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# DAVID PLEAT

AFTER OUR six-goal start to the season a fortnight ago I suppose a lot of our supporters will have been disappointed at the two defeats that followed in the Second Division games at Crystal Palace and Newcastle.

So was I — but I was not thrown into fits of depression. Two away games out of the first three can be a difficult start at the best of times, and I was not exactly overjoyed when the fixture lists came out and I saw what our first two were.

It takes time for new players to settle in, and on top of that I felt that Palace and Newcastle were among the better teams in the Second Division. I fancy they will both be near the top of the table this season.

At Palace we were second best, but I felt we showed a lot of improvement at St. James's Park. Again there was a tremendous atmosphere in the ground, with 24,000 getting behind the home



team — when the goal went in I almost had the feeling that the crowd had blown it into the net.

Obviously we would be more pleased if we had picked up a point or two on our travels, but the experience of those two away games can be turned to our advantage. Younger players who have never had to perform at this level are getting used to the sort of atmosphere that has to be met in some away games, and there were signs at Newcastle that we were getting our game together better.

I felt that Newcastle were a pretty good side, and that their crowds' enthusiasm will carry them through home games.

I'd love to see the same sort of thing at Kenilworth Road, and we appreciate that what you want most is to see us produce the right sort of football for you.

No-One will need reminding about the last time Charlton came here, just a year ago. We put seven past them that day, but I don't think that will have any bearing on today's match.

I was most impressed on that occasion by the dignity that Andy Nelson showed in defeat. He was impassive as our goals went in, and after the game he obviously realised just what was wrong, and set about putting things right.

He did it well and I have no doubt we are in for a hard match today. And even if we don't hit seven goals again, I hope we contribute to plenty of entertainment and excitement.

# Charlton Athletic

**Les BERRY.** London born. 6' 2" 12st. Defender. Signed for Charlton Athletic in January, 1974, and made League debut in October, 1975. Has since become regular first team member, making 40(1) league appearances last season scoring 2 goals.

**Terry BRISLEY.** London born. 5' 6" 10 st. 6½lbs. Forward. Signed for the club in January, 1978, from Millwall. Previously with Orient 1967/75. Made league debut v. Luton Town 21.1.78 for Charlton.

**Tony BURMAN.** London born. 5' 9" 10st. 9lbs. Midfield/Striker. Signed for Charlton in August, 1976, had been an apprentice at Queen's Park Rangers. Made league debut v. Millwall at the Den in December, 1976, when he scored in closing minutes. Made 5 appearances last season.

**David CAMPBELL.** Edinburgh born. 6' 1" 11st. 8lbs. Defender. Associated Schoolboy with the Club from November, 1973, and was first Associated Schoolboy to appear in the first team for Charlton. Signed full contract in June, 1977, and is currently a student at London University. Has represented Anglo Scots in match v. Home Scots in November, 1976. Made 13(3) appearances last season scoring 1 goal.

**Alan DUGDALE.** Liverpool born. 5' 8" 12st. 6½lbs. Signed for Charlton in October, 1977, from Coventry City with which club he had been from apprentice since 1968. Made debut v. Crystal Palace 29.10.77. Defender.

**Mike FLANAGAN.** Ilford born. 5' 10" 12st. Striker. Signed for



Charlton Athletic in August, 1971, after playing for Tottenham Hotspur as amateur. Selected to play in England B side v. West Germany in February, 1978. Ever-present 1976/77. Scored 4 goals v. Notts Co. 19.9.72, and hat-tricks v. Chelsea 11.4.77, and Tottenham Hotspur 15.10.77. Made 32 league appearances last season scoring 16 goals.

**Stephen GRITT.** Bournemouth born. 5' 10" 10st. 9lbs. Striker/Midfield. Signed for the club in August, 1977 after a month's trial. Was previously with Bournemouth for whom he made 6 appearances.

**Derek HALES.** Born Lower Halstow, Kent. Rejoined Charlton in July, 1978, from West Ham for whom he made 23 appearances scoring 10 goals. Joined Derby Co. in December, 1976, and made 22 appearances scoring 7 goals. Was with Luton Town before he joined Charlton originally in July, 1973. His tally of goals includes 4 hat-tricks, v. Halifax 18.3.75. Fulham 17.2.76. Luton Town 10.9.76. and Hull 9.10.76.

**Lawrie MADDEN.** London born. 6' 12st. 6lbs. Defender. Signed Charlton in December, 1977, becoming League player in March, 1978. Made league debut v. Sheffield United 15.4.78. Previously with Arsenal 1971/72 and Mansfield Town as amateur.

**Willy O'SULLIVAN.** London born. 5' 7" 9st. 4lbs. Striker. Signed Associated Schoolboy for the club in February, 1975, then became apprentice in April, 1976. Made league debut as substitute in match v. Hereford U. 25.2.77. at The Valley, and full appearance

v. Notts Co. 10.12.77.

**Keith PEACOCK.** Born Barnehurst, Kent. 5' 6½" 10st. 13lbs. Midfield player. Signed professional for the club in July, 1962, having been an amateur for a year. Was the first-ever substitute in League football when he came on in the match against Bolton Wanderers 21.8.65. Made 40 league appearances last season scoring 6 goals.

**Mark PENFOLD.** London born. 5' 7" 10st. 6lbs. Defender. Signed apprentice with the Club in May, 1972, and full professional in April, 1974. Became the youngest-ever player to appear for Charlton in August, 1973, at the age of 16. Made 7 league appearances last season.

