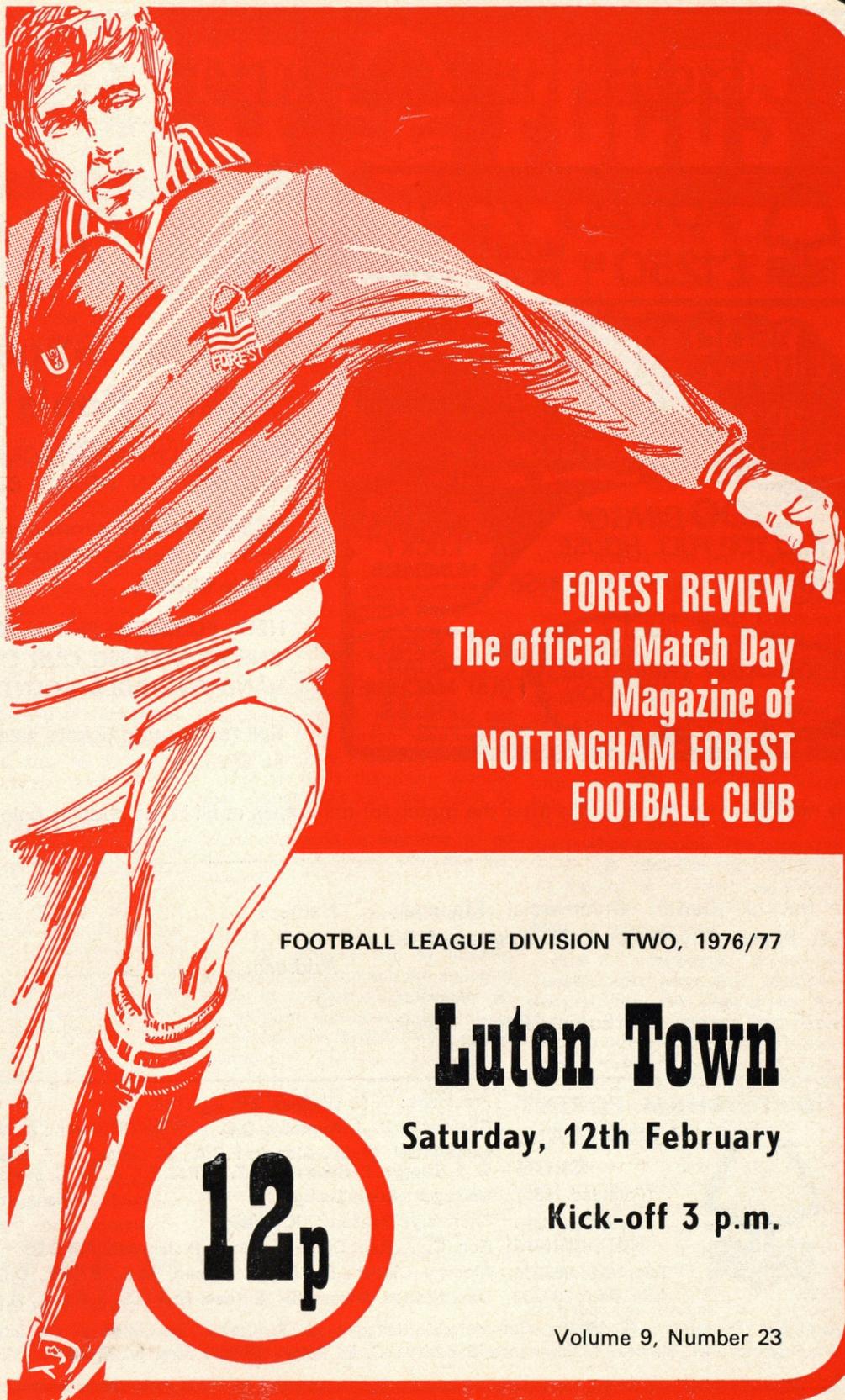


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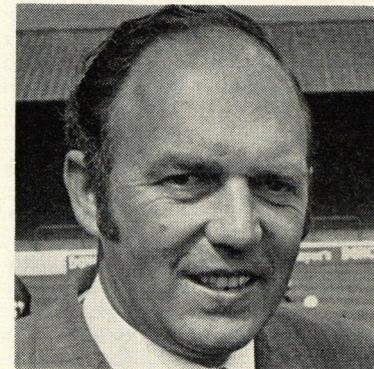
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# FOREST FOCUS

Last week was certainly not one of our better ones, was it? The home draw against Southampton was only gained after twice being in arrears but at least it showed that spirit was there particularly after our opponents freak second goal. Then the replay at The Dell turned sour on us with the goal by MacDougall which, incidentally, was confirmed as being "offside" on the videotape recording of the game.



BY KEN SMALES

Last Saturday, at Molineux, the pitch was never going to suit our style of play. After only 20 minutes it resembled a paddy field which made it virtually impossible to play the precise football on which our team thrives. Having failed to gain any kind of reward from the game our task is going to be that bit harder but there is a long way yet to go before the end of the season.

Apart from the playing sense it was not a good week for furthering better relationships with British Rail.

They were unable to provide any restaurant staff to man a dining car for our long trip to Southampton, consequently we had to provide our own packed meals. Mr. Bert Russell, a valued member of the club, came to our rescue and provided the necessary food at short notice and, in this connection, we are extremely grateful to Bert, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Reacher, and Mrs. Allcock for their most able assistance in serving the food.

