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IT'S NICE TO BE BACK

AFTER PLAYING away in Lancashire for three of our last four games, it's nice to be back at Kenilworth Road again. Our search for league points at Blackpool and Bolton wasn't successful, so we're all determined to get back on the winning trail again today.

This column had to be written before we went to Maine Road for the cup-tie replay with Manchester City, but whatever the result was there we all know that the most important fight of all is to collect league points so that we can take on teams like Manchester City every week next season.

The cup-tie taste of life at the top has whet our appetites, and it was nice to hear Bolton manager Ian Greaves say after the game at Burnden Park that we were the best side to appear there this season.

The final result at Bolton must have been as big a disappointment to the supporters as it was to us after we had gone in at half-time with a one-goal lead.

I thought our lads played really well, and Bolton didn't look so much better than us. They were rocked back when Ronnie Futcher put us ahead early on, and for a long time it looked as though we would get at least one point, possibly two.

But Bolton fought back well, and once they had got cracking their crowd started to find its voice. We kept them quiet for a long time, but once the equaliser was scored the Bolton supporters got right behind their team and helped to lift them.

The boot's on the other foot for us today, and I would like you all to know that even if Luton Town are not thought of as one of the best-supported teams in the land, the whole staff does appreciate the backing it gets from those who do come.

The fact that we got no points at all from our trips to Lancashire is disappointing. But as I have said all along we have shown that we can play the sort of football that gives us a good chance of being somewhere up there with the leaders when the season ends.

Bolton were the best team we have met, and we weren't outclassed. They look as though they will get promotion, and on our form we could well go up with them.

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WELCOME

BRUCE BANNISTER Signed in the past close season, Bruce has returned 'home' to Yorkshire, after having seen service with Plymouth Argyle, Bristol Rovers and Bradford City. Has scored 144 League goals in his career.

EDWIN BLACKBURN Even though he did not appear with the First Team last season, this young goalkeeper has a great future in the game. A North-Easterner who was originally apprenticed to the Club. He is now in his fourth season as a contract player.

BILLY BREMNER Needs no introduction, as a former Leeds United and Scottish 'Star' is probably one of the most well known players still playing today. Has represented Scotland 54 times, with nearly 600 League appearances for Leeds United. Is Team Captain of Hull City.

STUART CROFT A North-Easterner, he is now in his third season as a regular central defender. Since his debut can always be relied upon for a consistent display in the back-four.

PETER DANIEL A local born player, who attracted the attention of other Clubs through his sound yet exciting display in the right-back position. Likes to move forward and uses his exceptional pace to great advantage. Represented England in the Under 21 Internationals last season.

ROGER deVRIES Another local born player, who played his first game with the 1st XI over seven years ago. Has now played almost 250 games for the Club and has proved himself to be a good, strong tackling defender.

IAN DOBSON A strong and tough-tackling Central Defender who made his debut in 1975/76 season. Local born, he scored his first League goals at Plymouth, when used up front in an attempt to end last season's goal famine.

CHRIS GALVIN Joined Hull City from Leeds United in 1973, and has a lot of skill to go with experience, but did not command a regular place last season and had a period 'on loan' with York City.

DAVE GIBSON A young North-Easterner who made a tremendous impact on his debut. An exciting midfield player who likes nothing better than going forward to join in an attack.

ALAN WARBOYS A tall, strong and experienced striker in the old mould. Previously saw service with Doncaster, Sheffield Wednesday, Cardiff City, Sheffield United, Bristol Rovers and Fulham. Renews former partnership with Bruce Bannister.



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VINCENT GRIMES Whilst born in Scunthorpe, he has progressed to the 1st XI, after playing as an amateur in the Junior and Reserve teams. Had a most unfortunate spell of injuries last season.

PAUL HAIGH A young Central-Defender who is in his third season as a contract player. He is certainly one for the future, which can be evidenced by the fact that he was selected for the England Youth Squad, and gained an Under 21 Cap in the close season tour of Scandinavia.

JOHN HAWLEY Another local born player, is a strong and adventurous striker who only signed terms last season, after being one of the few amateurs in League Football. Missed the last half of last season with a knee injury.

MALCOLM LORD A very experienced player who is also an F.A. Full Badge Coach, and a Member of the P.F.A. Executive. Has been with the Club twelve years. Another player who missed more than half of the season through injury.

GEORGE LYALL A midfield player who is skilful and an accurate passer of the ball, coupled with a hard shot. Joined the Club from Nottingham Forest, and is the joker of the team, and well known for his impersonations. Had the misfortune to suffer a double fracture of the leg last February.

ROBERT McDONALD Hull born, this tall and strong striker, signed contract terms with the Club during last season after serving his apprenticeship with the Club. Made his debut towards the end of last season.

GORDON NISBET Signed from West Bromwich Albion where he played in the full-back position, but has now been converted into a midfield player. Was a regular first teamer.

