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## NOTTS COUNTY

What's all this about? Two girls, two boys and a bear.

There's nothing mysterious about the picture because it was taken before our FA Cup tie against Swindon, a game sponsored by the Blue Arrow Group who took the opportunity to enlist the help of Quantas Airways.

The two boys are representatives of Quantas while the pretty ladies are associated with Blue Arrow. We're not sure where the bear came from — but it raised a laugh with our fans at the Oak Road end before the match.



Twelve year old Simon Watson-Challis made his debut before the FA Cup tie. It was the first time this season we have been able to present a mascot and Simon, a devoted Luton fan, looks happy with life as he is pictured with one of the Quantas girls before the match.



Life would be difficult on match days without our stewards. They sponsored the match ball for the Swindon game and their gesture was greatly appreciated. It was also appreciated by Bob Clark, of Round Green, Luton, who won the raffle for the ball. The stewards are pictured with Bob and Luton chairman Denis Mortimer.

## LOYALTY CAN PAY DIVIDENDS

Transfers often take precedence over all else in today's soccer headlines, yet, almost unsung, many players and administrators achieve remarkable records of loyal service to one club.

Now, MECCA, the leading leisure group, have joined the Football League Secretaries, Managers and Coaches Association to recognise some of the most outstanding of soccer's loyal servants.

Eight players who, in Football League history, have made the most appearances for a single club have received special Mecca awards at the Empire Rooms, London, led by the great Jimmy Dickenson, MBE, (764 League appearances for Portsmouth). The eight players aggregate more the 5,000 games for their clubs, and one, Ron Harris of Chelsea, is still very much on the active list. The other seven are: Roy Sproson (Port Vale) (761 League appearances); John Trollope (Swindon Town) (756); Terry Paine (Southampton) (713); Ian Callaghan (Liverpool) (640); Ron Harris (Chelsea) (640); Jack Charlton (Leeds United) and Joe Shaw (Sheffield United) (629).

In addition, players who reach a milestone of appearing, 200, 300, 400 and 500 times for one club after 1 January 1980 were also

presented with Mecca Loyalty Awards.

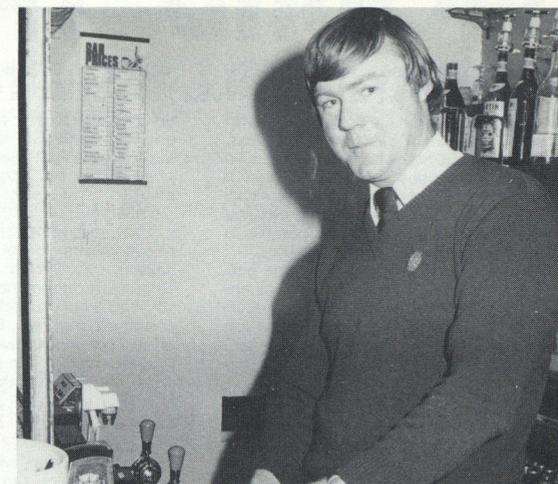
Among those approaching 500 appearances this season are Mick Mills (Ipswich and England); Roy Greaves (Bolton Wanderers) and Barry Kitchener (Millwall), whilst Steve Coppell (Manchester United and England) and Ray Kennedy (Liverpool and England) are among some 25 players approaching the 200 mark for their clubs.

Michael Guthrie, Mecca's managing director, said: "We understand why transfers happen, also their importance to the Football League system, but, without loyalty, the game at all levels would quickly fade away. We are more than happy to be able to recognise this vital quality essential to all business, but which so often escapes notice."

And John Camkin, the chief executive of the Association said: "The public rarely hear the names of many of the hardworking backroom people who do so much to keep soccer alive and flourishing. We are sure that these Mecca Awards will at last provide a tribute to their immense services as well as recognising those players who are often the backbone of the game."



Keeper Jake Findlay and his wife Sandy were Guest of Honour at a ceremony for the Hatters Pool Club Awards, held in the Hatters Club. There was a pleasant surprise for Sandy when she was presented with a bouquet of flowers during the evening. We think Sandy looks quite delectable and, come to think of it, Jake doesn't look quite bad either.



Dick Wassel can turn his hand to anything on the pitch. As our groundsman, we owe Dick a big favour this season for keeping the Kenilworth Road surface in immaculate condition. But this picture also proves Dick can turn his hand to pulling pints. He was snapped helping out in an emergency in the Hatters Club recently.



This happy congregation have good reason to look happy. They were the Hatters Pool Club Award winners who gathered in the Hatters Club for the ceremony. Pictured with them is Guests of Honour Jake Findlay and his wife Sandy. It just goes to prove that anyone who helps the Town in their ambitious pools organisation normally receive their rewards.



Here's another happy group. These people are guests of the Blue Arrow group who found time to pose for pictures during their conducted tour of the stadium before the kick-off in the game against Swindon.

All pictures by Gareth Owen.

# AROUND THE STADIUM

## THERE'S STILL TIME TO COME TO HOLLAND

Our competition, run in conjunction with Tricentrol and aimed at our younger fans, certainly provided some fun for the kids. Like our Rome competition, it provided us with a sackful of entries — but only three were correct and there is still a place going begging for one lucky youngster to accompany us to Holland for a youth tournament in May.

