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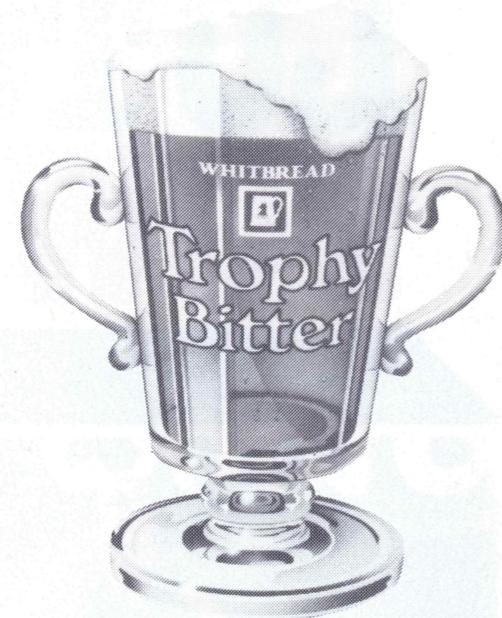
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DAVID PLEAT

THE recent bad weather has, I hope, relented to enable us to greet our friends from Bristol Rovers today. I am sure that we can expect a keen encounter and only a return to our best form will be good enough to gain points. Quite possibly we shall be welcoming our new signing, Steve Taylor from Oldham today. I am sure he will have a successful career here and will add much needed competition for places up front. Good luck Steve, keep up your goals record and we shall be well pleased.

A word of praise for our youngsters. Last Saturday when most of you were enjoying the warmth of your fireside chair, our Youth team treated a few hundred faithful fans to a fine display of skillful and competitive football. They beat Arsenal 1-0 to reach the last 16 of the F.A. Youth Cup. If they can reproduce their team play and spirit they might just surprise a few people and go further in the competition than any previous Luton side.



Roy Johnson, our physiotherapist has had his most busy period since I asked him to join our staff last summer. His room has been like a casualty clearing station lately and it is in these situations that opportunities arrive quicker than expected for younger players.

Unfortunately, the bad weather has meant cancellation of Reserve fixtures too, so some youth players have been denied chances.

Today our players will be wearing black armbands as a mark of respect for Mr. Len Hawkins, a Chairman, Board Member and active supporter of this club for many years. Mr. Hawkins was a gentleman sportsman whose heart was in Luton Town. I would like to convey our most sincere sympathies to his wife and family.

Many fans only hear of the glamourous side of football. There are many less happy moments. Irish youngster Ciaron McCurry returned home after not satisfying medical standards. Martin Sperrin was allowed to leave for Barnet. Lilly Fuccillo is reconciling himself to a spell out of the game after an ignorant fellow professionally 'tackled' him. Chris Turner damaged his shoulder at Fulham. Milija Alessic was transferred to Tottenham. To them all in their way we wish them good luck. Much seems to have happened since our last home game against Preston.

Finally may I wish you all from my Staff, Directors and players a Happy, Healthy and Successful New Year.

Bristol Rovers



Back Row: Stuart Taylor, Steve Harding, Graham Day, Paul Randall, Dave Staniforth, Peter Aitken, Martin Thomas, Glyn Jones, David Williams, Mike Barry, Phil Bater, Frankie Prince, Tony Pulis, Miah Dennehy.

Middle Row: Steve White, Vaughan Jones, Paul Hendrie, Phil Lythgoe, Harold Jarman (coach), Bill Dodgin (chief scout), Bobby Campbell (manager), Wayne Jones (physio.), Andrew Evans, Alan Houl, Keith Brown, Martin Shaw.

Front Row: Mike England, Mark Hughes, Jeff Shaw, Paul Petts, Gary Mabbutt, Gary Clarke, Ashley Griffiths, Dave Palmer, Geraint Williams.

MARTIN THOMAS (Goalkeeper): A bright future is predicted for this 18-year-old who established himself last season as Rovers No. 1 Goalkeeper. From Senghenydd, near Caerphilly, is a former Welsh Youth International, whose brother is a Cardiff Rugby Club Winger. Voted "Player of the year" by Rovers supporters last Season. Height 6'1". Weight 12st 11lbs.

GLYN JONES (Goalkeeper): 19-year-old former apprentice, with Aston Villa as a schoolboy. Well-built and could mature into an outstanding goalkeeper. Born and Bred in Newport, Gwent. Made his debut last season, when Martin Thomas was injured. Height 6'0". Weight 13st 1lb.

PETERAITKEN (Defender): A versatile 24-year-old former apprentice who settled down well at right back last season, his fifth as a regular in Rovers senior squad. From Penarth, near Cardiff. Ex-Welsh youth and Under-23-cap. Height 6'1½". Weight 12st 1lb.

PHIL BATER (Full-back): Quick-tackler from Cardiff, who came into the side shortly after Rovers reached the Second Division in 1974. Can play right or left back with equal comfort. Age 23, one of several Rovers Players with his sights on a senior Welsh Cap, to add to the Youth and Under-21 honours he has already earned. Height 5'10". Weight 11st 12lbs.

