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ARFON

Today we have Luton Town at the Racecourse and while last week's opposition Queen's Park Rangers may be a more expensive team, in my opinion Luton are the best footballing side in the Second Division! I put Luton on a par with West Ham — so that means we are in for a big test.

Luton manager David Pleat has bought wisely and has gathered together a very good side and if they maintain the form they have shown so far this season, then they will certainly be in with a shout for promotion at the end of the season.

I was naturally delighted with our 2—2 draw at Rangers. I think that had we held on to our 2—0 lead just a shade longer, then we would have won easily. As it turned out they got a quick goal and then fought back for a point.

It was not so much the result at Loftus Road that pleased me, but more the manner in which the whole side played.

I never spoke out publicly during our recent spell when we lost four games. There were a number of

reasons why we slipped. Joey Jones, Mel Sutton, Les Cartwright were back after injuries in some cases having been forced to play. Add to this that Ian Edwards who had been with us five weeks — had been unable to train for four weeks to avoid aggravating a calf injury.

There was no doubt that there was a lost of pressure on myself and the players when we played Swansea City. It was vital that we won that one — and I was relieved when we got the right result. I said at the time that we didn't play well against City, but the most important factor was we won.

The victory obviously lifted our confidence and last Saturday it was great to see the lads really playing as I know they are capable

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of doing. Alan Dwyer is another player who has recaptured his confidence during the past couple of weeks. These things may be small but they all add up to a side returning to form.

I am not saying that all the clouds have completely gone and today we can expect a hard game against Luton. It will be the start of a crucial run into the New Year. If we get a fair ratio of points and don't forget we will be playing sides like Chelsea and Sunderland, then I really feel that we can look forward to an exciting time ahead.

Today, I hope to parade our new signing Frank Carrodus from Aston Villa. The signing was delayed a bit. I had reached agreement with the club and player last week but there was a snag at the other end which Frank has now settled — and he was delighted to join us.

This is the type of quality player we need

to make the push up the table. Although we are six points behind the leaders, the feeling in the dressing room at the Racecourse is that we are not out of the race by any means. I firmly believe that we now have the nucleus of a very good side — a side that can do well.

On Monday night we have Connah's Quay Nomads at the Racecourse in the Welsh Cup 4th round. The cup is full of shocks, but we will be looking for a win because winning the Welsh Cup and getting into Europe has become vital.

It will be very interesting

this season with three Second Division clubs in for the first time and Newport County, of course, going great guns. Playing in Europe not only means so much to players and fans but has also become financially important to a club and there is no doubt that playing in Europe has put us on the map.

Before we start dreaming of next season — we must of course account for Connah's Quay who will obviously come here with plenty of spirit and we must make sure that we are in the right frame of mind. There is too much at stake for any silps.

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Where are they now?

Giant-sized Eddie May is still a big favourite with the Wrexham crowd even though he left the Racecourse for Swansea City four seasons ago. This was proved by the reception the ex-Wrexham skipper got when he took a bow at the recent Gareth Davis Testimonial game.

Eddie joined Wrexham for a bargain £5,000 from Southend Utd., in 1968 by the then Wrexham manager Alvan Williams, who had plucked him from non-league Dagenham when he had been boss at Southend.

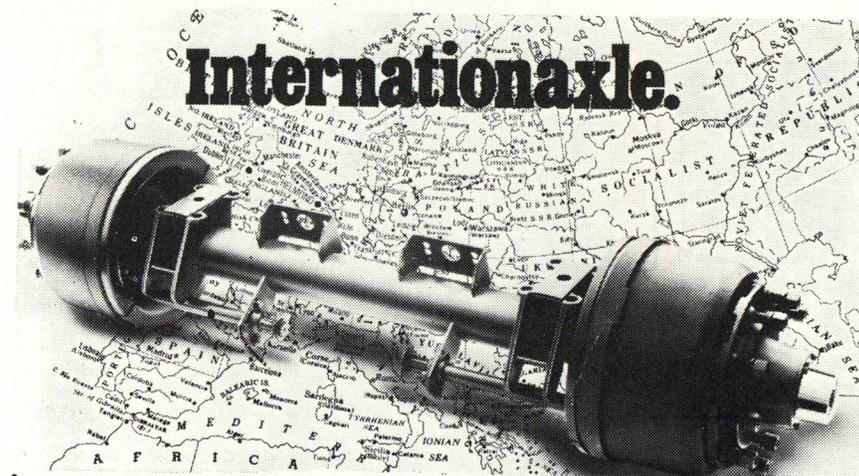
Eddie went on to make 329 first team appearances for 'The Reds' in a spell that lasted until 1976 when he moved to Swansea. It was Eddie who skippered Wrexham in some of those brilliant displays by 'no hoppers' Wrexham in the European Cup Winners' Cup not to mention memorable F.A. and League Cup ties.

