

ROVERS

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WELCOME
TO...
LUTON TOWN

The Hatters wheel

NINE NEW



● Phil Boersma



● Jimmy Husband

AFTER A good start last season, Luton Town slipped to within a point of the relegation zone — and the reaction from David Pleat, who had succeeded Harry Haslam as manager, was to carry out the biggest shake-up of players anyone at Kenilworth-road could remember. In a matter of eight months, the Hatters' transfer turnover approached £900,000, with four players sold and nine new faces arriving at the club.

The most notable of the departures from Luton, of course, have been the Fletcher twins, Ron and Paul, who are now with First Division Manchester City. Luton made a handsome profit when they sold centre-half Paul and striker Ron, for they had signed the pair from Chester for around £100,000: and they raked in £435,000 from the Maine-road club.

Two more players of great experience are no longer at Kenilworth-road, either — former Liverpool and Middlesbrough forward Phil Boersma, who is now with Swansea, and the ex-Everton star, Jimmy Husband, who moved into American Soccer. And no doubt John Aston will find a few faces he doesn't recognise from the old days at Kenilworth-road when he renews acquaintance with the team that provides the opposition to the Rovers this afternoon.

One of the nine new players who joined Luton in the hectic first four months of David Pleat's reign as manager was Steve Sherlock; another recruit last April was Mark Aizlewood; yet another was Terry Hayes . . .

and deal, so it's

FACES . . .

prospect who had already skippered the Northern Ireland youth side and collected an Under-21 cap.

Glasgow Celtic, Queen's Park Rangers, Wolves and Sheffield United . . . these were all reported to be interested in the future of Northern Ireland Under-21 international Donaghy, who played for Larne, but it was Luton who were first in again to snap him up during the close season, and manager Pleat rates him one of the best young central defenders ever to come into English football.

Norwich were anxious to sign Turner, another defender, after he had been a mainstay at Peterborough for nine seasons, but David Pleat had the final say. He knew what Turner could do, for they had been team-mates at one time, and after watching him last season, Luton's team boss splashed £95,000 on Turner.

For once, it looked as if Luton HAD missed out when midfield player Lucas, a Welsh schoolboy international, turned down their approaches when he left school at the age of 16. He chose to go to Manchester United, instead, but within a year — by last June — he decided that his prospects might be better elsewhere, after all. And so Luton finally landed him.

Stoke were strong contenders for the signature of winger Moss, who had given great service to Swindon in the Third Division before moving up a flight last summer, and this model clubman was an £80,000 target for the Potteries club. But Luton, who liked the pace and accuracy of Moss — Swindon's leading marksman last season — were not to be denied, and a bid of £110,000 clinched the deal which took Moss to Kenilworth-road.

● **Bob Hatton . . .** heading Luton's drive for goals, after his striking partnership with Mickey Walsh at Blackpool.

Luton also moved swiftly to secure the transfer of one of football's most experienced strikers during the close season. Relegation for Blackpool meant some reshaping of team plans at Bloomfield-road, and Bob Hatton, who had proved he could score goals in spells with Birmingham, Wolves, Bolton, Carlisle and Blackpool, finally became available.

The striker who had teamed up with Bob Latchford at St. Andrew's and Mickey Walsh at Blackpool was on his travels again when Luton paid out £50,000 to Blackpool.

Stephens was one of the unknowns when manager Pleat signed him for Luton, because this promising young right-back had been playing for Nuneaton in the Southern League. But David Pleat, who had once managed Nuneaton, made good use of his knowledge of the non-League scene, and he quickly moved for Stephens, whom he signed for a bargain fee of £5,000. The youngster immediately repaid the outlay by bridging the gap to full-time football and forcing his way into the first-team squad.

It hasn't been a case of chopping and changing all the way round, though, because Luton still have players who have given them fine service — men like Paul Price, Pasquale Fuccillo, Alan West, Ricky Hill and Miliija Aleksić, for instance.

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MEET THE MEN FROM KENILWORTH ROAD

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Price, Luton's longest-serving player, was recruited from youth Soccer in 1971, and consistent displays in the junior and reserve sides marked him out as an exciting prospect. But the full-back has had to overcome a very serious obstacle on his way to the top, for in 1974 he broke a leg . . . and, after he had battled his way to fitness again, he suffered another fracture. However, he made his second comeback a permanent one, and has been a first-team regular at Kenilworth-road for the past three seasons.

