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# HARRY HASLAM



I THINK WE can be forgiven for the cheerful atmosphere we have had at Kenilworth Road this week as we prepared for today's game. A look at the top end of the league table gives one reason, and those who made the long journey to Cardiff last week will have seen another.

I'm glad we gave our following something to cheer about, with the lads producing a tremendous performance. Cardiff gave us an own-goal start, and set us one or two problems before they equalised just before half-time.

But we talked it over in the dressing room in the interval, improved our marking at the back, and went out and scored three of the finest goals you could ever hope to see. Each one was made thoughtfully and cleverly, and taken brilliantly. The whole team did a thoroughly professional job.

Jimmy Husband is out of action with a hamstring injury, but Gary Heale didn't let us down. He was as chuffed as the rest of us, and he says he must have something special — it was only his second league game, and his two appearances have seen us score 11 goals. I bet he's the only player in Britain

with an average of five and a half goals per game!

Our day was completed with the news that the Youth Team had won again and that the Reserves had picked up a point against Cardiff Reserves at Kenilworth Road.

And if you think one point at home is nothing to shout about, just stop and consider our team — every player was under 20, and six of them were 16, so it is obvious that our work for the future good of Luton Town is making progress.

Today though, our main concern is to see that we make progress where it matters most on match-days: up the league table.

As always, it's nice to welcome Bobby Campbell and his lads to Kenilworth Road, but Fulham must know that they're in for a hard game.

We fancy our chances of making it four wins on the trot today. We'd like to do it for ourselves and for the loyal supporters who stick with us.

It always surprises me to see the numbers that turn up for away games. They made their voices heard at Cardiff, and we hope we will give you all something to shout about again today.

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# WELCOME

# FULHAM

**GERRY PEYTON** Signed from Burnley last season for £35,000. Was in and out of the Burnley side but is an Eire International.  
**JOHN DOWIE** An Apprentice with Fulham, signed Full Professional in 1974. A Scottish Youth International.  
**JOHN MITCHELL** Joined the Club as a professional from St. Albans F.C. in February 1972. Leading goalscorer last season.  
**LES STRONG** Les was for some while on the books of Crystal Palace as a Schoolboy. When Palace decided not to pursue their interest

Fulham signed him as a professional in June 1971. Has been a regular member of the side for the last two years.  
**PETER STOREY** Former Arsenal player, capped for England. Made over 350 League appearances for Arsenal. Signed for Fulham last season.  
**GEORGE BEST** It has all been said before. One of the few players in the history of the game with an unassailable record of success. League Championships, Cup, Football League Cup, and European Cup successes. 'Player of the Year and European Player of the Year'. Has



returned to English Football from the U.S.A.  
**TEDDY MAYBANK** Signed from Chelsea last season for £65,000. Found himself on the sidelines at Chelsea last season. Had a month's loan period with Fulham before joining them full time.  
**JOHN EVANSON** John was signed from Blackpool at the beginning of last season. Made over 150 appearances for Oxford United before being transferred to Blackpool for over £70,000.  
**LES BARRETT** A former England Under-23 International. Les' first appearance for Fulham was in 1965/66 and was top goalscorer when the Club won promotion from Division III in 1971.  
**RAY EVANS** Signed from Millwall last season for £35,000. Started his career with Spurs before moving on to Millwall.  
**JOHN LACY** Has held the Centre Half position for the last three years. A member of the 1975 Cup Final side. Formerly with London University, has a B.Sc degree. Born in Liverpool.  
**TERRY BULLIVANT** Signed as an Apprentice in 1972, graduating his way through the youth scheme, he signed full professional forms in 1974. He made numerous appearances last year in the first team.  
**STEVEN SCRIVENS** Although just 20, Steven has been here for nearly six years. Another coming through our junior scheme, has completed several games in the first team. A most consistent member of the last years in the London Combination. Born in London.  
**TONY GALE** Born S.W. London, has been with the Club ever since he was 13 years of age. Has ahead of him a most promising career. He was 16 when he completed his first 3 games for the first team of the Season 76/77.  
**TONY MAHONEY** Another one of our East London boys. Tony has been with the Club, once again, since he was 13 where he was brought along in our Dagenham Training Ground, showed so much promise at the age of 17. He also made his debut in the first team at the age of 16. Born in Dagenham, Essex.  
**PERRY DIGWEED** Another member who has been with us since his schoolboy days, Perry signed professional in July 1977 but had the honour of appearing in the first team when he was too young to sign professional - this was against Bolton in 1976. Born in London.

Left to right  
 Back row: T. Bullivant, P. Storey, P. Mellor, G. Peyton, L. Strong, R. Evans.  
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# LUTON LATEST

TODAY WE extend a cordial welcome to our friends from Craven Cottage whose visits to Kenilworth Road normally ensure an interesting game and a considerably better than average gate.

Last season's attendance of 19,929 was not bettered by any visitors although Wolves came close with 19,200. In 1976/77 each side achieved one victory in the two encounters but they did it the hard way - on their opponent's ground. Fulham's victory was in September when they were enjoying a purple patch and our revenge came in February.

