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# A TOPICAL ROUND-UP

## CUPS ARE IMPORTANT AGAIN

By DOUG WEATHERALL  
(Daily Mail)

Sunderland's recently acquired First Division status has allowed them to alter their approach to Cup-ties. While promotion was being fought for, every competition, apart from the League, had to be of secondary consideration.

Now all is different. The more success the club have in Cup competitions the happier they and their supporters will be. So victory over Luton Town tonight could not be sought more earnestly.

And there cannot be any suggestion of Sunderland approaching this League Cup second-round tie with complacency since Luton are a Second Division club. After all, it is only six months ago that Sunderland went out of the F.A. Cup quarter-finals at home to a Third Division side, Crystal Palace. And Sunderland themselves three years ago and Southampton last season underlined just what underdogs can do to favourites in Cup-ties.

But Sunderland should be able to enter tonight's tie believing that they are bona fide members of the First Division. These notes are written before Saturday's home match with Arsenal. But Sunderland showed enough in their first two games back in Division One that they can command respect there.

### BRIGHT START

Goalless draws can be too easily attached to the word, "dull". I was not at Stoke City but am assured by non-partisans who were there that Sunderland contributed a lot to an entertaining match.

Like the official crowd of 36,668, I was at Roker Park for the first home game of the season and have yet to meet anyone who did not enjoy the goalless draw with Leicester City.

"Outside" opinions can be interesting to hear for a change and I welcomed the observations of John Neal, Wrexham's manager, who was at the match since his team are at home to Leicester in the League Cup second round tomorrow night.

Although he was here principally to "spy" on his Cup opponents it was also a sentimental return for him. From being a boy he was a Sunderland supporter.

Born in Seaham, he was brought up in Silksworth and played for Ryhope Grammar School. He was also full-back for Silksworth Independent Order

of Good Templars and a talented Silksworth Juniors team before joining manager Raich Carter at Hull City.

### GREAT SET-UP

Last Tuesday night was the first time he had been back to Roker Park since he played here for Aston Villa's Second Division championship team 16 years ago. And he was enormously impressed by everything about Roker.

The first thing which struck him was the pitch. As he told me: "It has always been good. As boys, we used to love to see it at the start of a season. But it's now more beautiful than ever. It must be better than Wembley.

"When the players were knocking the ball about at the kick-in you could see it was like a bowling green. If you can't play on that you can't play!"

Only last season John Neal's Wrexham team gave Anderlecht a hard time in the European Cup Winners' Cup quarter-finals before going out, so he is well aware of standards outside the Third Division. And he thought Sunderland played some great stuff against Leicester.

### FIELD-MARSHAL TOWERS!

"Tony Towers is a great player," he said. "He directed things in the first-half but he fell away in the second."

At that moment Towers limped past us — and we discovered why he had not done so well in the second-half. He had been hurt in the first. Said Neal: "You see, there is often a reason why a player's form suddenly drops."

Neal pinpointed one of the main reasons why Sunderland did not manage a goal — Leicester goalkeeper Mark Wallington. "He must be one of the best in the business," said Neal. "His positional play was excellent and the length of his kicking is phenomenal."

Neal's immediate hope, of course, is to beat Leicester tomorrow night. His next: to bring Wrexham to the North-East. "I would be very proud to take my team to either Sunderland or Newcastle", he said. "We gave a good account of ourselves when knocking Middlesbrough out of the F.A. Cup two years ago. And I believe North-East supporters would like our style of play."

We'll see.....



# FIRST DIVISION SCENE

We were not alone in drawing our opening two league games this season, no fewer than seven clubs, a third of the membership of Division One, doing likewise.

One club happy to be in this position were Birmingham City, who after their close call with regard to relegation last season managed to take a point from both Manchester United and Leeds.

Another Midland club, Stoke City, went straight from their draw with us to pick up a point from Division One newcomers Bristol City, that great battler DENIS SMITH snatching a late equaliser. Though a defender Denis has now scored 23 league goals, most of them when the going has been tight.