British Rail then tested our patience to the full by leaving 23 of our party standing on the platform at Wolverhampton. The railway police showed an appalling indifference to our plight and the station inspector was apparently unable to do anything other than point to his watch and say "Well, it went out on time! The next train to Birmingham goes at 5.29".

The 'bus taking us from Molineux to the station was held up in the

traffic and arrived at the ticket barriers just two minutes before the scheduled departure time. Despite our pleas they would not hold the train which was set in motion with everyone scrambling to get on it. Is there any wonder that British Rail has lost much of the goodwill of the public, if Wolverhampton is anything to go by, when they show attitudes like these?

No doubt the station inspector will be proud that our train was only 20 minutes late in arriving at Wolverhampton and the sneering laugh of a certain policeman on the platform will be remembered as a low point in British Rail's public relations.

The Members' Dinner held at the Albany Hotel proved a great success with 280 guests attending to be entertained by the two Brians, Chairman Appleby and Manager Clough, whose light-hearted speeches were received with acclaim. Dancing followed the excellent meal and speeches and we look forward to next year's function with eager anticipation.

The next item on the club social calendar is the third Annual Forest-

night which is to be held this year at the Commodore Banqueting Rooms, Aspley Lane, on Monday, 21st March. The evening begins at 7.15 p.m. and the cast is led by star Leslie Crowther, the West Bridgford-born entertainer. Tickets are now on sale, price £2.50, and are available from our Commercial Department in the Pools Office. Why not make up your own party and book a table now — it was a sell-out last year.

These social functions are now becoming a feature of the club which shows that our supporters are finally developing a feeling of togetherness. We have "Forest-rail", the "Forest Bowl" knock-out trophy for the schools under-15 teams, the annual "Forest Members' Dinner", the "Forest-night", and now I hear there is talk of an annual Forest golf tournament. The persons who have shown an interest in organising this new event would like to receive an indication of interest to see if it would be worthwhile pursuing. The proposed "200 Club" now has 112 supporters on the list so it looks as though this will get off the ground for the start of next season.

Had an unexpected visitor on Tuesday last when Bob McKinlay popped into the ground for the first time since he left four years ago. Naturally the conversation swung round to his colleagues of the 1959 Cup winning team and we then had a laugh about player's attitudes. I recalled seeing our full-back, Bill Whare, pick the ball up and throw it towards the corner flag so that the Luton Town player could take the corner kick without undue delay (and we were in the lead!) Can you imagine a present-day player doing that? As Bob said, if they did it now they would probably get booked for ungentlemanly conduct. Nice to see you again, Bob, enjoy today's game!

# Welcome to The 'Hatters'

Luton Town had an excellent opportunity to make significant progress in the F.A. Cup competition this season, but failed to do so. In the Third Round they were drawn away to Fourth Division Halifax Town, and a John Aston goal was sufficient to ensure they progressed to the next stage. It resulted in another not too difficult away tie against Chester, a side midway in the Third Division—but the "Hatters" lost 0-1 at Sealand Road.

This disheartening loss was indicative of the reasonably inconsistent league campaign they are currently enduring. On their own Kenilworth Road enclosure they can boast a quite impressive record for they've gained 14 points out of a possible 20. Fulham (2-0), and Southampton (4-1) are the only teams to depart from Luton with two points, and they both did so in the opening two months of the season. Since then our visitors have dropped only one point in six home fixtures.

Away from their enclosure, though, Luton have been defeated in no less than eight Second Division outings — which is as bad a record as any side in this sphere. Conversely, they have gained four wins which is a quite satisfactory return. These four triumphs are all impressive, and were gained over Burnley, Wolves, Notts County (against whom they played without their goalkeeper for much of the game) and, more recently, Sheffield United.

It's a record that provides them with a berth in the top half of the table, four points behind ourselves. This is basically the position they have occupied since their one-year stay in the First Division ended in relegation in April, 1975.

It was only some seven months later when the furor surrounding their financial plight erupted, and the rumours even suggested the "Hatters" might do an "Accrington Stanley" — in 1958 they abdicated from the Football League in the middle of the season.

The following month an extraordinary shareholders' meeting was called, and it was apparently claimed that, unless Luton gained additional finance within a few days, they would go out of existence.

It was reported that the bank would not extend them any more credit, and that the directors were, at that time, having to pay the club's wages themselves. Two days later the first emergency measure was taken and the very talented Peter Anderson was sold to Belgian club Antwerp for £80,000. The seriousness of the situation seemed to inspire Town's performances, and they promptly won seven successive league matches which sent them hurtling to the fringe of the promotion race.

Four months after Anderson's departure, Everton bought young Andy King for a fee in the region of £30,000 — a deal that has since proved to be a very astute signing by their ex-manager Billy Bingham.

Luton, incidentally, are the only club in the country who have had two players on their books, Malcolm MacDonald and Derek Hales, who have subsequently been involved in reputed £300,000-plus transfer fees.

Our opponents precarious situation is not helped by the pitiful support they receive. They rarely command an attendance of more than 12,000, often falling to less than 10,000. Indeed the pre-Christmas visit of promotion-chasing Blackpool drew a paltry 5,163 spectators.—M.H.