Eddie met Jock Wallace when he took a Wrexham team into a youth tournament. Wallace was then boss of Glasgow Rangers. It was Wallace who took Eddie over into the other side of the game, making him reserve and youth team coach at Leicester City — a job Eddie is now really enjoying.

"Wrexham is still my team. I came back for Gareth's game and there was a lump in the old throat. There's something special about Wrexham. It's a well-organised club with a clean, compact ground that has transformed from the day I arrived as a player. I always got on well with the Wrexham fans, too. Wrexham's is the first result I look for on a Saturday."

This is THE Wrexham team Eddie would like to lead out at the Racecourse —

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Getting back into the First Division —that's Ian's ambition

—by REG HERBERT.

Blond-haired Ian Edwards signed for Wrexham last month for £150,000 yet Wrexham could have had him for a small signing on fee when he was only 15 years old... he refused to sign for Wrexham manager John Neal because he didn't think he would make the grade!

Now he has made it and has a big ambition to get back into First Division football with his home club Wrexham and also make himself a regular in the Welsh side.

Ian was playing for his school Mold Alyn, Rhyl F.C. and turning out for Wrexham's talented youth side. In that side were Joey Jones and Mickey Thomas. "I refused to sign for Wrexham simply because I was not sure I would make the grade and it is a big decision to make, to sign on as an apprentice professional. At the time I was banking on taking my 'O'-levels so I thought I'd be better staying at school.

Ian played two seasons in the Welsh Youth side having already won international honours as a schoolboy but he could not refuse the second call and this time it came from First Division West Brom, who like a number of clubs, had been watching his displays in the Cheshire League with Rhyl.

Don Howe, then Albion's manager, signed him as a full-time professional and he went into the Hawthorn's second string. Things did not go too well for West Brom and they were relegated to the Second Division but Ian will remember his Second Division debut—against Sheffield Wednesday at 'The Hawthorns' and he scored in a 4—0 victory. Albion got back into Division One and Ian got in the first team but when Albion signed David Cross, Ian realised his chances of making the number nine jersey his own was limited and he asked for a move.

Chester nipped in and signed him for £20,000—a bargain for he went on to give them tremendous service during the three years he was at Sealand Road. "I was very happy at Chester. It's a nice city and they were good to me at the club."

Ian gained his first full international cap when he came on as substitute in Kuwait 18 months ago—but it was his Nations' Cup game against Malta that he'll never forget—he scored four goals for Wales at the Racecourse. "I don't know about being my best game, but I'd never had so much publicity," said the modest, six feet, two inches tall striker.

Around about that time, Ian had been plagued by a knee injury that for 18 months had thought to have been ligament trouble but in the end resulted in him having two cartilages removed. "But the knee is O.K. now," he said.

Although Wrexham had been rumoured to have been interested in the Chester man for some months, he said the move came out of the blue. "Alan Oakes told me Wrexham had made a bid for me and it just went on from there."

I was delighted to sign but I must confess that things didn't go too well at first, we had a few bad results and then I pulled a calf muscle."

But it all came right last Saturday when Ian notched his first goal for the club at Queen's Park Rangers. "It was a good move with a long ball from Terry Darracott being flicked on by Dixie McNeil to me. I was really relieved when it went in. It's always good to score and now that I have got my first I hope I can get some more."

Ian and his wife Maureen, a home economist with MANWEB, are busy moving into their newly-built home at Cymau—ironically they had decided to buy the house long before Wrexham moved in for him.

Born at Trevalyn near Rossett, Ian is watched regularly by his dad Bob a draughtsman at Shotton and his mother Mary. "They find it a lot easier to come to the Racecourse from their Mold home than they did travelling to see me at West Brom," joked Ian.

"It takes time to settle in a new club even when you have known some of the players like I did and naturally I have found the Second Division very much different from the Third Division but with so many good players around me I am already beginning to feel better and I think Wrexham have got a good side."



