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Results at the top of the Second Division last Saturday threw the promotion race wide open again — helped by our fightback at Loftus Road which won a valuable point with a 2-2 draw.  
It's almost there . . . Brian Stein leaps to head the first.  
It's almost there . . . Ricky Hill repeats the treatment for the equaliser.  
It's there . . . 'keeper Chris Woods can only watch as Hill's header enters the net.

Pictures: Keith Dobney, Evening Post Echo



# IN FOCUS... IN FOCUS...

## LET'S REVOLUTIONISE OUR GAME

Dwindling attendances in the Football League have set the danger signals flying throughout England. Many clubs have shown alarm because support shows no sign of increasing, except in the cases of those who are involved in the various promotion issues. The problem is one which must be attacked immediately and, this afternoon, Luton's chief executive John Smith, sets out his plans for a radical change in the Football League's structure designed to rekindle support through the turnstiles.

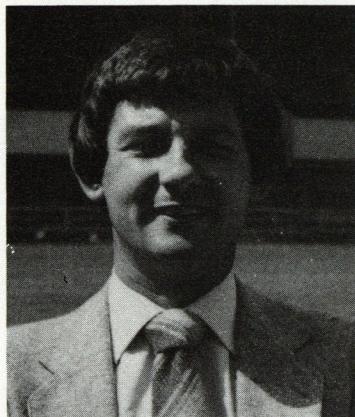
"The introduction of three up and three down several seasons ago — designed to increase support — has failed to achieve the necessary result. It is time to investigate new methods of producing additional revenue through the turnstiles at a time when there is a major interest in soccer from the outside.

"I believe people are interested in our national game, but it is the responsibility of the clubs and authorities to implement a new structure and take the negative things out of soccer in an attempt to stimulate some additional much-needed interest.

"Take, for example, clubs who are destined to spend most of the season in a mid-table position. What incentive have they? They naturally want to protect their position and I believe that could have a direct bearing on negative football. It is time for a complete change of the Football League's format and, although my ideas may have a radical bearing, I believe it would re-stimulate interest at all levels.

"I would introduce a system of eight Football League divisions of 12 clubs. It would mean 96 clubs — and increase from the current 92 — and the four new clubs could be recruited from the Football Alliance, giving them the incentive to play for something throughout their season.

"Each season, clubs would be seeded by a committee from one to 96 and placed in each division. It would mean a mixture of



First, Second, Third and Fourth Division clubs being in the same section and would obviously throw up the possibility of, say, Hartlepool playing at home against Manchester United and similar situations involving other clubs at both ends of the Football League.

"The existence of the competition in itself would stimulate interest in increased attendances, although I admit there could be problems. But if Manchester United, for example, were at home to Rochdale, that would produce a Cup-tie atmosphere and still maintain healthy revenue. Under my system, eight divisions of 12 clubs would produce only 22 matches in the first stage. The second stage would involve the top six in each division being re-seeded into four divisions of 12 with the bottom six being allocated places in another six divisions.

"The benefit of that is obvious — every club would play different opponents in the second half of the season to remove one of the current biggest complaints of a repetitive situation. Forty-four matches would produce a play-off stage where the top three of the first four divisions and the

top one from the other four would enable 16 clubs to qualify for the ultimate championship in quarter, semi and final stages.

"The two winners could possibly play at Wembley to decide the championship or, alternatively, meet on a two-legged basis. But there are bound to be difficulties. Could the smaller clubs cope with the prospect of playing First Division clubs at home in their cramped stadiums?

"My system could include the possibility of Crewe playing at home to Liverpool. It would undoubtedly provide the Fourth Division side with an automatic capacity home crowd. But I believe Liverpool would object because their share of the receipts would not match their revenue from current away games.

"But there is no doubt we need a radical change — and we need it now before it is too late and too much damage is done. Our Fourth Division clubs are not in favour of regionalisation to save travelling costs. If they were, I believe it would have been implemented by now.

"Anything which can provide additional interest must be a good thing for the game. New opponents, especially in each half of the season, is in my opinion a much-needed and very important necessity. Action now, or at least the thought and discussion at top level of radical changes, could save attendances from shrinking to a new all-time low figure.

"My ideas may sound too radical. But the alternatives could, before very long, have drastic far-reaching consequences."

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Burnley will provide far more difficult opposition today than their position indicates. I saw them at Chelsea recently, and they deserved to take at least a point. Since Brian Miller took over, they have made a dramatic recovery on the field. At the same time, he has achieved forward planning by reducing his staff of three ageing players.

