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BLUES 0, WEST HAM 0

Easter Monday, April 7 1980

Hammers goalkeeper Phil Parkes punches clear as Archie Gemmill feels the crunch underneath.

Inset: It's Parkes foiling Blues again as Alan Ainscow nips in to attempt to grab the much-needed goal.



EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP MUNICH 1860 v WEST HAM

Having beaten Preston North End the previous season in the F.A.C. Final, West Ham qualified to represent England in the 64/65 European Cup Winners Cup competition. The English Cup winners progress through the early rounds was unspectacular, and with national interest directed at England's preparations for the '66 World Cup finals, West Ham's steady progress into the semi-finals summed up a minimum of enthusiasm from the footballing fraternity North of Hendon. However, the achievement in reaching the Final at Wembley, as expected made the national sporting head-lines.

In the earlier rounds the Hammers progressed at the expense of Belgian opponents LA GANTOISE whom they defeated 2 - 1 over two legs, as all rounds leading up to the final were to be decided. Their opponents in the next round were the Czechoslovakian Cup Winners, Sparta of Prague, who they beat by the odd goal of 5. West Ham's quarter final opponents were LAUSANNE OF SWITZERLAND and with a place in the semi-finals at stake, the Hammers had little difficulty in beating the Swiss home and away, and so in the semi-finals West Ham joined Munich 1860, Torino and Real Zaragoza, all experienced European sides. Hammers were drawn against the Spaniards from Zaragoza, with the advantage of playing the 1st leg at Upton Park. Playing before a capacity crowd, West Ham won 2 - 1 and then drew 1 - 1 in Spain.

West Ham's opponents in the Wembley final were Munich 1860, a powerful well organised West German team, who had finished in the top three of the Bundesliga, an equally competitive League as our own 1st Division. The Germans fielding four full internationals in the team were full of confidence, and were clear favourites.

The Londoner's success was based on their flair for attacking football, however, there were fears that they would be submerged by the all-powerful Germans, especially as injury had side-lined their major goalscoring threat John Byrne.

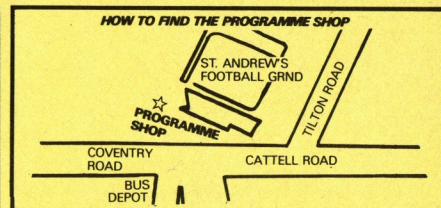
Fears were soon dispelled when the Hammers hit on their fast open football. With both sides fully committed to throwing players forward in the quest for goals, and only 15 minutes gone the

score could have been 3 - 3, with both sets of forwards creating chances. And so it went on for the remainder of the half. First John Sissons hit a shot wide of the post from five yards. The West Ham forward hung his head in disgust when again he miss-hit a shot in front of goal, only to see the ball rebound off the post into the 'keeper's hands. Jim Standon in the West Ham goal was similarly employed making two brilliant reflex saves from Munich centre forward and Captain Rudi Brunnemeier, whose understanding with inside right Koppers, continually threatened the West Ham goal.

The second half began where the first had left off with both sides pinning faith on their forwards to produce the all important goals. In particular West Ham firmly believed they would win the final down the flanks, where the speed of wingers Sealey and Sissons was proving a difficult task for the German full backs who, on several occasions resorted to body checks in trying to contain the wingers.

Then in the space of 2 minutes the deadlock was broken, the Hammers scoring twice in quick succession. The stadium erupted like a volcano, as West Ham's midfield general Ron Boyce broke up a Munich attack, and sent Sealey away down the right flank. Cutting in, the winger made no mistake.

Right from the kick off, and with a continuous chorus of "Bubbles" egging them on, West Ham again took up residence in the German's half of the field, and from a cleverly floated Bobby Moore free kick, Martin Peters cleverly flicked the ball on to Sealey, who made it 2 - 0. The second goal killed off any ideas Munich may have had, of hitting back but this was West Ham's night to remember and on two other occasions only the brilliant Radenković and the woodwork prevented the Hammers increasing their lead. Finally Hungarian referee ISTVAN ZSOLT, signalled the end of the game, and as Bobby Moore ran the gauntlet of jubilant supporters, on his climb up to the Royal Box, one man stood alone — the architect behind the Upton Park Club — proving that nice guys and respected managers can still be winners. No doubt that is why England chose Ron Greenwood.



