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TONIGHT'S GAME rounds off a busy week for us, with our third league match in eight days. Needless to say,

we all hope for a better result than last Tuesday's when we lost at Brighton.

That result was a big disappointment because we had done more than enough to win. We let a good chance go, and we did most of the attacking, only to lose out through late defensive mistakes.

But the good thing was that it was a great game. Every seat in the ground was sold, and we contributed in full measure to a match full of entertainment and good football.

We gave Brighton and their supporters some scares, and the way we went out to attack them deserved a better result. But I am sure that we have proved conclusively that we can produce the sort of football that will bring in the fans.

We played some good stuff at Brighton and at Spurs, and I hope that it continues on Saturday. I had to write this before Saturday's game with Notts County, but I can promise that we did not go into that game full of

alarm and despondency.

We had just lost twice on the trot, but I saw enough to convince me that we have got our priorities about right. Of course I want to see us tight at the back, but I am also convinced that we have a duty to provide the public with entertainment.

We earned respect for our displays at Brighton and Spurs and nearly 58,000 paid to watch us in those two games.

And even though we lost, it seems to me that if people expect success from those so-called "glamour clubs" like Spurs, we must have a good chance of being in there at the death at the end of the season.

First, of course, we have to make the best of our home games. I hope we did so on Saturday, and tonight, nice though it is to see Millwall with Gordon Jago, John Seaman and Brian Chambers I want to see another good attacking display and two more points in the bag.

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# WELCOME

# MILLWALL

**NICKY JOHNS (Goalkeeper)** Nicky was signed from Minehead F.C. for a total fee of £6,000 and made his First Team debut, in August '76, against Colchester in the Football League Cup. An outstanding young prospect and with full time training should certainly develop into one of the finest goalkeepers in the League.

**DAVE DONALDSON (Defender)** Signed from Arsenal F.C. in 1973 and made his League debut for Millwall at the age of 18 years. A former English Schoolboy International, he has settled in well and has played at both full back and in midfield, with distinction.

**TONY HAZELL (Defender)** Signed from Queens Park Rangers for £35,000, December 1974. Tony has made over 400 League appearances

for Queens Park Rangers and Millwall. A former England Youth International. He holds a League Cup Winner's medal (when Q.P.R. beat W.B.A. Wembley 1967), and makes a habit of being in promotion teams.

**BARRY KITCHENER (Defender)** Club Captain. One of the most outstanding and popular players ever to appear in Millwall colours. Barry joined Millwall in 1964 and made his League debut in 1967. To date he has made, for Millwall, over 400 First Team appearances.

**JON MOORE (Defender)** Signed from Bristol Rovers in December 1974 for a fee of £20,000. A former Welsh Youth International. Jon was troubled with a back injury at the start of last season, but fought back to make 24 League appearances.

**TONY TAGG (Defender)** Former Kingston and Surrey Schools representative. Joined Q.P.R. as an apprentice in 1972 and signed professional in 1974. Made four 1st Division appearances for Rangers last season. Signed for Millwall in July and will be a tremendous asset to our defence in the forthcoming season.

**TERRY BRISLEY (Midfield)** Joined Millwall, from Orient, in 1975. Terry joined Orient directly he left school and he made his debut for them at the age of 17. He has become one of the favourites of Millwall supporters, and following a tremendous 1976/7 Season, he was voted, in May last "Player of the Year".

**BRIAN CHAMBERS (Midfield)** Brian made his name and reputation as a mid-field player at Sunderland. A regular first team player for Luton Town we were delighted to sign him this season for £12,500.

**BRIAN HAMILTON (Midfield)** A former Irish Youth International. Has played in three World Cup series for Northern Ireland. His experienced and excellent skill will undoubtedly assist our young first team members to develop in the forthcoming season.

**PHIL WALKER (Midfield)** Joined Millwall from Epsom and Ewell F.C. along with Trevor Lee in October 1975, and he had the joy of being a member of our promotion team, in his first season with the Club.

**JOHN ALEXANDER (Forward)** John played for Cheshire Schoolboys. A tall and very quick player, he intends to follow other "degree" players such as Steve Heighway, Brian Hall, Alan Gowling and Steve Coppell in making his mark in professional football.

**CHRIS HARRIS (Forward)** Chris was spotted playing for Bexhill Athletic F.C. He signed professional in October 1976. Made his League debut against Luton Town in November '76.

**TREVOR LEE (Forward)** Signed professional for Millwall in October 1975. Although, troubled with a groin injury for part of last season, he scored 10 goals, and experience gained in the Second Division, should enable him to enjoy even more success this season.

**JOHN SEASMAN (Forward)** John started his career at Tranmere Rovers, before transferring to Luton Town, for a transfer fee of £14,000. Following a two months loan period, John was signed from Luton for a fee of £10,000.

