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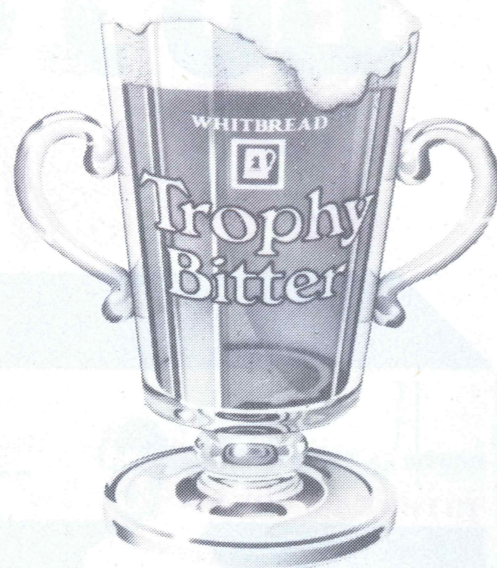
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DAVID PLEAT

LIFE last week was full of ups and
downs. A typical football week. It
began with the disappointment of
losing our unbeaten home record to
a last minute Leicester goal.
Although our touch was missing I
could not fault our lads for tremen-
dous determination. They did not
get what they deserved on the day.

At Villa, the occasion was tailor
made for our players to show their
skills. They were backed by superb
terrace support and we felt proud
we had performed well for those
travelling fans. We hope you will
visit Elland Rd. with the same
confidence. We shall have nothing
to fear and a semi-final place is our
aim. Bob Hatton reckons it may be
his last chance of reaching Wembley!



After that great win I feared that
despite any motivation the players
would find it difficult at Oldham.
We were outran and outfought and
it was the home team that called
the tune. We might have scored on
four occasions, but even had we put
a couple away I was most dissatisfied
with the overall performance. I am
sure one or two players may have
been physically and mentally
drained after Tuesdays efforts. To
be successful a side must show
character away from home. We
must fight harder to break our
sequence and make changes if we
can improve things.

Today Newcastle provide strong
opposition. They have tradition,
crowds, ambitions and star players
whom they have signed to regain
1st Division status. Hopefully we
can not only continue to produce
entertaining football today but also
gain victory.

It is getting monotonously boring
to receive after match praise from
press and opposing managers for
the quality of our play and our
open approach. Its points we need,
not praise, although I would
willingly settle for both.

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Newcastle United



Back Row: (left to right) Ralph Callaghan, Micky Barker, Andy Parkinson, Mike Mahoney, John Bird, Kevin Carr, David Barton, John Blackley, John Connolly.
 Centre Row: Alan Kennedy, Kenny Mitchell, Mark McGhee, Tommy Cassidy, Bill McGarry (Manager) Mike Larnach, Irving Natrass, Peter Kelly, Terry Hibbitt, Peter Morris (Assistant Manager).
 Front Row: Alan Guy, Nigel Walker, Jamie Scott, Ray Blackhall.

JOHN CONNOLLY

A former Scottish under 23 and full international, signed from Birmingham in May 1978 for £75,000. Spent 5 years with St Johnstone before moving to Everton in a £75,000 deal in March 1972.

TOMMY CASSIDY

Belfast born midfielder player, played for Glentoran before joining Newcastle for £25,000 in October 1970. He played in the 1974 FA Cup Final and the 1976 League Cup Final.

STEVE HARDWICK

Mansfield born goalkeeper who cost Newcastle £80,000 in December 1976 from Chesterfield.

TERRY HIBBITT

Joined Leeds in 1963 and scored in his League debut as a substitute against Nottingham Forest in August 1965. Joined Newcastle for £30,000 in August 1971 and was their Player

of the Year in 1972/3 and 1973/4. Joined Birmingham in September 1975 for £100,000 but re-joined Newcastle in May of this year for £75,000

JIM PEARSON

Joined Newcastle from Everton in August 1978 for £75,000. Was previously with St Johnstone making his League debut as a substitute against Hearts in December 1970.

IRVING NATRASS

England U-23 international from Fishburn, Co. Durham. He joined Newcastle as an apprentice on July 5th, 1969 and signed professional twelve months later, making his League debut as a sub v Derby County on March 27th, 1971. Has made over 250 first team appearances.

JOHN BIRD

Rossington born centre-half who joined Doncaster Rovers on leaving school, making his League debut at Workington on November 17th, 1967. He joined Preston North End for £6,000 in March 1971 and cost United £100,000 in August 1975.

JOHN BLACKLEY

Falkirk born defender who has won U-23 & Full honours for Scotland. Blackley joined Hibs in 1965 from Gairdoch United juniors and made his debut two years later v Dundee. He made over 400 appearances for Hibs before his £100,000 move to Gallowgate in October 1977. Newcastle Player of the Year 1977-78.

JOHN BROWNLIE

Scottish U-23 & Full international full-back who hails from Caldercruix. He joined Hibs in 1969 from Pumpherson and made his League debut in April 1970 at Dunfermline. John who broke a leg at East Fife in January 1973, cost Newcastle over £100,000 when they signed him in August 1978.

COLIN SUGGETT

An England Schoolboy and Youth international from Washington.

Colin, who was a member of the Chester-le-Street Boys team that were the English Schools runners up in 1964, joined Sunderland as an apprentice in July 1965 and turned pro in December 1966. His League debut followed in 1967 v Stoke, and in July 1969 he moved to WBA for £100,000. Transferred to Norwich in February 1973 for £75,000 and cost Newcastle £60,000 in August 1978. Norwich Player of the Year 1974-75.

