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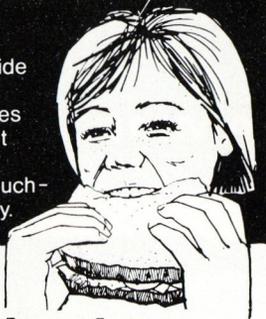
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Welcome to Luton Town and their supporters as we stage this League game at the second attempt — the first being called off on January 10th because of the state of the Burnden Park pitch.

This will be our first home League game since we beat Sunderland on 27th December, and our only other appearance at Burnden this year was the FA Cup third round replay against Brentford which we won 2-0.

Our fans deserve a pat on the back for the way they behaved on the special train which arrived at Brentford late, causing them to miss the start of the game and then didn't get back to Bolton until the early hours of the Sunday morning, more than four hours late.

And they got one in the following letter received by the Wanderers:

From: Station Manager, Kew Bridge, in charge of Brentford Central and Chiswick.

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank the supporters of Bolton Wanderers for their excellent behaviour at Brentford Central Station on Saturday, 3rd January. Despite the late arrival of their train, caused by the gales of the previous night, the supporters conducted themselves very well and there was no trouble whatsoever. Unlike many other visiting teams, the staff at Brentford will remember

Bolton Wanderers for their restraint and good humour. Wishing you every success for the remainder of the season.

Yours sincerely,

N. GRAHAM,

Station Manager.

After the Brentford replay, we had the misfortune to have the Luton League game called off and then we visited Southampton where British Rail got full marks. Our "special" arrived at Southampton half an hour early and was back in Bolton on time.

We did, of course, earn a point in a goal-less draw and with everyone else doing well, we dropped from second to third in the division.

Our rivals Bristol City drew on Saturday and move a point ahead of us.

A win for us tonight will mean that we will leapfrog over City to share top spot with Sunderland — so there is a lot to play for in this game.

Finally, a tribute to all those Bolton supporters who made the trek across the Pennines to give us such valuable support in our FA Cup fourth round win over Huddersfield Town.

I was surprised by the volume of support and I can tell you that the players will appreciate it very much. You did well for them and I am glad that they did well for you by getting the win and a fifth round draw against either Newcastle United or Coventry City here at Burnden.

The Front Page picture is by courtesy of the Bolton Evening News

**Ian Greaves**

# Today's Visitors

## LUTON TOWN

Luton Town's revelation of their grave financial position made a profound impression upon all aspects of English football, on none more so than the Hatters' players who were blissfully unaware of the full extent of the club's problems. Most of them were numbed by the truth that this old-established club faced closure and they a future on the dole.

The combination of all these realisations merely goaded them to greater efforts, however. On the day after the news was announced, Luton crushed Charlton 5-1 away from home. When the Christmas games arrived, the Hatters were buoyed by a run of four consecutive victories. Further victories over Oxford and Bristol Rovers made it six League wins in a row by New Year.

"The club CAN'T die!" was the attitude of all players — even Peter Anderson, the midfield man who allowed himself to be sold to Belgian club Royal Antwerp in order to save the club. For the £60,000 fee received by Luton gave directors a further 28 days in which to put their house in order.

Earlier Luton had sold Australian World Cup striker Adrian Alston to Cardiff for £25,000, a surprising decision it had seemed at the time before the club's plight became public knowledge but, when placed in the context of later revelations, a most logical one.

The loss of two key players — and more may soon be on the move — might have been expected to have destroyed morale. In fact, it has had the opposite effect.

Brian Chambers, the former Sunderland and Arsenal player who replaced Anderson, is only now beginning to play to his full potential. He, like his midfield colleagues Alan West and Andy King, are playing with a new urgency which must have made manager Harry Haslam wonder

whether, in some strangely obscure way, the revelation of the club's near-hopeless situation may not prove to be something of a blessing.

For Luton have been producing the football all season, yet had not been achieving results.

As goalkeeper Keith Barber maintained: "I think we are one of the best footballing sides in the division. When we really start putting it all together, just watch us zoom!"

Barber's prophesy seems to be materialising. Certainly the defence in front of him — John Ryan, John Faulkner, Paul Futcher and either Steve Buckley or Bobby Thomson — is looking superbly confident.