The competition is open to anyone between the age of ten and sixteen and all entries must be authorised by a parent or guardian. But, in offering the prize, we want you to be involved in a little work to find the correct answers. A few telephone calls will provide them. We are repeating the ten ques-

tions and, when you have found the answers, send your entry to: Mike Beevor, Luton Town F.C., Kenilworth Road, Luton, to reach us by 18th February. Envelopes should be marked: "Tricentrol Competition".

The questions are: (1) List three of the pre-match events held at Kenilworth Road this season. (2) Which game did Tricentrol Chassis Developments sponsor this season? (3) Who is our groundsman? (4) In one of our recent programmes, David's Diary mentioned five community events which our players had attended in one particular week. Name them. (5) Who was the ex-Luton player who

served an apprenticeship with the Luton and Dunstable Engineering Training Group? (6) Which gentleman is a director of Luton Town and Tricentrol? (7) Who do you apply to if you wish to advertise in the programme? (8) What is a Telma? (9) We have introduced two new forms of sponsorship into football this year. Name one. (10) What is the single daily rental charge for an 18cwt van from Tricentrol Truck and Van Rental?

Those are the questions. If you would like to come with Luton Town to Holland, put on your thinking caps and make some telephone calls. The result could be well worthwhile.

## FAN MAIL...FAN MAIL...FAN MAIL...FAN MAIL...FAN MAIL

The programme editor has received another heavy sack of mail from supporters. Unfortunately, space does not allow us to print them all, but keep those letters rolling in — we like to hear from you.

We kick off this week with a letter from a Luton fan in Sussex. Ray Collier, of Stoke Manor Close, Seaford writes: Now that more than half the season has elapsed, I thought it would be an ideal time for an old supporter to drop a few lines of encouragement and praise. What the manager and the team have achieved this season is a revelation to many people in the football world and the pride in playing for a quality team is not restricted to Liverpool and a few others.

I saw Luton play at Brighton just before Christmas the previous season and the difference in performances because of confidence and cohesion this year is really something. If there are 11 steps leading to the manager's office, there are 19 steps which can be taken singly to promotion — and you can make it! So good luck for the

rest of the season, I'll be rooting for you.

Sue Richardson, who describes herself as a fanatical Luton fan, lives in Heath Road, Woolmer Green, Knebworth, and wrote: This is the third time I have written to try and get my three friends mentioned in the programme and I hope it will be third time lucky. My friends are Dave and Roger Anderson who live in Slough and Nottingham respectively. They are Luton fanatics too and never miss a game — even in bad weather. They have supported Luton for years and even watched them in the 1959 Cup Final. They are life members of the Bobbers Club and also bought some shares when the club was in financial trouble. I would appreciate it if you could give them a mention in the programme.

Editor's footnote: Third time lucky it is Sue. Happy to oblige.

Leo Valentin, Elm Tree House, Letchworth Lane, has written to us with an appeal for programmes. He is looking for the following issues: 1973-74 — v Notts County, Port

Vale and Bristol City; 1972-73 v Fulham, Cardiff and Birmingham; 1970-71 v Birmingham and Millwall; 1968-69 v Gillingham. If anyone can help, write to Leo direct.

Finally this week, we've heard from Jean Boyer of 4 St. Nicholas Way, Coggeshall, Essex, who is trying to trace two Town fans. She wrote: I am seeking your help. I am trying to contact a Luton family who went out of their way to help me in the dark, cold, flooded midnight of December 27/28. I just cannot tell you what their kindness meant to me. I am writing to you because I know they are keen Luton fans and may possibly be members of your supporters club. Mum, dad and eldest son Raymond regularly attend home matches and their daughter is called Susan Anne Frances Horsned (she told me). If they read this, I would like them to know that my passenger, my mini and I arrived home safely.

Editor's footnote: That's the type of letter we like to receive. Wherever you are Mr. Horsned and family, take a bow.

## NEWS FROM BILL BUTLER'S TICKET OFFICE

Tickets are now on sale for the home games against Fulham on 16th February and West Ham on 1st March. Tickets for the West Ham game are, as usual, going quickly and seats will be sold out well in advance.

Our home game against Watford on Easter Saturday will be ALL TICKET and details of selling arrangements will be announced in the local Press and future match day programmes.

We have again received complaints from supporters regarding tickets for away games and we will repeat our policy on this issue. Unless we are certain of selling approximately 50 tickets for an away match, it is not

worth us obtaining them from the home club who can easily cope with any demand.

Take, for example, our away game at Swansea which was, in the event, postponed. On the Wednesday before the game, we received only one enquiry for a ticket and it does not take much imagination to visualise the reaction of the Swansea ticket office if we returned 49 tickets on the day of the game.

If we can help our supporters, we will willingly do so and, as far as ticket office manager Bill Butler is concerned, supporters will receive courteous attention to which they are entitled.

If you cannot get to the ticket office, we accept postal applications if they are accompanied by the correct remittance and a stamped addressed envelope. If you think time is too limited for your ticket to be returned to you before the game, ask for your tickets to be retained in the ticket office for collection before the game. Please don't ask us to accept telephone bookings. We have previously made exceptions but have been badly let down by people who have booked seats and fail to collect them.