**PHIL SUMMERILL (Forward)** One of the Club's most experienced players, having played for Birmingham City and Huddersfield before joining Millwall for a transfer fee of £25,000 in 1974. Whilst at Birmingham he was the leading goal-scorer for three consecutive seasons.

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Left to right.

Back Row: T. Brisley, J. Moore, C. Harris, P. Walker.

Middle Row: G. Jago (Manager) T. Lee, T. Tagg, R. Goddard, N. Johns, D. Donaldson, J. Alexander, T. Foley (Asst. Manager).

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# LUTON LATEST

## REQUESTS

A GREAT many letters arrive at the Club offices each week incorporating a variety of requests and it is not always possible to answer all of them. Apart from the time factor there is also the considerable cost of postage and if we were able to reply to all who omitted to send a stamped addressed envelope the Club could find itself facing it's second major financial crisis in two years. Many of the letters contain requests to be a mascot and naturally we have to disappoint the majority of these. When the Junior Hatters Club was formed last year it was stated that the members would be given an opportunity, wherever possible, to be a mascot but already we have enough members to last us for over six years. We have decided therefore to place the members' names in a hat and select a winner for each home first team match. Other names will be drawn out in case the first choice is not available or does not wish to participate. As an exception to this rule we shall try wherever possible to select a member of the Junior Hatters Club where his birthday falls on the day of a first team home match and if this is not possible because of a sponsorship then the nearest match would be offered. So if your telephone rings or a letter arrives on your mat and you are a member of the Junior Hatters it could be from us!

One letter arrived last week from a supporter who cannot manage to watch us play this season because his address was one of Her Majesty's Prisons. The writer is hoping to be released on parole in time to see the final two away matches and in the meantime was asking if we can keep him in touch by sending programmes for which he has offered to pay the normal subscription rate. In addition he has asked if he can sponsor a match ball. We hope that he achieves his parole on time or even earlier as we need all the support we can get. Incidentally if you know of someone who cannot now support the club by attending matches but would like a regular supply of programmes we do provide a postal service at £5 per season for the home programmes and at £10 for the home and away matches although it is not always possible to guarantee programmes from other clubs. We managed to peg this price this season despite increased programme and postal charges by sending out less frequently but if anyone requires each programme sent separately then we would require a £1 surcharge per season.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Still on the subject of correspondence we received a letter commending our friends from the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade which we are extremely happy to re-print in our columns. These ladies

and gentlemen perform an extremely valuable task without payment and for the most part without recognition and we are pleased to add our thanks to the supporter who wrote the following lines.

*Dear Mr Haslam,  
Could you please convey my thanks to the two "St Johns" men that were on duty by the players tunnel, during last Saturday's fabulous victory over Charlton.*

*As Jimmy Husband scored our 7th, I lept, cheered, and fell on the terrace badly hurting my ankle.*

*By the time of Charlton's penalty, the ankle looked like the match ball, but quick action by these "St Johns" men had me on the way to the L & D before the final whistle.*

*Fortunately, X-rays showed no break only very bad bruising of the foot and ankle, which has put me out of action for two weeks. But I should be fit for our victory over Blackburn on Saturday week.*

*Please tell the lads another seven will do, even if it's another bad ankle it will be worth it.*

*Keep up the good work.  
Yours Sincerely,  
R. Brown (Mr)*

## POEM

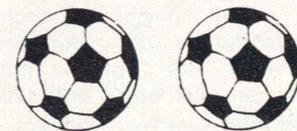
Also in our post recently we received the following poem and since we have not yet published a poetic offering this season we thought that we would expose Lorna's lines to a wider public.

If Lorna would like to contact Doug Lygo at the Club we can sort out a couple of tickets for a match of her choice.

From the Secretaries Office  
by John Wilkinson

Supporter's Sonnet  
by Lorna Cochrane (Age 14)

*Come on Luton, Come on Town!  
We don't want you going down.  
Give us goals, three or four,  
And yet again we'll shout for more.  
Wear your colours proud and true,  
We'll be there along with you,  
Keep your heads, play it cool,  
Remember tactics as a rule.  
Put all the forwards on attack,  
Others to follow at the back.  
Pass to Faulkner on the wing,  
Beat the goalie, Smack them in.  
Play some class on your own turf,  
We'll all be there at Kenilworth.  
We'll shout and cheer and never stop,  
Not until you've reached the top.  
Even then the going's tough,  
But the town can play First Class stuff.  
Come out the tunnel, hear us cheer,  
Yes! the Hatters Fans are here.  
So come on Luton, Come on Town!  
Please don't let your followers down.*



A WEEK last Sunday a few of us and our families were at Mike & Mary Talbot's farm at Weedon for the charity Cross Country event which they have now run for the second year in succession. I don't think many people know how much work they put in to organising an event of this sort, but when you think of the number of entries they had this year (I think it was over 150) it makes you wonder how they managed it. I have no doubt that after everyone had gone home, they just collapsed in the chair with exhaustion. I think a great day was had by all who attended for which I thank them warmly.

