

BRISTOL ROVERS

SECOND DIVISION 1975-76

MATCH No. 14—DIVISION 2—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 3 p.m.—PRICE 15p

BRISTOL ROVERS

Blue/White

- 1 Jim EADIE
- 2 David WILLIAMS
- 3 Lindsay PARSONS
- 4 Graham DAY
- 5 Stuart TAYLOR
- 6 Wilf SMITH
- 7 Kenny STEPHENS
- 8 Frankie PRINCE
- 9 Alan WARBOYS
- 10 Bruce BANNISTER
- 11 Gordon FEARNLEY
- 12

Referee:

A. ROBINSON (Portsmouth)



LUTON TOWN

Orange/Blue

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

Linesmen:

M. S. GREENHALL (Torquay)
Red Flag

K. V. LAMBERT (Dorchester)
Orange Flag



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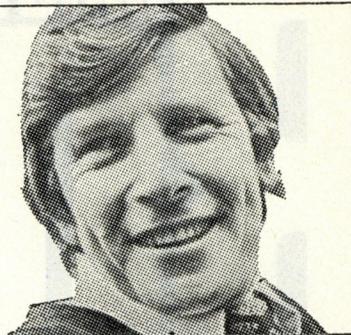
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DON MEGSON TALKING



HOLIDAY soccer is always a thrill for the fans, but it can be a bit of a nightmare for managers.

It seems a little harsh when a season's hard work can hinge on a few games thrown together over Christmas and Easter—and I firmly believe that, as history has proved, many promotion and relegation places are won or lost over these two periods.

With three games in a few days, much more comes into the contests than ability and form. Injuries play a big part with a simple knock, which would normally do no more than keep a player out of training for a couple of days, ruling a man out for two matches or more.

Clubs with good reserve strengths invariably come through the holiday periods well.

We have already had our share of injuries in the present campaign, with four members of the first team pool out of action most of the time.

After today's game we can start thinking about the F.A. Cup and next Saturday's visit to Stamford Bridge for our third round tie with Chelsea.

I think the days when being drawn at home was as good as getting a goal or two start have gone. The approach to playing away has changed drastically in recent years. The psychological advantage which was with the home club in years past has gone.

Playing away is now a game of counter-attack, and while this is a bad thing for the spectators, it is proving effective.

MORE ADVENTUROUS

Perhaps if clubs were to be even more adventurous—as we were at Sunderland last month—the results would be even more encouraging for away sides.

One thing we are going to need at Stamford Bridge next week is strong vocal support. If we get the kind of backing from the terraces we got at Oxford recently, I will be more than satisfied.

The numbers may not have been substantial that day, but the noise level was one of the greatest I have ever heard.

On the eve of a New Year, I wish all our spectators a prosperous time and some good Eastville entertainment in 1976.

COVER SHOT

*A tumble for West Bromwich
midfield player Len Cantello as
he tangles with Bruce Bannister.*

Player of the Week



Len Cantello
Bruce Bannister

MATCHDAY SPOTLIGHT



by
**ALAN
KING**

LUTON Town's financial troubles seem to have overshadowed what has been happening on the field recently. In fact, the club has been slowly building up a secure position in the table.

The recent crushing away win over Charlton Athletic—the 5-1 result was by far their best of the season—was their second away success. They won 2-0 at Portsmouth back in September.

The club were recently forced to sell their star player, midfielder **Peter Anderson**, to Belgium club Anderlecht. Anderson hit two goals in his final game, the win at Charlton.

Harry Haslam, one of the cheeriest managers in the game, has still managed to motivate his players and they are at last

coming to terms with Division Two life again after a session in the top section.

Luton have the only set of identical twins currently playing together in the Football League. Both defender **Paul Futcher** and his brother, striker **Ron**, joined the club from Chester in the summer of 1974. Paul cost the club £100,000 and his brother £40,000.

Goalkeeper **Keith Barber** recently played his 100th League game. He joined the club in April 1971 from Dunstable Town and won a regular place last season from former Arsenal keeper **Graham Horn**.

Full-back **John Ryan** got his first taste of League football with Fulham in the First Division and has been in two Luton promotion winning teams. Recently completed 250 League games for the club.

Steve Buckley started the season at left back—lost his place—and has recently regained it from former England international **Bobby Thomson**.

One of the youngest members of the side, Buckley cost the club £5,000 when he was signed from Burton Albion in April 1974. Thomson, a former Wolves and Birmingham City player, won eight international caps before joining Luton on a free transfer in July 1972. He has played over 450 League games.

Defender **John Faulkner** played with Charlton Athletic as an amateur, and later with Bromley, Cray Wanderers and Sutton United. It was whilst he was with Sutton that he played against Leeds United in the F.A. Cup and turned professional with the Elland Road Club.

He had a tragic start to his pro. career, breaking his kneecap



HARRY HASLAM . . . one of the cheeriest managers in the game:

in his second match. He never made a full recovery with Leeds and was given the chance to join Luton in 1972. He has now played over 100 times for the club.

