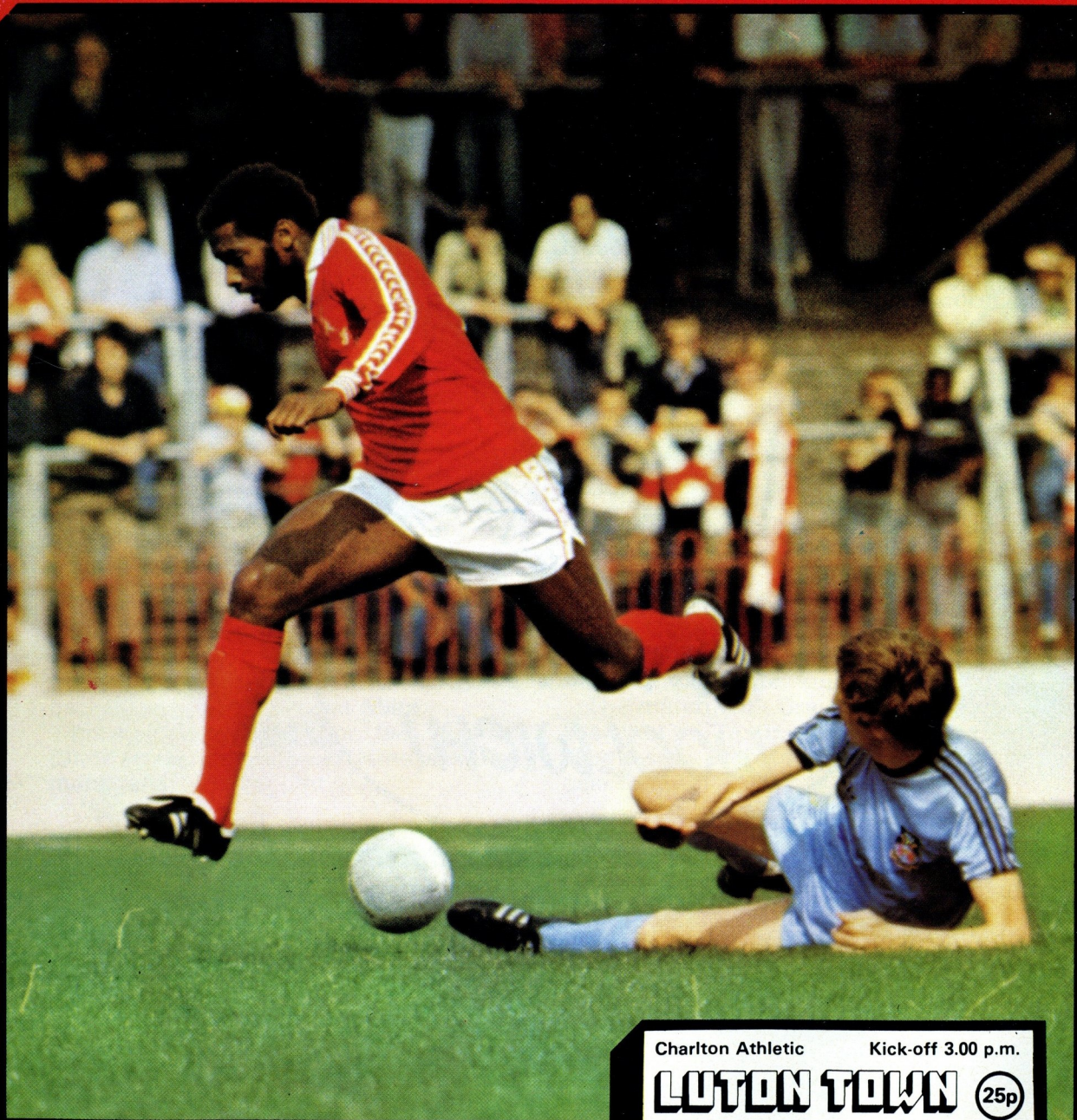


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Charlton Athletic

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

LUTON TOWN

25p

Friday 4th April, 1980

F.L. Div. 2



VALLEY OPINION

It was with great pleasure on Friday last week that the club announced the appointment of Mike Bailey as Team Manager.