City's first Division One goal at Ashton Gate for 65 years came from DON GILLIES, the man who got the winning goal in the F.A. Cup victory over Leeds three years ago.

It was surprising to see Coventry City and Q.P.R., who were both in Division Three a few years ago, sharing the doubtful distinction of losing their two opening games. For Coventry this was perhaps to be expected with tough games against Middlesbrough and Manchester United, but Q.P.R. were confidently expected to be in the running for the championship after last season's near-miss and were up against teams who made little impression last season.

However Rangers after crashing at home to Everton went down again to West Ham at Upton Park last Monday and they now have the record of only one win in nine First Division games against the Hammers. Talking of bogey teams Leicester City have had a good record here in post-war visits. Their goalless draw last week was a repeat of the scoreline of their last visit in 1970/1 and they have now lost only

twice in eight postwar games here. With 21 draws in their 44 league games Leicester must be just about the most popular team in the country with Pools punters.



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### DIV. II FINAL PLACINGS

SUNDERLAND	Home						Away						A	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
Bristol C.	42	11	7	3	34	14	8	8	5	25	21	53		
West Brom.	42	10	9	2	29	12	10	4	7	21	21	53		
Bolton W.	42	12	5	4	36	14	8	7	6	28	24	52		
Notts Co.	42	11	6	4	33	13	8	5	8	27	28	49		
S'thampton	42	18	2	1	49	16	3	5	13	17	34	49		
Luton Town	42	13	6	2	38	15	6	4	11	23	36	48		
Notts For.	42	13	1	7	34	18	4	11	6	21	22	46		
Charlton A.	42	11	5	5	40	34	4	7	10	21	38	42		
Blackpool	42	9	9	3	26	22	5	5	11	14	27	42		
Chelsea	42	7	9	5	25	20	5	7	9	28	34	40		
Fulham	42	9	8	4	27	14	4	6	11	18	33	40		
Orient	42	10	6	5	21	12	3	8	10	16	27	40		
Hull City	42	9	5	7	29	23	5	6	10	16	26	39		
Blackburn	42	8	6	7	27	22	4	8	9	18	28	38		
Plymouth	42	13	4	4	36	20	0	8	13	12	34	38		
Oldham Ath.	42	11	8	2	37	24	2	4	15	20	44	38		
Bristol R.	42	7	9	5	20	15	4	7	10	18	35	38		
Carlisle Utd.	42	9	8	4	29	22	3	5	13	16	37	37		
Oxford Utd.	42	7	7	7	23	25	4	4	13	16	34	33		
York	42	8	3	10	28	34	2	5	14	11	37	28		
Portsmouth	42	4	6	11	15	23	5	1	15	17	38	25		

### APPEARANCES

Ashurst (3)	20	Longhorn (1)	6
Bolton (6)	34	Malone (5)	39
Clarke (6)	31	Moncur (6)	39
Finney (5)	7	Mont'mery (6)	38
Gibb	5	Porterfield (1)	20
Greenwood	13	Robson (6)	40
Halom (2)	21	Rowell	3
Henderson (1)	11	Swinburne	4
Holden (6)	31	Towers (6)	34
Hughes	14	Train	12
Kerr (6)	40		

### GOALSCORERS

Robson (2)	13	Gibb	1
Holden (3)	12	Henderson	1
Towers	10	Longhorn	1
Kerr	7	Bolton	1
Hughes	6	Porterfield	1
Halom	4	Rowell	1
Greenwood	2	Bolton o.g.	1
Moncur	2	York o.g.	1
Finney (1)	1	Blackburn o.g.	1
		Hull City o.g.	1

### SUBSTITUTES USED

Gibb	1	Henderson	2
Halom	1	Longhorn	2
Ashurst	1	Mitchell	1
Greenwood	2	Porterfield	1
Holden	5	Rowell	1
Hughes (2)	2	Finney	1

Doug Weatherall congratulates the  
Roker Supporters  
WELL DONE!

