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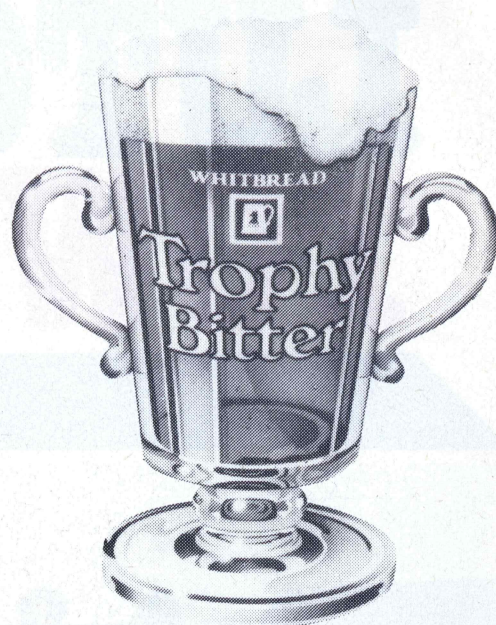
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WE CAME away from Orient particularly annoyed with our defeat.

We gifted them their first goal and allowed the freedom of the six yard box to Kitchen for their second goal. In between we made a couple of elementary defensive errors that Orient failed to capitalise on. At the other end we made chances and in general play looked fluent and dangerous when attacking. We received praise all round for our style and attacking spirit but winning Leagues requires hundred per cent concentration at all times defensively. So we must put right our away form and closely look at any alternatives we can consider to improve our record away from

Kenilworth Road. It would be nice to begin with a victory on Wednesday. Aston Villa are a solid side with Andy Gray and Brian Little as good a pair of strikers as any in the country.

I hope our supporters will make themselves heard and we can give you something to shout about.

Today we welcome Leicester City a side being transformed under new management. They have class players and much experience. Hopefully we can play well enough to stretch them to the limit and gain a further home success. It will not be easy — nothing is in football. You have to work for it.

Our goalscoring feats may have secured a higher attendance today. If we find things difficult, any frustration is transmitted to players. Get behind the lads from the word go. They appreciate your encouragement. Enjoy the game.

Remember too any supporters that are travelling to Villa to be aware of our good behaviour record both on and off the field.

Avoid trouble and enjoy the entertaining football which we are endeavouring to provide.



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Leicester City

DENNIS ROFE (Defender). Club captain last season but missed the final part of the season through injury. Dennis joined Leicester from Orient in 1972 and made his 200th appearance for the club last season. An England Under-23 international. 225 League games for Leicester—three League goals.

DEREK DAWKINS (Defender). Derek was given his first chance towards the end of last season after graduating through the club's youth ranks. Born in London but moved with his family to Leicester when he was five. Made his debut in the away game at Derby last season. Three League games for Leicester.

STEVE SIMS (Defender). An established member of England's Under-21 side, Steve toured with the England B squad in the summer. The son of a former League player, Steve is rated as one of the best young defenders in the game. Born at Lincoln, Steve was the City supporters' Player of the Year two seasons ago. 70 League games for City—three League goals.

DAVID WEBB (Defender). A very experienced campaigner with more than 500 League games behind him. David joined City in September 1977 from Queens Park Rangers. His previous clubs were Orient, Southampton and Chelsea where he won an F.A. Cup winners medal in 1970. Skipped City in the final games of

last season when Dennis Rofo was injured. 29 League games for City.

LARRY MAY (Defender). Birmingham born youngster who made his League debut for City two seasons ago. Injury kept him on the sidelines for a while last season. Spent part of the summer playing in the U.S.A. Three League games for Leicester.

TOMMY WILLIAMS (Midfield). A versatile player. Tommy also played at full-back and as a central defender last season. Emerged last year as a very promising youngster and was the supporters' Player of the Year. Born in Scotland but has lived in Leicester since a youngster. Made his debut against Chelsea last October and was a regular choice for the rest of the season. 31 League games for City—3 League goals.

EDDIE KELLY (Midfield). A Scottish Under-23 international signed from Q.P.R. in the summer of 1977 and previously with Arsenal where he played in their double side of 1971. Born Glasgow. 24 League games for City—one goal.

KEITH WELLER (Midfield). Previously with three London clubs, Tottenham, Millwall and Chelsea, Keith has played more than 200 League games for City and won 4 England caps in 1973-74. Keith played in the North American Soccer League last summer. 244

League games for City—34 goals.

PETER WELSH (Midfield). A Scot, Peter was kept out for a large part of last season with injury after making his debut in the 1976-77 campaign at Tottenham. He has played in several positions for the reserves but is mainly regarded as a midfielder player. One League game for City.

ROGER DAVIES (Striker). Joined Leicester from the Belgian club Bruges last December and originally with Derby County. Born in Wolverhampton, Roger was wanted by several English clubs before joining Leicester. In Belgium, he was Bruges' leading scorer. An England Under-23 international. 14 League games for City—4 goals.

BILLY HUGHES (Striker). Signed from Derby last Christmas and made his City debut against Middlesbrough on Boxing Day. A Scottish international, Billy played in Sunderland's 1973 F.A. Cup winning side and is nearing 300 League games in his career. 18 League games for Leicester—2 goals.

