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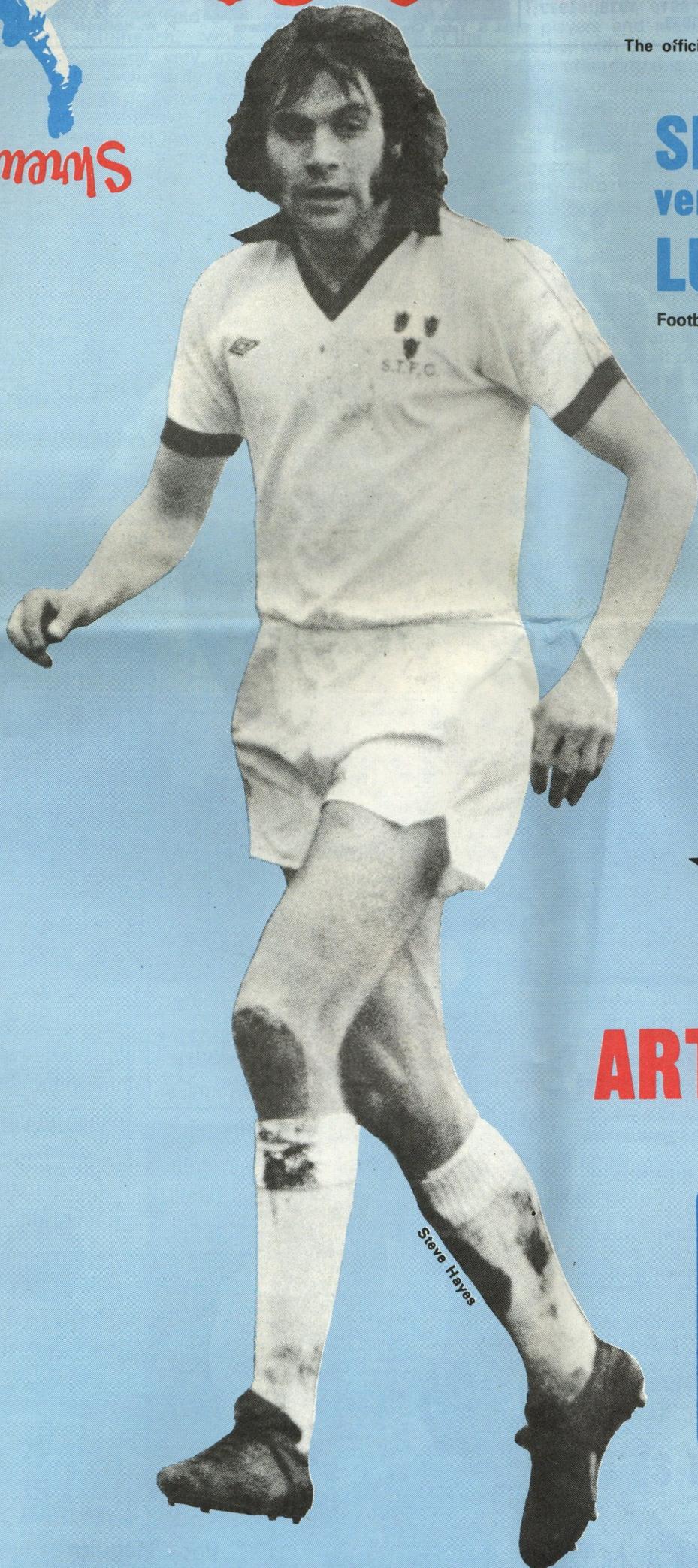


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# AWAY SUCCESS AT LAST

**OLDHAM ATHLETIC 0  
SHREWSBURY TOWN 2**

Shrewsbury finally broke their duck and gained their first away points of the season with a workmanlike performance at Boundary Park last Saturday.

Paul Maguire returned to his goalscoring form of last season with two well-taken efforts. The first after 30 minutes when John Dungworth headed down into the winger's path and his low shot left the Oldham 'keeper, McDonnell, with no chance.

Town's interval lead was increased after 18 minutes of the re-start. Steve Biggins was brought down on the edge of the penalty area by Clements and from the free kick Maguire let fly with a tremendous shot which rocketed into the top corner of the net.



Paul Maguire

# Graham

Our visitors this afternoon have been enjoying a very successful League season so far, although they did suffer a setback last weekend when they entertained Birmingham City and lost their unbeaten home record.

Having watched David Pleat's side give a very impressive display against Q.P.R. earlier this season, we know that today's game is going to be far from easy, but after our recent performances we all feel confident of getting a good result this afternoon.

The disappointment of losing to a late and controversial goal at Q.P.R. was quickly forgotten after last week's victory over Oldham, which gave us our first away points.

This win now gives us something to build on and let's hope that it proves to be the turning point, and we can string a few results together and begin to move up the table.

It has always been my policy never to signal any one player from the team for special praise, but the performances of Jimmy Lindsay in midfield and Ken Mulhearn, who made several very important saves early on, should not go without at least a mention.

The news of the injury front has improved considerably over the last two weeks and, with the exception of myself and Brian Coyne, who fractured his knee during the game against Tulsa Roughnecks, all the playing staff are back in full training.

Training itself has presented us with problems due to the recent heavy grounds. It is difficult to know just how hard to work the players when it is soft and sticky underfoot, for there is nothing more tiring for the legs than ploughing through mud. The last thing we want to do is leave all our stamina on the training ground.

It is getting in-

creasingly difficult to obtain facilities at local sports centres on a casual basis, but we are more fortunate than some in having our own car park at the rear of the ground which serves us as an all-weather pitch, and allows us to practise our set pieces and free kicks, and this certainly paid dividends last weekend.

The vacant position of physiotherapist has yet to be filled. We had hoped to gain the services of a very able person last week, but his club refused to release him, mainly due to the fact that he is still playing regularly in their first team; therefore we have now advertised in the

national press, and hopefully it will not be long before we have a suitable applicant.

