

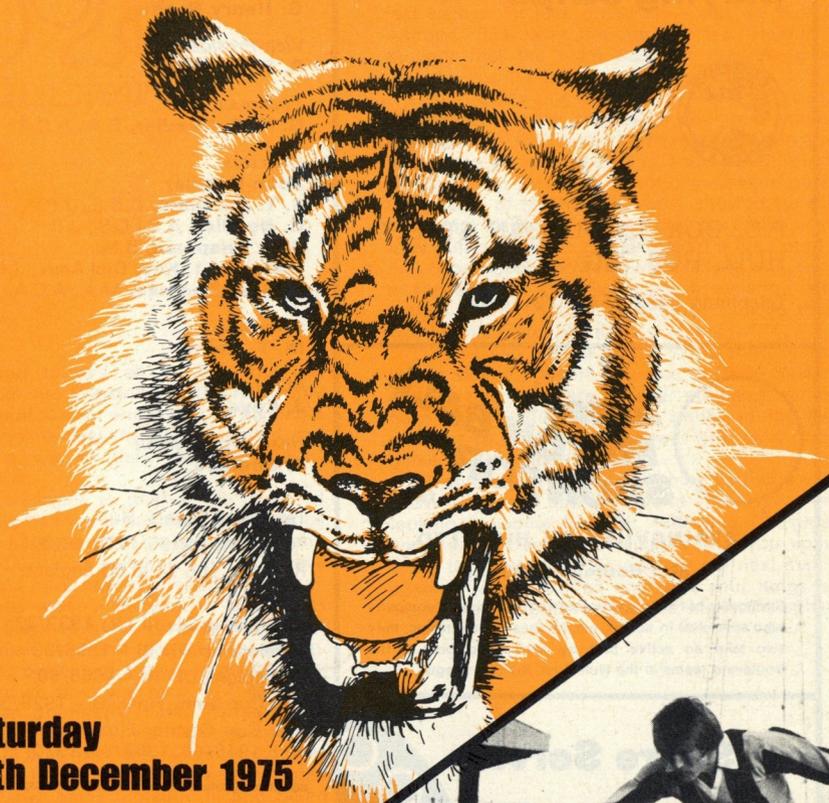
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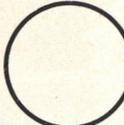
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Good afternoon to you all on this, the last Saturday before the Christmas festivities. I only hope we can add to your enjoyment by gaining a full quota of points over the holiday period and followed by a win in the F.A. Cup against Plymouth Argyle.

Last week we came to grief at the hands of Bristol City, but I can only say their performance was the best I have seen this season by any team, including the Division I matches. I firmly believe that they would have beaten anybody on Saturday. We played well — so well in fact, that I think for the first half-hour, we played some of the best football we have played this season. Alan Dicks has performed a great transformation from the team we saw, and beat, 3-1 earlier in the season at Boothferry Park. Perhaps one reason for our downfall — at least it certainly didn't help — was that Roy Greenwood was taken ill an hour before the kick-off and managed to play only after being violently ill and being dosed with brandy and hot water. It was too late to give any other form of medication and the result was that he was only a shadow of his usual self, of late.

I must pass comment again on the wonderful support we still get at away games. At York it was wonderful and the lads responded to it and all commented and praised it, both at half-time and at full-time in the dressing room. It was a different atmosphere on the coach on the return trip from York to that of last year when we all felt sick for

letting down all the faithful supporters who went there with us. This year we were all glad to share in their elation. Praise also came from the vast audience of armchair T.V. supporters for the way we played. If only they would come along in person to Boothferry and support us from the terraces!

It is pleasing to report that many of our supporters were waiting to greet us upon our arrival at Ashton Gate and it is true to say that although we lost decisively, we didn't let them down. The Bristol Directors thought it one of the most entertaining games played at Ashton Gate this season and many others passed comment that throughout the game we went at them with the result that it was a real end-to-end encounter. They got the breaks — the second goal had a real element of luck about it — and we didn't. Although half way through the first session I thought that the team that got the first goal would win and that is how it turned out.