**Martin ROBINSON.** Ilford born. 5' 8" 11st. 5½lbs. Striker. Joined Charlton from Tottenham Hotspur in February, 1978, and scored in League debut v. Bristol Rovers 25.2.78.

**Peter SHAW.** Northolt born. 6' 2" 14st. Defender. Joined Charlton in December, 1977, from Staines Town. Played against Charlton Athletic in F.A. Youth Cup in October, 1973, when representing Viking Sports. Made league debut at Stoke C. 26.12.77.

**Dave SHIPPERLEY.** Born Hillingdon. 6' 3" 14st. 7lbs. Defender. Rejoined Charlton in February, 1978, from Gillingham which he joined in May, 1974. Made league re-debut for Charlton in February, 1978, v. Bristol Rovers. Made 16 league appearances last season scoring 3 goals.

**Dick TYDEMAN.** Born Gillingham. 6' 1½" 12st 11lbs. Midfield player. Signed for the club in December, 1976, having been with Gillingham as an apprentice and professional making 280 league appearances for them. Made 37 league appearances last season scoring 2 goals.

**Phil WARMAN.** Born Downham, Kent. 5' 7" 11st 2lbs. Defender. Signed professional for the club in March, 1968, having been an amateur since 1966. Began career as winger. Represented England in Amateur Youth International. Has been granted a testimonial this season. Made 37 league appearances last season scoring 2 goals.

**Jeff WOOD.** London born. 6' 1" 10st. 9lbs. Goalkeeper. Signed for Charlton from Harlow Town in November, 1975. Has been ever-present since league debut in February, 1976.

**Steve CHALK.** Born Southampton. 6' 2" 12st 7lbs. Goalkeeper. Signed for Charlton Athletic in July, 1978, from Bournemouth for whom he had made 11 league appearances.

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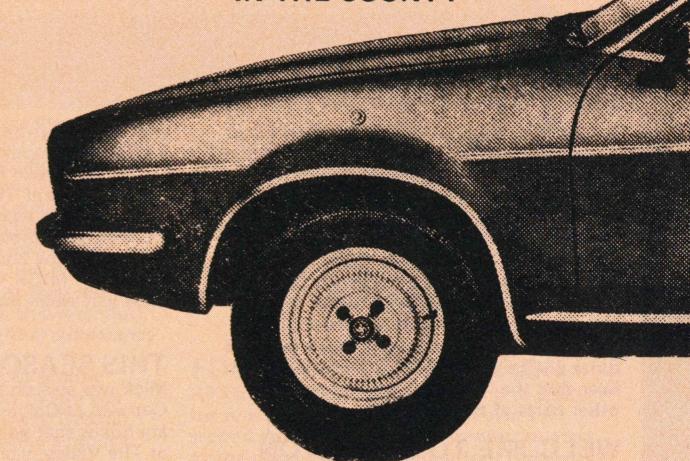
Back row: Dugdale, Campbell, Powell, Gritt, Madden, Burman.

Middle row: A. Nelson (Manager), Tydeman, Shipperley, Wood, Chalk, Berry, Shaw, H. Cripps (Assistant Manager)

Front row: Penfold, Warman, Hales, Peacock, Brisley, Robinson, Flanagan.

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NOW THAT the interest in the World Cup is cooling down as far as other countries are concerned, it is refreshing to know that world wide interest in British soccer is far greater than many people realise. Luton Town supporters may not be aware of it, but it is a fact that British League football has innumerable fans in Norway. A copy of "Tips", a Norwegian sports paper recently arrived in the office and as well as a lot of English soccer news, Luton Town received quite a large write up. It is encouraging to hear that the "Hatters" are known of in other parts of the world.

## WELCOME TO CHARLTON ATHLETIC

For our second home league game this season we have pleasure in welcoming the Directors, Manager, Players, Officials and Supporters from Charlton Athletic F.C.

Charlton Athletic have had a few ups and downs in the football world since their unpreceded run in the 30's when in successive seasons they topped Division Three (South), Division Two and were then runners-up in Division One. This was in the early days of that great goalkeeper, now a very able journalist, SAM BARTRAM.

Sam was still with them after the war when they won the second post-war F.A. Cup, beating Burnley 1-0 in 1947. It was soon after this that TED CROKER, now secretary of the Football Association was in their side as they hung on to First Division status until 1957.

They had several near misses before going down to Division Three in 1972, but they bounced back again in 1975 and they even showed promise of getting back to Division One two seasons ago. They ended up in seventh position, but last season they had a struggle to avert relegation when scrambling clear with just one point to spare.

The season began inauspiciously with a 7-1 defeat by Luton early in September and in general their away form left much to be desired with just two wins (at Hull and Mansfield, two of the relegated clubs) to show for their efforts. At The Valley,

and Southampton. We certainly found them a different proposition at home for after our runaway win here we were held to a goalless draw at The Valley. It was a blow to them when leading scorer MICK FLANAGAN moved into American football just before the end of the season, but newcomer MICK ROBINSON got some vital goals just when needed and they stayed up.

## THIS SEASON

Mick was also on the mark in the League Cup win at Colchester this season, and there are hopes that with DEREK HALES back at The Valley after spells with Derby and West Ham goals will flow as they did during Derek's previous spell there. The opening league match brought a 1-0 defeat at Sunderland but they were hoping for better luck against Bristol Rovers last week and in the second round League Cup tie at Walsall.

