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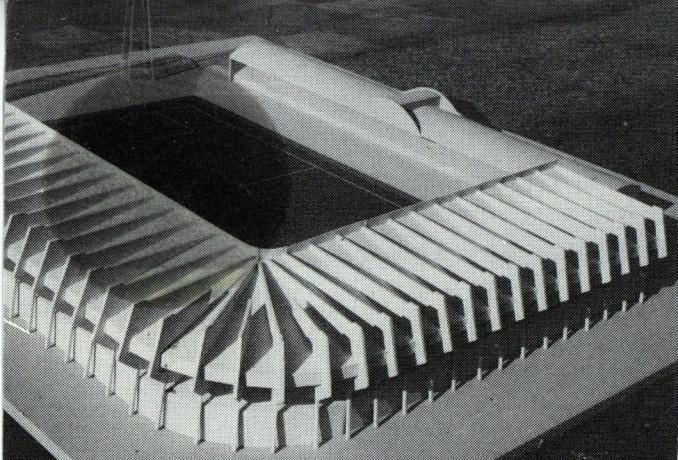


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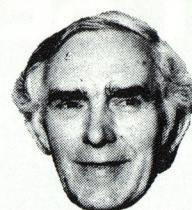
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Arthur Appleton's VIEWPOINT

Newcastle were the Division's leaders after Luton, but Luton hung on, and it's a waste of time and thought now remembering how crucial and exciting we envisaged this end-of-the-season fixture would be.

At least we have not to endure the indignity again of meeting in the last match a side, buoyed up with anticipation of promotion, treating us as last victims on the way – as it was with Brighton last year.

Luton, earlier leaders, fell away from promotion later than United. Two points from three recent games, away to Chelsea and Birmingham and home to Shrewsbury, finished them. Their sustained challenge was undermined by their habit of drawing at home. But what a start they had. They've averaged a point an away game, even though they've won only one away game since the turn of the year – at Charlton.

Chelsea, of course, everyone's favourite for promotion just a month ago when they were three points clear, look like being the last of the old leaders to give way and disappear below a promotion placing.

Last season's three who went up into the First, Crystal Palace, without any anxiety, and Brighton and Stoke, have all survived. Whichever two go up with Leicester this time, there's little doubt that Newcastle will lose out in attractive opposition. Only Derby coming down, trail clouds of glory. Their spell of eleven seasons in the First brought them two League Championships, under Clough and under Mackay. Bristol City come back after four seasons, and Bolton after two.

It's a better exchange for United at the bottom. Charlton, Burnley and Fulham go, but in return we have big Jackie's Sheffield Wednesday, after five seasons down below, plus another once great club in Blackburn Rovers, surging straight back, as well as inspired Grimsby giving deep-sea fisherman a little pride again. Grimsby, too, have had times in the First Division – twelve seasons.

Peter Withe's first game for Newcastle was against Luton at St. James' on 26th August 1978, and it's now looking as if his latest one will be against them here. United won that debut game, 1-0 Jim Pearson scoring with a header, and they were applauded off the field.

It was a breakthrough result: Newcastle, just relegated, had gone 21 League games without a win and although autumn was nigh it was the first League win of the year at St. James'.

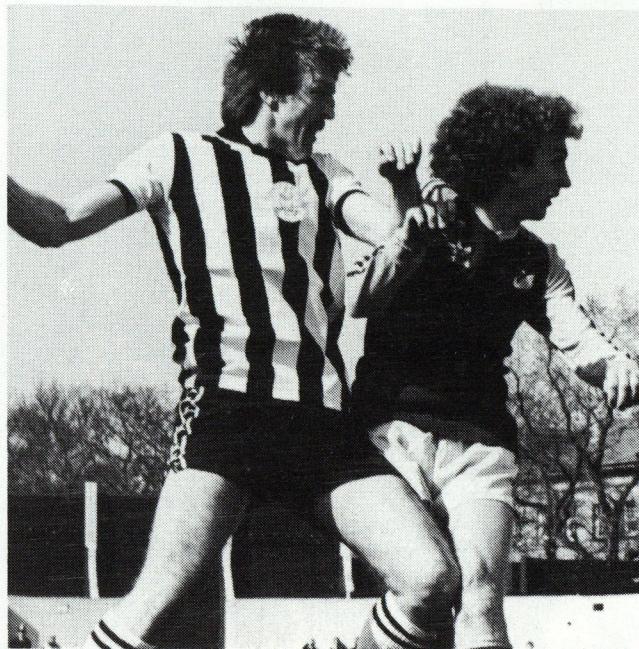
Peter was United's main scorer last season, and excluding penalties, he's a goal ahead of Alan Shoulder this time.

