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DAVID PLEAT

IT WAS pleasing to get a well earned win against Burnley and it was good to see a pattern emerging in the play. We have certainly been handicapped by the absence of David Moss during the last two months and I believe it was emphasised in this game. Unfortunately Alan Birchenall suffered a strained hamstring and at the time of going to press I am uncertain whether he or David Moss will have been able to play at West Ham or here today.

On the 4th April the players were guests of the Century Club at the Eurocrest Hotel. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, it was the first evening this season where neither Ken Gutteridge, David Coates, John Moore or myself were out watching football. It made a pleasant change to be amongst loyal supporters with similar aims and ambitions as ourselves. Kirk Stephens was fortunate enough to come away with the Player of the Year award in a very close vote. The Century Club have also introduced a Young Player of the Year Award which will go to the most dedicated and promising younger player. This will give me a headache as I have to make this decision and there are several candidates.



Frank Bunn, a 16-year-old front player from Solihull, signed apprentice forms last Monday. Frank's promise was brought to my attention two years ago, and we have followed his progress closely. If he works hard he will receive every opportunity and hopefully show several other clubs who wanted to sign him that their judgement was right. We are always on the lookout for suitable 'digs' for our young players who are not from this area. Anyone who feels they can make a lad feel 'home from home' perhaps could drop me a line.

Last Sunday I went to Bisham for a get together of League Managers. I am hopeful that some of their ideas and policies laid down will be carried out. At present, club Managers have not the machinery to effect vital decisions concerning the game.

So to today's game which I hope will prove good entertainment. Millwall have built a sound base for the future, they, like us have realised the sound sense of a youth policy and have some exciting younger players waiting in the wings.

Encourage our players, they need and appreciate your support.

Millwall



Top Row (left to right): John Seasman; Tony Tagg; Jon Moore; John Alexander; David Donaldson; Roger Cross; Ian Pearson.
Middle Row (left to right): Trevor Lee; John Mitchell; Peter Gleasure; Patrick Cuff; Peter Allen; Phil Walker.
Front Row (left to right): John Hamilton; Tony Hazell; Barry Kitchener; Bryan Hamilton; Brian Chambers; David Mehmet.

PAT CUFF (Goalkeeper)
Age 25. Signed during the close season from Middlesbrough, where he made 45 First Team appearances. He joined Middlesbrough from school. Previously to this he played 3 times for England Schoolboys.

DAVE DONALDSON (Defender)
Age 24. Signed from Arsenal F.C. in 1973 and made his League debut for Millwall at the age of 18 years. A former English Schoolboy International, he has settled in well and has played at both full back and in midfield, with distinction. David is married and he and his wife Yana now live in Gravesend. Made his 150th League appearance the last match of last season.

NICKY CHATTERTON (Defender)
A midfield player, aged 24, signed from Crystal Palace for £100,000 in November 1978. Spent his entire playing career with Palace, holding a regular first team place over the last four seasons. Nicky is married and lives near Eastbourne.

BARRY KITCHENER (Defender)
Age 30. One of the most outstanding and popular players ever to appear in Millwall colours. Barry joined Millwall in 1964 and made his League debut in 1967. To date he has made over 500 First Team appearances for Millwall. He has a large greengrocers' business in Ilford. With his wife Hazel and two children Joanne and Donna, Barry lives in Brentwood.

BRIAN CHAMBERS (Midfield)
Age 28. Born in Newcastle. Brian made his name and reputation as a midfield player at Sunderland and they collected £70,000 for him when he was transferred to Arsenal in 1973. He found it difficult to settle at Highbury and was transferred to Luton for a fee of £30,000. He was a regular first team player for Luton Town, and we were delighted to sign him last season for £12,500. A fine attacking player, Brian lives in Bedfordshire with his wife Jennifer and two children.

PHIL WALKER (Midfield)
Age 24. Born London. Joined Millwall from Epsom and Ewell F.C. along with Trevor Lee in October 1975, and had the joy of being a member of our promotion team in his first season with the Club. He has made great progress and the valuable experience gained in the Second Division should see him fulfil his true potential this season. Phil is single and lives in West London.

JOHN MITCHELL (Forward)
Age 26. Born London. Signed from Fulham during the close season for a club record transfer fee of £90,000. At Fulham he played over 150 appearances where he scored 46 goals. In May 1975 he played for Fulham in the F.A. Cup Final.

JOHN SEASMAN (Forward)
Age 23. Born in Liverpool. John started his career at Tranmere Rovers before transferring to Luton Town for a transfer fee of £14,000. Following a two month loan period, John was signed from Luton for a fee of £10,000. A most exciting player, at the end of season 1977/78 he had played 104 games and scored 28 goals. John and his wife Nicky live at Gravesend.

TONY TOWNER (Defender)
A winger, aged 23, signed from Brighton & Hove Albion for £65,000 in October 1978. A product of Brighton's Youth scheme, he made 170 League and Cup appearances for them. Tony and his wife Wendy have a small son and live in Hove, Sussex.

