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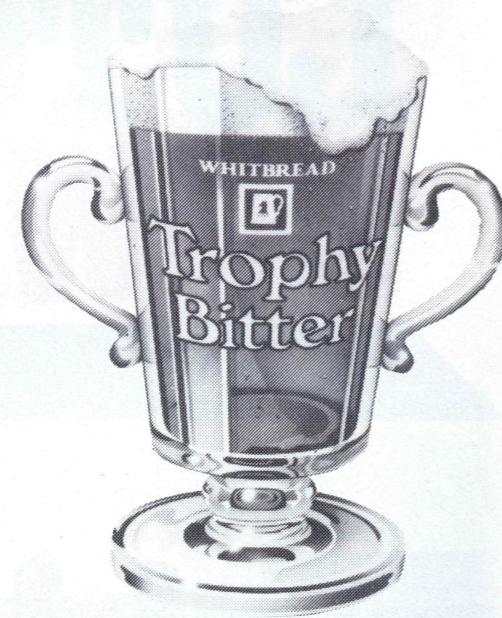
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# DAVID PLEAT

IT IS a pleasure to welcome Orient here today. After the tremendous long run of last season they have changed a few faces with some shrewd buying & selling. Their attendances are not good so they have to be continually aware of balancing the books. There may be comparisons to be drawn with our situation but like ourselves they are a club aware of their image in the game. The hospitality at Brisbane Rd. is always warm & friendly and reflects a good club spirit.

Today we must get down to the business of gaining League points. After the tremendous excitement of the West Ham game we once again conceded goals in the last 5 mins at Nottingham. Someone has suggested we should kick off 5 mins early. A game lasts 90 mins and there can be no excuses for lack of concentration or discipline in the closing minutes. The last minute is as vital as the first minute although as against West Ham



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sometimes circumstances force you to throw caution to the wind. It has been difficult lately without the services of David Moss with a nagging stomach injury. Orthodox wingers give you valuable width and the quality of David's crossing and shooting has been missed. His presence gives the team balance and we can play to a pattern. We hope he will be quickly back to increase his ton goal tally. Ricky Hill too, has been battling on through a niggling pelvic strain, with Brian Stein damaging knee ligaments and Lil Fuccillo sidelined, our resources have been stretched to the limit. Provided we are getting a 100% commitment on the field we shall be satisfied in the knowledge that we shall improve our performance as the younger players gain experience.

In reaching the quarter finals of the FA Youth Cup, our youngsters have done themselves proud. On Monday their team spirit and skill were too much for Aston Villa as it had been for Arsenal in the previous round. It was a wonderful win for them but they must now realise that they must work even harder if they are to progress through to the 1st team level. However, I am optimistic that we are now bringing lads to the club that are not only skillful but have the necessary character to succeed.

Enjoy today's game. Let's hope it is as good as the last home match and we can get the right score line.

# Orient



Back Row (left to right): Mickey Bright, Peter Bennett, Mark Blackhall, John Smeulders, Ian Moores, Paul Went, Tunji Banjo. Back Row (left to right): Bill Songhurst (Physiotherapist), Alan Stephenson (Youth Manager), Tony Grealish, Peter Kitchen, Nigel Gray, John Jackson, Joe Mayo, John Kane, Bill Roffey, Peter Angell (asst. Manager). Front Row (left to right): Bobby Fisher, Kevin Godfrey, Henry Hughton, Jimmy Bloomfield (Manager), Chris Henney, Ralph Coates, John Chiedozie.

## TUNJI BANJO

Born Kensington. First signed for the Club as an Associated Schoolboy, turning apprentice in June, 1976. Upgraded to professional in March, 1977 and made his League debut as substitute at Bolton last April and followed with his first full game v Burnley later the same month.

## PETER BENNETT

Born Hillingdon, Middlesex. Orient's longest serving player who was signed from neighbour West Ham United in October, 1970. "Les" was a member of the "Hammers" F.A. Youth Cup winning team in 1963. Won five England Schoolboy caps in 1960-1. After 39 first team appearances for West Ham, he moved to Orient and became Club Captain. A pelvic injury kept him out of the side for almost a year some seasons ago but he has since become a regular again and although usually performing in midfield, has occasionally been converted to a striking role.

## JOHN CHIEDOZIE

Born Owerri, Nigeria. John made a rapid rise to senior football when after signing as an apprentice in July, 1976, he later found himself in the League side at 16! A product of East London Schools' football, he signed professional on his seventeenth birthday shortly after making his League debut v Millwall in March, 1977. Club's "Young Player of the Year", 1977.

## BOBBY FISHER

Born Wembley. Former apprentice who signed professional in August, 1973 and made his League debut at Sunderland in the same month. Awarded the "Hawes Cup" as the outstanding player in the S.E. Counties League in 1973-4. A midfield player, he switched to fill the full-back vacancy in the League side four years ago and has missed very few games since.

## JOHN JACKSON

Born Hammersmith. Joined Crystal Palace from school after representing English Grammar Schools. Signed professional for Palace in 1962 and made his first appearance in August 1964. Over 350 League games and represented the Football League while at Selhurst Park. Joined Orient in October, 1973 and played his first League match v Luton Town. Voted Orient's "Player of the Year" three years ago. Ever-present in Division Two during the past four seasons. Spent the Summer with American club California Surf.

## NIGEL GRAY

Born Fulham. A product of West London Schools' football. Joined Orient as an Associated Schoolboy and then signed apprentice on leaving school in July, 1973.

