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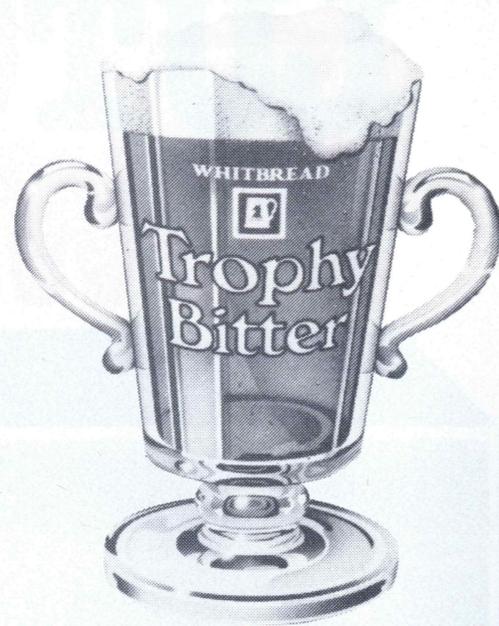
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# DAVID PLEAT

IT WAS disappointing to have last Saturdays game at Burnley cancelled. Fortunately we were saved the Friday journey by an early refereeing inspection. The game against the Yugoslav's Dinamo Zagreb was therefore welcome as preparation for todays meeting with Preston.

Preston have recently picked themselves up with three consecutive wins, the third against Sunderland with a convincing 3-1 scoreline. Sunderland looked a good side here a fortnight ago so we must give Preston the respect they have earned. I'm sure there will be a warm welcome for Nobby Stiles who steered Preston to promotion last season and is respected throughout football for his contribution to England's World Cup success in 1966.

Today we expect to welcome our new goalkeeper from Aston Villa. Jake Findlay is a goalkeeper who in my view could easily be Scotlands No 1 given

regular first team football. He has been kept out by the brilliance of Jimmy Rimmer and finally Villa have given him the chance to move. Fortunately we were in a position to beat several other clubs for his signature and I will now be his severest critic. He has prescence, commands the goal area, is brave and has good reflexes. Luton's Goalkeepers have always been well received by our supporters, and in making this move fans will understand later that Managers must always be one jump ahead rather than two steps behind.

Congratulations to Mal Donaghy on selection for the Irish squad in Bulgaria. I am also pleased that Chris Turner expects to move house next week, he will be the third player to get settled of our close seasons signings. Davis Moss and Kirk Stephens are now acclimatised although Kirk has been troubled by a knee injury and has understandably been depressed lately.

Next Wednesday we shall be hoping for victory at Leeds. There is no way we shall go in awe of the reputation of their international players. We shall aim to make all our supporters proud and our lads will know that nothing but their best will do. We are in effect two steps away from Wembley. Enjoy todays game and remember we have no respect for ignorant spectators who shout obscenities or those who don't come to watch the football. Continue our good behaviour record.



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# Preston



*Back Row (L to R) Nick Baxter, Stephen Doyle, John Kilner, Roy Tunks, Sean Haslegrave, Harry Wilson, John McMahon.*

*Centre Row (L to R) John Smith, Francis Burns, Alex Bruce, Graham Cross, Mick Robinson, Steve Uzelac, Alan Spavin.*

*Front Row (L to R) George Warr (Kit Manager), Danny Cameron, Ricky Thomson Nobby Stiles (Team Manager) Alan Kelly (Asst. Team Manager) Ian Cochrane, Gordon Coleman, Harry Hubbick (Trainer).*

## MIKE BAXTER

Central Defender. Born Birmingham. Joined PNE as an Apprentice in December 1971 and turned Professional three years later. Has represented Fife County Schools FA six times as well as appearing for Warwickshire Schools FA. Made his League debut at Grimsby Town on April 5th 1975. Made 45 League appearances last season scoring five goals. Height: 6'1" Weight: 12st 2lb.

## ALEX BRUCE

Forward. Born Dundee. Signed as an Apprentice straight from school and made his League debut against Swindon Town on 1st May 1972. Transferred to Newcastle United in 1974 for £130,000 returning to Preston in September 1975 in the deal that took John Bird to St. James' Park. Made 45 League appearances last season scoring 27

goals. Finished the season as top goal scorer in the Third Division. Height: 5'8" Weight: 11st 1lb.

## FRANCIS BURNS

Midfield. Born Coatbridge, Lanarkshire. Joined Manchester United as a Junior and played for them eight years until moving to Southampton in June 1972. Signed for PNE on the 14th August 1973. Has represented Scotland at Schoolboy, Youth and U-23 level as well as gaining a full cap against Austria in a World Cup qualifying match in 1970. Holder of a European Cup Winners medal. Made 41 League appearances last season. Height: 5'8½" Weight: 10st 10lb.

## DANNY CAMERON

Fullback. Born Dundee. Signed as an Apprentice for Sheffield Wednesday after being spotted playing for Dundee schools in 1969. Made his League debut at West Bromwich on the 24th October 1973. Turned full professional in July 1975 and made 35 League appearances for Sheffield Wednesday before joining PNE on a free transfer on the 14th April 1976. Made his League debut for PNE as Sub in last match of that season at Hereford. Made 40 League appearances last season. Height: 5'6½" Weight: 11st 3lb.

## IAN COCHRANE

Forward. Born Bellshill, Lanarkshire. Spotted playing for Calderbank Boys Club and joined PNE as an Apprentice in June 1975. Turned full professional in February 1977 and made his League debut in the last match of 76/77 season at Shrewsbury Town scoring one goal and making the other in our 2-1 victory. Two League appearances last season. Height: 5'10" Weight: 11st 1lb.