DAVE ROBERTS Club Captain and Welsh International, joined the Club from Oxford United after previously being with Fulham. Has proved to be a tower of strength in the back-four, and his all-round ability and knowledge of the game has proved an asset to the Club. Fought his way back from a back injury to play in the last few League games and in the Home Internationals.

DAVE STEWART A Northern Ireland Youth International. He is a skilful player who made his First Team debut whilst only 16.

DAVE SUNLEY A bargain buy from Sheffield Wednesday two Seasons ago. Is skilful and good in the air for his size. Shields and holds the ball well. Was much sought after by the big 1st Division Clubs a few seasons ago, and was joint leading scorer last season.

JEFF WEALANDS Has now played two whole seasons without missing a game, has now reached the 200 mark for the Club. Was born in Darlington, and signed by Hull City in 1972.

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Standing: (l to r) *D. Stewart, R. McDonald, V. Grimes, P. Daniel, D. Sunley, J. Wealands, E. Blackburn, G. Nisbet, J. Hawley, P. Haigh, I. Dobson,*
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TODAY WE welcome our visitors from Hull City under their new Manager Bobby Collins. Since Mr Collins took over Hull have enjoyed a good run being unbeaten in Cup and League until their reverse at the hands of Blackburn Rovers last Saturday. Our own record against Hull has been a good one in recent seasons and out of the last six encounters we have achieved four wins and one draw. After the disappointments at Blackpool and Bolton the lads will undoubtedly be particularly keen to return to their winning ways and we also hope to see a repeat of the fine standard of football that was demonstrated in the matches with Fulham and Manchester City.

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We also welcome today's Match Sponsors, Argos Catalogue Showrooms and their guests and we hope that they will enjoy their visit. Argos, who also sponsored a match last season, have recently opened their new showrooms in the Arndale Centre and we would like to take this opportunity to wish them every success in this new venture. The Luton showroom is the 62nd to be opened by the Company who aim to have 100 operational by 1980. There are more than 2000 different items offered in the colourful 200 page illustrated catalogue which forms the basis of the Argos selling system and every one of them is sold at a substantial discount. Argos' Joint Managing Director, Mr Tom McAuliffe, who lives in Harpenden is a member of the Luton Town Century Sporting Club and, in addition to being a keen supporter has been a generous contributor to our fund raising efforts.

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Our next home game v Stoke City is being sponsored by the Bletchley Bobbers Club and we inadvertantly mentioned in the Fulham programme that the Final of their Penalty Prize Competition would take place during the half time interval. In fact it will be held prior to the match commencing at approximately 2.30 so try to arrive in time to give the six finalists your encouragement!

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In quick succession we shall have matches sponsored by branches of the Luton Bobbers Stand and Supporters Club — first Chicksands and now Bletchley. The Parent Club, through its Chairman, Mr Len Hawkins, has now generously offered to help the Football Club to the tune of £10,000. This handsome donation will be used to pay the balance due to Chester Football Club and will enable us to virtually keep to the original terms agreed between the two clubs back in the summer of 1974. Chester was one of many creditors who generously gave the club every assistance during our financial troubles and it is gratifying to report that these kindnesses can now be repaid as a result of the actions of the Bobbers Club and all the other organisations and individuals who have the interests of the Football Club at heart.

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We would like to welcome to our playing staff two young men who have already gained for themselves hundreds of fans as a result of two excellent performances for our Combination side. Martin Sperrin and Brian Stein both twenty years of age were playing in Edgware Town's forward line where they were seen by members of our scouting and coaching staff. Impressions were very favourable and both were offered the chance to become full time professionals. Incidentally Martin's father, Billy Sperrin played for Brentford during the fifties and, wearing the same No. 10 shirt scored one of the two goals that beat Luton at Kenilworth Road on 13th October 1951 in a Division II match. That Brentford side, which included Ron Greenwood and Jimmy Hill, returned to Kenilworth Road four months later in the F.A. Cup and drew 2-2 both goals being scored by Sperrin Snr. The replay at Griffin Park ended 0-0 and the Town finally qualified for the 5th Round by winning 3-2 at Highbury. On this occasion the Brentford goals were scored by Dare and those for Luton by Taylor, Moore and Morton.

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Many Happy Returns to Mick Pacey who will be 17 on 8th November.

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We are pleased to announce that from today Juniors under the age of 15 will be admitted to the standing areas in the ground at half price i.e. Oak Road and Enclosure 65p Kenilworth Road Terrace 50p. We hope that this action will help more of our young supporters to attend regularly and we thank all who wrote to us on the subject for their views.

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A few days ago we received a letter from a Mr Pat Flood of Dallow Road enclosing the following cartoon which we are delighted to include in our programme. Mr Flood contributes to the Chrysler U.K. magazine on a regular basis and we have asked him to bear us in mind whenever he comes up with a football theme. Expecially if it is as good and as topical as this one.

