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DIVISION TWO*

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**HARRY'S**



We have been lucky in the run that has put us into the promotion race so far as injuries are concerned - Jim Husband missed one of the games with a spot of knee trouble, but otherwise I have been able to keep the same squad together throughout the run of seven victories.

We are building up our reserve strength all the time, and we have some good youngsters coming through, despite last week's 4-0 defeat of the reserves by Fulham reserves.

I don't like to see any Luton Town side beaten like that, but I'm not too worried about that result. The team-sheets told half the story. Fulham's reserve side included seven players with first team experience.

NONE OF us at Kenilworth Road need to be told how important today's game against Wolves is to both clubs. It should be a heck of a game, and we have been looking forward to it all week. Wolves are doing well and so are we, and I only hope that the fans are given a treat.

As you might expect, there's a lot of confidence in our camp at the moment, after winning our seventh consecutive match at Craven Cottage last Saturday. That turned out to be a very hard game and, once again, the lads did a tremendous job. I don't think the absence of George Best helped us, because Fulham tried to pull out all the stops to overcome that.

I won't say too much about some of the tackling I saw there, but I don't mind admitting that when we came home, I was relieved that we had won the points without suffering any serious injuries.

Our second string is a team of lads who are on the way up, and who will get better all the time. Confidence grows with experience and my idea of a reserve side is a team where younger players are groomed for future places in the League team.

I know that means the lads have to struggle sometimes when they come up against experienced outfits, but if your outlook is right you win through in the end.

Finally, I am pleased to announce a new venture which has just been started to help raise money: for the first time this page in the programme has been sponsored. The sponsor today is Maybank Press Ltd, our programme printers, and any sort of page sponsorship offer, for any sort of page, will be gratefully received. It's nice to know that we still have a lot of friends willing to help us.

**TOWN**

# WELCOME

# Wolverhampton W.

**PHIL PARKES (Goalkeeper):** Born West Bromwich. He joined Wolves from school and progressed through the youth ranks before signing as a Professional twelve years ago. He made his first team debut against Portsmouth in February 1967 and before the start of this season, had made 295 League appearances. During the summer he played in the North American Soccer League for Vancouver Redcaps.

**GARY PIERCE (Goalkeeper):** Born Bury. He was signed from Huddersfield in 1973-74 and in his first season he played in the League Cup Final winning side against Manchester City at Wembley. He started this season having made 52 League appearances as first team choice.

**GEOFF PALMER (Full Back):** An England Under 23 International, Cannock born Palmer joined the Club straight from school and has now made more than 100 League appearances. He operates in either full back position.

**DEREK PARKIN (Full Back):** Born Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He was bought from Huddersfield in February 1968 for £80,000 which was then a record fee for a full back. A former England Under 23 International with five caps. He has now made over 300 League appearances for the Club.

**FRANK MUNRO (Defender):** He started his career with Dundee United before moving to Aberdeen for a small fee in October 1966. He joined the Molineux staff 15 months later. Born at Arbroath, he is a full Scottish International with nine caps.

**JOHN RICHARDS (Forward):** Warrington born. England International with one cap. Leading goal scorer last season with a proven record for scoring goals. He had a cartilage operation at the beginning of September and is likely to be out of action for some time. Career goal record 82 goals from 180 games.

**STEVE KINDON (Forward):** Also Warrington born. Started his career with Burnley where he made 102 appearances scoring 28 League goals. Signed by Wolves in June 1972 for a club record fee of £100,000. Before the season started he had made 80 appearances scoring 22 goals.

**BOBBY GOULD (Forward):** Born Coventry. Now in his second spell with Wolves having been signed from West Ham United in December 1975 for £25,000. He started his career with Coventry and has also played for Arsenal, West Bromwich Albion and Bristol City. Before the season started he had competed in more than 300 League matches scoring 120 goals.



**BACK ROW (left to right):** Brian Owen (Coach), Geoff Palmer, Derek Parkin, Stuart Garnham, Frank Munro, Gary Pierce, Colin Brazier, John McAlle, Sammy Chung (Manager). **MIDDLE ROW (left to right):** Steve Kindon, Martin Patching, Alan Sunderland, Steve Daley, Gerry O'Hara, Mike Bailey, Norman Bell. **FRONT ROW (left to right):** John Farley, Bobby Gould, Willie Carr and John Richards.