Another famous name to look out for is long-serving KEITH PEACOCK, who in 1965 became the first player ever to be used as a substitute in a league match. He will probably be figuring in midfield. HUGH McAULEY, who has usually filled a flexible role between midfield and attack since moving from Plymouth two years ago, can also score goals as can TERRY BRISLEY, who arrived last season from Millwall.

In defence the men to look out for are ALAN DUGDALE, another of last season's signings from Coventry and he is likely to be playing alongside DAVE SHIPPERLEY who returned last season after a spell with Gillingham. LES BERRY is now in his fifth season on the right flank and paired up towards the end of last season with newcomer PETER SHAW. Behind them JEFF WOOD has been splendidly consistent since moving from Harlow Town three years ago. And talking of consistency we must not forget DICK TYDEMAN who has given splendid service in midfield.

Supporters will have noticed that in our opening programme of the season we have increased the coverage given to the Vice

Presidents Suite. This is to acknowledge the immense amount of work and support put in by these people behind the scenes on behalf of the club. I think it came as a surprise to many of our fans to read in the Evening Post Echo the amount of money that comes from sources other than gate money.

It is difficult to name each person individually but I am sure that our supporters would wish to say "Thank You" to all who have worked so hard to put the club back on a sound footing and give Dave Pleat and his squad the chance to achieve the Chairman's words "There can only be one possible aim for us — PROMOTION."

## Mascot

STEVEN Brown is our Mascot for today's match against Charlton Athletic. Steve attends Therfield Primary School and apart from football he plays cricket and is a keen runner. His hobbies include collecting football cards and books. He is 8 years old and owns full Luton Town kit.

IN LATER programmes we shall be featuring our new players in our "FOCUS ON" series. Doug Lygo has already given us a comprehensive story on Bob Hatton and in the Wigan Athletic programme Chris Turner was "Focused On".

As it will be several weeks before all the new lads can be included in the series, here are Pen Portraits of the remaining six.

### MARK AIZLEWOOD

David Pleat's confidence in this stylish defence or midfield player was backed dramatically in April 1978. Luton splashed out £50,000 to bring him out of the Fourth Division, where he was playing for Newport County, when he was still only 18.

### STEVE SHERLOCK

One of nine new players who joined Luton in the hectic first four months of David Pleat's reign as manager. He passed his

City, and in 80 Central League games for them was being watched carefully by a number of clubs. Scottish international Willie Donachie kept Sherlock out of the Maine Road limelight, and Luton stepped in for his signature when City allowed him to leave in May 1978.

### MAL DONAGHY

Glasgow Celtic, Queens Park Rangers, Sheffield United and Wolves were all reported to be interested in the future of Eire under-21 international Donaghy in the summer of 1978, but Luton were first off the mark, and secured his transfer from Larne. Manager Dave Pleat rates the centre-half one of the best young players ever to come into the English game.

### TERRY HAYES

Always seeking promising young talent, Luton manager David Pleat acted quickly when he heard that midfielder Hayes might be allowed to leave Linfield. Pleat won a race against several other clubs to snap up the 18-year-old prospect in March 1978. Hayes had already captained the Northern Ireland team, and won an under-21 cap.

### JOHN LUCAS

Luton thought they had missed out when midfielder Lucas, a Welsh schoolboy international, turned down their approaches when he left school at 16. He went to Manchester United instead, but within a year, in June 1978, he decided that his prospects might after all be better elsewhere — and Luton got their man.

### KIRK STEPHENS

Luton Manager David Pleat's knowledge of non-league football paid handsome dividends when he signed Stephens, a promising right back with Nuneaton in the Southern League. Pleat was once manager at Nuneaton, and one of his first moves after taking charge at Luton was to go back to his old club to take Stephens into the league scene for a bargain £5,000 fee. Stephens immediately bridged the gap to full-time football to force his way into Luton's first team squad.

## SECOND DIVISION SCENE

EVERY season brings its surprise teams and though it is very early to express any definite opinions as to prospects, Luton and Oldham must have surprised both sets of supporters in different ways on Saturday when the 'Hatters' hammered one of the teams above them in the table last season 6-1. Oldham won the corresponding fixture last season but this time had little answer to the scoring power of BOB HATTON and DAVID MOSS, who with two goals each indicated that they could prove to be two of the best buys in the Division this season.

The games at West Ham and Sunderland both attracted gates of over 20,000, whilst at the other extreme there were under 6,000 at Bristol to see Rovers beat Fulham 3-1 to set their League Cup defeat by Hereford behind them. That old war-horse BOBBY GOULD and last season's discovery PAUL RANDALL were both on the mark.

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Another team off to an excellent start are Orient, who gave Sheffield United's new Argentinian an embarrassing welcome with a 2-1 win at Bramall Lane. Orient only twice scored as many as two goals away from home last season, but they did end the season on an improved note and if twin strikers JOE MAYO and PETER KITCHEN can keep grabbing the goals as they did on Saturday Orient will soon be showing that last season's F.A. Cup Semi-final appearance was no freak.

Two of last season's highest scoring teams Wrexham and Brighton fought out a goalless draw at the Racecourse Ground on Saturday, this scoreline being a replica of the one when the teams last met in Division Three two seasons ago. Wrexham can consider themselves rather unlucky, however, to have BOBBY SHINTON injured on the day that their other ace striker DIXIE McNEIL came back after injury and both teams could be in the promotion race this season.

