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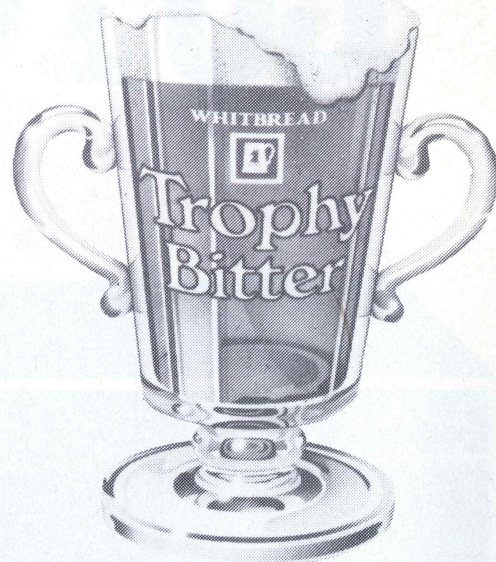
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DAVID PLEAT

I AM sure there can be few Luton Town supporters who left Kenilworth Road last Saturday without a feeling of satisfaction. We worked hard and played with style and spirit. Hopefully we can continue the good work today against Cambridge. They have made rapid strides since their election to the League and this is due to sound management allied to shrewd housekeeping. One of their recent successes, Alan Biley, was here as a youngster, and when our previous manager released him I spoke to Paddy Sowden at London Colney one day and he suggested he was worth a chance. I hope we are not the victims of his goal-poaching today.

A word of praise for our supporters: I have not heard any foul language chants and the players have appreciated that you



are behind them with your cheers.

When I signed Aizlewood, Stephens and Donaghy, I told them that they would appreciate the big crowds in the second division, and this would help stimulate their game. I believe they feel that I have deceived them! I have now to convince them that we will get the support they deserve in time.

Another good pointer to the discipline in our club has been the absence of bookings on the field. This pleases me that we have only one booking for handball against Mark Aizlewood in 11 games including friendlies. Last season, I sat in the stand with my fingers crossed at times as certain players over-reacted. We must keep up this splendid standard.

In recent weeks, we have concentrated efforts on covering as many League sides as possible, so we are aware where the best players are. Should we feel the need to strengthen our staff, then we know where to go. In this aspect our scouts have been busy and David Coates and John Moore have both travelled considerably in their spare time. Ken Gutteridge and I are determined to produce a side to be proud of.

Enjoy the game and remember if we please then bring a friend to our next game against Crewe.

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Cambridge United



MALCOLM WEBSTER (Goalkeeper) Malcolm is a former England youth international. He made his League debut with Arsenal in 1969, but soon was transferred to Fulham where he held his place for 3 years. Southend United signed him in 1973 and he moved to Cambridge United in 1977.

STEVE FALLON (Defender) Steve developed in the junior sides and made his League debut in 1974-75 season. The following season he took over the regular place he has since held.

DAVID STRINGER (Defender) David was a stalwart in the Norwich defence for well over 11 years and appeared at Wembley with the Canaries when they were runners-up in the League Cup finals of 1973 and 1975. He joined Cambridge at the beginning of 1976-77 season.

TREVOR HOWARD (Defender) Trevor also played at Wembley for Norwich, coming on as substitute on the 1973 League Cup Final. He made his first appearances for the Canaries in 1967-68 season and eventually left for Bournemouth in 1974. After two seasons at Dean Court, he linked with Cambridge.

IAN BUCKLEY (Defender) Ian returned from South Africa last season to join Cambridge. He began his career with Oldham Athletic, making his debut in 1971-72, transferred to Stockport in 1975, tried his skills in South Africa and returned to Cambridge.

LINDSAY SMITH (Defender) Joined Cambridge last season after being a member of Colchester United's side for six years.

GRAHAM WATSON (Midfield) Graham made his reputation with Doncaster Rovers, making his League debut in 1966 and completing more than 150 senior games for them before signing for Cambridge in 1972.

JOHN COZENS (Forward) John was playing for Hillingdon Borough, in the Southern League when Notts County spotted him in 1970. For a while he held a regular place in the Notts County side but he moved to Peterborough United in 1972. In 1973-74 he was their top scorer with 25 goals. Cambridge signed him last season.

SAMMY MORGAN (Forward) Sammy, who has been capped by N. Ireland on 17 occasions, was signed by Brighton & Hove Albion at the beginning of last season. Port Vale was his first League Club and he made his League debut for them in 1970-71.

Aston Villa signed him in 1973 and three years later he was transferred to Brighton.

FLOYD STREETE (Mid field) West Indian born Floyd has been given several runs in the side last season, and has been rapidly gaining experience. He turned professional with Cambridge in July 1976.

ALAN BILEY (Forward) Alan was released by Luton in 1975 without getting a chance in their League eleven, but he came into his own in the 1976-77 season when his 20 goals helped Cambridge win the Fourth Division Championship.

TOM FINNEY (Forward) Tom transferred to Luton from Crusaders for £17,000 in 1973 but the latter sold him to Sunderland for £70,000 a year later. He joined Cambridge at the beginning of 1976-77 season and scored 16 goals in their promotion-winning campaign. Tom has also seven N. Ireland caps to his credit.