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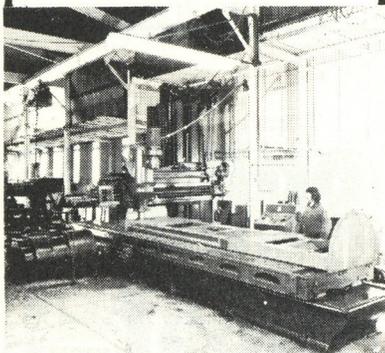
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Connah's Quay Nomads come to the Racecourse on Monday night for the Welsh Cup 4th round tie... and club secretary Geoff Thelwell says his players are looking forward to the big night.

"We haven't stopped talking about this game since we heard the draw. The lads are excited about playing against a side they normally only read about and see on television; playing at a big stadium and against players such as Joey Jones and Dixie McNeil. We just hope we won't be overawed by the occasion," said Mr. Thelwell.

Nomads last played on the Racecourse in 1956 when they lost 5-2 in the Welsh Cup 5th round against Wrexham and three years before that were thumped 5-0 against Chester in the Welsh Cup semifinals, also at the Racecourse.

Nomads are second in the Clwyd League (Division One) and are unbeaten in the league this season. They normally take about £10 in gate money at a home match but in view of tonight's game secretary Mr. Thelwell says the club will be lashing out and having a new set of 'stockings'!

● One of the stars of the side is 25-year-old right-winger Tommy Taylor from Deeside, and Nomads will be bringing plenty of fans with them for the big night out.

With the Saturday before Christmas being notoriously bad for attendances all but a handful of clubs have switched next Saturday's games to Friday night... which means Wrexham will be making the trip to Burnley. Clubs still sticking to the Saturday games include Everton and Manchester United.

If you are making the trip to Turf Moor by car the best route is via Pulford to join A55 and turn off for the A41 and A56 for Mickle Trafford and take Manchester signs to join M56 motorway. Leave motorway at Junction 17 follow signs Bury and A56. At roundabout take second exit into Yorkshire Street.

● It will be eyes to the television or ears to the radio at 5.15 p.m. this evening when BBC will be covering live the draw for the 3rd round of the F.A. Cup which of course includes all the Second and First Division clubs.

● Wrexham have a long trip to the North East for the Boxing Day game against Sunderland. The players will be leaving the Racecourse on Christmas Day afternoon and will be returning in the early hours of Thursday. Says assistant manager Mel Sutton "I think it would suit fans and clubs if games during holiday times could be between clubs near to each other. I realise not everyone could have a local game but it does seem wrong that we should go to Sunderland. They could have played Newcastle or a northern club nearer. Our fixture on New Year's Day against Preston is ideal because their fans will not have much travelling to do."

● A four-way Soccer Quiz will be staged in the New Year. Taking part will be a four-man team of players, a team from the Centenary Club, the Social Club, and the Supporters' Association. One game will be held at the Centenary Club, the other at the Social Club and the grand final at the Centenary Club.

● GEORGE BEST had trouble with his boots before he stepped out to play in Gareth Davis's Testimonial match and the only pair that fitted him at the Racecourse was a pair belonging to Gareth. George played in them... and they have now become hot property.

Gareth has in fact presented them to Wrexham vice-chairman, Mr. Geoffrey Morris to auction at the annual dinner Mr. Morris holds at the Centenary Club each February to raise money for the North East Wales soccer league.

● While on about the maestro George Best, the Wrexham players thought they had a gem when he autographed a ball which the players planned to raffle at their Christmas dance... but a felt tipped pen was used and so many people handled the ball to see the autograph that the signature was smudged and finally completely rubbed off!

● ALAN DWYER is the latest Wrexham player to take charge of a Sunday soccer team — The Nag's Head, Isycoed. And on Sunday his side met Celts who of course are coached by JOEY JONES.

The result? Nag's Head 0 Celts 3.
Commented Joey: "We murdered them. In fact we played like Brazil!"

● The Wrexham players beat the Fibreglass Social Club at both darts and pool the other night. The star of the night was ALAN HILL whose game was getting close when he went to the board needing 130 for victory... and clinched it with 20, treble 20 and a bullseye.

● TERRY DARRACOTT is a regular on Liverpool Radio City Sunday Sports programme... and is included in a special soccer quiz team that will be broadcast on Christmas Day. Terry will not be able to hear the show because he'll be on his way to Sunderland with his team-mates. The programme has been recorded and Terry is giving away no secrets as to how it ended. Joey Jones and Alan Dwyer are also on the show.

