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v

LUTON TOWN

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ALAN DURBAN

We welcome all our visitors this afternoon from Luton and also the many exiled City fans home for the holiday period. We play these three games in four days hoping to attract extra spectators who are not at work. It appears non-sensical to ask players to perform at their peak, in what is the vital weekend for all promotion and relegation candidates, three times in 72 hours. Especially when you consider also the amount of travelling that is involved.

Normally on a Sunday morning I can get out of bed with plenty of enthusiasm and look forward to my usual round of golf. Despite our point at Leicester, last Sunday's golf was off because of the long drive to Bisham Abbey, near Marlow, for John Bond's hastily called manager's meeting. In between a few games of squash and a few beers (champagne if you were lucky enough to bump into Malcolm Allison or Ron Atkinson), we discussed the many problems that are in the game at the moment and perhaps what we were able to do to rectify some of these problems.

The referees' system was considered and we felt it would be an interesting experiment to begin with half a dozen full time referees attached to football clubs to examine if there was an improvement after a two or three year period.

We felt that perhaps a season between March and

November would improve the standard of play and make it more pleasurable for spectators. The main factor in this argument was that playing areas would remain in good condition and we would not see the lotteries that conditions can bring in the severe months.

John Bond's main concern was obviously the recent million pound transfer. It has distorted the whole transfer value of players throughout the country. He is obviously concerned about Norwich's ability to compete with the 'Super League' type clubs in the First Division. However, it was pointed out that less than two years ago Norwich were in a far higher position than big spenders Forest. The only thing that we felt might improve the situation was the banning of paying high fees on the 'hire purchase' all fees over £150,000 should be paid within seven days. We did have a fear though that this might help the American League some of whom are in a better financial position.

Thank you all for your support today and a happy Easter to you all.

Alan Durban

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FACE TO FACE

QUIZ ANSWER

The answer to the question that appeared in the Blackburn programme was:
JOHN McGOVERN (presently of Nottingham Forest) who played in all four divisions of the Football League before he was 21 years of age.

The lucky winner is:
Mrs. Brough of Laburnum Grove, Blurton who was one of many correct answers received. Hard luck to all the other people that tried. Mrs. Brough has won herself TWO GRANDSTAND SEATS. Today's question is on page 15. Try your luck.



David Pleat Manager of Luton Town Face to Face with Chris Florence of B.B.C. Radio Stoke.

Luton's young manager David Pleat is prepared not to play Stoke next season. "I think that they will go up, although I did not tip them at the start of the season," he recalls. His pre-season candidates for the promotion places were Brighton, Crystal Palace and Wrexham. So he could well be right with two of them.

"But I think that Stoke's experience will carry them through.

They are the most difficult side in the Second Division to beat this season, they know what it is all about," he says.

He believes that experience is one of the vital factors leading to success in the tough Second Division and helps to form the dividing line between the clubs at the top and the rest of the pack.

"We have been using this season to learn, we have half a dozen boys in the senior squad who never played in the Second Division and they will need time, but signs are there that we will have a good team. Two experienced players like David Moss and Futtillo were badly injured early on in the season which made the side look a little un-balanced, but we have know put that right," he says.

Mr. Pleat remembered the goalless draw with Stoke on an ice rink at Luton in February, "they were difficult conditions for both teams, but I think that the result was just about right. I also watched Stoke a couple

of weeks ago against Sunderland. They had a lot of the pressure, we have got to expect the same pressure today", he admitted.

Like Bristol Rovers, Stoke's other opponents at the Victoria Ground over Easter, Luton made a good start to the season at home. "We scored a lot of goals at home but the luck did not go the same way in our away games and it is something we must plan for next season. In fact over the past few weeks the luck against us is beginning to show. We lost at home to Crystal Palace and we were very unfortunate to come away from West Ham earlier this week with nothing." But Mr. Pleat is a realist, knowing that you cannot rely on luck to win championships. "We are getting better all the time with a young team," he says, and as it appears that he could have selected two of the promotion teams for this season he is now hoping that his own side will soon be filling one of these places.

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PROFILE

Name: Roger Jones

Height: 5 ft. 11 in.

Weight: 13 st.