PETER WITHE

Liverpool born striker who joined Southport as an amateur originally, making his League debut in December 1970 v Scunthorpe. Joined Barrow on a free transfer before emigrating to South Africa in 1972 where he had spells with Port Elizabeth and Arcadia Shepherds before joining Wolves for £13,000 in 1974. Joined Birmingham in August 1975 for £40,000, then moved to Nottingham Forest for £42,000 in September 1976 before joining Newcastle for a club record £200,000 in August 1978.

UP OR DOWN?

TODAYS match is the fifteenth in the league and being approximately a third of the way through the season it is an appropriate time to think about promotion and relegation. The tables have now settled to a pattern and about 15 points separate the top and the bottom teams. A result either way at this stage will not make any drastic change in the overall positions except as at the moment when only 5 points separate the 4th. and 14th. places. These teams will shuffle up and down a few places but the supporters of the top three or four team will start letting their hopes rise to promotion and the disappointed fans of the bottom few will have fears of seeing their team suffer relegation.

These hopes and fears will continue to grow in intensity as the season draws to its close until every goal scored is agonisingly watched with sinking hearts or cheered if they bring a higher division closer.

Once the moment of truth has arrived and the team has gone 'up or down', the feelings quickly evaporate and it is surprising how soon the fate of a team is accepted. As the new season gets under way, only a

few games are played before fans, though not exactly forgetting, push memories behind them and enjoy the fresh teams which they see in their new league.

Trying to gaze into a crystal ball and forecast success or failure is a pastime enjoyed by all supporters, and trying to analyse the figures to date and find signposts to guide conclusions, is as much a part of football as the game itself particularly when the pools are taken into consideration. All attempts to forecast promotion or relegation seem to be doomed to failure at this stage, and on the surface, any 2 points seem as good as any other 2 points, regardless of the match, but like tennis, one match seems to be crucial in the struggle, and if this can be found, the team then seems to either climb or sink.

The standard of football, remains in general, the same throughout a period of time, so in order to gain promotion a team must raise its game or if for some reason such as injury, selling of players for much needed cash, or bad management a teams performance goes down, then relegation becomes a reality.

On the promotion side of the coin, very few teams manage to gain a double such as Cambridge did, most seem to settle for a half-way place and a few, by not maintaining the form that took them up a league, slip back the following season. The relegated teams on the other hand seem to suffer and slide over more than one season, and very few make it back at the next attempt.

The influence of the fans is a factor which can be seen on any Saturday afternoon. Once they get behind a team, their enthusiasm can pick up enough momentum to carry them through to promotion and sustain them in tougher matches. It is no mere coincidence that the better the team the bigger the crowd, this is a two way communication between players and supporters, and it is an unfortunate fact that the opposite is true that once a team slips and its performance deteriorates the fans stay at home, and to reverse this trend is the hardest battle of all.

The introduction of 3 instead of 2 teams to go up or down has certainly made the game more competitive and greatly added to the interest as fans feel more than ever that their side can make it to the top.

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WELCOME TO NEWCASTLE UNITED

THIS IS a season of rehabilitation for Newcastle after losing their First Division place at the end of last season to end a spell of 13 successive seasons there. This is their fourth spell in Division Two since they first entered the Football League in 1893 and in fact of the 75 seasons since then 58 have been spent in Division One.

Their great days were just before the first World War when they won the Football League Championship three times in five seasons and in the early 1950's when they won the F.A. Cup three times in five seasons. Their one major honour of recent years has been the winning of the European Fair's Cup (now the UEFA Cup) in 1969 tho' even as their fortunes declined in the early 70's they won the Texaco Cup twice and the Anglo-Italian Cup once.

LAST SEASON

LAST season, however, was a disastrous one and it seemed all the worse because after three seasons just above the relegation zone they had climbed as high as the fifth in the previous season. Richard Dinnis had taken over from Gordon Lee when the latter moved to Everton and all seemed to be going smoothly when they beat Leeds in the opening game of the season. Then, however, came an amazing run of eleven successive defeats including a League Cup Knock-out from Millwall. This plunged them into bottom place, and despite the occasional good result like a 4-4 draw at Everton and a 4-0 win over Wolves they did not again escape from the relegation zone.

Bill McGarry took over as Manager in mid-season, but after the win over Wolves in December, United failed to win another match in the league, finishing 11 points short of safety and just avoiding bottom place after pipping Leicester on goal difference.

THIS SEASON

ONE thing that Bill McGarry achieved last season was to introduce some of the clubs younger players to the first team and the experience gained is now beginning to show dividends. After losing their first two league games, they beat us 1-0 at St. James's Park and since then they have dropped only one

point there. They have also won at Notts County and have drawn at Cambridge, Wrexham and Sunderland. Their run of eight league games without defeat came to an end, however, with a 4-1 defeat at Charlton in October and since then they have gone down 2-0 at Bristol Rovers, but managed a 1-0 win over Millwall last Saturday.

This season's major signings have all made their mark with Peter Withe who was with Bill McGarry at Wolverhampton early in his career, topping the scoresheet since moving from Nottingham Forest. Jim Pearson from Everton got the winner against us and Terry Hibbitt and John Connolly have taken up key roles in midfield and on the wing respectively since coming from Birmingham.

Colin Suggett (ex-Sunderland and W.B. Albion) has also fitted into midfield since moving from Norwich where he is likely to be playing alongside a local lad, Nigel Walker, who won a regular place in the latter part of last season. Stuart Robinson in attack and Ken Mitchell in midfield are two more young Geordies who have come through to win regular players. David Barton has fitted in equally well in the centre of the defence alongside John Bird, who came from Preston two years ago.

Scotsman Peter Kelly and John Brownlie have now settled to a regular partnership on the flanks since the departure of Alan Kennedy to Liverpool and in goal Steve Hardwick, formerly with Chesterfield, has recently taken over from Mike Mahoney, who has been first choice for most of the time since moving from Torquay three years ago.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

BIRTHDAY Greetings go to Andy Pearson who is 18 on November 19th. Andy is one of our apprentices and we wish him a Happy Birthday and a successful career.