● WAYNE CEGIELSKI is recovering from his knee operation — with the help of his pet Afghan hound Jasper. "The dog needs plenty of exercise — and so do I so it is helping me by taking him out for walks, he gets the exercise and I do too," said Wayne.

When you see Wayne with his huge dog you wonder who is taking who for a walk!

Supporters' Association News

● The Junior Disco (for ages 11-16) will be held at the Centenary Club tomorrow (Sunday) starting at 6 p.m. (Admission 50p.)

● The Wrexham F.C. Supporters Association Christmas Dance will also be at the Centenary Club on Friday, December 21st (8 p.m. to 1 a.m.) with dancing to "Grip" plus MTB Disco. Late bar and basket meals available. Members £1.25p Non-members £1.50p.

● The 'Away Travel Club' will be running coaches to Burnley next Friday night — £2 and to Sunderland on Boxing Day, the cost for that trip being £4. Please book early at the Centre Spot shop.

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Luton Town boss, David Pleat today finds his side well placed in what is becoming a close promotion battle at the top of the Second Division... but promotion is a word manager Pleat refuses to talk about.

"There's a long, hard winter ahead and with a few points separating so many clubs, there is a long way to go yet," says Mr. Pleat, who was a player in Luton's colours for three seasons in the early 1960's. He returned to Kenilworth Road in 1975 as coach to manager Harry Haslam and he took over the hot seat when Mr. Haslam moved to Sheffield United.

There is no doubt that Mr. Pleat has transformed Luton into one of the most exciting teams in the Second Division — a bubbling, high-scoring side that can always be guaranteed to provide plenty of entertainment.

The Luton manager has turned over a £1-million in transfer deals in his two years as manager.

Although Luton paid a record £110,000 for Swindon's David Moss two seasons ago — what a bargain that has proved — Mr. Pleat has been shrewd in his transfer dealings having in non-league signing, brilliant defender Kirk Stephens while at £15,000, Mal Donaghy from Larne, was chased by a host of English clubs and has proved another fine signing. Bob Hatton at £50,000 has helped blend youth with experience.

Mr. Pleat will be looking for consistency to complete his plans for this season. Town fans will remember that their favourites were handily placed last Christmas — but the club suffered a blow when their exciting midfielder-attacker Lil Fuccillo broke his leg at Brighton and suffered another tragedy when he broke the same leg in his come back bid in a junior side.

LUTON'S LEAGUE RESULTS:

Cambridge (h) 1—1 (Moss); Bristol R. (a) 2—3 (Moss 2); Orient (h) 2—1 (Hatton, Hill); Leicester (a) 3—1 (Moss 2, Hill); Swansea (h) 5—0 (Moss 2, Hatton, Hill, West); Notts Co. (a) 0—0; Oldham (h) 0—0; Fulham (a) 3—1 (Moss, Hill, Hatton); Cardiff (a) 1—2 (Hatton); Bristol R. (h) 3—1 (Hatton 3); Sunderland (h) 2—0 (Moss 2); West Ham (a) 2—1 (Stein, Saxby); Preston (h) 1—1 (Moss); Cambridge (a) 2—1 (Hatton, Moss); Q.P.R. (h) 1—1 (Saxby); Burnley (a) 0—0; Birmingham (h) 2—3 (Moss, Stein); Shrewsbury (a) 2—1 (Stein, Hatton); Newcastle (h) 1—1 (Moss).

In the League Cup Luton went out in the first round to Gillingham. They lost the away leg 0-3 and despite drawing 1—1 (Aizlewood) in the home leg, they lost 4-1 on aggregate.

WELCOME LUTON TOWN F.C.



LUTON TOWN A.F.C., SEASON 1979-80

(left to right)

Back Row: A. Pearson, S. Heath, L. Harriott, Gary Heale (*now Reading*), 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 United*), D. Moss.

Front row: A. Cosby, R. Johnson, J. Piotrowski, T. Murphy, F. Bunn, R. Walker, M. Conquest (*now on trial with Sheffield Utd.*), J. Cole, J. Woodward, N. Madden, R. Brammer.

JAKE FINDLAY: Luton's highest-ever fee (£100,000) for a goalkeeper changed hands when they tempted Aston Villa to part with the big Scot. Has quickly become an established Second Division player since signing in November, 1978.

PAUL PRICE: Luton's longest-serving player. Price was spotted by a club scout as a schoolboy in Hertfordshire. 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.