## PETER KITCHEN

Born Mexborough. Joined Doncaster Rovers from school and made his League debut against Shrewsbury T. in the 1970-1 season when he scored in the second minute! On target over 100 times for the Belle Vue club prior to moving to Orient in June, 1977. This fine scoring record was maintained last season with 29 goals. Of these 21 were scored in the League.

## JOE MAYO

Born Tipton. Moved to Walsall from Dudley Town and after only two full League games transferred to West Bromwich Albion in February, 1973. After four years of First and Second Division football with W.B.A., he moved to Orient and scored on his debut at Blackburn in March, 1977. Last season the Kitchen-Mayo partnership was a leading feature in the Club's successful F.A. Cup run.

## BILL ROFFEY

Born Stepney. Former Crystal Palace apprentice, made 19 First Division appearances for his former club in 1972-3. Transferred to Orient in October, 1973, making his League debut the following month v Preston. A regular member of the defence for the past two seasons.

## RALPH COATES

Born Hetton-Le-Hole. Joined Burnley from Eppleton Colliery Welfare. Transferred from Burnley to Spurs in May 1971. Made 4 appearances in the full England team. Scored the goal against Norwich City that won the League Cup for Spurs at Wembley in 1973. Joined Orient on a Free transfer from Spurs in October 1978.

## IAN MOORES

Born Newcastle-U-Lyme. Joined Stoke City from school after representing Staffordshire boys. Graduated to full professional from Apprentice at Stoke and made his league debut for the Potters in April 1974. While at Stoke he gained England Under 23 honours against Wales and Czechoslovakia. Joined Spurs from Stoke in August 1976 and scored in his league debut. Joined Orient from Spurs in October 1978 also scoring in his league debut.

## PAUL WENT

Born Plaistow. First played for the "O's" youth team as a schoolboy and made his league debut at the early age of fifteen. Transferred to Charlton for a record fee of £26,000 at 17. 160 league appearances in Charlton's colours before moving to Fulham for £80,000 in July 1972. Portsmouth paid a record fee of £155,000 less than two years later and in September he returned to Orient after a couple of seasons with Cardiff.

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## WELCOME

ORIENT were one of several clubs last season who managed to avoid relegation by just one point, but after a run of seven games without defeat around the turn of the year they should not have any such problems in the present campaign, even though things have not gone so well for them since being knocked out of the F.A. Cup by Ipswich.

Last seasons struggle in which they finally came out on top with a run of six games without defeat at the end was one of many that Orient have survived since coming into the Football League as Clapton Orient in 1905. They held on to their Div. Two place until 1929 and then came a long spell in Div. Three (South). By the time they won promotion in 1956 they had changed their name to Leyton Orient and it was under this name that they staggered the football world by winning promotion to Div. One under John Carey in 1962.

They survived for only one season, however, and by 1966 they were back again in Div. Three. At one stage they were in danger of dropping to Div. Four for the first time ever, but then came another fight back and in 1970 they won promotion again to Div. Two. In 1974 they were only one point short of promotion to Div. One, but then after two seasons in mid-table they have had to fight to stay up in both the last two seasons. They did, however, enjoy a remarkable F.A. Cup run last season, reaching the semi-final after beating three First Div. clubs, Norwich, Chelsea and Middlesbrough, and they finally went down to Arsenal at Stamford Bridge.

## THIS SEASON.

They began well enough this season with a win at Sheffield United and at home they enjoyed a good victory over Sunderland, but then came four defeats in a row and a League Cup knock out from Third Div. Chesterfield. A draw at Newcastle and a win at Charlton then improved things a little and then after a rather up and down spell they took ten points from six games at the turn of the year including a win at West Ham and

a draw at Crystal Palace against two of the promotion front-runners.

They then forced a draw at Ipswich in the fourth round of the F.A. Cup, but lost the replay at Brisbane Road and though they then beat Newcastle the 'O's have since gone down at both Leicester and Cardiff. The Leicester game ended in an unusual 5-3 scoreline for in recent years Orient have been involved in more than their share of low-scoring games. The Leicester game also marked the last appearance for them of ace goalscorer Peter Kitchen, who in just over a season and a half had netted 38 goals for them. He has recently moved to Fulham.

This leaves exciting little Nigerian winger John Chiedozie, who has come back well since breaking a leg last season, and former Stoke and Spurs striker Ian Moores to carry most of the scoring responsibility though Joe Mayo (from W.B. Albion two years ago) is also a useful man to have around, particularly in the air.

Ralph Coates after many years with Burnley and Spurs is another of Manager Jimmy Bloomfield's acquisitions this season and he is likely to be linking up with Eire International Tony Grealish and perhaps Tunjo Banjo, a busy little player who made his debut last season.

Another recent graduate to the first team is young defender Henry Hughton. He has joined two more local products Nigel Gray and Bobby Fisher in a defence that has been further strengthened by the acquisition of Paul Went, now back with his first club after spells with Charlton, Fulham, Portsmouth and Cardiff. Two former Palace men complete the defensive picture, namely Bill Roffey and goalkeeper John Jackson who in a total of over 450 league games has proved himself again and again one of the country's leading exponents of that particular art.

Last season we won the corresponding game with a Steve Buckley goal on the opening day of the season. Since then we have drawn 0-0 and lost 3-2 at Orient. They will be hoping to score their first goal in four visits here.