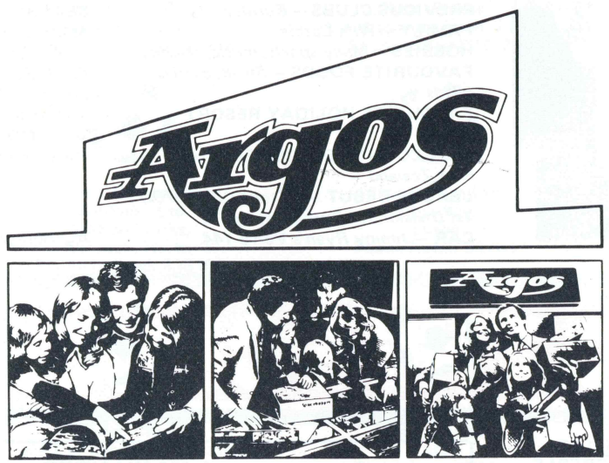


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PLAYER PROFILE



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HEIGHT – *5' 10"*
WEIGHT – *12st*
BIRTHPLACE – *Hyde, Cheshire*
BIRTHDAY – *18 December*
STAR SIGN – *Sagitarius*
SIGNED AS PRO – *1970*
PREVIOUS CLUBS – *Burnley*
FAMILY – *Wife Cathie*
HOBBIES – *Many sports, music, reading*
FAVOURITE FOODS – *Steak, curries, salads*
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT – *Hawaii*
BEST COUNTRIES VISITED – *USA, New Zealand*
LEAGUE DEBUT – *v Stoke City 1970/71 1st Division for Burnley at age 18*
CAR – *Jimmy Ryan's Volvo 144*

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH PLAYED IN – *England Under 23 v. Wales at Swindon 1971. Score 2-0, Scorers MacDonald, Channon*
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND – *Charlton Athletic*
BEST TEAM PLAYED AGAINST THIS SEASON – *Manchester City*
MAIN INTEREST OUTSIDE FOOTBALL – *Membership of Elim Pentecostal Church, Castle St. Luton, where Cathy and I would welcome the chance to meet new friends on Sunday evenings.*
AMBITION – *To score another goal at Kenilworth Road before I retire.*

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LAST HOME MATCH ACTION...

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THE FOOTBALL League Cup visit of Manchester City gave us a chance to see how our present team compares with one of the best sides in the First Division.

And we didn't suffer by the comparison, and could easily have won. Above all, it was a night of high entertainment value, with the Town more than matching City in ideas and quick build-up.

City manager Tony Book was generous in his praise of the way we had played the game, and admitted that he was relieved to have a second chance in the tie.

Our pictures help to explain why: City's goal came under attack far more often than ours, and goalkeeper Joe Corrigan had to earn his pay packet. Top left is the moment that set the home fans roaring: Ron Futcher blasts in the shot that even Joe Corrigan couldn't reach and we were one up after 50 minutes.

Below, City players register their disgust: Paul Power holds his head after seeing his mistake punished so ruthlessly and Dave Watson stares hard at the nasty sight of the ball in the net behind Corrigan.

On the right, it's a Corrigan v Futcher duel again as the big goalkeeper spreads himself at Ron's feet, with Tommy Booth trying to get back to cover.

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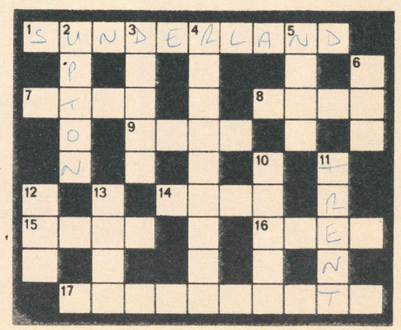
1 Ex-Wolves Under-23 International, now with Arsenal (10)
7 See 6dn.
8 "At half-time the interval shall not exceed ... minutes" (Law VII) (4)
9 Erich ... (Hertha Berlin & West Germany) (4).
14 Famous scoring winger for Italy who recently had to finally retire because of recurring injuries (4).
15 Former Spurs, Southampton, QPR and Millwall man (4).
16 Villa striker Keith Leonard had to retire because of an injured one (4)
17 Ex-Swindon striker, a close-season mover to Mansfield (4, 6).

CLUES – Down

2 West Ham's whereabouts is in ... Park (5).
3 The only club in Divisions One, Two or Three without a League away win last season (5)
4 Nickname of the club in the answer to 1ac (9).
5 ... Davids, Swansea's pre-season signing from Norwich (4).
6 & 7ac Paris club (3,4).
10 Schoolboy International with Scotland, full International with England (5).
11 Notts County used to play at ... Bridge (5)
12 The country 10dn's brother played for (1,1,1)
13 Caribbean country eliminated from the next World Cup after a play-off with Haiti (4).