This season Newcastle drew at Luton 1-1 on 8th December. They were top then with Luton second, a point behind. Sunderland were five points away and Birmingham three.

Right on half-time David Moss scored for Luton – one of his many goals this season, and midway through the second half Billy Rafferty got a well merited equaliser. That was the game in which Mick Martin was injured. Some of his colleagues were perturbed about it, even though the seriousness of the injury wasn't immediately evident. Although he couldn't turn out for the second half, it was thought at the time that he might be fit for the next match.

Moss, top scorer for Luton both this and last season, has scored some delightful goals – he got the winning two against Sunderland at Kenilworth Road; and Bob Hatton often has a good game in the North East.

Luton's midfield trio of Alan West, Tony Grealy and Ricky Hill are often pointed to as a reason for the team's good performances. West, the captain, was a record buy



Bobby Shinton and Swansea's Dave Rushbury in aerial action.

Picture by courtesy of the Sunday Express.

from Burnley by Harry Haslam in 1973, and in the heady days early this season he thought the present Luton side, under David Pleat, to be the best he had played in. A talented, busy player – once considered not medically fit enough to join Sunderland – he's in the game all the year round, going to Minnesota in the summer.

This is Newcastle and Luton's 30th league meeting – six seasons together in the First, and this is their ninth in the Second.

If the 32nd is about the same time next year, may it be the promotion tussle or a Newcastle celebration finale which we thought this one was going to be.

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Following the tragic death of young Whickham policeman Glenn Corder, on his first tour of duty, members of the Holmside Hall Club at Dunston decided to run a memorial concert.

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Newcastle players Mick Martin and Ian Davies were on hand to present the evening's "cheque" to police chiefs. A raffle for a signed ball was won by a member of the committee; it was returned and auctioned by Mick for £38. Overall, the ball raise over £150.

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This afternoon we welcome Luton Town to St. James' Park for the final league game of the season in what we hope will be an entertaining game. Congratulations to Brian Ferguson on scoring his first league goal - here's to many more today and next season.

Sadly next season will be played in the Second Division for since our defeat of Sunderland on New Years Day the team's form has been of great disappointment and puzzlement to us all. Here's hoping that with the close season rest the players will have re-charged their batteries to roar to the top again next season and stay there!

The Supporters' Club can look back on the season with a certain amount of satisfaction. Support for the team away from home remained excellent despite the run of poor away results with the games at Oldham, Luton and Burnley being particularly popular.

Our Sales Section provided a wide range of souvenirs throughout the season and was of course very popular. Although the two shops at St. James' Park are closed during the summer our Prudhoe Place shop in the Haymarket remains open full-time being closed only on a Wednesday.

Our congratulations must go to Ken Mullen the Clubs' Sales Organiser who was nominated to represent the Club at the Rothmans' Supporters Club Federation Northern Region Section Supporter of the Year and came second.

On the 20th April a hastily put together 7-a-side team travelled to Huddersfield to take part in a Supporters Club's tournament. We played three games against Sunderland, Liverpool and Wigan, which

produced two draws and a defeat. We drew with Sunderland 0-0 but lost 3-1 on corners, (yes - it's been that sort of season!) Lost to Liverpool 1-0, drew with Wigan 1-1 and were level on corners. However it was an enjoyable day and it is hoped that a team representing the Supporters' Club may be formed to play regular matches in the near future.

Membership is now closed for the season but applications for next season's membership will be accepted any time during the close season or by completing the form at the end of these notes and enclosing a postal order for 50p and sending to Prudhoe Place enclosing a S.A.E.

Finally on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Supporters' Club we would like to thank you all the people who have helped serve in the shops, act as coach steward at away trips, and who have helped in some little way. Anyone who is interested in serving on any of our sub-committees or helping with the running of the Club is invited to drop us a line at our Prudhoe Place shop.