STUART TAYLOR (Centre-half): Rovers most experienced pro. having made over 550 appearances, after being rejected by Bristol City as a School-boy. This 30-year-old local product, one of the tallest players in the entire League is dangerous when moving into Rovers attack for corners and free-kicks. Height 6'4½". Weight 14st 6lb.

GRAHAM DAY (Centre-half): Another local, aged 24, with Bristol City as a school-boy, recruited by Rovers as a part-timer from an amateur club five years ago, up-graded to full professional eighteen months later. Spent three summers with American Club Portland Timbers. Height 6'1½". Weight 12st 4lbs.

STEVE HARDING (Centre-half): A free transfer signing from Bristol City in the summer of 1977. Bristolian. Former Youth England International. A sturdy 21-year-old who even whilst playing for City always lived within a stone's throw of Rovers Eastville Stadium. Height 6'1". Weight 14st 4lbs.

TONY PULIS (Defender): Enthusiastic 21-year-old former Welsh Youth International from Newport. Recognised as a centre half but played frequently in midfield last season. His family originates from

Malta. Made his League debut while still an apprentice and has considerable experience under his belt. Height 5'10". Weight 11st 9lbs.

VAUGHAN JONES (Defender): Made his League debut two seasons ago, when still a 17-year-old apprentice. From Tonyrofail, Mid-Glamorgan. Former Welsh Youth International equally at home in both full back positions and centre back. Height 5'9". Weight 11st 2lbs.

DAVID WILLIAMS (Utility): 23-year-old from Cardiff, who probably plays best in the back four but whose versatile skills and shooting ability often prompt manager Bobby Campbell to use him to boost Rovers mid-field or attack. Former Welsh Under-23 cap. Signed his first contract in 1976, while at college, and is a qualified schoolmaster, now in his first season as a full-timer. Height 5'10½". Weight 12st 7lbs.

FRANKIE PRINCE (Midfield): Former Welsh Under-23 defender, who has filled a midfield berth for the past five seasons. Born and Bred in Penarth, he has become a Rovers stalwart, with about 400 appearances to his credit.

PAUL HENDRIE (Midfield): 24-year-old Scot from Kilsyth, Stirlingshire. Scottish Schoolboy International, playing alongside Rangers crack marksman Derek Johnstone. Played 20 times for First Division Birmingham City, went Stateside with Portland Timbers early in 1976 and signed for Rovers just after the start of last season. Height 5'7". Weight 10st 6lbs.

MIKE BARRY (Midfield): Wily Yorkshireman signed from Carlisle United early last season, and was frequently played as a winger. Born Hull, started career with Huddersfield. Has Welsh father, thereby qualified for Welsh Under-23 "Cap". Aged 25. Height 5'10". Weight 11st 6lbs.

ANDREW EVANS (Winger): Natural left winger from the famous Rhondda Valley. This skilful 21-year-old former apprentice can also play midfield. Ex-Welsh Youth and Under-21 International. In Rovers senior squad for the last three years missed most of last season through ankle injury. Height 5'9". Weight 10st 7lbs.

DAVE STANIFORTH (Striker): Ex-Sheffield United, transferred to Rovers four years ago for £20,000. This hard working, bearded native of Chesterfield can always be relied upon to load the attack with 100% endeavour. Height 6'0". Weight 12st 1lbs.

MIAH DENNEHY (Winger): Former Eire International, became Bobby Campbell's first fee signing when transferred from Walsall in July. This speedy Cork-born 28-year-old came to England five years ago to join Nottingham Forest and moved on to Walsall two Seasons later. Height 5'9". Weight 10st 13lbs.

ALAN HOULT (Striker): 21-year-old Leicester lad released by his home town Club in the summer without being given a chance in their first team although he played League soccer for Hull City and Lincoln City during loan spells. Impressed Rovers' Officials in Leicester reserves. Height 5'9". Weight 10st 8lbs.

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WELCOME

OUR welcome and greetings go this week to Bristol Rovers, and due to bad weather forcing us to cancel our New Year's Day match with Stoke City, this will be our opening game at Kenilworth Road for 1979.

Never before has Bristol boasted two such successful soccer teams as this season with City looking more and more certain of consolidating their First Division place and Rovers only just outside the Second Division promotion race. Many of us will recall the lengthy spells either side of the Second World War when both clubs were in Division Three (South) and in fact Rovers had an unbroken run in that Division from its foundation in 1920 to 1953 when they won promotion for the first time. This was achieved with basically the same team that had progressed to the fifth round of the F.A. Cup in 1951 and had given the ultimate winners Newcastle United a bit of a fright before they went through in a replay.

Rovers had some notable forwards at that time, men like Geoff Bradford, who clocked up 245 goals in 16 seasons, lively winger George Petherbridge and resolute defenders Ray Warren and Harry Bamford. By the 60's, however, most of these stalwarts had retired and Rovers slipped back into Division Three in 1962, emerging again in 1974 when they were runners up to Oldham. Since then they have managed to stay up, but without very much to spare, and in the last four seasons their highest position has been fifteenth in 1976/7.