As you are aware, we did not get involved in a hectic beat the deadline transfer activity. Quite simply, there are very few players around who could better our prospects and those that have that quality cost money. We do not want to get into any situation which causes the club deep financial embarrassment. The players have done very well here in their first season together, and the quality of their football has won praise from many quarters. We shall continue to work hard and hope we can learn something from every game.

## DAVID'S DIARY

The Cardiff game was, in many ways, a disaster. Atrocious playing conditions, opponents who tackled ruthlessly, injuries to David Moss and Kirk Stephens, and a crowd who reacted to the officials. Let me say here that we, supporters, management and players, felt down. But we must be very wary and remind ourselves that we have a reputation to uphold and in defeat (no matter what the circumstances) we must try to live with it.

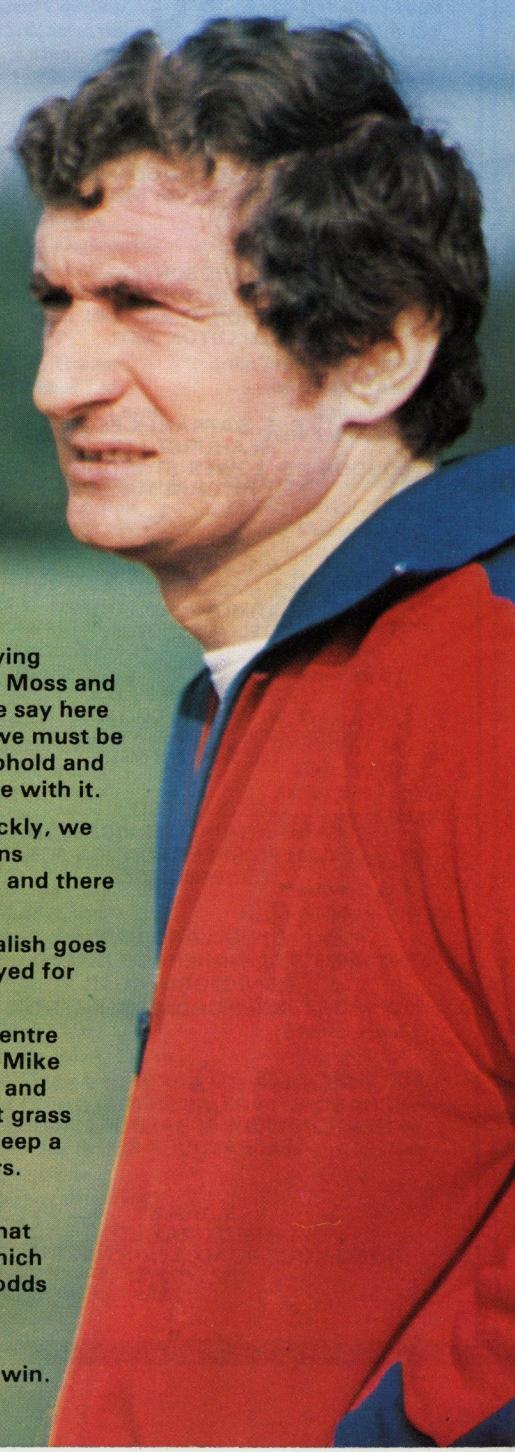
We are still convinced that if we can get our game together quickly, we can still achieve our goal. Realistically, we must string three wins together before the Easter games, but football is a funny game, and there are eight clubs fighting for the prize of the First Division.

Our three Irish players have all gained honours again. Tony Greasham goes to Cyprus, Mal Donaghy to Israel and young Seamus Heath played for Ireland Youth at Newport on 11th March. Well done!

A week last Wednesday, the finals of the Hatters Community Centre 5-a-side took place. The idea of the competition was first class; Mike Iacano's organisation with Lil Fucillo's assistance was excellent and the standards were high. It is this involvement with the game at grass roots level that is necessary for football in general if we are to keep a steady flow of talent motivated enough to want to be footballers.

If we are to be a successful club our crowds must improve still, although I must give tremendous thanks to those who braved that wet, cold night against Cardiff. My last memory of a night in which there was a catalogue of incidents was your support when the odds were stacked against us. Everyone appreciated the waves of cheering as we pressed desperately to get an equaliser.

Hoping we see a good game this afternoon and a much needed win.



