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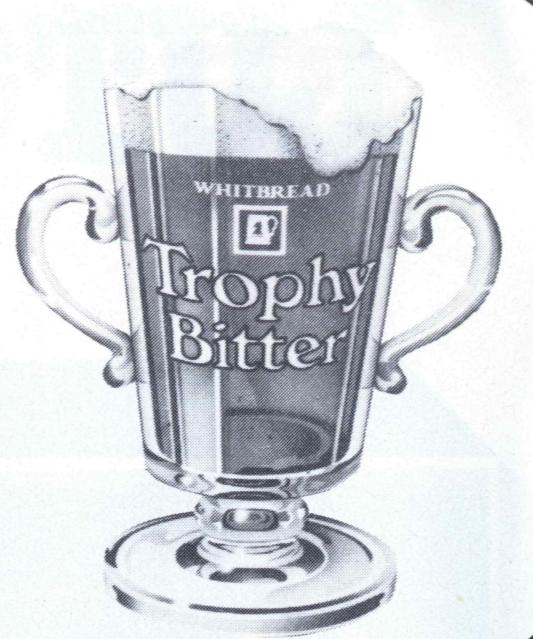
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DAVID PLEAT

IT WAS certainly enjoyable to visit Sheffield United last week and reminisce with good old friends Harry and Danny. It was even more enjoyable to come away with a well deserved away point, but it would have given us greater pleasure had we retained both points which we should have done.

In their programme last week there was a plea for patience whilst players take time to adjust to new surroundings. They had two new faces in their side whilst we had five new boys. So you can see that our changeover has been more considerable but good players adapt quickly. There's nothing to fear in the Second Div. so we must be positive in outlook and progress.



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During the last fortnight our lads in the Youth Leagues have done exceptionally well. In the final of the East Anglian Youth Cup we defeated Ipswich Town 3-2 in a splendid game, Godfrey Ingram got 2 vital goals. John Lucas represented Wales in Norway at under 18 level and Gary Sisman has been selected for England Youth shadow squad which travel to Las Palmas for an international tournament.

In the last home League match, Cambridge United came and thwarted our game by crowding mid-field and stamping out creative ideas. We can expect this, our home reputation will go before us and we must be prepared to adapt against blanket defences.

Last season I had the pleasure of watching Wrexham twice. Each time they were swift and sure, a cut above the other Third Div. clubs, their away record confirms this view. Arfon Griffiths' thoughts this season will be adjusted to reaching the top rather than avoiding the bottom.

I hope today's game will please the eye and we can return to winning ways at home.

Wrexham

ARFON GRIFFITHS. Wrexham's most famous player who took the club to the Third Division Championship and Welsh Cup victory in his first season as Manager. Voted Third Division Manager of the season. A brilliant midfield player who took over when John Neal moved to First Division Middlesbrough. Aged 36, still keeps himself fit and pushing midfield players for a game! Awarded the MBE in the Queen's Honours list for service to football. A Welsh international, he started his career with his home town club, Wrexham and had a spell with Arsenal when 18, he moved for a fee of £15,000 and returned 18 months later for £8,000 and has gone on to play more than 600 games for his club. Made several astute signings to 'make' Wrexham's promotion side. A fierce competitor.

Appearances 23 Goals 0

MEL SUTTON. Promoted to Assistant Player-Manager this summer. Mel is one of the most respected players in the game and his experience has proved invaluable for Wrexham. Moved from Villa to Cardiff City but Wrexham signed him for £13,000 four years ago. One of the finest players on the staff, he has played in European soccer both with Cardiff and Wrexham. Can control middle of the park with his ability.

Appearances 61 Goals 2

DAI DAVIES. Wales number one choice. Has been in dominating form since joining Wrexham, last September, from Everton. Wrexham got the former Swansea 'keeper for a give away £8,000. His brilliant form in goal and his influence on the defence was one of the main reasons for Wrexham's highly successful season. Born South Wales.

Appearances (League, League Cup, F.A. Cup) 30

EDDIE NEIDZWEICKI. This 19 year old player proved an able deputy stepping into the first team at the height of the promotion and Cup runs when Davies was injured. Eddie, Welsh born, was born in North Wales; his father was born in Poland. Eddie took over from Brian Lloyd at the beginning of last season when Lloyd had made a record 316

consecutive appearances. He went back into the reserves when Dai Davies arrived from Goodison. A Welsh youth cap, he has an outstanding future.

Appearances 15

MICKEY EVANS. A hard tackling full back who joined Wrexham as a forward. He is one of the clubs longest serving players. Started his career with Wolves but came to the Racecourse as teenager. Has played in almost every position for Wrexham — including in goal! Reads the game well. A fine club man. Born Mid Wales.

Appearances 29 Goals 1

ALAN HILL. Born just over the border at Chester. Has come through the junior sides and has gradually made an impact in the first team. A stylish player with excellent distribution. A back four man who loves going forward.

Appearances 33 Goals 0

ALAN DWYER. Born in Liverpool; a brilliant attacking full back who was watched by a number of top clubs last season. He developed into a classy defender who loves to join the attack. Has a fine future. Was spotted playing in local league football in Liverpool. Only 22.

Appearances 59 Goals 0

GARETH DAVIES. Club skipper and finished a magnificent season leading the side to the Third Division championship and Welsh Cup victory by making the Wales international side. Voted 'Player of the Year' by the Wrexham fans. He is in the middle of his testimonial season. Born Llandudno. Joined the club from school. A good defender. Strong in the air and an impeccable reader of the game.

Appearances 59 Goals 3

GRAHAM WHITTLE. Another exciting striker with one of the hardest shots in the game. He was born in Liverpool and came through to Wrexham junior sides and is now better known than his older brother Alan (ex Everton, Palace and Orient). Graham has scored 56 goals in two seasons despite the fact that he has often been pulled back to play in midfield.

