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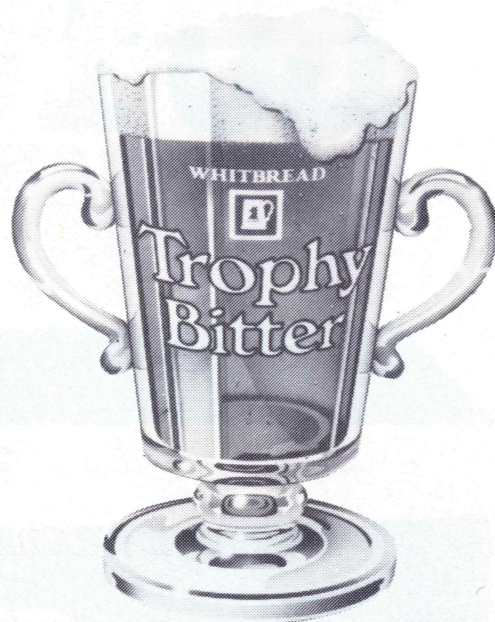
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DAVID PLEAT

TONIGHT we welcome West Ham United knowing that we are competing against a side who have always been most aware of their responsibilities to the footballing public. In creating space from midfield they have reversed the trend of setting out to congest this area and prevent the opposition playing. We have been hit by the injury jinx once again when David Moss was ruled out of action by the club doctor with a pelvic strain. Hopefully, David will be side-lined no longer than a month. Chris Turner has fully recovered now from his shoulder injury and has bolstered the defence since his return. Jake Findlay too is now fit again but Lil Fuccillo will not play again this season. In the recent bad weather we have found training difficult as we do not have our own indoor facilities. I would like to thank the people and organisations in the



town who have made training possible by providing gymnasiums or allowed us to use football pitches when we have not been able to use Kenilworth Road. Vauxhall Motors were also kind enough to allow the Northern Ireland International side to use their ground for training before the Wembley International. Hopefully, we can now anticipate the snows have left us permanently and we can get a return to normality. Seeking some good conditions we accepted a friendly invitation to play at Minehead last Tuesday evening when this fixture was cancelled. It was a tiring day but the long term effect of building relationships with smaller clubs can be considerable. We enjoyed pleasant hospitality and I'm sure we gained a few long distance supporters in the process. During the recent bad weather spell much of the press news has centred around the possibility of more South American or European players coming to play in this country. One of the great dangers is that to pay for these players the English clubs may try to involve the NASL clubs to help with a proportion of the fee. My advice is to be very wary of this situation as the complications of compensation, playing all year round, and serving two clubs are considerable. I hope you will see a good game tonight and we can provide the sort of entertainment which will ensure that you return for the next home game against Orient.

West



Back row (left to right): Mick McGiven, Paul Brush, Alvin Martin, David Cross, Mervyn Day, Billy Bonds (captain), Bobby Ferguson, Tommy Taylor, Trevor Brooking, Frank Lampard, John McDowell. Front row: Derek Hales (now Charlton Athletic), Geoff Pike, Alan Taylor, Alan Devonshire, Anton Otulakowski, Pat Holland, Billy Jennings, Bryan Robson, Alan Curbishley.

BILLY BONDS

Born at Woolwich, Kent. Schools soccer: Kent. Previous club: Charlton Athletic. Transferred for £50,000, 13 May 1967. League debut for West Ham Utd. v Sheffield Wednesday, 19 August, 1967. League appearances: Charlton Athletic 95 (one goal). West Ham Utd. 398 (36 goals); Cup 72 (eight goals). "Hammer of the Year" three times; runner-up twice. Appointed club captain 1973-74. Internationals: Under-23 v Wales, Holland (1968). Honours: F.A. Cup winners 1975. E.C.W. Cup Final 1976.

TREVOR BROOKING

Born at Barking, Essex. Schools soccer: Ilford, London, Essex, England (1963-4). Apprentice: 24 July 1965. Full pro: 2 May 1966. First team debut v Grasshoppers (Switzerland) June 1967. League debut v Burnley

29 August, 1967. League appearances 364 (61 goals); Cup 63 (eight goals). "Hammer of the Year" in 1971-72, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78. Internationals: Youth v West Germany, Scotland (2), Italy, Spain, Yugoslavia (1967). Under-23 v Switzerland (1971). Full v Portugal, Argentina, East Germany, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Portugal (1974), Portugal (1975), Wales (Centenary match), Brazil, Italy (U.S.A. Bi-Centenary matches), Finland (2), Eire, Italy (1976), Holland, Northern Ireland, Wales, Italy (1977), W. Germany, Wales, Scotland, Hungary (1978), Football League v Scottish League (1974). Honours: F.A. Cup winners 1975. E.C.W. Cup Final 1976.

PAUL BRUSH

Born at Plaistow, London. Schools soccer: Newham, Essex, London, international trial. Skipped Cumberland School in national individual schools final. Apprentice: 15 July 1974. Full Pro: 22 February 1976. First team debut v Moss (Norway), August 1977. League debut v Norwich City, 20 August 1977. League appearances 24; Cup 1. Honours: F.A. Youth Cup Final 1975.

Ham

DAVID CROSS

Born at Heywood, Lancs. Signed pro for Rochdale. Afterwards transferred to Norwich City (Oct. 1971), Coventry City (Nov. 1973 for £150,000), and West Bromwich Albion (Nov. 1976 for £120,000). Transferred to West Ham United on 9 Dec. 1977 for £180,000 (a club record fee). League debut for West Ham Utd. v W.B.A. 17 Dec. 1977. League appearances: Rochdale 59 (21 goals). Norwich City 84 (21 goals). Coventry City 91 (29 goals). West Bromwich Albion 37 (18 goals). West Ham United 21 (nine goals); Cup 3.