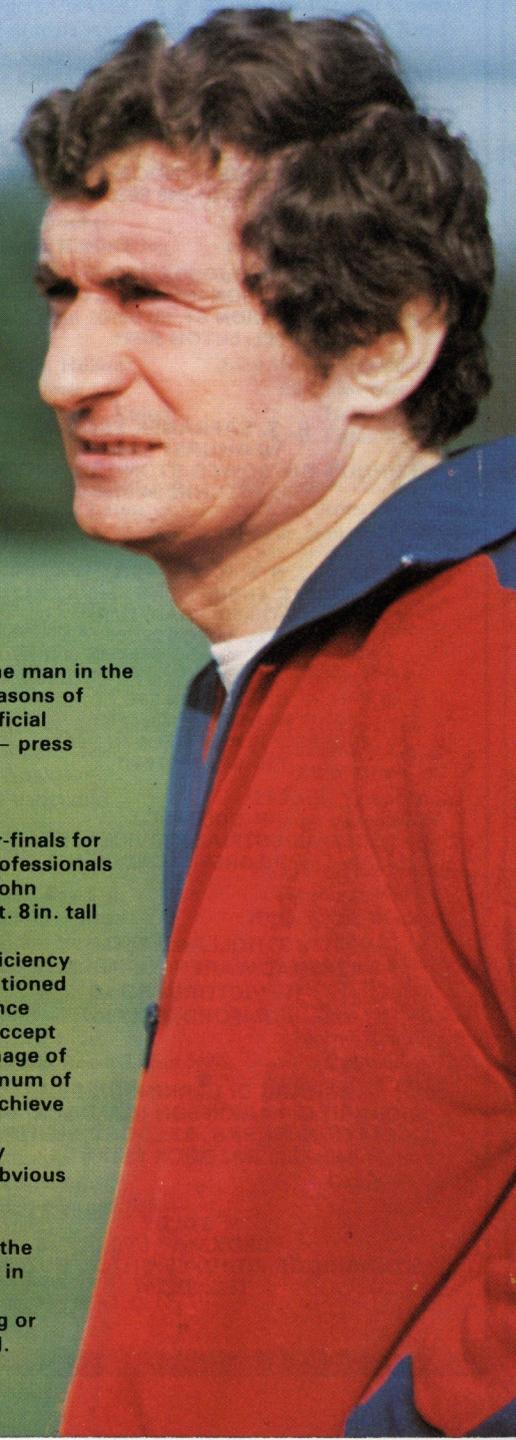
Seating prices for the rest of the season are: Centre stand, blocks A, B, and C — £3.50. All other seats are £2.50.

After our recent enforced break following our Cup defeat, we are pleased to be involved again in a competitive game. Fortunes can change so quickly in football that sometimes advance notes can look somewhat strange. However, it is reasonable to assume that if we can maintain our overall form we shall not be able to escape the fact that we shall have a very positive say in the promotion stakes.

Of our 15 remaining games, we have to face Chelsea, Newcastle, Sunderland, Birmingham and Queens Park Rangers away from home. The onus will be on the home sides to beat us. Much is expected of them this season and we will travel in the knowledge that if we can beat them we will have achieved our success the hard way on opponents' grounds.

Our immediate task is to revive our home fortunes. All the Press and thousands of supporters agreed we should have had two penalty awards in our last game here against Leicester. The referee's job is never easy, and make no mistake, we may criticise and some managers appear to enjoy blasting officials but the standard of our refereeing is second to none.

# DAVID'S DIARY



Over a season, luck evens itself out and anyone who puts onus on the man in the middle as a reason for failure isn't honest with himself. After two seasons of management I have passed the stage of worrying about the named official before a match. I believe the referee — player — management — fan — press relationship is improving but I am sure there is still room for further understanding from all parties.

Our Youth Cup side were in action against West Bromwich Albion on Wednesday and victory would have enabled them to reach the quarter-finals for the second successive season. Four of our side have now signed as professionals — Rob Johnson, Neil Madden, Seamus Heath and the latest signing John Woodward. Strangely perhaps, none of these lads stand more than 5ft. 8in. tall but the ultimate criteria must always be ability and determination.

When a club is running smoothly on and off the field and we show efficiency everyone enjoys the part they play. In my last programme notes I mentioned several backroom staff whose contribution is vital. However I have since received one or two black looks — from other valued assistants. We accept and appreciate all the many people who have helped us change the image of our club over the past months. If we all continue to work to the maximum of our abilities in whatever job we do we shall keep on the right lines to achieve our goal.

Today we welcome Notts County, a club whose management is highly respected. They have achieved stability with good sense despite the obvious temptations and pressures they must endure with their riverside neighbours Forest seemingly "printing money" to provide top players. Their chairman, Jack Dunnett M.P., and manager Jimmy Sirrel know the value of good relationships and sensible management. My confidence in our club is based on these very same lines.

I hope the game is top quality. Remember we do not want any fighting or swearing. Let's enjoy what we are striving to produce — good football. Get behind the players.