IN THE Notts County programme we offered our congratulations to the Futchers twins who celebrated their 21st. Birthdays on the 25th. September and now we can congratulate Ron again on his wedding to Miss Christine Sands which takes place tomorrow. Paul, who will be best man on this happy occasion, had a memorable event of his own recently when he helped the England Under 21 side to a victory over Norway at Brighton. Following his excellent performance he has been selected for the Finland game. Still on the international scene, we were delighted to learn of Godfrey Ingram's inclusion in the England Under 18 party which left for Las Palmas on the 5th of October. IN THE Millwall programme John Wilkinson referred to the enjoyable day we spent at Mike and Mary Talbot's farm for their annual cross-country event. As well as being a most pleasant occasion it was also very

rewarding financially as both the number of entries and the sponsorships were up by 50% on the previous year. Harry Haslam's daughter Karen raised £200 out of a total of £2000 thanks to generous sponsorships from Directors, Players and friends but had to settle for second place on this occasion as the winner achieved a total of £222.22. John paid his tribute to the tremendous amount of work put in by Mike and Mary and I am sure that they would like us also to thank the many volunteers including our friends from the Bletchley Bobbers who helped to make the operation go so smoothly. INCIDENTALLY the Bletchley Bobbers Club will be sponsoring our match against Stoke City and will again be holding the final of their penalty competition at half-time on that day. Their associates, the Bletchley Hatters who are responsible for the excellent travel arrangements from the Milton Keynes area under the capable direction of Dorothy Gamage, have arranged to sponsor the match ball for the Mansfield game. The support that the Club receives from this area is greatly appreciated and it would be marvellous if their example were to be followed by others. Our away supporters group who travel with Tricentrol have been regular ball donors in previous seasons and on their behalf Jenny Dove has already presented Harry Haslam with £40 for this purpose. Last Season we were delighted to receive a donation from the Cranfield Supporters and we are always happy to record the activities of such

groups who travel to either home or away games.

ON THE subject of Match Sponsorships it may have been noticed that there has been a dearth of them this season so far. This has not been the result of a lack of effort on our part or through any loss of enthusiasm by local industry but merely because we have not had the necessary accommodation to offer. However, this situation is being overcome quickly and Argos will be sponsoring the Hull City game to follow up the opening of their new showrooms in the Arndale Centre later this month. On Tuesday the 25th. October when we entertain Manchester City, our sponsors will be our very good friends from R.A.F. Chicksands and on December 3rd. SKF will be sponsoring the match with Burnley. In the second half of the season we have already received firm bookings for seven out of the nine home league matches so if any Company would like to participate please contact Doug Lygo without delay.

TODAY WE wish very many happy returns to our leading goalscorer Jimmy Husband who unfortunately had to miss the Cardiff match as a result of a pulled muscle sustained against Millwall. Jimmy has been battling hard to regain full fitness and would obviously like to celebrate his birthday with a goal - we hope he makes it. Our profile features Steve Buckley whose form has been so impressive this season and Steve is also due for congratulations as his birthday is tomorrow.

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# PLAYER PROFILE



**FULL NAME** — Steven Buckley  
**HEIGHT** — 5' 10"  
**WEIGHT** — 11st.  
**BIRTHPLACE** — Brinsley, Notts  
**BIRTHDAY** — 16 October  
**STAR SIGN** — Libra  
**SIGNED AS PRO** — 1973  
**LEAGUE DEBUT** — v. Leicester 1974  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS** — Burton Albion  
**FAMILY** — Mum, Dad. (Both now Luton supporters)  
**HOBBIES** — Cars and motor bikes  
**FAVOURITE FOODS** — Steak, cheese on toast  
**FAVOURITE RECORDING STAR** — Rolling Stones  
**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT** —

Norfolk Broads, Yarmouth  
**BEST COUNTRY VISITED** — U.S.A.  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT** — Being relegated from First Division  
**ADVICE TO YOUNG PLAYERS** — Train hard, dedication, listen to advice  
**WHEN I FINISH PLAYING** — Who knows?  
**MY GREATEST MOMENT** — Scoring goals  
**AMBITION** — To play for England.

Autograph .....

# BEHIND THE SCENES

FROM JOHN WILKINSON

LAST SATURDAY'S fixture at Cardiff meant that I was able to spend a few days with my wife's relations in Swansea and what with us beating Cardiff and Watford beating Swansea I was able to have a good weekend. Whilst in Swansea I took the opportunity to have a look over the new Leisure Centre which was opened by Her Majesty the Queen in June this year, and what a magnificent building it is. The focal point is the swimming pool with an unusual wave making machine installed in it and when that is in operation it gives the swimmers the most realistic swell I have seen from an indoor pool. Another added attraction for the children is the miniature beach with the edge of the pool tapering up to make this an ideal place for the toddlers. There is a separate pool for diving with

windows placed in the bottom so that spectators can see what happens when someone dives in. This pool is also used for the aqualung enthusiasts. An indoor bowls rink is a favourite with the older generation with indoor leagues already in operation. The other sports catered for include Tennis, Badminton, Squash, Six-a-side football, Archery, Skittles, Table Tennis, Snooker and Pool. There are three bars where you can relax and drink after your exercise and two cafeterias where meals and snacks can be bought. There is even an open air theatre for use in the summer evenings.