Previous clubs: Portsmouth, Bournemouth, Blackburn and Newcastle

Joined Stoke City: 1976

Favourite Player—Britain: Peter Shilton

Favourite Player—World: Peter Shilton

Most memorable game: Playing for England Under-23's

Biggest thrill in football: Being picked for England Under-23's

Biggest disappointment: Getting free transfer from Newcastle

Best country visited: Ireland

Favourite food: Steak and fish

Favourite other sports: Golf and racing



Miscellaneous likes: Winning matches

Miscellaneous dislikes: Losing matches

Favourite TV Shows: Benny Hill and Fawlty Towers

Favourite Singers: Rod Stewart and The Stylistics

Favourite Actor: Paul Newman

Personal ambition: To win Second Division championship

Professional ambition: To play in the First Division with Stoke

If you were not a footballer what would you like to be? I would like to have a restaurant

Which person in the world would you like to meet? Lester Piggott

Hobbies: Golf and swimming



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DUDLEY KERNICK'S COMMENT



THE MATCH DAY PROGRAMME

After today we have only two more match day programmes to publish, and we are all keeping our fingers crossed as to who we will be playing here at the Victoria Ground next season. Last year we had a tremendous response from fans when we asked for suggestions and criticism. We did heed a lot of them and we think that this season's programme compares with any in the Second Division.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

For instance Alan Durban is one of the few managers who writes his notes personally for every issue. It is the only programme which publishes pictures of goals and action from every game—home and away. In fact by the time the last issue is published we will have included over 140 during

the season. We have been delighted that so many supporters have responded to our special facility which allows you to purchase any of the action pictures. (Details on page 3)

THE ALL-TIME GREATS

Our nostalgic dip into the past via our Top Twenty page has also proved immensely popular. What a fabulous team could be selected from what must have been Stoke City's most consistent players over the years. Any player who can play over 250 games for one club must be something special, and it was quite something for the "All Timers" like Bob McGrory, Stanley Matthews and others because they played before the Football League Cup and two legged European games became the "norm".



STOKE CITY

NOTTS COUNTY



IT'S NOT SO EASY

There is our Player Profile which is "different" to the usual type of players pen pictures. Geoff Almans' always accurate and up to date pen pictures of our opponents. Chris Florence of B.B.C. Radio Stoke experiences a great deal of difficulty in getting managers—Face to Face but he usually gets his man—and a good story line! And that's not always been easy. Ask Chris.

CHAOTIC FIXTURES

Cliff Birks, Tony Lacey and Wally Gould have also co-operated marvellously in their attempts to keep us all informed with their Reserve Reports. It has been an especially difficult season for them with a near chaotic fixture list to contend with during these past five months. All these features plus our City Snippets page and not forgetting the "Stats" page add up to what most people agree is a great 20p's worth. I have not forgotten the popular quiz

question and would like to thank all those people who have written in with the answers. Congratulations to the lucky winners, commiserations to the losers but our thanks to each one of you. Perhaps you would like to set a quiz question next season? From time to time we have kept you up to date with our Second Division Scene and aired some controversial points in Did You See That?

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

So come on let's have your ideas for next season. We do publish the sort of match day magazine which you want. And now finally a "commercial bit"—we would like to hear from intending advertisers, programme patrons and match ball donors for next season, bearing in mind where we will be next season!

(This is where I think we come in!)

DUDLEY KERNICK
Commercial Manager

SECOND DIVISION SCENE

VIV BUSBY's first goal since netting in the League Cup at Charlton in November earned us a precious point at Leicester last week and extended our unbeaten away run to eight league games. This was Leicester's third 1-1 draw in their last six games and also extended their unbeaten run against us to seven games.

Sunderland too picked up an away point that could be vital in the promotion stakes when they forced a goalless draw at Bristol Rovers. The Rokerites have not lost an away game since October and they have now played four games in a row without conceding a goal.

Brighton have also put together a useful run away from home, Saturday's thrilling 3-3 draw at Orient being their sixth in a row without defeat. One of

Albion's goals came from MARTIN CHIVERS, making a dramatic return to league football after nearly three years on the continent and a short spell at Norwich City at the start of the season. Interestingly enough two of Orient's goals also came from ex-Spurs men, our former player IAN MOORES and RALPH COATES. Orient are now unbeaten in their last 12 home games.

A goal from Newcastle's ALAN SHOULDER eight minutes from the end, however, ended Crystal Palace's unbeaten away record that was dating back to November 4th. Newcastle seem at last to be getting into their stride in Division Two, this being their third successive win with Shoulder scoring each time.