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Luton Town, today's opponents, find themselves in much the same position as we are, having been the front runners at the beginning of the season in the promotion race but due to some poor results of late, now out of the top three.

It is a bitter pill to swallow after a great deal of early season promise, made even more bitter for us by the fact that rivals Sunderland now look certain to go up.

The Roker men have come good just at the right time. Who would have thought at New Year that they would have finished above United in the League, or Luton Town, who undeniably were going like a bomb until recently. Our disappointment defies description.

Sunderland were relegated to the Second Division at the end of the 1976/77 season after gaining promotion in the previous year and it was our misfortune to follow them on the downward path in 1977-78. We can only hope that ours is the same path in 1980/81 they look certain to tread this year. A new season and a renewed challenge will dispel the blues and lift the black and whites back into the First Division - nobody here will be satisfied until that is a reality.

As far as the Clubs four teams are concerned today's game with Luton Town is the finalisation of all fixtures at home and away but there is one last game at St. James' Park on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm when the English Schools F.A. stage a match in connection with the Newcastle 900 Celebrations between Newcastle Schools F.A. and the Edinburgh Schools F.A. Admission will be by payment at the Turnstile, seating: 50p ground: 30p.

Our Junior team, who have done so well in the Northern Intermediate League this year, narrowly missing the Championship travel to Boulogne at the end of the month, over the Whitsun holiday, to compete in a six team youth tournament. Competition will be provided by Dutch, Swiss and French teams. Sunderland were in the competition last year and came first.

Peter Kelly, after being told by specialists to continue with his comeback attempt played again last Tuesday evening at St. James' Park and was likely to play again on Thursday, the last Central League fixture at Everton. His

determination continues to amaze everybody and who knows by next season he could be back to his old self. Nobody will be more delighted than Peter himself if he can come through, his bravery deserves it.

Some alteration to the accommodation in the East Stand Paddocks is being considered at the present time following the missile throwing incident during the West Ham game. I am pleased to say that no action is to be taken against the Club by the Football Association following the incident - action against the person involved has yet to be decided by the Courts.

I hope that the next time I sit to write this piece, for the first match of a new campaign, that we can look forward with some confidence to regaining First Division status. I know we all want to put the disappointments of this season behind us - like fast!

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BRIEF HISTORY

Luton Town were formed in 1885 through the fusion of two local sides, Wanderers and Excelsoir, and since those far off days the club, the oldest professional outfit in the South of England, has known many problems. After a non too successful brief couple of years in the League sphere at the turn of the Century, Luton played their early football in the Southern League joining the new Third Division in 1920. It took 'The Hatters' seventeen years to become a force when in 1937 they reached the Second Division where they consolidated and became a definite name in football.

Prewar Kenilworth Road names worthy of a mention include the famous Joe Payne, 55 goals in one season during 1936/37 and scorer of course of ten goals in a single game, and also Robert Hawkes, an earlier servant who was capped by England at half-back while Luton were still in the non-league scene.

The fifties proved to be good years for the Town finishing runners-up and winning promotion in 1955. Shortly afterwards they reached Wembley too but they lost to Nottm. Forest by the odd goal in three. Some of the members of that Luton side were Irish stars George Cummins and Billy Bingham; captain Syd Owen, who was named 'Footballer-of-the-Year' only two days before the Final; and 'Keeper Ron Bayham, like Owen, who was good enough to play for England.

Almost immediately after this success the club slipped dramatically from the First to the Fourth Division in only five years, a decline that ravished the club. However with two distinguished names in the managers chair, Alec Stock and Harry Haslam, the Hatters climbed back to Division One within a decade. 'Our' own Malcolm Macdonald dominated the Luton revival and their side also saw the likes of Newcastle born Jimmy Husband, John Aston ex Manchester United, and full-back Bobby Thomson a former England man.

RECENT FORM

Since being relegated from Division one in 1975 Luton have struggled somewhat to regain their top flight status and last season were facing relegation to the Third. However a marvellous transformation has taken place which has seen Luton this term probably the most attractive side in the Division. The Kenilworth outfit has only just missed the boat with results since the turn of the year going anything but well, although not nearly as drastic as our own. Certainly most people will look to Luton for next seasons promotion places and with players like Bob Hatton, Tony Grealish and David Moss around they could well make it.