This Saturday evening the players and myself, together with our wives, will be attending a social evening organised by Chris Smith and the travel club members. We shall be presented with engraved goblets to commemorate our success of last season.

On behalf of the players I should like to thank them all, not only for this gesture, but for their continued support through the lean times as well as the good. It does not go unnoticed by the players and I thank you all.



*Graham Jones*

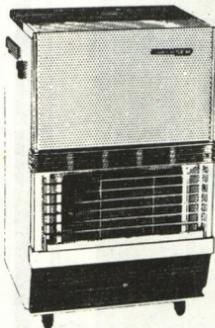
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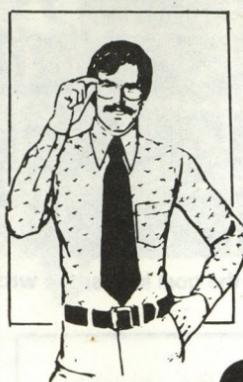


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# INJURY PROBLEMS EASE

## Bryan Pitchford, Editor

It is ten years since we last entertained Luton Town at the Gay Meadow and I am sure we shall all be hoping the team can emulate that fine 5-1 victory this afternoon.

Our record against the Hatters has been quite impressive over the years; in fact, of the eight times the two Clubs have met, only three games have ended in defeat for the Town.

Under Manager Dave Pleat, a former Town Player of the sixties, Luton have been enjoying one of their finest starts to the season for many years.

They are currently lying in fourth position in

the League just one point behind the leaders Q.P.R., and until last week they had led the field, and possibly would still have been, if it had not been for their first home defeat of the season inflicted by Birmingham City.

Since our first away win of the season last Saturday against Oldham, we have moved up the League table to seventh from bottom, Town's highest position so far.

Although those were our first away points, we still have a better away record than Sunderland, who are lying eighth from top.

The Manager's injury problem seems to have

improved of late, although Brian Coyne, the nineteen-year-old mid-field player, signed during the close season from Scottish Champions Glasgow Celtic, discovered this week he had a fractured left knee, an injury he had receiving during Shrewsbury's friendly game against North American League side, Tulsa Roughnecks.

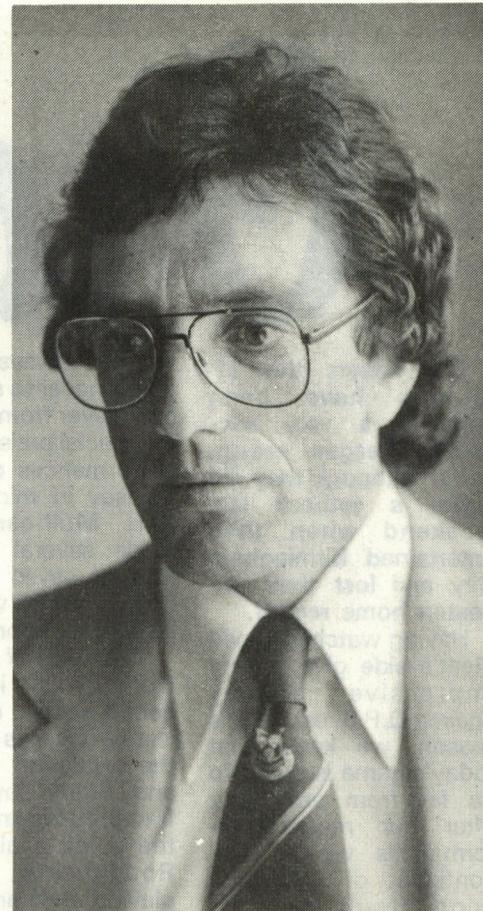
Brian has since been playing regularly for the reserves and also played in the Shropshire Senior Cup Semi-Final victory over neighbours Telford United, without realising the extent of the injury.

Said the young Scot, 'After the Tulsa game, my knee became very sore and swollen, and at first was thought to be only bruised, but after further games the knee continued to swell and stiffen up.

'Although it was not painful to walk on, any exertion did cause me problems to such an extent that the Club Doctor finally sent me for X-rays, where it was found that I had a hair-line fracture on the left knee.'

Brian continued, 'I am obviously very disappointed because I felt I was just on the verge of breaking into the first team, but perhaps it is an ill wind. I have only been home once for a couple of days since I arrived in Shrewsbury and, as playing and training are definitely out, the boss has given me extended leave to visit my family.'

Although Brian has not started a first team game as yet, he has been substitute on three occasions and made his League debut in the second half of the game at Notts County.



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Goal keepers ball, punched away from another S'bury attack.



Jack Keay sends the goal keeper the wrong way to clinch S'bury's penalty.

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 Depart Gay Meadow 9.00 a.m. Fare £4.00. Members receive £1 subsidy on the pick-up, Cock Hotel, 9.30 a.m. 'All' coaches return immediately after the game.

**SUNDERLAND**, Friday, December 21st, 1979 (evening kick-off)  
 Depart Gay Meadow 11.30 a.m., pick-up Cock Hotel 12.00. Fare £15.00. Members receive subsidy on the day. This trip is restricted to MEMBERS ONLY, a limited number of seats are now available. ANYONE wishing to go MUST book immediately. The fare includes refreshments on the coach, £3 Stand Ticket, entrance to After Match Cabaret, £4.00 per person (supper included). Coach returns approximately 1.00 a.m. from Sunderland. BOOK NOW OR BE DISAPPOINTED.

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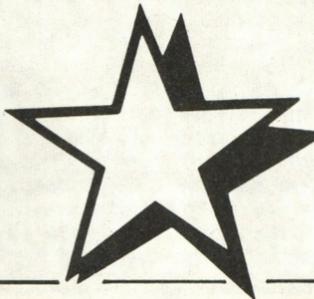
Bookings for all these trips must be made by purchasing a ticket from:- Chris Smith on matchdays outside the Club Shop; Bridge's Corner Shop; Williamson's Newsagents, St John's Hill.