Hot off the Press! What a Birthday present, we have just learned that Andy has been offered a contract.

TRIBUTE

SUPPORTERS of the Hatters will be very sorry to learn of the death of one of our oldest friends. Mr. Lewin Brown of 50, Hart Lane, Luton, who supported the Town for very many years, died on the 31st October.

COMBINATION REPORT

LEICESTER City v Luton Town. Saturday November 4th. Defensive errors cost the reserves dearly in their match at Leicester. A hesitation over a cross which should have been intercepted allowed Welsh to score after 14 minutes. Luton pressed for the rest of the first half but Leicester contained the attack fairly well. The second goal came in the 64th minute. After a pass from Welsh, Duffy got clear and drew Lawson, an inside pass to Allen gave him his first goal. Allen struck again after 85 minutes.

Leicester's command of the game rested with David Webb and Steve Sims, their under 21 international. They played well together and held a firm grip on the Town's attempts to penetrate.

Godfrey Ingram had a stroke of bad luck after 20 mins. His shot after a breakthrough was blocked by City's goalkeeper and although he got the rebound his second shot was way off target. Just before full time Lawson made a fine save, diving full-stretch to tip the ball over the bar.

STAY TUNED TO BBC RADIO SPORT

FOOTBALL fans at grounds all over Britain tune their transistors to BBC Radios popular 'Sport on 2' programme every Saturday afternoon during the soccer season.

On November 23 a new international agreement comes into effect and Radio 2, (like Radio's 1,2,3 and 4) will move to a new position on your radio dial. The sports service provided by BBC Local Radio stations remains the same. But in future Radio 2 football fans will have to change to new wavelengths.

From November 23 SPORT ON 2 moves from 1500m long wave to 433m/693kHz and 330m/909kHz medium wave. Try both frequencies to see which gives you better reception in your area. The vhf positions for Radio 2 remain the same, between 88 and 91MHz.

'Sport on 2' as listeners know, kicks off its programme every Saturday at 1.30pm, covering all the major sporting events of the afternoon and featuring live commentary on the second half of one of the top league or cup matches of the day. Fans of the programme are also kept up to date with the latest scores and results. and. at 5pm the

familiar signature tune 'Out of the Blue' heralds 'Sports Report' which has become a legend in the world of sport.

BALL SPONSORS

OUR BALL sponsors today are the members of the Bletchley Branch of the Luton Bobbers Stand and Supporters Club who will also be holding their Autumn Draw prior to the kick off. We shall be giving details of winning tickets at half-time and these will also be included in our match programme on December 9th.

Our good friends from Bletchley have constantly raised funds for the Football Club and during the past two seasons have sponsored our games with Cardiff and Stoke. Up to November 1977 over £1000 had been donated during the six years that the branch has been in existence and they are now well on their way to achieving their second £1000. A substantial cheque will be presented to the Club later in the season and consideration is currently being given to the way in which the money will be used. A great deal of the credit for the success of the fund raising efforts of the Bletchley Bobbers must be attributed to their hard working and long serving committee which consists of Keith Nichols (Chairman), David Keys (Secretary) Dorothy Gamage, Jennifer Goodman, Ian Chambers, and David Green.

Any of the above would be delighted to hear from prospective new members and although David Keys has recently moved house his telephone number remains the same - Milton Keynes 73623. In thanking the committee and members for their loyal support in the past we also wish them every success in the future and hope that they may long continue with their excellent fund raising efforts.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF LUTON TOWN MEETING

MR. THOMPSON then reported Mr. J. Burley for insulting language during the game on Tuesday March 27th. The matter was discussed after which it was proposed by Mr. Kinson, seconded by Mr. Auston and carried unanimously that Mr. Burley be not allowed on the ground during the remainder of the season.

No, this was not March of this year, the date of the meeting was March 27th 1894!! Makes you think.

MASCOT

OUR MASCOT today is Andrew Swain, better known as Pickle, of Ravenbank Road, Stopsley, aged 10 and football daft like the rest of his family. He is a Town season ticket holder and also one of the club's youngest share holders - Father Christmas gave him some three years ago, when the Town were going through a little financial difficulty.

Alan West is his favourite player, and he supports Luton Town, Manchester United, Southampton and St. Mirren.

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football clubs in general, with the exception of Watford.

FROM JOHN WILKINSON'S DESK

THE NAME of Newcastle United, always takes me back to Saturday November 30th, 1946 as I'm sure it does to many of our older supporters (Not too old 'tho). I personally had been playing for Bedfordshire against Hertfordshire that morning at St. Albans but I can remember rushing back to stand on the 'Ship' (now the Bobbers wing stand) and feeling very down cast at half time when we were losing 0-3. The second half is always the part of the game that is remembered and I can still see Alan Driver scoring the winning goal for us to run out winners at 4-3. For those who don't remember the team that day was Luton Town - Bywater, Cooke, Beach, Soo, Gager, Gardiner, Waugh, Daniel, Billington, Driver and Duncan. Newcastle United - Swinburne, Craig, Graham, Harvey, Smith, Wright, Milburn, Bentley, Wayman, Shackleton, Pearson. The league table at that time showed our visitors today in 1st. place with 22 points from 16 matches, whilst we were in 15th. position with 14 points from the same number of games. It goes to prove that even in those days that form didn't mean a thing.

Talking of form, what about the match at Villa last Wednesday night? Our lads really played well to upset our 1st. Division opponents and it was no fluke that we came away winners. The build up to our first goal I am sure will be remembered for a long time and if the cameras had been there that goal must have been the goal of the month.