ALAN CURBISHLEY

Born at Forest Gate, London. Schools soccer: Newham, Essex, London, England. Apprentice: 22 July 1974. Full Pro: July 1975. League debut for West Ham Utd. v Chelsea at home, 29 March 1975. League appearances 58 (two goals); Cup 10. Internationals: Youth v Spain (twice) (1974), N. Ireland, Switzerland, Hungary, Finland (1975). Honours: F.A. Youth Cup Final 1975.

MERVYN DAY

Born at Chelmsford, Essex. Schools soccer: Chelmsford, Essex, England reserve. Played amateur and capped for England Youth v Wales. Apprentice: 20 July 1971. Full pro: 1 March 1973. League debut for West Ham Utd. v Ipswich Town 27 August 1973. League appearances 181; Cup 38. Internationals: Youth v Wales (1971). Under-23 v Yugoslavia, France (1974), Wales, Czechoslovakia (1975). Honours: F.A. Cup winners 1975. E.C.W. Cup Final 1976. P.F.A. "Young Footballer of Year" 1975. "Hammer of the Year" runner-up 1973-74, 1974-75.

ALAN DEVONSHIRE

Born at Park Royal, London. Schools soccer: Ealing, Middlesex. Previous club: Southall. Signed for West Ham Utd.: 23 Sept. 1976. First XI debut for West Ham Utd. v O.P.R. (League Cup), 27 Oct. 1976. League appearances 62 (three goals); Cup 4. "Hammer of the Year" runner-up

1976-77.

PAT HOLLAND

Born at Poplar, London. Schools soccer: East London (English Trophy winners), London triallist. Apprentice: Sept. 1967. Full pro: 21 April 1969. League debut for West Ham Utd. v Arsenal on same day that he signed full pro. League appearances 155 (13 goals); Cup 34. Honours: F.A. Cup winners 1975. E.C.W. Cup Final 1976. (eight goals).

FRANK LAMPARD

Born in West Ham, London. Schools soccer: West Ham, Essex. Apprentice: July 1964. Full pro: Sept. 1965. League debut for West Ham Utd. v Manchester City 18 Nov. 1967. League appearances 363 (twelve goals); Cup 65 (three goals). Internationals: Youth v Scotland, Italy (1966), West Germany, Italy, Spain (1967). Under-23 v Switzerland (1971), East Germany, Poland, Russia (1972). Full v Yugoslavia (1972). Honours: F.A. Cup winners 1975. E.C.W. Cup Final 1976.

ALVIN MARTIN

Born at Bootle, Lancs. Schools soccer: Bootle, Lancashire. Apprentice: 19 Aug. 1974. Full pro: 29 July 1976. Div I debut v Aston Villa (away) as sub., 18 March 1978. First full Div. I debut v Birmingham City (away) 28 March 1978. League appearances 7 (one goal). Internationals: Youth v Wales (1976). Honours: F.A. Youth Cup Final 1975.

BRYAN ROBSON

Born at Sunderland. Signed pro for Newcastle United in 1962. Transferred to West Ham United., 22 Feb. 1971 for £120,000 (a then-record fee for the club). Transferred to Sunderland, summer 1974. Returned to West Ham United and made his second "debut" for the Hammers v Ipswich Town, 16 Oct. 1976. League appearances: Newcastle United: 206 (81 goals). West Ham United (first series) 120 (47 goals); Cup 19 (six goals). Sunderland: 90 (34 goals). West Ham United (second series): 67 (23 goals); Cup 6 (two goals).

TOMMY TAYLOR

Born at Hornchurch, Essex. Signed pro for Orient. Transferred to West Ham Utd. 14 Oct. 1970. League debut for West Ham Utd. v Spurs, 17 Oct. 1970. League appearances: Orient 114 (six goals). West Ham Utd. 308 (eight goals); Cup 57. Internationals: Under-23 v East Germany, Wales (1972), Holland, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, (1973), Wales, Scotland, Turkey, Yugoslavia, France (1974), Czechoslovakia, Portugal (1975). Honours: F. A. Cup winners 1975. E.C.W. Cup Final 1976.

WELCOME

FOR OUR Match today we have the pleasure of welcoming a team which the Hatters have not played since 1974 when they met in the First Division. Due to their relegation, the Hammers are now once again visiting Kenilworth Road and we look forward to what is certain to be an eventful and hard fought game.

The West Ham United Football Club was formed in July 1900, but its roots were established in the East End of London in the last couple of decades of the nineteenth century. There were several well-known local clubs playing in the dock areas at that time and it was the interest in these that led to the formation of a team at the Thames Iron Works in 1895. They played at Hermit Road a moat surrounded the ground and canvas sheets were used for fencing. Their name was changed to Castle Swifts, and later on came a connection with the Iron Works.

The Iron Works disappeared during the depressive period after World War I but there are still a few folk who have continuous connections with the club which their ancestors helped to form some 83 years ago.

The first matches were played at Hermit Road and for a brief period at another pitch off High Street East Ham. Then thanks to the generosity of the owner of the Iron Works — Mr A F Hills — a new arena was constructed which became known as Memorial Ground.

The Iron Works team became a professional club in 1898, and gained admission to the Southern League. The team won the Second Division and gained entrance to an enlarged First Division next season. It held its new status by beating Fulham 5-1 in a 'Test Match'. But the club was out-growing its original strength. The formation of a new Limited Company took place under the name of West Ham United, and the Hammers played their matches at the Memorial Ground for the next four years.

