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on August 21st"

Mark Bonnin
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Mr. Jim Yates Commercial Director of Luton Town F.C.
Adds:- "I too apologies for the poor programme for the
Sheffield United game. It was particularly disappointing
as a lot of hard work had gone into the programme and
its finished state did not, because of the problems ex-
perienced by the printers, in any way resemble that of
the expected finished product. I am however making
strenuous efforts to correct the situation"

Mr. Yates added, "It is my hope that any supporter
wishing to contribute to the programme will get in touch
with myself or Brian Morgan on Luton 416711. I would
like the programme to be as "Newsy"! as possible - so
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MIDDLE ROW L - R

Brian Clough (Manager), Colin Barrett, Steve Wignall, John Middleton, Peter Wells, Barry Butlin, Paul Bannon, Jimmy Gordon (Coach).

BACK ROW L - R

John Robertson, Paul Richardson, Martin O'Neill, Ian Bowyer.

TEAM - TALK

VIV ANDERSON. Nottingham-born Anderson signed professional forms at the beginning of the 1974/75 season after completing two years in the apprentice ranks. He participated in England Youth trials in late 1973.

MARTIN O'NEILL. A talented player, and regular member of the Irish national squad, O'Neill has now played in 100 League matches for us.

IAN BOWYER. Bowyer looked a very good player indeed when he burst on the First Division scene with Manchester City as a goalscoring teenager during the '69/70 season. He netted 12 Division One goals in 33 games.

JOHN ROBERTSON. A former Scottish School-boy and Youth International, he joined us as an apprentice after playing for Scottish youth team Drumchapel.

JIM McCANN. A young Dundee-born striker who made much progress over the last two seasons in which he scored 35 goals in 69 appearances for the Central League side. He made his senior debut against Albion in the final match of the '74/75

PETER WELLS. He is one of two young and extremely promising 'keepers who are currently vying with each other for our first team berth.

COLIN BARRETT. Mr. Clough signed this Stockport-born player on loan from Manchester City in March, 1976. After his loan period was completed he was immediately bought from the Maine Road, club for whom he had appeared in more than 50 senior games.

JOHN MCGOVERN. Along with colleague John O'Hare he became Manager Brian Clough's first major signing for us from Leeds United in February, 1975. Montrose-born McGovern is a slightly built but very skilled player who had appeared in all four divisions of the Football League by the time he was 20 years old.

TERRY CURRAN. A young winger who was signed from Doncaster Rovers in August, 1975. Curran was troubled by minor injuries and illnesses after joining us causing him to miss a few matches, but upon regaining full fitness he displayed very impressive form indeed.

JOHN O'HARE. A very experienced striker, he netted 14 goals for Sunderland in 57 games before Brian Clough bought him for Derby City in 1967. O'Hare then scored an impressive 65 goals for the "Rams" in 250 appearances whilst winning a First Division championship medal and gaining 13 Scottish caps.

BARRY BUTLIN. His first League club was Derby County and after failing to win a first team berth with them, he spent a successful lean spell with Notts. County scoring 13 goals in 30 outings. As a result of these displays Luton Town paid a £50,000 fee to Derby for his talents and he netted an impressive 24 goals for them in 56 League matches.

SEAN HASLEGRAVE. Mr. Clough purchased this young and skilled player from Stoke City - Sean's home town club - in July, 1976. Haslegrave made his first appearance for the "Potters" in the 1970/71 season and has played a considerable number of First Division games for Stoke

BOB CHAPMAN. Chapman joined us direct from Walsall junior football in 1962, and has completed 350 League and Cup games. When he played in his first League match, against Stoke City in 1964, he was the youngest-ever inside-forward to represent the club.

BRYN GUNN. Kettering-born he's a very promising youngster who was given his senior debut in August, 1975 against Rotherham United in the Football League Cup. At the time he'd been an apprentice for just one year, was only 17 years old, and had been playing as a goalkeeper until 2 years previous! Made 14 senior appearances last term.

FRANK CLARK. A vastly experienced defender, Clark was a Newcastle United stalwart, for almost 13 years before Brian Clough signed him on a free transfer prior to the '75/76 campaign.

BERT BOWERY. He was Manager Brian Clough's first signing for us in January, 1975 when a small fee was paid to Worksop Town for his signature. Bowery received his League debut at Blackburn Rovers eleven months later, on Boxing Day, when he netted two goals in our 4 - 1 victory.

LIAM O'KANE. Born in Londonderry. O'Kane is an extremely skilled defender who was bought from Irish club Derby City in December, 1968. He made his senior debut four months later against Leeds United, when he was carried off injured, but soon gained an automatic first team position.