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## JOHN'S JOTTINGS



Our visitors today were formed in 1882 and turned professional in 1883. Among the honours they have earned are: Football League Division One Champions in 1920-21 and 1959-60; Division Two Champions in 1897-98 and 1972-73; FA Cup Winners 1913-14 and beaten finalists 1946-47 and 1961-62; Anglo-Scottish Cup Winners 1978-79. In recent times, their ability to discover young players has paid dividends with players such as Martin Dobson, Steve Kindon, Leighton James, Dave Thomas, and our own Alan West fetching big sums on the transfer market.

The club must also mean something to the players, because Dobson, Kindon and James have all found their way back after being transferred, although Kindon has now moved again.

For our visiting supporters today, a few names to stir the memories were, McDonald and Blacklaw in goal; fullbacks Angus, Elder, Winton and, in later years Newton; wing halves Adamson, Cummings, Shannon and present manager Miller; forwards Gray, McIlroy, Pointer, Pilkington, Cheeseborough, Connelly, just to name a few.

Games between our two clubs have rarely produced many goals, but one exception was on February 7 1959 when, in a Division One fixture, we won 6-2. The two teams were:

LUTON: Baynham, McNally, Hawkes, Groves, Owen, Pacey, Bingham, Brown, Morton, Cummins, Gregory.

BURNLEY: Blacklaw, Angus, Smith, Seith, Cummings, Miller, Connelly, McIlroy, Pointer, Cheeseborough, Pilkington.

The goalscorers were Brown (3), Morton (2) and Pacey for Luton, and Connelly and Miller for Burnley. Although their present League position is not too healthy, I am sure we will have to be at our best to get the points to keep us in the promotion race.

I had hoped the people who threw a beer can onto the pitch and the missile which broke the dressing room window at our last home match against Cardiff City would have taken note of the announcement in the recent programmes. I appreciate the frustration at certain decisions given by match officials, but your actions have possibly put the club in trouble with the Football Association. If we are reported, it could mean either a heavy fine or even the closing of the ground for a period. I am sure no-one wants that. Give voice to your opinions, that's what you pay your money for, but please forget the missiles — they only hurt the club.

Finally, don't forget your Watford tickets. There won't be any sold on the day of the match, so avoid being disappointed. The ticket office is open after today's match.

John Wilkinson

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## COMMERCIAL CORNER

### A SUPER MIAMI HOLIDAY — FREE

Our commercial manager Mike Hardwicke believes in helping Luton fans to help themselves — and this week we bring you exciting news of a holiday for two in Miami. It's part of the top prize in the weekly Aztec ticket when, instead of a £1,000 top house bingo prize, you can earn a fabulous trip to Miami. How's that for enterprise?

We plan to charter a plane, and the party travelling with our lucky winners could include directors, players, officials and possibly other celebrities too. We plan to travel in May next year and arrangements have already started. The venue is Miami Beach with accommodation at a first-class hotel. Interested? Read on.

All you have to do is buy an Aztec ticket on a regular basis, win the top house on bingo — and then sit back and wait in suspense. There could be places for agents on the trip too. In addition to helping the fans, we want to assist our hard working agents and those whom we consider to show a maximum increase in weekly sales over a given period will be given fair consideration.

Anyone who buys an Aztec ticket, or the agents who work hard for themselves, has the opportunity to join us on a holiday of a lifetime. Will it be you? It's all in your hands.

Why go to Rio for the carnivals when there are so many "Fiestas" in the streets surrounding Kenilworth Road?

Thanks to Tricentrol's generosity, we now not only have the largest lottery operations in the Football League, but also the very best wheels to go with this massive operation of fund-raising. As we travel gathering money and thousands of winning tickets, we are very proud of our new combined image. From now on our "home fleet" will be in prominence and the links between ourselves and Tricentrol will be further reinforced in our daily travels over an area of 35 miles radius of Luton. As commercial manager, heading a team which exists at Luton Town F.C., I cannot recall a more exciting era, on or off the park.

We have it right in all departments and it is down to us and the supporters to capitalise on all the advantages to be gained from our combined efforts. Each of us receive opportunities and these must be grasped and consolidated and capitalised on to a maximum. Luton Town and the generous support of Tricentrol and many other sponsors' assistance will not be wasted.

Success brings further success and it's too exciting to even contemplate description of the final outcome. Simply, it's great to be around and we thank you all for your wholehearted support.

