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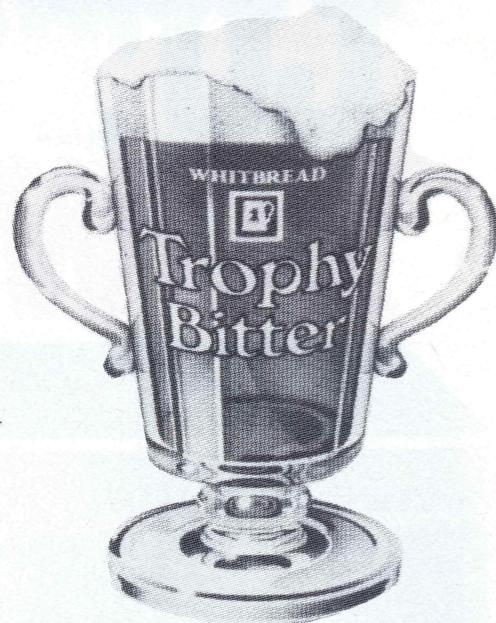
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MAY I welcome on behalf of the club, John Smith from Leicester City as our new Managing Director. He has ambition, ideas and vitality and will give me the necessary time and help to concentrate on playing, coaching and scouting matters. John Smith is the best in his field and will give the club a tremendous boost as we look progressively to the future.

The mood of the team on the long journey home from Sunderland reflected their feelings. We had played with great spirit and deserved better, and we feel as though luck has deserted us at a vital time. However, if our determination and honesty in our last three away games is anything to go by, we shall turn the corner. We are all confident, and our approach shall remain positive.

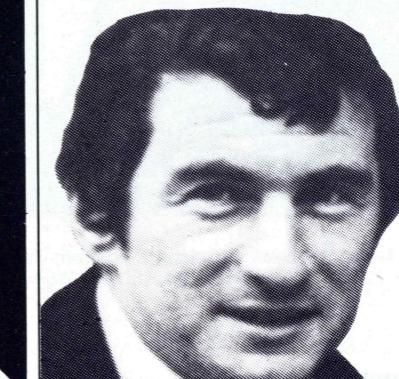
Whilst we get setbacks we cannot expect any other than some criticism. I can accept this in the knowledge that we shall be able to look back on this period in which several

youngsters are maturing rapidly. Jake Findlay, Kirk Stephens, Mal Donaghy, Mark Aizlewood and Brian Stein will all benefit greatly from their experience in their first League season.

To compensate for the loss of Lil Fuccillo and David Moss we have taken Alan Birchenall from Blackburn. He will add valued experience and he has a wonderful opportunity himself of helping guide our outstanding younger players. Our Youth team have done splendidly to reach the quarter finals of the F.A. Youth Cup. They were defeated 3-1, after extra time, against Manchester City, in an outstanding replay. They will be assured of opportunities as they continue to progress. They all have a tremendous enthusiasm for the game.

Chris Turner has left us for America after an unsettled period here. This club needs and demands, honest and loyal players who give everything in all games. We have signed Forbes Philipson-Masters from Southampton to the end of the season and I am sure he will do well in the central defensive role. He made a first class debut.

Last week we experienced the Roker roar at Sunderland and there can be no denying the encouragement that can be gained from a crowd prepared to support their team. The team appreciates that wonderful group of Luton supporters who travel to every away game. They will know our efforts and I hope all our faithful fans will really get behind the side and roar them on to gain vital points.



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DAVID PLEAT

Burnley



Back Row (L to R) Brian Miller (Chief Coach) Leighton James, Ian Brennan, Alan Stevenson, Tony Arins, Steve Kindon Peter Robinson, Harry Potts (Manager). Front Row. Brian Hall, Paul Fletcher, Peter Noble, Jim Thomson, Billy Rodaway, Billy Ingham

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS 1978/79.

IAN BRENNAN

Ian joined the Turf Moor staff from junior football in Derbyshire. He started his professional career as a forward, but switched to left-back in the reserve team and gradually worked his way into the senior side. He made his League debut for Burnley v Stoke City in May 1974. He fractured his right leg in a road accident in September 1975, but made a full recovery to win back his first team place. He played in 40 League games last season.

PAUL FLETCHER

Paul was signed from neighbours Bolton Wanderers, his home town club, for a substantial fee in 1971. A great battler for Burnley, he has been unlucky with injuries in the last couple of seasons. A hard working centre-forward who can be very good in the air.

BILLY INGHAM

Billy comes from Stakeford, Northumberland, and joined the Clarets from junior football. A fine club man, he can play in virtually any position, including striker or full-back, but most of his League games have been in midfield. Tagged "the ginger Pele" by his team mates, he played 32 League games last season.

LEIGHTON JAMES

Leighton commenced his footballing career with Burnley and quickly rose through the junior sides to establish a place in the first team squad. He is a very skilful ball player and has a tremendous shot. Leighton has 37 Welsh International Caps to his credit. He was transferred to Derby County and later joined Queen's Park Rangers, but in September this year he returned North to team-up with the Clarets once again.