Last season they were just one point above relegated Blackpool, but despite an inauspicious start to the present season with a first round League Cup defeat by Hereford they have averaged a point a game in the league. This is almost entirely due to a remarkable home record, which saw them win their first seven games in a row and score 19 goals in the process. It was not until the end of October, however, that they picked up their first away point (at Leicester), but on Boxing Day they gained a notable 1-0 win at Crystal Palace and followed this up four days later by taking a point from Preston.

Though they have dropped four points at home recently (and the 3-0 defeat by Millwall was one of the seasons surprises) they have continued to supply their fans with plenty of entertainment, particularly in the 5-5 draw with Charlton when Paul Randall, last season's goalscoring discovery, netted his second hat trick of the season. Paul has since moved to Stoke and Rovers hopes of staying in the top half of the table must depend to a large extent on whether they can keep the goals flowing.

HERE TODAY

AT THE time of writing they have scored just twice in their last five games and local lad Steve White, who made his debut last season, and Dave Staniforth, who was signed from Sheffield United four years ago, will probably be leading the attack, striving to add to the tally today.

Welsh-born David Williams and ex-Birmingham man Paul Hendrie have both been on the mark recently and they will probably be linking up in the engine room today with long-serving Frankie Prince, who has over 350 first team appearances to his credit. Former Walsall man Miah Dennehy and youth team product Tony Pulis also may be in the running for midfield places. In defence Stuart Taylor has this season become the first Rovers player to make 500 appearances for the club. He is a home-grown product, his great height making him particularly effective in the air and he is joined in the back row by three more one-club men, Peter Aitken, Phil Bater and Graham Day, all with several seasons' experience behind them. Behind them the tall young Welshman Martin Thomas has acquitted himself splendidly since coming into the side last season and Manager Bobby Campbell who moved up from coach to take over from Don Megson, can feel proud of a basically young side that has cost little in transfer fees.

LUTON TOWN v WEST HAM UNITED

THE recent bad weather has certainly

played havoc with the football fixtures and at the time of writing we are three games behind in the league. We have managed to arrange a new date for the match with West Ham and it will be played on Tuesday, February 20th, with a 7.30p.m. kick-off. Supporters who had purchased tickets for the abandoned match will be able to see the game as the tickets will still be valid.

An announcement will be made as soon as we have rearranged the date for the match with Stoke.

DEATH OF FORMER CHAIRMAN

IT IS with regret that we announce the death of one of the Town's keenest supporters. Former chairman of the Club, Len Hawkins, collapsed and died on Boxing Day. He was 71. Son-in-law of Charles Jeyses, another ex-chairman, he concentrated on voluntary work for the Bobbers Club after he resigned as chairman.

He was an expert bowls player and was the most senior playing member of the South Beds Golf Club. However his major interest in life was the Hatters and his association with them goes back to 1934.

I am sure all supporters will join with us in sending out deepest sympathy to his family.

REPORT ON LIL

FANS will be pleased to know that Lil Fuccillo is making good progress. His leg is healing nicely and our Club medical officer, Dr. Peter Burrows says given time he will be as good as new. Unfortunately this will take time and it is doubtful if we shall see him play again this season. Happy New Year to you Lil and we look forward to seeing you later this year.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

TRYING to get up to date with our Birthday greetings due to game cancellations, a belated Happy Birthday to David Lawson and Greetings to Clive Goodyear, David Carr and Neil Madden.

PROGRAMME EXCHANGE

WE HAVE recently had enquiries by fans who collect Match programmes if we know of any other supporter who would like to swap or sell spare programmes. If any Hatters fan has any programmes he wishes to exchange or dispose of please drop us a line and we shall be pleased to print your request.

ALTHOUGH IT IS A LITTLE LATE TO OFFER SEASONS GREETINGS THE DIRECTORS' MANAGER, PLAYERS AND STAFF OF LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB WISH ALL OUR SUPPORTERS, ADVERTISERS AND SPONSORS A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT MR. JOHN BAIN

FANS will be pleased to know that Mr. John Bain one of our former directors and currently Deputy President, is now back home and feeling much better. He unfortunately was taken ill and had to spend a period in the Luton and Dunstable Hospital. We send him our Greetings and look forward to seeing him back soon at Kenilworth Road.

FROM JOHN WILKINSON

SINCE I last wrote in the programme many things have happened, some good and some bad. To deal with the latter first, it came as a great shock to me to learn of the death of Mr. Len Hawkins, our former chairman and director. He made many friends in football and I have had many letters from Football League clubs expressing their sympathy, and these letters I have passed on to his family. His one ambition in life was success for Luton Town and travelled hundreds of miles with various managers looking for players and he was always ready to tell a tale of the problems they had in trying to persuade certain players to join us.

After leaving the Board of Directors he concentrated his efforts on the Bobbers Stand Club. He was on duty every morning and on match days could always be seen sitting in his seat near the entrance to the Club.