## GORDON COLEMAN

Midfield. Born Nottingham. Signed for PNE on the 25th August 1973 having previously played for Padstow, Nottingham. Represented Nottingham County Schools at Rugby and Cricket. Versatile player has appeared in numerous positions for the Club. Made 46 League appearances last season scoring four goals. Height: 5'9" Weight: 10st 10lb.

## GRAHAM CROSS

Central Defender. Born Leicester. Signed from Brighton in July 1977 as part of the deal which also brought Harry Wilson to Deepdale and took Gary Williams to Brighton. Played in every game for Brighton in his only season with them culminating in them gaining promotion to the Second Division. Had 15 years at Leicester City during which he played at Wembley and won England U23 honours. Made nearly 500 League appearances for Leicester before joining Chesterfield on Loan for whom he played twelve games before joining Brighton. Has also represented Leicestershire at County Cricket. Height: 5'11½" Weight: 12st 12lb.

## STEPHEN DOYLE

Midfield. Born Neath, Glamorgan. Only Welsh player on the books. Spotted while playing for Afan Lido FC in Port Talbot. Played for Glamorgan County Schools. Joined PNE as an Apprentice in July 1974. Made his League debut at Tranmere Rovers on the 15th November 1974 at the age of 16 and went on to complete 12 appearances as an Apprentice before signing as a Full Professional on the 2nd June 1975. Has won Welsh Youth honours. Made 42 League appearances last season scoring one goal. Height: 5'9½" Weight: 11st 1lb.

## SEAN HASLEGRAVE

Midfield. Born Stoke on Trent. Joined Stoke City in 1968 at the age of 17 originally being employed as an Apprentice Welder. Made over 100 League appearances with Stoke City scoring five goals before joining Nottingham Forest in 1975. Made his League debut for Stoke versus Derby County on Boxing Day 1970. Cost PNE over £20,000 when signed from Forest on the 29th September 1977. Made 38 League appearances last season. Height: 5'8" Weight: 10st 4½lb.

## GRAHAM HOUSTON

Forward. Born Gibraltar. A part time professional he is studying History and Sociology at a local College of Further Education, whilst fitting in training sessions and matches. Has yet to make his debut in the first team but eventual full time training will no doubt alter the situation. Joined PNE on the 20th March 1978. Height: 5'8" Weight: 10st 4lb.

## JOHN KILNER

Goalkeeper. Born Bolton. Joined PNE as an Apprentice on the 2nd August 1976 after taking part in a trial match. Turned professional in October 1977 and has progressed to being second choice behind Roy Tunks. Has yet to make his league debut but played against Luton Town in a pre-season friendly in August, 1977. Height: 6' Weight: 11st 5lb.

## JOHN McMAHON

Fullback. Born Manchester. Joined PNE as an Apprentice in April 1965 turning full professional in December 1967. Made his league debut at Halifax Town on 17th October 1970. Now Preston's longest serving player and former Captain he was selected in the

PFA Third Divisions Team of Season 1976/77. Had a Testimonial Match during season 1976/77 and has made over 250 league appearances. Made 30 League appearances last season scoring one goal. Height: 5'9" Weight 11st 11lb.

## MICK ROBINSON

Forward. Born Leicester. Joined PNE as an apprentice in July 1974 after being spotted whilst playing for Dolphinholme Youth Team. Made his League debut at Cardiff City on the 7th April 1976 turning Full Professional in July of the same year. Made 19 League appearances last season scoring three goals. Height: 6' Weight: 12st 12lb.

## JOHN SMITH

Forward. Born Coatbridge, Lanarkshire. Played Junior football with Calderbank Boys Club and joined PNE straight from School as an Apprentice on the 15th August, 1972. Made his League debut at Luton Town on 6th April, 1974, turning Full Professional in November of the same year. Gained a Scottish Youth Cap against Denmark on the 6th November, 1974. Made 15 League appearances last season scoring three goals. Height: 5'8" Weight: 10st 9½lb.

## ALAN SPAVIN

Midfield. Born Lancaster. Joined PNE in 1956 at the age of 14 and made over 400 League appearances in his two spells with the Club. Left North End in 1974 and had a short period in the United States with Washington Diplomats. Returned to this Club in October 1977 and now combines playing with work on the scouting side.

## RICKY THOMSON

Forward. Born Edinburgh. Joined PNE straight from school signing as an Apprentice on August 9th 1973. Made his League debut at Chesterfield on Easter Monday March 31st 1975, turning full professional on the 26th June of the same year. Was selected for the Scottish Youth squad in 1974. Made 26 League appearances last season scoring six goals. Height: 5'8" Weight: 10st 9lb.

## ROY TUNKS

Goalkeeper. Born Wuppertal, W. Germany. Joined PNE from Rotherham United on the 1st November 1974 for £7,000 and made his League debut against Tranmere Rovers at Prenton Park on the 15th November 1974. whilst with Rotherham had spells on loan with York City, Newcastle United and Ipswich Town. Was an ever present last season making 46 League appearances. Height: 6'0½" Weight: 13st 1lb.

## STEVEN UZELAC

Central Defender. Born Doncaster. Joined PNE in May 1977 after being given a free transfer by Doncaster Rovers. Joined Doncaster straight from school and made his League debut at Newport County (same time as Mike Elwiss). Had over 260 appearances for Doncaster Rovers. Made his League debut for Preston at Port Vale on the 5th November 1977 making three appearances in all during last season. Height: 5'11" Weight: 12st 11½lb.

