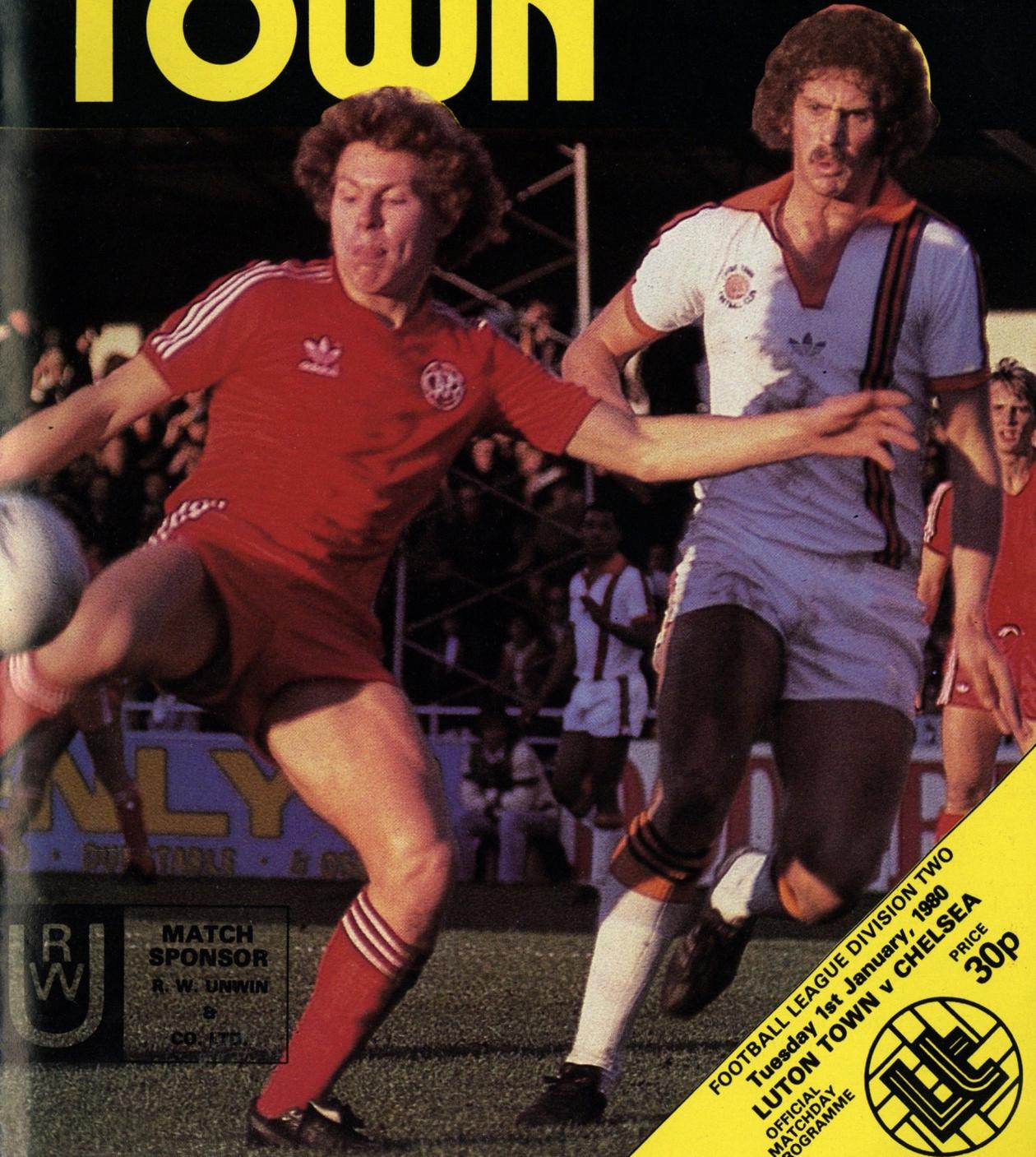


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Kirk Stephens had every reason to celebrate Boxing Day with a few drinks after the match at Watford. His first goal for the Town was enough to give us a 1-0 victory over the Hornets in the derby game.

Stephens, extreme left, runs in to beat 'keeper Eric Steele with the vital header.

Inset: The facial expressions say it all. Stephens and Mike Saxby celebrate as the referee blows the final whistle.

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AROUND THE STADIUM

DO YOU WANT TO COME TO ROME AND HOLLAND?

Today, we enter a new decade and, as far as our supporters are concerned, we aim to launch the 80s in style. Without the fans, there wouldn't be any soccer and we want to help you to help us.

There are exciting prizes to be won in two competitions, one of which is launched today and is aimed at our younger readers. We are grateful to Tricentrol Chassis Development for their generosity and the help they have provided for their sponsored competition which can be found elsewhere in today's programme. The four lucky winners will receive a trip to Blauw Wit, in Holland, for an international youth tournament in which Luton are competing next June.

We haven't forgotten our older readers either. In the near future, we plan to launch a competition for aspiring journalists — and the prize for the winner will be a trip-of-a-lifetime to Rome to watch England play in the European Championships. Competitors merely have to write a match report on our home games until the end of the season. Entries will be judged by a special panel and the one considered to be the most professional will win the prize donated by travel agents, Phototravel, and Brian Morgan of Fine Stamps Limited.

Watch this space for the launching date of this exciting competition.

FA CUP TICKETS

Stand tickets for our FA Cup third round tie against Torquay United or Swindon Town at Kenilworth Road on Saturday are now on sale at the ticket office at the usual prices.

Season ticket holders have until Friday to claim their usual seat. After that, they will be offered to the general public. Admission to other parts of the ground will be by payment through the turnstiles. If the game is drawn, replay arrangements will be announced in the local Press.

Tickets are also available, again at the normal prices, for the Second Division game against Leicester City at Kenilworth Road a week on Saturday.

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

We always like to hear from our supporters, and we think one letter we received this week, deserves a special mention. It came from Michael McConkby, who lives in Stockwell, London. He wrote and said:

I am a devoted Luton supporter now living and working in London and took the opportunity to watch the FA Youth Cup replay against QPR at Loftus Road. I wish to congratulate those lads for playing so well despite the terrible conditions.