I also learned last week of the death of Percy Abbott, our programme seller

organiser. Percy was one of the back room boys who never came into the public eye, but his connections with Luton Town go back almost forty years. He used to count out the programmes for each seller and then count the ones left on their return and pay the boys the commission they had earned. In fact Percy did everything possible to ensure that the supporters got your programme at certain points of the ground every week. We shall miss him very much for when a person has been connected with the club that long, you don't suddenly forget them. To his family we send our deepest sympathy.

Now on the brighter side. Last week Steve Taylor joined us from Oldham and I hope his stay at Luton will be a long and happy one. Hopefully he will knock a few goals in for us.

At this point I would like to congratulate not only our youth side for their victory over Arsenal in the F.A. Youth Cup last Saturday but also the 306 spectators who braved the cold weather to watch the game. I think they were rewarded by an exhibition of football by 22 players who didn't let playing on snow worry them. I only wish that a few more coaches were there to watch the boys play (there wasn't much going on anywhere else) and perhaps they could get through to some senior players that you can play good football under these conditions.

I suppose that many of you saw in the local paper recently that Doug Lygo's successor is to be the Leicester City's secretary John Smith. I have known John for many years now and think that his joining Luton Town will be a great asset to us. He is very well thought of by the people in football and once he gets to grips with the job here we can only progress. Welcome to John and we hope your stay will be long and happy.

At this point I would like to wish the staff and you the supporters a Very Happy New Year and hope that the New Year brings what you want the most.

Enjoy the match.

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PROGRAMME FAIRE

THE Blues Supporters Club (Barking F.C.) are holding another faire after last season's successful one, and have asked us to give details for any fan who is interested.

The 2nd Annual Barking Football Programme Faire will be held at the Barking Football Club, Mayesbrook Park, Lodge Avenue, Dagenham, Essex, on Sunday 28th January '79 commencing at 10.30 a.m. Entry to the Faire is by programme at the door price 20p.

BOBBERS TRAVEL CLUB

THE BOBBERS Club is starting an Away Travel Section run by Steve and Jenny Russell. If anyone is interested please send an S.A.E. to the address below and they will be pleased to send you information on cheaper travel etc. — Mr. & Mrs. S. Russell, 19, Broadbank Court, Handcross Road, Luton.

BALL SPONSORS

WE HAVE an unusual sponsor for our Match Ball today. The cheque arrived at our office with the attached letter — From a few friends who are long-time supporters of Luton Town. With compliments. — Many thanks for this unselfish gesture.

MASCOT

TODAY'S mascot is Dominic Carrington who is 8 years old. Dominic attends St. Joseph's School and plays in a junior team for the school. He has followed the Hatters for two years and his favourite players are Alan West and Bob Hatton. His hobbies apart from football are music and stamp collecting and he is no mean tap-dancer, holding several medals for this.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

THE staff and players at Kenilworth Road would like to thank all the supporters who sent us Christmas Cards and particularly the children who sent us drawings. Many thanks, they were greatly appreciated.

CROSSWORD 15

CLUES - ACROSS

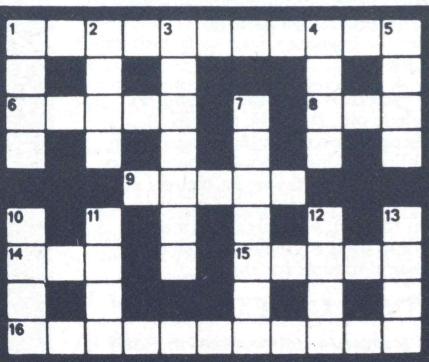
1. He managed several League clubs including the two in Nottingham (4,7)
6. Southern League side (5)
8. Head the ball (3)
9. Law 1 says they must be "distinctive" (5)
14. --- Stielike (Real Madrid and West Germany) (3)
15. Striker who was the first £100,000 transfer between two Scottish clubs (5) . . .
16. --- his goal-keeping team-mate with Rangers and with Scotland (5,6)

CLUES - DOWN

1. Irish League side (4)
2. Syrett or Shipperley (4)
3. Former long-serving Forest favourite who preceded 1ac. as manager of Notts County (7)
4. Morrin or Macken (4)
5. They're picked on the toss of a coin (4)
7. Former Plymouth keeper whose last two seasons' Luton displays won him the nickname "Elastic" (7)
10. New West Germany manager: --- Derwall (4)
11. Irish League sponsors (4)
12. Manchester City's most-capped player (4)
13. Rowland or Rollings (4)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD No. 14