The main vocal point this week has been the match against Spurs a week last Saturday. Not only did we leave two points behind, we also left all the kit. It wasn't until we were pulling out of the ground into the stream of traffic that Reg Game asked Maurice our coach driver if the kit was on. "I thought you'd done it", was the reply. "No I thought you had". You can imagine the confusion we caused reversing back into the Spurs ground. Then Tuesday just before we set off to Brighton, we received a call to say, we couldn't find one of John Faulkner's boots. Yes you're right, we had left it in the dressing room at Spurs. So you can see we were destined not to bring anything back from this game.

Standing tickets for our game against Manchester City are still going quite well and I advise anyone who hasn't yet got a ticket to get one quickly. Season Ticket holders have until October 8th to claim their seats otherwise they will be offered for general sale.

I received a letter last week from Mrs Jarvis who has just celebrated her 83rd birthday and has been supporting us for as long as she can remember. I hope she continues to come for many more seasons. Enjoy the match.

## AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO READ...

We recently received the following letter from Cardiff City and in view of our visit to them on October 8th all of our travelling supporters are urged to study its contents most carefully.

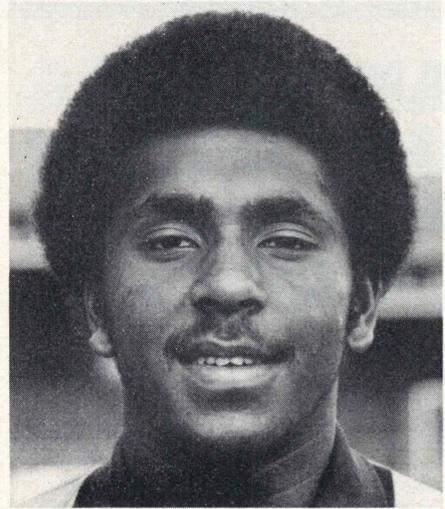
*Dear Mr. Secretary,  
I shall be grateful if you will note that my Club will be operating an Identity Pass system for the 1977/78 season, which requires any supporter under the age of 20 to have an identity pass to attend Ninian Park.*

*However, alternative arrangements have been made with the Police with regard to visiting supporters so that any of your supporters under the age of 20 years wishing to attend a match at Ninian Park must be accompanied by an adult. Special arrangements can be made for official supporters club parties, including persons under the age of 20, provided they can produce a supporters club membership card. The Secretary of the supporters club should contact me to discuss details.*

*In connection with the advanced booking arrangements for tickets at Ninian Park, I shall be grateful if you will note that due to the restrictions placed on the ground under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act, 1975, some stand tickets may not be available for our match with you and I shall be grateful if you require tickets, if you will check with me a little nearer the date of our match as to their availability.*

*Yours sincerely, L. G. Hayward, Sec.*

# PLAYER PROFILE



**Full Name** – Ricky Anthony Hill  
**Height** – 5' 10"  
**Weight** – 12st 3lb  
**Birthplace** – London  
**Birthday** – 3rd May  
**Star Sign** – Pisces  
**Signed as Pro.** – May 1976  
**Previous Clubs** – Came to Luton from Cricklewood Schools  
**League Debut** – Easter 1976 v Bristol Rovers  
**Family** – Mum, Dad, Sister and Brother  
**Hobbies** – Table Tennis, Pool  
**Favourite Foods** – Chicken  
**Favourite Recording Stars** – Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson

**Favourite Holiday Resort** – Monaco  
**Best Country Visited** – Canada and USA  
**My Greatest Moment** – Being picked for England Youth  
**When I Finish Playing** – Who knows?  
**My aim is** – To be successful

Autograph .....

# BEHIND THE SCENES

ONE BRANCH of the Club which never has a close season is the Maintenance Department and its manager, Fred Bunyan, could be accused for comparing the job of looking after our stadium with that of painting the Forth Bridge. At the moment the sounds of sawing, hammering and occasionally cursing can be heard not only during the day but also in the evenings and at week-ends. This phenomenon seems all the more extraordinary because Fred is working beneath the centre

stand seats and can only be heard and never seen. The reason for the frenzied activity is the creation of a new room to be used by our match sponsors where they can entertain their guests before and after the match. It was hoped that this room would be available shortly after the start of the season but complications over planning permission delayed a start until a few days ago and now Fred, with the able assistance of Chris Ellis and Dick Wassell, are racing

against the clock whilst trying to provide some separate accommodation for the gentlemen of the Press at the same time.