They were a credit to themselves and Luton Town FC and, with youngsters like this, the club's future looks very bright. I hope they go one better this season and win the FA Youth Cup. John Moore also deserves his share of the congratulations for welding together a very fine side.

There was a lot of hot air in Kenilworth Road for the home game against Newcastle — and it all pointed to an exciting lift-off as part of the entertainment provided by the match sponsors, Tricentrol.

The huge J and B balloon was inflated on the pitch before the game and majestically took off accompanied with a mass chorus of the fans of You'll Never Walk Alone.

It was a tremendous sight for the fans who appeared to appreciate its appearance. There was perfect control too, when the balloon eventually landed near Luton airport.

Almost ready for lift-off.

Picture: Gareth Owen.



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We welcome Chelsea as one of the outstanding attractions in this season's Second Division. They have achieved some spectacular successes under Geoff Hurst and they will be keen to dent our home record further. It is our hope we shall not only see an entertaining game but have no terrace troubles, and shall all go away satisfied and with an appetite for our next games.

Our form at home in the last two months has not been convincing as we have failed to translate our approach play into goals. However, we have shown a good attitude and kept battling away, which will stand us in good stead for the tough games ahead.

The spirit at the club was amply illustrated by the Youth Cup side who were forced to a replay at Queens Park Rangers. In terribly heavy conditions they adapted well and won the game 2-1. They now face West Ham at Luton in the next round, and I hope you will support

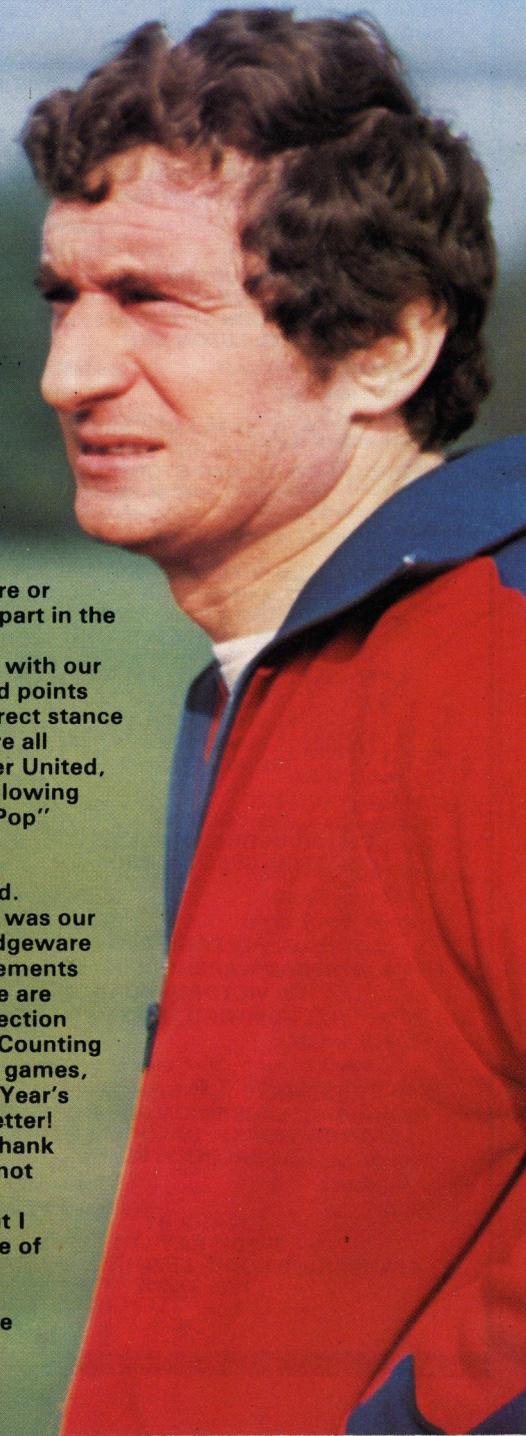
DAVID'S DIARY

these lads of the future, seven of whom come from Bedfordshire or Hertfordshire. This side will be the nucleus of the team to take part in the Bleuw Wit (Amsterdam) Tournament in May.

Just before Christmas we welcomed Len Heppell back to work with our lads on body movement. It is quite amazing the amount of good points which came out of his clinic. Flexibility of the body and the correct stance when turning, jumping, even falling and regaining balance, were all discussed. Len has worked with the England teams, Manchester United, Manchester City, Sunderland and Newcastle. There are many glowing testimonies to Len's work, none more so than his son in law, "Pop" Robson, who is now sharp as ever at 34.

We took a squad of players to Hitchin to play for Paul Giggles' testimonial, and he was delighted with the crowd they attracted. Godfrey Ingram scored the only goal in muddy conditions. This was our fifth mid-season friendly after games at Newport, Nuneaton, Edgeware and Rushden. We have cemented relationships, honoured agreements previously made and gained many new supporters. Unless there are exceptional circumstances we shall now tread warily in this direction and play only when we are to receive the benefit playing wise. Counting pre-season friendlies League, mid-season friendlies and League games, we now have played approaching 36 games, and it is only New Year's Day. I can safely say we are now getting to know each other better! As we move into the second half of the season I would like to thank the fans who have supported the players home and away. I do not expect 20,000 crowds overnight — we have not yet played consistently well enough to reach that goal. Habits die hard, but I am sure we are on the right lines here with a young side capable of playing attractive football. It would be nice to keep up the standards we have set so we can slowly attract more people through the turnstiles. As a direct consequence we can have the resources to buy and no need to sell.

Enjoy the game. Happy New Year to you all.



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JOHN'S JOTTINGS



Our visitors this morning were formed in 1904 and the idea was born that the athletic arena at Stamford Bridge should also be used as a football ground. Jackie Robertson was signed as player manager from Glasgow Rangers, and given the job of putting a team together.