Since I have sometimes criticised a minority of Sunderland supporters in the past for bad language and bad behaviour, it is right that I should record how exemplary the whole crowd were on Roker's return night in the First Division.

The backing for the team was tremendous. And there appeared to be nothing unsavoury to spoil a fine occasion. The ideal must be that a visit to Roker Park is a pleasure in every way for young and old, men and women.

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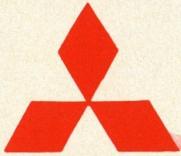
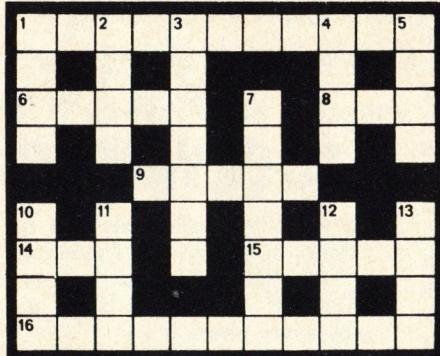
## CLUES - ACROSS

1. Grecians' ground (2,5,4)
6. Ralph ---- scored for Rangers in four consecutive Scottish Cup finals (5)
8. Top League scorer for Leicester last season (3)
9. Lincoln stopper (5)
14. Jim Smith scored a Scottish League record 66 goals for them in season 1927-28 (3)
15. Powerful shot (5)
16. "The Peacocks" (5,6)

## CLUES - DOWN

1. They first appeared in League matches in 1965 (4)
2. Famous old international striker Uruguay and Italy: --- Schiaffino (4)
3. Utility defender with 16 across (7)
4. Firhill Park manager (4)
5. Stoke's John Ritchie was forced out of League soccer by an injured one (4)
7. Trevor Anderson was their top League marksman last season (7)
10. Old Swansea and Manchester City international (4)
11. Despite their name such kicks may be costly (4)
12. Christian ---- (Standard Liege & Belgium) (4)
13. Father and son Alec and David ---- played in the same League side (4)

SOLUTIONS: Across: 1. St. James Park (Exeter City), 6. Brandy, 8. Lee, 9. Ellis, 14. Ayre, 15. drile, 16. Leeds United, Down: 1. subs, 2. Juan, 3. Madelby, 4. Audi (Patrick), 5. knee, 7. Swindon, 10. Paul, 11. free, 12. Pilot, 13. Herd (Stockport).



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It was a good day, however for other clubs on Tyneside. Newcastle beat Spurs 7-2 to become only the second club ever to score as many goals in a league game against the Londoners. GEORGE ROBLEDO led the way with a hat-trick while WILF MANNION got two in Middlesbrough's 5-0 win over Burnley. It was Bolton, however, who were the current Division One pacemakers, taking a 2-point lead over their nearest rivals, Manchester United when beating the

latter by a disputed NAT LOFTHOUSE goal. Also well in the running were Blackpool for whom STAN MORTENSEN netted twice in a 3-2 win over Wolves. Meanwhile at the bottom of the table Fulham picked up their first point when JACK McDONALD got a last-minute equaliser against Charlton and they now moved off the bottom with a goal-average advantage over Stoke City, who after holding a half-time lead went down 4-2 at Derby, for whom TOMMY POWELL, father of their present-day player STEVE POWELL got one of the goals.

In Division Two Sheffield United stayed on top, winning 4-3 at Barnsley after twice being two goals down. Their nearest rivals were newly-promoted Notts County, who had a game in hand over most clubs and retained their unbeaten record by beating Bury 2-1.

They were the only club still unbeaten in that Division while in Division III (North) Carlisle and Oldham had not yet tasted defeat. While they were drawing their games at Crewe and Scunthorpe, however, Gateshead were winning 2-0 at Southport and stayed top of the table. Wrexham, who lost 5-0 at Bradford P.A. were now the only pointless side in the whole of the Football League.