Mr. Haslam has had a few problems in attack, where several permutations have been made. Peter Spiring, Maitland Pollock and John Seasman have all been in and out but, as the winning run began to improve, the favoured three were Jimmy Husband, Ron Futcher and John Aston.

Luton were exceedingly unfortunate to suffer relegation from the First Division last season, after only one year back at the top, in spite of a glorious late bid for survival. In the end it was only a last-match victory by Tottenham — when their own fixtures had been completed — that put them down.

Undeterred, Mr. Haslam and his players got down to the job of making a quick return. But a disastrous September and October saw them scratching around at the wrong end of the table.

It wasn't until board room changes were made, and the club was seen to be on the point of going into liquidation, that the fairy-tale revival came about to give everyone at Kenilworth Road hope that, even though the club may be close to financial bankruptcy, there is certainly no impoverishment of skills on the playing side.

## Pen Pics

**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.

**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.

**JOHN FAULKNER** — Once a Charlton amateur, he left to serve amateur clubs, Bromley, Cray Wanderers and Sutton United. John was invited to turn professional with Leeds United after turning down Arsenal, Tottenham and Crystal Palace. He had the misfortune to break a kneecap and when he was offered the chance of a fresh start at Luton in 1972, he jumped at the opportunity.

**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 world of professional football, that he was transferred to Luton for £100,000 little more than a year later!

**ANDY KING** — Andy, a Luton-born player, signed apprentice professional forms for the Club in October, 1972, attaining professional status in July, 1974. He made his League debut during the last game of the 1974-75 season when he came on as substitute against Manchester City at Kenilworth Road.

**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 from Chester, in 1974. In fact, he has made every bit as big an impression as his brother.

**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 day

**BRIAN CHAMBERS** — Brian is a talented footballer who has not yet fulfilled his full potential. He developed well, at first, in Sunderland's youth team and, after making his League debut for the Roker Club in 1970-71, he held his place for about a year. At the end of the 1972-73 season he moved on to Arsenal where he remained for just one season before signing for Luton.

**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. He moved to Luton on a £30,000 transfer in 1972. Earlier in his career, John played for the England Under-23 XI.

**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, he was transferred to Luton.

**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. When Luton signed him early in the 1973-74 season, they had to pay a £70,000 fee.

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# FLASHBACK...

Today's Flashback spotlights a visit of Luton Town to Bolton on 29th October, 1955, which ended a gap of 55 years' soccer by being their first visit to Burnden Park as a First Division club. Their previous visit was in the Second Division in 1900.

**Bolton Wanderers:** Grieves, Hartle, Banks, Wheeler, Barrass, Edwards, Holden, Stevens, Lofthouse, Parry, Gubbins.

**Luton Town:** Baynham, Dunn, Aherne, Morton, Owen, Shanks, Cullen, Turner, Davies, Cummins, Adam.

Smart passing by Stevens and Wheeler was spoilt by Lofthouse placing the ball to an opponent, but with only four minutes played Banks surprised the Luton players by racing up the touchline to put over a lovely cross which Lofthouse met with his head.

It looked a goal but Baynham somehow turned the ball round the post and the corner kick was got away.

It was a surprise to everybody, including Baynham, when the Wanderers went ahead just after the half hour.

The movement, working out in the direction as usual of the right wing, looked no different from usual when the ball reached HOLDEN, but the outside right dribbled inside and then from nearly 30 yards released a surprise shot.

It was taken by the left foot, too, but carried such pace that it was in the net just inside the far post before Baynham could act.

Five minutes later HOLDEN pulled off another big surprise with a tenacity of purpose and execution that enthused the crowd. Lofthouse had taken a pass and just managed with a terrific effort to push the ball out to Gubbins.

The outside left muddled it and Holden, again well out of position, and yet in the right place to do something, took the ball forward to finish with a shot which appeared to go through Baynham's legs. It was the speed with which Holden executed the whole move that made a goal out of it.

Continuing to be well on top, the Wanderers added a third goal seconds before the whistle, when Stevens crossed to the unmarked LOFTHOUSE, who had no trouble in picking his spot for a header that entered the net well wide of Baynham's left hand.

Half time: Bolton Wanderers 3; Luton Town 0.

For a change, we saw Luton in a good raid with a proper finale. Morton did the spade work for Cummins to test Grieves with a fast drive which brought the goalkeeper full length.