They were rejected for the Southern League, which was probably a good thing, because they were elected to the Second Division of the Football League, and it was there that Chelsea played their first football.

A popular figure in 1951—if figure is the right word—was 20-stone goalkeeper, Billy Foulke. If anyone has seen his photograph, they will know what I mean. In spite of his great size, he was very agile. Also with the club at that time was the great amateur centre forward, Vivian Woodward. In practically every position they have had their star players, Vic Woodley, John Jackson, Peter Bonetti—three international goalkeepers. But it is in the forward line where famous names can be remembered. Here are just a few: Alec Jackson, Hughie Gallagher, Jack Cock, Tommy Lawton, Tommy Walker, Len Goulden, Joe Payne, Roy Bentley, Hugh Billington, and, of more recent times, Jimmy Greaves, Peter Osgood, Butch Wilkins, Charlie Cooke, Alan Birchenall, Ian Hutchinson, and, of course, the late Peter Houseman.

One could keep writing, but special mention must, I think, be made of Ron Harris, who is most likely to be in their side today. Ron has given tremendous service to his club. Men like that today are very few and far between.

Matches between our two clubs have usually resulted in a fair number of goals, and I hope today's match is no exception—in the right end.

Here are a few results of matches played: Friday, March 30, 1956, in the First Division at the Bridge we drew 2-2; on November 17, 1956 at Chelsea we lost 4-1; on September 26, 1956 we won 4-2, with Gordon Turner scoring a hat-trick and George Cummins getting the other. March 30, 1957 saw us lose at home 4-0, with Lewis and Tindall netting two goals each. In November, 1957, Gordon Turner scored a hat-trick, this time at Chelsea, to give us a 3-1 win. March, 1959, saw both sides share six goals, with Turner getting two more. Chelsea had a 3-0 victory on March 5, 1960, with the great Jimmy Greaves getting two of them.

In more recent times, on a cold and snowy night at Kenilworth Road we had a 4-0 victory with Fuccillo, Chambers, Husband and Buckley scoring one each. That was in December, 1976, and on April 9, 1977, our visitors won 2-0 at the Bridge. You will see our fortunes have swayed. Incidentally, the record attendance at Stamford Bridge is 82,905. That figure will never be beaten with today's Safety of Sports Grounds Act now in force.

It was nice to see Malcolm Macdonald again at one of our recent matches, and I am sure everyone wishes him well in his new appointment with Fulham, his first League club. Malcolm was guest speaker at our Vice-Presidents' Christmas dinner recently, and gave the members an insight into his career from Fulham to Arsenal. I know he was delighted with the reception he received, and I can assure him that he will be welcome at Kenilworth Road in future.

John Wilkinson

COMMERCIAL CORNER



The associations of Luton Town F.C. have, so far, handed over £100,000 and this money is a vital, but small, contribution towards obtaining our Ground Safety Certificate before the start of next season.

The collective endeavours of our army of agents is to provide the total expenses involved, which is in the region of £300,000 and, although six months has elapsed to produce £100,000, we confidently predict that, with further efforts from our agents and the new ones joining us every day, we will reach our goal.

This challenge to our agents is tremendous, and your support—either as an agent or a customer—is vital. Two household names, the Midas Touch and the Aztec, are the current prime earners. But, early in the New Year, we shall launch a third large lottery which is still in the planning stage. But it will be equally as exciting as the existing lotteries and, because each one in every five tickets produces a winner from 25p to £1,000, we think you will agree it's good value for money.

Our picture shows a former favourite at Kenilworth Road, Malcolm Macdonald, presenting a giant £1,000 cheque to chief executive John Smith with commercial manager Mike Hardwicke managing to raise a smile for his efforts.

Picture: Tony Ward, Evening Post-Echo.

TODAY'S SPONSOR

Sponsors provide a vital source of revenue to Luton Town and we never underestimate their importance. Inflation has hit football clubs as hard as any other company and we are delighted several local companies have, and will continue to, sponsor games at Kenilworth Road this season.

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TOWN TOPICS

With Christmas behind us, New Year activities are already being planned for local youngsters. Tomorrow marks the start of the three day coaching course which is now full and it is hoped all those participating will really enjoy themselves. Further three day coaching courses will be arranged at Easter and during the summer.

A further hockey course is also being arranged for Easter. For those who have never played, why not think about joining? It can be fun and is open to all boys and girls between 9 and 16.

The next netball event is set for 9th April when all teams under 12 or 16 years can enter and compete for the Denis Mortimer and Ken Woodbridge Trophy. Five-a-side soccer also comes under our microscope. All the teams competing are excited about the draw and a Meet The Players evening on 10th January. All the teams have been partly named after a Luton Town player. Female soccer players have not been forgotten. A coaching course for them has been arranged for May.

There's also something for those who like basketball. Negotiations have started for players to receive coaching sessions from top players later in the year.

The Hatters Community Arena is intended to be a platform to enable local youngsters to participate in sport. What would you like to do? What interests do you have? Have you any ideas for other activities? If you have, Mike Iacono would be delighted to hear from you. Contact him at March House Centre, Bramingham Road, Luton 56879 and 504211.

FROM THE CENTURY CLUB

Our last column ended with Christmas greetings. This time we begin with more

greetings, and we wish a "Happy New Year" to Century Club members, players, staff and all our friends at Kenilworth Road. From the Century Club, we wish success and prosperity to "our Club" and we shall be cheering the lads on enthusiastically.

Looking back over the first half of the season, it is interesting to reflect on varied pre-match entertainments which have been arranged. We have also been honoured by the presence of distinguished visitors, and we can also say that the entertainment after the kick-off has been of very high quality. It is also nice to reflect on the generally satisfying conclusion from our point of view.

As far as we are concerned, the day does not end with the final whistle. We entertain many friends in our club, many connected with the Football Club, and many more from organisations from outside but who, like ourselves, are fervent supporters.

Talking of supporters, how nice it is to see an increase. We never have an empty seat in our balcony, and this is reflected in varying degrees all round the ground. Let us hope it continues to increase during the second half of the season.