Mike has the complete backing of the Board of Directors in the job ahead and everyone at the club wishes him the best of luck for the future.

Mike needs no introduction to Charlton supporters having started his career as a player at The Valley.

Whilst at Charlton he twice played for England and after a distinguished career with us he moved to Wolves and led them to considerable success.

After spells as assistant coach of the North American League club Minnesota Kicks and Manager of Hereford United, Mike rejoined us in October as Chief Coach.

We are also pleased to announce the appointment of Benny Fenton as Assistant Manager.

Benny has a wealth of experience as a player and Manager and with Chief Scout Les Gore, another long servant of the club will provide a tremendous backroom set-up to assist Mike.

It must be unique for two former Charlton captains to be in harness on the managerial side together.

This afternoon we welcome Luton Town to The Valley for a League game.

Luton have been in the thick of the Second Division promotion race for most of the season but dropped a surprise point at home to Burnley on Saturday, which pushed them down the table a little.

Today's game is the first for us in the busy Easter programme which is always a testing time for players.

Tomorrow we travel up to Nottingham to play County at Meadow Lane and then return to The Valley to play Fulham on Tuesday evening kick off 7.30pm.

Last Saturday we went down 2-1 at The Valley to Chelsea and most people would agree we were desperately unlucky to be beaten after having the Second Division leaders rocking in the second half.

Dick Tydeman who was a scorer at Stamford Bridge earlier in the season netted our goal.

As most supporters will have heard we now have a new public address system and Dick Neve who has been hosting Radio Valiant for over 25 years was able to provide a much more satisfactory service last week.

We still have some speakers to install on the Main Terrace but hope that the new facility adds to your pleasure when visiting The Valley.

The Colts match against Ipswich at Eltham last week was postponed because of a water-logged pitch.

The match with Crystal Palace for Phil Warman's Testimonial will be on Wednesday 7th May. Tickets will be on sale today.

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WELCOME

The wheel had turned full circle in unexpected fashion when David Pleat became Manager of Luton Town in the spring of 1978. He had been a player there more than a decade previously, in a career which was cut short by injury.

He had played on the wing for England Youth and Nottingham Forest before spending three seasons at Luton in the early 1960s.

Injuries affected his career as he moved on to Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough, but he was determined to stay in the game. He became a fully qualified coach and went into Management with Nuneaton, in the Southern League, where in three seasons he transformed the team into one of the most progressive and successful non league sides.

In 1975 Luton Town hired him for the second time in ten years, this time as a coach. He stayed in Luton as Manager in preference to leaving with Harry Haslam to Sheffield United.

Pleat began re-organising at Kenilworth Road, turning over more than a million pounds in his first two years in transfer deals. Last year was his first full season as Manager, when several of the younger element of the team secured from the lower Divisions were establishing themselves as outstanding Second Division players.

JAKE FINDLAY: Luton's highest-ever fee for a goalkeeper changed hands when they tempted Aston Villa to part with the big Scot who had been on their books since leaving school. His chances at Villa Park had been limited, but he quickly became an established Second Division player when Luton signed him for £100,000 in November, 1978.

PAUL PRICE: Luton's longest-serving player, full-back Price was spotted by a club scout as a schoolboy in Hertfordshire. He became an apprentice at Kenilworth Road, in 1971, and had to fight harder than most to break through to the league side — he broke his leg, recovered, then broke it again less than a year later. The second come-back was permanent, and he has been a regular member of Luton's league team for the past four years.