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## JOHN'S JOTTINGS



Our visitors today have the distinction of being the oldest Football League club, having formed in 1862. They turned professional in 1885, and became a limited company in 1888. They have had three previous grounds in their history starting at the Park in 1862, the Meadows in 1863, Trent Bridge in 1881, before coming to Meadow Lane, where they still play, in 1910. Their record victory is 15-0 over Thornhill in an F.A. Cup first round match in 1885.

Past players to wear the black and white stripes include such names as Tommy Lawton, Eric Houghton, Frank Broome, Leon Levty, Jackie Seville, but the man who still holds the record League appearances of 564 from 1904-26 was goalkeeper Albert Iremonger. He was 6' 5" tall, and loved to dash out of his goal and often ventured over the halfway line to join in the play, and if the ball went out of play anywhere near his penalty area he rushed out to take the throw in. I could imagine some managers of today having things to say about that!

One date that sticks in my mind is 27th November, 1976, when we won at Meadow Lane. Keith Barber was taken to hospital with three broken ribs, and while the players were discussing who should take over in the goal — it was usually John Aston (he always fancied himself between the posts) — a player ran out already wearing the green jersey. It was Dixie Deans, the Scottish international centre-forward we signed earlier that season — and what a performance he gave! He was very unorthodox, but effective, and he grew more confident as the game went on.

I remember that he didn't stop talking about it for weeks afterwards. Talking of Dixie, he was one of the comedians off the field, always getting up to some jape. I recall him putting a large stone ashtray into Jimmy Husband's bag when leaving a hotel, and Jimmy brought it back the next morning. I had the job of sending it back to the hotel. On one occasion, while on loan to Carlisle, he got hold of a waiter's attire and for 20 minutes served the customers in a hotel restaurant.

Going back to the early fifties, Bert Mitchell was another club joker, although his speciality was stink bombs. The first team were playing at Brentford in the days when Tommy Lawton was there. It was a very cold and frosty day and suddenly all the windows were wide open inside the coach — Bert had been at work! I think the passers-by thought we were fresh air fiends. Still, it is players like that who take the seriousness out of the game. It's funny, but every club seems to have one.

The answer to the picture quiz in the last home programme was Tommy Docherty now manager of Queens Park Rangers.

The first 18 correct winners who all receive tickets for today's match were:

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John Wilkinson

## COMMERCIAL CORNER

### WE'RE NOT MUGS



No, we are not mugs! But we do sell them — at 65p and the design is to our own specification, as are all souvenirs made exclusively for Luton Town FC by the various manufacturers.

In future, we would advise all supporters to "Ignore Imitations". Our latest product is called a Flasher, not to be confused with the Dirty Mack variety! This lovely wall plaque is phosphorous based, and so in any bright light will become psychedelic and therefore instantly visible.

If you would rather display the club badge on a more low profile basis you will be delighted with the polished aluminium background, mounted on polished wood with the centre piece being the club badge in full colour. The price is 99p.

Apart from calling into the Pools Office any time throughout the week, make a beeline for our two souvenir shops on match days, they are Aladins Caves in their own right and deserve a visit. We doubt whether anything you ask for in that line cannot be obtained.

### ... AND WE SELL TOP GEAR

Luton Town sweaters are now in stock and we believe we can fit any size of supporters. Sizes commence at 26" and go up to 46". If we are unable to supply your needs in respect of sweaters all we can say is join the Weight Watchers, but we should be able to fit anyone from Twiggy to an elephant. They are wonderful value, made in quality dark blue wool, with the Club badge embossed on the front. Sizes and prices are:

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42-44" ..... £6.70  
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Souvenirs of all kinds are a very good means of fund raising in general, and the profit from this merchandise helps to swell the profits of our Pools operation. If you require any item which is not on display please ask the Pools Office. Mike Hardwicke, our commercial manager, will arrange to incorporate your request within our very wide range of exciting and reasonably priced stock.



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# TOWN TOPICS

## HATTERS COMMUNITY ARENA

This afternoon, over 100 boys are being presented with the *Evening Post/Echo* certificates. The boys were on the recent three day course held at Stopsley Regional Sports Centre and Lea Manor Recreation Centre. A familiar face will present them — Lil Fucillo. — we are sure you will wish him a speedy recovery.

The next course is from 9th to 11th April. It is open for all boys aged 7 to 14 years and the cost is only £3.25 which also includes a free ticket for the game. Girls have not been left out as a special course has been arranged in May lasting 10 weeks.

The Easter Netball Tournament is still open for teams under 12 and under 16. The competition is for the Denis Mortimer and Ken Woodbridge Trophy. A Netball Coaching Course will be held in May also for 7 to 14 year olds. The next Hockey Coaching Course is to be held on the 8th to 10th April and the coaching will be staffed by internationals.

For those of you who are slightly older, here are some interesting dates: 25th February to 31st March; a Treatment of Injury Course has been arranged at Lea Manor Recreation Centre in conjunction with John Sheridan, Luton Town's physiotherapist.

So you think you can coach? A Football Association preliminary Coaching Award Course is being held at Luton, between 27th April and 8th June.

