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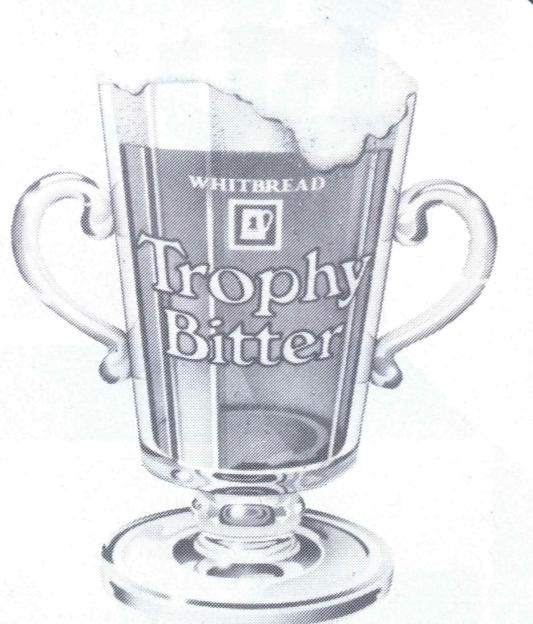


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IN MY previous notes I spoke about the need for a determined approach which allied to our ability would ensure not only praise but points too. Against Newcastle our application was first class and none did better than David Carr and David Lawson playing their first games of the season. Honesty and ability to work unselfishly is a quality that all clubs need. To be successful a side needs balance, determination, and support, and fans who encourage players who give their all, do the game a disservice. Enthusiastic support through thick and thin is vital to any successful club.

The reserves also gained a splendid result last Saturday by beating Birmingham 1-0. This gives the youngsters heart but I do not deceive myself of the challenge ahead. We must seek to improve the foundations and the challenge to first team players at the present is not strong enough. In this respect Ken Gutteridge,



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DAVID PLEAT

David Coates, John Moore and myself have been more than active following up leads and looking at players who can stimulate competition and add depth to our squad.

What has been most pleasing to me so far this season has been the satisfaction of knowing that several youngsters have bridged the gap from lower league football. Kirk Stephens, Mal Donaghy, Mark Aizlewood and Brian Stein have shown what can be achieved if you have the ability and a good attitude.

You may have heard that Doug Lygo, our Chief Executive, will be leaving the club when his successor is appointed. Doug has worked 'football hours' for the last five years helping to rescue this club from a seemingly impossible position. Football is both sport and business. With our transfer dealings, the Boards directions, and Doug's financial manipulations we can now breathe again. Doug's work has been vital and I recognise his loyalty during the difficult transitional management changeover. We all wish him success in his new appointment.

Todays visitors, Sunderland, are beginning to make a determined challenge for honours. We anticipate a close game, hopefully as good as previous home matches this season.

Keep up the good terrace behaviour and get behind the lads today — they appreciate your support.

Sunderland



Back Row: (left to right) Jackie Ashurst, Bob Lee, Barry Siddall, Ian Watson, Jeff Clarke, Shaun Elliott.
 Middle Row: (left to right) Jimmy Adamson (now with Leeds Utd), Mick Docherty, Tim Gilbert, Kevin Arnott, Joe Bolton, Mick Henderson, Dave Merrington (Deputy Team Manager).
 Front Row: (left to right) Gary Rowell, Wayne Entwistle, Bobby Kerr, Roy Greenwood, Wilf Rostrom

KEVIN ARNOTT

Born in Gateshead in September 1958. Signed professional in December 1976, making his league debut against Leicester City one month later. A skilful player, Kevin was selected for the England Under 18s team in 76-77 after only 20 first division appearances. Height 5'10", weight 11st 7lbs. He played 25 first team games last season.

JACKIE ASHURST

A strong tackling speedy player who is equally at home in defence or midfield. Jack was born in Renton, Dumbartonshire in October 1954, and signed professional forms on his 17th birthday. His first team debut was against Millwall in 1972. Made 43 first team appearances last season.

JOE BOLTON

A product of the Youth Team, Joe is a rugged strong-tackling defender. Born in Birtley in February 1955, 5'11" and weighs 12st 12lbs, he made 41 first team appearances last season.

ALAN BROWN

A native of Easington, Alan signed professional forms in September 1976, making his league debut against Norwich City the same year. A nineteen year old with great potential as a striker, made 7 first team appearances last season. Height 5'10 1/2", weight 12st 4lb.

JEFF CLARKE

Joined Sunderland from Manchester City in June 1975. Very popular with the Roker fans. Jeff, from Hemsworth in Yorkshire made 28 first team appearances last season. A strong hard tackling defender, Jeff is 5' 11 1/2" and weighs 13 stone. Born on the 18th January 1954.

