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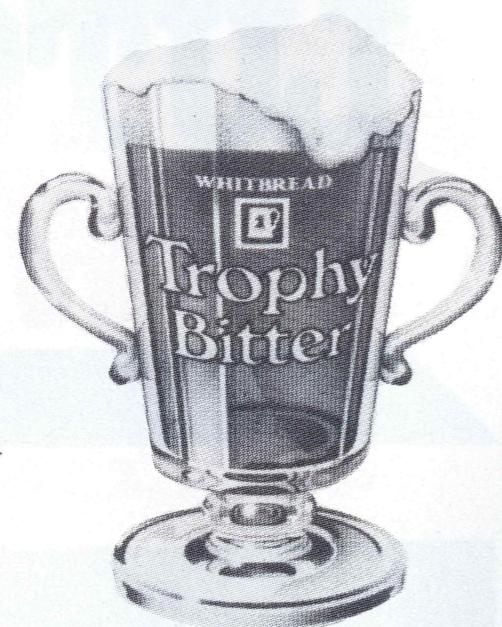
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DAVID PLEAT

TODAY'S opponents Crystal Palace have already proved that they are the favourites for promotion with a dependable defensive record. Successful teams are built on the ability to defend solidly and remain organised under pressure. We hope to stretch Palace today and if we can maintain our attacking approach we are capable of getting through their defence.

Last Saturday was a most frustrating experience. Having been told at 9.45 am that the game was definitely on, we were later to be disappointed. In defence of Leicester City it has to be said that they are comparatively inexperienced in clearing the snow off their pitch!! Their foresight has prevented this situation, but unfortunately, last Saturday their much publicised balloon failed. Certainly the pitch was unplayable and no-body disagreed with the Referee's decision. Hopefully we will play the fixture on Wednesday.

Out youth team deserve far more support than they have been given. These notes were printed before Thursday evening's replay with Man. City. If we have been good enough to win we will be in the semi-finals of the FA Youth Cup for the 1st time ever. It gives me satisfaction to see the efforts of these players who are the clubs future. You only have to look at the success of our visitors today, Crystal Palace, to see the value of a sound youth policy. I shall continue our efforts to improve



the quality of the schoolboys coming into our club. This means that we shall be adjusting our budget for scouting to cover wider areas and hold more trials. I am sure our speculation will be justified in the future.

The youngsters will be competing at Blauw-Wit early in June in an International Youth tournament, regarded as one of the best on the Continent. Several of our 1st team players qualify for inclusion in this competition. I am sure that the experience gained will be valuable and I am even more certain that our performance on and off the field will be a credit to our club.

Next Thursday our players will be out judging a penalty prize competition at 5 local regional sports centres. The finals will be held here on Sat 21st April. It is all part of the "Football & Community" scheme organised by the Sports Council. We now have a splendid floodlit area which opens soon for organised sport, another step forward which will indirectly further our youth policy.

This is all a result of the club providing a suitable scheme to take advantage of a government grant. I am delighted the work has gone smoothly and we are approaching this new facility with enthusiasm.

Enjoy todays game. I hope we get 90 minutes of good entertainment and naturally from our point of view a fair result.

Our good fortune to be able, and fit enough, to play and enjoy the greatest game in the world was underlined last weekend when we learned of the tragic death of our club doctor. Doctor Burrows gave his services to this club for several seasons. He was an expert in his field, a warm personality and the type of man whom we all respected. We shall miss his advice, his humour and his loyalty. The club sends to his widow and family their most sincere sympathies.

Palace



Back Row (left to right): Nick Chatterton; Dave Swindlehurst; John Burridge; David Fry; Ian Walsh; Jim Cannon
 Middle Row (left to right): Dave Horn (Trainer) Ernie Walley (Coach) Alan Harris (Coach) Terry Fenwick; Paul Hinshelwood; Billy Gilbert; George Graham; Charlie Simpson (Physio); Terry Venables (Manager).
 Front Row (left to right): Vince Hilaire; Terry Boyle; Mike Elwiss; Martin Hinshelwood; Ian Evans; Peter Nicholas; Jerry Murphy; Ken Sansom; Barry Silkman.



JOHN BURRIDGE (Goalkeeper)

Born Workington, signed from Aston Villa on 9.3.78 for £50,000. John took over the 1st team spot from Tony Burns and completed 10 appearances by the end of last season.

DAVID FRY (Goalkeeper)

Born Bournemouth, signed for Palace 24.1.77 and made his first team debut against Blackburn last season. He shows great promise and holds two F.A. Youth Cup final medals.

PAUL HINSHELWOOD (Defender)

Born Bristol, joined Palace as a junior and signed full-time 14.8.73. Played in the first team as a striker and converted to Midfield and finally full-back. An England Under 21 International Paul made 47 first team appearances last season.

IAN EVANS (Defender)

Surrey Born, Club Captain, Welsh International. Suffered serious leg injury against Fulham last season which he is still recovering from.

JIM CANNON (Defender)

Born Glasgow, former Scottish Youth International. Took over from Ian Evans as last season's Team Captain. Voted Club Player of the Year 77/78 and made 44 appearances.