JAMIE MURRAY (Forward) Joined Cambridge United in September, 1976, United being his first League club.

PETER SILVESTER (Forward) Signed for United after a spell abroad on the America soccer scene, has played for Reading, Norwich City, and Southend United in his career.

GORDON SWEETZER (Forward) Canadian born, joined Cambridge United from Brentford F.C. during March, 1978, for a record club fee.

PETER GRAHAM (Forward) Joined Cambridge United from Lincoln City during the close season of 1977-78.

RICHARD KEY (Goalkeeper) Joined Exeter on a free transfer from Coventry City. Born Cambridge, played for Exeter City from 1st July 1978 until joining Cambridge United late July 1978.

KIRK CORBIN (Defender) Joined Cambridge United in September, 1976, from the Wokingham area. He joined United from Reading where he started as an apprentice.

STEVE ADAMS (Mid field) Born Windsor. Played for Windsor & Eton before joining Cambridge United as a full professional in early April, 1978.

STEVEN SPRIGGS (Mid field) Joined Cambridge United on a free transfer from Huddersfield just over three seasons ago. Aged 21 he is Doncaster born.

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THE WELCOME we extend to our Visitors from Cambridge today is one which I am sure will be sincerely echoed by all our supporters. It is the first time that they have played a league game at Kenilworth Road and we take this opportunity to congratulate them on their promotion.

Cambridge United was formed in 1919 and played under the old name of Abbey United until 1949. They turned professional in 1946 and are the third youngest professional club in the Football League. Their highest transfer fee paid was £30,000 for Gordon Sweetzer when they signed him in 1978 from Brentford.

Now that Cambridge United have joined us in the 2nd. Division the game today could almost be said to be a local "Derby". Being close to Luton and an easy drive, we are looking forward to entertaining a good crowd of supporters of the visiting team.

Luton Town have never played Cambridge United in a League match before, so it is difficult to forecast the result, but the way they have been playing of late it is certain to be a good, hard fought game with the final decision going hopefully our way.

They have had a spectacular rise to fame. 4th Division Champions 76/77, Runners-up 77/78 in the 3rd. Division. Can they pull off a hat trick of consecutive promotions which from memory has never been accomplished before?

After getting off to a faltering start last season, Cambridge jumped into fourth position in the Division III league after beating Lincoln City 5-0 on November 12th. From then on they never fell below 6th. position and after taking one point from Chester with a goalless draw they moved into the promotion stakes being 3rd. in the league. That promotion prospect was held onto till the end of the season when they finished in second position with a total of 58 points.

Two of the Cambridge regular team are ex-Luton players, and the man to keep an eye open for today is their top scorer last season (25) Alan Biley. Before signing with Cambridge United he was a Luton Town

apprentice and today's game should revive memories of games played as a youth at Kenilworth Road. The other player to watch for is Tom Finney. Tom, like Alan Biley is a man who likes to score goals. He netted 13 to help Cambridge win promotion.

Out of their first five matches this season they have picked up 4 points like the Hatters, the surprise result was beating Brighton 2-0 away from home.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

OUR BEST wishes go this week to MARK AIZLEWOOD who is 19 on October 1st. Although Mark only signed with us at the end of last season, he has made a niche for himself in the 1st. Team, in fact he has appeared in every 1st. Team match to date. Happy Birthday Mark and keep up the good work.

ODD SPOT

NEXT TIME any supporter sees an own goal, spare a thought for the unluckiest player in the leagues to date. David Rogers, Bristol City's centre-half, headed an own goal at Wolves and then a week later put one in for Spurs at White Hart Lane. Dare we suggest a hat trick?

REMINDER

Once again we have included a reminder of the 3rd. round of the League Cup — the match against Crewe Alexandra. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE. TUESDAY OCTOBER 3RD. K.O. 7.45 PM.

CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to John Lucas on his selection for the Welsh Youth team who play against Norway in Sarpsberg on Wednesday, 27th September. This match is in the qualifying competition for the 32nd UEFA International Youth Tournament. John has earned his recognition through some outstanding performances in the Football Combination this season and we wish him every success in Norway.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION LEAGUE

9 September. Luton 3 Southampton 1
THIS WAS a fine team performance against

one of the strongest sides in the Combination who were only just pipped on the post for the title last season. The opening goal was an extraordinary effort by full back Alan Currie who collected the ball on the half way line, broke through the visitors' defence and calmly chipped the ball over the head of the advancing goalkeeper. Southampton levelled the scores through a controversial penalty decision before half-time but despite determined efforts by the visitors to capitalise on this good fortune Luton ran out worthy winners by virtue of two well taken goals by skipper Wayne Turner in the 63rd minute and Nigel Johnson after 71 minutes the latter goal following some fine play by Martin Sperrin. Jim McNichol celebrated his selection for the Scottish under-21 party with a characteristically strong performance at the heart of the defence whilst the overall form of the team must have given great encouragement to coach David Coates.

Team: Judge, Currie, Sherlock, Hayes, Carr, McNichol, Sperrin, Turner W, Johnson N, Heale, Lucas. Sub: Johnson R.

