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Looking into Latics

with *Jimmy Frizzell*

OUR match against Preston at Deepdale last Saturday was our first since we played at Roker Park on January 12th — and, in the meantime, there was nothing we could do about adding to our tally of points. However, we did see something of other teams because while we were taking a break in Torremolinos, we met players and officials of Leicester City and Sheffield Wednesday.

Some people may question the value of such a break abroad, but while it was the first time Latics had done anything like this, I felt it was well worthwhile. Normally, players do their training, then they're off home; our break gave us a chance to get together for an extended period and, as a result, to foster team spirit while, at the same time, getting through some strenuous training sessions.

Let me stress that it wasn't all relaxation — and I firmly believe that we shall feel the benefit of the break right the way through to the end of the season. Which is my cue to discuss recent events and what the future holds for Latics.

Looking back at the games against Coventry City and Sunderland, let me say that we were the victims of bad luck, for we played reasonably well against both teams. Against Coventry, one error by 'keeper John Platt in 90 minutes ensured defeat, and while a section of the public criticised him, I feel such criticism was wrong.

At Roker Park we could have been leading 2-0; instead, a decision against us brought the dismissal of John Hurst — he got marching orders for the first time in 17 years — and we were down to 10 men.

People may say you make your own luck, but I think I've shown that there are times when you need a break to go your way. We got such a break at Preston, where we hung on to claim our first away win in almost a year.

I reckon we need a point a game from now on, to ensure Second Division survival, and if we can finish with 38 points, I feel confident we'll do the trick. In the meantime, I hope the wheel of fortune spins back our way in the coming weeks so that a few more lucky breaks offset the bad ones!



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 West Ham, Watford and
 Burnley went by the board.
 So we switched to the action
 at Preston last Saturday.
 Pictures by courtesy of the
 Oldham Chronicle.



TODAYS VISITORS TO BOUNDARY PARK

LUTON TOWN'S expenditure on players, in their bid to clinch a promotion place, has totalled around three quarters of a million pounds, and they have seen it paying off this season with a sustained run which has kept them among the pacemakers in Division 2.

From goal to the front line, Luton have invested heavily, starting with 'keeper **Jake Findlay**, who was a £100,000 acquisition from Aston Villa towards the end of last season, while waiting in the wings is young **Alan Judge**, who was spotted playing schools football in Hertfordshire and who became an apprentice in the summer of 1976

It hasn't all been a matter of outlay, of course. Goalkeeper Milija Aleksic brought a substantial fee when he went to Tottenham Hotspur, and other players transferred have been Jim McNichol (to Brentford), David Carr (to Lincoln), Steve Sherlock (to Stockport) and Chris Turner (to Cambridge United), while Terry Hayes is now back with Irish League club Linfield and John Lucas is playing soccer in South Wales.

Meantime, Luton have recruited four other players from clubs such as Mansfield, Orient, Swindon Town and Bristol Rovers. Back-four player **Mike Saxby** cost the Hatters a club-record fee of £200,000 when

ZIP GOES THE BEST PART OF A MILLION, AS LUTON PUSH FOR PROMOTION SPOT

he joined them from Mansfield, and **Tony Grealish**, who can operate in defence or midfield, was a £150,000 signing from Orient . . . the fee was fixed by the independent tribunal when he moved at the start of the season.

Winger **Dave Moss** who had been the target for Stoke, opted for Luton when the Hatters agreed a £120,000 fee from Swindon, and he has repaid the outlay by scoring goals which have kept him among the division's leading marksmen.

Bristol Rovers received a £170,000 fee when they transferred striker **Steve White** to the Kenilworth-road club, and so five new recruits had been signed at a total of three-quarters of a million.

Barring injury problems, Luton's line-up this afternoon is likely to feature these players, in 4-3-3 formation: Findlay, Stephens, Saxby, Price, Donaghy, Grealish, Hill, West, Hatton, Stein, Moss.

Full-back **Kirk Stephens** was signed by manager David Pleat from Nuneaton, whom he had previously managed. He went back

to his old club to snap up the young defender for £5,000, and Stephens immediately bridged the gap into full-time Soccer and forced his way into the senior squad.