The move to the present Boleyn Ground at Upton Park took place in 1904, and in 1919 they were elected to the 2nd Division. Promotion to Division One was

gained in 1923, and after a nine year spell they were relegated to Division Two. 26 years were to pass before they climbed back to Division One in 1958.

This following period saw the clubs major successes. They won the F.A. Cup in 1964 by beating Preston North End 3-2 and again in 1975 when they beat Fulham 2-0. 1964/65 saw their success in Europe when they won the Cup Winners Cup by a 2-0 victory over TSV Munich.

A remarkable statistic is that during 78 years of existence the Club has only had five managers, all but one previously played for the Hammers. The first was Syd King, a full back of renown. He was succeeded in 1931 by Charlie Paynter who began as a winger in 1900, retired through injury, and then in turn served as reserve team and first team trainer before carrying on to complete 50 years service. Ted Fenton took over in 1950, having previously gained international honours with the club prior to leaving to become manager at Colchester United, he served for eleven years as manager before being succeeded by Ron Greenwood.

The fourth ex-Hammer to become manager is John Lyall whom we shall have the pleasure of meeting today. He certainly has thrown down the gauntlet to the rest of Division Two by his determination to go back to Division One and at the moment they look like succeeding by lying in 4th position with two games in hand.

MASCOTS

TODAYS mascot is Jason Gornall who attends Whitehall Junior School at Hitchin. Jason tells us that his main hobby is watching Luton Town and his sports are football and cricket. He has supported the Hatters for four years, has full Luton Town kit, and his favourite player is Paul Price.

FROM JOHN WILKINSON'S DESK

I AM pleased to report that at last Saturdays match with Sheffield United the police made no arrests during the game or outside the ground afterwards. This is very good

news as far as I am concerned because the last thing I want to do is to put names in the programme of people and banning them from our matches. We don't get that many people in to watch us at the present time and to stop people coming in wouldn't do our gates any good, but should it be necessary then I won't hesitate to print.

Just when we think that the weather has changed for the better, back comes the snow and plays havoc again. It caused us a few problems with the reserve match against Queens Park Rangers last week. I don't think I have ever seen two inches of snow disappear so quickly. It left us with a swimming pool in a matter of two hours, so some rapid telephone calls had to be made to stop people travelling.

I do not know if our supporters realise but we have a 24 hour answering service which they can ring to find out about matches. The telephone number is Luton 33010. One match that has been re-arranged is the Cardiff away fixture. It will now be played on Wednesday April 25th. Kick off 6.45 pm. Enjoy the match.

POINT OF CONTROVERSY

This is the time of year when one pens an article whilst wondering if and when it will actually be read, such is the danger of match postponements. These bring disappointment and expense in their wake in a variety of ways, not the least in the possible wastage of programmes, which can have cost a four figure fee to produce. If the game is quickly replayed then the programme may still be used, but so elaborate are the productions of most clubs today and so discerning the majority of spectators that if, as is quite likely, a game is not played for several weeks, the material will have dated to such an extent that a complete reprint is virtually essential.

Clubs sometimes compromise by issuing the initial programme, as printed, together with a specially printed supplement or insert in order to bring the material up to date as far as possible, but even this can be quite costly and is not a complete success.

This then is just one of the reasons when

clubs do not want to have games called off if this can be possibly avoided and one often hears complaints that a postponed game might have been played. Certainly other things being equal, games are more readily called off today than they were 20 or more years ago, but there is no doubt that the tendency to postpone games when there is considerable doubt as to conditions has saved many a pointless and expensive journey by the visiting team.

An even more important factor is that of players safety. Although only three league games were played on Boxing Day, the one at Bolton was abandoned at half-time and then Peter Reid, the home sides busy little midfielder had been quite badly injured by a collision aggravated by the hard ground. It seems clear then that, even if there is an argument in favour of playing whenever possible on a heavy pitch (and something of a lottery) there can be no risks taken when the pitch is seriously affected by frost.

It seems also then that in this, as in several other aspects of his work, the referee just can't win. This season has seen some referees under fire for allowing games to be played while others have been pilloried for calling them off. Is it not about time then that less responsibility were vested in just one man, who is, after all, a part-time amateur. Just as arguments about injury time might be eased by having an independent time-keeper as in boxing, so problems over postponement might be reduced by vesting responsibility in specialists on pitches. These might be retired groundsmen or former managers of many years experience. The parallel is not an exact one, but in cricket circles Bert Flack has rendered good service in advising on pitch problems. In soccer a substantial panel of 'experts' would be needed, probably on a zonal basis. At this time of year one man might adjudicate on three or four grounds in his area. This would not settle all the problems, but it might reduce some of them.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT MR JOHN BAIN

OWING to cancelled programmes we never managed to report that former Director and currently Deputy President Mr. John Bain had a spell of illness before Christmas, and was taken to the Luton and Dunstable Hospital. However, we are now pleased to announce that he is fully recovered and it was a pleasure to see him back in his usual seat at Kenilworth Road.

4th ROUND OF THE F.A. YOUTH CUP

NEXT Monday 5th March sees our Youth team play Aston Villa in the 4th round of the F.A. Youth Cup. This should be an entertaining game with some good football being played. Why not come along to support our lads and see the match, entrance fee only 30p (15p OAP and youths). If they win this round they will meet Manchester City or Crystal Palace in the 5th round. (Date to be announced later).

BALL SPONSORS

WE ARE very pleased to have as our Ball Sponsors today Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead from Quarrendon, Aylesbury. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead are amongst our most loyal and fervent supporters and are also season ticket and shareholders. As agents for every one of the seven fund raising operations run by our Pools Office they have been responsible for selling thousands of tickets in the Aylesbury area, and it was fitting that one of the major £1,000 prizes should have had their number on it. As soon as they discovered their good fortune they immediately asked if they could put something back into the club by sponsoring a Match Ball and we thank them for their typically generous gesture.