Fuccillo, the son of Italian parents who settled at Bedford, was signed by Luton as a 16-year-old apprentice in the summer of 1973, and this midfield dynamo — team-mates and fans know him as "Lil" — supplies a lot of Luton's attacking drive. He broke through to first-team football within three years of having joined the club, and his power — and a regular habit of knocking in goals — have kept him in the side.

West, who can play a brilliantly creative game in midfield, was one of the many players who were groomed in Burnley's nursery, and this former England Under-23 international cost Luton a £100,000 fee when they signed him from the Turf Moor club five years ago this month. He is still rated as one of the best long-ball passers in the game today.

Hill is another midfield player of real talent, and he was signed as an apprentice from schoolboy football in North London as a 16-year-old. Within a year his skill and explosive shooting had earned him a run in the League side, and this former England youth international has now gained a great deal of experience.

Aleksic was snapped up for a bargain fee from Plymouth in January of last year, when he was made available by Argyle after indicating that he was unsettled in the west country. The transfer was the turning point in his career, for

PICTURE KEY:-
Back row (left to right): Godfrey Ingram, Kirk Stephens, Brian Stein, Dave Moss, Dave Carr, Steve Sherlock. Centre row: Mark Aizlewood, Jim McNichol, Graham Jones, Milija Alekovic, Chris Turner, Paul Price, Mal Donaghay. Front row: Ken Gutteridge (assistant manager), Pasquale Fuccillo, Alan West, Bob Hatton, David Pleat (manager), Ricky Hill, Phil Boersma (now with Swansea), Dick Johnson (physiotherapist)



he has been Luton's first-choice goalkeeper ever since his move to Kenilworth-road . . . and the fans' nickname of "Elastic" is not only easier to chant than Aleksic — it pays due tribute to his agility and reflexes. Born in the north of England, Aleksic is the son of Yugoslav parents, and he began his career in football as a part-timer with Stafford Rangers.

Behind him is Alan Judge, who was spotted playing schoolboy football in Hertfordshire and was signed as an apprentice in the summer of 1976. Within a year this young 'keeper was upgraded to professional status, and the rapid strides he has made suggest that he is now putting on the pressure to break through to the League side.

Another signing by Luton was defender Jim (Continued on Page 8)

FEW managers can have been thrust into their jobs more dramatically than Luton's boss, David Pleat. He had played on the wing for England Youth and Nottingham Forest, then had three seasons with Luton, but injuries affected his career as he moved on to Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough, and he took F.A. coaching courses to stay in the game, trying his hand at management with Nuneaton, in the Southern League.

In 1975, Luton hired him for the second time in his life, to be coach to the reserve side. In the December, first-team coach Roy McCrohan left to take a job in the U.S., and David moved up . . . and when Luton lost manager Harry Haslam to Sheffield United, they asked David to take charge. So, at 33, he was one of the youngest managers in the League. But within six months he had shown his intentions

FOCUS ON THE MANAGER

of rebuilding the side, and his transfer turnover approached £900,000 in eight months.

One of his first moves was to contact Ken Gutteridge, who had also served his "management apprenticeship" in non-League Soccer. Once a winger with Birmingham, Sheffield Wednesday and York, Ken started coaching with Notts County before going to Preston, Burton Albion and then as chief coach to Brighton, where he had four years, assisting Peter Taylor and then Alan Mullery. His long-standing friendship with David Pleat — they had first met at an F.A. coaching course — helped persuade him they could form a management partnership capable of leading Luton back to success.

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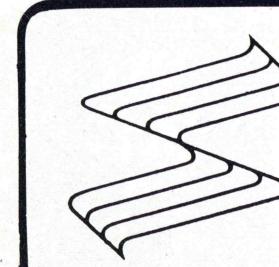
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McNichol, a Scottish-born footballer who became surplus to requirements when he had completed his apprenticeship at Ipswich in the summer of 1976. Luton were quick to sign him, and he has been a loyal member of their squad, able to play anywhere in the back-four line.

David Carr, also a defender, was spotted by Luton when playing near his home town of Margate, and he joined Town as a 16-year-old in 1973. He can also operate in a midfield role, but made the big breakthrough last season when he nailed down the left-back position after Luton had sold Steve Buckley to Derby County.