No tickets on sale more than 24 hours before the game.

Persons travelling to Sunderland should meet Chris after today's game outside the Club Shop.

Any problems, please phone Chris Smith NOW, evenings Telford 604742.

# Stars of Yesterday



**ARTHUR ROWLEY** was born at Wolverhampton and, having shown promise at school, signed amateur forms for Manchester United, where his elder brother, Jack, was an established first team player.

In March 1944 Arthur joined West Brom and, after doing war service with the Lincolnshire and Duke of Cornwall regiments, he returned to turn professional with Albion. Arthur managed only two games in 1946-47, but in the following season he appeared 21 times, netting his first four goals. It was around Christmas 1948 that he joined Fulham, and his 19 goals in 22 games

saw them reach Division One for the first time.

Arthur's real peaks were still to come, however, and in June 1950 he joined Leicester City and in eight seasons he scored 251 goals in 303 appearances. This remarkable record was to assist Leicester to promotion to Division One on two occasions and also saw Arthur as top scorer throughout the League in two seasons.

It was in 1958 that Town acquired their new player-manager, and with Town in the newly-formed Fourth Division his task was daunting.

He promised us goals and for the only time in the club's

League history we reached 100. Town won their first promotion despite Watford's floodlights, and Arthur saw elder brother Jack take Plymouth to the Third Division Championship. This is the only time in League history brothers have managed promoted teams in the same season.

Arthur continued playing until 1965, and his career record of 434 League goals is an unassailable record (Ted McDougal recently reached 250) but his successes have not only been on the field. His astute dealings in the transfer market saw the foundation of promotion - winning

sides and also healthy profits for his three clubs — Town, Sheffield United and Southend.

Since leaving the League scene Arthur has returned to Shropshire, and now has business interests in Shrewsbury. He has assisted Telford United on the promotion side and as assistant to Geoff Hurst. He has now joined Oswestry on the commercial side and his wealth of experience is obviously of great value.

It was not until last season in the Cup and League that Town exceeded the glory of the Rowley era and Arthur would be the first to congratulate Graham and the team for reaching Division Two.

# PROFILE

## STEVE CROSS

Steve Cross is a product of the club's youth scheme and he came through to make his League debut, as substitute, at Mansfield in April 1977. It wasn't until last season that he earned a firm place in the side, towards the end of the campaign. This season he has been part of the squad, even though he has from time to time been picked as substitute.

Here we analyse his career to date with his appearances against each opponent. "s" denotes he played as substitute and his goals are shown in brackets.

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE

|                   | 76/7       | 77/8     | 78/9         | 79/80       | TOTAL         |
|-------------------|------------|----------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Birmingham        | —          | —        | —            | s           | 0+1s          |
| Brentford         | —          | —        | 2(1)         | —           | 2(1)          |
| Bristol Rovers    | —          | —        | —            | 1           | 1             |
| Bury              | 1          | —        | 2            | —           | 3             |
| Cambridge         | —          | —        | —            | 1           | 1             |
| Cardiff           | —          | —        | —            | 1           | 1             |
| Cardle            | —          | —        | s            | —           | 0+s           |
| Charlton          | —          | —        | —            | s           | 0+s           |
| Chester           | —          | —        | 1            | —           | 1             |
| Chesterfield      | —          | 1        | —            | —           | 1             |
| Colchester        | —          | —        | s            | —           | 0+s           |
| C. Palace         | 1          | —        | —            | —           | 1             |
| Exeter            | —          | —        | 1            | —           | 1             |
| Gillingham        | —          | —        | 1            | —           | 1             |
| Grimsby           | 1          | —        | —            | —           | 1             |
| Leicester         | —          | —        | —            | 1           | 1             |
| Lincoln           | —          | —        | 1            | —           | 1             |
| Mansfield         | s          | —        | 1            | —           | 1+s           |
| Newcastle         | —          | —        | —            | 1           | 1             |
| Nottingham Forest | —          | —        | —            | 1+s         | 1+s           |
| Peterborough      | —          | —        | —            | —           | 2(1)          |
| Rotherham         | 1          | —        | 1(1)         | —           | 1+s           |
| Sheffield Wed     | —          | —        | s            | —           | 0+s           |
| Southend          | —          | —        | s            | —           | 0+s           |
| Swansea           | —          | —        | 1            | —           | 1             |
| Tranmere          | —          | —        | 1            | —           | 1             |
| Watford           | —          | —        | 1            | —           | 1             |
| Wrexham           | —          | —        | —            | s           | 0+s           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>4+s</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>14+5s</b> | <b>6+4s</b> | <b>25+10s</b> |
|                   |            |          | (2)          |             | (2)           |

### LEAGUE CUP

|              | 78/9        | 79/80    | TOTAL       |
|--------------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| Chesterfield | —           | 2        | 2           |
| Stockport    | 2(1)        | —        | 2(1)        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>2(1)</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>4(1)</b> |



# LUTON

#### 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. His chances at Villa Park had been limited, but he quickly became an established Second Division player when Luton signed him for £100,000 in November 1978.

#### ALAN JUDGE

Recruited from schoolboy soccer in Hertfordshire, Judge made rapid strides through Luton's junior teams and became Luton's second-choice goalkeeper last season after joining the Club as an apprentice in the summer of 1976.

#### PAUL PRICE

Luton's longest-serving player, full-back Price was spotted by a club scout as a schoolboy in Hertfordshire. He became an apprentice at Kenilworth Road in 1971 and had to fight harder than most to break through to the league side — he broke his leg, recovered, then broke it again less than a year later. The second come-back

was permanent, and he has been a regular member of Luton's league team for the past four years.

#### KIRK STEPHENS

One of the best deals Luton ever did, took Stephens to Luton in the summer of 1978. He was 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. He went straight into Luton's side at right back and became so effective and popular that his first season ended with him being elected "Player of the Year" by the Luton supporters.