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Jeff Clarke attacking Leicester



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Billy Hughes evades a Leicester defender



**18** Leicester escapes again



**19** A lucky escape by Palace



**20** Goalkeeper keeps Palace in the Cup



**21** Mel celebrates a goal v Oldham

# Welcome to our Visitors – Luton

By Doug Weatherall



Top: Right to Left: Brian Gregory, Steve Buckley, Tim Smith, Kim Wassel, John Dixie Deans, Ricky Hill, Sandor Simon. Middle: Right to Left: Graham Jones, Paul Futcher, John Faulkner, Tony Knight, Keith Barber, John Ryan, Paul Price, James McNichol, Reg Games, Physio. Front: Right to Left: Pasquale Fuccillo, Brian Chambers, David Carr, Roy McCrohan, Coach, Harry Haslam, Manager, Jimmy Husband, John Aston, Peter Mead.

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## KEITH BARBER

After five years of competing for the position, Barber established himself in 1975/76 season as Luton's regular first choice goalkeeper, and at the age of 28 had his best-ever season, winning the supporters club's "Player of the Year" award, the first time it had ever gone to a goalkeeper. He joined Luton in 1971 after being spotted by a scout playing local soccer in Vauxhall, London.

## STEVE BUCKLEY

He was a free-scoing left winger with Southern League club Burton Albion when Luton stepped in to buy him for the bargain price of £2,000 in the summer of 1974. Within six months he had been converted into a First Division full-back, and has been Luton's left back ever since his impressive debut. He still shows his old goal-scoring ability, and his fast overlapping wing runs and thundering left foot shot make him a lethal attacking defender.

## PAUL FUTCHER

Luton equalled their record transfer fee when they paid £100,000 for Futcher in the summer of 1974. He was still only 17, and with only a handful of Fourth Division games behind him with Chester, his home town club. But the big league clubs had already seen his potential, and Luton nipped in to beat them all.

## PASQUALE FUCCILLO

Son of Italian parents who settled at Bedford, players and supporters at Kenilworth Road give this strong midfield player the nickname of "Lil" to overcome their difficulties with his tongue-twisting name. But there is no mistaking his footballing ability: he joined Luton as a 16-year-old apprentice in the summer of 1973, and worked his way through to the League side. He scored on his debut in February 1976, and shows every sign of being a regular marksman on his thrusting runs from the middle of the field.

## JIM HUSBAND

Joined Luton in November 1973 with a string of honours already collected with Everton. A Geordie, he was capped by England as a schoolboy, as a youth, and at Under-23 level. He went to Goodison Park as soon as he left school, and became a Merseyside favourite in a ten-year stay there in which he hit 75 goals. Luton paid Everton £70,000 for his services and he was their leading goal-scorer last season.

## RICKY HILL

A 17-year-old midfield player, Hill exploded into league soccer as Luton's season looked as though it were fading away quietly at Easter, 1976. An apprentice, signed by Luton after impressive displays for Cricklewood Schoolboys, Hill was an unknown reserve when he was named as substitute. An injury gave him his big chance: he made his debut with 22 minutes to go in a match against Bristol Rovers, and made one goal and scored a cracker to become an instant sensation with supporters and Fleet Street.

## JOHN "DIXIE" DEANS

Luton Town's major close-season signing, they paid £20,000 to bring Deans over the border after he had had four spectacular seasons with Glasgow Celtic. His sharpness in front of goal soon earned him the inevitable nickname of Dixie at Celtic, where he scored 83 League goals in 110 appearances. He has a lot of experience of European football behind him, as well as two Scottish caps.

## JOHN ASTON

Like his famous father before him, also named John Aston, John broke into professional football with Manchester United, and achieved international fame with an out-of-this-world performance on United's left wing in their European Cup Final triumph against Benfica at Wembley in 1968. Aston destroyed

their defence, but a broken leg interrupted his career at Old Trafford. He was 25 when Luton manager Harry Haslam, a former Manchester United player himself, stepped in to secure his services for £30,000 in July 1972, and Aston has been one of Luton's most consistent players ever since.

## PAUL PRICE

Another player snapped up as a youngster, defender Price has had to fight harder than most to break through - he broke a leg early in the 1974/75 season, fought his way back to fitness, then broke it again. His determination overcame his atrocious luck, and he came back to make his debut in Division II last season. Still only 22, he comes from Welwyn Garden City.