BILLY GILBERT (Defender)

London born, formerly England schoolboy Captain and member of last season's England Youth side. Winner of two F.A. Youth Cup medals and made his first team debut against Blackpool October 1977. Went on to maintain a regular first team place alongside Jim Cannon in the centre of the defence completing 19 appearances.

PETER NICHOLAS (Defender/Midfield)

Newport born, Welsh Youth International and member of both Palace Youth Cup winning teams. Peter made 24 first team appearances last season mainly from midfield but also at right back and in his normal position as central defender.

KEVIN DARE (Defender)

London born, member of last season's F.A. Youth Cup winning team. Yet to make his first team debut.

GEORGE GRAHAM (Midfield)

Former Scottish International star with Chelsea, Arsenal and Manchester Utd. Joined us from Portsmouth

8.11.76. George made 24 first team appearances last season and played for California Surfs during the summer.

PHIL HOLDER (Midfield)

London born, former Spurs player joined Palace in February 1975 and last season made 15 first team appearances. Phil played for MEMPHIS ROGUES in the summer.

NICK CHATTERTON (Midfield)

Born London, joined Palace from school, he had held a regular first team spot over the last four seasons.

TERRY FENWICK (Midfield)

Born Co. Durham. England Youth International scored the winning goal in 2 successive F.A. Youth Cup finals. Terry made his first team debut last season against Spurs and completed 10 appearances by the end of the season.

VINCE HILAIRE (Forward)

London born England Youth International and holder of 2 F.A. Youth Cup final medals. He made his first team debut in season 1976/7 and appeared 28 times in the first team last season.

JERRY MURPHY (Midfield)

London born Eire Youth International and member of both Palace Youth Cup winning teams, made his first team debut last season.

BARRY SILKMAN (Forward)

London born, joined Palace in August 1976 from Hereford Utd and made 24 first team appearances last season.

DAVE SWINDELHURST (Striker)

London born. England International at Youth and under 21 level. Dave made 42 appearances last season, some from midfield scoring 12 goals.

IAN WALSH (Striker)

Welsh born joined Palace from school. Former Welsh Youth International. Made his first team debut during 1976/7 and last season made 13 appearances scoring 2 goals.

MIKE ELWISS (Striker)

Joined Palace from Preston North End during the close season for a Club record fee of £200,000. Mike, 24 originates from Doncaster playing for the Rovers before his transfer to Preston under Bobby Charlton's management.

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WELCOME

THE YOUNG Palace side have this season won many friends up and down the country with their attractive style of play as they have established themselves as strong challengers for a return to Division One. In fact in recent seasons they have looked rather more like a first division outfit than they did during their previous spell there when after four years of uphill struggle they were relegated twice in successive seasons to land back in Division Three in 1974.

It seemed then that perhaps Palace were a Third Division team after all for after joining the old Division Three (South) on its inception in 1920 they spent all but four seasons there until the reorganisation in 1958. During this time they had to apply for re-election on three occasions and when they ended up in Division Four in 1958 it seemed that life was to continue to be a struggle for them. In fact this proved to be a launching pad, for they won promotion in 1961 and three years later went up again to Division Two.

They continued to progress throughout the sixties and in 1969 they climbed into Division One for the first time ever. In four seasons, however, the highest position they could manage was eighteenth and despite the appointment of Malcolm Allison as Manager they were back in Division Three again by 1974. They did, however, turn the corner again under Allison and in 1975/6 they captured the imagination of the football world by beating both Leeds and Sunderland on their home grounds to reach the F.A. Cup Semi-final. It seemed that a Third Division club might be in an F.A. Cup Final for the first time ever, but Southampton ended these dreams.

With the departure of Malcolm Allison, his right hand man, Terry Venables took over and by last season Palace had climbed back to Division Two where they ended up in ninth position after a useful season of consolidation.

With their basically young side steadily maturing they have not really looked back this season after starting with a draw at

opening home game. It was not until the end of October that they lost their first league game (a surprise home defeat by Fulham) and by this time they had given a good account of themselves in the League Cup by winning at First Division Bristol City and taking Aston Villa to two replays. They have also put Bristol City and Middlesbrough out of the F.A. Cup before going out to Wolves and another remarkable aspect of their record this season is that they have lost only one away game (at Burnley) in the League. As recently as last week they showed their class by winning 2-1 against promotion rivals Sunderland at Roker Park.

England Under-21 international David Swindlehurst is currently again leading scorer this season and he has had good support from another home-grown product Ian Walsh, who established himself in the first team late last season. Close-season 6-figure signing Mike Elwiss from Preston is also likely to be in the front line today.

In midfield Eire Youth International Jerry Murphy and England Youth cap Terry Fenwick, both members of the Palace side that has won the Youth Cup in each of the last two seasons, are joined by Steve Kember now back with his first league club after spells at Leicester and Chelsea. Steve has now played well over 500 league games.