Following on in the series "whatever happened to the likely lads of Kenilworth Road" I wonder how many supporters have associated the Wimbledon striker with the Billy Holmes who was on our staff until 1974. A goalkeeper who departed at the same time is now with Lincoln City and his name is Jimmy Gordon.

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OUR ACTION shots tonight recall three of the goals we have scored at Kenilworth Road this season. Keen supporters will probably remember them all, and if you do you can win free match tickets. Answer the questions, and post or deliver them to the club offices in Kenilworth Road by noon on Friday. We shall then get Harry Haslam to do the honours, and the first three all-correct entries received will win prizes — a pair of centre stand seat tickets for a league game of your choice. So don't forget to include your name and address with the answers, and state which match you would like to have tickets for.

**Question One:** In the picture on the left, Jim Husband is on target. Who against? Why was it a special day for him? How many goals did he score last season?

**Question Two:** The picture on the bottom right shows a goal — Who by? Who against? And when did the scorer last get a goal for the Town?

**Question Three:** Who is the goal-scorer in the picture, top right? When? Who against? And what was special about his first league goal?

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## ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

A look back at Luton Town a decade ago.  
By BRIAN SWAIN, Sports Editor, Luton News.

THE EARLY growth of a revival which was destined to take Luton Town back on the long road back to the First Division was showing its first encouraging signs at Kenilworth Road ten years ago today.

The team was going well, Allan Brown was a popular manager with the fans and new directors Tony Hunt and Reg Burr were beginning to make their names known.

And although the season was still young we were already full of optimism about promotion. And when the Town prepared to visit Rochdale for a Division Four match on September 30, the Saturday Telegraph confidently predicted: "Town poised for first away win".

Rochdale were then, as now, struggling at the wrong end of the league table. They had taken just two points from their previous five games and manager Tony Collins, a former Watford player, had just resigned.

The Town were well-placed, in sixth position, chasing Aldershot, Crewe, Chesterfield, Southend and Newport. (Watford were a middling Third Division side).

The visit to Rochdale was an experience to remember. It was a dilapidated stadium, with long grass, and rain made the pitch treacherous. The dull grey Lancashire day was matched by the attendance. There were 2,004 customers, and total receipts were just £300.

Former Town captain John Reid played in midfield for Rochdale, and had briefed his team well. They did their best to mark danger man Bruce Rioch out of the game, but the Town opened with a two-goal blast in the first 25 minutes.

New signing Ian Buxton, playing his second match for the Town, scored in the 25th minute with an overhead bicycle kick, and Rioch made it 2-0 seven minutes later.

But then came a transformation which baffled the large following from Luton. The Town eased their grip, even when Winspear pulled a goal back for Rochdale in the 38th minute.

And gradually the underdogs took the fight to Luton, and the second half became a matter of desperate Town defence and frantic Rochdale attacks.

Terry Branstons played well in the centre of the defence, but Rochdale saved a point in the 63rd minute when Jenkins beat Moore on the edge of the box, made a couple of yards and then beat advancing goalkeeper Tony Read by shooting through his legs into the net.

It was a choker, but at least it kept the Town on course for their promotion ambition. And at least goals were coming from all quarters — ten players shared the 15 goals on the Town's record sheet.

## YOUTH

By George Rogers

THE YOUTH team started on the Cup trail for 1977/8 on Thursday 29th. September when they visited Cambridge. They played Cambridge United in the Eastern Junior Cup and returned with a comfortable win by 4 goals to 1. They now meet Corby in the next round. Corby getting through by beating Vauxhall Motors by 3 goals without reply.

Luton started their game with Cambridge by pushing the ball around, keeping possession and a slow build up. The first chance came to Godfrey Ingram after 10 minutes, the ball striking the goalkeeper's legs and the same player a few minutes later found himself clear, shooting wide when well placed. Luton continued to have the best of exchanges but although well on top — Mick Pacey hitting a post from 25 yards, the interval came with no goals scored. After the break Godfrey Ingram put Luton 1-up with a goal in the 57th. minute. Nigel Johnson put Luton further ahead in the 68th. minute from a through ball by Gary Sisman and Tom Stewart made it three with a header after 80 minutes. Andrew Pearson replaced Phillip Driver and quickly made an impression with some excellent runs. Cambridge came more into the game in the later stages and P. Avery got one goal back. Godfrey Ingram completed the scoring with an individual effort a few minutes from time.

Luton Team. A. Judge, A. Currie, G. Sisman, A. Wilkinson, T. Stewart, L. Harriott, W. Turner, G. Ingram, N. Johnson, M. Pacey, P. Driver. Subs. A. Pearson, N. Madden, R. Eaton.