Appearances 51 Goals 24

JOHN LYONS. Another youngster who proved a valuable member of the first team squad. Would normally keep his place in any other side but has had his first team chances

limited due to form and versatility of other strikers. A powerful runner with a strong shot. Born Buckley, near Wrexham.

Appearances 26 Goals 9

JOHN ROBERTS. Signed from Birmingham for £30,000 in July 1976. Another player who had a fine season last term. He played in the famous Arsenal double squad. A Welsh international he can dominate the back four with his powerful play. Born South Wales.

Appearances 55 Goals 4

WAYNE CEGIELSKI. Started his career with Northampton Town and then had a spell with Spurs. Aged 21, he played in America and then Germany and asked Wrexham for a trial. Has made an able deputy to John Roberts; a tall commanding figure. Born South Wales.

Appearances 11 Goals 0

MIKE THOMAS. Aged 23; a talented midfield player who has made great strides in recent seasons both at club level and in the Welsh side. Now an automatic choice for his country. An enthusiastic buzzing type of player with lots of skill and determination. Born at Mochdre on the North Wales coast. Joined Wrexham from school. A brilliant future in the game.

Appearances 68 Goals 9

LES CARTWRIGHT. Another Welsh international. He joined Wrexham from Coventry City for £40,000 (then the club record) last May. Produced excellent form particularly towards Wrexham's great run at the end of the

season. Can play both in midfield and on the wing.

Appearances 56 Goals 5

BOBBY SHINTON. A big favourite with the Wrexham fans and one of the most talented players the club has ever had. Started his career with home town club of Walsall and moved on to Cambridge United. Wrexham paid what has proved a bargain £20,000 for the player in the summer of 1976 and he has scored more than 40 goals for the club. A highly skilled player with tremendous control and is another player who has top scouts watching him.

Appearances 61 Goals 23

DIXIE McNEIL. One of the most prolific goalscorers in the game. Wrexham paid out a record £60,000 to Hereford United last September and although he missed the last 19 games due to a heel injury he had already chalked up 28 goals to put Wrexham firmly on the road to promotion. Very popular with the crowd; has scored some breath taking goals with his powerful shooting — and heading. Deadly in the box.

Appearances 32 Goals 28

Front Row: G. Showell (Trainer-physio), A. Dwyer, J. Lyons, M. Thomas, A. T. Griffiths (Player-Manager), G. Davies (Capt), G. Whittle, M. Evans, M. Sutton (Assistant Player-Manager).

Back Row: T. Bates (Youth Development Officer), D. McNeil, B. Shinton, A. Hill, D. Davies, E. Niedzwiecki, J. Roberts, L. Cartwright, Mr. N. Wilson (General Secretary).



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OUR GREETINGS go this week to Wrexham. Coupled with our welcome to their Directors, Manager, Officials and Players we add our congratulations on their success in Division 3.

For the second league home match in succession we are entertaining another team promoted from Division 3 this season. Wrexham, for the first time in their career, finished top of the 3rd Division and so along with Cambridge, and Preston North End they join us in Division 2. After going to the top of the table in October '77 by a 3-1 win over Bury, they stayed in that position for the rest of the season. The only time they slipped below that spot was for a short while, when, by not playing one week in January they fell to fourth position. However, by defeating Lincoln and Exeter they climbed back and finished the season by drawing with Hereford. Their last game but one was a fine 7-1 win over Rotherham United.

The club completed the "double" by winning the Welsh F.A. Cup and booking entry, once again, into the European Cup Winners Cup, a competition in which they have gained a fine reputation in recent years. Wrexham got to the sixth round of both the League Cup and F.A. Cup, Liverpool knocked them out of the League Cup and after a close game, Arsenal knocked them off the Wembley trail.

Wrexham Football Club was founded in 1875 and joined the Football Combination in 1905 entering the Football League Div. Three (North) when it was formed in 1921. The club was relegated to Div. Four in 1964 but returned to Div. Three in 1969. They have the honour of being the oldest club in Wales.

Wrexham have had a number of memorable battles in Europe but their finest moments came when they lost in the quarter final of the European Cup Winners Cup in 1976 to Anderlecht by an away goal after two great displays against the Belgium side who went on to win the trophy.

They have kicked off their debut by being in the unusual position of being 5th

in the league with 8 points and not having had a home win, and only scoring 4 goals in the bargain. They reached the third position with a total of 3 goals in the previous week, but by losing 2-1 to Bristol Rovers on Sat. 23rd. they slipped to the 5th. spot.

With a start like this, once the home wins roll in, they should hold onto a comfortable spot in the league table.

From John Wilkinson's Desk

I WAS appalled last week to read about the damage done to the Royal Oak Public House at Round Green by visiting Cambridge supporters, (I use that word very loosely). How a coach company can unload passengers so far away from the ground and get away with it, amazes me. I think it is about time that the government stepped in and put a £1,000 fine on a coach company should any trouble occur with its passengers, I think that would make them think twice about who they bring in. Not content with that they have to wreck some of the toilets in the ground: I only wish that people who have written to me complaining on that subject could have seen them and then they might realise some of the problems we get. We also seem to have collected a few 'fans' who do nothing but chant at the opposition and make a general nuisance of themselves. Bad language and threats to people who simply want to enjoy their football is not for us and I say to these people "Stay away, we don't want you". I could go on but the programme is not big enough to say everything that I would like.

Two weeks ago David Moss, Jim McNichol, John Lucas, David Carr, Mark Aizlewood, Kirk Stevens and myself attended a disco in aid of the Butts Close School for mentally handicapped children in Hitchin. The disco itself along with a raffle raised nearly £200 towards a mobile home. The lads did a good job of auctioning a shirt, hat and scarf, with Jim as the model. A tremendous amount of work went into making the evening a success and I know I can speak on behalf of the players and say that we were only too pleased to help.