## FROM JOHN WILKINSON'S DESK.

THE FIRST two weeks in March is always noted for Football League secretaries as a hectic period because of the transfer deadline. This season it has been put back two weeks because of the bad weather, but on the 1st. day of the month I was informed by the manager that Stockport County wanted to sign David Lawson and as they had a match on the Friday night it had to be done straight away to enable David to play. We used two cars for the journey as David's home is only an hours drive from Edgley Park. Then came an experience which I don't want to have again. Just as we were overtaking a beer wagon one of the barrels fell off the back and started to bounce towards us. Fortunately after the second bounce it suddenly went the other way and hit another lorry coming behind us. Luckily no one was hurt and we were soon picking up speed again. On our arrival at Stockport we were met by manager Mike Summerbee and secretary Terry McCreery looking very downcast and straight away I guessed something was wrong. It seemed that a transfer they were doing with an American Club had hit a snag and until that was sorted out they had to put our deal on ice. The words which went through my mind couldn't be printed but that's the way transfers go sometimes, so after two cups of coffee and a few telephone calls I was on my way back. It's a long way home when a deal like that falls through and you are in the car on your own. Thank goodness for the radio. However on the Friday I was informed by the manager that the deal was on again and that they wanted to play David on Monday night which meant that he had to be registered with the league by Saturday lunch time. This time Northampton Town

F.C. came to my rescue. They were playing Stockport on Friday night so if I could get the forms and agreements to them by 1-30pm they would deliver them for me. I think I did the 34 miles in record time and arrived at the County ground some five minutes before they were due to start their journey. So another transfer was done and I am now wondering what if anything is going to happen this month. I would like to wish David Lawson every success with his new club and hope that during his short stay at Luton he made many new friends.

By the time these notes are printed we should know the outcome of our F.A. Youth Cup-tie against Aston Villa. Hopefully the boys will be playing at Maine Rd. against the City in the next round and that will be some experience for them. Should we beat Aston Villa, we will be in the fifth round for the first time in our history. And now for todays match against the 'O's. They, like us, are a small club but the people who run them are some of the best in the League. From the Chairman down to the office staff they work hard for their club. They are two points in front of us at the moment and as much as I like them I hope that today will see us draw level with them.

Enjoy the match.

## VIEWPOINT OF AMERICA

THE RECENT bad weather has thrown up many and varied problems for the Football League, teams and players. One difficulty that has not been felt yet is the question of British players going to the United States for a lucrative spell of playing in the summer close season. Even when the season finishes, and in particular, begins on time, there are problems of players not getting out to the States and even more serious, not being released by American clubs in time to get back for the opening matches of our season. The Football League are obviously not very happy about the situation and to date have not acted officially but Alan Hardaker, General Secretary of the Football League has stated that in many peoples opinion, we have helped American football as far as we can. In a way, the loan system has back-fired on British clubs. They sent out players to the States to save on summer

American officials are clearly worried by the effect of British weather, and it looks as if not many players will be flying out until June. The danger now is that American clubs will be considering buying players themselves rather than rely on a supply from Britain and the loan system could be a thing of the past. One American team already, Portland Timbers have a line up consisting of ex Football League players, and none are on loan.

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## MASCOT

FOR TODAYS game with Orient, our Mascot is Robert Fox. Robert comes from Sandy where he attends Sandy Place School. Apart from football, his main sport is swimming and he is very keen on model radio car racing. He has supported the Hatters for two years and his favourite player is Ricky Hill.

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS.

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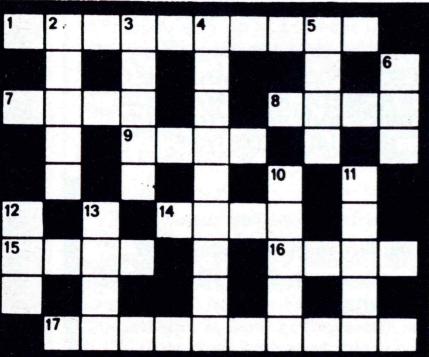
1. Much-travelled 150-goal striker who joined Hereford this season (5-5)
7. Manager who moved from Millwall to America (4)
8. Old Burnley, Manchester United and England winger, trainer of 4dn and manager of Newport, Swindon and Chester (4)
9. See 16ac
14. Defender with over 500 League appearances, first with Plymouth and latterly with Exeter (4)
15. —— Holmes (Hereford) (4)
- 16 & 9ac. Former Spurs and Birmingham defender with Minnesota last summer (4-4)
17. West of England winger with West Ham? (10)

**CLUES — Down**

2. International who has played under Brian Clough at several clubs (5)
3. See 6dn.
4. Irish side with whom Danny Blanchflower began his soccer-playing career (9)
5. Transfer ... for a while (4)
- 6 & 3dn. Winger Bournemouth bought from Barnsley last year (3-5)
10. —— Field is home territory for Toshack (5)
11. Oxford's Ground (5)
12. & 13. Coventry colour (3-4)