The match against Leeds United in the next round will be played at Elland Road on Wednesday December 13th. Tickets will be available from our ticket office later next week and I will publish in the local press when they arrive. It is NOT an all ticket match but those wishing to purchase seats, these will be available, price £2.50 and £1.75.

Two of our younger players left our service last week. Both Nigel Johnson and Tony Wilkinson (no relation) have joined the Southern League side Wealdstone and we would like to wish them every success with their new club. Talking of people leaving, it came as a great surprise to me to

up a job outside football after 5 years. I would like to wish him every success and thank him for his help over the past years. His job hasn't been very easy and with us nearly closing a few years back didn't help, but I'm sure he will tackle his new job with the same outlook he did here.

Congratulations to Gary Sisman who travelled with the England youth team to Monaco, not a bad life these days, is it. Enjoy the match.

A LOOK AROUND THE SECOND DIVISION

OUR OPPONENTS today nailed Millwall to a 1-0 defeat last Saturday and by a strange coincidence Millwall's only win of the season so far was a win over Newcastle on the first day of the new season. Preston picked up two useful points by beating Cardiff 2-1, but they still remain one place above Millwall.

Brighton's 2-1 win over Wrexham lifts them a couple of places, but Sheffield United draw with Orient leaves them both together at 17th. and 18th. spots respectively. This game was not the best one of the season for both sides, Sheffield's defender, Tony Kenworth, got sent off and six other bookings made it a scrappy and ill-controlled game they both will want to forget.

Crystal Palace had a fine 3-0 victory over Blackburn Rovers thus hauling themselves back on the winning streak after slipping down a place and they now are back in touch with Stoke once again.

Stoke's luck ran out on their own territory when Cambridge had a convincing win over them. The final score was well deserved by Cambridge, and it proved to be the biggest upset in Div. 2. of the day.

MAPLE ROAD CAR PARK

WE APOLOGISE for any inconvenience caused by the temporary closure of the main public car park in Maple Road. This is due to the work being done in conjunction with the sports council and local authority to provide facilities for 5-a-side football and other sports. Work has to be completed by the beginning of March to satisfy the requirements of the grant and the car park will therefore remain closed until further notice.

CROSSWORD 10

CLUES — Across

- Usual prelude to a match and, occasionally, a means of deciding it (4,2)
- Nickname of Partick Thistle (4)
- Warnock or Whatmore (4)
- Sandor — (Honved & Hungary) (6)
- See 14ac.
- Quick inter-passing movement (3,3)
- Ever-present full-back and skipper of Austria in the World Cup finals (4)
- 14 & 8ac. Top scorer for Blackburn Rovers last season (4,11)
- Brighton winger (6)

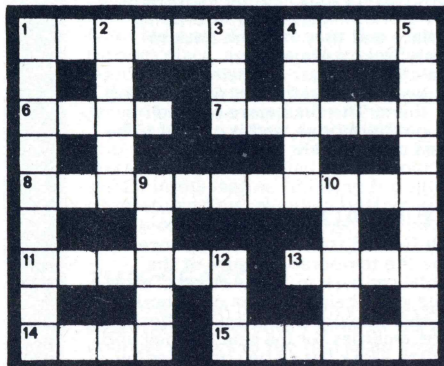
CLUES — Down

- Striker who passed 500 League games and netted his 200th League goal last season (4,5)
- World Cup timekeepers (5)
- Bryan "----" Robson (3)
- Former Southend and Swansea player Ken --- is a frequent reporter on BBC tv's 'Final Score' (5)
- Stair Park side (9)
- "---- football" is a description often applied to Holland's play (5)
- Forward in Bolton's promotion side last season (5)
- Over all but 16 yards of the pitch's perimeter (3)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 9

Across 3. Carrow (Road) (Norwich), 6. Kubala, 7. Hill, 8. See 3dn, 11. Halifax (v. Stockport, 1934), 14 & 13. Easter Road, 15. Sadler.

Down 1. Puma, 2. Hagan, 3 & 8ac. caretaker-manager, 4. Reid, 5. Wilcox, 8. Moores, 9. Binst, 10. Hand, 12. Alec.



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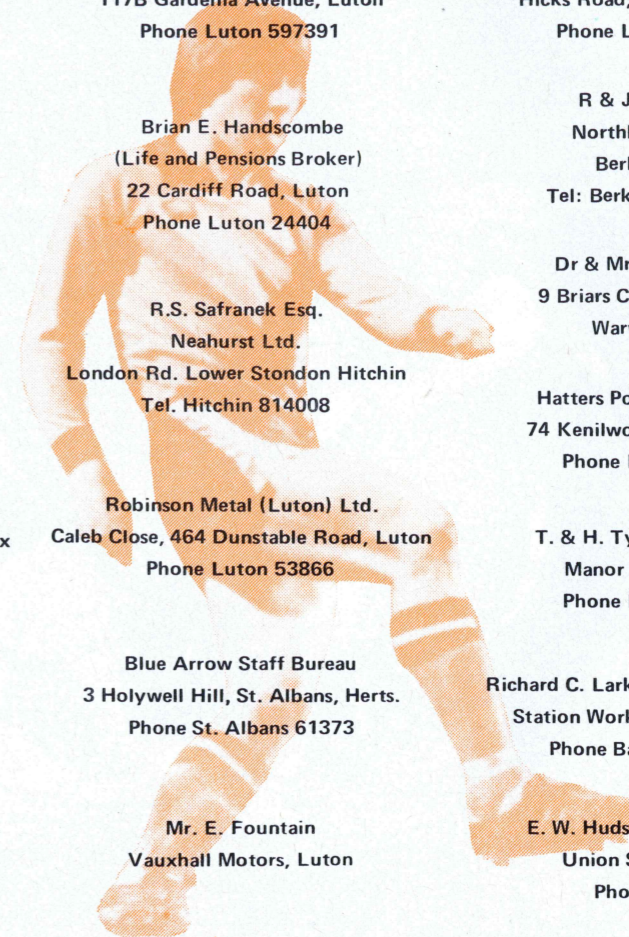
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Luton Town 0 Leicester City 1

LOSING our unbeaten home record was bad enough, but the manner of the defeat against Leicester left manager David Pleat and his players very sick indeed.