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# TOWN-TOPICS

## JUNIOR HATTERS CHATTER

We start this week with all the March birthdays. We usually try to include them all into the first programme of each month, but with so much happening, space has been very short. However, now is the time to catch up with this month's celebrations:

David Newman, Karen Harrington, Karen Corbell (1st); Mark Street (2nd); Stuart Howe, Richard Gray (3rd); Geoffrey New, Ian Currell, Ian Wilderspin (5th); Robert Quick, David Smith, Paul Smith (7th); Colin Hubbuck, Keith Howard (8th); Michael Rehor (9th); Christopher Hackett, Graham Everitt (10th); Stephen Hanley (12th); Stephen Ireland (13th); Christopher Everest (14th); Richard Gates (16th); Paul Smith (17th); Alistair Hughes, Timothy Varney (18th); Joseph Kelly, Simon Wells, Graham Ashby (19th); Guy Green, Robert Turner, Steven Mitchell, Simon Culver, Alice Turner (20th); Paul Bonner, Andrew McPherson (21st); Paul Hart, Leslie Geatty, Paul Little (24th); Peter Woodruff, Julie Gerrard (25th); Richard Kirby, Lisa Palmer (26th); Danny Buba (27th); Paul Collins, Sean O'Farrell (28th); Steven Swain (30th) and Homer Evans (31st). Very many Happy Returns to you ALL. Have a good day and enjoy the match.

With such a long birthday list, we will have to hold the competition answers until the next magazine a week today.

Many of our Junior supporters were involved with the ugly crowd behaviour during the West Ham game and we realise many

ticket office. You can select the seat of your choice and return to the ticket office to confirm it.

We must emphasise we cannot reserve seats without a firm booking, and payment — either in full or the appropriate deposit — is required. The ticket office is open from 9.30 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. on weekdays and from 9.30 a.m. until 11.30 p.m. on Saturday, although we would appreciate it if you could avoid first team match days for purchases.

## FROM THE CENTURY CLUB

How nice it is to have our Saturday afternoon game again. After the last home game on a Friday evening, and our fortunes dissipated in defeat, Saturday seemed to be a surplus day! We recall our visit to Burnley last November was very wet and cold.

We hope at least to greet our visitors with springlike weather today, and favourable playing conditions in which to show off our team's considerable talents.

Century Club members will be pleased to notice the evidence that our long awaited extension is going ahead. We hope to be able to enjoy the benefits of additional space before the end of this season, even though the refinements will not be completed until the new term starts.

We are very fortunate that space has been found for our extension, and hope social events next season will be extended to make good use of it.

Our final social function this season will be our Chairman's end of season party, when we shall present our award to the young Player of the Year. Unfortunately, the names of our Player and Supporter of the Year will not be revealed until the next programme, but we await our members' choice with considerable interest.

parents are worried about the safety aspects of allowing their children to attend the games on their own. However, with our new Members Tickets, the rates are so attractive that not only does the pro rata amount to approximately 71p per game, but there is the added advantage of the safety of a reserved seat.

## CALLING SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

On pages 9 and 10 you will find further details of the fantastic offers we are making supporters who take advantage of members tickets (season tickets) for next season. This additional information given here is directed to those fans who are already season ticket holders under the current system.

Our ticket office manager and assistant secretary Bill Butler will start dealing with enquiries from Monday. If you are already a season ticket holder, simply complete the application form which appears in today's magazine — or obtain a new one from the ticket office — and bring it, with your remittance, to the ticket office.

Alternatively, send it by post, accompanied by a SAE and the correct remittance. Your application will be entered in our records and we will issue your ticket immediately. If you require a standing members ticket, apply to the ticket office with your application form, but please remember to state which part of the ground you require.

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Our supporters will have no doubt read in previous match day programmes and in the local Press of our offer for next season which could provide you with a members' ticket for the following year FREE OF CHARGE in

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On match days, a members' draw will be held on the new scoreboard which will shortly be erected at the Kenilworth Road end of the ground — and there are several prizes to be won.

How can you join? On the following page, you will find a coupon. Fill it in NOW or telephone the ticket office for further details. Remember, the club wants your support and, if you help us, we can help you.

To give you an idea of the savings you can make, the chart below shows comparable prices.

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SENIOR CITIZENS, STUDENTS AND JUVENILES (Seats)	£15.00	£6.00	71p
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KENILWORTH ROAD (Standing)	£25.00	£27.50	£1.19
SENIOR CITIZENS, STUDENTS AND JUVENILES (Standing)	£15.00	£6.00	71p

## SPONSOR GOAL



Pictured above is our latest sponsor, Paul Shields who is sponsoring the club by donating £1 for a home goal, and £2 for each away goal. He wrote to the club, offering to help us and very generously agreed to our suggestion of 'sponsor-a-goal'.