KIRK STEPHENS: One of the best deals Luton ever done, 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.

MARK AIZLEWOOD: One of David Pleat's first moves as manager of Luton was to pay £50,000 to bring Aizlewood from Newport County. He was then 18, and the former Welsh Youth international has since also been capped at under-21 level.

MICK SAXBY: Luton paid their club record fee to lure central-defender Saxby, from Third Division Mansfield in the summer of 1975. Saxby's qualities made him a target for several top clubs. He has the qualities to become a big name in football.

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, 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.

WAYNE TURNER: Development of local talent is one of the

priorities at Luton 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.

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.

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 defences 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, gives Luton's attacks strength on either flank, and he is always likely to pop up with a spectacular goal or two.

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. Scored 14 league and cup goals last season.

RICKY HILL: A midfielder player of tremendous talent, Hill was signed as an apprentice four years ago after impressing David Pleat in a schoolboy game. Hill, has delicate ball control and explosive shooting ability.

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.

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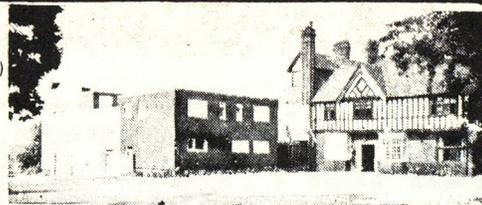
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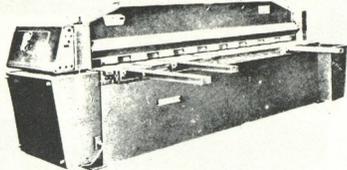
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Reserve Team 'Round-up

Saturday, December 1st, Lancashire League — Bolton 'A' 1 Wrexham Res. 3 (half-time 0—0)

Wrexham scorers — Bruce Urquhart (2); Craig Fleming.

Wrexham — Niedzwiecki, Salathiel, Kenworthy, Frank Jones, Russell, Hunt, Urquhart, Fleming, Steve Jones, Paul Fisher, Ian Roberts. Sub. Daulby.

● **Verdict:** Wrexham were always on top in a hard-fought game. The strong wind spoiled the match but Wrexham still managed to play some very good football.

Tuesday, December 4th, F.A. Youth Cup (2nd round) Sheffield Utd. 3 Wrexham 1 (half-time 0—1)

Wrexham scorer — Alan Ricketts.

Wrexham — Parker, Daulby, Mark Jones, Salathiel, Dawson, Palmer, Fisher, Taylor, Steve Jones, Ricketts, Hunt, Frank Price.

● **Verdict:** Wrexham finally went out of the English Youth Cup at Sheffield. They were well beaten on the night but they went out with their heads held high after beating four league teams on the way. Several of the Wrexham youngsters had been down with a 'flu bug the week before the game—and this showed the longer the game went on.

Saturday, December 8th, Lancashire League — Wrexham Res. 0 Rochdale Res. 2 (half-time 0—0)

Wrexham — Niedzwiecki, Salathiel, Kenworthy, Frank Jones, Russell, Palmer (injured), Urquhart, Fleming, Steve Jones, Fisher, Ian Roberts. Sub. Simon Hunt.

● **Verdict:** Missed chances cost Wrexham this game. Rochdale's Fourth Division game the night before had been postponed so the club fielded it's full first team against Wrexham and it was Rochdale's experience in the second half that got them the result.

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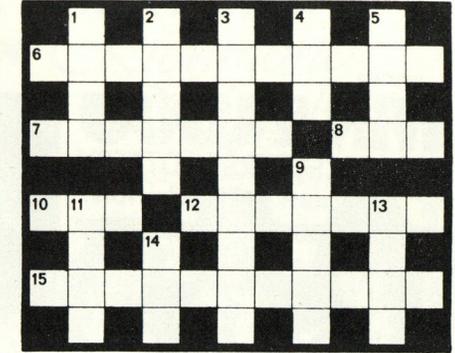
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PUZZLE TIME



CLUES — ACROSS

- England under-23 striker whose career has included Manchester United, Huddersfield, Newcastle and Bolton (4, 7)
- Rochdale hold the record for the most in one season (7)
- Leeds' record victory was 10—0 against --- Oslo ten years ago (3)
- Old keeper and manager Wood or multi-club striker Wood who have Walsall in common (3)
- Long-serving Port Vale player and ex-manager (7)
- Nickname Preston acquired when they became the first-ever 'double' winners without losing a match (11)