The only sad note is that the general good behaviour inside the ground does not always extend outside the ground. Always, it is the minority who bring the majority to disrepute, and equally obviously, it is not always our own supporters who are to blame. We fail to see why the Football Club should be held responsible for incidents away from club premises. But they are, with the result that relations between the general public and the

club become increasingly strained. Perhaps the element who seem bent on trouble might pause and ask themselves: "are they really supporting the team or causing trouble for the club?"

A resolution for the New Year might be for everyone connected with Luton Town to strive to the utmost to end the season in a manner which will make the town of Luton proud of their football team.

Our visitors today, Chelsea, are no strangers to us, and we hope that this, the first game of 1980, will prove a good, interesting and trouble free game, on and off the field. Best wishes to you all.

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR HATTERS

This week's competition takes the form of three very easy questions for our members. And the first five correct entries opened, qualify for tickets for our home game against Notts County. The questions are:

- 1 How many goals did Malcolm Macdonald score in his last game for Luton?
- 2 Who last scored a hat-trick against Luton?
- 3 Who last scored a hat-trick for Luton Town?

There will be the usual flood of entries which should be sent to the Junior Hatters Club, 72 Kenilworth Road, Luton. Entries must be received by 11th January.

Now for this month's birthdays. We offer our congratulations to the following members who celebrate their birthday this month: Phillip Bonner 8th, Martin Shadbolt 2nd, Kevin Woodhead 15th, Clint Watts 1st, Paul Brett 6th, Steven Porter 13th, Sean Watkiss 2nd, Paul Walker 3rd, Karen Knight 7th, Colin Taylor 5th, Colin Brian Quarman 1st, Paul Brandreth 7th, David Norman 13th, Dominic Holland 6th, Angela Shepherd 6th, Karen Seagrave 7th, Kevin O'Byrne 14th, Philip Burgin 18th, Ian Dryden 22nd, Stephen Gray 30th, Ian Saunders 20th, Nicola Palmer 28th, Timothy Parr 21st, Alan Pattison 31st. Have a good day and enjoy the match.

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BEHIND THE SCENES

You often see him on the touch-line, but you rarely see him in print. He is Ken Gutteridge, manager David Pleat's assistant and, today, he gives his views on why he accepted the challenge at Kenilworth Road.

"My first feelings when I was approached by David Pleat to join him at Luton Town was one of apprehension.

"Everyone connected with management wants only one thing — to be connected with a successful club. I thought about it, surveyed the scene, and decided to accept the challenge.

"There was no doubt in my mind that there was a tremendous task ahead of us. It did not take too long to see that, while the club had players of ability and, in their opinion, would certainly hold their own in the Second Division, Luton was just rippling along without the necessary drive, desire and the enthusiasm to be successful.

"Our first three months together was a period in which we got down to the serious business of assessing the entire structure of the playing staff and deciding that, unless we made drastic changes, we would not achieve what we had set out to do.

"After hours of travelling the



length of the country watching games and players, the task of re-building the side began. Players left and new faces arrived. It appeared that all we were concerned with was turning over players. That couldn't be further from the truth. What we set out to do was simply this—we wanted a team at Luton which consisted of players with talent not with just proven ability.

"We wanted players with character who could respond to discipline and who could learn to accept the challenge and pressure of the professional game.

"We were looking for players who could respond as individuals

to each other, and who could understand exactly what we expected of them. To step out of line is not acceptable and to go their own way is intolerable. We wanted players to work together with a will to win and be successful in the ultimate aim.

"What has been accomplished so far? I suppose some people would think very little. At the start of the season when results were not going for us, it did not look too encouraging. But the entire scene at the club is now entirely different.

"On the playing side we are in a far healthier position in terms of talent. The commercial side is operating successfully. Positive action from the directors has seen to that.

"Everyone connected with the club is working with one aim in mind—to be successful. We will continue to look for better players who, in our opinion, will prove to be players of quality.

"What we have to do now is to ask ourselves: Can we mould the side together? Have we obtained the right balance? Are we good enough to make the challenge for the Second Division Championship? These questions will be answered by the end of April."

OUT AND ABOUT



Manager David Pleat, his assistant Ken Gutteridge and their players are always willing to promote the club's public relations image off the pitch. For instance, the manager and some of his players popped along to the Beechwood School at Markyate to officially open their new dressing rooms.

But that is only one example of where we have tried to foster a good relationship between the football club

and local organisations. However, it is not always possible to accept every request to make a public appearance and we hope that, if you are disappointed, you will appreciate that, while it receives very careful consideration, training schedules often make time very scarce.

Our picture shows the manager with a very happy group of youngsters at the Beechwood School.