**WILLIE CARR (Midfield):** Full Scottish International with six caps. Born Glasgow. First came into prominence with Coventry City where he made 245 appearances. Transferred from Coventry in March 1975. Until this season all his career had been spent in the First Division.

**KEN HIBBITT (Midfield):** England Under 23 International. Born Bradford and younger brother of Terry Hibbitt of Birmingham City. Signed from Bradford Park Avenue shortly before the Club went out of the Football League in November 1968.

**STEVE DALEY (Midfield):** Barnsley born. Former England Youth International. Joined Wolves straight from school in June 1972. He made a startling first team debut four years ago scoring within 25 seconds of coming on as substitute against the Hungarian side Ferencvaros in the UEFA Cup.

**ALAN SUNDERLAND (Midfield):** Born Mexborough. England Under 23 International. A fine utility player who can operate in many positions. Last season as an emergency he played at full back. He made his senior debut against Manchester City five years ago.

**MARTIN PATCHING (Forward):** Born Rotherham. He was an England Youth International last season. Another product of the Club's Youth Scheme. He made his debut against Arsenal in April 1976.



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Today's Mascot is **CHRISTOPHER RICKARD**, 2 Wantage Crescent, Wing, Leighton Buzzard, Christopher is 9 years old and attends the Overstone School, Wing. His favourite player is Paul Futcher.

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# LUTON REPORTING

## Anglo-American relations

ENGLISH soccer in general and Luton Town in particular is helping to cement Anglo-American relations in Bedfordshire.

Over at the United States Air Force base at Chicksands, soccer is becoming a serious rival to the more traditional 'Yank' sports of baseball and softball.

At most of our matches, you can hear American accents in the crowd, with groups of keen Luton Town supporters coming over from Chicksands.

Probably the keenest of them all is Sgt Ron Kabza, who never seems to miss a game, and often turns up on away grounds too. It's nice to see you Ron!

They also support the fund-raising activities we run, and a large party will be coming to the Hatters Club on 1 April for a race-night being run by the Friends Of Luton Town. It should be a good night out, and we'll give more details in later programmes.

## Congratulations....

MR R DEELEY of Stapleford, Nottingham, writes the following letter in praise of Luton Town FC:—

*"I would like to say how much I enjoyed watching Luton Town beat Nottingham Forest. Luton's approach to the game in the way they handled their opposition was a credit to all concerned."*

*"I watched Southampton's tactics the following Wednesday. In the first half there were more free kicks awarded than in the whole game with Luton — plus there were 4 bookings!"*

*"So congratulations to Luton and the best of luck for the rest of the season."*

## Junior Hatters

OVER 80 of our young supporters have joined the Junior Hatters Club. Enrolment is by sending to us your name, address, date of birth and the name of your favourite player, together with a joining fee of 40p. Membership of this club entitles you to an autographed photograph of your favourite player on your birthday. It also entitles you to see games from the Bobbers Wing Stand for 50p.

## Birthdays

MANY happy returns of the day to the following members:

DEAN CLARKE, MATHEW PARKER, ANDREW COLLON, DAVID NEWMAN, KAREN HARRINGTON, IAN WILDERSPIN and PAUL SMITH.

## Competition winner

The answers to the previous questions were: Alan Ball — Southampton, Tom Finney — Cambridge Utd, John Toshack — Liverpool, Terry Yorath — Coventry, Billy Bremner — Hull City.

*The first correct entry opened was: THOMAS MULLEN, 212 Leagrave Road, Luton. Thomas will receive a Luton scarf.*

*This week's competition is:*

- What is Luton's biggest victory?
- Name the Luton player who has scored the most goals in a season.
- Name the Luton player who has scored the most goals over many seasons.
- Name the player who was transferred from Luton for the highest fee.

The first correct entry opened on Friday 11th March will receive two tickets for the game of his or her choice.

## My view

ALTHOUGH there is a danger of going overboard about the Dutch display at Wembley, there is an even greater danger of taking little or no notice, because of a couple of fine, typically English, games recently shown on television. I refer to the Aston Villa v QPR semi-finals of the League Cup.

The media, and many respected people in football, have advanced 101 reasons for our present position at International level. All their views have some bearing on our standing in world football but none has, in my opinion, got to the heart of the problem on the field.

