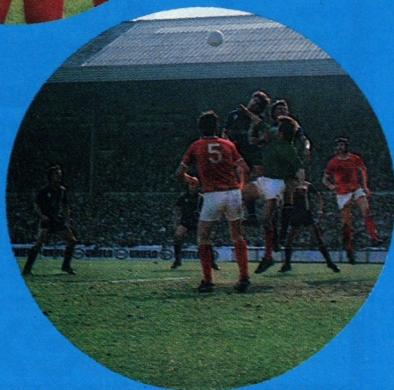
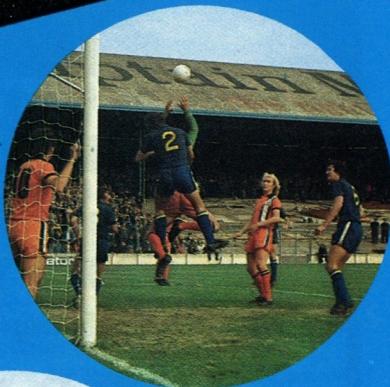


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A statement from Club Chairman Mr. Bob Grogan

You, as keen supporters of Cardiff City, were probably as mystified as the Directors of the Club when reports appeared recently in newspapers concerning an approach for the purchase of half my so-called "controlling interest".

The Directors considered making a statement in one of these newspapers to set the record straight regarding the inaccuracies which were printed, but felt that our responsibility and concern is for YOU, the spectator who pays his money through the turnstiles and gives tangible support to the Club.

Our concern is not for those gossip-mongers who hardly ever set foot inside Ninian Park and who spread stories and rumours about the Club which for the most part are totally unfounded and untrue.

To set the record straight, no ONE person has a controlling interest in this Club. Cardiff City is not a "one man band" and the other Directors, myself and all the staff work as a team in exactly the same way as the players.

Indeed, each Director, the Team Manager and the Secretary have an equal say in whatever policies are decided for the Club, and the Board feel that with the experience gained during the past few years they have a wider understanding of the requirements of running a professional football club, and are also more closely knit than at any time previously.

Obviously this Club will always welcome approaches by individuals who are prepared to assist in lifting us back to the top level but they must realise that the Club is bigger than any individual and that their contribution must be as part of the management team, whose sole aim is the success of the Club, and not as "star player".

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VERDICE

WE BELIEVE that we have made an outstanding signing in Wayne Hughes whom we welcome to Ninian Park. This experienced and powerful defender can play with equal authority in defence and in midfield and has come to this club with more than one ambition — which suits us fine.

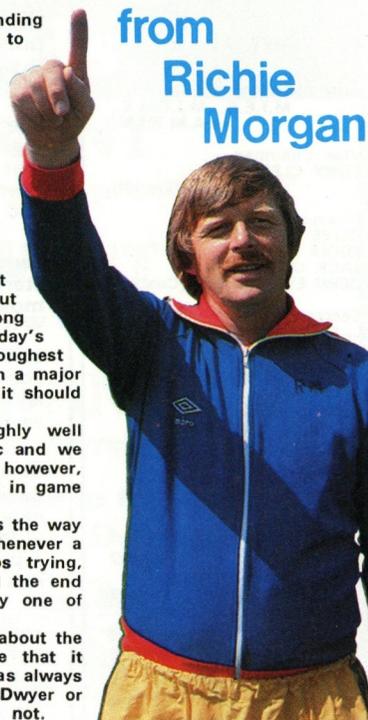
Brian Harris and I are convinced that he has First Division class and, indeed, he proved this at West Bromwich Albion: on his part, Wayne is equally convinced that he is worth a place in the senior Wales squad and is intent on adding full international caps to those he won at Under-21 level.

His signing comes at exactly the right moment. We have now gone six matches without defeat and it is always better to build from a strong position rather than buy to solve problems. Today's game against Luton Town is probably the toughest League fixture we have yet faced and, with both a major signing and the most attractive of opponents, it should be quite an occasion.

Our point at Bristol Rovers was thoroughly well earned. The game was by no means a classic and we did not play particularly well; having said that, however, we go on proving our determination and spirit in game after game.

What pleases me more than anything else is the way that the players are working for each other. Whenever a City player is having a 'bad day', he keeps trying, continues to contribute to the team effort and the end product has been at least a point from every one of our last five Second Division matches.