TREVOR CHRISTIE (Striker). Born in Northumberland but has been with Leicester since leaving school. Made his debut against Wolves in February 1978 after a consistent scoring record for the club's reserve and junior sides. Another of the youngsters City are looking to in the future. 5 League games for City.

SEAN RAFTER (Goalkeeper). A highly promising young 'keeper Sean is still waiting for his first team chance with City although he played 23 League games for Southend United before moving to Leicester. One of his last matches for Southend was an F.A. Cup tie at Derby.

WINSTON WHITE (Striker). A local youngster who made his debut at Stoke in 1977 and played several League games last season. An orthodox winger and a regular scorer for the reserves. Nine League games for City—one goal.

MARK WALLINGTON (Goalkeeper). City's ever-present last season, Mark has not missed a League match for the club for three seasons. Joined City from Walsall in 1971-72, Mark won two England Under-23 caps and youth honours. 162 League games for Leicester.

STEVE WHITWORTH (Defender). Steve played his 300th League game for the club last season and is one of the most consistent defenders in the game. Capped seven times by England, he has also won England Under-23 youth honours. 323 League games for Leicester.

POINT OF CONTROVERSY

AN OCTOBER issue of a monthly soccer magazine quotes Manchester United and England Under-21 manager Dave Sexton as saying "We Want Wingers". In the same week that the article was published Middlesbrough paid over £200,000 to Burnley for Irish winger Terry Cochrane. On the same day Brighton sold Tony Towner because his place on the right had been taken over by Eire International Gerry Ryan, recently signed from Derby. Suddenly wingers are news again and their return that has been signalled by Steve Coppell and Peter Barnes being capped by England during the last year now seems to be accelerating.

There are few fans up and down the country who will not readily acclaim this development and for many it is the most wholesome news that one has heard on the soccer scene for well over a decade. It seems to be overdue and is the result of a number of factors, not least being the decline in attendances in many places since the short-lived euphoria of England's 1966 World Cup success.

Another is of course the appointment of an England manager who has never quite abandoned the concept of attacking football built up during West Ham's cup successes both here and in Europe in the early sixties, despite the relatively lean time the Hammers experienced during his later years with them.

Maybe the failure of Sir Alf Ramsey to improve the situation at Birmingham during his short spell in charge there signalled the end of an era for he had signalled his taking over there by dropping John Connolly, one of the few wingers operating in Division One at the time. Maybe this was the last piece of evidence needed to underline that tactics which won the World Cup in 1966 were not only rather boring, but also not able to bring success except in particularly favourable situations.

One can only regret that the almost total following of something approximating to Ramsey's 'wingless wonders' robbed fans up and down the land of the pleasure of seeing men like Peter Thompson and Dave Wagstaffe in their prime being used solely as exciting attackers down the flanks. Others like Ian Callaghan and Terry Paine moved into midfield where they became extremely effective, but one can only surmise whether they would have made even more impact if they had stayed as wingers for most of their careers and moved into midfield only at the latter end.

What then will be the results, assuming that the present trend towards wingers continues. Will there be more goals? Will crowds rise? No-one knows. Much may depend on how ready referees are to penalise defenders for unfair challenges rather than waiting until a skilful winger has been virtually kicked out of the game. This was, of course, one of the reasons why wingers seemed in the early 60's to be losing their effectiveness.

An increase in the emphasis on wing play will almost certainly mean a variation in the current job description of the fullback, who in many cases spends as much time going forward as defending. With a lively winger to contain he will have less opportunity for his own sorties, though the possibility of a club fielding an attacking fullback as well as a winger and taking a risk on what happens behind them when both are caught up field is an exciting one. In fact the whole prospect of more emphasis on wingers is exciting and that surely is the name of the game.



Back Row Left to Right: Dean Smith, Keith Weller, Trevor Christie, Roger Davies, Mark Wallington, Larry May, Sean Rafter, Steve Sims, Kevin Farmer, Steve Kember (now Crystal Palace) Peter Welsh.
Middle Row: Jack Wallace, Eddie Kelly, David Webb, Geoff Salmons, Derek Dawkins

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WELCOME TO LEICESTER

BACK IN Division Two this season after eight years in Division One, Leicester City have found it almost as difficult to score goals as they did last season when they found the net only 26 times in 42 league games. Their defence has, however, made them a hard team to beat and they are currently just above relegation position. They will be particularly eager to stay out of that kind of danger, however, for, though their fortunes have fluctuated over the years they have never sunk lower than Division Two. Since being selected to this Division in 1894 they have won promotion to Division One no fewer than six times and have been relegated just as often. Oddly enough the only time they have looked in any real danger of Division Three was in 1948/49 when they shook the football world by reaching the F.A. Cup Final for the first time before losing to Wolves at Wembley.

They have been runners-up on three more occasions since then and when one considers that their best season in Division One saw them end up as runners-up in 1928/29 it might seem that they were destined not to win anything. They did, however, carry off the Football League Cup in 1963/4 after beating Stoke in a 2-leg final and a year later were only just pipped by Chelsea as they sought to win it in successive seasons.

Those were the days of men like Gordon Banks and Frank McLintock while one of the stars in their remarkable run to the 1949 F.A. Cup Final was Don Revie, who was unlucky to be unfit for Wembley.