## HARRY WILSON

Fullback. Born Hetton-Le-Hole, Co. Durham. Product of Burnley Youth Scheme for whom he made 12 first team appearances before joining Brighton in December 1974. Made nearly 150 appearances for Brighton before joining North End in July 1977 as part of the deal taking Gary Williams to Brighton. Made 18 League appearances last season up to November until a car crash ended the season prematurely for him. Now fully fit again. Height: 5'9½" Weight: 11st 8lb.

## WELCOME

THIS afternoon we have the pleasure of extending a warm welcome to the Directors, Officials, Manager and Players of Preston North End, better known as the 'Lillywhites'. An original member of the Football League, they have spent a total of some 35 years in the first Division and 27 years in the second, since their formation in 1881. A short spell in Division Three (1974-77) was brought to an end when they finished in 3rd. place last season. They have the distinction of being the first club to pull off the League and F.A. Cup double in the 1888/89 season.

Compiling a list of people who have been associated with this most respected team is like reading the Who's Who of football. Our own assistant manager, Ken Gutteridge, had a two year spell with them in the 70/72 seasons.

Due to their success in the promotion stakes, we have the pleasure of entertaining Nobby Stiles and his lads, and wish them the best of luck in the Second Division. Our last meeting with Preston was in August last year when we played a friendly match at Deepdale. We had a successful game and won 1-0 on that occasion, Phil Boersma scoring the only goal of the match. The last league games against them were played in the 73/74 season before their relegation. Playing away, the Hatters brought home one point with a 2-2 draw, Aston and Fern netting one each. When they returned the compliment and entertained North End at Kenilworth Rd., a fine game ended in a home win, 4-2, Husband scoring one and Butlin getting a hat trick.

Preston are in the same position as many other clubs find themselves today. Poor gates keep them from investing in players whom they would like to, and so they concentrate on home grown youth to the extent that the average age of their squad is only just over 20 years of age. Their leading striker is Alex Bruce, with 27 goals last season he will be leading their attack today. Two years ago he was sold to Newcastle for £140,000 but returned to Preston in an exchange deal with John Bird. We were sorry to hear that Ricky Thomson broke

his leg two weeks ago last Saturday so we will not have the pleasure of seeing him play. If reports are to be believed, he has a great future in the game. Another player to keep an eye open for is Michael Baxter. Although mainly a defender, he loves to score, and netted 5 times last season.

Preston North End have always had a predominance of players from north of the border. This is due to the untiring efforts of Jim Scott, their full-time scout in that area.

They are having difficulty in finding form so far this season. Their current position of fourth from the bottom is due not to so much being unable to score, but defence weaknesses, having conceded 34 goals so far, 23 of these in away matches.

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## FROM JOHN WILKINSON'S DESK

THE latter half of last week was a very hectic one as far as I was concerned. Wednesday saw me heading towards the Midlands with the Manager to have talks with Jake Findlay, the Villa reserve goalkeeper. It didn't take him long to come to a decision and join us. Whilst the manager was talking to him it gave me the opportunity to have a look around their wonderful facilities at their training ground. It seems that the football side of the club is run from there and the only time they go to Villa Park is on match days.

Arriving back in Luton about 5 o'clock, I spent the next two hours preparing the contracts. Not being a typist (I can only use one finger) it takes quite a time to get the

documents ready. The next day Jake was a bit behind time arriving in Luton because of the bad weather, and by the time he had met and trained with his new colleagues, had a medical, it was late afternoon before I could set off to London to get him registered in time to play at Burnley, (I didn't know at that time that the game would be off). I eventually arrived home about 7 o'clock. Friday arrived with the news that the match at Burnley was off and then came the task of cancelling the team coach, the hotel and notifying the directors and other club officials who were travelling, also the supporters coaches, police and press.

Ken Gutteridge arrived back from Ireland in the afternoon with another signing, this time Cianan McCurry, so I had to start all over again. Fortunately, there wasn't the same rush this time, and forms and contracts could be put in the post. When new signings arrive like that, the normal days work just builds up and the pile of letters on my desk is starting to build up.

I, like many of you in the Town was shocked to hear of the death of Derek 'SOS' Allen last week at a very early age. 'SOS' was still playing in local football and once told me that he could carry on playing until he was sixty, unfortunately he never realised that ambition but he lived for the game and made hundreds of friends, not only in Luton, but all over the Country. His passing will be a loss to the local scene. I have many happy memories of our times together in the old Town 'A' side and the way he was always the first to start the singing on a long coach journey home. To his family I send my deepest sympathy.

At the time of writing we still have plenty of stand seats left for our League Cup match at Leeds on December 13th. and I hope that the supporters who travel will make as much noise as they did at Villa Park. Whilst on the subject of tickets, our home match with West Ham looks like being a sell out, so if anyone wants a stand seat I suggest you call at the ticket office as soon as possible or you will be disappointed on the day.

Enjoy the match.

## HIGH TOWN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ON Monday, January 1st., at the Stoke match, an autographed Match Ball will be raffled by this society.

The High Town and District Community association was formed on the 27th October 1978 by people who want to foster good community relations in the area.

High Town has been badly affected by the High Town Redevelopment Scheme which has left many houses empty and whole roads derelict. The new estate is full of young families and single elderly people. They all need the support of the local community and the community needs them.

The steering committee of the Association have links with many local organisations, including The High Town Festival, High Town Residents Association, St. Matthews Church, and the Friends to St. Matthews School (Parents Association).

The aims of the Association are to improve and extend existing facilities in the area. We have already joined forces with St. Matthews Church in their efforts to provide an afternoon club for mothers and young children. Meetings have also taken place with local youth leaders in the hope that we can provide better equipment for the youth club. Any money which we raise will be used for buying sports equipment for the youth club, arranging outings for senior citizens and the disabled, and hiring halls for other club activities. If we can prove there is a strong community spirit in High Town we hope to persuade the Council to build us a proper Community Centre which should provide day care facilities for our senior citizens and the disabled, a lively place for our young people to meet and for other clubs in the area to make their base.