After many years of service to the Football League Management Committee, Mr. Len Shipman of Leicester City has had to retire from office. He has just been made a life member of the Football Association

and therefore has to retire from Football League duties. The vacancy has been filled by Mr. Jack Dunnett, Chairman of Notts County. To both parties we wish a long and successful reign in their new offices.

There are still standing tickets available for our League Cup Tie with Manchester City. The seating tickets have now all been sold and if you want to see the game I suggest that you get your tickets now and so avoid the disappointment of not being able to watch one of the best sides in England today.

News has just arrived of the England Under 18 team in Las Palmas. Following a draw with Uruguay, the England lads beat Hungary 3-0 to reach the final of the competition with Luton's Godfrey Ingram scoring two of the three goals.

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# HOME MATCH ACTION...

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*MAXIMUM* points from two home games in four days was fair reward for a lot of hard work put in by all the team after the disappointments they had suffered in previous away games.

And hard work was the key-note in the clashes with Notts County and Millwall. It is already obvious that when teams make plans to visit Kenilworth Road their first priority is to be tight at the back.

Notts County and Millwall both managed to keep us out for the first 45 minutes, and our players and supporters had to be patient.

Against Notts County, two goals in two minutes early in the second half did the trick. Lil Fuccillo burst through to get the first, and the picture at bottom right shows Phil Boersma escaping from goalkeeper Eric McManus before knocking in the second.

The Millwall match saw a dramatic last five minutes, with Paul Price grabbing the winner four minutes from time after a controversial refereeing decision which gave us a penalty, then a free kick instead. **Top right:** Alan West salutes as goalkeeper Nicky Johns is left helpless by Paul's thunderbolt.

**On the left,** Millwall's goal comes under fire from Town defenders again, with John Faulkner in the thick of the action and Paul Price trying to make contact with a dangerous cross.

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## ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

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

NEW SIGNING Ian Buxton pushed the Town nearer to the promotion spot in Division IV ten years ago this week and 10,440 fans left Kenilworth Road in good humour on October 14, 1967.

The previous week the Town had more than maintained their unbeaten away record with a 3-1 victory at Chester, on a ground where they had never been beaten.

Left winger Ray Whittaker sparkled, and laid on a pinpoint centre for Buxton to head the Town into the lead in the 39th minute. Tony Read and Terry Branston both missed a centre to allow Jones in for an equaliser, but in the second half Keith Allen scored twice to make the points safe.

Then came the visit to Kenilworth Road of Chesterfield with the Town defending a 100 per cent home record. Chesterfield concentrated on defence, and the tension increased as they held out against non-stop Town attacks.

But Buxton struck in the 62nd minute, with a goal headed from Whittaker's cross. Graham French, in his last game before a three-week ban for being sent off in the first game of the season, nearly made it two with a shot that hit the post.

But one goal was enough, and it pushed the Town into fifth place in the table, with 16 points from 12 games, and only one point behind joint leaders Crewe and Southend.

Some interesting names were on the score-sheets elsewhere in the league on that day. Arsenal played their 2,500th Football League match, and beat Sunderland at Highbury with goals by John Radford and George Graham.

First Division strugglers Sheffield United lost 3-0 at home to Manchester United, with the goals being scored by Brian Kidd, John Aston and Denis Law.

At Chelsea, Tommy Docherty had just left suddenly after a tempestuous spell as manager, and the Stamford Bridge crowd saw Everton take a point when Alan Ball equalised Tommy Baldwin's opener.

At Coventry, Jimmy Hill had just relinquished the manager's job to make way for Noel Cantwell, and both had to suffer a 3-2 home defeat against Spurs, with Jimmy Greaves on the score-sheet.

Ian St. John (2) and Tommy Smith gave Liverpool a 3-1 home win over West Ham, for whom Martin Peters was the scorer.

Today's visitors, Fulham, were then a fading First Division side. Ten years ago they lost 2-1 at Newcastle, after Alan Clarke had put them ahead from a pass by Johnny Haynes. Newcastle hit back through Pop Robson, and the defeat left Fulham sharing bottom place in the First Division with Sheffield United.

## YOUTH

By George Rogers

THE YOUTH team continued on their successful run on Saturday 1st. Oct. when they beat Cambridge City at Chrysler Sports ground, Houghton Regis by 4 goals to nil, Alan Pearson scored twice with Mark Williams and Mick Pacey one each.

Luton Team: A. Judge, A. Currie, R. Eaton, T. Wilkinson, T. Broom, T. Stewart, R. Howson, P. Champkin, M. Pacey, M. Williams, A. Pearson, S. Rowlands, M. Beech and M. Patterson.