Leicester stole the points with a late goal after we had done more of the attacking, particularly in the second half.

Picture left shows one of the turning points which seemed to prove that it just wasn't our day: Bob Hatton's header on the far post which hit the post, with Mark Wallington scrambling to get back into position.

A goal then would surely have finished Leicester, but as the picture below shows, they defended well when they had to — that's centre-forward Trevor Christie, who later got the winner, back in his own penalty area to stop Paul Price's header.

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GERRY HARRISON

ANGLIA TELEVISION'S MATCH OF THE WEEK COMMENTATOR

THE FATE and fortune of the two Argentine World Cup stars, Ardiles and Villa, are well enough known here. Now that the European Nations Cup and European club tournaments are in full swing many other World Cup names are back in the news again. But life has changed for plenty of the big names of Argentina '78.

Among the transfers, for instance, were: Hans Frankl (Austria) who took Cruyff's place at Barcelona for a fee of £500,000. Rainer Bonhof went from Borussia Moenchengladbach to Valencia for half a million pounds. The Argentine winger, Daniel Bertoni who scored in the Final remember, joined Saville for something like a million dollars.

Moves there, you would think, which came as a direct result of the World Cup spotlight. But Argentina didn't benefit everyone.

In Hungary for instance, Lajos Baroti stood down as he always intended to in favour of his assistant Ferenc Kovacs. But he'll have to rebuild without two of their best players — Nyilasi and Torok who were sent off against Argentina. Both have been banned from playing for Hungary for a year.

France, who started their season as early as July 19th, soon lost their outstanding player. Michel Platini broke a leg and was put out of action for at least three months. There were quite a few transfers arranged before the Finals but nothing dampened French morale more than Platini's injury.

Berti Vogts, that apparently indestructible German defender, suffered exactly the same fate. His international career, he had said, was over . . . but a broken leg now threatens his club career too.

Another player with a question mark over his fitness is the Brazilian, Reinaldo who had yet another knee operation after the finals. And he has already had three cartilages out.

Meanwhile, another Brazilian moves on. Roberto Rivelino played some games for New York Cosmos and has signed a £4 million contract to leave Fluminense for Al Ahly, a Saudi Arabian club. The national manager Claudinho was not sacked after the Finals. That isn't necessary because all Brazilian national managers hold the job temporarily, usually for the duration of the World Cup period. He in fact has less than a year to prepare his team. Brazil remained unbeaten but were not too popular back home. Coutinho was last heard back with his club Flamengo.

Other managers who moved on: Ernest Happel of Holland gave way to Jan Zwartkruis, an air force captain who has already been a caretaker manager of the Dutch side; Helmut Senekowitsch of Austria whose job was taken over by Karl Stotz. Jup Derwall is the successor to West Germany's Helmut Schon.

And, sadly — in Argentina itself gates are down, there is an anti-climax about the games and most of the leading players are very anxious to follow Ardiles and Villa abroad.

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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

A look back at Luton Town a decade ago.

By BRIAN SWAIN, Sports Editor, Luton News

DROPPED BY the manager the previous week, much to the disgust of many supporters, hard-working Keith Allen delivered the perfect answer at Kenilworth Road ten years ago. He went on as substitute when the Town were struggling against a team of amateurs and rattled in a hat-trick in ten minutes flat.

It was on November 16, 1968, and the Town, up with the Third Division promotion-chasers, had been drawn away against Athenian League side Ware Town in the first round of the FA Cup.

Ware, with no hope of winning, gave up ground advantage in the hope that the financial benefits would enable them to pay the deposit on a set of floodlights for their ground.

But on a bitterly cold day it was the Town side that was in danger of suffering a dark fate. They were missing Mike Harrison, and George Potter was brought in for his first senior appearance. Ware battled hard, and their packed defence bottled up the Town attack. It was 0-0 at half-time and Luton fans in the gate of 10,952 were getting decidedly restive.

In the 58th minute Laurie Sheffield provided the pass from which Potter marked his debut with a goal, then limped off with a leg injury.

I can still remember the cheer that went up as Allen's jaunty figure bounced into the action. It was almost his first touch

when he slid through a perfect pass for Alan Slough to make it 2-0, and suddenly, with Allen at centre-forward, the attack started to sparkle.

He cracked a scorching goal from the edge of the box in the 71st minute, then made it 4-0 three minutes later from a centre by Graham French. In the 81st minute Slough was brought down in the box, and the crowd got what they wanted — Allen was offered the penalty kick, and completed his hat-trick from the spot.

Plucky Ware, dazzled by superior fitness, broke away to pull one back through Francis, but Slough made it 6-1 with a goal from Jack Bannister's pass in the last minute.

The previous week they had taken their home record to 11 victories out of 11 games by beating close rivals Swindon Town. Goals by Sheffield and Brian Lewis in the second half knocked Swindon off the top of the Third Division, with a man-of-the-match performance by Max Dougan.

Our only doubts as we celebrated that victory were on the failure to pick up points away from home. Eric Pugh, writing in the Green 'Un, made a comment that still has a familiar ring about it: "If only the away form reached anything approaching the standard in home games, the Town would be odds-on favourites for promotion."