Across: 1. Ian Lawther, 7. Emmerich (v. Floriana), 9. Cup, 10. See 13dn, 14. See 6dn, 15. Linfield, 17. Hyde United.
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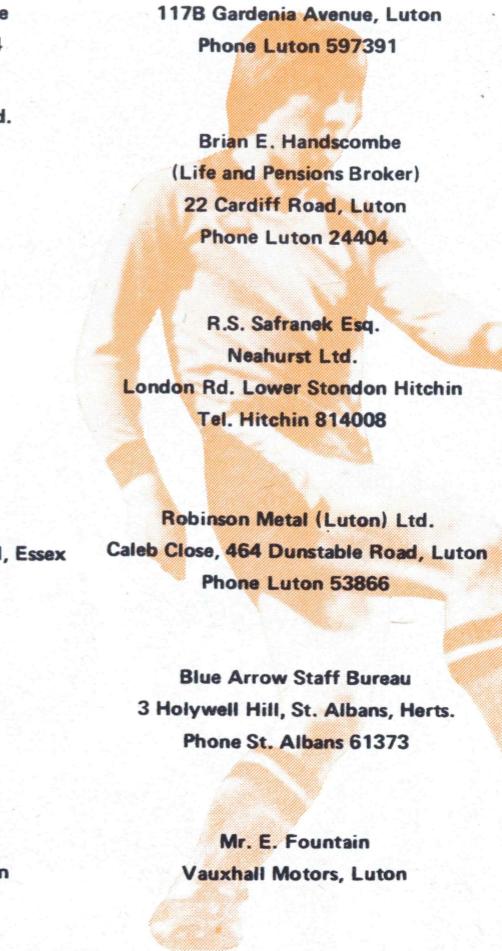
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LEEDS v LUTON TOWN (Round 5 League Cup)

OUR action shots today are two that we haven't been able to print before. The one below shows Brian Stein scoring our only goal at Leeds. The shot of Chris Turner is not a spot the ball competition, although it would make a good one.



ACTION ACT

VIEWPOINT

SO Don Revie and Alan Ball have been accused, tried and finally sentenced by their Peers and another unsavoury incident is swept under the carpet. Although this bit of dirty washing settled and caused a stir in the news media at the time, the root cause of it all is a small word which has taken quite a bashing more than once this season — Loyalty.

Many people have screamed for Don Revies' head on a plate for having the nerve to get a better deal for himself financially, but they conveniently forget the recent spate of managers who have been sacked because their team, due to one reason or another, is having a run of bad luck and relegation looms large over the horizon. Loyalty is a two-way business and both sides of any bargain need to show good will and stand by each other in times of crisis.

There are obviously occasions when the manager has just not got the ability to pull the team through, or quite rightly accepts the responsibility for the performance of his team, and must expect brickbats as well as bouquets, but too often recently when things have gone wrong, the brickbats have been accompanied with a knife in the back, and so another bewildered manager joins the dole queue. It seems that Chairmen and Directors of clubs facing difficulties, in many cases, are only too pleased and quick to pass the buck and find a scapegoat for what could possibly be a portion of the blame which could rest with them.

It is not surprising then that a manager who is offered what could be a higher financial reward and possibly greater security takes advantage of it and breaks his contract. Immediately up goes the shout of disloyalty, and viewing it from one side only it could be true, but there is a flip side to every L.P. and judgement must not be hasty.

It is interesting to note that Jack Charlton, whose opinion must be respected, felt it necessary to make a comment on the trial, and he made no bones about where his sympathies lay. Whether you agree with him or not is not really the crux of the matter, what does matter is that the good name of English football, which is the finest in the world, has been brought into disrepute, and its a sad day for all of us involved in the game.

There are not many teams in the League that can boast of only having had five managers in 78 years like West Ham. West Ham like every other team has had its share of ups and downs, but there must be a moral to their story somewhere, which other clubs could well profit by.

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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

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

WHEN THE Town went into the New Year a decade ago the weather, as now, deprived those of us who need our regular Saturday dose of soccer at Kenilworth Road.

Many of us were hoping for great things because the Town went into 1969 with a new manager, Alec Stock, and the usual brave promises from directors that no expense would be spared to maintain the push for promotion from the Third Division. And then the fog came down and we all went home. . .

That was on January 11, 1969, when Crewe Alexandra were due to be the visitors.

As this column has not appeared for two months, the events of December 1968 may be worth recalling. In a nutshell, manager Allan Brown was asked to resign because on Friday the 13th he accepted an invitation from Leicester City to apply for the job as their manager, in succession to Matt Gillies.

The Town's directors gave Leicester permission to make the approach, but it transpired later that they considered Brown's Leicester interview a mark of disloyalty to the club he had served as player and boss.

Within a week — and after failing to get the Leicester job — they had asked him to resign, and he did so. Just as well too — they had already given the Luton manager's job to Alec Stock, 51, who had recently parted company with Queen's Park Rangers.

Stock came with a great track record, Leicester City appointed Frank O'Farrell as their manager, and Brown completed the

merry-go-round of managerial changes by taking O'Farrell's old job at Torquay.

The Town put up a valiant fight in the FA Cup Third Round at Maine Road, being unlucky losers to Manchester City to a single goal, a penalty by Francis Lee.

On January 8, it was back to the Third Division treadmill, for a midweek game away to Shrewsbury. And once more the mysterious difference between home and away performances continued, with Shrewsbury winning 3-1, with two goals in a minute swinging the game their way.