The R.R.C. news-reader Richard Whitmore

was also there doing his bit and I guess he must have got writers cramp with the number of autographs that he signed.

Last week we had a visit from the St. John's C.E. (Aided) J.M.I. School at Digsell Welwyn Garden City and we showed them that there is far more to a football club than the match on Saturday afternoons. Each boy in the party wrote to me personally after the visit saying what they liked seeing the most. It's when you get letters like that you realise that that's what the game is all about.

Some weeks ago I asked for information on the Charity Cup which was played for in the 1890's. Mr David Doorne of 4, Blackthorn Road, Houghton Regis came to my rescue with a very detailed report on the history of the Cup until the last time it was competed for in 1899. Mr. Doorne also informs me that should any supporter have any questions they would like answering about Luton Town, provided they include an S.A.E. he will do his best to delve through his records and answer your queries. I have no doubt that I will be in touch with him again. Thank you for your efforts David.

Enjoy the match.

THE WELSH CONNECTION

(Browsing in the 'Town' archives with Doug Lygo)

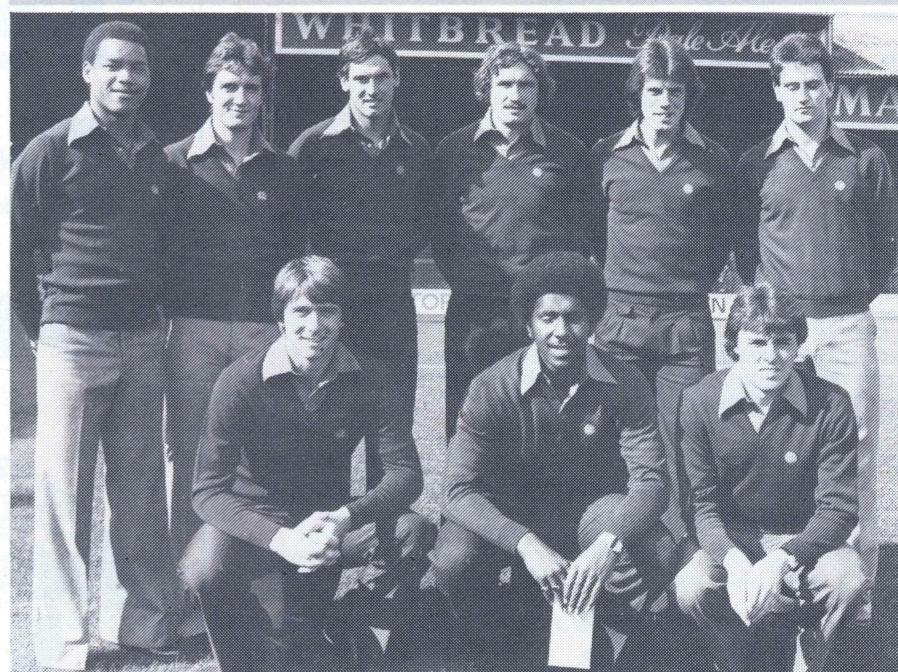
ALTHOUGH today's visitors were not directly involved the visit of a team from the Principality recalls a period in the Town's history which has never received any significant coverage in recent years. This is hardly surprising since by comparison with the seasons 1912/13 and 1913/14 the period spent in the Fourth Division during the 1960s rates as a success story. Following their failure to be re-elected to the Football League (2nd Division) in 1900, Luton joined many other now famous names in the Southern League. The best seasons were 1905/6 and 1906/7 when finishing in fourth place behind Champions Fulham on both occasions. Other Southern League title winners in those pre 1914-18 War days were Spur, Portsmouth, Southampton, Brighton

Queens Park Rangers and Bristol Rovers. Although normally able to command a respectable league position the "Hatters" suffered a slump in 1912 and the "Luton News" Football Handbook (price one penny) reports as follows: "The whirligig of time brings about many changes and whereas last year the Luton directors and supporters had to be congratulated upon the most satisfactory season in the Club's history, from the financial point of view at any rate, there is now a very different story to tell. Encouraged by their success and a profit of £821. 19s. 11d. the directors re-engaged practically all the old team and incurred a considerably heavier wages bill. The result was disastrous. What with accidents to players and other misfortunes and a decided falling off in the shooting abilities of the forwards, nothing seemed to go right, and in the end Luton found themselves in the humiliating position of being relegated to the Second Division of the Southern League, and further handicapped by a loss of £359. 2s. 7d. The season will also ever be remembered for another and still more unfortunate reason, namely the death of Wightman, Luton's dashing full back, who succumbed to injuries received towards the end of the season in a match at Brighton".

And so Luton found themselves for two years in a league made up almost entirely of Welsh clubs - Mardy, Treharris, Barry, Abertillery, Llanelli, Ton Pentre, Mid Rhondda, Pontypridd, Aberdare, Newport, Caerphilly, Swansea and Cardiff City. In the first season the only English league opposition came from Croydon and Southend whilst in 1913/14 the number rose to three - Croydon, Brentford and Stoke City. Travelling, presumably by rail, must have presented many problems including financial ones although the 1913/14 handbook refers to a subsidy paid to the club by the Southern League of £150 towards the cost of the Welsh journeys. It also relates how the Supporters' Club had undertaken to pay the players' summer wages. After threatening to climb back into Division One at the first attempt the "Hatters" suffered a serious loss of form after Christmas and finished in fifth place. However the following season promotion was achieved and the regular visits to Wales ceased. One of the new signings who helped in the promotion chase was M. Donaghy - perhaps a good omen.