Notts County have now moved up to a position from which they can hope for slips from the leading

clubs after nine games in a row without defeat, however a heavy defeat at Sheffield United last week may have ended their chances. Burnley lost probably their last chance of getting even to the edge of the race when their six-game unbeaten run ended in a 4-1 defeat at Luton on Saturday. The points were much needed by the Hatters after four successive defeats had put them nearer to relegation danger. Blackburn seem now to have left it too late to ease their relegation problems, but they have just chalked up three wins in four games. JOHN ASTON returning to the side to score in Saturday's 2-0 win over Sheffield United. still in some danger after three successive defeats. One predictable result between two mid-table teams on Saturday was the 1-1 draw between Charlton and Preston.

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THE TOP 20

As regular readers will know, we have featured Stoke City's 'Top 20' players (appearances) throughout the season. Here is the full list together with their photographs which we hope you will find interesting and informative.



Billy Spencer
No. 11 (337)



John Marsh
No. 13 (322) (2)



Denis Smith
No. 15 (317) (25)



Peter Dobing
No. 17 (304) (64)



Arthur Turner
No. 19 (290) (17)



Harry Oscroft
No. 12 (323) (103)



Stanley Matthews
No. 14 (318) (53)



Bill Asprey
No. 16 (304) (23)



Billy Liddle
No. 18 (297) (60)

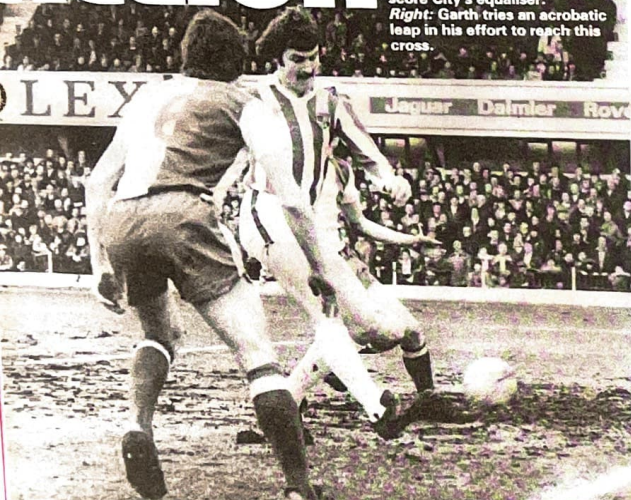


Johnny King
No. 20 (284) (102)

ACTION

STOKE CITY v BLACKBURN ROVERS

*Below: Big Bren steps in to
score City's equaliser.
Right: Garth tries an acrobatic
leap in his effort to reach this
cross.*



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ACTION

STOKE CITY v SUNDERLAND

Denis Smith joins the attack but this effort went wide.

Pictures by Chris Doorbar.



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WELCOME TO LUTON TOWN



By Geoff Allman

Seven wins and a draw in their first eight league and cup home games this season got Luton off to a flying start and hopes of a return to Division One after a four year absence ran high. The momentum has not been sustained, however, and a recent spell in which they have lost six games out of seven has left them only just above the relegation zone.

Luton do, of course, know quite a bit about the sudden blows of ill-fortune. Their first spell in the Football League ended after just three seasons when they failed to secure re-election to Division

Two in 1900. They then became founder members of Division Three (South) in 1920 and stayed there until 1937 when they embarked upon their most successful spell, steadily rising to Division One which they reached for the first time in 1955. In 1959 they reached the FA Cup final for the one and only time and missed a chance of winning the trophy when they failed to take advantage of the fact that Nottingham Forest were reduced to 10 men by a serious injury to Roy Dwight at Wembley.

In fact this began a period of recession for a year later they went down to Division Two and three years after that slipped back to Division Three.

Many will remember the last game of the 1962-63 season when we clinched promotion and landed the Hatters in Division Three, STANLEY MATTHEWS getting the clincher in our 2-0 win. In 1965 they were relegated again and so became the second club (Brentford were the first) to have slipped all the way from Division One to Division Four.