For further information please contact:— Linda Adams, 75, Richmond Hill Luton. (Secretary Tel. 25937).

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

BIRTHDAY greetings go this week to our Captain, Alan West and Nigel Johnson. Alans Birthday is December 16th. and Nigel's falls on the 18th. Happy Birthday lads and the best of luck in the future.

## PRESTON NORTH END LONDON SUPPORTERS CLUB

SUPPORTERS of Preston North End might like to know that there exists a club which organises cheap train trips to most P.N.E. matches (home and away). They also produce a monthly newsletter for members. North End fans living in the South of England and are interested should contact John Dee, 278, York Rd. Stevenage, Herts. (Telephone 52732).

## MASCOT

HUGH Murden is the Mascot for todays match with Preston North End. Hugh attends Meppershall Lower School and his sports are football and cricket. Reading, about football, drawing and bird watching form his main hobbies.

Unfortunately a heart condition prevents him playing for the school team, but it doesn't stop him supporting the Hatters — he hasn't missed a home game for two seasons.

## POINT OF CONTROVERSY

LEICESTER City have not been the country's most successful club over the past 20 years, though they have had their moments and have in fact won promotion twice and reached five cup-finals during that time. They have, however, during that time fielded three outstanding goalkeepers in Gordon Banks, Peter Shilton and Mark Wallington, and it must be extremely doubtful whether any other club can match this over the corresponding period.

Gordon was generally reckoned the finest in the world until that tragic eye injury, Peter is thought by many to be the outstanding goalkeeper in the country today and Mark, although not yet possessed of a full England cap, must be among the top half dozen in England today, not far behind Shilton and Clemence and perhaps in a similar bracket to Corrigan, Parkes and Rimmer.

Why then does it come about that a team seems to specialise in one particular position? The extent of such players' significance may be gauged by the fact that both Banks and Shilton were sold because at the time the 'Filberts' had a player of almost equal competence ready to take over and it is interesting to note that whilst Shilton was a product of the club youth scheme Banks and Wallington were both bought at bargain prices early in their careers from Chesterfield and Walsall respectively, both clubs have a reputation over the years for producing goalkeepers.

### Parallels

In a similar way Huddersfield have

produced more than their share of quality full backs over the years with Ron Staniforth, Ray Wilson, Bob McNab all playing for England and others like Derek Parkin and Chris Cattlin coming close at their peak. Burnley, even in an age when wingers have in general had every discouragement, have produced Ralph Coates, Dave Thomas and Terry Cochrane, all sold at 6-figure fees. Swansea Town, who produced those splendid inside forwards Ivor and Len Allchurch, in the fifties, now have Alan Curtis and Robbie James cast in similar moulds and winning international recognition.

Is it that certain clubs, even though changing managers and even Board of Directors, encourage certain types of player? Is it that schoolboys in the area model themselves on one particular kind of player that they admire? Or is it just coincidence? Perhaps crowds have something to do with it since they are very quick to draw comparisons sometimes to the disadvantage of the player they are currently watching. Certainly there is something in the notion that a player can sometimes play up to whatever is expected to him. This is one of the secrets behind the great motivators like Clough and Allison.

Perhaps it is all summed up in that slightly unpopular word today 'tradition'. This is connected with clubs' past records, their style of play, the expectations of their followers from Boardroom to terrace and gives that club a particular identity. Something of it travels with that club wherever they play. Home fans, anticipating seeing a visitors style of play are disappointed if their hopes are not realised and it is only human nature for a player to try and live up to his reputation and please the crowd with a good performance with their own particular brand of football.

Once a player, for whatever reason, adopts a style of play which pleases the fans, it is very difficult to change, as many a player has found out to his cost when moving to another position on the field or attempting to improve the standard of his game.

# CROSSWORD 12

## CLUES — Across

1. Birmingham City were previously called Birmingham, and before that were known as --- (5,5)
7. Acrobatic kick (8)
- 9 & 10. Striker Stoke signed from Norwich last season (3,5)
- 14 & 16dn. The record League away score by which Sheffield United beat Burslem Port Vale (3,3)
15. Television commentator (8)
17. Former Middlesbrough midfielder who moved to Minnesota Kicks last summer (4,6)

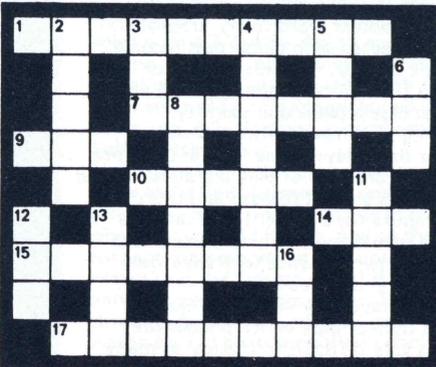
## CLUES — Down

2. See 12dn.
3. --- Cartwright (Wrexham & Wales) (3)
4. European Footballer of the Year between Denis Law and Bobby Charlton (7)
5. The speed at which — according to their nickname — Bolton Wanderers move (4)
6. In the European Cup, Wolves, Manchester United, Linfield and Drumcondra have all played against East Germany side --- Vorwaerts (1,1,1)
8. What a yellow-card offence earns (7)
11. One of Exeter's ex-Plymouth players (5)
- 12 & 2dn. Harold Shepherdson wrote a book called "--- --- Sponge" (3,5)
13. Holland star reportedly sought by Arsenal at the start of the season (4)
16. See 14ac.