KIRK STEPHENS: One of the best deals Luton ever done, took Stephens to Luton in the summer of 1978. He was signed from Nuneaton Borough, where Luton boss David Pleat had once been manager, and made a remarkable transition from part-time to full-time soccer. He went straight into Luton's side at right back, and became so effective and popular that his first season ended with him being elected "Player of the Year" by the Luton supporters.

MARK AIZLEWOOD: One of David Pleat's first moves as manager of Luton was to pay £50,000 to bring Aizlewood out of the Fourth Division, where his performances for Newport County were beginning to attract the interest of First Division Clubs. He was then 18, and the former Welsh Youth International has since also been capped at under-21 level by Wales. A stylish defender, who has the ability to play in several positions. His eventual choice for full International Honours would surprise no-one at Kenilworth Road.

MICK SAXBY: Luton paid their Club record fee to lure central defender Saxby, from Third Division Mansfield in the summer of 1979. Saxby's qualities made him a target for several top Clubs. He has the qualities to become a big name in football.

GRAHAM JONES: Picked up from schools football in Manchester at the age of 16 in 1975, Jones made rapid strides through Luton's junior ranks to make his league debut at 17. He can play in defence or midfield, and is one of the younger men who keep up the pressure for places in Luton's Second Division team.

MAL DONAGHY: There were disappointed managers all over Britain when Luton nipped in to pick up defender Donaghy from Larne for a bargain fee of £15,000. Already a Northern Ireland under-21 international, he settled immediately into Luton's league side after the transfer in the summer of 1978. An exciting future is predicted. He was in Danny Blanchflower's international squad last summer, after only one year as a professional in the Football League. Can play midfield as well as defence, Donaghy is a natural athlete.

PASQUALE FUCCILLO: Son of Italian parents who settled at Bedford, and known as "Lil" by his friends and the Luton fans, Fuccillo is another Luton player who has come up through the ranks. A skilful, hard-tackling midfielder with a liking for joining the attack and scoring goals he became a regular Second Division player in 1976, when he was 19. Broke a leg in a league game at Brighton and was out of action for six months. Lonely hours of training through the close season put him on the road back to full recovery.

ALAN WEST: A brilliant creative midfield man, West was one of the many young stars to emerge at Burnley. An England under-23 international, he moved to Luton in 1973 for a then record fee of £100,000, and has been one of the Hatters most consistent players ever since. A family man and excellent Club man Alan has experienced soccer in the States with Minnesota Kicks.

RICKY HILL: A midfield player of tremendous talent, Hill was signed as an apprentice four years ago from North London, after impressing David Pleat in a schoolboy game at Hitchin. Hill, has delicate ball control and explosive shooting ability. He was an established league player by the time he was 17, and was rewarded with an England youth cap in 1976.

BOB HATTON: One of the most experienced strikers in the game, Hatton had already proved that he could score goals in any division when he joined Luton for £50,000 from Blackpool in the summer of 1978. A respected professional whose knowledge and enthusiasm rubs off on younger players.

DAVID MOSS: Having given sterling service to Swindon in the Third Division for nine years, flying winger Moss proved that he was more than capable of upsetting Second Division defence after his £110,000 move to Luton in the summer of 1978. His pace and accuracy, allied with the ability to cross the ball at speed, give Luton's attacks strength on either flank, and he is always likely to pop up with a spectacular goal or two — he was Luton's leading league scorer last season with 13, despite missing a third of the campaign through injury.

LUTONTOWN

BRIAN STEIN: The progress of attacker Stein reads like something out of "Roy of the Rovers". He was a local health authority clerk in North London, enjoying non-league football with Edgware Town when David Pleat, then coach, spotted him in the autumn of 1977. Within a month he had made his debut and rapidly became an established first-team star. His greatest asset is sharpness in the box, and it brought him 14 league and cup goals last season.

GODFREY INGRAM: After a summer on loan with New York Cosmos in the United States, former England schoolboy international striker Ingram, a local boy, is one of the youngest members of Luton's first team pool. Leading scorer in the Football Combination over last three seasons. A local boy of whom much is expected.