And talking of promotion what about West Ham's prospects? They hammered Notts County 5-2 on Saturday with DAVID CROSS getting the season's first hat-trick in Division Two. One bright spot for County was that newcomer IAN McCULLOCH from Kilmarnock marked his Second Division debut with two goals.

One striker who failed to kick off with a goal on his return to Division Two was a former 'Hammer' DEREK HALES, now back with Charlton. He was in the side that went down 1-0 at Sunderland on Saturday. Not only have Athletic lost on each of their last three visits there, but Derek will vividly recall the game in 1975/6 when he ended up in goal after GRAHAM TUTT had received a serious head injury that was to end his league career.

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The crowd at Cambridge on Saturday was both disappointing and disappointed, just over 7,000 seeing the Second Division newcomers lose at home to Stoke just after being knocked out of the League Cup by Northampton. JOHN DOCHERTY is not the first boss to find that Second Division football needs time for adjustment when reached by players new to it.

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION

AFTER narrowly avoiding having to apply for re-election last season the Town's second string have made an impressive start to the new campaign gaining four points out of a possible six.

After suffering defeat at the hands of Oxford United on the opening day of the season the Reserves scored two impressive home victories over Cardiff and Birmingham City. In the Cardiff match schoolboy Rob Walker, aged 15 gave a good account of himself in the Luton goal whilst Martin Sperrin took his chances extremely well with two goals in the second half.

Last Saturday against Birmingham, traditionally one of the league's strongest sides, Luton withstood early pressure before a Godfrey Ingram special late in the first half put them on the victory trail. Martin Sperrin added a well taken second goal near the end to take his total to three in three games.

Aug. 19th Oxford United 2. Luton Town 0  
Team: Judge, Currie, Carr, Turner(W), Harriott, Jones, Sperrin, Hayes, Johnson, Boersma, Lucas. Sub. Pearson.

Aug. 22nd Luton Town 3. Cardiff City 1  
Team: Walker, Jones, Carr, Turner(W), Price, McNichol, Sperrin, Hayes, Johnson, Boersma, Lucas. Sub. Pearson (Goals: Sperrin 2, Jones 1)

Aug. 26th Luton Town 2. Birmingham 0  
Team: Judge, Currie, Sherlock, Turner(W), Jones, Carr, Sperrin, Hayes, Ingram, Boersma, Lucas. Sub. Johnson (Goals: Ingram, Sperrin)

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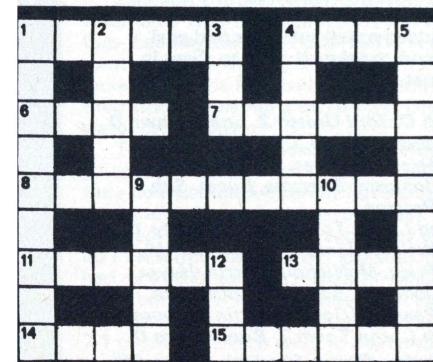
- 1 Top scorer for Barnsley for the last two seasons (6)
- 4 McMordie or McManus (4)
- 6 Scores (4)
- 7 Where Jack Rowley and Gordon Hurst each did two turns as manager (6)
- 8 Former Bristol Rovers and Plymouth Argyle forward who is now a test match umpire (6,5)
- 1 Ex-Chelsea, Southampton and England striker now with Philadelphia Fury (6)
- 3 Brighton forward in the PFA's 1978 Division Two team selection (4)
- 4 Dundee are domiciled at ... Park (4)
- 5 He scored over 100 goals shared between Spurs, Millwall, Palace and Orient (6)

LUES - DOWN

- 1 Jan ... (Roda JC & Holland) (9)
- 2 Bratislava side (5)
- 3 Former Gillingham winger and holder of their aggregate League scoring record (3)
- 4 Colquhoun or Kelly (5)
- 5 Promotion winners in each of the last two seasons (9)
- 9 ... Hall is the home of Southend United (5)
- 0 Old Liverpool and Scotland stopper (5)
- 2 Long-range shots often catch keepers out when they do this (3)