Over 300 young players, coaches and managers crowded into the Hatters Club for the draw and "Come and Meet the Players" evening for the Luton Town five-a-side tournament. The teams will be competing for

the Luton Sports Council Trophy and the Anthony Evans Trophy. The players connected with the winning teams will be awarded trophies donated by Luton Sports Council and the chairman of Recreation Services Committee, Councillor A. M. Flint.

The draw is: Group 1 — Wednesday 23rd January — Juniors: P. Price/Harpenden Colts; A. West(Harriett)/61 F.C.; G. Ingram/RAF Chicksands; A. Judge/Dynamos B.C. Seniors: J. Findlay/61 F.C.; M. Donaghy/Lewsey Centre; W. Turner/Vale Park United; T. Grealish/W. H. Smith.

Group 2 — Wednesday 30th January — Juniors: R. Hill/Hillborough Hatters; B. Hatton(Goodyear)/Blenheim Scouts; G. Jones/Barnstoneworth United; B. Stein/Icknield Youth. Seniors: K. Stephens/Ashcroft Cop; D. Moss/Redpool R.; M. Saxby/Park Rangers; M. Aizlewood/Dunstable Young Peoples Club.

Group 3 — Wednesday 6th February — Juniors: J. Findlay/Saints; M. Donaghy/Rovers; W. Turner/Sundon Park Rangers; T. Grealish/DYPC. Seniors: R. Hill/JP Plastics; B. Hatton(Goodyear)/Bobbars; G. Jones/RAF Chicksands; B. Stein/Luton Albion.

Group 4 — Wednesday 20th February — Juniors: K. Stephens/Dunstable Wanderers; D. Moss/Bletchley Rovers; M. Saxby/Wasps; M. Aizlewood/Royal Apex. Seniors: P. Price/International F.C.; A. West(Harriett)/Houghton Rangers; G. Ingram/Thames United; A. Judge/Red Star F.C.

The tournament organisers are Lil Fucillo and M. Hall. If you wish to enter any of the courses or want further details on future courses, these may be obtained from Mike

Iacono, assistant youth activities officer, c/o Marsh House Centre, Bramingham Road, Luton (Luton 56879 and 504211).

## FROM THE CENTURY CLUB

Today, we are please to welcome the chairman and secretary of Notts County Centenary Association, who over the past two or three years have become good friends of ours. Those of us who visit their club are always assured of a very warm welcome, and kind hospitality. We hope they enjoy themselves with us today, and we all look forward with interest to a good game.

We have an added interest in the game today, as we are responsible for player sponsorship. We have also sponsored a block of seats for children. It is encouraging to see how the efforts of the chief executive to bring back the supporters are succeeding — we certainly have no difficulty in filling our balcony each game, and we are happy to make a further contribution to his efforts with our sponsorship.

It seems a long time since we saw our first team in action at Kenilworth Road — not since 12th January against Leicester — which turned out to be a tremendous game. The pre-match entertainment was good too, and we congratulate our Century Club team of Stuart and John Allsop, Glyn Atwell, Eddy Edwards, Richard Hall and Keith Litchfield for running a good race, drinking *all* their beer, and finishing third in the Everards Beer Relay. All good fun, even if some of the competitors got a trifle damp!

A glance at the fixture list shows we are drawing steadily onto the end of the season, with surprisingly few home games left. This also brings to mind the fact the Century Club annual ball will be held soon, when we shall present our award to our Player of the Year. We shall vote on this in the usual way, and hope you have already been giving the matter some thought.

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## FOLLOW OUR LEAD AND SAVE ON PRICES

Luton Town believes next season's price structure for members' tickets offers excellent value for money, and we want our supporters to feel we are looking after their interests.

The club's chief executive, John Smith, has made no secret of the fact that loyal Luton supporters will, in future, be given priority when it comes to price reductions on a seasonal basis.

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## DON'T MISS THIS COLLECTORS ITEM

Our match day programme for the game against Leicester was a big hit with Luton fans who appreciated the efforts of our printers in reproducing a programme from a Luton v Leicester game in 1953, which was inserted in our publication.

This is obviously a collector's item and we still have a limited number available for sale. Copies can be obtained by sending a large stamped addressed envelope with a postal order for 30p to: The Ticket Office, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road, Luton.

Supporters perhaps don't realise the importance a printer plays in the presentation of a match day programme. He has to ensure the copy is received on time and must then arrange transport for delivery to the club.

Our printer, Leicester-based Hemmings and Capey, currently print programmes for several clubs in addition to Luton — and we think they do an excellent job.

We are told that all the staff at our printers are "football fanatics" and it



was nice to see some of them at the game against Leicester.

But their attendance at the game was almost a non-starter. The coach

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## ARE YOU COMING TO ROME?

Our programme editor was staggered by the response of supporters entering our exciting competition which offers a first prize of a trip to Rome to watch England play in the European Championship this summer.

And with England drawn against the host nation, Italy, it promises to be a trip of a lifetime. We received hundreds of entries following our home games against Swindon Town and Leicester City but, if your entry isn't one of the first two winners, don't despair.

You can enter as many times as you like until the end of the season when all the winning heat entries will be judged by a special panel who will announce the lucky winner.