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD No. 7

Across - 1. Matthewson 7. McKenzie (Everton) 9. Top 10. Geels 14. Guy 15. Scissors 17. Brian James **Down** - 2. See 6dn 3. Tom 4. Wheeler 5. Onze 6 & 2dn. Ken Aston 8. Chelsea 11. Hulme 12. PSV 13. Pier 16. SFA



ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

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

ONE OF those "shooting stars" of success burst upon the soccer scene in Luton ten years ago – a player who appeared from nowhere, made an immediate impact, and then gently vanished into obscurity again within a few months.

His name was John Ryan, a winger from non-league Wigan, not the full-back who came from Fulham later and now plays for Norwich.

Town boss Allan Brown had been manager at Wigan, and in October 1967 went back to his old club and bought the 22-year-old right winger as a replacement for the injured Graham French. The transfer fee was minimal – £750 was the usual figure mentioned – but Ryan had a dream debut.

He played his first ever league match at Exeter. Trains were disrupted by industrial action and the Town made the long trip by coach. It was before the M4 was built, and the trip took eight hours.

But Ryan had the game of a lifetime as the Town crushed Exeter 5-0, their best away win for 12 years. Ryan and Keith Allen laid on the first goal for Ray Whittaker in the 15th minute. Alan Slough blasted the second after 55 minutes from a pass by Ryan, and in the 63rd minute Ryan made the third goal, for Keith Allen.

Allen made it 4-0 in the 77th minute and Ian Buxton got the fifth ten minutes from time.

The result rekindled enthusiasm in Luton, and the following Wednesday night nearly 14,000 turned up on a filthy wet evening to see the Town take on Doncaster Rovers.

And for the second consecutive match the Town ran riot with five goals. It was 5-1 at half-time, and the players were given an ovation as they walked off.

A Rioch pass put Buxton through for the opening goal after five minutes, and within 60 seconds Slough steamed through from midfield to hammer the second. Buxton got the third in the 13th minute from a pass by John Moore, Allen headed in a free kick by Ray Whittaker in the 18th minute, Watson replied for Doncaster and Rioch smacked in the Town's fifth.

The second half was anti-climax, with the Town easing off, and Warboys and Kelly made the final result 5-3 with goals in the last 12 minutes.

The supporters, of course, were highly delighted with life, and so were Town officials. Gates were averaging above 10,000, double the previous year's, and with the season a quarter of the way gone season ticket sales suddenly spurted. Best stand seats went on sale at the knock-down price of six guineas for the rest of the season – £6.30 to all you lucky people too young to remember guineas. It was a reduction of one guinea on the pre-season price, although it may be worth remembering that at the time local busmen were alternately striking and working to rule to try to raise their wages to £20 a week.

But ten years ago today, the fans' delight had been well and truly dampened. On October 28 1967 the Town were at home to Darlington, knowing that victory would put them on top of the Fourth Division. The gate was 9,415 and in sheeting rain the match was abandoned after only seven minutes, leaving some of the fans – could they have been busmen? – complaining with the proverbial "We was robbed".

YOUTH

By George Rogers

LUTON YOUTH played their Chiltern Youth League fixture v. Bedford Youth under lights at Bedford last Wednesday 26th. October. With the F.A. Youth Cup game pending v. Orient and all the Youth players available, Danny Bergara picked one of his strongest sides. Luton won by 6 goals to nil thereby remaining in top spot in the Chiltern Premier League. The game was a triumph for Godfrey Ingram who scored 4 of the goals. Other scorers being Alan Pearson and W. Turner.

On Tuesday evening 8th. November, the Youth team start on their quest for the Football Association Youth Cup when they visit Orient, K.O. 7.30 p.m. We wish them well. If a replay is necessary, it will take place at Kenilworth Road on Thursday evening 10th. November, K.O. 7.30 p.m.

During the last week in October, 120 boys came to the ground for trials. These occured during the schools' half term holidays and took place every day of the week. This included a side from the Newmarket area and a Beds County XI. A number of boys from these trials will be invited to either take part in a Youth game, or, in the case of the younger boys, to come along for coaching. I am sure the boys taking part appreciate the work put in by the Coaches giving all boys the chance to make the grade.

On Monday November 7th. the Directors have allowed the ground to be used for the English Schools divisional trials. These trials serve as a preliminary to the full trials for the England Schoolboy team. The teams taking part are Division K, incorporating boys from Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Herts., versus Division H, incorporating boys from Cambridgeshire, Leicestershire and Northants. England Schoolboy selectors will be in attendance and they will recommend boys for inclusion in the South trial held later – around Christmas. Why don't you come along and see if you can spot a future England star? K.O. is at 7.30 p.m.