The back four are also one-club men with Jim Cannon after 200 games now captaining the side and being joined at the centre of the defence by Bill Gilbert with highly rated Ken Sansom and versatile Paul Hinshelwood, son of former Chelsea player Wally Hinshelwood, on the flanks. In goal John Burridge, signed from Aston Villa a year ago, has recaptured the form that brought him to the fore with Blackpool after making his league debut with Workington.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

CHRIS TURNER and Terry Hayes celebrate their birthdays this week, and we take this opportunity to wish them both all the Best

EVENING POST/ECHO PENALTY COMPETITION

THE BOYS you are seeing this afternoon in the penalty competition which has been organised by the Luton Recreation Services Dept. took part in last summer's Evening Post/Echo Football Coaching Schemes at Luton and Watford. They are the winners of the Penalty Competition held in conjunction with that course. Today's competition is over three rounds and a further three rounds will be played at Watford's ground on March 27th.

The referee is Colin Morris, Chairman of the Bedfordshire Football Coaches Association.

Luton's team is Andrew Myers, age 15. Russel Toone 14. Stephen Randall 12. Gary Norman 12. Jeffrey Vetere 12. Andrew Fookes 11. and Kevin Folland 8.

Further courses are being held at Leagrave Park and Stopsley during the Easter Holidays. For details contact Marsh House Centre, Bramingham Rd. Luton. Tel 56879.

FROM JOHN WILKINSON'S DESK

JUST AS I was giving myself a pat on the back for rearranging all the back log of fixtures, the weather turned on us again to give me another two games to fix up. The snow caused an early postponement of the Leicester reserve match and on the Saturday morning an early call from Leicester City saying that the pitch would be playable sent the first team and officials on their way. Whilst having lunch in a Coventry Hotel the manager was telephoned and asked to get Filbert St. as quickly as possible. He telephoned me about thirty five minutes later saying that the pitch at one end was a sea of mud and if the match had taken place it would have been a lottery. Some of the players went along to watch the Coventry City v Bolton match and the rest of us made our way home. I know that some of our supporters will be annoyed about making the journey for nothing but I can assure you that the City did everthing possible to

I have just learned of the sudden death of our club doctor, Peter Burrows. To say the news is shattering is putting it mildly. When I took the call from Dr. Weir early this evening (Sunday) my knees went to jelly, as did the people I had to telephone after with the news. As far as I know Dr. Burrows had been with Luton Town nearly 14 years and the England doctor for the past four. His death will leave a large gap, not only with us and England but also in his partnership at his surgery in Dunstable Rd. The news of his death has not yet sunk in which is the reason why I have not written much about him at this time, but to his wife and family we send our deepest sympathy.

Our youth team did the club proud last week when they held the youth side of Manchester City to a 1-1 draw at Maine Rd. It was a great experience for the lads to play at a stadium like that and the effort that went into their play was a credit to all of them. By this time, weather permitting, we should know if we have beaten them in the replay and enter the semi-finals for the first time in the club's history.

With the pitch being in such a heavy state, it has caused the cancellation of the under 18 final of the Chiltern Youth League due to be played at Kenilworth Rd. last Monday. It is possible that it will now take place on April 25th. K.O. 7.30 p.m.

Today we welcome Crystal Palace, who at this present time are well in the running for promotion. Although we wish them well in their attempt to reach the 1st. Division we will do our best to keep the points here today.

Enjoy the match.

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THE MAPLE RD. Car park which as you will recall from the Sunderland programme, is being converted to a floodlit outdoor playing area is now bearing completion, and has been re-named The Hatters Community Sports Arena.

This arena is a joint provision scheme involving the Sports Council, Luton Town Football Club and the Luton Council's Recreation Services Department, and the facilities will be available for training both by ourselves and the community with the

Sports catered for include Football, Netball, Basketball, Hockey and Tennis.

To promote the Arena a number of special events are being staged in conjunction with the Recreation Services Dept. the first of which are a Town-wide Netball and Penalty Shooting Competition, the heats of which are taking place on Thursday 29th March at venues listed below. Our players along with coaches from the Bedfordshire Football Coaches Association and the Luton and Dunstable Netball League will be present at each centre to organise the evenings' activities.

To enter the competition apply in person to reception at the relevant Centre, but you will need to hurry as entries are limited to no more than 50 in any one age group at each centre. Other activities already planned include a Netball Tournament for under 12's and under 16's and Netball Coaching. For details of these contact Mike Beaver, Marsh House Centre, Bramingham Rd. Luton. Tel. 56879.

Penalty and Netball Shooting Competition
Thursday 29th March at the following venues.

Penalty Shooting Competition Heats.
(Under 11 and under 15 years of age).

Netball Shooting Competition Heats.
(Under 12 and under 16 years of age)

Regional Sports Centre 5-9pm.
Putteridge Sports Centre 4-7 pm.
High Town Sports Centre 4-8 p.m.
Lea Manor Sports Centre 5-9 p.m.
Lewsey Community Centre 5-9 p.m.

NEWS ON 2.

FOR A little while, Dick our head groundsman after much hard work and being helped by fans who shovelled snow like heroes, found to his delight, a few blades of grass somewhere near the centre of the pitch. We thought of clubbing together to buy him some hair-restorer hoping it might make the grass grow, but using his green fingers, and elbow grease, he did eventually

everybody heaved a sigh of relief thinking that the rest of the season would be back to normal. But the Gods in charge of the weather decided otherwise and down came the snow again.