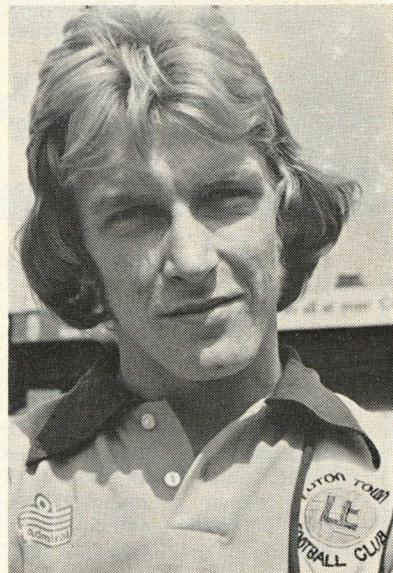
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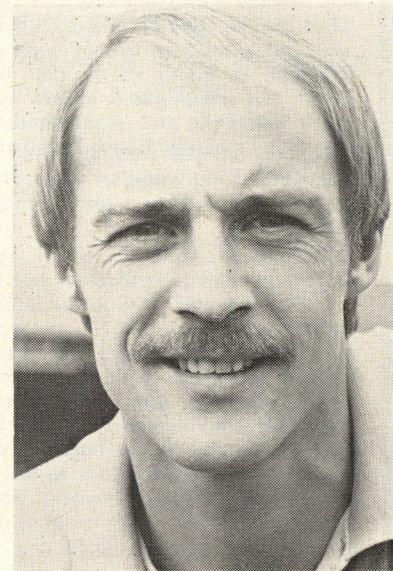
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PAUL FUTCHER

JOHN FAULKNER



**MELIA ALEKSIC (Goalkeeper).** He hails from Stafford, and his previous league club is Plymouth Argyle. Aleksic received his debut for the "Pilgrims" during the 1973/74 season against Charlton Athletic and had completed 32 league outings prior to this campaign. Luton signed him earlier this season.

**KEITH BARBER (Goalkeeper).** Signed professional forms for Town almost six years ago and was an ever-present member of last campaign's side when he conceded 51 goals in 42 Second Division outings. Barber, who was born in London, has been at Kenilworth Road throughout his professional career and has now completed approximately 150 league games.

**STEVEN BUCKLEY (Full-back).** The younger brother of our former forward, Alan, Brinsley-born Buckley seems to have firmly established himself in Town's "No. 3" berth. He won selection in 33 league matches last term, and has netted three Second Division goals so far this season.

**PAUL PRICE (Defender).** Born at St. Albans, he received his full league debut in February of last year against York City when the "Hatters" gained a 3-2 away victory. He subsequently re-appeared for the season's final seven games when he alternated between the right-back and centre-half positions. Price claimed one of our visitors goals in their 2-0 home triumph over Burnley last Saturday.

**PAUL FUTCHER (Defender).** One of talented twins, he was signed from his hometown club Chester, along with brother Ron, for £100,000 almost three years ago. At the time he'd only played in 20 league games for the "Seals", and had previously received his league debut when only 16 years of age. Futcher is an automatic member of the Luton side and missed only one game last season. He's being tipped as a future English international.

**JOHN FAULKNER (Centre-half).** He actually commenced his career with Charlton Athletic, but "disappeared" into non-league football

# PERSONAL POINTS LUTON TOWN

with Sutton United. Faulkner impressed with some fine displays for them in the F.A. Cup, notably against Leeds United who he subsequently joined. Faulkner suffered a broken kneecap injury with Leeds and was able to make only two league appearances in their colours. Luton purchased him in 1972, and he's a regular choice in their side.

**BRIAN CHAMBERS (Midfield).** He commenced his professional career with Sunderland but, despite playing in 53 league games for them, he never fully established himself in the Roker side. Chambers then spent a brief period with Arsenal but won selection in only one First Division game in their colours. Luton signed him prior to the '74/75 campaign, and he won a regular place in their side last term when netting six Second Division goals in 30 appearances.

**ALAN WEST (Midfield).** A very talented player indeed, he cost Luton their joint record transfer fee (along with that of the Futcher twins) of £100,000. West commenced his career with Burnley (three goals in 41 matches) with whom he gained England Under-23 honours. He then figured in an "on-off" deal with Sunderland before moving to Kenilworth Road in October '73.

**PASQUALE FUCCILLO (Midfield).** He comes from nearby Bedford, and Town is his only professional club. Fuccillo received his full senior debut against York City last term in a 3-2 away win. He then earned a regular place in the side over the last third of the campaign when he netted three goals and has since retained an automatic place in the side.

**RICKY HILL (Midfield).** A youngster from London who received his first taste of senior soccer as substitute against Bristol Rovers in the penultimate game of last season — when he scored. Hill created a fine impression early this term when claiming three goals in the opening five league matches.

**RON FUTCHER (Centre-forward).** When he was signed from Chester (for whom he played in just four senior games) it was, in a manner of speaking, to keep his brother company! Futcher then scored in his First Division debut against Ipswich and followed it with a hat-trick against Wolves. He's since developed into an important member of the "Hatters" team and netted twelve league and cup goals last term to finish as their second highest marksman.

**JIMMY HUSBAND (Striker).** A dangerous player to contend with, he was our visitors leading goalgetter last campaign with 14 league goals in just 28 appearances, and is repeating the feat this term with nine more. Second Division successes. Husband's former club is Everton from whom Luton bought him for a hefty fee three years ago. He gained five England Under-23 caps during 1969/70.

**JOHN ASTON (Winger).** He spent several years with Manchester United, his hometown club, and the highlight of his career there was gaining a European Cup winners medal in 1968. In that particular match Aston produced a superb display in United's 4-1 victory, but subsequently suffered a broken leg injury and moved to Luton in 1972. He has now completed a total of almost 300 league games in which he's scored 51 goals.



