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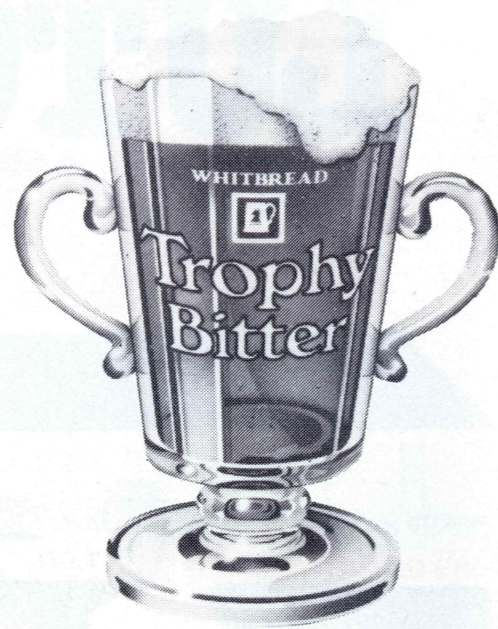
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DAVID PLEAT

WE WELCOME Blackburn this afternoon in the positive hope that we really will have a game today. The problems involved in a last minute cancellation are considerable. Catering, programmes, match day staff and most important of all from a team point of view re-adjusting mental attitudes. Players are even beginning to watch weather forecasts on the television as they have seen this recent spell play havoc with the fixtures. Of course the biggest headache is re-arranging games to the satisfaction of all parties. A manager may wish to re-arrange quickly to suit the team but he may know that financially the game may be better for the club if played at a later date. We now have the added prospect of an extension of the season which could be for a further 2 weeks.



Remember too, it is not just 1st team games that are being cancelled, we have lost Reserve & Youth fixtures and they all have to be filled in. 2 or 3 games a week over a period of 2 months can put a physical strain on youngsters of 16 and 17. We hope today we can play the game the same way as we did in the last game against Sheffield United with one exception, hitting the net and not the woodwork. Finishing is something you must keep working at and not get frustrated when we miss the target. The important point is that we can continue to create chances. Today we welcome Barry Silkman who has joined us for a month. He is a talented player who has had his share of disappointments recently, but will be determined to work even harder to succeed. Blackburn are a much underrated side who are capable of playing fine football. They've had problems with injuries and managerial changes recently but I'm sure John Pickering, now in charge, knows exactly what he wants. He is fortunate that he has several players who have merited the attention of big clubs and he knows that he can sell if need be. Get behind the players today and we will be pleased to see you for our attractive game with West Ham on Monday evening.

Rovers



Back Row: Alan Birchenall, Paul Maguire, Tim Parkin, John Butcher, Neil Ramsbottom, John Radford, Derek Fazackerley, Martin Fowler. Second Row: Martin Hickson, Peter Morris, John Bailey, Joe Craig, Jack Marshall (Physio), John Aston, Paul Round, John Waddington, Brian Morley. Third Row (Seated): Simon Garner, Noel Brotherston, Tony Parkes, John Pickering (Manager), Glen Keeley, Stuart Metcalfe, Kevin Hird. Front Row: Brian Moran, Mark Shipley, Nigel Smith.

JOHN BUTCHER (Goalkeeper)

John graduated through the ranks and gained swift promotion to League football after having signed professional forms in July, 1976, for the big-money transfer of England Under-21 'keeper Paul Bradshaw to Wolves early in season 1977/78. This gave John his chance to nail down a first-team place, and he became a regular in the side which went close to gaining promotion.

KEVIN HIRD (Right Back)

A professional for five and a half years, Kevin has become one of the outstanding defenders in the Second Division, after first making his mark as a flank player.

GLEN KEELEY (Central Defender)

Glen was born at Barking, but arrived at Ewood Park via a roundabout route, for he first broke through to League football with Ipswich Town, then moved to the North East to play for Newcastle, and was signed by the Rovers for a substantial fee in August, 1976.

JOHN WADDINGTON (Central Defender)

A local-born player — he hails from Darwen — John first tried his luck in League football with Liverpool, but when the Anfield club released him in season 1972/73, the Rovers snapped him up, and both club and player have benefited from their association.

DEREK FAZACKERLEY (Central Defender)

Yet another player who cost the Rovers nothing, Derek — born in Preston — celebrates 10 years as a professional this season, and he has now totalled well over 250 games for the Ewood Park club.

JOHN BAILEY (Left Back)

The Merseyside clubs must be regretting that they missed this Liverpool-born youngster, for last season John was generally acknowledged to be the best No 3 in the Second Division and, with Kevin Hird, he attracted a great deal of interest from some of the top clubs. Not surprisingly, by the end of the season he had won the Player of the Year award for his consistent and skilled displays.

STUART METCALF (Midfield)

Blackburn-born, Stuart last season was granted a testimonial game after 10 years service with his home-town club, and he is the Rovers' longest-serving player.

NOEL BROTHERSTON (Midfield)

Last season was a memorable one for Noel — because he started off as a free-transfer player, and wound up on the Northern Ireland international scene. Noel, born in Dundonald Height, crossed the Channel to try his luck with Spurs, but after breaking through to their League side — he made just one appearance — he was given the chance to resume his League career with the Rovers — and he has never looked back.

TONY PARKES (Midfield)

The Rovers have had exceptional service from this Sheffield-born player who, after starting out as a striker, developed into a strong, yet skilled, midfield footballer with a sharp eye for scoring chances.