Bristol Rovers 3 — Luton Town 1
Played Wednesday 13 September
Bristol's 3-1 win over Luton spoiled a winning streak for the Hatters — it was only their second defeat in 6 games. Although the result went against us it did not reflect the standard of the game. During the first half the play ranged from end to end with both sides failing to score from the mid-field build-ups. In the second half WAYNE TURNER put Luton ahead, but after this goal the Town could not keep Bristol out and they netted 3 times in the closing stages of the game.

*Luton Team
Alan Judge, Alan Currie, Steve Sherlock, Terry Hayes, David Carr, James McNichol, Martin Sperrin, Wayne Turner, Godfrey Ingram, Gary Heale, John Lucas.*

PHIL BOERSMA

THIS WEEK saw the departure of Phil Boersma from Dave Pleats squad of players and his signing for Swansea City for a fee of

£35,000. Club Secretary John Wilkinson and John Toshack, Swansea's player manager, clinched the deal on Friday night (September 8th.) in a Slough Hotel. Due to Manager Dave Pleats policy of players earning their place in the first team, Phil has found it difficult to find a spot for himself, and apart from one appearance in the match against Charlton he has played all this season so far for the reserves. This prospect caused Phil to reconsider his position and we wish him the Best of Luck with his new team.

Speculation is rife in the press at the moment of a possible replacement, but to date Dave Pleat has made no indication of his intention.

Mascot

OUR MASCOT for today's game has a record which few can boast at the age of 8 years. He did not miss a home or away league match at all last season. This keen supporter is Paul Ian Miller who attends Firs Lower School — Amphill. Football and cricket form his main interests and he has supported the Hatters for 2 years. Bob Hatton is his favourite player.

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WE cordially invite any disabled persons to join in our fortnightly sessions. We meet on the 1st Sunday of each month at Luton Regional Sports Centre St. Thomas's Rd., STOPSLEY. 10.30am—12.30pm. On the 3rd Sunday of the month at Dunstable Recreation Centre 5pm—7pm. There is varied sports including the two most popular Archery and Table Tennis.

Anyone interested would they like to contact Mrs. Tompkins the Transport Officer Phone. 504057 or Publicity Officer Miss J. Armstrong Phone. 414486. They will be pleased to help and give any information that is required.

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JOHN WILKINSON

SITTING AT home last Sunday afternoon, watching the Soccer on the "Box", I suddenly heard the commentator say "Wouldn't it have been better for the viewers if one of the teams had worn a different colour strip so as people watching in black and white would know which team was which". What a load of rubbish. Is football played for the armchair fan or for you regulars who watch it live every week? I know that the Television Authority pay for the privilege, but that sum when shared out between 92 league clubs is a very small amount. I wonder how long it will be before Boycott and Brearley open for England with one of them wearing the dark strip for the benefit of the black and white viewers? The Wimbledon final, Speedway and many other sports would look a lot different if the Television people had their way. I think I must stress that this is my own point of view and that it is about time we said Enough! By all means televise the Cup Final and any other match that is all ticket and a sell out (provided no other fixtures are being played), but let's call a halt to the rest. We can then start aiming to get the armchair fans back into the grounds. I don't think there is anything worse than watching a match on Saturday night or Sunday afternoon when ever comes the chance

chants. I know there are some people who can't get to matches such as the disabled and hospitalised but I think it is about time that football stood up for itself. I also think it is wrong for the commentators to criticise referees and slow play-backs of certain incidents until they prove that the referee was wrong. They forget that he has only a split second to make his decisions and he doesn't ask the players to do a re-run for him because he wasn't quite sure. The press too can play their part. I know that trouble on the terraces makes good headlines but surely a word about the lack of hooligans at a match would also make good reading. I was at a game the other night when a player got sent off. The papers next morning said trouble at (I won't mention the club). The defender was sent off the field for a handball offence. Some trouble. We can all do our part in cleaning up the game and with the permission of the police and my directors I aim to publish the names of anyone ejected from the ground and charged in future editions of our programmes. Having got that off my chest about next Monday night's game. Our Youth side is taking on Ipswich Town Youth in last year's Eastern Junior Cup Final. All players eligible for last year's competition will be allowed to play whether they are now over age or not. It should be a real entertaining game so why not come along and give our youths a cheer, the Kick-Off is 7.30 pm. Admission 30p. It's better than staying in and watching the Television.

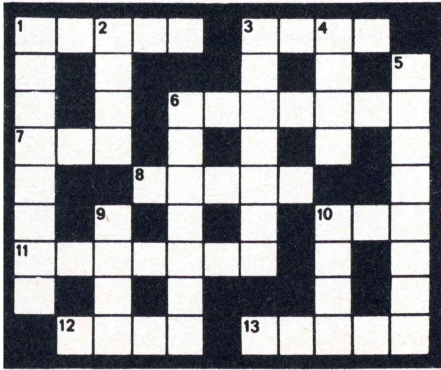
It was nice to see Keith Barber back at Kenilworth Road last week. We certainly gave him a warm welcome, didn't we. One thing though, he still had a smile on his face at the end of the game and that's what counts. Wherever his future lies at Swansea or Cardiff we wish him well.

I heard with interest last week how a coach load of our supporters broke down on the way back from Bristol Rovers and spent a couple of hours in a service station until a replacement coach was sent. Their conduct was a credit to Luton Town. These are the people who deserve the headlines in the papers. Well done everyone of you. Enjoy the match!