There has been a good deal of discussion about the scorer of our goal against Rovers. I believe that it should go to Keith Pontin because his header was always going into the net — no matter whether Phil Dwyer or Rovers defender Stuart Taylor got a touch or not.



from
Richie Morgan

City - a club that cares

Disableds' new home opens today

Today's game sees the opening of a new viewing area for City's wheelchair supporters. The idea came from a personal initiative of club chairman Bob Grogan who says: "It is all part — and a very important part — of our overall plan to make this a 'family' club.

"It has long been the intention of the directors to provide better accommodation for those who watch matches from wheelchairs. As soon as the money was available and the opportunity was there, we went to work."

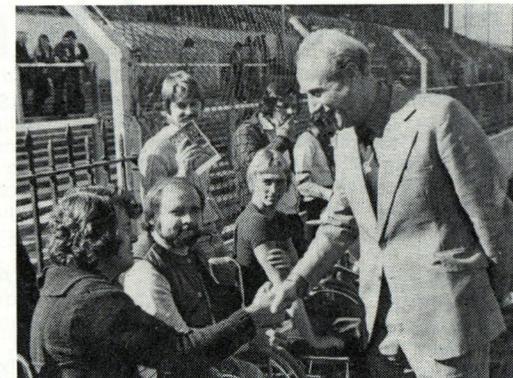
The wheelchair supporters are now switched from the touchline corner in front of the old Radio Ninian box to a carefully prepared area at the junction of the Canton Stand and Popular Bank.

"We have provided ramps and barriers suitable for those who move around in wheelchairs," says director Eddie Jones who has been in charge of all the reconstruction at Ninian Park.

"A gate has been cut into the fencing to enable easy access for the disabled and their new place in the ground will provide both better viewing and improved safety. In their old position, there was always the danger of them being hit by a flying ball."

Many of the disabled have been regular City supporters for a generation. John Gronow and Don Llewellyn, for instance, have hardly missed a game in 30 years while Bill Phillips, 21 years here in a wheelchair, speaks for all the disabled when he says:

"It is a pity that all the clubs in the League cannot do something like the facilities City have constructed to help the disabled."



● Chairman Bob Grogan meets City's loyal wheelchair brigade before the Cambridge game — their last match in their old position. Photo: Glyn Paul

Back to the classroom!

The club is equally concerned over its responsibility to young players. Manager Richie Morgan took a personal lead in securing places for City's ten apprentices at Barry Technical College. They now spend every Thursday there in the classroom.

"These lads come straight to us from school. In fact, from one protective environment to another: I could almost say that a football club because of its size and the small number of people who work there — is even more protective in attitude than a big comprehensive school.

"For this reason, I felt that it was essential for our youngsters to quickly acquire a broader outlook on life. The full day course they attend at the college covers such matters as paying taxes, legal obligations around the home, maintenance of both property and vehicles, the local and central government world around us etc.

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Luton manager David Pleat changes squad in promotion bid

Goalkeeper:

JAKE FINDLAY — Luton's highest-ever fee for a goalkeeper changed hands when they tempted Aston Villa to part with the big Scot who had been on their books since leaving school. Quickly became an established Second Division player after £100,000 deal in November 1978.

Defenders:

PAUL PRICE — Luton's longest serving player. Spotted by a local scout as a schoolboy full back and became an apprentice at Kenilworth Road in 1971. Had to fight harder than most to break through to the League side as he broke his leg, recovered then broke it again less than a year later. A 'regular' for the past four years.

KIRK STEPHENS — One of the best deals that Luton ever did took Stephens there in the summer of 1978. Signed from Nuneaton Borough, where Luton boss David Pleat had once been manager, and made a remarkable transition from part-time to full-time soccer. Went straight into Luton's side at right back, and his first season ended with him being elected "Player of the Year" by supporters.

MARK AIZLEWOOD — One of David Pleat's first moves as manager was to pay £50,000 to sign Aizlewood from Newport County. He was then 18, and the former Welsh Youth international has since also been capped at Under-21 level by Wales. Stylish defender who has the ability to play in several positions.

MICK SAXBY — Luton paid a club record fee of £200,000 to sign central defender Saxby from Third Division Mansfield last summer after he had been a target for several top clubs. Has the qualities to become a big name in football.

GRAHAM JONES — Picked up from Manchester schools football as a 16-year-old in 1975. Made rapid strides through Luton's junior ranks for League debut at 17. Can play in defence or midfield.

