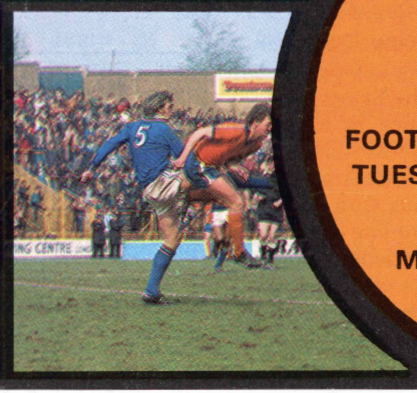
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The antics performed by players who score goals seem to be getting more and more esoteric. Some of the exhibitions of enthusiasm seem to be entirely uncalled for. The congratulations heaped on him by his colleagues so overwhelms the scorer that one sometimes wonders whether they have seen a goal scored before. The height of ridiculousness was shown on the continent recently. One player after scoring chased from the position he was occupying when he accomplished the feat and did a war dance around the corner flag. This happened on three occasions as he scored a hat-trick. The next thing we know goal scorers will be swinging on cross bars.

There are certainly some queer, nay even comical goings on in the football world. If we are to believe what we read and who says we are not to believe, then the latest from the U.S.A. soccer scene is good for a laugh. The story goes that as two teams took the field they lined up facing each other with solemnity and bowed heads. Then on came a coffin and out jumped the Manager of one of the teams shouting 'We are not dead yet', the implication being that his team were not doing too good.

Sad to hear of Ken Shellitoe's resignation as Manager of struggling Chelsea. Ken has been at Stamford Bridge for over twenty years serving the club as player as well as Manager. His spell as Manager was short but not altogether sweet. It has been a hard struggle from the start. Short of the necessary finance to strengthen the side he had to place his faith in his young if talented players. They have not enjoyed the best of luck, meanwhile another Manager joins the unemployed queue.

Another Manager upon whom Dame Fortune looked far more kindly this week is Lawrie McMenemy. Twice in less than 7 days the Saints have accounted for Manchester City. Once at Maine Road in Southampton's first away win in the League this season, then a few days later at the Dell to put the Saints into the League Cup Semi-final for the very first time. The score line in both games was 2-1. A couple of thousand people more at The Dell would have made another coincidence figuratively speaking, that being the difference between the attendance at Maine Road and that at The Dell.

A fortnight ago if you were watching TV on the ITV channel you may have seen the Sportswriter's Awards for 1978. No one will argue with their selection of the top six men and women of sport but to many viewers the presentation itself fell short of the standard one would expect from such an occasion. Apart from the first two top awards the prizes seemed to be framed action photos of the winner, although it is possible that some concession to richness may have been made by the frame being in silver. Of course some people may well argue that being selected and then given the P.R. Treatment on TV is sufficient award. Like everything else it is just a matter of opinion.

We shall probably be in print before we know the exact line-up for the League Cup Semi-final, but at the risk of making an error in anticipation may we congratulate Watford on reaching that stage in the competition. Graham Taylor's Hornets certainly stung Stoke City and forced a replay, and whatever happened in the match at Heritage Road the Third Division front runners can feel justifiably proud of their achievements in the League Cup. Less successful but just as worthy of praise was Brighton's gallant effort to eliminate the Cup holders Nottingham Forest. For a long period Alan Mullery's heros held Forest and even caused them anxious moments, especially after Nottingham had taken the lead. It was a movement out of the top drawer which brought Brighton's equaliser. Two goals scored later in the game ensured Forest appearing in the Semi-final for the second season running.

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Christmas being the traditional time for messages of good hope and optimism it is appropriate that today we should welcome and introduce officially our new Chairman, Mr. Leonard Eppel. Not that he is in any way a stranger — those who study Millwall F.C. closely will know he has a family connection with the club that goes back over 50 years. As stated in our last Matchday Magazine his father Dr. David Eppel was chairman of Millwall from 1949 to 1952. Mr. Eppel has traced his father's footsteps following Mr. Burnige's resignation from the chair for personal and confidential reasons. Mr. Burnige remains to serve the club as a director and the first tribute to his chairmanship came from his successor. 'It is a pleasure to acknowledge Mr. Burnige's great service to Millwall F.C.' said Mr. Eppel. 'He has held the club steady through four difficult years and has built the foundations of what we are determined will be a bright and flourishing future. He will be continuing to serve the club and his experience will be invaluable.'

'I suppose most new chairmen try to paint a rosy picture of the future and I suppose every supporter is used to the promises that are made at such a time. But I don't see it as my job to take the limelight and make fancy speeches. I am just head of a team of keen and enthusiastic directors, operating on the consensus of opinion within that team. That doesn't mean to say I don't have ambitions for the club. My intention is to see Millwall build on the foundations already laid down, to improve the image of the club, to ensure that further amenities are provided for supporters and all the while ensuring that the manager has every help we can give to continue the improvement he has brought to the team.'

'I am also determined to encourage and emphasise our youth policy. We have some very attractive young footballers at the Den and I have great confidence that their maturity will bring this club nearer to the force I am hopeful it will become.'