TONY MORLEY

England Under 23 international winger Tony is a Lancashire lad bought him from near Preston North End. He made his League debut for Burnley in February 1976 against Ipswich.

PETER NOBLE

Sunderland born Peter, who was formerly with Newcastle United and Swindon Town, was appointed club captain in 1976, and was undoubtedly the inspiration behind the escape from relegation. Peter made his name with Swindon, playing for them in the 1969 League Cup final in which they defeated Arsenal at Wembley. Burnley signed him in 1973 at a real bargain fee and he has repaid it many times over with some sterling displays in defence, midfield and attack as well. A lightweight in build, but strong, big-hearted player who always competes well and likes to push forward from midfield, the role to which he is certainly best suited.

BILLY RODAWAY

Powerfully-built Billy is a native of Liverpool, and was an outstanding player at schoolboy level for his city team, and for Lancashire and also England. He signed for Burnley in September 1971. He has played in midfield, but his best position is at the heart of the defence, where he was often outstanding last season. He was certainly one of the players who made the biggest contribution to Burnley's improvement in the second half of the 1977-78 campaign and he will be a key player again this season.

PETER ROBINSON

Another tall and powerful youngster, teenager Peter was spotted by Turf Moor scouts in junior football in the north-east of England. There is football in the family and his uncle was a professional with Hull City. Peter signed professionally for Burnley just before the start of the 1976-77 season and his skill, determination and application rapidly got him to first team

status. He made his League debut at Bolton on the 9th November, 1976, playing in midfield, but most of his senior appearances so far have been alongside Billy Rodaway at the centre of the back four. He has the ability to make a name for himself.

MALCOLM SMITH

Malcolm comes from Stockton and began his professional career with Middlesbrough, for whom he made more than 50 League appearances as a central striker. He couldn't quite clinch a regular first team place at Ayresome Park, and had spells on loan with Blackpool and Bury before joining Burnley. His hobbies include Motoring, Reading, Golf and Squash.

ALAN STEVENSON

Alan comes from Staveley and proved himself a talented goalkeeper with Chesterfield before a big-money transfer to Burnley in January 1972. An England Under-23 international, he has had many outstanding matches for the Clarets and he can make brilliant reflex saves. He is a top-class goalkeeper in every respect. In fact, he enhanced his reputation with great consistency last season. Table tennis helps keep him on his toes and he is good at that game too, having played many times for his native county of Derbyshire. He had 42 League appearances last season.

DEREK SCOTT

Derek comes from Gateshead and is a former England Schools international. A very strong young player, he has made most of his League appearances at right-back but he can also play in midfield. Derek signed for Burnley on the 9th February 1975 and made his first team debut when the Clarets were in the First Division and he has quite a lot of experience behind him now. His first team debut was against Manchester City at Maine Road.

JIMMY THOMSON

Jimmy is a native of Glasgow and he was a Chelsea player under Tommy Docherty for a couple of seasons after being spotted in Scottish junior football. He made 40 First Division appearances for Chelsea including one at Turf Moor against Burnley in which he scored a goal. Soon afterwards he was transferred to the Clarets for a large fee. He has made about 230 senior appearances for Burnley, almost all of them at the middle of defence, although he has also played at full-back on a few occasions. Jim is the longest serving player on Burnley's books.

BRIAN HALL

Creative Scottish midfield player who made his name with Liverpool, where he was a valued member of the squad for a number of years, playing in two F.A. Cup finals, one U.E.F.A. Cup Final and assisting in two League Championship successes. He moved to Plymouth Argyle in 1976 and returned North to join Burnley in November 1977. Brian hails from Glasgow.

STEVE KINDON

A powerful front runner who started his career with Burnley, and was a key figure in Burnley's F.A. Youth Cup winning side in 1968. Moved to Wolves in June 1972 and returned to Turf Moor in November 1977. Steve was born in Warrington. He was the Clarets leading goal scorer last season with 14 goals.

TONY ARINS

Tony hails from Chesterfield and joined Burnley straight from junior football in the Mansfield area. He is a tall, stylish defender, who likes to go forward and whose powerful long-range shooting is a feature of his game. He made his Football League debut earlier this season against Fulham at Turf Moor.

NEIL MCGREGOR

Yorkshire born Neil hails from nearby Leeds and signed for Burnley in February 1978. A regular member of our young Reserve Team last season. He shows a tremendous amount of talent for the game and has a great future in front of him.

BOB HIGGINS

Bob was born in Bolsover in Derbyshire. He is a powerfully built Centre Half Back, and again he was a member of our young Reserve Team last season. Signed for the Clarets in July 1976 and made his League debut in September 1977 against Brighton.

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WELCOME

BURNLEY'S capacity to produce their own talent and achieve a reasonable level of success over the years has won them many admirers up and down the country and after a spell of comparative decline, their healthy position in the current Division Two table is encouraging to all who deplore the explosion of the transfer market.