If other supporters feel they might like to support the club in this way, why not contact our promotions executive, Mike Beevor.

## WELCOME TODAY'S SPONSOR

Today's match is sponsored by Bedfordia Plant Limited the plant hire specialists. The company's head office is in Oakley, Bedford, with depots at: Buckingham, Northampton, Peterborough, Huntingdon, Cheshunt, Howstead (Kent) and in Scotland.

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## TODAY'S PRE-MATCH MUSIC

Today's pre-match music is provided by Sandy Scout and Guide Band. Since their last visit to Kenilworth Road almost two years ago, many changes have taken place in their ranks.

The band have increased in number and have bought a complete new set of trumpets including four bass trumpets and one horn together with a new set of tuned bass drums and two sets of drum clusters

pump. They also specialise in self-drive hire, consisting of wheeled excavators, tracked excavators plus tracked loading shovels, and enjoy having the reputation of being the leaders in this field, with the largest fleet in England for this type of hire.

Bedfordia have previously sponsored Luton and their general manager, Mike Robinson, and their sales manager, Brian Tunnard enjoy being members of the Century Club.

all at a total cost of approximately £2,000.

At the Billericay Band Contest last September, the band won the Best Band of the Day award and others.

The band have a full programme this year with many requests to attend Carnivals etc. and will enter five band contests. Last Saturday the Band played in the Youth Band Contest at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

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## A BETTER UNDERSTANDING

By COLIN BENSON

The hardest job on the field of play today will probably be that of the referee, the part time official whose decisions can sometimes win or lose a game.

His is a thankless task, for his actions have to be sharp and precise, he has to act as judge and jury on countless incidents throughout a game and be seen to be fair.

Put in this position it is not surprising that they become the targets for criticism, the scapegoat for many a failing manager who will credit bad refereeing as the reason for his team's demise and his eventual sacking.

**Gamersmanship**  
 Of course, referees do not take sides. They are honest men, conscientious football fans who have worked their way up from local football games to the top. And certainly money is not the thing that motivates them, for in comparison to the players, they are paid peanuts.

But since the game began there has obviously been some form of gamersmanship practiced by some players, otherwise there would never have been the need to appoint a neutral official to oversee the proceedings.

Most of the controversy over the men in black centres around the highly competitive and commercial world of League football where the stakes are so high and the pitfalls so deep. It is a world of tension, strain and pressure, with every little problem magnified a thousand fold by the media, there is no room for failure.

### Live With It

Of course, referees do make mistakes, sometimes important ones that can change the whole course of a game. But they are human and they have to live with it as do the players, management and fans.

One has to be realistic, play has got much faster over the years and it is easy for a referee to be deceived by quick movement. But this raises the question that if referees are missing a lot of fouls, are the players perpetrating them deliberately?

In recent months one national daily paper has run a series of articles on the players they labelled as "cheats" those footballers whose dramatics are more apparent than their skills. It would be naive to suggest that there are not such players in the game, but they are but a minute proportion of the 1,104 players that are on duty in the Football League every weekend.

So if we accept that officials will make mistakes and that there is some cheating on the field by players, where do we go from there? I think there must be close liaison between referees and players, maybe even the appointment of a squad of full time professional referees who could join in team training sessions and discuss with the players their mutual anxieties.

There obviously is a very fine line to be drawn, but a player will only be penalised if he has been judged to intentionally commit the offence.

respect.

Finally, the officials themselves must strive for greater consistency and honesty. It is only natural for a referee to be more reluctant to give a decision against a defender in the penalty area, because of the consequences — a penalty. But is it being honest and playing the game by the rules?

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you like until the end of the season. Including today's match, there are four home games left until the end of the season. It's time to get your pen out.

Send your entry to: The Programme Editor, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road, Luton, to arrive not later than first post on Wednesday. Entries should be marked "Rome Competition" and this afternoon's heat winner will be announced in the Watford magazine a week today.

This week's winner is D. J. Browne, of 10 Swallow Street, Ivor Heath, Bucks, who wrote the following report.

## LUTON'S NIGHT OF DISASTER

This was a night of disaster for Luton. A waterlogged pitch, some dreadful refereeing, vital injuries and crowd misbehaviour all added up to the most unfortunate result of the season and one which may be decisive in their promotion battle. From now on, only victories will do, home or away, regardless of the calibre of the opposition — and, for the first time this season, vital players may be missing.