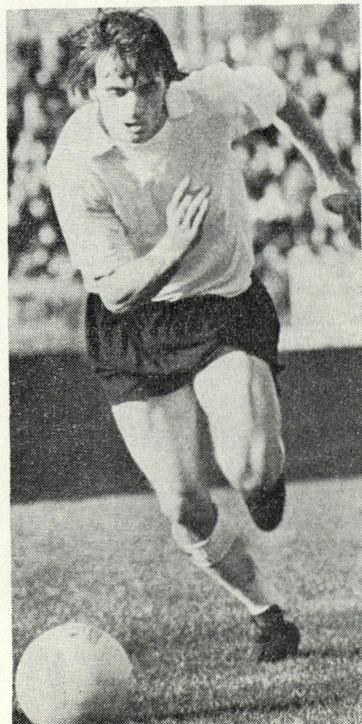
Midfield man **Brian Chambers** played for both Sunderland and Arsenal without establishing himself with either club. He cost Luton £30,000 in July 1974.

Andy King is a Luton-born former apprentice who has been a professional since July 1974, and made his League debut as sub against Manchester City last season.

Former England under-23 international **Alan West** took over as Luton skipper midway throughout last season. A product of Burnley's youth camp, he played 45 times for the Lancashire side.

In August 1973 he was set to join Sunderland for £70,000, but the move was called off on medical grounds. Two months later he went to Luton for £80,000.

Although he was out of the side at the start of the season, **Jimmy Husband** has returned to



JIMMY RYAN



become the Hatters' leading scorer.

Born in Newcastle, he played for England schools and joined Everton as an apprentice. He represented his country again as a youth player and was in the Goodison Park club's F.A. Youth Cup winning side.

He played in the losing Everton F.A. Cup Final side of 1968 and the championship winning side of 1969-70. He played five times for England's under-23 side and moved to Luton in November 1973 for £70,000.

John Aston followed in his father's footsteps as a Manchester United player when he left school. He played 156 times for the Old Trafford club and won one England under-23 cap.

With United he appeared in two Division One championship sides, and won a European Cup Winners' medal in 1968. The following season he broke his leg.

In 1970 he almost moved to

LUTON TOWN 1975-76—Back row (left to right): Peter Mead, Alan West, Gordon Hindson, Jim Ryan, Peter Anderson (now Anderlecht), Andy King, Pasquale Fuccillo, Brian Chambers, Laurence Coyne, Matt Pollock.
First row: Danny Bergara (coach), Alex Malcolm, David Carr, Bobby Thomson, Paul Futcher, John Faulkner, Keith Barber, Graham Horn, Steve Litt, Steve Buckley, Paul Price.
Second row: David Pleat (coach), John Aston, Futcher, Peter Spiring, Harry Haslam (Manager), Roy McCrohan (chief coach), Adrian Alston (now Cardiff City), Jimmy Husband, John Seasman, Reg Game (physiotherapist).
Seated: Graham Jones, Wayne Morgan, Barry McHugh, Ian Donnelly, Tony Knight, Andy Roberts, Sandor Simon, Iain Stewart, Steve Russell, Tim Smith.

Birmingham City, but the £50,000 deal fell through and it was two more years before he left Old Trafford, for Luton, for a similar fee.

Glastonbury-born former Bristol City player **Peter Spiring** has not been able to get a regular place in the side since he was signed from Liverpool in November last year for £65,000. Spiring joined Pool from City in March 1973 for £60,000.

John Seasman joined the club from Tranmere Rovers in March following a two months loan.

Striker **Matt Pollock**, a former Burton Albion player who once played for Walsall, made his Luton debut recently, but was injured in the game against Orient.

Stirling-born **Jimmy Ryan** made five appearances in the Manchester United side which won the Division One championship in 1966-67. He moved to Luton in 1970 for £20,000.

TODAY'S REFEREE

ALAN ROBINSON from Portsmouth was on the line for last season's France v. Rumania international. Refereed in the Portsmouth and Hampshire Leagues until graduating to the Football Combination and the League line in 1969. Joined the full list in 1973. A professional technology officer, married with a daughter, he has been Secretary of the Portsmouth Referees' Society for 12 years.

EASTVILLE DIARY

WITH Rovers' third round F.A. Cup-tie against Chelsea coming up next week, Don Megson is still being asked about his preparations for his big game with Middlesbrough.

The Eastville manager misheard the draw when it was made shortly after Rovers' game at York.

He was chatting to York manager Wilf McGuinness when it started on TV and failed to hear Chelsea's name called out. He thought Rovers were first out, waited for the next team, which was Middlesbrough, and didn't bother to listen any more.

He was convinced Rovers had a home game against Jackie

Charlton's First Division team—until someone put him right.

"Tell you what, boss," said one of his players. "We'll go to Chelsea and you take on Middlesbrough at Eastville and see how it goes!"

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The Eastville nose saga continues. Graham Day, latest Schnozzle casualty, will not have his operated on until the New Year.

The bearded defender, whacked at Sunderland on his 22nd birthday, reckons he's not too badly disfigured. And he is experiencing no breathing problems.

So there seems no point in going into hospital and possibly being put out for one game.

Wilf Smith and Phil Bater are the other two Rovers' men who have suffered broken noses this year.