It is to their great credit that it took them only nine seasons to climb all the way back to Division One, but then the tide turned again and they

stayed there only one season. At this stage financial problems put further pressure on them, but since returning to Division Two they have been amongst the most successful and certainly the most attractive teams, finishing seventh, sixth and thirteenth respectively in the last three seasons. A poor ending to the season with just two points from their last six games plunged them down the table last season after they had been on the edge of the promotion race for most of the season.

THIS SEASON

Similar ending this season could put them in trouble and manager DAVID PLEAT will be hoping that they can get on the goal trail again. Maybe goals are overdue here today, for both the game here just a year ago and the one at Kenilworth Road in February ended in goalless draws.

Spectacular wins in the early part of the season included those against Cardiff (7-1), Notts County (6-0) and Charlton (3-0) but since then Leicester, Sunderland, Preston, West Ham and Crystal Palace have all won at Kenilworth Road. On their travels the Hatters have won at Charlton and Millwall and have also pulled off a notable League Cup success at Villa Park.



LUTON TOWN

Back row (left to right): Fuccillo, Carr, Taylor, Findlay, Turner, Judge, Stein, Heale, Sherlock.
Front row: Ingram, Stephens, Price, Jones, West, Hatton, Aizlewood, Donaghy, Moss, Hill.



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Who can give us the record attendance there and who were the two teams playing?
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RESERVES REPORT

Match Reports by:



WALLY GOULD TONY LACEY CLIFF BIRKS

CENTRAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	33	25	4	4	74	25	54
Stoke City	31	18	8	5	50	36	44
Manchester City	29	17	5	7	49	29	39
Manchester United	30	15	8	7	53	32	38
Wolverhampton	30	14	9	7	55	27	37
West Bromwich Albion	31	13	10	8	56	35	36
Coventry City	32	15	6	11	69	61	36
Nottingham Forest	28	15	4	7	54	31	34
Leeds United	32	10	13	9	36	34	33
Aston Villa	29	13	6	10	50	32	32
Derby County	28	11	7	10	48	43	29
Everton	29	12	5	12	29	33	29
Newcastle United	29	11	6	12	37	47	28
Burnley	29	11	5	13	27	37	27
Sheffield United	29	10	6	13	38	58	26
Bolton Wanderers	31	8	10	13	45	59	26
Huddersfield Town	29	7	8	14	32	48	22
Sheffield Wednesday	28	8	5	15	42	52	21
Blackburn Rovers	30	6	9	15	40	54	21
Blackpool	30	7	4	19	27	51	18
Bury	30	5	3	22	36	75	13
Preston North End	31	4	5	22	34	83	13

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Stoke City 1 Blackburn Rovers 0

By our standard this wasn't a good performance even though we did enough to earn our two points. Terry Conroy once again was our scorer — he's popping them in regularly of late. The one bright spot to come out of the game was the debut of Trevor Brissett at right-back. He played really well and shows great promise for the future.

Stoke City 1 Leeds United 0

This game was so different from the Blackburn one that it was hard to believe that it was the same team playing. Leeds couldn't have complained if they had been beaten by half a dozen goals. In fact we scored only one — by Jeff Cook. It secures our second place in the league however and the performance of our side was terrific. Everything we have worked hard at worked out and it gave me great personal satisfaction. A pity more spectators didn't come to give us the support we deserved.

MID-STAFFS LEAGUE

Swynnerton 2 Stoke City 'B' 2

Swynnerton are always a difficult team to play against but we did really well and in the end were a shade unfortunate not to win.

Scorers: Simon Bullock and Stephen Bould.

Stoke City 'B' 8 Michelin F.C. 1

Our lads found this a very easy game (as the score suggests). Michelin are nowhere as strong as in previous years and we coasted home.

Scorers: Michael Biddle (4), Ian Miller, Simon Bullock, David Needham and an own goal.

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"If at first you don't succeed . . .". Jeff Cook must have been reminded of the maxim that applies just as much in football when he made his first appearance for the reserves last Monday since his return from Bradford City.

Cook might easily have come back with a six goal bang. But after missing five reasonable chances he finally tucked away opportunity number six to snatch the winner against Leeds United and keep the reserves on course to finish the season in second place behind Liverpool.

NOTEBOOKS OUT?

But Cook's speed and control on a greasy surface must have had the League scouts making a note as the reserve side attract the attention of a growing number of clubs for their consistent displays.

The reserve team has been so settled recently that there has been little opportunity to blood some of the 'A' team youngsters at this late stage.

