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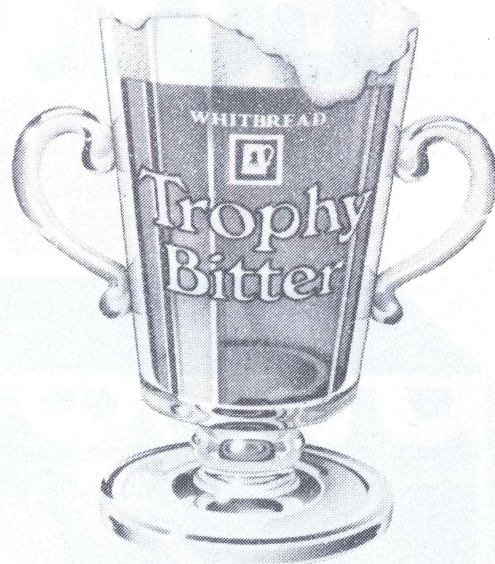
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DAVID PLEAT

OUR performance at Blackburn last Saturday may have been better. With a little more care in finishing we would have been sitting higher in the league table. At this stage of the season it is important to stay in touch with the pace setters — it is a long season and only those who show consistency and have depth of cover will retain their positions at the top.

The result at Blackburn continued our unbeaten spell which we need to retain. Our visitors, Notts County, have a great tradition behind them and their Manager, Jimmy Sirrell is a very shrewd Scot who knows exactly what he wants. Over the years Jim has done a tremendous amount of hard work on behalf of the Coaches/

Managers Association and during any summer you will always be able to contact him c/o Lilleshall. His enthusiasm for the game is second to none.

Congratulations are in order for several of our players who have caught the eye of the international bodies. Mal Donaghy travels to Belfast after todays game for the match against Denmark. We all hope he wins his first cap — at 20 years of age he has a tremendous future in front of him if he keeps working at his game. John Lucas played for Wales Under 18 against Norway last week and Gary Sisman played for the England Under 18 against Russia and Las Palmas. Brian Clough has put it on record that the players will have benefitted from their break away with him and Peter Taylor. I am sure that this is so and I shall be looking closely.

Our crowds have given us nothing to get excited about in terms of numbers but I am sure those who have been coming have enjoyed the exciting play we have produced. We must keep our pattern of play going and not get frustrated if goals are less easy to come by.

Notts County have shown by the class of players they have signed that they are determined to match their neighbours and reach the 1st. Division.

We are equally as determined.



Notts County



Back Row: Sammy Chapman, David Hunt, David McVay,
Arthur Mann, Pedro Richards, Tristan Benjamin.
Centre Row: Jack Wheeler (Trainer), Brian Stubbs, Ricky Green,
Colin King, Eric McManus, Jeff Blockley, John Sims,
Colin Murphy (Coach).
Front Row: Steve Carter, Paul Hooks, Ian McCulloch.

Tristan BENJAMIN. Height 6' 8". Weight 11.1. Midfield/Defender.
Versatile young player who has operated as a striker, mid-field and back four player. Born in St. Kitts, West Indies, Tristan made fourteen senior appearances last season. Age 21.

Jeff BLOCKLEY. Height 6' 1". Weight 12.6. Defender.
Signed in the 'close' season from Leicester City his home town team after spells with Coventry City and Arsenal. A traditional style centre back, strong and capable, Jeff adds experience to the County back four.

Ricky GREEN. Height 6' 2". Weight 11.0. Forward.
Signed in the last 'close' season from Chesterfield. Ricky replaces the transferred Les Bradd and is another in the long line of traditional style centre forwards to wear the County colours.

Paul HOOKS. Height 5' 8". Weight 10.11. Forward.
A young striker who graduated from the apprentice ranks last season. Very quick and brave, expected to have a great future. Nineteen years old.

David HUNT. Height 5' 10". Weight 11.0. Mid-field.
Hails from Leicestershire, David Hunt was signed last season from Derby County. Had made twelve senior appearances at the start of this season. Nineteen years old.

Colin KING. Height 6' 1". Weight 11.10. Goalkeeper.
An Edinburgh born Scot, Colin joined the Magpies from, Clydebank as cover for last season's regular first team 'keeper McManus. A capable 'keeper sure to make for keen competition for the first team spot.

Gordon MAIR. Height 5' 9". Weight 10.6. Mid-field.
Another one of the young Scots on County's books, Gordon is a skilful mid-field player whose first team appearances at the season's start were just three. Now 19 years old.

Arthur MANN. Height 5' 9". Weight 10.10. Mid-field.
Arthur can perform with distinction in any position including goal! Originally with Hearts then moved to Manchester City who paid a then record fee of £60,000 for a Scottish defender. Joined Notts as a defender but mostly now operates on the left side of mid-field.

Don MASSON. Height 5' 8". Weight 10.12. Mid-field.
Don made his name and 273 appearances with County before moving to Q.P.R. for a £100,000 fee. He then moved to Derby County and now, five years or so after his departure, he is back with the Magpies. A Scottish International, Masson led the Nottingham side to two promotions during his previous spell with the club.