The usual hardy annuals thrown around include: (a) The structure of the Football League, (b) The short term contracts of Managers and Coaches which tend to create 'fear football' (c) The most popular criticism of incorrect selection of players, (d) The lack of emphasis on skill techniques, (e) The method or system of play, (f) The clash of opinions and attitudes of the ruling bodies, i.e. the Football Association and Football League, (g) The social climate, (h) The problems of getting amongst schoolboys early enough.

So back to the drawing board we are told. Let's not delude ourselves, we have very highly skilled players in this country. However, I am sure it would be to our advantage to try and slow the game down a little. Composed play needs confidence, knowing where and when to quicken the pace, that is the key. We work so hard to get the ball, that it is a crime to give it away so easily, we are too impatient to get to the other end quickly.

We accept far too easily the balls we throw into the box from deep positions, which produce an almost nil percentage of success but receive excited 'oohs' from the crowd and makes ideal television.

The biggest single factor that we must explore is how are we going to find and create space to better

advantage. The Dutch do it superbly, they always attempt to get groups of players in areas dragging over marking players, then exploiting the spaces they have left.

Clever movement amongst players is the only solution, interchanging and using width to destroy our 'Midfield mash'. Encourage flair and improvisation to the full but, above all, coach players to understand movement, almost to the extent of having ten fully functional players.

All the team must be thinking all the time. Players who motivate themselves to run only when they think they will receive the ball are on the wrong path. You must run to make space for others. Watching our youngsters train, you will hear the call 'follow your ball' more than any other instruction, as we explore practices to develop this theme.

I am convinced it is not a question of stamina, speed or skill. It is a better appreciation of space that is required. Hopefully, other coaches have more ideas on this.

The game does not want knocking, just a few more ideas on how we can consider and develop this aspect of our play. I believe the Dutch gave us a lead during the last World Cup and we have been slow to follow. We must integrate some of their style into our play whilst retaining our natural characteristics.



David Pleat

LUTON Town, along with 42 other Football League clubs, have entered the 'Pontins Holidays' six-a-side football competition. This is for players under the age of 18. Luton are in the group playing at Hemsby, Norfolk from 22nd to 28th May. Other groups will be playing at Prestatyn and Brean Sands. The two top teams from each area will compete in the semi-finals at Prestatyn on 30th-31st July. Final will be at Wembley prior to the Annual Charity Shield game on 13th August.

# ACTION



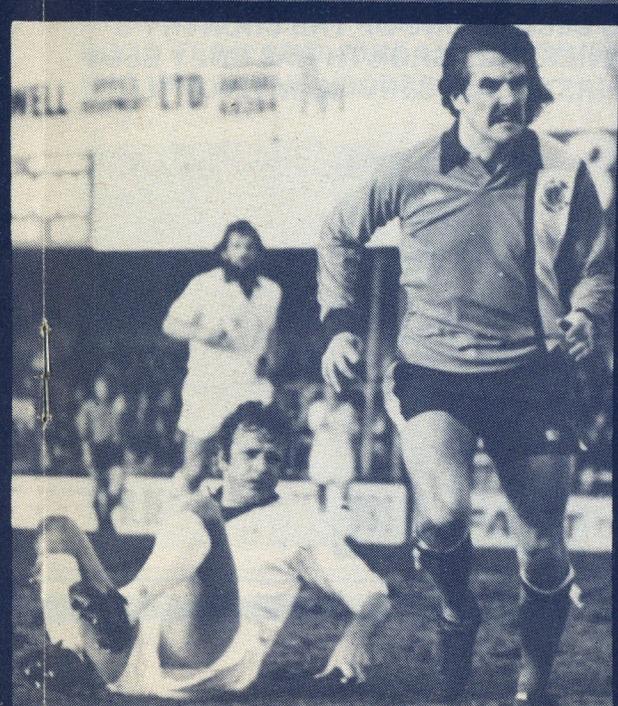
THE 2-0 win against Charlton here at Kenilworth Road two weeks ago was our sixth League win on the trot, with the Londoners knocked down and out by a two-goal blast from Ronnie Futcher. And 'down' was the operative word for a lot of Charlton players after they held us in the first half and got caught by the knock-out blows in the second.

TOP: the killer punch has just been delivered, with Ronnie on the extreme left turning away to celebrate a memorable solo goal, and two Charlton defenders are down with that sinking feeling.

BELOW, LEFT: Charlton defenders Jim Giles and Bob Curtis greet the goal with all the enthusiasm you would expect from two men who had been left stranded by Ronnie's run, with Curtis taking a rest on his back.