BLACK'N WHITE CONNECTIONS

That man 'Supermac' commands the conversation when the names of Luton and Newcastle are brought together. Neither club has possessed such a personality since and many of the two sets of supporters still long for the days when his left boot and brash statements reigned supreme. 'Mac' is not the only ex Magpie to appear for the Hatters although he is the only truly outstanding character. Gordon Hindson, at Gallowgate during the late sixties, had a few good seasons in the south, while the unfortunate 'on-loan' Viv Busby played many a game too. Stocky forward from the immediate post-war years, George Stobart was a big success in United's promotion eleven of 1948 while our manager at that time, George Martin, featured as part of our nostalgic look into the past on page 13, was with Luton as a player, coach manager.

Eddie Connolly, out of the thirties, was the only prewar player of note, he made his debut for United as an eighteen year-old and was destined for great feats, however as we have seen many times, Scots with sweet skills never seem to meet their expectation with consistency.

As with so many present Second Division sides Luton's path has rarely crossed that of Uniteds. We have only met once in the Cup, that in 1973 when we were on dismal form and lost 0-2 at Gallowgate, incidentally on the same afternoon that witnessed the East Stand in full operation for the first time. Prior to that meeting we go back to the 62/3 season when goals from winger Jimmy Fell, and a couple from Barrie Thomas entered a 3-1 United victory into the record book. Throughout the late fifties and early sixties we constantly got the better of our visitors today, and before that, back in April 1947 we won 7-2, with Stobart scoring two goals against his future club. All in all Luton will be out this afternoon to gain some measure of revenge against their postwar results with the Magpies.

LUTON TOWN



Back Row: Andrew Pearson, Seamus Heath, Leslie Harriott, Gary Heale, Clive Goodyear, Wayne Turner, Gary Sisman, Alan Ollis. **Third Row:** David Coates, Mal Donaghy, Mark Aizlewood, John Findlay, Graham Jones, Alan Judge, Kirk Stephens, Brian Stein, John Moore (coach). **Second Row:** Lil Fuccillo, Ricky Hill, Michael Saxby, Ken Gutteridge (Ass. Manager) David Pleat (Manager), John Smith (Chief Executive), Bob Hatton, Paul Price, Alan Birchenall, David Moss. **Front Row:** Alan Cosby, Robert Johnson, Jan Piotrowski, Tom Murphy, Frank Bunn, Robert Walker, Martin Conquest, John Cole, John Woodward, Neil Madden, Ray Brammer.

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.

WAYNE TURNER

Development of local talent is one of the priorities at Kenilworth Road and Turner, who plays midfield or defence, is now on the fringe of making the complete journey from schoolboy soccer to league duty with his home town club. Signed as an apprentice in 1977, he was skipper of Luton's reserve side within two years, and made his league debut in the final Second Division match of last season.

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.

ALAN BIRCHENALL

One of the most popular players in the game, with a sense of humour and enjoyment of life in general and soccer in particular, mid-fielder Birchenall was already at the veteran stage when Luton signed him from Blackburn in March 1979. Luton was his seventh league club in his colourful career. His end of season performances persuaded manager David Pleat to extend his league career further. Has scored over 70 league goals.

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 in midfield, and is one of the younger men who keep up the pressure for places in Luton's Second Division team.

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 the last three seasons. A local boy of whom much is expected.

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 in a natural athlete.

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.

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 made, 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.

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.

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.

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 Edgeware 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.



Alan Shoulder scores from the penalty spot against Swansea.

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HISTORY OF NEWCASTLE

Due to unforeseen circumstances the publication of United's History has been unavoidably delayed, it is now anticipated that copies will be available in June. We apologise for any inconvenience incurred, due to these circumstances.



Swansea 'keeper David Stewart snatches the ball away from David Barton and Tommy Cassidy.

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THE MEN IN CHARGE

PAUL JOANNOU traces the story of those characters who have filled the formidable position of Manager of Newcastle United Football Club.