By contrast two stalwarts of the Luton side Bob and Fred Hawkes made their first appearances in 1901/2 and their final ones in 1919/20. Although unrelated they were both local men and Bob had the distinction of winning an Olympic Soccer Gold Medal in addition to several amateur international 'caps'. He also won a full cap for England v.

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Ireland in 1905/6 and eventually turned professional in 1912 after captaining the Town for seven years. All of the above information was gleaned from the Club's archives and if any of our older supporters need assistance in jogging a memory or settling an argument drop us a line and we shall try to answer your questions through our match programme.

CLUB SWEATERS

SOME members of the first team squad resplendent in their new club sweaters. Supplied by Cobra Sports of Nottingham these should be available from today in our Kenilworth Road Souvenir shop or in the enclosure shop. They may also be purchased from the Pools Office in Kenilworth Road which is open for the sale of souvenirs during the week as well as on match days.

Prices range from £4.95 (small) to £5.75 (extra large) and a new supply of club ties should also be available at £2.50 each.

MASCOT

OUR MASCOT to take the field with the team today is Michael Green. Michael attends the William Austin Junior School and football and model railways are his main interests. Alan West is his favourite player and he has supported the "Hatters" for over two years. Michael had some bad luck recently, he had a trial for the school team but unfortunately he has had to have an operation on one of his eyes, which has prevented him from playing football.

Hope you are now better Michael and that you will soon be playing for the school team.

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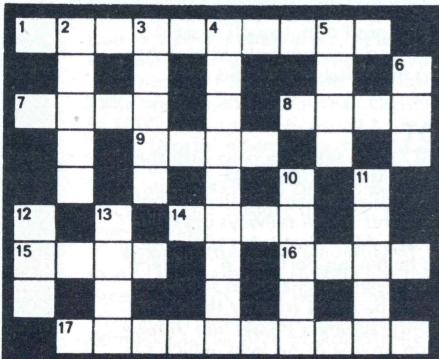
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9. Nickname of Aberdeen (4)
14. Ruben ___ (Atletico Madrid & Spain) (4)
15. Glentoran's ground (4)
16. See 3dn.
17. He hit a hat-trick of penalties for Peterborough at Chester last April (4,6)

CLUES — DOWN

1. Striker who went to West Ham from West Bromwich (5)
3. & 16ac. Huddersfield's home (5,4)
4. Watford forward in the PFA's 1978 Division Four team selection (4,5)
6. & 5. See 7ac.
10. Portugal's representative in this season's European Cup (5)
11. League vice-president and Sheffield United director (5)
12. & 13. Famous old wing-half with Swansea, Manchester City and Wales (3,4)

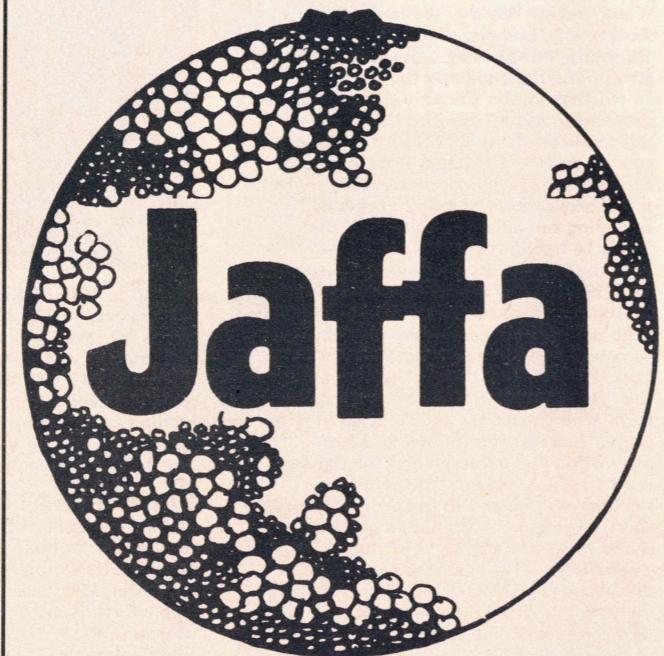
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A FLYING start, with a goal inside the first two minutes, gave us early hope of another goal avalanche against Cambridge, only for the visitors to force their way back into the game and become the first to take a point from Kenilworth Road.

Left: Goalkeeper Malcolm Webster and two defenders try in vain to keep out our opener. Brian Stein, who got the credit for the goal, is hidden on the other side of the defence, putting on the pressure to reach Mal Donaghy's headed pass.

Below: If only . . . the moment that led to Bob Hatton holding his head in disbelief. He gets clear of his markers and heads for goal from David Moss' centre, but puts the ball over the bar.

Pictures: LUTON NEWS.

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GERRY HARRISON

ANGLIA TELEVISION'S MATCH OF THE WEEK COMMENTATOR

THIS IS the time of the season for bold predictions and courageous claims. A few bad results don't yet mean disaster, a few good ones merely add more fuel to the fire of controversy. Your team is still very much in with a chance.

Consequently, this is the time of the year for striking good bets, for getting some useful odds, either on a personal basis or with the bookmakers. I was talking to some of the odds makers at Ladbrokes the other day and some interesting figures emerged — if you are a gambler.

For instance when I spoke to Ladbrokes they were offering a cool 2500-1 on Forest winning all four major competitions they'll compete in this season — European Cup, First Division, F.A. Cup and League Cup. You can get 1000-1 on them winning the three cup competitions. Ladbrokes do a lot of business in the Midlands and there has been considerable interest in those bets.

Liverpool, of course, feature in the early figures and their European Cup first round game against Forest has put the cat among the bookmakers' pigeons. Liverpool are 9-2 to win the Cup again; Forest 10-1. You can get 150-1 on Liverpool to pull off the treble of League, F.A. Cup and European Cup.

