

Cardiff City

Season 1978-79

Football League

Division Two

Cardiff City

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- 12

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1959, 1964, 1965, 1967

1968, 1969, 1970, 1971

1973, 1974, 1976

Welsh League

Champions —

1966-67 1967-68

1969-70 1971-72

Football League Cup

Semi-finalists — 1965-66

European

Cup Winner's Cup

Semi-finalists — 1967-68

NINIAN NEWS

APRIL 25, 1979

Bluebirds Journal No. 19

Bluebirds Journal is already thinking about next season. We have just one aim: to provide to you with the best possible service in match day programmes. Now, to do that better than ever in 1979-80, we need your help.

For the games against Bristol Rovers and West Ham next month, we will be inserting a questionnaire. This will seek your views on what you would like to see in next season's programmes.

Almost all the letters we receive from supporters are highly complimentary — as they are, too, from visiting supporters. Our policy is to provide a good pre-match 'read' with as much feature material as we can pack into the programme.

We are well aware that some clubs, especially those in the First Division, produce brilliantly designed colour programmes. We would like to do that ourselves and hope to move in this direction . . . but colour printing is vastly expensive.

We know from comments that arrive from all over the country that our reading material wins a high rating for being informative and wide ranging — but that does not mean we are in any way complacent. So please fill in these questionnaires shortly and give us plenty to think about!

There is quite a keen race building up between **John Buchanan** and **Gary Stevens** to finish as City's top scorer. John did it last season for the first time in his career and now has the extra advantage of being first choice penalty taker.

"The main factor in taking a penalty is to give the ball pace," says last Saturday's hat-trick hero who possesses one of the hardest shots in football. "These days most goalkeepers seem to anticipate the referee's whistle by coming out a yard or two and then diving to one side or the other."

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MATCH
VERDICT

Everyone knew very quickly after our victory over Sheffield United that this was our biggest win of the season: what I would like to add to the four goal scoreline and the brilliant hat-trick from John Buchanan is something about the attitude which produced this victory.

Before the City side took the pitch, every player knew exactly the importance of the 90 minutes ahead of him. What was tremendously encouraging for coach Brian Harris and myself was seeing how badly they wanted to win.

So much so, in fact, that neither of us had to push them: their attitude was perfect. I believe that the supporters appreciated this from the start and that win over United must have meant as much to them as it did to the players.

I am sure that the same approach will feature in our performance this evening. Luton need the points just as much as we need them: it will once again be like a cup final for both of us because there is so much at stake. It is also significant that this fixture is our game in hand over several clubs: another win will lift us further away from trouble.

As supporters will know, too, I am signing a two year contract with Cardiff City. The same length of contract is being offered to Brian and to Dave Elliott who is in charge of reserve and youth team football. As I said on Saturday evening, we all regard the last few months as just a starting point.

We have made considerable progress; but there is still a great deal more to do . . . first of which remains, of course, securing our Second Division status. I am not signing with any kind of promise or prediction. I will be judged by the football we play on the pitch and by our results.

I sincerely believe, however, that we can improve the fortunes of this club, the only one I've ever worked for or played for—and the only one I've ever wanted to pay my wages. Brian feels just the same and rates highly our prospects once we can turn the corner of this season's long fight against dropping into the Third Division.



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Doubts – but Ray is happier now

RAY BISHOP scored his first goal as a City midfield player with that superbly struck equaliser at West Ham last week. For him, it represented another stride towards accepting his new role in the City side—using his pace and control to attack from deep positions.

After Ray had demonstrated his class and speed so successfully in the victory over Brighton, manager Richie Morgan said: "We are convinced that playing him wide in midfield is his best position . . . but Ray is not sure himself about it yet."

Then he explained later to *Bluebirds Journal*: "When you have been an out and out striker, you come to relish the glamour and excitement of scoring goals. It is not easy for Ray to change his spots but he is working very hard at the job we've given him."

Coach Brian Harris adds: "Instead of playing with his back to the opposing goal — as front men do a lot of the time — Ray can see space opening up before him when he is operating from midfield. He has proved that he has the quickness and close control skill to make the most of chances like this."

"I am beginning to enjoy midfield more and more as I get used to the different approach," agrees Ray. "I certainly like to see room in front of me because making the most of these kind of openings is my game. But I've a lot of work to put in before I can really call myself a midfield player."

"For instance, I'm not happy about the way I use my left foot. My crossing is not good enough yet; nor is my overall use of the final ball. But I certainly enjoyed taking that goal at West Ham!"