KNOW YOUR YOUTH PLAYER



This week we focus on Godfrey Ingram. Godfrey was born in Luton and was 18 on the 26th. October. He came on the local football scene playing in the schools and Dynamos Boys Club, and attended Northfields School. His ability to score goals put him on the road to success, being the leading goalscorer in the 4 years he was playing in the Chiltern Youth League. Played for England schoolboys at home and abroad during the 1973/4 season and recently played for England Youth in a tournament in the Canary Islands. Signed as an apprentice in July 1976 and a full professional this year. His outside interests are Radio controlled boats and Sports Cars.

COMBINATION



THE DAVID PLEAT PAGE

THERE HAS been a great deal of criticism of coaches in recent years because they have been held responsible for coining the phrase "work-rate". Critics have seized the opportunity to suggest that the importance of skill has been neglected whilst the value of work-rate has been overstressed. Work-rate is not just a question of running all over the pitch chasing everyone in sight.

It is the ability to know when and where to run, when and where to quicken the pace and, most important, being prepared to run unselfishly. For example, no coach should expect one of his front players to be continually chasing opponents back into his own penalty area. He would expect him to retain his maximum energies for making runs up front to be in good positions to receive the ball from his colleagues. Front runners must also understand where to run to contain the opposing defence and to delay them playing balls through. This gives their midfield and defence time to close down and mark players. Midfielders and defenders have their responsibilities too. They must support their own players when they have possession and when they lose possession. If full backs can benefit the team by getting into forward positions they should be encouraged to do so. Some full backs are urged to go forward but are obviously ill at ease in possession and do not use the ball advantageously. This is not economical running. You must always play the percentages when working with a team.

Jimmy Greaves was discussing the progress of Brighton's Alan Ward in a recent radio interview. The interviewer questioned Greaves about Ward's work-rate and I am sure that the radio crew had to delete a couple of words in Jimmy's response. If a forward is scoring goals and is aware of his responsibilities to his team then it is pointless to put doubts in people's minds by discussing his work-rate. The difference between a forward up the field scoring goals and doing all his good work in the opponent's half and a forward who is basically a lazy player is surely not that subtle. Forget work-rate. We look for skill harnessed to team work, for players who appreciate that to reach the top in any sphere you have to work hard. In football this means the willingness to run unselfishly at the right time to help your colleagues. Remember that basically you only get out of the game what you put into it.

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MALCOLM ALLISON has just written a series of articles in the 'Daily Express' giving his views on some aspects of the game in this country today. Not surprisingly most of his observations were critical and some I felt were unjust. Make no mistake Allison is a top coach. He is a thinking coach who is always looking for new ideas and he makes sense when coaching.

In his articles he was critical of several top managers in the game (thats not cricket) and of the abilities of coaches in this country. As a manager he was responsible for one or two strange stunts (we never have nudes in our bath at Kenilworth Road) and always provided good copy for the media so his comments on the managerial scene were not surprising. But what does he know about other British coaches? The only time he meets them to discuss ideas and to study their methods is at Lilleshall each summer. This course can only be attended by about fifty coaches and there are 92 League Clubs with two or more coaches per club. So he is only meeting a small section of the coaching fraternity. When does he see the others and how can he assess coaching standards in two weeks. He is trying to say that standards are down in this country because of "slow-coaches". He forgets the players' dedication (or lack of it), problems of our environment, the system of play, play, play and win, win, win, as opposed to practice, practice, practice. There are many reasons why we have lost that edge to compete and win at top international level.

Part of the successful coach's formula is man management. You may be giving a player the right advice but are you telling him in the most suitable manner? Will he respect you or fear you? Do you encourage youngsters in the right way? Do you become over involved with tactics or overstress the importance of winning to the young players? If Malcolm Allison were to attach himself to a club for even a short time he could find out these things about any of the coaching staff. You cannot sit back and pass judgement whilst hopping back and forth from Turkey.

There are good and bad in every profession — some who are lucky and others who are unlucky. You cannot be categorical about coaches unless you are amongst them, know the material they are working with and the conditions at the individual clubs.

One could be excused for thinking that the 'big fellow' was talking out of the top of his fedora!

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DAVID PLEAT'S QUIZ BALL No. 6

1. **What have John Neal and Gordon Lee in common apart from being 1st Division Managers. Two answers required.**
2. **Name the third man. Blanchflower, Norman, Bremner, , Hunter.**
3. **Name (a) An Argentinian playing for St. Etienne (b) A Dutchman playing for Barcelona (c) An Englishman playing for S.V. Hamburg.**

ANSWERS TO QUIZ BALL No. 4.

1. **(a) Brazil (b) Germany (c) Spain (d) Czechoslovakia, all goalkeepers.**
2. **(a) Len Shackleton (b) John Charles.**
3. **(a) Ray & Graham (b) Eddie & Frank (c) Ivor & Len.**

ANSWERS TO QUIZ BALL No. 5.