CLUES — DOWN

- See 4dn.
- Czech side: --- Bratislava (5)
- Famous old international Billy Meredith always chewed one during a game (9)
- &
- Basically Chelsea's colours (3, 4)
- Peake or Poole (4)
- &
- Striker who topped Doncaster's goals list last season and who had previously been with (principally) Bury, Manchester City and Carlisle (5, 4)
- French side whose only representative in the Argentina World Cup was 14dn (4)
- See 9dn
- Despite his name, he wears No. 11 for France (3)

ANSWERS — Crossword/Quiz:

Across — 6. Alan Gowling, 7. defeats (3 in 1931/32), 8. Lyn, 10. Alf, 12. Sproson, 15. Invincibles.
Down — 1. See 4dn, 2. Inter, 3. toothpick, 4 & 1dn, all blue, 5. Andy, 9 & 13dn. Bobby Owen, 11. Lens, 13. See 9dn, 14. Six.

Quiz Time

- Who won the 4th Division Bell's "Manager of the Year" award last season?
- Name the Eire international who played in Luton's 1959 F.A. Cup Final side.
- From which club did Spurs sign the late John White in 1960?
- Who was the first full-back to be transferred between British clubs for a £350,000 plus fee?
- Which is the only 4th Division club to appear in a Football League Cup Final?
- Who was the last player to score a hat-trick of penalties in a Football League match?

Quiz Answers — 1. Maurice Evans (Reading), 2. George Cummins, 3. Falkirk, 4. Kevin Hind (Blackburn to Leeds Utd. last season), 5. Rochdale (in 1961/62), 6. Trevor Anderson (Swindon Town) in 1976.

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I thought we returned more to our normal game last Saturday at Queen's Park Rangers. We had more possession and were able to get a better grip on the game.

Before the game we said we must not think about all the 'star' names Rangers had in their side once you do that you can

'freeze'. It was our job to stop Rangers from showing their skills and I think we did a fair job.

I had a chat with Tommy Docherty before the game. He's a real jovial, confident character—and I was shocked to read the following morning of the incident that happened to him on the way home from the game. This type of thing does nothing but harm to the game—it's just senseless.

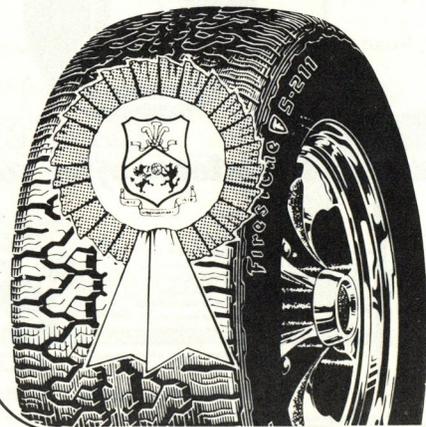
I was a bit happier with my own game at Rangers. My first game back after my injury was

against Bristol Rovers and I am the first to admit that I just didn't play at all! I was not happy with my form against Swansea City, either. I took a bit of stick from the fans but that type of thing does not get me down.

I would be stupid to say that I didn't worry about the attitude of fans. In fact, despite what has been written recently in some 'papers, I think we have got a good hard core of fans and support is a two-way thing. The players on the field have got to provide the goods to make the fans on the terraces and in the stands cheer. Well need all the encouragement we can get today because we face a good side in Luton Town!

This will be my last column before Christmas—which for the lads includes a trip to the North East against Sunderland on Boxing Day so on behalf of all the lads may I wish you 'A very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year.'

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FLASHBACK

10 YEARS AGO . . . DECEMBER, 1969

Mickey Evans put Wrexham into the 3rd round of the F.A. Cup with a 77th-minute winner at Hartlepool United. Evans tucked in his goal from an Albert Kinsey cross in a game that Wrexham should have wrapped up long before the second half. Ian Moir headed one chance over the bar and had a 'goal' disallowed. United fought strongly and it took a great tackle by Gareth Davis to stop Terry Bell from equalising, two minutes from time. Davis was injured in the tackle and was replaced by Stuart Mason.

Wrexham—Gaskell, Ingle, Bermingham, Davis, May, Evans, Moir, Park, Ray Smith, Kinsey, Griffiths. Attendance 2,989.

● Wrexham were drawn away to Norwich City in the 3rd round.