Mr. Eppel who is chairman of various investment groups in the City first became a Millwall supporter in the 1930's when, as a boy, he accompanied his father to the Den. Dr. Eppel had a practice nearby and was the club's medical officer before the war.

'My recollections of those days are a little hazy, but I can remember the great run of 1938. After the war, of course Jimmy Jinks, Jimmy Constantine and the Fisher twins were my idols' he said.

Mr. Eppel joined the board in 1970 and subsequently became vice-chairman. The long-standing connection of the Eppel family is guaranteed to stretch into the future — for Mr. Eppel's 19-year-old son has been a regular supporter since his boyhood.

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Our match against Norwich City will be played here at The Den on Monday, 8th January, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

From the Postbag

The letter printed below was received from the Continental Society for People Interested in English Football in Rotterdam.

Dear Sirs,
As you probably know there is a lot of interest for English Football on the continent.
Therefore some weeks ago we founded a club named "the continentals", in which all these people are united. Our intentions are to contact as many people as possible with the same interest.
Our interest is:
visiting as many matches as possible in all four Divisions; subscriptions to numerous programmes; correspondence with friends, clubs and so on. We think that many of the readers of your match-programme — also the foreign ones — will find it interesting to learn that such a club exists on the continent, and therefore we should like to ask you if it is possible to write about our club in one of the forthcoming editions of your match-programme.
At last we will appreciate it very much if you will send us — for our file — some copies of that programme.
Yours truly,
Hans de Roon,
Secretary.

Editor's Comment: Seems like a good idea, and can only help to foster good relations between all soccer fans, not necessarily those involved in the European competitions, and could lead to exchange visits on a regular basis. If you are interested I suggest you write in the first instance to Hans De Roon, Witte De-Withstraat 13B 3012 B.K. Rotterdam. Tel: (010)-(3110) 138600.

The following letter was sent to Mr. Creasey of Morden, Surrey by Mr. L. Taylor of Sydenham.

Dear Mr. Creasy,
I have just read your article in the Millwall F.C. programme, and I think it is truly amazing. How is it possible for you to collate all this information of so many years ago? Before I go any further, I should like to inform you, that at the tender age of 58, I have been a supporter of the 'Lions' since my father sat me on his shoulders, at the age of 10, to watch players like Jack Cock, Landells, Big Bill Bryant etc. etc. But I feel that these memories are inadequate compared to the years that you have gone back into.
In fact, Mr. Creasy, I must confess I have never heard of you before, and I can only assume that you are a fanatical supporter of the club, as I am. Therefore, I come to the main issue of my letter to you. During the latter years of the 1939-45 war, on my periods of leave from the Army, I used to accompany my father to his local public house 'The White Hart' at New Cross Gate, where the 'guvnor' was Jack Cock, who was also at that time the Manager of the 'Lions'. He invited me to accompany him and the team to matches played under the war-time conditions of that time, and eventually found out that I was myself playing not only for my regimental team, but Southern Command. To cut a long story short, I found myself playing for the 'Lions', due to Mr. Cock contacting my C.O. and wangling weekend leave. Of course, I found myself playing against such players as Stan Cullis, Joe Mercer, Shankly etc, and as you can imagine, finding it hard going in that company. In fact, Millwall always found it hard going, for they never had the 'pickings' of the class players of that era, as did the elite clubs like Arsenal. But I must say that I became a better player playing against, and with, these famous names. I do remember Frank King (Grimsby) a fellow Sgt. in the R.A., Frank Soo, 'Sailor' Brown and others whose names I can't recall turning out for the 'Lions', and it does bring back pleasant memories.
I went on to play for Exeter City, but eventually had to retire with knee injuries.
And so I was wondering Mr. Creasy, if you have any evidence of my playing for the 'Lions', and this is because I have a son, who quite rightly, will not believe me until he gets some concrete evidence, which I am hoping you may be able to supply.
We look forward to receiving Memory Man Creasy's answers and publishing the same in a future edition.

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MILLWALL YOUTH TEAM
Back Row. L to R: George Stevens (Trainer), David Martin, Phil Coleman, John Helps, Peter Gleasure, Paul Robertson, Alan McKenna, David Payne (coach).
Front Row. L to R: Andy Massey, Tony Dark, Tony Kinsella, Paul Roberts, Kevin O'Callaghan, Ian Gale, Chris Dibble and Dean Horrix.



Action Man in action as he starts his daily routine of telephone calls to his various scouts and contacts.

ACTION MAN
BOB PEARSON

By way of a change this series features one of the backroom boys who work behind the scenes at "The Den" namely Bob Pearson our Chief Scout.

Bob was born in the North East but has spent most of his adult life in Slough. His footballing career was limited to playing as an amateur with Sippenham United, but he retired at 20 years of age, and went on to run Rockets F.C. Slough, as there were over 1,000 members between the ages of 9 years and over 20 year olds, it gave him the ideal background for his progress into League Football.