MICK DOCHERTY

Another very experienced player, Mick made well over 100 league appearances for Burnley in Division One, and was a member of their Youth Cup Winning Team in 1968. Joined Manchester City in April 1976 and then on to Roker Park on December 31st of the same year, making his first team debut against Coventry City on 3rd January 1977. A quick tackling full-back he is 5'7" and 11 stone. Whilst with Burnley Mick was out of the game with ligament damage for 2 1/2 years.

SHAUN ELLIOTT

Plays midfield or 'at the back' equally well but made tremendous progress under Manager Jimmy Adamson and his staff last season. A very strong player, Shaun has obviously the class to become an international player, having already impressed the authorities who selected him for the 76-77 close season England Under 21's tour. Born Haydon Bridge in 1957, he signed professional in January 1975 making 23 league appearances last season. Height 5' 11", weight 10st 6lbs.

WAYNE ENTWISTLE

England Youth Team international, he was signed from Bury for £30,000 in November 1977. Made 8 first team appearances last season. His enthusiastic, aggressive forward play has endeared him to Roker fans, and opposition defences have come to fear him.

TIM GILBERT

South Shields born, Tim got his first team chance last season when Sunderlands 'player of the season' Joe Bolton was suspended. He played against Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park scoring the equaliser in a 1-1 draw. Appeared 15 times in the first team and 19 in North Midlands League games.

ROY GREENWOOD

Born in Liverpool he played for a youth team in Bradford, before moving on to Halifax Town. Played outstandingly in the Reserve side at Roker Park and was then signed by Sunderland in November 1977. Another player who has been hampered by injuries he is still young enough to bounce back.

MICK HENDERSON

Local born defender, Mick is the youngest of three footballing brothers from Gosforth, who joined us straight from school. He progressed through the Youth and Reserve Teams, making 35 first team appearances last season. Height 5' 9 1/2", weight 10st 10lbs.

BOBBY KERR

Probably the best known of the present Sunderland players. Although lacking in stature, Bobby lacks nothing in skill, determination and courage. A fine example of the professional footballer. Made 42 first team appearances last season, usually operating down the right touchline. Height 5'4 1/2", weight 9st 2lb. Born Alexandria, Dumbartonshire in November 1947.

BOB LEE

Born Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire in February 1953. Tall, powerful striker who certainly impressed the Roker fans during the latter half of last season, during which he made 39 appearances. Bob was signed from his only previous Club — Leicester City in September 1976, but he did make 14 appearances whilst on loan to Doncaster Rovers. Height 6'1 1/4", weight 13st 10lbs.



WILF ROSTRON

Signed from Arsenal in 1977, Wilf is a winger with great potential, from whom a lot is expected this season. Born in Sunderland in September 1956, he played for Sunderland Schoolboys before signing apprentice forms for Arsenal in July 1973. Height 5'7", weight 11st 7lbs.

GARY ROWELL

Favourite chant with the Roker fans is 'Gary Rowell is Magic' — and Gary certainly turned it on last season. He joined the Club straight from school in 1972, and progressed to the first team to make his first team debut against Oldham in 1976. At the end of 76-77 season after making 33 appearances, he was selected for the England Under 21 Tour abroad. Born Sunderland in June 1957, he is 5'9" tall and weighs 11st 3lb. Made 44 first team appearances last season.

BARRY SIDDALL

An England Youth International who joined Bolton Wanderers straight from school and moved to Sunderland for a large fee in September 1976. Barry proved to be a 'Keeper of outstanding class' last season playing 47 games. Barry is over six feet tall and weighs 14 1/2 stone. Born Bromborough, Wirral, in September 1954.

ROY GREENWOOD

Transferred from Hull City for £140,000 in January 76. Speedy and forceful winger who has now moved to the middle. Turned down the chance of going to Arsenal in 1977 to join his former boss Terry Neill, Roker terms being better. Made 17 first team appearances last season scoring 4 goals.

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WELCOME TO SUNDERLAND

OUR greetings go today to our friends from Roker Park and we look forward to an enjoyable and entertaining game. After being formed in 1877, they were elected to Division One in 1890, and subsequently had a marvellous run of 57 seasons in that Division. They were six times champions and won the F.A. Cup on two occasions, once in 1937 and again in 1973, their one success in Europe being the Cup Winners Cup in the 73-74 season. They also share the highest Division 1 away score by beating our last weeks opponents 9-1 in 1908.

These were the hey-days of Sunderland when the fans at Roker Park did not dream of anything other than First Division football. However, 1958 saw them relegated to Division Two and it was six years before they climbed back again to Division 1. History repeated itself and six years later saw them back again in Division 2. Once again six years were to pass before they earned promotion but it was short lived and a season later they joined us once more in Division 2.