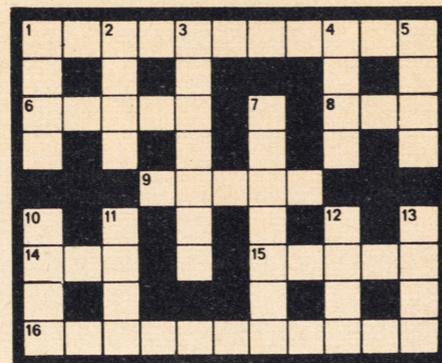
### KNOW YOUR YOUTH PLAYER

Today we highlight Gary Sisman. Gary was born in Stevenage, his birthday being 21st. September. He attended Collenswood School in Stevenage. From an early age, wanted to be a footballer. Played for his School and Infield Harts in the Chiltern Youth League. Was signed by Luton Town on Schoolboy forms in 1975. Represented England at Schoolboy level in the 1975/6 season playing against N. Ireland, Scotland, Wales, W. Germany, Holland and France. He has also represented the Herts Schools and the Hertfordshire Youth F.A. Signed as an Apprentice in July 1977. His other interests are Golf, Cricket and Music.



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SOLUTIONS — Across: 1 Vetch. 3 Lynn. 6 Mannion. 7 & 12 Red Star. 8 Cross. 10 Bar. 11 Stepney (Man. Utd.). 12 See 7. 13 Luton. SOLUTIONS — Down: 1 Vic Rouse (Crystal Pal.). 2 Todd (Derby). 3 Lindsay. 4 Neil. 5 Anderson. 6 Mariner. 9 West. 10 Bent.

### CLUES — ACROSS

- 1 Old Manchester United and England defender (4, 7)
- 6 Hansbury or Hynd (5)
- 8 ...Healey (Cardiff City)(3)
- 9 ITV soccer man who wrote "The Story of Football" (5)
- 14 ...Hartford (Manchester City & Scotland)(3)
- 15 Eire's European Cup representatives this season (5)
- 16 Former manager whose postings included Carlisle, Grimsby, Workington and Huddersfield (4, 7)

- 2 Crewe defender who played for Fort Lauderdale in the summer (4)
- 3 Rangers and Scotland defender (7)
- 4 Long-running Rokerite (4)
- 5 Nickname of Dumbarton (4)
- 7 Luton buy from Boro (7)
- 10 Ex-Preston player at Port Vale (4)
- 11 Top-scorer for Plymouth last season (4)
- 12 Martin or Mills (4)
- 13 Towner or Towers (4)

### CLUES — DOWN

- 1 Club that scored the biggest-ever F.A. Cup final victory (4)

# COMBINATION

## TEMPERAMENT IS VITAL

UNTIL A youngster has played in the first team, in front of a noisy and many times hostile crowd it is impossible to say whether a lad has the temperament to go with his skill. Of course you have a good idea which players are likely to 'freeze' in such a situation but you can never be certain.

Some young players have so much confidence that it is difficult to imagine anything effecting them but you can never be sure what goes on in a player's mind. Take the classic case of any coloured player, our own Ricky Hill for example. He had always showed terrific skill and composure for a youngster in Combination and Youth games watched by a few hundred people, but how would he react in away games when the home crowd attempt to annoy the coloured player with their taunts? Fortunately in Ricky's case it is like water off a duck's back he has got over this obstacle.

What of the young player who is overawed by the opposition and cannot come to terms with the fact that he is on the same field as famous internationals or star names. If he is of a worrying nature he has little chance of reaching the top. There are even some big names who appear to lose their natural inclinations when selected for international sides.

Sometimes when we have a very young Reserve side playing I make certain that the teamsheet is not bought into the dressing room. Often Reserve opposition contains exper-

enced 'has beens' whom the lads have regarded as star players in their school-days. They may tend to be a little wary of such players and go into a shell. Or alternatively they treat them with too much respect.

I am continually telling the youngsters that it's the media that makes stars although I accept in the first place the player had to play well to establish himself. Sometimes a Manager sensing a particular youngster might have nerves may decide to spring his selection right at the last moment so he has had little time to dwell on the game.

Imagine some of the nerve wracking experiences that a player can be involved in. If maybe a last minute penalty or being put clean through against the goalkeeper with all the odds in your favour. Jimmy Greaves perhaps

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is a classic example of ice cool everything. In the first team as a baby and completely oblivious to terrace shouting, newspaper comment, the gaze of television or the experience against him.

It is not too difficult to try things

and succeed or fail whilst learning. It's the big day that counts.

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I had the good fortune to be invited to play for an ex-Luton team the other Sunday. The invitation came from that larger than life character Tony Read who organises teams to play in Charity games. This particular occasion was to help raise money for a mini coach for Denbigh Road Junior School.