Graham Jones was recruited from Manchester schools football at the age of 16 in 1975, and a year later he had made his debut in League football. He started out as a centre-half, but has also operated in midfield in the Second Division.

Godfrey Ingram, a product of Luton's schoolboy and youth teams, became a regular member of Luton's reserve side while he was still only 16, and his speed and powerful shooting gave him an England schools international cap. He became an apprentice in the summer of 1976, a junior professional within 12 months, and a member of Luton's League squad a year later.

Nigel Johnson is in his second year as a professional, after coming up through Luton's junior teams, and this recruit from schoolboy football in Welwyn Garden City is now on the fringe of League Soccer. A speedy forward, he is always looking to score.

Gary Heale made the breakthrough to Second Division football last season, after having been with Luton since leaving school in Canvey Island. A good target man in attack, he decided to take his chance with Luton despite approaches from Tottenham, and marked his League debut with a goal. But the highlight of his career came when he scored twice at Old Trafford last season in a League Cup replay against Manchester City.

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THE SECOND DIVISION SCENE . . .

THE ROVERS break fresh ground in their next two matches, for in turn they come up against newcomers to the Second Division scene. Next Saturday brings a trip to Cambridge, for the match against United, then Wrexham are the visitors to Ewood Park.

We have already played the third promoted club, Preston, who finished behind Wrexham and Cambridge. Wrexham cruised through their promotion campaign, despite the odd scare, for they finished with 61 points, which gave them a three-point lead over second-placed Cambridge, while North End just pipped Peterborough for third place. Both these clubs had 56 points.

Oddly enough, while last season Wrexham rattled in the goals in matches at their Racecourse ground, this time out they couldn't seem to find the net in home matches. They failed to score in their opening game, against Brighton, the same thing happened when they met Leicester and Newcastle, and when they finally scored, against Welsh rivals Cardiff — who were struggling at the wrong end of the table — they went down by two goals to one.

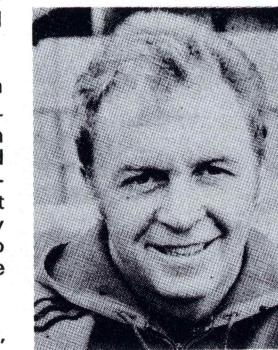
Wrexham's away form has been better, though — they won at Orient and Fulham, then drew at Charlton. After three games, they were third in the table, and still there with half a dozen matches gone, then — like Preston — they slipped.

Cambridge lost their opening home game against Stoke, but shocked Brighton by winning 2-0 at the Goldstone ground. Then they picked up a point at Leicester, drew against Newcastle, Charlton, Luton and Bristol Rovers, to become the "Xperts" of Division 2.

So, in both matches, the Rovers know they will have to work hard for points, even if the opposition hasn't been finding goals easy to come by. Wrexham's goals have been spread around — marksmen in various games have

The Rovers break fresh ground, as they take on two newcomers . . .

ONE of the best-known names in football . . . that's **Arfon Griffiths**, the manager of Wrexham, who steered the club to the Third Division championship last spring and to victory in the Welsh Cup which earned Wrexham a place in the European Cup-winners Cup. Arfon, a Welsh international, had a spell with Arsenal — but Wrexham has been his real love . . . in fact, he has played more than 600 games for the club.



included Graham Whittle, Mickey Thomas, Dixie McNeil and John Lyons; Cambridge have relied for goals on Floyd Streete and Alan Biley (their leading marksman), plus an own goal from a Brighton defender.

Cambridge, in fact, have suffered like Wrexham, in that while they have a useful record on tour, they were still waiting to record their first home victory with eight games of the season gone — indeed, at that stage, Cambridge and Wrexham were the only two clubs in Division 2 who had failed to collect two points in a match on their own ground.