HOSPITAL MATCH COMMENTARY

RECENTLY I was unfortunate enough to have a spell in hospital, and being bed-ridden was not looking forward to the enforced inactivity. As Saturday afternoon came round my thoughts wandered to Kenilworth Road and wished I could join the fans for the game.

Imagine my surprise and delight when the match commentary came over the hospital headphones. It made me realise

what a magnificent job these fellows do who voluntarily provide this service to the hospital. The match commentary is broadcast by a group of men who put in an enormous amount of effort and time behind the scenes.

John Buttle is the chairman of this group, and he is assisted by Bob Barrett, Alex McDonald, Roy Shackleton, Harry Dent and Tony Read. They all take turns in commentating and apart from the Luton and Dunstable Hospital, the service goes out to St. Mary's Hospital, Green Hills Recreation Centre for senior citizens, Park Street senior citizens Club and the Mount Nursing Home.

It was started in 1953 and is completely voluntary and self-supporting, being financially aided by kind donations by local organisations.

One aspect of this service that many fans do not know about is that messages can be sent to patients listening to broadcast. If you have a greeting or message, just leave it in the ticket office before the game or drop a line to the secretary.

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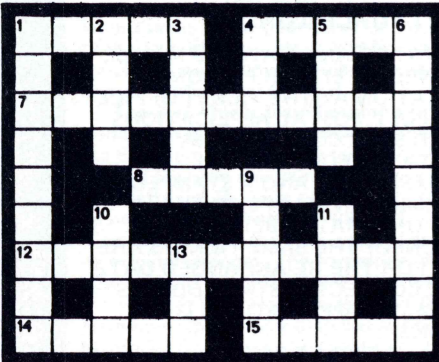
- Former NASL side: Miami ---- (5)
- Current striker who has appeared for Charlton, Orient, Fulham, Luton, Sunderland and Oldham (5)
- 'Official' supporters' train introduced a few years ago (6,5)
- Harry Haslam's successor at Luton (5)
- Wigan's Park (11)
- First appearance (5)
- Former Manchester United, PNE, Brighton and Lincoln midfielder: ---- Lawton (5)

CLUES - Down

- There is always a great deal of argument about the amount of soccer that is (or should be) this (9)
- Huddersfield's home: Leeds ---- (4)
- Danny McGrain fractured his in 1972 (5)
- One of several Stewarts who have managed Scottish sides in the seventies (3)
- Malcolm Allison has only one (4)
- Only goalkeeper to have been voted PFA Young Player Of The Year (6,3)
- First name of manager of team first in its division last season (5)
- Hull's last term's leading scorers, Warboys and Bannister, had previously been paired with Bristol Rovers, where they were tagged "Smash and ----" (4)
- Derby's mid-season signing from Leicester (4)
- First name of old England star who twice managed his old club, Bolton (3)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 17

Across: 1. Peter, 3. See 8ac, 6. Bremner (Doncaster), 7. Guy, 8 & 3ac. Ernie Tagg, 10 & 11. Gil Merrick, 12. Mark, 13. Walsh
Down: 1. Pilgrims, 2 & 5dn. Tony Grealish, 3. Trewick, 4. Gunn
5. See 2dn, 6. Berwick, 10 & 9. goal-area.



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ION A

The quiz in the Stoke programme proved popular so to tax your memory, here is another one. Picture No. 1. This is obviously Brian Stein, but who were the opposing team? Picture No. 2. This resulted in a fine goal, but who scored it, and against whom? Answers please on a postcard giving your name and address, to arrive at the programme editors office in Kenilworth Rd. by Feb. 26th. The first three all-correct entries picked out of the hat on that day will win a pair of stand tickets for a home League game of your choice. So please state which match you would like to see.
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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.

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.

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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

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

EVENTS ON the soccer pitch took second place in the headlines ten years ago this week when ten dramatic days saw the shock departure of Allan Brown as manager, and the introduction of a famous football personality, Alec Stock.

At the time it all seemed unbelievable and to this day there are many who thought that Brown, manager at Kenilworth Road for two years, had been given a raw deal.

A lot of the facts did not come out until much later, but first public indications of the storm to come emerged on Friday the 13th December, 1968. Leicester City, who had parted company with Matt Gillies, asked Brown to attend an interview to help them choose a successor. Town directors had agreed to allow Brown to be approached two days previously.

But Leicester decided that the man they wanted was Frank O'Farrell, then Torquay manager, and Brown returned to his duties with Luton Town. On the 14th they lost 0-1 at Hartlepool, and that just about finished their promotion hopes.

Three days later, at a board meeting, the directors decided that Brown would have to go. They asked for, and got, his resignation, although he made it clear that in his view he had been sacked.

John Bain, the director in charge because Chairman Len Hawkins was sick, said: "We are not going to be second best

to any club.

"We could not just sit back and wait for the next club to come along and contact Brown. When he went to Leicester he suggested that his future did not lie with Luton Town."

It later transpired that directors Reg Burr and Tony Hunt had already lined up a new manager before the announcement of Brown's departure.

And within a week of Brown's interview at Leicester the Town appointed Alec Stock, 51, as their new boss. He was in his 23rd season in management, having previously been a player with Charlton and Queen's Park Rangers.

He had left the manager's job at Loftus Road a month previously, and came to Luton with the promise that he would continue the revival that Brown had started, and get them out of the Third Division.

His first game in charge was on December 21, 1968, and the team obliged with a 2-0 home victory against Plymouth, with Brian Lewis and Keith Allen getting the goals.