CROSSWORD 5

- CLUES—ACROSS**
- 1. Nickname of Toshack's team (5)
 - 3. League ever-present and top scorer for Norwich last season (4)
 - 6. Referee of the 1978 World Cup final (7)
 - 7. Forsyth or Finney (3)
 - 8. Club and country manager who served under Alan Ball in Philadelphia last summer (5)
 - 10. ... Taylor played in all of Oxford's League matches last season (3)
 - 11. What wingers and would-be pools winners should be spot-on with (7)
 - 12. Proudlove or Provan (4)
 - 13. Famous old Celtic, Ireland and Eire schemer: ... Gallagher (5)
- CLUES—DOWN**
- 1. Penalty (4-4)
 - 2. ... Nawalka (Wisla Krakow & Poland) (4)
 - 3. Leicester boss Wallace's previous posting (7)
 - 4. Former Southampton forward, ... McLeod, was top scorer for Hibs last season (4)
 - 5. Where Allan Clarke is the new player-manager (8)
 - 6. & 9. Division Four side that has also appeared in Divisions One, Two, Three, Three (South) and Three (North) (7,4)
 - 10. Strong side of Kempes and Krankl (4)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 4
Across 1. Sunderland (1893), 7. Star, 8. Dave, 9. See 6dn, 14. Stan, 15. & 16. open goal, 17. Brian Lloyd (1973-1977).
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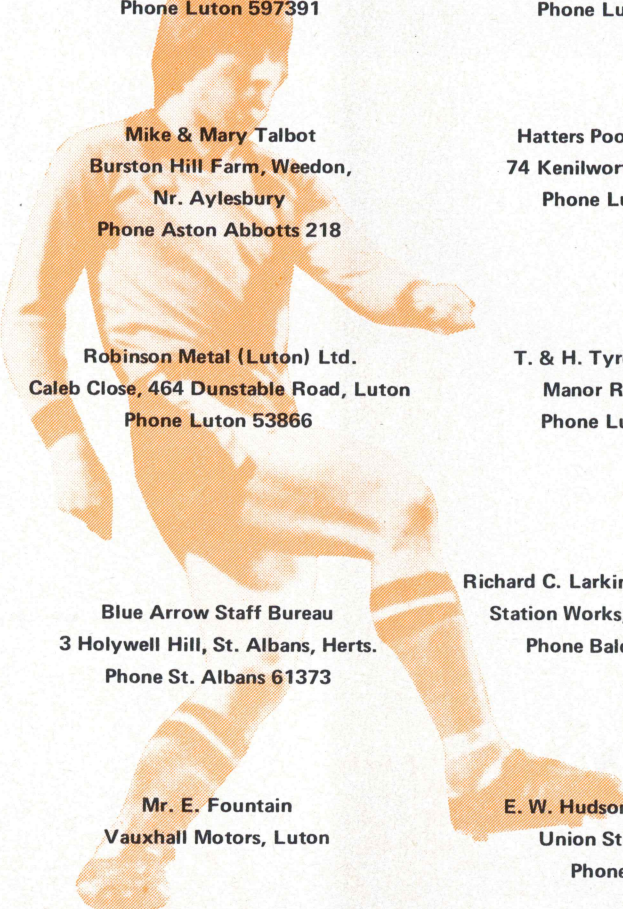
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THE NARROW difference between success and failure was highlighted in both goalmouths at Eastville.

We battled well in defence to keep the score-line blank at half-time, but within two minutes of the restart the Rovers got the first break.

The picture left shows the disarray in our goal as Dave Staniforth, in the quartered shirt on the right, prods home the opening goal. A free kick by Prince had hit the bar, and the grounded Milija Aleksic just failed to get there before the Bristol centre-forward.

Below is the moment when we came so close to an equaliser: Ricky Hill out jumps his marker at the end of a brilliant passing movement and cross by David Moss. The header was perfect, the goalkeeper beaten, but Prince cleared off the line. Later, with our players pushed well forward in the hunt for an equaliser, the Rovers made a quick break to score again.

Pictures: LUTON NEWS.



GERRY HARRISON

ANGLIA TELEVISION'S MATCH OF THE WEEK COMMENTATOR

ARGENTINA and the World Cup seems a long time gone to most of us. But as I only had my snap shots developed the other day and people I bump into are always asking about what it was like I've jotted down a few impressions — some of which have come out on my ancient camera, some of which could never be recorded on film.

Argentina the country: huge place, everything long distance even the telephone calls . . . which were £1 a minute from Mendoza to Buenos Aires. But almost half the population of 25 million are bunched up in the capital. So it is hard to get about there because of the traffic but easy everywhere else . . . if you can afford the air fares.

Argentines, the people. Don't call them Argentinians because the word doesn't or shouldn't exist. Very kind, very polite, desperately anxious for all foreigners to like the country. Over the years they have had some very rough times and if the World Cup did nothing else it certainly made them forget their political problems for a while. Very fond of the tango, tea rooms where they drink coffee and of course steaks which are comparatively cheap. Outside Buenos Aires you can get an excellent fillet steak for £1 in a restaurant.

