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SAMMY CHUNG

TONIGHT we move from First Division action to the League Cup second round and welcome the players and officials of Luton Town. We had two rousing games against them last season and I don't suppose I will have to remind any of our supporters of the result of either meeting.

It would be wrong to say that Luton surprised us. I knew that their manager Harry Haslam had fashioned a very strong side. There was a period towards the end of last season when I really thought that they would claim the third promotion spot to the First Division. But they slipped rather in the run-in and, as everybody knows, Nottingham Forest joined Chelsea and ourselves in moving back to the top bracket.

I daresay that Harry and his team were desperately disappointed at not climbing back to the First Division. But from the evidence we witnessed at first hand I don't see any reason why Luton should not be challenging strongly again come the end of the season.

They will obviously present us with hard opposition tonight, but my players are determined to gain their revenge and move into the next round of the League Cup. We were surprisingly defeated in the competition last season by Sheffield Wednesday.

It was something of a shock for us. Nobody likes to be beaten by a side from a lower division, and, of course, we want to go as far as possible in every competition. The League Cup, apart from being another avenue for improving the club's finances, also is a vehicle for reaching Europe.

We have had recent experience of European Football — in 1971-72 when we were the UEFA Cup finalists and again in 1974-75 — and the glamour of these games against top-class Continental sides is something that we want to bring back to Molineux again very quickly.

In recent years there has been a lot of talk about a Super League. It may or may not come about sometime in the future. But at the moment we are more than content to play in the finest competitive League in the world with the chance of playing in European competitions as a bonus.

When you realise that in the next month alone we have exciting games coming up like Everton, Nottingham Forest, West Bromwich Albion and Aston Villa, it can be appreciated that the First Division has few, if any, equals.

The players' response to our return to the top has been absolutely magnificent. I could not have asked for any greater effort and the backing we received from our supporters so far has been most encouraging.

Our players thrive on your support. It helps to lift them on the field and I know you will be right behind the team again tonight as they endeavour to take us through to the third round of the League Cup.



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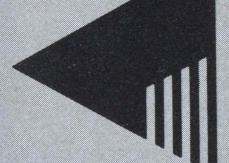
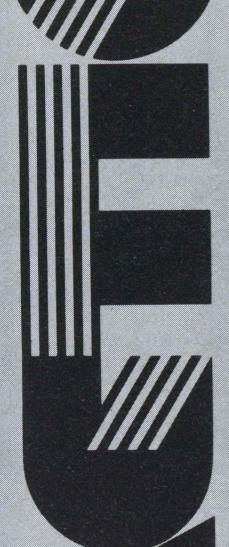
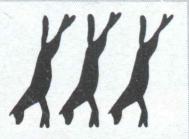
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Crowd scene on Open Day.



... SINKING QPR

- John Richards (above) captured firing home his 20-yard rocket to help Wolves to their second win of the season.
- Steve Daley (below) evades Rangers' midfield man Don Masson as he comes flying across the turf.
- Richards (middle top) outjumps David Needham, Rangers' new boy from Notts County, with David Webb looking on anxiously.
- Alan Sunderland (far right) challenges Dave Clement.
- And Martin Patching (bottom right) prepares to give John Hollins the slip.



GOAL KING JOHN ...



An occasional feature in which leading sporting personalities talk about the team they have supported for a lifetime:

Tonight's guest writer is:



Nick Owen, Sports Editor, BBC's Radio Birmingham.

WE HAVE met Luton relatively rarely over the years. In fact the sum total of encounters is two FA Cup-ties and 14 league games. The teams first met up in 1931-32 when we won a Third Round FA Cup-tie here 2-1 before going out at Prestatyn in the next round.

Then after a series of First Division games in the fifties the clubs were drawn together again in the fifth round of the FA Cup in 1959-60. We got off to a fine start in this game at Kenilworth Road with an early goal by **Bobby Mason**, but Luton were level early in the second-half through **Gordon Turnery**. Then after heavy pressure from the home side **Bobby Mason** netted a splendid driving header, **Jimmy Murray** raced through to add a third and finally **Eddie Clamp** completely deceived England goalkeeper **Ron Baynham** with a lob from the far touchline.

Though this was finally a triumph for Wolves' nippy forwards, the defence also played their part on a

They are very rude to me in my office about the team I have supported all my life, Luton Town. You know the sort of jokes — all the supporters getting together for a meeting in a telephone box or travelling together in a motorbike sidcar.