In fact, Ray's early years in football were always in midfield. "I played there between eight and 18," he confirms, "and won caps for Boys Clubs of Wales and United Kingdom Boys Clubs."

"It was only when I went into Welsh League football with Tredomen that I switched to central striker. They were short in that position so I took over and have played there ever since: for Ton Pentre, for Cheltenham in the Southern League and for Brighton reserves during my six weeks on trial there."

Brian Harris sees this current change of position as nothing but beneficial to Ray's future. "It always helps players to have two strings to their bow. The wider their insight into other positions, the greater use they become to their clubs and the greater their own prospects."



● An intriguing picture from City's win over Brighton which stresses the pace and alertness of Ray Bishop. Peter Sayer—one of the quickest players produced at Ninian Park—is left in the wake of his successor in the City side.

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Luton squad which has been rebuilt by manager David Pleat

Goalkeepers:

ALAN JUDGE — Spotted playing in schoolboy soccer in Hertfordshire, this young goalkeeper has made rapid strides since being signed as an apprentice, summer, 1976. Upgraded to junior professional within a year, and now putting on the pressure in his ambition to break into the League side.

JAKE FINDLAY — A recent Luton signing — and one of their most expensive at £100,000. Following the transfer of Milija Aleksic to Spurs, Luton moved immediately for this Scottish-born goalkeeper who had made 14 First Division appearances for Aston Villa. Now settling in impressively at Kenilworth Road and producing brilliant reflex saves to back up his safe handling and sound positional sense.

Defenders:

PAUL PRICE — Luton's longest serving player. This son of Welsh-born parents has been a model professional since being recruited from youth soccer in 1971. Consistent performances in junior and reserve teams marked him out as an exciting prospect, but his path to the top had to overcome near-tragedy. On the verge of League football in 1974 he broke his leg: then fought his way back to fitness, only to break it for a second time. The second come-back was permanent, however, and Price has been a regular member of Luton's side for the past three years.

DAVID CARR — Spotted by a Luton scout near his home town of Margate, full-back Carr joined Luton when he left school at 16 in 1973. Can play equally well in the back four or mid-field, but made his major breakthrough last season when he made the left-back position his own after Luton sold Steve Buckley to Derby County.

STEVE SHERLOCK — One of nine new players who joined Luton in the hectic first four months of David Pleat's reign as manager. Served his football apprenticeship with Manchester City and, in 80 Central League games for them, was being watched carefully by a number of clubs. Luton stepped in when City allowed him to leave in May 1978.

MARK AIZLEWOOD — See special feature.

MAL DONAGHY — Glasgow Celtic, Queen's Park Rangers, Sheffield United and Wolves were all interested in the future of Northern Ireland under-21 international Donaghy in the summer of 1978. But Luton were first off the mark, secured his transfer from Larne, and manager Pleat rates the centre-half one of the best young players ever to come into the English game.

FORBES PHILLIPSON-MASTERS — On loan from Southampton until the end of the season. A powerful 6 foot 1 inch central defender who has played several League games for Southampton and been to two other clubs in previous loan deals—to Exeter and to his home town club Bournemouth. Has taken over from Chris Turner who has moved to American football.

KIRK STEPHENS — Luton manager David Pleat's knowledge of non-league football paid handsome dividends when he signed Stephens, a promising right-back with Nuneaton in the Southern League. Pleat was once manager at Nuneaton and one of his first moves after taking charge at Luton was to go back to his old club to sign Stephens for a bargain £5,000. Stephens immediately forced his way into Luton's first team squad.

Midfield:

ALAN WEST — A brilliant creative player in mid-field, West was one of the many young stars to come from Burnley. An England under-23 international, he moved to Luton in October 1973 for £100,000, and is still one of the best long-ball passers in the game today.

RICKY HILL — A mid-field player or immense talent, Hill was signed as an apprentice from schoolboy football in North London as a 16-year-old. Within a year his delicate ball skills and explosive shooting had earned him place in Luton's league side while still only 17. Now 20, he has been capped by England at youth level.

JOHN LUCAS — Luton thought they had missed out when mid-fielder Lucas, a Welsh schoolboy international, turned down their approaches when he left school at 16. He went to Manchester United instead, but within a year, in June 1978, he decided that his prospects might after all be better elsewhere — and Luton got their man after all.

Forwards:

GODFREY INGRAM — A product of Luton's schoolboy and youth teams, Ingram became a regular member of Luton's reserve side while still 16. His combination of effortless speed and powerful shooting gave him an England Schools international cap. Became an apprentice in the summer of 1976, a junior professional within 12 months, and a member of Luton's league squad a year later.