#### MARK AIZLEWOOD

One of David Pleat's first moves as manager of Luton was to pay £50,000 to bring Aizlewood out of the Fourth Division, where his performances for Newport County were beginning to attract the interest of First Division Clubs. He was then 18, and the former Welsh Youth International has since also been capped at under-21 level by Wales. A stylish defender, who has the ability to play in several positions. His eventual choice

for full International Honours would surprise no-one at Kenilworth Road.

#### MICK SAXBY

Luton paid their Club record fee to lure central defender Saxby from Third Division Mansfield in the summer of 1979. Saxby's qualities made him a target for several top Clubs. He has the qualities to become a big name in football.

#### GRAHAM JONES

Picked up from schools football in Manchester at the age of 16 in 1975, Jones made rapid strides through Luton's junior ranks to make his league debut at 17. He can play in defence or midfield and is one of the younger men who keep up the pressure for places in Luton's Second Division team.

#### MAL DONAGHY

There were disappointed managers all over Britain when Luton nipped in to pick up defender Donaghy from Larne for a bargain fee of £15,000. Already a Northern Ireland under-21 international, he settled immediately into Luton's league side after the transfer in the summer of 1978.

An exciting future is predicted. He was in Danny Blanchflower's international squad last summer, after only one year as a professional in the Football League. Can play midfield as well as defence. Donaghy is a natural athlete.

#### PASQUALE FUCILLO

Son of Italian parents who settled at Bedford, and known as "Lil" by his friends and the Luton fans, Fucillo is another Luton player who has come up through the ranks. A skilful, hard-tackling midfielder with a liking for joining the attack and scoring goals, he became a regular Second Division player in 1976, when he was 19. Broke a leg in a league game at Brighton and was out of action for six months. Lonely hours of training through the close season put him on the road back to full recovery.

#### ALAN WEST

A brilliant creative midfielder, 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 and has been one of the

Hatters' most consistent players ever since. A family man and excellent club man, Alan has experienced soccer in the States with the Minnesota Kicks.

#### RICKY HILL

A midfield player of tremendous talent, Hill was signed as an apprentice four years ago from North London, after impressing David Pleat in a schoolboy game at Hitchin. Hill has delicate ball control and explosive shooting ability. He was an established league player by the time he was 17, and was rewarded with an England youth cap in 1976.

#### ALAN BIRCHENALL

One of the most popular players in the game, with a sense of humour and enjoyment of life in general and soccer in particular, midfielder Birchenall was already at the veteran stage 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 David Pleat to extend his league career further. Has scored over 70 league goals.

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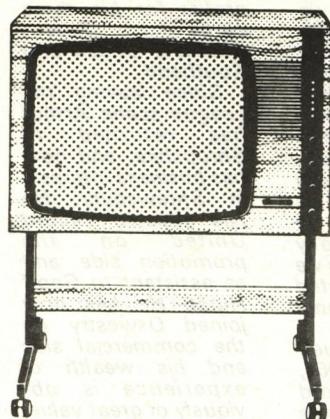
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## The Malcolm Starkey Column

Since our last home game we have had two away games at Q.P.R. and Oldham and gained two points. Every time we heard Shrewsbury mentioned it was always referring to our unenviable record of not having gained a point on our away travels, but as everyone now knows, that record was removed in convincing style, and if we can continue in the same vein today, we can hope for two more welcome points.

Following our failure to form a reserve league this season we have now to attend a meeting in Chester on 6th December to discuss this subject once again. Clubs who have shown interest are Carlisle, Wigan, Chester, Wrexham, Shrewsbury. It really is incredible the number of clubs in the lower divisions who do not have a regular

reserve side and show such apathy in forming one. I think you can see by past records that clubs without a reserve team do tend to finish in the lower regions of their particular leagues. Two points that are vital to us in wanting a flourishing mid-week reserve league are: 1. It allows the Manager to run the rule over professionals who are out of the first team. 2. You are able to bring in trailists and play them in a standard of football which makes it much easier in which to assess them.

It was very pleasing to see our youngsters in the Youth Team doing so well. We had three excellent games against Wolves, the scores being 0-0, 2-2, and finally 5-3 in our favour. In the final match Tim Cook, one of our youngest players, scored a fine hat

trick. They now travel to Port Vale next Monday, 3rd December, kick-off 7.00 p.m., to try to progress to the Third Round. If we can make it to the Third Round it will be the first time we have done so for a number of years.

It was very disappointing having to cancel the Charity games last week which were in aid of the Mayor of Shrewsbury's Cancer Cobalt Unit. With fog persisting all day and visibility down to around 100 metres the game started to be in doubt around 2.00 p.m. At the Meadow the game was playable, but in surrounding districts we were getting telephone calls informing us that the fog was very dense and travel would have been difficult. At 4.00 p.m. I had a call from Trevor East informing me that the T.V.

All Stars team were fog-bound in Birmingham and almost immediately I had another call from Alan Durban saying the weather had deteriorated in the Stoke area and they were unable to make the journey. I then called the game off and notified all officials, etc. It was also on our information telephone by 4.15 p.m. that the games had been cancelled. I would ask all supporters that if you have any doubts about a game being played, please ring our information number — Shrewsbury 8040 — and so prevent your making unnecessary journeys and, what is more important, save wasting your money.

It is now hoped that the match will take place near the end of the season and we shall be keeping you informed.



# TOWN



**WAYNE TURNER**  
Development of local talent is one of the priorities at Kenilworth Road and Turner, who plays midfield or defence, is now on the fringe of making the complete journey from schoolboy soccer to league duty with his home town club. Signed as an apprentice in 1977, he was skipper of Luton's reserve side within two years, and made his league debut in the final Second Division match of last season.

**GARY SISMAN**  
Signed while still a schoolboy in Hertfordshire, Sisman was soon marked out as a top young defender — he was capped six times by England at schoolboy level in the 1975/76 season, and joined Luton as an apprentice at the end of that campaign.