Back Row left to right: Andrew Pearson, Seamus Heath, Leslie Harriott, Gary Heale, Clive Goodyear, Wayne Turner, Gary Sisman; Alan Ollis.

3rd Row left to right: David Coates (coach), Mal Donaghy, Mark Aizlewood, John Findlay, Graham Jones, Alan Judge, Kirk Stephens, Brian Stein, John Moore (coach).

2nd Row left to right: Lil Fuccillo, Ricky Hill, Michael Saxby, Ken Gutteridge (Ass. Man.), David Pleat (Manager), John Smith (Chief Executive), Bob Hatton, Paul Price, Alan Birchenall, David Moss.

Front Row left to right: Alan Cosby, Robert Johnson, Jan Piotrowski, Tom Murphy, Frank Bunn, Robert Walker, Martin Conquest, John Cole, John Woodward, Neil Madden, Ray Brammer.



MIKE BAILEY SAYS

**"I am convinced
there is tremendous
potential at the club"**

When I was asked last week to become Team Manager of Charlton Athletic it was a great moment for me.

From the first day I walked into The Valley as a youngster to start my soccer career I have always had a feeling for the club.

Now with the help of other people I have the chance to put the club back on the football map and I will be striving for that end.

I am totally convinced that there is tremendous potential at Charlton.

We are now working hard to improve the stadium, have a flourishing lottery, an excellent youth team and if I can now get things right out on the field I am sure success will come.

Nobody expects it to be easy least of all me and there will be frustrations and setbacks on the way but we must look to the future with hope if we are to succeed.

I have told the players that the slate is wiped clean.

Everyone started from scratch on Saturday and it is up to all the players at the club to show me what they can do by their skill and attitude.

Obviously it will be a hell of a task keeping ourselves in the Second Division but we will not give up hope until it is impossible.

If we are going down at least let's do it with colours flying.

One of my first decisions after being appointed Team Manager was to ask Benny Fenton to become my Assistant Manager.

Benny will relieve me of much of the administrative work which goes with the job and his experience and that of Chief Scout Les Gore will be invaluable to me in the future.

The 2-1 defeat against Chelsea on Saturday was disappointing because I thought we did enough in the second half to deserve to win.

I know in the past months Charlton supporters have not had much to cheer about? I hope we will soon change that.

As far as I am concerned the past is gone and forgotten.

It's the future that matters and we have started a new era in the history of the club. I want and expect the support of everyone in the battle ahead.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

COMPILED BY
ALAN HONEY

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE . . .

It may seem rather an odd time to do so, at this the fag-end of the season, but I would like to appeal to you, to join Charlton Athletic Supporters' Club. It is rather late in the campaign and you may feel, that you are getting somewhat less than value for your money by joining us at this stage. However, we have always stressed that it is not your money, that we are after; it is you, as a Charlton Supporter. To follow the fortunes and in general, to support a football club is something special, that only people who do so, understand. This unique affinity, enables our fraternity, to continue through bad times as well as good. Why not register your allegiance, by enrolling with the Supporters' Club? Our subscription fees at 40p for adults and 30p for juniors, are very low, be they to cover the full year, or only a few months. Whether you wish to play a full part in the affairs of the organisation, or merely become a "card-holder", you will be equally welcome; if you were here for our first-ever League match in 1921 or this is your first visit to The Valley, we will be pleased to consider you among our numbers. There must be a great number of you, supporting the club for many years whom have never seen fit to join the supporters' organisation: in fact this is the group, that has always seemed to be the hardest to recruit. If you are one of them, you will know what I mean!

At the tail-end of a grim season, those of you that remain, do not need to be told that continued support of a soccer club, is not just stringing along with success, it is being there when you are most needed, like you the hard-core that remains and are here to prove it today! We know that you are the true supporters; all we need to know, are your names and addresses: why not let us have them today.