And the final ironic twist to the tail came a few days later when Torquay, robbed of their manager by the lure of Leicester City, found a successor . . . Allan Brown, the man who lifted Luton from the Fourth Division to the Third and then got the sack for Christmas.

YOUTH

By George Rogers

WITH THE Town youth team being in joint top position along with Leicester City it was a fairly confident team that travelled to West Brom on Wednesday 7th. Feb. On arrival at West Brom the pitch was hard with a light covering of snow and it was soon evident that the conditions would play its part. In the first half play was fairly even but West Brom took their chances, scoring twice before half time. In the second half G. Ingram got one back but West Brom went further in the lead. With 15 minutes to go M. Conquest scored following a good through ball by N. Madden. But a town revival was not to be, West Brom scoring twice to make the score West Brom 5, Luton 2
Team: A. Judge, J. Woodward, T. Murphy, I. Liddle, C. Goodyear, G. Sisman, G. Ingram, N. Madden, M. Conquest, J. Lucas, A. Pearson, R. Johnson.

In the Chiltern League the only game played recently was against Letchworth G.C. Last Saturday 10th Feb. In the first half the Town did most of the attacking and several chances went begging but in the 25th min. Gary Sisman did put the Town 1 up when he scored with a shot from outside the penalty area. In the second half the physical strength of the Letchworth side enabled them to come more into the attack and Les Sayer put them on level terms.
Team: A. Judge, T. Murphy, T. Kitchener, A. Cosby, J. Piotrowski, G. Sisman, J. Cole, N. Madden, F. Bunn, J. Woodward, K. Davis, R. Brammer, R. Giltrow.

Over the past few weeks we have been waiting to hear, who our opponents will be in the next round of the F.A Youth Cup. As a result Aston Villa who beat Leicester City 1-0 will be at Kenilworth Rd., on Monday 5th March.

The next round has already been drawn the winners of this tie to travel to either Manchester City or Crystal Palace. Please come along and give the lads your vocal support.

Another cup game at Kenilworth Rd for the youth team is the Semi-Final of the Eastern Junior Cup v Norwich City. Date to be arranged.

On the local scene the weather has resulted in many postponements. League officials are trying to fit in all the back log. It could be in some cases that honours of various leagues will not be known until the end of May. One game that was played last Sunday was the representative game v Middlesex at Under 18 level. With Middlesex winning 3-0 it means no trophies for these lads this year. However the Bedfordshire Under 16 have a good chance when they play Hertfordshire at Letchworth on Wed. March 7th. K.O. 7-30.

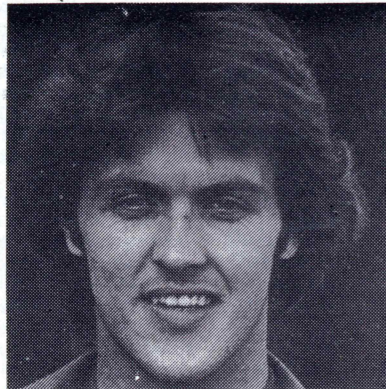
FOCUS ON

JAKE FINDLAY
BY DOUG LYGO

LUTON'S new £100,000 goal-keeper was born in Blairgowrie, Perthshire on 13th July 1954. Christened John Williamson Findlay he acquired the name 'Jake' whilst still at school and is now known as John only to his wife Sandra.

He took part in trials for both the Scottish Schools and Youth teams but before he could progress further in this direction he was spotted by a perceptive Tommy Docherty who moved with characteristic swiftness and Jake became an Aston Villa apprentice one month after his 15th birthday. Mr. Docherty's haste was justified as Rangers and a number of English League clubs were showing more than a passing interest in the young keeper.

The highlight of Jake's career as a Youth player at Villa was undoubtedly his membership of the team which won the F.A. Youth Cup in 1972 defeating Liverpool in the final. Other members of that side who have earned distinction in later years include John Gidman and Bobby McDonald, an ever present with Coventry last season. The final produced its bad news as well as its good news however for Jake as an injury sustained during the match prevented him from making his Football League debut v Torquay at the age of seventeen. When one has experi-



enced the magnificent Villa Park set up as we did recently it is difficult to believe that this famous club was in the 3rd Division as recently as six years ago. It was a further two years before the opportunity of a League debut arose since Jim Cumbes had made 42 appearances in the Villa goal in 1972/73 and he followed this up with 41 in 1973/74. The odd one out was the home match with Nottingham Forest on which Jake played and helped the Villa to a 3-1 win.

The following season saw a repetition of the one appearance, this time a 6-0 home win over Hull City and in 1975/76 came Jake's debut in the 1st Division. He took part in five League matches and in none of them were Villa beaten so that his personal unbeaten League run had now

extended to seven. During the past two seasons, a great deal of Villa's success has been due to the consistent goalkeeping of Jimmy Rimmer and Jake's opportunities have been limited to a further seven League games. However, despite his few appearances, Villa had steadfastly refused to release him despite a number of enquiries until a few weeks ago when the old axiom "If you don't succeed at first etc. etc." paid off for David Pleat.

Jake and Sandra have been married for three years and their 'family' consists of a large alsation which answers to the name of "Cally". Jake's other interests include tennis, table tennis and golf. As a true Scot he takes the latter game fairly seriously and has a handicap just outside of single figures. He also enjoys listening to music and says that his ambition is quite simply to be successful. The footballer he admires most is his old colleague Bobby McDonald and on the Goal-keeping front he rates Peter Shilton and Ron Simpson who featured in the winning Newcastle FA Cup teams of the early fifties and then won a European Cup medal with Celtic in 1967. In welcoming Jake to Luton we wish him every success on the field and Sandra and himself every happiness in their new home.