Almost at once, however, the Wanderers were through again, and Lofthouse failed to control the ball quickly enough when an open goal presented itself.

Luton were penned in their own half for a period, and Owen did grand work in the air cutting out crosses from the Wanderers left flank.

A spell of colourless play was relieved by a Stevens-Lofthouse raid along the Bolton right which led to a corner kick placed by Holden. He cut the ball so close to the posts that Baynham could only knock it on to the inside of an upright for a colleague to get away.

This was a lucky escape for Luton, whose more determined attacking play was so far yielding no concrete reward.

Generally it was the Wanderers who did the more penetrative raiding, and Owen's consistent interventions were frequently needed to get his side out of difficulty.

Eight minutes from the end Banks, having once lost the ball, recovered it and charged along the left wing to finish with a perfectly placed long low pass that LOFTHOUSE could run on to. This he did and then whipped a hard shot out of Baynham's reach from the edge of the box.

Final: Bolton Wanderers 4; Luton Town 0.

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# THE WANDERERS AT SOUTHPORT 1976

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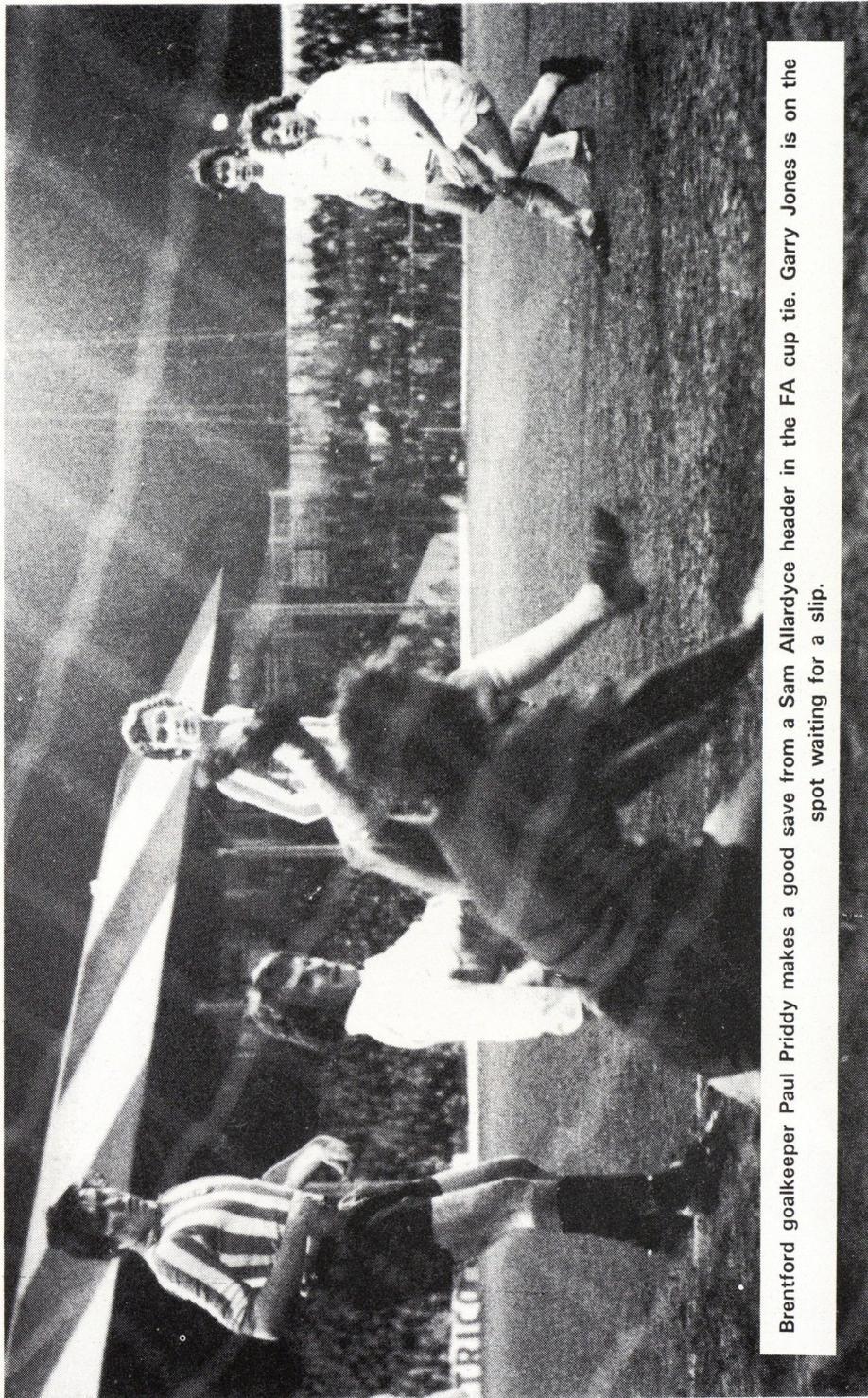
Bolton's central defenders Sam Allardyce and Paul Jones go for a Peter Thompson corner in the FA Cup third round tie at Brentford which ended in a goal-less draw.