If you wish to Join the Supporters' Club, just call at The Supporters' Centre, behind the main stand, before or after the game, or if you prefer, send your remittance together with your name and address to:-

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We exist for the well-being of the supporters and to help in any way that we are able the parent club.

CHANGE OF RULE?

Some of the rules and regulations, of the Football Association and the Football League, are not very well-known by the average follower of the game. Similarly, it is not generally realised, that certain Football League rules, are framed around those of The F.A. For instance, you may be aware that full membership status of the League, is confined to those clubs in the top two divisions, with each of those clubs having an individual vote, the remaining 48 clubs having a mere 6 votes between them. It is commonly supposed, that this is because of a chauvinistic attitude on the part of the 44 First and Second Division members, also the rather vague idea that the needs of the two groups are vastly different. I can think of at least one example, that would prove that theory to be correct, yet is in reverse to the intended thinking. In 1971-2 Aston Villa, then an associate member, being in Division Three, had an average home attendance of 31,952 (aggregate 734,892 from 23 matches) Carlisle United then a full member in Division Two averaged 9,479 (aggregate 199,062 from a 21 match programme).

The real reason, for the existence of this voting anomaly, is F.A. regulation 17, which precludes affiliated Leagues from having more than 44 members. On the agenda for the F.A.'s annual meeting on May, 21, there is a proposal, calling for the abolition of regulation 17. The outcome could be far-reaching and certainly worth watching.

AWAY TRAVEL DETAILS

Saturday, 5th April, v. NOTTS COUNTY, k.o. 3.00p.m.

By Coach:

Depart Charlton, Woolwich Road, 10.00a.m. fare: £4.

By Train:

Separat London, St. Pancras, 11.16 to arrive at Nottingham, 13.39 leaving Nottingham, 17.46 to return to St. Pancras, at 19.42 fare: £5.

Saturday, 12th April, v. LEICESTER CITY, k.o. 3.00p.m.

By Coach:

Depart Charlton, Woolwich Road, 10.30a.m. fare: £3.45.

By Train:

Depart London, St. Pancras, 12.01 to arrive at Leicester, 13.30 leaving Leicester, 17.46 to return to St. Pancras, at 19.42 fare: £4.50.

For the two remaining London trips, to Fulham and West Ham, there will of course, only be a coach service operating, the fares in each instance being £1.15 departure times from Bill Treadgold, at The Supporters' Centre.

All other information concerning travel or the Supporters' Club also from The Supporters' Centre, or from the Travel Organisers Bill Treadgold, on 01-467 7623 for coaches and Ken Reed, on 01-552 3050 for trains.

TODAY'S MASCOT: JOHN CLARK

Seven-year-old John, is Greenwich-boarn and lives within the district, in Mauritius Road. He is a pupil at Christ Church, Church of England School.

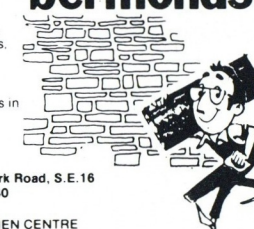
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CHARLTON PLAYERS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE



FULL NAME: Gary Churchouse.
BIRTHPLACE: Wembley.
BIRTHDATE: 1.2.57.
HEIGHT: 5ft 10in.
WEIGHT: 11st 7lbs.
MARRIED: No. Engaged to Kim.
CAR: Mini. 1275 GT.
PETS: Airedale 'Kola'.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Windsor and Eton, Uxbridge.
JOB BEFORE TURNING PROFESSIONAL: Plasterer.
NICKNAME AT CLUB: None.
WORST EVER INJURY: Cartilage (left knee).
FAVOURITE BRITISH PLAYER: Trevor Brooking.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER: Ardiles.
FAVOURITE BRITISH SIDE: Queens Park Rangers.
BEST-EVER BRITISH SIDE: Liverpool.
BEST INTERNATIONAL SIDE: Valencia.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Selhurst Park.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Volley against Brighton Res.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Billy Bonds (West Ham).
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Playing in a friendly for Uxbridge against England at Wembley.
BIGGEST THRILL: Debut against Crystal Palace.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being dropped.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, tennis.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Television, eating, holidays.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Travelling, getting up early.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Soap, Big Match.
TV SHOW ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: News and Weather.
FAVOURITE READING: Newspapers, Men Only.
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Marvin Gaye, Rolls Royce and Abba.
FAVOURITE MEAL: Steak.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Switzerland.
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOTS: California.