I must admit, though, that I was sometimes the only supporter there, as Luton travelled to distant outposts like Bradford and Hartlepool, when they were in the Fourth Division in the early sixties. Still I have enjoyed every moment of following a team that went from the First Division to the Fourth Division and back again in record time.

I was born twelve miles from Luton and started supporting them in the mid-fifties when they'd just been promoted to Division One. Syd Owen was captain and went on to become coach at Leeds and Birmingham City. The side included Billy Bingham, until recently the manager of Everton and Allan Brown who's in charge at Blackpool.

They also had the club's record goal scorer, Gordon Turnier, who died recently of multiple sclerosis. They lost in the Cup Final of 1959 and then sank to the Fourth Division in quick time.

'muddy pitch, sure tackling of Bill Slater and the safe handling of Geoff Sidebottom winning particular commendation.

The teams for this game, which took us a stage further on what was to prove a Wembley triumph, were:

Luton Town: Baynham; Dunne, McNally; Brown, Kelly, Pacey; Bingham, Turner, Morton, Groves, Hawkes (R).

Wolves: Sidebottom; Stuart, Harris; Clamp, Slater, Flowers; Deeley, Mason, Murray, Broadbent, Horne.

Attendance: 25,714.

Though this was the last cup-tie between the clubs we have met them twice in Division One and twice in Division Two since then. Their last visit here was, of course, last season when, after several near misses at both ends, Jimmy Husband headed the visitors into a 29-minute lead. Ken Hibbett equalised midway

They came back under managers like Allan Brown and Alec Stock and helped to produce such fine players as Bruce Rioch, Don Givens, Malcolm MacDonald, Chris Nicholl, and, more recently, the young England international, Paul Futcher. They made it back to the First Division in 1975, but only stayed for a season and two years ago they nearly folded because of a cash crisis.

They're back on an even keel now, but you wonder how they can compete when you realise that the Holte End at Aston Villa holds as many fans as the whole Luton ground put together!

For me, the greatest days were those in the lower divisions — some in Divisions Three and Four when they won promotion — memorable goals from Bruce Rioch and Malcolm MacDonald.

It was inevitable that they would move on and that's what you expect with a small club. Still, they're renowned as a happy band at Kenilworth Road and you can be sure they'll try to entertain the Molineux fans tonight.

Finally, let me thank that eternal comedian Harry Haslam, the manager, and the Luton staff for sending a telegram on my wedding day at the end of June. They've won another supporter — my wife, Jill!

through the second half with a snap shot after Steve Daley had headed down a Willie Carr cross but then up popped Dixie Deans to sweep home the winner following a corner.

The teams for this game, played on September 23, 1976, were:

Wolves: Pierce, Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Bailey, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Gould, Kindon (Patching), Sunderland.

Luton Town: Barber, Price, Buckley, Ryan, Faulkner, P. Futcher, Husband, West, Deans, Fuccillo, R. Futcher.

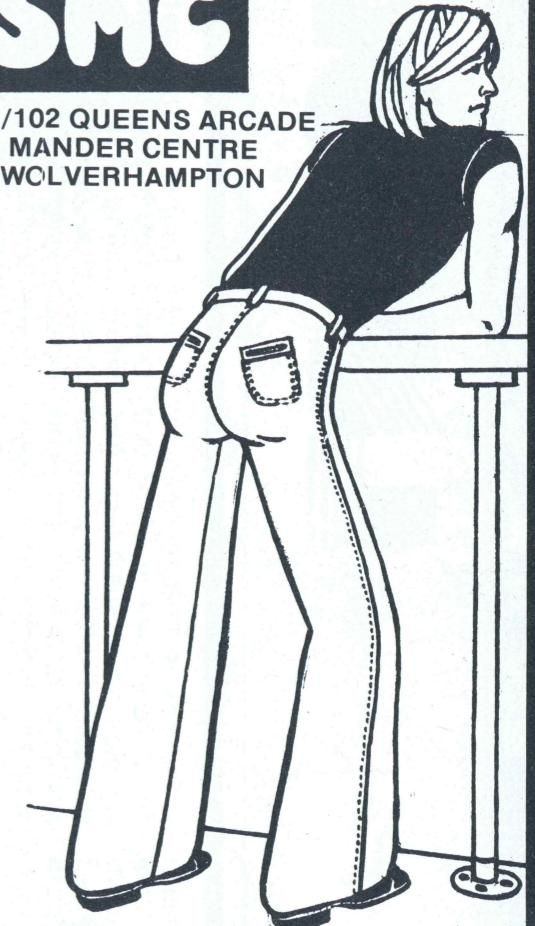
Attendance: 19,826.