The World Cup stadia: three of them built at extraordinary expense with every possible facility and luxury but with no team to use them after the finals — although of course regional sides will play there. But it could never happen in this country bearing in mind who pays the bill in the end that is no bad thing. The most impressive ground for me was the Boca stadium, the Buenos Aires home of Boca Juniors. Magnificent atmosphere, terraces and seating rising almost straight up from the pitch. This wasn't used for the World Cup but no wonder Argentina like to play their internationals there.

The object of the exercise of course was the football. What about some of the players who will stick in the memory?

Paulo Rossi of Italy, already with three cartilages out at the age of 21 but the player who lifted Italy more than anyone. Mario Benetti, the Italian hard man, was the player picked out by most of the performers I spoke to as the player they would all like in their side. Michel Platini of France must have been one of the most talented players there. His passing and vision were extraordinary. The best goalkeeper was in my opinion Ronnie Helstrom, playing once again in Germany this season. He remembers with affection the six weeks he spent at Chelsea training with Peter Bonetti. His closest rival was the Argentina Fillol who went from strength to strength.

Mario Kempes was for me the most exciting player there and Osvaldo Ardiles the best team player. Krankl and Dirceu had the best left footed shots; Nelinho and Cubillas the best with the right foot. The Dutch played the most advanced football at times; the Germans were the most over-rated.

Among the people I liked were Claudio Coutinho, the much criticised Brazilian manager. An impossible job if ever there was one. Lajos Baroti, the Hungarian manager, was always very pleasant even in adversity.

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On a personal note Mr. Richard Larkinson has been an ardent Hatters supporter for many years and is now a member of the Vice Presidents Suite. Following his father's footsteps he was a former chairman of Biggleswade Town F.C. and took an active interest in the sporting activities of East Bedfordshire.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

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

SOME soccer matches live on in the memory more than others. And for its remarkable mixture of controversy and anger, few supporters who watched a midweek match at Kenilworth Road ten years ago this week will forget the night Bruce Rioch got sent off.

Newly promoted, the Town were top of the Third Division, and defending an unbeaten record. Mansfield, reckoned to be promotion rivals, were the visitors, and 19,315 of us came to see the fun.

We didn't have long to wait. The Town kicked off towards the Oak Road end, and their first real attack, in the third minute, ended in an incredible scene. Laurie Sheffield hit the post, Bruce Rioch had a shot from the rebound blocked, and Alan Slough slammed in another effort, which was also blocked. The goalmouth was a mass of players, and fists were seen to fly. Slough said later that he was punched. Rioch said he got involved trying to stop a fight, and Mansfield full-back Mike Hopkinson later confirmed that. But referee Malcolm Sinclair of Guildford ruled that Rioch had punched an opponent, and for the first time in his career the Town star was sent off, with the crowd raising hell.

Spirits improved in the 18th minute when Brian Lewis won a penalty and Mike Harrison scored from the spot, but gradually Mansfield made their extra man count, and just after the interval they equalised when Jones got through the Town's attempted offside trap.

For a time the Town were down to nine men while John Moore went off for treatment, and later Terry Branston had to go off with an injury, replaced by Billy McDerment.

Things looked black, but referee Sinclair had more work to do — in the 64rd minute he sent off Mansfield's Phil Waller for a foul on Lewis. The Oak Road cheer was deafening.

And in the ten-a-side finale goals by Sheffield, Lewis and Graham French put the Town 4-1 up before Partridge pulled one back for Mansfield.

Three days later, on September 21, 1968, there was a much less eventful match at Brighton. Weakened by injuries, the Town lost 0-1 to end a run of eight league matches and three league cup-ties without defeat.

But they were still on top of the Third Division, with 14 points from nine games, two points clear of nearest rivals Barrow and Rotherham.

YOUTH

By George Rogers

THE YOUTH team continued a busy month by playing their 5th game in the first 2 weeks. The first game last week was at Birmingham when they took on Birmingham City at their training ground on Tuesday 12th. September Birmingham playing an experience side, several members playing regularly in their combination side finished the day by winning 3 goals to nil. In the first half and well into the second half the lads gave as good as they got. It was only in the later stages that Birmingham applied the pressure and scored 2 goals after scoring their first early on in the first half. *Team:— G. Phillips, R. Johnson, T. Murphy, A. Wilkinson, L. Harriott, G. Sisman, M. Conquest, N. Maddon, N. Johnson, R. Eaton, A. Pearson, Sub. N. Maddon. W. Turner.*

On Wednesday 13th. September the

to Letchworth in a Chiltern Youth league fixture. Luton were the first to score Martin Conquest broke away down the right and sent over a cross for Andy Pearson to head home. Then five minutes before the interval Mick Pacey, who was with the town last year, equalised for Letchworth lifting the ball over the advancing goalkeeper as the Luton players were appealing for offside. In the second half, play was fairly even but a long cross from the right went straight into the Luton net unchallenged to put Letchworth in front. With 15 minutes to go Andy Pearson equalised with a well taken goal to give Luton a well deserved draw. *Team:— G. Phillips, J. Woodward,*