SINCE our last youth notes the youth team have played 4 games with mixed results. On Monday 30th October we played our first game in the F.A. Youth Cup v Coventry Sporting Club and finished the game winning by 6 goals to nil. We are now awaiting our next opponents in this, the top competition for youth.

On Thursday 2nd November the youth team played Derby County at Vauxhall in the first leg of the Midland League Cup. This game finishing up with Luton going to Derby in the 2nd leg with one goal advantage winning by 2 goals to 1. After 15 minutes of this 2nd leg Derby went into a 2 goal lead but by half time Nigel Johnson had scored twice bringing the scores level. In the 2nd half taking advantage of the slope and wind Luton had most of the play but missed chances and a breakaway goal by Derby, saw the game go into extra time. Once again

YOUTH

By George Rogers

missed chances meant that they went into the last period with the aggregate score being equal. With 2 minutes to go Derby broke away down the right to score the winner putting Derby into the semi-finals.

Team:— A. Judge, T. Murphy, L. Harriott, R. Johnson, C. Goodyear, G. Sisman, N. Johnson, W. Turner, G. Ingram, J. Lucas, A. Pearson, R. Eaton.

Playing 5 schoolboys our next game was in the Chiltern League v Bedford Town at Chryslers and finished the day by winning by 4 goals to nil. Our goals being scored by A. Pearson 3 and I. Bygraves.

Team:— R. Walker, R. Johnson, T. Kitchener, N. Maddon, T. Murphy, I. Woodward, A. Cochrane, A. Williams

I. Bygraves, R. Eaton, A. Pearson, M. Conquest, R. Brammer.

One of the highlights in the Youth calendar is the inter county games that take place and the other night the Bedfordshire Under 18 side went to London and beat the London F.A. by 2 goals to 1. Tomorrow its the turn of the Under 16., they play Essex County at Shefford. Most of the boys taking part are on schoolboy forms with professional clubs and I am sure these clubs will be in attendance to see the progress these boys are making. Why not come along and support these lads. Tomorrow Sunday 19th November at Shefford, K.O 2-15 p.m.

Over the next week the Youth team fixtures are Today v Letchworth. Next Wednesday 22nd November Hitchin Town at Hitchin 7.30 and next Saturday morning at Chryslers 10.30 v Vauxhall Youth. See you there.

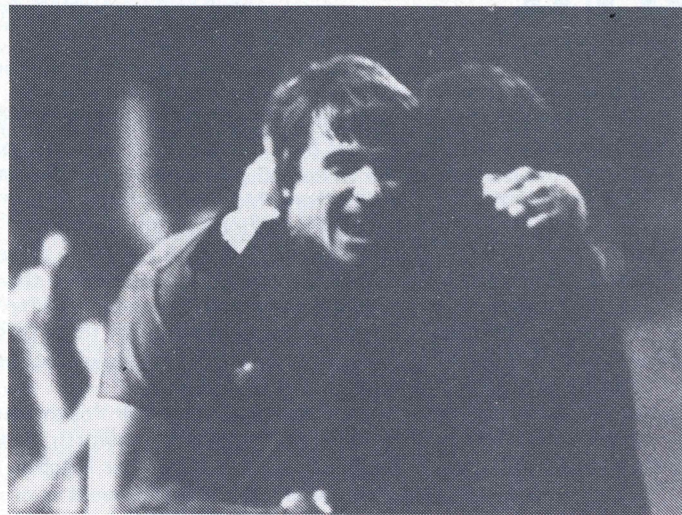
ACTION EXTRA



LEAGUE CUP – FOURTH ROUND
ASTON VILLA 0 LUTON TOWN 2

WE FEEL certain that Doug Lygo will not object to us taking over his usual "Focus On" page in order to include these action pictures from our recent League Cup triumph at Villa Park.

The main picture above shows Bob Hatton darting between two Aston Villa defenders to slam home our first goal whilst, left, Alan West and Assistant Manager Ken Gutteridge embrace each other as the final whistle sounds. It was a fantastic night for everyone associated with Luton Town, and one which will go down in the club's history.



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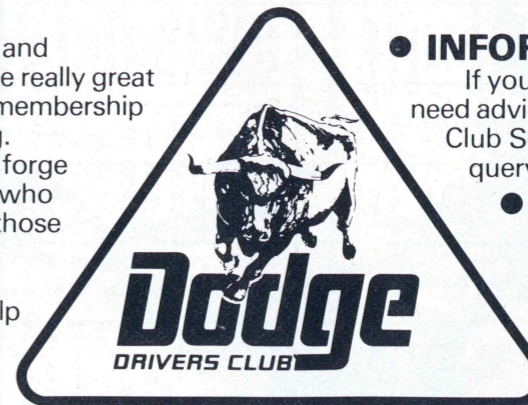
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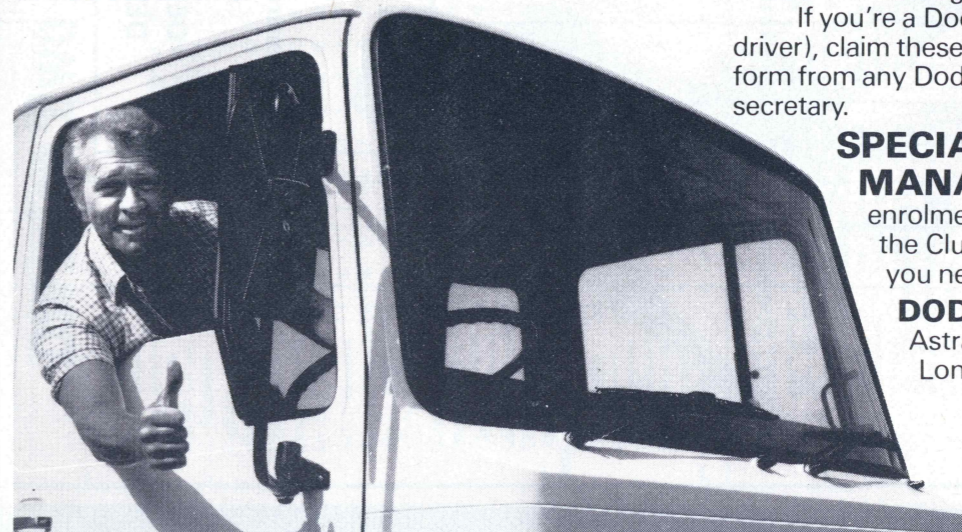
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FACTS