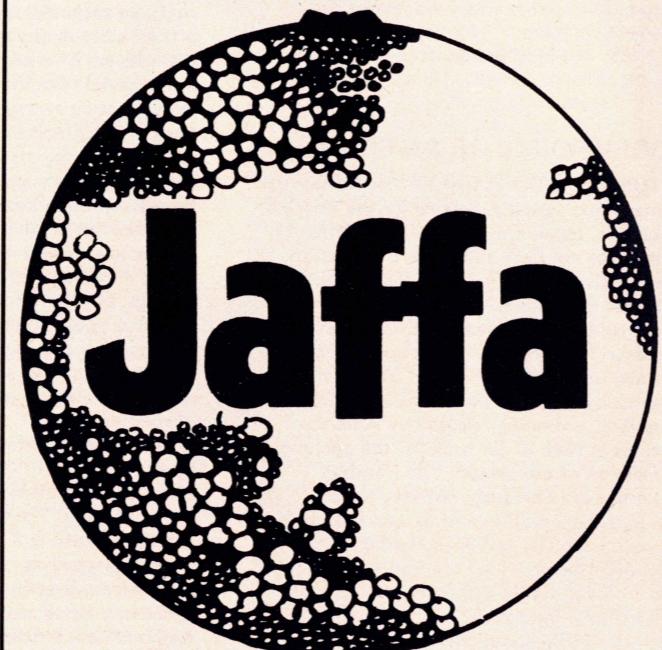
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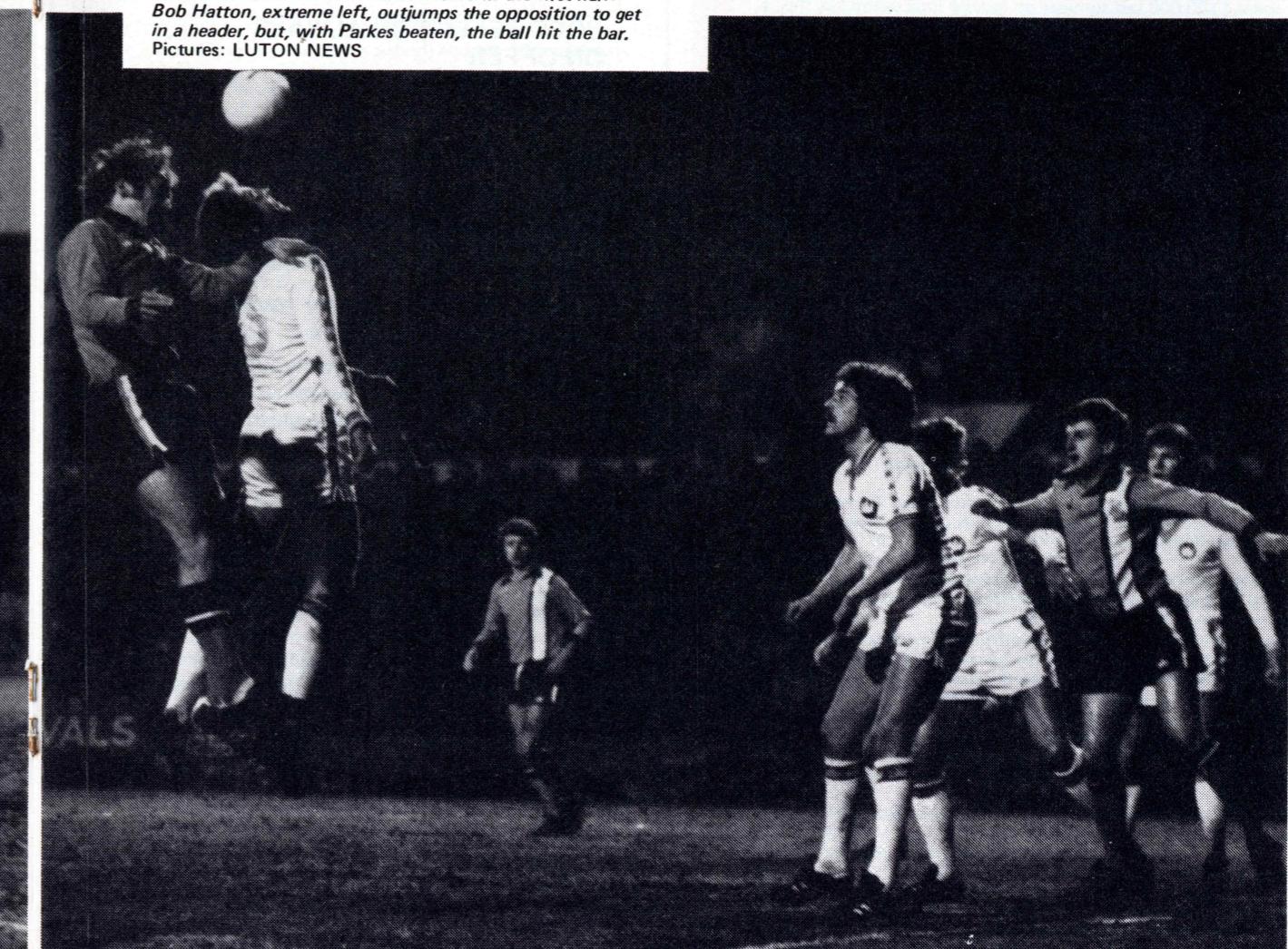
## LUTON TOWN 1 WEST HAM 4

EVEN West Ham manager John Lyall admitted that his promotion-chasers were flattered by the result as the Londoners caught us cold with late goals to end a fighting comeback attempt.

With an hour gone, he would have settled happily for a draw, but then saw his team score twice in little over a minute. His worries were renewed when we pulled back to 2-1 with a goal that was a double first – Steve Taylor, unmarked in the box, is pictured heading his first goal for us, and the first to be conceded by Phil Parkes after his £565,000 transfer from QPR.

The other picture is of one of the many goalmouth incidents which the Hammers survived in the first half: Bob Hatton, extreme left, outjumps the opposition to get in a header, but, with Parkes beaten, the ball hit the bar.

Pictures: LUTON NEWS



# Peter Watson

SPORTS EDITOR WITH THE EVENING NEWS

JIMMY BLOOMFIELD has done quite a job at Orient in 18 months.

The club who once passed a bucket round the stands for loyalist fans to lob in coins or pound notes have had a financial revival under Bloomfield.