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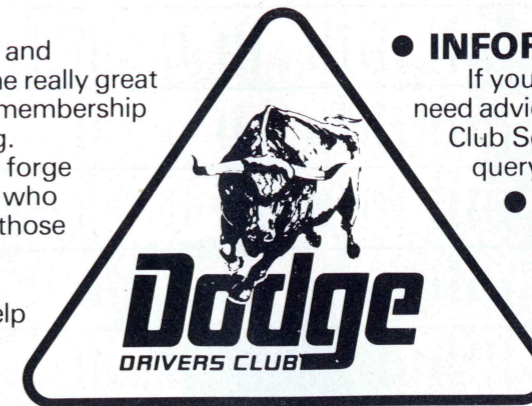
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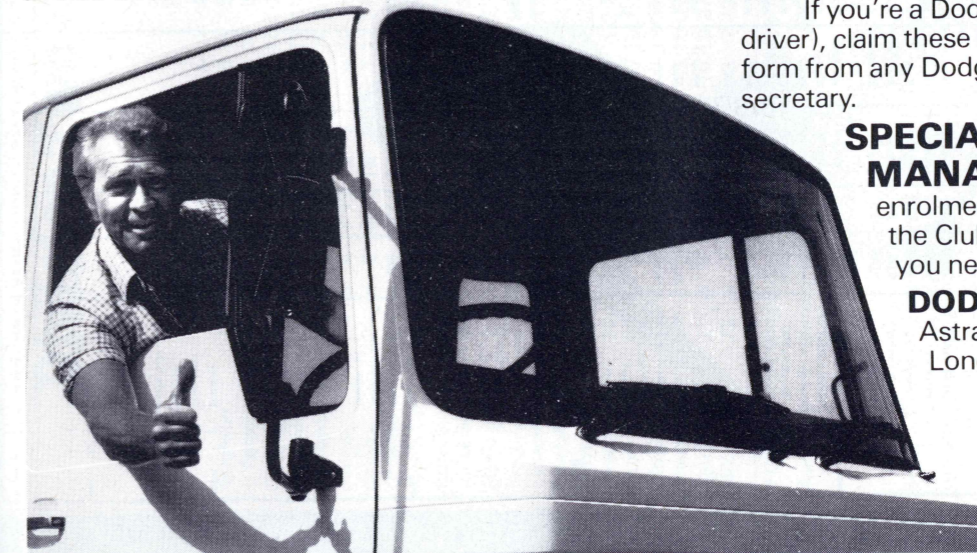
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| DIV.2 | Attendance | F.A. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|------------------------------|------------|------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|---------|-----------------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------------|
| Aug. 19 S Oldham Athletic | 8,043 | 6-1 | Alexic | Stephens | Sherlock | Donaghy | Turner | Aizlewood | Hill | Fucillo (1 pen) | Stein (1) | Hatton (2) | Moss (2) | Ingram |
| 22 T Crystal Palace | 17,739 | 1-3 | Alexic | Stephens | Sherlock | Donaghy | Turner | Aizlewood | Hill | Fucillo (1 pen) | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Ingram* |
| 26 S Newcastle Utd. | 24,112 | 0-1 | Alexic | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner | Price | Hill | West | Stein (2) | Hatton | Moss | McNichol |
| 29 T Wigan Ath. (LC2) | 6,618 | 2-0 | Alexic | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner | Price | Hill | Fucillo | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Hill |
| Sept. 2 S Charlton Ath. | 8,509 | 3-0 | Alexic | Jones | Aizlewood | Hill (1) | Turner | Price | Donaghy | Fucillo | Stein (1) | Hatton (1) | Boersma | West* |
| 9 S Bristol Rovers | 6,508 | 0-2 | Alexic | Jones | Aizlewood | Hill | Turner | Price | Donaghy | Fucillo | Stein (1) | Hatton (1) | Moss | West |
| 16 S Cardiff City | 7,752 | 7-1 | Alexic | Jones | Aizlewood | Hill | Turner | Price | Donaghy | Fucillo | Stein (2) | Hatton (1) | Moss (2) | Fucillo (1 pen) |
| 23 S Cambridge Utd. | 10,801 | 1-1 | Alexic | Jones | Aizlewood | Hill | Turner | Price | Donaghy | West | Stein (1) | Hatton | Moss | Fucillo* |
| 30 S Sheffield Utd. | 15,295 | 1-1 | Alexic | Price | Aizlewood | Hill | Turner | Donaghy | Donaghy | West | Stein | Hatton (1) | Moss | Jones |
| Oct. 3 T Crawley Alex. (LC3) | 6,602 | 2-1 | Alexic | Price | Aizlewood | Hill (1) | Turner | Donaghy | Donaghy | Fucillo | Stein | Hatton (1) | Moss | Jones |
| 7 S Wrexham | 8,683 | 2-1 | Alexic | Price | Aizlewood | Hill | Turner | Donaghy | Donaghy | Fucillo (1) | Stein (1) | Hatton (1) | Moss | Jones |
| 14 S Blackburn | 7,450 | 0-0 | Alexic | Price | Aizlewood | Hill | Turner | Donaghy | Donaghy | Fucillo | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Jones |
| 21 S Notts County | 8,561 | 6-0 | Alexic | Price | Aizlewood | Hill | Turner | Donaghy | Donaghy | Fucillo (1) | Stein (2) | Hatton (1) | Moss (1) | Jones |
| 28 S Orient | 7,035 | 2-3 | Alexic | Donaghy | Aizlewood | Hill | Turner | Price | Donaghy | Fucillo (2) | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Jones |
| Nov. 4 S Leicester City | 10,608 | 0-1 | Alexic | Donaghy | Aizlewood | Hill | Turner | Price | Donaghy | Fucillo | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Carr |
| 8 W Aston Villa (LC4) | 32,727 | 2-0 | Alexic | Price | Aizlewood | Hill | Turner | Donaghy | Donaghy | Fucillo | Stein (1) | Hatton (1) | Moss | Stephens |
| 11 S Oldham Athletic | 6,876 | 0-2 | Alexic | Price | Aizlewood | Hill | Turner | Donaghy | Donaghy | Fucillo | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Stephens |
| 18 S Newcastle Utd. | 10,434 | 2-1 | Lawson | Price | Aizlewood | Carr | Turner (1) | Donaghy | Donaghy | Fucillo | Stein (1) | Hatton | Moss | Jones |
| 21 S Charlton Ath. | 10,161 | 2-1 | Lawson | Price | Aizlewood | Carr | Turner | Donaghy | Donaghy | Fucillo | Stein | Hatton (1) | Moss (1) | Jones |