The Combination match and our League game with Leicester had to be cancelled and the Pools Panel have had to blow the dust off their crystal ball.

There's still plenty of time for changes to take place in the relegation and promotion stakes. If Millwall keep playing like they did against Charlton, when they won 4-2 it could be a repeat of last season's nerve-tingling escape from relegation.

George Petchey may have found a new tonic for his team in the last quarter of the season. Cambridge suffered a home defeat by Notts County when the only goal of the match was by Arthur Mann. They felt hard done by when a bizarre decision by the referee, disallowing a goal because the linesman said it hadn't crossed the line, but allowing a penalty because of handling, gave them the chance to go one ahead. Guess what? Tom Finney missed the penalty.

Their game last Saturday when they lost to Orient 3-0 was a dull scrappy affair, and Preston's draw with West Ham is best forgotten. In fact most of last Saturday's matches were on the whole a dismal lot. Brighton beat Sheffield 2-0 but that game should have taken place in the boxing ring. Teddy Maybank and Mike Guy were sent off. Rollings suffered a broken nose and Garner went to hospital with injured ribs. Wrexham still manage to keep well off the bottom of the table in spite of being seven games behind the leaders, Brighton. They will have to play at least two games per week to catch up by the end of the season, a daunting prospect for any team.

Mr. Eric Morecambe.

WE WERE very sorry to learn that Eric has suffered another heart-attack recently. We have missed him in his usual seat at the ground since his last illness, and this is an even worse blow for him and his family. Everyone, I am sure, will join us at Kenilworth Rd, in wishing him a speedy

CROSSWORD 20

CLUES — Across

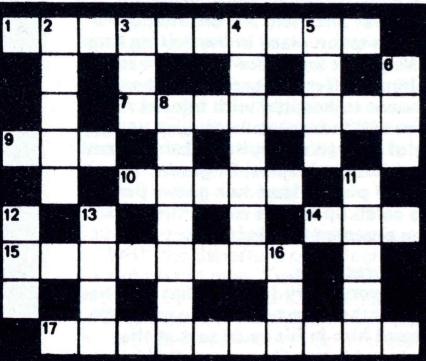
1. Early stage in a player's career (10)
7. The 1978 World Cup mascot (8)
9. First name of West Ham's second post-war manager (3)
10. Country that staged the 1962 World Cup (5)
14. First name of West Ham's third post-war manager (3)
15. One of the nicknames of Airdrieonians (8)
17. Jim Holton played more League games for them than any other of his clubs so far (10)

CLUES — Down

2. Wall or Wells (5)
3. —— Smith managed Millwall before Ron Gray's second spell (3)
4. Took the ball from an opponent (7)
5. A lofted pass (4)
6. Wilson or Wesson (3)
8. Old WBA, Chesterfield and England keeper (7)
- 12 & 11. Nigerian forward who appeared with West Ham and Lincoln four or five seasons ago (3,5)
13. Southern League side (4)
16. One of the occupants of the trainer's bench (3)

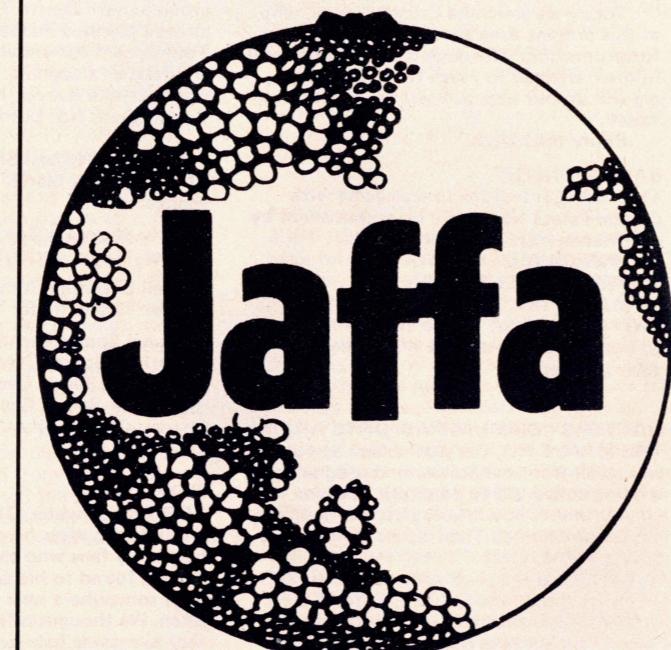
ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 19

Across: 1. Bobby Gould, 7. Jago, 8. Page, 9. See 16ac, 14. Hore 15. Kyle, 16 & 9ac. Tony Want, 17. Devonshire.
Down: 2. O'Hare, 3. See 6dn, 4. Glentoran, 5. Ioan, 6 & 3dn. Ken Brown, 10. Vetch, 11. Manor, 12 & 13. Sky Blue.



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LUTON TOWN 2
ORIENT 1

GOALKEEPER John Jackson stole the honours, but we collected the points despite his one-man show of defiance at Kenilworth Road. But superior skill paid off in the end as we came back from a goal down to snatch both points with a late winner from Ricky Hill.

It was tough luck on Jackson, but fair reward for the effort put into our attacks, and at times the brave goalkeeper needed all the help and luck he could get.