His career as a scout started at Queens Park Rangers where he eventually became Assistant Chief Scout to Derek Healey under the management of Dave Sexton. He stayed at Q.P.R. for five years, before moving on to Brentford as Chief Scout to their Manager John Docherty.

When Manager Gordon Jago arrived at "The Den" he appointed Derek Healey as Chief Scout, and shortly afterwards Bob, again joined forces with Derek as his assistant, the partnership flourished until Derek Healey rejoined QPR in 1977 as Assistant Manager, and Bob was made Chief Scout to the club, he has played a large part in producing one of the finest youth policies in the country as can be borne out by the number of youngsters who have signed full time forms for the club, some of whom have already made their debuts in the first team.

Bob always emphasises that Quality and not Quantity is what he is looking for, and that ability and character are equally important if a boys natural talents are to be brought to the fore. In his opinion too many youngsters are misled into believing they have a long career in the game ahead of them only to find themselves "out in the cold" after two or three years, mainly Bob says because their ability fails to develop beyond a certain age, a good scout should know a boy's potential very early in his career, and be prepared to encourage his progress, even though at times he may be having a bad patch.

Every week throughout the season Bob takes in ten or eleven games at all levels, and spends hours on the road, or meeting the parents of the boys he wants to sign to assure them that in signing for Millwall, their sons' future will be in good hands, and that they will be taking up a worthwhile career.

Bob rates Ipswich as the club he would most like to emulate as the most consistent producers of home grown talent, "their record is tremendous and if we can achieve the same results there's a place in Division One waiting for us".

Amongst the talent recruited by Bob and currently appearing in the Football League are, Paul Goddard (QPR), Danis Salman and Paul Walker (Brentford), Gordon Sweetzer and Nigel Smith of Cambridge, and David Gregory who has made such an impact on our own fans this season.

The person who has had probably the biggest influence on Bob's career is his old partner Derek Healey who stressed to Bob that ability alone was not enough and that boys must be totally dedicated to making the grade, bearing in mind that each year that passes brings sterner competition for the talented youngsters' signature, and that your own standards will always stand you in good stead on these occasions.

Bob's wife Margaret is a school meals Assistant Cook, they live in Slough with their two sons and a daughter, and a Labrador Dog called "Barney". When he gets the chance Bob enjoys a spot of fishing but says his real hobby is Football. His pet dislikes are people who con youngsters into thinking that soccer is a "bed of roses", and Lorry Drivers who think the roads were made for them alone. Likes good company and to have job satisfaction, and names David Thomas of Everton as the best professional he has ever met.

Bob's quality as a good scout can be judged by the fact that no fewer than eleven of our apprentices and young professionals were brought to the club by him and is a testament of his ability, character and integrity.

Bob pictured here with left to right Derek Healey, (Asst. Manager Q.P.R.), Ted Buxton (Tampa Bay Rowdies), Oscar Arce (Sheffield Utd.), and of course Bob Pearson.



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LUTON TOWN



Front Row (left to right) K. Gutteridge (Assistant Manager), P. Fuccillo. A. West, R. Hatton, D. Pleat (Manager), R. Hill, P. Boersma (now Swansea), R. Johnson (Physiotherapist).
Middle Row: M. Aizlewood, J. McNichol, G. Jones, M. Aleksic (now Tottenham), C. Turner, P. Price, M. Donaghy.
Back Row: G. Ingram, K. Stephens, B. Stein, D. Moss, D. Carr, S. Sherlock.

MANAGER – DAVID PLEAT

Few managers in football can have been thrust into their jobs more dramatically than Luton's boss David Pleat. As a player he had played on the wing for England Youth and Nottingham Forest, and then had three seasons with Luton. Injuries affected his career as he moved on to Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough, but he took FA coaching courses to stay in the game, and tried his hand at management with Nuneaton, in the Southern League.

In 1975 Luton Town hired him for the second time in his life, to be coach to the reserve side. And events really moved rapidly a couple of years later. In December 1975 Luton's first team coach Roy McCrohan left to take a job in the USA, and Mr. Pleat moved up into his job. And within two months Luton lost manager Harry Haslam to Sheffield United, and asked Pleat to take charge.

At 33 he was one of the youngest managers in the league, but within six months he had shown his intentions of re-building the Luton side.

Last season, after a good start, they slipped to within a point of the relegation zone, and Pleat's answer was to carry out the biggest shake-up of players anyone at Kenilworth Road can remember. His transfer turnover approached £900,000 in eight months, with four players sold and nine new faces introduced.

ALAN JUDGE – Spotted playing in schoolboy soccer in Hertfordshire, this young goalkeeper has made rapid strides since being signed as an apprentice in the summer of 1976. He was upgraded to junior pro within a year, and is now putting on the pressure in his ambition to break into the League side.

PAUL PRICE – Luton's longest-serving player, Price has been a model professional since being recruited from youth soccer in 1971. Consistent performances in junior and reserve teams marked him out as an exciting prospect, but the full-back's path to the top had to overcome near-tragedy. On the verge of the League scene in 1974, he broke his leg. He fought his way back to fitness, only to break it for a second time. But the second come-back was permanent, and Price has been a regular member of Luton's side for the past three years.