This morning they were due to play Letchworth Garden City at Chryslers. Result of this will be given out on the public system before today's game.

Next week sees the first of the school half term holidays and the boys on Associated Schoolboy forms will be invited to the club for coaching (A boy must be 14 years of age before he is able to sign these forms and also they must be signed by the parent and the Headmaster of his school) Roy McCrohan, David Pleat and Danny Bergara will be spending all their spare time with these lads and they will be watching dedication as well as their playing ability. The boys' strength and weaknesses noted for future coaching.

One difference with English football compared with European football is that a boy is only allowed to play for a Football League Club if he is 15 years of age prior to the 1st. September of the current season and even then his Headmaster must give permission. On the Continent most Senior Clubs have teams playing from 9 years of age upwards. These boys play under the name of the Senior Club mostly on a Sunday. In this Country no League Club is allowed to play on a Sunday, consequently no English Football League Club gets involved in local football on this day.

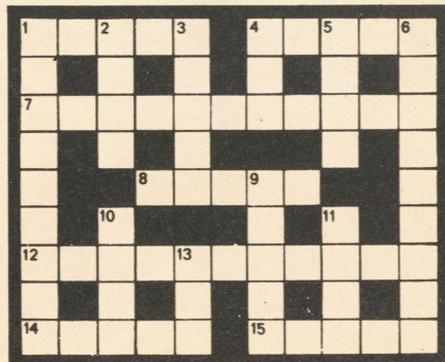


### Know your Youth Player

This week we focus Mick Pacey. Mick will be 17 on the 8th. November and was born in Luton. His father is Dave Pacey who was a regular first team player at Luton in the 1955-60 seasons and was a member of the cup team that reached Wembley in 1960. Mick attended Challney High School and has been a regular member of the Limbury Boys Club. He has represented the County and Luton Schoolboys and was a regular member of the successful schoolboy team of last year. Consistent performances and the ability to score goals prompted Luton to offer him apprentice forms in July 1977. Apart from football he likes playing Tennis, playing Guitar and any form of travel.

# CROSSWORD No.6

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### CLUES - Across

- 1 Famous old Yugoslavia goalkeeper (5)
- 4 Spraggon or Stapleton (5)
- 7 Re-election applicants last season (7, 4)
- 8 Goalmouth scramble (5)
- 12 Old Spurs striker, famous for his heading (4, 7)
- 14 Author of "A Pictorial History Of Soccer" (5)
- 15 Top marksman for Middlesbrough last season (5)

### Leicester (3)

- 5 Early England international (4)
- 6 Old Manchester City star, father of a current one (3, 6)
- 9 Former defender with Bradford City, Huddersfield and Leeds (5)
- 10 Ex-QPR defender, a mid-summer mover to Millwall (4)
- 11 Ex-Birmingham boss (4)
- 13 Southport summer signing from Bolton (3)

### CLUES - Down

- 1 Irish UEFA Cup opponents of Newcastle (9)
- 2 Forename of Scotland manager (4)
- 3 ... Conn (Celtic & Scotland) (5)
- 4 Creature in the crests of Carlisle and

### Answers to Crossword No. 5

SOLUTIONS - Across: 1 Bill Foulkes, 6 Roger, 8 Ron, 9 Tyler, 14 Asa, 15 Sligo (Rovers), 16 Bill Shankly. SOLUTIONS - Down: 1 Bury (v. Derby, 6-0, 1903), 2 Lugg, 3 Forsyth, 4 Kerr, 5 Sons, 7 Boersma, 10 Lamb, 11 Hall, 12 Mick, 13 Tony.

# COMBINATION

BY DAVID PLEAT

**SOMETHING** struck me in the Luton Millwall game that reflected well on our players and served as a fine example to any youngster who must learn to accept the Referee's decision. After all protesting against a Refereeing decision will not change the officials mind. Or will it?

There can be little benefit gained by dwelling on that late incident which aroused so much controversy in this game. Suffice to say that the Referee gave a penalty *after* consulting a linesman and the ball was placed on the penalty spot. Whilst the injured Fuccillo was being treated the Millwall players surrounded Mr. Hunting and forced him to speak to the linesman again. After a brief discussion Mr. Hunting took the ball off the penalty spot and placed it on the edge of the area, a free kick.

From being prepared to take a penalty with only five minutes remaining and anticipating a goal and a win, our players found themselves arranging their set piece. Their reaction was tremendous. They did not charge around the Referee, they did not hustle him off for another discussion with the linesman, they did not vent their abuse openly at the official. They reacted like good professionals although they were bitterly disappointed. An example for every youngster watching.

Of course it was a happy ending. Almost poetic justice when their well worked free kick was driven home by Paul Price. You could not help feeling they deserved that for their sportsmanship.

## Don't Shoot the Ref. — My View

EVIDENTLY the Notts County Manager said after the game at Luton 'My livelihood depends on people like that, I have never seen such a bad decision in all my life'.