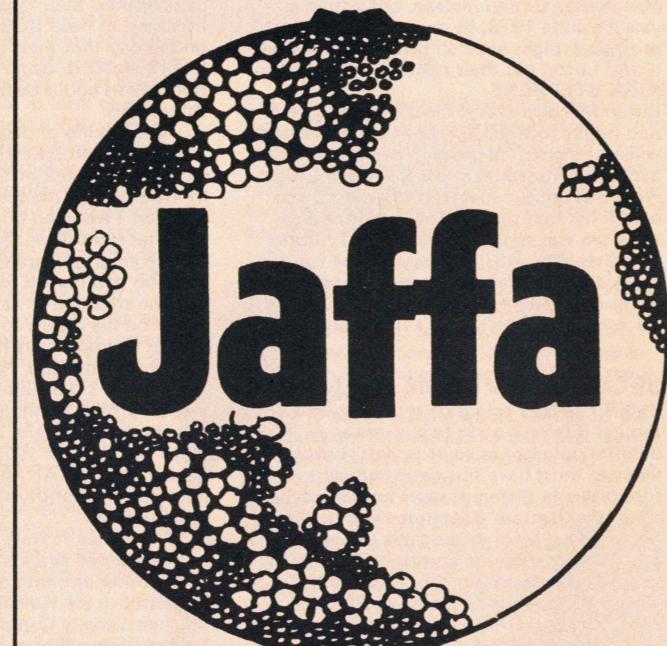
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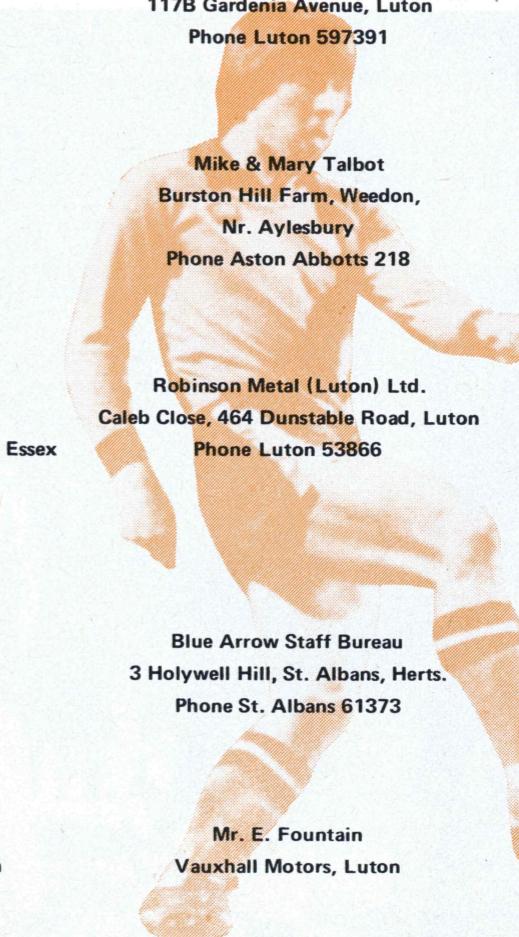
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## Luton Town 2 Wigan Athletic 0 Football League Cup — 2nd round

FOOTBALL League newcomers Wigan Athletic made us work hard for victory on Tuesday night. Still struggling to find their feet after the change-over from part-time football, they defended well and kept us out for more than an hour until Brian Stein broke the deadlock.

His killer goal, from a header four minutes from time, is captured by the camera on the left. He found a yard of space in a crowded goalmouth to beat the defence to an accurate corner by David Moss. Goalkeeper Brown is well beaten, but we fancy our manager might have a few words if one of our full-backs stood rooted to the ground like the Wigan defender at the far post!

Below: Brown gets down on his knees to halt another Luton attack, with Bob Hatton hoping for a break.

Pictures: LUTON NEWS.



# ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

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

# Are athletes the biggest dopes?

BY DR. P.J. BURROWS, M.A., M.B.  
B.CHR(CANTAB) D(OBST) RCOG.  
ENGLAND AND LUTON MEDICAL OFFICER

SPORT and Drugs are in the news again. The World Cup shambles of Scotland, ending with the sending home of Willie Johnston, coupled with the latest dope tests on Olympic athletes, have rekindled the imagination of the press and the governing bodies of sport have been obliged to review this problem in searching detail. Sporting competition is a controlled trial of man or team against rivals within a framework of rules. Because of differences in personal or political opinion and moral values it is extremely difficult to establish agreement on doping controls in sport. The aim is that all sportsmen should be free of drugs and detection methods should find out quickly and easily those who cheat. Unfortunately, the athlete takes drugs because he is afraid of competitive disadvantage. He thinks that his rival is taking dope which is why he takes it. If he thinks he can gain an advantage over his rival he will continue to take it. The million dollar question is "Does it help?" To answer this question we have to look at all the types of drugs which are taken and the effects they have upon the human body. The Olympic and FIFA Medical Commissions have listed four groups of banned drugs.

The first group is called "stimulants" which include amphetamine, Reactivan — the drug Willie Johnston took, and other related compounds. These drugs give the athlete a sense of heightened alertness and relieve fatigue. They certainly reduce concentration but they increase hostility and promote aggression. They tend to make you feel that you are doing well when in fact you are not. They make your performance unpredictable and in a tight situation on a football field this could mean disaster. All the trials done on these drugs show no essential betterment in performance. The side effects are dangerous and we know of cyclists who have taken them and then died after a gruelling race because Nature's warning has been removed. The answer is No, don't use them. They are a waste of time and an insult to your bodies.

The second group of banned drugs, the amines, include common nose drops like Ephedrine. Many sportsmen have been disqualified because these substances are abundant in proprietary medicines. If you have a cold or a wheezy chest the doctor is likely to prescribe a drug of this type. The side effects are that you may feel stimulated, restless and unable to sleep. You are allowed to take some of these drugs provided the team doctor tells the sport authority that you need it for your nose or chest. The drugs are on the banned list because of their side effects and if you do not have nasal congestion or a wheezy chest they will not help you.

The third list of banned drugs comprise the narcotics and only an idiot would take heroine or morphine before a sporting

event, and further comment is unnecessary.

The final group of banned drugs are the notorious "anabolic steroids" which are modified sex hormones. These are the drugs that athletes, such as weight lifters, take to put on weight and improve training. They are also the drugs which make women look and behave like men. Fortunately, the American College of Sports medicine has recently issued a positive statement about these drugs, refuting the claims of improvement in strength and body weight and also pointing out their colossal side effects, which include impotence, sterility and liver failure. These drugs have no value in football and it is becoming increasingly obvious that they are harmful and very dangerous. At the Montreal Games 283 random tests were done in a search for anabolic steroids. There were only eight positive tests of which seven were weight lifters.