DAVID CARR – Spotted by a Luton scout near his home town of Margate, full-back Carr joined Luton when he left school at 16 in 1973. Can play equally well in the back four or in midfield, but made his major breakthrough last season when he made the left back position his own after Luton sold Steve Buckley to Derby County.

GRAHAM JONES – Recruited from Manchester schools football at the age of 16 in 1975, Jones turned out to be a highly versatile player. He made rapid strides through Luton's lower teams, and made his League debut at 17. He started as a centre-half, but has also sampled a midfield role in the Second Division, and seems equally at home in either department.

STEVE SHERLOCK – One of nine new players who joined Luton in the hectic first four months of David Pleat's reign as manager. He passed his football apprenticeship with Manchester City, and in 80 Central League games for them was being watched carefully by a number of clubs. Scottish international Willie Donachie kept Sherlock out of the Maine Road limelight, and Luton stepped in for his signature when City allowed him to leave in May 1978.

MARK AIZLEWOOD – David Pleat's confidence in this stylish defence or midfield player was backed dramatically in April 1978. Luton splashed out £50,000 to bring him out of the Fourth Division, where he was playing for Newport County, when he was still only 18. He is a former Welsh Youth international skipper.

TERRY HAYES – Always seeking promising young talent, Luton Manager David Pleat acted quickly when he heard that midfielder Hayes might be allowed to leave Linfield. Pleat won a race against several other clubs to snap up the 18-year-old prospect in March 1978. Hayes had already captained the Northern Ireland Youth team, and won an under-21 cap.

MAL DONAGHY – Glasgow Celtic, Queens Park Rangers, Sheffield United and Wolves were all reported to be interested in the future of Northern Ireland under-21 international Donaghy in the summer of 1978. But Luton were first off the mark, and secured his transfer from Larne, and manager Pleat rates the centre-half one of the best young players ever to come into the English game.

CHRIS TURNER – Luton fought off rival overtures from First Division Norwich to secure the services of accomplished defender Turner, who had been a mainstay at Peterborough for nine seasons. Luton boss Pleat was once a playing colleague of Turner's at Peterborough, had him watched in the 1977/78 season, and then laid out £95,000 for his signature.

PASQUALE FUCCILLO – Son of Italian parents who settled at Bedford, midfield dynamo Fuccillo – "Lil" to his friends and the Luton fans – supplies a lot of Luton's midfield attacking drive. Signed as a 16-year-old apprentice in the summer of 1973, he broke through into the League side within three years, and his power and regular goals have kept him in the side ever since.

ALAN WEST – A brilliant creative player in midfield, West was one of the many young stars to come from Burnley. An England under-23 international, he moved to Luton in October 1973 for £100,000, and is still one of the best long-ball passers in the game today.

RICKY HILL – A midfield player of immense talent, Hill was signed as an apprentice from schoolboy football in North London as a 16-year-old, and within a year his delicate ball skills and explosive shooting had earned him his place in Luton's League side while still only 17. Now 20, he has been capped by England at youth level.

JOHN LUCAS – Luton thought they had missed out when midfielder Lucas, a Welsh schoolboy international turned down their approaches when he left school at 16. He went to Manchester United instead, but within a year, in June 1978, he decided that his prospects might after all be better elsewhere – and Luton got their man after all.

DAVID LAWSON – Brought in to strengthen the squad, goal-keeper David Lawson made his debut to Second Division football when he made the first team recently. Started his professional career with Bradford and Huddersfield, he is also a fully qualified F.A. Coach. When the chances came to leave Everton he was persuaded to accept the challenge of Second Division football by Manager David Pleat.

GODFREY INGRAM – A product of Luton's schoolboy and youth teams, Ingram became a regular member of Luton's reserve side while he was still only 16. His combination of effortless speed and powerful shooting gave him an England Schools international cap. He became an apprentice in the summer of 1976, a junior professional within 12 months, and a member of Luton's League squad a year later.

NIGEL JOHNSON – A quick forward always on the look-out for goals, Johnson is in his second year as a professional with Luton after coming up through their junior teams. He was recruited from schoolboy football in Welwyn Garden City, and is now on the fringe of Football League soccer.

GARY HEALE – Made the breakthrough into Second Division football last season after being with Luton since leaving school in Canvey Island. A good target man in attack, he decided to take his chance with Luton despite approaches from Tottenham, and marked his League debut with a goal. But the highlight of his career so far was when he scored twice at Old Trafford last season, when Luton took mighty Manchester City to a second replay in the Football League Cup.

DAVID MOSS – Respected throughout the game as a model clubman, Moss gave sterling service to Swindon in the Third Division before moving up a division last summer. He was their leading scorer, and Luton liked his pace and accuracy. His £110,000 transfer was a major part of David Pleat's re-building operation in the 1978 close season.

