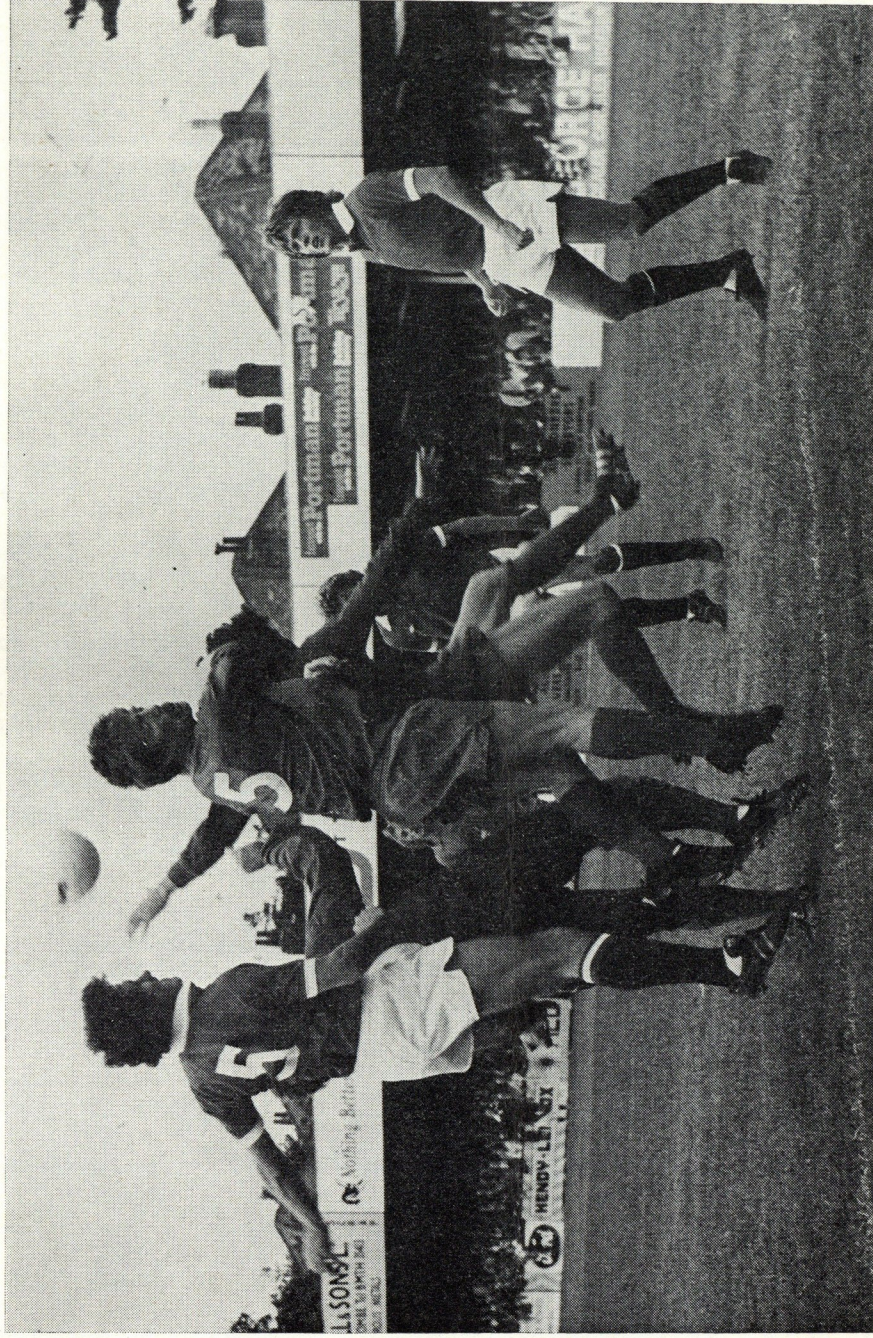
**RON FUTCHER.** Ron was supposed to have been the make-weight in the deal which took him and his identical twin brother, Paul, to Luton in 1974. In fact, he has made every bit as big an impression as his brother. How many 17 year olds have hit four goals in their first two full First Division games? That was Ron's achievement last season. He was initially eased in as substitute at Sheffield United in November, but his first complete match was at Ipswich on Boxing Day when he hit the winning goal.