One of his lucky moments is shown as Steve Taylor flings himself at a high-speed centre, and Jackson was able to smile again as the ball flashed past the post.

The other picture shows how many Orient had to pull back as we attacked: there are seven Orient players packed into that goal area, plus Jackson, as the keeper dives in to grab the ball.

Pictures: LUTON NEWS



THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION/ COCA COLA SUPER SKILLS AWARD

ON THE 30th November 1978, the Football Association, in conjunction with the English Schools Football Association and the Coca Cola Company, announced the birth of the Super Skills Award Scheme at a Press Launch at the Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre.

An audience, which included some of the greatest names in English Football — Sir Stanley Rous, Sir Walter Winterbottom, Ron Greenwood, Bobby Charlton and Geoff Hurst heard how the Scheme will work, and then saw a demonstration by Reading school children of the different skills in the Award Scheme.

The objective of the Scheme is to equip youngsters from the age of 7 to 16 years with the high quality of individual techniques which they can be encouraged to apply under real playing conditions. The skill's test were devised by The Football Association's Director of Coaching, Allen Wade. These are tests of touch, heading, passing, controlling and trapping, dribbling, kicking and accuracy of shooting.

There are different awards for different levels of attainment progressing as follows:—

- 1. Blue Award
- 2. Red Award
- 3. Black Award
- 4. Silver Award
- 5. Gold Award.

These enable young people to develop more sophisticated skills by moving from one level of achievement to the next, from Blue Award to Red and so on. To win a Gold Award a participant first has to hold two of the other Awards.

When passing one level the recipient will receive a certificate and a lapel badge costing 40p (inc. of p. and p.). Also available is a cloth badge, which is optional, and costs 25p (inc. of p. and p.).

To find out more about the Skills Award Scheme ask your sports teacher or your youth or scout leader to introduce you to the Scheme. England Manager, Ron Greenwood, is right behind the scheme. He says: 'We have all seen during the World Cup the importance of individual technique. It can produce not only successful football, but entertaining football and this is the message I am driving home at International level. What better place to start getting this message over than at schools and boy's clubs'.

The Super Skills Awards will be earned by meeting the standard scores set out in the Super Skills Manual. This manual contains 35 different tests, 5 different levels of attainment for each of the 7 Super Skills. There is no reason, however, why teachers, etc., should not increase or decrease these standards to set more precise targets for individual children.

The administration of the Scheme is being run by Mrs. Joan Pritchard, who joined the Football Association as a Secretary in the Coaching Department in 1962.

If you require any further information on the Super Skills Award Scheme, please write to Mrs. Pritchard at the following address —

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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

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

FAMOUS faces in the directors' box at Kenilworth Road were nearly as interesting as the match when the Town entertained Bristol Rovers ten years ago this week, on Wednesday March 19.

For supporters the major interest was in the long-awaited return of Bruce Rioch after a cartilage operation, and 14,506 of us turned up to see him have a quiet but effective comeback.

Also watching, with cheque books at the ready, we presumed, was a clutch of visitors including Hull boss Cliff Britton, Spurs manager Bill Nicholson, Chelsea assistant manager Ron Suart and un-named representatives of Wolves and Leicester. Perhaps some of them had interests other than Rioch — the Bristol Rovers team included a raw young centre-half who was beginning to attract attention, name of Larry Lloyd.

He didn't have an easy ride as the Town swept easily to victory, winning 3-0 with goals by Laurie Sheffield, Brian Lewis and Keith Allen.

The previous Saturday the shadow of another famous name was only just beginning to clear from Rotherham, where the Town pinched a 2-2 draw. The home club was struggling to get out of debt after manager Tommy Docherty had tried to keep them in the Second Division the previous season. He failed, then moved on to take charge of Aston Villa. Goals by Graham French and Lewis gave the Town the point which kept them in with a faint chance of promotion — third in Division three, but seven points behind pace-makers Watford and Swindon.

And ten years ago this weekend, the home record which had been so important in the promotion push almost went for a Burton. Unbeaten for nearly 12 months at Kenilworth Road, the Town produced an unimpressive display against Gillingham, who came to defend grimly and attack on the break.

They snatched the lead through Brian Yeo a minute before half time and 14,562 customers feared that the proud run was all over until Sheffield popped up with the equaliser eight minutes from time.

YOUTH

By George Rogers

BY THE TIME you read these notes, the result of our F.A. Youth Cup replay tie with Manchester City, due to be played on Thursday 12th March, will be known.

The Youth team earned this replay when they visited Maine Rd., Manchester on Monday 12th March. They travelled with several fitness doubts. Les Harriott and John Woodward passing fitness tests just before the kick off. Within 3 minutes, a quick break down the left by Percy Pearson, the cross finding Niel Madden unmarked and the Town were one up. After 15 minutes following an attack by Manchester Les Harriott received another knock on his injured leg and although he carried on he was limping badly. With Wayne Turner assisting out at the back it allowed the City lads to have more of the midfield play but two outstanding saves by Rob Walker in the Luton goal enabled it to be 1 up at the interval. After 2 minutes into the second half, it was obvious Les Harriott could not continue. Tom Murphy coming on at left back and Gary

Sisman moving into the middle of the back four. Manchester City continued to attack and with 10 minutes to go equalised when a 20 yd. shot was deflected past Rob Walker. In the closing stages Percy Pearson cut in from the left and his shot went by the post with the keeper beaten. This was a good all round performance by the town youngsters and we hope a victory in the replay has enabled them to go into the Semi-Finals of this the top prize in Youth football.