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	Donaghly	Turner	Arlwood	Hill	Fucillo(1 pen)	Stem(1)	Hatton(2)	Moss(2)	Ingram
22 T	Crystal Palace	17,739	1-3	Aleksic	Stephens	Sherlock	Donaghly	Turner	Arlwood	Hill	Fucillo(1 pen)	Stem	Hatton	Moss	Ingram
26 S	Newcastle Utd.	24,112	0-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Arlwood	Donaghly	Turner	Price	Hill	West	Stem	Hatton	Moss	McNichol
29 T	Wigan Ath. (LC2)	6,618	2-0	Aleksic	Stephens	Arlwood	Donaghly	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stem(2)	Hatton	Moss	Hill
Sept. 2 S	Charlton Ath.	8,500	3-0	Aleksic	Jones	Arlwood	Hill(1)	Turner	Price	Donaghly	Fucillo	Stem(1)	Hatton(1)	Borrera	West*
9 S	Bristol Rovers	6,508	0-2	Aleksic	Jones	Arlwood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghly	Fucillo	Stem	Ingram	Moss	West
16 S	Cardiff City	7,732	7-1	Aleksic	Jones	Arlwood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghly	Fucillo	Stem(2)	Hatton(1)	Moss(2)	Fucillo(1 pen)
23 S	Cambridge Utd.	10,801	1-1	Aleksic	Jones	Arlwood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghly	Fucillo	Stem(1)	Hatton	Moss	Fucillo
30 S	Sheffield Utd.	15,295	1-1	Aleksic	Price	Arlwood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghly	Fucillo	Stem	Hatton(1)	Moss	Jones
Oct. 7 T	Crewe Alex. (LC3)	6,602	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Arlwood	Hill(1)	Turner	Price	Donaghly	Fucillo	Stem	Hatton(1)	Moss	Jones
14 S	Wrexham	8,683	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Arlwood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghly	Fucillo(1)	Stem	Hatton	Moss	Jones
18 S	Blackburn	7,450	0-0	Aleksic	Price	Arlwood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghly	Fucillo	Stem	Hatton	Moss	Jones
21 S	Notts County	8,561	6-0	Aleksic	Price	Arlwood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghly	Fucillo	Stem	Hatton	Moss	Jones
28 S	Orient	7,035	2-3	Aleksic	Donaghly	Arlwood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghly	Fucillo	Stem	Hatton	Moss	Jones
Nov. 4 S	Leicester City	10,608	0-1	Aleksic	Donaghly	Arlwood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghly	Fucillo	Stem	Hatton	Moss	Carr
11 W	Aston Villa (LCH)	32,727	2-0	Aleksic	Price	Arlwood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghly	Fucillo	Stem	Hatton(1)	Moss	Stephens
18 S	Oldham Athletic	6,576	0-2	Aleksic	Price	Arlwood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghly	Fucillo	Stem	Hatton	Moss	Stephens
21 T	Newcastle Utd.														
25 S	Sunderland (1)														
Dec. 2 S	Burnley														
9 S	Preston														
13 W	Leeds Utd. (LC5)														
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														

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Division Two

P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
14	4	2	1	13	8	4	2	1	6	4	20
14	4	2	1	12	5	3	1	11	6	19	
14	5	1	2	14	6	3	1	2	6	7	18
14	5	1	1	16	5	2	2	3	11	10	17
14	2	3	2	11	8	4	1	2	12	7	16
14	5	0	2	14	6	2	2	3	9	13	16
14	7	0	0	19	6	0	2	3	14	16	
14	7	0	0	19	6	0	2	3	14	16	
14	5	1	1	14	8	1	3	5	7	12	16
14	4	2	1	11	7	2	2	3	7	11	16
14	5	1	1	9	4	1	3	3	5	10	16
14	2	1	9	6	2	2	3	2	4	9	15
14	4	2	3	2	6	5	2	3	2	8	14
14	2	4	1	6	3	2	2	3	7	8	14
14	2	4	1	6	3	2	2	3	7	8	14
14	5	1	1	25	5	0	2	5	4	12	13
14	2	3	7	8	2	3	2	5	5	13	
14	3	3	1	10	6	2	0	5	9	16	13
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14	2	2	3	9	8	2	1	4	6	10	11
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14	3	1	3	10	12	1	1	5	8	21	10
14	2	3	2	12	10	0	1	6	8	21	8
14	1	1	5	6	16	0	2	5	3	11	5

Combination

THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION
 As at 14th November 1978

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham H.	15	14	1	0	50	17
Southampton	15	9	5	1	26	11
Norwich City	14	10	2	2	37	11
West Ham	14	8	4	2	33	15
Ipswich Town	13	7	4	2	30	14
Chelsea	14	7	4	3	26	16
QPR	12	7	3	2	22	14
Bristol City	15	6	4	5	28	16
Fulham	14	6	3	5	24	19
Bristol Rovers	13	5	5	3	21	20
Arsenal	13	4	6	3	26	20
Leicester City	14	4	4	6	16	17
Crystal Palace	14	3	5	6	23	30
Oxford United	14	4	3	7	18	29
Plymouth A.	15	4	3	8	18	26
Luton Town	13	5	0	8	17	25
Birmingham C.	15	2	6	7	10	21
Orient	13	3	3	7	13	32
Cardiff City	15	3	2	10	18	32
Reading	11	1	3	7	11	31
Swindon Town	14	1	3	10	6	29
Hereford United	14	1	3	10	14	37