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 11

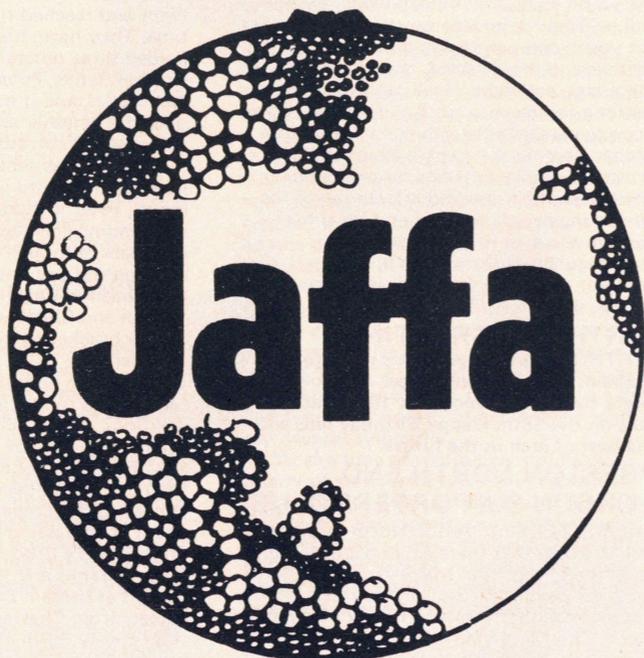
Across: 1. Peter, 3. Back, 7 & 6. Ray Pointer, 8. Arntz, 10. Gil, 11. Kendall, 12. Fyfe, 13. See 2dn.

Down: 1. Patrick's, 2 & 13ac. Tony Boyce, 3 & 4. Bristol City (Dicks), 5. Trollope, 6. Parlane, 9 & 10. Andy Gray.



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# N ACTION ACT

Luton Town 0 Sunderland 3

*LAST WEEK'S enforced rest came at the wrong time for a team itching to throw off the memories of the game against Sunderland. The visitors deserved their victory, but rarely can there have been such a match in which one side grabbed their half-chances while we missed ours.*

*The picture below shows one that might have changed the course of the match: Ricky Hill and Brian Stein go up for a far post cross, and in the end neither could produce a telling header, leaving Sunderland still level when they might easily have been a goal down and facing an uphill battle.*

*On the left full-back Paul Price gets into an attacking position to send a header goalwards.*

*Pictures: LUTON NEWS.*

# ION A



# GERRY HARRISON

ANGLIA TELEVISION'S MATCH OF THE WEEK COMMENTATOR

TALKING recently to varied sporting personalities such as Sir Stanley Rous, former president of FIFA, and John Lever, the England and Essex cricketer, it was brought home to me how strong and solid are the laws of football. John Lever for instance was not at all enthusiastic about tinkering around with the laws of his game and felt that the public had already been confused enough by bonus points, popping creases and lbw changes.

Sir Stanley, when he was secretary of the Football Association re-wrote the laws of football in the 1930's and they have largely remained the same. Although he is a very positive thinker he doesn't believe there is too much wrong with the game at the moment but is always interested in any useful experiments.

One well known innovation is of course the 35 yd line used in American League Soccer. Players cannot be offside on the goal side of the line. The effect on the game has been to stretch the play out. Forwards don't have to come back as far. Defenders cannot push up quite so much to leave dead ground behind them. The strain under this system is on midfield players who have very much more ground to cover shuttling backwards and forwards.

Another interesting experiment started this season in West Germany where, under FIFA authorisation, all amateur matches are using a 'Temporary Exclusion' rule in an effort to improve discipline and discourage bad sportsmanship. Sometimes, a caution is too light a punishment, definitive sending off too heavy. This idea — the sin-bin technique — is the inbetween.

Some of the clauses and principles of the law include:

1. A player can be sent off for a period of ten minutes, whether or not he has already been cautioned.
2. A caution cannot be given after a temporary sending-off.
3. A player sent off temporarily cannot be replaced by a sub. until the time of his expulsion is over.

Implementation:

1. The referee must make a temporary exclusion clear to everyone on the field — orally and by the signal of lifting one arm and twice stretching out all five fingers.
2. Any player sent off temporarily must stay behind the touchline. Standing behind the goal line is not allowed.

The way the rule is being used . . . . . When a player who has already been cautioned . . . . . runs away with the ball under his arm; kicks the ball away after a free kick has been awarded; violent dissent.

But players are liable to be sent off temporarily without being cautioned first if they . . . . . spoil a promising attack by handling the ball; pull an opponent down in the penalty area.

And an extract from the DFB guidance pamphlet, published recently in FIFA News, reads: ". . . . . a player pushes an opponent lightly with both hands against his chest — and the opponent falls to the ground screaming. Here both players should be sent off for 10 minutes."

And as a final footnote they add: "The possibility of temporary exclusion should not however lead to referees being criticised even more than before." There's nothing like being optimistic!

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# ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

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

FOR CLUBS slogging away on the treadmill of league football in the Third and Fourth Divisions, the FA Cup is the biggest hope of putting a little glamour — and a cash boost — into the scene.

So it was with the Town ten years ago this weekend, when, as a Third Division team, they had to fight through the first and second rounds of the cup for the chance to go into the draw with the big clubs.

On December 7, 1968, Gillingham were the visitors to Kenilworth Road for a Second Round tie and even if the match itself was not a pretty sight, a 3-1 win satisfied most of the crowd of 12,035.