TREVOR BRISSETT—A NAME TO NOTE

But teenage right-back Trevor Brissett, coming in for flu-hit John Marsh, took the chance to show his potential for the future. He made an impressive debut against Blackburn and

repeated his mature-like performance against Leeds.

Brissett's speed in recovery and use of the ball stamp him as a contender for the club's Young Player of the Year award although he has only just come into the spotlight.



TREVOR BRISSETT



ANDY MORGAN



LEE CHAPMAN

YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR CONTENDERS

Voting is likely to be close for the Young Player award. Goalkeeper Peter Fox has had a consistent season while Adrian Heath has been knocking on the first-team door for his midfield energy and vision. Only the fact that the seniors have been involved in the promotion battle has prevented him from more outings.

Then Andy Morgan has come through to gain a Welsh Youth cap in a defensive role and has made his mark in a variety of roles for the reserves. Paul Johnson has also pushed hard for the number three spot in the first team and has shown promise also in a midfield capacity for the reserves while Lee Chapman has held his Central League place in his first season as a professional to understudy 'Big Bren'.

HOSPITAL VISIT

Denis Smith and Garth Crooks took a break from promotion pressures to give 12-year-old Stoke fanatic Mandy Hughes an unforgettable post-operation tonic.

Mandy was trying so hard not to take too much notice of the pain after an appendicitis operation at the City General as she recalled how often one of her heroes, Denis Smith, never complained when he had to have stitches.

Mandy and her elder sister Karen of Etruria never miss a home game normally so a hospital bedside visit from the Stoke pair who are Mandy's favourite players really cheered her up.

THIS IS PAUL TO RUBBER DUCK!

Paul Randall is the latest player to pass his driving test. Now apprentice Chris Smith is hoping to follow suit after failing on his first attempt.

All records played are kindly supplied to the Club by Mike Lloyd Music.



STOKE STATS

LEAGUE TABLE DIVISION TWO

	Home					Away					
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts
Brighton	36	13	3	2	37 10	6	6	6	23 23	47	
Stoke City	36	10	5	3	33 15	8	9	1	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 Utd.	34	11	5	2	41 12	5	6	2	21 42		
Notts County	34	8	7	1	22 12	5	6	7	23 39	39	
Orient	37	11	4	3	32 15	3	4	12	18 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 23	35	
Cambridge United	36	5	10	3	20 13	4	6	8	19 31	34	
Preston North End	34	6	9	2	27 16	3	3	12	13 21	33	
Newcastle United	33	11	2	5	26 20	2	8	11	18 32		
Leicester City	36	5	7	6	25 24	5	5	8	31 36	32	
Charlton Athletic	33	9	6	3	32 21	2	4	9	10 27	32	
Bristol Rovers	35	10	3	5	41 21	2	3	12	11 27	30	
Wrexham	29	8	6	2	26 11	2	3	8	9 17	29	
Sheffield United	34	8	4	5	29 19	1	6	10	13 33	28	
Cardiff City	32	7	3	4	21 20	3	3	12	17 43	26	
Oldham Athletic	33	4	7	4	18 20	3	4	11	16 36	25	
Millwall	31	5	2	8	16 21	3	3	10	15 25	21	
Blackburn Rovers	33	3	7	6	18 22	3	2	12	14 36	21	

DIVISION TWO HOT SHOTS

(including FA and League Cup)	
ROBSON, West Ham	24
BRUCE, Preston	24
ROWELL, Sunderland	22
BILEY, Cambridge	21
CROSS, West Ham	17
RANDALL, Stoke City	17
ROBINSON, Charlton	17
FLANAGAN, Charlton	16
GUTHRIE, Fulham	15
STEIN, Luton	15
NOBLE, Burnley	14
O'CALLAGHAN, Stoke City	14
CROOKS, Stoke City	13
HATTON, Luton	13
WINTER, Notts County	13