Last Tuesday saw many of my new colleagues and former playing opponents and team mates, playing in the Ex-Tigers v. Managers XI. Everyone seeing the game appeared to enjoy it. Although the game was played at an entirely different pace, the quality of the football really showed up the individual skills and proved that the "old-uns" have still got it, even if they looked a little portly and considerably slower. Financially it was quite a success but the Ex-Tigers Association still require nearly £500 to be able to achieve their worthwhile target of a Kidney Machine.

Luton Town are our guests today and I would like to extend a warm welcome to Harry Haslam and his team. Despite all their problems, which have been made very much public in the last week or so, I am sure they will give us a good game this afternoon.

I would like to close by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and if you and your friends are looking for some fresh air, following Christmas and Boxing Day, then I suggest that you come along to Boothferry Park and see our next match against Carlisle United and give your lungs an exercising in support of the lads. Merry Christmas.

# Welcome to

## Luton Town



*Back row (left to right)* P. Mead, A. West, G. Hindson, J. Ryan, P. Anderson, A. King, P. Fuccillò, B. Chambers, L. Coyne, M. Pollock

*First row (left to right)* D. Bergara (Coach), A. Malcolm, D. Carr, B. Thomson, P. Futcher, J. Faulkner, K. Barber, G. Horn, S. Litt, S. Buckley, P. Price

*Second row (left to right)* D. Pleat (Coach), J. Aston, R. Futcher, P. Spiring, H. Haslam (Manager), R. McCrohan (Chief Coach), A. Alston, J. Husband, J. Seaman, R. Game (Physiotherapist)

*Seated (left to right)* G. Jones, W. Morgan, B. McHugh, I. Donnelly, T. Knight, A. Roberts, S. Simon, I. Stewart, S. Russell, T. Smith

Until the war, Luton Town had spent all but five seasons of their existence in Division III. Then came the most successful spell in their history as they rose to Division I for a five-year spell, 1955/60 and reached the F.A. Cup Final in the latter year.

It was at this point, however, that the drama really started, for in the space of five seasons they slipped into Division IV and then climbed back again to land up in Division I last season. They thus became the first club ever to drop from Division I to Division IV and then climb back again.

Alas, the euphoria was short-lived for although they won many friends by their attractive football

last season, they just failed to hold on to their place finishing just one point below Tottenham Hotspur. They ended the season with three wins and a draw in their last five games, there were high hopes of an immediate return. They began this season well enough with three wins in their first four games, but then after a shock League Cup defeat at Darlington, they were without a win for six games and they have not fully recovered since. There have, however, been one or two useful results, notably a 5-1 win at Charlton at the beginning of this month, but there have been other erratic results such as a 3-2 home defeat by Oldham. Even so, they have an average of a point a game to date and with a

good run in the second half of the season, they could still figure in the promotion stakes. There would seem, however, to be some doubt as to whether they will be able to keep their present line-up together, for with a massive overdraft to cope with, they have already been forced to sell midfield operator PETER ANDERSON and there may well be other necessary deals on the way.

Even the present crisis has failed to dampen the spirits of that most cheerful of characters, Manager HARRY HASLAM, surely one of the most personable men in soccer and something of his personality is reflected in the Team's style of play.

Though we are thankful in some ways not to have the threat of PETER ANDERSON against us today (he scored in both games against us when we last clashed in 1973/74) there is a fair amount of forward talent and former Everton favourite JIMMY HUSBAND has been enjoying his best spell for quite a long time with five goals since the beginning of November. That vastly experienced winger JOHNNY ASTON (remember his European Cup Final display for Manchester United in 1968?) is still a match-winner as he showed in the recent game against West Bromwich Albion when new boy ANDY KING, a graduate from the apprenticeship ranks, was also on the mark with his first-ever league goal. Then there are twins PAUL and RON FUTCHER, the defender and striker respectively, who cost a six-figure fee when signed from Luton as teenagers. Though RON is the striker (and remember his hat-trick v. Wolves last season) PAUL has also netted some useful goals when going forward.

### Luton - Playing Staff

**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.

**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 a 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.

**BOBBY THOMSON.** Bobby is now approaching the end of a wonderful career which has seen him win eight England caps, 15 under-23 caps and many other honours. By the end of last season he had made 450 League appearances for four clubs. Bobby won all his international honours while with his first club, Wolves. He made his League debut in 1961/62 and, over the next four or five years he developed into the finest left-back in the country. Ray Wilson was the man in command of the England position at the time, but Bobby successfully took over during 1964 and 1965.