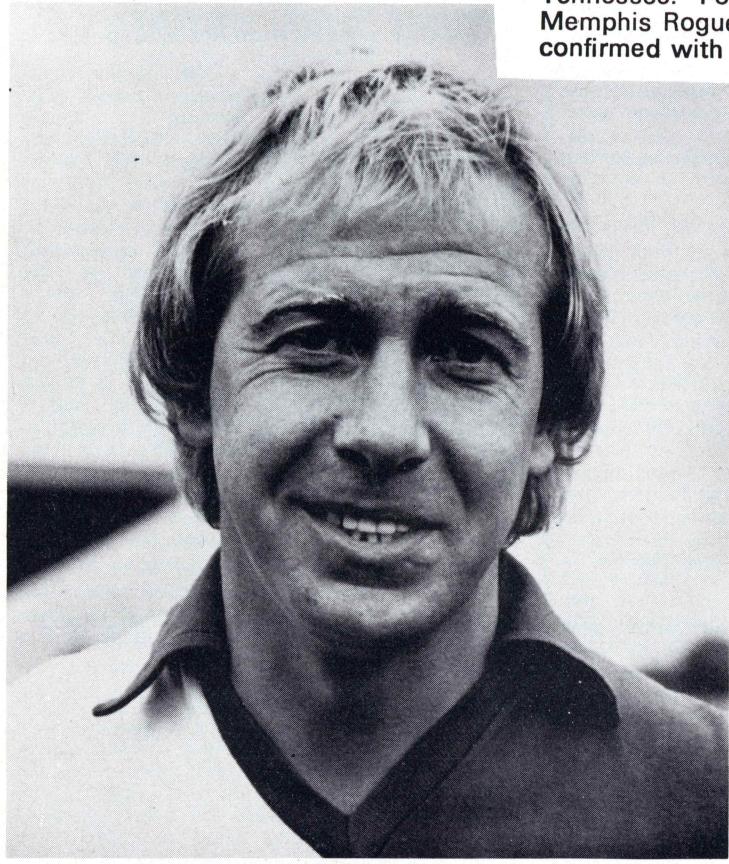


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MEET THE ROVERS' NEW BOYS

A roundabout route via Memphis for Alan Birchenall



THE ROVERS had to hustle, to sign and register two new players in time to make their debuts at Ewood Park against Charlton, and in the case of Alan Birchenall, it meant a succession of urgent telephone calls, including talks with manager Eddie McCreadie in Memphis, Tennessee. For Alan's clearance from Memphis Rogues had to be obtained and confirmed with the Football League.

But the move was finally completed in time, and so Alan was able to turn out in the Rovers' colours — which meant that for him, his return to a club in the north of England had been via a roundabout route, indeed, for his Soccer travels had taken him from Sheffield United to Chelsea, Crystal Palace, Leicester City and then Memphis, in the United States.

Alan and Mick Jones made football history when they became the first two strikers to move from the same club — Sheffield United — at a fee of £100,000 apiece. Mick went to Leeds, Alan to Chelsea. And from there, it was on to Selhurst Park and Crystal Palace.

Alan, who gained England Under-23 honours during his days at Bramall-lane, left Palace for Leicester, and embarked on a new phase of his career, for he switched with success from striker to midfield — and he also played in the back-four line while at Leicester.

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FROM THE U.S. AND SCOTLAND

"HOME" for Joe Craig now means Ewood Park, and not Parkhead. For the Scotland Under-23 player who first made his mark with the famous Glasgow Celtic club has joined another club with an equally proud tradition in English League football. And Joe, like the many Scots who have crossed the Border before him, hopes to make a hit here.

Celtic have provided some outstanding forwards for clubs south of the Border over the years — one thinks of Bobby Collins in his hey-day at Everton and Leeds, and currently Kenny Dalglish, who has scored such a hit at Liverpool. Now Joe has followed in their footsteps, and all Rovers' supporters will hope he achieves success at Ewood.

The Rovers have signed players from Scotland before — older fans will recall Willie Kelly and Jock Weir, for instance — and Celtic has long been a breeding ground for footballers who play with flair, as well as being competitive.

Joe, who has collected four Under-23 caps, cost a substantial fee, and he aims to repay it by scoring goals, as he did at Parkhead last season. Celtic totalled 62 in the League, and the goals were spread around, with a dozen players claiming their share. Joe's contribution of eight made him third in Celtic's list of marksmen.