As usual with these types of games the action was somewhat lighthearted. It was refreshing to see older players such as Dave Pacey, 'Sos' Allen, Ken Hawkes, Jack Bannister and Les Slater enjoying the proceedings and showing they have not lost their touch for the game.

Tony Read's performance was somewhat bewildering. Now a slim line 15 stone plus he played up front but unfortunately his colleagues just could not coordinate Tony's quick one two's and ball skills. By half time Tony had failed to score and it was unanimously decided that it was drinks all round at Tony's public house, The Old Bell, at Greenfield, if he managed a goal.

Predictably we maintained our superiority throughout the second half but even more predictably big hearted Tony managed to miss a stream of easy chances. Three of the chances he allowed to go begging have a strong chance of winning next months 'Miss of the Month' on Match of the Day.

It would be unfair to over-criticise

Tony (after all he is a goalkeeper) as he did pass the ball once during the game.

Tony is a regular at our home games these days and helps with the local hospital commentaries. He has always worked hard for charitable causes and he has been an active member of fund raising committees at Luton Town F.C. As a player he was a character either stopping them at one end or scoring them at the other.

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## Youth Cup Soon

The qualifying rounds of the F.A. Youth Cup are now taking place. The First Round Proper will soon be drawn and naturally we shall be hoping for a good run in this competition. In last season's final Crystal Palace defeated Everton (1-0 aggregate)

Our recent record has not been good although it is significant that in spite of setbacks in this competition a fair proportion of these players have developed into first team players. Last season we were defeated 1-0 at Highbury in a replay. We had outplayed Arsenal in this game but missed easy chances — in the first game at Luton we missed a last minute penalty so we could have few complaints. Arsenal went on to play the eventual winners Crystal Palace but were defeated after two replays.

The previous year Arsenal again defeated us in a freak game at Highbury. There was a gale force wind blowing which Arsenal took full advantage

when winning the toss. The ball curled, blew, shot past our astonished goalkeeper (he was deputising for Tony Knight who was injured). Graham Rix was the player mainly responsible for the scoreline reading 5-0 after only 12 minutes play. Arsenal finished 7-0 winners. However since that day Jones, Smith and Hill have progressed to play in first team football whilst only Rix has established himself at Highbury.

In season 74-75 we had a strong looking side on paper. Andy King, Paul and Ron Futcher were included

but we were beaten at Watford by a Keith Meker goal. We had previously won a preliminary game 7-0.

This season we shall have a side containing at least six players who will be available for next season's competition. However we shall be expecting a good run as several of the youngsters have received the benefit of playing against quality opposition in the Reserve side this season.

We await the draw and we hope if we are at home there will be a good crowd to support our youngsters.

# COMBINATION REPORT

*Luton 0 Bristol Rovers 1*

*Team: Knight: Currie, Sisman: Smith, Harriott, McNichol: Johnson, Bowen, Ingram, Driver, Heale. Sub. Turner for Currie after 70 minutes.*

Bristol were more experienced and stronger than our side but even allowing for this we had only ourselves to blame for not scoring.

We started quite well and for 25 minutes took the game to our opponents. Johnson's pull-back was blocked, Ingram broke, and hit a shot across goal and goalkeeper Jones kept out shots by Heale, Bowen, and Driver.

Bristol slowly came into the game using their wingers Stephens and Clarke well.

Knight was alert to fine efforts by White and Stephens.

Bristol took the lead early in the second half when Stephens set up a chance for Powell. We pushed forward in search of an equaliser. Ingram broke through but shot past the post and Bowen appeared to be pulled down from behind. Luton were frustrated in their efforts although Sisman had two fine shots. With minutes to go Heale and Pulis of Rovers were sent off for an off the ball incident spotted by a linesman.

It was a bad ending to a keenly fought game where the visitors greater strength proved decisive.