There is another type of doping which was thought to be used at the Games by the Finnish long-distance runners. It is called "blood doping". The idea is to take two pints of blood from your star athlete several weeks before an event, store the blood and then put it back into the athlete a couple of days before the Big Day. The theoretical argument here is that if you have more blood you can carry more oxygen to your heart and muscles and your performance gets better. The benefits are probably psychological because some of the blood which is in storage "dies" and is of no further use. In any case, the athlete cannot make up this quantity of blood in such a short time. Also, there are the usual hazards of a blood transfusion and these disadvantages do not make it worthwhile.

A lot of nonsense is talked about Vitamins and athletes take extra Vitamins thinking they will help. Vitamins are natural substances and are not banned. If we eat a well balanced diet we will get all the Vitamins we need. There is ample evidence that eating extra Vitamins will not help our performances. If we are under nourished and do have a Vitamin deficiency then, of course, we will be helped by taking them. This is a very different matter since the Vitamins will be restoring us to normal health. The only drug which will probably help us is Caffeine, a normal constituent of tea and coffee. We cannot ban this drug because we cannot stop people drinking tea or coffee. Caffeine stimulates the brain, awakens the sleepy and speeds up intellectual processes, improving performance tests. So if you are feeling a bit tired have a cup of tea or coffee and you will feel better. However, if you are getting yourself ready for a football match you will almost certainly be in a state of excitement and won't need Caffeine.

The bad effects of alcohol and smoking are well known. These are drugs which can play havoc with athletes' performances and I cannot stress too strongly how harmful they are to sportsmen.

The sad thing about the Willie Johnston affair is that a qualified doctor gave him the tablets because they can only be obtained on prescription. If the doctor did not warn the player that the drug was a banned stimulant then the doctor was at fault. If Willie was warned and chose to ignore this advice then it was his fault. It seems likely that both were misguided. Drugs are a waste of time. You must be a dope to take dope. The truth is that you can only win if you have natural talent, determined effort, proper conditioning and dedicated training. Drugs do not make winners, only losers.

THE LEAGUE tables made nice reading for Town supporters ten years ago today. For the team, newly promoted from the Fourth Division, showed signs of sweeping straight through the Third Division.

They were top of the table, with an unbeaten record, nine points from five games, with Terry Branston and John Moore the backbone of a defence which had let in only three goals.

In mid-August 1968 they picked up a point in a dour and dull battle away to Barrow, and on August 24 Tommy Docherty came to Kenilworth Road as manager of Rotherham.

The Yorkshire side were reckoned to be good bets for promotion, and 14,163 spectators turned up along with a scout from Leeds United, who was watching Bruce Rioch.

Rioch obliged and sent the supporters wild with delight with two cracking goals in the first 15 minutes, and although Downes pulled one back Brian Lewis made the points safe with the Town's third goal.

At Gillingham on August 31 there was a big Luton following to boost the gate to 8,227, Gillingham's best for a long time, and on this occasion Lewis was the man who

grabbed the headlines.

He hammered the Town into the lead after five minutes, from a short pass by Rioch, then helped lay on a 39th-minute goal for Laurie Sheffield, his first for the Town.

Just before half-time Tony Read dropped a corner in a goalmouth scramble, and Williams reduced the lead, and for the next 15 minutes of play the Town came under heavy pressure.

But a point looked lost in the 55th minute when Alan Slough was adjudged to have fouled Simpson. The Town protested to no avail, and then thought justice had been done when Read atoned for his earlier error by making a flying save to push the penalty by Machin round the post.

Fifteen minutes later, Gillingham's fightback was finally crushed when Lewis pounced on a bad clearance to score his fifth goal in five games and assure the Town of top place in the league table.

Today's visitors were also top dogs a decade ago: On August 31, 1968 they got a 3-3 draw away to Crystal Palace to go a point clear on top of Division Two, with Millwall, Sheffield United, Middlesbrough and Crystal Palace leading the chasing group.

## YOUTH

By George Rogers

THE LUTON Youth team opened their account in the Midland Youth league with a 6-1 victory against Derby County youth. They travelled to Derby for this league fixture on Thursday 24th August not knowing the strength of this youth league.

The Town started well, pressing hard and it was no surprise when after 13 minutes Richard Eaton put Luton one up after good work down the left by Nigel Johnson. 2 minutes later Luton were 2 up through Wayne Turner following a good run down the right by John Woodward. At half time with Luton winning by 2-0 Martin Conquest came on in place of Nigel Johnson. In the 50th minute Richard Eaton scored No. 3 but then Derby

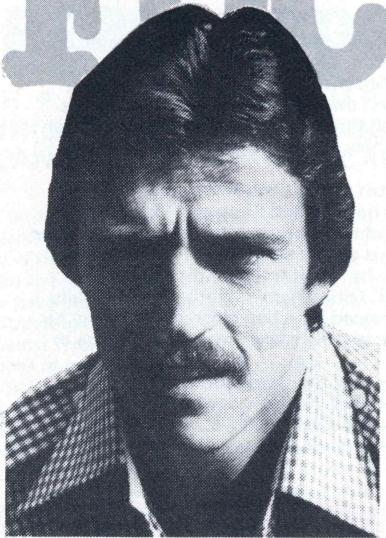
came more in to the game and reduced the lead but 3 late goals scored by Martin Conquest, Godfrey Ingram and Wayne Turner gave Luton a comfortable 6-1 victory. Bruce Rioch was at the game and came into the dressing room and congratulated the boys on their victory. Team:

G. Phillips, J. Woodward, T. Murphy, T. Wilkinson, L. Harriott, J. Sisman, G. Ingram, W. Turner, N. Johnson, R. Eaton, A. Pearson, M. Conquest. Scorers R. Eaton 2, W. Turner 2, M. Conquest and G. Ingram.