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And, talking of Phil Bater . . .



PHIL BATER

REMEMBER WHEN?

REMEMBER WHEN . . . Rovers beat Luton 3-0 at Eastville and Alec Stock had a row with the referee?

It was a Third Division promotion battle on Tuesday, February 10, 1970, when Luton, then the leaders, attracted Rovers' biggest gate of the season . . . 13,297.

Amid all the excitement, Rovers collected both points with a hotly-disputed RAY GRAYDON goal and two penalties—by ALEX MUNRO and TONY FORD.

And the game ended dramatically as Munro was sent off 10 seconds from time for fouling JOHN COLLINS in a drop ball clash.

Manager Stock strode onto the pitch to object that the goal was offside when Graydon scored after 19 minutes. And even BILL DODGIN, Rovers' chief, admitted it was a very suspect goal.

But justice was probably done when Graydon had a second goal—which everyone thought was good—disallowed.

Said Stock: "I thought we were outplayed. Rovers cramped our style. I was terribly annoyed about the first goal, which was yards offside. But I thought the second goal by Graydon, which was disallowed, was an excellent goal. Rovers were full value for their win. They played damn well and never let us get into the game."

Luton's best chance fell to MALCOLM MACDONALD, who shot over the bar.

JOHN RYAN gave away both penalties, first fouling BOBBY JONES nine minutes after half-time, and then BRYN JONES, Rovers' man of the match, 13 minutes from the end.

Arthur Jones of Ormskirk was the referee, and the teams were:

ROVERS: Sheppard, Ford, Munro, Roberts, Taylor, Jones (B.), Graydon, Jones (W.), Jones (R.), Gilbert, Higgins. Sub: Jarman.

LUTON: Davie, Ryan, Bannister, Keen, Nicholl, Slough, Moore, Macdonald, Tees, Allen, French. Sub: Collins.



by Robin Perry

the player hailed as the discovery of last season, was beginning to wonder if his luck would ever change.

His problems started with a pre-season injury that put him out for the Scottish tour and the opening League matches.

Then he had recurring ankle trouble which resulted in him going into plaster for a couple of weeks. But, with half the season gone, he finally made match fitness again—and made an impressive comeback in the game at York.

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Fellow Welshman PETER AITKEN has had to be just as patient following his setbacks after suffering a hairline fracture of the right leg against Notting-

ham Forest back in early October.

The athletic under-23 international, in fact, hindered his own recovery rate—by trying too hard to prove his fitness.

He was so unhappy with his try-out game for the Reserves at Chelsea that he threw everything into his training programme the following week.

And when it came to Thursday's practice match he went so hard into a tackle with GORDON FEARNLEY that both players landed up on the treatment table.

The length of time Peter has taken to recover from what is sometimes a four-week job led to another specialist's examination. But, fortunately, no complications were found and Peter

was advised to carry on—a little less forcefully!

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An Eastville testimonial game finished up in a heavy defeat for Rovers—at darts, not soccer.

Gordon Fearnley captained the players' team that went down 6-3 to the White Swan, skippered by Keith Prosser. But the important thing was that the evening raised £20 towards Lindsay Parsons' testimonial fund.

White Swan landlord John Brice has been a keen Rovers supporter for 25 years. "They're a lot better at football than darts," he said.

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Rovers youth officer Gordon Bennett recently represented the club at a meeting between the local Schools F.A. and Bristol's two League teams.

It was a cards-on-the-table gathering to see how the three bodies could co-operate for the benefit of football in the city.

The immediate result was Rovers and City combining forces to provide a coaching panel for Bristol Boys' under-14's squad training session next week.

Said schools F.A. secretary, Mervyn Jones: "We tackled the problem of Rovers' and City's activities overlapping into the schoolboy world, and from now on both clubs' interests will be channelled through the Schools F.A."

QUICK QUIZ

COMPILED BY CLIVE GODFREY

- 1 Have Luton ever won the F.A. Cup?
- 2 Why is the date 13th April, 1936, a very important date for Luton?
- 3 What is their nickname?
- 4 Last season Luton were relegated from the First Division.

League attendance?

- 5 What was their average home?
- 6 What is the highest position that Luton have ever attained in the Football League?
- 7 When did the Rovers last play Luton and what was the result?
- 8 What is the name of their ground?
- 9 Who scored Rovers' goal in the recent Football League fixture at Oxford?