1. **(a) Mansfield Town (b) Burnley (c) Orient.**
2. **(a) Brian Douglas (b) Blackburn Rovers**
3. **Peterborough United.**

QUIZ VOUCHER NO.6

COMBINATION REPORT

Oct 22nd. Luton Town 1 Birmingham City 1
Scorer for Luton D. Carr (71 Minutes).
Team Knight, Currie, Harriott, Smith, Jones, Sisman, Turner, Carr, Ingram, Sperrin, Stein. Sub. Johnson.

DESPITE averaging a point a game and occupying a mid-table position in the Football Combination our lads seem to experience great difficulty in winning their home games and their only outright success came on September 5th when Ipswich, one of the strongest sides in the competition were defeated 3-1. This was the only occasion when we managed more than one goal at home despite the fact that during the six games to date we have seen some very intelligent and patient build-ups. The finishing touch is all that has been lacking (where have we heard that before?) and against Birmingham the introduction of our two new signings from Edgware Town, Martin Sperrin and Brian Stein gave us considerable encouragement for the future. Admittedly it took a very good goal from David Carr to salvage a point but the form of both new boys was most impressive. Martin demonstrated his striking ability early on when he converted Brian's excellent pass only to discover that the latter had been adjudged fractionally offside earlier in the move. Later in the game it was Brian's turn to come within inches of scoring on his debut when he hit the post. Considering that both lads had joined us only two days prior to the match and neither has had the benefit of full time training they look to be very good prospects indeed, and they and the rest of the team enjoyed an enthusiastic ovation at the end of the match.

Oct 29th Luton Town 2 Arsenal 3.
Scorer for Luton Sperrin 2.
Team Knight, Currie, Carr, Smith, Harriott, Jones, Sperrin, Sisman, Ingram, Driver, Stein. Sub. Eaton for Currie (60 minutes).

A WELL above average crowd of some 800 enjoyed another excellent Combination game at Kenilworth Road and although an Arsenal team featuring Willie Young and Matthews proved just too strong for the young Hatters side, the result was in doubt until the final whistle. In fact it was Luton who took an early lead when Sperrin deflected a shot by Philip Driver through the legs of the visiting keeper. Shortly afterwards a typical Ingram run almost increased the lead when his powerful shot from the edge of the area beat the keeper but passed just the wrong side of the post. The one goal advantage proved inadequate and the visitors took the lead on the half hour with two goals in two minutes from their powerful No. 9 Goldthorpe. In the second half Arsenal increased their lead when Young headed in from a corner and the result seemed beyond doubt. However, Sperrin's second goal put new heart into the home side who pressed hard in the final stages for the equaliser, coming close to their objective on several occasions, and the match ended with the visitors hanging on grimly to their narrow advantage.

FACTS & FIGURES - 1977-78

Bold figures indicate scorers	Attendance	F A	ALEKSIC	JONES	BUCKLEY	CARR	FAULKNER	FUTCHER P.	HUSBAND	SMITH	BOERSMA	FUCCILLO	ASTON	HILL	McNICHOL	PRICE	FUTCHER R.	WEST	HEALE		
Aug 20 **Orient**	8,061	1-0	1	2	3-1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12							
Aug 27 Oldham Athletic	7,579	0-1	1	12	3	4	5	6	7			10	11	8		2		9			
Aug 30 Wolves (LC2)	14,682	3-1	1		3	12-1	5		7-1		9-1	4		8	6	2	11	10			
Sept 3 **Charlton Athletic**	9,061	7-1	1		3-1	12	5	6	7-4		4	4		8-1		2	9	10	11-1		
Sept 10 Bristol Rovers	5,940	2-1	1		3-1	12	5	6	7		11-1	4		8		2	9	10			
Sept 17 **Blackburn Rovers**	9,149	0-0	1		3	4	5	6	7	12	11	10		8		2	9				
Sept 24 Tottenham	32,700	0-2	1	12	3	4	5	6	7		11	10		8		2	9				
Sept 27 Brighton	25,132	2-3	1	12	3	4	5	6	7-1		11	10		8		2	9-1				
Oct 1 **Notts County**	7,593	2-0	1		3	12	5	6	7		11-1	10-1		8		2	9	4			
Oct 4 **Millwall**	9,119	1-0	1		3	12	5	6	7		11	10		8		2-1	9	4			
Oct 8 Cardiff City	8,369	4-1	1		3	12	5	6			11	10-1		8-1		2	9-1	4	7		
Oct 15 **Fulham**	12,736	1-0	1		3		5-1	6	7		11	10		8		2	9	4	12		
Oct 22 Blackpool	12,167	1-2	1		3		5	6	7-1		11	10		8		2	9	4	12		
Oct 25 **Man. City (LC3)**	16,443	1-1	1		3		5	6	7			10		8	12	2	9-1	4	11		
Oct 29 Bolton Wanderers	20,113	1-2	1		3		5	6	7			10		8	12	2	9-1	4	11		
Nov 1 Man. City (LC3R)	28,254	0-0	1	12	3		5	6	7			10		8		2	9	4	11		
Nov 5 **Hull City**																					
Nov 8 Man. City (LC3R2)																					
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**																					
Jan 2 Orient																					
Jan 7 F.A. Cup 3																					
Jan 14 **Oldham Athletic**																					
Jan 18 League Cup 5																					
Jan 21 Charlton Athletic																					
Jan 28 F.A. Cup 4																					
Feb 4 **Bristol Rovers**																					
Feb 8 League Cup SF																					
Feb 11 Blackburn Rovers																					
Feb 15 League Cup SF																					
Feb 18 **Tottenham** (5)																					
Feb 25 Notts County																					
Mar 4 **Cardiff City**																					
Mar 11 Fulham (6)																					
Mar 18 **Blackpool** (LCF)																					
Mar 21 **Bolton Wanderers**																					
Mar 25 Sheffield United																					
Mar 27 **Crystal Palace**																					
Apr 1 Hull City																					
Apr 8 **Sunderland** (SF)																					
Apr 15 Stoke City																					
Apr 22 **Southampton**																					
Apr 26 Millwall																					
Apr 29 Burnley																					
May 6 F.A. Cup Final																					