JOHN RADFORD (Striker)

The Rovers signed one of the most experienced players in top-class football when they landed John Radford from West Ham shortly before the end of last season, at a substantial fee. Yorkshire-born — he hails from Hemsworth — John spent most of his career with Arsenal, for whom he signed in 1964, and on the way he collected England honours at Under-23 and senior level.

PAUL ROUND (Striker)

Blackburn-born, Paul signed professional forms only a year ago, but he has gained some valuable experience in the first team, and shown great promise for the future.

JOHN CURTIS (Full-Back)

Blackpool-born, John signed for his home-town club in July 1970 and became a full-time professional in 1972. By the end of season 1974/75, he had made three dozen League appearances, then the following season injury curtailed his appearances to 15. He regained his place in the side after that, but at the end of season 1976/77, after totalling 122 first-team games, he was made available on a free transfer, and the Rovers signed him.

JOHN ASTON (Winger)

Son of a former Manchester United and England international, John joined Old Trafford straight from school, made his first team debut at 17, gained England under-23 honours and played a starring role in Uniteds' 1968 European Cup triumph at Wembley.

WELCOME

OUR WELCOME and greetings go this afternoon to the Chairman, Directors, Manager, Officials and Players of Blackburn Rovers. Our previous meeting this season at Ewood Park ended in a goalless draw, but without doubt both teams will fight to improve on that result. The recent history of games between the 'Hatters' and the 'Blues and Whites' favours the home side, the draw earlier this season was only the second undecided result for many years.

These are troubled times for a Blackburn Rovers club, who have won the F.A. Cup no fewer than six times and the Football League Championship twice, for they are currently in danger of slipping down to their second spell in Division Three.

In fact these honours were won before the lifetime of many of today's spectators and since the F.A. Cup win of 1928 the nearest Rovers have come to a major honour has been their 1960 F.A. Cup Final appearance when they went down 3-0 to Wolves after losing fullback Dave Whelan with a broken leg. They did, however, maintain their First Division Place until 1966 and though relegated to Division Three for the first time ever in 1971 they climbed back to Division Two in 1975 and they have held on to their place since and in fact as recently as last season they were in with a chance of returning to Division One for most of the season until an unhappy end to the season with only two points from their last six games. Even so they finished in fifth place though they were eleven points short of the top three.

All of which leaves John Pickering, a former player, with a king-size job as he strives to lift them out of their currently lowly position towards the relative comfort of last season. John took over from Jim Iley earlier this season and there has been quite a turnover of managers at Ewood Park in recent seasons with both Gordon Lee and Jim Smith enjoying successful spells before moving into Division One.

How John must pine for another major discovery or two to follow in the path of

Blackburn giants of the past. In early days there was England defender Bob Crompton and since the war defenders like Bob Pryde and Bill Eckersley, midfielders like Ronnie Clayton and strikers like Bryan Douglas, Bobby Langton, Tommy Briggs and Peter Dobing have been amongst Rover's stars. As recently as last season goalkeeper Paul Bradshaw, one of the games most promising goalkeepers, moved on to Wolves.

Rovers therefore have quite a reputation for developing their own talent and there are a number of young players in the current side who are doing well, but a few good results are the immediate priority. Maybe the fine display at Anfield at the end of January when they went down by just a single goal in the fourth round of the F.A. Cup will provide encouragement for a side who up to the time of writing has not won at home since beating Orient in early September but which has since then won at Fulham and Cambridge and has drawn at Leicester and Millwall.

Goals have not come easily this season, but former Arsenal stalwart John Radford, who arrived last season via West Ham and last season's leading scorer Neil Brotherston have both had their moments while Simon Garner and Paul Round are young players eager to establish themselves in league football.

From midfield Alan Birchenall brings a wealth of experience acquired during his Leicester, Crystal Palace, Chelsea and Sheffield United days. He arrived this season after a spell in America and he may be linking up today with long-serving Stuart Metcalfe, who has completed nearly 400 league and cup games for his one and only league club.

In defence former winger Kevin Hird and John Bailey are both outstanding discoveries. They are likely to be on the flanks today with former Ipswich and Newcastle man Glen Keeley, and Derek Fazackerley (over 300 league and cup games) in the centre. Behind them John Butcher has made the fullest use of the chance to establish himself since Paul Bradshaw's move to Wolves last season.

PROGRAMME CORNER

Mr. D. R. DOORNE of 4, Blackthorn Rd, Houghton Regis, Dunstable has a fine collection of Arsenal programmes (over 1000 home and aways) going back to 1909 which he wishes to sell or exchange for any Luton Town home or away prior to 1950, Luton Town F.A. Cup and League Cup home or away, particularly F.A. Cup games against Arsenal away 1924, home 1952, and Luton News or Supporters Club handbooks from any season. Anyone interested S.A.E. please for complete list.

Mr B. Shelton of 3, Chaney Rd, Wivenhoe, Colchester, Essex, has a complete set of 73/74 (promotion year) Luton Town home programmes in an official binder for sale. He is also interested in any pre 1961 Luton - West Ham programmes.

Alan Winsor, 79, High Rd, Soulbury, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, requires the following— all aways, 78/79 Oxford Utd (Friendly), Bournemouth (Friendly), C. Palace, 77/78 Oldham, Southampton, Orient, Hull, Millwall, Oldham (F.A. Cup replay), Millwall (F.A. Cup), 76/77 Hull, Blackburn, Millwall, 73/74 Grimsby (L. Cup 2nd replay), 69/70 Shrewsbury, 68/69 Oldham, 65/66 Wrexham, 64/65 Workington, 62/63 Southport (L. Cup) He is willing to buy or exchange.