## JOHN FAULKNER

Don Revie was the first man to give Faulkner his league chance: he was the centre-half in the Sutton United team that played Leeds in an F.A. Cup-tie, and did so well that Revie, then Leeds boss, immediately bought him. But he was unlucky at Leeds, and a broken leg threatened to end his career. He overcame it and joined Luton for £6,000 in March 72, and has been a regular member of Luton's defence ever since.

## BRIAN CHAMBERS

A Geordie, Chambers made his name and reputation as a midfield player at Sunderland, and they collected £70,000 for him when he was transferred to Arsenal in 1973. But he never broke through to the First team at Highbury, and Luton got him for £30,000 only a year later, when he was 25. He had a patchy start at Luton, flitting in and out of the league side, but finally established himself last season when he became a regular member of the Kenilworth Road team. He reinforces his midfield value by breaking forward to score the occasional goal.

### JOHN MATTHEWS (Defender)

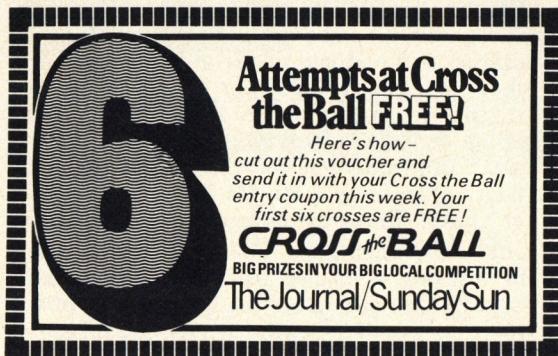
An Islington Schoolboy who joined Arsenal as an Apprentice on leaving school in July 1971. Signed Professional in August 1973, and has now played a total of 26 League and Cup games. Unfortunately he broke his leg during a training session at the end of last year but did play in the last 5 matches for our Reserve team. He is a consistent back four central player, and can also turn in a useful performance in a midfield role.

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### DOUG WEATHERALL,

of the Daily Mail,

presents Dixie Deans, Luton Town striker...

Dixie Deans appeared to be one of the bargain buys of the close-season. With a scoring background like his with famous Celtic, he seemed more than a reasonable buy at only £20,000.

And his English League debut tended to confirm this. With a shot and a header he scored twice in the first ten minutes of the second-half against Sheffield United, just down from the First Division.

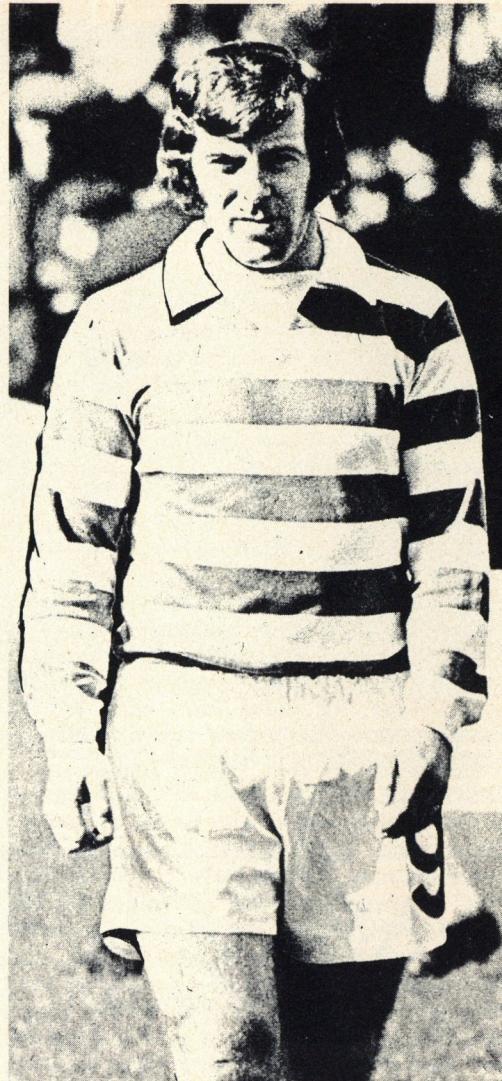
Dixie scored 89 goals in 120 appearances for Celtic. With that record to boost confidence he has promised he will score 20 goals in his first season in the Football League.