Check your answers on page 15

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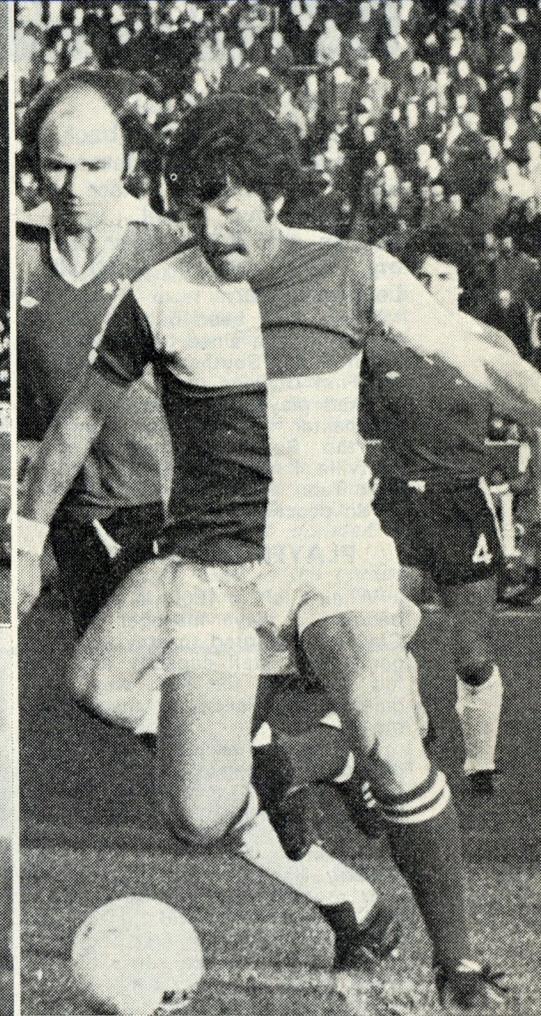
WITH BARGAINS GALORE

Eastville's Magnificent Market waits for you and the family every Friday and Sunday

ACTION AT EASTVILLE



ANDREW EVANS, who played the first 10 games in the first team, shows his paces in the reserves against Tottenham recently.



A near miss. Left: The ball speeds past the Oxford United post as DAVID STANIFORTH, STUART TAYLOR and BRUCE BANNISTER look on anxiously.

Bottom left: ALAN WARBOYS puts prodigious power into this shot past Plymouth defenders JOHN DELVE and MIKE GREEN.

Above: GORDON FEARNLEY slips past Chelsea defender JOHN DEMPSEY.

Pictures by ALAN MARSHALL

Talking Football

IT is nice to come back, especially at Christmas time, to Bristol, where I enjoyed my spell with Rovers and finally saw out my days as a Football League player.

There have been quite a few moves for me since then, taking me from the Southern League to the First Division.

I had played for Norwich and Colchester before being signed for the Rovers, and while at Eastville I was encouraged by Bert Tann and Bobby Campbell to do coaching.

PLAYER-MANAGER

When I left in 1966, it was to become player-manager of Crawley. I wanted to stay in the game in a staff capacity and I felt that was the best way of gaining experience of management.

But I soon realised that going out of the League was a mistake, and was very glad when Bobby Robson gave me the chance of coming back as coach to Fulham.

Harry Haslam, now our manager at Luton, was chief scout at Craven Cottage and that was how our association first began.

We all left at the same time when Bobby got the sack, and I had a spell with Jimmy Melia at Aldershot before rejoining at Ipswich.

From there I moved to Luton in 1972, and have been working with Harry since.

Our promotion success gave me my first experience of First Division football, and I consider we were very unlucky to come straight back down.

It took us a long time to



ROY McCROHAN
training with the Rovers at Weston soon after joining the club.

another period of re-adjustment. When we came back down we were playing too much football. You're allowed to in the First, but in the Second you get tighter marking and teams pressurising you in all parts of the park.

We hit a bad spell after a League Cup upset at Darlington, but three successive wins brought us up to the Christmas period looking a lot more confident.

CHALLENGING

If we can repeat our good form of the second half of last season, we should be challenging strongly.

To be honest, I don't think the standard in the Second Division is as good now as the season we left it. Sunderland, Bolton and Bristol City look nicely placed, and I think there are only six good sides in the Division. The rest are pretty average standard and, with our experience in the First Division last season, we ought to be able to make an impact.

We don't have any recognised scoring stars like Warboys and Bannister. But we are a well-balanced side—basically young but with the right amount of experience sprinkled about.

A lot has been written recently about Luton's future. My job is to look after the players and win matches. And I'm confident we can do well in 1976.

adjust to the different kind of football and, with only nine points at Christmas, we looked in a hopeless situation.

Yet we took 25 points from 21 games in the second half of the season—the kind of form that, with a better start, would have put us up in fifth or sixth position.

But now we are going through

TODAY

ROY McCROHAN

Eastville YOUTH SCENE

by BOBBY CAMPBELL

The emphasis placed on youth at Eastville these days means that more than ever before, school holiday times are now the most hectic periods of the year at the club, and the current Christmas holidays are no exception.

In my last Match Day Magazine notes I mentioned the "mini-international" on Boxing Day at Frenchay between our Welsh and English schoolboys.

Three days earlier Colin Dobson had been out at Frenchay again, holding trials for promising schoolboy players recommended by our scouts.

Then on Monday morning Colin and Bill Dodgin will be starting special week-long courses for two hand-picked groups of our schoolboys.

Besides training and coaching these courses will incorporate matches against Avon Schools' under-19's, Somerset Schools' under-15's, and Creech St. Michael (Taunton) under-14's.

It is intended to use the club's new video equipment to film the match against the Avon Schools' side, so the players may examine what they did right and wrong the next day.

And the following Monday sees Colin combining with Bristol City coach Don Mackay to provide tuition to the Bristol Boys under-14 squad as part of a new joint programme of co-operation between us, City, and the Bristol Schools' F.A.