GARY HEALE — Made the breakthrough into Second Division football last season after being with Luton since leaving school. A good target man in attack, he decided to take his chance with Luton despite approaches from Tottenham, and marked his League debut with a goal. Highlight of his career so far was when he scored twice at Old Trafford last season as Luton took Manchester City to a second replay in the Football League Cup.

DAVID MOSS — Respected throughout the game as a model clubman, Moss gave sterling service to Swindon in the Third Division before moving up a division last summer. He was their leading scorer and Luton liked his pace and accuracy. His £110,000 transfer was a major part of David Pleat's rebuilding operation last close season.

BOB HATTON — One of the most experienced strikers in the game, Luton moved quickly to secure the signature of Hatton in the close season. Had proved that he could score goals in any division in service with Birmingham, Carlisle and Blackpool, and his disappointment at Blackpool's relegation to the Third Division was cancelled out when Luton's £50,000 cheque took him back up to the Second.

ALAN BIRCHENALL — This tall striker is also on loan until the end of the season. Experienced and always dangerous—especially in the air—he won four England Under-23 caps between 1966 and 1968 while playing First Division football for Chelsea and Sheffield United. More recently with Blackburn before he came to Luton.

STEVEN TAYLOR — Luton's newest arrival following a £60,000 deal with Oldham. Although with a modest amount of experience, Taylor has proved himself to be a natural goalscorer. Started with Bolton and scored 16 League goals in his 40 appearances for the Wanderers — plus two in four matches while on loan to Port Vale. A £38,000 move to Oldham brought an immediate return as he scored 20 goals in 32 League games last season to become their top scorer.



Front row: K. Gutteridge, P. Fuccillo, A. West, R. Hatton, D. Pleat, R. Hill, P. Boersma (now with Swansea), R. Johnson (now with Wealdstone).

Middle row: M. Aizlewood, J. McNichol (now with Brentford), G. Jones, M. Aleksic (now with Spurs), C. Turner (now in U.S.A.), P. Price, M. Donaghy.

Back row: G. Ingram, K. Stephens, B. Stein, D. Moss, D. Carr, S. Sherlock.

Difficult days for troubled Luton

Luton Town are experiencing a season of switchback form. Their high point in the Second Division came with a 6-0 home beating of Notts County last October—it was the latest in a series of runaway wins at Kenilworth Road and one which took them into fourth place.

They had hammered Oldham 6-1 on the opening day of the season; trounced Charlton 3-0; lashed Cardiff 7-1. So it seemed as if the demolition of Notts County would herald a genuine promotion challenge in the months that followed . . . instead the decline was immediate and they are now battling against relegation!

Since then they have won only six of their 25 Second Division matches—they drew at home to Brighton last Saturday—and suffered some damaging defeats at Kenilworth Road: yet, at the same time, they advanced into the quarter-finals of the League Cup.

Inconsistent Luton accomplished this feat by beating Wigan and Crewe at home; then scoring an outstanding 2-0 win at Aston Villa before going out at Leeds. In the F.A. Cup, however, they suffered the blow of a 0-2 defeat in a visit to Fourth Division York City.

To add to their troubles, the gifted midfield expertise of Pasquale Fuccillo is not available to hard working young manager David Pleat: Fuccillo broke his leg and his contribution to the side has been badly missed.

It is a testing time for Pleat who has engaged in some whirlwind transfer market activity in his short spell in charge. Last season—after another good start—Luton slipped to within a point of the relegation zone and Pleat's response was positive: he carried out the biggest shake-up of players in the club's history.

His transfer turn-over approached £900,000 in eight months with four players sold and nine new faces introduced.

Recently there has been another spurt of cheque signings: this time striker Steven Taylor and goalkeeper Jake Findlay have been brought to the club for a combined tally of £160,000.

Few managers in football can have been thrust into their jobs more dramatically than Pleat. As a player he had played on the wing for England Youth and Nottingham Forest, and then had three seasons with Luton.

In 1975, Luton Town hired him for the second time in his life, to be coach to the reserve side. Events really moved rapidly a couple of years later. In December 1975, Luton's first team coach Roy McCrohan left to take a job in the U.S.A., and Pleat moved up into his job.

Within two months Luton lost manager Harry Haslam to Sheffield United and asked the 33-year-old Pleat to take charge. Since then he has not spared himself in his determination to rebuild Luton.

