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HARRY'S TOWN

It's beginning to look right again. They call me Happy Harry in the papers, and that's just what I am right now. We have had a marvellous start to our League programme, and while I wouldn't be daft enough to predict certain promotion at this early stage, I am confident we will be there or thereabouts.

I have seen so much that is good in the club recently that I am even sleeping at nights again! I try to forget the black moments like the trouble at the Chelsea game a fortnight ago, and look for the bright things.

And I can tell you, right now there are plenty of bright things at Luton. Three years ago we started planning things. We began looking for youngsters with potential. Now our efforts are beginning to ferment.

The depth of talent we now have at Kenilworth Road is heart-warming. Last week at Portsmouth we were without John Aston and Alan West. There have been times at Luton when that would have been enough to cripple the side. Not now. Brian Chambers and Peter Spiring stepped in, and we scored our most comfortable win of the season. It was almost too easy at times, and we might well have had a whole pile more goals.

I left the pitch at Fratton Park to be told the reserves had beaten West Ham Reserves 5-0. And that was on the day I had let Steve Litt, my reserve centre half, go to Arsenal on a month's trial. Hearing that result gave me a great kick. For as well as having great young players like Steve Buckley, Andy King and the Fletcher twins in the first team, we are reaping a whole crop of outstanding kids in the reserves.

I am talking of people like David Carr, Steve Russell and goalkeeper Tony Knight. Incidentally, Tony is to be congratulated on being called up for training with the England Youth squad. I realise we must all have patience, and that good things don't all come at once. But they are coming, and that makes me a happy man.

A lot of credit for what has happened in the first few weeks of the season must go to my coaching staff—Ron McCrohan, David Pleat and Danny Bergara. They never stop working, and even come back nights to help out with trials and schoolboys matches. You have to have this sort of support if you are to win things in football. There is no easy road, only hard work.

I thought John Faulkner did a good job for us at Portsmouth last week when he was asked to stand in as skipper. Obviously I gave it some thought, but I knew he would be the right man for the job. John is a similar sort of player to Alan West. There is nothing frivolous about him. If we were winning 26-0 he would still be there, pushing the lads on.

If only we had not lost that game at West Brom we would be sitting on top of the tree today. It seems to be a bit of a tradition at Luton that we lose our first game away. At least it's out of the way, and it must have wakened us up. Every time I look at the Second Division table I see Fulham sitting up there looking a bit jauntily. Alec Stock has had a great run since he left Luton, and I'm looking forward to the visit of the Londoners to Kenilworth Road next month. By then we might just be up there with them, and we'll be out to prove that we are top dogs.

You can't beat a bit of old rivalry to add spice to the game. But let's not get carried away. Our first job is to beat Bolton this afternoon. I promise you we'll be doing our best. We have had some terrific matches with the Lancashire lads over the years, and I've an idea they are still waiting to get their own back for the time we beat them in the fifth round of the FA Cup at Burden Park in 1973.

It just shows you how we have turned things over at Luton. Only three members of the side that won that cup tie are still with the club—John Ryan, Jim Ryan and John Aston. I just hope we can repeat the result today.

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ACTION

Steve Russell seen here in great attacking form against the Qatar national side (a small Persian Gulf country of some 125,000 people). The apprentices won 1-0 at Stockingstone Road on Thursday 28th August. The winning goal was scored by Ian Donnelly.



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Middle row: M. Walsh, P. Jones, J. Byrom, S. Allardyce, P. Nicholson, H. Curran.
Front row: S. Lee, P. Thompson, J. Ritson, P. Reid, A. Dunne.**

In 1971-72 Bolton Wanderers were playing Third Division football in front of home gates averaging 8,150 . . . something which, in the mid 1950's was unheard of around the Lancashire Industrial town.

But it was a fact, and they had to suffer it for two seasons before climbing out, under the shrewd guidance of Jimmy Armfield, now of Leeds fame.

Bolton's aim right at this moment is to get back into the premier section—and to start pulling in crowds of 20,000 plus, which were commonplace only ten or twelve seasons ago at Burnden Park.

Their present manager is Ian Greaves, once of Huddersfield and a former Manchester United defender, who is confident his players will be pressing

hard for promotion when the screws begin to tighten next April.

Undoubtedly he has some exciting and talented performers on his staff, and no-one is more experienced than Peter Thompson, the ex-England and Liverpool winger who has topped 500 League appearances in his highly distinguished career. The holder of 16 caps and League Division One Championship and F.A. Cup Winners medals, Peter, who is now playing in midfield, cost Bolton 'peanuts' when signed by them two years ago.