We have always tried to foster good relations with those responsible for local schoolboy soccer—for instance, the week before last we arranged for the Avon Schools' under-16 and under-19 Cup Finals to be played at Frenchay.

And on Monday week (assuming we have no F.A. Cup replay) Bristol Boys' fifth round English Schools' Trophy tie against Plymouth Boys will be staged here at Eastville (k.o. 7 p.m.).

SCHOOLS' PENALTY CONTEST

ROMNEY AVENUE JUNIOR SCHOOL, HORFIELD, and TEYFANT JUNIOR SCHOOL, HARTCLIFFE, meet in this afternoon's half-time Penalty Kick Contest organised by Bristol Schools' F.A.

Each team comprises three players each taking three kicks, and in the event of a tie they will continue on a "sudden death tie-breaker" basis.

Prize for the eventual winning school is a trophy plus £50 worth of kit or equipment, donated by Bristol Stadium Ltd.

The balls used in the contest have been donated by Doug Hillard Sports.

GORDON BENNETT INTRODUCES

tomorrow's man

MARK PAYNE

One of the bright schoolboys spending next week at Eastville on Colin Dobson's Christmas coaching course is a 15-year-old striker from Tewkesbury called Mark Payne.

A bustling, strong runner with a flair for converting half-chances, Mark is a pupil of Tewkesbury Comprehensive School and a key member of the Cheltenham & District Schools' representative side.

His scoring feats in schools' soccer have already led to him being described as "an embryo Malcolm Macdonald" in the Cheltenham newspapers.

Whilst in Bristol next week he will be staying in "digs" with Larry Lloyd's mother, but he will have to leave the course a day early because on Friday and Saturday he is attending an England Schools' (South) international trial-cum-training session at Stroud.



ROVERS FACTS AND FIGURES

ROVERS RESERVES

Aug.	16	Orient	H	1-1	Powell
	19	Oxford	H	1-3	Guscott
	23	Tottenham	A	0-6	
	27	Bournemouth	A	0-2	
	30	Crystal Palace	H	6-5	Powell 3, Staniforth Britten, Guscott
Sep.	6	Q.P.R.	A	3-0	Bater, Staniforth, Powell
	13	Southampton	H	0-4	
	20	Leicester	A	0-5	
	24	Cardiff	A	0-2	
	27	Bristol City	H	3-2	Staniforth 2, Fearnley
Oct.	4	Ipswich	A	2-3	Mitchell, Staniforth
	11	Norwich	H	1-2	Guscott
	18	West Ham	A	1-5	Evans
	21	Cardiff	H	0-0	
	25	Fulham	H	1-2	Guscott
Nov.	1	Reading	A	0-4	
	8	Plymouth	H	2-4	Powell, Coombs
	15	Arsenal	A	1-5	Dobson
	29	Chelsea	A	1-8	Staniforth
Dec.	6	Birmingham	H	2-2	Coombs, Dobson
	13	Tottenham	H	2-3	Dobson, Stephens
	20	Orient	A		

Statistics are correct as at December 19th, 1975.

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION DETAILS 1975-76

	27	Swindon	A
Jan.	3	Luton Town	H
	10	Southampton	A
	17	Q.P.R.	H
	24	Crystal Palace	A
Feb.	4	Oxford Utd.	A
	7	Bournemouth	H
	14	Plymouth	A
	21	Arsenal	H
	28	Fulham	A
Mar.	6	Reading	H
	13	Norwich	A
	20	Chelsea	H
	27	Birmingham	A
Apr.	3	Bristol City	A
	10	Leicester	H
	17	Luton Town	A
	20	Swindon	H
	24	Ipswich	H

Reserve appearances: Pulis 19, Lewis 18, Jacobs 17, Powell 17, Britten 15, Dobson 13, Stanton 12, Guscott 12, Sloman 12, Evans 11, Parsons 11, Paul 9, Mitchell 9, Bater 9, Coombs 8, Staniforth 7, Baker 6, Fearnley 5, Jones (V.) 5, Jones (G.) 3, Day 3, Stephens 2, Compton 2, Capewell 2, Aitken 1, Northam 1, Mockridge 1, Williams (D. A.) 1.

Reserve scorers: Powell 6, Staniforth 6, Guscott 4, Dobson 3, Coombs 2, Stephens 1, Mitchell 1, Evans 1, Britten 1, Fearnley 1, Bater 1.

First Team appearances: Eadie 26, Smith 26, Williams 26, Taylor 26, Prince 26, Bannister 26, Warboys 20, Day 20, Stephens 17 (2), Parsons 14, Aitken 11, Evans 10, Fearnley 9 (8), Staniforth 8 (2), Stanton 8, Dobson 5, Britten 4 (2), Bater 2 (1), Pulis 2, Powell (2).

Substitute appearances in brackets.
Goalscorers (29): Bannister 9, Staniforth 4, Fearnley 4, Warboys 3, Prince 3, Williams 2, Smith 1, Stephens 1, Powell 1, McMordie (own goal) 1.