FAVOURITE ACTORS: Clint Eastwood.
BEST FRIEND: Peter Shaw.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father, Brian Caterer, Richard Styles.
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Travelling home after losing, and injuries.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To play in First Division.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play in Cup Final.
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT WOULD YOU BE: Plasterer.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Set up in business.
BEST YOUNGSTER TO WATCH: Paul Lazarus, Paul Walsh, Kevin Smith.
PERSON MOST LIKE TO MEET: Linda Lovelace.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work hard, never give up no matter what people say.

ACTION

WITH TOM MORRIS

CHARLTON v CHELSEA

- A. Colin Powell rounds Petar Borota.
- B. Steve Gritt heads goalwards.
- C. Derek Hales wins the ball from Micky Nutton.

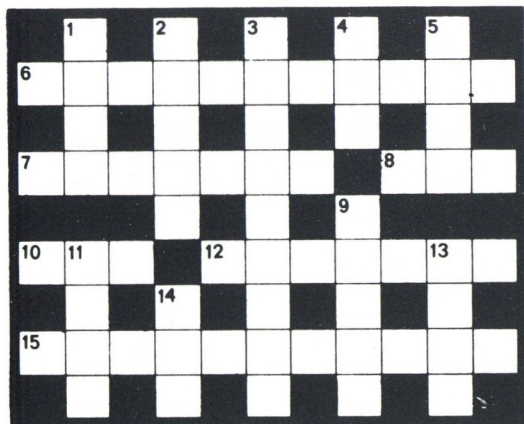


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CROSSWORD

Crossword No. 21

CLUES — Across

- Welsh international (then with Newcastle) and brother of 15ac (4,7)
- See 9dn.
- Cup 'match' in which no-one is (or can be) eliminated (3)
- Famous old Newcastle and Ireland full-back: — — — McMichael (3)
- Former League club: Wigan — — — (7)
- English international (then with Chelsea) and brother of 6ac (4,7)

CLUES — Down

- Southport's ground is — — — Avenue (4)
- First name of an England debutant against Bulgaria in November or of the man he was standing in for (5)
- Manager who left Blackpool right at the start of the season (3,6)
- See 14dn.
- One of soccer's Nelsons (4)
- 9 & 7ac. Column to which Chelsea were last season's biggest contributors (5,7)
- Millwall's cat is no pet! (4)
- Very tall old Nottingham Forest, Notts County and England player (at soccer and cricket) (4)
- 4 & 4dn. Final score, though to the home team hardly a 'result' (3-3)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD No. 20

Across — 1. sending-off, 7. Elder (Ireland), 8. Falco, 9. Milan, 12. Loons, 13. Tirol, 14. See 5dn.

Down — 2. ends, 3. derbies, 4. Owls (Sheff. Wed.), 5 & 14ac. Football Weekly News, 6. Denis Law, 8. Fratton, 10. Home, 11. draw.

The answers will appear in our next issue.

SINCE WE LAST MET

Up to last Saturday's matches, our visitors Luton were experiencing their worst run of the season — only two victories from twelve matches, compensated, however, by the fact that six of those games were drawn.

Yet a look at the current League table will show that the Hatters are very much in the promotion race which only serves to illustrate what a powerful first half they had to this campaign.

When we left Kenilworth Road last December, following our 3-0 defeat, Luton had suffered only four reversals in their opening 21 games, yet, in eight matches up to last Saturday, they experienced their only other four losses. So, with the promotion race on its last lap, the big question is whether or not Luton's challenge will evaporate completely or will they react like a wounded tiger?