PROGRAMME SHOP

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Most club programmes are available from all four divisions for 1979-80, with new additions arriving daily. All Blues homes available, plus aways at Fulham (Anglo-Scot) 15p, Plymouth Argyle (Anglo-Scot) 10p, Sunderland 25p, Orient 25p, Watford 25p, Cardiff City 20p, Preston North End (League and League Cup) 20p, Luton Town 30p, Oldham Athletic 20p, West Ham United (posp.) 25p, Bristol Rovers 25p.

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Plus many big match programmes, including: 1968 FA Cup Semi-Final, Blues v Albion 40p.



JIM SMITH

It is hardly necessary for me to stress either to players or to supporters the importance of today's match in terms of our promotion aim.

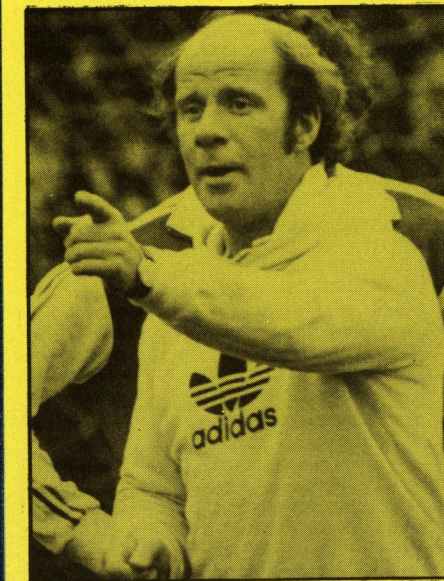
The battle for the top three places has become tighter by the game and consequently today's result is as important to Luton as it is to ourselves.

I have been on record on many occasions in emphasising that I am confident that we can fight our way back to Division 1 and this confidence was in no way shaken by our losing at Leicester.

This season's Second Division has been an intensely tight and competitive affair as reflected by the number of teams who have hit the top at some stage and have then been dragged back.

The trio who go up will be those who keep their nerve best in the remaining games. We need our fans behind us as never before to ensure that Birmingham City are one of those three teams.

Note: The Manager's article is shorter than usual because of the problems created by industrial action at the printers.



CITY DESK



ON THE
ST. ANDREW'S
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DENNIS SHAW

Miss Blues for Luck...



A pleasant first duty for Miss Birmingham City. The Supporters Club Queen, Karen Gilpin of Sutton Coldfield, was introduced to the fans before the West Ham game on Easter Monday.

Karen, a 20 year old model, then handed over a £1,000 lottery cheque to lucky Miss Heather Bowen.

It was a lucky day, too, for the young man in the picture who is Heather's brother Keith.

Keith is a new Blues lottery agent and sold the £1,000 winner to his sister. For that he receives a cheque of £50.

It pays to buy Blues lottery tickets. And it can pay to sell them, too.!

BURNLEY, no tickets but plenty of room!

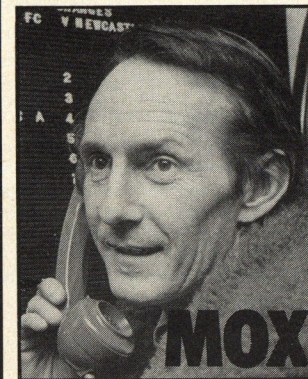
Burnley F.C. have received a large number of applications for tickets for our final away match of the season at Turf Moor on Saturday April 26 (kick off three o'clock).

In consequence they have asked us to point out to our travelling fans that they do not issue advance tickets for League games at Burnley.

However, they do have 5,000 seats available on the day, pay at the turnstiles. The price of these is:

Brunshaw Road Stand: £3.40
Cricket Field Stand: £3.00

John Moxley, a contributor to Birmingham City's match day programme for many years, died recently aged 40.



"Mox", as he was known affectionately to his vast army of friends and colleagues in sport and journalism, was the writer of the "Media Men" feature which has appeared regularly throughout this season in "City News".

Ironically the last of these items, in the issue for the West Ham game on Easter Monday, was one he had been asked to write about himself, and some of his reflections on his beloved Blues.