MAL DONAGHY — Luton nipped in to sign him from Larne for a bargain £15,000. Already a Northern Ireland Under-21 international, he settled immediately into Luton's League side after his transfer in summer 1978. Selected for Northern Ireland's squad last summer. Can play midfield as well as defence.

Midfield:

PASQUALE FUCCILLO — Son of Italian parents who settled at Bedford, Fuccillo is another Luton player who has come up through the ranks. Skilful, hard-tackling midfielder who has scored regular goals since becoming a Second Division player in 1976, when he was 19.

ALAN WEST — A brilliant creative midfielder man, West was one of the many young stars to emerge at Burnley. An England Under-23 international, he moved to Luton in 1973 for a then record fee of £100,000.

RICKY HILL — Signed as an apprentice four years ago from North London. Has delicate ball control and explosive shooting ability. An established League player at 17, he won an England youth cap in 1976.

ALAN BIRCHENALL — Already a veteran when Luton signed him from Blackburn in March 1979. Luton was his seventh League club in his colourful career. His end-of-season performances persuaded manager Pleat to extend his League career further. Has scored over 70 League goals.

TONY GREALISH — Signed during the close season from Orient in £150,000 deal. An Eire international who played against Wales last month, he scored ten goals in his 171 Second Division appearances for Orient. Strong, forceful player.

Forwards:

BOB HATTON — One of the most experienced strikers in the game, Hatton had already proved that he could score goals in any division when he joined Luton for £50,000 from Blackpool in the summer of 1978. Had scored 156 League goals for his seven clubs before start of this season.

DAVID MOSS — After nine seasons with Swindon, flying winger Moss moved to Luton for £110,000 in the summer of 1978. Luton's leading League scorer last season with 13 goals, despite missing a third of the campaign through injury.

BRIAN STEIN — Enjoying non-League football with Edgware Town when David Pleat, then coach, spotted him in autumn of 1977. Within a month had made his debut and rapidly became an established first team star. His sharpness in 'the box' brought him 14 League and Cup goals last season.

Luton move into challenging position

The Second Division is starting to take shape and it now looks as if Luton Town are going to have quite a say in the promotion duels of the months ahead. They moved to second place with their handsome 3-1 victory at Fulham last weekend and that made it five points out of six from their last three away games.

It is also worth noting that their one League defeat away from Kenilworth Road — indeed their only Second Division reverse — came at Bristol Rovers in August . . . and then by the odd goal in five.

Luton are a powerful side able to turn on heavy goal scoring pressure. They trounced Swansea City by five goals in the biggest defeat that John Toshack's side has experienced for a very long time: they also hit three goals past Leicester on their own pitch after the Midlands side had taken the number one spot in the season's first League table.

Manager David Pleat has spent boldly during the close season. A record £200,000 went on central defender Mike Saxby when he moved from Mansfield and the midfield department was strengthened by the £150,000 arrival of Eire international Tony Grealish from Orient.

These new players have substantially improved Luton through the middle and the dividend has been shown in the extra confidence of the attack. There is a scoring threat from several positions — with winger Dave Moss going to the top of the list with eight goals (half of them penalties). The immensely talented Ricky Hill has scored four and that consistent marksman Bob Hatton has three.

After an uncertain start with a home draw against Cambridge and then the defeat at Eastville, Luton moved into an extra gear. They won their next three matches by scoring ten goals against Orient, Leicester and Swansea.

There was a slight brake on this exciting form as they drew at Notts County and then at home to Oldham without being able to score: but they were back at their best again by trouncing Fulham in the West London club's first home defeat.

Pleat, one of football's vigorous young managers, worked hard last season, his first full campaign in charge at Kenilworth Road. Young players, either promoted through the reserve teams or secured from lower divisions, started to find their feet. Overall, Pleat has transformed the once bankrupt and desperate image of Luton Town: he has now turned over more than £1,000,000 worth of talent in less than two years of full control.

LUTON TOWN A.F.C. — Season 1979-80



Back row (from left): Andrew Pearson, Seamus Heath, Les Harriott, Gary Heale (now with Reading), Clive Goodyear, Wayne Turner, Gary Sisman, Alan Ollis.

Second row: David Coates (reserve team coach), Mal Donaghy, Mark Aizlewood, Jake Findlay, Graham Jones, Alan Judge, Kirk Stephens, Brian Stein, John Moore (youth team coach).

Third row: Pasquale Fuccillo, Ricky Hill, Mike Saxby, Ken Gutteridge (assistant manager), David Pleat (manager), John Smith (chief executive), Bob Hatton, Paul Price, Alan Birchenall, David Moss.