KENILWORTH RD. ENTRANCE

WE WOULD like to apologise to the supporters who had to wait to get into the ground for our match with Stoke City on February 6th. Unfortunately we suffered a power failure at the Kenilworth Rd. entrance and could not allow the fans through the turnstiles until the power and lights were restored.

POSTPONED AGAIN!

ONCE AGAIN after frantic re-arrangements, the match with West Ham has had to be called off. Its enough to turn a managers grey hair white with frustration (it went grey earlier in the season). Its particularly heartbreaking to see the efforts of the groundsman, players and volunteer fans who

turn out to sweep and shovel snow, come to nought at the last minute when the referee who inspects the pitch says "Off".

Apart from the question of what can be done in the winter to make the pitch playable, it raises the thorny debating point of having a summer season instead of a winter one, for league football. This question causes more heated arguments than anything else, and one can see many old departed players turning in their grave at the suggestion. All the old cliches of 'tradition' are brought out, too numerous and too well known, to be aired here, but one aspect bears looking at more closely — the financial one!

Without doubt, the gates would be higher in the summer and possibly it could become more of a family outing than it is now. This in itself would more than justify the change over. When news of clubs in financial difficulties becomes the norm, it is time something drastic is done and now could be the time to do it. One is quite aware that one bad winter doesn't make an ice-age, but even during a 'normal' English winter, once the temperature starts dropping so do the gates. When the financial stability and even possibly survival, of some clubs depends on playing matches at the right time (they go into the red even more if a game is postponed) the case for summer playing is very strong, and in fact the whole future of the game could depend on it.

STOP PRESS

The postponed match with West Ham has been re-arranged to be played on Monday 26th February. Kick Off 7-30 p.m.

POINT OF CONTROVERSY

'THEY never come back' is an adage often applied in the Boxing world to fighters, who after a spell of retirement, attempt to make a come-back. Many must have wondered whether it applies just as much to soccer management with the announcement a month or so ago of the return of Malcolm Allison to Manchester City where he enjoyed such tremendous success a decade ago with a Football league championship and an F.A. Cup, F.L. Cup and European Cup-Winners Cup all in the space of three seasons.

Allison has not of course been in retirement, but since his spell at Crystal Palace that brought them an F.A. Cup Semi-final appearance after two relegation seasons he has been in the comparative obscurity first of Turkish football and then of the Third Division with Plymouth Argyle. It was of course from Plymouth that he previously moved to Maine Rd., there to team up with Joe Mercer and soon to be followed by

Tony Book, the Argyle captain. Now it is Allison teaming up with Book, his former protegee, and now his 'boss'.

Thus the wheel has come full circle as Book and Allison tackle the worst crisis to befall City since their relegation to Division Two in 1966. With a humiliating F.A. Cup defeat by the sprightly Shrewsbury outfit recently they now have to halt the slide before relegation to Division Two becomes a distinct possibility.

Was Malcolm Allison therefore wise to risk obscuring the great work he did at Mairie Road in the 60's by the possibility of failure this time? In a slightly parallel situation Brian Clough after much heart — searching declined an invitation to return to Derby County last year. Maybe Allison is more of a romantic at heart and in any event Clough already had control of a First Div. outfit at Nottingham Forest when the offer came.

Allison has of course never been a man to play safe. That is part of his charisma and the chance of a return to his former glories just couldn't be resisted. Most genuine soccer fans were pleased to see him back in Division One again as the game needs his flair and attacking philosophy. It is too early yet to say that he is succeeding. The City directors have promised that the Book-Allison partnership will be left undisturbed until the end of the season whatever happens. Over the years Allison's particular strength has been his development of young players rather than his work with established 'stars'. It could therefore take a season or two to build a new Manchester City after the pattern of the lineup of a decade ago. It will be interesting to see whether the present side with a few modifications can do well enough in the foreground to give 'Big Mal' the chance to build for the future in the background.

As a player Malcolm Allison lost the impossible battle to return to league football after a serious lung operation. He won the battle to make an even bigger impact in the game as a coach than he had done as a player.

Despite the truth of the boxing adage, Mohammed Ali did come back successfully — he is a big man in every sense of the word. So is Malcolm Allison — and he may prove another exception to the general rule.

MASCOT

JAMES Billson, who attends Westbury School at Letchworth, is our Mascot for todays match with Blackburn Rovers. Apart from football which is his main sport, his hobbies include model making and car spotting. He has supported the Hatters for nearly three years now and his favourite player is Bob Hatton.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS.

THREE of our players have birthdays this month, Kirk Stephens, Ricky Hill and Wayne Turner. A Very Happy Birthday lads and the best of luck in the future.

NEWS FROM THE POOLS

ON MONDAY April 2nd. (not quite April Fools day) we are launching "THE GREAT THREE AND EASY". Each of these three brand new competitions are 'bingo based', instant as well, but not "Scratchoffs", combined prize money to be won will be nearly £9000!