Obviously Ron Fenton who is a quiet sort of guy normally, was a little upset with the Referee but surely the game has never changed. There will always be debatable decisions and you just have to take the rough with the smooth. If you can accept it,

then you will not allow it to upset you. I accept this is not easy but there is no point in protest, the games gone.

The previous week at Tottenham the home side received a penalty a minute before half time which everyone present thought was rather harsh. Our Boss didn't go raving at the Referee, he probably just smiled at him so the Referee didn't know what to think!

After every game both teams mark the Referee up to a total of 10 points. There is also an independent assessor present at all games so there is usually a fair report on the Referees performance.

If you get over critical of the Referee and transmit this reaction to your players they may well feel that the inadequacy of the Referee can disguise their shortcomings if they are having a bad day.

A Manager knows that over a period of time luck evens itself out. Somedays you may benefit from Refereeing decisions, other times it may go against you. The worst possible time to openly criticise a Referee is after a bad team performance or bad result, this may not really be sour grapes but it always looks like it.

Our young Reserve side had a disappointing afternoon at Tottenham recently. We received two injuries that disturbed the balance of the side and we were defeated 4-1. We also had a player booked after two over-strong tackles. Some of the players felt the Referee was fussy. I disagreed and made a point of seeking out the Referee, a Mr. King from Sussex, and congratulating him. He was right on top of his job, our team were below par and the injuries were unfortunate.

Any Referee is hardly noticed if the game is a good one, it is only when the play is poor that we look for a scapegoat and there is a fair chance the Referee will come under the hammer.

Incidentally when I occasionally Referee a practice game I never have the slightest trouble! I have never booked anyone, the game flows, there are no disputes and if anyone queries my parentage it goes in one ear and out the other. So far of course I have not had any crowd hounding me and

have not been submitted to the critical gaze of the trial by television.

I do believe though that ex-players should be encouraged to take up refereeing. If they have played the game then they should understand the game.

Our Referees are still the best in the world. So next time, remember, don't boo the Referee he is only doing his job. Smile about it. As the boss says, 'If you thought seriously about some aspects of our game you might as well as sit down and cry, so its far better to stand up and smile'.

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Two young Irish lads who joined us this summer were the result of many hours of watching youth and schoolboy games by our scout over the water Bill Smyth.

With the existing situation in Belfast it is not easy getting about to games. The inconvenience of road blocks, bomb scares and constantly being checked and re-checked is evident. But Bill goes about his hobby in his own happy way. He is always cheerful and is more than busy watching junior and senior football and keeping in contact with Boys, Mums and Dads and club.

Bill joined us at Luton when Paddy Sowdon moved from Blackpool here to take over in charge of scouting. When Paddy left for Cambridge, Bill stayed with us. Actually one of Cambridge United's present players came to England as a result of Bill's recommendation. The Boss signed Tom Finney from Ireland for a small fee and received several times the amount we paid from Bob Stokoe at Sunderland.

Of course not all Bill's recommendations end up with us. Sometimes the competition for signing boys is so intense that they are attracted to the bigger clubs. Manchester United have always been strongly represented in Ireland and they hold regular trials for groups of Irish boys. One that got away was Bill's own nephew Dave McCreery who joined Manchester United.

Several senior players who have been transferred from Irish League clubs to English League clubs were thoroughly vetted by Bill Smyth and in those cases his

judgement has proved correct. One player in whom we were interested was Terry Cochrane of Coleraine who finally went to Burnley. In this case Burnley paid considerably more than we had available at the time and the financial side of the deal suited Coleraine.

The two boys we have signed this summer were both schoolboy internationals. Alan Currie is a thoughtful full back, sharp in outlook and who has already won admirers at reserve games. Alan is only 5ft. 6" tall whilst his colleague Tom Stewart stands over 6ft. Tom is a centre half (his brother, a first team player at Hull City, is a forward) who tackles strongly and uses the ball well.

We are confident both lads have the ability and attitude to go a long way in the game.

If we phone Bill and his wife tells us he is out then we do not have to ask where he is. He will be at a game somewhere enjoying his time away from his job (he is a shipyard welder) seeking to discover some young talent that will make a name in England with Luton Town.

## DAVID PLEAT'S QUIZ BALL No. 5

1. Who play at (a) Field Mill? (b) Turf Moor? (c) Brisbane Road?
2. Ron Clayton and Brian \_\_\_\_\_, were two English Internationals from the same club. (a) which player? (b) which club?
3. Jimmy Hagan, George Swindon and Jim Iley all managed which club?

## ANSWERS TO QUIZ BALL No. 3

1. (a) Ball (b) Haynes (c) Charlton
2. (a) Peter Angell (b) Theo Foley (c) Ken Gutteridge.
3. (a) Phillips (b) Kennedy (c) Greaves (d) Keegan.