Only a matter of six months ago United's boss Bill McGarry was being hailed by many as a saviour, the man who appeared to have put the club on the right road for Division One. Now, almost all shout for his head, what a turn-a-round, those who say the job of a football manager is an easy number want their heads looking at, especially in such a devoted, but honestly critical football area such as Tyneside. Success, and Geordie will give him the world, lack of it, he will scream for blood; to be manager of Newcastle United, and especially in latter years, is perhaps the hottest seat in football with pressure so severe from the spectators wanting instant success they so very much deserve. That pressure has seen most of the clubs dozen or so bosses come unstuck at one time or another.

United's first full-time official manager was ex Scottish maestro Andy Cunningham, for many years an inside-forward of remarkable quality with Rangers. During the twenties he rose to great heights at Ibrox winning twelve Scottish caps and taking the 'Gers to seven Championships and three Cup Finals with his brand of exquisite football, being a potent attacker especially good with his ball control and tactical brain.

Cunningham, born in the famous footballers breeding ground around Kilmarnock, joined United during February 1929 for a £2,300 fee as a player and at the age of 38, to many an obvious buy to be groomed into the clubs first manager, a move in keeping with the times. Prior to Cunningham's arrival team affairs, together with the general running of the club, and for that matter most clubs, belonged to the Secretary and Directors, and in Newcastle's case much thanks has to be given to Frank Watt, the clubs famous moustached secretary for almost forty years. However the mounting success of the new breed of managers like Herbert Chapman, at Huddersfield and later Arsenal, led many clubs to look towards a special person to solely look after the team.

It took the Newcastle Directors, with at that time James Lunn in the Chair, only a matter of eleven months to make Cunningham manager, firstly in a player-manager roll. The tall Scot had quite a job on his hands for the club was in a sorry state with the majority of the 1927 Title winning team, including Hughie Gallacher, moving from Tyneside. Andy had to rebuild the side, this he did inside two years taking players such as Sammy Weaver and Jimmy Richardson to Wembley and the F.A. Cup in 1932. Newcastle were back as one of the countries foremost attractions, however, twelve months later saw the start of the most disastrous period in the Magpies history at that time.

Cunningham appeared to have a decent

side on paper for the 33/34 season, much the same men that had lifted the Cup, but nothing went right on the field of play. They were relegated after 36 years in Division One and after being a hero shortly before, the name of Cunningham wasn't now held with such high praise. Things didn't go right for him in the Second Division either and he resigned during the close season of 1935 to return to Scottish football.

To replace Cunningham United found Tom Mather, a man with a proven record of success having taken his former club, Stoke City to the Second Division title in 1933 fashioning the Potteries club into a useful side. One of his first tasks was a positive move for his former Stoke winger, Stanley Mathews, the deal fell through but the genial Mather did bring many other big names to Gallowgate including ex Arsenal and England inside-forward Ray Bowden, and also introducing Albert Stubbins to League football.

For the five year period before War broke out Mather's attempts to reach the First Division fell on stony ground and in 1938 he very nearly took United the opposite way.... into the Third Division! Come the resumption of normal soccer again in 1946, Tom Mather had departed to pastures new with Stan Seymour, appointed a Director after that almost catastrophic season, claiming the title of 'boss' in all but name. He was largely responsible for United's subsequent rise to glory.

During May 1947 George Martin, an ex Everton and Middlesbrough player, and Luton manager, was placed in charge of team affairs but with Seymour's influence always evident. The partnership worked, but only after several highly critical and controversial transfer moves. Promotion was achieved in 1948 with terrific response from the public. Lothian born, Martin did a good job in making United a First Division side to be proud of, but Tyneside lost his services when he couldn't resist a lucrative offer from Villa during December 1950.

This set back didn't hinder the Magpies though, with Seymour at the helm once more as 'Honorary Manager', the great Wembley double occurred and the club stayed without an official manager, unlike most other big clubs, until shortly before a Cup-tie with Plymouth in 1955.

Dugald Livingstone, a respected coach who made a big name for himself on the Continent, was appointed in time to be in charge when Wembley was again the centre of activity. After winning the Cup, Livingstone and United didn't stay together long though, they parted company by mutual consent during January 1956 when Livingstone

moved to Fulham, just in time to see an epic Cup game between United and the Cottagers won 5-4 in our favour.