PAUL RICHARDSON. Locally-born Richardson has spent all his career at the City Ground and is now one of the longest serving players on the staff, having signed as an apprentice over nine years ago. A tenacious midfield worker, he only played in 24 Second Division games last term as a result of injuries suffered.



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ACTION SHOTS

LUTON V SHEFFIELD UNITED

PICTURE 1

DIXIE DEANS SHOWS HIS DELIGHT AT HIS FIRST GOAL FOR LUTON.

PICTURE 2

JOHN ASTON IN SPARKLING FORM BEATS A SHEFFIELD DEFENDER.

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ATTACK
IS NOT THE
COMPLETE
ANSWER

The trend towards attacking football has been heralded as the salvation of the English game. Teams like Manchester United, Derby, Bolton, Hereford, Lincoln and Northampton breezed through the game like a breath of fresh air last season, winning acclaim from a wide audience. Yet a continuance of this worthy trend this season does not mean that England will win the World Cup in 1978 or that crowds will necessarily come swarming back to the game.

While it is true that the public will initially be attracted by the promise of more goals, in the long term it is only attacking football, allied to success, that will hold them.

In Manchester United's case it was a definite policy decision to play attacking football that made them so popular yet, in the case of the other clubs listed above, it can be argued that they might have drawn similar support playing a defensive game had they still attained the sort of results they did.

It's a sort of chicken and egg situation. And a difficult one for a manager to face. Should he fall overboard to attack and hope results follow: Or should he first see his side into a position of safety and then change his emphasis to attack? His job could depend upon which course of action he opts for.

Without detracting anything from what Tommy Docherty and his magnificent team have achieved over the past couple of years, in a sense he was aided by the state of the English game at the time. It had become drab, lacking in characters and the successful teams were the robot like sides which, in many cases, were boring the fans back to their armchairs.

The English game was crying out for adventure when Docherty took his bold decision. English fans willed United to succeed because they could see in their success a general move back to entertaining football.

The men in the most difficult position are the managers. Crowds generally are crying out for more excitement. Yet in the end, when the thrills have died down, the fans really want to see their own side succeed by attacking.

Luton fans witnessed 53 goals in League games last season, 38 for us and 15 for the other guys. Now, should the goals rate be more than doubled this season to 110, you wouldn't get to excited if we got 55 and so did the opposition.

In short, fans only want attacking football if it leads to success in the same way that, in the recent past, they were prepared to suffer a certain amount of boredom provided there were a cup or two on the end of it.

For if all 92 clubs opted for attack, ten are still going to be relegated and four will apply for re-election.

That's why football, from the playing and financial sense, can never properly be compared with any other business.

The point is that fans should not be conned into believing that the new wave of attacking football will solve all the game's ills. What it is doing, however, is to make it far more interesting to watch. And that's a mighty important step in the right direction.

BRIAN CLOUGH

by Tony Pullein

It has been just like old times for Brian Clough who has been re-joined by his old friend and colleague Peter Taylor. This pair have now been together at Hartlepool, Derby, Brighton and Forest.

Now they're hoping to achieve the sort of successes they spotted in their Derby days.

Brian Clough began his managerial career at Hartlepool after injuries had ended his playing career. His fantastic scoring record had averaged almost a goal a game over 274 League matches for Middlesbrough and Sunderland. The actual total was 251.

He was the Football League's top scorer in successive campaigns — with 40 goals in 1957/58 and 43 the following year — and led the Second Division three years on the trot. He once hit five goals for the Football League against the Irish League in Belfast.

In spite of his remarkable record, Clough was virtually ignored by the England selectors — probably due to his outspoken comments. He played only two games for the full England side and three for the U-23's. A terrible injustice for the finest goalsnatcher of his era.

Clough scored three times in nine games during his debut season, 1955/56, for Middlesbrough. In the next five years he totalled 38, 40, 43, 39 and 34. He moved to Sunderland in 1961 and in two full campaigns scored 29 and 24, the latter in only 24 matches. All his career, apart from his final three matches (which were with Sunderland in Division 1), was spent in Division 2.

Even at Hartlepool his managerial capabilities were quickly in evidence. He re-organised a sad and sagging team which won promotion soon after he left for Derby.

He took charge of Derby County and, by playing the transfer market so astutely, he assembled a team on a shoestring which stormed to the Championship of the Second Division and, the following season, challenged the First Division leaders.

In 1972 Derby won the Championship for the first time in their history but soon afterwards there were signs of internal problems.

They all led to his resignation.

When Brighton offered him the manager's job he took his faithful number two, Peter Taylor, with him. In a matter of weeks Mr. Clough completely rebuilt the Brighton side but, during the close-season, he left to succeed Don Revie at Leeds.