QUIZ VOUCHER No.5

# COMBINATION REPORT

**Sept. 21st. Hereford United 2 Luton Town 3; Scorers for Luton Boersma 2, Heale.**

**Team: Judge, Jones, Sisman, Smith, Harriott, McNichol, Johnson, Heale, Carr, Boersma, Turner. Sub. Ingram for Harriott (75 minutes).**

THIS WAS an excellent result for Luton's young reserve side, strengthened on this occasion by the inclusion of Boersma and Carr. The former, still seeking full match fitness made an outstanding contribution not only through his goalscoring — he narrowly missed a hat-trick when a fierce free kick was disallowed because another player was adjudged offside, but also through the way in which he encouraged and helped the younger players in the side.

**Oct. 1st. Spurs 4 Luton Town 1 (Smith) Team: Knight, Jones, Sisman, Smith, Harriott, McNichol, Turner, Bowen, Ingram, Driver, Heale. Sub. Johnson for Jones (67 minutes).**

ALTHOUGH lacking in penetration Luton held their own for the first sixty minutes when Ryan opened Spurs account. A badly twisted knee caused Graham Jones to take no further part in the game and this disturbed Luton's command at the back. When Smith reduced the arrears to one goal with a splendid shot the Town were still very much in the game and Heale had a brilliant effort tipped past the post. A further unfortunate injury — this time to Wayne Turner — resulted in further dislocation to the side and Spurs made the most of their numerical superiority and added two late goals.

**Oct. 5th. Crystal Palace 0 Luton 1 (Smith). Team: Judge, Sisman, Carr, Smith, Harriott, McNichol, Johnson, Wilkinson, Heale, Driver, Pearson. Sub. Stewart.**

THIS WAS a fine result by a Luton side containing five sixteen year olds and three only one year older. In addition two of the lads, Pearson and Stewart were appearing in a Combination team sheet for the first time. Palace, with an older and far more exper-

enced side and with the reputation of having one of the strongest youth set-ups in the country — they won the F.A. Youth Cup last season — attacked strongly at the outset and Alan Judge did well to keep out shots by Holder and Perrin. Gradually gaining in confidence the visitors missed a chance when Heale failed to convert after a fine run by Driver but achieved the only goal of the game in the 76th minute when Smith's shot was deflected past Caswell in the Palace goal.

**Oct. 8th. Luton Town 1 Cardiff City 1. Scorer for Luton Keith Bowen (90 minutes) Team: Knight, Currie, Sisman, Smith, Harriott, McNichol, Wilkinson, Johnson, Bowen, Driver, Pearson. Sub. Pacey (for Pearson after 75 minutes).**

AT THE RISK of being accused of repetition this was another of those contests between the men and the boys. With Jones still injured, Heale and Carr on 1st team duty and Ingram with the Young England squad the number of sixteen year old, first year apprentices rose to six in this team, superbly led by Jim McNichol, at nineteen, the veteran of the side. Ranged against us were the likes of Robin Friday (140 League appearances, 52 goals) Larmour (113 appearances), Morgan (69), Grapes (73) and David Giles (27). Although it needed a last minute goal by Keith Bowen after good work by Nigel Johnson and Mick Pacey to save us a point, the boys thoroughly deserved this reward for the quality of their football, their fighting spirit and their refusal to accept defeat even in the dying seconds. The 'seniors' all performed very creditably, Tony Knight saving brilliantly on at least two occasions when Cardiff seemed certain to score, Tim Smith working tirelessly and skilfully to hold the midfield together and Jim McNichol proving a tower of strength at the back ably assisted by Alan Currie, Gary Sisman and Les Harriott, who, although conceding several inches to Friday & Co. in height, conceded nothing in effort and determination.

# FACTS & FIGURES ~ 1977-78

	Attendance	F.A.	ALEKSIC	JONES	BUCKLEY	CARR	FAULKNER	FUTCHER P.	HUSBAND	SMITH	BOERSMA	FUCILLO	ASTON	HILL	McNICHOL	PRICE	FUTCHER R.	WEST	HEALE
<b>20 Orient</b>	8,061	1-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		2	11	9	
Aug 27 Oldham Athletic	7,579	0-1	1	12	3	4	5	6	7	7	9	10	11	8		2	11	10	
Aug 30 Wolves (LC2)	14,682	3-1	1	3	3	12	5	6	7	7	9	10	11	8		2	10	10	
Sept 3 Charlton Athletic	9,061	7-1	1	3	3	12	5	6	7	7	9	10	11	8		2	10	10	
Sept 10 Bristol Rovers	5,940	2-1	1	3	3	12	5	6	7	7	9	10	11	8		2	9	10	
Sept 17 Blackburn Rovers	9,149	0-0	1	3	3	4	5	6	7	12	11	10	8	8		2	9	10	
Sept 24 Tottenham	32,700	0-2	1	12	3	4	5	6	7	7	11	10	8	8		2	9	10	
Sept 27 Brighton	25,132	2-3	1	12	3	4	5	6	7	7	11	10	8	8		2	9	10	
Oct 1 Notts County	7,593	2-0	1	3	3	12	5	6	7	7	11	10	8	8		2	9	10	
Oct 4 Millwall	9,119	1-0	1	3	3	4	5	6	7	7	11	10	8	8		2	9	10	
Oct 8 Cardiff City	8,369	4-1	1	3	3	12	5	6	7	7	11	10	8	8		2	9	10	
Oct 15 Fulham																			
Oct 22 Blackpool																			
Oct 25 Man. City (LC3)																			
Oct 29 Bolton Wanderers																			
Nov 5 Hull City																			
Nov 12 Mansfield Town																			
Nov 19 Stoke City																			
Nov 26 Sunderland (1)																			
Nov 30 League Cup 4																			
Dec 3 Burnley																			
Dec 10 Southampton																			
Dec 17 Mansfield Town (2)																			
Dec 26 Crystal Palace																			
Dec 27 Sheffield United																			
Dec 31 Brighton																			