20 YEARS AGO . . . DECEMBER, 1959

Wrexham turned the form book upside down with a brilliant F.A. Cup 2nd round 3—2 victory at Grimsby Town. Three-hundred Wrexham fans made the 300-mile trek to Grimsby for the game and saw Don Weston give a brilliant display of speed and skill. It was the Wrexham centre-forward who crushed Grimsby in the opening minutes with two goals, one following a 30-yard dash and shot that had the 11,000 crowd gasping. Ron Rafferty did pull the home side back with a faint chance in the 65th-minute but the brilliant young Arfon Griffiths hit the post minutes from time and Stan Bennion followed up to put the issue beyond doubt . . . and earn Wrexham a home draw against First Division Leicester City in the 3rd round.

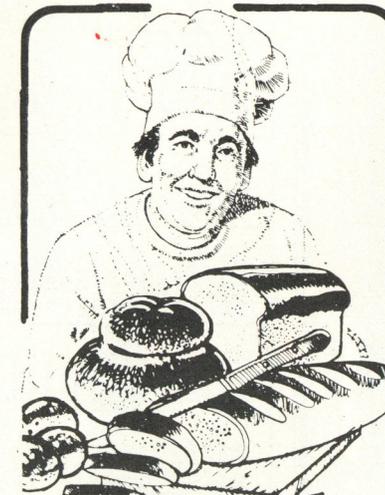
Wrexham—Charlie Hughes, McGowan, Wright, Harvey Jones, Fox, George Evans, Gren Jones, Arfon Griffiths, Weston, Hewitt, Bennion.

30 YEARS AGO . . . DECEMBER, 1949

Wrexham were knocked out of the F.A. Cup by Southend—but Wrexham should have cruised into the Third Round easily. Despite finding themselves 2—0 down in 24 minutes at the Racecourse, Wrexham fought back and got on level terms with goals by Billy Tunnicliffe (34th) and (62nd) minutes. Wrexham missed three 'open' goals but the game ended 2—2.

Wrexham—Ferguson, Wynn, Jackson, Spruce, Wilson, Speed, Grainger, Leyfield, Boothway, Rowell, Tunnicliffe. Attendance 12,435. Receipts £1,480.

● Wrexham lost the replay at Southend 2—0. Archie Ferguson got a standing ovation from the Southend crowd after a brilliant display.



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Opponents

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*Denotes substituted player

°Denotes withdrawn

Small figures denotes goals

Month	Opponent	Att.	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug.	CARLISLE (F.L.C. 1)	5878	2-0	Davis	Hill	Dwyer	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Roberts
	CARLISLE (F.L.C. 1)	6500	2-0	Niedzwiecki	Jones	Dwyer	Davis	Roberts	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Roberts
	WEST HAM UTD.	13036	3-2	Niedzwiecki	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Fox	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Fox
	Oldham Ath.	6832	3-2	Niedzwiecki	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Fox	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
	Chelms	18732	0-5	Niedzwiecki	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Fox	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Roberts
Sept.	SOUTHAMPTON (FLC2)	13920	0-1	Niedzwiecki	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
	CARDIFF CITY	9830	0-3	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
	SOUTHAMPTON (FLC)	5143	2-1	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
	CHARLTON ATH.	8196	2-1	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
	MAGDEBURG (ECWC 1)	9529	3-2	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
Oct.	Newcastle Utd.	2774	0-1	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
	NOTTS C.	9183	2-0	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
	Magdeburg (ECWC 1)	20000	2-5	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
	Fulham	7091	2-0	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
	OLDHAM ATH.	10362	1-0	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
Nov.	BIRMINGHAM CITY	3363	1-0	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
	Shrewsbury Town	11007	3-3	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
	WATFORD	9442	3-0	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
	West Ham Utd.	20595	0-1	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
	BRISTOL R.	9188	0-2	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
Dec.	Cambridge Utd.	4472	0-2	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
	Leicester City	15316	0-2	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
	WANSSEA CITY	10651	1-0	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
	Queens Park R.	1651	1-0	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
	LUTON TOWN	11652	2-2	Davis	Sutton	Hill	Davis	Jones	Giles	Vinter	Sutton	McNeil	Whittle	Cartwright	Buxton
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Lancashire League