United looked long and hard for a new man to step into the executives role, a position that now had to be filled, for gone were the days when the Directors ran the team affairs. Newcastle took almost two years to find the right man, it was during June 1958 when the controversial Charlie Mitten, famed for his Bogota jaunt but a brilliant winger in his time, arrived in the north-east. He wasn't yet 40 and came to Tyneside with bright new ideas some of which included revolutionising training methods and changing the clubs strips into a Continental style.

Mitten and his brilliant trio of Allchurch, Eastham and Len White set Tyneside alight for a period with a feast of goals however, come the summer of 1961 and Mitten was on his way out when the Magpies found themselves in Division Two again.

United's revival started with the appointment of past Wembley hero Joe Harvey as new manager during the summer of 1962. Harvey rebuilt the side astutely and at the same time easing the clubs unhealthy bank balance. Harvey's success and so called 'failure' during his thirteen years in office has already been well documented however there hasn't been many men as wise in the transfer market, and so knowledgeable of what the public want to see.... characters and excitement. Joe certainly provided both without doubt, and didn't deserve the ugly end to what was a lifetime with the club.

Perhaps Mitten and Harvey caused a certain amount of controversy during their period in charge but Harvey's successor in 1975, Gordon Lee, the unknown entity from Ewood, Blackburn caused derision as it had never been seen before. The League Cup success; the sale of 'Supermac' followed by transfer activity that brought uninspiring players to the Park; and a boring unattractive team that however achieved a degree of success forced the massive support for the club to be split down the middle over the methods of Gordon Lee. Then he sells himself to Everton to cause internal problems that eventually sent the club tumbling into Division Two obscurity. Richard Dinnis was caught in the middle of it all and in came Bill McGarry to put the pieces together.

To Mr. McGarry's credit he has put the Club back on its feet, a tremendous task in itself, lets hope that next season he can bring us what we all want so much..... the Liverpools, Arsenals and Manchester Uniteds back at Gallowgate, and for the name of Newcastle United to be spoken once more in the same breath as such successful clubs. See you next season..... Au Revoir.