Burnley were one of the original 12 members of the Football League and they have had five separate spells in Division One and five in Division Two, far more of their time has been spent in Division One, however, fifty one seasons compared with thirty. They won the First Division championship in both 1921 and 1960 and a F.A. Cup in 1914. In 1920/1 they played a record 30 First Division games without defeat and this stood until recent times when it was eventually bettered by both Leeds United and Nottm. Forest.

One other distinction they have is that of not ever having played in Division Three, though they were near last season when they were bottom of the table for the first part of the season. They rallied magnificently, however, and after losing only three of their last 20 games they climbed to eleventh place. It was here that they chalked up their first win of the season and this can be seen now as a vital turning point for them.

This season they made a much better start and were unbeaten in their first ten games. After crashing 4-0 at Sheffield United however, they then lost five games out of six, but they recovered again and at the time of writing they have won three games in a row, chalking up their third successive win against us in the process. Only Bristol Rovers, Sunderland and Stoke have won at Burnley this season, while away from home they have won at Millwall and Wrexham and have drawn at six other grounds. Their notable achievements this season have been F.A. Cup wins at both Birmingham and Sunderland before going down bravely at Liverpool.

Two key men in the Burnley front line are both Burnley discoveries in their second spell with the club. Steve Kindon returned from Wolves to top the scoring list last season while Leighton James came back from Q.P.R. this season after a previous spell with Derby. Paul Fletcher is another very useful striker on his day. Despite bad luck with injuries he has scored over 70 goals since moving from Bolton in 1971.

Another major force when it comes to scoring is evergreen Peter Noble. He was in the Swindon League Cup winning team of 1969 and is well into double figures from midfield this season, helped by

the fact that he is the regular penalty taker. He is now captaining the side from midfield where he is likely to be linking up with Billy Ingham a one-club man nicknamed 'Ginger Pele' and young Scotsman Stuart Robinson who has come into the side this season.

In defence Derek Scott and Ian Brennan are Geordies and products of the Burnley Youth Scheme while Jim Thomson is a Scot, who started his league career with Chelsea and Bill Rodaway, a former schoolboy international completes a quartet of one club men. Behind them Alan Stevenson, one of the many fine goalkeepers produced by Chesterfield, has made close on 300 appearances since moving to Burnley in 1971.

JOHN WILKINSON.

LAST Saturday when both teams took to the field at Sunderland a most welcome sight awaited them. Not only was the grass nice and green but the sun was

shining, which over the past few weeks has been something of a rarity. Having the sun on their backs seemed to do something for our lads and we were very fortunate not to come away with at least one point. Superstition plays a big part in football today and we are no exception. When we travel north, the railway line runs very close to the M1 at Watford Gap. If I see a train then we usually lose the match. On Friday afternoon I didn't see one. Roy Johnson tells me that if he sees the sea on the morning of a match we would lose. We did see the sea on the way to Roker Park. Another one is that if you have a wedding in the hotel where you stay, you don't lose. We had one in the hotel last Saturday. It's funny how they don't always work for you isn't it. Anyhow it was nice to feel the sun again. There was still plenty of signs about showing how bad the weather has been in the north-east. Snow and flooded fields were still to be seen. It was a credit to the Sunderland ground staff for having a pitch looking so good. The weather also claimed another victim at Kenilworth Rd. last Saturday as our reserve match with Reading had to be postponed. I can't remember when I last saw so much mud on the pitch. Our groundsman Dick Wassell has been fighting a losing battle trying to get rid of water, but as fast as he clears it then it rains again. Someone said we could grow rice on it, at the moment of writing it looks like a paddy field. Lets hope that the weather has now taken a turn for the better. Last weekend our centre half, Chris Turner, signed for the American club New England Tea Men. Chris always had a yearning for the U.S.A. and when this opportunity came along he didn't hesitate. We wish him well.

Today sees the home debut of Alan Birchenall, a player of whom much has been written. In the two

matches he has played so far his experience has stood out a mile and it should be an encouragement to our younger players to have someone of his ability in the side. He is also a bit of a comedian as anyone who was at Leicester the other night could see.

Coming out for the second half with the rain still coming down in sheets, he borrowed an umbrella from someone in the crowd, put it up and went to take up his position. I wonder what the referee would have done if he had still got it up when play restarted. Welcome to Luton, Alan and we hope that your association with the club will be a happy one. Also making his home debut today is John Smith, our new Chief Executive who started with us last Monday. Lets hope that today we can collect two points for them both.

Enjoy the match.

PROGRAMME NEWS

Mr. A. G. Bendle has written in saying that he has a lot of Luton Town programmes for sale dating back to 1953. They are too numerous to list here, but if any supporter would like a copy of the programmes available and Mr. Bendle's address I will gladly forward them to you.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

OUR Birthday Greetings go this week to Bob Hatton. He says he has now reached the age of 21, but he forgot to say how long ago. Best Wishes Bob for your Birthday and future.

MASCOT

Todays mascot is seven year old Adrian Gotch of Caddington, near Luton. Adrian is a regular Luton supporter and has a full Luton kit. He was also presented with a certificate for taking part in the Echo/Post coaching scheme.