DIVISION TWO STATISTICS

BEST GATES:	
10-3-79 West Ham v Brighton 35,802	
14-10-79 Sunderland v Newcastle 35,405	
LOWEST GATES:	
9-12-78 Cambridge Utd v Oldham 4,663	
30-12-78 Oldham v Charlton 4,191	
HIGHEST HOME WIN:	
16-9-78 Luton Town 7 Cardiff 1	
HIGHEST AWAY WIN:	
2-9-78 Millwall 1 Brighton 4	
18-11-78 Blackburn 3 Notts County 4	
24-2-79 Newcastle 1 Sunderland 4	
26-2-79 Luton Town 1 West Ham 4	
28-2-79 Blackburn 1 Cardiff 4	
10-3-79 Charlton 2 Millwall 4	
Up to and including Tues. 10th April 1979	

1978	DIVISION TWO	Att.	F A
Aug. 19	A Cambridge United	7,485	1-0
Aug. 23	H MILLWALL	18,006	2-0
Aug. 26	A Sunderland (LC 2)	12,368	2-0
Sept. 2	A Oldham Athletic	11,297	1-1
Sept. 9	A Orient	6,587	1-0
Sept. 16	A Preston North End	14,057	1-0
Sept. 23	H BRIGHTON & HOVE	22,203	2-2
Sept. 30	H CRYSTAL PALACE	19,070	1-1
Oct. 3	H Northampton (LC 3)	11,235	3-1
Oct. 7	A Fulham	12,531	0-2
Oct. 14	A BURNLEY	18,437	3-1
Oct. 21	A West Ham United	27,858	1-1
Oct. 28	H SHEFFIELD UNITED	21,282	2-1
Nov. 4	A Sunderland	25,170	1-0
Nov. 11	A Charlton LC4	18,667	3-2
Nov. 18	A CAMBRIDGE UNITED	19,017	1-3
Nov. 25	A Millwall	6,928	0-3
Nov. 25	H OLDHAM ATHLETIC	17,170	4-0
Dec. 2	H Blackburn Rovers (1)	10,841	2-2
Dec. 9	H LEICESTER CITY	15,950	0-0
Dec. 9	A Newcastle United	23,477	0-2
Dec. 13	H WATFORD (LC 5)	26,070	0-0
Dec. 16	H WREXHAM (2)	18,351	3-0
Dec. 16	A Bristol Rovers	7,897	0-0
Dec. 26	H CHARLTON ATHLETIC	20,846	2-2
Dec. 30	H NOTTS COUNTY	21,393	2-0
Jan. 9	A Watford (LC 5 R.)	21,419	1-3
Jan. 15	A OLDHAM (FAC 3)	16,189	0-1
Jan. 20	A Brighton & Hove	23,045	0-1
Feb. 6	A Luton Town	6,420	0-0
Feb. 10	A Crystal Palace	23,313	1-1
Feb. 24	A Burnley	13,756	3-0
Feb. 28	H PRESTON NORTH END	18,177	1-1
Mar. 3	H WEST HAM UNITED	24,912	2-0
Mar. 10	A Sheffield United (6)	20,512	3-0
Mar. 14	A Orient	10,512	3-0
Mar. 24	H Cardiff City	14,869	3-1
Mar. 27	H SUNDERLAND	24,024	0-1
Mar. 31	H BLACKBURN ROV. (SF)	17,020	1-2
Apr. 4	H FULHAM	15,243	2-0
Apr. 7	A Leicester City	17,502	1-1
Apr. 14	A Charlton Athletic		
Apr. 16	H LUTON TOWN		
Apr. 17	H BRISTOL ROVERS		
Apr. 21	A Wrexham		
Apr. 28	H NEWCASTLE UNITED		
May 5	A Notts County		
May 12	F.A. Cup Final		

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES

	FA				FA		
	App	FLC	Gls		App	FLC	Gls
Bowers	5(10)	2	5	Kendall	36	8	3
Buaby	2(2)	1(1)	5	Marsh	25	3	1
Conroy	3(2)	1(1)	5	McGroarty	3	2	1
Cook	(2)	—	—	O'Callaghan	34(1)	6	14
Crooks	34(1)	5(11)	13	Randall	14	—	17*
Dodd	28(4)	6	1	Richardson	34	6	5
Doyle	36	5	1	Sheldon	(1)	—	—
Fox	1	—	—	Scott	31(1)	4	—
Heath	1(1)	2	2	Smith	33	6	3
Irvine	35	5	8	Waddington	2	—	—
Johnson P	7(1)	—	—	Owen Goals	—	—	—
Jones	35	6	—				