## QUAKER action . . .

Tonight's action shots are from the Quakers great away victory in Bournemouth. Norman Lees, who did a good job in the No. 6 shirt, resisting a challenge from Trevor Howard as the ball flashes across the box (and out of the picture). Below: Alec Smith at the heart of the defence and two other defenders (no prizes are offered but we can't tell who they are) resisting a strong challenge from Bournemouth centre-half Stuart Morgan.





# ENCOUNTER

The paths of Luton Town and Darlington have not often crossed. The teams have met in only two seasons in Division Four and never before in cup competitions. The Hatters, as Luton are known, are the only team to have fallen from the First Division to the Fourth, and yet risen again to the First, since the formation of the Fourth Division in 1958. In 1958/9 Luton finished 17th in the First Division, but were relegated the following season when they finished bottom. Relegation to Division Three followed in 1962/3 when they propped up the Second Division and they sank into the Fourth at the end of 1964/5. Their rise up the leagues began almost immediately when they only failed on goal average to clinch fourth spot in Division Four in 1965/6. However they won the title in 1967/8, their third season in the lowest league. This upward surge continued when in 1969/70 they were promoted to the Second Division, after finishing second to Orient. First Division status was finally regained, after 14 years, when they were runners up to Middlesbrough in Division Two. Unhappily this remarkable ascent could not be sustained, and after only one season, they dropped back to the Second Division.

Luton first visited Feethams on 30th April, 1966, when both teams were locked in the struggle for promotion from the Fourth Division. Darlington were top of the league with 53 points, while Luton lay seventh only 4 points behind.

Luton had already beaten Darlington 2—0 at Kenilworth Road a fortnight earlier. On a hot afternoon Luton played a very defensive game, no doubt missing 31-goal O'Rourke absent with a foot injury. A goal superbly headed by Cummings from a Hutchinson cross after 48 minutes, won the game for the Quakers and kept them on top of Division Four.

Teams—DARLINGTON: Moor, Peverell, Keeble, Yeoman, Jacques, Ratcliffe, McGeachie, Hutchinson, Cummings, Sproates, L. O'Neill.

LUTON: Tinsley, Thompson, Edwards, Slough, Woods, Moore, French, Riddick, Rivers, Reid, Whittaker.

Result: Darlington 1 (Cummings), Luton Town 0. Attendance: 11,155.

On Luton's second visit to Feethams, the positions were reversed, for it was Luton who were Fourth Division leaders in the clash on 23rd March, 1968. It was Yeoman's first match as manager, after he had been appointed in midweek. However he saw the Quakers fall behind to an 11th-minute free-kick from Rioch. The Darlington forwards squandered a number of chances before J. O'Neill scored nine minutes after half-time, but it was Luton who went home winners after Green headed in another free-kick from Rioch. This time Luton continued at the top of Division Four and eventually were champions.