And so to the first League Cup-tie between the clubs, this being a competition in which Luton have never got beyond the last 16. They reached the fourth round for the one and only time in 1962-63 when, after winning at Southport and Chester, they went down 1-0 at Manchester City.



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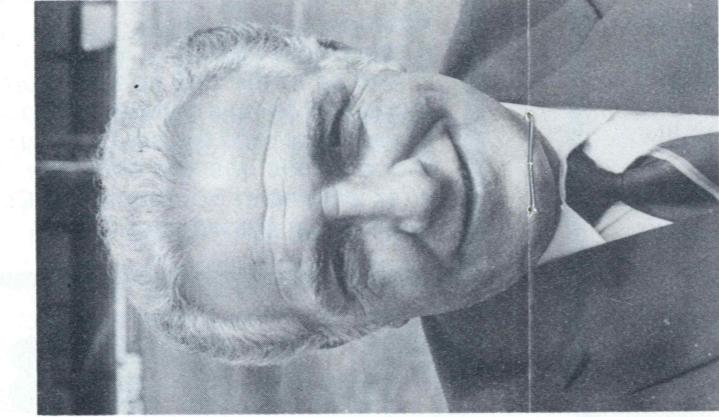
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LUTON TOWN earned a reputation last season as the surprise team of the Second Division and there was a time in April when it seemed they might even win promotion to the First Division.

They had a splendid run of nine games without defeat and moved from 17th place to 3rd before faltering in the final run in to eventually finish sixth.

It was nevertheless a very creditable performance and obviously raises hopes that Luton will be challenging for one of the promotion spots when next April comes around.



The key to Luton's chances could lie in their new £35,000 signing from Middlesbrough **Phil Boersma**. The former Liverpool striker moved to Kenilworth Road during the summer and his experience in the box should ensure a healthy goal rate.

Luton didn't lack in this direction last season scoring 69 goals in their League campaign and Boersma's arrival can only help to strengthen this vital department.

Wolves have every reason to remember Luton because, apart from Southampton, they were the only side to score a double over them in the promotion season. Luton won 2-1 at Molineux on September 25 and 2-0 at home on March 5.

The second victory came in Luton's rapid climb up the Second Division table and manager Sammy Chung at one time feared them as possible promotion rivals.

Since then Luton have had a successful summer tour of Australia and been involved in a transfer deal which saw twins, **Paul** and **Ron Fletcher** and skipper **Alan West** shipped to Minnesota Kicks for the North American Soccer League season.

These three senior players have now been transferred back to Luton after having enjoyed a highly successful campaign under manager **Freddie Goodwin** and **Mike Bailey**, who is coach to the American side.

HARRY HASLAM — manager Manager Harry Haslam, who is both respected and renowned for his happy and astute brand of management, is certainly optimistic about their prospects. But he is at the same time realistic about their hopes.

"The Second Division is one of the hardest to get out of and half the teams must have a chance of winning promotion," he says. "Given the normal run of good luck we shall be in there fighting at the end."

Their recent record in the League Cup has been slightly disappointing. They have had three consecutive away draws, including tonight's game, and have been beaten at the first hurdle by Sunderland and Darlington. Indeed, the furthest they have ever progressed in the Football League Cup is the fourth round in 1963.

On a happier note, Luton's financial crisis when they nearly went out of business two years ago announcing total liabilities of £724,000, has vastly improved. But the club still has to move cautiously although manager Haslam was allowed to get the cheque book out to sign Boersma.

He is one of two new members of the side since Luton's visit of last season. The other is goal-keeper **Keith Barber** and made an immediate impact on the side. The son of Polish parents he first came signed from Plymouth Argyle last season.

Aleksic soon replaced goal-keeper **Keith Barber** and made an immediate impact on the side. The son of Polish parents he first came into prominence playing for Stafford Rangers.

There are no changes in the back four division with England **Under-21** International **Paul Fletcher** lining up as co-central defender with senior professional **John Faulkner**. Their full-back partners are **Paul Price** and young Buckley, who joined the club via Southern League, Burton Albion.