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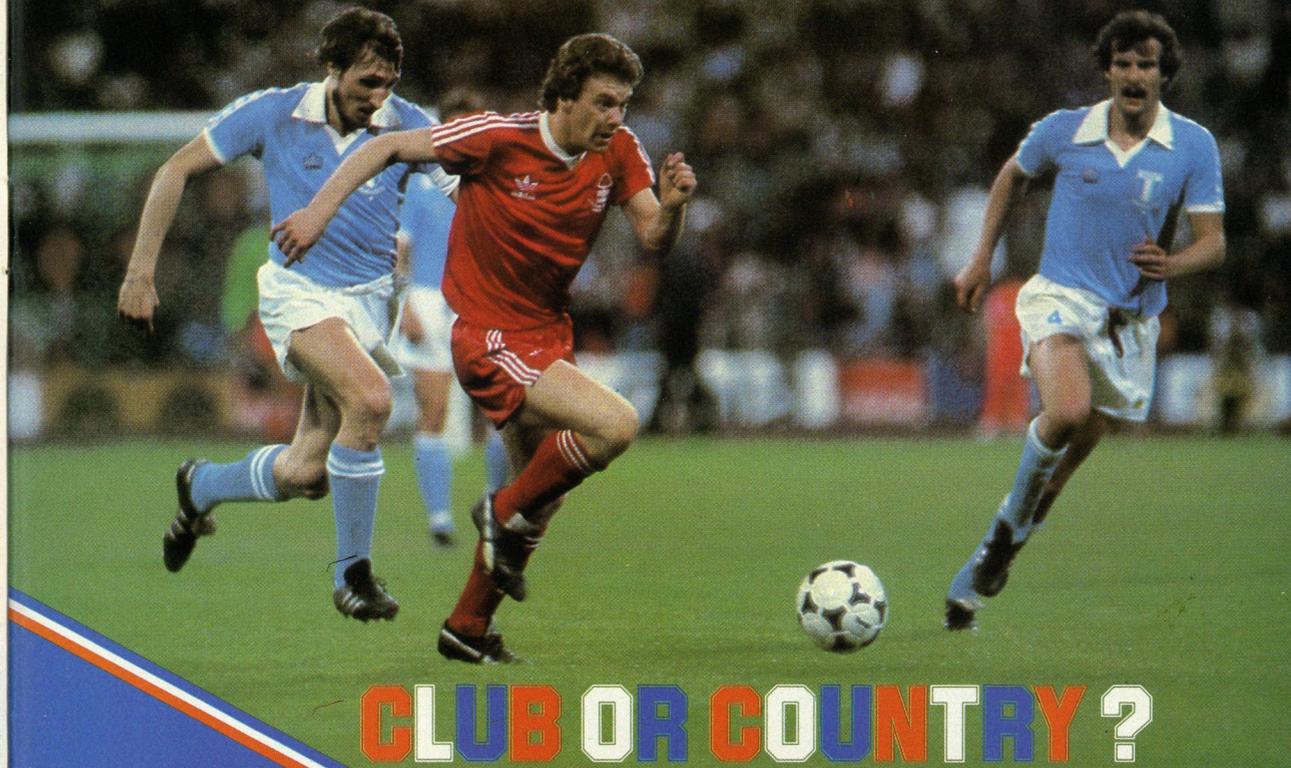
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CLUB OR COUNTRY?

By COLIN BENSON

England's chance to experience international football under World Cup conditions were dashed last month when an invitation to play in the World Cup 50th Anniversary tournament in Uruguay was rejected.

Uruguay, winners of the first World Cup tournament, played in their country in 1930, had invited former winners of the trophy, Italy, Brazil, West Germany, Argentina and England to participate in the celebration tournament in Montevideo from December 28, 1980, to January 10, 1981.

The other nations accepted and England's manager Ron Greenwood was naturally keen to compete, as the experience would have been ideal preparation for the 1982 World Cup finals. The problem was the release of players for so long a period during the middle of an already hectic season.

Tricky

Ipswich Town and England B manager Bobby Robson, felt that it would be very difficult to organise. He says, "From England's point of view the experience would be invaluable - but can clubs afford to lose their players at such a key point of the season? It is a tricky one".

Robson, like most managers realises the advantages the League clubs

gain from a successful national side, but as Derby County boss Colin Addison points out, "It is a bit demanding at that time of the season. I am sure that the teams that are going well will want to continue playing, they won't want a break. Of course, if you are having a bad time or have a few injuries you might welcome it".

It is understood that two proposals to overcome the difficulty were put forward. One was that the party be composed of one player from each of the First Division clubs, and the second that the squad be comprised of players from four clubs, Liverpool, Manchester United, Nottingham Forest and Crystal Palace.

Postpone Fixtures

In that case, the League would have arranged for these four clubs to be paired with each other over that period and postpone their fixtures.

I would have thought that this was much the better of the two suggestions, as those games could in fact, be brought forward and in essence, the clubs would not lose any leeway on their rivals in the League.

Yet it is easy to understand the clubs reticence to either lose their players or suspend their programme. For the Football League is a hard uncompromising competition in which

success hinges on a knife edge.

West Bromwich Albion manager Ron Atkinson summed up the feelings of most bosses' when he told me, "I would not be too keen for two or three of my players to disappear for three weeks in the middle of the season".

Let's Go

But there is one man who feels we should be in Montevideo, and that is Manchester City boss Tony Book, who is concerned about our standing at international level.

Says Book: "I'm all for it. Anything that can secure the future of our game is beneficial. South America in general and Uruguay in particular, is exactly the sort of place we should be taking our young players to in order that they be given the best possible grounding and experience.

"I would have no worry about closing down the League programme for any clubs involved. We are at present in a crucial period so far as football in this country is concerned".

Such a trip would, of course, have been invaluable to the England squad preparing the Finals in Spain. Unfortunately, the authorities could not come to some amicable agreement to ensure our presence in this prestigious event.

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No, this isn't a delegation of fans who have invaded the Kenilworth Road pitch. They are guests of Tricentrol, who sponsored the home game against Newcastle United.

Tricentrol guests were entertained in the Joe Payne Lounge before the game and taken on a tour of the stadium where they

saw the backroom action in the dressing rooms before the match.

Refreshments at half-time and further hospitality in the Joe Payne Lounge after the match ensured that these happy visitors had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Picture: GARETH OWEN

WE'VE FOUND A NEW FAN

We've found a new fan, although at our game against Newcastle he didn't quite know who to support. The problem arose when the Bishop of St. Albans, the Right Rev Robert Runcie, was a guest of chairman Denis Mortimer at the game.

He is a former Newcastle supporter and, when he arrived at Kenilworth Road, said: "I don't quite know who to support this afternoon. When I was ordained, I went to St. James's Park to watch Newcastle, but when I moved south, I started to follow Luton, although I don't have a lot of spare time to watch matches."

The Bishop was introduced to 200 children from Milton Keynes and Luton schools who were given free seats by the Luton chairman under the Sponsorskids scheme.



The Bishop is pictured talking to some of the excited youngsters in the Bobbers Stand before the game.

Picture: GARETH OWEN



Is everybody happy? They are if this picture is any pointer. Delightful Liz Mann, our beauty queen for the day at the Newcastle match, seems quite pleased as she poses for pictures

in the middle of the pitch with Luton chairman Denis Mortimer and the Bishop of St. Albans, the Right Rev Robert Runcie.