And they're in the top half of the Second Division, too.

Last season's FA Cup run to the semi-finals netted £70,000. They spent £100,000 last summer on ground improvements, the pitch, offices and acquiring a shop in the nearby High Street for their Pools and commercial activities.

Then Bloomfield sold Glenn Roader and Phil Hoadley — two players who wanted to get away. Peter Kitchen has since moved on, too, giving Bloomfield over £50,000 from three sales.

He's spent just £80,000 of that on Paul Went and Ian Moores, collecting Ralph Coates from Spurs on a free transfer.

Says Bloomfield proudly: "Gates at Orient don't pay the way to run the club. But provided I do my sums right on new players, we will be all right."

GOOD MANAGEMENT, too, by West Ham's John Lyall who paid that world record for a goalkeeper — £565,000 to Queen's Park Rangers for Phil Parkes.

The arrival of Parkes has done untold good for the confidence of the rest of the Hammers' players and I am baffled by criticism in some quarters of Lyall's decision.

As he said on BBC's Match of the Day after the 2-0 defeat at Stoke, Hammers are rare buyers and they are one of the few Football League clubs in the black.

OSVALDO ARDILES went until March before scoring his first goal for Spurs — and then got both goals in the 2-0 win over Derby at White Hart Lane which left Derby manager Tommy Docherty unusually speechless.

The clamour is growing for Ardiles to be named Player of the Year, but I fancy Arsenal's Liam Brady will pip the little Argentine World Cup star.

ENCOURAGEMENT for Chelsea's relegation fight from Liverpool manager Bob Paisley after the scoreless draw at Stamford Bridge.

"I know the odds are against Chelsea avoiding relegation, but they can escape if they maintain this form," said Paisley. "They showed such tremendous spirit that, though we came looking for both points, I was satisfied with one at the end."

Chelsea look to have invested well in their £70,000 signing of Yugoslav goalkeeper Peter Borota, a giant of a man they're already nicknaming The Incredible Hulk down at the Bridge. Where does that leave Man Mountain Micky Droy, I wonder....

TESTIMONY to Alan Ball from his Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy:

"I've told him that there will always be a job for him at Southampton while I'm in charge."

"I'll embarrass him, I know, but Bally is a shining example of all that is good in football."

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# ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

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

WHILE we still had hopes that the Town could win promotion for the second consecutive season ten years ago this week, the big worry for supporters was the failure to see attacking pressure turned into goals.

But as the team began a twice-a-week playing routine to make up a backlog of postponed fixtures, the points still came rolling in.

And the home form was impressive: on Wednesday March 5, 1969, a 2-1 victory over Shrewsbury was the Town's 16th home league game of the season, and the 16th without defeat.

Less impressive was the story behind the result. Shrewsbury were bottom of the Third Division, and on the night should have been pulverised.

Keith Allen scored in the first half and Mike Keen netted his first goal for Luton Town in the 46th minute. But then the visitors took over, aided by a string of misses by Town forwards. Harkin pulled a goal back in the 66th minute, and in the end the Town were glad to hang on to victory. Nine minutes from time Allen even blasted a penalty over the bar after Alan Slough had been upended in the box by goalkeeper Phillips.

The previous Saturday, the team had collected one of the

luckiest victories this or any club could wish for.

They were at Oldham, and with the wind whipping around the ground almost at gale force, the game was a bit of a farce. In the very first minute Oldham tried to play the ball back to their goal keeper, and their third pass backwards produced the incredible sight of centre-half Lawson heading the ball neatly into his own net.

Oldham attacked hard for the next 89 minutes, but could find no way past a Town defence brilliantly marshalled by Terry Branston and John Moore.

And there was good news off the field as well. Due to play Barrow at home on March 8, 1969, the Town had a blank day because struggling Barrow had ten players down with the flu and were granted a postponement by the Football League for the very good reason that their only hope of fielding a side was use the coach driver and the Barrow tea-lady.

Town boss Alec Stock filled the void by holding a private full-scale practice match and the cheering news from that was the return of two popular figures: Bruce Rioch had his first taste of action after a cartilage operation six weeks previously, and Tony Read was able to play in goal for the first time in three months after a hand operation.

## YOUTH

By George Rogers

THE YOUTH team got back into action last Saturday 3rd. March when they entertained Stevenage Borough in a Chiltern league fixture. Fielding 4 trialist they played excellent football and it was not surprising when after 20 min. Alan Cosby put the Town 1 up, following good work down the right by Ray Brammer. Just before the interval the same player put Luton 2 up.

Tom Murphy playing up front for the first time was working hard and caused the Stevenage defence many problems. In the second half Luton continued to have more of the play and Niel Madden 3 up to give the Town a comfortable victory:— Team R. Walker, M. McKay, T. Kitchener, G. Arpaia, N. Madden, J. Woodward, J. Piotrowski, A. Cosby, T. Murphy, M. Jenner, R. Brammer, R. Sagnell.

The previous week was a disappointment with the Town youth having many games to play, was looking forward to play Vauxhall

mins later Aston Villa got one back with a shot from 25 yards. In the closing stages Aston Villa put on the pressure for an equalizer but the Luton defence held out.

Know your youth player:— Today we focus John Woodward. John who lives with his parents at Round Green, Luton. Always gives 100% effort and with his ability and awareness of what's going on around him should allow him to do well. Before signing apprenticeship forms for the town, played for Stopsley school, Stopsley Boys Club and represented the County F.A. on many occasions. It was performances in these games that prompted Mr. Pleat to sign him when he left school last summer. His keenest supporters are his mum and dad who can be seen at most of the youth games. His other interest is aircraft and when he has a few hours to spare you will find him at Luton Airport with his binoculars.