LAST SEASON

THOUGH there may not be names of such great significance at Leicester these days there did appear to be enough talent there last season to enable them to hold their own, but little went right for Frank McLintock after he took over as manager, and when he was replaced by Jock Wallace during the course of the season there was no real improvement in results. Ironically, probably the clubs best performance came after

last few weeks of the season they came close to a point at Anfield when going down 3-2 and then hammered fellow relegation victims Newcastle 3-0.

In the present campaign they opened quite well with a 2-2 draw at Burnley and in fact they have fared rather better away than at home with a 1-0 win at Orient and draws at Blackburn and Wrexham. In fact that 1-0 scoreline has figured prominently in their record for that is the margin by which they have lost to Sheffield United and Notts County at home and to Newcastle and Cardiff away. Their one outstanding result in fact was a 4-1 win over Brighton near the end of September, but since then they have not approached that kind of form and in their next home game they crashed 3-0 to Charlton.

Last seasons leading scorers, John Salmons and Roger Davies, totalled only four goals each, tallies which Billy Hughes, the former Sunderland Scottish international who moved last season from Derby, needs only one more goal this season to equal. Trevor Christie, a young player from the North East, who made his debut last season, is likely to be the other front-runner today with Keith Weller (now nearing 300 appearances for Leicester after previous service with Spurs, Millwall and Chelsea) coming through from mid-field.

Mike Duffy, a newcomer this season, Eddie Kelly (from Q.P.R. just over a year ago) and young Scotsman Peter Welsh, who had played just one game before this season, are the contenders for the other midfield positions now that Steve Kember has moved back to Crystal Palace.

In defence there is plenty of experience with Steve Whitworth, winner of seven England caps, on the right, Dennis Rofe (over 250 games since moving from Orient) on the left and two home grown players Larry May and Steve Sims linking up in the centre, Larry having come into the side this season and Steve being in his third full season.

Behind them Mark Wallington has given great service since moving from Walsall six

form that made possible the release of Peter Shilton to Stoke.

From John Wilkinson's Desk

CONGRATULATIONS once again to the supporters for their excellent behaviour at our last home match against Notts County. Lets keep up the good work and show the rest we at Luton know how to behave ourselves. I am still having talks with the police about the publishing of names in the programme of people who only come to cause trouble, and it shouldn't be too long now before the legal problems are sorted out. I really hope that we don't have to print names but we will if we have to.

In the Cambridge United programme I wrote on the subject of television matches and how I disagreed with the amount of money the television company paid for the privilege. Well next month the Football League have called an Extraordinary General Meeting to ask clubs their feelings on the subject. It wouldn't surprise me if television companies are asked to pay double the figure that they pay now, then at least that would give some of the smaller clubs a kiss of life.

Our forthcoming League Cup match with Aston Villa seems to have brought an interest from people who haven't been to a game for months. I was caught out badly when only ordering a few tickets for the match. I had to make a hurried phone call to Villa Park and get the rest of my allocation, and I thank the ticket staff for their prompt attention for getting the tickets to me so quickly. At the time of going to press we have some £2.50 tickets left, so if you have not bought one and want to see the game, I would call at the ticket office and buy one quick. It will also give supporters an opportunity to see the new stand at Villa Park.

Going back to the Notts County game its a long time since I can remember the crowd getting behind the team as much as you did then. Lets get behind them today.

Encouragement works wonders. Criticism does not help.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

OUR birthday greetings go this week to GODFREY INGRAM and JOHN LUCAS.

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MASCOT

THE MASCOT for todays game is Scott Canupp. Scott is one of our American fans



THE picture above, taken prior to the game against Wrexham, shows the Bobbers committee with Eric Morecambe. Eric has been elected President of the Bobbers Club, the third president since it was formed in 1935, he takes over from Len Hawkins who retired a few months ago.

Among his duties he will be helping the

from the base at Chicksands where he attends the elementary school. He is 7 years old on November 17th, has a full Luton Town kit and his favourite player is Ricky Hill. He keeps an up-to-date Luton Town scrap book for a hobby and plays winger for the 6 to 8 year olds on the base.



Pictured right is our Manager Dave Pleat holding a beautiful framed colour photograph of the Hatters'. For the keen supporter a few of these fine momentos of the players is still available at £25 each. Details from the souvenir shop or ring Luton 418025 (Sportswide

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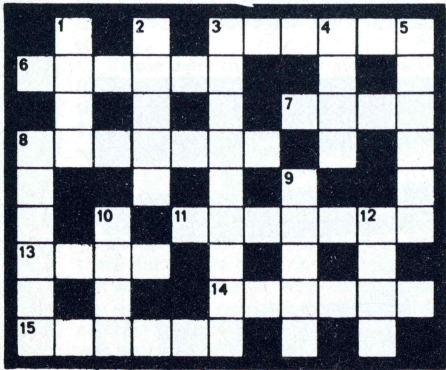
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 - 6. Famous old inside-forward for Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Spain (6)
 - 7. Former manager whose posting included Burnley, Preston and Notts County (4)
 - 8. See 3dn
 - 11. One of the two clubs to have suffered the record League defeat of 0-13 (7)
 - 14. & 13. Home of Hibernian (6,4)
 - 15. England centre-half during the transition from Charlton to Labone (6)