Team:— R. Walker, J. Woodward, G. Sisman, N. Madden, L. Harriott, C. Goodyear, R. Johnson, W. Turner, M. Conquest, J. Lucas, A. Pearson, T. Murphy.

Our other game in the week was a Midland League fixture v Coventry. Played on a snow covered pitch with an

icy wind blowing did not help good football and it was not surprising when the much bigger Coventry side went into the lead in the second half but a good fight back, enabled Clive Goodyear to equalise. This draw keeps the Town in contention at the top of this league. Team:— M. Webster, J. Woodward, T. Murphy, N. Madden, C. Goodyear, G. Sisman, N. Liddle, M. Conquest, C. Morris A. Pearson, R. Johnson, A. Cosby.

Know Your Youth Player

TODAY we focus on Rob Johnson, Rob who lives with his mother at Bedford. He attended John Bunyan School, Bedford, and whilst at School represented Bedfordshire at Schoolboy and Youth level. progressed through the Bedford Town teams and at the end last season, was a regular in their first team. Was watched several times by the town. Was invited to join the Town staff when he left school last summer. His other interest is pigeons.

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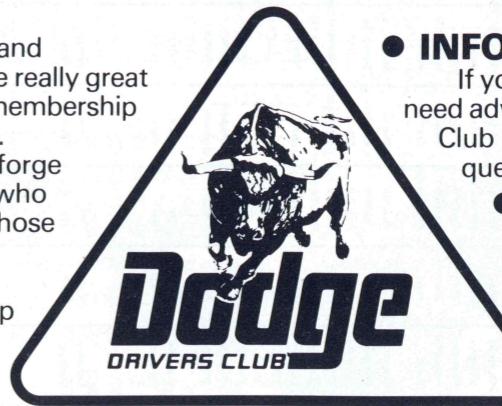
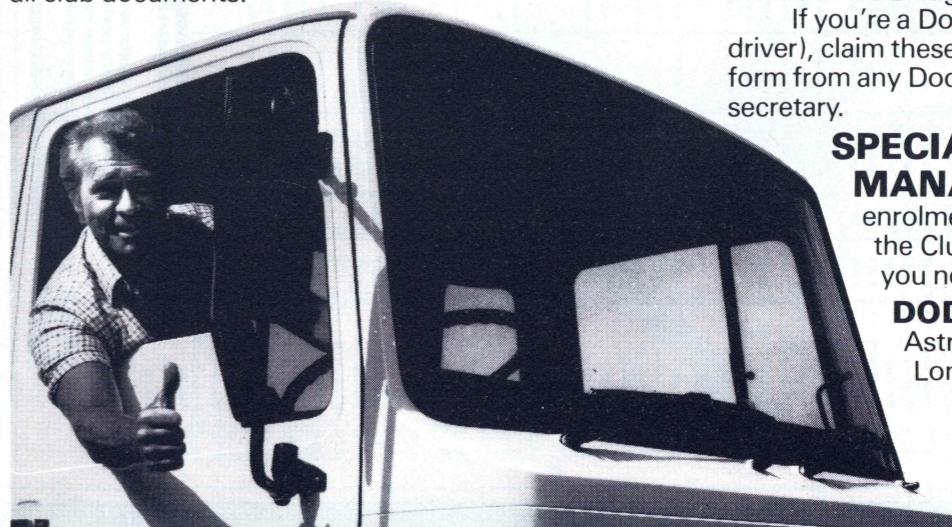
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FACTS