**TONY WOODCOCK**

**A CHANCE DISCOVERY**

How pleasing to see, once again, individuality, incisiveness, and goal-scoring ability that is reminiscent of the unpredictable skills of Duncan McKenzie.

For that is precisely what young Eastwood-born Tony Woodcock is currently and regularly producing following his belated, but now well justified, return to senior duty. He's received this second opportunity some 30 months after his original introduction to league football for the last two fixtures of the 1973/74 campaign. Then he was selected against Aston Villa (on their enclosure), and Portsmouth — when we gained a 2-0 victory at Fratton Park.

In those two games he played very well indeed, and settled in particularly encouragingly alongside "Dunc". Unfortunately, during the ensuing close season, manager Allan Brown sold Duncan to mighty Leeds United (whose man at the helm at the time was a certain Mr. Clough!).

Although Tony commenced the next season in our Second Division line-up, he didn't impress so much, and was consequently omitted after just three matches. He then only figured in the occasional game during the remainder of that season, and was never called upon at all last term.

Like his illustrious predecessor he was also "lent out" — to Lincoln City last season, and, more recently, to Doncaster Rovers. He returned from Belle Vue resembling more the exciting prospect of three years ago, and Mr. Clough promptly selected him for the match against Ayr United in Scotland when Tony netted a superb goal in our 2-0 victory.

Since then, of course, he's remained an automatic selection in our side and has grabbed a very impressive eleven goals in 19 senior outings — and several of them have been most spectacular efforts. Indeed Tony is currently enjoying a spell of seven goals in his last nine appearances, and is on'y one behind top scorer Ian Bowyer.

Considering that he was first spotted "accidentally" by us, he's now proving to be a most important acquisition. In 1970 Alan Hill and Bob McKinlay went to watch Priory Celtic's under-14 goalkeeper who had been recommended to us. Unfortunately, for the promising custodian that is, a 13½-year-old blond midfielder (Tony Woodcock, of course) caught their eye, and was signed as an associate schoolboy six months later. The sprightly youngster was then offered apprentice forms in August, 1972, after having left the Eastwood Secondary School, and subsequently participated in England Youth trials.

It's interesting to recall a brief description of him in the "Forest Review" three seasons ago: "Tony has the characteristic flair of the exciting player. Attributes are close ball control, sharpness in the penalty box, ability to finish, heading skill and, last but not least, courage which the lighter player needs . . . he is best suited to living off the centre-forward".

Well, he's certainly working extremely fluently with the "No. 9" presently alongside him in the shape of Peter Withe, and it should be very exciting to see Tony appearing in the same forward line as the equally speedy and direct Terry Curran — once our "No. 7" is fit to challenge for his first team berth again.—M.H.

**ELUSIVE HAT-TRICK**



**JOHN ROBERTSON**

When considering the regularity with which we've been finding the target this season, it's surprising that not one of our players has yet claimed a hat-trick. Amongst the profusion of goals there are 13 occasions when someone has scored two goals in a match, and they are shared between eight players.

The nearest anyone has actually been to notching the elusive third must have been Tony Woodcock at Villa Park in the replay against Bristol Rovers when he scored twice, and also hit the crossbar from about three yards range!

The full list of near misses comprises Ian Bowyer (three times), Terry Curran (twice), Martin O'Neill (twice), John Robertson (twice), and Barry Butlin, John O'Hare, Colin Barrett, and Tony Woodcock who have all done so once.

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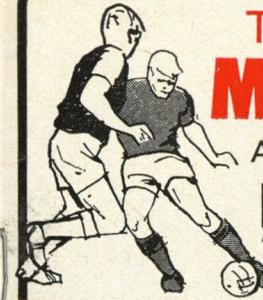