The competition is aimed at budding journalists. We want you to write a constructive match report of the remaining home games this season. Your entry should contain a maximum of 400 words and should be addressed to: The Programme Editor, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth

Road, Luton, and should be marked "Rome Competition". Entries should reach us by first class post four days after the day of the game.

We cannot enter into correspondence, and the decision of Luton Town FC will be final on all matter relating to the competition. Our programme editor had a difficult task deciding on the first two winners and, if entries warrant it, we may occasionally name two heat winners from any one game.

### SWINDON WIN BATTLE OF TWO TOWNS

**James Mead, Holly Tree, North Road, Berkhamsted, won the Swindon heat with the following report:**

Swindon deservedly won this battle of the Towns in a lively but average game and in doing so were only the second side this season to prevent Luton scoring at home. One goal was a present and the second a fluke; nevertheless they earned their victory through all-out team effort.

The game had a near sensational start when Bob Hatton, taking advantage of a misunderstanding between Swindon's goalkeeper Allen and defender Stroud, presented Brian Stein with a glorious opportunity to put a cross from the right into an open goal; but he, inexcusably, failed to control it and put it wide. Swindon's left flank continued to look jittery in the opening 15 minutes but Luton were unable to take advantage mainly through mistimed and misdirected passes.

Swindon settled down and took control of the midfield where Kamara began distributing well to both flanks. Miller on the right took full advantage of the supply and put over some dangerous crosses putting Luton's defence under pressure and forcing a number of corners. The robust Rowland together with Tucker and Carter were causing

some trouble for Luton's defence which was content to boot away clearances in contrast to its usual style of building up good attacking positions from defensive play.

Although closely marked, David Moss began to show his paces on Luton's left wing but Swindon's 'keeper Allen, very capably dealt with the stream of crosses.

In the 30th minute a free kick for a needless foul on Swindon's Williams on the left was put across high by Luton's 'keeper Findlay. But he lost possession and Rowland had the simplest of tasks to slot it home. There was not a single Luton player protecting the 'keeper.

Luton began putting on the pressure but Swindon, through leading scorer, Alan Mayes, were dangerous on the breakaway. One left foot shot was luckily deflected by Paul Price just outside Luton's post for a corner. In another attack from the right Rowland was left completely unmarked to send a powerful header wide from a good position.

Luton continued the pressure but 'keeper Allen dealt capably with everything coming into the box including one splendid diving save to his right to stop a rare scorching drive from Alan West.

Shortly before half-time Stein, although getting in a good position

failed to control a delightful pass from Ricky Hill who was beginning to play with skill in midfield.

In the second half Stein was, understandably, replaced by White making his first appearance at home since his transfer from Bristol Rovers. He made little impression as Luton's attack was more ineffective. Swindon became more defensive, Moss was shackled by Lewis who still was able to get up to attack, McHale was winning his battle with Grealish and Mayes came off the defenders to pick up balls from midfield, spraying them around accurately and keeping Luton's defence busy.

Luton's Stephens was defending superbly and trying hard to set up good attacking positions with his surging runs. Luton were now becoming over anxious and their passing was untidy. Donaghy began to move forward and got in some good shots, those on target being well held by Allen.

Following a corner and some indecisive clearing by Donaghy, the ball came to Williams, a left winger with the classic old style build, now operating on the right wing. He put in a swerving left foot cross from about 30 yards which beat the luckless Findlay and went in off the far post. Swindon were in to the next round comfortably with eight minutes to play.

### INDIFFERENT START, BUT TOWN SHOW PROMISE

**The winner for the Leicester City game was Gordon Shawcross, of 3 Masefield Grove, Bletchley. His report is printed here:**

If Luton are to fulfil their hopes of winning promotion they must regain the ability to win at home. Their draw with Leicester now means they have only won one game out of the last eight at home.

However, after an indifferent first half, there were signs that the fluency of Luton's play earlier in the season was returning and but for some poor finishing combined with ill luck in front of goal they would have disposed of an enterprising Leicester team.

With both sides having been knocked out of the Cup by lesser sides neither team needed any motivation and the respective managers avoided the temptation of

making wholesale changes.

Following the severe overnight frost both sides had difficulty keeping their balance early on and Leicester had the better of the earlier exchanges. But it was Luton who nearly went in front after 18 minutes when Donaghy appeared to be fouled by the full back in the penalty area. The referee, Mr. Robinson, a late replacement, disagreed and after consulting his linesman awarded a free-kick on the edge of the box from which Price — making his 150th League appearance — headed firmly into Wallington's arms.

Leicester too had chances. A Henderson drive was well saved by Findlay and their best chance fell to Young who latched on to a weak back pass from Saxby and squeezed the ball past the advancing Findlay. It looked a certain goal until Donaghy appeared to kick the ball off the

line for a corner. As the first half drew to a close, Luton had their best spell with Moss twice going close when he hit the post with an inswinging corner and then, after cutting inside, brought an excellent save from Wallington.

The Town continued to create openings in the second half but never anything decisive until shortly before the end when Grealish, running onto Hill's cross, headed over the angle of the post and the bar when scoring looked easier. Luton nearly paid for that miss when, at the other end, May headed a free kick just past the post in the last minute. But a Leicester victory would have been very harsh on the Town.