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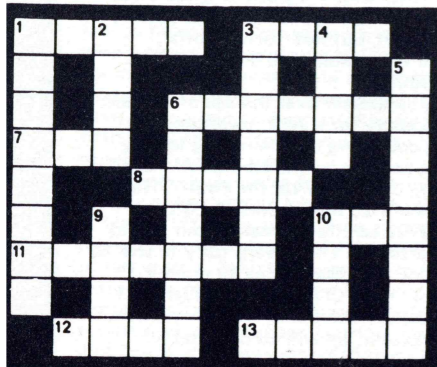
1. Graham or Grotier (5)
3. See 8ac.
6. Much-capped international who became a first-time manager this season (7)
7. Keeper who achieved F.A. Cup fame with Wimbledon and has been likewise noted with Maidstone this season (3)
8. & 3ac. Player with Crewe, Wolves, Bournemouth and Carlisle who was subsequently twice the Crewe manager (5,4)
- 10 & 11. One of the many international goalkeepers who have served Birmingham City (3,7)
12. Nickeas or Nightingale (4)
13. International Everton acquired last year (5)

CLUES - Down

1. Nickname of Plymouth Argyle (8)
2. & 5dn. Young Orient midfielder, yet already their most-capped player (4,8)
3. John ———, midfielder or defender with West Bromwich Albion (7)
4. Old Notts County and England soccer and cricket international whose name is often seen on cricket bats (4)
5. See 2dn.
6. Where in England a Scottish League match was played recently (7)
- 10 & 9. Official name of the 'six-yard box' (4,4)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 16

Across: 1. Dublin, 4. Shaw, 7. Provan, 8. Daly, 9. Otulakowski, 12. Aris, 13. See 3dn, 14. Sons, 15. breaks.
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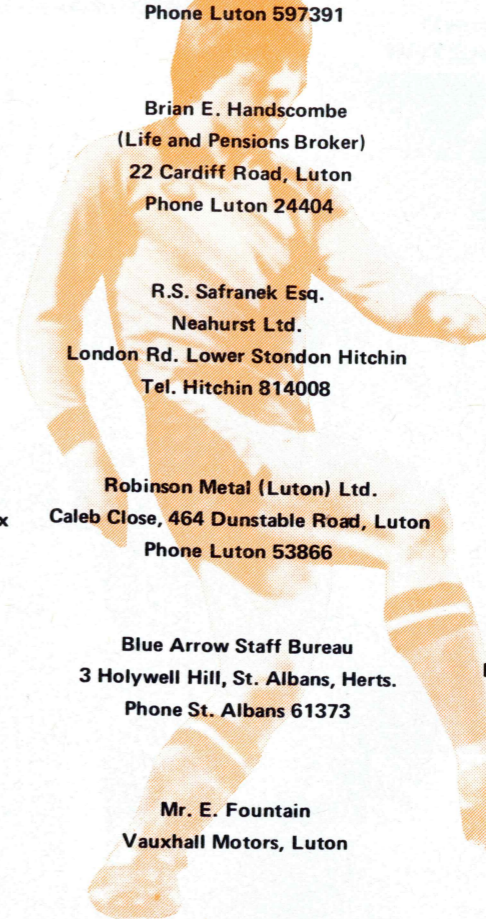
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CENTRE-HALF Chris Turner relieved the tension after Sheffield United had been forced to defend grimly against a lot of pressure. Mal Donaghy and David Moss had both hit the woodwork, and it was looking as though the Sheffield goal had a charmed life when Turner broke the deadlock with a header for the first goal.

Outnumbered by defenders Turner is seen rising above his marker to send the ball powerfully on its way into the net.

Small wonder that in the other picture the big defender is jumping for joy. Ricky Hill and Donaghy show their delight, and in the background Bob Hatton leads the applause for a cracking goal, a tribute from one good pro to another.

Pictures: LUTON NEWS

ION A



Peter Watson

SPORTS EDITOR WITH THE EVENING NEWS

BRIAN CLOUGH'S decision to quit as England youth team manager will inevitably, I feel, signal the end of his brief flirtation with Lancaster Gate.

Clough has made no secret of his ambition to succeed Ron Greenwood as England's manager when the time comes for Greenwood to step aside.

Greenwood was astute enough to give Clough and his No. 2 Peter Taylor, control of his youth team. But club commitments with Forest prevented Clough and Taylor from making any real contribution.

They've done the decent thing by resigning and I'm sure Greenwood will hold on to public sympathy by declaring his intention to call on the Forest duo for help in the future.

At the same time, I've never gone along with those who see King Clough as England's next boss and nothing has happened to make me alter that opinion.

His image is wrong for the Football Association. He's made too many enemies there — it's as simple as that.

Terry Venables of Crystal Palace is my idea of the next England chief. He's already shared control of the Under-21 side and handled himself with the kind of polite assurance which makes him a good ambassador for the game.

Venables is immensely talented — a good motivator and, above all, an originator. He has impressed Greenwood immensely and that will count for a lot when the change is eventually made.

RAY WILKINS emerged from the most miserable injury spell of his career to spearhead Chelsea's vital First Division win over Birmingham.

Wilkins, who has been succeeded by Micky Droy as team captain, scored both goals and looked in England-sharp form.

That victory should be the tonic Chelsea need but with Wolves beating Everton on the same day, it's as tight as ever at the foot of the First Division.

Birmingham — with or without Trevor Francis — look doomed and Queen's Park Rangers need to hit a winning run if they are to sleep well this summer.

Strangest goal of the season . . . how about this?

PAOK Saloniki took the lead against Ethnikos but celebrations went on far too long and, with five players still in the opponents' half, Ethnikos quickly kicked off and equalised.