## **SAM MAKES BIG IMPACT IN ATTACK**

Big defender Sam Allardyce makes his presence felt up front for the Wanderers in their goal-less FA Cup third round tie at Brentford. (Top) Sam thunders a header against a post while (below) he puts the home defence under pressure as the ball is scrambled to safety.





Brentford goalkeeper Paul Priddy makes a good save from a Sam Allardyce header in the FA cup tie. Garry Jones is on the spot waiting for a slip.

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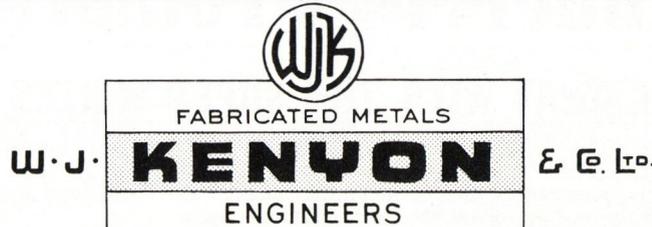
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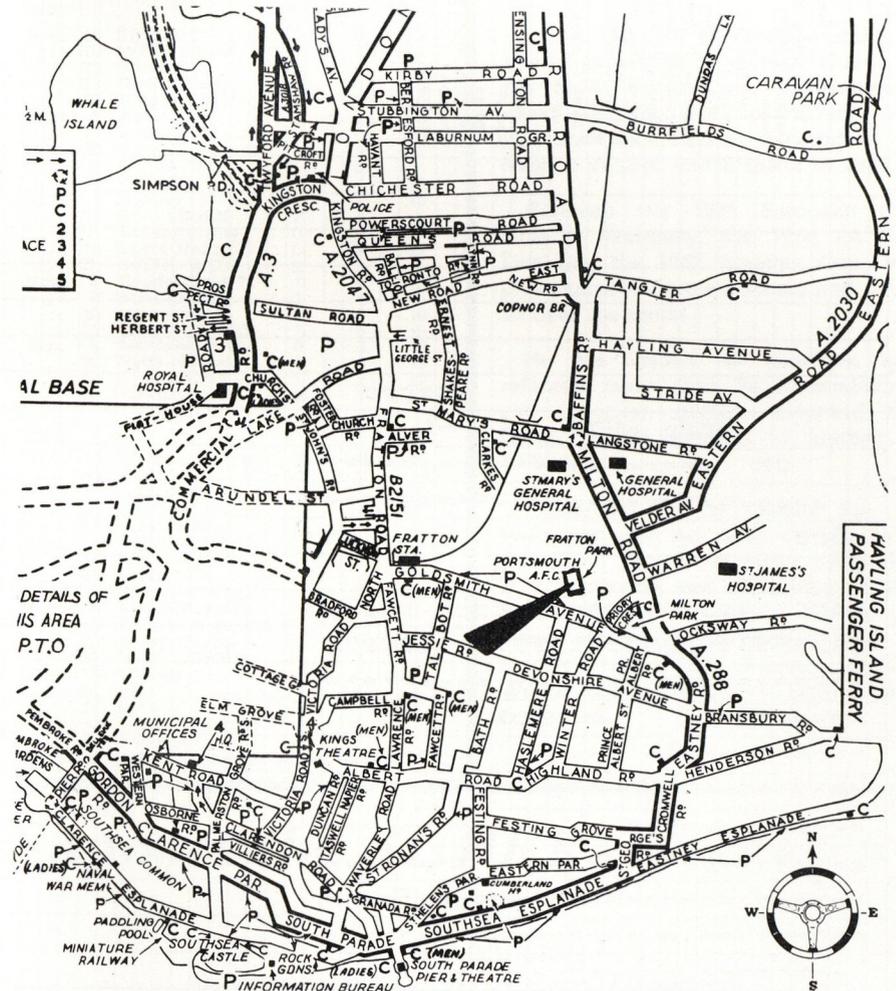
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A40 to Cheltenham junction A417 (150 miles).