**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. A respected professional whose knowledge and enthusiasm rubs off on younger players.

**DAVID MOSS**  
Having given sterling service to Swindon in the Third Division for nine years, flying winger Moss proved that he was more than capable of upsetting Second Division defence after his £110,000 move to Luton in the summer

of 1978. His pace and accuracy, allied with the ability to cross the ball at speed, give Luton's attacks strength on either flank, and he is always likely to pop up with a spectacular goal or two — he was Luton's leading league scorer last season with 13, despite missing a third of the campaign through injury.

**BRIAN STEIN**  
The progress of attacker Stein reads like something out of "Roy of the Rovers".

He was a local health authority clerk in North London, enjoying non-league football with Edgware Town, when David Pleat, then coach, spotted him in the autumn of 1977. Within a month he had made his debut and rapidly became an established first-team star. His greatest asset is sharpness in the box, and it brought him 14 league and cup goals last season.

**GARY HEALE**  
Made the breakthrough in Second Division soccer two years ago, being with Luton since leaving school in Canvey Island. He marked his league debut with a goal and is one of the young prospects who could become regular league players this season.

**GODFREY INGRAM**  
After a summer on loan with New York Cosmos in the United States, former England schoolboy international striker Ingram, a local boy, is one of the youngest members of Luton's first team pool. Leading scorer in the Football Combination over the last three seasons.

Back Row: A. Pearson, S. Heath, L. Harriott, Gary Heale (now Reading F.C.), C. Goodyear, W. Turner, G. Sisman, A. Ollis; 2nd Row: David Coates (Chief Coach), M. Donaghy, M. Aizlewood, J. Findlay, G. Jones, A. Judge, K. Stephens, B. Stein, John Moore (Coach); 3rd Row: P. Fuccillo, R. Hill, M. Saxby, Ken Gutteridge (Asst Manager), David Pleat (Manager), John Smith, Bob Hatton, Paul Price, A. Birchenall (now Hereford F.C.), D. Moss; Front Row: A. Cosby, R. Johnson, J. Piotrowski, T. Murphy, F. Bunn, R. Walker, M. Conquest (now on trial with Sheffield United), J. Cole, J. Woodward, N. Madden, R. Brammer.

## The Manager



He had played on the wing for England Youth and Nottingham Forest before spending three seasons at Luton in the early 1960s.

Injuries affected his career as he moved on to Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough, but he was determined to stay in the game. He became a fully-qualified coach and went into Management with Nuneaton in the Southern League, where in three seasons he transformed the team into one of the most progressive and successful non-league sides.

In 1975 Luton Town hired him for the second time in 10 years, this time as a coach. He stayed at Luton as Manager in preference to leaving with Harry Haslam to Sheffield United.

Pleat began reorganising at Kenilworth Road, turning over more than a million pounds in his first two years in transfer deals. Last year was his first full season as Manager, when several of the younger element of the team secured from the lower Divisions were establishing themselves as outstanding Second Division players.



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# PRESS TALK

## REQUIEM FOR A TOWN FAN

by **Brian Binnersley** Feelance writer and broadcaster

The popular image of today's football fan is that of a teenage tearaway who invariably ends up in front of the local beaks the following Monday morning. The brash "bandwagon" merchant who only wants to be associated with a certain club while they are doing well.

Once they hit a losing streak he doesn't want to know. "They didn't come to see me when I was bad", is his philosophy.

That image is as far from the truth as Crewe Alexandra's chances of winning the European Cup.

You don't need to look far to find the true football fan. The Gay Meadow stands and terraces abound with them. They are the one club men for whom the fortunes of Shrewsbury Town override most other considerations. Such a supporter was my dad.

Exactly how long he had followed the Town I was never

quite sure. But when the time came to renew his season ticket for Shrewsbury's first venture into the Second Division, I remember him making the point, with some force, that it cost more than ten times the first one he ever bought.

He always put me in mind of that famous Shankly-ism. "Football's a matter of life or death to you, isn't it, Bill?" the legendary Liverpool boss was once asked. "Och, no," said the famous man, "it's far more serious than that."

What Bill Shankly probably meant was that his passion for Liverpool Football Club was the greatest thing in his life. In terms of Shrewsbury Town, the same was true of Wally Binnersley.

Graham Turner never felt a Shrewsbury defeat more deeply. It was an intense, love-hate relationship. He felt it a personal affront when the Town had

"let him down". Yet, strangely, he was slow to acknowledge when "his" team had played well and won handsomely. "They did all right, I suppose — but they should have got ten," was the limit of his praise.

There were brief flirtations with Wolves. But he always got his priorities right. Even in Shrewsbury's Midland League days the Molineux men (and they were really worth watching in those days!) never got his custom if the Town were playing at the Meadow.

One infuriating idiosyncrasy was his insistence in getting to the match an hour before the kick-off, and leaving 10 minutes before time "to beat the crush". On one famous occasion when Binnersley Jnr. tagged along, I well remember missing a memorable finale in which three goals were scored in the closing minutes. It was something of a relief when I reached

the age when I was able to make my own way to the Meadow and Molineux on alternate Saturdays.

Just a few days before he was involved in a road accident he had the great pleasure (and relief) of watching Shrewsbury record their first win in the Second Division with that unforgettable 3-0 triumph over Chelsea. The Town's timing was perfect, for it was to be the last time he saw the Gay Meadow men in action.

Practically the only response hospital visitors got was when the talk turned to Shrewsbury Town. And so began the great deception that was to last until he died a month later. I doubt whether even Tommy Docherty, self-confessed king of the conmen, could have bettered my performance.

The record books show that the Town lost 1-2 at Charlton at the Valley the Saturday following that Chelsea win.

But, according to my little white lie, Shrewsbury got their first away win of the season. To the goal that Trevor Birch did score was added a fictitious winner by Steve Biggins. The 1-0 home win against Orient was inflated to 4-0. After all, I pleaded in self-justification, that was the margin Shrewsbury ought to have won by. The 2-2 draw against Leicester City was creditable enough to remain unexpurgated.