### TIPSTER

Another Harry Haslam boy, Malcolm MacDonald, used to make that sort of prediction and live up to it.

Certainly, his debut strengthens his claim that he can adapt to English football. And the age of 29 means a player is experienced without being senile!

Deans, 5ft. 9in. and 11st. 3lb., has played against Sunderland before. That was at Parkhead in a pre-season game after Sunderland's last F.A. Cup win. It was a match noted for spectacular goals from Dennis Tueart and Billy Hughes in a Sunderland victory.



Dixie Deans in his Celtic days

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Big local derby so book early to avoid disappointment. Trains to leave Morpeth (£2.30). Picking up at Cramlington (£2.30), Chester Le Street (£1.90). Also a train will be leaving Newcastle (£1.70), picking up at Pelaw (£1.70), Boldon Colliery (£1.70), East Boldon (£1.70), Sunderland (£1.50) and Seaham (£1.40).

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## Sunderland Supporters New Souvenir Shop

The Football Club have been kind enough to build for the Supporters' Association a NEW SOUVENIR SHOP, situated next to the new Roker Bingo and Travel Club Offices. We have many new items for sale: Stainless Steel Tankards, Stainless Steel Ash Trays, Stainless Steel Dishes, Beany Hats, New Patches, New Car Stickers, Footballs, 'Champion' Pens, 'T' Shirts. On Special Offer, we have 15 Players Pictures, along with Photograph Album for 60p (normally £1.65p). To philatelic collectors we shall have shortly a special commemorative envelope to mark our 2nd Division Championship. The cover will be franked with a special handstamp by the Post Office on the 6th November, 1976. This is the day we play Liverpool, the theme being the 2nd Division Champions versus the 1st Division Champions. The Covers will be 40p each. Please call in and order you Cover now.

WE are expecting to arrive shortly a limited number of Wall Mirrors, Ladies Vanity Mirrors, Wall Clocks, and a Super College Scarf. Why not call into the Shop or Kiosks in the ground, either before or after the match.

### TRAVELAWAY TO BRISTOL CITY

Supporters travelling to Ashton Road should head South on the A1 and A1(M) to the Doncaster Motorway. Pick up the M18 and join the M1 at junction 32. Leave the M1 at junction 25 and take the A52 to the Derby Ring Road. Turn left onto the Ring Road and follow this round till you reach the A38. Turn left onto the A38 and continue along this road to Birmingham.

Follow the signs for the M6 North West and M5. Head North West and leave the M6 at junction 8. Join the M5 and continue down to junction 18. Take the A4 into Bristol. You will enter Bristol along Portway and Hotwell Road. Approximately 1 mile along Hotwell Road, you will come to a multiple junction. Take the A370, known as Brunel Way and follow along to the junction with the A38. Turn left onto the A38 (Clift House Road) then first right onto Frayne Road. At the end of Frayne Road, turn right into Ashton Road.

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### SPORTS FOR ALL WEEK

12th – 18th SEPTEMBER 1976

Football is well established as Britain's national game and holds an unrivalled position as our top spectator sport. It is also one of the sports that this country has given to the rest of the world, but opportunities for taking part in football at local level are being restricted by a serious shortage of pitches, especially in our towns and cities where land is scarce.

The lack of basic community facilities for football, and for many other sports, was one of the major factors which persuaded the Sports Council to launch a national Sports for ALL Week. The campaign aims to highlight the needs of sport in Britain, and also encourage more people to take part. Between 12-18 September, hundreds of events are taking place all over the country featuring over 60 different sports, all with something to offer in terms of fun and entertainment.