# FACTS & FIGURES ~ 1977-78

Bold figures indicate scorers	Attendance	FA	ALEKSIC	JONES	BUCKLEY	CARR	FAULKNER	FUTCHER P.	HUSBAND	SMITH	BOERSMA	FUCILLO	ASTON	HILL	McNICHOL	PRICE	FUTCHER R.	WEST	HEALE
Aug 30 <b>Orient</b>	8,061	1-0	1	2	34	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6	2	11	9	
Aug 27 <b>Oldham Athletic</b>	7,579	0-1	1	12	3	4	5	6	7	7	9	10	11	8			10	10	
Aug 30 <b>Wolves (LC2)</b>	14,682	3-1	1	3	124	4	5	6	74	7	94	10	11	8			10	10	11
Sept 3 <b>Charlton Athletic</b>	9,061	7-1	1	34	3	4	5	6	74	7	9	10	11	8			9	10	
Sept 10 <b>Bristol Rovers</b>	5,940	2-1	1	34	3	4	5	6	7	11	11	10	11	8			9	10	
Sept 17 <b>Blackburn Rovers</b>	9,149	0-0	1	3	4	4	5	6	7	12	11	10	11	8			9	10	
Sept 24 <b>Tottenham</b>	32,700	0-2	1	12	3	4	5	6	7	11	11	10	11	8			9	10	
Sept 27 <b>Brighton</b>	25,132	2-3	1	12	3	4	5	6	74	11	11	10	11	8			9	10	
Sept 27 <b>Notts County</b>	7,593	2-0	1	3	3	4	5	6	7	11	11	10	11	8			9	10	
Oct 4 <b>Millwall</b>																			
Oct 8 <b>Cardiff City</b>																			
Oct 15 <b>Fulham</b>																			
Oct 22 <b>Blackpool</b>																			
Oct 25 <b>Man. City (LC3)</b>																			
Oct 29 <b>Bolton Wanderers</b>																			
Nov 5 <b>Hull City</b>																			
Nov 12 <b>Mansfield Town</b>																			
Nov 19 <b>Stoke City</b>																			
Nov 26 <b>Sunderland (1)</b>																			
Nov 30 <b>League Cup 4</b>																			
Dec 3 <b>Burnley</b>																			
Dec 10 <b>Southampton</b>																			
Dec 17 <b>Mansfield Town (2)</b>																			
Dec 26 <b>Crystal Palace</b>																			
Dec 27 <b>Sheffield United</b>																			
Dec 31 <b>Brighton</b>																			
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Jan 2 <b>Orient</b>																			
Jan 7 <b>F.A. Cup 3</b>																			
Jan 14 <b>Oldham Athletic</b>																			
Jan 18 <b>League Cup 5</b>																			
Jan 21 <b>Charlton Athletic</b>																			
Jan 28 <b>F.A. Cup 4</b>																			
Feb 4 <b>Bristol Rovers</b>																			
Feb 8 <b>League Cup SF</b>																			
Feb 11 <b>Blackburn Rovers</b>																			
Feb 15 <b>League Cup SF</b>																			
Feb 18 <b>Tottenham (5)</b>																			
Feb 25 <b>Notts County</b>																			
Mar 4 <b>Cardiff City</b>																			
Mar 11 <b>Fulham (6)</b>																			
Mar 18 <b>Blackpool (LCF)</b>																			
Mar 21 <b>Bolton Wanderers</b>																			
Mar 25 <b>Sheffield United</b>																			
Mar 27 <b>Crystal Palace</b>																			
Apr 1 <b>Hull City</b>																			
Apr 8 <b>Sunderland (SF)</b>																			
Apr 15 <b>Stoke City</b>																			
Apr 22 <b>Southampton</b>																			
Apr 26 <b>Millwall</b>																			
Apr 29 <b>Burnley</b>																			
May 6 <b>F.A. Cup Final</b>																			

## BALL DONOR

A little over a year ago when the Club was fighting for its life one of our supporters, Mr. L. Rose of Wingfield, Leighton Buzzard decided to offer his assistance in various ways including becoming one of the major holders of our new 'B' Supporters Shares which incidentally are still available. We are delighted that now we are slowly but surely climbing from the abyss, Mr. Rose is still eager to help and has tonight kindly donated our Match Ball.



## MASCOT

Tonight's Mascot is Brendan McDonnell of 96, Limbury Road, Luton.  
Brendan is ten years of age and attends St. Josephs Junior School.

## DIVISION TWO

Table of Results - As at 2.10.77

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	8	4	0	0	10	6	2	2	0	5	2	14
Tottenham	8	4	0	0	9	3	2	1	3	0	3	13
Bolton	8	3	1	0	6	3	2	1	4	2	1	12
Crystal P.	8	2	1	2	9	8	2	1	0	6	1	10
Blackpool	8	2	1	1	7	4	2	1	1	8	6	10
Stoke	8	3	1	0	7	4	2	1	3	0	3	10
Blackburn	8	2	1	1	5	2	1	3	0	3	1	10
<b>Luton</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>
Southampton	8	3	1	0	6	1	1	0	3	5	9	9
Charlton	7	3	0	0	6	3	0	3	1	4	10	9
Mansfield	8	2	1	0	7	4	1	1	2	4	5	8
Fulham	8	1	2	0	6	2	1	1	3	4	8	7
Millwall	8	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	2	5	5	7
Oldham	8	2	1	1	4	3	0	2	2	4	7	7
Hull City	8	1	2	1	3	2	1	0	3	2	5	6
Orient	8	2	1	1	9	9	0	1	3	2	5	6
Sunderland	8	1	1	2	4	5	0	3	1	3	6	6
Cardiff	7	1	3	0	5	3	0	1	2	1	7	6
Sheff. Utd.	8	2	1	1	6	5	0	0	4	4	12	5
Bristol R.	8	0	3	1	3	4	0	1	3	4	9	4
Notts Co.	8	0	3	1	5	6	0	1	3	4	11	4
Burnley	8	0	2	2	1	4	0	0	4	2	12	2