A417/A419/A345 via Cirencester and Swindon (By-pass) to Marlborough junction A346 (188 miles).

A346/A342/A303 to Andover junction B3057 (206 miles).

A3057 to Stocksbridge junction A34 (222 miles).

A34 and A333 via Twyford, Bishop's Weltham to Cosham junction A3 (245 miles).  
A3 to Portsmouth (251 miles).

Portsmouth's ground, Fratton Park, is situated in Milton Road near St. Mary's Hospital.

# Match Facts and Figures

CAPITALS denotes home games

1975	Siddall	Ritson	Dunne	Greaves	Jones P.	Walsh	Byrom	Curran	Jones G.	Rield	Thompson	Taylor	Nicholson	Allardyce	Whatmore	Watson	Smith	Goalscorers
Aug. 16 Bristol City	0-1	10,510	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12						G. Jones, Byrom
" 20 Oxford United	0-2	5,277	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12*				P. Jones, G. Jones
" 23 FULHAM	2-2	8,786	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			Curran, G. Jones, Byrom
Sept. 6 SOUTHAMPTON	2-1	5,640	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			Byrom
" 10 COVENTRY (LC2)	3-0	9,188	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			P. Fitcher (o.g.), Curran
" 13 Luton Town	1-3	12,743	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3			Greaves
" 20 ORIENT	2-0	11,217	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3			P. Jones, Greaves
" 23 Bristol Rovers	1-1	10,218	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			Whatmore, P. Jones (pen.)
" 27 Notts. Forest	2-2	7,992	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			Whatmore(2), Ritson(2), Byrom
Oct. 4 CHARLTON ATH.	2-1	10,775	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6			Whatmore(2), Reid
" 11 Plymouth Argyle	3-2	14,595	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			Allardyce, Whatmore
" 18 NOTTS. COUNTY	2-1	16,080	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			Byrom, G. Jones
" 25 Hull City	2-2	7,369	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			Ritson
Nov. 1 BLACKPOOL	1-0	17,274	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			P. Jones, G. Jones(2), Whatmore
" 4 PORTSMOUTH	4-1	18,538	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			G. Jones
" 8 Blackburn Rovers	1-1	24,480	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			Greaves
" 15 CARLISLE UTD.	0-0	14,556	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			Greaves
" 22 Notts. County	1-1	12,964	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			Whatmore, G. Jones
" 29 WEST BROM.	1-2	18,710	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			Whatmore
Dec. 6 Chelsea	1-0	20,896	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			Whatmore
" 13 Fulham	2-1	8,720	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			Allardyce, Byrom
" 20 BRISTOL CITY	1-0	18,505	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			Whatmore (2)
" 26 Oldham Athletic	1-2	24,537	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			Reid
" 27 SUNDERLAND	2-1	42,680	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			
Jan. 3 Brentford (FA3)	0-0	12,450	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			
" 6 BRENTFORD (rply)	2-0	18,538	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			
" 17 Southampton	0-0	20,363	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			
" 24 Huddersld. (FA4)	1-0	27,894	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			
" 27 LUTON TOWN			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6			
" 31 OXFORD UTD.																		
Feb. 7 Portsmouth																		
" 21 Carlisle United																		
" 24 BRISTOL ROV.																		
" 28 HULL CITY																		
Mar. 6 Blackpool																		
" 13 PLYMOUTH																		
" 20 West Brom.																		
" 27 CHELSEA																		
Apr. 3 NOTTS. FOREST																		
" 9 Orient																		
" 13 YORK CITY																		
" 17 OLDHAM ATH.																		
" 19 Sunderland																		
" 20 Charlton Athletic																		