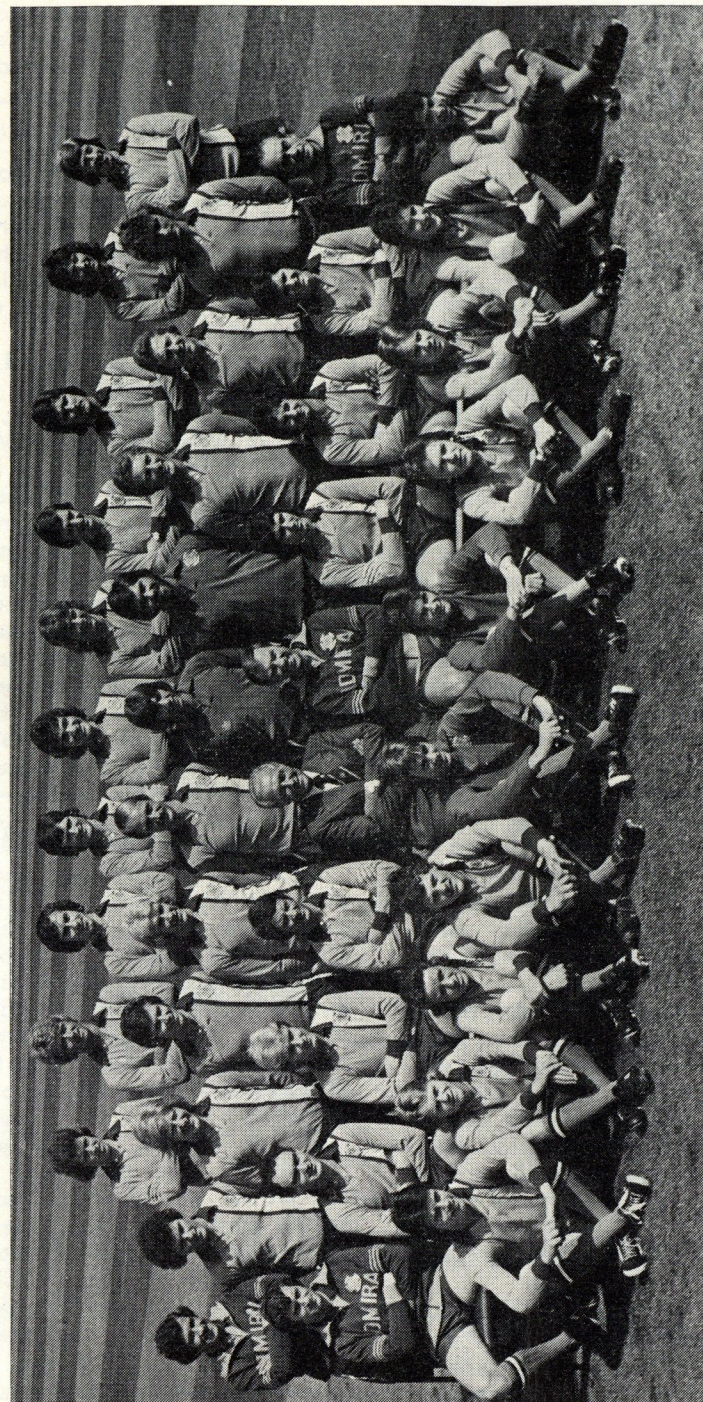
Teams—DARLINGTON: Moor, Peverell, Keeble, Atkinson, Albeson, Sproates, L. O'Neill, Hunter, Lawton, J. O'Neill, Kirk.

LUTON: Read, Dougan, McDerment, Potter (sub. Denton), Branston, Moore, Brown, Buxton, Green, Allen, Rioch.

Result: Darlington 1 (J. O'Neill), Luton Town 2 (Rioch, Green). Attendance: 4,336.

Compiled by F. R. TWEDDLE

## LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB 1975-6



LEFT TO RIGHT—BACK ROW: Peter Mead, Alan West, Gordon Hindson, Jim Ryan, Peter Anderson, Andy King, Pasquale Fuccillo, Brian Chambers, Laurence Coyne, Matt Pollock. FIRST ROW: Danny Bergara (coach), Alex Malcolm, David Carr, Bobby Thomson, Paul Fletcher, John Faulkner, Keith Barber, Graham Horn, Steve Litt, Steve Buckley, Paul Price. SECOND ROW: David Pleat (coach), John Aston, Ron Fletcher, Peter Spiring, Harry Haslam (manager), Roy McCrohan (chief coach), Adrian Alston, Jimmy Husband, John Seaman, Reg Game (physiotherapist). SEATED: Graham Jones, Wayne Morgan, Barry McHugh, Ian Donnelly, Tony Knight, Andy Roberts, Sandor Simon, Iain Stewart, Steve Russell, Tim Smith



# League Cup Scene

This season saw the introduction of a two-leg system for the first round for the first time. On the whole the experiment has been a successful one. It has given the smaller clubs a more equal opportunity to win through to the second round and a possible "plum" tie without relying on the luck of the draw as well as providing extra revenue.

One says "more equal" as there is always some advantage in football. Analysing the results it seems that this year the clubs scheduled to play the first leg at home had an advantage and most took the opportunity to build up a lead. Five teams lost the first game despite ground advantage. **Rotherham, Swansea, Cardiff and Reading**, as well as the Quakers, but only the latter managed to overcome the setbacks and eventually win. **Nottingham Forest's** 7-2 aggregate win over **Rotherham** was the biggest win of the round.

Only three clubs surrendered a home lead. **Southend** surrendered a 2-0 home leg lead at **Peterborough** and conceded 3 goals. A similar pattern was followed in the **Bradford City v York** tie. The Fourth Division club scored through Cooper and Johnson, in the first leg only to concede three goals at Bootham Crescent, two scored by Jimmy Seal and one by Chris Jones.