**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.

**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 lightening summing-up of every situation made him a big success in Division I football and now he is strongly tipped for representative honours. Paul is the identical twin of striker Ron who joined Luton at the same time.

**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 schoolboy 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.

**JOHN RYAN.** John's first taste of League football came with Fulham who were in Division I 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 Hatter's team which won promotion to Division I in 1974.

**GRAHAM HORN.** Graham served his soccer apprenticeship with Arsenal and, though he didn't get the chance to play in their Division I side, his period at Highbury was not without honours. He was ever-present when the Junior Gunners won the F.A. Youth Cup in 1971, defeating Cardiff 2-0 on aggregate in the final. Arsenal agreed to let him go on loan to Portsmouth at the beginning of the 1972/73 season and Graham earned himself a regular place in Pompey's League XI, making 22 appearances. When he was due to return to Arsenal, Luton made a £25,000 offer and Graham made his debut for the Hatters at Blackpool in March 1973.

**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.

## Insider . . . .

(information compiled by the 'Three Droogs' — Jeff Wealands - Roy Greenwood - John Hawley) Hello again. It seems quite some time since we last wrote this column. As you know, we have at last started to score a few goals. The four goals we scored against Plymouth were especially welcome as it was something like 18 months since we last scored as many. In our 'derby' game against York, we got off to a great start with Fletcher's early goal and though York equalised, we still felt that we would get the winner. Many thanks to all those who went to the game and for the tremendous vocal encouragement we received.

Congratulations are also due to Paul Haigh who was selected to play for the England Youth Team against Ipswich Town last week in the final trial. All being well, we may see 'Haighy' turning out for England Youth in the European Championships. As you will now know, Mally Lord will be absent for quite some time following his Achilles

**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 Division I 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. He has never regretted the move for he has since been playing regular League soccer and last season he took over as the Club's penalty-taker.

**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 Division I 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. Two days later, when Luton beat Wolves 3-2, young Ron claimed all three! He finished with a total of seven and hopes to score many more than that this season.

tendon operation. He only went for what we thought was an exploratory operation, but when the surgeon had a look, he found that the tendon was partially torn.

Now, in the continuing saga of the Manager and Jeff Radcliffe, the Physio, competition. After all the hullaballo about the 'race which never was' they decided to settle with a penalty competition. Surprise, surprise!! Muff won — much to his joy and the boss's sorrow! Jeff had to pay a high price for his victory though, for on his winning shot, he collapsed with a pulled muscle! He has been walking around like a three legged camel ever since but he says the agony was well worth enduring.

Finally, since this is the last time we shall write before Christmas, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. As we will be 'working' over Christmas, our festivities are very limited but that is all part of the job and after a while you get used to it. Still, we hope you all have a good time. Cheers.

Jeff, Roy and John

*Forthcoming match at this ground*

**League Division II**

**Hull City v Carlisle United**

**Saturday, 27th December 1975**

**k.o. 3 p.m.**

**Tigers v. Plymouth Argyle**

**ACTION**



Wood involved in an incident in the Plymouth goalmouth



A mix-up in the Plymouth goalmouth

## LUTON TOWN of YESTERYEAR

Apart from three years in Division II, 1897/1900, Luton Town were a Southern League side until 1920 and did not reach Division II again until 1937, but nevertheless there was no shortage of star players in their early days. Even in their Southern League days amateur BOB HAWKES won a total of five England caps and in their very first season in the Football League they had the distinction of providing both Ireland's left-wing pair for an international against England for whom another 'Hatter' ERNIE SIMMS was at centre forward.

In the late 20's they had an outstanding striker JIM RENNIE, who was leading Division III (South) scorer in 1928/29 with 43 goals, but even this outstanding total paled by comparison with the 55 that JOE PAYNE cracked home in their promotion year 1936/37. JOE had earned a permanent place in soccer record books in the previous season when, although playing at wing-half in the reserves, he was named to fill the role of emergency centre forward in a game against Bristol Rovers and he responded to the challenge so well that he netted ten goals in a 12-0 win.