It was a bad-tempered confrontation with Gillingham, skippered by former Town player Gordon Riddick, giving away a total of 29 free kicks for fouls, compared with 14 by the Town. Brian Lewis and Bruce Rioch in particular came in for some wicked treatment, and most of us were disappointed at the lack of action by referee Tom Reynolds of Swansea.

But if Gillingham were the rough and tough boys, the Town had the football skill, and two early goals set up the victory. Graham French shot the first in the 14th minute after a free kick by Billy McDerment had been punched to the edge of the box by Gillingham goalkeeper Bellotti. Ten minutes later Mike Harrison hammered another goal for the Town, from a corner by

French.

The Town never looked like losing after that. Hands by Green brought a penalty goal from Harrison in the 72nd minute, and Gillingham's consolation was a penalty by Yeo after Branston fouled Riddick.

The cup pleasure was not being matched in the league, because the Town's promotion challenge was fading through some poor away displays.

The previous week they had been to Stockport and the amazing difference between home and away form continued. The Town went down to their seventh consecutive away defeat, and in seven of the nine away matches they had failed to score.

They didn't look like ending the record at Stockport, with the home side doing most of the attacking and winning 2-0 with goals by Goodwin and Atkins.

Stockport included a player who had been one of the very best in Britain: Alex Young, a Scottish international winger, who made his debut for Stockport in the match against the Town following his transfer from Everton.

Billy McDerment managed to keep him fairly quiet, but he laid on the second goal, and the Town left for home bemoaning the injury luck which kept John Moore and Freddie Jardine out of the side.

# YOUTH

By George Rogers

ON Saturday 26th November the Youth team was engaged in the 2nd Round of the F.A. Youth Cup at Bedford. In the first half Bedford Town youth pinned us down in our half and it came as no surprise when Bedford went ahead through Ravey. Following a free kick he was left standing unmarked and he had a simple task to head home. Bedford continued to have most of the play but were unable to increase their lead. In the second half it was a different story with Luton having most of the play, Martin Conquest scoring to bring Bedford back to Kenilworth Road, for a replay. *Team:— R. Walker, J. Woodward, T. Murphy, R. Johnson, L. Harriott, G. Sisman, R. Eaton, W. Turner, M. Conquest, J. Lucas, A. Pearson, N. Madden.*

On Thursday 30th November a change in fixtures saw us travelling to Leicester, who are one of the top teams in the Midland Youth League and with fog and frost

persisting, conditions were not ideal for good football. Play was fairly even throughout, both sides creating chances which were not taken. With five minutes remaining, the fog thickened and the referee had no option but to call the game to a halt. *Team:— A. Judge, T. Murphy, L. Harriott, R. Johnson, C. Goodyear, G. Sisman, A. Pearson, W. Turner, G. Ingram, M. Conquest, J. Lucas, R. Eaton.*

The 3rd. game of the week was a Chiltern Youth league fixture at Harlow. Goals by Alan Cosby, Ian Bygraves, Wayne Turner, Martin Conquest and Ray Brammer gave them a comfortable 5-1 victory. Harlows goal coming from a penalty when Les Harriott was adjudged to have handled in the area. *Team:— A. Judge, J. Woodward, T. Murphy, N. Madden, L. Harriott, G. Sisman, A. Cosby, W. Turner, I. Bygraves, M. Conquest, R. Eaton, R. Brammer, T. Kitchener.*

So far this season the Youth team have played 30 games and of these, 18 have been won and 5 drawn. They are still involved in the F.A. Youth Cup and the Eastern Junior Cup. It is nice to be successful at this level and young players, more than most, thrive on success but have the boys progressed throughout the season? Most of the boys playing in the Chiltern League are schoolboys and are our potential players of the future.

This morning the Youth team have been engaged in an Eastern Junior Cup game v Stevenage Borough and if they have been successful they will go into the Semi-Final of this Competition of which we are the holders.

**FA Youth Cup 1st Round Replay Result:**  
Luton 2. Bedford 1.  
*Pearson (1 penalty), Robinson 1, Conquest 1.*

# POOLS NEWS

£500 in total prizes, what a bargain!

How about helping us out by selling a few tickets to your friends? Projects like this are 'the icing on the cake' as far as the Hatters are concerned, because seasonal projects supplement the Pools income at a time when Bank Holidays occur, and the regular income from the Pools is not necessarily available from every agent. If you would like to help us out, please call into the Pools office anytime or ring Luton 30748, we will be pleased to hand out a small allocation for you to make someone happy as well as the Hatters.

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2nd.	2271	G. Simpson
3rd.	2453	C. Shackle
4th.	2236	R. Coleman
5th.	2813	T.A. Turney
6th.	2335	J. Robinson
7th.	2641	T. Somerville
8th.	0015	K. Wheeler
9th.	1281	R. Climo
10th.	2260	J. Goodger
11th.	1819	S. Woodgate
12th.	1883	B. Pilgrim
13th.	2647	S. Clarke
14th.	2338	M. Coggins
15th.	1739	D.A. King
16th.	1576	A. Cook

