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United Chat

We welcome you all again to the Abbey and trust the weather will have relented sufficiently to enable us to have a surface which will enable the players of both sides to be able to express their skills to the full once again.

During the recent period of inactivity we have been able to take the players on a mid season break to Benidorm in southern Spain.

This, apart from the flight delays (that weather again!) proved a most welcome departure from the usual mid season routine, and provided further opportunities for discussion with the players on all sorts of points, helping towards an even greater understanding.

Training was not entirely forgotten, and an excellent session took place on the beach, which, it must be said, was an improvement on an ice covered common.

Our near neighbours, Luton, whom we welcome today, have fared little better of late weather-wise, had an excellent win over Bristol Rovers, coming back from a two goal deficit to win 3-2, and will provide stiff opposition.

Following our visit to Kenilworth Road earlier in the season, the sides are all square, having shared a 1-1 draw and we of course look forward to improving on this today.



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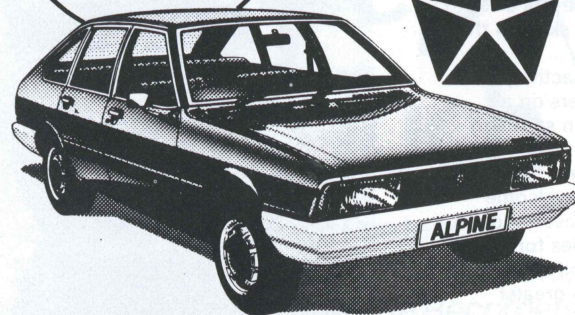
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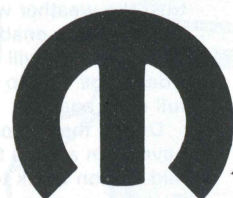
The Millwall game has been re-arranged to take place on Tuesday, March 20th at 7.30.

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News on Two

NEXT OPPONENTS

BRISTOL ROVERS. Next week we travel to Eastville, where Rovers have slumped recently, after taking maximum points from the opening seven games. A 2-0 win was recorded over today's guests Luton, during this fine run, but the Hatters gained revenge recently at Kenilworth Road where they came back from 2-0 down to score three late goals. Charlton and Stoke both took points home from the 'Pirates', drawing 5-5 and 0-0 respectively. Millwall (3-0) and West Ham (1-0) a fortnight ago won at Bristol, and the last home win was recorded in late November when Sheffield United were beaten 2-1. Though United will have to be at their best to gain anything from this trip, it should be remembered that it took a last minute blockbuster from Peter Aitken to earn a 1-1 draw at the Abbey in September, after Alan Biley had given us the lead.

PRESTON NORTH END. On February 17th we make the long trip to Deepdale to take on the 'team of the moment'. Preston started the season reasonably well, but an alarming slump of six successive defeats, including our 1-0 win over them here (the only goal coming from our current Northern Ireland squad member Tom Finney) dropped them down the table. However, since the home draw with Burnley way back in October, they have only lost twice, 3-1 at West Ham and 2-0 at Orient. Four of the last six matches have been at home, and they have recorded two wins and two draws. One man who is bang on form at present is striker Alex Bruce, who has notched seven goals in these six games, including two in the 3-0 Cup defeat of First Division Derby County.

NEXT OPPONENTS

WREXHAM have currently not played a match since Boxing Day and they are still trying to play their Cup match with Stockport which will decide who meets Spurs in the Fourth Round.

Last season's Division Three Champions, The Reds, started very well away from home this term, beating Fulham and Orient 1-0 and drawing 1-1 at Charlton. 2-1 defeats were then suffered at Bristol Rovers, Luton and Brighton, but then two good 1-1 draws were gained at Blackburn and Leicester, and then the last two away games have seen them lose 2-1 at Preston and 3-0 at Stoke. Since we lost 2-0 at Wrexham in October, the Welsh Club have been very active in the transfer market, re-signing full back Joey Jones from Liverpool, and buying midfielder David Giles from Cardiff and winger Steve Fox from Birmingham, and of course they sold Welsh International Mike Thomas to Manchester United.