- CLUES — DOWN
- 1. Soccer-kit suppliers (4)
 - 2. Former Sheffield United and England inside-forward who subsequently managed Benfica (5)
 - 3. & 8ac. Interim occupant of a club's 'hot seat' (nowadays quite a common role!) (9,7)
 - 4. Bolton forward in the PFA's 1978 Division Two team selection (4)
 - 5. Holder of Newport's most-League-appearances record (6)
 - 8. Family that links Littlewoods Pools and Everton (6)
 - 9. Full-back Gilbert van ——— scored twice for Anderlecht in their 1978 winning final of the Cup-Winners' Cup (5)
 - 10. Eire international who left Portsmouth for Shamrock Rovers but returned last season (4)
 - 12. Match of the Day producer: ——— Weeks (4)

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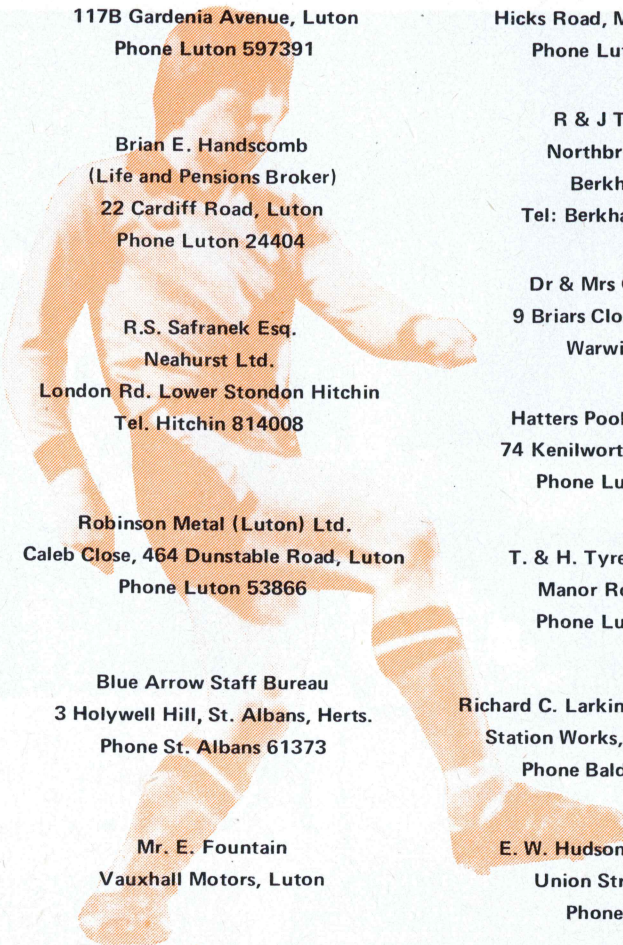
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N ACTION ACT

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THERE has been much discussion among supporters as to which of the six goals against Notts County was the best. We liked them all, of course, and our action shots show why two of the half-dozen were so popular.

Left is the goal which Manager David Pleat picked out later as the most vital of the six: our second, scored at a crucial time, just before the interval. Brian Stein is airborne, and almost horizontal as he leaves Pedro Richards on one leg to head powerfully into the net from David Moss's centre.

Below is the goal that came at another important time, in the 48th minute. Alan West might not produce the high quantity of goals, but how's this for quality — he's just outside the penalty area, and the shot was so accurate that centre-half Brian Stubbs had no chance of blocking it, and the hapless goalkeeper was still making his dive when the ball smacked into the back of the net.

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Peter Watson

RON GREENWOOD'S loyalty to his players is having a most invigorating effect on the England squad.

Remember the Don Revie days when player after player was called into the England squad and you were hard pressed to name half-a-dozen certainties before selection?

Different now, isn't it! England's No. 1 manager sticks with his men even if they are out of form and we are gradually seeing the fruits of that loyalty.

Ray Wilkins of Chelsea and Emlyn Hughes of Liverpool are the two most glaring examples. Why, Hughes was in the Liverpool reserves when the England squad for the European championship match in Dublin was announced.

Not that Greenwood will stand still. His call for Liverpool's Phil Thompson indicates that he is already planning for the day when Hughes is no longer in the squad.

But Greenwood's approach has rubbed off on the players and it was good to hear Kevin Keegan saying on BBC television the other night: "The spirit in the England squad has never been better."

"Ron's told the players that he doesn't care what they're playing like for their clubs, it's what they've done playing for him that matters. That was a great thing to say to the players."

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JUST how good are our refs? On the whole, pretty good but some of them have become a bit book-happy this season.

And top ref Clive Thomas told Terry McNeill of the News of the World: "Our standards are slipping.

"It's time we all got off our backsides and did something to improve ourselves, instead of waffling. All my association seems to do is talk about administration and appointments. I want to make it clear that the blame for declining standards is nothing to do with the Football League, the FA players or managers. It's down to us.

"Once British referees were regarded as the most efficient in the world. I would question very much if that is the case now.

"I tell you honestly, players and managers who criticise us are often justified and my view is that unless we referees get a grip on ourselves, and quickly, football in this country will go down

"Players and managers ask for consistency from us. They aren't getting it. They want the over-the-ball tackle to be rooted out and punished. And so they should, their livelihoods are at stake.