BOB HATTON – One of the most experienced strikers in the game, Luton moved quickly to secure the signature of Hatton in the close season. He had proved that he could score goals in any League in service with Birmingham, Carlisle and Blackpool, and his disappointment at Blackpool's relegation to the Third Division was cancelled out when Luton's £50,000 cheque took him back up to the Second.

KIRK STEPHENS – Luton Manager David Pleat's knowledge of non-League football paid handsome dividends when he signed Stephens, a promising right back with Nuneaton in the Southern League. Pleat was once manager at Nuneaton, and one of his first moves after taking charge at Luton was to go back to his old club to take Stephens into the League scene for a bargain £5,000 fee. Stephens immediately bridged the gap to full-time football to force his way into Luton's first team squad.

JAKE FINDLAY – A record fee for a Luton Town goalkeeper of £100,000 was paid to Aston Villa for Jake Findlay. After 8 years of mainly reserve playing he is happy with this move as it gives him the opportunity to realise his full potential, namely being capped for Scotland.

CIARAN McCURRY – Spotted two months prior to his signing for Luton, Ken Gutteridge was impressed by McCurry when he saw him play in the Irish Hennessy Gold Cup Final. Negotiations followed which resulted in his transfer from Cliftonville for a fee of £5,000. He will add considerably to the midfield strength. He served his apprenticeship with Notts Forest.

facts and figures

● Matches at The Den ( ) substitute appearance Superior figures denote goalscorers. ¹ Own goal

			Res.	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug.	12	Aldershot (FLC1 1st Leg)	1-0	4,937	Cuff	Donaldson	Moore	Allen	Kitchener	Hazell	Hamilton B	Seasman	Mitchell[1]	Pearson	Walker	Lee (11)
Aug.	16	Aldershot (FLC2 2nd Leg)	1-0	6,932	Cuff	Donaldson	Moore	Allen	Kitchener	Hazell	Hamilton J	Hamilton B	Mitchell	Seasman[1]	Pearson	Mehmet (11)
	19 ●	Newcastle United	2-0	10,837	Cuff	Donaldson	Moore	Allen	Tagg	Hazell	Hamilton B	Seasman[2]	Mitchell	Mehmet	Pearson	Lee (8)
	22	Notts County	1-1	6,810	Cuff	Donaldson	Moore	Allen	Kitchener	Hazell	Hamilton B	Mehmet	Mitchell	Pearson	Lee[1]	Hamilton J
	26	Stoke City	0-2	15,176	Cuff	Donaldson	Moore	Allen	Tagg	Hazell	Hamilton B	Walker	Mitchell	Pearson	Lee	Mehmet (10)
	29	Brighton & Hove (LC2)	0-1	16,723	Cuff	Donaldson	Moore	Allen	Kitchener	Hazell	Hamilton B	Seasman	Mitchell	Walker	Mehmet	Lee (11)
Sept.	2 ●	Brighton & Hove Albion	1-4	9,111	Cuff	Donaldson	Moore	Allen	Kitchener	Hazell	Hamilton B	Seasman[1]	Mitchell	Walker	Lee	Mehmet (3)
	9	Preston North End	0-0	8,926	Cuff	Donaldson	Moore	Chambers	Kitchener	Hazell	Hamilton B	Seasman	Mitchell	Walker	Hamilton J	Mehmet (3)
	16 ●	Crystal Palace	0-3	11,653	Cuff	Donaldson	Moore	Mehmet	Kitchener	Hazell	Hamilton B	Seasman	Mitchell	Walker	Lee	Pearson (4)
	23	Fulham	0-1	8,941	Cuff	Donaldson	Tagg	Mehmet	Kitchener	Hazell	Hamilton B	Seasman	Mitchell	Walker	Cross	Gale (4)
	30 ●	Burnley	0-2	5,397	Cuff	Donaldson	Gregory	Gale	Kitchener	Tagg	Hamilton B	Seasman	Mitchell	Walker	Pearson	Hamilton J (11)
Oct.	7	West Ham United	0-3	22,210	Cuff	Donaldson	Gregory	Gale	Kitchener	Tagg	Hamilton B	Seasman	Mitchell	Walker	Pearson	Cross (7)
	14 ●	Sheffield United	1-1	6,365	Cuff	Donaldson	Gregory	Gale	Kitchener	Tagg	Towner	Seasman[1]	Mitchell	Walker	Pearson	Hamilton J
	21	Sunderland	2-3	19,962	Cuff	Donaldson	Gregory	Gale	Kitchener	Tagg	Towner[1]	Seasman	Mitchell	Walker	Pearson	Hamilton B[1] (4)
	28 ●	Charlton Athletic	0-2	10,054	Cuff	Donaldson	Gregory	Mehmet	Kitchener	Tagg	Towner	Pearson	Seasman	Walker	Hamilton B	McKenna (8)
Nov.	4 ●	Oldham Athletic	2-3	5,635	Cuff	Donaldson	Gregory	Hamilton B[1]	Kitchener	Tagg	Towner	Seasman	Mitchell	Walker	Mehmet[1]	Pearson
	11	Newcastle United	0-1	20,561	Cuff	Donaldson	Moore	Hamilton B	Kitchener	Tagg	Towner	Seasman	Mitchell	Walker	Mehmet	Pearson
	18 ●	Stoke City	3-0	6,940	Cuff	Donaldson	Moore	Chatterton	Kitchener	Tagg	Towner	Seasman[1]	Mitchell[2]	Walker	Mehmet	Chambers (7)
	21	Brighton & Hove Albion	0-3	19,387	Cuff	Donaldson	Moore	Mehmet	Kitchener	Tagg	Towner	Seasman	Mitchell	Walker	Chatterton	Chambers
	25	Wrexham (1)	0-3	9,080	Cuff	Donaldson	Moore	Chatterton	Kitchener	Tagg	Towner	Seasman	Mitchell	Walker	Mehmet	Chambers (3)
Dec.	2 ●	Cardiff City	*2-0	5,551	Cuff	Donaldson	Gregory	Chambers	Kitchener	Blyth	Towner	Seasman	Mitchell[1]	Walker	Chatterton	Dibble
	9	Bristol Rovers	3-0	7,191	Cuff	Donaldson	Gregory	Chambers[1]	Kitchener	Blyth	Towner	Seasman	Mitchell[1]	Walker	Chatterton[1]	Dibble
	16 ●	Blackburn Rovers (2)	1-1	6,070	Cuff	Donaldson	Gregory	Chambers	Kitchener	Blyth	Towner	Seasman[1]	Mitchell	Walker	Chatterton	Mehmet (4)
	23	Orient														
	26 ●	Luton Town														
	30 ●	Leicester City														
Jan.	1	Cambridge United														
	6	Blackburn Rovers (FAC 3)														
	13 ●	Preston North End														
	17	League Cup SF														
	20	Crystal Palace														
	24	League Cup SF														
	27	FA Cup 4														
Feb.	3 ●	Fulham														
	10	Burnley														
	17 ●	West Ham United (5)														
	24	Sheffield United														
Mar.	3 ●	Sunderland														
	10	Charlton Athletic (6)														
	17	Oldham Athletic (LCF)														
	24 ●	Notts County														
	31 ●	Wrexham (SF)														
Apr.	7	Cardiff City														
	10 ●	Orient														
	14	Luton Town														
	17 ●	Cambridge United														
	21	Blackburn Rovers														
	28 ●	Bristol Rovers														
May	5	Leicester City														
	12	F.A. Cup Final														