G. Sisman, A. Cosby, N. Maddon, M. Conquest, R. Eaton, A. Pearson. S. Rowlands and T. Kitchener.

The third game of the week took place at Chrysler sports ground on Saturday morning when they entertained Harlow youth in a league cup game. A fairly even and hard contested game saw Luton go ahead through Andy Pearson but the score remained 1-0 to Luton in spite of a missed penalty for hands by Harlow. In the 2nd half, Harlow came more into the game and from one of their attacks, equalised, and it was only in the later stages that Andy Pearson gave Luton a 2-1 lead to go into the next round. *Team:— R. Walker, J. Woodward, T. Murphy, A. Wilkinson, L. Harriott, G. Sisman, A. Cosby, N. Maddon, M. Conquest, R. Eaton, A. Pearson, S. Rowlands and*

FOCUS ON

MARK AIZLEWOOD
BY DOUG LYGO



Picture: LUTON NEWS

WHEN Mark Aizlewood left Newport County in March 1978 the transfer fee involved was the largest that the Welsh club had ever received. The previous record, established almost exactly two years earlier concerned another Aizlewood — Mark's older brother Steve who had left their native club for Swindon in 1976.

Both brothers were born in Newport and both have achieved Welsh 'caps' at Schoolboy and Youth level. Mark played against England, Scotland, N. Ireland, Eire, Switzerland and West Germany as a schoolboy and played for two

seasons for the Under 18 side, the second as captain. Although still under nineteen years of age he was called up last season to the Welsh Under 21 squad and would like to emulate his brother by winning a cap at this level. Mark was a sixteen year old schoolboy when he first appeared in the Football League as a midfielder player and maintained his place in the Newport side from March 1976 until the end of the season scoring one of the very few goals achieved by the club during that period. The following season saw him operating again in mid-field until Christmas when an injury interrupted his career for ten months. He regained full fitness and his first team place in October 1977 and played in twenty seven consecutive league matches until his transfer to Luton, scoring once, in the 2-1 defeat of Aldershot. Mark fully demonstrated his versatility during this period by appearing in the number 3 shirt ten times, at Number 6 on seven occasions whilst also filling midfield positions 10, 4 and 7. He expresses a strong preference for the role of sweeper but is willing to play in virtually any position for which he is selected. A very strongly built six footer who weighs around twelve and a half stone he was described by our Club Medical Officer, Dr. Burrows, as one of the finest

physical specimens he had examined. Before joining Newport on leaving school, Mark was offered the opportunity of an apprenticeship with Arsenal, Aston Villa, Crystal Palace, Bristol Rovers and Cardiff and again last spring he was the target for a number of first division clubs. Prompt action by David Pleat however secured his signature and he has settled in quickly and has performed with distinction as both a sweeper and a left back.

Mark comes from a sporting family and in addition to brother Steve, his father represented Wales at Baseball whilst one of his four sisters has played netball for the Principality. His ambitions include holding down a permanent first team place at Kenilworth Road, helping the "Hatters" to achieve 1st. Division status and winning a full 'cap'. Mark's interests outside soccer are mainly of a sporting nature and he enjoys playing golf, squash and tennis. He shares very comfortable 'digs' in Poynters Road with Ricky Hill where they are well looked after by Mrs. Gough. On June 9th Mark and his fiance Maggie, who also comes from Newport, plan to marry and they have already found a house in Luton in readiness for the 'big day'. We wish them both every possible happiness and a long stay in our midst.

POOLS NEWS

ONCE AGAIN this season the '£25 weekly Football Treble' cards have almost sold-out. What a bargain, less than 1p a week, 25p in fact covers the whole season's costs, and for this, every week you are in with a good chance of winning part of £750 by holding the membership cards with the three combined highest scores of the day. As we delay calculation of the early winners, only after the fourth Saturday, you still have time to call at the Pools Office and purchase your treble cards, don't delay though, you could be unlucky!

Since the last programme, and in response from supporters to join our army of Pools Agents, the reaction has been tremendous, at the time, of going to press we have a total of 1284, and to keep it in rhyme "we could do with one to eight four more".

Thank you for all the hard work put in by Agents week after week. Being a true "Hatter" you must know how happy "that chap in the wardrobe" is these days.

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SECOND DIVISION SCENE

NOW THAT the season is settling down and most teams have played 6 matches, it is a convenient time to have a look at the fortunes of the teams that were promoted and relegated to the 2nd. Division.

Newcastle got off to a bad start by losing their first two games, but by picking up a point from their draw with Wrexham they are 12th. from the top of the league, but they have yet to win away from home. Leicester, 4th. from the bottom, have so far only managed to get 4 points out of 6 games, these being picked up by drawing once at home and 3 times away. They are the only team in Division II not to have won a match either at home or away this season.

Of the three teams relegated, West Ham are doing the best in the league. Lying fourth with 7 points, they have picked up 3 points from away matches their 2-0 win over Bristol Rovers gave them their 2nd. home win this season.

Turning to the promoted teams Preston North End are lying 7th. from the bottom with 5 points. Their visit to Oldham was in vain, losing 2-0, and like a few others have yet to win away. In contrast, Wrexham lying 3rd. with 8 points, seem to be going

against the fashion by winning twice away from home but not managing to get 2 points from a home win. They are in the unusual position of being 3rd. in the league by scoring only 3 goals in 6 matches.