Division 11

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Sunderland	21	14	3	4	35	17	31
Bolton Wanderers	21	11	7	3	37	21	29
Bristol City	21	11	6	4	38	19	28
Notts County	21	9	6	6	21	18	24
Oldham Athletic	21	9	6	6	31	31	24
West Bromwich Albion	21	8	8	5	21	21	24
BRISTOL ROVERS	21	6	11	4	24	19	23
Fulham	20	8	6	6	26	18	22
Southampton	20	10	2	8	36	28	22
Luton	21	8	5	8	28	22	21
Nottingham Forest	21	7	7	7	23	19	21
Chelsea	21	7	7	7	25	25	21
Blackpool	21	8	5	8	21	25	21
Hull City	21	8	4	9	22	24	20
Orient	20	6	7	7	16	17	19
Blackburn Rovers	21	5	9	7	19	21	19
Charlton Athletic	20	7	5	8	24	32	19
Carlisle	21	6	6	9	18	27	18
Plymouth Argyle	21	6	5	10	22	30	17
Oxford	21	5	5	11	20	30	15
York City	21	3	4	14	16	38	10
Portsmouth	21	2	6	13	12	33	10

Complete Club Statistics

LEAGUE DIVISION II 1975-76

	VENUE	RESULT	ATTENDANCE	EADIE	SMITH	WILLIAMS	AITKEN	TAYLOR	PRINCE	STEPHENS	STANTON	WARBOYS	BANNISTER	EVANS	FEARLEY	PULIS	DAY	BATER	DOBSON	BRITTEN	POWELL	PARSONS	STANIFORTH	OWN GOAL
Aug.	16	Oldham Athletic	A	0-2	6,993	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12							
	23	York City	H	2-1	8,142	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 ¹	11	12							1
	30	Bristol City	A	1-1	17,918	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 _s		9	10 ¹	11	S	8						
Sep.	6	Charlton Athletic	H	0-0	7,718	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9	10 _s	11	S	8						
	13	Fulham	A	2-0	11,516	1	2	3	6	5	8	7 _s		9 ²	10	11	S							
	20	Carlisle United	H	0-1	8,223	1	2	3 _s	6	5	8	7		9	10	11	S							
	23	Bolton Wanderers	H	2-2	7,992	1	2	3		5	8 ¹	7		9	10 ¹	11 _s	S	4	6					
	26	Orient	A	0-0	4,978	1	2	3	6	5	8	7		9	10	12			11					
Oct.	4	Nottingham Forest	H	4-2	7,689	1	2	3	6 _s	5	8 ²	7		9	10 ¹			4			11	S ¹		
	11	Hull City	A	0-0	5,642	1	6	3		5	8	7			10			4			11 _s	S	2	9
	18	Sunderland	H	1-0	13,577	1	6	2		5	8	7 _s		9	10 ¹			4			11	S	3	S
	21	Portsmouth	A	2-1	9,078	1	6	2		5	8			10 ¹	7 ¹			4			11	12	3	9 ¹
	25	Blackpool	A	4-1	9,019	1	6 ¹	2		5	8			10 ¹	7 ²			4			11	12	3	9
Nov.	1	Blackburn Rovers	H	1-1	10,534	1	6	2		5	8			10	7			4			11 _s	S	3	9 ¹
	4	West Bromwich A.	H	1-1	13,105	1	6	2		5	8		9 _s	10	7 ¹			4			S		3	11
	8	Notts County	A	1-1	10,930	1	2	3		6	8	S	7	9	10	11		4 _s					3	9 ¹
	15	Plymouth Argyle	H	0-0	14,121	1	6	2		5	8	7		9	10	11		4					3	12
	22	Sunderland	(1) A	1-1	31,396	1	6	2 ¹		5	11		7	9	10	8		4					3	12
	29	Chelsea	H	1-2	16,277	1	6	2 ¹		5	8	S	7	9 _s	10	11		4					3	
Dec.	6	Oxford United	A	1-2	6,532	1	6	2		5	11		7 _s	9	10 ¹			4	S				3	8
	13	York City	(2) A	0-0	3,112	1	6	8		5	11			5	10	7		4	2				3	12
	20	Oldham Athletic	H																					
	26	Southampton	A																					
	27	Luton Town	H																					
Jan.	10	Fulham	H																					
	17	Charlton Athletic	A																					
	31	Portsmouth	H																					
Feb.	7	West Bromwich A.	A																					
	14	Notts County	(5) H																					
	21	Plymouth Argyle	A																					
	24	Bolton Wanderers	A																					
	28	Blackpool	(LCF) H																					
Mar.	6	Blackburn Rovers	(6) A																					
	13	Hull City	H																					
	20	Chelsea	A																					
	27	Oxford United	H																					
Apr.	3	Orient	(SF) H																					
	10	Carlisle United	A																					
	16	Bristol City	H																					
	17	Southampton	H																					
	19	Luton Town	A																					
	24	Nottingham Forest	A																					

KEY: S—Substitute used; s—player substituted; 12—sub. not used

OTHER MATCHES

Aug.	20	Cardiff City	(LC1) A	2-1	6,857	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 ¹	10 ¹	11	12							
	26	Cardiff City	(LC1) H	1-1	7,220	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ¹	8	9	10	11	12							
Sept.	9	Southampton	(LC2) A	1-0	10,757	1	2	3	6	5	8	7		9	10	11 _s	S ¹	4						
Oct.	7	Newcastle U.	(LC3) H	1-1	17,141	1	6	3		5	8	7			10		S	4						



Ted Osborne Calling

WE are now in the third week of our super new ticket and everyone seems to like it—especially the winners of the new big prizes!