Newport's record 'export' shines for 'Hatters'

Mark Aizlewood is undoubtedly one of the up and coming names of Welsh football. Wales manager Mike Smith selected him for the Under-21 international against England at Swansea last February and this capable young player took his chance with style, confidence and obvious ability.

The tall, 19-year-old defender and a former Wales Youth skipper is one of Welsh football's record exports. When former Newport County manager Colin Addison sold him to Luton last March, the fee was £50,000 — shattering the Gwent club's old record by £35,000.

Ironically, that previous best figure of £15,000 had been set by Mark's elder brother, Steve, when he left Somerton Park to join Swindon Town exactly two years earlier.

Luton manager David Pleat is delighted by the progress that the younger Aizlewood has made since last year's transfer. "Obviously he is an outstanding prospect for the future of our club. From the moment that he arrived at Kenilworth Road, Mark has been justifying the potential that we saw in him.

"He started the season playing alongside the centre-half but then moved to left-back and has been playing soundly there ever since!

"For such a young player, he 'reads' the game remarkably well and has so many other assets which are standing him in increasingly good stead: he has a beautifully controlled left foot, tremendous determination and great enthusiasm for the game. Mark is plainly a quality player."

French trip 'a tremendous investment'

From Bobby Woodruff

Bobby Woodruff and Harry Parsons, in charge of the 15 strong City Youth squad which travelled to the Roubaix Junior International Tournament in Northern France at Easter, voted the experience "a tremendous investment in the future of our young players".

Bobby, the former City attacking player now in charge of the Welsh League side, says: "It taught them a great deal in a few days. It showed that their levels of skill matched those of young players from clubs like Benfica and PSV Eindhoven; it made them realise that their fitness was as good if not better than that of Continental sides; it gave them the taste of cut throat competition in front of big crowds; it broadened their horizons."

City started promisingly with two goals from Bob Sherman producing a 2-0 success against Bordeaux. Then they drew 0-0 with Benfica, lost 0-1 to Lens and drew 0-0 with Waregem (the last two sides coming from Belgium).

"The decisive result was the defeat by Lens," explains Bobby. "Until that point, we had fancied ourselves to reach the final—but we gave away a silly goal when we had the game well in hand.

"The trouble with going a goal down was that the games were 20 minutes each way. This was necessary because of the number of matches which had to be fitted in but it meant that there was not a lot of time to put right a losing situation.

"That meant that we missed out on winning our group and did not score enough goals to be involved in the play off for third place. Instead, we took on Aarhus, a Danish side, in the play off for fifth place and outplayed them in a 2-0 victory.

"Our goals came from Paul Giles and Chris Guy and, as supporters will know, Paul's goal won him the award for scoring the best goal of the entire tournament.

"The closeness of the competition (and an accurate reflection of the way we played) is illustrated by the fact that Aarhus only just lost by the only goal to the eventual winners, the Algerian national junior side.

"The atmosphere was something very different for all of our players. They played under pressure because they knew that a defeat was virtually sudden death in this kind of competition; they also attracted crowds of between 5,000 — 6,000. All in all, it was very worthwhile."



Paul proudly holds the trophy he won for the tournament's best goal. "Just about every player in the side had a touch," he said. "I came into the move with a pass from Tony Parsons and then played a 'one-two' with Paul Davies.

"When I took the return ball, I whacked it with my right foot and it rocketed past the goalkeeper from 25 yards."

Paul earned a cup of a very different sort on the hovercraft back home. The seas were so rough that the only flight that got away from Calais was the one on which City's squad were passengers.

"Paul was the only one not sea sick — and, to cap it all, the only one able to drink a cup of tea in the cafeteria!" explains an admiring Harry Parsons. . . . a man previously thought to have the stomach for any occasion.

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HERE NEXT . . .

Wed., 2nd May: Combination	CITY v. LEICESTER CITY	2 p.m.
Sat., 5th May: Division 2	CITY v. BURNLEY	3 p.m.
Mon., 7th May: Division 2	CITY v. BRISTOL ROVERS	7 p.m.

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Match Action: Pick of the pix from City v. Brighton



• In goes the equaliser. Gary Stevens levels the scores against Brighton with this outstretched left foot shot that comfortably beats the sprawling Eric Potts. This goal took Gary into double figures as a League goalscorer in his first season of top class football.



• Gary's hard working partner Ronnie Moore is not quite so lucky with this attempt — but, of course, it was his goal in the last couple of minutes which sealed City's best win of the season. In this action shot, Potts comes off his line fast enough to parry Ronnie's challenge.