Five players are candidates for the midfield spots with **Alan West**, **Lil Fuccillo** and **Ricky Hill** as the possible favourites for the job. But **David Carr** and **Tim Smith**, who made his League debut against Orient, cannot be ruled out of the reckoning.

The attack virtually selects itself and here again it could be a choice of any three from four with **Ron Fletcher** being the odd man out. If this is the case Boersma will lead Luton's strike force assisted by the experienced **John Aston** and the goalscoring **Jimmy Husband**.

Luton started their League season with a 1-0 win over Orient

with full-back, **Steve Buckley**,

brother of Walsall's **Alan Buckley**,

scoring the goal. Last Saturday

they were away to Oldham.



Mel Eves

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LIVERPOOL's Steve Heighway achieved it ... Newcastle's Alan Gowling did likewise ... and Blackburn's Gordon Taylor succeeded through a correspondence course.

Mel Eves, Wolves 20-year-old promising reserve team striker, is not interested in emulating that distinguished trio of university graduates. But he could have done.

For Mel, a former pupil at Wolverhampton Grammar School, might well have sought a university place through his academic background. He won A-level Maths and Physics examinations (although these were both passed after a crash course at the Wulfran College) and this could have seen him striding out on a scientific or industrial career.

The Darlaston-born youngster had only one ambition in view and that was to pack away his school books and play for Wolves.

He explained: "There was never any doubt in my mind that I wanted to play football and nothing else. At school they tried to get me interested in passing my exams.

"But I flunked both my A-levels at the Grammar School and this is why I had to take them again at Wulfran College after I had signed full professional forms for the club."

That was two years ago and the quietly-spoken and intelligent youngster has never regretted his decision for a second. The hardest part for him was the first few months as a professional adapting to the new life and the rigours of full-time training.

Mel recalls: "I was a little different from some of the young intake in as much as I was 18 before I arrived at Molineux and did not have to go through the apprentice professional years.

"At the start I sensed the apprentices resented this fact. But it didn't bother me too much because I was working hard to catch up on my

fitness. The apprentices were much fitter than I was.

"It must be remembered that I was only playing schools football, although I was lucky enough to play in the Reserves when I was still an amateur and I represented England Under-18 schoolboys on two occasions.

"But there is a whale of a difference between the fitness required for those sort of games and a full time career in football. I found this out very quickly after I arrived."

Mel survived the ordeal, however, and has since been a virtual ever-present in the Central League side. During the last campaign despite a long lay-off with a stomach disorder he still managed to score 11 goals as well as being substitute for the first team at Nottingham Forest.

To his bitter disappointment he was not required to come on and again during the pre-season friendlies he was substitute at Southampton without actually leaving the bench.

It has indeed been rather a hectic and busy summer for Mel for in June he and his fiancée, Sharon, were married and they moved into their new house in Ettingshall.

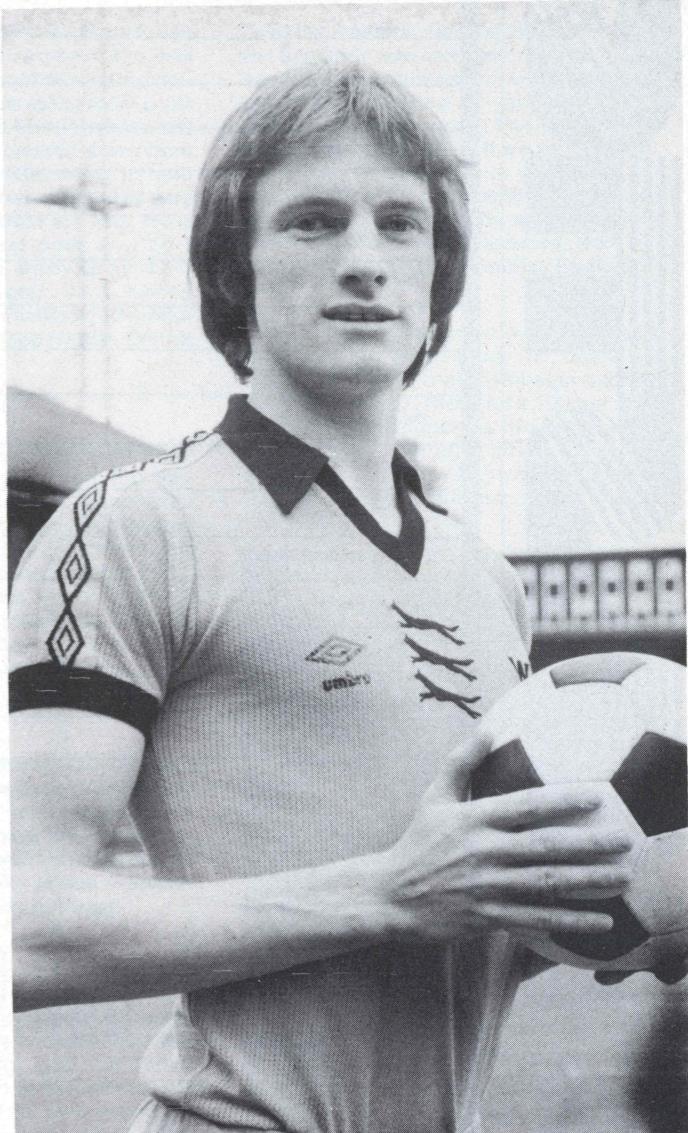
The young couple just had time for a week's honeymoon in Tenby before Mel reported back for pre-season training.