Last, but not least, and the side we are playing today, Cambridge are 8th. from the bottom, one place ahead of Preston. Apart from Leicester, they also have yet to win at home, only managing to draw with Charlton, but they have picked up 3 points out of their total of 5 from away games.

Now that long-serving Manager JIMMY FRIZZELL seems to be settled again after a move to Walsall had been on the cards, Oldham Athletic could be amongst the promotion contenders this season. They certainly looked good when recovering from a 6-1 defeat at Luton with a 3-1 win over Bristol Rovers, this being the fourth season in a row in which they have beaten Rovers at Boundary Park.

Several other results seem to be following traditional patterns. Stoke beating Cardiff for the second season in succession with long-serving defender Dennis Smith snatching the vital first goal just when a goalless draw seemed likely. Meanwhile the Notts County v. Millwall game ended 1-1 for the second season in succession with

Mick Vinter getting County's goal on each occasion. Millwall have made a useful start to the present season to follow up their dramatic escape from relegation last season.

Another team making a good start after a narrow escape last season are Orient, who have won both their opening games. After failing to beat Sunderland on their last three visits to Brisbane Road they hammered them 3-0 to indicate that in addition to their well-known defensive problems they now have the capacity to score goals more freely.

Teams who were relegated to Division III last season seem to find the going rather hard, while Southampton and Spurs, are settling down in the middle of the first Division Bolton are struggling to climb the ladder and are another team finding it hard to win away from home.

**EASTERN JUNIOR CUP
1977-78 FINAL
MONDAY SEPT. 25th 1978
LUTON TOWN YOUTH v.
IPSWICH TOWN YOUTH
K.O. 7.30 PM.
ADMISSION 30p
JUNIORS UNDER 15 & O.A.P.'s 15p.**

FACTS

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Division Two

	As at 17 September 1978													Pts.		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	F	A	Pts.	
C. Palace	6	1	2	0	5	3	2	1	0	6	1	9				
Stoke	5	2	0	0	4	0	2	1	0	3	1	9				
Wrexham	6	0	3	0	0	4	0	2	1	0	3	1	8			
West Ham	6	2	0	1	7	3	1	1	1	6	4	7				
Brighton	5	2	0	1	3	2	1	1	0	4	1	7				
Oldham	6	2	1	0	6	2	1	0	2	4	8	7				
Notts County	6	2	1	0	4	2	1	0	2	4	7	7				
Burnley	6	2	1	0	7	5	0	2	1	1	5	7				
Luton	6	3	0	0	16	2	0	3	1	6	6					
Fulham	6	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	4	6				
Bristol Rovers	6	3	0	0	9	3	0	0	3	1	8	6				
Newcastle	6	2	0	1	4	4	0	2	1	2	6	6				
Sunderland	6	2	1	0	5	2	0	1	2	0	6	6				
Sheffield Utd.	6	1	0	2	5	4	1	1	1	3	4	5				
Cambridge Utd.	6	0	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	2	5				
Preston	6	1	2	0	6	3	0	1	2	3	7	5				
Charlton	6	1	2	0	5	2	0	1	2	1	5	5				
Orient	6	1	0	2	3	2	1	0	2	2	5	4				
Leicester	6	0	1	2	1	3	0	3	0	3	3	4				
Blackburn	6	1	2	0	5	2	0	0	3	3	9	4				
Millwall	6	1	0	2	3	8	0	2	1	1	3	4				
Cardiff	6	1	1	1	4	5	0	0	3	3	13	3				

Combination

As at 19 September 1978	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Tottenham	6	5	1	0	23	10	11
Norwich City	6	4	1	1	9	6	9
Chelsea	6	3	2	1	11	6	8
Luton Town	6	4	0	2	12	8	8
West Ham	6	3	2	1	9	5	8
Arsenal	6	2	3	1	13	8	7
Bristol Rovers	5	3	1	1	8	5	7
Fulham	6	3	1	2	10	7	7
Plymouth	6	3	1	2	8	6	7
Ipswich Town	5	2	2	1	10	6	6
Southampton	6	2	2	2	6	7	6
Oxford Utd.	6	2	2	2	9	11	6
Bristol City	4	2	1	1	9	4	5
Crystal Palace	6	2	1	3	11	10	5
Leicester City	6	2	1	3	7	9	5
Q.P.R.	4	1	2	1	7	9	4
Birmingham C.	5	0	3	2	3	6	3
Reading	5	0	3	2	6	10	3
Hereford Utd.	5	0	2	3	6	12	2
Swindon Town	6	0	2	4	2	11	2
Orient	6	0	2	4	4	20	2
Cardiff City	5	0	1	4	4	11	1

League/Cup	Apps.	Goals
Aleksic	7	4
Stephens	4	7
Sherlock	2	2
Aizlewood	7	7
Donaghy	7	7
C. Turner	7	7
Price	5	5
Hill	7(1)	1
Fuccillo	6	3
West	3(2)	3
Stein	7	6
Hatton	6	4
Moss	5	4
Ingram	3(2)	4
McNichol	1(1)	4
Own Goal	1	
Combination goals		
Sperrin		3
Ingram		3
W. Turner		3
Currie		1
N. Johnson		1
Jones		1
Midland/Chiltern		
Eaton		3
Conquest		3
W. Turner		2
Maddon		2
Sisman		3
Pearson		5
Ingram		1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES - 1978-79