But that 5-2 crash at Notts County presented a problem. The Town, I decided after some conscience searching, got a lucky point at Meadow Lane that disastrous night. And they collected another one at Newcastle a few days later, even though the Sunday papers insisted the Magpies won with an early goal by Alan Shoulder.

Yes, the Town enjoyed a marvellous



unbeaten run that only ended when the great deception no longer became necessary. Nothing I could think of would have given one of

football's real fans greater comfort than believing his beloved Shrewsbury were coping so well in his absence. My hope is that the

new incumbent of Seat II, Rowe E, Centre Stand gets just half as much pleasure as did my father from following the Blues.



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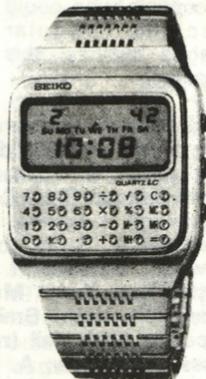
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# SHREWSBURY TOWN STORY

## 1968-69

As can be seen from the results above, it was an extremely disappointing season for our supporters. First round exits in both cups at the hands of local neighbours Port Vale and Walsall, and a string of poor results in the league saw Town staring relegation in the face.

Encouraging attendances at our first two home games, 7,968 and 7,532 respectively, saw Town collect only one point and that as a result of an Eddie Loyden penalty.

A surprise victory at Bristol Rovers followed, the home fans being so incited by this defeat that a mindless minority damaged the club coach, which led to a delay in the players and officials returning to Shrewsbury. Only one win in the next seven games and the Town plunged into the relegation zone. Despite three consecutive 1-0 home wins, our away form again left a lot to be desired.

The club then hit a disastrous patch, gaining only two victories in fifteen matches. A miracle was now needed to avoid the drop. Those clutching at straws found a ray of hope when two points were secured after a 1-0 victory at Crewe. Back to earth with a resounding bump, a 5-0 hammering at Southport; many thought that was the end. But, as in all fairy stories, we saw one last season, there was a happy ending!

An unbeaten run of nine games, fifteen points collected and the Town had grabbed a lifeline. A 4-0 defeat at Orient was immediately followed by a wonderful 5-1 victory against Southport. Thus with two games to go, one point was needed to avoid the drop.

The final home game against Gillingham was quite an occasion, a crowd of 7,837 saw Graham Clapham grab the all important goal and Town were safe. After-match scenes somewhat resembled last year's promotion-clinching game against Exeter!! At least the fans did have something to shout about.

|                 |           |     |  |        |       |
|-----------------|-----------|-----|--|--------|-------|
| Walsall         | (H)       | 0.1 | —                                      | 7,968  |       |
| Watford         | (A)       | 0.2 | —                                      | 9,574  |       |
| Crewe Al.       | (H)       | 1.1 | Loyden (pen.)                          | 7,532  |       |
| Bristol R.      | (A)       | 2.1 | Dolby, McLaughlin                      | 7,820  |       |
| Bournemouth     | (A)       | 0.2 | —                                      | 7,330  |       |
| Plymouth A.     | (H)       | 1.0 | McLaughlin                             | 6,035  |       |
| Hartlepoons U.  | (A)       | 0.0 | —                                      | 5,028  |       |
| Stockport C.    | (A)       | 3.4 | Boardman, McLaughlin, Garbett          | 7,171  |       |
| Reading         | (H)       | 3.3 | Boardman (3)                           | 5,769  |       |
| Swindon T.      | (A)       | 0.3 | —                                      | 12,283 |       |
| Barnsley        | (H)       | 0.0 | —                                      | 4,544  |       |
| Bristol R.      | (H)       | 1.0 | Loyden                                 | 6,209  |       |
| Barrow          | (A)       | 1.2 | Fellows                                | 5,407  |       |
| Rotherham U.    | (H)       | 1.0 | Hawkins                                | 6,658  |       |
| Torquay U.      | (A)       | 0.2 | —                                      | 8,132  |       |
| Leyton Orient   | (H)       | 1.0 | Hawkins                                | 3,601  |       |
| Oldham A.       | (H)       | 0.1 | —                                      | 3,629  |       |
| Tranmere R.     | (A)       | 1.3 | McLaughlin                             | 7,507  |       |
| Gillingham      | (A)       | 1.4 | Hawkins                                | 5,270  |       |
| Mansfield T.    | (H)       | 1.1 | Stobart                                | 2,594  |       |
| Barrow          | (H)       | 1.0 | Meredith                               | 2,211  |       |
| Rotherham U.    | (A)       | 0.1 | —                                      | 7,218  |       |
| Barnsley        | (A)       | 0.1 | —                                      | 11,733 |       |
| Luton T.        | (H)       | 3.1 | Douglas, Meredith (pen.), Wood         | 4,729  |       |
| Tranmere R.     | (H)       | 0.1 | —                                      | 5,780  |       |
| Oldham A.       | (A)       | 2.2 | Wood, Dolby                            | 3,049  |       |
| Brighton & H.A. | (A)       | 0.3 | —                                      | 11,716 |       |
| Walsall         | (A)       | 0.2 | —                                      | 4,773  |       |
| Luton T.        | (A)       | 1.2 | Harkin                                 | 14,337 |       |
| Watford         | (H)       | 1.1 | Hawkins                                | 6,507  |       |
| Brighton & H.A. | (H)       | 1.2 | Wood                                   | 2,854  |       |
| Crewe Al.       | (A)       | 1.0 | Wood                                   | 5,179  |       |
| Southport       | (A)       | 0.5 | —                                      | 3,050  |       |
| Bournemouth     | (H)       | 1.0 | Harkin                                 | 3,747  |       |
| Plymouth A.     | (A)       | 1.1 | Clapham                                | 11,010 |       |
| Swindon T.      | (H)       | 1.1 | Wood                                   | 7,387  |       |
| Stockport C.    | (H)       | 2.1 | Harkin, Wood                           | 5,212  |       |
| Northampton T.  | (A)       | 4.3 | Flowers o.g., Wood, Clarke o.g., Dolby | 5,521  |       |
| Reading         | (A)       | 4.2 | Wood (2), McLaughlin, Harkin           | 4,769  |       |
| Northampton T.  | (H)       | 1.0 | Harkin                                 | 6,770  |       |
| Hartlepoons U.  | (H)       | 1.1 | McLaughlin                             | 7,793  |       |
| Torquay U.      | (H)       | 1.0 | Meredith                               | 6,000  |       |
| Leyton Orient   | (A)       | 0.4 | —                                      | 6,115  |       |
| Southport       | (H)       | 5.1 | Harkin (3), Wood (2)                   | 5,405  |       |
| Gillingham      | (H)       | 1.1 | Clapham                                | 7,837  |       |
| Mansfield T.    | (A)       | 2.1 | Dolby, Hawkins                         | 5,716  |       |
| F. A. Cup       |           |     |  |        |       |
| R1              | Port Vale | (H) | 1-1                                    | Wood   | 5,933 |
|                 | replay    | (A) | 1-3                                    | Wood   | 8,800 |
| League Cup      |           |     |  |        |       |
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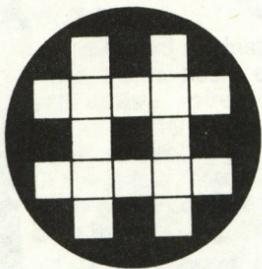
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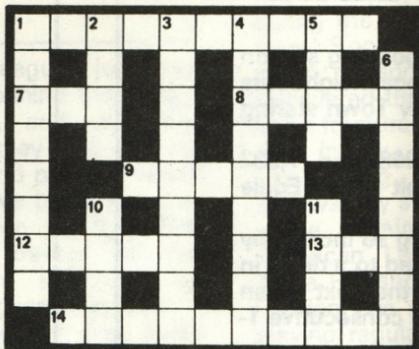