Team captain **Paul Price** is Luton's longest-serving player. Signed from youth Soccer in 1971, he gave consistently sound displays in the junior and reserve teams . . . but in 1974, when he was on the brink of making the breakthrough, he broke his leg. He regained fitness, only to suffer another fracture, but battled back again — and now he has been a first-team regular for the past four seasons.

Mal Donaghy could have been one of football's most travelled players, had he accepted invitations to join all those who wanted to sign him. Glasgow Celtic, Queen's Park Rangers, Wolves, Sheffield United — these were all said to be interested in the future of the Northern Ireland Under-21 international, in the summer of 1978. But Luton were first off the mark to land the lad from Larne.

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Two other players who have given Luton fine service are midfield men **Alan West** and **Ricky Hill**. West, of course, first made his mark when playing for Burnley, and this former England Under-23 international cost the Hatters £100,000 when he joined them in October, 1973.

Hill was signed as an apprentice from schoolboy football in North London — he was just 16 — and within a year his skills and explosive shooting had brought him a first-team spot, as well as England youth honours.

Luton signed one of soccer's most experienced strikers when they snapped up **Bob Hatton** in the summer of 1978, for he had shown he could score goals in any league, during service with Birmingham, Carlisle and Blackpool, and as the seashore went down to Division 3, Hatton was staying in Division 2 with Luton, who paid a £50,000 fee for him.

BACK ROW (left to right): Pearson, Heath, Harriott, Heale (now Reading), Goodyear, Turner, Sisman, Ollis. Second row: Chief coach David Coates, Donaghy, Aizlewood, Findlay, Jones, Judge, Stephens, Stein, John Moore (coach). Third row: Fuccillo, Hill, Saxby, Ken Gutteridge (assistant manager), David Pleat (manager), Smith, Hatton, Price, Birchenall (now Hereford), Moss. Front row: Johnson, Piotrowski, Murphy, Bunn, Walker, Conquest, Cole, Woodward, Madden, Brammer.

Brian Stein, another striker, has been at Kenilworth-road around five seasons now, and he was signed from Edgware Town, in the Athenian League, while other experienced players on Luton's

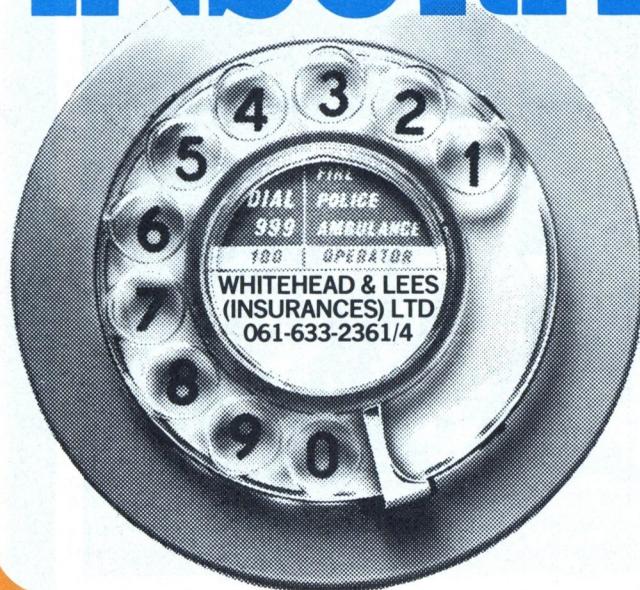
books include **Graham Jones**, **Mark Aizlewood**, and **Pasquale Fuccillo**.

Jones, recruited from Manchester Schools football as a 16-year-old in 1975, was making his League debut at 17, and he has proved to be a versatile player, having figured at centre-back and in a midfield role.

Aizlewood cost a £50,000 fee when Luton took him out of the Fourth Division — he was with Newport County — at the age of 18, and this former skipper of the Welsh youth-international side has played for the Hatters in defence and in midfield since he moved to Kenilworth-road in April, 1978.