If football is to develop into the 1980's and beyond, local authorities must do more to reclaim derelict land for sports activities in general, and for football pitches in particular. More synthetic pitches must be provided—like those in London at Islington and Hackney, each of which can take up to 40 matches a week.

There must also be more sharing of educational, industrial and private pitches if our national game is to cope with the ever increasing numbers wanting to play. And taking part is what the Sports Council's Sport for ALL campaign is all about.



# Jackie Milburn

Isn't it an exciting season? In only four weeks we have opened with entertaining football with three home matches which have taken the attendances to over 120,000.

Football, you know is a funny business for without winning or attractive football the crowds will not normally turn up. Without the advantage of encouragement and the support of a good crowd it is difficult for a team to get good home results.

A chicken and egg situation if ever there was one. Not so much here at Roker where we know the lads are going to work like hell and the players know that they are going to have one hundred per cent support.

Tonight there is magic abroad for players and supporters alike. Cup magic! Just what the doctor ordered. A tonic. This evening Luton should provide the lads with the type of opposition which will stimulate the goal scorers. Mel Holden, Billy Hughes, but most of all Bryan Robson badly needs to hit the net. Bryan can hit the goal with a swing of either foot. He is a natural, but he seems to be a worrier and feels the need to prove his ability to himself and the crowd in every match.

When Bryan resumes his scoring habit tonight he may well be on the way to another first division goalscoring spree.

Don't run away with the idea that Luton will be easy because there are no poor cup teams, but lets face it we have to score goals and make the play against the second division outfit.

A word about last tuesday's match against Leicester. Overall no Sunderland players were substandard. All had first division class. Indeed it looked as if Sunderland were used to the top flight.

In the first half Towers, Kerr and Train completely controlled the midfield. First Kerr got a knock and then Towers was nobbled. Try as he might Ray Train couldn't take up all the slack. You have to single out captain Towers in the first half. He didn't miss a tackle, was not caught in possession and his distribution was inch perfect. All I can add Tony is "same again please". Bobby got a nasty knock but next time I think he'll be quick enough to get out of the way. A word to the electrician. Get the light on sooner this week. Don't you realise Sunderland are the best floodlit team going. Think about it.

Because we have that never ending problem of a huge void between reserve and first team football the Roker youths and reserves are seldom rated as first division material but Bob Stokoe has something to say on that subject. "We have some great prospects and our future in their hands is bright". Lets not use too many names but remember Alan Brown still a stripling but is knocking the ball between the sticks consistently and Gary Rowell with a disturbing resemblance to Colin Todd will keep our future bright. Both are local lads and that is the important thing.

The young lads who are accepted by Roker Park could find a better start nowhere in the country. Bob Stokoe is firmly in charge and Ian McFarland has the knack of handling youngsters and veteran alike. Talking about lads Bobby Mitchell and I were asked to play in an old England side against Old Italy when we won 3-2, yours truly scored two goals. Later the opposition was The Rest of the World and I met the little Butterfly Garrincha the Brazilian winger of the fifties and sixties. I enjoyed it but I wouldn't have liked to make a come back at that stage.

George Best seems hell bent on making his third or fourth come back. "Well the best of luck Besty but its going to take some doing". Quite honestly I can't see him making any impact after all this time.



Bobby Mitchell and I with borrowed boots. Off to play in Italy and eat Canniloni.

## NEWS FLASH!

### ATTENTION ALL SUNDERLAND SUPPORTERS IN THE CONSETT AREA

A meeting will be held in Consett British Legion Club at 12 Noon Sunday 5th September with the view of forming a Sunderland Supporters Branch.

Watch out for the new Super Golden Time Ticket (£120.00). To be won in prizes from the game starting today.

### SELLERS WANTED.

If you are interested in becoming A Golden Goal Seller please contact Mr. C. O'Donnell at The Development Office at Roker Park.

There have been some complaints that Programmes were difficult to obtain last Tuesday evening at the Leicester City match.

We apologize to all inconvenienced but would point out that as is usually the case during evening matches everyone arrived together swamping the sellers. Every effort will be made to see that Programmes are more readily obtainable.