Ian McCULLOCH. Height 5' 10". Weight 11.0. Forward.
The Magpies most expensive signing at around £80,000. Hails from Kilmarnock. Was unable to make any League appearances last season as he was signed after the 'dead-line'. A forceful player who likes to take on opposing defences. 23 years old.

Eric McMANUS. Height 6'. Weight 11.2. Goalkeeper.
Member of the Northern Ireland squad. A brave and instinctive goalkeeper particularly good on the ground, Eric made forty two (maximum) League appearances last season and at the start of this season 229 in all. 28 years old.

David McVAY. Height 6' 1". Weight 11.11. Mid-field.
Signed for Notts straight from school where he was an England Schoolboy International. Made 27 first team appearances last season. Born in Workington. Twenty three years old.

Ray O'BRIEN. Height 5' 9". Weight 10.4. Defender.
A classy full back, Ray is an Eire International. At the start of this season had made 157 first team appearances. Signed from Manchester United. Very strong in the tackle.

Lloyd RICHARDS. Height 5' 8". Weight 10.8. Mid-field.
Lloyd had made seven first team appearances at the start of this season. Comes from Derby and lives within hailing distance of the Baseball Ground. A youngster thought to have a good future.

Pedro RICHARDS. Height 5' 8". Weight 10.8. Defender.
Pedro made 115 first team appearances up to the start of this season. A stylish full back who enjoys making long runs up the right hand side of the field. Born in London. 22 years old.

John SIMS. Height 6'. Weight 10.6. Forward.
Signed from his home town team Derby County two seasons ago, John is a resourceful front runner who made 13 senior appearances last campaign.

David SMITH. Height 5' 5". Weight 11.10. Mid-field.
One of the smallest players in the Football League, David makes up for his lack of inches with enthusiasm and has his fair share of skill. Eleven appearances last season.

Brian STUBBS. Height 6' 2". Weight 12.0. Defender.
The 'iron-man' in the Magpies defence. The club's longest serving player currently in action. This is Brian's Testimonial season. Has (at the season's start) completed 342 senior appearances.

Mick VINTER. Height 5' 9". Weight 11.0. Forward.
The club's leading scorer last season with 23 goals. Quick and skilful Mick joined the Magpies from his local club Boston in Lincs.

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WELCOME TO NOTTS COUNTY

TODAY we welcome the oldest Football League club, Notts County having been in existence since 1862 and having been members of the First Division for four different spells, the last of these ending in 1930. In the first few years of the Football League's existence they finished as high as third in Division One on three separate occasions and they also won the F.A. Cup in 1893/4.

Of latter years, however, they have spent most of their time in the Third and Fourth Divisions and present-day fans may be surprised to learn that it was not until 1930 that they first fell below Division Two. They climbed out again in 1950 at a time when TOMMY LAWTON and JACKIE SEWELL were forming probably the most dynamic dual spearhead ever known in Division Three.

By the 60's, however, they were in Division Four for two different spells before the advent of current Manager JIMMY SIRFELL. In his first spell with them Jimmy took them from Division Four to Division Two in the space of three seasons and twice to be within striking distance of Division One.

Jimmy moved to Sheffield United in 1976 in an attempt to maintain their First Division status, but last season saw his return to Meadow Lane where fears of a possible return to Division Three were allayed as the team ended up in fifteenth place, an excellent home record with only two defeats (by Southampton and Sheffield United) doing much to counterbalance an unhappy away record with just one solitary win at Mansfield in October.

THIS SEASON

They have, however, fared rather better than this in the current campaign with wins at Leicester and Cardiff and a draw at Charlton. There have also been disappointments, however, such as the League Cup defeat at Crewe (a tough proposition on their own ground as their determined efforts here underlined) and the home defeat by Newcastle at the end of September. They do, however, have a respectable foundation on

which to build and, like ourselves, need to win just a few games to put them amongst the promotion contenders.

HERE TODAY

LONG-SERVING striker Les Bradd, who scored against us at Kenilworth Road last season, is now with Stockport and most of the goals this season have come from home-grown product MICK VINTER (whose career figures are over 50 goals in only just over 100 games) young midfielder PAUL HOOKS and a new recruit this season, IAN McCULLOCH, who hails from Scotland.

In the engine room DON MASSON has recently returned after spells with Q.P.R. and Derby and he links up with DAVID HUNT another former Derby man and versatile TRISTAN BENJAMIN, who is also happy in defence.

In defence JEFF BLOCKLEY (ex-Coventry, Leicester and Arsenal) has this season come in to join BRIAN STUBBS, a one-club man with well over 350 games behind him. On the flanks PEDRO RICHARDS has formed a regular partnership in the last four seasons with RAY O' BRIEN, a former Manchester United junior with four Eire caps to his credit. Behind them ERIC McMANUS has this season completed 200 appearances since moving from Coventry and must several times have come near to being capped for Northern Ireland.