The match ended in a 2-2 draw and PAOK have protested saying referee Kolyropoulos committed a technical error by re-starting the game with players in the wrong half of the field. . . it sounds all Greek to me!

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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

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

WE WENT to watch a football match, and stayed to work up a sweat on a bitterly cold afternoon. That was the lot of Town supporters in the middle of February ten years ago when, as now, snow and frost brought Britain to a standstill and wiped out soccer all over the country.

On February 15 Stockport County came to Luton for a game, and hundreds of supporters turned up early to clear the pitch of snow and ice. The efforts failed, but although the game was postponed the fans kept working to try to ensure that the following match could take place — against the old enemy and Third Division leaders Watford.

We were all a bit niggled when the newly-formed pools panel had the cheek to announce that the Luton v Stockport County pools result was an away win. The Town had an unbeaten home record at the time and left us all muttering doubts about the sanity of the so-called panel experts.

Watford had gone down to a surprise defeat at Torquay and came to Luton on February 19 for a match vital to both sides, with the Town five points behind Watford but still in with a chance of winning promotion.

Players and supporters worked like beavers to clear the

pitch, and pneumatic drills were hired to break up ice on the terraces, and against all the odds the game got under way.

It was the biggest gate of the season, with 21,143 hoping for a titanic battle. But the pitch was hard and bumpy, and with tension getting through to the players it was no night for good soccer.

Green led a Watford breakaway after a lot of Town pressure to lay on the first goal for Barry Endean in the 31st minute, but just before the interval Jardine headed the Town's equaliser, from a corner by Graham French. And fifteen minutes into the second half, the game was abandoned when the blizzard worsened and blotted out the lines.

It was all very disappointing, but at least it left room for the papers to include a small paragraph about a new appointment made by Alec Stock.

He was bringing in a chap most of us had never heard of to be Entertainments Manager — Harry Haslam, former manager at Tonbridge, and latterly chief scout at Fulham before being sacked at Craven Cottage on the same day as manager Bobby Robson and coach Roy McCrohan. He joined Luton Town exactly ten years ago today.

YOUTH

By George Rogers

Another blank Saturday. Most people in football are very disappointed when after training and looking forward to the game all the week to be told on Friday that its off. Many people are now saying, lets play in the summer evenings but the thought of playing on dry bare pitches is unthinkable, it would be allright if the grass is lush and possible to keep watered. What happens if we have a drought?

The Youth team have still to play 10 Chiltern and 6 Midland League fixtures and at least 2 Cup games. With 8 more Saturdays left, this means that the players will be required to play at least 3 games a week. With the reserves' commitments this means more boys from local football will be given the opportunity to shine in this higher grade of football. One of the advantages of the

Chiltern Youth league is that boys can be registered with the league right up to the last game of the season.

Along with Nottingham Forest youth team, the Town has been invited to take part in a Youth tournament in Amsterdam, Holland during our Spring Bank holiday week. This tournament is one of the best in Europe including all the top clubs. Providing all the necessary arrangements can be overcome it looks as if we shall be competing. The benefits of such a tour are tremendous. The ability to compete at this level gives young players ideas and the confidence for the future. It also gives the club a chance to assess not only the players, but continental training schedules and methods. As soon as final details are available we will inform you. Perhaps you

would like to combine a bulb fields' tour with this tournament, giving the lads your vocal support at the stadium.

Know your youth player:— Today we focus on Martin Conquest. Martin comes from Leighton Buzzard. He attended Brookland School and was picked out whilst playing for his local club Leighton Pioneers. His goalscoring technique then and later in the Town colours prompted Mr. Pleat to offer him apprentice terms when he left school last summer. He has just started driving lessons. He leaves home at seven every morning to catch the bus and with many evening games being played he never knows how he is going to get home. He says "I must save to buy an old banger" Any offers?

FOCUS ON

STEVE
TAYLOR



LUTON's latest signing, Steve Taylor was the man responsible for our first home defeat in 1978 (the third of the season). He scored the only goal of the match on January 14th. and a few days earlier had also threatened to end our F.A. Cup run by scoring in a 3rd. Round match. However, although the 'Latics' successfully completed a league double over us we did manage to extract some revenge by removing them from the F.A. Cup after a replay.

Steve started his career with Bolton, although his birthplace, Royton, is nearer to Oldham whom he supported as a very young boy. By the early age of thirteen his talents had already been noted by Wanderers who placed him on schoolboy forms until he was able to join the club as an apprentice at fifteen. Boltons manager at that time was Nat Lofthouse who also had some reputation as a centre forward, but he was soon to be replaced by Jimmy Armfield who in turn gave way to the present manager Ian Greaves on his move to Leeds. Steve played mainly as a winger in the Bolton Youth team which, although it achieved no notable triumphs, produced some excellent players including Pete Reid, Sam Allardyce, Neil Whatmore, Paul Jones and Barry Siddall. Signed as a full professional at eighteen, Steve made his debut in the Bolton league team against

Bristol City as a sub in 1974. His first full league match a few weeks later was against Southampton when he wore the No. 9 shirt. The following season in order to gain further league experience he was allowed to go to Port Vale on a months loan where he scored twice in four matches.

It was in 1976/77 that Steve fully came to the notice of the Bolton supporters when he started the season by scoring six times in his first five league games and despite the handicap of having a cartilage removed he ended the campaign with sixteen league goals from thirty matches.