Front row: Alan Cosby, Robert Johnson, Jan Piotrowski, Tom Murphy, Frank Bunn, Robert Walker, Martyn Conquest, John Cole, John Woodward, Neil Madden, Ray Brammer.

The Brian Harris column



"GAME ITSELF IS MOTIVATION ENOUGH"

Motivation is a word that you hear increasingly in football these days. To me, it is overdone. Players — certainly at this club I promise you — are well aware of the consequences and importance of every match in which they play.

As far as I'm concerned, that is cause enough. Each and every game should be sufficiently self-motivating on its own account!

I am often asked about what takes place in City's dressing room during the minutes before a game. Well, the laughing and the joking stops; Richie and I go round to a player for a quiet word or two on an individual basis; then there might be just a few general remarks.

Players are professional in their outlook. The significance of playing for this club and for their families is the motivation which propels them into a match. I never believe in those passionate speeches which, allegedly, transform players into tigers.

One of my favourite characters in football was Danny Williams, the manager who piloted Swindon Town to triumph in that 1969 League Cup Final against Arsenal. In the broadest of Yorkshire tones, he would say: "Lads, I've got thee here. It's up to thou now."

It is curious how words find their own time and place. Just imagine Danny's Third Division side facing a Wembley crowd of 100,000 and one of the most famous clubs in the world. Those two quiet sentences of Danny's in the final seconds before that memorable match would have summed up the occasion to perfection.

Before our last home game against Cambridge, I was watching Jimmy Hill on his Saturday lunchtime television programme. I was rather surprised to find him questioning the idea of a testimonial match for Ipswich's tremendous manager Bobby Robson.

In my opinion, Bobby is well and truly entitled to the kind of bonanza that such a match would produce. Not so long ago, he took Richie and myself around Portman Road and it was quite an eye-opener: it is a magnificent stadium.

Everything that has been achieved at Ipswich is down to Bobby. It is not the kind of city or area that you automatically associate with the best of First Division football . . . yet that is what Bobby has made it. He deserves every credit and he deserves that testimonial.

The other point that I believe Jimmy Hill should have taken into account is that Bobby — like so many of us now in management and coaching — played in the years of the maximum wage. The huge 'nest eggs' now available to players as a reward for their success were not on offer then; nor for some years after the abolition of the maximum wage.

Just as Jimmy Hill has used his abilities to make a brilliantly successful career for himself in television and in his associations with football in the United States and Saudi Arabia, so, too, should Bobby and those like him be granted the chance to make big money here.

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From the files: A look at City's past

The first home game in October, 1954, brought a famous club at the height of its power to Ninian Park and, in their side, was a man destined to become a prominent figure at this club a decade later.

The club was Newcastle United and the player, of course, Jimmy Scouler who took over as manager here in 1964. The Bluebirds Journal issue of a quarter of a century ago notes of the man who was to return ten years later: "Scottish international who had eight seasons with Portsmouth before moving to Newcastle in 1953 close season. Strong, tenacious tackler and constructive player."

Newcastle had won the F.A. Cup in 1950-51, again in 1951-52 and were destined — under the driving leadership of Scouler — to do so again in that 1954-55 season. In the First Division table, however, they were only a point ahead of Cardiff with 11 points from ten matches.

As well as Jimmy Scouler, the Newcastle squad of that era contained some of the princes of British football: Ronnie Simpson (Scotland) in goal; Alf McMichael (Northern Ireland) at left back; Frank Brennan (Scotland) at centre half; Jackie Milburn (England) at outside right; Reg Davies (Wales) and Ivor Broadis (England) at inside forward and Bobby Mitchell (Scotland) at outside right.

City met the challenge magnificently. They produced some of their best form of the season and won 4-2 with Trevor Ford (we are told by those who recall the match) giving a brilliant display against Bob Stokoe who had come in at centre half for Brennan.

City's side was: Howells; Stiffall, Sherwood; Harrington, Montgomery, Jones I.; Tiddy, Sullivan, Ford, Stockin, Nugent.

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

ALAN SEVILLE (Birmingham) Started refereeing in 1962 and progressed via the Birmingham and District Works A.F.A. and West Midland (Regional) League to the Football League list. Refereed F. A. Trophy and F.A. Youth Cup semi-finals in 1979 and lined both a U.E.F.A. Cup match in 1978 and an F.A. Cup semi-final in 1979.

A married man with two daughters, he works as a toolmaker. His interest is crown green bowling.