NOTTS COUNTY THROUGH THE YEARS

COUNTY had just been relegated to Division Two for the first time when winning the F.A. Cup in 1893/4. In so doing they defeated four First Division clubs, namely Burnley, Nottingham Forest, Blackburn and Bolton. In the 4-1 win over Bolton J. LOGAN became the first man to score a hat-trick in an F.A. Cup final.

ALBERT IREMONGER (later with Lincoln) played in goal for County between 1904 and 1927. He is generally reckoned to be the tallest regular Football League goalkeeper, his height being variously listed as 6ft 5 inches, 6ft 7 inches and

Forty seven years ago TOM KEETLEY scored three hat-tricks for County in successive away games, achieving this feat at Plymouth on 10 October, 1931, at Manchester United on 24 October and at Chesterfield on 7 November.

The Notts County team of 1948/9 was the first Third Division line up to produce three club managers, the men who went on to take up the reins at various places being OSCAR HOLD, ALAN BROWN, TOM JOHNSTON, TOMMY LAWTON and ERIC HOUGHTON.

In that particular season TOMMY LAWTON became the first player to be capped for England while operating in Division Three and three of the forward line, Lawton, JACKIE SEWELL and TOM JOHNSTON, each topped the 20-goal mark.

When Sewell was transferred to Sheffield Wednesday a few years later the fee of £34,500 was then a record for the Football League. County were involved in several big transfer deals in those days, buying England striker Tommy Lawton from Chelsea and selling him to Arsenal, and paying out £25,000 for the late LEON LEUTY to Bradford at a time when defenders usually commanded considerably smaller fees than did forwards.

In the 11-1 win over Newport County in January 1949, Jackie Sewell and Tommy Lawton each scored four goals.

In September 1973 three different players attempted to convert the same penalty kick for Notts County against Portsmouth. KEVIN RANDALL missed, but the referee ordered a re-take. This time DON MASSON hit the bar. The referee again ordered a retake and this time BRIAN STUBBS' shot was saved.

From John Wilkinson's Desk

FIRST of all let me say thank you to all of you who subscribed to the collection made at our last home match against Wrexham for the St. Butts School for mentally handicapped children. You will be pleased to know that the total sum collected was £191.80 which will go towards a mobile holiday home for these unfortunate children. Again many thanks to all

During the past weeks we have been fortunate enough to have had international calls for some players from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. A few weeks ago Jim McNichol played for the Scottish under 21 side at Aberdeen against the United States. John Lucas played for the Welsh Youth side against Norway in both the home and away matches in the U.E.F.A International Youth Tournament. The Irish Football Association have inquired if Mal Donaghy could be released if selected for their European Championship Match against Denmark, and just last week Gary Sisman got the trip of a lifetime when he was brought into the England Youth Squad travelling to Las Palmas to play in a youth tournament there. It must be many years since we have had international calls from all four of the home countries in the same season. Congratulations lads and keep up the good work.

I was very pleased to hear that there wasn't any crowd problems at our last home match. I hope that this improvement continues and people will come back and be able to watch the game without fear of trouble.

One person I was glad to see at the Wrexham game was Dick Stredder. Dick, now in his eighties used to be the coach driver for the first team back in the fifties, in fact it was Dick who was driving when the team had the accident on their way to play Birmingham City in September 1955. He could take you to any ground in the country and without todays floodlight pylons as a guide. He must have driven Luton Town many, many thousands of miles without a wrong word to anybody. He used to take a lot of stick from the players even in those days, but he took it all in good part. It was great to see him here again. Incidentally he wishes to pass on his kindest regards to any player who still remembers him.

Another person to visit us this week was our former fullback Joe Thomson. Joe has been out of the area for some time now but hopes very shortly to move back this way.

Enjoy the Match.

Report on Chelsea v Luton Town (Football Combination League) Played Saturday October 7th

THE reserve team visited Chelsea for their away game on Oct. 7th. but they did not have a very successful match. The Luton boys held their own for most of the first half but a goal by Fillary for Chelsea ten minutes before half-time did nothing to raise their spirits.

A few minutes after half-time Martin Sperrin came very close to scoring and

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header which the goalkeeper was lucky to save. Had Martin scored, it could have raised the game and influenced the final result.

Walker then scored for Chelsea after 67 mins. and three minutes later Aylott netted their fourth goal. This killed the game, except during the 80th. min. when Godfrey Ingram scored our only goal. Following a free kick he rocketed one in which left the goalie standing.

David Lawson, who recently signed for the 'Hatters', made a good debut and was most unfortunate when he let in the second goal, it was his only mistake of the match.

A Look round the 2nd Division

CRYSTAL Palace and Stoke are still battling for the top spot in the table. After gaining 2 points by beating Brighton 3-1, Palace moved to the top of the league. This was a convincing win by Palace and Alan Mullery sportingly conceded that they deserved to win. Brighton have not beaten Palace yet in the eight times they have met since Alan Mullery took over.