• A fierce tackle from Colin Sullivan shuts out the dangerous Teddy Maybank in some goalmouth action at the other end of the pitch. As Rod Thomas patrols alongside to shut out the waiting Peter Sayer, Colin makes sure that Brighton's striker does not get a second chance.

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YOUTH TEAM RACE TOWARDS TITLE

from Dave Elliott

Our youngsters are closing in on the title of the South Wales and Wessex Youth League — but their 100 per cent record is over. They dropped a point to Bath City in a 1-1 draw with their poorest display of the season.

Although Bath needed the last seconds of the game to score their equaliser to a Tony Parsons goal, it was a faltering performance in which only Paul Davies, playing in the experimental position of centre-half, and goalkeeper Mario Anzani emerged with much credit.

The surefire answer to this kind of form is to hit back with a vengeance. This is exactly what our youngsters achieved on Sunday with an outstanding 7-0 hammering of Exeter City. It was only one-sided because we made it that way — on their own ground earlier this season Exeter gave us a tremendous fight before losing 3-2.

In the first Division of the Welsh League, the battle for promotion is keen. There was a 0-0 draw against Aberaman on Saturday and only the woodwork prevented us from victory. John Lewis — in fine form — hit the post twice and Gerry Bryne drove a shot against the bar.

With three to be promoted to the Premier division, it is obviously going to be a desperately close finish. One factor is encouraging for Cardiff: we have suffered fewer defeats than any other team and there is a fierce determination among our players.

In a Combination game, we lost 1-2 at Hereford. This was not one of our best performances considering that we fielded a strong side. A great deal of our football was well constructed up to the point of making the final ball and then we lapsed.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	35	25	5	5	91	38	55
Ipswich Town	30	22	5	3	69	25	49
West Ham United	33	21	7	5	71	34	49
Queens Park Rangers	28	19	6	3	60	31	44
Norwich City	32	17	9	6	63	31	43
Fulham	36	16	10	10	64	44	42
Chelsea	33	14	10	9	70	44	38
Bristol City	34	15	7	12	52	60	37
Southampton	33	14	8	11	56	40	36
Bristol Rovers	32	14	7	11	56	53	35
Arsenal	34	10	14	10	49	40	34
Plymouth Argyle	36	12	8	16	51	63	34
Crystal Palace	35	8	15	12	46	49	31
Cardiff City	36	12	6	18	48	65	30
Birmingham City	33	8	11	14	31	42	27
Hereford United	35	8	10	17	43	69	26
Oxford United	33	10	5	18	56	60	25
Swindon Town	30	6	9	15	29	57	21
Luton Town	32	7	5	20	28	57	19
Leicester City	31	5	8	18	34	59	18
Reading	29	7	3	19	36	85	17
Orient	34	6	4	24	32	83	16

WELSH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Maesteg Park	27	19	4	4	42
B.P. (Llandarcy)	30	16	9	5	41
Bridgend Town	30	16	6	8	38
Cardiff City	28	12	13	3	37
Briton Ferry	30	14	8	8	36
Abercynon	26	14	6	6	34
Spencer Works	29	14	5	10	33
Blaenavon	29	12	7	10	31
Blaenrhondda	28	10	11	7	31
Haverfordwest	29	11	8	10	30
Taffs Well	30	11	7	12	29
Morriston	29	10	8	11	28
Aberaman	28	8	8	12	24
Cwmbran Town	31	8	8	15	24
Caerleon	29	8	5	16	21
Port Talbot	33	7	4	22	18
Garw Athletic	27	5	4	18	14
Pontardawe	30	5	3	22	13

SOUTH WALES AND WESSEX YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Cardiff City	11	10	1	0	41	6	21
Hereford	7	6	0	1	26	3	12
Cheltenham	8	6	0	2	29	9	12
Torquay	5	1	1	3	7	13	3
Exeter	8	1	1	6	10	24	3
Mangots	5	1	1	3	6	16	3
Bath	4	1	1	2	7	9	3
Minehead	7	1	0	6	8	27	2
Bridgend	5	0	1	4	3	14	1

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HOW TODAY'S RIVALS STAND . . .