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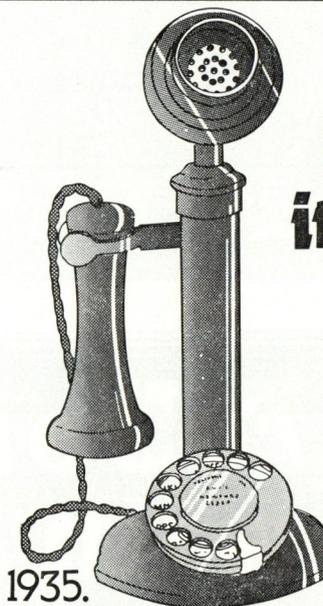
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● Match Action: City v. Cambridge



● Gary Stevens and Ronnie Moore have battled, grafted and produced the goals which have given City a sound start to the season. Here they are in action against Cambridge showing all their typical vigour and enterprise.

On the left, Ronnie jumps just as high as Malcolm Webster but the fist of Cambridge's acrobatic goalkeeper scrapes away the ball to safety. Above, Gary puts in a run which breaks down the Cambridge defence and he finishes off with a right foot shot which produced a superb save from Webster.

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With the Reserves

from Doug Livermore

We left no doubts over our superiority in earning our first Combination win of the season — hammering Swindon Town 5-1. We had a strong side and I felt that this was a game we were always going to win . . . but, nevertheless, you still have to do the job on the pitch.

That was exactly what we achieved as Swindon contributed to their own downfall with a few errors. Ray Bishop and Tarki Micallef scored two goals each and the other came from John Lewis who has fought his way out of a depressing injury problem.

John contributed a number of good things to this victory and I was delighted to see him using his pace and control with confidence. Earlier, too, he had played 90 minutes at Norwich City in a 0-2 Combination defeat — when we competed well but were not quite good enough.

I would also like to mention the efforts of Rod Thomas and Gary Harris. Rod is obviously disappointed at not holding a first team place but his determination, authority and calm direction of our young reserves makes him the model professional.

Gary is tackling one job after another without complaint. He played centre half against Swindon and this is not a position he likes — but there was not the suggestion of grumble. He has played central defender, left back, midfield and striker this season already.

In the second round of the Brains Cup, we sent Spencer Works packing in a 4-0 victory with Kevin Lloyd (2), Gary Harris and Paul Davies scoring some good goals. Then, in the Welsh League, we battled our way to a 0-0 draw against Ton Pentre.

In the South West and Wales Youth League, our youngsters are making encouraging progress. Although we lost 0-1 to Swansea City and then 1-3 to Bristol Rovers in a Cup game, these scorelines tell only a fraction of the story. Both Swansea and Rovers — with a couple of Second Division experienced players in the latter case — knew too much for the Cardiff boys who only started in the professional game this summer. The strides our youngsters have made since arriving here in July, however, makes me certain that time and practice will work wonders.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Fulham	8	8	0	0	16
Norwich City	8	6	1	1	13
Chelsea	8	6	1	1	13
Tottenham Hotspur	8	4	3	1	11
Arsenal	8	5	0	3	10
Bristol City	7	4	1	2	9
Plymouth Argyle	8	4	1	3	9
Bristol Rovers	8	3	3	2	9
Crystal Palace	8	3	2	3	8
Oxford United	7	3	2	2	8
Southampton	8	3	2	3	8
Leicester City	9	3	2	4	8
Queens Park Rangers	7	2	3	2	7
Luton Town	7	2	2	3	6
Orient	8	2	2	4	6
West Ham United	8	2	1	5	5
Cardiff City	7	1	2	4	4
Hereford United	6	1	2	3	4
Reading	6	1	2	3	4
Ipswich Town	5	1	1	3	3
Birmingham City	7	0	2	5	2
Swindon Town	7	0	1	6	1

WELSH LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Maesteg P.	6	6	0	0	12
Newport County	7	5	2	0	12
Pontllanfraith	7	5	0	2	10
Bridgend Town	7	3	4	0	10
Ammanford	6	3	3	0	9
Milford United	5	3	1	1	7
Afan Lido	6	2	3	1	7
Swansea City	6	2	2	2	6
Pontllytyn	9	2	2	5	6
Marthyr Tydfil	7	2	1	4	5
Barry Town	8	1	3	4	5
Cardiff City	6	1	3	2	5
Ton Pentre	4	1	2	1	4
Pembroke Boro	6	1	2	3	4
Cardiff Corries	6	2	0	4	4
Caerau	6	0	3	3	3
Sully	7	0	2	5	2
Llanelli	3	0	1	2	1

GLAMOUR ON PROMOTIONS STAFF

From Commercial Manager Rod Rees

A new face on the promotions staff — and a very attractive one too! IRIS ADAMS, of Abercynon, has become a full-time promotions representative after working several years as a part-time courier. She now travels right across South Wales meeting our agents.