JON MOORE (Defender)
Age 22. Signed from Bristol Rovers in December 1974 for a fee of £20,000. A former Welsh Youth International. He made his 100th League appearance at the last match of last season. Jon is married and with his wife and small daughter has settled in Dartford. His hobbies are golf and music.

TONY TAGG (Defender)
Age 21. Former Kingston and Surrey Schools representative. Joined QPR as an apprentice in 1972 and signed professional in 1974. Made four 1st Division appearances for Rangers during 1976/77 season. Signed for Millwall in July 1977 and will be a tremendous asset to our defence in the forthcoming season. At 6' 2" he is one of the tallest members of our squad. Tony is single, and he lives in Chessington, Surrey. His hobbies include tennis and golf.

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WELCOME

CURRENTLY with their backs to the wall, Millwall seem to be fighting a losing battle against relegation, but they are snatching a few wins in recent weeks and with games in hand at the time of writing they cannot yet be written off. Not that relegation is necessarily a desperate fate for this South London club for when they last went down in 1975 they bounced back again a season later. Even more spectacular was their recovery in the sixties when despite going down to the Fourth Division in 1964, they were promoted in each of the next two seasons to begin a substantial spell in Division Two. In fact it was only a remarkable late run by Birmingham City in 1972 that prevented Millwall from going up to Division One for the first time ever.

Though they had been in existence since 1885 Millwall did not reach the Football League until 1920 when they were founder members of Division Three (South) together with ourselves and in fact the clubs first met in a league game in April 1921 when in successive weeks, games both here and at the Den, ended in goalless draws. It was in 1937 that Millwall really hit the headlines, reaching the semi-final of the F.A. Cup, the first Third Division team ever to do so. They were generally considered rather unlucky to go down 2-1 to Sunderland the eventual winners. Spurred by this tremendous effort they won promotion a year later and stayed in Division Two until 1948. It was in 1966 that they again reached Division Two after three spells in Division Three and two in Division Four and it was at this time that they set up a Football League record of 57 home games without defeat, which ended when they were beaten by Plymouth in a Division Two game in January 1967.

Last season had its problems, and until the last few weeks it looked as if they could be losing the Second Division place they had won two years earlier. A splendid late run of six successive wins, however, lifted them to sixteenth place and brought hopes that they might be able to resume this season where they left off. They began well enough with a League Cup win over Aldershot, a home win against Newcastle and a draw at Notts County. Then, however, came a disastrous run of 12 league and cup games in which they lost ten times and drew twice and failed to score on nine occasions. Since their surprise win over Stoke in mid-November, they have fared rather better though results have still been inconsistent. Whilst losing at home to Sunderland, Notts County and ourselves, they have managed to win at Bristol Rovers, Charlton and Sheffield United and have pulled off a draw at promotion-hunting Crystal Place.

Goals recently have been coming from our former player John Seasman, now in his fourth season at the Den, Phil Walker, who came from Epsom just over three years ago, and John Mitchell, who helped Fulham to the 1975 F.A. Cup Final and cost Millwall a record fee during the close season. This record was shattered, however, when Nick Chatterton moved from Crystal Palace last November. Nick is likely to be in mid-field today with another former Palace man, who after appearing in the Southampton F.A. Cup winning team of 1976 had a spell in South African football. He plays a mainly defensive role these days.

Talking of defence, Barry Kitchener has given splendid service in the course of over 500 league and cup games for his one and only club, a Millwall record. David Gregory, graduate from the youth team this season, will probably be on the opposite defensive flank from Dave Donaldson, a one time Arsenal junior. The lineup is likely to be completed by another one-time Arsenal man, midfield Brian Chambers, who of course went to the Den after a spell here, and busy little Tony Towner, a flexible mid-fielder or winger who came from Brighton in October. Another lively little player, David Mehmet, who has scored a few goals in his occasional appearances over the past few years, has been substitute several times recently.

On Boxing Day this season we had a 2-0 victory at Millwall and as todays game is a vital one for both clubs, we hope to see 2 points come our way, but the Lions will be fighting hard, and whatever the outcome, no quarter will be asked or given.

POINT OF CONTROVERSY

SHEAR weariness, so it was reported, tipped the scale in W.B. Albion's recent F.A. Cup defeat at Southampton when they went down 2-1 in extra time. Certainly that explanation seemed logical enough since in the previous five days they had played a EUFA Cup match and the first game against the Saints. They also went into the replay knowing that, win, lose or draw, they would be playing again two days later, since the Football League had ordered them to play Chelsea in a league game on the following Wednesday.

The only way of avoiding the Chelsea game would have been to force a replay with Southampton and this might well have put even more pressure on the latter since they were scheduled for the F.L. Cup Final on the following Saturday.

Southampton's League Cup opponents, Nottingham Forest, are another team with a serious fixture pile-up caused initially by their League Cup and European successes and aggravated by the mass of postponements during January and February. Not that this is a new problem. One recalls Leeds United claiming a state of nervous exhaustion a few years ago and being fined for playing a weakened side at Derby in an Easter Monday game. It was the same Leeds who in 1972 just missed an F.A. Cup and F.L. double to play their final league game just two days after their Wembley final.