How many goals do you think Ricardo Villa of Spurs will score? These are some of the odds offered: 0-5 goals, 33-1; 6-10 goals, 8-1; 11-15 goals, 15-8; 16-20 goals, 2-1; 21-25 goals 7-2; 26-30 goals, 14-1.

When West Ham started the season so well their odds for winning the Second Division were cut from 6-1 to 7-2 in the space of a week. Steadier figures are for that popular one — the player to score 30 League goals this season in the First or Second Divisions.

Liverpool's Dalglish is the favourite at 25-1. And having seen him in action at Ipswich when he scored two he looks like a good bet. On 33-1 are David Cross, Derek Hales and Bob Latchford; 40-1, Andy Gray, Bob Hatton, Malcolm MacDonald and Trevor Francis.

Incidentally, don't take these odds for granted. They are likely to change according to public demand and interest.

A racing expert I met last year — in fact he is clerk of the course of one of the South's best known tracks — is something of a football gambling man. Each season he has a series of wagers with a pal of his. Both men pick the side they think will score the most goals in each division, as well as the team they feel will be the lowest scorers.

They also select the player they feel will be the highest individual scorer in each division.

All harmless stuff you might feel. Except they have £5 a goal on the difference. For instance, if one man selects Nottingham Forest as the highest scorers, the other Manchester United and Forest scores 66 and United 76, the difference is 10 goals . . . which is £50.

When you are betting on all four divisions, top and bottom and the individual scorers you are suddenly into a lot of money. One season he lost £400. I don't recommend stakes of that size, but for pence or halves of bitter there's some fun to be had out of that one.

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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

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

THIS COLUMN was tempted to go away and hide today, in an effort to forget the shame and mortification of what happened ten years ago this week. It wasn't just that the Town lost a game. Not even that they failed to score a goal and never looked like winning. Nor that Tony Read had to play a blinder in goal to keep the result down to 1-0. The embarrassment for all of us was the fact that it all happened at Vicarage Road, Watford, with the Town's deadly local rivals taking both points on October 5, 1968.

The previous week the gate at Kenilworth Road was 14,936 to see the Town maintain their 100 percent home record with a 1-0 victory over Torquay. A diving header by Brian Lewis three minutes after half-time, from a cross by Mike Harrison, broke the deadlock as Torquay came to play a spoiling game. Until the goal forced them to open up they played with a back six, plus a sweeper, in an attempt to pinch a 0-0 draw.

That win left the Town two points clear of the field at the top of the Third Division, with the result that an estimated 2,000 of us clogged up the motorway for the game at Watford. They were the team above all others who should be beaten, but

our high hopes were quickly flattened. Inside two minutes the defence was caught with its shorts in a twist, so to speak, and Low put Watford ahead from a pass by Dyson.

With John Moore and Graham French both absent with injuries, the Town played well below the standard they had set in earlier games, and Watford's close marking snuffed out our forwards.

Laurie Sheffield was out of luck with a drive which scraped the wrong side of the bar, and Walker pulled off a brilliant diving save from Harrison, but on the day it had to be admitted — in a whisper, of course — that Watford deserved to win.

Terry Branston was consistently beaten in the air by Terry Garbett, something no other centre-forward had done, and when the Town did move forward it was a case of the biter being bitten as Watford played a smooth offside trap.

We came home wanting to believe that the Town had been the better side while Watford had scored a lucky goal, but it wasn't really like that at all. If Tony Read hadn't produced one of his best-ever displays in goal the embarrassment would have been even worse!

YOUTH

By George Rogers

LUTON Town youth progressed into the next round of the Midland Youth League Cup by defeating Swindon youth 1-0 at Vauxhall Sports Ground, Thursday 28th September.

On a very windy day, good football, as we come to expect in this league was difficult but the short, sharp passes of the Luton lads enabled them to score the only goal through Harriott. Having won the first leg of this competition at Swindon, Luton went into the next round by 2-0.

Team:— G. Phillips, J. Woodward, T. Murphy, R. Johnson, L. Harriott, G. Sisman, M. Conquest, N. Maddon, R. Martinovic, R. Eaton, A. Pearson, T. Wilkinson.

One of the highlights of this league is the sporting way these games are played. It is the leagues boast that only 2 players have

been reported for misconduct since the league started. This is not only to the credit of the players taking part but to the team managers who can dictate policy and method. It would be very interesting to know how many goals are scored in all grades of football, each week from free kick situations, most of which are given away unnecessarily. The age limit is 19 years of age at the beginning of the season but most clubs keep to the Under 18 age group.

The other game the Youth team played was in the Eastern Junior Cup, 1st Round was v Vauxhall at their sports ground on Saturday 30th September. Having won the 1977/8 trophy the youth team were fairly confident of victory and this proved the case winning by 4-0. Goals for the town being scored by Andy Pearson 2, Richard

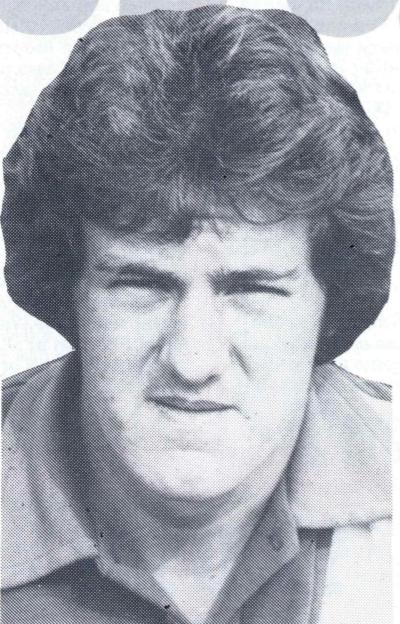
Eaton 1 and an own goal.