Like our other representative, Peter Hill, Iris is concerned with the Moonraker, Money Spinner and Dragon Draw as well as putting out the Cardiff City fund raising jars which you now see in pubs, clubs and shops right across this area.

Iris tells me: "I am thoroughly enjoying the experience and love getting out and about in dealing with all City's agents. Before, as a part-timer, I used to cover just the Aberdare Valley but now I travel widely — and I find that I am made welcome everywhere."

Iris is the first female representative I have met in years of promotion work but I am sure that she is going to make a tremendous impact in the job that she is doing so enthusiastically. If you have not met her yet, be at the Agents Dance in the Bluebirds Club on October 10th . . . when Iris, a highly accomplished singer and cabaret artist will be taking over the microphone.

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Colin plays his part in City success

COLIN SULLIVAN is now a key figure in City's side. He has not missed a game since arriving from Norwich City last January — and it is significant that some of City's most successful football in recent years has come during the last few months.

City ended last season with the best run of results for a very long time and have opened this campaign with the most solid start for several seasons. Colin has been a considerable contributor in this progress.

In many ways, however, we feel that we have not been playing as well so far this season as we did in that 11 match run to wind up 1978-79 on a high note," he says. "We showed last season that we were good enough: this time we are confident that the same quality of performance will return.

"It is not a question of one or two individuals having a thin time but, somehow, we've not quite clicked as a team. When we do, there will be a few sides in the Second Division needing to look out!"

Colin has struggled himself this season with a knee injury which has limited the pace and penetration of those exhilarating attacking runs along the left flank. "In recent matches, however, the injury has cleared up and I've been able to push along to get in some good crosses for Ronnie Moore and Gary Stevens. I feel much sharper now and, as a defender, I'm obviously pleased with the way we've stopped other sides scoring," he adds.

Colin, one of the few Cornish-born professionals in the League, won fame quickly in his career by winning England Under-23 caps in 1974 against Denmark and Poland. These honours came, of course, when he played for his local club Plymouth and, after seven years there, he moved to Norwich City.

Norwich had just been relegated to the Second Division but, under the flamboyant John Bond, they quickly climbed back. Promotion back to the First Division was accompanied by a League Cup Final place against Aston Villa in 1975.

"That was my only game at Wembley and it was the professional experience of a lifetime," says Colin. "We lost 0-1 and didn't play particularly well but I will never forget it. Doug Livermore and Steve Grapes were both in the squad at Wembley."

Colin, wife Christine and 12 months old son Christopher have now settled in Penhow (just off the old Newport-Chepstow road). "We're very happy there," says Colin whose interests outside football are gardening, squash and carpentry.

• *Opposite page:* BLUEBIRDS JOURNAL COLOUR SPECIAL — Colin Sullivan



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Second Division round-up

Newcastle United, a club intent on having only a passing relationship with the Second Division, are going to be promoted back to top company. That is the firm opinion of skipper Terry Hibbitt after his side's 0-0 draw at Birmingham.

It was a valuable away point which gave the North-East side a one point lead at the top of the table and Hibbitt insisted: "We may have been disappointing by our standards but we are good enough to win promotion."

The only away winners of the day in last Saturday's Second Division programme were Luton Town, Leicester City and Chelsea. The reward for Luton and Leicester was to take second and third places behind Newcastle in the table and both their managers were delighted with the performances.

"We may have lost against Bristol Rovers early in the season but no one has deserved to beat us yet," said Luton's David Pleat after his side's 3-1 victory at Fulham. Leicester's Jock Wallace saw his side become the Second Division's leading away scorers with their 2-0 victory over Swansea City and said: "Just the result we needed."

"We have been giving away too many goals and were totally professional in the way we kept out John Toshack and Alan Waddle — both tremendous headers of the ball — after Dennis Rofe had hit those two first half rockets."

They were Rofe's first goals for two and a half seasons and the first time he has ever scored twice in a match in his long career. Both were smashed home from over 30 yards past new £50,000 Wales squad goalkeeper Glan Letheren. Toshack, whose side has just one point from the last four matches, said bluntly: "We need more variety in our style."