But we need to sell lots more tickets, and for that we need lots more new agents. How about making that one of your New Year resolutions? For further information, phone Mike Nicks, Bristol 553424, or call in at 414 Stapleton Road.

BRISTOL LOTTERY

Do you have daily contact with the public? Or lots of other people? If so, you can make yourself money and, in doing so, help the football club.

Agents for our weekly Lottery are ideally people who have contact with the public or who work in large organisations. There are no tickets to sell, just a weekly donation of 10 to collect.

Your subscribers will have the chance to win a star prize of £100 each week, plus consolation prizes. In this competition someone has to win every week. It could be you or, if it is one of your subscribers, you will get 10 per cent commission on the first three prizes and the weekly prize.

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Don't forget to pop into the True Blue Club when you are in the Eastville area. There is always good music and top cabaret at weekends.

Our forthcoming attractions are—Tonight: a Dance; Tomorrow: Cabaret—Jeff Day; New Year's Eve: Christine Kay.

ROVERS

£800

IN WEEKLY PRIZES



10p

INSTANT £300 THREE BINGO GAME

£150 TOP HOUSE
£100 MIDDLE HOUSE
£50 BOTTOM HOUSE

From 55 numbers printed inside
(Prizes shared if more than one winner)

£200 INSTANT FRUIT N' CARDS

Pontoon All three cards count
Ace counts 1 or 11 picture cards count 10
21·£2, 20·75p, 19·40p, 18·25p, 17·15p

Fruits Numerous chances to win a prizes
£4, £1, 50p, 25p, 15p
(See inside for details)



Lucky Jackpot Prize
£100

£200 SAVE THE STAMPS GREEN SHIELD

(See inside for details)

YOUR 45~MINUTE CHECK

A BLACKBURN ROVERS NOTTS FOREST	H PLYMOUTH ARGYLE FULHAM	R LEEDS UNITED LEICESTER CITY
B BLACKPOOL YORK CITY	I PORTSMOUTH BRISTOL CITY	S LIVERPOOL MANCHESTER CITY
C BOLTON WANDERERS SUNDERLAND	J WEST BROMWICH A. ORIENT	T MANCHESTER UNITED BURNLEY
D CHELSEA CHARLTON ATHLETIC	K ARSENAL Q.P.R.	V MIDDLESBROUGH EVERTON
E HULL CITY CARLISLE UNITED	L BIRMINGHAM CITY STOKE CITY	X NORWICH CITY WOLVES
F NOTTS COUNTY OLDHAM ATHLETIC	N COVENTRY CITY TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	Y WEST HAM UNITED IPSWICH TOWN
G OXFORD UNITED SOUTHAMPTON	P DERBY COUNTY ASTON VILLA	

Match Ball

Today's Match Ball is donated by Blue Star Garages. Make sure your car "kicks off" to a good start this winter with a new Blue Star battery, obtainable from our local garages at Bathwick Street, Bath, and at Old Sodbury, 3 miles north of M4/A46 interchange—only 15 minutes drive from Eastville.

The previous donors this season have been Eaton Building Contractors, Bass Charrington, Bristol Stadium, West Country Building Supplies Ltd., Grand Hotel, Ind Coops, Economic Printing Company, Eastville Market, West Region Stamps, Mr. W. D. Lewis, McNaughton Paper (Western) Ltd., Barclays Bank Ltd.



Rovers Supporters' Club chairman ERIC GODFREY receives a cheque for £81 from JOHN KING and his wife, MARGARET, the proceeds of a wine and cheese party. Also pictured are committee members GORDON HOBBS (left) and ROY CHURCH.

Win a Prize

Rovers fans have a chance of winning tickets for a future home match if they are holders of six lucky match-day magazines.

Six magazines are stamped with the name of our next Eastville League opponents FULHAM on the D.D. advertisement on page 12.

If you hold a winning programme, send it to the secretary without delay, making sure to include your name and address. Six pairs of stand tickets will be awarded to the winners.

QUICK QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1 No. Runners-up in 1959.
- 2 Their record League victory was 12-0 against Bristol Rovers.
- 3 The Hatters.
- 4 17,396.
- 5 8th, Division One 1957-58.
- 6 Second round Football League Cup, September 11th last year. Rovers lost 1-0.
- 7 Kenilworth Road.
- 8 Bruce Bannister.

As usual, we have been drawn away from home in the third round of the F.A. Cup and journey to Stamford Bridge to play Chelsea next week. We hope to take a large following to this game, and implore members to book their coach seats as early as possible.

Early bookings enable your committee to book sufficient coaches to convey all our members and avoid the last minute scramble of finding a coach to take latecomers.