*13 for Bristol Rovers

1978	CENTRAL LEAGUE	F A
Aug. 19	H BOLTON	1-0
Aug. 23	A Derby County	1-4
Aug. 26	A Wolverhampton	2-0
Sept. 2	H ASTON VILLA	0-0
Sept. 9	H BURY	1-0
Sept. 16	A Sheffield Wed.	3-2
Sept. 19	A Coventry City	3-3
Sept. 23	A PRESTON N. E.	2-0
Sept. 30	A Everton	3-1
Oct. 7	H NOTT'M FOREST	1-4
Oct. 14	H Huddersfield	1-0
Oct. 21	H MANCHESTER UTD.	4-1
Oct. 28	A Burnley	1-0
Nov. 4	H SHEFFIELD UTD.	1-0
Nov. 11	A Bolton	2-2
Nov. 18	H WOLVERHAMPTON	2-2
Nov. 22	A Aston Villa	1-4
Nov. 28	A Liverpool	1-2
Dec. 9	H WEST BROMWICH	3-3
1979		
Jan. 1	H LIVERPOOL	1-1
Feb. 13	A Bury	1-1
Feb. 20	A Preston North End	2-1
Feb. 21	A Blackburn Rovers	2-0
Feb. 24	H HUDDERSFIELD	4-0
Mar. 3	A Manchester United	1-0
Mar. 10	H BURNLEY	2-1
Mar. 21	H EVERTON	2-1
Mar. 24	H DERBY COUNTY	2-0
Mar. 26	A Blackpool	1-1
Mar. 31	A Leeds United	0-0
April 2	A Nottingham Forest	0-2
April 7	H BLACKBURN ROV.	1-0
April 9	H LEEDS UNITED	1-0
April 11	A Newcastle Utd.	1-0
April 13	A COVENTRY CITY	0-0
April 19	A Sheffield Utd.	3-1
April 21	H BLACKPOOL	3-1
April 25	A Manchester City	3-1
April 28	A West Bromwich A	1-2
April 30	A SHEFFIELD WED.	1-2
May 5	H MANCHESTER CITY	1-0
May 12	H NEWCASTLE UTD.	1-0

APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS

SECOND TEAM					
App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
Barron	(1)	—	Johnson P.	22	1
Bowers	31	1	Johnson P. A.	23	1
Bracewell	(1)	—	Lewis	22(1)	—
Brissett	2	—	Marsh	4	—
Busby	5	3	McGroarty	25(1)	3
Chapman	28(1)	8	Morgan	21(2)	5
Cook	17(2)	12	Nelson	(1)	—
Conroy	17	7	Pejic	28(1)	—
Dodd	3	—	Sheldon	4(2)	—
Fenton	8(2)	—	Simpson	11	1
Fox	32	—	Thorley	18	—
Heath	29	8	Trussan	2	1



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TEAMS - SCORES

STOKE CITY

Red and white striped shirts, white shorts

- 1 Roger JONES
- 2 Alan DODD
- 3 Geoff SCOTT
- 4 Howard KENDALL
- 5 Denis SMITH
- 6 Mike DOYLE
- 7 Paul RANDALL
- 8 Sammy IRVINE
- 9 Brendan O'CALLAGHAN
- 10 Garth CROOKS
- 11 Paul RICHARDSON
- 12

LUTON TOWN

Orange and navy shirts, white shorts

- 1 Jake FINDLAY
- 2 Kirk STEPHENS
- 3 Mark AIZLEWOOD
- 4 Mel DONAGHY
- 5 Forbes PHILLIPSON-MASTERS
- 6 David CARR
- 7 Ricky HILL
- 8 Alan WEST
- 9 Brian STEIN
- 10 Bob HATTON
- 11 David MOSS
- 12

Referee: A. CHALLINOR, Maltby

Linesmen: D. ENEFER, Wolverhampton—Red Flag
B. DAVIES, Ruthin—Yellow Flag

Arsenal v Chelsea

Aston Villa v Liverpool

Everton v Bolton

Ipswich v Derby County

Manchester Utd. v Coventry

Nott'm Forest v Leeds Utd.

Southampton v Tottenham

Wolves v Norwich City

Brighton v Bristol Rovers

Burnley v Wrexham

Fulham v Orient

Oldham v Leicester City

Preston v Newcastle

Sunderland v Blackburn

West Ham v Cardiff

Huddersfield v Port Vale



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