With the season back in full-swing, Mel is hoping to make further progress towards a first team place. He fully appreciates, though, that he will have to be patient and wait his time.

"I have no complaints," he says, "I am following a career that I love. Football is my whole life and I just hope that I can make the grade as a First Division player.

"That is my sole objective at the moment and I am endeavouring to improve my game all the time."

It certainly doesn't look as if Mel will have to reach for those textbooks again ... !



Scorers in bold

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Next Home Match

NOTT'M FOREST

Saturday
10 September 1977
Kick-off 3.00 pm

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE TABLE									
Home	Goals			Away					
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Nottingham For.	3	2	0	0	4	0	1	0	0
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Manchester Utd.	3	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Manchester City	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Wolves	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0
Coventry City	3	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	1
Norwich City	3	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	0
Middlesbrough	3	1	1	0	3	1	0	1	0
Ipswich Town	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
Leicester City	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Leeds Utd.	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	1
W.B.A.	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Arsenal	3	1	0	1	3	2	0	1	0
Chesea	3	1	0	1	1	3	1	0	0
Everton	3	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	1
Aston Villa	3	0	0	2	2	6	1	0	0
Newcastle Utd.	3	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	2
Bristol City	3	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	1
Q.P.R.	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1
Derby County	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2
West Ham Utd.	3	0	2	1	4	0	0	0	0

IT WILL not have gone unnoticed that the United States have this summer made tremendous strides in finally getting soccer placed firmly on the map. The crowds at some of the North American Soccer League fixtures have been truly phenomenal even surpassing attendances for baseball which was for so long the national favourite. Last week, a fantastic 73,669 people watched New York Cosmos thrash Rochester Lancers 4-1 — almost 30,000 more than watched any League game on the opening day of our new season. The success of soccer Stateside has even opened up the dream of the World Cup being played in the United States in 1982. One person who believes this could become fact is Phil Woosnam, the former West Ham and Aston Villa player, who has been in on the birth of the game over there since 1966. Woosnam, now a director of NASL, says: "We could stage the next World Cup in 1982, and promise the best stadia, the best organisation, and as big a following as any country in the world. What soccer has done is to capture the top end of the social strata of American society. In truth it is voluntary workers in the communities who have done the grass roots work to give the game national interest." There has at the same time been criticism of the immigrant footballers who have played for the American sides. Many Americans now believe the time has come when more of their own players should be dominating the teams. But they have no complaints against the Brazilian genius Pele, who plays his last game for Cosmos on October 1 against his old club Santos. "Pele has given the game its real credibility," adds Woosnam. "The Cosmos now have Franz Beckenbauer to follow him. But Pele has won them over to the degree that they will want to watch the game when he has gone."