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RESERVE REPORT

Luton Town 0 Northampton 0

In this Midland Youth League fixture, played at Vauxhall, the Town had most of the play and created several chances. But bad finishing was the feature of the afternoon.

Team: Walker, Johnson, Murphy, Ollis, Woodward, Sisman, J. Cole, Brammer, R. Cole, Small, Heath, Madden.

Aylesbury 2 Luton Town 0

Playing many schoolboys, the Town showed some attractive football but it was Aylesbury who scored once in each half to give them a 2-0 victory. These youngsters continued to play well through the game and, when they gain the experience necessary in this type of game, will win more than they lose.

Team: Fearon, Woodward, McFall, Cosby, Foote, Piotrowski, Evershed, Whyllie, Brammer, Bunn, Baker, McElaine, Bradshaw.

Milton Keynes 0 Luton Town 1

With Milton Keynes first team not playing and Luton reserves not engaged, both teams fielded some senior players. In the first half, play was fairly even but a break down the left by Les Harriott enabled Smith to cross for Gary Sisman to volley home. In the second half, chances were created but both keepers made good saves and kept the score down to the one goal.

Team: Walker, Greene, McFall, Evershed, Goodyear, Harriott, Cole, Ollis, Smith, Small, Sisman, Pearson, McElaine.

QPR 1 Luton Town 2

The Town's under-18 team travelled to QPR in the replay of the second round of the FA Youth Cup after drawing the first game at Kenilworth Road 2-2. Rain fell on an already wet pitch, but both teams did credit to themselves by their effort and ability. In the second half, missed chances by both teams kept a blank sheet until Alan Cosby was fouled by the keeper. From the penalty, Seamus Heath put Luton one up. Four minutes later QPR equalised and, with both teams striving for a place in the third round, Seamus Heath hit the winner with an overhead kick. They now meet West Ham in the next round at Kenilworth Road.

Team: Walker, Woodward, Murphy, Johnson, Foote, Piotrowski, Cosby, Madden, Bunn, Small, Heath, Brammer.

KNOW YOUR YOUTH PLAYER

Today we focus Robert Walker who joined the Luton staff as an apprentice when he left Ashcroft High School last summer. At school, he played many games, including basketball. He represented his school and the County FA in many inter-County games and was in goal for the Town when they had a successful run last year in the FA Youth Cup. He was also a very active member of the Stopsley Boys Club.

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HERE TODAY CHELSEA

Chelsea's unexpected 1-0 defeat at Oldham just before Christmas knocked them off the top of the Second Division. But, there can be no doubt that since Geoff Hurst succeeded Danny Blanchflower as manager at Stamford Bridge, the Londoners have certainly enjoyed a new lease of life.

Chelsea finished bottom of the First Division last season and were 11 points adrift of Derby, who finished six points above the relegation area.

But, this term, Hurst has injected fierce competition into Chelsea after successfully negotiating a trial period as caretaker boss until the club's directors decided he was the man to plot their course for Division One.

Hurst has at his disposal experience and youth as he attempts to take Chelsea back into the top flight. He has not made any new signings since he succeeded Blanchflower and has been content to mould the existing players into promotion material.

Goalkeeper Petar Borota is a spectacular Yugoslavian who arrived at the Bridge for only £70,000 in March this year as a replacement for long-serving Peter Bonetti. Borota has 14 full international caps and 21 at Under-23 level and made 208 appearances for Partizan and 304 for Sporting Belgrade.

Gary Locke missed a large part of last season with an injured right ankle and this bold attacking right-back also missed part of the previous season following a shoulder operation. Chelsea has been his

only club and he signed for them in 1971 after completing his apprenticeship.

Nineteen-year-old Gary Chivers is another product of Chelsea's youth system and signed for them after joining the club as a schoolboy. He made his debut last April after only 33 games in their Football Combination side. Giant centre-half and club captain Micky Droy also plays at the back but had an unlucky time last season when his appearances were restricted to 16 first-team games. He was sidelined following a kidney operation and, when he recovered, was out of action again with an ankle injury.

The back four is completed by Graham Wilkins who had the best season of his career last term with 29 appearances. The elder brother of Ray, he joined the Londoners as a junior and signed professional from apprentice ranks in July 1972.

Any Chelsea team wouldn't seem to be complete if it didn't include Ron Harris, now in his 19th season with the club. He holds the all-time record Chelsea first-team appearance figures. He was absent only twice last season and is one of the strongest defenders currently in the game. He captained the club from January 1966 until March 1972 and appeared in the FA Cup Final triumph in 1970.

John Bumstead also plays in midfield. Only 20, he graduated from the reserves to make eight first-team appearances last season. He joined Chelsea as a 13-year-old schoolboy. Dynamic is the word often

used to describe Ian Britton who joined the Londoners in 1971 and is another product of their youth scheme.

Youth is on the side of Michael Fillery, still only 18, who made his Football League debut as substitute at home to Derby in April last season. He went on to play seven games in Division One and was capped at England youth level.

Up front, Hurst will look to Clive Walker to provide the punch and the goals. A fast, exciting winger, he established a place in the first team two seasons ago when he scored ten times in 27 appearances. Capped by England schoolboys, he signed professional forms for Chelsea in March 1975. Lee Frost is one of his partners up front. Still only 21, he was a regular player in Chelsea's Football Combination side until he made his first team debut at Aston Villa in April 1978. Spent a month on loan with Brentford later that year but is now competing for a regular first team place.

Gary Johnson is a reserve striker who made two first team appearances last season after returning from a loan spell with Crystal Palace. Chelsea's reserve keeper is Bob Iles, who made a £10,000 move when he was transferred from Southern League Weymouth in June 1978.

Tommy Langley was voted Chelsea's Player Of The Year for 1979 and has been their leading scorer for the last two seasons with 13 in 1977/78 and 16 last term when he missed only one game.