## COMBINATION

Table of Results - As at 27.9.77

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	6	6	0	0	16	2	12
O.P.R.	7	5	1	1	11	2	11
Chelsea	7	4	1	2	18	6	9
Tottenham	7	3	3	1	13	6	9
Hereford United	7	4	1	2	11	9	9
Bristol City	6	3	2	1	11	7	8
Birmingham City	7	2	4	1	8	6	8
Fulham	7	2	4	1	8	6	8
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>
West Ham United	5	2	2	1	11	6	6
Arsenal	8	2	2	4	9	8	6
Crystal Palace	7	2	2	3	6	8	6
Swindon Town	7	2	2	3	5	8	6
Bristol Rovers	5	2	2	1	4	8	6
Leicester City	7	3	0	4	6	10	6
Norwich City	6	2	2	5	10	6	6
Ipswich Town	6	1	3	2	7	7	5
Orient	5	1	1	3	2	7	3
Oxford United	6	1	1	4	5	11	3
Plymouth Argyle	6	1	0	5	6	11	2
Reading	5	1	0	4	4	14	2
Cardiff City	5	0	1	4	4	5	1

## Football Combination Fixtures

Date	Time	Home	Away
Dec 10	Sat	Leicester City	Bristol City
Dec 17	Sat	Bristol City	Southampton
Dec 26	Mon	Ipswich Town	West Ham United
Jan 2	Mon	Swindon Town	Chelsea
Jan 14	Sat	Bristol Rovers	Tottenham Hotspur
Jan 21	Sat	Cardiff City	Fulham
Feb 4	Sat	Birmingham City	Bristol City
Feb 11	Sat	Norwich City	Plymouth Argyle
Feb 14	Tues	Southampton	Oxford United
Feb 25	Sat	Leicester City	Crystal Palace
Mar 4	Sat	Queens Park Rangers	Reading
Mar 11	Sat	Cardiff City	Fulham
Mar 18	Sat	Birmingham City	Bristol City
Mar 25	Sat	Norwich City	Plymouth Argyle
Apr 1	Sat	Southampton	Oxford United
Apr 8	Sat	Leicester City	Crystal Palace
Apr 11	Tues	Queens Park Rangers	Reading
Apr 15	Sat	Leicester City	Crystal Palace
Apr 22	Sat	Leicester City	Crystal Palace
Apr 25	Tues	Queens Park Rangers	Reading
Apr 29	Sat	Leicester City	Crystal Palace



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Birthday greetings to the following members.  
Stephen Williams, 63 Kingsdown Ave., Luton  
— October 8th. Guy Mutton, 31 Half Moon  
Lane, Dunstable — October 11th.

Another member whose birthday falls during the next few days (on October 6th.) is ANITA NEWBURY. Unfortunately we do not have a record of Anita's address so we are unable to send her the autographed photograph of Paul Futchter, her favourite player. If you would write to us or call at the Ticket Office Anita you can collect the photo and leave a note of your address at the same time.

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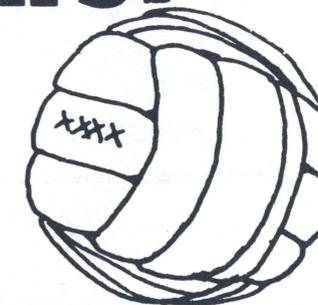
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- TONY HAZELL 6
- BRYAN HAMILTON 7
- JOHN SEASMAN 8
- LINDSAY SMITH 9
- IAN PEARSON 10
- BRIAN CHAMBERS 11

### SCORE BOARD

Arsenal . . . . .	.....
Liverpool . . . . .	.....
Nottm. For. . . . .	.....
Ipswich . . . . .	.....
Birmingham . . . . .	.....
Q.P.R. . . . .	.....
Coventry . . . . .	.....
Man. City . . . . .	.....
Bolton . . . . .	.....
Blackburn . . . . .	.....
Blackpool . . . . .	.....
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Stoke . . . . .	.....
Sheffield U. . . . .	.....
Notts Co. . . . .	.....
Southampton . . . . .	.....
Orient . . . . .	.....
Sunderland . . . . .	.....
Cardiff . . . . .	.....

### OFFICIALS

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**Linesmen:** Red flag - Mr. R. E. Chaffer (Windsor); Yellow flag - Mr. C. S. Perrin (Banbury).