If the Leicester and Luton results were according to the form book, Chelsea's 1-0 win at consistent Cambridge was more of an upset. Manager Geoff Hurst gave his troubled side a blistering lecture at half-time — and they promptly responded with their second consecutive win as Gary Johnson headed home in the 83rd minute.

Watch Q.P.R., too, because their point at Oldham helped push them further up the table. Their record £400,000 signing Tony Currie came off with his recurring ankle injury in the second half of a 0-0 shocker but manager Tommy Docherty had a more biting explanation. "The game was so bad, he was suffering from depression," he quipped.

Wrexham continue to show up well. They are nudging the top three after Mick Vinter scored the only goal of the game to beat Notts County — the club he left in the summer. County, the first leaders of the Second Division this season, have now gone a month without scoring.

HOW TODAY'S RIVALS STAND . . .

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	Home			W	D	Away			Pts.
				L	F	A			L	F	A	
Newcastle United ...	8	4	0	0	9	5	1	2	1	5	3	12
Luton Town ...	8	2	2	0	8	2	2	1	1	8	5	11
Leicester City ...	8	2	1	1	7	6	2	1	1	9	5	10
Wrexham ...	8	3	0	1	4	2	2	0	2	6	7	10
Queens Park Rangers ...	8	3	0	1	9	4	1	1	2	2	3	9
Preston North End ...	8	2	2	0	6	4	1	1	2	6	5	9
Notts County ...	8	2	2	0	5	1	1	1	2	2	3	9
Chelsea ...	8	2	1	1	6	3	2	0	2	3	5	9
Birmingham City ...	8	1	2	1	5	5	2	1	1	6	6	9
Sunderland ...	8	3	1	0	7	2	0	2	2	1	6	9
Cardiff City ...	8	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	1	4	6	9
Cambridge United ...	8	1	2	1	7	5	1	2	1	3	4	8
Watford ...	8	2	2	0	5	2	0	2	2	3	7	8
Fulham ...	8	2	1	1	5	4	1	1	2	8	11	8
Oldham Athletic ...	8	2	1	1	8	5	0	2	2	3	5	7
West Ham United ...	8	3	0	1	5	2	0	1	3	1	7	7
Bristol Rovers ...	8	2	2	0	7	5	0	1	3	4	10	7
Swansea City ...	8	2	0	2	5	5	0	3	1	1	6	7
Shrewsbury Town ...	8	2	1	1	6	3	0	0	4	2	7	5
Charlton Athletic ...	8	1	1	2	4	7	0	2	2	3	5	5
Burnley ...	8	0	3	1	3	4	0	1	3	5	9	4
Orient ...	8	0	3	1	6	9	0	1	3	2	5	4

STATISTIC-CITY

APPEARANCES AND GOALS — ALL TIME

	Total	League	Lg. Cup	F.A. Cup	Welsh Cup	ECWC
P. DWYER	340/35	274/28	13/1	15	32/5	6/1
J. BUCHANAN	211/53	162+10/42	7+2/4	7+1/1	17+1/6	4
R. HEALEY	175	140	10	5	16	4
A. CAMPBELL	151/2	124/2	11	2	9	5
S. GRAPES	97/3	70+7/2	4+1	3+1	9+1/1	0+1
K. PONTIN	93/2	71/2	5+2	2	10	2+1
R. BISHOP	75/17	53+9/14	2+2/1	2	6/2	0+1
G. STEVENS	46/19	40+2/18	2	0	2/1	0
R. THOMAS	46	36+3	2	1	4	0
D. ROBERTS	36/2	33/2	2	1	0	0
C. SULLIVAN	29/1	27/1	2	0	0	0
R. MOORE	28/4	26/4	2	0	0	0
L. JONES	24/1	22/1	2	0	0	0
J. LEWIS	18	12+3	0	1	2	0
B. RONSON	10	8	2	0	0	0
M. ELLIOTT	5	3+1	1	0	0	0
J. DAVIES	4	4	0	0	0	0
T. MICALLEF	3	1+2	0	0	0	0
G. HARRIS	1	1	0	0	0	0
K. LLOYD	1	0+1	0	0	0	0