Referee Bidmead will long remember his visit to Luton. Rarely can a referee have been seen edging towards the tunnel before blowing the final whistle and racing off to safety a good ten lengths ahead of any player. He made many mistakes, not the least of which was his first decision — to allow the match to be played at all. The pitch glistened with water on mud and football was quite impossible. Only two worthwhile moves were put together in 90 minutes and the conditions played a part in all the goals.

Having decided to play, the referee compounded his error by failing to

make any allowances for the impossible conditions. He blew his whistle continually for the slightest physical contact as players slithered into each other. More than once the Cardiff players nagged him to abandon the game (before they took the lead, of course).

The only piece of football in the first half came when a Cardiff clearance stuck in the mud and Moss grabbed the ball to weave past three defenders and score. Even this was a mixed blessing, as Moss was injured in the act of scoring and went off on a stretcher. With the substitute on, Luton then also lost Stephens, after a Cardiff man trod on his hand. While Stephens was off, Cardiff scored twice, either side of half time.

First, Saxby was penalised for a 'foul that never was' (and was booked, bringing him over 20 points) and Buchanan hit the free kick low through the wall into the corner. Then Buchanan swept over a fine cross and Stevens took advantage of Stephen's absence to score, unmarked, at close range — the game's

second and final piece of genuine football skill.

Cardiff then pulled ten men back and Luton threw everything at them, but all in vain. The cloying mud stopped any attempt at passing or carrying the ball; the massed ranks dealt with crosses and long balls. West once got deep into the penalty area before the mud beat him and there were numerous scrambles, but a goal rarely looked likely in the dreadful conditions.

The constant bombardment of Healey in the Cardiff goal by the crowd and the throwing of a beer can did nothing to help the team or the club. It was noticeable that the whistle solo of Mr. Bidmead ended, however, and as the game became ever more frantic he became ever more silent.

So — two points gone, Moss badly injured, Saxby to be suspended, the pitch ruined, the club inevitably fined and possibly even the ground closed because of crowd behaviour — a very sad night for Luton Town.