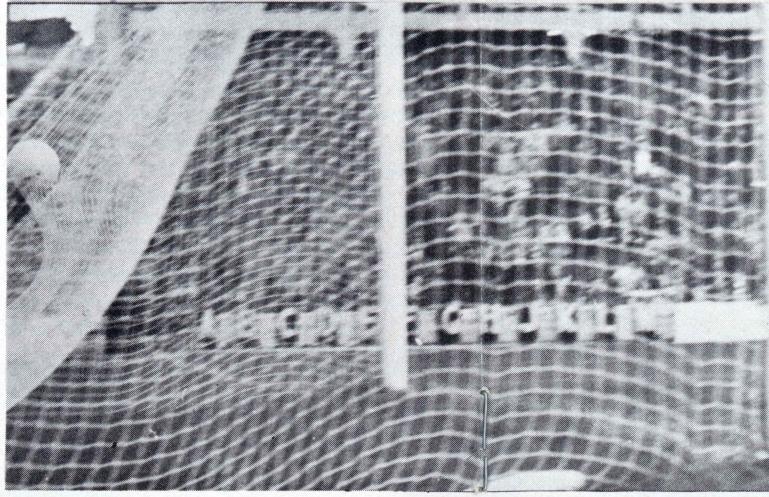
Now Ewood Park, and not Parkhead, means 'home' to Joe Craig



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ACCENT ON THE ACTION



IT wasn't a winning debut for the Rovers' new signings, Joe Craig and Alan Birchenall, when we played Charlton, but they saw plenty of the action. Extreme left, Joe is only just foiled by the 'keeper, and left, Alan shows his determination to keep possession of the ball. Above, the Rovers' consolation goal, scored by John Radford.

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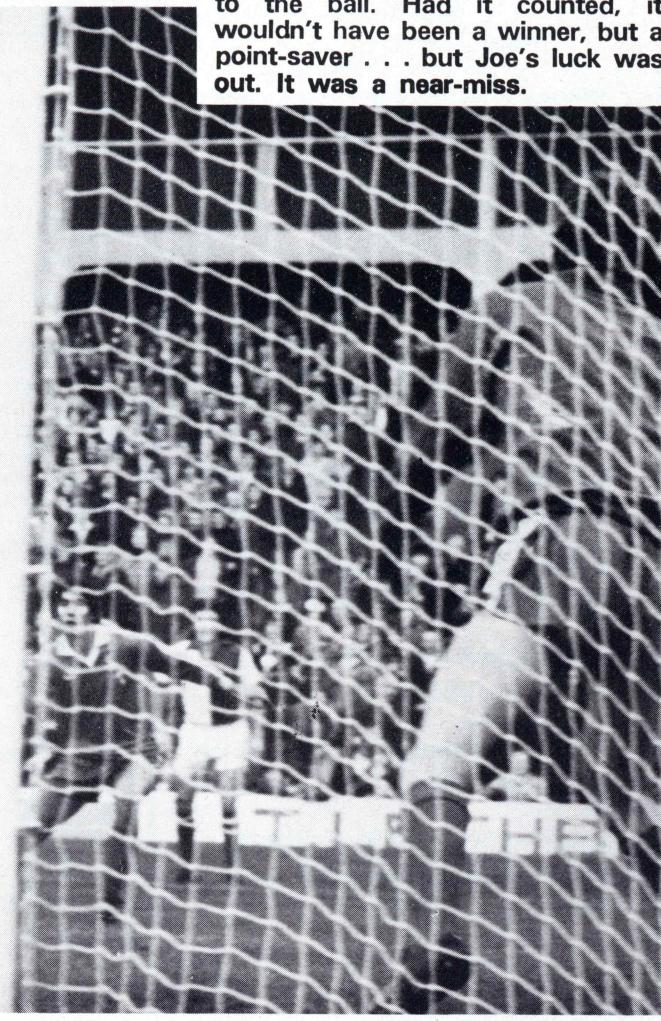
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IT'S EVERY player's dream to mark his debut for a new club with a goal — especially if it turns out to be the winner. And the Rovers' new striker, Joe Craig, came so close to scoring when he made his bow against Charlton, as this picture shows.

SO CLOSE TO A

DEBUT GOAL...



JOHN BAILEY, the full-back with the flair for joining in the attack, put over a cross, and Joe hurtled himself through the air to get his head to the ball. Had it counted, it wouldn't have been a winner, but a point-saver . . . but Joe's luck was out. It was a near-miss.