# POOLS NEWS

WE WOULD like to thank all supporters who have volunteered to become 'Merchandisers' for our "Great Three and Easy" which starts on Monday April 2nd. Added to our 'army' of agents, we must feel confident in predicting that before the start of next season we will have achieved one of the strongest fund raising organisations within the Football League. We have never felt second best to anyone up to now, but coupled with the appointment of our new Chief Executive, John Smith at the helm

as our Captain, we cannot fail. If anyone is still able to present themselves as 'merchandisers' to us and has the ability, interest, plus transport, lives within 25 miles of Luton, and also wishes to earn a regular income on a part time basis, please call into the Pools Office, or ring Luton 30748, you may just be in time to fill one of the geographic areas of responsibility that are vacant at present.  
Mike Hardwicke M.D.  
Hatters Pools.

## SUPPORTERS VIEWS

WE WILL be pleased to receive and print any letters from supporters who have views on any subject concerning the Hatters and football in general. The letter printed below was sent in by Mr. Tomalin of Amersham, Bucks. He is a keen and regular supporter of the 'Town' and we thank him very much for taking the trouble to 'air' his views. Its only by you, the supporters of the game, making your views heard, that anything will be done to try and get some of the problems in football today sorted out.

Dear Sir,

I read in the Blackburn programme yet another plea on behalf of summer football. Whilst I do not question the motives of it's author, I feel that there are a number of arguments against summer football which are seldom voiced publicly.

I have been coming to Kenilworth Road regularly for more years than I care to remember. However, if there was a switch to summer football I would not come anymore, as I, like thousands of other football followers, am involved in a summer sport, in my case Cricket. If the Football League moved to summer matches the other Amateur Leagues would inevitably have to move into line and football would permanently lose thousands of people who play or watch a summer sport. I would argue also that a shut down in, say, December to February would have been useless in 1977/8 when Britain was hit by snow in April, and indeed an analysis of matches postponed over the years will confirm that a significant proportion are called off in October and March which would be within a summer season.

The author of the programme article states 'without doubt' the gates would be higher in the summer. This ignores the fact that millions of people take two or three weeks to go on holiday annually. The summer season would then help clubs like Bournemouth & Blackpool but hardly an industrial town club like Luton!

Another point which advocates of 'Summer football' miss is that the whole character of our game would change with football being played in the heat. The whole game would become more pedestrian, as surely the 1970 World Cup proved only too well.

Internationally too our game would deteriorate with Internationals being played in our 'off season' and our players not 'match fit'. Another factor is the dozens of our players who play soccer in the U.S.A. during the summer and would not be able to play in both countries; Luton would lose West and Price, two of their best players.

The solution to the fixture chaos is simple. Nottingham Forest pay out £1 million for a player and have several matches called off because their ground is unfit. Leicester City pay out a sum which will buy an average Fourth Division player and play every week. Not only that but they receive extra games in the shape of two more cup ties. Clubs must install pitch protection in some shape or form and since they will inevitably put off this decision the governing authorities must legislate to make clubs fall into line. In the long run everybody will benefit.  
Yours sincerely,  
B. Tomalin

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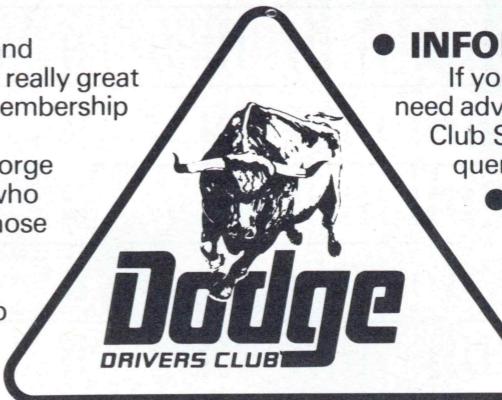
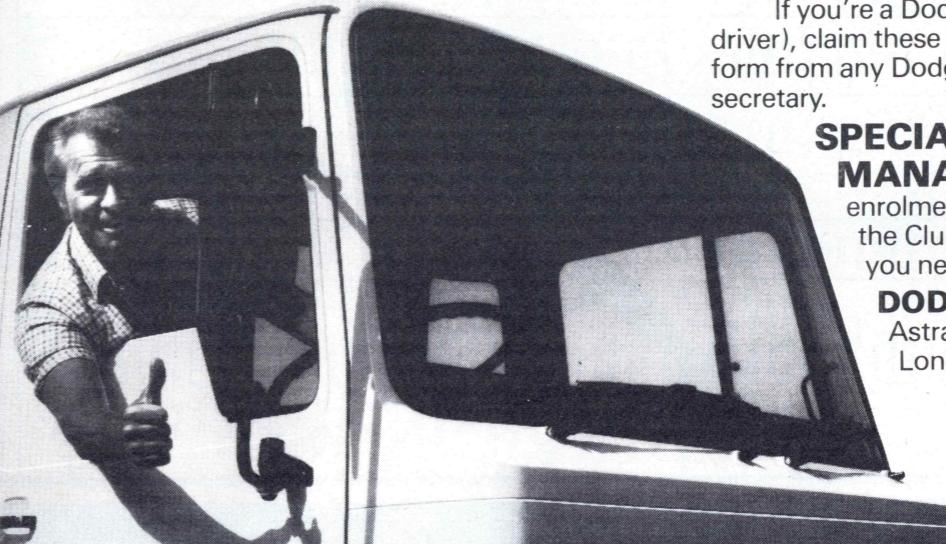
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# FACTS