Bruce Rioch hit the bar early on and Alan Slough rattled in a 20-yard blockbuster to put the Town ahead in the 32nd minute. But Douglas equalised in the 43rd minute, and 60 seconds later Terry Branston upended Hawkins in a tackle a yard outside the box. The striker had the good sense to fall headlong into the penalty area, and after furious Town protests Meredith scored from the spot. Wood hit the killer third goal in the 77th minute.

Off the field, the annual accounts were published, and the usual chicken and egg position had arisen. Gates in the Fourth Division championship season had risen nicely, and the Town actually turned in an operating profit, which was to be a rare event in the following years. But to keep up the momentum Brown had gone into the transfer market, and his dealings totted up to a net deficit of £60,000. So the trading profit of nearly £8,000 became a loss for the year of £52,000.

YOUTH

By George Rogers

AFTER the Christmas break and the adverse weather the Youth team was able to get back to competitive football on Saturday 6th January. On this day they entertained a strong Arsenal youth side in the 3rd round of the F.A. Youth Cup. With the reserves not playing it allowed the youth team a rare appearance on the Kenilworth Rd., pitch and also gave the 300 supporters present, a chance to see these young lads.

With a light covering of snow on the pitch, play commenced fairly even after 20 minutes, following a cross from the left, Martin Conquest steered the ball into the net to put Luton in front. Arsenal came more into the game after this but was forced to shoot from long range, Robert Walker in the Luton goal having no difficulty keeping the Luton goal in tact. In the second half, Arsenal had most of the midfield play but

the Luton back four of Woodward, Goodyear, Harriott and Murphy was equal to this pressure and kept the score to Luton 1 Arsenal 0. Team: R. Walker, J. Woodward, C. Goodyear, L. Harriott, T. Murphy, R. Johnson, G. Sisman, J. Lucas, W. Turner, M. Conquest, A. Pearson, N. Madden.

This win now puts Luton into the last 16 of the competition and we hope that if we are fortunate to receive another home draw, we shall get a few more spectators to cheer the lads on. It is essential for young lads to have the support and encouragement in this, the beginning of their careers.

On the local scene at the December meeting of the Chiltern Youth League, a Christmas Draw took place. This resulted in a profit of £750. Congratulations to all concerned. Although most of this money will be required for trophies at the end of

the season, the balance will be required towards an International Tournament to be staged by the league to mark its 25th Anniversary. This will take place at Easter 1979. Teams are expected from Sweden and Germany. One of the requests made by the Officers of the league is for accommodation for approximately 4 nights for these 14-16 year old overseas visitors. Can you help? A phone call to me or Peter Brown (Luton 55070) will give you further information if required.

Future games for the Youth team are:

24th. Jan.	v	Northampton	Away
27th. Jan.	v	Vauxhall - Vauxhall	2.30 p.m.
1st. Feb.	v	Birmingham	Youth -Vauxhall 2.00 p.m.
3rd. Feb.	v	Cambridge United	Leeds 11.00 a.m.

FOCUS ON

Doug Lygo

AS MANY supporters already know, Doug is leaving the Club at the end of this month, and this will probably be our last home match with him at the 'financial helm'.

Doug joined the Hatters five years ago as chief accountant and was promoted to Company Secretary and Commercial Manager soon after. He played a large part in the reorganisation of the Town's financial affairs during the 'crisis' in 1975 and the tremendous amount of work he put in then and since has born fruit. Only people associated with the organisation and running of a football club know the amount of time and energy that he devoted to steering the Hatters on a stable course.

A native of Plymouth, he attended Spring

Grove Grammer School after matriculating until he was 19. His service in the Army



broke his studies for a time, but on being demobbed he started out on a career in the computer world, but his love for football finally saw him join the Town in 1974. He first supported Brentford but later they gave way to, dare we say it, Watford Town.

Everyone here at Kenilworth Road will be sorry to see him leave, but we shall certainly have the pleasure of his company at future matches, he has already applied for membership of the Century Club. It will be a pleasant change for him to sit back and enjoy a game without all the headaches that every game brings.

I am sure that all the fans will join us here in wishing him every success for the future.

POOLS NEWS

PLEASE remember that Souvenirs are 'part and parcel' of the Pools Office operation these days and can be obtained any day (except Sundays) between the hours of 9am-5pm inclusive of lunchtime, at 74, Kenilworth Rd, Luton. Stocks of all items are plentiful and varied, additions to our range change almost weekly, so you would do well to 'keep in touch' at all times. The most popular items at present are the 'V' necked pullovers in all sizes (30"-44"). Prices range from £4.75 to £5.75, navy blue in colour with the Club badge incorporated. A very seasonal item wouldn't you say.