As we move into the post-war years we find Luton moving up into Division I and having a remarkable run of international goalkeepers with

IORWERTH HUGHES being capped for Wales and BERNARD STRETEN and RON BAYNHAM for England, all in a six year spell in the fifties. They also had a fine array of Irish internationals at that time with fullbacks SEAMUS DUNNE and BUD AHERNE, schemer GEORGE CUMMINS and forwards BOBBY BRENNAN and BILLY BINGHAM.

BILLY, now Manager of Everton, played a major role in helping them to the 1960 F.A. Cup Final when they lost to Nottingham Forest. Two more outstanding players in that side were sheet anchor SID OWEN, who had won three England caps a few years earlier and ALLAN BROWN (who has since had a spell as Manager), missed an F.A. Cup Final appearance with Blackpool through a broken leg in 1953.

Though he failed to score in that final, BOB MORTON had been one of their outstanding players in the successful spell in their history that led up to the final and, though he didn't play in the final, GORDON TURNER had caused many a worry to opposing defences in cracking home nearly 250 goals in a 15-year spell up to 1964.

By the time BOB retired they had sunk to Division IV, but soon the wheel of fortune turned again and they were on their way back with some outstanding young players coming through. It was a stroke of genius to convert MALCOLM McDONALD, a mediocre young defender from Fulham to lead the attack, whilst NEIL and BRUCE RIOCH in defence and attack respectively hit the headlines and eventually realised a six-figure fee when TOMMY DOCHERTY took them to Villa Park.

CHRIS NICHOLL is, of course, another outstanding player to move to Villa Park were he is giving outstanding service whilst DON GIVENS, after being allowed to leave Old Trafford, hit the headlines at Luton before moving on to be one of the outstanding players in the present Q.P.R. line-up.



### CLIFF BRITTON

Earlier this month we learned of the death of one of football's most knowledgeable men — Cliff Britton. He was born in the West Country and entered football as a player with Bristol Rovers although he is better known as a player with what was generally considered to be the best Everton team. This was in the 1930's when Everton won the Division II Championship, Division I Championship and the F.A. Cup in successive seasons. He was a member of what was probably the greatest half-back line of all time, together with Joe Mercer and Stan Cullis. The war years ended his playing career and it was at this time that Mr. Britton entered the managerial side of soccer by organising war-time games with army teams. At the end of hostilities, he took over the reins at Burnley and led them into Division I and an F.A. Cup Final. In 1948 he returned to Goodison Park as Manager and again won promotion before moving on to Preston. 1961 saw him come to Boothferry Park and he was Manager until the arrival of Terry Neill. Mr Britton was then made one of football's first General Managers.

We all know of the success he achieved for this Club and he will long be remembered for what he did for Hull City and the developments that took place within the Club during his period of office. We are sure all of you will join with us in offering our condolences to his widow and two sons.

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1975		F A	1976		F A
Tues. Aug. 26	<b>Sunderland</b> .....	H W 2-1	Tues. Jan. 6	Middlesbrough .....	A
Wed. Sept. 10	Scunthorpe United .....	A W 4-2	Week commencing Jan. 12th	— Cup — 2nd Round	
Tues. Sept. 16	<b>Middlesbrough</b> .....	H L 1-3	Tues. Jan. 20	<b>Rotherham United</b> .....	H
Tues. 23	Rotherham United .....	A W 2-1	Tues. 27	<b>Scunthorpe United</b> .....	H
Wed. Oct. 8	Chesterfield .....	A L 1-2	Tues. Feb. 3	<b>Chesterfield</b> .....	H
Wed. 15	York City .....	A L 1-3	Tues. 10	<b>York City</b> .....	H
Tues. 21	Doncaster Rovers .....	A W 2-1	Wed. 18	Mansfield Town .....	A
Tues. 28	Grimsby Town .....	A L 1-0	Wed. 24	<b>Grimsby Town</b> .....	H
Mon. Nov. 3	Barnsley .....	A W 5-1	Tues. Mar. 2	<b>Barnsley</b> .....	H
Tues. 18	<b>Halifax Town</b> .....	H D 1-1	Tues. 9	<b>Doncaster Rovers</b> .....	H
F.A. Youth Cup			Tues. 16	Halifax Town .....	A
Tues. 25	<b>Leeds United</b> .....	H L 0-1	Tues. 23	<b>Notts County</b> .....	H
Tues. Dec. 2	<b>Halifax Town</b> (Cup 1) ..	H W 4-1	To be re-arranged	Notts County .....	A
Sat. 6	Sunderland .....	A L 1-5			
Tues. 30	<b>Mansfield Town</b> .....	H			

## NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

1975		F A	1976		F A
Sat. Aug 16	<b>Leeds United</b> .....	H D 1-1	Sat. Jan 3	Leeds United .....	A
Sat. 23	<b>Chesterfield</b> .....	H L 3-4	Sat. 10		
Sat. Sept. 6	<b>Huddersfield Town</b> ..	H W 3-1	Sat. 17	<b>Newcastle United</b> .....	H
Sat. 13	Sunderland .....	A L 0-7	Sat. 24	Huddersfield Town .....	A
Sat. 20	<b>Scunthorpe United</b> ..	H W 3-1	Sat. 31	<b>Sunderland</b> .....	H
Sat. 27	Sheffield Wednesday ..	A W 1-0	Sat. Feb. 7	Scunthorpe United .....	A
Sat. Oct. 4	<b>Middlesbrough</b> .....	H D 2-2	Sat. 14	<b>Sheffield Wednesday</b> ..	H
Sat. 11	<b>Scunthorpe</b> (Cup 1) ..	H D 1-1	Sat. 21	Middlesbrough .....	A
Sat. 18	Scunthorpe (Cup 1) ..	A L 0-2	Sat. 28	<b>Sheffield United</b> .....	H
Sat. 25	Sheffield United .....	A L 1-2	Sat. Mar. 6	Doncaster Rovers .....	A
Sat. Nov. 1	<b>Doncaster Rovers</b> ..	H W 4-1	Sat. 13	Lincoln City .....	A
Sat. 8	<b>Lincoln City</b> .....	H D 1-1	Sat. 20	Grimsby Town .....	A
Sat. 15	<b>Grimsby Town</b> .....	H L 1-4	Sat. 27	<b>Barnsley</b> .....	H
Sat. 22	York City .....	A D 3-3	Sat. Apr. 3	Rotherham United .....	A
Sat. Dec. 6	Barnsley .....	A L 0-4	To be re-arranged	Newcastle United .....	A
Sat. 13	<b>Rotherham United</b> ..	H D 2-2	To be re-arranged	Chesterfield .....	A
Sat. 20	<b>York City</b> .....	H			

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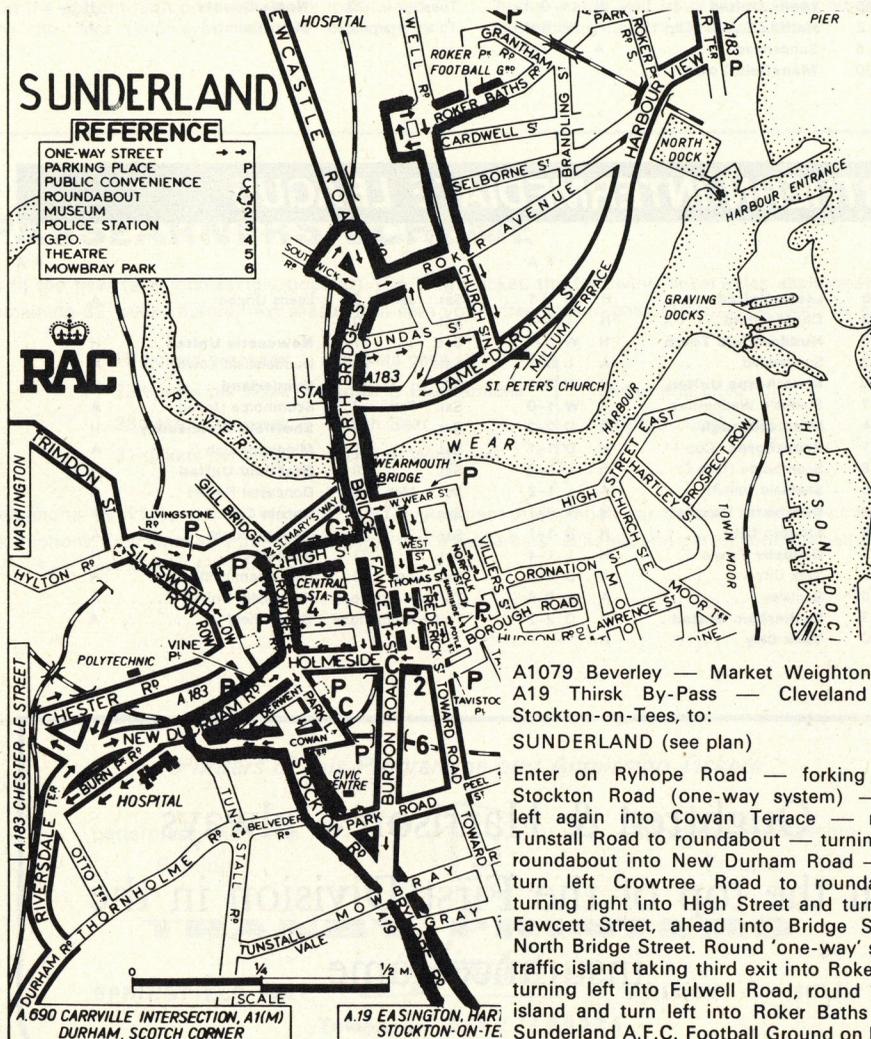
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**TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO**