### BALL DONOR

Our Ball Donor this week is a local Company in the Motor Trade, Dunham & Haines Ltd. of Park Street West, Luton, and the autographed Match Ball will be raffled at the Motor Agents Ladies night at Tiffany's on November 23rd with all proceeds going to the Motor Trade Benevolent Society.

### MASCOT

Today's team mascot is Simon Avery of 18, Thirlmere Road, Kempston, Bedford. Simon will be eleven years of age on 29th of this month and he is following a long family tradition of supporting Luton Town. According to Mr. F. Batt, Simon's uncle who accompanies him to matches, he is at least the fourth generation of supporters, as Simon's great grandfather used to cycle regularly from Bedford to Kenilworth Road over fifty years ago. Simon's favourite player is Jimmy Husband.

### DIVISION TWO

Table of Results - As at 12.10.77

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	10	4	1	0	10	5	3	1	1	6	3	16
Tottenham	10	5	0	0	14	4	1	3	1	3	3	15
Brighton	10	4	0	1	11	8	2	2	1	8	6	14
<b>Luton</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>		
Blackpool	10	3	1	1	10	5	2	2	1	9	7	13
Southampton	10	5	1	0	11	3	1	0	3	5	9	12
Crystal P.	10	2	1	2	9	8	3	1	1	9	4	12
Blackburn	10	3	1	1	7	3	1	3	1	5	5	12
Stoke	10	3	1	1	7	3	0	4	1	3	4	11
Charlton	9	4	0	12	6	0	3	2	5	12	11	
Fulham	10	2	3	0	11	4	1	1	3	4	8	10
Mansfield	10	2	2	2	1	8	5	1	1	3	5	9
Hull	10	2	2	1	5	2	1	1	3	6	9	
Millwall	10	1	3	1	5	5	1	1	3	5	6	8
Sheffield Utd.	10	3	1	1	10	6	0	2	4	5	13	8
Oldham	10	2	2	1	5	4	0	2	3	12	8	
Orient	10	2	1	1	9	9	0	2	4	3	7	7
Sunderland	10	1	2	2	5	6	0	3	2	5	10	7
Cardiff	9	1	3	1	6	7	0	2	2	8	7	
Bristol R.	10	1	3	1	6	5	0	1	4	5	12	6
Notts Co.	10	0	4	1	6	7	0	1	4	5	15	5
Burnley	10	1	2	2	4	5	0	0	5	3	16	4

### COMBINATION

Table of Results As at 11.10.77

	Q.P.R.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	11	7	2	2	22	7	16	
Tottenham H.	8	7	0	1	20	6	14	
Chelsea	10	5	3	2	23	10	13	
Fulham	10	4	4	2	15	9	12	
Hereford United	10	5	1	4	15	15	11	
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	
Arsenal	11	3	3	5	12	10	9	
Ipswich Town	8	3	3	2	12	10	9	
Norwich City	8	3	3	2	10	8	9	
West Ham	8	3	3	2	8	12	9	
Birmingham C.	7	2	4	1	13	9	8	
Crystal Palace	9	3	2	4	11	10	8	
Bristol Rovers	7	3	2	2	9	13	8	
Leicester City	10	4	0	6	10	17	8	
Swindon Town	9	3	2	4	10	19	8	
Oxford United	8	3	1	4	7	13	4	
Plymouth Argyle	8	2	0	6	7	13	4	
Reading	7	2	0	5	6	14	4	
Cardiff City	8	0	2	6	7	28	2	

### GOALSCORERS - League & League Cup 11.10.77 and including

J. Husband	6
S. Buckley	3
P. Boersma	3
R. Hill	2
R. F. Fitcher	2
P. Fucillo	2
D. Carr	2
G. Heale	2
P. Price	1
Own Goal	1

### Football Combination

G. Ingram	5
I. Heale	3
G. Bowen	2
K. Smith	2
P. Boersma	2
D. Carr	2
R. Hill	1
A. West	1

### Children Youth League & Cups

M. Pacey	9
G. Ingram	7
N. Johnson	6
A. Pearson	3
A. Currie	3
W. Turner	1
M. Beach	1
S. Rowland	1
R. Eaton	1
P. Champkan	1
M. Williams	1
T. Stewart	1