Assisting 'Thommo' in creating chances will be Roy Greaves and Peter Reid.

Greaves, now 28 is a versatile guy who operates mainly in the centre of the park. He had 32 senior outings in 1974-75.

Local lad Reid got into Bolton's first team twelve months ago at inside-left, and last term played 24 times for the League side.

Behind these three will be central defenders Paul Jones and Sam Allardyce, and full-backs John Ritson and Tony Dunne.

Jones, an ever-present last season, has been Bolton's first choice number five since 1970. Still only 23, he is extremely strong in the air and stands 6' 1" tall.

Allardyce, another six-footer, earned his place when Don McAllister moved to Tottenham six months ago. He played in 17 League matches last winter and originates from the Black Country town of Dudley. Ritson is a Liverpoolian, who graduated through Bolton's junior ranks, making his debut in 1967. He loves to overlap and to date has some 280 appearances in his locker.

Dunne, his partner, won virtually every honour in the game with Manchester United. He joined Bolton in mid 1973 and has 27 Eire caps to his credit plus a career record of over 500 senior appearances.

Peter Nicholson is another back-four defender who served with Carlisle and Blackpool prior to signing for Bolton three years back.

Barry Siddall, Bolton's huge goalkeeper, like his centre-half went through 1974-75 without missing a game. He represented England in the International Youth Tournament in Italy two years ago and is proving to be a very efficient performer between the posts.

Up front Bolton will depend on the ability of Stuart Lee, Gary Jones, John Byrom and Hugh Curran.

Lee comes from Manchester and made his mark in 1972-73. Another product of the Club's youth policy is Gary Jones, no relation to Paul, who joined Bolton in 1968. Injury kept this big striker on the side-lines quite a lot in 1973-74 but now he's right back in business.

Blackburn sold Byrom to the Wanderers for £25,000 eight seasons ago. This prolific scorer has already totted up 150 goals in competitive competitions for Rovers and Bolton.

Finally there is 30 year-old Hugh Curran, the ex-Scottish international who has been with Third Lanark, Millwall, Norwich, Wolves and Oxford in a career spanning 12 seasons and 370 League matches (155 goals).

So, Luton will have to pull out all the stops to account for Bolton this afternoon—while on the other hand Bolton have it in them to produce some delightful football. That then seems to add up to a match of high promise. Let's hope we get one!

BOLTON FACTS AND FIGURES:-

Club founded—1874.

Previous name—Christ Church F.C. (to 1877).

Honours—Division Two Champions 1908-09. Division Three Champions 1972-73.

F.A. Cup Winners—1923, 1926, 1929 and 1958.

F.A. Charity Shield Winners—1958.

Record Win—13-0 v Sheffield United F.A. Cup 1890.

Heaviest Defeat—0-7 v Manchester City Division One 1936.

Most League appearances—519, Eddie Hopkinson.

Most league goals in a season—38, Joe Smith (1920-21).

Most league goals in aggregate total—255, Nat Lofthouse (1946-61).

Most capped player—Lofthouse, 33 for England

Ground facts—(Burnden Park).

Opened—1895.

Highest crowd—69,912 v Manchester City F.A. Cup 1933.

Record receipts—£42,000 (F.A. Cup semi-final 1970)
Present capacity—60,136.

STAR OF YESTERYEAR

One of Bolton's greatest footballers was Nat Lofthouse, centre-forward supreme, who, following England's memorable 3-2 win over Austria in 1952, when he scored twice, was fittingly nicknamed the 'Lion of Vienna.'

Born in Bolton fifty years ago, Nat attended the same Castle Hill school as Tommy Lawton. He joined the Wanderers when only 14 way back in 1939, making his debut in 1941.

He had his League baptism in 1946, and from then until 1961, when he retired, Nat played in 452 League games for Bolton and scored 255 goals. In 50 'other' matches, including F.A. Cup ties, recorded another 32 goals.

In 33 internationals he netted 30 more goals, scoring two on his initial outing v Yugoslavia in 1951.

He won an F.A. Cup Winners medal in 1957-58 and a loser's one in 1952-53—the season when he was also voted 'Footballer of the Year.'

Quick and powerful on the ground, strong and fearless in the air, Nat Lofthouse was a truly wonderful centre-forward.