"But we're not spotting the vicious foul as regularly as we should. We have a training scheme where, among other things, these bad tackles are demonstrated. But I'm sorry to say that this scheme is a joke.

"We need more communication with players because if you want their respect and co-operation, we must prove to them we're worthy of that respect. We must show them that we understand their problems."

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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

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

A WET DAY at Crewe knocked the Town out of the top three of the Third Division ten years ago today. Due to play at Gresty Road, the team reached Newcastle-under-Lyme at lunch-time, when news arrived that the pitch was waterlogged and the game was off. Eight coaches full of Town supporters didn't get the message, and made the trip to Crewe in vain.

We didn't realise at the time that the non-event would be a bad blow to promotion hopes, with the lost ground eventually proving impossible to make up.

The Town dropped to sixth place in the table, trailing Swindon, Bournemouth, Barrow, Watford and Torquay. But they had a game in hand, and were only three points adrift of top spot, so we didn't worry too much at the time.

The previous week Kenilworth Road had housed 17,818 for a tense battle with Northampton. Injuries had hit the Town hard, and Sandy Davie made his debut in goal and Jack Bannister made his first appearance in the Town's black and white at left half. Terry Branton missed the match against his former club, with Alan Slough moving to centre-half to mark Northampton's promising young striker, Bob Hatton. Fred Jardine and John Moore were the other first team men on the injured list.

The Town had the best of a dour first half, with two goals in two minutes setting them nicely on the way to retaining the

DURING THE Schools half term holiday, nearly 100 boys have come to Kenilworth Rd., for trials. What happens to the boys picked out? Most of the boys selected will attend coaching sessions every Thursday evening and for the boys with a long way to travel to be invited back at Christmas. Some will be invited to sign Schoolboy forms, this entitles them to come into the club for treatment if injured and generally to be a part of Luton Town F.C. If the boys are in the 5th year at School they can also be included in the youth side playing in the Chiltern Premier League.

In all walks of life, everyone is looking for leaders, a motivator or in football teams a captain. The boys who come on to the staff as apprentices have the necessary football ability but do they have leadership qualities? Do they encourage other players?

100 per cent home record.

Both goals came from free kicks conceded by a rugged and uncompromising Northampton rearguard, with Keith Allen heading the first in the 25th minute and Laurie Sheffield shooting the second two minutes later.

Northampton, however, refused to lie down and die, and in the 64th minute player-manager Ron Flowers, the old Wolves and England wing half, took a throw-in from which Hatton touched the ball on into the penalty area for Fairbrother to reduce the arrears.

Life was difficult for the Town defence for the rest of the match, with Flowers driving his men on in search of an equaliser. It very nearly came too, because Hatton forced a way through down the middle, but his final drive was blocked, at the price of considerable personal discomfort, by Slough.

Manager Allan Brown went on record that week with another promise that further transfer deals were in the offing, although the only one of early November 1968 was the sale for £3,000 to Colchester of forward Micky Brown, who had arrived on a free transfer from Millwall 18 month previously.

There were also changes in the background: trainer Brian Whitehouse was promoted to Assistant manager, and his successor was physio Reg Game, who had been in charge of the reserves.

YOUTH

Do they, if they, are the supporting player, give verbal assistance to the player with the ball? All these points should be part of their training. To assist with this, a F.A. Coaching Course has been arranged at the town ground for the players over the next few weeks. The players who pass the exams at the end of the course will be awarded the Preliminary Coaching Certificate. Having gained this certificate it should have given them the ability and confidence to express themselves and with the skills they already have, to be able to go out to Schools and Youth Clubs and teach the techniques required to improve standards.

The Youth team gained two points in the Midland Youth League when they beat Swindon Youth at Vauxhall on Thursday 28th October. They won by 2-1 our goals being scored by M. Conquest and M. Smith.

Team:— A. Judge, T. Murphy, L. Harriott, N. Madden, J. Woodward, G. Sisman, M. Smith, W. Turner, M. Conquest, R. Eaton, A. Pearson, A. Wilkinson.

On Saturday 30th October the town youth entertained Ware at Chryslers and won by 3-0 our goals being scored by M. Conquest, N. Madden and A. Wilkinson.

Team:— J. Wells, R. Johnson, T. Murphy, N. Madden, J. Woodward, L. Harriott, R. Brammer, A. Wilkinson, M. Conquest, R. Eaton, A. Cosby, T. Kitchener, A. Pearson.

On Thursday 2nd November the Town Youth entertain Derby County youth in Midland League Cup fixture. This will be at Vauxhall at 2 p.m. The 2nd leg of this game will be at Derby on 8th November. See you at Vauxhall Sports ground 2 p.m.

FOCUS ON

DAVID LAWSON
by Doug Lygo



IF DAVID Lawson makes his league debut for Luton Town during the current season, he will be playing his first 2nd Division game in a distinguished career stretching back to the days when Bradford Park Avenue was a 4th Division club.