BALL SPONSOR

THE Bedfordshire County Schools F.A. are delighted to be the sponsors of the match ball for today's League game against Burnley.

The Bedfordshire County Schools F.A. When Bedfordshire's County Under 16 team defeated Kent Schools on Wednesday 18th May 1977, they secured for their small county a momentous and well-deserved achievement, considering that in 1976 they had defeated Inner London in the Under 15 final. The game was the Final of the Inter-Counties Trophy for the south-east of England. It is a prestigious competition and only proved the growing potential

that surrounds schoolboy soccer in Bedfordshire. The Association aims to maintain the highest standards of conduct and skill in the game for the benefit of the boys who play in the County squads at Under 14, 15, 16, and 19 level. In recent seasons our success has been great. In 1977, the Under 19 team won the newly-formed Barralan Trophy. The Luton Schools' Under 16 were winners of the London Schools' Hawke Trophy for the second season. Last year, the Under 19 squad reached the semi-finals of the Barralan Trophy — now a National Competition.

These results reflect a determination by players, team managers, County School's officials and parents to put Bedfordshire firmly on the map amongst the many powerful School's Associations. Our gratitude is extended to all the teachers who give freely and generously of their time in the interest of football, and this must include also the team of three teachers who regularly film our home matches and occasional away games for the Football Club.

Each year in the Easter Holidays the Festival of Soccer, organised by the English Schools' F.A., stages a week of football for the Under 19 age group. Upwards of 50 counties meet at Skegness and although no trophies are there to be won, County pride can so easily be jolted by defeat! The victories to our credit over the last two seasons include: Sussex, Derbyshire, Cornwall and Essex.

Bruce Riach of Scotland and Derby County and David Peach of Southampton F.C. were players who achieved County Schoolboy honours in Bedfordshire.



The picture above shows the Bedfordshire County S.F.A. Under 19 squad. Skegness Festival 1978/79.

But, impressive as these facts are, they do not show the vast number of boys who, over the years, have passed on to success with Senior Clubs in the Southern, Isthian and South Midlands Leagues. Not all the Associations' efforts are directed towards producing County teams. It organises four cup competitions annually involving upwards of 40 secondary schools.

Luton Town F.C. has many close links with Bedfordshire County Schools F.A. As the professional club in the County, they have always welcomed the opportunity to help stage important County Fixtures and encourage the promotion of standards in Schoolboy football. This liaison has grown from strength to strength over the years.

In particular, the Century Club have financed the purchase of tracksuits for the County's Senior squads.

The Association has been proud to see many of its boys pass on and sign schoolboy, apprentice and professional forms with the Town. Included at the

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present time in Luton's very successful youth squad this season are: Neil Madden, Rob Walker, John Woodward, Martin Conquest, Wayne Turner, Rob Johnson and Les Harriott, not forgetting ex Youth and Schoolboy International, Godfrey Ingram, all of whom won schoolboy caps with Bedfordshire.

Finally, to you the reader, come and support the Schools football in the County! An opportunity occurs at Kenilworth Rd. on Wednesday April 11th. K.O. 7.15 p.m. when Bedfordshire Under 16s meet Middlesex Under 16s in an important game in the South-East England series.



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ADVANCE TICKET SALES

THERE IS already a demand for tickets for the games against Brighton on the 21st April. Tickets will be available for the Crystal Palace game within the next few days and the Brighton tickets will be on sale early in April. Neither is an all ticket match, but tickets will be required for seats.

Orders for seats may be sent by post and should be accompanied by a remittance for the full value of the tickets and a stamped addressed envelope. Seat prices are £2.50 for the centre Stand, £2.25 for the Bobbers Stand, and £1.70 for the Main Wing Stand and the Bobbers Wing Stand.

CROSSWORD 21

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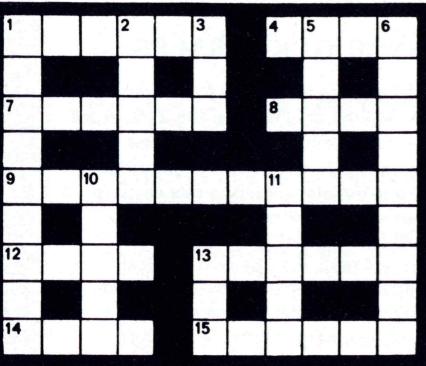
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8. 'Keep' as the goalkeeper has to (4)
9. Jan —— (Beerschot & Poland) (11)
12. Nickname of Charlton's chaps (4)
13. Peterborough play at —— Road (6)
14. —— Smith joined 1dn from Leicester this season (4)
15. Country in European Championship Group 6 (6)

CLUES — Down

1. The Wilkins brothers' father played for this League club (9)
2. Holland side: NAC —— (5)
3. Healey or Harris (3)
5. Aston Villa defender (5)
6. European Cup-Winners' Cup opponents against whom Manchester United played a home tie at Home Park (2,7)
10. European Championship opponents of Wales (5)
11. The first player to score two for each side in a League match (Oldham v. Manchester United, 1923) (5)
13. One match out of two in some tournament rounds (3)