Team:— M. Daniels, T. Murphy, L. Harriott, R. Johnson, C. Goodyear, J. Woodward, R. Martinovic, T. Wilkinson, M. Conquest, R. Eaton, A. Pearson, T. Kithener.

Schools and Youth Competitions are now in progress and many local games are being watched with a view to selecting players for representative honours. Schools after their trials are now picking their sides for the English Schools Shield and Inter County Competitions. The Bedfordshire Football Ass. have games arranged at Under 18 and Under 16 level. For these they have arranged a Coaching Week-end at Bisham Abbey 27, 28 and 29th October. The benefits to the boys selected is enormous and reports of the boys who have been most enjoyable.

FOCUS ON

STEVE SHERLOCK
by Doug Lygo



AS UNDERSTUDY to Scottish international Willie Donachy at Maine Road for two full seasons Steve Sherlock has learned to be patient. Nevertheless he jumped at the chance of a fresh start when David Pleat was looking for promising young defenders following the departure of Steve Buckley, John Faulkner and Paul Futcher. Still only nineteen Steve joined Manchester City as an apprentice following impressive performances with the Birmingham Schools team. As a native of England's Second city he was tempted by the interest shown by West Bromwich Albion but a change of manager delayed the decision and by the time the 'Throstles' offered a contract he was already on City's books. Steve joined a strong youth squad at Maine Road which were through to the quarter finals of the F.A. Youth Cup but despite the competition he was promoted to the Central League side at the age of sixteen and remained a permanent member of the team for two seasons logging up a total of eighty appearances. Last season he was a member of the Championship side — the first time in their history that Manchester City had won the Central League title. Although he joined City as a midfielder, injury circumstances at the club resulted in his conversion to left back but he still prefers the mid-field role. His impressive displays in pre-season games and his willingness to attack down the left flank reminded more than one

observer of Steve Buckley and won him his chance in the league side at the start of the season. Before signing for Luton, Steve was again offered the chance of becoming a West Bromwich Albion player and was also wanted by Stockport County. He decided that his opportunities would be better at Kenilworth Road and this has already been confirmed. He says that the major difference he has found between his last club and our own is the friendliness and the fact that all players mix in together irrespective of whether they are first team stars or apprentices. Steve is an only child and his

parents still live in Birmingham but manage to see him play whenever possible. All three of them had their most enjoyable football occasion to date when he made his league debut in the 6-1 victory over Oldham on the opening day of the season. His interests outside soccer are nearly all sporting ones and include playing golf, cricket and squash. His main non-sporting relaxation is listening to records. Steve shares some of the best 'digs' in Luton with Gary Heale, Dave Moss and apprentice Andy Pearson. These are in Rutland Crescent, the home of Mrs Harrowell who has for many years opened her house to a succession of Luton players together with daughter Pam who lives next door and who is currently also providing accommodation for Jim McNichol. I doubt if even Mrs Harrowell can remember all the players who have stayed with her but some that came to mind are Derek Hales, Don Givens, Keith Barber, John Aston, Steve Litt and Steve Buckley. Although some of these left the area over five years ago they still keep in touch with their former landlady and bring their families to visit her and this speaks volumes for her efforts to provide them with a comfortable home which is so important especially when players first arrive in Luton. We hope that Steve will be as happy and successful as his illustrious predecessors and that Mrs Harrowell will long continue to provide Luton Town with her valuable services.

POOLS NEWS

MAY I introduce you to three of 'Our Army'. Visually recognised by all supporters, not just doing an 'Admiral' job for the 'Hatters', as in the photo. The fund raising destiny rests squarely on their shoulders as far as this club is concerned, and with your help they are doing a tremendous job. Compared to myself and Mick Kitchener who run the office administration, they are the youngsters.

Natural aptitudes to being a sales executive in 'this game' are very important, each of these lads have all the experience necessary to provide excellent results, tremendous personality, willingness to succeed in their work, in fact, although individual in their approach, they are single minded in the results that they achieve on your behalf.

Although they graduated from being 'Hatters' agents, these lads professions were varied too. Alan worked for a pharmaceutical manufacturers in Welwyn Garden City (Keep taking the tablets Alan). John was a civil engineer with Biggs Wall (They can shift mountains), and Bob, who worked for Quantas Airlines in Sydney, Australia (an upside down existence really).

Please make yourselves known to these



three lads, in fact "Join In" with them and help to further improve the financial well-being of 'your club' the 'Hatters'. Remember this, when we go back to Division 1, with your help we will have the financial stability to stay there. Your chance is now, don't let it pass you by.

Like I said before "Don't leave it to the chap next to you, he could be a visiting supporter. (Or a Watford agent)

Thank you for continued interest
MIKE HARDWICKE M.D.

Left to right: Bob Powell, John Gornall, Alan Spooner.

LUTON TOWN v SWINDON

WE OFFER our apologies to supporters of the reserve team for having to cancel last Saturday's match against Swindon. It was not until the Friday morning that we learned that some of Swindon's players had gone down with chicken pox.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

BIRTHDAY greetings go this week to BRIAN STEIN and LESLIE HARRIOTT. Brian celebrates his 21st. birthday on October 19th. and Les is 18 on October 17th. Best wishes to you both and congratulations Brian on reaching your majority.

BALL SPONSOR

Mr. N.J. COOPER, a director of the Cooper Printing Equipment Co. Ltd. Heathfield Works Leyton Rd., Harpenden, Herts., has kindly donated the ball for today's match against Wrexham. His firm are well known manufacturers of various types of Flexographic printing and plate making equipment for use in the packaging and converting trades.