**Port Vale** surrendered a two-goal lead in the away leg at **Hereford** and lost the replay 1-0. Only three replays

were needed, the one just mentioned, **Darlington's**, and **Crewe v Tranmere**. These clubs were level 3-3 after the first two legs and the replay required extra time, being level 1-1 after 90 minutes. **Crewe** eventually got the decider through **Purdie** but not before striker **Steve Melledeew** was sent off and their stormy manager **Harry Gregg** was banished from the touch line by the referee after involving himself in a brief discussion with the officials.

A surprise of the last round was the immediate expulsion of last season's cup fighting heroes **Chester**, at the hands of **Wrexham**. The Welshmen used the initial home leg to build up a 3-0 lead and held the newly promoted side 0-0 in the return in front of a crowd of 6,346. One of the best performances came from **Lincoln** who of course narrowly missed out on promotion last season. They beat **Chesterfield** 6-5 on aggregate with **John Wood** scoring all their goals in a 4-2 home victory in the first leg. Biggest aggregate for supporters 25,000 plus for the Preston and Blackburn two-way derby matches, bringing in that extra revenue to the competition we were talking about.

And so to the second round which, with the big clubs coming into the draw has its usual selection of fascinating clashes with possibilities of giant-killing. However it is sad to see a small club **Southport** having to sacrifice their home draw with **Newcastle** and ask (for financial reasons) that the match be played at St. James's Park.

It is 1967/68 since **Darlington** progressed past this stage of the competition and of course that is the season they reached the quarter final stages. With all due respect to our opponents tonight here's hoping that this season may see a few more matches against top class opposition.

PETER BODDY

# STATISTICS

## 2nd Div. and 4th Div. Tables

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Notts Co.	5	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	4	2	8
Fulham	6	2	1	0	7	0	1	1	1	5	5	8
Southampton	5	3	0	0	7	1	0	1	1	0	3	7
Sunderland	6	3	0	0	6	1	0	1	2	1	5	7
Bristol C.	6	2	1	0	5	1	1	0	2	4	7	7
Luton	4	2	0	0	5	0	1	0	1	2	1	6
Hull	5	3	0	0	5	1	0	0	2	0	3	6
Chelsea	6	2	1	0	6	2	0	1	2	1	5	6
Blackburn	4	1	0	1	5	3	1	0	2	1	5	5
Bolton	5	1	1	0	5	2	1	0	2	2	4	5
Oldham	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	2	5	5
Nottm F.	4	1	0	1	2	1	0	2	0	1	1	4
Bristol R.	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	3	4
Oxford	6	1	1	1	4	4	0	1	2	3	6	4
Plymouth	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	3	4
Blackpool	5	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	3	4
W.B.A.	5	1	2	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	7	4
York	4	1	0	1	3	3	0	1	1	3	4	3
Charlton	4	1	0	1	3	3	0	1	1	0	1	3
Portsmouth	4	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	1	2	2	3
Orient	5	0	2	1	2	3	0	0	2	0	2	2
Carlisle	5	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	3	1	7	1
Huddersfield	4	0	2	0	4	1	2	0	0	3	0	6
Tranmere	4	1	1	0	4	2	1	1	0	3	1	6
Darlington	4	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	2	3	6
Brentford	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	4	3	6
Barnsley	4	2	0	0	4	1	0	1	1	0	1	5
Stockport	4	1	1	1	5	4	1	0	0	1	0	5
Newport	4	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	1	5	5	5
Northampton	4	1	0	0	4	2	1	1	1	5	5	5
Lincoln	4	2	0	0	7	3	0	1	1	3	5	5
Doncaster	4	1	0	1	3	3	1	1	0	3	2	5
Reading	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	4	6	5
Rochdale	4	2	0	0	6	4	0	1	1	0	2	5
Crewe	4	1	1	0	9	3	0	1	1	1	3	4
Exeter	4	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	4
Swansea	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	2	3	4
Cambridge	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	3
Hartlepool	4	0	2	0	3	3	0	1	1	2	3	3
Bournemouth	4	0	0	2	1	3	1	1	0	2	1	3
Bradford	4	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	4	2
Workington	4	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	2	1	5	2
Watford	4	1	0	1	2	3	0	0	2	0	2	2
Torquay	4	1	0	1	3	3	0	0	2	2	10	2
Southport	4	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	2
Scunthorpe	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	1

Luton opened the season with a 2-0 home win over Hull with goals from Ron Futch and Andy King. On the following Saturday however they went down 1-0 at West Brom.