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	Home L	F	A	W	Away D	L	F	A	Pts.
Stoke City	40	11	6	3	35	15	8	9	3	22	16	53
Brighton & Hove Albion	40	15	3	2	42	10	6	7	7	25	27	52
Sunderland	39	12	3	4	32	15	8	8	4	29	24	51
Crystal Palace	39	10	7	2	26	11	6	12	2	20	13	51
West Ham United	37	11	6	2	42	13	6	6	6	23	21	46
Notts County	38	8	9	1	22	12	6	6	8	25	43	43
Burnley	36	11	6	2	31	20	3	5	9	18	32	39
Fulham	38	9	7	4	32	19	3	7	8	14	24	38
Orient	40	11	5	4	32	17	3	5	12	18	33	38
Preston North End	38	7	10	2	34	19	3	7	9	20	34	37
Cambridge United	39	6	10	4	21	15	4	6	9	19	33	36
Newcastle United	37	11	3	4	29	21	3	4	12	13	30	35
Bristol Rovers	37	10	6	4	34	22	2	4	11	10	32	34
Wrexham	33	9	6	3	28	13	2	5	8	10	18	33
Luton Town	38	10	5	5	44	24	2	4	12	11	27	33
Leicester City	38	7	7	6	28	23	2	8	8	12	24	33
Charlton Athletic	40	5	8	7	26	28	5	5	10	31	39	33
Cardiff City	36	9	3	4	28	21	3	5	12	20	46	32
Sheffield United	37	8	5	5	30	20	2	6	11	16	38	31
Oldham Athletic	37	6	7	4	25	21	3	6	11	16	36	31
Millwall	34	6	2	8	18	21	3	5	10	18	28	25
Blackburn Rovers	37	3	8	7	20	25	4	2	13	15	41	24

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City almost lost Andrew on holiday

Andrew Wood is the talented young player whom Cardiff City almost lost — because he went away on holiday! "I'd had a trial for City," says this 16 year old ground staff youngster, "but did not hear anything immediately. Then I went away to Colchester to spend a few days with a friend.

"He was as keen on football as me and had fixed up to have a trial with Colchester while I was staying with him. I went along with him for the fun of it, played in the same practice game . . . and was offered terms as an apprentice by their manager, Bobby Roberts, straight afterwards.

"I was completely taken by surprise but I said 'No thanks. I had a trial for Cardiff City just before I came away and I'm still waiting to hear from them'."

When Andrew returned, there was the news he had been hoping for: the chance to come onto the groundstaff at Ninian Park. "That was what I wanted above all. Colchester is a long way away!" he says.

Andrew, who comes from Caerleon, first played for Newport Y.M.C.A. and Gwent Schools. Then City's scouting system picked him up — but this club had to compete against Newport County for whom he also played a trial. City won the race and now Andrew is making impressive progress.

"I play anywhere in the back four but my favourite position is sweeper," says this tall, fair-haired young prospect. He has swiftly moved through the Youth and Welsh League sides since coming to Ninian Park nine months ago and recently made his Combination debut by playing against Plymouth and Southampton.



• Andrew Wood

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APPEARANCES AND GOALS — ALL TIME

	Total	League	Lg. Cup	F.A. Cup	Welsh Cup	ECWC
P. DWYER	326/35	262/28	11/1	15	32/5	6/1
F. PETHARD	210/2	159+10	7	3	24/2	7
A. LARMOUR	198/1	149+2	11	10	21/1	5
J. BUCHANAN	193/50	149+9/40	6+1/3	7+1/1	17+1/6	4
R. HEALEY	159	126	8	5	16	4
T. EVANS	153/65	114+4/47	6+1/6	8/4	12+2/7	6/1
A. CAMPBELL	135/2	110/2	9	2	9	5
K. PONTIN	92/1	68/1	5+2	2	10	2+1
S. GRAPES	90/3	66+5/2	3+1	3+1	9+1/1	0+1
R. BISHOP	66/16	45+9/13	1+2/1	2	6/2	0+1
R. THOMAS	45	35+3	2	1	4	0
G. STEVENS	30/12	26+2/11	0	0	2/1	0
D. ROBERTS	23/2	22/2	0	1	0	0
J. LEWIS	18	12+3	0	1	2	0
G. BYRNE	17	11+3	1	0	0	2
C. SULLIVAN	13	13	0	0	0	0
R. MOORE	12/2	12/2	0	0	0	0
L. JONES	8	8	0	0	0	0
J. DAVIES	4	4	0	0	0	0
T. MICALLEF	2	1+1	0	0	0	—
G. HARRIS	1	1	0	0	0	0

+ Indicates the number of appearances as substitute Figure after oblique indicates goals scored