DIV.2		Attendance	F.A.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 19	9 S	Oldham Athletic	8,043	6-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Sherlock	Aleksic	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein	Stein (1)	Hutton (2)
Aug 22	22 T	Crystal Palace	17,739	1-3	Aleksic	Stephens	Aleksic	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo (1) pan	Stein	Stein	Moss (2)
Aug 26	2 S	Newcastle Utd.	24,112	0-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo (1) pan	Stein	Stein	Ingram * McNichol
Aug 29	29 T	Wigan Ath. (LC2)	6,6118	2-0	Aleksic	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	Stein (2)	Stein	Hill
Sept. 2	2 S	Charlton Ath.	8,609	3-0	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill (1)	Turner	Price	Donaghy	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Boersma
Sept. 9	9 S	Bristol Rovers	6,508	0-2	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	Fucillo	Stein (2)	Hutton (1)	West *
Sept. 16	16 S	Cardiff City	7,752	7-1	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Fucillo (1) pan *
Sept. 23	23 S	Cambridge Utd.	10,801	1-1	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Stein (2)
Sept. 30	30 S	Sheffield Utd.	15,295	1-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill (1)	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Moss (2)
Oct. 3	3 T	Cowes Alex. (LC3)	6,002	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo (1)	Stein (2)	Hutton (1)	Hutton (1)
Oct. 7	7 S	Wrexham	8,683	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo (1)	Stein (2)	Hutton (1)	Moss (1)
Oct. 14	14 S	Blackburn	7,450	0-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo (1)	Stein (2)	Hutton (1)	Jones
Oct. 21	21 S	Notts County	8,561	2-3	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo (1)	Stein (2)	Hutton (1)	Carr
Oct. 28	28 S	Orient	7,035	2-3	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fucillo (1)	Stein (2)	Hutton (1)	Jones
Nov. 4	4 S	Leicester City	10,608	0-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Carr
Nov. 8	8 W	Watford (LC4)	32,272	2-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Stephens
Nov. 11	11 S	Oldham Athletic	6,876	0-2	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Jones
Nov. 18	18 S	Leicester City (LC4)	10,324	2-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Carr
Nov. 21	21 T	Charlton Ath.	10,161	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Stephens
Nov. 25	25 S	Sunderland (1)	10,249	0-3	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Jones
Dec. 2	2 S	Burnley	P	7,036	1-2	Findlay	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Stein (1)
Dec. 9	9 S	Preston	P	28,177	1-4	Findlay	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
Dec. 13	13 W	Leeds Utd. (LC5)	6,720	0-2	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Stein
Dec. 16	16 S	Brighton (2)	16,252	1-3	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
Dec. 23	23 S	West Ham	P	23,205	1-4	Findlay	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Stein
Dec. 26	26 T	Millwall	P	6,068	2-0	Findlay	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
Dec. 30	30 S	Sunderland (SF)	8,914	0-1	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
Jan. 4	1 M	Stoke City	P	8,720	0-2	Findlay	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
Jan. 6	6 S	York City (FA 3)	7,025	3-2	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
Jan. 13	13 S	Bristol Rovers	P	8,125	0-0	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
Jan. 17	17 S	Wrexham (5)	P	7,025	1-1	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
Jan. 24	24 S	Blackburn	P	6,274	2-1	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
Jan. 27	27 S	Cardiff City	P	14,205	1-4	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
Feb. 3	3 S	Cambridge Utd.	P	8,125	0-0	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
Feb. 10	10 S	Sheffield Utd.	P	7,025	1-1	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
Feb. 17	17 S	Wrexham (5)	P	8,125	0-0	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
Feb. 24	24 S	Leicester City (LC5)	P	14,205	1-4	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
Mar. 10	10 S	Orient (6)	P	7,024	1-3	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
Mar. 17	17 S	Leicester City (LC5)	P	14,205	1-4	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
Mar. 24	24 S	Crystal Palace	P	8,914	0-1	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
Mar. 31	31 S	Sunderland (SF)	P	8,914	0-1	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
April 7	7 S	Burnley	P	9,205	1-3	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
April 9	9 M	West Ham	P	14,205	1-2	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
April 14	14 M	Millwall	P	16,205	1-2	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
April 16	16 M	Stoke City	P	14,205	1-2	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
April 21	21 S	Brighton	P	14,205	1-2	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
April 23	23 S	Preston	P	14,205	1-2	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
May 5	5 S	Fulham	P	14,205	1-2	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
May 12	12 S	F.A. Cup Final	P	14,205	1-2	Lawson	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fucillo	Stein (1)	Hutton (1)	Heale *
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## Division Two

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES — 1978-79	ALL SATURDAY MATCHES KICK-OFF 3PM	ALL FIXTURES SUBJECT TO ALTERATION				
Aug. 19	19 S	Oxford United	1-0	Feb.	3 S	Norwich City
Aug. 22	22 T	Cardiff City	1-2	Feb.	3 S	Crystal Palace
Aug. 26	26 S	Birmingham City	3-1	Feb.	3 M	Swindon Town
Aug. 30	30 W		2-0	Feb.	3 S	Orient
Sept. 6	6 W	Hereford United	3-1	Sept.	3 S	Ipswich
Sept. 9	9 S	Southampton	3-1	Sept.	3 S	Tottenham H.
Sept. 13	13 W	Bristol Rovers	1-3	Sept.	3 S	Plymouth Argyle
Sept. 23	23 S	Norwich City	0-6	Sept.	3 S	Leicester City
Oct. 4	4 W		2-2	Sept.	3 S	Crystal Palace
Oct. 7	7 S	Chelsea	1-4	Sept.	3 S	Cardiff City
Oct. 14	14 S	Orient	1-2	Sept.	3 S	Reading
Oct. 24	24 T	Swindon	0-1	Sept.	3 S	Fulham
Oct. 28	28 S	Plymouth Argyle	3-0	Sept.	3 S	Ipswich Town
Nov. 1	1 W	Tottenham H.	0-1	Sept.	3 S	Bristol City
Nov. 4	4 S	Leicester City	0-3	Sept.	3 S	West Ham
Nov. 8	8 W		1-2	Sept.	3 S	Arsenal
Nov. 11	11 S	Oxford United	0-0	Sept.	3 S	Q.P.R.