### Football Combination Fixtures

	24 Wed	24 Wed	5-1	Reading	10 Sat
Aug	3 Sat	5 Mon	P	Orient	Leicester City
Aug	10 Sat	1-2	1-1	Ipswich Town	Bristol City
Sept	13 Tues	1-1	1-1	Arsenal	Southampton
Sept	17 Sat	0-3	0-3	Chelsea	Oxford United
Sept	21 Wed	3-2	3-2	Hereford United	Leicester City
Sept	24 Sat	0-1	0-1	Bristol Rovers	Crystal Palace
Oct	1 Sat	1-4	1-4	Tottenham Hotspur	Queens Park Rangers
Oct	5 Wed	1-0	1-0	Crystal Palace	
Oct	8 Sat	1-1	1-1	Cardiff City	
Oct	15 Sat			Fulham	
Oct	22 Sat			Birmingham City	
Oct	29 Sat			Arsenal	
Nov	5 Sat			Norwich City	
Nov	12 Sat			Hereford United	
Nov	15 Tues			Reading	
Nov	19 Sat			Oxford United	
Nov	26 Sat			Plymouth Argyle	
Dec	3 Sat			Queens Park Rangers	

## OUR NEXT HOME GAME

v BIRMINGHAM  
Combination  
Sat. 22 October  
Kick-off: 3.00pm

v MAN. CITY  
League Cup 3rd round  
Tues. 25 October  
Kick-off: 7.30pm

v ARSENAL  
Combination  
Sat. 29 October  
Kick-off: 3.00pm

Result: Eastern Junior Cup  
Luton Town 4 (Ingram 2, Johnson, Stewart) Cambridge United 1



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## LUTON LATEST

### MORE BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

Birthday wishes to the following members:  
Barry Harp (16th) Paul Waterfield (18th)  
Stephen Catling (24th) Sonya Briggs (25th)  
Simon Avery (29th) Patrick Conway (31st)



### COMPETITION

The answers to our last competition were as follows: SCARLET, ROYAL BLUE, ROYAL GREEN, AND WHITE.

The first all correct entry picked out on Friday 7th October was from member 69, Gary Bedingfield, 56 Lowerfield, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, who receives two tickets for today's match.



### THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION IS:

CAN YOU NAME THE MANAGERS FROM THE FOLLOWING CLUBS?

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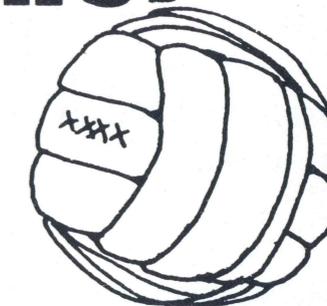
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- 10 PASQUALE FUCCILLO
- 11 PHIL BOERSMA
- 12



### FULHAM

- |                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| GERRY PEYTON     | 1  |
| RAY EVANS        | 2  |
| LES STRONG       | 3  |
| ERNIE HOWE       | 4  |
| JOHN LACY        | 5  |
| TONY GALE        | 6  |
| GEORGE BEST      | 7  |
| JOHN MARGERRISON | 8  |
| JOHN MITCHELL    | 9  |
| TONY MAHONEY     | 10 |
| JOHN EVANSON     | 11 |
|                  | 12 |

### SCORE BOARD

- Arsenal . . . . .
- Q.P.R. . . . .
- Aston Villa . . . . .
- Norwich . . . . .
- Ipswich . . . . .
- Birmingham . . . . .
- Leeds . . . . .
- Liverpool . . . . .
- Nottm. Forest . . . . .
- Manchester C. . . . .
- Bolton . . . . .
- Mansfield . . . . .
- Bristol R. . . . .
- Blackburn . . . . .
- Charlton . . . . .
- Tottenham . . . . .
- C. Palace . . . . .
- Southampton . . . . .
- Hull . . . . .
- Blackpool . . . . .
- Oldham . . . . .
- Notts C. . . . .
- Orient . . . . .
- Cardiff . . . . .
- Sheffield U. . . . .
- Burnley . . . . .
- Stoke . . . . .
- Brighton . . . . .
- Sunderland . . . . .
- Millwall . . . . .

### OFFICIALS

**Referee:** Mr. Brian Martin (Keyworth, Notts.) Started refereeing in Lancashire before moving to the Midlands in 1959 then graduated via the Midland and West Midland Regional Leagues to the Football League full list. Was a linesman for the Football League v. Scottish League match in 1972/73, also a U.E.F.A. Cup match — Spartak Moscow v. A.C. Milan in 1975. A married man, with two sons, he is a Group Personnel Manager. He is interested in tennis, cricket and all sports, generally. Is a past Chairman of the Nottingham Referees Society.

**Linesmen:** Red flag — Mr. D. H. Brazier (Northampton); Yellow flag — Mr. W. G. Cleere (High Wycombe).