On the two occasions that we met last season, the Town managed an away draw, 1-1, but they came to Kenilworth Road, and went home with 2 points after winning 3-1. They finished up in 6th. place, not quite making the promotion they wanted, and so we have the pleasure of entertaining them once more.

This season they have made a fine start and only goal average is keeping them from being in third place. In spite of being presented with a gallon of whisky for being the 2nd Division Manager of the Month, Andy Nelson's boys went down to Sunderland 1-2 at the Valley and last Saturday's match against Brighton pulled in another 2 points keeping them well in touch in the promotion stakes. Rowell netted again, making his total this season so far 10 goals.

At the time of writing, Sunderland are still without a manager and speculation is rife as to who will take over. By the time we meet for today's match, in all probability the post will have been filled, if so, we shall look forward to greeting their new manager for his first match with his new team.

NEWS FROM THE POOLS

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DECEMBER 6th, sees Martin Sperrin reach the ripe old age of 22. We all wish you a Happy Birthday Martin and every success in your career.

MAPLE ROAD CAR PARK

WE apologise again for the closure of Maple Road car park and would like to explain in greater detail what is happening. The Sports Council has made an offer of a Grant totalling £43,250 to Luton Town Football Club and Luton Borough Council to help establish new opportunities for the youth of Luton to participate in sport and physical recreation.

The bulk of the money, £34,350 will be used to provide a floodlit outdoor playing surface at the club's Maple Road car park together with Portacabin changing accommodation. The club will be expected to provide a further £11,450 towards this aspect. Additional to this will be some limited indoor recreation provision at the club ground costing a further £6,000 which carries a £4,500 grant. The total cost of the scheme inclusive of revenue costs for the first year of operation is estimated at £56,500.

Within the revenue costs is the proposed appointment of a full-time motivator, subject to final approval from the Borough Council.

The grants come from the £1 million recently announced by the Minister of Sport and Recreation specifically for the purpose of harnessing the charisma and magic which professional football clubs engender to encourage young people to participate in sport. A condition of the grant is that work

must be completed and the scheme in operation before the end of March 1979.

Miss M.R. Bradley, Principal Regional Officer of the Sports Council (Eastern Region), said it was intended the scheme would involve the promotion of a wide range of sports both for boys and girls. It was also to be hoped in due course it could be extended to offer recreational opportunities to all sections of the public.

The car park will therefore remain closed until further notice.

This is the second scheme in the Sports Council's Eastern Region to benefit from this grant fund, the other being Norwich City Football Club.

VIEWPOINT

THE news that ITV have scooped the sole rights to screen all Football League and Football League Cup matches came as a shock to more people than just the B.B.C. We at Kenilworth Road have been amongst the first to condemn the small amount paid in the past for this privilege, but it is sickening to see the squabbling and bickering by television companies over what is surely the most popular programme on the 'box'. What with the present spate of troubles over sacked managers and rows in and out of the courts, the fans who form the backbone of it all, must be punch drunk with this new round of controversy.

We want to see bigger crowds at our matches for many obvious reasons, but to say ban all football on TV is simply sticking your head in the sand. The screening of sport in all its aspects is greatly enjoyed by many people who for one reason or another cannot attend the particular game or event of their choice. It has been proved in other countries and other types of sport, that TV can exert a beneficial influence and attendances have been found to rise in many cases, when there has been co-operation between all the parties concerned.

Surely it is not beyond the intelligence and wit for all those responsible in Football and TV to get together and thrash out a just and reasonable system so that everybody, fans, viewers, football clubs and TV companies get a fair deal.

COMBINATION REPORT

LUTON Town v Oxford United. Tuesday November 14th. A goalless draw was the final score line in the match, and although this was a result worthy of the game, the Town's young team gave an enthusiastic display and were unfortunate not to get at least one goal.

TEAMS: LUTON — Lawson, Stephens, Sherlock, Carr, Goodyear, Jones, Sperrin, Hayes, Ingram, Pearson.

OXFORD — Milkins, Doyle, Fogg, McNab, Scott, MacIntosh, Graydon, Wood, Sweeter, White, Appleton.

BIRMINGHAM CITY v LUTON TOWN. Saturday 20th November. This could rightly be said to be a battle of youth. Birmingham fielded a young side and although they

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played some fine football the Town's lads kept a firm grip on the game. Just before half-time the ball was knocked up, Godfrey Ingram flicked it to Martin Sperrin who layed it on to Andy Pearson. He made a fine run and presented Sperrin the chance to net in the 44th. minute. Result Birmingham 0, Luton 1.