DIVISION TWO LEADING GOALSCORERS (to 28/1/79)

	L	LC	FAC	Total	
Robson (West Ham)	17	1	1	19	
Biley (United)	16	1	1	18	
Bruce (Preston)	13	3	2	18	
Flanagan (Charlton)	13	2	1	16	
Rowell (Sunderland)	14	0	1	15	
Cross (West Ham)	13	0	0	13	
Randall (Stoke)	13	0	0	13	—All for
Robinson (Charlton)	9	3	1	13	Bristol
Stein (Luton)	9	4	0	13	Rovers

Welcome to Luton Town

Luton Town, our near neighbours from Bedfordshire, have experienced football at all levels since turning professional in 1890. They have had two spells in Division One, 1955-60, and more recently 1974-75, when they were relegated, finishing third from bottom with 33 points, only one point behind Spurs. The previous season they had won promotion as runners-up to Middlesbrough. Since their return to Division Two, they have finished 7th, 6th and last season a disappointing 13th in the table. They are currently in 14th place, two points below us with two games in hand. Last January David Pleat, the Club Coach and a former player, took over as Manager, and together with Assistant Manager Ken Gutteridge, an old friend, they have built almost a new team from scratch. At home the Hatters are the top scorers in the division this season, with 31 goals; however away from home they have only picked up six points, with wins at Charlton 2-1, Millwall 2-0, and draws at Blackburn and Sheffield United.

When highly rated goalkeeper **MILIJ ALEKSIC** became unsettled a few weeks ago, Luton went out and paid Aston Villa £100,000 for **JAKE FINDLAY**. Big Jake is revelling in playing first team Soccer after spending eight years as a reserve at Villa Park, and has kept ex Everton 'keeper David Lawson out of the side since arriving at Kenilworth Road. Incidentally, Lawson was also signed this season. Luton are lucky to have a versatile player like **PAUL PRICE** in their squad. Paul, the Hatters longest serving player, is primarily a full back, though he has been doing a fine job at centre half during regular pivot Chris Turner's absence. It was thought that this gifted defender's career might well be over four years ago when he sustained a broken leg for the

second time, but he bravely fought his way back into the side and has been a regular for the past three seasons. When Pleat was Manager at Nuneaton, he first noticed the talents of full back **KIRK STEPHENS** and he promptly signed him for Luton when he was appointed. Kirk held down the right back spot for the first few games this season, and has recently forced his way back into the reckoning.

Manchester born **GRAHAM JONES** is having an extended run in the side, appearing at full back and in the centre of the defence. Graham made his League debut at the age of 17, in the 3-0 win over Blackpool, in the last game of the season 1975-76.

Young **MAL DONAGHY** was snapped up from Larne in the close season, and Luton had to beat off a strong challenge from several other Clubs in order to secure this highly talented player. A Northern Ireland Under 21 International, Mal has made the number six shirt his own this season, performing in midfield and defensive roles. Big centre-half **CHRIS TURNER** will hardly need an introduction as he will be well remembered for his fine performances for our Cambridgeshire neighbours, Peterborough. Chris has missed the last couple of games since injuring his shoulder in the 1-0 defeat at Fulham, but could well be back in contention for a place this afternoon.

Former Welsh Youth International captain **MARK AIZLEWOOD** is yet another talented youngster who can perform in defence and midfield. Mark joined Luton last April for £50,000 from Newport County, and has been a regular ever since. Incidentally, if the name sounds familiar it could be that you remember Mark's brother Steve, who played at the Abbey several times as centre-half for

Newport, before he signed for Swindon.

The versatile **DAVID CARR** could well be in the squad today, as he can do a good job in defence and in midfield. When Luton sold Steve Buckley to Derby last season, David stepped into the left back berth and did very well. This term however, he has been limited to just six full appearances. **ALAN WEST** has been performing superbly for the Hatters since joining them from Burnley over five years ago. Owing to the tragic injury to the gifted **LIL FUCCILLO** at Brighton last month, Town are leaning heavily on Alan's ability and experience at present, and he has been responding magnificently.

London born midfielder star **RICKY HILL** plays a vital mid-field role for Luton, as his shooting ability is a major threat. An ex England Youth International, this highly skilled coloured player has the physical strength and ability to earn further International honours.

BRIAN STEIN made his debut for Luton last season, after signing from non-leaguers Edgware. A fast and tricky forward, South Africa born Brian got off to a flying start this term, scoring 12 goals in the first 18 games, including the header against us at Kenilworth Road.

Big **BOB HATTON** scores goals wherever he goes! Throughout his career at Wolves, Bolton, Northampton, Carlisle, Birmingham, and Blackpool, he has notched over 150 League goals. Though regarded as a veteran, Bob showed at Charlton this season that he is just as sharp as ever, when he raced almost the entire length of the field to score a spectacular winning goal.