Stoke City failed to pick up even one point in their game with Fulham, mainly due to Chris Guthrie, who recently signed for Fulham from Swindon. Although not scoring himself, Chris added considerably to Fulham's strength, and Bobby Campbell, Fulham's manager, was delighted with his performance, particularly by his challenge in the air. Both teams won last Saturday and Palace maintain their one point lead. Palace also have scored 5 goals more than Stoke.

By losing 2-1 at Luton, Wrexham have slipped even further down the league. Until they beat Cambridge 2-0 last Saturday, they had not had a home win, and these 2 points pulled them up a couple of places to 13th in the league.

After being stationary in the middle of the table, Newcastle are gradually climbing up. Their 1-0 win against Leicester gained them valuable points and their draw at Sunderland keeps them in 6th. place, only goal average keeping them out of the top three.

Div. 1, are in promotion running, but only holding it again by goal average.

Leicester the third team relegated from Div. 1, are still struggling to find form in the 2nd. Div. By going down 3-0 to Charlton at home they are losing ground, and Bristol Rovers, like the Hatters, are holding their league positions mainly by home wins, both teams have yet to win away.

Cardiff have slipped back to 4th. from the bottom after steadily climbing away from the relegation spots. They failed to contain Notts County at home, and although scoring twice, lost eventually 2-3.

After promotion to Div. 2, Preston held their own for three games, but they have failed to pick up a point from their last 5 games. They seem to be finding it hard to cope with the second division standard of football. Along with Blackburn and Millwall, they have not won an away game yet, and coupled with only one home win each puts all three of them at the bottom of the league.

CONGRATULATIONS

MRS. Rene McNamara, our lady in charge of the laundry at the ground (she makes sure all the team have clean shirts) gave birth to a bouncing boy at the L and D.

Congratulations Rene! hope you and your son are fit and well and Welcome to another fan!

HOW WRONG CAN YOU BE

QUOTE by Mr. Dick Walsh, president of the National Professional Soccer Leagues Eastern Conference in America. May 11th 1968!! "The great American soccer experiment is dying with its boots on, people simply are not taking to the sport!!

TOWN TRAVEL

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1. Famous old Arsenal and Scotland schemer (5)
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7. The first team from Division Two to win the F.A. Cup (5,6)
8. ——— Obermayer (Austria Wien & Austria) (5)
12. Defence-splitting pass (7,4)
14. Bristol City international (5)
15. One of the handful of cricketing soccer men (5)

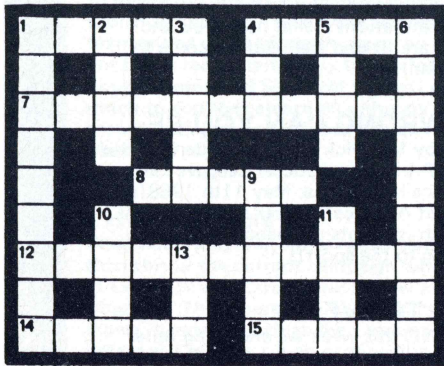
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1. & 2. Home of the Football Association (9,4)
3. Dave ——— (Rochdale) (5)
4. Patrice ——— (Nantes & France) (3)
5. League ever-present for Everton last season (4)
6. Colour common to many clubs (5,4)
9. A member of England's World Cup-winning side (5)
10. Either of two successive Millwall managers in the 60's (4)
11. Brazil club: Vasco da ——— (4)
13. Old Arsenal and Manchester United stopper (3)

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THE remarkable consistency of Brian Stein, in his first full season as a Football League player, set us on the road to success against Wrexham.

He became our top scorer with a neat header, and was unlucky not to score at least two others as his sharpness in the box kept the Wrexham defence on tenterhooks.

Our pictures show two aspects of Brian's skills: Left he ghosts in behind Ricky Hill to head the opening goal from a cross by Bob Hatton.

Below: The Wrexham defender is helpless as Brian gets airborne to lash in a shot which went narrowly wide.

Pictures: LUTON NEWS.



GERRY HARRISON

ANGLIA TELEVISION'S MATCH OF THE WEEK COMMENTATOR

THE TIDE of players who flowed to the United States in the summer has now almost completed its turn. Professionals with tales about Detroit and San Diego, Chicago and Dallas are back on the Football League round. Except that more players than ever before have stayed in the States on a permanent basis. Nicky Jones, the Millwall goalkeeper who cost Tampa Bay £200,000 and Denis Tueart who joined New York Cosmos are two of the most expensive immigrants.

But how big an attraction is the game in the States? Well, Pele and Bechanbauer were lured there. Cruyff has been persuaded to play for Cosmos, who we call 'New York' but in fact play in New Jersey.

I was in Florida recently and had a good look at Fort Lauderdale, for whom George Best plays now, and Tampa Bay Rowdies, managed by Gordon Jago and who included players like Graham Paddon, Mick McGuire, Rodney Marsh and Peter Anderson, the former Luton player. And in the last few weeks I've talked a lot to players who've returned to this country from other clubs.