TEAMS: LUTON — Judge, Stephens, Sherlock, Hayes, Goodyear, Harriott, W. Turner, Lucas, Sperrin, Ingram, Pearson, Conquest.

BIRMINGHAM — Coton, Cook, Rathbone, Emmanuel, Brady, Pendrey, Briggs, Linney, Ivey, Duggan, Barrowclough.

MASCOT

THE Mascot for today's match is Sean McGeown. Sean lives at 24, East Common, Redbourne, Herts, his favourite player is Brian Stein. Sean is twelve years of age.

POINT OF CONTROVERSY

THE departure of Sammy Chung from Wolves recently brought the present state of Managers parting company with their posts to four in little over a fortnight, John Napier (Bradford City), Jimmy Lawson (Halifax), Willie Bell (Lincoln) and Jimmy Andrews (Cardiff) all going in quick succession. Up to the time of writing only the Halifax post has been filled, with George Kirby, the one-time Everton and Southampton striker, taking over for his second spell at The Shay. Thus vacancies have come up in all four divisions.

The fact that George, whose other Football League Managerial experience was at Watford, has now got back into English football must give hope to other former Football League bosses currently serving abroad. George's previous post was in Iceland, but the igloos there seemed to have little appeal to him when a post in this country became vacant.

Yet despite the large number of ex-managers just aching to get back into the Football League and the multitude of applications that any advertisement for even a Fourth Division Manager elicits, clubs do seem to have difficulty in replacing a sacked manager. If we exclude the clubs who have already lined up a replacement before they sacked their previous man, we find clubs reluctant to risk making another mistake by rushing an appointment. They also find

ironically that despite the large number of applicants, men of the right calibre seem to be in short supply.

The practice of promoting the previous number two has not usually provided the answer, though Bob Paisley at Liverpool and Terry Venables at Crystal Palace have done well enough. Nor has the bringing back of an 'elder statesman' such as Sir Alf Ramsey always succeeded. The most consistently successful appointments have been those men like Graham Taylor, Ron Atkinson and Alan Durban, who have already shown their mettle with a club in the lower Divisions. And remember that Lawrie McMenemy first met success at Doncaster (though he was ultimately sacked by them) and Grimsby and Brian Clough at Hartlepools. One wonders whether a big club will ultimately woo Dario Gradi from Wimbledon and Maurice Evans from Reading.

Who will be the men currently without managerial experience who will before long be making things tick with a Third or Fourth Division club? This is just as hard to predict as anything that happens on the field of play.

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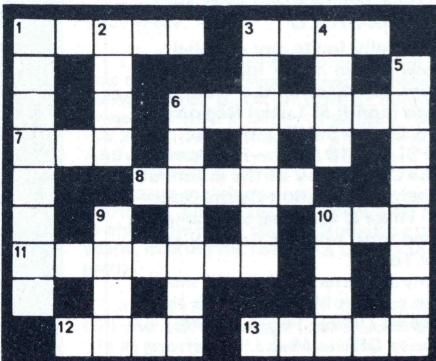
1. Aitken or Abbott (5)
3. Site of the injury that shortened the career of Gary Sprake (4)
- 7 & 6. Former Burnley, Bury, Coventry, Portsmouth and England Striker (3,7)
8. Peter --- (AZ 67), defender in Holland's World Cup 40, who played against Ipswich in this season's Cup-Winners' Cup (5)
10. Brazil forward who played in every match for his team in Argentina (3)
11. Howard --- (Stoke City) (7)
12. Graham ---, former forward team-mate of 6dn, who moved from Rangers to Hibs and was with Dumbarton last season (4)
13. See 2 dn.

CLUES — Down

1. Bass League of Ireland side: St --- Athletic (8)
- 2 & 13ac. Torquay chairman (4,5)
- 3 & 4. League side with the longest-serving (i.e. ten years) manager (7,4)
5. Swindon defender who was only the fourth player to pass 700 League appearances for one club (8)
6. Rangers and Scotland striker (7)
- 9 & 10. Aston Villa international (4,4)