APPEARANCES AND GOALS — SEASON 1978/79

	Total	League	Lg. Cup	F.A. Cup	Welsh Cup	ECWC
P. DWYER	39/5	34/4	2	1	2/1	—
A. CAMPBELL	37	34	2	1	0	—
J. BUCHANAN	35/16	30/14	2/1	0+1	2/1	—
R. BISHOP	33/6	23+5/5	1+1/1	1	2	—
R. HEALEY	31	26	2	1	2	—
K. PONTIN	30	27	0	1	2	—
G. STEVENS	30/12	26+2/11	0	0	2/1	—
T. EVANS	28/8	24+1/7	0	1	2/1	—
R. THOMAS	27	21+1	2	1	2	—
D. ROBERTS	23/2	22/2	0	1	0	—
S. GRAPES	22	18	1+1	0	2	—
F. PETHARD	22	14+5	2	0	1	—
A. LARMOUR	18	15	1	1	1	—
J. LEWIS	18	12+3	0	1	2	—
C. SULLIVAN	13	13	0	0	0	—
R. MOORE	12/2	12/2	0	0	0	—
L. JONES	8	8	0	0	0	—
J. DAVIES	4	4	0	0	0	—
G. BYRNE	2	2	0	0	0	—
T. MICALLEF	2	1+1	0	0	0	—
G. HARRIS	1	1	0	0	0	—