## CENTRAL LEAGUE 1975-76

1975		F	A	Pts.
Aug. 16	PRESTON	3	0	2
" 19	WEST BROM.	1	2	2
" 23	Stoke City	0	4	2
" 27	Newcastle U	1	1	3
Sept. 30	SHEFFIELD U	2	1	5
" 6	Aston Villa	1	2	5
" 13	MAN. CITY	1	0	7
" 20	Bury	1	2	7
" 23	COVENTRY C	1	0	9
" 27	WOLVES	1	1	10
Oct. 4	Burnley	0	1	10
" 11	BLACKBURN	2	2	11
" 14	Coventry City	0	5	11
" 18	Leeds United	0	4	11
" 25	SHEFF. WED.	2	3	11
Nov. 5	Huddersfield T.	1	0	13
" 8	BLACKPOOL	1	1	14
" 15	Liverpool	3	1	16
" 22	LEEDS UNITED	1	5	16
Dec. 6	Manchester U.	0	3	16
" 10	Notts. Forest	0	0	17
" 13	STOKE CITY	1	2	17
" 20	Preston	0	1	17

1976		F	A	Pts.
Jan. 10	Manchester City	2	0	19
" 13	DERBY CO.	1	2	19
" 17	ASTON VILLA	1	1	20
" 24	Sheffield United	1	3	20
" 31	West Brom.			
Feb. 7	NEWCASTLE U.			
" 14	Blackpool			
" 21	LIVERPOOL			
" 28	Sheffield Wed.			
Mar. 6	HUDDERSFIELD			
" 13	Blackburn Rovers			
" 20	Derby County			
" 23	MAN. UNITED			
Apr. 3	Wolves			
" 10	BURY			
" 17	Everton			
" 19	NOTTS. FOREST			
" 24	BURNLEY			

Teams in CAPITALS Denote Home Games

## Meet the Ref...

JACK TAYLOR (Wolverhampton) — Vastly experienced, he took charge of the 1974 World Cup Final between West Germany and Holland and was also on the World Cup panel in Mexico in 1970 and England in 1966.

Refereed the 1971 European Cup Final at Wembley, the 1966 FA Cup Final and the 1962 Amateur Cup Final plus numerous internationals and finals ail over the world.

He has visited 38 countries and refereed more than 70 internationals and European games. Awarded the O.B.E. for his services to football in 1975.

Appointed to the League list 17 years ago and has been on the FIFA and UEFA panels for many years. He is a magistrate and a member of the Sports Advisory Council. Serves on many refereeing committees and is president of a local Sunday League. Works as a self-employed butcher and is married.

## Support the SUPER-WHITES!

at Burnden Park

SECOND DIVISION

WANDERERS v OXFORD UNITED  
3 p.m. — SATURDAY, 31st JANUARY

FA CUP — FIFTH ROUND

WANDERERS v NEWCASTLE U or COVENTRY C  
3 p.m. — SATURDAY, 14th FEBRUARY

CENTRAL LEAGUE

WANDERERS RES. v NEWCASTLE U RES.  
3 p.m. — SATURDAY, 7th FEBRUARY

# WANDERERS

Shirts: White  
Shorts: Blue

1. SIDDALL, Barry
2. RITSON, John
3. DUNNE, Tony
4. GREAVES, Roy
5. JONES, Paul
6. ALLARDYCE, Sam
7. BYROM, John
3. WHATMORE, Neil
9. JONES, Garry
10. REID, Peter
11. THOMPSON, Peter

**Sub.:**

# LUTON TOWN

Shirts: Orange  
Shorts: Blue

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

**Sub.:**

**Referee:**

J. K. TAYLOR (Wolverhampton)

**RED FLAG:**

C. MOFFET (Preston)

**LINESMEN**

**YELLOW FLAG:**

N. E. SIMPSON (Huddersfield)



## £20 GOLDEN GOAL!

This season, we switch our Golden Goal competition to the programme and the £20 prize goes to the person who has the programme with the time of the first goal.

The holder of the programme with the time of the first corner will collect an autographed football.

All times are in SECONDS — there are 5,400 in a match. And you win £20 if no goals are scored and your number is 0000.

If the match is abandoned prize money will be paid if a goal is scored. If no goals are scored the winner will be 0000.

Winning times will be announced over the public address system and on a board which will be carried round the ground. Prizes can be claimed from the Development Association office after the game.

Decisions of the Official Timekeeper are absolutely final and no dispute of the times can be entered into.