STEVE TAYLOR makes his second appearance at the Abbey this season, having played for Oldham in the 3-3 draw in December. Steve was signed from the Latics for £60,000 last month, and if his phenomenal goalscoring record of almost a goal every two games is anything to go by, he will be a tremendous asset.

Winger **DAVID MOSS** was signed from Swindon for £110,000 in the close season, and can prove a real handful for defences. David's goal which sparked off the amazing comeback against Bristol Rovers recently, summed up his



Front row (left to right):

Ken Gutteridge (Coach), P. Fuccillo, A. West, R. Hatton, D. Pleat (Manager), R. Hill, P. Boersma (now with Swansea), R. Johnson (Physio)

Middle row:

M. Aizlewood, J. McNichol, G. Jones, M. Aleksic (now with Spurs), S. Turner, P. Price, M. Donaghy

Back row:

G. Ingram, K. Stephens, B. Stein, D. Moss, D. Carr, S. Sherlock

main assets: he ran fully 30 yards before planting a great shot into the net from outside the box. Another spectacular goal was the one he scored against us for Swindon last season, with a free kick which crashed in off the bar.

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News about our YOUTH

Our Chiltern Premier Football League Youth side have been unaffected by the recent bad weather spell in that they had no scheduled fixtures over the holiday period and their two matches in the last two weeks have, somewhat surprisingly, been played.

Two weeks ago today Stevenage Borough were the visitors to the icy Porson Road pitch. A much improved side this season, Stevenage took the lead mid-way through the first half against the run of play.

The Young U's are renowned for coming back from behind and young Philip Cook equalised before half-time.

The second half belonged to United and the in-form Ady Roberts scored a superb goal to give his side the lead. Trevor Parker made the game safe with a well placed chip shot five minutes from time.

Team : J. Black ; P. Stacey, J. Wardley, K. Stewart, S. Burton ; G. Elmer, T. Parker ; J. Clarke, A. Roberts, N. Littlewood. Sub. : M. Nelson-Cole (for Elmer 60th min.).

Last Saturday the Young U's visited Rolenmill Youth. The game was played in very murky and extremely heavy conditions. A works-based club in North London, Rolenmill have excellent facilities as good as all clubs playing in the Chiltern Premier League and, at least off the field, better than

most. Rolenmill are new to the League this season and have found their new status hard as they still await their first win. Last Saturday they showed that their New Year's Resolution is to make it as difficult as possible for their opponents to score. With a policy of defence they had all eleven players back in the penalty area most of the time, relying on quick counter-attacks to try and snatch goals. Our Young side battered away for a long time without scoring the goal which might have started an avalanche, and, in one of their rare attacks, Rolenmill opened the scoring after 30 minutes when Neil Edwards deflected a shot past John Black. The Young U's fought back and John Clarke soon scored an equaliser. In the second half our lads put tremendous pressure on the home side but, such was the fine spirit and determination of the Rolenmill side, that pressure failed to bring a goal. The result was a 1-1 draw when really we should have won. But all credit to Rolenmill for their creditable performance. Although at the bottom of the League, unlike many sides in such positions, they tried to play football and there was an evident fine spirit of enthusiasm and fair play amongst their players.

Team : J. Black ; P. Stacey, N. Edwards, K. Stewart, S. Burton ; N. Mills, T. Parker, P. Cook ; J. Clarke, A. Roberts, N. Littlewood. Sub. : G. Elmer (for T. Parker 80th min) and M. Nelson-Cole.

BALLBOYS

The Ballboys for this afternoon's match have been supplied by HALSTEAD TOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB.

The boys are : Darren Cook, Darren Wright, Barry Hood, Andrew Jones, Richard Rayner, Mark Hart, Stephen Shingles, Gary Cowen, Peter Gibson, Graham Cannon, Jame Sayward and Graham Cook.

MASCOT

The Mascot for today's match is 9 year old Nicholas Mountain who lives in Cambridge and attends St. Albans School.

Nicholas tells us his only hobby is football and that his favourite players are Jamie Murray, Malcolm Webster and Alan Biley.