It was the Yorkshire club that gave him his chance and in return the £6,000 transfer to Huddersfield probably helped them to survive until 1970 when they failed to gain re-election. His new club were on the crest of a wave and by the time David appeared in their first team Huddersfield were in the 1st Division. In 1970/71 they finished in 15th place and he had made nineteen league appearances. Despite the presence of such names as Trevor Cherry and Frank Worthington in their side the bubble burst the following season when Huddersfield

returned to the 2nd Division. David Lawson made thirty two league appearances and it was the lack of "goals for" (27 in 42 games) rather than defensive deficiencies which brought about their downfall. With demotion came the disintegration of the side, Cherry and Ellam moving to Leeds, Worthington to Leicester and Lawson to Everton for a British record fee for a goalkeeper of £85,000.

At Goodison Park, David took over from England keeper Gordon West who had been an ever present during the previous season. In his first campaign with the Merseyside team he made 38 league appearances and although finishing in 17th place they enjoyed one of the best half dozen defensive records in the 1st Division.

The following season an improvement of ten places and a 100% attendance record for David Lawson was again coupled with an impressive 'goals against' tally-48 in 42 matches. Unfortunately, although he started 1974/75 as first choice, his run was interrupted after seven games by a kidney injury and Welsh International Dai Davies grabbed his chance. During the next two seasons the two keepers shared the No. 1 jersey fairly evenly but in 1976/77 David made some notable cup appearances including three in the League Cup Final against Aston Villa when the scores (Everton first) were as follows:— 0-0, 1-1, 2-3, and two in the F.A. Cup Semi-Final against Liverpool.

Last season Davies departed to Wrexham and Everton invested £150,000 in Blackpool keeper George Wood. David Lawson decided to stay but Wood remained in permanent residence throughout the season and when the opportunity came to move on he accepted the new challenge. As a fully qualified F.A. coach he was offered the position of player/coach with a 4th Division club and was also wanted by one of our 2nd Division rivals but although both were nearer home he decided that he liked the Kenilworth Road set-up and he and his wife Pat, daughters Nichola 6 and Joanna 16 months are now house hunting in the area. Born in Wallsend, David played on the wing for Wallsend boys but signed for local league side Newcastle as a goalkeeper in which position he played for his school team. His favourite sporting pastime is playing golf but refuses to disclose his handicap. David had not only never played against Luton but he cannot recollect ever meeting any of the present Kenilworth Road playing staff although former Luton players Jimmy Husband and Andy King were colleagues of his at Everton.

His one and only previous visit to the ground was in support of Newcastle United when he was still at school.

We are sure that David will prove to be a popular member of the staff and we wish the Lawson family every happiness and success in their new home.

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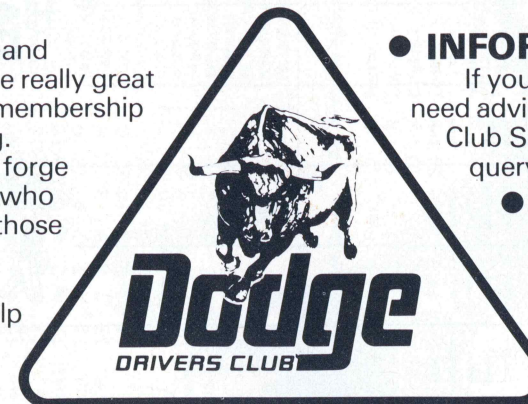
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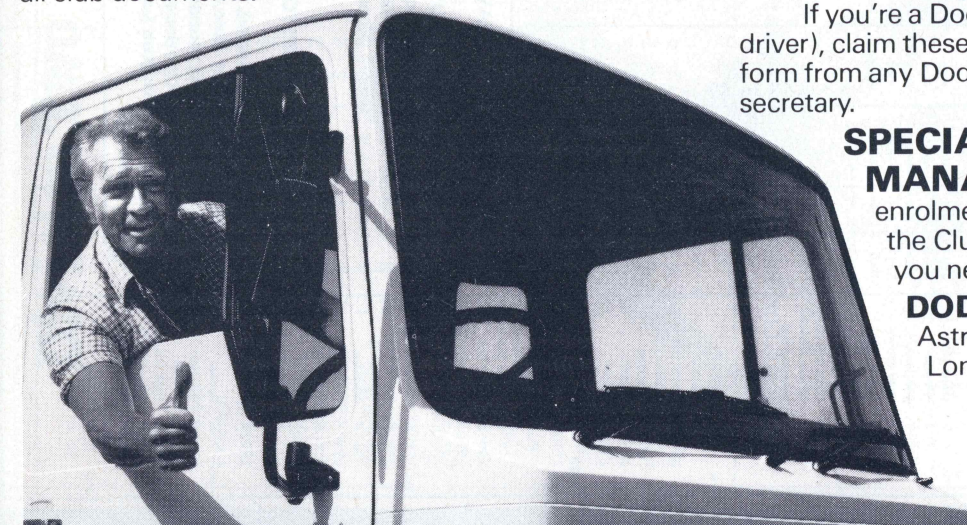
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FACTS