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	Donathy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein(1)	Hatton(2)	Ingram*, McNichol*, Hill
Aug. 22	T Crystal Palace	17,739	1-3	Aleksic	Stephens	Sherlock	Donathy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton	Moss*
Aug. 26	T Newcastle Utd.	24,112	0-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Sherlock	Aizlewood	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein(2)	Hatton	Moss
Aug. 29	T Wigan Ath. (LC2)	6,618	2-0	Aleksic	Stephens	Sherlock	Aizlewood	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton	Hill
Sept.	2 S Charlton Ath.	8,509	3-0	Aleksic	Jones	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill (1)	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein(1)	Hatton(1)	West*
Sept. 9	S Bristol Rovers	6,508	0-2	Aleksic	Jones	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein(1)	Hatton(1)	Fucillo(1 pen)*
Sept. 16	S Cardiff City	7,752	7-1	Aleksic	Jones	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein(2)	Hatton	Fucillo*
Sept. 23	S Cambridge Utd.	10,801	1-1	Aleksic	Jones	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Sept. 30	S Sheffield Utd.	15,285	1-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill (1)	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Oct.	3 T Crew Alex. (LC3)	6,602	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Oct. 7	S Wrexham	8,683	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Oct. 14	S Blackpool	7,450	0-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Oct. 21	S Notts County	8,561	6-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Oct. 28	S Orient	7,035	2-3	Aleksic	Donathy	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Nov.	4 S Leicester City	10,608	0-1	Aleksic	Donathy	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Nov. 8	W Aston Villa (LC4)	32,727	2-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Nov. 11	S Oldham Athletic	6,876	0-2	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Nov. 18	S Newcastle Utd.	10,434	2-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Nov. 21	T Charlton Ath.	10,161	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Nov. 25	S Sunderland (1)	10,249	0-3	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Dec.	2 S Burnley	7,036	1-2	Findlay	Price(1)	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Dec. 9	S Preston	16,252	1-3	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Dec. 13	W Leeds Utd. (LC5)	28,177	1-4	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Dec. 16	S Brighton (2)	16,252	1-3	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Dec. 23	S West Ham	6,068	2-0	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Dec. 26	T Millwall	8,914	0-1	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Dec. 30	S Fulham	24 W League Cup SF													
1979	Jan. 1 M Stoke City	P													
Jan. 6 M York City (FA3)	6,730	0-2	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill	
Jan. 13 W League Cup SF	6,002	3-2	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill	
Jan. 17 W League Cup SF															
Jan. 20 S Cardiff City															
Jan. 24 W League Cup SF															
Jan. 27 S Burnley															
Feb.	3 S Cambridge Utd.	8,125	0-0	Lawson	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donathy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Feb. 6 M Stoke City	6,482	0-0	Lawson	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donathy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill	
Feb. 10 S Sheffield Utd.	7,025	1-1	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donathy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill	
Feb. 17 S Wrexham (5)	P														
Feb. 24 S Blackburn	6,274	2-1	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	West (1)	Turner (1)	Aizlewood	West	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill	
Mar.	26 M West Ham	14,205	1-4	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	West	Turner (1)	Aizlewood	West	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill
Mar. 10 S Notts County	7,624	1-3	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	West	Turner (1)	Aizlewood	West	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill	
Mar. 13 T Burnley	6,003	2-1	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	West	Turner (1)	Aizlewood	West	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill	
Mar. 17 S Leicester City (LC5)	7,540	1-2	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	West	Turner (1)	Aizlewood	West	Fucillo	1 pen	Stein	Hatton(1)	Hill	
Mar. 20 S Crystal Palace															
Mar. 24 W League Cup SF															
Mar. 27 S Burnley															
Mar. 31 S Sunderland (SF)															
April 7 S Burnley															
April 14 S Millwall															
April 16 M Stoke City															
April 19 S Brighton															
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April 28 S Fulham															
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May 12 S F.A. Cup Final															

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May take this opportunity to record our great sadness at the untimely death of our club doctor, Peter Burrows. Better looked after us at Luton Town with unstinting devotion and expertise. In the world of International football his ability was harnessed by successive managers and administrators of our National team. He will be sadly missed by those who have had the privilege to know him. On behalf of all at Kenilworth Road I extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family. D. Mortimer (Chairman)

Bold denotes home game and scorer. * denotes substitute used

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Stoke	31	9	5	1	30	12	5	8	3	13	41	Ipswich Town	25	18	4	3	56	21	40	
C. Palace	30	8	6	2	22	10	4	9	1	16	10	Norwich City	27	16	7	4	61	27	39	
Sunderland	31	9	3	3	27	14	5	7	4	24	23	Queens PR	25	16	6	3	56	30	38	
West Ham	29	9	4	2	34	11	5	4	5	21	18	Fulham	30	13	9	8	51	34	35	
Notts Co.	29	6	7	2	28	17	2	5	7	14	23	Southampton	30	14	6	10	52	34	34	
Fulham	28	8	5	4	25	14	3	4	4	12	17	Chelsea	28	12	9	7	65	38	33	
Orient	31	9	3	3	26	11	3	3	10	15	27	Bristol Rovers	27	12	7	8	47	41	31	
Charlton	30	5	6	2	23	22	5	4	5	27	28	Plymouth A	32	12	6	14	47	55	30	
Burnley	28	9	4	2	31	19	1	4	8	8	26	Arsenal	28	9	11	8	46	35	29	
Luton Town	30	9	3	4	37	19	2	3	9	11	22	Bristol City	28	9	11	7	44	55	29	
Preston	29	6	7	2	28	17	2	5	7	14	27	Cardiff City	30	10	5	15	42	54	24	
Cambridge	30	4	8	3	18	12	4	4	7	17	28	Crystal Palace	29	6	12	11	39	43	25	
Newcastle	28	9	2	22	13	2	3	10	1	10	23	Oxford United	28	9	11	8	45	35	24	
Leicester	29	5	2	21	19	2	7	5	10	15	26	Hereford Utd	29	7	8	14	35	55	22	
Wrexham	25	7	4	1	22	8	2	3	8	9	17	Birmingham C	27	5	8	14	23	38	18	
Cardiff	28	6	3	3	18	16	3	3	10	17	40	24	Luton Town	28	6	7	14	22	46	17
Sheff Utd.	30	5	4	5	20	18	1	6	9	13	31	22	Reading	26	5	7	15	32	52	17
Oldham	28	4	6	3	17	17	3	2	10	15	33	22	Leicester City	26	5	6	15	27	47	16
Millwall	26	3	2	7	12	20	3	3	8	13	21	17	Orient	31	5	3	23	29	80	13
Blackburn	28	1	7	4	15	19	2	2	12	12	35	15								

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Century Club

WE WELCOME visitors to our club on every match day, but this afternoon we extend especial good wishes to our guest Mr. Sidney Mead. He is the grandfather of Peter Mead, who now plays for Northampton, and is watching today's game from the Century Club seats under the scheme through which we entertain pensioners. We hope you enjoy your afternoon with us, Mr. Mead, and perhaps I might also remind all Century Club members that we welcome further names for future visits.