The arrival of Frank Worthington from Leicester indicated to Steve that the time had come to move on and after one first team appearance in 1977/78 he readily accepted the

transfer to his home team of Oldham. His start there was sensational and in the first seven league games he was the only Oldham player to find the net, averaging one goal per game. After ten games he was still keeping up this average and completed the season with twenty league goals from thirty two appearances. He did not miss a league match from mid-October, when he signed, until the end of the season and the 'Latics' had risen from 20th. position in November to 6th place by mid April. Despite only taking part in 75% of the Second Division season Steve finished up as joint third top scorer of league goals only two behind Bob Hatton.

1978/79 started badly with a pre-season injury affecting his form and after scoring two goals a bout of influenza again interrupted proceedings and when David Pleat made enquiries, Steve decided that a move South would prove a welcome change from local football. Most of his leisure activities are of a sporting nature and include Squash and Golf which he takes seriously as his seven handicap indicates.

Steve, his wife Janet and five month old daughter Jodi Lee are hoping to move in to their new home at North Crawley in a few weeks time and we wish them every possible happiness there and every success to Steve during his career with the Hatters.

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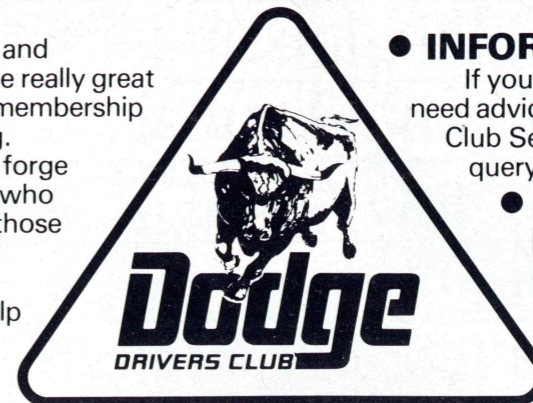
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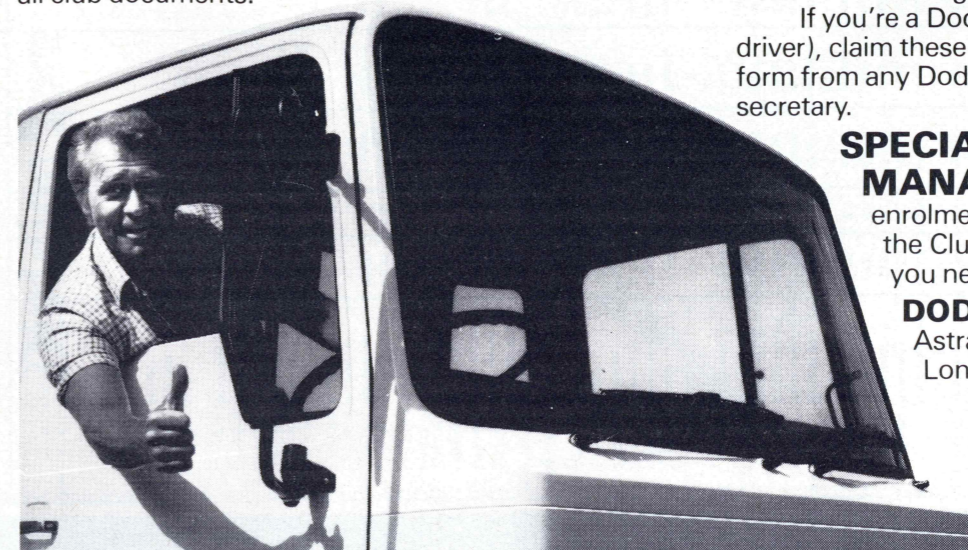
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FACTS