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This youthful Branch goes from strength to strength. It is constantly growing in numbers and has some great things planned for the near future. They are currently organising an inter-branch darts, dominoes, pool and table-tennis challenge match at the West End Youth Club on Wednesday, 18th October, from 8.00 p.m. On Saturday, 28th October the Juniors will be holding a disco at the Blackburn House for the under 16's only, from 7.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m., and there is football coaching every Sunday morning at St. James's, Shear Brow at 10.30 a.m. Hon. Life President: Gordon Taylor. President: John Butcher. Chairman: Mrs. Liz Shand, 3 Eldon Road, Blackburn. Tels. 50133, 670316. Vice-

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Mr. David Brown, Blackburn Rovers Commercial Director and Mr. Bob Reynolds, DA Manager, joined members of the Gt. Harwood Branch at their fortnightly meeting on Sunday evening last, 8th October. Mr. Brown was delighted to receive a cheque for £150 from the Branch as a further donation towards the new mini-bus. Many thanks Lads and Lasses.

We at Blackburn Rovers send our heartiest

congratulations to Roy and Diane Vickery who were blessed with the arrival of a baby daughter Louise, born on Friday, 6th October. Congratulations also to Peter and Christine Gerard to whom a baby son was born. Well done you four.

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A sports quiz between the Rossendale Branch and a Rovers team will be held at the Liberal Club, Rawtenstall on Monday, 30th October. Kick-off 8.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 21st November, folk concert with the Houghton Weavers at Rawtenstall Astoria, 8.00 p.m. Tickets £1.50 on sale at the Club Shop and through the Branch.

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1. Can you name a player who has appeared in five World Cup competitions?
2. Which former Scotland international claimed three F.A. Cup-winner's medals at Wembley since the war?
3. What is England's biggest defeat since winning the World Cup in 1966?
4. Which player scored an equalising goal recently, just as his club was on the point of substituting him in a League game?
5. Name a player who won an F.A. Cup winner's medal before and after the war.
6. Which player captained Cup-winning teams in three successive years at Wembley?
7. There have been three F.A. Cups in total — which club has won all three?
8. Name the club that won the F.A. Cup, by beating six First Division opponents.
9. Who was the last player to score a hat-trick in an F.A. Cup final?
10. Which club played in five F.A. Cup finals at Crystal Palace without winning?

TEAM SELECTION solution: Ro-ch-da-le.

TEAM CHANGES solution: Liverpool, Nottingham Forest.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? solution: Sending.

PLACE THE FACE solution: The game was between the Rovers and Blackpool, when Bob Hatton was with the Bloomfield-road club. But that's not Bob Hatton in the picture . . . it's his former team-mate, Peter Suddaby.

TEAM SELECTION

FIND ANOTHER club by taking at least two consecutive letters from each of these:

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DARLINGTON
LEEDS

(8 letters)
(C) PQRS

TEAM CHANGES

USE THE letters in the names of these three "players" to spell out two First Division clubs:

PHIL ROOT
GLEN Viner
TOM VOATS

(C) PQRS

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

WHAT IS the longest single word you can make, using only letters taken from this name — The figure in brackets is our best — so try to beat that.

DON GIVENS (8)
(C) PQRS

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Antonio Carvajal, the Mexican goalkeeper.
2. Dave Mackay for Spurs in 1961, 1962 and 1967.
3. 5-0 by Young England, in 1967.
4. Jerry Murphy, playing for Crystal Palace at Stoke.
5. Raich Carter (for Sunderland in 1937, and for Derby in 1946).
6. Bobby Moore captained West Ham in the 1964 F.A. Cup final and the 1965 European Cup-winners Cup final, and England in the 1966 World Cup final. All the games were played at Wembley.
7. Aston Villa.
8. Manchester United beat Aston Villa, Liverpool, Charlton, Preston, Derby and Blackpool in 1948.
9. Stan Mortensen, for Blackpool, in the 1953 final.
10. Newcastle United.

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PLACE THE FACE

NO prizes for identifying the Rovers player in this photograph — although you normally see Glen Keeley concentrating on keeping opposing forwards away from goal. This time, though, he's up in attack, and winning a heading duel.

But take a look at the player who is coming off second-best in the encounter, and see if you can place his face. He's a defender, too, and in this game he was playing for a Second Division club. Things have changed a bit, one way and another, since that match — as one of the Luton players would confirm. If you haven't identified Glen Keeley's opponent, see opposite page.



MEET OUR MATCH-DAY MASCOT

CAROLINE
BARRY

Caroline is 10 years old and attends St. James' C.E. School, Blackburn, her hobbies are Netball and watching Blackburn Rovers.

Her favourite player is John Butcher, and she is a member of the Junior Rovers.