Fuccillo, the son of Italian parents who settled in Bedford, was signed as a 16-year-old apprentice in the summer of 1973, and he was playing League football regularly within three years. He is an attacking midfield player who has been a regular marksman during his career.

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ONE place where Latics did get a game . . . Roker Park, Sunderland . . . and here's Jim Steel getting in a shot which 'keeper Barry Siddall was thankful to see go just wide. More pictures (by the Oldham Chronicle) on Page 12.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC and Leicester City met up last week — in the Spanish resort of Torremolinos. And thereby hangs a tale. For Latics' players have been virtually unemployed since the turn of the year, when it comes to matches at Boundary Park. And our exit from the F.A. Cup produced another blank date.

However, Latics fans know that they can hope for better things in the seasons ahead, for the club is undertaking the installation of an underground heating system which will ensure that postponements due to bad weather will become a problem of the past.

As chairman Harry Wilde said recently, the technology is available to prevent postponements — the alternative is to shut down in December and reopen when the weather allows.

Meanwhile, it's back home today — weather permitting! — and a trip to Loftus-road next Saturday for the game against Queen's Park Rangers, and if you're following the team by road, here is your R.A.C. route:

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ACTION REPLAY FROM ROKER PARK



**A close call . . .
..and a goal
from Simon**

LATICS didn't have a great deal of luck when they tried conclusions with Sunderland at Roker Park, but the final scoreline of 4-2 didn't quite reflect how close we came to getting some reward from the match. Simon Stainrod gave us a flying start with a goal after only 11 minutes — that's it, in the picture below — and Sunderland 'keeper Barry Siddall was hard pushed to turn a drive from Carl Valentine (pictured above) round the post. So in the end, we had to settle for being second-best, despite a late goal from Paul Atkinson. Pictures by courtesy of the Oldham Chronicle.



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2. What is Chesterfield's nickname?
3. Which is the only club in the Football League that does not play in the town which bears its name?
4. Where did Burnley play, before they moved to Turf Moor?
5. Can you name the first winners of the European Cup?
6. Leeds United had a coloured player in their 1965 F.A. Cup-final side . . . so can you name him?
7. Who scored for Leeds in that final?
8. Who scored the goals which won the Cup for Liverpool in that 1965 final?
9. Which footballer played for Manchester City and Liverpool, and in later years went on to gain a knighthood?
10. Have Luton Town ever been to Wembley for the final of the F.A. Cup?
11. Don Revie, Les Cocker, Syd Owen . . . which of these three football personalities was a player with Luton Town during the 1950's?
12. A former Liverpool player who moved to a club in the North-East returned south, to play for Luton, then was on his travels again, this time to Swansea. Can you name the player?

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Jimmy Greaves was the hat-trick marksman.
2. Chesterfield's nickname is The Spireites.
3. Grimsby Town play in . . . Cleethorpes.
4. Burnley played at Calder Vale before moving to Turf Moor.
5. Real Madrid were the first winners of the European Cup.
6. Albert Johanneson played for Leeds in the 1965 final.
7. Billy Bremner was the marksman for Leeds.
8. Roger Hunt and Ian St. John scored the goals which took the Cup to Liverpool.
9. Sir Matt Busby.
10. Luton met Nottingham Forest (and lost) in the 1959 F.A. Cup final.
11. Syd Owen played for Luton in that final.
12. The player is Phil Boersma.

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HOME FIXTURES IN CAPITALS Name in CAPITALS — Scorer Latics score first Name in CAPITALS — Scorer + Denotes substituted player *Own Goal