League/Cup	Apps.	Goals
Aleksic	17	2
Stephens	4(2)	7
Sherlock	2	1
Aizlewood	17	2
Donaghly	15	16(1)
Price	15	14(2)
Hill	16	13(2)
Fucillo	17	1
West	17	11
Stem	16	8
Hatton	17	1
C. Turner	17	5
Moss	16	1(2)
Ingram	1(1)	1
McNichol	4(5)	1
Jones	1	1
Boersma	1	1
Carr	1	1
Owen Goal	1	1
Combination Goals		3
W. Turner		4
Sperrin		6
Ingram		1
Currie		1
Jones		1
N. Johnson		1
Lucas		1
Midland/Chiltern		15
Pearson		6
Eaton		9
Conquest		4
Ingram		3
Sisram		3
Madden		2
Wilkinson		2
Harriott		2
W. Turner		2
Kitchener		1
R. Johnson		1
Bygraves		1
N. Johnson		2

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	11	M	West Ham		
23	S	Norwich City	0-6	13	W	Bristol City		
				19	T	Crystal Palace		
Oct.	4	W	Chelsea	1-4	30	S	Q.P.R.	
7	S	Orient	0-1	17	W	Hereford United		
14	T	Swindon	3-0	20	W	Hereford United		
24	T	Plymouth Argyle	1-2	24	W	Hereford United		
28	S	Tottenham H.	1-4	27	S	Oxford United		
Nov.	1	W	Leicester City	0-1				
4	S	Leicester City	0-1					

Junior Hatters Club

BIRTHDAY greetings to the following:—

Member No. 29 Andrew Smith, 23rd., No. 47 John Collings, 17th., 136 Howard Southey, 17th., 149 Tony Mutton, 28th., 157 Glen Ashby, 20th., 171 Mark Smith, 30th., 173 Nicola Street, 20th., 214 Ricci G. Jones, 19th., 218 David Watkiss, 21st., 74 Elaine Kitchener, 28th., November, 1978.

A very happy birthday to you all.

The answers to last week's quiz, were:—

1. On Cup Final Day 1958/59, Luton Town were without a manager and the team was led out by the then Chairman, Mr. Tom Hodgson, who, of course, is now our President.
2. 1973/74 was the year Luton changed their strip from White and Black to the present colours.

Any winners of the above competition will be published in the Sunderland programme. Owing to lack of space the next competition will be in the Sunderland programme.

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Century Club

by Catherine Ball, Secretary

FIRST let me begin by joining with the rest of the members of the Century Club in congratulating the 'Town' on their magnificent win over Aston Villa. It was a marvellous victory and should surely help to raise the teams away performances later in the season.

I hope Century Club members will forgive me for making an early reference to Christmas, but the fact is that we need your help in our Christmas Draw. Its profits play a vital role in the fund-raising work of the Century Club, and we hope that every single member will help make it a success.

The first prize will be £50, and at 10p a ticket it can't be a bad bargain, can it? We hope that each member of the Century Club will take and sell five books each, in which case it will be a sell-out and Luton Town FC will benefit.

Our social programme is now nicely into its stride, and I am glad that members are getting enjoyment out of the events we have organised. The Halloween Party was a great success, and with a bigger attendance than for previous functions, it was a very pleasant event. Thanks very much to all the members who supported it.

Our next social evening is on Friday November 24, when we are holding an "Any Questions?" session in the clubroom. We are delighted that Mr. A.D. McMullen, vice chairman of the FA, and a world-renowned football figure, will be our guest of honour and others on the panel will be Luton Town Director Roger Smith, newspaper columnist Jean Austin, and Century Club stalwart and committee man Derek Ludlow. I shall be in the chair, and any members with questions to put are asked to send them to me at the Century Club, c/o Luton Town FC. We hope to cover a wide range of subjects, not necessarily sport, because we have plans for a sports forum later in the season.

We look forward to a good game this afternoon, and to meeting old and new friends from Newcastle. And on that subject, it was nice to receive a letter this week from the Notts County FC Centenary Association chairman.

He said the 6-0 thrashing made their journey home seem twice as long, but was generous in his acknowledgement of the Century Club's hospitality. He added: "As to your team, with the brand of football they played success must surely come. They were brilliant."

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- JOHN CONNOLLY 11
- MARK McGEE 12

Half Times

Blackburn	Oldham	Arsenal
Notts Co	Cardiff	Everton
Bristol Rovers	Sheffield	Aston Villa
Charlton	Preston	Bristol City
Burnley	Sund'rl'd	Bolton
Fulham	Brighton	WBA
Cambridge	W. Ham	Chelsea
Leicester	C. Palace	Tottenham
Millwall	Wrexham	Derby

Officials

Referee: M.V. Sinclair (Guildford)
 Started refereeing in the Isle of Wight in 1949, then moved to Guildford later. Graduated via the Surrey Senior League and Football Combination to the Football League list. Refereed in the Anglo-Italian Tournament of 1971 in Italy and has lined two FA Cup Semi Finals - in 1968 and 1970 - also a European Cup match in Russia in 1973. A married man, with two daughters, he is a bricklayer, and enjoys watching cricket. **Linesmen:** N.H. Benton (Cambridge) D.S. Vickers (Goodmayes)