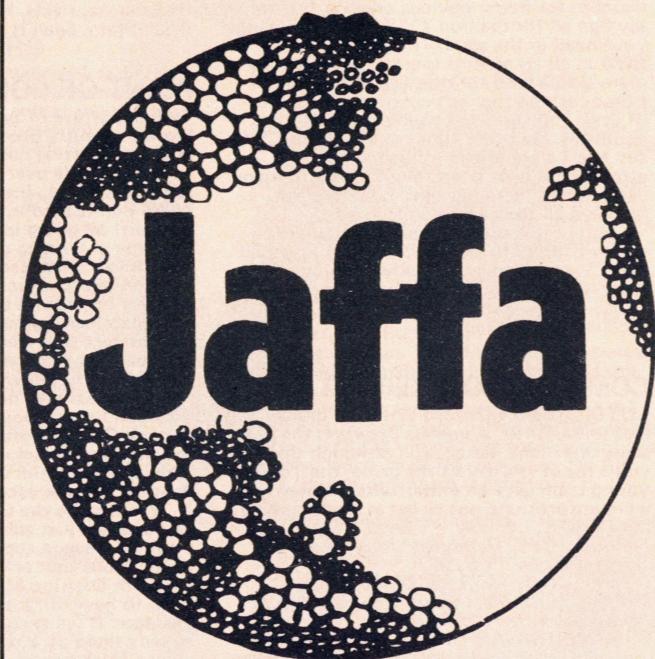
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Across: 1. Toss-up, 4. Jags, 6. Neil, 7. Pinter, 8. See 14ac., 11. one-two, 13. Sara, 14 & 8ac. Noel Brotherton, 15. Towner. Down: 1. Tony Brown (WBA), 2. Seiko, 3. Pop, 4. Jones, 5. Stranaer, 9. Total, 10. Train, 12. Out.



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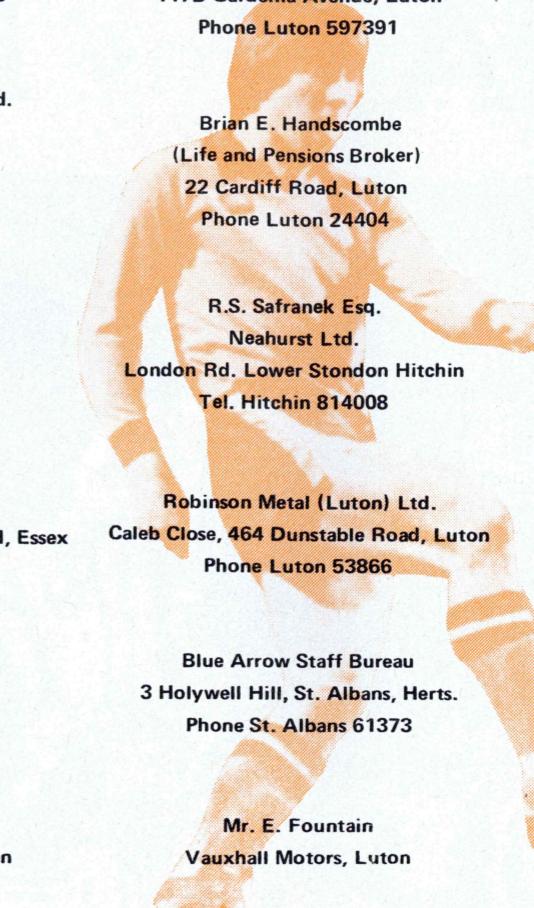
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CENTRE-HALF Chris Turner, whose normal job is to stop the other side scoring, has long threatened to get his name on our scoresheet at the other end, and he finally made it against Newcastle last week.

The picture below shows him rising above one of the Geordies to make contact with a free kick by Lil Fuccillo and head the ball into the net for his first goal for the Town.

Left is the moment that put Brian Stein clear for our opener, in the first half. He burst through a narrow gap between two defenders, controlled the ball before they could recover, then left goalkeeper Steve Hardwick helpless as he notched his 12th goal of the season.

Pictures: LUTON NEWS.



PETER WATSON

SPORTS EDITOR WITH THE EVENING NEWS

JOHN BARNWELL is in among the Wolves now and it will be interesting to see how the former Peterborough manager copes with life in the First Division at Molineux.

"I only took the manager's job here because I want to be the best there is," said Barnwell on his appointment.

"And what better club can I have for my ambitions? Wolves are a great club.

"They have the background, the tradition and having seen their plans for the new ground, an exciting future.

"It's just that there's an immediate urgency to get things right."

Barnwell was always a courageous player and he's going to need plenty of grit now he's in the hot seat at Molineux.

There's an awful lot of sorting out to do but I fancy he could be just the man to do it. Anyway let's wish him luck.

DON'T cry for Tommy Docherty.

He's done all right over the years and although things look bleak for him right now, he's survived before.

After all, that's what he really is . . . one of life's great survivors.

OUR footballers look like angels alongside Ilie Nastase and a certain rugby gentlemen from Llanelli.

Nastase's behaviour on the tennis courts of the world have long saddened me but his outburst to tournament referee Captain Mike Gibson at Wembley recently beat the lot.

Nastase and Gibson clashed by the umpire's chair during the Rumanian's match with Carrado Barazzutti. The referee was called by the umpire when Nastase contested a ruling and when the recording of the match was shown on BBC television, millions of viewers heard Nastase say quite clearly: "You had six whiskies, no, eight. You are drunk. What are you doing here?"