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	West	Fucillo	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)	Boisma	West*
9	S Bristol Rovers	6,508	0-2	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	Fucillo	Stein (2)	Hatton (1)	Moss	West
16	S Cardiff City	7,752	7-1	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	Fucillo	Stein (2)	Hatton (1)	Moss (2)	West
23	S Cambridge Utd.	10,801	1-1	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Moss	Fucillo (1 pen)
30	S Sheffield Utd.	15,295	1-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	Fucillo	West	Stein	Hatton (1)	Moss	Fucillo
Oct. 3	T Wrexham Alex. (LC3)	6,602	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill (1)	Turner	Donaghy	Fucillo	West	Stein	Hatton (1)	Moss	Jones
7	S Wrexham	8,683	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo (1)	Stein (1)	Hatton	Moss	Jones
14	S Blackburn	7,450	0-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	Steig	Hatton	Moss	Jones
21	S Notts County	8,561	6-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	Steig	Hatton	Moss	Jones
28	S Orient	7,035	2-3	Aleksic	Donaghy	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Carr
Nov. 4	S Leicester City														
8	W Aston Villa (LC4)														
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	T 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														

TOWN TRAVEL

ASTON VILLA v LUTON TOWN
League Cup Round 4
Wednesday November 8
K.O. 7.30 p.m.

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Take the M1 Northbound. Exit June. 19 onto M6. Exit M6 at June. 7. Turn left onto A34, Walsall Rd. At roundabout turn left into Aston Lane. Continue over the crossroads into Whitton Lane. Football Ground on right.

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Division Two

P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
12	4	2	0	12	5	3	2	1	5	4	18
C. Palace	12	3	2	1	9	5	3	3	0	10	4
Fulham	12	4	1	1	10	4	3	1	2	6	7
West Ham	12	4	1	1	13	4	2	2	2	11	9
Charlton	12	2	3	1	10	6	3	1	2	8	6
Bristol R.	12	6	0	0	17	6	0	2	4	3	11
Burnley	12	4	1	1	12	7	1	3	2	6	10
Newcastle	12	4	1	1	8	4	1	3	2	5	8
Sunderland	12	4	2	0	11	6	1	2	3	5	10
Luton	12	5	1	0	25	4	0	2	4	4	10
Notts County	12	3	2	1	8	6	2	1	3	8	13
Brighton	12	4	0	2	12	5	1	2	3	8	13
Wrexham	12	1	4	1	3	2	2	2	2	6	6
Sheff Utd.	12	3	1	2	13	9	1	2	3	5	9
Orient	12	2	1	3	8	7	2	1	3	5	7
Cambridge	12	1	3	2	3	4	1	3	2	5	6
Cardiff	12	3	1	2	9	8	1	1	4	7	19
Leicester	12	1	2	3	5	7	1	3	2	4	5
Oldham	12	2	3	1	8	6	1	0	5	6	14
Blackburn	12	1	4	1	7	5	1	0	5	5	15
Preston	12	1	3	2	10	9	0	1	5	7	18
Millwall	12	1	1	4	4	13	0	2	4	3	10

Combination

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham H.	13	12	1	0	47	16
Norwich City	12	9	2	1	32	8
Southampton	12	7	4	1	21	9
West Ham	12	7	3	2	28	12
Q.P.R.	11	7	3	1	21	12
Ipswich Town	11	6	3	2	23	12
Chelsea	11	6	2	3	23	14
Bristol City	13	5	4	4	25	22
Bristol Rovers	12	5	4	3	19	18
Arsenal	10	3	5	2	22	15
Fulham	12	3	4	5	19	11
Leicester City	12	3	4	5	13	16
Luton Town	11	5	0	6	17	21
Oxford United	12	4	2	6	17	22
Crystal Palace	12	3	3	6	19	26
Birmingham C.	13	2	5	6	14	25
Plymouth	14	3	3	8	14	25
Cardiff C.	13	3	1	9	15	26
Orient	12	2	3	7	10	31
Swindon Town	11	1	3	7	5	20
Hereford Utd.	12	1	3	8	12	30
Reading	9	0	3	6	8	28

LEAGUE/CUP	Apps	Gls
Aleksic	14	
Stephens	4	
Shirlock	2	
Aizlewood	14	
Donaghy	12	
Price	13	(1)
Hill	13	(1)
Fucillo	11	(2)
West	10	(2)
Stein	14	
Hatton	13	
C. Turner	14	
Moss	13	
Ingram	1	(2)
McNichol	4	(5)
Jones	1	(1)
Boisma	1	(1)
Carr	1	(1)
Own Goal	1	
COMBINATION gls	3	
W. Turner	3	
Sperrin	4	
Ingram	6	
Currie	1	
Jones	1	
N. Johnson	1	
Lucas	1	
MIDLAND/CHILTERN	9	
Peaton	6	
Eaton	4	
Conquest	6	
Ingram	4	
Sisman	3	
Madden	3	
Wilkinson	2	
Harrott	2	
W. Turner	2	
Kitchener	1	
R. Johnson	1	

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	S Birmingham City	2-0	29	W Reading
30	W			
Sept. 6	W Hereford United	3-1	Dec. 2	S Fulham
9	S Southampton	3-1	9	S Arsenal
13	W Bristol Rovers	1-3	14	M West Ham
23	S Norwich City	0-6	13	W
Oct. 4	W		16	S Bristol City
7	S Chelsea	1-4	19	T Crystal Palace
14	S Orient	1-2	30	S Q.P.R.
24	T Swindon	0-1	1979	
28	S Plymouth Argyle	3-0	Jan. 6	S
Nov. 1	W Tottenham H.		13	S Southampton
4	S Leicester City		17	W
8	W		20	W
11	S Oxford United		24	W
			27	S

All Saturday 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
April 7	S Fulham
16	M Ipswich Town
21	S Bristol City
24	T West Ham
28	S Arsenal
May 5	S Q.P.R.