BELOW, CENTRE: Brian Chambers joined in the fun, and is pictured accelerating through the midfield, with yet another Charlton player down on the seat of his pants after a fruitless attempted tackle.

BELOW, RIGHT: who'd be a goalkeeper - Charlton's Jeff Wood on his backside this time, after being beaten when Ronnie scored his first goal. His crestfallen colleague had the good sense to hide his blushes from the camera, behind the goal-post!



The answers to last weeks photo quiz were: John Faulkner, Jimmy Ryan, Steve Buckley, Ron Futcher, Pasquale Fuccillo, Ron Futcher and Jimmy Husband. The first correct entry picked out by Mr Haslam was from: MARTIN BRENNAN, 125 Chesford Road, Stopsley, Luton. Martin will receive two tickets to a match of his choice.



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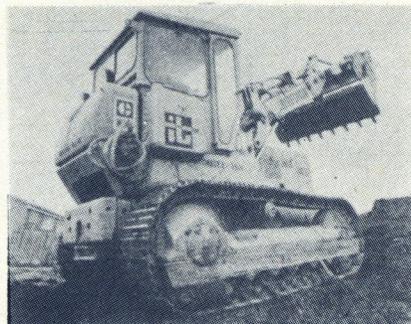
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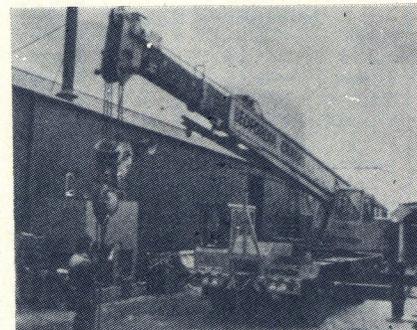


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## LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result	Attendance
1976				
Aug.21	Sheffield United	Home	2-0	10,687
Aug.24	Hull City	Away	1-3	5,499
Aug.28	Burnley	Away	2-1	12,262
Sept.1	Sunderland	Away	1-3	22,390
Sept.4	Nottingham Forest	Home	1-1	11,231
Sept.10	Charlton Athletic	Away	3-4	9,191
Sept.18	Fulham	Home	0-2	19,929
Sept.22	League Cup 3			
Sept.25	Wolverhampton	Away	2-1	19,826
Oct.2	Plymouth Argyle	Away	0-1	12,187
Oct.9	Hereford United	Home	2-0	9,895
Oct.16	Carlisle United	Away	1-1	6,972
Oct.23	Southampton	Home	1-4	12,123
Oct.27	League Cup 4			
Oct.30	Blackburn Rovers	Away	0-1	8,719
Nov.6	Bristol Rovers	Home	4-2	7,066
Nov.13	Millwall	Away	2-4	10,380
Nov.20	Cardiff City(1)	Home	2-1	8,845
Nov.27	Notts County	Away	4-0	10,009
Dec.1	League Cup 5			
Dec.4	Blackpool	Home	0-0	9,183
Dec.21	Bolton Wanderers(2)	Away	1-2	17,475
Dec.27	Orient	Away	0-1	8,356
Dec.29	Chelsea	Home	4-0	14,625
1977				
Jan.1	Bristol Rovers	Away	0-1	7,185
Jan.8	F.A. Cup3(Halifax)	Away	1-0	5,519
Jan.15	Hull City	Home	2-1	8,455
Jan.19	League Cup SF			
Jan.22	Sheffield Utd	Away	3-0	16,257
Jan.29	Chester (F.A. Cup)	Away	0-1	10,609
Feb.5	Burnley	Home	2-0	8,638
Feb.12	Nottingham Forest	Away	2-1	18,255
Feb.15	Blackburn	Home	2-0	9,044
Feb.19	Charlton Athletic	Home	2-0	11,625
Feb.26	Fulham (5)	Away	2-1	11,894
Mar.5	Wolverhampton W.	Home		
Mar.8	Oldham Athletic	Home		
Mar.12	Plymouth Argyle (LCF)	Home		
Mar.19	Hereford United (6)	Away		
Mar.26	Carlisle United	Home		
Apr.2	Southampton	Away		
Apr.8	Chelsea	Away		
Apr.11	Orient	Home		
Apr.12	Millwall	Home		
Apr.16	Cardiff	Away		
Apr.23	Notts County (SF)	Home		
Apr.30	Blackpool	Away		
May.7	Bolton Wanderers	Home		
May.14	Oldham Athletic	Away		
May.21	F.A. Cup Final			

## COMBINATION

COMBINATION	
Appearances	Goals
Aston	2
Barber	7
Brown	9
Carr	23
Chambers	5
Driver	3
Faulkner	1
Futcher R.	3
Gregory	17
Heale	10
Hill	17
Husband	2
Ingram	10
Johnson	11
Jones	23
Knight	19
McNichol	27
Mead	27
Ryan	10
Simon	15
Sisman	1
Smith	24
Turner	3
West	1

### NEXT HOME GAME

v. OLDHAM  
TUESDAY 8th MARCH  
KICK-OFF 7.30p.m.