	Att.	Res.	Pts.	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 18	Newcastle Utd.	0	0	0	Platt	Keegan	Edwards	Hilton	Hicks	Hurst	ATKINSON ³	Halom	STEEL ¹	Stainrod	HEATON ¹	Blair
Aug. 21	WREXHAM	2-3	2-3	0	Platt	Keegan	Blair	Hilton	Hicks	Hurst	Atkinson	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	HEATON ¹	Hilton
Aug. 28	West Ham	0-1	0-3	0	Platt	Wood	Blair	Keegan	Hicks	Hurst	Atkinson	Halom	Steel	Hilton	Heaton	Gardner
Sept. 7	SUNDERLAND	3-0	3-0	2	McDonnell	Wood	Edwards	Hilton	Hicks	Hurst	Keegan	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	HEATON ¹	Edwards
Sept. 8	Lge Cup (2) Igl NORTHTON	3-1	3-1	18	McDonnell	WOOD ¹	Edwards	HILTON ¹	Hicks	Hurst	Keegan	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	HEATON ¹	Atkinson
Sept. 4	Burnley	1-1	3	17	McDonnell	Wood	Edwards	Hilton	Hicks	Hurst	Keegan	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	HEATON ¹	Valentine
Sept. 15	PRESTON N.E.	3-2	6	15	McDonnell	Wood	Edwards	Hilton	Clements	Hurst	Keegan	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	Heaton	Atkinson
Sept. 22	Luton Town	0-0	6	15	McDonnell	Wood	Edwards	Hilton	Clements	Hurst	Keegan	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	Heaton	Atkinson
Sept. 29	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	0-0	7	15	McDonnell	Wood	Edwards	Hilton	Clements	Hurst	Keegan	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	Heaton	Atkinson
Oct. 6	ORIENT	1-0	9	12	McDonnell	Wood	Edwards	Hilton	Clements	Holt	Keegan	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	Heaton	Atkinson
Oct. 13	Wrexham	1-1	10	12	McDonnell	Wood	Edwards	Hilton	Clements	Holt	Keegan	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	Heaton	Atkinson
Oct. 20	Notts. County	1-1	11	12	McDonnell	Wood	Edwards	Hilton	Clements	Holt	Keegan	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	Heaton	Atkinson
Oct. 27	LEICESTER CITY	1-1	12	13	McDonnell	Wood	Edwards	Hilton	Clements	Holt	Keegan	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	Heaton	Atkinson
Dec. 2	Swansea City	0-2	12	13	McDonnell	Wood	Edwards	Hilton	Clements	Holt	Keegan	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	Heaton	Atkinson
Oct. 31	Lge Cup (4)	1-0	14	12	McDonnell	Wood	Blair	Hilton	CLEMENTS ¹	Holt	Keegan	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	Heaton	Atkinson
Nov. 3	NEWCASTLE UNITED	1-2	14	16	McDonnell	Wood	Blair	Hilton	Clements	Holt	Keegan	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	Heaton	Atkinson
Nov. 10	Charlton Ath.	0-1	14	16	McDonnell	Wood	Edwards	Hilton	Clements	Holt	Keegan	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	Heaton	Atkinson
Nov. 17	FULHAM	0-2	14	16	McDonnell	Wood	Keegan	Hilton	Clements	Holt	Keegan	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	Heaton	Atkinson
Nov. 24	SHREWSBURY TOWN (1)	0-2	14	16	McDonnell	Wood	Blair	Keegan	Clements	Holt	Keegan	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	Heaton	Atkinson
Dec. 1	Cardiff City	0-1	14	18	McDonnell	Wood	Blair	Keegan	Clements	Holt	Keegan	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	Heaton	Atkinson
Dec. 5	Lge Cup (5)	1-0	16	15	McDonnell	Wood	Holt	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Valentine	STAINROD ¹	Steel	Keegan	Atkinson	Atkinson
Dec. 8	CHELSEA	0-2	16	16	McDonnell	Wood	Holt	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Valentine	Stainrod	Steel	Keegan	Atkinson	Atkinson
Dec. 15	Bristol Rovers (2)	1-0	18	16	McDonnell	Wood	Holt	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Valentine	Halom	Steel	Keegan	Atkinson	Atkinson
Dec. 21	BIRMINGHAM CITY	3-3	19	16	McDonnell	Wood	Holt	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Valentine	Halom	Steel	Keegan	Atkinson	Atkinson
Dec. 26	Cambridge Utd.	POSTPONED														
Dec. 29	WEST HAM	POSTPONED														
1980																
Jan. 1	WATFORD	12,149	0-1	19	17	Platt	Holt	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Valentine	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	Atkinson	Atkinson
Jan. 5	F.A. Cup (3) COVENTRY	19,456	2-4	19	18	Platt	Holt	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Valentine	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	Atkinson	Atkinson
Jan. 12	Sunderland	POSTPONED														
Jan. 19	BURNLEY	8,956	1-0	21	17	Platt	Holt	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Valentine	Halom	Steel	Stainrod	Atkinson	Atkinson
Feb. 2	Preston N.E.															
Feb. 9	LUTON TOWN															
Feb. 13	Lge Cup SF															
Feb. 16	Queen's Park Rangers (5)															
Feb. 23	NOTTS. COUNTY															
Mar. 1	Leicester City															
Mar. 8	SWANSEA CITY (6)															
Mar. 14	Orient															
Mar. 15	Lge Cup Final															
Mar. 22	CHARLTON ATH.															
Mar. 29	Fulham															
Apr. 1	Birmingham City															
Apr. 5	CAMBRIDGE UTD.															
Apr. 7	Wartford															
Apr. 12	CARDIFF CITY (SF)															
Apr. 19	Shrewsbury Town															
Apr. 26	BRISTOL ROVERS															
May 3	Chelsea															
May 10	F.A. Cup Final															