UNITED FACT FINDER 1979/80

* Indicates star man
s Indicates substituted
b Indicates booked player

| | Cmp. | Result | A/Hd | Pos. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | O.G. | |
|--------------------------------|------|--------|--------|------|-----------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| Aug. 18 - Oldham Athletic | H | L 3-2 | 18,819 | 2 | - | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies | Martin b | Barton | Bird | Shouldr(2)* | Cssdy b | Withe (1) | Hibbitt | Pearson | Mitchell | |
| Aug. 21 - Preston North End | A | L 0-1 | 12,707 | 2 | - | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies b | Martin | Barton | Bird | Shouldr | Cassdy* | Withe | Hibbitt | Pearson b | Crtwright | |
| Aug. 25 - Charlton Athletic | A | L 1-1 | 6,849 | 3 | 12 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies b | Martin* | Barton | Bird | Shouldr | Cssdy(1) | Withe | Hibbitt | N'son s | Crtwright | |
| Aug. 29 - Sunderland | A | C 2-2 | 27,746 | - | Hrdwick b | Brwnlie | Davies (1)b | Martin * | Barton | Bird b | Shouldr b | Cassdy | Withe b | Hibbitt | N'son s | Crtwright (1) | | |
| Sept. 1 - Chelsea | H | L 2-1 | 25,320 | 5 | 9 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies | Martin | Barton | Boam | Shouldr | Cssdy s | Withe*(2) | Hibbitt | Crtwright | Nicholso | |
| Sept. 5 - Sunderland | H | C 2-2 | 30,533 | - | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies | Martin b | Barton | Boam (1) | Shouldr(1) | Pearson | Withe* | Hibbitt b | Nicholson | Crtwright | | |
| Sept. 8 - Orient | A | L 4-1 | 5,700 | 7 | 2 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie b | Davies | Martin* | Boam | Bartn | Shouldr(1) | Cssdy s | Withe(1) | Hibbitt(1) | Crtwright(1) | Walker | |
| Sept. 15 - Leicester City | H | L 3-2 | 26,963 | 9 | 1 | Hrdwick | Brnlie | Davies | Martin | Barton b | Boam | Shldr*(2p) | Cssdy | Withe b | Hibbitt | Crtwright(1) | Walker | |
| Sept. 22 - Wrexham | H | L 1-0 | 27,744 | 11 | 1 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies | Martin | Barton* | Boam | Shldr(1p) | Cssdy | Withe | Hibbitt | Crtwright | Walker | |
| Sept. 26 - League Cup 3 | C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. 29 - Birmingham City | A | L 0-0 | 19,967 | 12 | 1 | Hrdwick* | Brwnlie | Davies | Martin | Barton | Boam b | Shouldr | Cssdy | Withe | Hibbitt | Crtwright | Walker | |
| Oct. 6 - West Ham United | A | L 1-1 | 23,206 | 13 | 1 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies | Martin* | Barton b | Boam | Shouldr | Walker | Withe (1) | Hibbitt | Crtwright | Nicholson | |
| Oct. 10 - Preston North End | H | L 0-0 | 24,985 | 14 | 1 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie b | Davies | Martin | Barton b | Boam | Shouldr | Walker | Withe b | Hibbitt | Crtwright | Nicholson | |
| Oct. 13 - Shrewsbury Town | H | L 1-0 | 21,513 | 16 | 1 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Mitchell | Martin | Barton | Boam | Shouldr(1) | Cssdy* | Withe | Hibbitt | Walker | Crtwright | |
| Oct. 20 - Watford | A | L 0-2 | 17,715 | 16 | 3 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies b | Martin b | Barton | Boam* | Shouldr | Cssdy s | Withe | Hibbitt b | Connolly | Crtwright | |
| Oct. 27 - Cambridge United | H | L 2-0 | 24,092 | 18 | 2 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies | Martin* | Barton | Boam | Shouldr(1) | Walker | Withe(1)s | Rafferty | Crtwright | Cssdy | |
| Oct. 31 League Cup 4 | C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 3 - Oldham Athletic | A | L 0-1 | 11,486 | 18 | 4 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Mitchell | Martin b | Barton b | Boam | Shouldr | Walker* | Withe | Rafferty | Crtwright | Davies | |
| Nov. 10 - Cardiff City | H | L 1-0 | 21,243 | 20 | 2 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies | Martin b | Barton | Boam* | Shouldr(1) | Walker | Withe | Rafferty | Hibbitt | Crtwright | |
| Nov. 17 - Bristol Rovers | A | L 1-1 | 7,626 | 21 | 4 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies b | Martin | Barton | Boam | Shouldr(1) | Crtwright | Withe b | Rafferty | Hibbitt s | Connolly | |
| Nov. 24 - Swansea City (1) | A | L 3-2 | 15,442 | 23 | 3 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies b | Martin | Barton | Boam | Shldr*(1) | Crtwrights | Withe | Rffrty(1) | Hibbitt(1) | Connolly | |
| Dec. 1 - Fulham | H | L 2-0 | 23,481 | 25 | 2 | Hrdwick | Carney | Mitchell | Martin | Barton | Boam | Shoulder | Crtwright | Withe (1) | Rffrty(1) | Hibbitt | Connolly | |