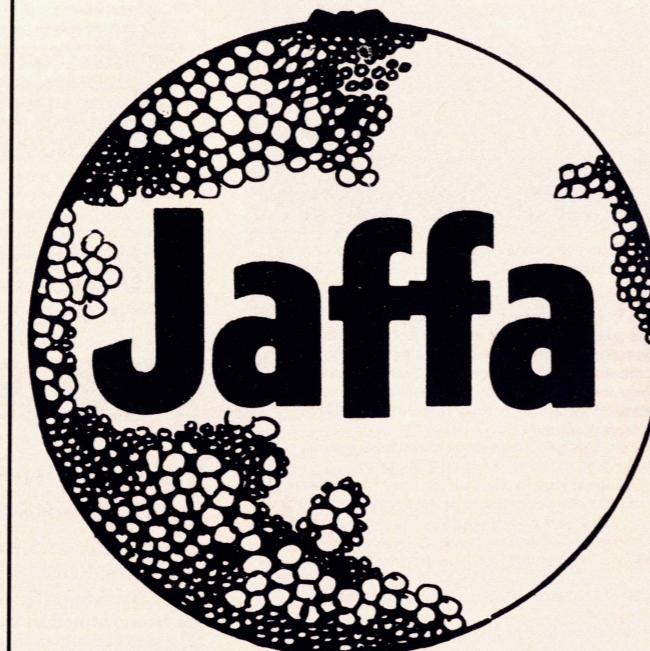
ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 20

Across: 1. apprentice, 7. Gauchito, 9. Ted (Fenton), 10. Chile, 14. Ron (Greenwood), 15. Diamonds, 17. Shrewsbury
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But the game still had its bright spots, including another impressive performance by Kirk Stephens, who has established himself as one of the most consistent players in the club. He had to make the transition from non-league soccer to the Second Division in one step, then battle back into the side after a serious injury, and has passed every test with flying colours.

Left: Kirk tries to help the attack, with Steve Taylor in the background, in a tussle with Kenny Samson.

Below: Palace's let-off incident leaves Bob Hatton sitting in dejection after he had shot inches the wrong side of the post after a mistake by goalkeeper John Burridge.
Pictures: SPORTSWIDE.



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HATTERS COMMUNITY SPORTS ARENA LUTON'S BOYS TRIUMPH OVER WATFORD

LUTON'S team of Andrew Myers (Goalkeeper) Russel Toone, Stephen Roudall, Gary Norman, Jeffrey Waters, Andrew Fookes and Kevin Pollard, scored an 8-7 penalty kick victory on Tuesday March 27th at Watford before their home match against Walsall. Many of you will recall seeing these boys in the exciting 10-10 draw against Watford which was held at our ground before the Crystal Palace match.



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The boys who qualified for the competition all took part in the Evening Post/Echo Football Coaching Schemes held at Leagrave and Stopsley last summer. Similar courses are being organised by Luton Recreation Services Dept. during Easter, see below for details —

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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

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

EASTER WAS being celebrated ten years ago this weekend. Except around Kenilworth Road, that is. There has always been something about Easter that disagrees with Luton Town teams, and sure enough the bogey struck in early April, 1969, to all but finish our promotion hopes.

Before the holiday things were looking reasonable, with the Town in the top four in the Third Division, although most of their rivals had games in hand.

The week before the holiday Orient were the visitors to Kenilworth Road. Player-manager Jimmy Bloomfield dropped himself to strengthen his team, but his humility brought no reward. Goals by Terry Branston and Laurie Sheffield saw the Town through to a well-earned 2-1 victory. Then they went to Bristol Rovers, for a midweek match, and even if the accent on playing it tight at the back did not make for much in the way of entertainment, few of us grumbled about the 0-0 result.

The problem was that the other promotion-chasing teams, notably Watford and Swindon, were all going great guns, and those of us who have followed Luton

Town for a long time viewed the approach of Easter with some misgivings.

Our fears were only too justified: the three holiday games yielded only two points. The first came on Good Friday at Torquay, where former Town boss Allan Brown was manager. Billy McDerment gave the Town an early lead, but Torquay equalised with half an hour to go, and in the end both sides were happy enough with a point each.

Then came a trip to relegation-threatened Mansfield. For the superstitious, it followed a run of 13 games without defeat, and sure enough the Easter hoodoo struck with its usual dull thud. After looking set for a point, the Town lost when Freddie Jardine was forced to make a goal-line save with his hands, the Sharkey scored the only goal of the match from the penalty.

And a day later, humble Southport, who should have been lambs for the slaughter, came to Kenilworth Road to complete the Town's holiday misery by packing their defence, stifling the game, and going home with a 0-0 draw.

YOUTH

By George Rogers

ONCE again, last Saturday the weather cancelled out another Youth team fixture which means another game to arrange in an overcrowded list between now and the end of the season.

A week last Thursday the Youth team bowed out of the F.A. Youth Cup, when in the Quarter-Final tie, Manchester City came to Kenilworth Road, and scored 2 goals in extra time to put themselves into the Semi-Final. Luton started off well when Percy Pearson scored in the 3rd. minute but a reoccurrence of an injury to Les Harriott did not help the lads. It was not until half way through the second half that Manchester City managed to equalise when a cross from the right found a city forward unmarked. His header beating Rob.