DIV.2	Attendance	F.A.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 19 S Oldham Athletic	8,043	6-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Sherlock	Donaghy	Turner	Alzewood	Hill	Fucillo (1 pen)	Stein (1)	Hatton (2)	Moss (2)	Ingram
22 T Crystal Palace	17,739	1-3	Aleksic	Stephens	Sherlock	Donaghy	Turner	Price	Hill	Fucillo (1 pen)	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Ingram*
26 S Newcastle Utd.	24,112	0-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Alzewood	Donaghy	Turner	Price	Hill	West	Stein	Hatton	Moss	McNichol
29 T Wigan Ath. (LC2)	6,618	2-0	Aleksic	Stephens	Alzewood	Donaghy	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (2)	Hatton	Moss	Hill
Sept. 2 S Charlton Ath.	8,509	3-0	Aleksic	Jones	Alzewood	Hill (1)	Turner	Price	Donaghy	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Boorma	West*
9 S Bristol Rovers	6,508	0-2	Aleksic	Jones	Alzewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	West	Stein	Ingram	Moss (2)	West
16 S Cardiff City	7,752	7-1	Aleksic	Jones	Alzewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	West	Stein (2)	Hatton (1)	Moss (2)	Fucillo (1 pen)*
20 S Cambridge Utd.	10,801	1-1	Aleksic	Jones	Alzewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	West	Stein (1)	Hatton	Moss	Fucillo*
23 S Sheffield Utd.	15,295	1-1	Aleksic	Price	Alzewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	West	Stein	Hatton (1)	Moss	Jones
Oct. 3 T Crewe Alex. (LC3)	6,602	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Alzewood	Hill (1)	Turner	Donaghy	Donaghy	Fucillo	Stein	Hatton (1)	Moss	Jones
7 S Wrexham	8,683	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Alzewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	Donaghy	Fucillo (1)	Stein (1)	Hatton	Moss	Jones
14 S Blackburn	7,450	0-0	Aleksic	Price	Alzewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	Donaghy	Fucillo (1)	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Jones
21 S North County	8,581	6-0	Aleksic	Price	Alzewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	Donaghy	Fucillo (1)	Stein	Hatton (1)	Moss (1)	Jones
28 S Orient	7,035	2-3	Aleksic	Donaghy	Alzewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo (2)	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Carr
Nov. 4 S Leicester City	10,608	0-1	Aleksic	Donaghy	Alzewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Carr
8 W Aston Villa (LC4)	32,727	2-0	Aleksic	Price	Alzewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Moss	Stephens
11 S Oldham Athletic	6,876	0-2	Aleksic	Price	Alzewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Stephens
18 S Newcastle Utd.	10,434	2-0	Lawson	Price	Alzewood	Hill	Turner (1)	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Moss	Jones
21 T Charlton Ath.	10,161	2-1	Lawson	Price	Alzewood	Carr	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	Stein	Hatton (1)	Moss (1)	Jones
25 S Sunderland (1)	10,249	0-3	Lawson	Price	Alzewood	Hill	Jones	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Carr
Dec. 2 S Burnley	7,036	1-2	Findlay	Price (1)	Alzewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Jones
9 S Preston	28,177	1-3	Findlay	Price	Alzewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Moss	Jones
13 W Leeds Utd. (LC5)	16,252	1-3	Findlay	Price	Alzewood	Carr	Turner	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss (1)	Heale*
16 S Brighton (2)	8,002	3-2	Findlay	Stephens	Alzewood	Carr	Turner	Donaghy	West	Hill (1)	Stein	Hatton	Moss (1)	Stein
23 S West Ham	6,068	2-0	Findlay	Price	Alzewood	Carr	Turner	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss (2)	Jones
26 T Millwall	8,914	0-1	Findlay	Price	Alzewood	Carr	Turner	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Jones
30 S Fulham	7,025	1-1	Findlay	Stephens	Alzewood	Donaghy	Turner	Price	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Jones
1979	8,125	0-0	Lawson	Stephens	Alzewood	Donaghy	Turner (1)	Price	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Stein
Jan. 1 M Stoke City	7,036	0-2	Findlay	Jones	Alzewood	Carr	Price	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Heale*
6 S York City (FAC 3)	6,002	3-2	Findlay	Stephens	Alzewood	Carr	Price (1)	Donaghy	West	Hill (1)	Stein	Hatton	Moss (1)	Stein
9 M West Ham	7,025	1-1	Findlay	Stephens	Alzewood	Donaghy	Price	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Stein
10 S Orient (6)			Findlay	Stephens	Alzewood	Donaghy	Price	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Stein
17 S Leicester City (LCF)			Lawson	Stephens	Alzewood	Donaghy	Price	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Stein
24 S Crystal Palace			Findlay	Stephens	Alzewood	Donaghy	Price	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Stein
31 S Sunderland (SF)			Findlay	Stephens	Alzewood	Donaghy	Price	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Stein
April 7 S Burnley			Lawson	Stephens	Alzewood	Donaghy	Price	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Stein
9 M West Ham			Findlay	Stephens	Alzewood	Donaghy	Price	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Stein
14 S Millwall			Findlay	Stephens	Alzewood	Donaghy	Price	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Stein
16 M Stoke City			Findlay	Stephens	Alzewood	Donaghy	Price	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Stein
21 S Brighton			Findlay	Stephens	Alzewood	Donaghy	Price	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Stein
28 S Preston			Findlay	Stephens	Alzewood	Donaghy	Price	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Stein
May 5 S Fulham			Findlay	Stephens	Alzewood	Donaghy	Price	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Stein
12 S F.A. Cup Final			Findlay	Stephens	Alzewood	Donaghy	Price	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Stein

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Division Two

Combination

As at 5/2/79

P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	27	11	2	23	9	3	3	8	14	18	33
C Palace	26	7	5	21	10	3	3	14	9	33	
Stoke	26	7	4	1	24	10	4	7	3	10	33
West Ham	24	8	3	2	31	11	4	3	4	17	30
Sunderland	25	8	4	3	25	13	3	7	4	19	22
Fulham	26	8	4	3	25	13	3	7	4	19	22
Orient	26	8	4	3	22	10	3	7	13	21	27
Charlton	25	4	4	17	14	5	4	4	24	23	26
Notts Co	25	5	6	1	13	9	3	4	6	18	32
Burnley	23	8	2	1	23	12	1	5	6	13	23
Leicester	26	5	4	20	17	2	6	4	9	13	25
Newcastle	25	8	2	1	16	6	2	3	9	21	25
Bristol R	25	9	2	2	28	16	1	3	8	7	25
Luton Town	25	7	3	3	32	13	2	3	7	9	17
Cambridge	26	3	8	2	17	11	3	4	6	14	23
Preston	24	6	5	2	26	15	2	2	7	12	25
Wrexham	20	5	4	1	16	7	2	3	5	9	14
Sheff Utd	23	4	5	3	4	20	16	1	4	6	10
Oldham	23	4	5	2	15	13	2	2	8	13	27
Blackburn	24	1	7	2	14	13	2	2	10	10	37
Cardiff	23	4	3	3	15	15	1	2	10	10	37
Millwall	23	3	2	6	12	19	1	3	8	7	19