In this case they did manage to win the F.A. Cup, whereas it has often happened in the past that the teams going for more than one honour end up with nothing. This again is not new, the Wolves experience of 1939 and the Arsenal one of 1952 being prime examples. Now that there are up to four major trophies — for our leading clubs to compete for there is all the more chance that even a team wearied with excess fixtures will win something. W.B. Albion, one of the most attractive teams we have seen in recent years have ended up with nothing in their cupboard this season, while Liverpool who were odds on for the First Division title and the F.A. Cup double have suffered defeat by Manchester United in a game in which they seemed to have lost their old sparkle, in spite of having a breather by their early exodus from the European Cup and the League Cup, the latter in a shock defeat at Sheffield United, who are now in danger of going down to Division Three.

Be that as it may, cripplingly long fixture lists do have an interesting side effect, that of ensuring that the major honours are shared around and not monopolised by a single or perhaps two clubs. This may seem rough justice, but it is surely better on the whole than for one club to take the F.L. Cup, the F.A. Cup, the Football League Championship and one of the European Trophies, all in the same season. In recent years the relatively unfashionable Stoke City, Sunderland, Southampton and Ipswich clubs have all won major trophies, and this has surely been good for the game in general as well as for the clubs themselves.

PROGRAMME CORNER

MR. DAVID JAMISON of 10, Amos Estate. Rotherhithe Street, Rotherhithe. London SE 16 is desperately in need of the Luton v Crystal Palace programme 1973/74 season. He is willing to pay £1 for it or swop the equivalent value.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

OUR Greetings go today to John Woodward. John is one of our apprentices and celebrates his 17th Birthday today. Happy Birthday John and all the best for your future career.

HATTERS COMMUNITY SPORTS ARENA

OVER THE Easter holidays a netball coaching course is being held at the sports arena on Friday April 20th. for the under 16's and the times are 10 am — 12 am and 1 pm — 3 pm.

For the under 13's and under 16's, a netball tournament will take place on Tuesday April 17th. Both projects are being organised by the Luton Recreation Services in conjunction with the Luton Town F.C. For more details please ring the Project Manager, Marsh House. Tel. Luton 56879.

MASCOT

OUR mascot for todays match is Jason Paul Gibbons. Paul is 10 years of age, lives at Biggleswade, and attends the Edward Peake School there. He has supported the Town for two years and as well as football he is keen on rugby and cycling. Collecting stamps is his indoor hobby.

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BALL SPONSORS

The ball for todays match with Millwall has been kindly sponsored by LADBROKES, the well known country-wide turf accountants. They recently opened a new branch in Upper George St. Luton when a number of our players attended the opening ceremony. The match ball, signed by the Town's players, will be raffled for a charity and more details will be announced later in this programme and in the new premises in Upper George St.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS NATIONAL WEEK

21st to 28th April

A collection is being made by the Luton Cystic Fibrosis Group on Saturday April 21st in the Town Ground. Cystic Fibrosis is an incurable, life threatening disease affecting the lungs and digestive system in children and young adults. ALL monies received go into research, so please give generously. All contributions are gratefully received.

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HELPERS REQUIRED

We are looking for two senior citizens who would like to help us out on Monday mornings cleaning up the Stadium after a first team match. It could be worth a couple of tickets for the next home game.

JOHN WILKINSON

LAST weeks match against Burnley saw the first of some new ideas we have on how to get the family interested in the club and to enable them to watch the game in complete safety. I am glad to say that the number who took advantage of our trial scheme came as a bit of a surprise, as no fewer than 250 children watched the game free of charge. I have no doubt that it will be repeated again before the end of the season. Another good thing was that they had something to cheer about. It was nice to see the boys back on the goal trail again, and anyone who didn't enjoy the game must be very hard to please.

Today sees the visit of Millwall. They are not having the best of seasons and at the time of writing are at the bottom of the table with only nineteen points. I know that our lads will not take this game lightly and will be going flat out to get the points that will pull us further up the table. A few weeks ago they suffered a set back off the field when their long serving Secretary, Gordon Borland, passed away after a long illness. He was another figure in the game that was very well thought of and it wasn't so long ago that he received his long service medal from the Football League.

Fortunately they had a replacement in Graham Hortop, formerly at Fulham. To their officials, players and supporters we say welcome to Kenilworth Rd. and hope we see a good game.

I am now looking for two senior citizens who would like to help us out on Monday mornings cleaning up the Stadium after a first team match. It could be worth a couple of tickets for the next home game. Anyone who would be interested please call and see me or telephone the club at Luton 411622 between 9am — 5pm.

Last week we attended the Century Club Annual Ball and I would like to thank them for a very enjoyable evening. Their choice of the player of the year was Kirk Stephens and I don't think anyone would argue with their choice. The cabaret and disco dance were excellent and I guess there were many people who didn't want to get up the next morning, I know I didn't.

When you talk of Portsmouth, one automatically thinks of Jimmy Dickinson, their long serving player, Secretary and Manager. I was sorry to hear that after their recent match at Barnsley he suffered a heart attack and had to be rushed to hospital. I know I speak for all supporters when I say that we hope to see him back at his desk as soon as possible.
Enjoy the match.