He then made offensive gestures towards Gibson — and escaped with only a caution. Incredible!

And what about the Llanelli rugby incident. Pictures of Chris Ralston, the Richmond player scalped by the boot of a Llanelli opponent have been horrific.

Ralston needed 32 stitches in an horrific head wound — an incident that beats anything seen on a soccer pitch. And they say rugby is for gentlemen . . .

PETER WARD of Brighton has been going through the kind of spell all players dread — and finally lost his first team place.

Once the goals dry up for strikers like Ward, confidence goes and once you've lost that, you're in trouble.

But Ward is too good a player to be down for long and he'll soon be plaguing defences again.

APPLAUSE please for the avowed intention of the Players' Union to put their own house in order.

New chairman Gordon Taylor promises they will punish players who damage the image of professional footballers.

A player persistently found guilty of dirty play will run the risk of losing some of the benefits of membership. And those are considerable, including investment advice, legal advice and assistance in arranging testimonials.

That would be an extreme punishment. But it's good to see the players acknowledging the need to keep the game clean.

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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

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

THE STAGE was set for the first crunch match of the season ten years ago this week when Freddie Cox brought Third Division leaders Bournemouth to Kenilworth Road.

The Town were on the fringe of the promotion battle, defending a 100 per cent home record, and having scored six the previous week — albeit against amateurs Ware in the Cup — we all looked forward to a cracking match.

And as is so often the way, it was a bit of a let-down. November 23 1968 was wet, cold and miserable. The pitch was a swamp, with puddles all over it, and the tension got to both teams.

The gate was 14,150 to see a match which was not a very good advert for football.

The home record went for a Burton in a 1-1 draw, but at the end we were thankful for one point, because Bournemouth had enough of the play in the second half to have taken both, and were robbed when a late drive by Pound smacked against the bar, with Sandy Davie beaten. They also wasted four decent chances.

Terry Branston went up to meet a corner by Ray Whittaker in the swamplands of the Oak Road end to put the Town ahead in the 17th minute with a thundering header, but a dipping drive by Bumstead brought the equaliser six minutes before half-time.

Bournemouth had done their homework well, concentrating

on close-marking and merciless tackling on Brian Lewis, and referee Norman Burtershaw, of Great Yarmouth, later to become one of the best in the country, was given the bird for a number of strange "Play On" decisions.

We thought it ought to have been a penalty when Keith Allen was shoved off the ball in the first half, but worse was to follow in the second. Lewis was wriggling through the crowded Bournemouth defence when his legs were whipped away from him. At a rough guess 14,150 pairs of eyes thought a penalty would be given — even Bournemouth players said so after the game.

The man in black disagreed, and I can still remember sitting in abject terror in the stand as the angry foot-stamping threatened to bring it down in a heap.

Today's visitors had a happier weekend, and to be honest they needed it. A middle-of-the-table First Division club a decade ago, Sunderland had played Spurs the previous week at White Hart Lane, and been clobbered 5-1, with the incomparable Jimmy Greaves scoring four. Billy Hughes got the consolation goal.

On November 23 1968 Roker Park was able to celebrate a victory, with goals by Harris and Herd disposing of Burnley 2-0. Neither team had much hope of mounting a championship challenge, with the top of the First Division dominated by Liverpool, Leeds and Everton.

YOUTH

By George Rogers

THE Youth team have played two fixtures since our last report but for a change, we can not report any victories.

On Wednesday 15th November, we travelled to play Bristol City. With a strong wind blowing across the pitch and rain falling, conditions were not ideal but in the first half, play was fairly even. Bristol scoring first, when a long ball from the left found a Bristol forward in the goal area, beating Alan Judge from close range. Within minutes Tom Murphy ran through on the left and with a dipping shot beat the goalkeeper to put the town on even terms. In the second half a hailstorm forced the referee to call the players back to the dressing room. After 5 minutes they returned only to be called back again to the dressing room. Eventually, when the game got under way, Luton appeared to lose their concentration and Bristol City scored 2 late goals. Team:—

always a sad occasion for these young men to leave and I know the coaches concerned ask themselves, "Did I do anything wrong? Could it have been different if I had done so and so?" All the coaches I know spend all their spare time reading, talking and attending courses to enhance their views when coaching players. But in the end, it is the players who have to put the matter right. They must listen, absorb and then, perhaps without supervision, go out and practice and then more practice to put right their weaknesses.

Youth team fixtures next week are:—

Today v Bedford Town — F.A. Youth Cup. — Away 3.00 p.m.

Thursday 23rd November v W.B.A. — Midland League — Vauxhall 2.00 p.m.