BOLTON



**LUTON
DIVISION
TWO
ACTION**

1. Andy King gets involved here with John Dempsey and Micky Droy during the 3-0 win against Chelsea.
2. This could have been number three at Fratton Park. A low-level cross from Steve Buckley is missed by both Ronnie and Adrian.
3. Adrian Alston splits Pompey's Paul Went and Richard Reynolds, but unfortunately pushes the ball too far giving 'keeper Lloyd the advantage.



TOWN CHAT

Football Combination Saturday, 30th Aug.
BOURNEMOUTH 2 LUTON 2.

Scorer: Spiring 2.

Team: Horn; Mead, Litt, Malcolm, Thom-
son; Pollock, Fuccillo, Hindson; Seasman,
Spiring, Husband; Sub.: Morgan.

An energetic Bournemouth side made the creating of chances very difficult as they fought hard to match our skill. In a first-half where we gained the upper hand, Best, the Bournemouth keeper, made several good ground saves particularly from Spiring and Husband. Seasman had the best chance after some brilliant play with Fuccillo, but he shot off balance and the keeper saved. Soon after half-time, we took the lead when Spiring got on the end of a low cross from Seasman after good work by Husband. After this we became a little careless as Bournemouth fought hard for the equaliser which came as a result of poor covering, allowing Gritt to score. A late goal by Spiring looked to have won the game but it was not to be. Spiring's goal came after a fine deep cross from Hindson.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION TABLE (Up to and including Saturday, 6th September).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Birmingham City	6	4	2	0	8	3	10
Luton Town	6	3	3	0	13	6	9
Oxford United	6	4	0	2	9	6	8
West Ham United	6	4	0	2	11	8	8
Ipswich Town	6	3	1	2	10	6	7
Bristol City	6	3	1	2	11	7	7
Chelsea	6	2	3	1	11	9	7
Southampton	6	3	1	2	7	6	7
Swindon Town	6	3	1	2	9	9	7
Leicester City	6	2	2	2	8	7	6
Cardiff City	6	3	0	3	10	10	6
Arsenal	6	1	3	2	9	8	5
Bournemouth	6	1	3	2	7	7	5
Plymouth Argyle	5	2	1	2	5	5	5
Bristol Rovers	6	2	1	3	11	17	5
Tottenham Hotspur	5	1	2	2	11	17	4
Fulham	5	0	4	1	3	4	4
Reading	3	2	0	1	5	7	4
Norwich City	6	1	2	3	4	7	4
Crystal Palace	6	1	1	4	10	17	3
Orient	6	0	3	3	5	12	3
Queens Park Rangers	4	0	0	4	1	10	0

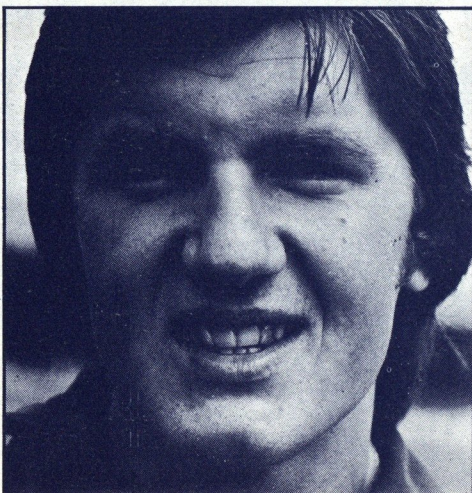
MASCOT

This afternoon's mascot is Craig Smith of 25 The Crossway, Farley Hill Estate, Luton. Craig was nine years old on 11th September. Happy birthday, Craig.

**HATTERS
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1975-1976**



RESERVE REVIEW



JOHN SEASMAN

After scoring two goals against West Ham reserves last Saturday, John had to retire with damaged knee ligaments. This is a terrible disappointment for the lad as so far this season he has shown great potential, particularly against Southampton reserves when he gave first team defender Fisher all sorts of problems. Good luck John.