LEAGUE/CUP	Apps	Gls
Alexsic	17	2
Sherlock	3	2
Alzewood	29	3
Donaghy	29	2
Price	27	2
Hill	25(1)	3
Fucillo	20(2)	7
West	25(2)	1
Stein	26(3)	13
Hatton	28	9
Turner	26	2
Moss	27	10
Ingram	2(2)	
Jones	7(10)	
Carr	6(3)	
Lawson	4	
Findlay	8	
Thistle	2(1)	
COMBINATION	2(1)	
Ingram	7	5
W. Turner	5	5
Sperrin	5	2
Lucas	2	2
Hayes	2	2
Currie	1	1
Jones	1	1
MIDLAND/CHILTERN		
Pearson	17	12
Conquest	12	9
Eaton	9	7
Madden	7	4
Ingram	3	3
Sykes	3	3
W. Turner	3	3
Cole	3	3
Bygraves	3	3
Wilkinson	2	2
Harriott	2	2
Murphy	1	1
Kitchener	1	1
R. Johnson	1	1
Brammer	1	1
Cosby	1	1
Lucas	1	1
Burn	1	1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES - 1978-79

Aug. 19 S Oxford United	18 S Birmingham City	1-0	Feb.	3 S Norwich City	P
22 T Cardiff City	21 T Bristol Rovers	2-0		10 S Swindon Town	0-2
26 S Birmingham City	29 W Reading			17 S Chelsea	
30 W				24 S Orient	
Sept. 6 W Hereford United	2 S Fulham	2-2	Mar.	3 S Tottenham H.	
9 S Southampton	9 S Arsenal	1-3		10 S Plymouth Argyle	
13 W Bristol Rovers	11 M West Ham	C		17 S Leicester City	
23 S Norwich City	16 S Bristol City	C		21 W Crystal Palace	
	19 T Crystal Palace	P		28 W Cardiff City	
	30 S Q.P.R.	P		31 S Reading	
Oct. 4 W Chelsea			April	7 S Fulham	
7 S Orient				16 M Ipswich Town	
14 T Swindon				21 S Bristol City	
24 S Plymouth Argyle				24 T West Ham	
28 S Tottenham H.				28 S Arsenal	
Nov. 1 W Tottenham H.			May	5 S Q.P.R.	
4 S Leicester City					
8 W Oxford United					
11 S Oxford United					

All Saturday Matches Kick-off 3pm
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Next home games

v TOTENHAM HOTSPUR v ORIENT
Combination
Saturday March 3rd
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Division Two
Saturday March 10th
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Junior Hatters

AT the time of starting these notes we do not know whether we will be playing either at home to Chelsea Reserves, or away at Wrexham and without any improvement in the weather it is even possible that the West Ham home game is in doubt. Therefore newswise there is very little to say that has not already been covered in the West Ham programme. However, here is this week's quiz and there will, as usual, be two pairs of tickets for the first two winning entries:

1. David Coates and John Moore who are the Reserve team coach and Youth coach respectively, were with which teams during their playing careers? If you read all the programmes the answers are there for you!!
2. How many ex-Luton Town players have played at Kenilworth Road this season?
3. Which American team does John Faulkner and Jimmy Husband play for?

All entries to:— Junior Hatters Competition,
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Please note that from the 1st April, 1979 we will not be accepting any new members or renewals for the time being as we have been having discussions regarding the future organisation of the Junior Hatters Club.

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Century Club

by Catherine Ball, Secretary

AFTER THE recent spell of wintry weather, perhaps I can be forgiven for asking Century Club members to look ahead to spring. All members should by now have received notification of the annual ball. It will be on Wednesday April 4, at the Eurocrest Hotel, and we have high hopes that it will be as successful as ever.

There will be a banquet meal and cabaret entertainment, plus a tombola up to our usual high standards. We anticipate that we shall sell all the tickets, and it would be a tremendous help to the committee if orders were put in as early as possible.

David Pleat has offered to bring his first team squad, along with other members of the staff, and I can promise that it will be a good night out for everyone, with a chance to meet players in an informal social atmosphere.

Club members might also bear in mind the two awards which we traditionally present at the annual ball — one for the Luton Town player of the Year, and one for the Century Club's supporter of the year.

John Faulkner walked off with the player's prize last year, so there is bound to be a new name on the list this time. All Century Club members are asked to get in their nominations as soon as possible, and also their choice for supporter of the year.

We still have plenty of Century Club members prepared to follow Luton Town to all parts of the country, and the only drawbacks recently have been postponements. We were going to run an outing to Wrexham last week, but that had to join the list of casualties, and it's small wonder that some of our "Awayday" members have been looking a little frustrated recently.

Finally, would all members please bear in mind the Sports Forum which is to be held next month, and if possible help the advance arrangements by submitting questions which might provoke the panel into stimulating debate.

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- 11 BARRY SILKMAN
- 12



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- PAUL ROUND 5
- DEREK FAZACKERLEY 6
- TONY PARKES 7
- SIMON GARNER 8
- JOE CRAIG 9
- ALAN BIRCHENALL 10
- NOEL BROTHERSTONE 11
- TIM PARKIN 12

Half Times

Bristol Rovers	Charlton	Bolton
Notts. County	Leicester	Chelsea
Burnley	Newcastle	Derby
Stoke City	Sunderland	Liverpool
Cambridge United	Sheffield Utd	Everton
Wrexham	Millwall	Ipswich
Cardiff City	West Ham	Manchester Utd
Orient	Oldham	Aston Villa
Crystal Palace	Arsenal	Nottm. Forest
Preston	Wolves	Bristol City

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