The staging of most games in the States is magnificent. The stadia are on the whole vastly superior to the functional buildings we have here. There, it is a summer sport; to me that's a major attraction. One game I saw in Tampa, the temperature throughout the evening match never dropped below 80 — and the humidity was even higher.

The game is well staged and professionally sold to the public before, during and after the match. The 35 yard offside rules makes the play more open — although it encourages the forwards to work less and gives midfield players a great deal more ground to cover.

But what about the football? The standard is much higher than when I went to cast an interested eye over it in 1967. And that is mostly because of the British players who, whatever else they can and can't do, will give you 100 per cent effort most of the time. That looks good. Other Europeans, for instance, only play when they feel like it in America.

But the imported mercenaries, who go over for the summer and give good value for a good wage, can't last for ever. This year two American players have to be on the field at any one time. Next year it will be three, and so on. And despite the skills of players from the top level in this country the real fervour of the crowd is reserved for the American born players only. Perfectly understandable — but they aren't outstanding and very few of them are crowd pullers.

The game is making great progress in the schools but that's not the same thing as producing good professionals. And despite the attractions of the money, the lifestyle, most top British players want to prove themselves in this country first.

As Mick McGuire said: "It's a great life in the States. But I still feel I've got a few seasons to offer in the First Division. I want to prove I can get back to the standards I was reaching a couple of years ago. After that I might fancy America on a permanent basis."

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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

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

THE realisation that success in the Third Division can be a very difficult proposition led to the Town going into the transfer market ten years ago this week.

They were going well in the league, but the reserve strength was suspect when injuries hit John Moore, Terry Branstons and Tony Read, and the away results were not too convincing.

The League Cup run had ended at Goodison Park, where Everton showed all their First Division talents to win 5-1. Jim Husband, Joe Royle and Alan Ball made it 3-0 at half-time, and after Laurie Sheffield had replied with a diving header Royle and Morrissey added two for Everton in the last ten minutes.

Consolation for the Town was that they had made a few bob out of the cup — the Everton gate was 30,405 — and they quickly got back to winning ways with a 3-0 home victory in the league over Hartlepool. On a mudbath of a pitch Sheffield, Bruce Rioch and Brian Lewis got the goals against an uninspiring set of visitors.

On October 19, 1968, came a meeting of two old friends, when the Town travelled to play Plymouth Argyle. They were then managed by Billy Bingham, who had formed the Town's right wing with Allan Brown in their Wembley cup final team.

But Town manager Brown was given no presents, with Plymouth winning 2-0 with goals by David Burnside and Norman

Piper. Allen and Lewis both hit the bar, but on balance Plymouth deserved the points.

The directors' reaction was to announce that £50,000 was available to the manager to buy new players — and in those days that was a huge amount for a Third Division club to spend.

Brown decided to strengthen the defence first, and made two deals, spending £8,000 each time. One brought goalkeeper Sandy Davie, an under-23 Scottish international, from Dundee and the other recruited Jack Bannister, a terrier of a full-back, from Crystal Palace.

At about the same time, incidentally, Ron Flowers, manager of Northampton, was also in the transfer market, buying a young centre-forward from Bolton Wanderers. His name was Bob Hatton.

Other football names in the local news a decade ago this week included Ted Duggan, who retired after 30 years' service to Luton Town as player, coach and trainer.

A death in Brighton saddened many in Luton — Hubert Day, formerly chief scout, was remembered with much affection as the man who helped recruit a lot of class players to Kenilworth Road, including Bobby Brennan, Seamus Dunne, lowerth Hughes, Bob Morton and Gordon Turner.

YOUTH

By George Rogers

ONCE again the October half term holidays are upon us and this is the time when the professional clubs look to the 4th. and 5th. year boys as potential apprentices.

During next week we at Luton have several trial games arranged for these boys. Where do these boys come from? They usually come in 3 categories (a) boys who are on schoolboy forms and other boys who have the necessary known qualifications (b) 4th. and 5th year boys who are noticed playing for their school or local youth club. These are contacted and invited in along with boys who are recommended by friends of Luton Town. (c) boys who have written in for a trial. These boys should, as well as giving their name and address, also give their age, position and most important the team they play for and any representative honours gained.

From these trials, a boy may be invited to sign Schoolboy Forms. This entitles him to play for the club in competitive games providing he is in his 5th. year at school, and providing his headmaster has given him permission. It also allows him to go to that club for coaching. Some boys are invited to sign for clubs some distance away from their home, but consideration should be given to the problem of travelling to these coaching sessions many miles from home, when signing forms for a club nearer home enables them to attend these sessions more regularly and also to take up many other benefits which the local club can give.