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# Fixture List

	Date	Opponents	Ground
SAT	1976		
SAT	Aug. 21	Stoke City .....	A
TUES	Aug. 24	Leicester City .....	H
SAT	Aug. 28	Arsenal .....	H
TUES	Aug. 31	League Cup 2 Luton Town .....	H
SAT	Sept. 4	Bristol City .....	A
SAT	Sept. 11	Middlesbrough .....	A
SAT	Sept. 18	Manchester City .....	H
WED	Sept. 22	League Cup 3 .....	A
SAT	Sept. 25	West Ham United .....	A
SAT	Oct. 2	Everton .....	H
SAT	Oct. 9	Ipswich Town .....	A
SAT	Oct. 16	Aston Villa .....	H
SAT	Oct. 23	Queen's Park Rangers .....	A
WED	Oct. 27	League Cup 4 .....	A
SAT	Oct. 30	Coventry City .....	A
SAT	Nov. 6	Liverpool .....	H
WED	Nov. 10	Manchester United .....	A
SAT	Nov. 20	Tottenham Hotspur (1) .....	H
SAT	Nov. 27	Derby County .....	A
WED	Dec. 1	League Cup 5 .....	A
SAT	Dec. 4	West Bromwich Albion .....	H
SAT	Dec. 11	Birmingham City (2) .....	A
SAT	Dec. 18	Norwich City .....	H
MON	Dec. 27	Newcastle United .....	A
Dec. 28			
WED	Dec. 29	Leeds United .....	H
	1977		
SAT	Jan. 1	Liverpool .....	A
MON	Jan. 3	Coventry City .....	H
SAT	Jan. 8	F.A. Cup 3 .....	A
SAT	Jan. 15	Leicester City .....	A
WED	Jan. 19	League Cup SF .....	A
SAT	Jan. 22	Stoke City .....	H
SAT	Jan. 29	F.A. Cup 4 .....	A
SAT	Feb. 5	Arsenal .....	A
FRI	Feb. 11	Bristol City .....	H
WED	Feb. 16	League Cup SF .....	A
SAT	Feb. 19	Middlesbrough .....	H
SAT	Feb. 26	Manchester City (5) .....	A
SAT	Mar. 5	West Ham United .....	H
SAT	Mar. 12	Everton (LCF) .....	A
SAT	Mar. 19	Ipswich Town (6) .....	H
SAT	Mar. 26	Aston Villa .....	A
SAT	Apr. 2	Queen's Park Rangers .....	H
FRI	Apr. 8	Newcastle United .....	H
SAT	Apr. 9	Leeds United .....	A
MON	Apr. 11	Manchester United .....	A
Apr. 12			
SAT	Apr. 16	Tottenham Hotspur .....	A
SAT	Apr. 23	Derby County (SF) .....	H
SAT	Apr. 30	West Bromwich Albion .....	A
SAT	May 7	Birmingham City .....	H
SAT	May 14	Norwich City .....	A
SAT	May 21	F.A. Cup Final .....	A



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4. Tony Towers	4. Brian Chambers
5. Jeff Clarke	5. John Faulkner
6. Bobby Moncur	6. Paul Futcher
7. Bobby Kerr	7. Jimmy Husband
8. Ray Train	8. Ricky Hill
9. Mel Holden	9. John Deans
10. Bryan Robson	10. Pasquale Fuccillo
11. Billy Hughes	11. John Aston
12. Jackie Ashurst	12.

Referee: Mr. Pat Partridge (Cockfield)  
Red Flag: Mr. R. Pallister (Middlesbrough)  
Yellow Flag: Mr. K.A. Redfearn (Whitley Bay)

NEXT HOME  
MATCH

Saturday 18th September  
v Manchester City  
K.O. 3.00 p.m.

NEXT AWAY  
MATCHES

Saturday 4th September  
v Bristol City  
K.O. 3.00 p.m.  
Saturday 11th September  
v Middlesbrough  
K.O. 3.00 p.m.