STATISTICS

Month	Day	Match	Result	Attendance	Webster	Key	Howard	Smith	Graham	Fallon	Streete	Cozens	Spriggs	Murray	Finney	Biley	Buckley	Watson	Christie	Corbin	Garner	Sweetzer	Stringer	O'Neill	Morgan	Leach
August	2	Northampton Town	2-2	4,102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	16	Northampton Town	1-2	4,721	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	19	Stoke City	7-485	7,485	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	22	Brighton & Hove Albion	2-0	21,527	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	26	Leicester City	1-1	14,148	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	30	Leicester City	1-1	14,148	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
September	2	Newcastle United	0-0	8,404	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	9	Cardiff City	0-1	6,154	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	16	Charlton Athletic	0-1	6,166	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	23	Luton Town	1-1	10,801	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	30	Bristol Rovers	1-1	5,613	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
October	4	Leicester City	1-0	5,398	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	7	Preston North End	0-2	9,807	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	14	Wrexham	0-2	5,240	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	21	Blackburn Rovers	0-1	8,437	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	28	Notts. County	1-1	8,437	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
November	4	Orient	3-1	6,759	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	8	Leicester City	3-1	19,027	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	11	Stoke City	1-1	8,875	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	18	Leicester City	1-1	20,004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	22	Newcastle United	0-2	6,504	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	25	Burnley (1)	2-2	6,504	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
December	2	West Ham United	0-5	21,379	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	9	Oldham Athletic	3-3	4,663	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	13	Leicester City	2-0	20,841	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	16	Sunderland (2)	0-0	8,081	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	23	Crystal Palace	1-5	7,814	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	30	Sheffield United	3-3	14,527	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
January 1979	6	Shrewsbury (F.A. Cup)	1-3	7,415	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	13	Cardiff City	5-0	5,344	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	17	Leicester City	1-1	8,875	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	24	Leicester City	1-1	20,004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	27	Millwall (4)	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
February	3	Luton Town	3-1	6,759	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	10	Bristol Rovers	1-0	5,398	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	17	Preston N.E. (5)	1-1	8,437	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	24	Wrexham	0-2	5,240	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
March	3	Blackburn Rovers	3-1	6,759	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	6	Charlton Athletic	1-1	8,875	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	10	Notts. County (6)	1-1	8,875	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	17	Orient (L.C.F.)	1-1	8,875	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	20	Millwall	1-5	7,814	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	24	Brighton & Hove A.	2-2	14,527	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	31	Burnley (S.F.)	1-1	8,875	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
April	7	West Ham United	1-3	7,415	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	10	Crystal Palace	5-0	5,344	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	14	Fulham	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	16	Millwall	1-5	7,814	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	17	Millwall	1-5	7,814	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	21	Sunderland	1-1	8,875	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	28	Oldham Athletic	1-1	8,875	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
May	5	Sheffield United	3-3	14,527	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

* Player replaced by substitute

1 Denotes goal scored
Ex-player: Steve Adams *12 Stoke City

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Division 2 League Table 1978-79

(Up to and including 27.1.79)

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	24	7	4	2	20	9	3	7	1	14	9	31
Stoke	24	7	4	1	24	10	4	5	3	9	12	31
Brighton	24	10	1	2	30	8	3	3	5	14	17	30
West Ham	23	8	2	2	28	8	4	3	4	17	15	29
Sunderland	24	6	3	2	19	11	3	6	4	16	19	27
Fulham	23	7	4	3	24	13	3	2	4	9	14	26
Orient	24	7	2	3	20	10	3	3	6	10	16	25
Burnley	22	8	2	1	23	12	1	5	5	12	20	25
Newcastle	23	8	2	1	16	6	2	3	7	8	17	25
Notts. County	24	5	5	1	12	8	3	4	6	18	32	25
Charlton	23	3	4	4	15	14	5	3	4	23	22	23
Cambridge U.	24	3	7	2	17	11	3	4	5	14	21	23
Bristol Rovers	24	8	2	2	26	16	1	3	8	7	25	23
Luton	22	7	1	3	31	12	2	2	7	9	17	21
Wrexham	20	5	4	1	16	7	2	3	5	9	14	21
Leicester	23	3	5	4	13	13	2	6	3	8	10	21
Preston	23	5	5	2	25	15	2	2	7	12	25	21
Oldham	22	4	5	2	15	13	2	2	7	13	26	19
Sheffield U.	21	5	2	4	19	15	1	3	6	9	18	17
Blackburn	23	1	7	2	14	13	2	2	9	10	29	15
Cardiff	23	4	3	3	15	15	1	2	10	10	37	15
Millwall	23	3	2	6	12	19	1	3	8	7	19	13

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with Sheila Allen, James Aubrey (from 'A Bouquet
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Anthony Bate, Beth Ellis