The Youth team continued their successful start in the Chiltern Youth League by defeating newcomers to the league, Rolenmil by 3 goals to nil. Our goals being scored by M. Conquest, A. Pearson

and T. Kitchener. *Team:— R. Walker, R. Johnson, T. Murphy, N. Madden, J. Woodward, C. Goodyear, R. Brammer, T. Wilkinson, M. Conquest, S. Inglis, A. Pearson, A. Cosby, T. Kitchener.*

On Wednesday 11th, the Youth team travelled to Wolverhampton in the Midland Youth League. Although having the control of the midfield, the forwards were not able to take advantage of the scoring chances which came their way and were eventually beaten by 1-0. *Team:— A. Judge, T. Murphy, L. Harriott, R. Johnson, C. Goodyear, J. Woodward, M. Conquest, W. Turner, N. Johnson, R. Eaton, B. McKeinan, G. Ingram.*

The next game in this league is at Vauxhall Motors Sports ground, on Thursday 28th. Oct. v Swindon. Kick-off 2 p.m.

POOLS NEWS



SON of a famous Father? No, not really, but, as a member of 'The 92 Club' (Having already visited 78 of the Football League Clubs), Tim Clayden, son of one of our valued "Town Lottery" Agents T439, from 8, Rook Lane, Linslade, expressed his desire that someday he could be privileged to sit in the Directors Box at Kenilworth Rd. In his opinion this is a far bigger achievement than doing the 92 venues. The club was delighted to accede to his request, and a thoroughly good evening was had behind the

scenes, in the company of most of our celebrated members. It is 'nice to be nice' to such a loyal and dedicated fan as our picture shows. Quite a youngster really, he just remembers Bob Morton playing his last game for the Town.

Well done Tim, Keep travelling!
Mike Hardwicke M.D.
Hatters Pools.

MASCOT

OUR mascot today is Andrew Hopkins who is 8 years old. Football is his main hobby, but snooker and reading form his major indoor activities. He owns full 'Hatters' kit and has supported the 'Town' for two years. His favourite player is Milija Aleksic.

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PROGRAMME COLLECTORS CONVENTION

NOTIFICATION of this event came too late to be included in the previous programme, but it may still be of interest to many fans and for future reference.

This Collectors Convention is being held tomorrow at Lords Banqueting Suite - 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. and all leading programme dealers will be there. On display will be a good selection of football programmes and in addition collectors of cigarette cards and postcards will be well catered for. There will also be many exhibitions on various aspects of the game

and it should be very interesting to an ardent collector.

The Convention is being organised by:

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SOUVENIR NEWS

APART from the coloured team photographs now on sale, a new series of Black and White Action shots of the previous home game are available. These will be of Luton Town goals if possible and will be signed by player featured in the photograph. They are on sale for 25p each.

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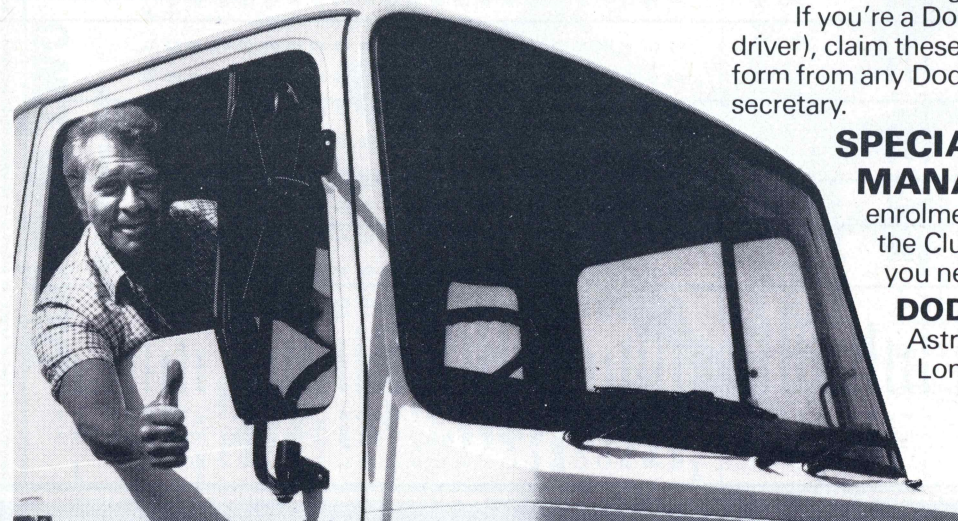
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FACTS