| 25 S Sunderland (1) | 10,249 | 0-3 | Lawson | Price | Aizlewood | Hill | Jones | Donaghy | Donaghy | Fucillo | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Carr |
| Dec. 2 S Preston | 7,036 | 1-2 | Findlay | Price (1) | Aizlewood | Hill | Turner | Donaghy | Donaghy | Fucillo | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Jones |
| 9 S Burnley | 26,177 | 1-4 | Findlay | Price | Aizlewood | Hill | Turner | Donaghy | Donaghy | Fucillo | Stein (1) | Hatton | Moss | Heale |
| 13 W Leeds Utd. (LC5) | 16,252 | 1-3 | Findlay | Price | Aizlewood | Carr | Turner | Donaghy | Donaghy | Fucillo | Ingram | Hatton | Moss (1) | Stein* |
| 16 S Brighton (2) | 6,068 | 2-0 | Findlay | Price | Aizlewood | Carr | Turner | Donaghy | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss (2) | Jones |
| 23 S West Ham | 8,914 | 0-1 | Findlay | Price | Aizlewood | Carr | Turner | Donaghy | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Jones |
| 30 S Millwall | 8,914 | 0-1 | Findlay | Price | Aizlewood | Carr | Turner | Donaghy | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Jones |
| 26 T Fulham | 8,914 | 0-1 | Findlay | Price | Aizlewood | Carr | Turner | Donaghy | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Jones |
| 1979 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 1 M Stoke City | 8,125 | 0-0 | Findlay | Jones | Aizlewood | Carr | Price | Donaghy | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Sherlock | Heale* |
| 6 S York City (FAC 3) | 7,025 | 3-2 | Findlay | Stephens | Aizlewood | Jones | Price (1) | Donaghy | Donaghy | Hill (1) | Taylor | Hatton | Moss (1) | Stein |
| 13 S Bristol Rovers | 6,002 | | Stephens | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Taylor | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| 17 W League Cup SF | | | Stephens | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| 20 S Cardiff City | | | Stephens | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| 24 W League Cup SF | | | Stephens | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| 27 S F.A. Cup 4 | | | Stephens | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| Feb. 3 S Cambridge Utd. | 8,125 | 0-0 | Lawson | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| 10 S Sheffield Utd. | 7,025 | 1-1 | Findlay | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| 17 S Wrexham (5) | | | Findlay | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| 24 S Blackburn | | | Findlay | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| Mar. 3 S Notts County | | | Findlay | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| 10 S Orient (6) | | | Findlay | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| 17 S Leicester City (LCF) | | | Findlay | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| 24 S Crystal Palace | | | Findlay | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| 31 S Sunderland (SF) | | | Findlay | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| April 7 S Burnley | | | Findlay | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| 9 M West Ham | | | Findlay | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| 14 S Millwall | | | Findlay | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| 16 M Stoke City | | | Findlay | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| 21 S Brighton | | | Findlay | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| 28 S Preston | | | Findlay | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| May 5 S Fulham | | | Findlay | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |
| 12 S F.A. Cup Final | | | Findlay | Stephens | Aizlewood | Donaghy | Turner (1) | Price | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Hatton | Moss | Taylor |