Date	Opponents	G	R
1976			
Aug.21	Oxford United	A	1-1
Aug.24	Southampton	H	0-1
Aug.28	Bristol City	A	1-2
Sept.1			
Sept.4			
Sept.11	Ipswich Town	H	0-2
Sept.18			
Sept.22	West Ham Utd	H	2-3
Sept.25	Crystal Palace	H	1-3
Sept.28	Q.P.R.	A	1-3
Oct.2	Fulham	A	1-5
Oct.9	Leicester	A	1-4
Oct.16	Cardiff City	H	0-0
Oct.23	Arsenal	A	1-1
Oct.30	Tottenham	H	1-2
Nov.3	Chelsea	A	0-4
Nov.6	Swindon Town	A	P
Nov.13	Plymouth Argyle	H	1-3
Nov.20	Reading	A	P
Nov.23	Birmingham City	A	0-0
Nov.27	Bristol Rovers	H	2-0
Dec.1	Orient	A	P
Dec.18	Tottenham	A	0-2
1977			
Jan.1	Hereford United	H	3-1
Jan.8	Norwich	H	2-2
Jan.15	Q.P.R.	H	2-1
Jan.18	Southampton	A	1-3
Jan.22	Oxford United	H	1-2
Jan.25	Orient	H	3-1
Jan.28	Chelsea	H	4-4
Feb.1	Bristol City	H	1-2
Feb.14	West Ham	A	2-2
Feb.19	Ipswich Town	A	1-2
Mar.5	Crystal Palace	A	
Feb.26	Fulham	H	0-4
Mar.19	Leicester	H	
Mar.30	Cardiff City	A	
Apr.2	Arsenal	H	
Apr.8	Birmingham City	H	
Apr.12			
Apr.13	Hereford United	A	
Apr.16	Swindon Town	H	
Apr.23	Bristol Rovers	A	
Mar.12	Plymouth Argyle	A	
Apr.30	Reading	H	
May.7	Norwich City	A	

### LEAGUE DIVISION TWO - AS AT 2/3/77

	HOME			Goals AWAY			Goals			Pts		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L		F	A
Chelsea	29	9	5	0	32	18	5	5	5	17	21	38
Wolves	27	10	1	3	35	15	4	8	1	28	17	37
Bolton	27	10	2	1	28	12	5	4	5	22	23	36
Blackpool	29	7	5	3	22	14	4	7	3	20	16	34
Luton	28	9	2	2	24	11	6	1	8	23	22	33
Millwall	27	6	4	4	24	16	5	4	4	19	19	30
Charlton	28	9	4	2	36	21	1	6	6	14	23	30
Nottm Forest	25	7	3	2	35	17	4	4	5	16	13	29
Notts County	26	6	2	4	13	12	6	3	5	27	28	29
Oldham	25	9	3	1	27	12	2	3	7	9	23	28
Hull	27	6	6	1	23	11	0	8	6	9	21	26
Southampton	26	5	6	3	23	20	3	3	6	23	24	25
Blackburn	26	7	2	3	19	11	3	3	8	9	26	25
Sheff Utd	26	4	7	3	19	18	3	3	6	12	21	24
Bristol Rov.	28	7	4	3	23	19	2	2	10	14	32	24
Cardiff	26	6	4	4	22	19	2	3	7	15	21	23
Plymouth	28	3	7	5	20	19	2	6	5	15	24	23
Burnley	28	4	8	3	19	17	1	3	9	11	26	21
Fulham	29	5	5	5	24	20	1	4	9	13	31	21
Carlisle	28	5	5	5	21	24	2	1	10	9	30	20
Orient	22	3	2	4	10	9	3	5	5	13	19	19
Hereford	25	2	4	4	15	21	1	5	9	18	34	15