Aug.	Carlisle Utd. Res.	2-5
	LIVERPOOL 'A'	2-7
	ALTRINCHAM Res.	2-1
	Manchester City 'A'	1-1
	Stockport C. 'A'	1-1
Sept.	EVERTON 'A'	3-1
	SOUTHPORT Res.	3-0
	Rochdale Res.	3-0
	MANCHESTER U. 'A'	1-2
	Liverpool 'A'	1-0
	CREWE 'A'	1-1
Oct.	Port Vale Res.	1-1
	WIGAN 'A' Res.	1-1
	Chester 'A'	1-3
Nov.	BRADFORD C. Res.	0-1
	Oldham Ath. Res.	0-1
	MACCLESFIELD T. Res.	0-1
Dec.	Bolton W. 'A'	3-1
	ROCHDALE Res.	0-1
	BURNLEY 'A'	0-1
	Manchester Utd. 'A'	0-1

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Jan.	Bradford C. Res.	3-1
	MANCHESTER C. 'A'	1-0
	Macclesfield T. Res.	3-1
	Southport Res.	2-2

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Feb.	Tranmere R. Res.	1-3
	CHESTER 'A'	1-0
March	TRANMERE R. Res.	2-3
	Everton 'A'	2-0
	CARLISLE U. Res.	2-0
	Morecambe Res.	2-0
	PORT VALE Res.	1-3
April	Crewe 'A'	2-1
	Burnley 'A'	2-1
	STOCKPORT C. 'A'	2-1
	Altrincham Res.	2-1
	BOLTON W. 'A'	1-0
	Wigan Ath. Res.	1-0
	OLDHAM ATH. Res.	1-0
	MORECAMBE Res.	1-0

WREXHAM 'B'

Welsh National League

Aug.	CHIRK (H)	1-3
	Burnwood & Drury (A)	1-0
	Chirk (A)	2-3
	Lex XI	2-0
Sept.	BUCKLEY (H)	1-0
	BUCKLEY (N.E.W. Cup)	1-3
	LLANGOLLEN	2-1
	Rhos Aelwyd	0-0
Oct.	NEW BROUGHTON	2-1
	Bala Town	0-0
	Llangollen	3-3
	Cefn	0-1
Nov.	Buckley	0-5
	LEX	1-5
Dec.	New Broughton	3-1
	LLAY WELFARE	2-2

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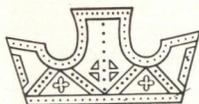
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Newcastle Utd	19	10	6	3	26	16	26
LUTON T.	19	9	7	3	33	19	25
Leicester City	19	9	7	3	35	24	25
Chelsea	19	12	1	6	31	21	25
Q.P.R.	19	10	4	5	37	19	24
Birmingham City	19	9	5	5	25	20	23
West Ham	19	10	2	7	22	18	22
Sunderland	19	9	3	7	28	23	21
WREXHAM	19	9	2	8	22	22	20
Swansea City	19	8	4	7	22	23	20
Notts County	19	7	5	7	28	24	19
Preston	19	4	11	4	24	23	19
Orient	19	5	8	6	24	30	18
Cardiff City	19	7	4	8	19	25	18
Oldham Ath.	19	5	6	8	18	21	16
Cambridge Utd.	19	4	7	8	23	27	15
Watford	19	5	5	9	15	22	15
Fulham	19	6	3	10	23	34	15
Charlton Ath.	19	4	6	9	19	35	14
Shrewsbury T.	19	5	3	11	23	28	13
Bristol R.	19	4	5	10	25	34	13
Burnley	19	2	8	9	21	35	12

THE WINNER



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BREWED BY **BORDER** 

WREXHAM

1. DAI DAVIES
2. TERRY DARRACOTT
3. ALAN DWYER
4. GARETH DAVIS
5. JOEY JONES
6. STEVE FOX
7. MICK VINTER
8. FRANK CARRODUS
9. IAN EDWARDS
10. DIXIE McNEIL
11. LES CARTWRIGHT
- 12.



LUTON

1. JAKE FINDLAY
2. KIRK STEPHENS
3. MAL DONAGHY
4. TONY GREALISH
5. MICK SAXBY
6. PAUL PRICE
7. RICKY HILL
8. ALAN WEST
9. BRIAN STEIN
10. BOB HATTON
11. DAVID MOSS
- 12.

SCORERS:

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ATTENDANCE

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RÉSULT

'Mitre' Match Ball donated by **STAINWELL ENGINEERING**

Referee: V. G. CALLOW (Solihull)

Linesmen: Red Flag: A. T. Bywater (Telford) Yellow Flag: J. Callaghan (Liverpool)