In reply to a number of inquiries, the two shops in Kenilworth Road and the two stalls on the ground are the only official suppliers of souvenirs. The club does not benefit from the sale of souvenirs from any other source.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Mike Hardwicke M.D.
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FACTS

DIV.2		Attendance	F.A.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 19	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, McNichol, Hill
22 T	Crystal Palace	17,739	1-3	Aleksic	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo (1 pen)	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Ingram, McNichol, Hill
26 S	Newcastle Utd.	24,112	0-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (2)	Hatton	Moss	Ingram, McNichol, Hill
29 T	Wigan Ath. (LC2)	6,618	2-0	Aleksic	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill (1)	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Boersma	West*
Sept. 2	2 S Charlton Ath.	8,509	3-0	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (2)	Hatton (1)	Moss (2)	Fucillo (1 pen)
9 S	Bristol Rovers	6,508	1-1	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Fucillo
16 S	Cardiff City	7,752	1-1	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein	Hatton (1)	Moss	Jones
23 S	Cambridge Utd.	10,801	1-1	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill (1)	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Jones
30 S	Sheffield Utd.	15,295	1-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein	Hatton (1)	Moss	Jones
Oct. 3 T	Crewe Alex. (LC3)	6,602	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Jones
7 S	Wrexham	8,683	0-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Jones
14 S	Blackburn	7,450	0-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Jones
28 S	Orient	8,561	6-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (2)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Jones
Nov. 4 S	Leicester City	10,608	0-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Carr
8 W	Aston Villa (LC4)	32,727	2-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Carr
11 S	Oldham Athletic	6,876	0-2	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Stephens
18 S	Wrexham	10,434	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Stephens
21 T	Charlton Ath.	10,161	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Stephens
25 S	Sunderland (1)	10,249	0-3	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Stephens
Dec. 2 S	Burnley	7,036	1-2	Findlay	Price (1)	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Stephens
9 S	Preston	28,177	1-4	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Stephens
13 S	Leeds Utd. (LC5)	28,055	0-2	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Stephens
16 S	Brighton (2)	16,282	1-3	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Stephens
23 S	West Ham	20,277	0-2	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Stephens
26 T	Millwall	6,068	2-0	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Stephens
30 S	Fulham	8,914	0-1	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Stephens
1979															
Jan. 1 M	Stoke City	P													
6 S	York (FAC 3)	6,730													
13 S	Bristol Rovers														
17 W	Leicester City (LCF)														
24 S	Crystal Palace														
31 S	Sunderland (SF)														
Mar. 3 S	Notts. County														
10 S	Orient (6)														
17 S	Leicester City (LCF)														
24 S	Crystal Palace														
31 S	Sunderland (SF)														
April	7 S	Burnley													
9 M	West Ham														
14 S	Millwall														
16 M	Stoke City														
21 S	Brighton														
28 S	Preston														
May	5 S	Fulham													
12 S	F.A. Cup Final														

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Bold denotes home game and scorer. * denotes substitute used

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES - 1978-79															
As at 7th January 1979															
HOME	Goals	AWAY	Goals	HOME	Goals	AWAY	Goals	HOME	Goals	AWAY	Goals	HOME	Goals	AWAY	Goals
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A

Crystal Palace	23	7	3	2	20	9	3	7	1	14	9	30	21	18	3	0	64	22	39	
Stoke	23	7	4	1	24	10	4	4	3	8	11	30	19	14	2	3	52	16	30	
Brighton	23	10	0	2	29	7	3	3	5	14	17	29	18	12	4	2	40	16	28	
West Ham	22	8	2	28	8	3	3	4	16	15	27	Southampton	18	10	5	2	29	14	25	
Fulham	22	7	3	3	22	11	3	2	4	9	14	25	Chelsea	18	9	4	5	35	23	22
Sunderland	22	6	3	2	19	11	3	4	4	13	16	25	Queens PR	16	9	4	3	31	21	22
Burnley	22	8	2	1	23	12	1	5	5	12	20	25	Fulham	19	8	5	6	31	23	21
Newcastle	23	8	2	1	16	6	2	3	7	8	17	25	Bristol City	19	7	5	7	32	35	19
Notts. County	23	5	1	12	8	4	5	5	18	29	25	Arsenal	16	6	6	4	34	23	18	
Charlton	23	3	4	4	15	14	5	3	4	23	22	23	Bristol Rovers	18	6	6	6	25	34	18
Orient	23	6	2	3	17	10	3	3	6	10	16	23	Plymouth A	20	7	3	10	27	35	17
Bristol Rovers	22	8	2	1	26	15	1	3	7	5	22	23	Crystal Palace	19	4	8	7	32	36	16
Wrexham	20	5	4	1	16	7	2	3	5	9	14	21	Hereford Utd	17	3	3	11	18	42	9
Preston	23	5	2	25	15	2	2	7	12	25	21	Luton Town	18	6	2	10	21	32	14	
Cambridge	23	2	7	12	11	3	4	5	14	21	21	Leicester City	18	4	5	9	19	24	13	
Leicester	22	3	4	12	12	2	6	3	8	10	20	Cardiff City	18	4	3	11	23	37	11	
Luton	21	6	1	3	28	10	2	7	7	9	17	Birmingham C	18	2	6	10	10	25	10	
Oldham	22	4	5	2	15	13	2	2	7	13	26	19	Hereford Utd	17	3	3	11	18	42	9
Sheff. United	21	5	2	4	19	15	1	3	6	9	18	17	Reading	16	3	3	10	23	48	9
Cardiff	22	4	3	3	15	15	1	2	9	10	32	15	Orient	18	3	3	12	18	50	9
Blackburn	21	1	6	2	13	12	2	1	9	9	28	13	Southampton	19	1	6	12	11	38	8
Millwall	22	3	2	6	12	19	1	2	8	7	19	12	Madden	13	6	1	1	16	21	21