## Combination

As at 5/3/79

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## Division One

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES — 1978-79	ALL SATURDAY MATCHES KICK-OFF 3PM	ALL FIXTURES SUBJECT TO ALTERATION				
Aug. 19	19 S	Oxford United	1-0	Feb.	3 S	Norwich City
Aug. 22	22 T	Cardiff City	1-2	Feb.	3 S	Crystal Palace
Aug. 26	26 S	Birmingham City	3-1	Feb.	3 M	Swindon Town
Aug. 30	30 W		2-0	Feb.	3 S	Orient
Sept. 6	6 W	Hereford United	3-1	Sept.	3 S	Ipswich
Sept. 9	9 S	Southampton	3-1	Sept.	3 S	Tottenham H.
Sept. 13	13 W	Bristol Rovers	1-3			

# Junior Hatters

# Century Club

FIRST OF ALL this week we must say what a poor response we had to our competition in the Sheffield United programme. We asked for letters giving ideas for the Junior Hatters Club and for which items you would like included in the Junior Hatters column. The replies were just TWO. The first one was from a young lady, aged ten years, Carrie Pilgrim, who says,

"I would like a place at the ground where members of the Junior Hatters Club could have a drink (?) before the match and at half time. Also I would like a place where children could sit or stand by themselves and where adults would not be allowed."

Well Carrie, the original idea when the Junior Hatters Club was started was that it should develop into a proper club and have its own club room. However at the moment space is the problem, but this is certainly one of the items which will be discussed when John Smith our new Chief Executive takes over shortly.

The second letter came from Paul Little, aged thirteen, whose letter reads:-

"1. We could have ball boys who would give a smarter appearance to the match and give members a chance to be more involved and, 2. have a Junior Hatters Club badge and give five or six members the opportunity to meet the team before the match".

Both of these ideas will be put to the staff concerned when we discuss the future of the Junior Hatters Club, Paul. At any rate thanks to both Carrie and Paul for their letters and each will be receiving two tickets for a home match.

Now for the result of the ballot for the mascots for the remaining matches:-  
Saturday 10th March, 1979 v Orient, Robert Fox of Sandy  
Saturday 24th March, 1979 v C. Palace Paul Little of Hatfield  
Saturday 7th April, 1979 v Burnley Adrian Gotch of Caddington  
Saturday 14th April, 1979 v Millwall Jason Gibbons of Biggleswade  
Saturday 21st April, 1979 v Brighton Dominic Holland  
Saturday 5th May, 1979 v Fulham Kevin Johnson of Luton.

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by Catherine Ball, Secretary

IT SEEMS unbelievable that we should already be making arrangements for the end of the football season, but behind-the-scenes work in the Century Club is indeed now looking that far ahead.

Earlier in the season we organised a general knowledge quiz contest in the club, and there was much delight among members when our team was able to beat one representing Luton Town FC.

Now we have had a challenge from a regular Town supporter, Tom Hunt, and Century Club pride insists that we should accept. So please make a note in your diaries: Tom Hunt's team will be our guests and opponents for another pleasant evening's entertainment on Saturday April 21, the night of the last but one home match of the season.

Before then however, we have a number of social events, the next being tonight.

We shall be having a sports forum, a sort of "Any Questions" on sport of all kinds. The panel members who have promised to attend include David Pleat, David Evans, Alec Bedser and Brian Swain, with the possibility that we shall also have a boxing champion on the platform as well. Some tickets are still available at 50 pence each.

The Club would appreciate support of its members, and I am sure that it will be well worth the modest admission price.

In a fortnight the day of the Crystal Palace match - voting papers will be distributed in the Century Club for members to decide this season's Player of the Year, and the Century Club's own Supporter of the Year. I hope all members will ensure that they collect a voting paper, and put it in the ballot box.

Meanwhile we hope to be entertaining some of our friends from Orient FC this afternoon, and extend a warm welcome to all of them. We hope you enjoy your visit to Kenilworth Road, whatever the result of the match.

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## ORIENT

JOHN JACKSON	1
BOBBY FISHER	2
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TONY GREALISH	4
NIGEL GRAY	5
PAUL WENT	6
JOHN CHIEDOZIE	7
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JOE MAYO	9
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## Half Times

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Charlton . . . . .	Wrexham. . . . .	Arsenal. . . . .

## Officials

**Referee:** B. HILL (Wellingborough). Commenced refereeing in 1965 with local leagues, progressed to United County League before moving on to the Southern League and finally the Football League List in 1975.

Enjoys watching all sports and listening to music, and hobbies include reading and gardening. A wages/cost clerk for a building firm, is a married man with two children.

**Linesmen:** Mr N. H. Benton (Cambridge) Red flag; Mr. R. G. Smith (Oxford) Yellow flag.