Saturday 25th November v Harlow — Chiltern League — Away 2.30 p.m.

Within the last 2 weeks we have wished the best of luck to two of our youth players who have now joined Wealdstone. It is

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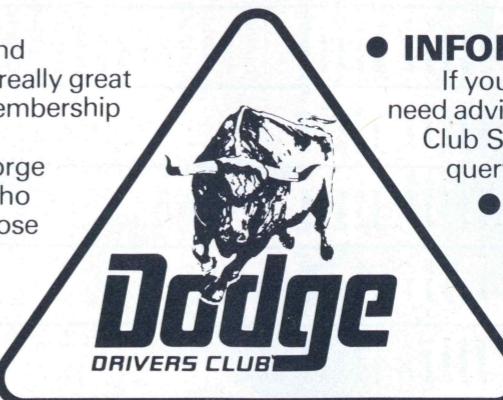
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DIV. 2		Attendance	F-A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Aug	19	S Oldham Athletic	8,043	6-1	Aleksic	17,739	1-3	Aleksic	Stephens	Sherlock	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo (1 pen)		
	22	T Crystal Palace	24,112	0-1	Aleksic	24,112	0-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Hill	Fucillo (1 pen)	Stein (1)		
	26	S Newcastle Utd.	6,518	2-0	Aleksic	29	T Wigan Ath. (LC2)		Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Hill	Fucillo	Hill		
Sept.	2	S Charlton Ath.	8,509	3-0	Aleksic	6,508	0-2	Aleksic	Jones	Jones	Hill (1)	Turner	Price	Donaghy	Stein (1)	Stein (2)	
	9	S Bristol Rovers	7,582	2-1	Aleksic	16	S Cardiff City	10,801	1-1	Aleksic	Jones	Jones	Hill	Turner	Fucillo	Stein (2)	
	23	S Cambridge Utd.	15,295	1-1	Aleksic	30	S Sheffield Utd.		Price	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	Stein (1)	
Oct.	3	T Crewe Alex. (LC3)	6,602	2-1	Aleksic	14	S Blackburn	8,683	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill (1)	Turner	Donaghy	Stein (1)	Stein (1)
	7	S Wrexham	7,450	0-0	Aleksic	28	S Orient	8,561	6-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	Stein (1)	Stein (2)
	11	S Oldham Athletic	10,608	0-1	Aleksic	Nov.	S Aston Villa (LC4)	32,227	2-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	Stein (1)	Stein (1)
	18	S Wrexham	6,876	0-2	Aleksic		18	S Aston Villa (LC4)	10,34	2-0	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	Stein (1)	Stein (1)
	21	T Charlton Ath.	10,161	2-1	Aleksic		21	T Charlton Ath.	10,161	2-1	Aleksic	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	Stein (1)	Stein (1)
Dec.	2	S Burnley															
	9	S Preston															
	13	W Lecid Utd. (LC5)															
	16	S Brighton (2)															
	23	S West Ham															
	26	S Millwall															
	31	S Sunderland (1)															
Feb.	3	S Cambridge Utd.															
	10	S Shatfield Utd.															
	17	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															
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															
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Aug.	19	S Oxford United	0-2		18	S	Birmingham City	1-0								
	22	T Cardiff City	3-1		22	T	Bristol Rovers	1-2								
	26	S Birmingham City	2-0		29	W	Reading									
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	W	West Ham									
	23	S Norwich City	0-6		13	W	Bristol City									
Oct.	4	W			16	W	Crystal Palace									
	7	S Chelsea	1-4		17	S	Q.P.R.									
	14	S Orient	1-2		1979	Jan.	M Ipswich Town									
	24	T Swindon	0-1		13	S	Southampton									
	28	S Plymouth Argyle	3-0		17	W	Hereford United									
Nov.	1	W Tottenham H.	0-1		20	W	Hereford United									
	4	S Leicester City	0-3		24	W										
	8	W			27	S										
	11	S Oxford United	0-0													