All Saturday Matches Kick-off 3pm

All Fixtures subject to alteration

Aug. 19	19 S	Oxford United		18	S	Birmingham City		Feb.	3 S	Norwich City											
22	T	Cardiff City		21	T	Bristol Rovers		P	10	S	Swindon Town										
26	S	Birmingham City		20	W</td																

Junior Hatters

AS WE missed out on the programmes for the West Ham and Stoke City games we will try to catch up with the birthday greetings. So here goes:-

Philip Bonner, 8th, Martin Shadbolt, 2nd, Andrew Johnson, 7th, Kevin Woolhead, 15th, Clint Watts, 1st, Paul Brett, 6th, Steven Porter, 13th, Sean Watkiss, 2nd, Paul Walker, 3rd, Karen Knight, 7th, Colin Taylor, 5th, Paul Brandreth, 7th, David Norman, 13th, Dominic Holland, 6th, Angela Shepherd, 6th Philip E Burgin, 18th, Ian Dryden, 22nd, Stephen Gray, 30th, Ian Saunders, 20th, Nicola Palmer, 28th, Timothy Parr, 21st, and Alan Pattison, 31st January, 1979.

A very happy birthday to you all and Best wishes for the New Year to all our Junior supporters.

The answers to the quiz in the P.N.E. Programme were:-
1) We played Crystal Palace last Boxing Day and
2) We beat Leeds United 6-1 in 1947.

We did not receive an all correct entry for this competition. As we have also lost one or two quiz's in the last few weeks, here is a simple quiz for you all to enter and there will be three pairs of tickets for the first three all correct entries opened after the first post on Saturday 20th January, 1979:-

1. Which Eire international currently playing for Birmingham City was with Luton Town.
2. A former Luton player transferred abroad is now back in the second Division with Sheffield United. Who is he?
3. Name two of the clubs David Pleat was with in addition to Luton Town.

Entries by first post Saturday, 20th January, 1979, to:-
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We also listed the draw for the next few mascots in the West Ham programme, so here it is again:-

1st January, 1979 v Stoke City	Kevin Johnson,
13th January v Bristol Rovers	Dominic Carrington
10th February v Sheffield United	Darren Peck
24th February v Blackburn Rovers	Jamie Billson

Also we have just heard that the West Ham United game has been re-arranged for Tuesday, 20th February, 1979, kick-off 7.30 p.m., and of course the Mascot chosen for the original date, that is Jason Gornall, will be the mascot for the new date. Similarly with Kevin Johnson when the game with Stoke City is re-arranged.

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Century Club

by Catherine Ball, Secretary

THE succession of home game postponements has meant that our New Year good wishes to everyone have been delayed, but they are none the less sincere for all that.

We extend the traditional hope that everyone will have a happy, successful and prosperous 1979, and in particular we hope to see Luton Town continue to flourish.

Since I last had the opportunity to express a few thoughts in a home match programme we have been able to see something of how the other half lives, with the visit to Leeds. Their facilities - with the exception of a puddle-strewn coach car park - were excellent, and we look forward to the day when Luton Town is also a First Division club. Incidentally, our thanks and congratulations to David Pleat and his players for getting so far in the League Cup. To reach the quarter-finals for the first time in the club's history was a tremendous achievement.

December also brought a cruel blow when Lil Fuccillo broke his leg in the game at Brighton. It has robbed Luton Town of a very good player, apparently for the rest of this season, and we send our best wishes to Lil and his wife, with the hope that for them 1979 will be a better, brighter and happier year.

Certainly Lil and all the players contributed to our football pleasure in 1978, and if this year produces some of the excitement of the old year in the way of more high-scoring victories, Luton Town supporters will have no real cause for complaint.

So we wish a happy new year to all supporters, and hope for a promotion new year for the team.

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ndham	Wrexham
ighton	Charlton
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	Tottenham
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	Coventry
	Swansea
	Watford

Officials

Referee: Mr. Roger B. Kirkpatrick (Leicester). Started refereeing in 1949 in Leicester local leagues and via the Southern League and was included in the Football League referees list in 1966. Refereed the 1972/73 F.A. Youth Cup Final and the National Association of Youth Clubs Cup Finals in 1976 and 1978. A married man, with two sons, he is a Franchise Consultant. Is keen on all aspects of physical fitness, playing golf, squash and five-a-side soccer.

Linesmen: Mr. D. Brazier (Duston) Red Flag, Mr. G. Gordon (Raynes Park) Yellow Flag.