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6. IAN BOWYER	24	10	
7. JOHN O'HARE	16	3	
8. MARTIN O'NEILL	21	5	
9. PETER WITHE	17	7	
10. TONY WOODCOCK	12	5	
11. JOHN ROBERTSON	23	4	
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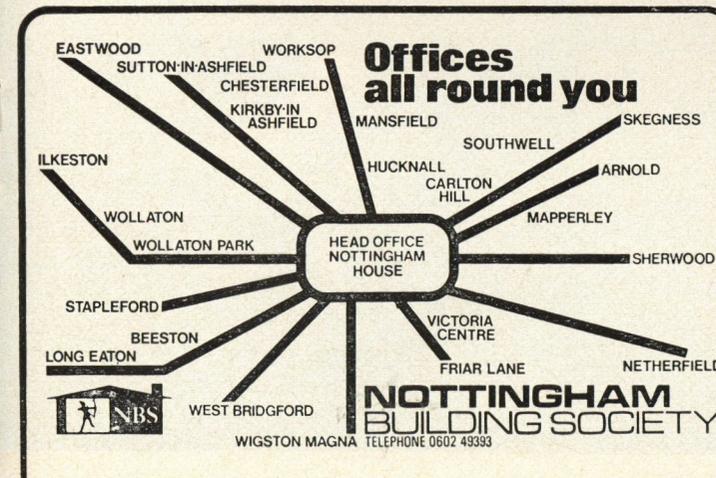
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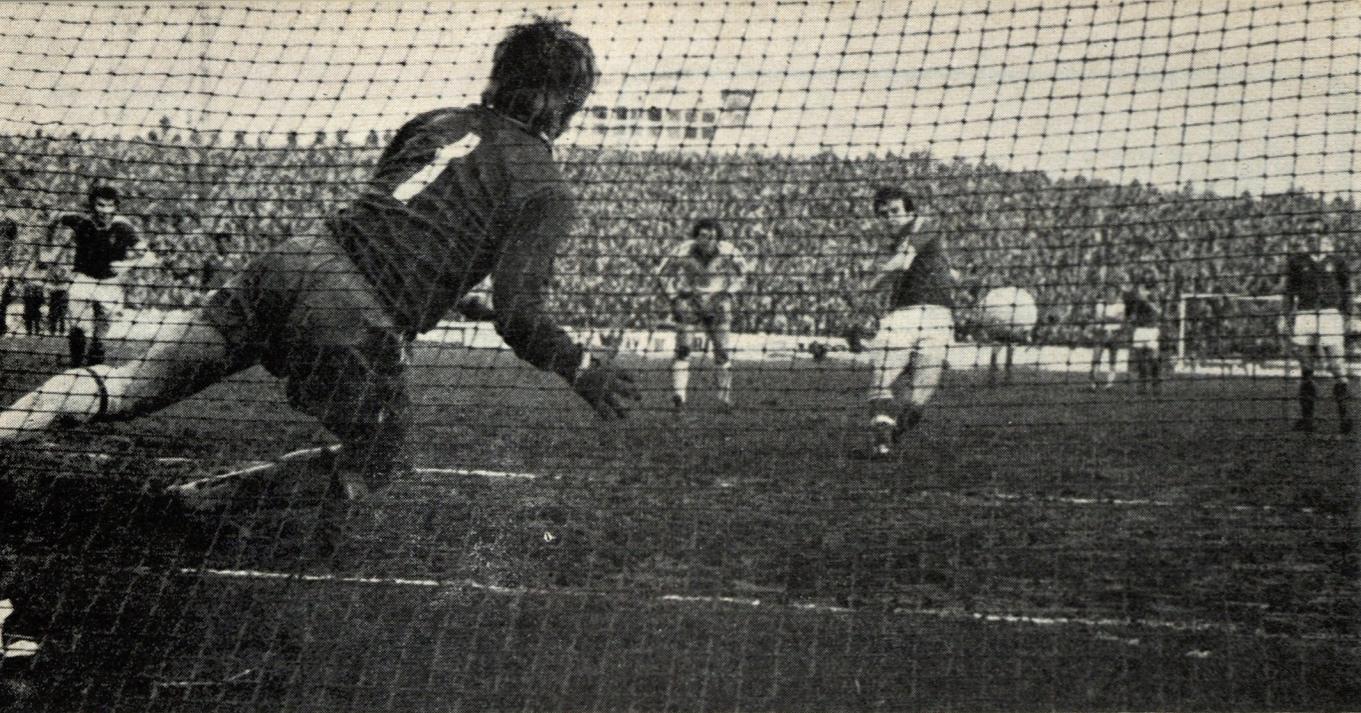
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**Above:** Following Alan Ball grounding John O'Hare in the "box", John Robertson blasts us into a 1-0 lead against the "Saints".

**Below:** Our first equalising goal against the Cup holders as "Robbo" hits a superb shot (nearly decapitating Peter Withe) into the roof of the net.



# ACTION

**Above:** Tony Woodcock eludes yet another "Saint" (Alan Ball) in a thrilling left-wing run before unleashing a finely-angled shot which . . .