CROSSWORD 22

CLUES – Across

1. Former winger whose clubs included in turn the 'initials' sides QPR, WBA, QPR (again) and PNE (5)
3. Boslem or Bentley (4)
6. First Division club whose manager completed ten years service in January 1979 (7)
7. Last season Oxford fielded ––– Briggs and, later, Gary Briggs (3)
8. Ex-Manchester City man with Sheffield Wednesday (5)
10. Able to play if required (3)
11. Old international brothers – one with PNE, Derby and England, the other with Derby and 6dn (7)
12. Left-sided striker for West Germany in the 1966 and 1970 World Cup finals (4)
13. Most-capped player for Belgium: Paul van ––– (5)

CLUES – Down

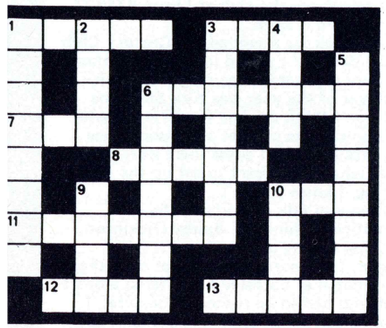
1. Former long-serving Burnley centre-half who subsequently managed Mansfield and Aston Villa (8)
2. Famous Dutch club with two former managers in common with Plymouth Argyle (4)
3. Old Grimsby and England inside-forward who later managed Blackburn and Doncaster (twice) (7)
4. ––– Pereira (Atletico Madrid & Brazil) (4)
5. Fatal-sounding American method of deciding what would otherwise be a drawn game (5,3)
6. See 11ac (7)

) & 10. Side in one of 6dn's two Leagues (4,4)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 21

Across: 1. Bamber, 4. Bees, 7. Endean, 8. save, 9. Tomaszewski 2. Owls (Sheff. Wed.), 13. London, 14. Dean, 15. Greece

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ACTION

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BURNLEY 1

OUR best result since October saw Burnley well beaten at Kenilworth Road last week, with strikers Bob Hatton, Brian Stein and Steve Taylor all back on the score-sheet.

BELOW: Stein is a study in concentration, head over the ball and perfectly balanced as he cracks in the second goal, his 14th of the season.

LEFT: Taylor was on the sub's bench for 85 minutes, and Burnley must have wished he had stayed there for 90. He is seen beating goalkeeper Alan Stevenson to the ball to score in the 87th minute, from an inch-perfect pass by David Moss.
Pictures: LUTON NEWS





Peter Watson

SPORTS EDITOR WITH THE EVENING NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Arsenal on reaching the FA Cup Final for the second successive year — and for the fourth time in the seventies.

Their achievement underlines the magnificent contribution coach Don Howe has made to the Highbury club.

Howe was Bertie Mee's No. 2 when Arsenal did the double — and Terry Neill took him back to Highbury after Howe's flirtation with West Bromwich.

The Arsenal players swear by him and skipper Pat Rice says: 'Much of the credit for our success must go to him."

Arsenal are one of the most difficult sides in the country to beat and last year's experience in defeat by Ipswich, will prove invaluable at Wembley on May 12.

Brian Talbot, a member of that Ipswich side, finds himself back at Wembley — this time with the Gunners.

Talbot's tigerish style has given Arsenal that vital extra edge and I fancy they will get their hands on the trophy this time.

IT TOOK a £1 million goal from Trevor Francis to save Nottingham Forest's unbeaten home record against unfashionable Bolton.

Francis's goal 15 seconds from the end kept intact Forest's unbeaten home record which stretches back two years.

WILL Glenn Hoddle become our second £1 million player?

The question must be asked following the revelation by Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw that he had turned down a £1 million offer for 21 year-old midfielder Hoddle.

Hoddle is still considering whether to sign a new contract with Spurs where he has spent an unhappy season under Burkinshaw.

And the question must also be asked — does Burkinshaw really appreciate the talent he has in Hoddle?

Hoddle has been in and out of the Spurs side all season and in open conflict with Burkinshaw, who has failed to harness the multi-talents of his staff.

AS I'VE said here before — what a crazy soccer world this is.

A few weeks ago Barry Silkman was in the depths of despair after being rejected by Manchester City following a failed medical when terms had been agreed for his £100,000 transfer from Plymouth.

Silkman finally went to City following an abortive loan spell with Luton — for £60,000.

And he scored a cracking goal on his debut at Ipswich on Grand National day.

WEST HAM are feeling the pinch without England midfield maestro Trevor Brooking.

Suddenly they look outsiders in that fascinating Second Division promotion race as London rivals Crystal Palace slip into top form at the right moment and Sunderland sustain their run.

Stoke, Palace and Sunderland are my final selections for the First Division as we enter the run-in.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS pulled off the transfer coup on transfer deadline day when they got Everton striker Mickey Walsh in exchange for Peter Eastoe.

And Walsh was quickly on the mark with a goal in his debut against Derby.

Rangers are going to need a bundle of Walsh goals if they are to survive in the First Division.

Sadly, I don't think they'll make it. Rangers look booked for the drop along with Birmingham and Chelsea.