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Date	Opponents	F. A.	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Aug. 5	Blackpool (A/Scot.)	A	1-0	6,554	Butcher	Hird	Bailey	Metcalf	Kelley	Waddington	Brotherston	1	Fowler	Rashford
Aug. 9	Preston NE (A/Scot.)	H	1-0	9,538	Butcher	Hird	Bailey	Metcalf	Kelley	Waddington	Brotherston	1	Fowler	Round
Aug. 12	Burnley (A/Scot.)	H	1-1	9,791	Butcher	Hird	Bailey	Metcalf	Kelley	Waddington	Brotherston	1	Fowler	Gamer
Aug. 19	Crystal Palace	H	1-1	9,393	Butcher	Hird	Bailey	Fowler	Kelley	Waddington	Brotherston	1	Fowler	Redford
Aug. 22	Preston NE	A	1-4	15,412	Butcher	Hird	Bailey	Fowler	Kelley	Waddington	Metcalf	1	Gregory	Redford
Aug. 26	Notts County	A	1-2	7,774	Butcher	Hird	Bailey	Fowler	Kelley	Waddington	Brotherston	1	Gregory	Redford
Aug. 30	Exeter LC	A	1-2	4,006	Butcher	Hird	Bailey	Fowler	Kelley	Waddington	Fazackerley	1	Gregory	Fazackerley
Sept. 2	Orient	H	3-0	6,781	Butcher	Hird	1	Curtis	Kelley	Fowler	Metcalf	1	Gregory	Redford
Sept. 9	Newcastle U	A	1-3	24,334	Butcher	Hird	Bailey	Metcalf	Kelley	Fowler	Metcalf	1	Taylor	Redford
Sept. 16	Leicester C	H	1-1	7,908	Butcher	Hird	Bailey	Metcalf	Kelley	Fowler	Metcalf	1	Taylor	Redford
Sept. 23	Cardiff C	A	0-1	6,248	Butcher	Hird	Bailey	Metcalf	Kelley	Fowler	Metcalf	1	Taylor	Redford
Sept. 30	Charlton Athletic	H	1-2	8,341	Butcher	Hird	Bailey	Metcalf	Kelley	Fowler	Metcalf	1	Craig	Redford
Oct. 7	Bristol R	A	1-4	7,111	Butcher	Waddington	Bailey	Metcalf	Kelley	Fowler	Metcalf	1	Fowler	Birchall
Oct. 14	Luton Town	H												
Oct. 21	Cambridge U	A												
Nov. 4	Fulham	H												
Nov. 11	Wrexham	A												
Nov. 18	Crystal Palace	H												
Nov. 25	Orient	H												
Dec. 2	Stoke City (1)	A												
Dec. 9	Sheffield U	A												
Dec. 16	Brighton & Hove A	A												
Dec. 23	Millwall (2)	A												
Dec. 30	Burnley	A												
Jan. 6	West Ham U	A												
Jan. 13	Sunderland	H												
Jan. 20	Newcastle U	H												
Feb. 3	Leicester C	A												
Feb. 10	Charlton A	A												
Feb. 17	Bristol R (5)	H												
Feb. 24	Luton Town	A												
Mar. 3	Cambridge U	H												
Mar. 10	Wrexham (6)	A												
Mar. 17	Fulham (LCF)	H												
Mar. 24	Preston NE	H												
Mar. 31	Stoke C (SF)	A												
Apr. 7	Sheffield U	H												
Apr. 13	Oldham A	A												
Apr. 14	Burnley	H												
April 16	Sunderland	A												
Apr. 17	Millwall	H												
Apr. 21	Bright & Hove A	H												
May 5	West Ham U	H												
May 12	FA Cup Final													