**Below:** Produces our second equalising goal aided by a deflection from the post and Peter Wells' back!

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# FACTS and FIGURES

Date	Score last season	OPPONENTS	Home score F A	Away score F A	SCORERS	Attendance
Aug. 7	—	Notts County (A.S. Cup)	—	0—0		11,258
11	—	Albion (A.S. Cup)	3—2	—	Curran 2 (1 pen.), Butlin	7,018
14	—	Bristol City (A.S. Cup)	4—2	—	Butlin 2, O'Hare 2	8,527
21	0—0	Fulham	—	2—2	Curran, O'Hare	9,437
25	1—2	Charlton Athletic	1—1	—	Curran (pen.)	12,662
28	—	Wolverhampton Wand.	1—3	—	(Daley 1 o.g.)	17,222
31	—	Walsall (L.C. 2)	—	4—2	Curran, Barrett, O'Neill 2	8,437
Sept. 4	1—1	Luton Town	—	1—1	Curran (pen.)	11,231
11	—	Hereford United	4—3	—	Butlin, Bowyer 2, Robertson	12,081
14	—	Kilmarnock (A.S.C., 1st L.)	2—1	—	Robertson, Chapman	8,911
18	3—0	Southampton	—	1—1	Bowyer	23,096
21	—	Coventry City (L.C. 3)	0—3	—		15,969
25	4—0	Carlisle United	5—1	—	O'Hare, Bowyer 2, Barrett, Withe	12,479
28	—	Kilmarnock (A.S.C., 2nd L.)	—	2—2	Curran 2	4,227
Oct. 2	0—1	Hull City	—	0—1		16,096
9	—	Sheffield United	6—1	—	Bowyer 2, Butlin, Curran, Withe, Anderson,	17,801
16	1—1	Blackpool	—	0—1		17,089
20	—	Ayr U. (A.S.C.S.F., 1st Leg)	2—1	—	Lloyd, Withe	9,146
23	—	Burnley	5—2	—	Curran, Robertson (pen.), Butlin, O'Neill 2	15,279
26	—	Notts Co. (Co. Cup Final)	—	0—1		9,415
30	0—0	Oldham Athletic	—	0—1		10,597
Nov. 3	—	Ayr U. (A.S.C.S.F., 2nd Leg)	—	2—0	Withe, Woodcock	3,326
6	1—0	Blackburn Rovers	3—0	—	Bowyer, Withe, Haslegrave	12,972
13	1—1	Orient	—	1—0	Woodcock	5,921
20	1—3	Chelsea	1—1	—	O'Neill	27,089
27	—	Cardiff City	—	3—0	Withe, Chapman, Woodcock	12,741
Dec. 4	3—0	Bristol Rovers	4—2	—	Robertson 2 (1p.), Woodcock, Withe	16,302
11	—	Millwall	—	2—0	O'Neill, O'Hare	9,307
13	—	Orient (A.S. Cup Final)	—	1—1	Robertson (pen.)	5,058
15	—	Orient (A.S. Cup Final)	—	4—0	Barrett 2, Chapman, Bowyer	12,717
18	2—0	Plymouth Argyle	1—1	—	Barrett	15,180
27	0—0	Bolton Wanderers	—	1—1	Withe	32,630
Jan. 1	4—1	Blackburn Rovers	—	3—1	Withe, Woodcock, Bowyer	14,524
8	—	Bristol Rovers (F.A.C.3)	—	1—1	Robertson (pen.)	17,874
11	—	Bristol R. (F.A.C.3 1st Replay)	—	1—1	Woodcock	12,357
14	2—2	Charlton Athletic	—	1—2	Bowyer	8,021
18	—	Bristol R. (F.A.C.3 2nd Replay) (at Villa Park)	—	6—0	Woodcock 2, Bowyer, Withe, Anderson, O'Hare	5,736
22	1—0	Fulham	—	3—0	Lloyd, O'Neill, Woodcock	24,718
29	—	Southampton (F.A.C.4)	—	3—3	Robertson 2 (1 pen.), Woodcock	38,284
Feb. 1	—	Southampton (F.A.C.4 Replay)	—	1—2	Woodcock	29,401
5	—	Wolverhampton Wand.	—	1—2	Chapman	30,661
12	0—0	Luton Town	—	H		
16	3—1	Southampton (7.30 p.m.)	—	H		
19	—	Hereford United	—	A		
26	1—0	Orient	—	H		
Mar. 5	1—1	Carlisle United	—	A		
8	0—1	Notts County (7.30 p.m.)	—	H		
12	1—2	Hull City	—	H		
19	—	Sheffield United	—	A		
26	3—0	Blackpool	—	H		
April 2	—	Burnley	—	A		
6	1—2	Bolton Wanderers	—	H		
9	0—0	Notts County	—	A		
16	0—0	Chelsea	—	A		
23	—	Cardiff City	—	H		
27	4—3	Oldham Athletic	—	H		
30	2—4	Bristol Rovers	—	A		
May 7	—	Millwall	—	H		
13	0—1	Plymouth Argyle	—	A		

### LEAGUE ATTENDANCES

Home aggregate — 183,785  
Home average — 16,708  
Away aggregate — 201,351  
Away average — 15,481

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### CENTRAL LEAGUE

1976	OPPONENTS	Home score F A	Away score F A	SCORERS
Aug. 21	EVERTON	—	3—2	Bowery, Woodcock, Bannon
Sept. 1	BURNLEY	3—0	—	Bannon 2, Bowery
8	ALBION	0—1	—	
11	BURY	—	1—1	Woodcock
15	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	0—3	—	
18	ASTON VILLA	1—2	—	Burke
22	WOLVES	1—0	—	Woodcock
29	LEEDS UNITED	0—4	—	
Oct. 2	STOKE CITY	1—1	—	Butlin
5	PRESTON NORTH END	—	3—0	Elliott, Butlin, Burke
23	MANCHESTER CITY	—	1—2	Elliott
30	LIVERPOOL	—	3—3	O'Hare, Burke, Woodcock
Nov. 3	LEEDS UNITED	—	4—1	Elliott 2, Butlin, Bowery
6	BLACKBURN ROVERS	—	0—1	
13	BLACKPOOL	—	3—1	Butlin 2, Elliott
17	DERBY COUNTY	—	1—2	Litt
20	NEWCASTLE UNITED	—	0—3	
24	BOLTON WANDERERS	—	1—1	Birtles
30	COVENTRY CITY	—	1—0	Haslegrave
Dec. 4	MANCHESTER UNITED	—	2—2	Elliott, Bannon
18	LIVERPOOL	—	1—3	Briscoe
1977				
Jan. 12	SHEFFIELD UNITED	—	1—0	Butlin
Feb. 5	BURNLEY	—	2—2	Bannon, Barrett
9	ALBION	—	0—2	
16	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	—	—	
22	DERBY COUNTY	—	—	
19	BURY	—	—	
26	ASTON VILLA	—	—	
Mar. 5	WOLVES	—	—	
12	STOKE CITY	—	—	
16	PRESTON NORTH END	—	—	
19	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	—	—	
22	SHEFFIELD UNITED	—	—	
30	COVENTRY CITY	—	—	
April 2	MANCHESTER CITY	—	—	
11	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	—	—	
16	BLACKBURN ROVERS	—	—	
23	BOLTON WANDERERS	—	—	
26	BLACKPOOL	—	—	
30	NEWCASTLE UNITED	—	—	