Next home games

v OXFORD UNITED	v NEWCASTLE UNITED
Combination	Division Two
Sat. November 11	Sat. November 18
Kick-off 3.00pm	Kick-off 3.00pm

Century Club

by Catherine Ball, Secretary

THOUGHTS OF the past, the present and the future come into the Century Club activities this week.

To deal with them in order, and perhaps with the most pleasant one of all, we are highly delighted to welcome Agnes Game to our clubroom today. She is the widow of Reg Game, the Town FC physio whose death in the summer shocked us all, and she has very kindly offered to give to the Century Club Reg's memorabilia from the greatest day in the history of Luton Town, their appearance in the FA Cup Final at Wembley in 1959.

It is a lovely gesture from Mrs. Game, and we will have much pleasure in putting the various items on display, in a position of honour. The display will be a permanent memento of a lovely day, and of a lovely man, and once again it is a pleasure to put on record our sincere appreciation to Agnes. It is bound to be a sad day for her, but we hope we can help her to continue her happy association with Luton Town.

To look at the present, we send our sincere appreciation to the manager and the team for the marvellous entertainment they served up at the last home game. We sent down a couple of bottles of best champagne to the dressing room, and we hope that the players enjoyed it and give us plenty of excuses to do the same in future matches!

We are also looking to the future in a different context: before the start of today's game the final of the Luton Junior Schools penalty competition will take place on the pitch. It goes without saying that these young lads are the future of football, so please give them your support. Town director David Evans has donated the prize trophies, and we are hoping for the arrival of a famous personality to make the presentation.

On Monday night there is another demonstration of future prospects at Kenilworth Road, and the Century Club will be putting its facilities and services at the disposal of the English Schools FA.

A match will be played to help selectors choose the England under-15 team for international duty, with the best young players from this part of the country trying to catch the selectors' eyes. So if you can manage to spare the time, it should be a game well worth seeing. Kick-off is at 7.30.

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Junior Hatters

BIRTHDAY greetings to those members who have birthdays during the earlier part of November i.e.,

Jo Stannard, 3rd., David Hodgson, 5th., Raymond Cordwell, 8th., Sean Keenan, 12th., Vicky Stannard, 13th., and Paul Fleet, 15th November, 1978.

Now to the Junior Hatters, Competition that appeared in the Notts County programme. This competition produced by far the greatest number of entries we have received this season. Therefore for this particular competition we have decided to give two tickets to the first TWO all correct answers opened after the first post on Saturday 28th October, 1978.

The answers to that competition were:—

1. The Racecourse ground, Wrexham and the Baseball ground, Derby.
2. Manchester City.

Quite a number of members posted in the correct answers and the first two opened were Ian Dryden (Member No. 64) of Kettering and David Fielder (Member No. 33) of Harpenden. Two tickets for the Newcastle game will be sent to these two winners.

Today's competition is as follows:—

1. On F.A. Cup Final day the Manager of each Club usually leads his team out, therefore who lead the Luton Town team out at Wembley against Nottingham Forest 1958/59 season.
2. Luton last gained promotion to Division One during the 1973/74 season, but what else happened to Luton Town that season.

Entries to Junior Hatters Club, Luton Town F.C., Kenilworth Road, Luton.

The first all correct entry opened after first post Saturday, 11th November, 1978 will receive two tickets for a home game.

Once again we must remind you to let us know your favourite player if your original choice has left the club. Among today's birthday greetings we are still waiting for new choices from Paul Fleet and Raymond Cordwell.

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- 8 PASQUALE FUCCILLO
- 9 BRIAN STEIN
- 10 BOB HATTON
- 11 DAVID MOSS
- 12



Leicester City

- MARK WALLINGTON 1
- STEVE WHITWORTH 2
- DENNIS ROFE 3
- TOMMY WILLIAMS 4
- LARRY MAY 5
- EDDIE KELLY 6
- KEITH WELLER 7
- JOHN RIDLEY 8
- TREVOR CHRISTIE 9
- MARTIN HENDERSON 10
- BILLY HUGHES 11
- MARK GOODWIN 12

Half Times

Bristol R	Sheffield Utd	A. Villa
Newcastle	Brighton	Man. City
Burnley	Sunderland	Bolton
C. Palace	Stoke	Coventry
Cambridge	West Ham	Derby
Orient	Preston	Wolves
Cardiff	Wrexham	Liverpool
Charlton	Notts Co	Leeds
Millwall	Arsenal	Man. Utd

Officials

Referee: Mr. B. John Homewood (Sunbury-on-Thames). Commenced refereeing at 16 years of age and graduated via Athenian, Southern and Isthmian Leagues to the Football League full list. He is on the F.I.F.A. list of referees — his seventh year. Has refereed a Football League Cup semi-final, also F.A. Challenge Trophy and Junior Cup Finals. Lined an F.A. Cup Final at Wembley and has officiated in many European countries. He was the reserve referee for the League Cup Final.

Linesmen: Mr. D. G. Mitcham (High Wycombe) Red flag: Mr. B. O'Leary (Dagenham) Yellow Flag.