DIV.2		Attendance	F-A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug	19 S Oldham Athletic	8,043	6-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Sherlock	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo (1 pen)	Stein (1)	Hatton (2)	Moss (2)	Ingram
	22 T Crystal Palace	17,739	1-3	Aleksic	Stephens	Sherlock	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo (1 pen)	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Ingram
	26 S Newcastle Utd.	24,112	0-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Price	Hill	West	Stein (2)	Hatton	Moss	McNichol
	29 T Wigan Ath. (LC2)	6,618	2-0	Aleksic	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (2)	Hatton	Moss	Hill
Sept.	2 S Charlton Ath.	8,509	3-0	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill (1)	Turner	Price	Donaghy	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Boerrna	West*
	9 S Bristol Rovers	6,508	0-2	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	Fucillo	Stein	Ingram	Moss	West
	16 S Cardiff City	7,752	7-1	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	West	Stein (2)	Hatton (1)	Moss (2)	Fucillo (1 pen)
	23 S Wrexham	10,801	1-1	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	West	Stein (1)	Hatton	Moss	Fucillo*
	30 S Sheffield Utd.	15,295	1-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	Fucillo	West	Stein	Hatton (1)	Moss	Jones
Oct.	3 T Crewe Alex. (LC3)	6,602	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill (1)	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo (1)	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Jones
	7 S Wrexham	8,683	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Jones
	14 S Blackburn	7,450	0-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Jones
	21 S Notts County														
	28 S Orient														
Nov.	4 S Leicester City														
	8 W League Cup 4														
	11 S Oldham Athletic														
	18 S Newcastle Utd.														
	21 T Charlton Ath.														
	25 S Sunderland (1)														
Dec.	2 S Burnley														
	9 S Preston														
	13 W League Cup 5														
	16 S Brighton (2)														
	23 S West Ham														
	26 T Millwall														
	30 S Fulham														
1979															
Jan.	1 M Stoke City														
	6 S F.A. Cup 3														
	13 S Bristol Rovers														
	17 W - League Cup SF														
	20 S Cardiff City														
	24 W League Cup SF														
	27 S F.A. Cup 4														
Feb.	3 S Cambridge Utd.														
	10 S Sheffield Utd.														
	17 S Wrexham (5)														
	24 S Blackburn														
Mar.	3 S Notts. County														
	10 S Orient (6)														
	17 S Leicester City (LCF)														
	24 S Crystal Palace														
	31 S Sunderland (SF)														
April	7 S Burnley														
	9 M West Ham														
	14 S Millwall														
	16 M Stoke City														
	21 S Brighton														
	28 S Preston														
May	5 S Fulham														
	12 S F.A. Cup Final														

ASTON VILLA v LUTON
League Cup Round 4
Wednesday November 8
Kick-off 7.30 p.m.
Reserve Seats £2.50, £1.50
Standing (Turnstiles) £1.00
No Juniors
Replay if nec. Tuesday 14th.

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Division Two

As at 15 October 1978

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
C. Palace	10	3	2	0	9	4	3	2	0	10	4	16
Stoke	10	3	2	0	10	4	3	1	1	4	3	15
West Ham	10	4	0	1	12	3	1	2	2	9	8	12
Brighton	10	4	0	1	11	3	1	2	2	8	10	12
Fulham	10	3	1	1	5	1	2	1	2	5	7	12
Newcastle	10	3	1	1	5	4	1	3	1	4	4	12
Notts Co.	10	3	1	1	7	5	2	1	2	8	10	12
Luton	10	4	1	0	19	4	0	2	3	2	7	11
Bristol R.	10	5	0	0	15	5	0	1	4	3	11	11
Sunderland	10	3	2	0	8	4	1	1	3	5	10	11
Burnley	10	3	1	1	9	7	1	2	2	4	8	11
Charlton	10	1	3	1	6	5	2	1	2	6	6	10
Wrexham	10	1	3	1	3	2	2	1	2	5	5	10
Sheff Utd	10	2	1	2	9	7	1	2	2	4	7	9
Cambridge	10	1	3	1	3	3	1	2	2	4	5	9
Orient	10	1	1	1	3	5	2	1	2	4	5	8
Leicester	10	1	1	3	5	7	1	3	1	4	4	8
Oldham	10	2	2	1	8	6	1	0	4	4	10	8
Cardiff	10	2	1	2	8	8	1	1	3	7	16	8
Preston	10	1	2	2	8	7	0	1	4	4	13	5
Blackburn	10	1	3	1	6	4	0	0	5	4	15	5
Millwall	10	1	1	3	4	11	0	2	3	1	7	5

Combination

As at 17 October 1978

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham H.	11	10	1	0	40	14	21
Southampton	11	7	3	1	20	8	17
Norwich City	10	7	2	1	26	7	16
West Ham	10	6	2	2	20	11	14
Bristol Rovers	10	5	3	2	14	10	13
Q.P.R.	9	5	3	1	16	12	13
Chelsea	9	5	2	2	18	9	12
Ipswich Town	10	4	3	3	17	11	11
Bristol City	10	4	3	3	18	14	11
Arsenal	9	3	4	2	21	14	10
Fulham	10	3	3	4	16	16	9
Leicester C.	10	3	3	4	11	13	9
Oxford United	10	3	2	5	14	17	8
Birmingham C.	11	2	4	5	8	14	8
Luton Town	9	4	0	5	14	20	8
Plymouth	12	3	2	7	11	19	8
Crystal Palace	9	3	1	5	14	18	7
Cardiff City	11	2	1	8	11	22	5
Hereford Utd.	9	1	3	5	10	22	5
Orient	10	1	3	6	8	28	5
Reading	9	0	3	5	8	21	3
Swindon Town	9	0	3	6	2	17	3