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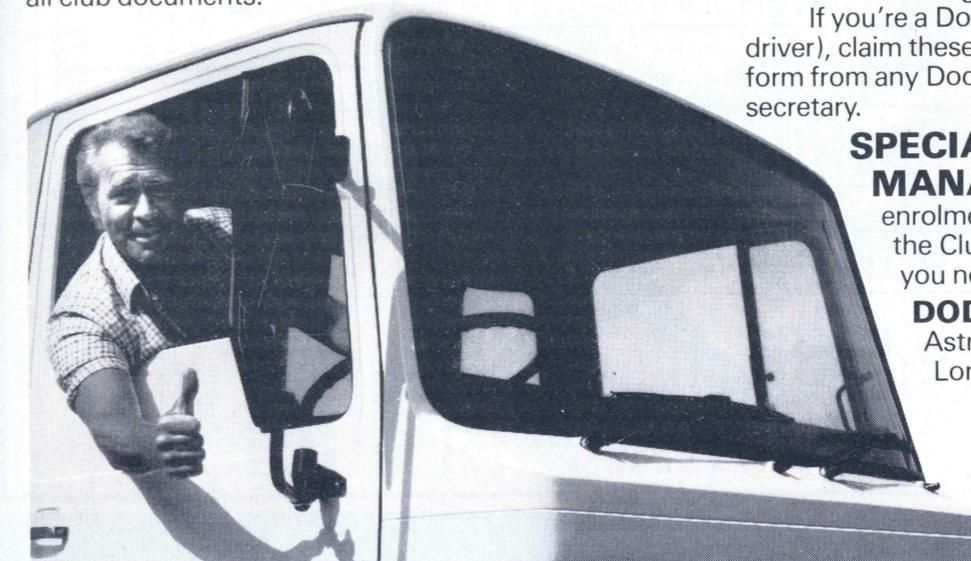
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# FACTS

DIV.2	Attendance	F.A.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 19 S Oldham Athletic	8,043	6-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Sherlock	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo (1 pen)	Stein (1)	Hatton (2)	Moss (2)	Ingram
22 T Crystal Palace	17,739	1-3	Aleksic	Stephens	Sherlock	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo (1 pen)	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Ingram*
26 S Newcastle Utd.	24,112	0-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Price	Hill	West	Stein	Hatton	Moss	McNichol
29 T Wigan Ath. (LC2)	6,518	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)	Boersma	West*
9 S Bristol Rovers	6,508	0-2	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	Fucillo	Stein (2)	Hatton (1)	Moss (2)	West
16 S Cardiff City	7,752	7-1	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	West	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss (2)	Fucillo (1 pen)*
23 S Cambridge Utd.	10,801	1-1	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	West	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Fucillo*
30 S Sheffield Utd.	15,295	1-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	Fucillo	West	Stein	Hatton (1)	Moss	Jones
Oct. 3 T Crewe Alex. (LC3)	6,602	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill (1)	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	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	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Jones
21 S Notts County	8,561	6-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West (1)	Fucillo (1)	Stein (2)	Hatton (1)	Moss (1)	Jones
28 S Orient	7,035	2-3	Aleksic	Donaghy	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo (2)	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Jones
Nov. 4 S Leicester City	10,608	0-1	Aleksic	Donaghy	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Carr
8 W Aston Villa (LC4)	32,727	2-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Stephens
11 S Oldham Athletic	6,876	0-2	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Stephens
18 S Newcastle Utd.	10,434	2-0	Lawson	Price	Aizlewood	Carr	Turner (1)	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Moss	Jones
21 T Charlton Ath.	10,161	2-1	Lawson	Price	Aizlewood	Carr	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	Stein	Hatton (1)	Moss (1)	Jones
26 S Sunderland (1)	10,249	0-3	Lawson	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Jones	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Carr
Dec. 2 S Burnley		P												
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														
26 S Preston														
May 5 S Fulham														
12 S F.A. Cup Final														

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## Division Two

P	Home			Goals			Away			Goals		
	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
C. Palace	18	6	2	1	16	6	3	5	1	14	9	25
Stoke	18	5	3	1	17	8	4	3	2	8	9	24
W. Ham	18	6	2	1	22	6	3	3	3	13	11	23
Sunderland	18	6	2	1	18	8	3	2	4	11	14	22
Fulham	18	5	3	2	15	7	3	2	3	9	12	21
Notts County	18	5	3	1	11	7	3	2	4	14	23	21
Brighton	18	7	0	2	19	6	2	5	10	16	20	
Burnley	17	6	1	1	19	11	1	5	3	10	15	20
Wrexham	17	4	4	1	12	4	2	3	8	9	19	
Bristol Rovers	17	8	1	0	26	12	0	2	6	3	19	19
Newcastle	18	6	2	1	11	5	1	3	5	13	19	
Charlton	17	6	4	3	12	10	4	2	5	12	19	
Luton	17	6	1	2	27	8	1	2	5	6	13	17
Leicester	18	2	3	4	9	11	2	5	2	6	6	16
Cambridge	18	2	5	2	9	8	2	3	4	8	13	16
Oldham	17	4	3	1	12	7	2	1	6	10	21	16
Orient	18	4	2	3	13	8	2	1	6	7	15	15
Sheff. Utd.	17	3	1	4	13	11	1	3	5	8	15	12
Preston	17	3	3	2	15	11	1	1	7	9	23	12
Blackburn	17	1	5	2	12	11	2	0	7	7	21	11
Cardiff	17	3	2	3	12	14	1	1	7	9	25	11
Millwall	18	3	1	5	11	16	0	2	7	3	17	9

## Combination

As at 5th December 1978

P	W			D			L			F			A			Pts			
	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Tottenham	20	18	2	0	63	21	38												
Norwich City	18	13	2	3	50	15	28												
Ipswich Town	18	12	4	2	40	16	28												
West Ham	18	10	5	3	42	17	25												
Southampton	17	10	5	2	29	14	25												
Chelsea	18	9	4	5	35	23	22												
Fulham	19	8	5	6	31	23	21												
Q.P.R.	15	8	4	3	26	20	20												
Bristol City	18	7	4	7	32	35	18												
Bristol Rovers	17	6	5	24	29	18													
Plymouth	20	7	3	10	27	35	17												
Arsenal	15	5	6	4	31	23	16												
Oxford United	17	5	4	8	24	29	14												
Luton Town	17	6	2	9	21	29	14												
Crystal Palace	18	3	8	7	19	36	14												
Leicester City	18	4	5	9	19	24	13												
Cardiff City	18	4	3	11	23	37	11												
Birmingham C.	18	2	6	10	10	25	10												
Reading	15	3	8	9	22	46	9												
Hereford Utd.	17	3	3	11	18	42	9												
Orient	17	3	3	11	18	46	9												
Swindon Town	18	1	5	12	11	38	7												