RE-ARRANGED MATCHES
 Tuesday February 19 ATHLETIC v WATFORD
 Kick-off 7.30pm
 Tuesday March 4 ATHLETIC v BURNLEY
 Kick-off 7.30pm
 Tuesday March 18 ATHLETIC v WEST HAM
 Kick-off 7.30pm

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LEAGUE APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1979-80

Name	App	Gls
Platt	5	—
McDonnell	19	—
Keegan	15	—
Wood	22	—
Blair	13	—
Edwards	12	—
Hilton	15	—
Hurst	5	—
Atkinson	16	—
Valentine	20	2
Halom	17	2
Steel	21	3
Stainrod	15	6
Heaton	20	7
Gardner	15	3
Clements	3	—
Holt	19	1
Kowenicki	13	—
Jordan	6	—
	1	—

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	27	13	9	5	42	27	35
Newcastle	27	14	7	6	41	29	35
Luton	26	12	10	4	45	28	34
Chelsea	26	15	3	8	46	32	33
Birmingham	25	13	5	7	32	24	31
Sunderland	26	12	6	8	41	34	30
QPR	26	12	5	9	48	34	29
West Ham	24	13	3	8	32	23	29
Wrexham	27	13	3	11	33	32	29
Orient	26	9	9	8	33	38	27
Cardiff	27	11	5	11	26	32	27
Preston	27	7	11	9	33	33	25
Swansea	26	10	5	11	28	35	25
Notts. County	27	8	8	11	36	34	24
Cambridge	27	6	12	9	36	36	24
Shrewsbury	27	9	3	15	37	40	21
Oldham	24	7	7	10	25	30	21
Bristol R.	26	7	7	12	33	41	21
Watford	26	6	9	11	19	27	21
Burnley	26	6	9	11	30	44	21
Charlton	26	5	7	14	23	45	17
Fulham	25	6	3	16	26	47	15

Half-Time Scoreboard

Division 2	Division 1
B'ham	Arsenal
Bristol R.	Coventry
Cambr'ge	C. Palace
Fulham	Everton
Sh'sb'y	Leeds
Sund'ld	Man. Utd.
Swansea	M'boro
Watford	Norwich
West Ham	Nott'm F.
Wrexham	Soton
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SECOND DIVISION SCENE...SECOND DIVISION

LUTON TOWN come to Boundary Park this afternoon with one of the best away records in the Second Division — half a dozen victories and three draws out of a dozen matches on opponents' grounds, and a scoring haul of 19 goals, with only 15 conceded — only Leicester City and Orient can boast fewer "goals against".

Luton also have in Dave Moss one of the division's top sharpshooters, for his 17 goals this term put him second only to Queen's Park Rangers' Clive Allen (21) and level with Alan Shoulder, of Newcastle United. In addition, Luton have other men — notably Bob Hatton — who can get their names on the scoresheet.