SEASON 1979/80: Back Row: David Hay, Tommy Langley, Trevor Aylott (now Barnsley), Micky Droy, Gary Johnson, Jim Docherty (now Dundee United); Middle Row: Petar Borota, Ron Harris, John Sparrow, Michael Nutton, Gary Chivers, Mick Fillery, John Sitton, Bob Iles; Front row: Graham Wilkins, David Stride (now Memphis Rogues), Ian Britton, Ray Wilkins (now Manchester Utd.), Eamonn Bannon (now Dundee Utd.), David Steward (now Scunthorpe United); Foreground: John Bumstead, Peter Rhoades-Brown.



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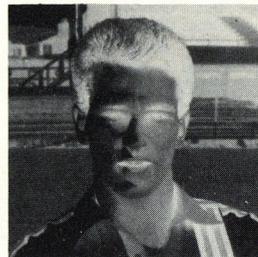
Our next away game, with the possible exception of an FA Cup replay, is at Swansea on Friday evening, January 18. Match tickets can be reserved in advance by telephoning Swansea 42855 and enquiring about current seat prices.

The Bobbers Travel Club are operating coaches for the trip which leave at 1.00 p.m. The fare for adults is £3 and children £2.50, and bookings can be made in the Bobbers Club every Wednesday evening. Coaches pick up at Cranfield, Marston and Bedford 60, 50 and 40 minutes earlier respectively. Details of other away trips operated by the Bobbers Travel Club for the rest of the season are:

		Adults	Children	
18 Jan.	SWANSEA	£3.00	£2.50	1.00 p.m.
9 Feb.	OLDHAM	£3.00	£2.50	9.30 a.m.
23 Feb.	SUNDERLAND	£5.00	£4.00	8.00 a.m.
8 Mar.	PRESTON	£3.50	£3.00	9.00 a.m.
22 Mar.	Q.P.R.	£1.50	£1.00	12.00 p.m.
4 Apr.	CHARLTON	£1.50	£1.00	12.00 p.m.
7 Apr.	CHELSEA	£1.50	£1.00	12.00 p.m.
19 Apr.	BIRMINGHAM	£2.50	£2.00	11.30 a.m.
3 May	NEWCASTLE	£5.00	£4.00	8.00 a.m.

WHO IS THE MYSTERY FACE

This week's competition takes a different format. Instead of our usual Face In The Crowd, we want you to identify this mystery Luton player. The first correct answer opened will be rewarded by a stand ticket for a future home game. Entries should be addressed to the Programme Editor, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road, Luton. Envelopes should be marked "Luton Player".



BEAUTY

Our little idea of introducing local beauty queens to the Oak Road supporters before each game seems to have been accepted with enthusiasm.

This morning, we welcome Sue Ginger, 17, the current Miss Hemel Hempstead, to Kenilworth Road. She lives in Westfield Road, Berkhamsted, and works as a part-time waitress and attends college.

Sue has been selected to go through to the finals of the Miss Anglia contest shortly.



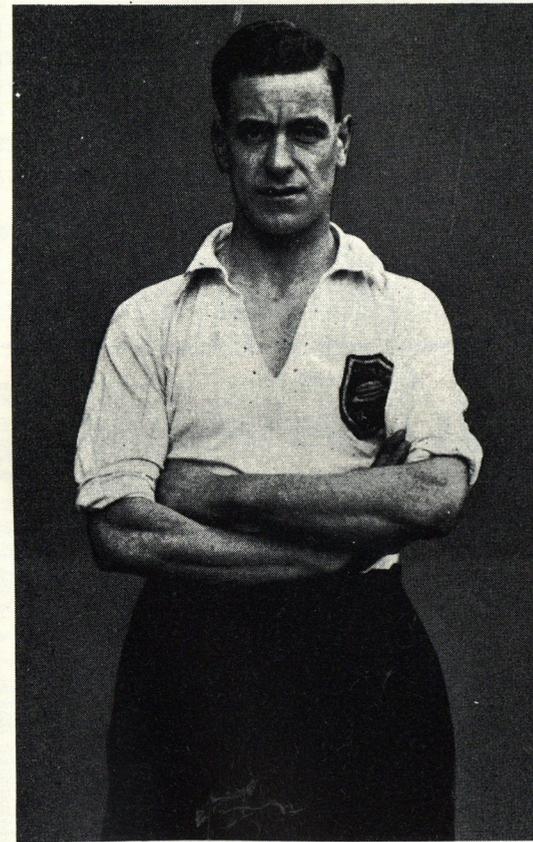
DOWN MEMORY LANE

Probably one of the best centre forwards to wear the number nine shirt, Hugh Billington, still lives in Luton and is working at the Vauxhall Motors Luton factory.

Born at Ampthill, he played for Luton schoolboys, and later gained a big reputation playing for Waterlows, then in the Spartan League. It was from there he signed for the Town.

In an F.A. Cup tie against Notts County, he scored five goals in what was his greatest triumph for the club. He was later transferred to Chelsea for a sizable fee for those days, and scored many goals for them. It was afterwards said that, had the war not broken out, Hugh would have played for England.

At the time of writing, it is hoped he is a guest of the club for today's match.



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DIVISION TWO HOT SHOTS (including League Cup)

ALLEN, O.P.R.	18	DAVIES, Fulham	11
SHOULDER, Newcastle	15	HATTON, Luton Town	11
MOSS, Luton Town	14	YOUNG, Leicester	10
CROSS, West Ham	14		

COMBINATION 2 APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 1979-80

App	FLC	Gls
Aizlewood	9	1
Birchall	4	1
Bunn	5(3)	3
Cox	—	—
Cosby	—(2)	—
Fearn	2	—
Goodyear	17	—
Harnott	16(2)	1
Heale	1	—
Heath	7(3)	2
Ingram	12	5
Johnson	19	2
Jones	20	1
Judge	18	—
Madden	15(1)	1
Ollis	14	—
Pearson	16	5
Sisman	14(1)	—
Smith	5	—
Turner	17	1
Woodward	1	—

Figures in brackets denotes appearances as substitute
Up to and incl. 26th Dec. 1979