In answer to a query, the last time we were drawn at home in the F.A. Cup was when we played and beat Cambridge United 3-0 on Saturday, December 11th, 1971. Incidentally, this was the first time the clubs had played each other.

Our former goalkeeper, popular Dick (Watney Cup) Sheppard has not been forgotten by his fans in the Supporters' Club.

On a recent away trip, that stalwart supporter, Mrs. Inge Buck of 48 Windsor Terrace, Totterdown, Bristol, organised a collection, and the Supporters' Club have made up the amount collected to £50.

Supporters Viewpoint

by Eric Godfrey

On behalf of our members, I presented the cheque to Dick at the Club Headquarters, 468 Stapleton Road, Bristol, before the Oldham match.

Provided we can obtain sufficient support, we shall organise transport at an additional cost of approximately 50p per head. Tickets are available from the club headquarters, from committee members of Kingswood Branch, or from Gordon Hobbs, 7 Midland Road, Staple Hill, Bristol; Roy Church, "Avondale," Warren Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea, and John and Margaret King, 4 Parkfield, Axbridge.

A happy New Year to all our members and all at the football club.

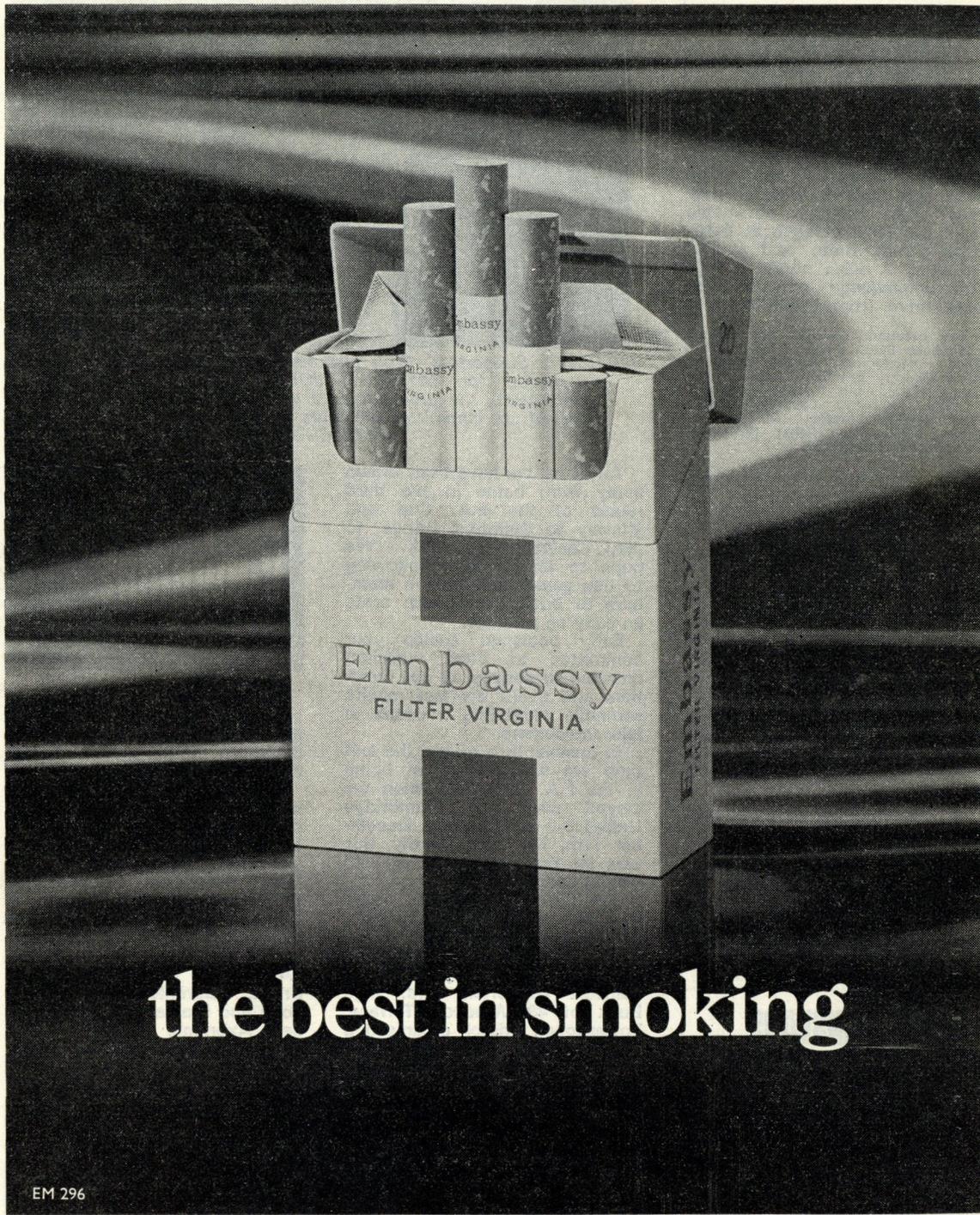
COMING TO EASTVILLE

NEXT SATURDAY
LUTON TOWN

Football Comb.
Kick-off 3 p.m.

SATURDAY JAN. 10
FULHAM

Division II
Kick-off 3 p.m.



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