Recently in the local press we have had lists of players who have been dealt with by the Discipline committee of the Bedfordshire F.A. This season they are promoting a scheme to benefit

the clubs who go through the season without any misconduct reports recorded against them. These clubs will receive at the end of the season, footballs and the possibility of cash prizes. Details of this scheme will be circulated to all Bedfordshire clubs. Conduct of the players is largely the responsibility of the team manager, and I am sure just before they go on to the pitch a word from him to the 1 or 2 players who are likely to react will be sufficient. Also most local leagues now operate with 2 substitutes and the team manager could substitute the offending player thereby allowing the Referee to get on with his job of settling any disputed points.

# FOCUS ON



WHEN David Moss was sixteen he had the opportunity to join either of his local league clubs — Oxford United or Swindon Town. Despite the fact that he had played for Oxfordshire Youth and his home at Witney was nearer the United ground David chose Swindon a team he had supported from early childhood and he stayed with the Wiltshire side for nine years.

As he joined the County Ground staff the Swindon Club were enjoying their most successful period since joining the Football League. They had just been promoted to the 2nd Division for the first time and had won the Football League Cup in 1969 beating Arsenal in the Final 3-1 at Wembley. In their first Second Division season Swindon finished a

creditable 5th and during the next two years a formidable squad included such famous names as Dave McKay (Player, Manager) Don Rogers, Rod Thomas and Peter Noble. David Moss made his first team debut at the age of nineteen in this company in January 1972 but it was not until season 1973/74 that he established a regular first team place completing the campaign as joint top scorer with eight goals (equalling Peter Eastoe) from 40 appearances.

The following season he doubled his goal tally to sixteen and his league appearances totalled forty one.

1975/76 was a disappointing season for Swindon who could finish only nineteenth in the 3rd Division but David's contribution was a respectable ten goals and thirty nine league appearances. In 1976/77 he topped the Swindon scorers list again with twenty one goals and last season improved on this even further by scoring twenty three times in League and Cup matches. His record in the F.A. Cup for Swindon makes very interesting reading with fourteen goals from twenty one outings and what makes his goal scoring achievements so remarkable is the fact that all his appearances have been as a winger. David seemed determined to continue at Kenilworth Road as he had left off

at Swindon when he scored twice on his league debut against Oldham and we all hope that he maintains this happy knack throughout the season.

The only previous occasions that David Moss had appeared at Kenilworth Road were in 1969/70 as a seventeen year old in a Combination fixture and in our promotion year (1973/74) when Luton beat Swindon 2-1 with goals from Aston and Peter Anderson. That game marked the very first match sponsorship at Kenilworth Road — by Vauxhall Motors and Shaw & Kilburn and it was also notable because of the presentation of the Cup for the most sporting side in the 1973 Anglo-Italian Tournament to Luton Town by Gigi Perowace.

David and Yvonne Moss have two daughters, Nikki aged 6 and Kelly who is one. The family will shortly be moving to Luton where they have bought a house just off the New Bedford Road.

David enjoys taking part in and watching most sports and in particular cricket and golf. He says that his decision to leave Swindon after nine years was taken because he wanted to play at a higher level and he felt that Luton's ambitions matched his own. Let us hope that all our targets are achieved in the near future and that David and his family enjoy every possible happiness in their new home.

DAVID MOSS  
BY DOUG LYGO

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on and off the "Park".

My message today is quite simple and to the point, if you want to see The Hatters maintain their present rate of progress in all departments then don't leave it to a few agents to make the effort, join our "Army", come into the Pools Office or just give us a ring on Luton 30748 any time. We need you to help us.

Please don't leave it to the other fellow, remember, he could be a visiting supporter!

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## Town Away

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## Club Shop

IF YOU have not visited this shop at 66 Kenilworth Road — now is the time. Many souvenirs are in stock and others are arriving every day. Keep in touch with what's new.