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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

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

AS THE season of ten years ago moved into its last month, Town fans had two worries as their team chased a Third Division promotion place: could Luton Town keep collecting points — and would others, notably Watford and Swindon, drop some?

The Town's problem was that their destiny did not lay in their own hands. They were third in the table, but all their rivals had more than enough games in hand to overhaul them.

So every match was a vital encounter, with the Town not daring to lose. Brighton provided the opposition at Kenilworth Road ten years ago this week, and 11,965 of us came to the ground in the hope of seeing another victory.

Pre-match news was not too encouraging. Goalkeeper Sandy Davie had a cracked rib and had to miss the match after a run of 25 consecutive appearances since being signed from Dundee United the previous October. Fred Jardine was also out through injury, and so was "Action Man" Keith Allen.

But we needn't have worried. The first team squad was deep enough to ride an injury or two. Tony Read returned to the green jersey, and Jack Bannister and Mike Keen came back into the team to play valuable parts in a fairly easy win over mid-table Brighton.

The match became the 22nd home game without defeat, with the defence in commanding form, having conceded only five goals in the nine previous games.

Brighton, missing skipper Nobby Lawton, posed few problems, and Kit Napier was the only visiting player who looked likely to cause any problems for a solid Town rearguard.

Graham French headed the Town into the lead from a cross by the overlapping Bannister in the 23rd minute, and second-half goals by Brian Lewis and Alan Slough wrapped up a 3-0 win.

Slough, who was equally happy in defence or midfield, had another celebration that week. The Town's only ever-present of the season, he was named Player of the Year by the Bobbers and Supporters' Club.

Today's visitors, Millwall, had little to cheer about. A middling Second Division team, they were at The Den ten years ago this weekend, and lost 0-1 to Derby County, who were about to return to the First Division in company with Palace.

YOUTH

By George Rogers

THE YOUTH TEAM got knocked off the top position of the Midland Youth League when Derby County came to Vauxhall Sports ground last Thursday, 5th April and won by 4 goals to nil.

Fielding four trialists, the Town were beaten by an experienced Derby County side who now go top of the league. In the first half, play was fairly even but on the stroke of half time, Derby scored. In the second half Derby's strength told and they increased their lead by another three goals. Team:— R. Walker, M. Allinson, T. Murphy, R. Johnson, J. Woodward, G. Sisman, N. Madden, J. Cole, M. Conquest, F. Bunn, J. Lucas, A. Cosby.

At today's game we welcome the 14 & 16-year-old boys and their leaders from our friendship towns of Bergish Gladback and Wolfsburg who are here playing football in a youth tournament organised by the Chiltern Youth League. It is hoped that they have enjoyed their visit and have seen a Luton win.

Over the Easter school holidays, many boys will have been invited down to the club for coaching and training. John Moore and Dave Coates will, over these two weeks, be working these boys hard, assessing their ability and character for future signing on schoolboy forms. These boys will then be able to play for the club with the possibility of an apprenticeship when they leave school. Many local games have been watched and many names have been pencilled in for future reference.

THE TOWNS LATEST TEAM PICTURE



FRONT ROW (Left to right) Ingram, Stephens, Price, Jones, West, Hatton, Aizlewood, Donaghy, Moss, Hill.
BACK ROW (Left to right) Fuccillo, Carr, Taylor, Findlay, Turner, Judge, Stein, Heale, Sherlock.

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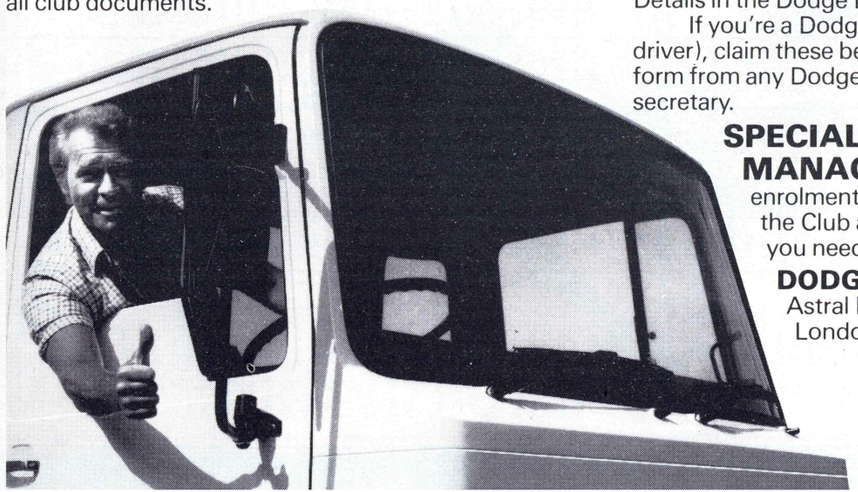
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FACTS