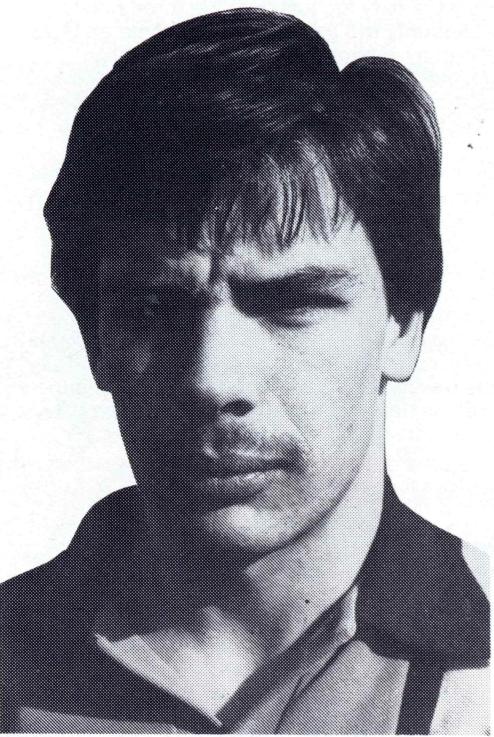
One of the highlights of this game was your support, some 1300 spectators came along and it was appreciated by the players and the officials of the Club.

The Youth team games over the next fortnight are:—

Tues. 10 Vauxhall M. Park St. 6 pm

Thurs. 12 Coventry A 2 pm
Sat. 14 Harlow T. A 3 pm
Mon. 16 Corby A 3 pm
Thurs. 19 W.B.A. Park St. 2 pm
Sat. 21 Cambridge U. A 11 am

Over the Easter Holiday, the Chiltern Youth League are holding an International Youth Tournament at the SKF Sports ground, Sundon Park, Luton. Competing are 2 teams from Sweden, 2 teams from Germany, and teams from Bedford, Milton Keynes, Stevenage and Luton. Play will commence at 1 p.m. on Friday 13th. and will be resumed on Monday 16th. at the same time. If you do have some spare time, I am sure the Officials of the Chiltern League would appreciate your support.



WAYNE TURNER

Know your Youth player:— Today we focus on Wayne Turner. Wayne who lives with his parents in Luton. He has 3 brothers, all are playing football for their school and local clubs. Joined Luton Town as an apprentice when he left school in the summer of 1977. His enthusiasm and willingness to learn prompted Luton to offer him professional terms. Early on in this season he had a period when things were not going just right but a few words from the coaches, coupled with his efforts put things right and is now in line for a first team place. Has a girl friend named Carol and together they like all kinds of music, especially Gladys Night and the Pips. Ambitions:— a first team place, then I'll think again.

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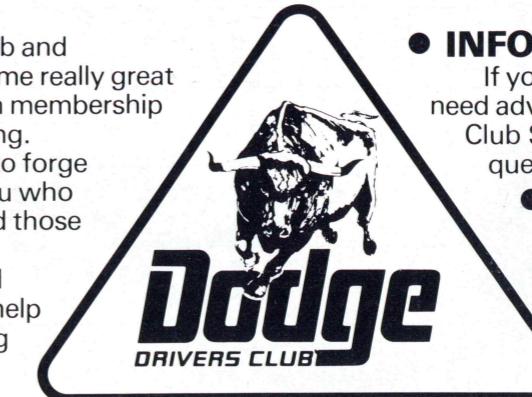
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FEACUTS