League/Cup Appts. Goals

Aleksic	17	2
Stephens	4(2)	7
Sherlock	2	7
Aizlewood	20	12
Donaghy	20	9
Price	18	1
Hill	18(1)	1
Fucillo	17(2)	1
West	16(2)	1
Stein	19	1
Hatton	19	1
C. Turner	19	1
Moss	19	6
Ingram	1(2)	
McNichol	(1)	
Jones	5(7)	
Boersma	1	
Carr	2(3)	
Lawson	3	
Owen Goal	1	
Combination goals	3	
W. Turner	5	
Sperrin	7	
Ingram	1	
Currie	1	
Johnston	2	
N. Johnson	1	

# Junior Hatters Club

HERE is the answers to last weeks competition:—

1. Ipswich Youth team.
2. 1985.
3. 1946.

As we have to go to press a little early this time not all of the entries have yet been received. Therefore we will announce the names of the first three all correct entries opened, in the West Ham programme. Of course we will make sure the winners receive their tickets well in time for the West Ham game.

Now for the remainder of the December birthdays:—

Member number 551 Michael Roberts, 3rd., No. 203 Troy Lindmeier, 11th., 526 Allan Janes, 16th., 151 John Moran, 17th., 113 Ian Bishop, 19th., 53 Timothy Norman, 20th., 517 Michael Reader, 22nd., 194 Mark Gregory, 23rd., 244 Emma Josling, 24th., 227 Tony Walker, 25th., (hope you get presents for both days Tony), 535 Mark Fussell, 24th., 509 Lee Dagnall, 30th., 73 Martin Hanley, 27th and 137 Andrew McLoughlin on the 31st December, 1978.

A very happy birthday to you all and also a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Junior supporters.

This weeks' competition:—

1. Who did the Town play Boxing Day 1977?
2. When did we beat Leeds United 6-1.

Entries as usual to Junior Hatters Competition, Luton Town F.C., 72 Kenilworth Road, Luton. The first two all correct entries opened will win two tickets each.

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# Century Club

by Catherine Ball, Secretary

OUR EFFORTS to widen the interests and functions of the Century Club produced another very pleasant evening when our "Any Questions?" session was held.

There was a good attendance, and it seems that everyone present enjoyed themselves. I think all of us in the room were football supporters first and foremost, but the questions covered a very wide range of subjects, and sparked off a little controversy, a little laughter and a little food for thought.

Items considered included the effects of foreign players coming into British football, government plans to scrap car road tax, the rise in TV licence fees and politics.

I would like to say thank-you to everyone who attended, and in particular to the panel, Jean Austin, A.D. McMullen, Roger Smith and Derek Ludlow. They gave me no problems at all in keeping them in order from the chair, and they were all very good, especially when the audience joined in debates.

One problem that does still arise on match-days is that the clubroom can get very crowded at times. The plans to extend it are being prepared, but in the meantime our thanks are due to all members and their guests for showing patience even when they do sometimes have to stand shoulder-to-shoulder. Entertaining guests is an important part of club activities, and even if it is a bit cramped I am sure we can all enjoy football friendships.

On the subject of being patient, thanks are due to all members for their co-operation in overcoming the parking difficulties caused by construction work going on in the Maple Road car park.

Finally, we look like having a good following of Century Club members at the League Cup match at Leeds on Wednesday. There will be a fleet of cars going and a large coach. There may still be some coach seats available by the time these notes are printed, and any member interested in making the trip is asked to contact me as soon as possible.

And our message to David Pleat and the team is simple: All the very best of luck lads, and we'll be cheering you on for the whole 90 minutes.

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- 11 DAVID MOSS
- 12 GRAHAM JONES



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| DANNY CAMERON   | 3  |
| FRANCIS BURNS   | 4  |
| MICK BAXTER     | 5  |
| DON O'RIORDAN   | 6  |
| GORDON COLEMAN  | 7  |
| SEAN HASLEGRAVE | 8  |
| MICK ROBINSON   | 9  |
| STEPHEN DOYLE   | 10 |
| ALEX BRUCE      | 11 |
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## Half Times

Blackburn	Leicester	Birmingham
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Bristol R.	Newcastle	Bolton
Millwall	Stoke	Wolves
Cambridge	Notts. C.	Chelsea
Oldham	C. Palace	Aston Villa
Cardiff	Orient	Coventry
Sunderland	Burnley	QPR
Charlton	Wrexham	Derby
Sheff. Utd	West Ham	Man. Utd.

## Officials

**Referees:** Ray LEWIS (Great Bookham, Surrey). Commenced refereeing in the Kingston and District League in 1962 and progressed through the Isthmian League to the Football League list. Was Senior Linesman at a U.E.F.A. Cup Quarter Final Tie — Levski Spartak (Bulgaria) v. Barcelona (Spain), and F.A. Cup Semi-Final 1977.

A married man, with one daughter, he is an Area Catering Executive who likes reading and playing bowls.

**Linesmen:** Mr. R. Logan (Uxbridge) Red Flag; Mr. R. G. Smith (Middle Barton) Yellow Flag.