DIV.2				Attendance	F-A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug	19	S	**Oldham Athletic**	8,043	6-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Sherlock	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	**Fuccillo**(1 pen	**Stein**(1)	**Hatton** (2)	**Moss** (2)	Ingram
	22	T	Crystal Palace	17,739	1-3	Aleksic	Stephens	Sherlock	Donaghy	Turner	Aizlewood	Hill	**Fuccillo**(1 pen	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Ingram*
	26	S	Newcastle Utd.	24,112	0-1	Aleksic	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Price	Hill	West	Stein	Hatton	Moss	McNichol
	29	T	**Wigan Ath.** (LC2)	6,618	2-0	Aleksic	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Price	West	Fuccillo	**Stein** (2)	Hatton	Moss	Hill
Sept.	2	S	**Charlton Ath.**	8,509	3-0	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	**Hill (1)**	Turner	Price	Donaghy	Fuccillo	**Stein (1)**	**Hatton (1)**	Boersma	West*
	9	S	Bristol Rovers	6,508	0-2	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	Fuccillo	Stein	Ingram	Moss	West
	16	S	**Cardiff City**	7,752	7-1	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	West	**Stein**(2)	**Hatton**(1)	**Moss**(2)	**Fuccillo**(1 pen*
	23	S	**Cambridge Utd.**	10,801	1-1	Aleksic	Jones	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	Donaghy	West	**Stein** (1)	Hatton	Moss	Fuccillo *
	30	S	Sheffield Utd.	15,295	1-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	Fuccillo	West	Stein	**Hatton** (1)	Moss	Jones
Oct.	3	T	**Crewe Alex.** (LC3)	6,602	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	**Hill (1)**	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fuccillo	Stein	**Hatton** (1)	Moss	Jones
	7	S	**Wrexham**	8,683	2-1	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	**Fuccillo (1)**	**Stein** (1)	Hatton	Moss	Jones
	14	S	Blackburn	7,450	0-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fuccillo	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Jones
	21	S	**Notts County**	8,561	6-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	**West (1)**	**Fuccillo (1)**	**Stein (2)**	**Hatton (1)**	**Moss (1)**	Jones
	28	S	Orient	7,035	2-3	Aleksic	Donaghy	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	**Fuccillo (2)**	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Carr
Nov.	4	S	**Leicester City**	10,608	0-1	Aleksic	Donaghy	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Price	West	Fuccillo	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Carr
	8	W	Aston Villa (LC4)	32,727	2-0	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fuccillo	**Stein (1)**	**Hatton (1)**	Moss	Stephens
	11	S	Oldham Athletic	6,876	0-2	Aleksic	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fuccillo	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Stephens
	18	S	**Newcastle Utd.**	10,434	2-0	Lawson	Price	Aizlewood	Carr	**Turner (1)**	Donaghy	West	Fuccillo	**Stein (1)**	Hatton	Moss	Jones
	21	T	Charlton Ath.	10,161	2-1	Lawson	Price	Aizlewood	Carr	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fuccillo	Stein	**Hatton (1)**	**Moss (1)**	Jones
	25	S	**Sunderland** (1)	10,249	0-3	Lawson	Price	Aizlewood	Hill	Jones	Donaghy	West	Fuccillo	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Carr
Dec.	2	S	Burnley P														
	9	S	**Preston**	7,036	1-2	Findlay	**Price(1)**	Aizlewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fuccillo	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Jones
	13	W	Leeds Utd. (LC5)	28,177	1-4	Findlay	Price	Aislewood	Hill	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fuccillo	**Stein(1)**	Hatton	Moss	Heale
	16	S	Brighton (2)	16,252	1-3	Findlay	Price	Aislewood	Carr	Turner	Donaghy	West	Fuccillo	Ingram	Hatton	**Moss(1)**	Stein*
	23	S	**West Ham** P														
	26	T	Millwall	6,068	2-0	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Carr	Turner	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	**Moss(2)**	Jones
	30	S	Fulham	8,914	0-1	Findlay	Price	Aizlewood	Carr	Turner	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Jones
1979																	
Jan.	1	M	**Stoke City** P														
	6	S	York City (FAC 3)	6,730	0-2	Findlay	Jones	Aizlewood	Carr	Price	Donaghy	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Sherlock	Heale*
	13	S	**Bristol Rovers**	6,002	3-2	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	Jones	**Price (1)**	Donaghy	West	**Hill (1)**	Taylor	Hatton	**Moss (1)**	Stein
	17	W	League Cup SF														
	20	S	Cardiff City														
	24	W	League Cup SF														
	27	S	F.A. Cup 4														
Feb.	3	S	Cambridge Utd.	8,125	0-0	Lawson	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Price	West	Hill	Taylor	Hatton	Moss	Stein
	6	M	**Stoke City**	6,462	0-0	Lawson	Stephens	Carr	Donaghy	Turner	Price	West	Hill	Taylor	Hatton	Moss	Taylor
	10	S	**Sheffield Utd.**	7,025	1-1	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	**Turner(1)**	Price	West	Hill	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Taylor
	17	S	Wrexham (5) P														
	24	S	**Blackburn**	6,274	2-1	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	**West (1)**	**Turner (1)**	Price	Silkman	Carr	Stein	Hatton	Hill	Taylor*
	26	M	**West Ham**	14,205	1-4	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	West	Turner	Price	Silkman	Carr	**Taylor (1)**	Hatton	Hill	Donaghy
Mar.	3	S	Notts. County	7,624	1-3	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Price	West	Carr	Taylor	**Hatton (1)**	Silkman	Hill
	10	S	**Orient** (6)	6,003	2-1	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner (1)	Hill (1)	West	Carr	Taylor	Hatton	Stein	Price
	13	T	Burnley	7,540	1-2	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Hill	West	Carr	Taylor	Hatton (1)	Stein	Price
	17	S	Leicester City (LCF	10,465	0-3	Findlay	Stephens	Price	Donaghy	Turner	Hill	West	Birchenall	Taylor	Hatton	Stein	Carr
	24	S	**Crystal Palace**	11,008	0-1	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Turner	Hill	Price	Carr	Taylor	Hatton	Stein	West*
	31	S	Sunderland (SF)	23,358	0-1	Findlay	Stephens	Frice	Donaghy	Masters	Birchenall	Hill	West	Taylor	Hatton	Stein	Carr*
April	7	S	**Burnley**	6,466	4-1	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Masters	Birchenall	Hill	West	**Stein (1)**	**Hatton (2)**	Moss	**Taylor*(1)**
	9	M	West Ham	25,498	0-1	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Masters	Carr	Hill	West	Stein	Hatton	Moss	Taylor
	14	S	**Millwall**														
	16	M	Stoke City														
	21	S	**Brighton**														
	28	S	Preston														
May	5	S	**Fulham**														
	12	S	F.A. Cup Final														