John Moxley's sparkling personality and bubbling good humour enlivened many a gathering of personalities from sport and the Press, especially on trips abroad.

He leaves a widow and three sons.

CITY NEWS

The cover price of this issue of "Birmingham City News" has been reduced from 30p to 20p.

This is because industrial action in the printing industry has made it impossible to provide the normal number of pages. Your programme has been produced under great difficulty and a number of regular features are missing.

We apologise for this and undertake to return to normal standards as soon as possible.

Prize Winners

Beau Brummie Club members were quick to spot the identity of the Invisible Scorer published in the Oldham programme.

It was, of course, Joe Gallagher and the following members of our junior section will receive a Blues pennant. They will be presented at the next disco at the St. Andrew's club on Tuesday, April 29.

Any who cannot make it can collect the prize or have it sent to them.

Winners: Mark Talbot (001), James McDaid (002), Karen Daft (073), Andrew McGuinness (019), Carl Baller (170).

LADBROKE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Fans voted in vast numbers for the "Player of the Year" award sponsored by Ladbroke.

A coupon was printed in the programme on Easter Monday and these were collected for counting.

The choice was spread around the whole team with a wide selection of views. However, the count is virtually completed and will be ready for announcing in "City News" on May 3, the day of the final match of the season against Notts County.

Your player will be presented with the cheque and trophy before that game.

Another "Player of the Year" award, organised by the Supporters Club, will be presented at a function before the start of next season.

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LUTON TOWN

Luton Town revived their promotion hopes by taking five points out of six over the Easter period. And that was yet another example of the resilience which has enabled The Hatters to aim for First Division football — on gates that often drop below the 10,000-mark.

Their secret is that they always bounce back just when the critics are writing them off. It was like that in the Sixties when Luton plunged from the First to the Fourth in the space of five years — but by 1974 they were again competing on the same stage as Liverpool & Co.

That experience of the top division lasted only one season and it seemed that Luton would crumble under the burden of debts amounting to £750,000. There was also a slump on the field and at the end of the 1977-78 campaign they were only two points away from dropping into the Third Division.

Popular manager Harry Haslam departed in January, 1978, and it was against a background of relegation clouds that Luton promoted first-team coach David Pleat. At 33, he was one of the youngest members in the Football League and immediately he stated his ambition by organising £900,000 worth of transfer business in eight months — selling four players and introducing nine newcomers.

As a player, Mr. Pleat was a winger for England Youth and Nottingham Forest, and then had three seasons with Luton. Injuries affected his career as he moved on to Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough, but he took FA coaching courses and turned his hand to management here in the Midlands with Nuneaton Borough in the Southern League.

In 1975, Luton hired him for the second time, appointing him as coach to the reserves. Events moved rapidly a couple of years later. In December, 1977, Luton's first-team coach, Roy McCrohan, left to join an American club and Mr. Pleat

moved into his job. Within two months, Harry Haslam was on his way to Sheffield United and The Hatters asked Mr. Pleat to take charge.

One of his first moves was to contact a man he had known and respected for years — Ken Gutteridge, who became his assistant at Kenilworth Road. Mr. Gutteridge served his management-apprenticeship in non-League soccer.

Last season started well, bringing a whiff of League Cup success as Luton won at Villa Park before going out in the fifth round, but Second Division form declined after Christmas and they finished only two points clear of the danger area. Further spending was necessary and Mr. Pleat used the money wisely in adding three players to the squad.

Luton also re-vamped their administration by persuading one of the League's top Secretaries, John Smith of Leicester City, to accept a new appointment as Chief Executive. Luton will be charging £2.50 for terrace admission but fans can purchase a members' ticket for £25 — a saving of £27.50 compared with paying at the turnstiles for each match. The scheme is linked with two companies and will enable supporters to obtain lucrative discounts on new cars and holidays.

This bold thinking is matched by the enterprise of David Pleat's talented team. They have been up with the pacemakers all season and promotion is still within reach, despite a spell of seven games without a win leading up to Easter. "We can go all the way to the First, hopefully this season, but if not, then next, or the season after", says Mr. Pleat.