MID-WEEK FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1978-79 SEASON

August 1978

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Incredibly, Malcolm was playing in a Doncaster adult league whilst only 11 years of age. News of his outstanding ability and maturity soon spread all over the country, and over 30 clubs took an interest. Despite all the competition, Malcolm didn't hesitate in signing for Arsenal, and started his apprenticeship with them at 16. He broke into the first team, but a bout of glandular fever halted his progress, he then went to Fulham on six months loan, in order to recover fitness and gain experience, and then the move became permanent. In his first season at Fulham they gained promotion to Division Two, and he held a regular spot for some time. Ironically Malcolm was edged out of the league side by big money signing Peter Mellor, after insisting that the Club got a cover goalkeeper!

"It's essential to have an adequate goalie in the wings. Without one, complacency sets in, and you find that without cover, the goalkeeper can be forced into playing when not fully fit."

The situation at Craven Cottage did not resolve itself, and Malcolm was glad to move to Southend, making his debut for them in the 3-2 defeat, here at the Abbey.

"I had some good times at Southend, but at the end of the relegation season I was given a free transfer. At the age of only 25 it appeared that my football career was over, and there I was with a wife and two kids to support. I thought that for a time I would be joining Doncaster, but luckily I got fixed up here, and its been like a dream come true ever since!"

PLAYING RECORD		LEAGUE	LGE. CUP	F.A. CUP	FAIR'S CUP	
	App's	C/S*	App's	C/S*	App's	C/S*
1969-70	Arsenal	3	—	2	1	—
1969-70	Fulham	26	7	—	—	—
1970-71		38	18	3	3	—
1971-72		29	3	2	1	3
1972-73		1	1	—	—	—
1973-74		4	1	2	—	—
1973-74	Southend	22	6	—	—	—
1974-75		36	12	2	1	4
1975-76		38	6	2	1	4
1976-77	Cambridge U.	46	22	3	1	2
1977-78		35	16	3	1	1
TOTAL		278	92	19	9	14

*C/S — Clean sheets

Malcolm Webster

HEIGHT: 5' 11" Weight: 13 st 4 lbs

BIRTHPLACE: Rossington, Nr. Doncaster

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Ernie Whalley,

Youth team coach at Arsenal

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Debut for Arsenal (lost 3-2 to Spurs)

MOST MEMORABLE SAVE: Arsenal v. Everton at Goodison; dived full length to save a point blank header from Joe Royle

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Youth and Schoolboy Caps

FAVOURITE OTHER PLAYER: Pat Jennings

HOBBIES: Squash and being with his family



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Looking Back: Season 1975-76

Following our magnificent results late in the previous season, this campaign proved to be a big disappointment. United were tipped as red hot favourites for promotion, and we got off to a great start, beating Doncaster away in the first match, with Alan Biley coming on as sub. and scoring on his debut. Young Biley headed a great goal in the next match against Charlton in the League Cup, but in the return match the following week, he broke his leg and was sidelined for nearly six months.

Though our away form was generally very good (we recorded our highest number of away wins up to then), at home we managed only 7 wins all season. Bluntly, the side was just not good enough, and this fact is borne out by our results against the four promoted sides: we managed two draws and six defeats! Manager Ron Atkinson was resigned to experimenting (only four players appeared in 40 or more matches); midfield player David Lill was tried at left back; Bristol City reserve striker Kevin Griffin was brought on two months loan; former centre forward Dave Simmons was re-signed from Brentford; and George Cleary was picked up from Dunstable, in the hope that he would score goals with the same regularity as in his non-league days. Unfortunately, none of these moves really worked, and as key striker Bobby Shinton had managed only one goal in the first 24 games, it was no surprise that we were a mid-table side throughout the season.

OPPONENTS	HOME		AWAY		POSITION
	F	A	F	A	
Barnsley	1	1	0	4	12
A.F.C. Bournemouth	0	1	0	3	6
Bradford City	0	0	2	1	17
Brentford	2	1	0	0	18
Crewe Alexandra	1	1	2	1	16
Darlington	1	0	1	1	20
Doncaster Rovers	3	3	2	0	10
Exeter City	0	1	2	1	7
Hartlepool	4	0	2	2	14
Huddersfield Town	0	0	0	2	5
Lincoln City	2	4	0	3	1
Newport County	0	1	0	2	22
Northampton Town	0	1	2	4	2
Reading	2	2	0	1	3
Rochdale	0	0	1	1	15
Scunthorpe United	2	2	1	0	19
Southport	2	2	4	2	23
Stockport County	0	1	1	0	21
Swansea City	3	1	0	1	11
Torquay United	2	1	0	0	9
Tranmere Rovers	3	3	2	3	4
Watford	4	1	0	1	8
Workington	4	1	0	1	24