TEAM MASCOT

TODAY'S mascot is Andrew McAuliffe of 15, Falconers Field, Harpenden. Andrew is twelve years old and is captain and centre forward of the Aldwickbury School Football Team. Not surprisingly, therefore, his favourite player is our No. 9 Ron Futcher.

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DIVISION TWO

Table of Results — As at 3.11.77

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	13	6	1	0	14	6	3	2	1	8	5	21
Tottenham	13	6	0	0	23	4	2	3	2	7	8	19
Brighton	13	5	1	1	16	9	2	2	2	8	7	17
Blackpool	13	4	1	1	12	6	3	2	2	10	9	17
Southampton	13	5	2	0	13	5	2	1	3	7	10	17
Blackburn	13	4	1	1	9	4	2	3	2	7	9	16
Luton	**13**	**5**	**1**	**0**	**12**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**5**	**10**	**12**	**15**
Crystal Palace	13	2	2	3	11	11	3	2	1	10	5	14
Charlton	12	5	0	0	16	7	0	4	3	6	15	14
Stoke	13	4	1	2	9	6	0	4	2	4	6	13
Sunderland	13	3	2	2	10	7	1	3	2	7	11	13
Sheffield Utd.	13	5	1	1	14	8	0	2	4	6	14	13
Hull	13	3	2	2	7	3	1	2	3	4	7	12
Orient	13	3	2	1	11	10	1	2	4	5	8	12
Fulham	13	2	3	1	12	6	1	1	5	5	11	10
Millwall	13	1	4	1	6	6	1	2	4	5	8	10
Oldham	13	3	2	1	7	5	0	2	5	6	16	10
Mansfield	13	2	2	3	10	10	1	1	4	5	10	9
Notts Co.	13	1	4	1	8	7	1	1	5	9	18	9
Cardiff	12	2	3	1	7	7	0	2	4	3	14	9
Bristol R.	13	2	4	1	10	6	0	1	5	5	21	9
Burnley	13	1	3	3	5	7	0	0	6	4	18	5

COMBINATION

Table of Results — As at 3.11.77

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	12	9	0	3	29	15	18
Q.P.R.	14	7	4	3	23	9	18
Chelsea	13	7	3	3	29	11	17
Tottenham H.	13	6	4	3	27	14	16
Fulham	12	5	5	2	20	11	15
West Ham	12	6	2	4	23	14	14
Arsenal	14	5	4	5	17	13	14
Hereford U.	15	6	2	7	23	26	14
Ipswich Town	10	5	3	2	20	8	13
Norwich City	12	5	3	4	11	15	13
Leicester City	14	6	1	7	13	18	13
Crystal Palace	11	5	2	4	16	12	12
Bristol City	12	4	4	4	16	16	12
Birmingham C.	12	2	8	2	12	13	12
Luton Town	**14**	**4**	**4**	**6**	**20**	**24**	**12**
Plymouth Argyle	11	5	0	6	15	14	10
Bristol Rovers	9	4	2	3	12	17	10
Swindon Town	12	4	2	6	13	25	10
Orient	11	3	3	5	9	16	9
Oxford United	14	2	3	9	11	25	7
Reading	11	3	0	8	10	31	6
Cardiff City	10	0	3	7	9	31	3