Overall, this was a much better performance than of late in everything but finishing and this is something David Pleat must try and put right if Luton are to maintain their momentum.

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## RESERVE REPORT

### Reading 2 Luton Town 2

After the Christmas break and two games being postponed by the weather, the reserves visited Reading in a Combination fixture. After the long period without a competitive game, they found themselves two down after only 10 minutes. Steve White got one back just before half time and Rob Johnson hit the equaliser in the second half.

*Team:* Judge, Jones, Aizlewood, Johnson, Goodyear, Harriot, Sisman, Turner, White, Madden, Ingram, Bunn.

### Luton Town 3 West Ham 1

After their good win against QPR in the previous round, the youth team went into this FA Youth Cup third round tie with confidence. Played at Kenilworth Road, both teams created chances and West Ham took the first chance. However, in the 34th minute, following a good run down the left by Frankie Bunn, Michael Small pushed in the low cross to put the scores level. Just before half time Seamus Heath was brought down in the area and the same player put Luton 2-1 up from the penalty. In the second half, West Ham did most of the attacking and Luton's defence kicked off the line twice. However, with five minutes to go, following good work by Michael Small, Frankie Bunn pushed the ball past the advancing keeper, to make the score 3-1 for the Town.

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

### Potton Utd. 0 Luton Town 3

Two more games were played in the Wallspan Combination

League Cup. The first saw the Town travelling to Potton. Goals by Alan Cosby (2) and Seamus Heath gave the Town a 3-0 victory.

*Team:* Walker, Woodward, Murphy, Johnson, A. Foote, Piotrowski, Cosby, Madden, Small, Heath, N. Evershed, H. McFall.

### Biggleswade 0 Luton Town 3

In the second game the Town, fielding seven schoolboys visited Biggleswade and played excellent football to recording an excellent victory. The goals were scored by Godfrey Ingram and Audley Baker.

*Team:* Walker, M. Greene, H. McFall, R. Harding, A. Foote, M. Bradshaw, Cole, Bunn, Ingram, Baker, C. McElaine, N. Evershed.

### Oxford Schoolboys 1 Luton Schoolboys 2

Congratulations to the Luton Schoolboy team, who after two drawn games reached the sixth round of the English School Shield by defeating Oxford Schoolboys. When the draw was made in early December, it meant the Luton boys travelling to Oxford. They came back with a 1-1 draw. In the replay, played at Vauxhall, the Luton boys went into a lead only to see Oxford come back to level the score. The game went into extra time without any further scoring. The second replay played on Oxford United's ground saw both teams nervous and many balls were given away to the opposition. However, in the second half, Luton came more into the game with Colin Brown working hard. From a breakaway, Oxford went into the lead but, within a minute Luton had equalised through Mark Thomas. With five minutes to go, Thomas put Luton into the next round.

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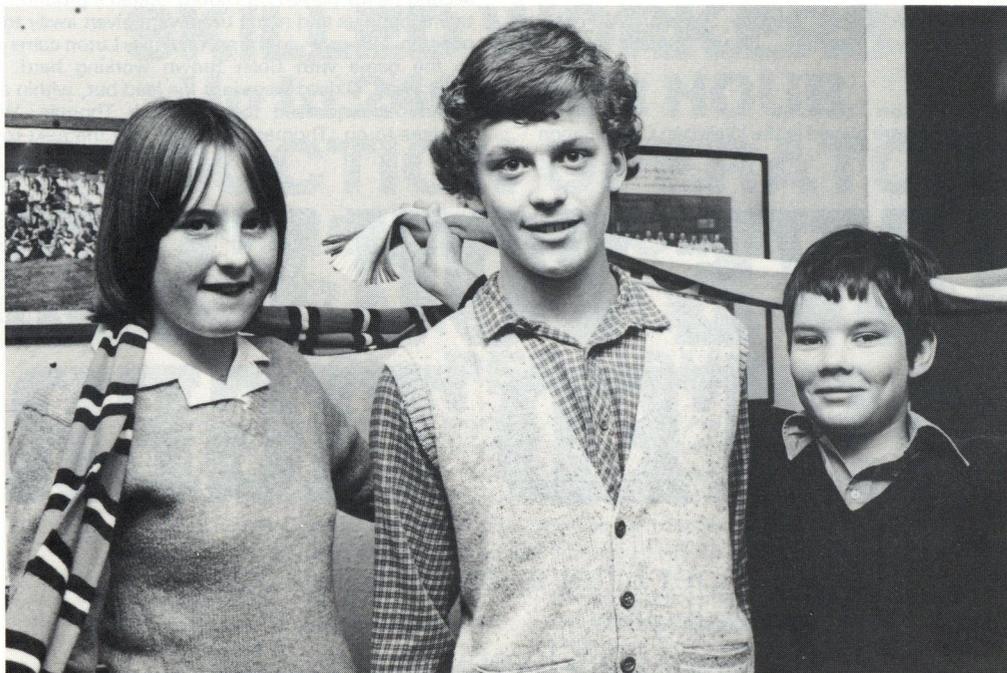
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# HERE THIS AFTERNOON NOTTS COUNTY



It may have escaped your attention, but there's something more to Nottingham than Forest and the Clough/Taylor partnership. There's also County and their boss Jimmy Sirrel whose ground is a stone's throw over the River Trent from Forest's First Division pastures.