A new goalscorer has emerged as one of the favourites to become the first player from the top two divisions to score 30

FOOTBALL GOSSIP

League goals in a season since Francis Lee achieved this figure five years ago. His name? Peter Ward, Brighton's young hot-shot, who scored 32 goals as the south coast club stormed out of the Third Division last season. He has been backed down from 50-1 to 25-1. But it is interesting to note that our own John Richards features very favourably in the bookmakers' lists. He is laid at 33-1. The latest odds are: 20-1 Malcolm MacDonald, Andy Gray; 25-1 Ward, Ted MacDougal; 33-1 Kenny Dalglish, John Duncan, Richards; 50-1 Mick Walsh, Keith Edwards, Bob Hatton, Dennis Tueart; 66-1 bar.

oventry manager, Gordon Milne, believes that England's new caretaker manager, Ron Greenwood, could do worse than take a look at his strapping 21-year-old centre-forward Mick Ferguson. The North-East striker is already back on the goal standards and Milne believes he is worthy of an England Under-21 cap. His striking partner, Alan Wallace, has already won Scottish Under-21 international honours. Now he is singing Ferguson's claims for England.

Nottingham Forest who will be here atolineux on September 10, made an excellent start to their campaign back in the First Division. They had a 100 per cent record after their opening two games. But, significantly, manager Brian Clough is laying a very low-key on their early success. Can it be that a new, quieter Clough has emerged?

Birmingham City fans might claim there are two glaring omissions from the lists. Their own Trevor Francis and Manchester United's Lou Macari. The Little Scot scored a fine hat-trick against Blues on the opening day of the season as Manchester United romped to a 4-1 success. Macari normally averages about 18 goals a season. But after this fine start who can say he will not easily surpass that total this campaign.

There were a few red faces over in Britain's Second City last week with the Manchester clubs, United and City, both recording 4-1 victories respectively over Blues and Villa. Dennis Tueart also proved that what Macari can do he can do equally as well — and he responded with another hat-trick.

Aston Villa had some consolation. Their new-style programme proved a big winner with the fans and they had a 25,000 sell-out. Not bad for a crowd of just over 40,000 on a miserable rain-soaked evening. The cash receipts, for example, were larger than most clubs in the Third and Fourth Divisions take at the turnstiles.



Dennis Tueart

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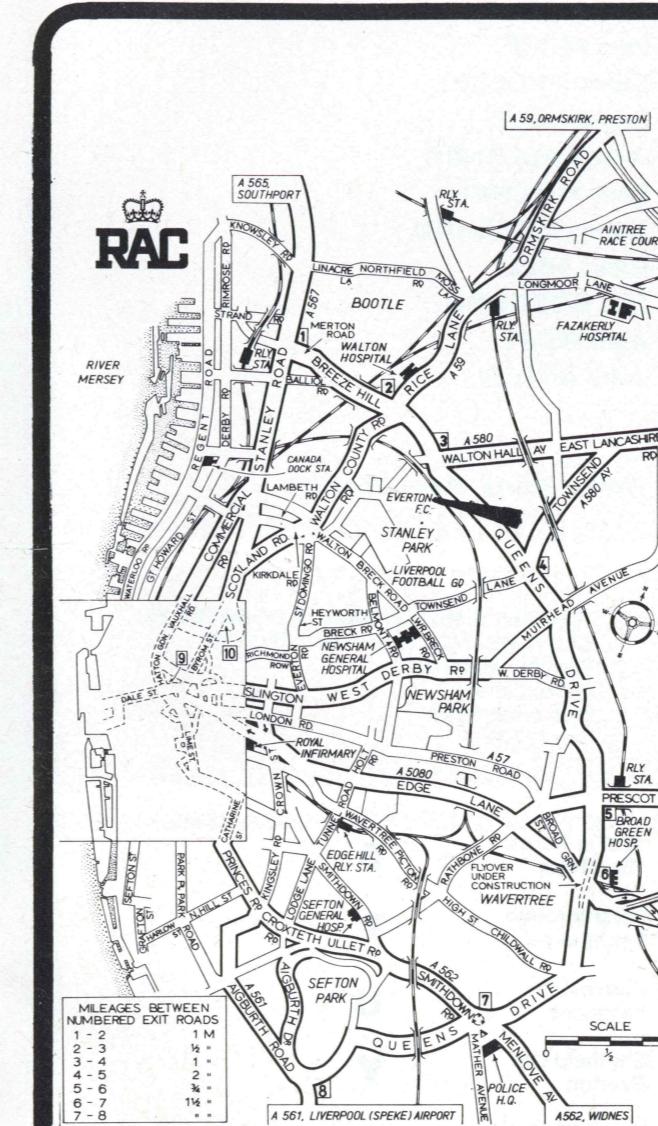
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