THANKS

OUR MANAGER, Dave Pleat, received a letter of thanks from Mr. D. Pinner this week. Mr. Pinner had the misfortune to suffer an accident during the game against Cambridge and our physiotherapist, Rov

Johnson, took care of him until one of our stewards took him to hospital. Thank you for writing in Mr. Pinner, it is nice to feel that our efforts are appreciated. Like a well-known Airline "We take more care of you".

NEW SIGNING

WE TAKE this opportunity to extend a sincere welcome to a new member of Dave Pleat's squad. After being on trial and playing No. 5 against Ipswich in the Eastern Junior Cup Final, CLIVE GOODYEAR was signed up to play for the "Hatters". Happy to have you with us Clive and we hope you soon settle down and enjoy your football with us.

FACTS

DIV.2		Attendance	F-A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug	19	S	Oldham Athletic	8,043	1-3	Aleksic	Stephens	Sherlock	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein	Ingram, McNichol, Hill
	22	S	Crystal Palace	17,739	0-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein	Hatton, Moss
	26	S	Newcastle Utd.	24,112	0-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein	Hatton, Moss
	29	T	Wigan Ath. (LC2)	6,618	2-0	Aleksic	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein	Hatton, Moss
Sent.	2	S	Charlton Ath.	8,509	3-0	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill (1)	Turner	Price	Price	Donaghy	Fucillo	Stein (1)
	9	S	Bristol Rovers	6,508	0-2	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Price	Donaghy	Fucillo	Stein (2)
	16	S	Cardiff City	7,752	0-1	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Price	Donaghy	Fucillo	Stein (2)
	23	S	Cambridge Utd.	10,201	1-1	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Price	Donaghy	Fucillo	Stein (2)
	30	S	Sheffield Utd.	15,295	1-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Price	Donaghy	Fucillo	Stein (2)
Oct.	3	T	Crewe Alex. (LC3)	6,202	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill (1)	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	Stein	Stein (1)
	7	S	Wrexham	14	2	Netts County									
	21	S	Orient	28	S										
Nov.	4	S	Leicester City	8	W	League Cup 4									
	11	S	Oldham Athletic	18	S	Newcastle Utd.									
	21	T	Charlton Ath.	21	S	Sheffield Utd.									
	25	S	Sunderland (1)	25	S										
Dec.	2	S	Burnley	9	S	Preston									
	13	W	League Cup 5	13	W	League Cup 4									
	16	S	Brighton (2)	16	S	Wrexham (5)									
	23	S	West Ham	23	S	Cardiff City									
	26	T	Millwall	26	T	Charlton Ath.									
	30	S	Fulham	30	S	Sunderland (SF)									
1979															
Jan.	1	M	Stoke City												
	6	S	F.A. Cup 3												
	13	S	Bristol Rovers												
	17	W	League Cup SF												
	20	S	Cardiff City												
	24	W	League Cup SF												
Feb.	3	S	Cambridge Utd.												
	10	S	Sheffield Utd.												
	17	S	Leicester City (LCF)												
	24	S	Crystal Palace												
	31	S	Sunderland (SF)												
Mar.	3	S	Notts. County												
	10	S	Orient (6)												
	17	S	Wrexham (5)												
	24	S	Blackburn												
	31	S													
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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Bold denotes home game and scorer. * denotes substitute used

Division Two

As at 1 October 1978

P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stoke	8	2	2	0	3	3	1	0	4	1	13
C. Palace	8	2	2	0	6	2	2	0	7	2	12
Brighton	8	3	0	1	8	3	1	2	7	10	10
Fulham	8	2	1	1	3	1	2	1	5	10	10
Sunderland	8	3	1	0	7	3	1	2	3	7	10
West Ham	8	3	0	1	9	3	1	1	2	7	9
Bristol R.	8	4	0	0	11	4	0	1	3	2	9
Newcastle	8	2	1	1	4	1	2	1	3	3	9
Burnley	8	2	1	1	8	7	2	1	3	5	9
Luton	8	3	1	17	3	0	1	3	7	8	8
Leicester	8	1	1	2	5	4	1	3	3	8	8
Charlton	8	1	3	0	6	3	1	2	3	6	8
Wrexham	8	0	3	1	1	2	1	1	4	3	8
Notts Co.	8	2	1	1	5	4	1	1	2	5	8
Camb U	8	0	3	1	2	3	1	2	1	4	3
Oldham	8	2	1	1	6	4	1	0	3	4	3
Cardiff	8	1	1	1	6	5	1	0	3	5	3
Sheff Utd	8	1	1	2	6	5	1	1	2	5	3
Orient	8	1	0	3	3	1	2	1	3	6	3
Preston	8	1	2	1	6	4	0	1	3	4	3
Blackburn	8	1	2	1	6	4	0	0	4	3	3
Millwall	8	1	0	3	3	10	0	2	1	4	3

Combination

As at 3 October 1978

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham H.	10	9	1	0	3	14
Southampton	9	6	2	1	16	19
Norwich City	8	6	1	1	14	19
West Ham	8	5	2	1	16	13
Chelsea	7	4	2	1	14	10
O.P.R.	7	4	2	1	14	10
Bristol City	8	3	2	4	14	10
Ipswich Town	7	3	1	4	15	9
Leicester C.	8	2	2	4	15	8
Crystal Palace	8	2	1	5	12	7
Reading	6	0	3	3	7	13
Swindon Town	7	0	3	4	2	11
Hereford Utd.	8	0	3	5	8	22
Orient	8	0	3	5	4	23
Cardiff City	7	0	1	6	5	16