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Division Two

| P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Brighton | 27 | 11 | 2 | 23 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 14 | 33 |
| C Palace | 26 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 21 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 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 | 26 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 22 | 12 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 19 | 22 |
| Fulham | 25 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 25 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 29 |
| Orient | 26 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 22 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 13 | 21 |
| Charlton | 25 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 17 | 14 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 24 | 23 |
| 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 | 5 | 4 | 20 | 17 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 13 |
| Newcastle | 25 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 21 |
| Bristol R | 25 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 32 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 17 |
| Luton Town | 26 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 17 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 14 | 23 |
| Cambridge | 24 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 26 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 25 |
| 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 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 20 | 16 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 19 |
| 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 |

Combination

As at 5/2/79

| P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|
| Tottenham | 24 | 19 | 4 | 1 | 69 | 27 |
| Norwich City | 22 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 57 | 20 |
| Ipswich Town | 22 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 47 | 20 |
| West Ham | 22 | 14 | 5 | 3 | 52 | 24 |
| Southampton | 23 | 12 | 5 | 6 | 41 | 25 |
| Q.P.R. | 20 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 41 | 27 |
| Chelsea | 23 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 46 | 33 |
| Plymouth | 26 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 42 | 44 |
| Fulham | 22 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 35 | 28 |
| Bristol Rovers | 23 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 38 | 40 |
| Crystal Palace | 23 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 37 | 48 |
| Arsenal | 20 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 38 | 31 |
| Oxford | 22 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 44 | 38 |
| Cardiff City | 23 | 7 | 3 | 13 | 83 | 45 |
| Hereford | 23 | 6 | 5 | 12 | 26 | 48 |
| Leicester | 21 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 24 | 34 |
| Luton Town | 20 | 6 | 2 | 12 | 23 | 37 |
| Birmingham | 21 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 15 | 30 |
| Reading | 21 | 5 | 3 | 13 | 28 | 64 |
| Swindon | 22 | 3 | 6 | 13 | 18 | 44 |
| Orient | 28 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 22 | 63 |

| LEAGUE/CUP | Apps | Gls |
|-----------------|-------|-----|
| Alexic | 17 | |
| Stephens | 7(2) | |
| Sherlock | 3 | |
| Aizlewood | 29 | |
| Donaghy | 29 | |
| Price | 27 | |
| Hill | 25(1) | 2 |
| Fucillo | 20(2) | 3 |
| West | 28(2) | 7 |
| Hatton | 28(3) | 13 |
| Turner | 26 | 9 |
| Moss | 27 | 2 |
| Jones | 2(2) | 10 |
| Boersma | 7(10) | |
| Carr | 6(3) | |
| Lawson | 4 | |
| Findlay | 8 | |
| Heale | (2) | |
| Taylor | (21) | |
| Ingram | 7 | |
| W. Turner | 5 | |
| Sperrin | 5 | |
| Havas | 2 | |
| Currie | 2 | |
| Jones | 1 | |
| MIDLAND/HILTERN | | |
| Pearson | 17 | |
| Conquest | 12 | |
| Eaton | 8 | |
| Madden | 7 | |
| Ingram | 4 | |
| Sisman | 4 | |
| W. Turner | 3 | |
| Bygraves | 3 | |
| Solle | 3 | |
| Harrison | 3 | |
| Ward | 2 | |
| Murphy | 2 | |
| Kitchener | 2 | |
| R. Johnson | 1 | |
| Brammer | 1 | |
| Cosby | 1 | |
| Lucas | 1 | |
| Bunn | 1 | |

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES - 1978-79

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WEST HAM 26.2.79

Century Club

by Catherine Ball, Secretary

NOW WE are actually at the much postponed West Ham game, let us hope we have a good evening of football, with naturally a good result for our lads.

The continual postponements this year have been very frustrating to us all, but last week, some of us actually saw three games — Stoke, Sheffield United and a party of us went to the England v Northern Ireland International. We send our congratulations to our Youth Team on reaching the last 16 of the F.A. Youth Cup. I do hope some of you will come to Kenilworth Rd. on 5th March when they play Aston Villa in the 4th round. K.O. 7-30 p.m. Best wishes to the team for a good result.

Regrettably, we had to cancel our Valentines Party through lack of support — with dreadful weather and lack of opportunity to meet recently, it proved difficult to continue with this. However, we have been challenged to another Quiz evening, and more details will be available later. Meanwhile, I would appreciate Questions for the Sports Forum on 10th March. Details of the Panel will be announced later.

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Junior Hatters Club

As it was a last minute decision to produce an entirely new programme for to-days game and as many of the items included in the original West Ham programme have since appeared during the past two or three weeks, we thought we would leave out the usual items and concentrate on a Super Quiz to include some questions from Modern Football and some questions about some of the stars and clubs of pre-war years, but of whom many stories are still frequently told today. So here goes—

1. The first £1000 transfer was between two North Eastern Clubs, name the player and the two clubs concerned.
2. The elder of two famous brothers now managers a Third Division club who recently had 4 attempts to settle a Cup Tie, which club?
3. Only one club has completed a hat-trick of First Division championships in successive years, during the past 50 years. Which club?
4. Name five of the six clubs new to the Second Division this season.
5. Which former Luton goal-keeper played at Kenilworth Rd. this season?

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- 3 MARK AIZLEWOOD
- 4 MAL DONAGHY
- 5 CHRIS TURNER
- 6 PAUL PRICE
- 7 ALAN WEST
- 8 RICKY HILL
- 9 BRIAN STEIN
- 10 BOB HATTON
- 11 STEVE TAYLOR
- 12 GRAHAM JONES



West Ham Utd

- | | |
|-----------------|----|
| PHIL PARKES | 1 |
| JOHN McDOWELL | 2 |
| PAUL BRUSH | 3 |
| ALAN CURBISHLEY | 4 |
| TOMMY TAYLOR | 5 |
| BILLY BONDS | 6 |
| PAT HOLLAND | 7 |
| ALAN DEVONSHIRE | 8 |
| DAVID CROSS | 9 |
| TREVOR BROOKING | 10 |
| BRYAN ROBSON | 11 |
| | 12 |

Half Times

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| <i>5th round</i> | | |
| Crystal Palace | | <i>DIVISION 3</i> |
| Wolves | | Mansfield |
| Ipswich | | Rotherham |
| Bristol Rovers | | |
| Nottingham Forest | | <i>DIVISION 4</i> |
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| | | Hartlepool |
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Referee: Mr. Derek W. Civil (Birmingham). Commenced refereeing in 1955, and via Worcestershire Combination, Football Combination and Football League line, qualified for the full list in 1969. Has refereed the F.A. County Youth Cup Final in 1971/72, and was linesman in a European Cup Quarter Final (1972) also Scotland v. Switzerland in 1975/76. A married man with two sons, he works in the printing industry. Helps with coaching and running a local junior team, with help and advice to young referees.

Linesmen: Mr C.J.Taylor (Oxford) Red flag; Mr R. Logan (Uxbridge) Yellow flag.