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Bold denotes home game and scorer. * denotes substitute used

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	36	13	3	2	37	10	6	6	6	23	23	47
Stoke	36	10	5	3	33	15	6	9	3	17	15	46
Crystal Palace	36	9	7	2	25	11	5	11	2	18	12	46
Sunderland	35	11	3	3	29	14	6	8	4	25	23	45
West Ham	33	10	5	2	40	12	5	5	6	21	21	40
Notts Co.	34	8	7	1	22	12	5	6	7	23	39	39
Orient	37	11	4	3	32	15	3	4	12	16	31	36
Burnley	33	11	5	2	31	20	2	5	8	16	29	36
Fulham	34	9	5	4	28	15	3	6	7	14	24	35
Cambridge	36	5	10	3	20	13	4	6	8	19	31	34
Preston	34	6	9	2	30	19	3	6	8	19	32	33
Newcastle	33	11	2	2	27	16	3	3	12	13	30	33
Leicester	34	7	6	5	26	20	2	8	6	11	18	32
Charlton	36	5	7	6	25	24	5	5	8	31	36	32
Bristol Rovers	33	9	6	3	32	21	2	4	9	10	27	32
Luton	**34**	**10**	**3**	**5**	**41**	**21**	**2**	**3**	**11**	**11**	**26**	**30**
Wrexham	29	8	6	2	26	11	2	3	8	9	17	29
Sheff Utd.	34	8	4	5	29	19	1	6	10	13	33	28
Cardiff	32	7	3	4	21	20	3	3	12	17	43	26
Oldham	33	4	7	4	18	20	3	4	11	16	36	25
Blackburn	33	3	7	6	18	22	3	2	12	14	36	21
Millwall	31	5	2	8	16	21	3	3	10	15	25	21

Combination

As at 26th March 1979

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham H	32	23	6	3	88	35	52
West Ham Utd.	30	18	7	5	65	34	43
Ipswich Town	26	19	4	3	60	24	42
Norwich City	29	17	7	5	62	28	41
Queens PR	26	17	6	3	59	30	40
Fulham	32	14	9	9	57	39	37
Chelsea	30	13	10	7	67	39	36
Southampton	31	14	6	11	55	39	34
Bristol Rovers	29	13	7	9	54	47	33
Bristol City	31	12	8	11	47	57	32
Arsenal	30	9	13	8	46	36	31
Plymouth A	33	12	6	15	47	58	30
Crystal Palace	31	7	12	12	41	45	26
Cardiff City	31	10	6	15	43	55	26
Oxford Utd.	30	9	5	16	52	55	23
Birmingham C	29	7	8	14	30	42	22
Hereford Utd.	31	7	8	16	38	62	22
Swindon Town	27	6	7	14	26	49	19
Leicester City	28	5	7	16	29	51	17
Luton Town	**29**	**6**	**5**	**18**	**25**	**53**	**17**
Reading	27	7	3	17	35	77	17
Orient	32	5	4	23	30	81	14

LEAGUE/CUP

	Apps	Gls
Aleksic	17	
Stephens	17(2)	
Sherlock	3	
Aizlewood	36	
Donaghy	37(1)	
Price	34(2)	2
Hill	34(2)	4
Fuccillo	20(2)	7
West	34(3)	2
Stein	33(4)	14
Hatton	38	13
Turner	34	4
Moss	29	10
Ingram	2(2)	
Jones	7(10)	
Carr	13(5)	
Lawson	5	
Findlay	17	
Heale	(2)	
Taylor	11(3)	2
Silkman	3	
Birchenall	3	
Phillipson-Masters	2	

COMBINATION

	Gls
Ingram	8
Sperrin	5
W. Turner	4
Lucas	2
Hayes	2
Currie	1
Jones	1
Sherlock	1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES — 1978-79