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ROLL CALL : CHART CITY'S PROGRESS IN THE SECOND DIVISION

date	fixture	res.	attendance pos.	Lge.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 19	PRESTON	2-2	7,812	—	Healey	Thomas	Pethard	Campbell	Went 1	Roberts	Giles	Burns	Dwyer 1	Bishop	Buchanan	Byrne
Aug. 26	Stoke City	0-2	16,005	—	Davies	Thomas	Pethard	Campbell	Went	Roberts	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Buchanan	Larmour
Aug. 26	OLDHAM ATH.	1-3	6,929	22	Davies	Thomas	Pethard	Campbell	Went	Roberts	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Buchanan	Attley (10)
Sept. 2	Bristol Rovers	2-4	6,855	22	Davies	Thomas	Pethard	Campbell	Pontin	Roberts	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Buchanan	Byrne
Sept. 9	CAMBRIDGE	1-0	6,154	22	Barber	Thomas	Pethard	Campbell	Pontin	Roberts	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Buchanan	Stevens (10)
Sept. 16	Luton Town	1-7	7,752	22	Barber	Thomas	Pethard	Campbell	Pontin	Roberts	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Buchanan	Bishop (5)
Sept. 23	BLACKBURN	2-0	6,248	20	Healey	Dwyer	Pethard	Campbell	Pontin	Larmour	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Lewis	Attley (8)
Sept. 30	Wrexham	2-1	11,766	17	Healey	Dwyer	Pethard	Campbell	Pontin	Larmour	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Lewis	Thomas (4)
Oct. 7	NOTTS CO.	2-3	7,974	19	Healey	Dwyer	Pethard	Campbell	Pontin	Larmour	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Lewis	Thomas
Oct. 14	Orient	2-2	6,064	19	Healey	Dwyer	Pethard	Campbell	Pontin	Larmour	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Lewis	Pethard (4)
Oct. 21	LEICESTER C.	1-0	8,791	15	Healey	Dwyer	Pethard	Campbell	Pontin	Larmour	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Lewis	Pethard (7)
Oct. 28	Newcastle	0-3	23,462	17	Healey	Dwyer	Pethard	Campbell	Pontin	Larmour	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Lewis	Pethard (6)
Nov. 4	CHARLTON	1-4	7,842	20	Healey	Dwyer	Pethard	Campbell	Pontin	Larmour	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Lewis	Bishop (7)
Nov. 11	Preston N.E.	1-2	9,268	20	Platt	Dwyer	Pethard	Campbell	Pontin	Larmour	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Lewis	Buchanan
Nov. 18	Oldham Ath.	1-2	5,356	21	Platt	Dwyer	Pethard	Campbell	Pontin	Larmour	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Lewis	Buchanan
Nov. 25	CRYSTAL PAL.	2-2	8,739	21	Platt	Dwyer	Pethard	Campbell	Pontin	Larmour	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Lewis	Buchanan
Dec. 2	Millwall	0-2	5,381	21	Platt	Dwyer	Pethard	Campbell	Pontin	Larmour	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Lewis	Pethard (9)
Dec. 9	SUNDERLAND	1-1	7,178	21	Healey	Dwyer	Pethard	Campbell	Pontin	Larmour	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Lewis	Pethard (7)
Dec. 16	Sheffield Utd.	1-2	11,913	22	Healey	Dwyer	Pethard	Campbell	Pontin	Larmour	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Lewis	Buchanan
Dec. 23	FULHAM	2-0	5,558	20	Healey	Thomas	Pethard	Campbell	Roberts 1	Larmour	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Lewis	Stevens (8)
Dec. 26	Brighton & H.	0-5	20,172	20	Healey	Thomas	Pethard	Campbell	Roberts	Larmour	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Lewis	Buchanan
Dec. 30	Burnley	0-0	9,807	20	Healey	Dwyer	Pethard	Campbell	Pontin	Larmour	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Lewis	Buchanan
Jan. 13	Cambridge Utd.	0-5	5,344	20	Healey	Attley	Pethard	Roberts	Pontin	Larmour	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Lewis	Lewis
Feb. 24	ORIENT	1-0	8,256	20	Healey	Jones	Sullivan	Campbell	Pontin	Dwyer	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Buchanan	Bishop (7)
Feb. 28	Blackburn Rov.	4-1	7,158	20	Healey	Jones	Sullivan	Campbell	Pontin	Dwyer	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Buchanan	Bishop
Mar. 3	Leicester City	2-1	12,820	18	Healey	Roberts	Sullivan	Campbell	Pontin	Dwyer	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Buchanan	Micallef
Mar. 10	NEWCASTLE	2-1	11,116	18	Healey	Jones	Sullivan	Campbell	Pontin	Dwyer	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Buchanan	Evans
Mar. 17	CHARLTON	1-1	5,658	18	Healey	Roberts	Sullivan	Campbell	Pontin	Dwyer	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Buchanan	Evans
Mar. 20	STOKE CITY	1-3	14,869	19	Davies	Roberts	Sullivan	Campbell	Pontin	Dwyer	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Buchanan	Stevens (9)
Mar. 27	Notts County	0-1	8,211	19	Healey	Roberts	Sullivan	Campbell	Pontin	Dwyer	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Buchanan	Thomas
Mar. 31	Crystal Palace	0-2	18,682	20	Healey	Roberts	Sullivan	Campbell	Pontin	Dwyer	Giles	Burns	Dwyer	Bishop	Stevens	Lewis (7)
Apr. 7	MILLWALL	2-1†	7,714	19	Healey	Jones	Sullivan	Campbell	Roberts	Thomas	Bishop	Evans	Moore	Stevens	Lewis	Micallef (10)
Apr. 11	Fulham	2-2†	6,067	19	Healey	Jones	Sullivan	Campbell	Pontin	Dwyer	Bishop	Evans	Moore	Stevens	Buchanan	Lewis
Apr. 14	BRIGHTON	3-1	12,613	19	Healey	Jones	Sullivan	Campbell	Pontin	Thomas	Bishop	Evans	Moore	Stevens	Buchanan	Lewis
Apr. 16	West Ham Utd.	1-1	29,058	20	Healey	Jones	Sullivan	Campbell	Roberts	Dwyer	Bishop	Evans	Moore	Stevens	Buchanan	Grapes
Apr. 21	SHEFFIELD U.	1-1	10,592	18	Healey	Jones	Sullivan	Campbell	Roberts	Thomas	Bishop	Evans	Moore	Stevens	Buchanan	Grapes
Apr. 25	LUTON TOWN	4-0	10,592	18	Healey	Jones	Sullivan	Campbell	Roberts	Thomas	Bishop	Evans	Moore	Stevens	Buchanan	Grapes
Apr. 28	Sunderland														Buchanan	Grapes
May 5	BURNLEY														Buchanan	Grapes
May 7	BRISTOL ROV.														Buchanan	Grapes
May 11	WEST HAM														Buchanan	Grapes
May 14	WREXHAM														Buchanan	Grapes

Home games in CAPITALS

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Scorers marked by figures

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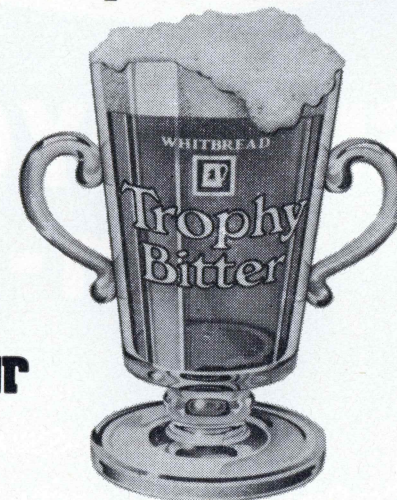
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