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(Gregg)  
(Stags)  
(Rath)

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- Down
- Burridge
  - Eddy
  - Kissinger
  - Newcastle
  - Oval
  - Retained
  - Rene
  - See 7ac
- Across
- Blenkinsop
  - & 11dn. red, blue
  - See 13ac
  - Wigan
  - Greig
  - & 8ac. Len Weare
  - George Herd



### Across

- Full-back who, between the Wars, captained England, and played for Hull, Sheffield Wednesday, Liverpool and Cardiff (10)
- & 11dn. A couple of Aldershot's colours (3,4)
- See 13ac
- One of the sides nicknamed "The Latics" (5)
- Ex-Scotland skipper whose active career was spent with Rangers, of whom he became manager when he gave up playing (5)
- & 8ac. Keeper who made over 500 appearances in his long career with Newport (3,5)
- Former Clyde, Sunderland, Hartlepool and Scotland forward (6,4)

### Down

- Keeper who was ever-present in Palace's table-topping team last season (8)
- Holland keeper — Treytel moved to AZ '67 this summer after more than 500 appearances for Feyenoord (4)
- Famous former globe-trotting statesman who became NASL president (9)
- Club that Gordon Lee has managed (9)
- Glentoran's ground (4)
- At the end of the season clubs draw up a "--- list" of playing-staff (8)
- Houseman (Argentina) (4)
- See 7ac.

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- A BIRMINGHAM CITY V. LEICESTER CITY
- B BRISTOL R. V. BURNLEY
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- D CARDIFF CITY V. OLDHAM ATHLETIC
- E CHARLTON ATHLETIC V. WEST HAM U.
- F CHELSEA V. PRESTON N.E.
- G NEWCASTLE U. V. FULHAM
- H ORIENT V. SUNDERLAND
- I WATFORD V. NOTTS C.
- J WREXHAM V. SWANSEA CITY
- K BOLTON W. V. BRISTOL C.
- L BRIGHTON V. DERBY C.
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- N LEEDS U. V. CRYSTAL P.
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- S SOUTHAMPTON V. STOKE C.
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- U WEST BROMWICH A. V. EVERTON
- V CHESTER V. SHEFFIELD WED.
- W READING V. BLACKBURN R.
- X HUDDERSFIELD T. V. HEREFORD U.