GOALSCORERS —

League/Cup	
J. Husband	7
R. Futcher	4
S. Buckley	3
P. Boersma	3
R. Hill	2
P. Fuccillo	2
D. Carr	1
G. Heale	1
P. Price	1
J. Faulkner	1
Football Combination	
G. Ingram	5
G. Heale	3
K. Bowen	2
T. Smith	2
P. Boersma	2
D. Carr	2
M. Sperrin	2
R. Hill	1
A. West	1
Chiltern Youth League/Cups	
M. Pacey	12
G. Ingram	11
N. Johnson	6
A. Pearson	4
W. Turner	2
A. Currie	1
M. Beach	1
S. Rowland	1
R. Eaton	1
P. Champkan	1
M. Williams	1
T. Stewart	1
S. Dool	1

Football Combination Fixtures

Aug	24 Wed	5-1	Reading	Dec	10 Sat	**Leicester City**
Aug	27 Sat	1-1	**West Ham United**	Dec	17 Sat	Bristol City
				Dec	26 Mon	**Southampton**
Sept	3 Sat	P	Orient			
Sept	5 Mon	3-1	**Ipswich Town**	Jan	2 Mon	Ipswich Town
Sept	10 Sat	1-2	**Swindon Town**	Jan	14 Sat	West Ham United
Sept	13 Tues	1-1	Arsenal	Jan	21 Sat	**Orient**
Sept	17 Sat	0-3	Chelsea			
Sept	21 Wed	3-2	Hereford United	Feb	4 Sat	Swindon Town
Sept	24 Sat	0-1	**Bristol Rovers**	Feb	11 Sat	**Chelsea**
				Feb	14 Tues	Bristol Rovers
Oct	1 Sat	1-4	Tottenham Hotspur	Feb	25 Sat	**Tottenham Hotspur**
Oct	5 Wed	1-0	Crystal Palace			
Oct	8 Sat	1-1	**Cardiff City**	Mar	4 Sat	Cardiff City
Oct	15 Sat	0-3	Fulham	Mar	11 Sat	**Fulham**
Oct	22 Sat	1-1	**Birmingham City**	Mar	18 Sat	Birmingham City
Oct	29 Sat	2-3	**Arsenal**	Mar	25 Sat	**Bristol City**
Nov	5 Sat		Norwich City	April	1 Sat	**Norwich City**
Nov	12 Sat		**Hereford United**	April	8 Sat	Plymouth Argyle
Nov	15 Tues		**Reading**	April	11 Tues	Southampton
Nov	19 Sat		Oxford United	April	15 Sat	**Oxford United**
Nov	26 Sat		**Plymouth Argyle**	April	22 Sat	Leicester City
				April	25 Tues	**Crystal Palace**
Dec	3 Sat		Queens Park Rangers	April	29 Sat	**Queens Park Rangers**

Result: Chiltern Premier League
Luton Town 6 (Ingram 4, Pearson (pen), Turner) Bedford Town 0

OUR NEXT HOME GAME

v HEREFORD
Combination
Sat. 12 November
Kick-off: 3.00 pm

v READING
Combination
Tues. 15th November
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LUTON LATEST

BIRTHDAYS

MANY HAPPY Returns of the day to the following members.

Raymond Cordwell (8th), Paul Fleet (15th), John Collings (17th), and Howard Southey (17th).

The four members will be receiving an autographed photograph of their favourite player.

COMPETITION

The answers to our last competition were as follows:

(a) Bristol City — Alan Dicks.
(b) Bolton Wanderers — Ian Greaves.
(c) Bury — Bobby Smith.
(d) Brentford — Bill Dodgin.

The first all correct entry picked out on Friday 21st October was from member 64, Ian Dryden, from Rectory Lane, Walgrave, Northampton, who receives two tickets for today's match.

THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION IS:

Name the clubs of the following players:

Norman Hunter
John Pratt
Willie Morgan
Keith Mercer

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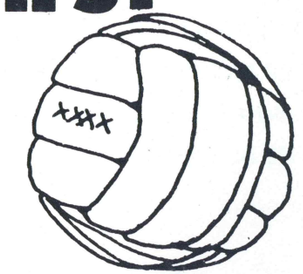
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PAUL HAIGH	6
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VINCE GRIMES	8
ALAN WARBOYS	9
BRUCE BANNISTER	10
DAVE STEWART	11
SUNLEY	12

OFFICIALS

Referee: Mr. Thomas Bune G.O.P. (Billingshurst, Sussex). Began refereeing whilst at school then via local, Spartan and Isthmian Leagues to Football League line in 1968 and subsequently to full list. Refereed England v. Scotland Amateur International (1974), and Oxford v. Cambridge at Wembley in 1972, linesman in European Nations Cup match (1975) and reserve official for the Sunderland v. Leeds F.A. Cup Final in 1973. Married, has two boys and is a Computer Salesman. Helps to run a local boys football team and likes village cricket, swimming, squash and tennis.

Linesmen: G. Gordon – Red Flag, J. Healey – Yellow Flag

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Orient
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Tottenham
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