### APPEARANCES

	League		Cup	Goals
	1976/7	Total		
Aleksic	43	11	2	-
Aston	294	20	3	8
Barber	142	15	1	-
Buckley	85	28	3	3
Chambers	100	23	3	2
Faulkner	163	26	3	-
Futcher P.	105	28	3	1
Futcher R.	70	21	2	8
Fuccillo	40	28	3	2
Geddis	1	1	-	1
Hill	6	5	1	3
Husband	260	23	3	11
Jones	3	2	-	-
Knight	2	2	-	-
Price	33	28	3	1
Ryan	194	10	-	-
West	173	23	2	2

# PLAYER PROFILE



**FULL NAME:** Paul Price  
**HEIGHT:** 5'11½"  
**WEIGHT:** 12st 4lbs  
**BIRTHPLACE:** St Albans  
**BIRTHDAY:** 23rd March  
**STAR SIGN:** Aries  
**SIGNED AS PRO:** 1971  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** none  
**LEAGUE DEBUT:** at York  
**FAMILY:** Mum, Dad, 2 brothers and a sister  
**HOBBIES:** Golf, Squash  
**FAVOURITE FOODS:** Steak  
**FAVOURITE RECORDING STARS:** Queen, 10 CC, The Who  
**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT:** Newquay, Cornwall  
**BEST COUNTRY VISITED:** Germany  
**MY GREATEST MOMENT:** Debut  
**MY BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Breaking leg second time  
**WHEN I FINISH PLAYING:** Horrible thought!  
**MY AIM IS:** To play at Wembley and get back into First Division



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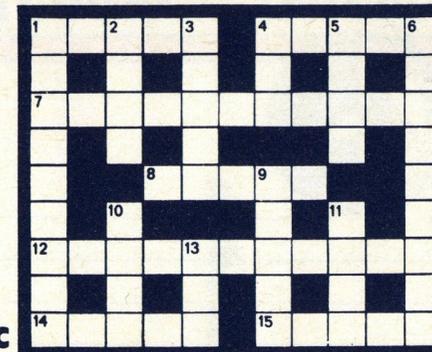
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## CLUES - ACROSS

- 1 Blackpool international (5)
- 4 — — Kenyon (Everton) (5)
- 7 Team that won ITV's "It's All In  
The Game" early season tournament  
of soccer skills (5,6)
- 8 Scorer of the only goal in the 1968  
FA Cup Final
- 12 Home of Hamilton Academicals  
(7 4)
- 14 Assistant manager of Carlisle  
(he started the season as manager) (5)
- 15 Thomson — — (Dundee & Scot-  
land) (5)

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16 re-election.



## CLUES - DOWN

- 1 Midweek side in Div. Three? (9)
- 2 Burnley chairman (4)
- 3 Les — —, Doncaster referee (5)
- 4 Where the Maracana Stadium — the  
world's largest capacity soccer  
ground — is to be found (3)
- 5 Tall old Notts County forward who  
played soccer and cricket for  
England (4)
- 6 Leeds big buy from Burnley (3,6)
- 9 Chester full-back (5)
- 10 — — Georgescu (Dynamo Bucharest  
& Romania) (4)
- 11 He's serving his second spell as  
Halifax boss (4)
- 13 "Half" a round of many cup  
tournaments (3)

Down: 1 see 11 down. 2 Iley. 3 See  
1 across. 4 East. 5 Dane. 7 Ashurst  
(Sheff Wed). 10 Star. 11 & 1 down  
Home Park. 12 Boro. 13 Reds.

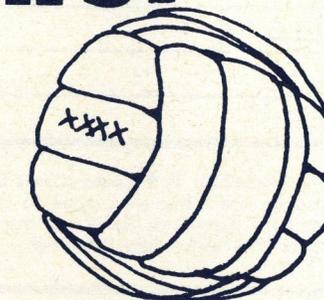
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D GEDDES	12	S KINDON

**OFFICIALS:** Referee: Mr R S Lewis (Great Bookham, Surrey). Commenced refereeing in the Kingston and District League in 1962 and progressed through the Isthmian League to the Football League list. Was Senior Linesman at a UEFA Cup Quarter Final Tie - Levski Spartak (Bulgaria) v Barcelona (Spain). A married man with one daughter, he is an Area Catering Executive who likes reading and playing bowls. Linesmen: Mr C A Gregory (Woking) - Red flag. Mr D A Hedges (Oxford) - Yellow flag.

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