To be arranged: Everton (home)  
Manchester United (home)

### MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

1976	OPPONENTS	F A	1977	OPPONENTS	F A
Aug. 21	PORT VALE	A 2—2	Nov. 6	ALBION	A 1—1
28	WOLVES	H 1—1	13	MANSFIELD TOWN	H 3—2
Sept. 4	ASTON VILLA	A 2—1	20	MANSFIELD TOWN	A 5—1
18	DERBY COUNTY	A 2—2	Dec. 4	SHREWSBURY TOWN	A 2—3
25	BRISTOL CITY	H 6—0	1977		
Oct. 2	WOLVES	A 2—0	Jan. 8	ASTON VILLA	H 6—0
9	DERBY COUNTY	H 2—3	15	SHREWSBURY TOWN	H 3—3
16	NOTTS COUNTY	H 2—1	22	PORT VALE	H 1—0
23	STOKE CITY	A 0—0	29	BRISTOL CITY	A 0—1
30	ALBION	H 0—0	Feb. 5	NOTTS COUNTY	A 1—5
			19	STOKE CITY	H

### SECOND DIVISION

Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
1	Chelsea	25	14	7	4	43	32 35
2	Wolves	24	12	8	4	55	29 32
3	Bolton Wand.	24	14	4	6	42	31 32
4	FOREST	24	11	7	6	50	28 29
5	Blackpool	24	10	9	5	36	24 29
6	Millwall	23	11	4	8	39	31 26
7	Charlton Athletic	24	9	8	7	46	40 26
8	Oldham Athletic	22	10	6	6	32	29 26
9	Luton Town	24	11	3	10	39	31 25
10	Notts County	22	10	4	8	36	34 24
11	Sou.hampton	24	7	8	9	42	42 22
12	Sheffield United	23	7	8	8	27	32 22
13	Blackburn Rovers	23	9	4	10	25	34 22
14	Bristol Rovers	26	8	6	12	35	48 22
15	Hull City	23	5	11	7	26	28 21
16	Cardiff City	24	7	10	34	38 21	
17	Plymouth Argyle	25	5	11	9	30	37 21
18	Fulham	26	6	9	11	34	42 21
19	Burnley	24	4	10	10	26	37 18
20	Carlisle United	25	6	6	13	25	48 18
21	Orient	19	4	7	8	19	25 15
22	Hereford United	22	3	7	12	30	51 13

### CENTRAL LEAGUE

Position	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
1	Liverpool	25	20	3	2	81	23 43
2	Manchester Utd.	26	13	8	5	48	36 34
3	Derby County	23	11	8	4	34	25 30
4	Sheffield Wed.	27	10	10	7	30	28 30
5	Coventry City	24	14	1	9	43	29 29
6	Wolves	23	12	4	7	34	26 28
7	Bury	24	12	4	8	35	30 28
8	Sheffield United	24	11	5	8	31	26 27
9	Albion	25	8	11	6	32	29 27
10	Manchester City	21	11	4	6	37	30 26
11	Aston Villa	22	10	5	7	35	29 25
12	Leeds United	24	11	2	11	48	35 24
13	Everton	24	8	7	9	26	29 23
14	FOREST	24	8	6	10	33	37 22
15	Stoke City	24	6	9	9	27	35 21
16	Blackburn Rovers	22	8	2	12	27	49 18
17	Burnley	22	6	5	11	27	36 17
18	Bolton Wand.	22	6	3	13	25	44 15
19	Huddersfield T.	26	4	7	15	33	56 15
20	Blackpool	24	4	6	14	23	44 14
21	Newcastle Utd.	20	5	3	12	28	34 13
22	Preston N.E.	24	3	5	16	23	50 11

### NEWARK BRANCH MONTHLY MEETING

Will all Forest supporters in the Newark area please note that the Newark Branch still holds its monthly meetings in the Worthington Simpson Sports and Social Club. Anyone interested in attending these meetings will be most welcome. The next meeting is to be held this Monday, 14th February, commencing 8.00 p.m.

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# City Ground Postbag

We will be pleased to include your letters if you wish to have any worthwhile points discussed. But please keep your topic down to 150-200 words.

Dear Mr. Smales,

It was a very enjoyable match on Saturday, but I must complain about the objectional incomprehensible racket that passes for amplification at the City Ground.

There seems little point in using the system if one cannot make out the announcements or the advertisements, and there is no entertainment value in the blaring "music" which only offends the eardrums.

I do hope that some modification is possible before my next visit.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Broadhurst (Gedling).

The system is on rental from Plessey Communication Systems Ltd.

Dear Mr. Clough,

I would just like to say how pleased I am with Forest's progress with you this season. I hope you are happy too, and will stay to take them to the First Division championship in a few seasons.

Then you will be elected English team manager and we can win the World Cup on merit at last—1982?

I'm pleased you have realised that the press was doing you a disservice and that you have beaten them at their own game.

You are also bringing much happiness to my old dad, 77 years a supporter of Forest, who has been aching for someone like Billy Walker again — not that you're exactly like him, probably better.

Anyway, all the best.

Yours faithfully,

S. H. Barker (Bracknell, Berks.).

Dear Sir,

I would be very grateful if you could publish this following passage in the "Review" as it would help me a great deal:

"Any Forest supporter living in London and the South-East who would like to join a newly-formed London branch of the Forest Supporters' Club could they please contact the address below. Thank you".