His re-building programme was aimed largely at players who can offer many years of service at Kenilworth Road. Goalkeeper Jake Findlay was snapped up from Villa's reserves for £100,000 and Mr. Pleat reckons that he is worthy of recognition by Scotland manager

Jack Stein.

Skipper Paul Price is Luton's longest-serving player after nine years with the club and he is the only survivor from the defensive line-up used by former manager Harry Haslam. Price, who twice broke a leg before clinching a senior place, was called into the Welsh international squad this season.

Luton's most expensive defender is £200,000 centre half Mike Saxby and he has been outstanding in his first season since leaving the Third Division with Mansfield Town. The other back-four players were signed at bargain fees. Northern Ireland Under-21 cap Mal Donaghy arrived from Larne in 1978 and right back Kirk Stephens easily coped with the transition from the Southern League with Nuneaton Borough. He cost only £5,000 but has attracted numerous First Division clubs in his two seasons at Luton.

Mr. Pleat boosted his midfield unit last summer by paying £150,000 for Orient's Eire international, Tony Grealish. Orient manager Jimmy Bloomfield reckoned that Luton got a real bargain because he rated the Irishman at double the fee eventually settled on by an independent tribunal. Grealish has played seven times for Eire this season, scoring goals against Bulgaria and the United States.

He fits in alongside Ricky Hill, a young Londoner who won England Youth honours, and Alan West, an excellent craftsman who was capped at Under-23 level before joining Luton from Burnley for £100,000 in October, 1973. West has been a regular in America for Minnesota Kicks in recent summer campaigns.

Up front, Luton have two of the most consistent marksmen outside the First Division. Blues' supporters will be pleased to welcome back Bob Hatton, who has now scored more than 170 League goals in a career taking him to Wolves, Bolton, Northampton, Carlisle,

Blues, Blackpool and Luton. He cost The Hatters £50,000 nearly two years ago and has since disputed the leading scorers' spot with David Moss.

Moss, recruited from Swindon Town for £110,000 during Mr. Pleat's 1978 spending spree, pipped Hatton by 13 goals to 11 in League matches last term, and this season he was leading by 23 to 16 at the end of the Easter programme. Moss is also Luton's penalty expert.

The third member of the attack is Brian Stein, who quickly adjusted to League football after stepping up from Edgware Town three years ago. But there is no room for complacency among Luton's strikers, for Mr. Pleat boosted competition by paying £150,000 in December for Bristol Rovers' highly-rated prospect, Steve White.

Luton, however, have made fewer changes than any other club in the Second Division. Only a handful of appearances have been shared out among the reserve squad — Wayne Turner, who played in the first two League games of the season at right back; Mark Aizlewood, a utility player bought from Newport for £50,000 in April, 1978; Graham Jones, a full back with a fair amount of League experience in the past two seasons, and Andy Pearson, a forward who made his League debut last month.

Mr. Pleat has complete confidence in the ability of his side to eventually claim a First Division place. Eight of the regulars are under 24 and the manager says: "We tell them we are on a bold, new adventure here — that the next few years could be golden.

"I am ambitious. I want to arrive at the ground with the team at 2 o'clock on Saturdays and find queues all the way down the street. But it is not an overnight job. Our average gate is 11,000 and it is a slow business. But, eventually, we will win them back by the quality of our football".

BEAU BRUMMIE CLUB MASCOT

Today we are glad to publish the mascot picture that "got away". Young Christopher Palin, chosen to lead out the team for the Chelsea game, was disappointed to find that his photograph had not been printed in the following issue in accordance with the normal practice.

This was because of space problems at that time. However, we are glad to catch up by showing how proud he looked the night he led the team out to be the luckiest mascot of the season . . . with that 5-1 win.

The other picture far right shows the mascot for the West Ham game on Easter Monday, Chris Stokes of Tamworth. Chris could only manage a goalless draw but it was a day he'll never forget just the same.