## KEEP IT IN THE FAMILY

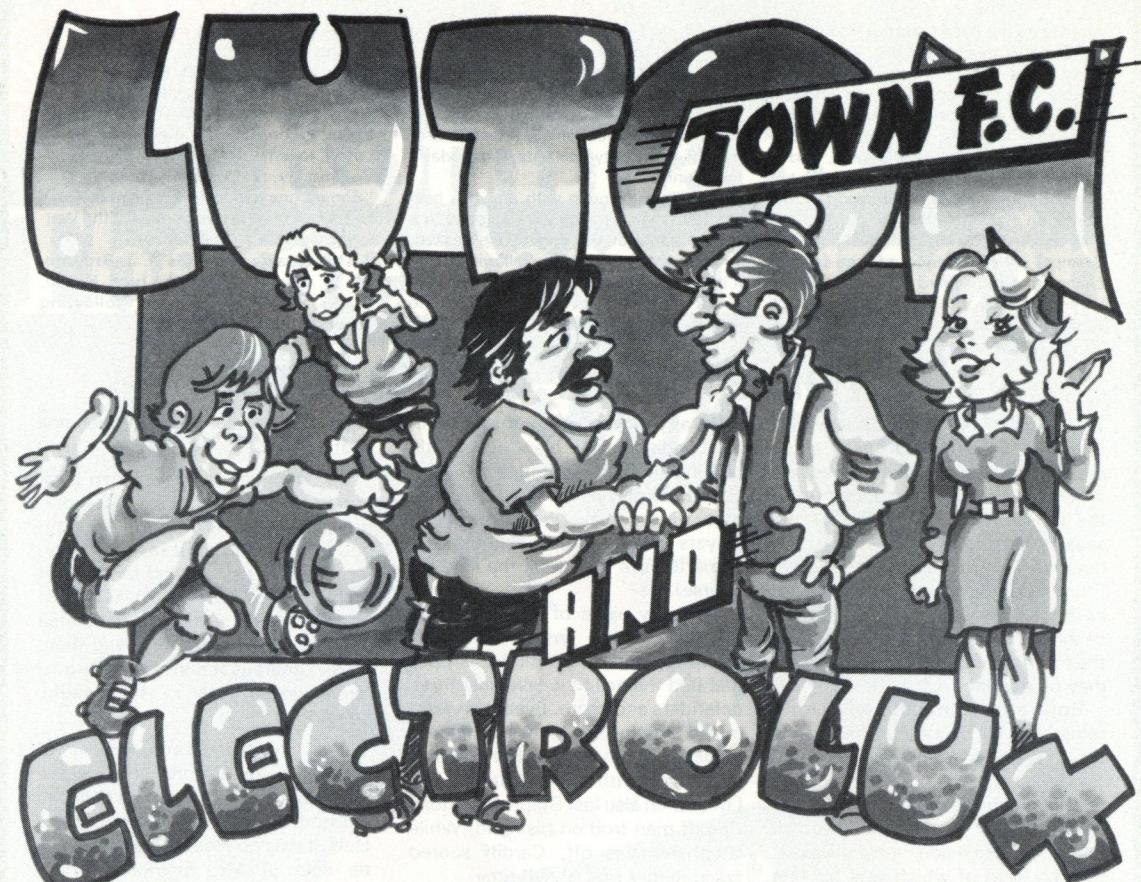


Three of our matchday stewards in the Kenilworth Suite believe they have created a unique record. Not quite the true three generations, but George Anderson (Father-in-law), Mike and Tony Williams (Father and Son) centre and right, make up this unusual team.

George began his term with the club in 1946 when, with his father, he was responsible for the old directors' car-park in Maple Road.

Mike joined the team in 1964 when the car-park opened a new entrance in Hazelbury Crescent. In 1965 they both moved to the new directors entrance at the rear door of Maple Road.

Finally, Tony became a steward in 1977 after being a regular Town supporter for a number of years.



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# RESERVE REPORT

By  
GEORGE ROGERS

#### Luton Town 3 Coventry City 2

A Midland Under-19 fixture played on the excellent surface of Vauxhall Motors sports ground, allowed both teams to provide an excellent game. With the Town lads working hard, it was no surprise when Michael Small put the Town one up and, 15 minutes later, Alan Cosby made it two. Just before the interval Coventry got one back. In the second half the Town continued to play well and a long ball from Alan Cosby on the left found John Cole on the right unmarked and he ran on to beat the advancing keeper. Just before the end Coventry were awarded a penalty for their second but the score remained at 3-2 to the Town to give them a good victory over a talented Coventry City side.

Team: Burke, Woodward, Turner, Ollis, Piotrowski, Cole, Bunn, Small, Cosby, Brammer, Coutie.

#### Luton Town 4 Bedford Town 1

Making a rare appearance at Kenilworth Road, the Town youth entertained Bedford Town in a Eastern Junior Cup fixture. Luton went one up through Michael Small before the interval. In the second half Les Ryan put the Town two up but Bedford immediately came back and scored. With 15 minutes to go, John Moore brought on Frankie Bunn and John Cole, Frankie Bunn scoring two goals to put Luton into the semi-finals against Norwich City.

Team: Walker, Murphy, Curran, Contie, Foote, Piotrowski, Brammer, Evershed, Ryan, Small, Cosby, Bunn, Cole.

#### Luton Town 3 Potters 2

Playing in poor conditions, the Town progressed into the semi-finals of the Wallspan Combination Cup with goals by John Cole, Stuart Harding and Ray Brammer.

Team: Marshall, Greene, Murphy, Barker, Foote, Piotrowski, Cole, Harding, Baker, Brammer, Reynolds, Cosby, Evershed.

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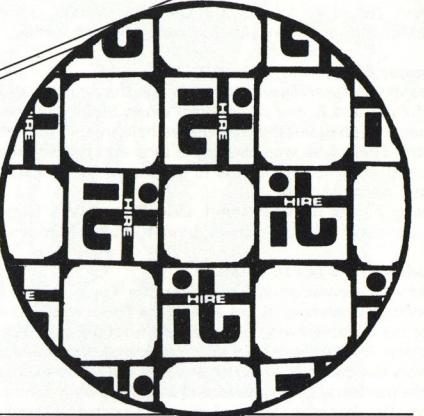


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# HERE TODAY BURNLEY



the television cameras were there to record the embarrassment.

But Miller, even after Luton had drawn 0-0 at Turf Moor on a windy and wet November afternoon, saw hope for the rest of the season and gradually Burnley have risen from what was a hopeless position to give him some hope of survival.