All of which makes The Hatters formidable opposition for Latics, at a time when we need every point we can get to enable us to climb away from the bottom-four scramble against relegation... but if you cast your mind back to last September, you will recall that when we visited Kenilworth-road, we denied Luton even a solitary goal.

Goals galore—but Latics have been a bogey to Luton

And it may well be that they still regard us as a bit of a bogey side, for that is something few teams have managed to do, home or away, against The Hatters who, Saturday by Saturday since the start of the season, have almost invariably got the ball into the opposition net at least once.

It was mid-September before a Saturday League game — at Notts. County — saw Luton failing to score... and the following week, Latics were the team which kept them goal-less again. They made up for it by going to Craven Cottage and sticking three goals past Fulham.

Seven more Saturdays went by before they drew a blank again — at Burnley's Turf Moor ground. By then, it was mid-November, and the next time Luton failed to get a goal came on January 5 — eight matches later — as they lost their home F.A. Cup-tie 2-0 against Swindon, then a week later

Leicester drew 0-0 at Kenilworth Road.

So the Hatters have been able to go out with every confidence that they will get some reward, since so few teams have been able to blockade their route to goal... yet Latics have been one of those few.

Wrexham, West Ham United and Newcastle are three clubs who have conceded fewer than 10 goals on their own grounds. Newcastle, Wrexham and West Ham have had eight goals apiece put past them — then come Latics, Birmingham and Cardiff, with nine each.

Which prompts us to suggest that what Latics have done once, they can do again — keep Luton goal-less. And, hopefully, make it a haul of three points out of four from The Hatters, by breaching their defence, to score a tonic win which can be a launching pad for a swift rise up the table.

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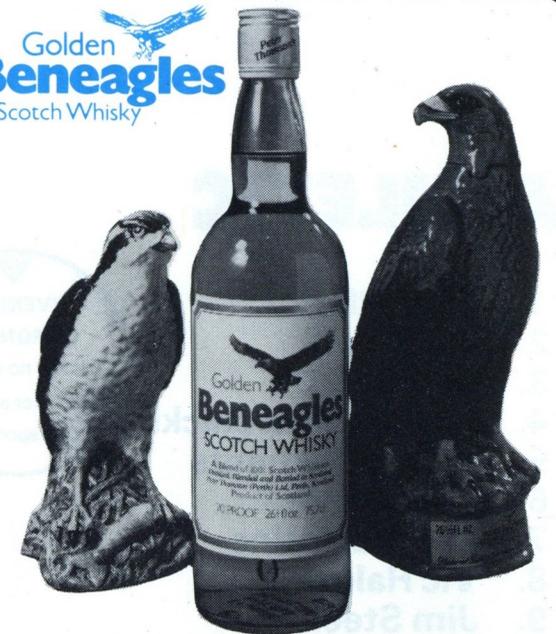
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ATHLETIC

1. John Platt
2. Ian Wood
3. David Holt
4. Richard Kowenicki
5. Kenny Clements
6. John Hurst
7. Carl Valentine
8. Vic Halom
9. Jim Steel
10. Simon Stainrod
11. Paul Atkinson

Substitute to be announced

Referee: Mr. F. Phipps
(Wrexham)



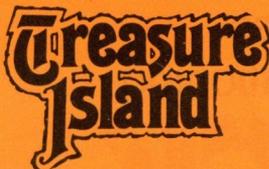
LUTON

1. Jake Findlay
2. Kirk Stephens
3. Mal Donaghy
4. Tony Grealish
5. Mike Saxby
6. Paul Price
7. Ricky Hill
8. Alan West
9. Brian Stein
10. Bob Hatton
11. David Moss

Substitute to be announced

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MAN IN THE MIDDLE

WELCOME to Referee Frank Phipps, from Wrexham, who is today's man in the middle. Mr. Phipps began refereeing in 1964, progressed through the West Cheshire and Cheshire County leagues to the full League list, and he is a qualified Football Association coach.

Married with three children, he is a civil servant and his sporting interests are golf and football coaching.