One or two other reminders are also due today, starting with the last one on the subject of the player of the year award. I would ask all Century Club members to lodge their votes today, and also make their choice on the Club's supporter of the year. The awards will be presented at the annual ball, on April 4, and one or two tickets for that event are still available, but please make applications quickly because they are selling fast.

Support for the sports forum after the last home game was very encouraging, and we thank all the guests who were kind enough to give up their Saturday evening to contribute to another successful event.

Talking about success, we add our congratulations to John Moore and his marvellous team of youngsters which has done so well in the FA Youth Cup.

These notes had to be written before the replay with Manchester City, but whatever the result of that game the youth team can feel proud of its achievements this season.

Century Club members have represented our club at every single away match this season, and those who went to Maine Road to see the boys in action came back full of admiration for their great team spirit.

We also had members at Burnley, and they are still wondering how the Lancashire club managed to pinch the points.

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Junior Hatters

WITH BAD weather once again interfering with our games we will try to cover all eventualities during March by wishing all Pisces and Aries a happy birthday, including:-
Ian Wilderspin, 5th., Paul Smith, 7th., Graham Everitt, 10th., David Newman, 1st., Stephen Ireland, 13th., Karen Harrington, 1st., Colin Hubcock, 8th., David Smith, 7th., Stephen Hanley, 12th., Graham Ashby, 19th., Mark Street, 2nd., Damian Lally, 21st., Karen Corbelle, 1st., Michael Rehor, 9th., Ian Currell, 5th., Keith Howard, 8th., Christopher Everest, 14th., Geoffrey New, 5th., Christopher Hackett, 10th., Robert Quick, 7th., Richard Gray, 3rd., Paul Bonner, 21st., Homer Evans, 31st., Joseph Kelly, 19th., Paul Little, 24th., Paul Smity, 17th., Richard Gates, 16th., Simon Wells, 19th., Richard Kirby, 26th., Timothy Varney, 18th., Guy Green, 20th., Peter Wodruff, 25th., Andrew McPherson, 21st., Leslie Geaty, 24th., Paul Borner Du Cane, 26th., David Russell, 15th., Sean O'Farrell, 28th., Robert Turner, 20th., Lisa Palmer, 26th., Danny Buba, 27th., Julie Thane, 29th., Steven Swain, 20th., Julie Gerrard, 25th., Alistair Hughes, 18th., Philip Doherty, 20th., Mark Moss, 25th., Michael Price, 26th., Steven James Mitchell, 20th., Simon Culver, 20th., Alice Turner, 20th March, 1979.

A very Happy birthday to you all and have a good day.

We did not receive any all correct answers to the quiz in the Blackburn Rovers programme, the answers were as follows:-

1. David Coates played for Hull City, Mansfield Town and Notts County, and John Moore played for Moyherwell, Luton and Northampton.
2. Three ex-Luton players have appeared at Kenilworth Road this season.
3. John Faulkner and Jimmy Husband both joined Memphis.

This week's quiz is very easy:-

Name Luton's 1959 Cup Final side and the trainer and Manager.

Entries to Junior Hatters Club, Luton Town Football Club 72 Kenilworth Road, Luton, Beds. All entries to be in by Friday 30th March, 1979, and first three all correct entries opened will receive a pair of tickets for the Fulham game.

A last reminder - we cannot send out birthday photos unless we receive your new choice of favourite player, if your original choice has now left the club. There are quite a number of these among the above named birthdays, so come on lads and lassies lets have the information in order that we may catch up with the posting of photographs.

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- 11 BRIAN STEIN
- 12 PAUL PRICE



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- 1 JOHN BURRIDGE
- 2 PAUL HINSHELWOOD
- 3 KEN SANSON
- 4 STEVE KEMBER
- 5 JIM CANNON
- 6 BILLY GILBERT
- 7 PETER NICHOLAS
- 8 JERRY MURPHY
- 9 DAVE SWINDLEHURST
- 10 VINCE HILAIRE
- 11 IAN WALSH
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Half Times

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Officials

Referee: Mr. Morris R. Baker (Wolverhampton). Commenced refereeing in Wolverhampton Amateur League, then through West Midland (Regional) to Football League. Has officiated in an England v. Scotland (Amateur) International, also Hungary v. Austria.

A married man with two sons, he is a Director of a tool-making concern, and his hobbies are Tennis, Swimming and Walking.

Linesmen:— Mr. A.S. Heselgrave (Maidstone) Red flag; Mr. R.E. Chaffer (Windsor) Yellow Flag.