DIV. 2 APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 1979-80

App	FLC	Gls
Aizlewood	—(2)	2
Birchall	1(1)	—
Findlay	22	2
Greash	22	2
Hatton	21	2
Hill	22	2
Ingram	1	—
Moss	22	2
Price	22	2
Saxby	21	2
Stein	22	2
Stephens	22	2
Turner W.	2	—
West	20	—

Figures in brackets denotes substitute
Up to and incl. 26th Dec. 1979

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	23	16	2	4	45	24 37
Arsenal	24	14	6	4	56	25 34
Tottenham	22	14	4	4	42	14 32
Norwich City	21	12	3	6	50	41 27
Q.P.R.	23	10	6	8	40	27 27
Fulham	23	10	6	7	40	35 26
Southampton	26	11	2	13	41	41 24
Leicester City	21	10	3	8	46	38 23
Bristol Rovers	23	8	7	8	37	42 23
Oxford United	22	8	6	8	34	28 22
Luton Town	22	6	9	7	23	30 21
Birmingham	22	8	5	8	30	32 21
Crystal Palace	22	7	6	9	37	30 20
Ipswich Town	21	6	5	8	31	29 19
West Ham Utd	21	6	5	10	30	39 17
Cardiff City	22	7	3	12	29	40 17
Orient	23	5	5	13	17	29 15
Swindon Town	21	5	4	12	25	44 14
Hereford Utd.	21	4	5	12	30	48 13
Plymouth	21	4	4	13	38	59 12
Reading	21	4	2	15	26	74 10

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO TABLE 1979-80

Home	Away					Gls	Diff
	P	W	D	L	F		
Chelsea	22	8	1	2	18	7	6
Luton Town	22	5	1	21	9	6	2
Newcastle Utd.	22	9	1	0	19	7	2
Leicester City	21	7	4	2	13	4	3
Q.P.R.	21	5	3	1	30	10	3
Sunderland	22	10	2	0	27	9	0
Birmingham	21	6	2	2	18	7	3
West Ham	21	8	1	2	18	7	3
Preston	22	7	1	19	14	2	4
Wrexham	22	7	1	2	14	6	3
Orient	21	5	2	16	12	3	2
Notts County	22	4	3	2	11	9	2
Cardiff City	22	6	2	3	18	2	3
Swansea City	22	7	0	4	18	1	0
Oldham Athletic	22	6	2	3	13	1	0
Cambridge Utd.	22	4	3	20	13	1	3
Watford	22	5	3	13	10	1	3
Bristol Rovers	21	5	4	2	20	13	1
Charlton	22	5	4	2	16	14	0
Burnley	22	4	4	2	16	14	0
Shrewsbury	22	5	3	2	18	10	1
Fulham	21	3	2	5	11	16	3

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO FIXTURES 1979-80

ATT.	F.A.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug.	11 Gillingham (L.C. 1, 1L)	0-3	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	20 Swindon Town
	14 Gillingham (L.C. 1, 2L)	5-2(2)	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	25 Bristol City
	18 Cambridge United	3-0(2)	Findlay	Stephens	Turner	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	27 Southampton
	25 Bristol Rovers	3-0(2)	Findlay	Stephens	Turner	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	8 Fulham
Sept	1 Leicester City	1-1	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	15 Crystal Palace
	8 Swansea City	2-1	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	19 Bristol Rovers
	15 Notts County	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	22 West Ham Utd.
	22 Oldham Athletic	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	26 Norwich City
	29 Fulham	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	9 Swindon Town
Oct.	6 Cardiff City	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	13 Birmingham City
	13 Sunderland	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	20 Queens Park R.
	27 Preston North End	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	22 Hereford Utd.
	27 Cambridge United	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	29 Leicester City
Nov.	10 Queens Park Rangers	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	3 Southampton
	17 Burnley	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	17 Oxford United
	24 Birmingham City (FAC 1)	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	19 Ipswich Town
	13 Shrewsbury United	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	27 Queens Park Rangers
	8 Newcastle United	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	5 Orient
	15 Walsley (FAC 2)	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	15 Plymouth Argyle
	21 Charlton Athletic	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	29 Bristol City
	26 Watford	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	2 Bristol Rovers
	29 Orient	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	9 Reading
Jan.	5 Swindon/Torquay (FA 3)	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	16 Fulham
	12 Leicester City	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	16 Swansea Utd.
	18 Swansea City	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	23 Birmingham City
	26 F.A. Cup 4	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	8 Leicester City
Feb.	2 Notts County	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	12 Norwich City
	9 Oldham Athletic	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	22 Ipswich Town
	16 Fulham (FAC 5)	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	24 Oxford United
	23 Sunderland	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	5 Hereford United
Mar.	1 West Ham United	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	9 Tottenham H.
	8 Preston North End (FAC 6)	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	12 Orient
	14 Cardiff City	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	18 Plymouth Argyle
	15 League Cup Final	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	29 Bristol City
	22 Queens Park Rangers	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	2 Bristol Rovers
	29 Burnley	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	9 Fulham
	5 Watford	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	16 Crystal Palace
	7 Chelsea	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	16 Swansea Utd.
Apr.	4 Charlton Athletic	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	23 Birmingham City
	8 Chelsea	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	12 Norwich City
	12 Shrewsbury T. (FAC SF)	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	22 Ipswich Town
	19 Birmingham City	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	24 Oxford United
	26 Wrexham	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	5 Hereford United
	3 Newcastle United	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	9 Tottenham H.
May	10 F.A. Cup Final	0-0	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greash	Saxby	Hill	Donaghy	Stein	Hatton	Moss	12 Orient

MIDLAND YOUTH TABLE

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
W.B.A.	8	5	1	2	17	4	11
Swindon	9	3	3	2	14	9	11
Birmingham	9	3	4	2	13	11	10
Derby County	10	5	0	5	14	10	10
Luton Town	9	3	4	0	21	11	10
Covenry	6	3	4	0	21	14	9
Bristol City	10	3	2	4	16	16	8
Wolves	6	2	3	1	10	8	7
Leicester City	10	1	4	5	14	20	6
Northampton	7	1	0	6	6	24	2

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