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1979	Opponents	F A	Gate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub.
Aug															
18	Fulham	3 4	19,197	Freeman	C'wood	Dennis	Curbishley	Hauwe	Page	Ainscow	Evans 1	Bertschin 1	Gemmill	Dillon 1	Towers
22	Sunderland	0 2	25,877	Dennis	Page	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Towers	Ainscow	Evans	Bertschin	Gemmill	Dillon	Lees
25	Cardiff City	2 1	11,314	Wealands	Page	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Towers	Ainscow	Evans 2	Bertschin	Gemmill	Dillon	Lees
28	Preston (LC2 1st)	2 1	13,887	Wealands	Page	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Towers	Ainscow 1	Evans	Bertschin	Gemmill	Dillon 1	Lees
Sep															
1	Bristol Rovers	1 1	15,320	Wealands	Lees	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Towers	Ainscow	Evans	Bertschin	Gemmill	Dillon 1	Lynex
4	Preston (LC2 2nd)	1 0	11,043	Wealands	Lees	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Towers	Ainscow	Evans	Lynex 1	Gemmill	Dillon	C'wood
8	Chelsea	2 1	17,182	Wealands	Lees	Dennis	Curbishley 1	Gallagher	Towers	Ainscow	Evans	Bertschin	Gemmill	Dillon	Page
15	Charlton A	1 0	16,155	Wealands	Lees	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Towers	Ainscow	Evans	Bertschin	Gemmill	Dillon	Lynex 1
22	Orient	2 2	5,550	Wealands	Lees	Dennis	Curbishley 1	Gallagher	Towers	Ainscow	Lynex 1	Bertschin	Gemmill	Dillon	Todd
26	Exeter (LC 3)	1 2	13,669	Wealands	Todd	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Towers	Ainscow 1	Lynex	Givens	Gemmill	Dillon	Bertschin
29	Newcastle Utd	0 0	19,967	Wealands	Todd	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Towers	Ainscow	Lynex	Givens	Gemmill	Dillon	Bertschin
Oct															
6	Preston North End	0 0	10,740	Wealands	Tood	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Towers	Ainscow	Lynex	Evans	Gemmill	Dillon	Givens
9	Sunderland	1 0	18,960	Wealands	Tood	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Towers	Ainscow	Lynex 1	Bertschin	Gemmill	Johnston	Bertschin
13	Wrexham	0 1	13,693	Wealands	Tood	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Towers	Ainscow	Lynex	Bertschin	Gemmill	Johnston	Givens
20	Swansea City	2 0	18,624	Wealands	Tood	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Towers	Ainscow	Lynex 1	Bertschin	Gemmill 1	Johnston	Givens
27	Shrewsbury T	1 0	17,869	Wealands	Tood	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Towers	Ainscow 1	Lynex	Givens	Gemmill	Johnston	Bertschin
Nov															
3	Fulham	4 2	8,243	Wealands	Todd	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Towers	Ainscow	Evans	Givens 2	Gemmill 1	Johnston 1	Lynex
10	Cambridge U	1 0	17,191	Wealands	Todd	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Towers	Ainscow	Evans	Givens	Gemmill	Johnston	Lynex 1
17	Watford	0 1	14,378	Wealands	Tood	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Towers	Lynex	Evans	Bertschin 3	Dillon	Johnston	Bertschin
24	Luton Town (1)	3 2	13,720	Wealands	Lees	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Lynex	Towers	Givens	Dillon	Johnston	Evans
Dec															
1	Leicester City	1 2	25,748	Wealands	Lees	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher 1	Towers	Worthington	Bertschin	Bertschin	Dillon	Johnston	Lynex
8	Notts County	1 1	11,383	Wealands	Broadhurst	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Lynex 1	Worthington	Bertschin	Dillon	Ainscow	Lees
15	Burnley (2)	2 0	13,997	Wealands	Broadhurst	Dennis	Gemmill	Gallagher	Todd	Lynex	Worthington 2	Bertschin	Dillon	Johnston	Curbishley