F.A. CUP: Leatherhead (A) 0-2

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP: Charlton Athletic (H) 1-1; (A) 0-3

Manager: Ron Atkinson

Average Gate: 2,566 Highest Gate: 5,560 v. Northampton Town 8/11/75

Most Appearances: Bobby Shinton—48 out of possible 49

Leading Scorer (all Competitions): Tommy Horsfall 15

FINAL LEAGUE PLACINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
11th Swansea C.	46	14	8	1	51	21	2	7	14	15	36	47
12th Barnsley	46	12	8	3	34	16	2	8	13	18	32	44
13th United	46	7	10	6	36	28	7	5	11	22	34	43
14th Hartlepool	46	10	6	7	37	29	6	4	13	25	49	42
15th Rochdale	46	7	11	5	27	23	5	7	11	13	31	42



Tom Finney starts a goal blitz with this beautifully worked move on the right, which ended with the ball placed just inside the far post.



Alan Biley scores his second of the match—a splendid effort, after making oceans of space he steered the ball past a helpless Ron Healey.



Following a perfect ball from Lindsay Smith to Derrick Christie who raced toward goal, beat the keeper to make this relatively simple goal for Alan Biley.
Alan Biley's First Goal



Alan Biley thumps home United's fourth goal and completes his hat-trick and boosts his goal tally to 18 this season.

Versus Cardiff City

(Photos: Ray Clarke)



Versus Cardiff City

This cracking shot from Bill Garner gave United a 5-0 scoreline—our best result of the season.

(Photo: Ray Clarke)

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16. 9.78	Charlton Athletic	C.U.F.C. Vice-Presidents Club.
30. 9.78	Bristol Rovers	C.U.F.C. Supporters Club.
7.10.78	Preston North End	Peter Reeve Sports Ltd. Saffron Walden V.P.'s. Cambridge Evening News.
21.10.78	Blackburn Rovers	Key Cleaning Co.
4.11.78	Orient	Norwich Brewery
18.11.78	Leicester City	Barry Martin Travel Ltd.
25.11.78	Burnley	National Westminster Bank, Benet Street, Cambridge
9.12.78	Oldham Athletic	Premier Travel Agency Ltd. Mr. Sergeant.
23.12.78	Crystal Palace	A. Waller & Sons (Butcher). C. Esgate & M. Tokens, Builder, 52 Perne Road, Cambridge.
1. 1.79	Millwall	Rhodes James, M.P. G. Meeks.
13. 1.79	Cardiff City	Midland Bank Ltd., St. Andrews Street, Cambridge.
3. 2.79	Luton Town	The Prince Albert, Quy.
24. 2.79	Wrexham	Bakers Newsagency. The Globe, Newmarket Rd., Cambridge.
10. 3.79	Notts. County	A. Macauley, Lombard North Central, Newmarket Road, Cambridge.
24. 3.79	Brighton & Hove Albion	D. Mynott, FISONS Faithful Football Followers.
7. 4.79	West Ham United	Mrs. G. Proctor.
14. 4.79	Fulham	
21. 4.79	Sunderland	
5. 5.79	Sheffield United	

TODAY'S REFEREE

RICHARDSON, PETER J. (Lincoln). Started refereeing in the Lincolnshire League then graduated via Midland Counties and North Midlands Leagues to the Football League list. Was linesman for a U.E.F.A. Cup match in Italy in 1974, also the 1973/74 Texaco Cup Final.

A married man, he is a Works Director. He plays golf and is Secretary of his local golf club.

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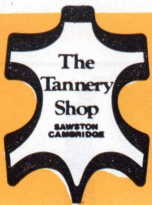
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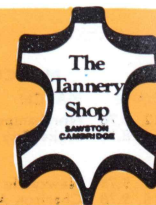
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- 8 Steve SPRIGGS
- 9 Bill GARNER
- 10 Tom FINNEY
- 11 Alan BILEY
- 12 Substitute:
To be announced

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- 4 Ricky HILL
- 5 Chris TURNER
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- 11 David MOSS
- 12 Substitute:
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