Manager David Pleat will no doubt point to all-round team work that has produced such wonderful results — and quite

FLASHBACK

30 YEARS AGO (1949/50)

Twentieth-placed Charlton were in search of some much-needed safety points when they started their Easter programme with a Good Friday (Apr. 7) match against comfortably placed Aston Villa at The Valley. After taking the lead, and playing very well, in the first half, we faded badly after the interval to finally finish well beaten.

Charlton 1 (O'Linn):— Bartram; Campbell, Lock; Revell, Phipps, Upton; Hurst, O'Linn, Vaughan, Purves, Kiernan.

Aston Villa 4 (Ford, Martin (pen.), Goffin, Dixon):— Rutherford; Parkes, Dorsett; Powell, Martin, Moss (F.); Dixon, Edwards, Ford, Goffin, Smith (L.).

Referee:— J. J. Russell (Leeds).

Attendance:— 37,917.

20 YEARS AGO (1959/60)

Aston Villa and Cardiff, with a nine points lead over their nearest rivals, had practically sewn up the promotion stakes when the former visited in-form Charlton at The Valley on Apr. 2. We had an old score to settle with Villa — having suffered a humiliating 11-1 defeat earlier in the season — and we proved once again, after soundly beating the eventual champions, that on our day we had few equals in the Division.

Charlton 2 (Lawrie, Summers):— Duff; Hewie, Townsend; Hinton, Jago, Lucas; Lawrie, Edwards (D.), Leary, White, Summers.

Aston Villa 0:— Sims; Lynn, Neal; Crowe, Dugdale, Saward; Adam, Thomson, Handley, Wylie, McParland.

Referee:— A. Murdoch (Yorkshire).

Attendance:— 28,629.

10 YEARS AGO (1969/70)

With Charlton precariously placed in 20th position, it was certainly a tough baptism for Acting-Manager Theo Foley! Having won a praiseworthy home point against Q.P.R., Theo's team faced a stern test at Oxford (Apr. 4), and rose to the occasion with another fighting performance.

Oxford United 1 (Skeen):— Barron; Lucas, Shuker; Smithson, Clinch, Thompson; Clayton, Evanson, Skeen, Lewis, Atkinson (R.).

Charlton 1 (Treacy):— Wright; Curtis, Kinsey; Moore, Keirs, Reeves; Gregory, Treacy, Riddick, Campbell, Peacock.

Referee:— F. M. Nicholson (Manchester).

Attendance:— 8,859.

(C.C.)

rightly so! — but to the outsider, the men that always remain fresh in the memory are those that appear on the score sheet.

In Luton's case, they totalled 55 League goals, prior to last Saturday's game, and it's an incredible fact that 52 of them have been shared by only five players, viz Dave Moss (22), Bob Hatton (13), Brian Stein (7), Ricky Hill (6), and Mike Saxby (4).

Both Moss and Hatton have hit "hat-tricks" this season against Fulham and Bristol Rovers, respectively, and together these two ace strikers have accumulated a total of 264 League goals up to last Saturday.

Our complete League record against Luton is:—

	P	W	D	L	Goals		Pts.
					F	A	
Home	21	11	5	5	41	29	27
Away	22	4	3	15	23	48	11
Total	43	15	8	20	64	77	38

(C.C.)

GOALKEEPER FOCUS

By Colin Cameron

The twenty point controversy

A recent enforcement of the twenty point penalty rule that resulted in Nottingham Forest defender Larry Lloyd missing the League Cup Final produced many comments on the totting-up legislation that is particularly prevalent now with Clubs desperately seeking points to either gain promotion or save themselves from the drop.

Everyone has their own personal view on the subject, and I was particularly impressed with the comments of Millwall manager George Petchey which appeared in a recent match magazine of the New Cross Club.