21	Oldham Athletic	0 1	6,728	Wealands	Broadhurst	Dennis	Gemmill	Gallagher	Todd	Lynex	Worthington 1	Bertschin	Dillon	Johnston	Lynex
29	Cardiff City	2 1	16,682	Wealands	Broadhurst	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Ainscow	Worthington 1	Bertschin 1	Gemmill	Johnston	Lynex
1980															
Jan															
1	Q.P.R.	2 1	25,963	Freeman	Broadhurst	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Ainscow 1	Worthington	Bertschin	Gemmill 1	Johnston	Lynex
5	S'hampton (FAC 3)	2 1	24,648	Freeman	Broadhurst	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher 1	Todd	Ainscow	Worthington	Bertschin 1	Gemmill	Johnston	Lynex
12	Bristol Rovers	0 1	9,351	Wealands	Broadhurst	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Ainscow	Worthington	Bertschin 1	Gemmill	Johnston	Lynex
26	M'brough (FAC 4)	2 1	29,152	Wealands	Broadhurst	Lees	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Ainscow	Worthington	Bertschin 1	Gemmill 1	Johnston	Lynex
Feb															
2	Charlton Athletic	1 0	6,821	Wealands	Lees	B'hurst	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Ainscow	Worthington	Bertschin	Gemmill 1	Johnston	Lynex
9	Orient	3 1	17,474	Wealands	Broadhurst	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Towers	Ainscow	Worthington	Bertschin 3	Gemmill	Johnston	Lynex
16	Tottenham (FAC 5)	1 3	49,936	Wealands	Broadhurst	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Ainscow	Worthington	Bertschin 1	Gemmill	Johnston	Lynex
20	Newcastle U	0 0	28,038	Wealands	Broadhurst	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Ainscow	Worthington	Bertschin	Gemmill	Lynex	Towers
23	Wrexham	2 0	19,306	Wealands	Broadhurst	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Ainscow	Lynex	Bertschin	Gemmill	Dillon 1	Evans 1
29	Swansea City	1 0	16,363	Wealands	Broadhurst	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Ainscow	Lynex 1	Bertschin	Towers	Dillon	Evans
Mar															
8	Shrewsbury T	0 1	14,801	Wealands	Broadhurst	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Ainscow	Lynex	Bertschin	Gemmill	Dillon	Wor'ton
11	Chelsea	* 5 1	27,297	Wealands	B'hurst 1	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Ainscow 2	Worthington	Bertschin	Gemmill	Dillon 1	Lynex
15	Preston N E	2 2	19,548	Wealands	Broadhurst	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Ainscow	Worthington 1	Bertschin	Gemmill 1	Dillon	Towers
22	Cambridge U	1 2	6,805	Wealands	Broadhurst	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Ainscow	Worthington 1	Bertschin	Gemmill	Dillon	Lynex
29	Watford	2 0	16,582	Wealands	Broadhurst	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Ainscow	Worthington	Bertschin 1	Gemmill 1	Dillon	Evans
Apr															
1	Oldham A (7.30)	2 0	17,118	Wealands	Broadhurst	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Ainscow 1	Worthington	Bertschin	Gemmill 1	Dillon	Lynex
5	Q.P.R.	1 1	16,609	Wealands	Broadhurst	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Ainscow	Towers	Bertschin	Gemmill	Dillon 1	Lynex
7	West Ham U (3.00)	0 0	28,378	Wealands	Broadhurst	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Ainscow	Towers	Bertschin	Gemmill	Dillon	Lynex
12	Leicester C	1 2	26,074	Wealands	Towers	Dennis	Curbishley	Gallagher	Todd	Ainscow	Worthington	Bertschin	Gemmill 1	Dillon	Lynex
19	Luton Town														
22	West Ham U (7.30)														
26	Burnley														
May															
3	Notts County														
10	F.A. Cup Final														