● Bold letters denote Home Fixtures

● suffix figure after players name denotes goals scored

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 1978/79

Jan.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 1978/79

Aug.	19	23	26	Sept.	9	12	16	Oct.	4	7	11	15	19	23
19	Everton	Leeds	Sheffield	Wednesday	Manchester	City	Coventry	City	West Brom	Newcastle	United	Derby	County	Blackpool
23	Wolves	Leeds	Sheffield	Wednesday	Manchester	City	Coventry	City	West Brom	Newcastle	United	Derby	County	Blackpool
26	Leeds	Sheffield	Wednesday	Manchester	City	Coventry	City	West Brom	Newcastle	United	Derby	County	Blackpool	1
Sept.	9	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9	Everton	Leeds	Sheffield	Wednesday	Manchester	City	Coventry	City	West Brom	Newcastle	United	Derby	County	Blackpool
11	Leeds	Sheffield	Wednesday	Manchester	City	Coventry	City	West Brom	Newcastle	United	Derby	County	Blackpool	1
12	Sheffield	Wednesday	Manchester	City	Coventry	City	West Brom	Newcastle	United	Derby	County	Blackpool	1	2
13	Wednesday	Manchester	City	Coventry	City	West Brom	Newcastle	United	Derby	County	Blackpool	1	2	3
14	Derby County	Wednesday	Manchester	City	Coventry	West Brom	Newcastle	United	Derby	County	Blackpool	1	2	3
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19	Derby County	Wednesday	Manchester	City	Coventry	West Brom								

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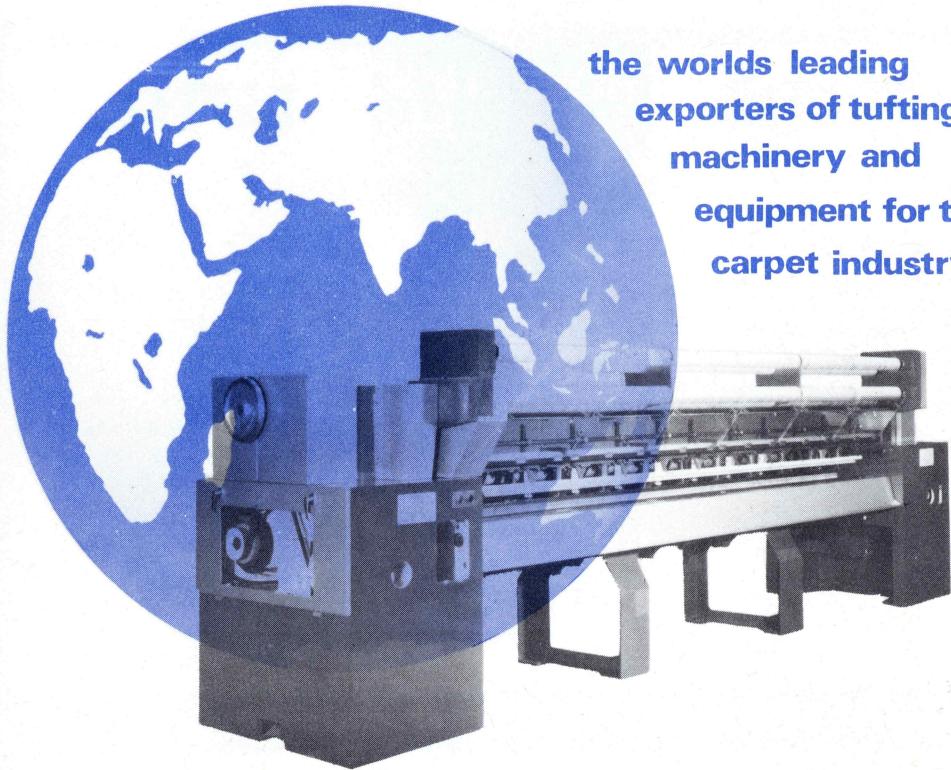
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3. John BAILEY
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5. Glen KEELEY
6. Derek FAZACKERLEY
7. Noel BROTHERSTON
8. Joe CRAIG
9. John RADFORD
10. Martin FOWLER
11. Alan BIRCHENALL

Sub: John ASTON

Referee:

MR. R. BRIDGES

Linesmen:

Red Flag:
J. W. LANCASTER

Yellow Flag:
N. L. WILSON

LUTON

1. Miligh ALEKISC
2. Paul PRICE
3. Mark AIZLEWOOD
4. Ricky HILL
5. Chris TURNER
6. Mal DONAGHY
7. Alan WEST
8. Pasquale SUCCILLO
9. Brian STEIN
10. Bob HATTON
11. David MOSS

Sub: Graham JONES

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C Millwall v. Sheff. Utd.
D Notts C'v. Bris. R.
E Oldham v. West Ham
F Orient v. Cardiff
G Preston v. Palace
H Stoke v. Burnley
J S'land v. Newcastle
K Wrexham v. Camb. U.
 Rovers Res. v. Derby Res.

FIRST DIVISION

L Villa v. Man U
M Bris. C. v. Forest
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P Leeds v. West Brom
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