**1950**  
**1975**

The team at the top of Division II at that time was Southampton, whose 2-1 win at Sheffield United lifted them a point above Coventry (who dropped a point at Preston) and above Manchester City, whose game at Bury was postponed.

In Division I, Tottenham made the best possible start to the holiday period by squeezing two points from a 1-0 win over Arsenal and so drawing level on points with their North London rivals. The clubs now shared second place with Middlesbrough a point in front after a 1-1 draw at Stamford Bridge. Goals were a little scarce in this Division, but one or two well-known names figured on the various score-sheets. At Villa Park for instance, STAN LYNN equalised an early goal by JACK STAMPS in a 1-1 draw against Derby County. At Stoke it was RONNIE ALLEN who got West Bromwich Albion's equaliser in a 1-1 draw.

In Division III (South), Norwich City achieved their best result of the season by beating leaders Nottingham Forest 2-0 and so moved up into second place on goal average. Prolific RON BLACKMAN was on the mark in Reading's 4-0 win over Orient. The latter were just three points above Crystal Palace and Watford in bottom place.

Finally, in Division III (North), there was no shortage of goals. Lincoln hammered Shrewsbury 5-0 with ANDY GRAVER getting a hat-trick, leaders Gateshead beat Crewe 4-0 and Bradford beat York by the same score. One interesting result in this Division was New Brighton's 1-0 win at Hartlepool, their third win in a row after 14 games without success. This gave them a welcome boost to mid-table and few would have guessed that a year later they would be out of the League altogether.

The Saturday before Christmas in 1950 saw us making a long vain trip to Swansea where a RICHARDS goal in the second half settled the issue after IVOR ALLCHURCH had given our defence a fair old probing in the first half. Reports of that time do not record much about our forwards' activities, but our defence won particular commendation with goalkeeper ROBINSON and fullback HASSALL outstanding.

This defeat following on the home reverse at the hands of West Ham a week earlier just about put paid to any remaining hopes of promotion and left our points tally at 23 from 22 games. It did, however, give Swansea a welcome lift above immediate danger, for they were now three points clear of Grimsby and Luton at the bottom. Both the latter were showing fight and they took a point each off promotion candidates Birmingham and Blackburn respectively.



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*Today's referee: Mr. T. FARLEY (Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham)*

Terry Farley (Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham). Began refereeing as a teenager in local youth soccer and progressed through senior leagues and the Northern League on to the League line and the Supplementary List. Promoted to the full list for this season. Linesman for the Scotland v. Peru international in 1972, a Fairs Cup match in Spain in 1970 and a League Cup semi-final the same year. A married man with two sons he works as an accountancy assistant but also operates a driving school during his spare time. Secretary of the North East Section of the Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen and the Bishop Auckland and District Referees Society.

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