Football Combination Fixtures - 1978-79

Aug.	19	S	Oxford United	0-2	18	S	Birmingham City	
	22	T	Cardiff City	3-1	21	T	Bristol Rovers	
	26	W	Birmingham City	2-0	29	W	Reading	
	30	W						
Sept.	6	W	Hereford United	3-1	Dec.	2	Fulham	
	9	S	Southampton	3-1		9	Arsenal	
	13	W	Bristol Rovers	1-3		13	W	
	23	S	Norwich City	0-6		16	S	
	30	S	Swindon Town	C		19	T	
Oct.	4	W				30	S	
	7	S	Chelsea					
	14	S	Orient					
	21	S	Tottenham H.					
	28	S	Plymouth Argyle					
Nov.	4	S	Leicester City					
	8	W	Oxford United					
	11	S						

Jan.	1	M	Ipswich Town		1979			
	6	S	Southampton					
	13	S	Cardiff City					
	17	W	Hereford United					
	20	S	Leicester City					
	24	W						
	27	S						

All Fixtures subject to alteration

All Saturday Matches Kick-off 3pm

All Sunday Matches Kick-off 3pm

Feb. 3 S Norwich City

10 S Swindon Town

17 S Chelsea

24 S Orient

Mar. 3 S Tottenham H.

10 S Plymouth Argyle

17 S Leicester City

21 W Crystal Palace

28 W Cardiff City

31 S Reading

Century Club

by Catherine Ball, Secretary

ALL OF us in the Century Club enjoy our football. And if we can make our support stretch to financial support for Luton Town FC as well, so much the better.

So it gives us a lot of pleasure to report that we were planning an extra event in our club room before the kick-off today — the handing-over of a £1,000 cheque to Mr. Denis Mortimer, Chairman of Luton Town.

It is a donation to help cover the cost of the work which will start shortly on turning the Maple Road car park into an outdoor play arena.

It's nice to think that we are helping Luton Town to help the local community, and in all honesty we will also have a direct benefit in the shape of a better car park.

I would like to take this opportunity of paying a public tribute to all the Century Club members whose efforts have made the donation possible.

We hope that we can always afford to be generous, and in the same context perhaps I could remind Century Club members and others of our scheme to help pensioners.

We are looking for any pensioner who likes football and who would appreciate a little help and hospitality. We would like to find someone to be our guest. We will provide transport to and from the game, with refreshments at half-time and after the final whistle.

There are still plenty of matches to go this season, so there is plenty of scope for choosing fixtures. Anyone who knows a pensioner who might enjoy such a day out is welcome to more details if they would phone me at Luton 63043.

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Junior Hatters

FIRSTLY the ballot for the Match Mascots up to and including the West Ham United game on Saturday 23rd December, 1978.

Sat. 4th Nov. Leicester City	Scott Canupp, of R.A.F. Chicksands.
Sat. 18th Nov. Newcastle Utd.	Andrew Swain, of Ravenbank Rd., Luton.
Sat. 25th Nov. Sunderland	Sean McGeown, of Redbourn, Herts.
Sat. 9th Dec. P.N.E.	Hugh Murden, of Meppershall.
Sat. 23rd Dec. West Ham Utd.	Jason Gornall, of Hitchin.

If you have not been lucky in the above draw, do not despair as there are still plenty of home matches to come in the New Year.

Now for the remainder of those birthdays during October.

Birthday greetings to:—

Member No. 14 Barry Harp., (16th), No. 215 Dean Billington, 15th, No. 35 Paul Waterfield, 18th., 192 Neil Hutchinson, 20th., No. 512 Andrew Collier, 21st., 516 Michelle Clements, 22nd., No. 10 Stephen Catling, 24th., No. 6 Sonya Briggs, 25th., No. 528 Nigel Money, 25th., No. 237 Michael Bayliss, 27th., No. 170 Simon Avery, 29th., and No. 60 Patrick Conway, 31st October.

Many Happy Returns to you all. Your autographed photos will be with you within the next few days.

For those fans who wish to know more about the Junior Hatters here are more details:—

On completion of a membership form, plus payment of the first years fee, 40p, you receive your membership card, a players photograph wallet and also you are able to buy a Bobbers Wing-Stand seat for only 85p. This means as soon as you buy your first seat you have already recovered the value of your 40p membership fee. I am sure there are not many things these days which give you such value for money. In addition on your birthday you receive your favourite players autographed photograph.

The answers to the competition in the Crewe match programme and another competition will appear in the Notts County programme.

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- 9 BRIAN STEIN
- 10 BOB HATTON
- 11 DAVID MOSS
- 12 GRAHAM JONES



Wrexham

- DAI DAVIES 1
- ALAN HILL 2
- ALAN DWYER 3
- GARETH DAVIES 4
- JOHN ROBERTS 5
- MIKE THOMAS 6
- BOB SHINTON 7
- MEL SUTTON 8
- DIXIE McNEIL 9
- JOHN LYONS 10
- LES CARTWRIGHT 11
- 12

Half Times

Arsenal	W.B.A.	C. Palace
A. Villa.	Tottenham.	Brighton.
Coventry	Bristol R.	Fulham.
Ipswich.	Blackburn.	Stoke.
Norwich	Burnley.	Newcastle.
Liverpool.	Oldham.	Leicester.
Nottingham F.	Cambridge.	Sheffield Utd.
Wolves	Preston.	Sunderland.
Q.P.R.	Cardiff.	W. Ham.

Officials

Referee: Mr. B. H. Daniels (Brentwood). Passed the Referees' Examination of Essex County F.A. in 1951 and has progressed through local and the Isthmian League, Football League line and the full list in 1967. Was a linesman at the U.E.F.A. Cup Quarter-Final played in Las Palmas in 1972/73. Linesman for the European Champions Cup in 1977/78. Married, with three children, he is an ex-Military Policeman now engaged as Recruiting and Advertising Manager in Industrial Security.

Linesmen: Mr. M. J. Holland (Epsom) Red flag; Mr. V. H. Wood (Pattishall), Yellow flag.