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# Facts and Figures

| Fixture                             | Attendance | Result | 1        | 2      | 3       | 4        | 5         | 6        | 7         | 8        | 9         | 10          | 11        | 12      |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------|----------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|---------|
| Aug 11 Halifax League Cup 1 1st leg | 1,904      | 2-2    | Mulhearn | King   | Leonard | Turner 1 | Griffin   | Keay     | Maguire 1 | Atkins   | Tong      | Biggins     | Mann      | Lindsay |
| 14 HALIFAX League Cup 1 2nd leg     | 4,820      | 1-0    | Mulhearn | King   | Leonard | Turner   | Griffin   | Keay     | Maguire   | Atkins 1 | Tong      | Biggins     | Mann      | Lindsay |
| 18 Swansea City                     | 20,000     | 0-2    | Mulhearn | King   | Leonard | Turner   | Griffin   | Keay     | Birch     | Atkins   | Tong      | Biggins     | Mann      | Lindsay |
| 21 NOTTS COUNTY                     | 7,369      | 1-1    | Mulhearn | King   | Leonard | Turner   | Griffin 1 | Keay     | Birch     | Atkins   | Tong      | Biggins     | Mann      | Cross   |
| 25 Bristol Rovers                   | 5,713      | 1-2    | Mulhearn | King   | Leonard | Turner   | Griffin   | Keay     | Birch     | Atkins   | Tong 1    | Cross       | Mann      | Lindsay |
| 29 Chesterfield 2nd Rd (1st leg)    | 5,119      | 0-3    | Mulhearn | King   | Larkin  | Lindsay  | Griffin   | Keay     | Birch     | Atkins   | Tong      | Cross       | Mann      | Coyne   |
| 1 CAMBRIDGE UNITED                  | 5,670      | 1-2    | Mulhearn | King   | Larkin  | Turner 1 | Griffin   | Keay     | Cross     | Atkins   | Tong      | Biggins     | Mann      | Lindsay |
| 5 Chesterfield 2nd Rd (2nd leg)     | 4,270      | 0-0    | Mulhearn | King   | Leonard | Cross    | Griffin   | Keay     | Birch     | Atkins   | Tong      | Biggins     | Mann      | Lindsay |
| 8 Cardiff City                      | 8,688      | 0-1    | Mulhearn | King   | Leonard | Lindsay  | Griffin   | Keay     | Birch     | Atkins   | Tong      | Cross       | Mann      | Edwards |
| 15 CHELSEA                          | 9,271      | 3-0    | Mulhearn | King   | Leonard | Lindsay  | Griffin   | Keay 1   | Birch     | Atkins   | Tong      | Biggins 1   | Mann 1    | Cross   |
| 22 Charlton                         | 5,283      | 1-2    | Mulhearn | Larkin | Leonard | Lindsay  | Griffin   | Keay     | Birch 1   | Atkins   | Tong      | Biggins     | Mann      | Cross   |
| 26 League Cup 3                     |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 29 ORIENT                           | 6,176      | 1-0    | Mulhearn | King   | Leonard | Turner   | Griffin   | Keay     | Edwards   | Atkins   | Chapman   | Biggins (1) | Mann      | Tong    |
| Oct 6 LEICESTER CITY                | 9,045      | 2-2    | Mulhearn | King 1 | Leonard | Tong     | Griffin   | Keay     | Edwards   | Atkins   | Chapman 1 | Biggins     | Cross     | Lindsay |
| 9 Notts County                      | 7,251      | 2-5    | Mulhearn | King   | Leonard | Tong     | Griffin   | Keay     | Edwards   | Atkins 1 | Chapman   | Biggins     | Cross     | Coyne   |
| 13 Newcastle                        | 21,513     | 0-1    | Wardle   | King   | Hayes   | Turner   | Griffin   | Keay     | Tong      | Atkins   | Chapman   | Biggins     | Cross     | Birch   |
| 20 WREXHAM                          | 11,007     | 3-1    | Wardle   | Hayes  | Larkin  | Turner   | Griffin   | Keay     | Tong      | Atkins   | Chapman   | Biggins 3   | Birch     | Cross   |
| 27 Birmingham City                  | 17,869     | 0-1    | Wardle   | Hayes  | Larkin  | Chapman  | Griffin   | Keay     | Tong      | Atkins   | Maguire   | Biggins     | Birch     | Cross   |
| 31 League Cup 4                     |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| Nov 3 SWANSEA CITY                  | 9,815      | 2-2    | Wardle   | Hayes  | Larkin  | Chapman  | Griffin   | Keay (1) | Tong      | Atkins   | Maguire   | Dungworth 1 | Cross     | Biggins |
| 10 WATFORD                          | 8,150      | 1-0    | Mulhearn | Hayes  | Larkin  | Lindsay  | Griffin   | Keay 1   | Tong      | Atkins   | Maguire   | Dungworth   | Biggins   | Coyne   |
| 17 QPR                              | 12,048     | 1-2    | Mulhearn | King 1 | Larkin  | Atkins   | Griffin   | Keay     | Lindsay   | Tong     | Maguire   | Dungworth   | Biggins   | Chapman |
| 24 Oldham Athletic (1)              | 6,332      | 2-0    | Mulhearn | King   | Larkin  | Lindsay  | Griffin   | Keay     | Tong      | Atkins   | Maguire   | Dungworth   | Maguire 2 | Chapman |
| Dec 1 LUTON TOWN                    |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 5 League Cup 5                      |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 8 Fulham                            |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 15 WEST HAM (2)                     |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 21 Sunderland                       |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 26 Preston                          |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 29 BRISTOL ROVERS                   |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 1980 Jan 1 BURNLEY                  |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 5 FA Cup 3                          |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 12 Cambridge United                 |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 16 League Cup SF                    |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 19 CARDIFF CITY                     |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 26 FA Cup 4                         |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| Feb 2 Chelsea                       |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 9 CHARLTON                          |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 13 League Cup SF                    |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 16 Orient 5)                        |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 23 NEWCASTLE                        |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| Mar 1 Wrexham                       |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 8 BIRMINGHAM (6)                    |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 14 Leicester                        |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 15 League Cup Final                 |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 22 Watford                          |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 29 QPR                              |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| Apr 1 PRESTON                       |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 5 BURNLEY                           |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 8 SUNDERLAND                        |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 12 Luton (FA Cup SF)                |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 19 OLDHAM                           |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 26 West Ham                         |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| May 3 FULHAM                        |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |
| 10 FA Cup Final                     |            |        |          |        |         |          |           |          |           |          |           |             |           |         |

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| Jake King       | 2  | Kirk Stephens |  |
| Tony Larkin     | 3  | Mal Donaghy   |  |
| Jimmy Lindsay   | 4  | Tony Grealish |  |
| Colin Griffin   | 5  | Mike Saxby    |  |
| Jack Keay       | 6  | Paul Price    |  |
| David Tong      | 7  | Ricky Hill    |  |
| Ian Atkins      | 8  | Alan West     |  |
| Steve Biggins   | 9  | Brian Stein   |  |
| John Dungworth  | 10 | Bob Hatton    |  |
| Paul Maguire    | 11 | David Moss    |  |
|                 | 12 |               |  |



Jake King returned to the side against Q.P.R. after injury.

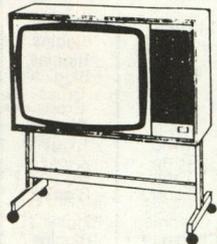
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