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POST HASTE!

Office staff at St. Andrew's have encountered problems recently in dealing with postal applications for tickets.

This is because some applicants are allowing insufficient time for the requests to receive attention and arrive back in time.

So the message with regard to ticket application is similar to the one issued by the G.P.O. each Christmas . . . **Post Early!**

SOLUTION TO LAST CROSSWORD

Across: 6—Player, 7—Krol, 8—Roma (1958), 9—Inter, 11 & 15 across—Match Weekly, 12—Bill, 14—See 5 down, 15—See 11 across.

Down: 1—Spurs, 2—Gay Meadow, 3—Ernie Howe, 4—Free-kicks, 5 & 14 across—Alf Wood, 10—Lloyd, 13—Two.

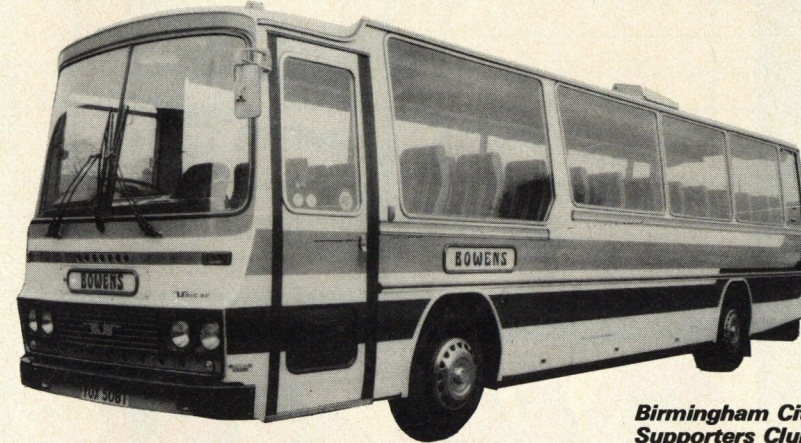
FOOTBALL AT ST. ANDREW'S

**WEST HAM UNITED v
BIRMINGHAM CITY**
TUESDAY 22nd APRIL 1980—KICK-OFF: 7-30pm

**BIRMINGHAM CITY v
NOTTS COUNTY**
SATURDAY 3rd MAY 1980—KICK-OFF: 3-00pm

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Birmingham City
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Official Coach Trip to
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Official Coach Trip to
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Depart Emmoline Street 11 a.m.
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ROUTE FROM BIRMINGHAM TO WEST HAM FOOTBALL CLUB

TUESDAY 22nd APRIL 1980

BIRMINGHAM: Follow M6 then M1 Southbound signposted London. Leave M1 at Junction 2. Follow signs North Circular Road, East. In ½ mile join A1. 1¼ mile farther join North Circular Road A406. Continue with signs North Circular Road to Manor Park. Turn right A118 (Signposted Forest Gate, Stratford) into Romford Road. In ¾ mile at traffic signals turn left into Green Street B167 (no sign). Proceed to Upton Park Station. Forward for ¼ mile for
WEST HAM FOOTBALL CLUB (TO LEFT) mileage 128.

ROUTE FROM BIRMINGHAM TO BURNLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

SATURDAY 26th APRIL 1980

BIRMINGHAM: Follow M6 Northbound and continue on M6 to Junction 21A (M62 Westbound). In ½ mile branch left (Signposted Rochdale) to join M62. Continue along M62 to Junction 18. Branch left (Signposted Burnley) to join M66. Forward to join A56. By Manchester Road enter Burnley. At roundabout take 3rd exit into Centenary Way. At next roundabout take 3rd exit into Yorkshire Street. Pass under Leeds and Liverpool Canal and keep forward for Brunshaw Road.
BURNLEY FOOTBALL CLUB (ON LEFT) mileage 116.

Teams

BIRMINGHAM CITY

Blue Shirts, White Shorts

- 1 JEFF WEALANDS
- 2 KEVAN BROADHURST
- 3 MARK DENNIS
- 4 ALAN CURBISHLEY
- 5 JOE GALLAGHER
- 6 COLIN TODD
- 7 ALAN AINSOW
- 8 FRANK WORTHINGTON
- 9 KEITH BERTSCHIN
- 10 ARCHIE GEMMILL
- 11 KEVIN DILLON
- 12

LUTON TOWN

Orange Shirts, Navy Blue Shorts

- 1 JOHN 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
- 12



Scores

DETAILS OF ANY OTHER IMPORTANT
MATCHES PLAYED TONIGHT WILL BE
GIVEN OVER THE SOUND SYSTEM AT
HALF-TIME AND FULL-TIME.

Officials

REFEREE: Mr. J. B. WORRALL (Warrington)

Commenced refereeing at 19 and graduated via the Warrington and District and then Cheshire Leagues to the Football League list. Was linesman in an F.A. Cup Quarter-Final, and in the second leg of a European Champions Club Cup Semi-Final in 1976.

LINESMEN: Mr. M. J. BARKER — Red Flag
Mr. A. J. PHILLIPS — Orange Flag



MASCOT: Stephen Wood, Streetlv (0187)



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