DIV. 2		Attendance	F.A.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 19	S	Oldham Athletic	8,043	6-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Sherlock	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo (1 pen)	Stein (1)	Hatton (2)	Moss (2)
Aug 22	T	Newcastle Utd.	17,739	1-3	Aleksic	Stephens	Aleksic	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo (1 pen)	Stein (1)	Hatton	Ingram*
Aug 26	S	Wigan Ath. (LC2)	24,112	0-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Aleksic	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (2)	Hatton	McNichol
Sept. 2	S	Chaffton Ath.	6,618	2-0	Aleksic	Jones	Aleksic	Hill (1)	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	West*
Sept. 9	S	Bristol Rovers	8,509	3-0	Aleksic	Jones	Aleksic	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Fuccillo (1 pen)*
Sept. 16	S	Cardiff City	6,508	0-2	Aleksic	Jones	Aleksic	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (2)	Hatton	Jones
Sept. 23	S	Cardiff Utd.	7,752	1-1	Aleksic	Jones	Aleksic	Hill	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	West
Sept. 30	S	Sheffield Utd.	10,801	1-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Fuccillo *
Oct. 7	T	Crewe Alex. (LC3)	6,602	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill (1)	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton (1)	Ingram*
Oct. 14	S	Wrexham	8,683	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	West
Oct. 21	S	Notts County	7,450	0-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Fuccillo *
Oct. 28	S	Orient	8,561	6-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Jones
Nov. 4	S	Leicester City	10,608	0-1	Aleksic	Donaghy	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (2)	Hatton	Jones
Nov. 8	W	Aston Villa (LC4)	32,727	2-0	Aleksic	Donaghy	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Carr
Nov. 11	S	Oldham Athletic	6,876	2-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Stephens
Nov. 18	S	Newcastle Utd.	10,334	2-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Stephens
Nov. 21	T	Charlton Ath.	10,161	0-3	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Stephens
Nov. 25	S	Sunderland (1)	10,249	0-3	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Stephens
Dec. 2	S	Burnley	P	7,036	1-2	Findlay	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Stephens
Dec. 9	S	Preston	P	28,177	1-3	Findlay	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Stephens
Dec. 13	W	Leeds Utd. (LC5)	6,730	0-2	Findlay	Findlay	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Stephens
Dec. 16	S	Brighton (2)	16,252	1-3	Findlay	Findlay	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Stephens
Dec. 23	S	West Ham	P	6,068	2-0	Findlay	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Stephens
Dec. 26	T	Millwall	P	8,914	0-1	Findlay	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Stephens
Dec. 30	S	Fulham	P	28	S	Preston	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Stephens
1979															
Jan. 6	S	Stoke City	P	6,730	0-2	Findlay	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Stephens
Jan. 13	S	Bristol Rovers	P	6,002	3-2	Findlay	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Stephens
Jan. 17	W	League Cup SF	P	20	S	Charlton City	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Stephens
Jan. 24	W	League Cup SF	P	24	S	Cardiff City	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Stephens
Jan. 27	S	F.A. Cup 4	P	27	S	F.A. Cup 4	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Hill	Fuccillo	Stein (1)	Hatton	Stephens
Feb. 3	S	Cambridge Utd.	P	8,125	*	0-0	Lawson	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens
Feb. 6	M	Stock City	P	6,462	0-0	Lawson	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood
Feb. 10	S	Sheffield Utd.	P	7,025	1-1	Findlay	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood
Feb. 17	S	Wrexham (5)	P	6,274	2-1	Findlay	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood
Feb. 24	M	Blackburn	P	14,205	1-4	Findlay	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood
Mar. 10	S	Notts. County	P	7,244	1-3	Findlay	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood
Mar. 13	T	Orient (6)	P	6,003	2-1	Findlay	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood
Mar. 17	T	Leicester City (LCF)	P	7,540	1-2	Findlay	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood
Mar. 21	W	Charlton Palace	P	10,465	0-3	Findlay	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood
Mar. 24	W	Crystal Palace	P	11,008	0-1	Findlay	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood
Mar. 31	S	Sunderland (SF)	P	23,358	0-1	Findlay	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood
April 7	S	West Ham	P	9	M	West Ham	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood
April 14	S	Millwall	P	14	M	Millwall	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood
April 16	M	Stock City	P	16	M	Stock City	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood
April 21	S	Brighton	P	21	S	Brighton	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood
April 28	S	Millwall	P	28	S	Preston	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood
May 5	S	Fulham	P	12	S	F.A. Cup Final	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood	Aizlewood

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES — 1978-79		All Saturday Matches Kick-off 3pm												All Fixtures Kick-off 3pm																				
		Aug. 19			Sept. 2			Oct. 4			Nov. 1			Dec. 6			Jan. 10			Feb. 14			Mar. 24			Apr. 7			May 5					
		S			T			W			P			S			T			W			P			S			T					
Aug. 19	S	Oxford United	0-2		18	S	Birmingham City	1-0		Feb.	3	S	Norwich City	1-0		Feb.	10	S	Swindon Town	1-2		Feb.	17	S	Leicester City	1-0		Feb.	24	S	Reading	1-2		
Aug. 22	T	Cardiff City	3-1		21	T	Bristol Rovers	1-2		P	10	S	Crystal Palace	1-0		P	17	S	QPR	1-2		P	24	S	Cardiff City	1-0		P	31	S	Bristol City	1-2		
Aug. 26	S	Birmingham City	2-0		29	W	Reading	1-2		P	10	S	Q.P.R.	1-2		P	17	S	Crystal Palace	1-0		P	24	S	West Ham	1-2		P	31	S	Fulham	1-2		
Sept. 6	W	Hereford United	3-1		Dec.	2	S	Fulham	2-2		P	10	S	West Ham	1-3		P	17	S	Tottenham H.	1-0		P	24	S	West Ham	1-2		P	31	S	Plymouth Argyle	1-2	
Sept. 9	S	Southampton	3-1		9	S	Southampton	1-0		P	10	S	West Ham	1-3		P	17	S	Tottenham H.	1-0		P	24	S	West Ham	1-2		P	31	S	Plymouth Argyle	1-2		
Sept. 13	W	Bristol Rovers	1-3		11	W	Southampton	1-0		P	10	S	West Ham	1-3		P	17	S	Tottenham H.	1-0		P	24	S	West Ham	1-2		P	31	S	Plymouth Argyle	1-2		
Sept. 16	S	Oldham	4-18	20	3	4	16	34	24	P	10	S	West Ham	1-3		P	17	S	Tottenham H.	1-0		P	24	S	West Ham	1-2		P	31	S	Plymouth Argyle	1-2		
Sept. 23	S	Cardiff	3-1	4-19	19	3	3	12	17	P	10	S	West Ham	1-3		P	17	S	Tottenham H.	1-0		P	24	S	West Ham	1-2		P	31	S	Plymouth Argyle	1-2		
Sept. 30	W	Blackburn	2-7	5	16	20	3	2	12	P	10	S	West Ham	1-3		P	17	S	Tottenham H.	1-0		P	24	S	West Ham	1-2		P	31	S	Plymouth Argyle	1-2		
Oct. 4	W	Cardiff	1-4	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	P	10	S	West Ham	1-3		P	17	S	Tottenham H.	1-0		P												