MIDWEEK LEAGUE
up to and including 29th November

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	8	5	2	1	21	13	12
Southend Utd.	8	5	1	2	17	8	11
Northampton T.	9	4	2	3	15	11	10
Watford	9	3	4	2	17	14	10
Peterborough Utd.	8	3	2	3	8	13	8
Charlton A.	8	2	3	3	13	10	7
Wimbledon	7	3	1	3	9	16	7
Millwall	6	2	2	2	12	7	6
Portsmouth	7	3	0	4	12	17	6
Brentford	8	3	0	5	15	20	6
Cambridge Utd.	8	1	4	3	10	16	6
Gillingham	6	1	1	4	5	9	3

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIVISION ONE
up to and including 2nd December 1978

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	14	11	0	3	31	13	22
Crystal Palace	16	10	2	4	39	27	22
Chelsea	14	9	2	3	38	27	20
Tottenham H.	12	9	1	2	36	19	19
Gillingham	14	8	2	4	26	18	18
Arsenal	15	8	2	5	27	21	18
Portsmouth	14	7	1	6	24	23	15
Q.P.R.	12	5	3	4	23	14	13
West Ham Utd.	15	5	3	7	25	30	13
Ipswich Town	12	4	3	5	27	26	11
Orient	14	5	1	8	19	27	11
Norwich City	14	4	3	7	15	27	11
Charlton A.	15	4	1	10	27	35	9
Watford	12	4	1	7	11	22	9
Fulham	14	1	4	9	13	29	6
Southend Utd.	15	2	1	12	17	40	5

FOR THE RECORD

S.E. COUNTIES
Saturday, 16th December v Q.P.R. (H)
Lost 1-2
Team: Gleasure, Dark, Robinson, Gale, Coleman, Roberts P., Massey, Dibble, McKenna, Kinsella, O'Callaghan.
Substitutes: Horrix, Martin.
Scorer: Gale.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
up to and including 16th December, 1978