Aug.	19	S	Oxford United	0-2
	22	T	**Cardiff City**	3-1
	26	S	**Birmingham City**	2-0
	30	W		. . .
Sept.	6	W	**Hereford United**	3-1
	9	S	**Southampton**	3-1
	13	W	Bristol Rovers	1-3
	23	S	Norwich City	0-6
Oct.	4	W		. . .
	7	S	Chelsea	1-4
	14	S	**Orient**	1-2
	24	T	**Swindon**	0-1
	28	S	**Plymouth Argyle**	3-0
Nov.	1	W	Tottenham H.	0-1
	4	S	Leicester City	0-3
	8	W		. . .
	11	S	**Oxford United**	0-0
	18	S	Birmingham City	1-0
	21	T	**Bristol Rovers**	1-2
	29	W	Reading	P
Dec.	2	S	**Fulham**	2-2
	9	S	Arsenal	1-3
	11	M	West Ham	C
	13	W		. . .
	16	S	**Bristol City**	C
	19	T	**Crystal Palace**	P
	30	S	**Q.P.R.**	P
1979				
Jan.	1	M	Ipswich Town	P
	6	S		. . .
	13	S	Southampton	1-3
	15	M	West Ham	1-2
	20	S	Hereford United	P. .
	24	W		. . .
	27	S		. . .

All Saturday Matches Kick-off 3pm

All Fixtures subject to alteration

Feb.	3	S	**Norwich City**	P. .
	5	M	Crystal Palace	0-0
	10	S	Swindon Town	0-2
	24	S	Orient	0-1
	27	S	Ipswich	0-3
Mar.	3	S	**Tottenham H.**	0-4
	10	S	Plymouth Argyle	2-2
	14	W	**Hereford**	0-0
	19	T	**QPR**	0-3
	17	S	**Leicester City**	P
	21	W	Crystal Palace	0-1
	28	W	Cardiff City	0-2
	31	S	**Reading**	0-1
April	7	S	Bristol City	2-1
	16	M	Fulham	1-2
	24	T	**Ipswich Town**	
	28	S	**West Ham**	
	5	S	**Arsenal**	
May	5	S	Q.P.R.	

Next home games

v BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
Division Two
Saturday April 21st
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

v WEST HAM UNITED
Combination
Tuesday April 24th
Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

KNOW YOUR YOUTH PLAYER:— Today we focus on Clive Goodyear. Clive comes from Lincoln. He was working as an apprentice plumber when he was invited down to play in a Chiltern League fixture last September. He had been recommended to the Town by a friend of Manager David Pleat. After one more trial, he was offered terms. Consistent performances in the No. 5 shirt for the Youth and Reserves, have prompted Mr. Pleat to include him in the 1st team squad on several occasions. If he continues to work hard I am sure he will be given his chance of first team football.



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Century Club

by Catherine Ball

THE HIGHLIGHT of our social season, the annual ball at the Eurocrest Hotel, lived up to its reputation, and it was particularly pleasing to see how it brought together all aspects of Luton Town FC.

I was disappointed in the response of Century Club members, and those who decided not to come missed a very good evening. We were pleased to welcome directors, vice presidents, Kenilworth Club members and many friends. There was a special welcome for John Smith, the football club's new chief executive, and I would like to take this opportunity of repeating the welcome publicly. Most important of all, manager David Pleat brought a full squad of players, and they were kind enough to increase the night's enjoyment by joining in the evening's activities.

Kirk Stephens won our player of the year award, polling a few more votes than Mal Donaghy, Ricky Hill, Paul Price and Bob Hatton. Wendy White was the Century Club's Supporter of the Year, with her father Graham runner-up and Neil Gambrell third.

Mr. Pleat very kindly presented their awards, and we thank him also for his witty speech.

The tombola did well, and we thank all the many members who donated gifts for it.

The room was, of course, well decked out in Luton Town's colours and one important little ceremony was the presentation of the latest in a long line of donations from the Century Club to Luton Town FC. Chairman Ken Ball handed over a cheque for just over £2,600 — we trust Mr. Smith found that extra cause for celebration on his first visit to one of our functions.

Finally, my thanks to the committee of the club for the two surprise presentations made during the evening, to Ken and myself.

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	12

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Half Times

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ambridge	Notts Co	Chelsea
ulham	Oldham	Southampton
ardiff	Orient	Coventry
ighton	West Ham	Bristol C
arlton	Wrexham	Derby

Officials

Referee: Mr. J. E. Bray (Hinckley, Leics.) Began refereeing in local leagues in 1965. Progressed through the Football Combination to the Football League List in 1975. Eleven years Secretary of local football league. Vice Chairman of local Referees Association.

He refereed the 2nd leg of the F.A. Vase Semi-Final in 1977/78. Married with two children and is a Unit Manager with a dry cleaning firm. His spare time is spent recruiting new Referees and promoting local football.

Linesmen: Mr. W. G. Cleer (High Wycombe) Red flag; Mr. P. B. Lancaster (Sutton Coldfield) Yellow flag.