Goalkeeper Alan Stevenson was a product of the school which supplied other famous keepers at Chesterfield. A fat cheque secured his transfer in January 1972 and he has an England Under-23 cap to his credit — testimony to his ability as a top-class keeper. An ever present in the League side last season.

Welsh international winger Leighton James cost Derby County a £300,000 fee when they took him to the Baseball Ground in 1975. But after a spell with QPR, a fee half that size installed him at Burnley again. Martin Dobson was another Burnley player who found his way back to Turf Moor. He started his career at Bolton but, after being given a free transfer, was snapped up by Burnley. He skippered Burnley to the Second Division Championship in 1972-73 and was capped by England before Everton paid £300,000 for his transfer in August 1974. He returned to Burnley five years later. When Luton played at Turf Moor in November, Miller blooded two young brothers, Richard and Vince Overson. Richard made 25 appearances for the reserves last season, but made his senior debut against Leicester City

Miller, formerly a coach at Turf Moor, took over as manager when Burnley parted company with Harry Potts, and he couldn't have wished for a worse start when his newly inherited team lost their 25th successive game with a 3-2 defeat at Preston. Even worse was to follow when poor Burnley were thrashed 7-0 at QPR in their next game — and

shortly before the Luton game, Vince signed as a full professional only in November and made his debut against Orient.

Right back Derek Scott, a former England schools international, arrived at Burnley in 1975 when the club were still in the First Division and made his debut against Manchester City. He has been partnered by Ian Brennan, a recruit from Derbyshire junior football. Brennan fancied his chances as a striker but switched to left back in Burnley's reserve side and has gradually worked his way into the senior side.

Central defender Jim Thomson was a Chelsea player under Tommy Docherty for two seasons after being spotted in Scottish junior circles. A total of 40 appearances in Chelsea's side prompted Burnley to sign him for a large fee. Billy Rodaway was outstanding in the heart of the defence last season, but can also play in midfield. His consistency last season contributed to his 39 League appearances.

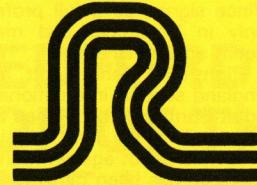
Midfield player Kevin Young was spotted playing for Sunderland schoolboys and signed as an apprentice professional for Burnley in June 1977. He stepped up to full time last May and made his debut at Wrexham. He is basically a left sided midfield player, but can operate at left back.

Defender Tony Arins joined Burnley from Mansfield junior football. A tall, stylish defender, a feature of Arin's game is his strong shooting from long range.



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		Adults	Children	Depart
4 April	Charlton	£1.50	£1	12 p.m.
7 April	Chelsea	£1.50	£1	12 p.m.
19 April	Birmingham	£2.50	£2	11.30 a.m.
3 May	Newcastle	£5.00	£4	8 a.m.

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## A TIMELY REMINDER

A timely reminder to those fans who want to watch the attractive derby game clash against Watford at Kenilworth Road a week today. If you haven't purchased a ticket, you won't be admitted to the stadium — and they are NOT ON SALE on the day of the match. The ticket office is closed on Good Friday and the deadline for buying tickets is 4.30 p.m. next Thursday. Don't say we didn't warn you.

**ARE YOU ON THE  
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*See page 11*

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

### GORDON TURNER

Since the signing of Steve Turner from Barnet last week, we thought it was a good time to feature his father, the late Gordon Turner.

Gordon joined us direct from the Royal Navy as a wing half, but knowing his liking to join the forwards he was converted to an inside forward, and from then on he never looked back.

His goals in total aggregate of 243 scored from 1949-64 is still a club record. His honours include representing the FA the Football League and for the England 'B' team.

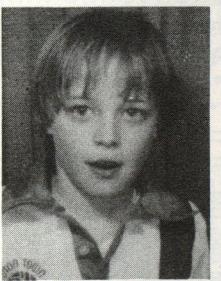
The sports shop he started with another former player, Wally Shanks, in the town is still thriving and run now by his family.

*Picture: Luton News.*



### TODAY'S MASCOT

This afternoon's mascot is Nicholas Abbott, of Windmill Avenue, Marshwick, St. Albans. Nicholas attends the Herts Skywood School and plays soccer, cricket and also swims for his school team. A Luton fan for five years, Nicholas tells us his favourite player is David Moss — and his biggest ambition is to watch the Town play in the First Division.



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**LEAGUE DIVISION TWO  
Saturday 5th April, 1980**

**WATFORD**

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

THIS IS AN ALL TICKET MATCH

*Ticket Office open until Thursday evening*