Century Club

FOR ALL the ups and downs of football at Kenilworth Road in recent weeks, Century Club members are still enjoying the soccer that is being served up at all levels, and we would like to add our congratulations to John Moore's youth team for the progress they made in the FA Youth Cup.

Although they lost in extra time to a bigger and perhaps stronger Manchester City team, the Luton lads put up a marvellous show, and certainly the Maine Road side were flattered by the final two-goal margin.

From the Century Club's point of view it was good to see so many members turn up for the match, and their presence gave us the opportunity to open the clubhouse. I often wish that more use could be made of our facilities, and we are now finding it worthwhile to open up more often for midweek games. It is a trend I welcome, and personally I would be delighted if we were eventually able to have enough members present on Saturday reserve games to open up the lounge then as well.

April is a very busy football month at Luton Town, and members may like to know that the Century Club lounge will be open on Wednesday night when, weather permitting, Kenilworth Road stages a schoolboys match, Bedfordshire v Middlesex, at under-16 level. It should be a good game to watch, and all members are invited to come along and see some of the stars of tomorrow in action.

Two other reminders are in order while we think about events in the club before the season ends — please don't forget the chairman's end-of-season party. More details will be announced later.

Finally, on behalf of all Century Club members and friends, we send our condolences and best wishes to the family of the late Dr. Peter Burrows. The attendance at his funeral service showed the tremendous admiration that very many people had for him, and he will be very sorely missed at Luton Town.

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Junior Hatters Club

AS THERE have been several postponements and also because members have not always been able to obtain programmes we are repeating the answers to the quiz in the West Ham programme:-

- (1) Alf Common, between Middlesbrough and Sunderland.
- (2) Jack Charlton of Sheffield Wednesday.
- (3) Arsenal
- (4) Leicester, Cambridge United, Preston, Wrexham, Newcastle and West Ham.
- (5) Keith Barber.

Now the answers to the quiz in the Crystal Palace programme:-

Baynham, McNally, Hawkes, Groves, Owen, Pacey, Bingham, Brown, Morton, Cummings, Gregory, Trainer Frank King, Luton did not have a manager at the final and the team was led out by Mr. Tom Hodgson, who is now our President.

Because of having home games on three consecutive Saturdays and because of the printers deadline for material we are making this weeks' quiz the last this season and the first three all correct answers opened will receive free tickets for our game against Fulham.

1. We have still to travel to this team whose manager was in England's World Cup winning side? Which Club?
2. In which country will the next European Cup Final be held?
3. Who were the two World Cup winners previous to Argentine in 1978.

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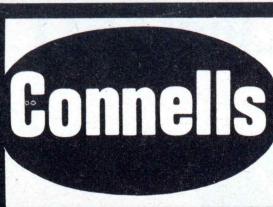
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- 12 DAVID CARR



BURNLEY

- 1 ALAN STEPHENSON
- 2 DEREK SCOTT
- 3 IAN BRENNAN
- 4 PETER NOBLE
- 5 JIM THOMPSON
- 6 PETER ROBINSON
- 7 JOE JAKUB
- 8 BILLY INGHAM
- 9 PAUL FLETCHER
- 10 STEVE KINDON
- 11 LEIGHTON JAMES
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Half Times

Blackburn Rovers	Newcastle United	Leeds United
Sheffield United	Crystal Palace	Ipswich Town
Bristol Rovers	Notts. County	Liverpool
Sunderland	Fulham	Arsenal
Cambridge United	Orient	Manchester City
West Ham United	Brighton & H.A.	Wolverhampton W.
Cardiff City	Wrexham	Tottenham H.
Millwall	Oldham Athletic	Middlesbrough
Leicester City	Birmingham City	West Brom. Albion

Officials

Referee: Mr. Angus McDonald (Sutton Coldfield). Commencing with the Birmingham works has progressed via Midland Counties and West Midland Leagues to the Football League list. A married man, with two children, he is a Purchasing Manager and enjoys playing golf.

Linesmen: Mr. M. J. Hulland (Epsom) Red flag; Mr H. V. Thomson (Tamworth) Yellow flag.