Aug.	19	S	Oxford United
	22	T	Cardiff City
	26	S	Birmingham City
	30	W	
Sept.	6	W	Hereford United
	9	S	Southampton
	13	W	Bristol Rovers
	23	S	Norwich City
	30	S	Swindon Town
Oct.	4	W	
	7	S	Chelsea
	14	S	Orient
	21	S	Tottenham H.
	28	S	Plymouth Argyle
Nov.	4	S	Leicester City
	8	W	
	11	S	Oxford United

1978-79

Birmingham City
Bristol Rovers
Reading
Fulham
Arsenal
West Ham
Bristol City
Crystal Palace
Q.P.R.
Ipswich Town
Southampton
Hereford United

All Saturday Matches Kick-off 3pm

3	S	Norwich City	.
10	S	Swindon Town	.
17	S	Chelsea	.
24	S	Orient	.
3	S	Tottenham H.	.
10	S	Plymouth Argyle	.
17	S	Leicester City	.
21	W	Crystal Palace	.
28	W	Cardiff City	.
31	S	Reading	.
7	S	Fulham	.
16	M	Ipswich Town	.
21	S	Bristol City	.
24	T	West Ham	.
28	S	Arsenal	.
5	S	Q.P.R.	.

Next home games

EASTERN JUNIOR CUP FINAL 1977-78
MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER — K.O. 7.30 PM.
LUTON TOWN v. IPSWICH TOWN
Admission prices as reserve match. 30p/15p Juniors & O.A.P.

Junior Hatters Club

FIRSTLY the answer to the competition in the Cardiff programme:—

1. 1881
2. Stockport County with Broughton Rangers R.L. team. This week's competition:—
1. This London team had the name of their local underground station changed from Gillespie Road, to? They were also the last team to do the "double".
2. Who was manager of Luton during their round the world tour?

Answers please to:— Junior Hatters Competition, Luton Town F.C. Kenilworth Road, Luton. The first all correct answer to be opened after the first post Saturday, 30th September, 1978, will receive two free tickets for a home game.

There are still a number of members who have not yet changed the name of their favourite player from the original choice of players who are no longer with the club, as we wish to bring the birthday photographs up-to-date, please let us know your new choice.

This week we have sent out photographs of Ricky Hill, Milija Aleksic and Pasquale Fuccillo for those with birthdays up to the 17th September, 1978. We hope to have the remainder of the photographs within the next few days and we will send them out as soon as possible.

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Century Club

by Catherine Ball, Secretary

YOU MAY have read in the local newspapers of plans to make more use of part of the car park in Maple Road. It has always seemed somewhat wasteful to see that land standing near-derelict for 13 days out of 14, being used as a car park only on match days.

But now, thanks partly to a grant from the Sports Council, the surface is to be made good, floodlights put up, and five-a-side football and netball pitches laid out.

It will provide a new facility for Luton Town FC, and a new service to the local community. The Sports Council's grant won't cover the cost, and everyone knows Luton Town is not exactly the wealthiest club in the land. So I am very pleased that the Century Club is making a donation to enable the work to go ahead quickly.

Our members will find some inconvenience because they will have to forgo their parking places while the building work is being done. I hope they will all bear with us, because it will be worth it in the end.

The Century Club's ability to make the donation is due to tremendous support throughout the year on all sorts of activities — everything from the annual ball to regular match-day raffles. We even have members who sacrifice time to patronise the bar to swell the coffers!

Our balance sheet for last year shows a wide spread of profit-making work. Bar profits were over £1,000, and raffles and similar money-spinners brought in £1,440. Our pontoon, at 25p per team per week, earned £511 and dances and socials £635.

It all amounts to real tangible support, and as all profits eventually find their way to Luton Town FC I think we can claim to be supporters in the true sense of the word.

And when we think of the new facilities to which our next contribution will go, perhaps you will forgive us in the Century Club for a slight feeling of pride. We're glad to be able to help, and look forward to doing still more in the future.

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- 12 ALAN WEST



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| MALCOLM WEBSTER | 1 |
| TREVOR HOWARD | 2 |
| LINDSAY SMITH | 3 |
| PETER GRAHAM | 4 |
| STEVE FALLON | 5 |
| FLOYD STREETE | 6 |
| JOHN COZENS | 7 |
| STEVE SPRIGGS | 8 |
| IAN BUCKLEY | 9 |
| TOM FINNEY | 10 |
| ALAN BILEY | 11 |
| JAMIE MURRAY | 12 |

Half Times

Arsenal	W. Brom	Fulham
Man. Utd.	Liverpool.	Millwall.
Bolton	Bristol R.	Leicester
Norwich	Wrexham.	Brighton
Coventry	Burnley.	Newcastle
Leeds	Sunderland.	Orient
Man. City	Cardiff	Preston
Tottenham.	Blackburn	Stoke
Nott'm F.	C. Palace	W. Ham.

Officials

Referee: Mr. T. G. BUNE (Billinghurst)
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.

Linesmen: Mr. S. Atmore (Folkestone)
Red flag; Mr. G. Gordon (Raynes Park)
Yellow flag.