Division Two		As at 19/11/78												As at 20/11/78		League/Cup Apps. Goals			
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
C. Palace	15	4	2	1	12	5	3	4	1	12	20	Tottenham	17	16	1	0	57	19	33
Stoke	15	4	2	1	13	8	4	2	2	6	7	Norwich City	15	11	2	2	40	11	24
West Ham	15	5	2	1	17	6	4	2	3	11	10	Southampton	16	9	5	2	28	14	23
Fulham	15	5	1	2	14	6	3	1	3	9	12	Burnley	15	9	4	2	36	15	22
Burnley	15	6	1	1	19	11	1	3	3	7	12	Ipswich Town	14	8	4	2	32	15	20
Sunderland	15	5	2	1	13	8	2	2	3	7	11	Chelsea	15	8	4	3	28	17	20
Charlton	15	2	3	2	11	8	4	2	2	17	12	Q.P.R.	14	8	3	3	25	19	19
Bristol Rovers	15	7	1	0	24	11	0	2	5	3	14	Fulham	15	7	3	5	27	19	17
Notts County	15	4	2	1	9	4	2	2	3	7	16	Bristol City	16	6	4	6	29	27	16
Wrexham	15	3	4	1	9	4	2	2	4	10	15	Arsenal	14	4	6	4	28	23	14
Brighton	15	5	0	2	14	6	2	2	4	10	16	Oxford	14	4	6	4	28	23	14
Newcastle	15	5	1	1	9	4	1	3	4	5	12	Birmingham	16	2	6	8	18	28	12
Luton	15	6	1	27	5	0	2	5	4	12	15	Cardiff	16	4	2	10	21	34	10
Cambridge Utd.	15	2	4	2	7	6	2	3	2	8	7	Plymouth	17	5	3	9	22	32	13
Oldham	15	4	3	1	12	7	2	0	5	9	16	Leicester	15	4	4	7	16	19	12
Leicester	15	2	2	3	7	8	2	0	5	6	14	C. Palace	16	3	6	7	15	33	12
Sheff Utd.	15	3	1	4	13	7	8	2	0	6	6	Oxford	16	4	4	8	18	28	12
Orient	15	2	2	3	9	8	2	1	5	7	13	Birmingham	16	2	6	8	10	22	10
Preston	15	2	3	2	12	10	1	1	6	9	21	Orient	14	3	3	8	14	34	9
Blackburn	15	1	4	2	10	9	2	0	6	7	19	Reading	13	2	3	8	17	37	7
Cardiff	15	3	1	3	10	12	1	1	6	9	23	Hereford	15</						

Junior Hatters Club

FIRSTLY the winner of the previous quiz in the Leicester City programme was Simon Thomson, whose entry (1) Tom Hodgson (2) Change of colours, was the first all correct entry opened. Simon will be receiving two tickets for the Preston N.E. game.

Birthday greetings this week to Member No 545 Anthony Goodship, 27th November, No. 111 Vincent Keane, 1st., No. 58 Gavin Hargreaves, 2nd., 132 Jonathan Farmer, 9th., 188 Paul Mulholland, 9th., 184 Leigh Cordwell, 5th., 253 Jamis Billson, 1st., 241 Paul Wallace, 7th., 225 Alexander Gibson, 8th., 258 Gavin Muge, 9th., 270 Mark Campbell, 7th., 505 Sarah Palmer, 3rd., 538 Simon Fensome, 2nd and 514 Frazer Irvine, 10th December, 1978.

The remainder of the December birthdays will appear in the West Ham programme.

Now for this weeks' competition and as a Christmas special, the first three all correct answers opened will receive two tickets each for the West Ham game.

1. Luton Youth team have already collected a trophy this season. Who did they beat?
2. In which year will Luton celebrate their centenary?
3. Looking back to last Saturdays' game against Newcastle, in which year did Luton beat Newcastle 4-3 after being 3-0 down? How well did you read the programme last Saturday???

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Century Club

by Catherine Ball, Secretary

WE HEARD with mixed feelings the news that Doug Lygo is to leave Luton Town after five years with the club. Doubtless tributes to his service as Company Secretary will appear elsewhere in the programme, but the news of his impending departure has a special significance for the Century Club.

We wish him all the very best in his new job, but are sorry to see him go, because Doug has been a very good friend to the Century Club.

He is an honorary member, and has been one of the major links between us and the football club, and has always been willing to put himself out to be of service.

We are very happy to know that he will remain a keen Luton Town supporter, and will continue to enjoy our after-match company. He must be keen — he's already on the waiting list to become a paying member of the Century Club when he no longer qualifies for honorary membership!

The other recent news item with particular relevance to the Century Club is that work has now started on building the new outdoor sports arena on the Maple Road car park land. It will cause considerable inconvenience to supporters, including our members, but we ask everyone to have patience and accept it, because in the end the new facility will be a big improvement for everyone.

We welcome visiting supporters from Sunderland today and hope that they enjoy our company even if we don't expect them to go home with two points. And looking ahead, to our match at Roker Park later in the season, Century Club supporters may like to note that we have been given an invitation to visit the Roker Park Suite, and we hope to be running a coach trip to that match.

We are already taking bookings for the Football League Cup match at Leeds United, and any members interested should contact me as quickly as possible so that we can finalise arrangements.

Two other reminders to club members; don't forget the Christmas draw, which will be drawn out on December 23, and please don't forget that we will again be choosing our Player of the Year at the season's end.

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