Sirrel, in his second spell as County's boss, cleared his shelves during the close season. Top scorer Mick Vinter, Arthur Mann. Dave McVay, John Sims, Dave Smith and keeper Eric McManus, who refused to sign a new contract, all left.

Earlier this season, it seemed County would make a determined push for promotion when they went to the top of the Second Division, but a terrible September when they scored only once meant they slumped badly and, in their last home game, they lost 1-0 to the much fancied Leicester City at home.

One of the big success stories at Meadow Lane this season has been the consistent form of Yugoslavian keeper Radojko Avramovic who joined the club for £200,000 when Sirrel found himself with limited cover in that position.

Raddy has since missed a couple of games through injury — he didn't play when Luton and County clashed

at Meadow Lane earlier this season — but has quickly become a firm favourite with their fans.

When Raddy went down with an injury, Sirrel spent another £30,000 when he signed Mick Leonard from Halifax, and the manager's only other major signing was Trevor Christie who cost £80,000 from Leicester City.

Sirrel has plenty of experience at the back with transfer listed Pedro Richards who partners Ray O'Brien. Richards is an attacking fullback and enjoys the occasional overlap. He scored in the opening game of the season when County beat Cardiff City 4-1 — it was only his second goal in senior soccer!

Eire international Ray O'Brien has a few goals under his belt — mainly because he is County's penalty king and was a bargain signing when he cost £45,000 from Manchester United six years ago.

Skipper Brian Stubbs recorded his 400th appearance for County earlier this season and is the club's longest serving player after joining them in 1968. Eighteen year old defender Brian Kilcline is making desperate efforts to claim a regular first team place. He has shown tremendous promise when he has deputised for

Stubbs and England international Jeff Blockley.

Midfield work rate revolves around former Scottish World Cup ace Don Masson who is in his second spell with County. He also had spells with Derby County and QPR and, when Masson is in form, County invariably respond to his generalship. Another former Derby player, David Hunt, plays alongside Masson and arrived at Meadow Lane in March 1978 after finding regular first team football with the First Division side limited.

Luton would be well advised to keep a close watch on Scot Iain McCulloch, County's £80,000 signing from Kilmarnock almost two years ago. He is equally at home playing from midfield where he can break quickly, or as an orthodox striker playing wide on the right wing.

Another Scot, Gordon Mair, has scored the occasional goal this season, but offers most threats with his accurate crosses. Sirrel is also pleased with the form of midfielder player Tristan Benjamin who broke into the first team squad about two years ago.

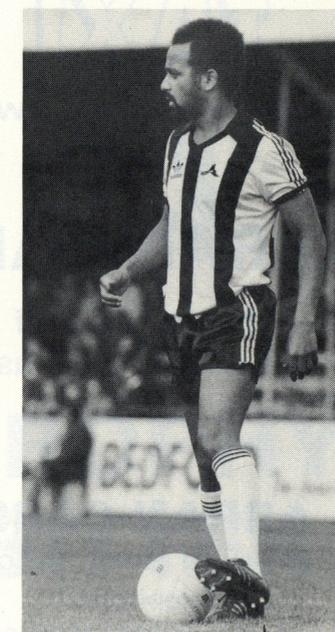
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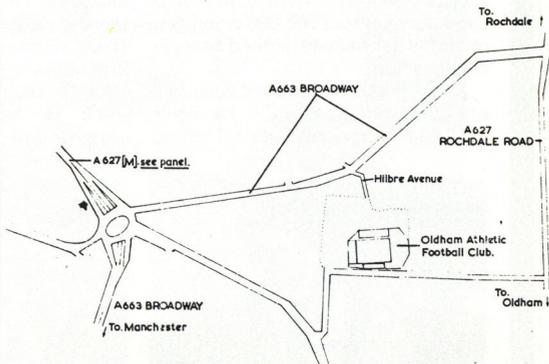
Other trips organised by the Travel Club this season are:

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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.

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The Excelsior Travel Club have organised an excursion to Oldham. The timetable is: Dep. Watford 10.11, arr. Manchester Piccadilly 12.36, dep. Manchester Victoria 13.00 or 13.30. Arr. Oldham Werneth 13.14 or 13.44. Dep. Oldham Werneth 17.09 or 17.39, arr. Manchester Victoria 17.23 or 17.53. Dep. Manchester Piccadilly 18.12, arr. Watford 20.40. The fare is £5.50 but does not include the journey between Manchester Victoria and Oldham.

Members should be at Watford Junction not later than 09.45. Bookings to T. P. Hunt, 55 Cobden Street, Luton (Tel. 419413). If a booking is made and a member is unable to travel, please inform the organiser by 09.00 on the day of the trip and return rail ticket, if already obtained, by Tuesday, February 12. The next excursion is to Sunderland on February 23.



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He later signed as an amateur with Shrewsbury Town and, in 1947, was capped for the Football Association Amateur team six times.

In 1949, Bernard won his first full professional cap when he was named in the England team which beat Ireland 9-2. He joined Luton as an amateur a year later and was, without doubt, one of the best 'keepers in English soccer at the height of his career.

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