While stressing that the habitual law breakers should be suspended, George argued that the majority of penalised players would have spread their twenty points over most of the season — hence the pile-up of suspensions at this crucial stage of the campaign.

Particularly hard hit — the Millwall boss wrote — are Third and Fourth Division Clubs who play 46 League games.

The Millwall Manager's opinion is that all bookings should receive a four point penalty, irrespective of the offence, and that the twenty point penalty spot should be reduced to twelve points which would have the effect of 'spreading' suspensions throughout the season.

Football Finances

Another topic, I believe, which is equally as important is whether or not football is depriving itself of some much-needed cash because of a distinct lack of subtlety in the compilation of the football fixtures.

Immediately after the last War, when Saturday afternoon football had few competitors in the entertainment world, it was almost a ritual for fans to finish work on Saturday, jump on a tram, and make their way to a football ground.

Nowadays, because the majority of workers have Saturday free, and a great deal more alternatives for entertainment at his disposal, surely a more critical survey should be made by the football administrators when compiling the fixtures.

Compare the fixture of your Club with another Second Division Club, and you will find it follows a rigid pattern — for example the opening day fixture was reversed this season on Nov. 3, and so on.

What thought, and indeed fair deal, was afforded our officials, players, and fans alike, when the Christmas fixtures were arranged in 1977 and 1978!

If Stoke had not been promoted at the end of last season, I wonder what the betting odds would have been against us completing a "hat-trick" of Boxing Day trips to the Victoria Ground.

Another example was last Saturday's fixtures in the metropolis! Even before the season commenced, one could have predicted that Crystal Palace v. Manchester United, 'Spurs v. Liverpool, and Charlton v. Chelsea were of the most attractive fixtures that each of

the London Clubs would stage during the season, yet they were all fixed for the same date.

A Penalty Goal — at long last!

When Derek Hales netted his penalty kick against Oldham at Boundary Park a fortnight ago it represented the first opportunity we've been presented with to score from the spot since Apr. 14, last year, when Derek was successful in the home match against Stoke City. In all, Charlton went 39 matches without a penalty kick — one of our more obscure records!

According to our records, the only team not to benefit from a penalty goal in our Division is Cardiff — their last spot kick goal was scored by John Buchanan against Bristol Rovers on May 7, last year — 41 matches ago.

Bolton and Stewart's unusual treble

A total of eighteen players from our Division have scored in all three domestic competitions this season, and among this elite band you'll find Ian Bolton (Watford) and Ray Stewart (West Ham) who are unique inasmuch as they have scored from the penalty spot in the League, F.A. Cup, and League Cup this season.

For Stewart, this season has been an incredible baptism in English League football! I wonder if it has ever happened before that a player in his first season in the Football League has netted as many as nine penalty kicks!

The leading Second Division penalty-kick aces in League and Cup football, prior to last Saturday's matches were:

Stewart (West Ham)	9	Allen (Q.P.R.)	6
Moss (Luton)	8	Barrowclough (Bristol R.)	6
Shoulder (Newcastle)	8	Keay (Shrewsbury)	5
O'Brien (Notts C.)	7	Lock (Fulham)	5

The complete analysis of the 77 successful penalty kicks in Second Division football this season, prior to last Saturday's matches is:—

	F	A	F	A
Birmingham	1	5	Notts. C.	6
Bristol R.	6	3	Oldham	1
Burnley	2	4	Orient	2
Cambridge	1	1	P.N.E.	2
Cardiff	0	3	Q.P.R.	6
Charlton	1	4	Shrewsbury	5
Chelsea	3	3	Sunderland	3
Fulham	6	10	Swansea	2
Leicester	3	4	Watford	1
Luton	8	1	West Ham	6
Newcastle	8	5	Wrexham	3

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Married with one son, he is a Systems Analyst in a Computer business, with interests in cricket, badminton and squash. He is Chairman of Hounslow Referees' Society.