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

APPEARANCES AND GOALS — SEASON 1979/80

	Total	League	Lg. Cup	F.A. Cup	Welsh Cup	ECWC
G. STEVENS	10/5	8/5	2	0	0	—
L. JONES	10/1	8/1	2	0	0	—
J. BUCHANAN	10/1	8+1	1+1/1	0	0	—
A. CAMPBELL	10	8	2	0	0	—
R. HEALEY	10	8	2	0	0	—
C. SULLIVAN	10	8	2	0	0	—
R. MOORE	10	8	2	0	0	—
B. RONSON	10	8	2	0	0	—
P. DWYER	9	7	2	0	0	—
D. ROBERTS	7	5	2	0	0	—
R. BISHOP	6	5	1	0	0	—
M. ELLIOTT	5	3+1	1	0	0	—
K. PONTIN	2/1	2/1	0	0	0	—
S. GRAPES	2	1	1	0	0	—
K. LLOYD	1	0+1	0	0	0	—
T. MICALLEF	1	0+1	0	0	0	—

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

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Aug. 18	Notts County	1-4	7,157	—	1
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Sept. 15	Watford	1-1	13,741	10	1
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Sept. 29	Bristol Rovers	1-1	8,949	11	1
Oct. 6	LUTON TOWN	—	—	—	—
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Oct. 20	CHELSEA	—	—	—	—
Oct. 27	Charlton Ath.	—	—	—	—
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Nov. 10	Newcastle Utd.	—	—	—	—
Nov. 17	ORIENT	—	—	—	—
Nov. 24	West Ham Utd.	—	—	—	—
Dec. 1	OLDHAM	—	—	—	—
Dec. 8	Sunderland	—	—	—	—
Dec. 15	PRESTON	—	—	—	—
Dec. 21	Leicester City	—	—	—	—
Dec. 26	FULHAM	—	—	—	—
Dec. 29	Birmingham C.	—	—	—	—
Jan. 1	Swansea City	—	—	—	—
Jan. 12	WREXHAM	—	—	—	—
Jan. 19	Shrewsbury T.	—	—	—	—
Feb. 2	WATFORD	—	—	—	—
Feb. 9	Cambridge Utd.	—	—	—	—
Feb. 16	BRISTOL ROV.	—	—	—	—
Feb. 23	BURNLEY	—	—	—	—
Mar. 1	Chelsea	—	—	—	—
Mar. 8	CHARLTON	—	—	—	—
Mar. 14	Luton Town	—	—	—	—
Mar. 22	NEWCASTLE	—	—	—	—
Mar. 29	ORIENT	—	—	—	—
Apr. 1	Fulham	—	—	—	—
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NINIAN NEWS

John Lewis, so promising last season as he leapt from Welsh League football with Pontllanfraith to play in City's Second Division side, is on the way back to fitness. He is now playing regular reserve team football.

"This season so far has been a really miserable time for me," says this attacking player of sharp pace and fluent control. "My ankle injury has been something of a mystery. I had it examined and X-rayed both in Denmark on our

pre-season tour and again here: all that proved was that nothing was broken. "In the first weeks of the season, it was simply too painful to either train or play. Recently, however, the injury has improved and I've decided that the only way is to play and play until it comes right.

"I still experience a lot of soreness, especially after a game, but at least I'm returning to match sharpness and not breaking down. I'm desperately anxious to get back into the League side and it is particularly disappointing not to be in a position to pick up from where I left off last season.

"Everyone knows about the way the club has been looking for a quick player who could play wide. I was certain at the start of the season that this was the job I could do — and I'm itching for the chance to prove that I can."

All of City's players enjoy coaching young players and Ronnie Moore has been enthusiastically assisting the training preparations of the Vale of Glamorgan squad.

He lives in Rhoose and was contacted by one of the teachers responsible for running the Under-11 side. "I didn't quite know what to expect from boys so young but it was a real joy," he says. "We started at 4 p.m. and we almost had to drag them off to go home at well gone 6 p.m!"

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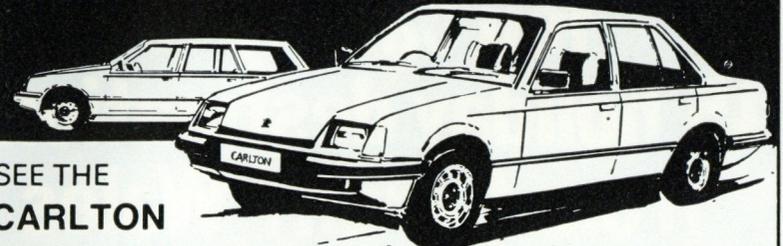
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