It was not an easy task for Mr. Clough to assume control over some players he has previously criticised and when results went wrong he was dismissed after only three months in the job.

Life is more stable for Mr. Clough now, however, his only aim being to put Forest back in the First Division.

TOWN TRAVEL

CHARLTON ATHLETIC v LUTON TOWN

Friday 10th September 1976 Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Leave Luton via the Dunstable Road towards the M1 Motorway. Proceed South on the M1 until the end of the motorway at the junction with the A1 Great North Way. Proceed along the A406 to North Circular Road.

Continue along the North Circular through Finchley, Edmonton and Chapel End to Woodford. Turn right along the A11 (Wanstead) and join the A116 and A117

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All our Yesterdays

By Eric Norris
Assistant Sports Editor
Luton News

SOME THINGS show little change in football, and 10 years-ago the Luton manager, George Martin, was struggling with a trimmed playing staff to produce results in the Fourth Division.

Worries, not only about injuries to Gerry King and Graham French, but also about the Town's inconsistency of form shown on their own ground and on opponents' grounds were bedevilling him.

He had cause for cheer on September 3, 1966, when former youth international winger, Graham French made his first appearance of the season. Wearing the number nine shirt, French demonstrated ball control way above the men around him and played a big part in a 3 - 1 home win against Newport County.

They went through a sticky patch in the second half when Newport were allowed to pull a goal back, but then took the game by the scruff of the neck again to deny the Welshmen any further chances.

It had taken the town 35 minutes to open their account through Alan Rivers who had moved up for a Ray Whittaker corner. When the ball came over from the former Arsenal youth star, Bruce Rioch blazed in a typical first time shot which hit a defender, and Rivers was on the spot to bang home the rebound.

England's "little World Cup" winning side were well represented in the Town ranks in those days, and another member of it, David Pleat - now the Town's assistant coach - combined with French to find the holes in the Newport defence. A great rising drive into the roof of the net by Ray Whittaker after a neat pass from Gordon Riddick put the Town well in command by half time

It was just after half time that the Town went through their shaky spell when Fraser pulled a goal back in the 59th minute. But all was secured when Bruce Rioch brought the crowd of 5,377 to their feet with a great goal in the 78th minute.

Unfortunately we were given little time to enthuse over this victory because at Rochdale the following Tuesday night the Town lost their way again and went down 3 - 0.

It was a long, unhappy night for the Town, because not only did they lose Graham French with injury in the first half, but the game was held up for 25 minutes when the Rochdale floodlights fused.

For nearly half an hour players of both sides spent the time kicking-in at their respective ends while electricians fought to restore the lights, and three times the ground was plunged into complete darkness. Fortunately for Luton the fading of the lights was coupled with the dousing of Rochdale's fire in attack and a real clobbering was averted when play eventually resumed.

The trimming of the playing staff was being felt hardest in the Reserves, and 10 years-ago the Town were making their debut in the newly formed London Midweek League after pulling out of the Football Combination. For their opening game against QPR Reserves they were without a goalkeeper and Tony Read had to play.

Luton also had to make up their side with local amateurs and present-day star with Sunday sides Parkside and Amptill Queensmen, Brian Gill, helped out against QPR.

The Town team for the Newport game was: Tony Read, Alan Slough, Fred Jardine; Bob Thomson, Alan Rivers, John Moore, David Pleat, Gordon Riddick, Graham French, Bruce Rioch, Ray Whittaker.

TEAMS

LUTON TOWN

1. BARBER
2. PRICE
3. BUCKLEY
4. FAULKNER
5. FUTCHER
6. CHAMBERS
7. FUCCILLO
8. HILL
9. HUSBAND
10. DEANS
11. ASTON

NOTTS FOREST

1. WELLS
2. SAUNDERS
3. CLARK
4. Mc GOVERN
5. CHAPMAN
6. BOWYER
7. CURRAN
8. BARRETT
9. O'HARE
10. BUTLIN
11. ROBERTSON
12. O'NEILL

TODAY'S OTHER SECOND DIVISION MATCHES

1	BLACKBURN v BLACKPOOL	
2	CARLISLE v HULL	
3	FULHAM v BRISTOL ROVRS	
4	HEREFORD v BURNLEY	
5	MILLWALL v CHELSEA	
6	NOTTS. COUNTY v BOLTON	
7	OLDHAM v CARDIFF	
8	ORIENT v PLYMOUTH	
9	SOUTHAMPTON v	
	SHEFFIELD UTD.	
10	WOLVES v CHARLTON	

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