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
C. Palace	20	7	2	1	19	7	3	6	1	14	9	28
Stoke City	20	6	3	1	20	8	4	3	3	8	11	26
West Ham	20	7	2	1	24	6	3	3	4	16	15	25
Brighton	20	8	0	2	22	7	2	3	5	11	17	23
Sunderland	20	6	2	2	18	10	3	3	4	12	15	23
Newcastle	20	7	2	1	13	5	2	3	5	8	14	23
Notts Co.	20	5	4	1	11	7	3	3	4	15	24	23
Burnley	19	7	1	1	21	11	1	5	4	11	17	22
Wrexham	19	5	4	1	16	7	2	3	4	8	12	21
Fulham	19	5	3	3	16	10	3	2	3	9	12	21
Charlton	20	3	4	3	15	11	4	2	4	18	20	20
Cambridge	20	2	6	2	12	11	3	3	4	10	13	19
Bristol Rov.	19	8	1	1	26	15	0	2	7	3	21	19
Orient	20	5	2	3	15	9	2	2	6	7	15	18
Oldham	19	4	4	1	12	7	2	2	6	13	24	18
Luton Town	19	6	1	3	28	10	1	2	6	7	16	17
Preston	20	4	4	2	22	13	2	1	7	11	24	17
Leicester	19	2	3	4	9	11	2	5	3	7	9	16
Sheff. Utd.	19	4	1	4	15	12	1	3	6	9	18	14
Blackburn	19	1	6	2	13	12	2	1	7	8	22	13
Millwall	20	3	2	5	12	17	1	2	7	6	17	12
Cardiff	19	3	3	3	13	15	1	1	8	10	27	12

MIDWEEK LEAGUE FIXTURES

Aug.	**23**	**Wimbledon.....5-0**
Sept.	**6**	**Watford.....0-0**
	20	Peterborough.....1-2
	27	Portsmouth.....5-2
Oct.	**4**	**Charlton L.C. 3-1**
	11	Charlton L.C. 1-0
	24	Brentford L.C. 2-2
Nov.	**8**	**Charlton 1-3**
	13	**Brentford L.C. 0-0**
	20	**Cambridge.....0-0**
Dec.	**7**	**Peterborough.....1–2**
	20	**Portsmouth.....**
Jan.	**3**	**Brentford.....**
	9	Brentford.....
	17	**Brighton.....**
	24	**Southend.....**
	31	Watford.....
Feb.	6	Northampton.....
	13	Wimbledon.....
	27	Cambridge.....
Mar.	**14**	**Northampton.....**
	20	Brighton.....
	27	Southend.....
April	4	Gillingham.....

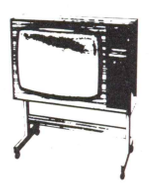
To Arrange Gillingham (H)
Charlton (A)

S.E. COUNTIES FIXTURES

Aug.	**19**	**Charlton.....2-0**
	26	**Norwich.....4-0**
Sept.	**2**	**West Ham.....0-3**
	9	Ipswich.....1-2
	16	**Fulham.....5-1**
	23	Portsmouth (LC(1)).....1-0
	30	**Orient.....3-2**
Oct.	7	Crystal Palace.....0-1
	14	Fulham.....1-0
	16	**Colchester (SJFC1).....9-0**
	21	Arsenal.....3-0
	28	**Arsenal (SECLC2) 3-1**
Nov.	4	Q.P.R. 2-1
	11	Charlton.....3-1
	18	**Tottenham.....1-0**
	22	**Slough Town (F.A.Y.C.) 3-0**
	25	Gillingham.....3-1
	29	Gillingham (SJFC2).....1-0
Dec.	**2**	**Southend.....3-1**
	9	Chelsea.....POSTPONED
	16	**Q.P.R. 1–2**
	23	Portsmouth.....
	30	**Arsenal.....**
Jan.	6	Norwich.....
	8	**Norwich City (FAYC 3)**
	13	**Crystal Palace.....**
	20	Orient.....
Feb.	3	West Ham.....
	17	**Gillingham.....**
Mar.	**3**	**Ipswich.....**
	10	Tottenham.....
	17	Watford.....
	24	**Chelsea.....**
Apr.	7	Southend.....
	21	**Watford.....**
	28	**Portsmouth.....**

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POINT OF CONTROVERSY

Following the random drug tests on World Cup Stars during the last World Cup competition, we have recently read that a referee and his linesman were found to have received gifts prior to officiality in a EUFA Cup game, from one of the clubs taking part namely A.C. Milan. More and more players and Managers are being accused of "bringing the game into disrepute". One sometimes wonders where it is all going to end. There is no doubt that it affects the credibility of the game in the eyes of the general public, but when one stops to think about it and compares it with big business, then perhaps it can be put in its proper context. I refer to the "perks" that are available for contracts given, and certain "under the counter" deals which are taken as part of the transaction, I am sure a lot of us could relate the latter example to ourselves in some small way, a bottle of whisky given by a supplier to his customer, with an obvious aim of ensuring a continuation of business. The former however, does have one important aspect, that which by merit of the fact that it affects the result of what should be a fair competition between two teams and ruled by unbiased officials. Should the public themselves also take some of the blame as they thirst for the success of their teams, company etc. That I fear is a question few of us would care to answer. As I see it stricter guidelines should be laid down as to the definition of "stimulants" within sport in general, and a ban not only on the Players but also on his team or country should a test come up positive, it is incomprehensible that clubs cannot conduct their own tests, particularly if they also stand to be punished just as much as the offending individual.

Officials at all levels should have no doubt as to what is right or wrong to accept and the offending club should be reported to their official body.