# FACTS

DIV. 2		Attendance	F.A.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug	19 S	Oidham Athletic	8,043	6-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Stephens	Dongay	Azlewood	Turner	Azlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein(1)	Hartton (2)
	22 T	Crystal Palace	17,739	1-3	Aleksic	Aleksic	Stephens	Dongay	Azlewood	Turner	Price	Hill	Fucillo	Stein(1)	Hartton
	24 T	Newcastle Utd.	24,112	0-1	Aleksic	Aleksic	Stephens	Dongay	Azlewood	Turner	Price	Hill	West	Stein(2)	Hartton
	29 T	Wigan Ath. (LC2)	6,618	2-0											
Sept.	2 S	Charlton Ath.													
	9 S	Bristol Rovers													
	16 S	Cardiff City													
	23 S	Cambridge Utd.													
	30 S	Sherfield Utd.													
Oct.	4 W	League Cup 3													
	7 S	Wrexham													
	14 S	Blackburn													
	21 S	Notts County													
Nov.	4 S	Leicester City													
	8 W	League Cup 4													
	11 S	Oidham Athletic													
	18 S	Newcastle Utd.													
	21 T	Charlton Ath.													
	25 S	Sunderland (1)													
Dec.	2 S	Burnley													
	9 S	Preston													
	13 W	League Cup 5													
	16 S	Brighton (2)													
	23 S	West Ham													
	26 T	Millwall													
	30 S	Fulham													
1979	Jan	1 M	Stoke City												
	6 S	F.A. Cup 3													
	10 S	Sheffield Utd.													
	17 S	Wrexham (5)													
	24 S	Blackburn													
Feb.	3 S	Cambridge Utd.													
	10 S	Sheffield Utd.													
	13 S	Bristol Rovers													
	17 W	League Cup SF													
	20 S	Cardiff City													
Mar.	3 S	Notts County													
	10 S	Orient (6)													
	17 S	Leicester City (LCF)													
	24 S	Crystal Palace													
	31 S	Sunderland (SF)													
April	7 S	Burnley													
	9 M	West Ham													
	14 S	Millwall													
	16 M	Stoke City													
	21 S	Brighton													
	28 S	Preston													
May	5 S	Fulham													
	12 S	F.A. Cup Final													

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Anyone interested would they like to contact Mrs. Tompkins the Transport Officer Phone. 5040567 or Publicity Officer Miss J. Armstrong Phone. 414486. They will be pleased to help and give any information that is required.

## Division Two

Table of results, as at 27 August 1978

## APPEARANCES & SCORERS

## League & League Cup

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Aizlewood

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Donaghy

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# Junior Hatters Club

FIRSTLY a reminder to those members whose original choice of favourite player has now left the Club. Remember to let us know your new favourite player so that when we come to send out the photographs we will know which one to send.

## THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION

1. In which year were Luton founded?
2. Which player was transferred in 1971 for £180,000?

Entries please to:— Junior Hatters Club, Luton Town F.C., Kenilworth Road, Luton. First correct entry opened will receive a supporters scarf.

Birthday greetings to the following members who have birthdays between 1st and 15th September, 1978:—

Member No. 163 Paul Conlon, 4th., No. 240 Hugh Murden, 5th., No. 26 Andrew Keen, 6th., No. 243 Sinead Hargreaves, 7th., No. 196 Mandy Palmer, 8th., and No. 269 David Payne, 15th. Many happy returns of the day to you all.

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# Century Club

by Catherine Ball, Secretary

TRYING TO give our members more enjoyment through the days and evenings between matches, the Century Club starts a more ambitious programme of social events this season with an evening which may be of interest to many Luton Town supporters.

We are going to have a general knowledge quiz evening, having challenged the players to a contest. We've asked David Pleat to find three of his brainiest lads to take on our team for a quiz contest which will not be entirely serious. On the understanding that it is not quite "Brain of Britain" stuff, we think we can find three Century Club members to carry our colours.

The winners will receive a small trophy, and the losers will be expected to make an immediate challenge for a return match after a suitable interval to regroup our forces. It all takes place at 8 pm on the evening of Saturday September 16 — after the next home game, against Cardiff City. We hope to have a full house in the Century Club, and anyone who is interested is welcome to ask for tickets, at 50p each, including refreshments. Profits, of course, are part of our effort to support Luton Town FC.

For members of the Century Club there is another date to be noted: the Annual General Meeting takes place on Thursday, September 7, at 7.30. I would like to remind all members that they have received forms on which they can make nominations for club officers. In the past the annual meeting has not been the best-attended night of the year, so to all members there is a general invitation: come to the meeting and have your say.

The committee always tries to do its best for the club as a whole, and with your support we can do more to make sure we are on the right lines.

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2	KIRK STEPHENS
3	MARK AIZLEWOOD
4	RICKY HILL
5	CHRIS TURNER
6	PAUL PRICE
7	ALAN WEST
8	PASQUALE FUCCILLO
9	BRIAN STEIN
10	BOB HATTON
11	BRIAN MOSS
12	MAL DONAGHY

## CHARLTON

JEFF WOOD	1
LES BERRY	2
DAVID CAMPBELL	3
DICK TYDEMAN	4
DAVE SHIPPERLEY	5
ALAN DUGDALE	6
TERRY BRISLEY	7
DEREK HALES	8
MIKE FLANAGAN	9
KEITH PEACOCK	10
STEVE GRITT	11
	12

## Half Times

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Liverpool. . . . .	Bristol R. . . . .
Tottenham. . . . .	Cardiff . . . . .
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Norwich . . . . .	Cambridge. . . . .
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	C. Palace . . . . .
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	W. Ham. . . . .
	Fulham. . . . .
	Wrexham. . . . .
	Leicester. . . . .

## Officials

**Referee:** Mr. D. Hutchinson (Bourne — Cambridgeshire). From 1964 progressed through the Cambridge, Eastern Counties and Southern Leagues to the Football League in 1972. Officiated as linesman in the 1976 F.A. Cup Semi-Final and refereed the 1977 F.A. Vase Quarter Final. Married with two children, he is a sergeant with the Police Force. Apart from cricket in the summer, instructs recruits at the Regional Police Centre.

**Linesmen:** Mr. D.H. Brazier (Northampton) Red Flag; Mr. D.A. Hedges (Headington — Oxford) Yellow Flag.