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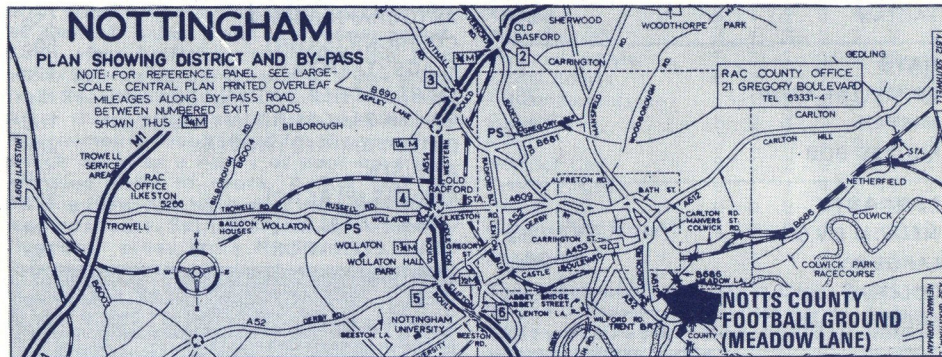
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Saturday 20th September 1975

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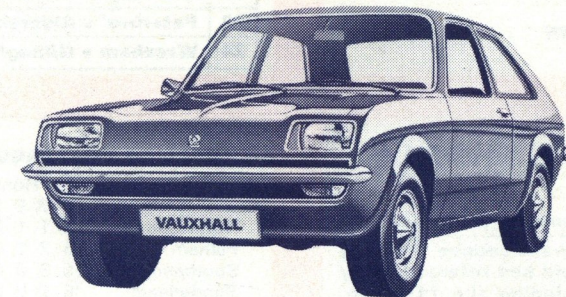
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- 2 JOHN RYAN
- 3 STEVE BUCKLEY
- 4 PETER ANDERSON
- 5 JOHN FAULKNER
- 6 PAUL FUTCHER
- 7 ANDY KING
- 8 ADRIAN ALSTON
- 9 RON FUTCHER
- 10 ALAN WEST (Capt.)
- 11 JOHN ASTON
- 12

BOLTON WANDERERS

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

- 1 BARRY SIDDALL
- 2 JOHN RITSON
- 3 TONY DUNNE
- 4 PAUL JONES
- 5 SAM ALLARDYCE
- 6 ROY GREAVES
- 7 JOHN BYROM
- 8 PETER REID
- 9 HUGH CURRAN
- 10 GARRY JONES
- 11 PETER THOMPSON
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SCORES

1	Carlisle United v Portsmouth	
2	Charlton A. v Blackpool	
3	Fulham v Bristol R.	
4	Nottingham F. v Hull City	
5	Oldham A. v Chelsea	
6	Orient v Plymouth A.	
7	Southampton v Blackburn R.	
8	Sunderland v WBA	
9	York City v Notts County	
10	Aston Villa v Arsenal	
11	Burnley v Norwich C.	
12	Everton v Newcastle U.	
13	Ipswich T. v Liverpool	
14	Leicester C. v West Ham U.	
15	Manchester C. v Middlesbro'	
16	QPR v Manchester U.	
17	Sheffield U. v Coventry C.	
18	Stoke C. v Leeds United	
19	Tottenham H. v Derby C.	
20	Wolves v Birmingham C.	
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23	Peterbro' v Aldershot	
24	Wrexham v Gillingham	

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Referee:

Mr **KEN BURNS**, Stourbridge, Worcs

Ken Burns has been on the League list since the 1960-61 season and has refereed many important games including the 1973 F.A. Cup final (Leeds v Sunderland), internationals and European matches. Started refereeing locally and went on the League line in 1957 after progressing through the Worcs. Combination and West Midland League. Appointed to the FIFA List in 1969 and the UEFA panel a year later. Married with two daughters he is a legal executive. Interests include cricket, tennis, golf and snooker. He is President of the Referees' Association and a former President of the Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen.

Linesmen:

Mr **A. D. COX**, Essex—Red Flag

Mr **M. J. HOLLAND**, Surrey—Orange Flag

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	Home			Away			F	A	P			
	P	W	D	L	F	A						
Notts County	5	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	4	2	8	
Fulham	5	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 City	6	2	1	0	5	1	1	0	2	4	7	7
Luton Town	4	2	0	0	5	0	1	0	1	2	1	6
Hull City	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 R	4	1	0	1	5	3	1	1	0	2	1	5
Bolton W	5	1	1	0	5	2	1	0	2	2	4	5
Oldham A	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	2	5	5
Nottingham F	4	1	0	1	2	1	0	2	0	1	1	4
Bristol Rovers	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	3	4
Oxford United	6	1	1	1	4	4	0	1	2	3	6	4
Plymouth A	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
West Brom A	5	1	2	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	7	4
York City	4	1	0	1	3	3	0	1	1	3	4	3
Charlton A	4	1	0	1	3	3	0	1	1	0	1	3
Portsmouth	4	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	1	2	2	3
Orient	5	0	2	1	2	3	0	0	2	0	2	2
Carlisle United	5	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	3	1	7	1