The game today is in a worse enough financial plight, without some of the participants, "fanning the flames" and giving the pundits of the press, the opportunity to run exclusives on the seamy side of football, surely sanity must return or shall we see the face of football changed forever. Never to return to the "good old days" which gave us so much pleasure. What do you think?

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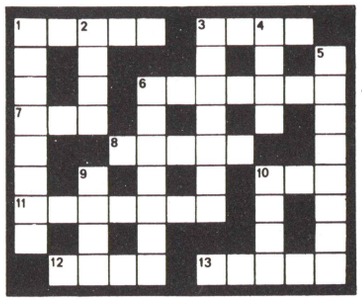
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CLUES — Across

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 2dn.

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)

SOLUTIONS — Across
1. Peter 3. back 7 & 6. Ray Pointer 8. Arntz 10. Gil 11. Kendall 12. Fyfe

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

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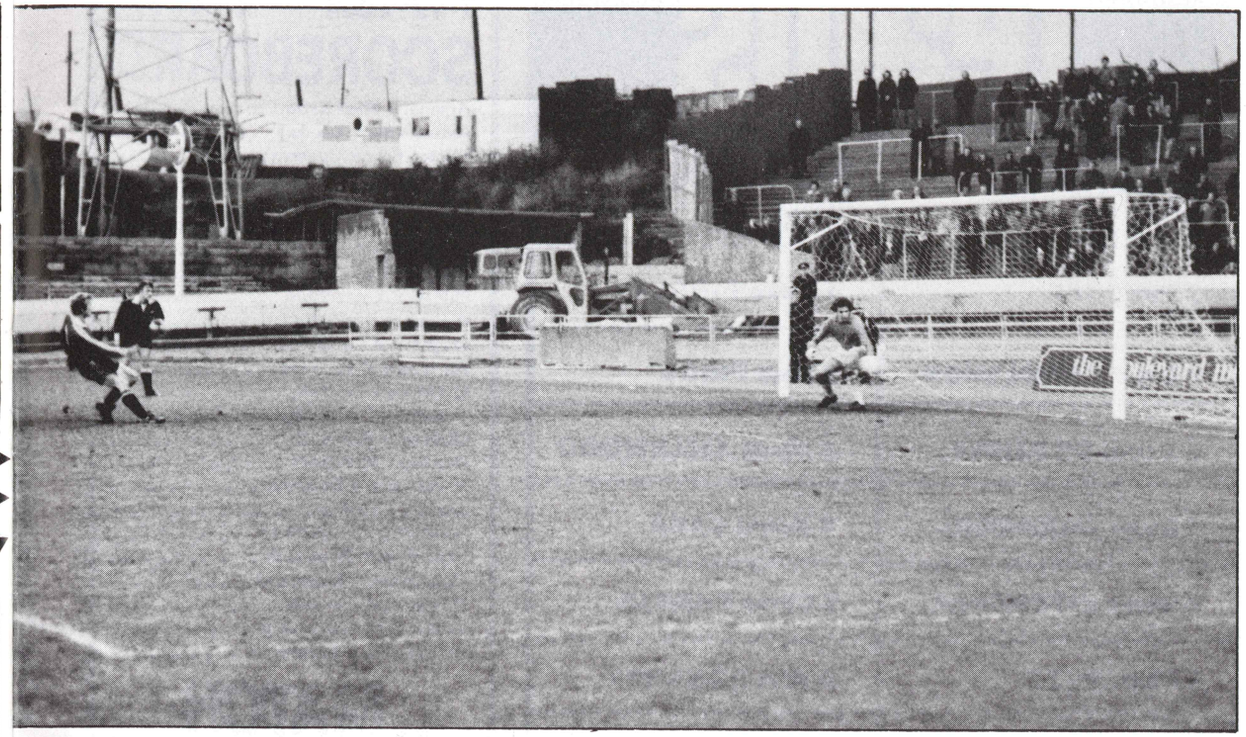
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Nick Chatterton steps up to slam home the 'Lions' first goal ▶ from the penalty spot against Bristol Rovers.
John Mitchell slams home number two, with the Bristol de- ▶ fenders helpless.
Phil Walker just fails to beat the Bristol goalkeeper in this ▼ aerial battle.
Photos: Graham Tonks.





teams

MILLWALL Blue Shirts, White Shorts	LUTON Orange, Navy/White Shirts Navy Blue Shorts
1 Pat CUFF	1 Jake FINDLAY
2 Dave DONALDSON	2 Paul PRICE
3 David GREGORY	3 Mark AIZLEWOOD
4 Brian CHAMBERS	4 David CARR
5 Barry KITCHENER	5 Chris TURNER
6 Mel BLYTH	6 Mal DONAGHY
7 Tony TOWNER	7 Alan WEST
8 John SEASMAN	8 Ricky HILL
9 John MITCHELL	9 Brian STEIN
10 Phil WALKER	10 Bob HATTON
11 Nicky CHATTERTON	11 David MOSS
12	12

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Everton v Man. City.....
Ipswich v Norwich.....
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