Last Saturday saw a return to winning ways at Kenilworth Road when three goals from Ron Futch again, Peter Anderson and Steve Buckley from the penalty spot saw off bookies' favourites Chelsea and left our opponents handily placed with games in hand on the leading clubs in their Division.

They have Australian striker Adrian Alston suspended from tonight's game after being sent off, pre-season, in Belgium.

## Fixtures

1975	AUGUST	F	A
16	Scunthorpe	...h	2 0
23	AFC Bournemouth	...a	2 1
30	Watford	...h	1 0

SEPTEMBER		
5	Tranmere	...a 0 2
13	Northampton	...h
20	Crewe A	...a
22	Stockport C	...a
27	Lincoln City	...h

OCTOBER		
4	Cambridge	...a
8	League Cup 3	...h
11	Exeter City	...h
18	Torquay Utd	...a
21	Swansea City	...a
25	Doncaster	...h

NOVEMBER		
1	Bradford City	...a
3	Hartlepool	...h
8	Barnsley	...h
12	League Cup 4	...a
15	Huddersfield	...a
22	F.A. Cup 1	...h
29	Reading	...h

DECEMBER	F	A
3	League Cup 5	...
6	Newport C	...a
13	F.A. Cup 2	...
20	Brentford	...a
26	Workington	...h
27	Rochdale	...a

1976 JANUARY		
3	Southport (3)	...h
10	Watford	...a
14	League Cup SF	...
17	Crewe A	...h
21	League Cup SF	...
24	Northampton (4)	...a
31	Swansea City	...h

FEBRUARY		
7	Hartlepool	...a
14	Barnsley (5)	...a
21	Huddersfield	...h
23	Stockport C	...h
27	Doncaster (LCF)	...a

MARCH		
6	Bradford C (6)	...h
8	Cambridge	...h

	F	A
13	Exeter City	...a
15	Torquay Utd	...h
20	Reading	...a
27	Newport C	...h
29	Brentford	...h

APRIL		
3	Scunthorpe (SF)	...a
7	Lincoln City	...a
10	Tranmere R	...h
16	Southport	...a
17	Workington	...a
19		
20	Rochdale	...h
24	AFC Bournemouth	...h

League Cup		
August:		
(L.C.1—1st leg)		
19	Sheffield Wed	...h 0 2
(L.C.1—2nd leg)		
27	Sheffield Wed	...a 2 0
September		
LC Replay		
3	Sheff Wed.	...a 5 3
9	LC2 Luton	...h



## team check

### DARLINGTON

(white shirts, black shorts and socks, both with red and white flashes)

1. Alan OGLE
2. Clive NATTRESS
3. Jimmy COCHRANE
4. Gordon CATTRELL
5. Alec SMITH
6. Colin BLANT
7. Steve HOLBROOK
8. Colin SINCLAIR
9. Eddie ROWLES
10. David CROSSAN
11. Eric YOUNG
12. Stan WEBB

Referee:

J. Rice (Preston)

LINESMEN:

RED FLAG

H. D. GALLEY (Huddersfield)

ORANGE FLAG

A. HARRISON (Goole)

### LUTON TOWN

(Club colours: Orange shirts, navy blue and white stripe, navy blue shorts)

1. Keith BARBER
2. John RYAN
3. Steve BUCKLEY
4. Peter ANDERSON
5. John FAULKNER
6. Paul FUTCHER
7. Andy KING
8. Jimmy RYAN
9. Ron FUTCHER
10. Alan WEST
11. John ASTON
- Sub. Brian CHAMBERS

## half-time check

No half-time scores available.

### STOP PRESS EDITORIAL

Well it's been a bit of a rush getting this programme out for tonight but happily everyone's chipped in and here it is. At least we didn't have to do what Sheffield Wednesday did for the replay last week and only produce a team sheet which sold for 2p. My thanks to Mawers the printers for all their hard work on it.

We still haven't received any letters from you yet and would be most grateful if someone, somewhere would sit down and tell us what they think of the programme and what they want to see in it.

In next Saturday's issue we will be looking at Darlington's opening run—assessing its significance in comparison to other years and letting you know what we find.

The Quiz will be back, with another chance to win two complimentary tickets to the Odeon Cinema.

And we will be introducing the Man of the Match programme awards and letting you know who we think have starred in each of Darlington's matches so far.

PETER BODDY