LEAGUE/CUP	Apps	Gls
Aleksic	12	
Stephens	4	
Sherlock	2	
Aizlewood	12	
Donaghy	12	
Price	10	
Hill	11(1)	2
Fucillo	9(2)	4
West	8(2)	
Stein	12	8
Hatton	11	6
C. Turner	12	
Moss	11	4
Ingram	1(2)	
McNichol	(1)	
Jones	4(4)	
Boersma	1	
Own Goal	1	
COMBINATION gls		
W. Turner	3	
Sperrin	4	
Ingram	4	
Currie	1	
Jones	1	
N. Johnson	1	
MIDLAND/CHILTERN		
Pearson	9	
Eaton	5	
Conquest	4	
Ingram	4	
Sisman	3	
Madden	3	

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES - 1978-79

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

All Saturday Matches Kick-off 3pm

	Feb.	Mar.	April	May
18 S Birmingham City				
21 T Bristol Rovers				
29 W Reading				
2 S Fulham				
9 S Arsenal				
11 M West Ham				
13 W				
16 S Bristol City				
19 T Crystal Palace				
30 S Q.P.R.				
1 M Ipswich Town				
6 S Southampton				
13 W				
20 S Hereford United				
24 W				
27 S				

All Fixtures subject to alteration

	Feb.	Mar.	April	May
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

v PLYMOUTH
Combination
Sat. October 28
Kick-off 3.00pm

v LEICESTER CITY
Division Two
Sat. November 4
Kick-off 3.00 pm

Century Club

by Catherine Ball, Secretary

EFFORTS to give our members more things to enjoy between matches resulted in an enjoyable time being spent by those who came to our party in the clubhouse a couple of weeks ago.

Football is the common bond shared by all Century Club members, but I feel that we are not making as much use of our facilities as we might. It seems to me that we could meet much more often than we do between games, and although I was disappointed with the attendance at the party those who did come had a good night out. On top of that, of course, we made a profit, which is all for the good of Luton F.C.

One of the highlights of the evening was a "Mr. and Mrs." session organised by Malcolm Aubrey. Three couples volunteered to undergo the ordeal, and our thanks to Fred and Mary Bunyan, John and Sally Walden, and the winners, Bob and Beryl Freeman.

Our next social venture is a Halloween Party on November 27. We're looking for some appropriate games, and hoping that some members might liven things up by wearing traditional masks. Tickets are £2 a head, and now available—contact me or any committee member.

The most important part of our function, though, is tied up with our support for the team, and in wishing them every continued success I must say how nice it is to have so many home successes to celebrate.

Some of the players pop in to see us after matches, and we have noticed the nice new club casual wear. It's a pleasure to see a team which looks smart, and all credit to David Pleat and his staff for the way the players look and act as ambassadors for the club.

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Answers please, by first post Saturday 28th October, 1978, to:—Junior Hatters Competition, Luton Town F.C., Kenilworth Road, Luton.

The first all correct answer opened after the closing time will receive two stand tickets for a future home game.

Just to emphasise what Manager David Pleat has been saying for some weeks, our supporters, including the Junior Hatters, have been steadily enhancing their reputation as one of the best behaved set of supporters both at home and when travelling. Remember that any abuse, misbehaviour or vandalism reflects back to the Club. Quite frankly we do not want these types at any price! In fact repairing acts of vandalism and destruction costs the Club a vast amount of money each season and while this goes on it limits the improvements and facilities we can provide.

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- | | |
|------------------|----|
| ERIC McMANUS | 1 |
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| RAY O'BRIEN | 3 |
| TRISTAN BENJAMIN | 4 |
| BRIAN STUBBS | 5 |
| ARTHUR MANN | 6 |
| IAIN McCULLOCH | 7 |
| DON MASSON | 8 |
| PAUL HOOKS | 9 |
| DAVID HUNT | 10 |
| MICK VINTER | 11 |

Half Times

Arsenal	Burnley	Luton
Southampton	Brighton	Notts Co.
Derby	Cambridge	Sunderland
Tottenham	Blackburn	Millwall
Liverpool	Cardiff	West Ham
Chelsea	Leicester	Stoke
Q.P.R.	Charlton	Wrexham
Everton	Newcastle	C. Palace

Officials

Referee: Colin Downey, (Isleworth, Middlesex). Commenced refereeing with Middlesex F.A. in 1965 and has progressed via Spartan and Rothman's Isthmian League to the Football League list. Refereed an Anglo-Italian semi-professional tournament in 1976, also the Middlesex County Senior Charity Cup Final. Has also refereed other League and County Cup finals. In 1977 was Linesman in the second round U.E.F.A. Cup. Married with one son, he is a Systems Analyst in a Computer business.

Linesmen: M.K. Bullivant (Cambridge) (Red Flag) B.A. O Bray (St. Ives) (Yellow Flag).