It came to my attention that teams such as Wolves, Sunderland, Stoke, and Leeds have supporters' branches in London, this is what inspired me to form a Forest London branch. It would help me a great deal as we could arrange a travel club and many more things. Thank you, very much.

Paul Slatter (48 The Normans, Wexham Court, Slough, Berkshire SL2 5TW).

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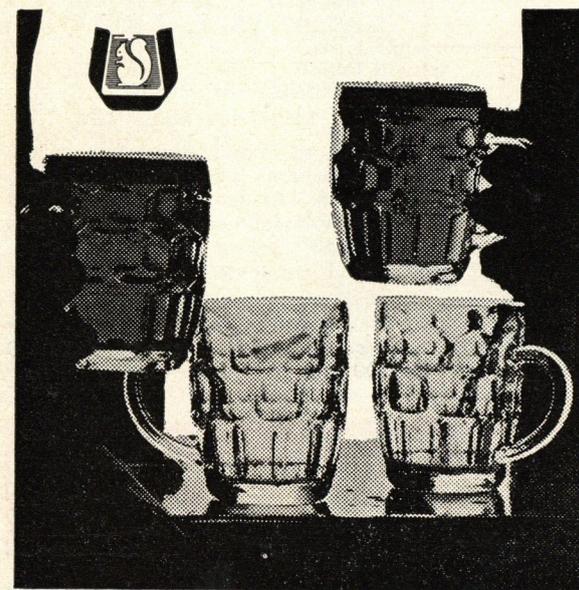
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# Ansell's Bittermen. You can't beat 'em.

Dear Sir,

Once again a big crowd is expected for the Southampton game so, once again, the true fans of the Trent End have to move.

I would like to ask you if you think this is fair to someone like myself, who has stood in all weathers and through some bad times for twelve years at this end, to have to be put in another part of the ground as if we were the hooligans?

Surely now that the ground is fenced off in most parts the visiting fans could be kept together anywhere on the terraces.

I hope the club realises that they need the Trent End support for the lads on the field, anywhere else on the terraces does not sound the same on account of there being a different type of roof over them. It is no good saying that the police are to blame, because the club could show the authorities the fencing arrangements which should make their job easier.

Please look after your fans, they stuck by the club through some very poor times, so prove to them that you are grateful instead of kicking them in the teeth every time the crowd is more than 15,000. Big attendances were dealt with in the past without any upset to the home fans. Remember the record crowd of almost 50,000, we were not kicked out of the Trent End in those days.

These are not only my own feelings, everyone who I spoke to about the Chelsea game had the same complaint. Remember, do this kind of thing too often and the fans may move out of the club altogether, then what would happen?

Yours faithfully,

For, and on behalf of, all "Trent Enders".

Miss W. Hallam (Derby).

My sincere thanks to Mr. Clough and the team for proving to my Cardiff friends that my reports on performances I had seen at the City Ground were factual and not merely wishful thinking.

"Seeing is believing" and I enclose my winnings (although small) for the club. The inclement weather has prevented me handing it in personally.

Ron Shepperson (Hengoed, Mid Glamorgan).

Dear Mr. Smales,

I have been informed today that we won't be able to stand in our usual place in section "K" on the Trent End for the F.A. Cup game v. Southampton.

I realise that it is much better to keep rival supporters apart but can I make a suggestion that they put the visiting supporters on the popular side in front of the East Stand where I'm sure the police can keep them together without any trouble.

About 40 of us all meet in section "K" and we come from all areas including Hucknall, Derby, Alfreton, and Selston, and we all look forward to seeing each other at the match.

Another reason is, if the weather is as bad as today, we'll all get drenched just because a certain few can't be trusted to behave themselves at the City Ground.

I'm sure you can see my point of view that we didn't ought to be punished for somebody else's wrong-doing. I also think the Forest team look towards the Trent End for the extra encouragement we give them.

The people I stand with are respectable law-abiding citizens, many of them married who, like myself, take their families to enjoy a day out but when we have to stand elsewhere we feel like "fish out of water".

Is it possible to make this suggestion to the police that for future games they put visiting supporters in front of the East Stand.

Yours sincerely, a faithful Forest supporter for 30 years,

Mrs. C. Courtney (Carlton).

I have been a Forest supporter for 15 years and this is the first season I have missed seeing them, due to the fact that I am now working in South Africa. However, I keep in touch with Forest's excellent progress through my father, who sends me the write-ups and the "Football Post".

May I wish the team, management, and the ever-loyal supporters all the best for the New Year. Capped, I hope, with the Second Division championship trophy, to be placed alongside the Anglo-Scottish Cup.

S. D. Ryde (Transvaal, S. Africa).



## HALF-TIMES

A	Birmingham City Norwich City	
B	Coventry City Liverpool	
C	Derby County Leeds United	
D	Everton Leicester City	
E	Ipswich Town Aston Villa	
F	Manchester City Arsenal	
G	Tottenham Hotspur Manchester United	
H	Blackpool Blackburn Rovers	
J	Bolton Wanderers Notts County	
M	Bristol Rovers Fulham	
N	Burnley Hereford United	
O	Cardiff City Oldham Athletic	
P	Charlton Athletic Wolves	
Q	Chelsea Millwall	
R	Hull City Carlisle United	
S	Plymouth Argyle Orient	
T	Sheffield United Southampton	
U	Grimsby Town Mansfield Town	

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