| Dec. 5 - League Cup 5 | C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 8 - Luton Town | A | L 1-1 | 14,845 | 26 | 1 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Carney | Martin | Barton | Boam | Shoulder | Crtwright | Withe | Rffrty(1) | Hibbitt | Connolly | |
| Dec. 15 - Q. P. R. (2) | H | L 4-2 | 24,986 | 28 | 1 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie b | Davies | Cassidy (1) | Barton | Boam b | Shouldr(1) | Crtwrights | Withe (2) | Rffrty | Hibbitt* | Connolly | |
| Dec. 21 - Notts County | A | L 2-2 | 11,224 | 29 | 1 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie* | Davies | Cassidy | Barton | Boam | Shouldr(1) | Crtwright | Withe s | Rffrty b | Hibbitt | Connolly (1) | |
| Dec. 26 - Burnley | A | L 2-3 | 16,433 | 29 | 3 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie b | Davies b | Cassidy s | Barton b (1) | Boam b | Shouldr(1) | Crtwright* | Connolly | Rafferty | Hibbitt | Carney | |
| Dec. 29 - Charlton Athletic | H | L 2-0 | 26,238 | 31 | 1 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie* | Davies | Cassidy (1) | Barton | Boam | Shoulder (1) | Crtwright | Connolly | Rafferty | Hibbitt | Carney | |
| 1980 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 1 - Sunderland | H | L 3-1 | 38,322 | 33 | 1 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies | Cassidy (1) | Barton | Boam | Shoulder (1) | Crtwright (1) | Withe* | Rafferty | Hibbitt | Connolly | |
| Jan. 5 - F.A. (3) CHESTER | H | C 0-2 | 24,548 | - | - | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies | Cassidy* | Barton | Boam | Shoulder | Crtwright | Withe | Rafferty | Hibbitt s | Connolly | |
| Jan. 12 - Chelsea | A | L 0-4 | 32,281 | 33 | 2 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies | Cassidy | Barton | Boam* | Shoulder | Crtwright | Withe | Rafferty s | Hibbitt | Connolly | |
| Jan. 16 - League Cup SF | C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 19 - Orient | H | L 2-0 | 20,881 | 35 | 1 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies | Cassidy | Barton | Boam | Shoulder | Crtwright | Withe | Carney | Connolly | Rafferty | |
| Jan. 26 - F.A. Cup 4 | C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb. 2 - Leicester City | A | L 0-1 | 24,549 | 35 | 2 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies s | Cassidy | Barton | Boam | Shoulder | Crtwright | Withe | Carney | Connolly | Rafferty | |
| Feb. 9 - Wrexham | A | L 0-1 | 13,299 | 35 | 3 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies | Cassidy | Carney | Boam | Shoulder s | Crtwright | Withe | Cropley | Connolly (1) | Rafferty | |
| Feb. 13 - League Cup SF | L | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb. 20 - Birmingham City (5)H | L | 0-0 | 28,035 | 36 | 3 | Hrdwick | Carney | Davies | Cassidy | Boam | Mtchl | Shouldr | Crtwright* | Withe | Cropley s | Cnnolly | Rafferty | |
| Feb. 23 - Shrewsbury Town | A | L 1-3 | 10,833 | 36 | 5 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Carney | Cropley s | Boam | Mtchl | Shouldr (1) | Crtwright* | Withe | Rafferty | Hibbitt | Connolly | |
| Mar. 1 - Watford | H | L 0-2 | 23,104 | 36 | 6 | Hrdwick | Brnlie | Davies s | Cassidy | Barton | Boam | Shouldr | Crtwright | Withe | Connolly | Hibbitt | Rafferty | |
| Mar. 8 - Cambridge Utd. (6) | A | L 0-0 | 6,908 | 37 | 6 | Hrdwick | Brnlie | Davies | Cassidy | Boam* | Bird | Walker | Crtwright | Withe b | Hibbitt b | Shinton | Shouldr | |
| Mar. 14 - West Ham Utd. | H | L 0-0 | 25,431 | 38 | 7 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies | Shouldr b | Boam | Bird | Walker | Crtwright | Rafferty | Hibbitt* | Shinton b | Nicholson | |
| Mar. 15 - League Cup Final | L | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. 22 - Cardiff City | A | L 1-1 | 9,304 | 39 | 7 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies | Shouldr | Boam | Bird | Walker | Crtwright | Withe | Hibbitt* | Shinton (1) | Cassidy | |
| Mar. 29 - Bristol Rovers | H | L 3-1 | 19,01 | 41 | 5 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies | Cassidy 1 | Boam | Bird | Walker | Crtwright | Withe* | Hibbitt b | Shinton | Shouldr | |
| April 2 - Notts County | H | L 2-2 | 21,188 | 42 | 4 | Hrdwick | Brnlie | Davies* | Cassidy (1) | Boam b | Bird | Shouldr (1) | Crtwright | Withe | Hibbitt | Shinton | Walker | |
| April 5 - Sunderland | A | L 0-1 | 14,175 | 42 | 7 | Hrdwick | Carney | Davies | Cassidy * | Boam | Barton | Shlder | Crtwright s | Withe | Hibbitt | Shinton | Walker | |
| April 7 - Burnley | H | L 1-1 | 19,000 | 43 | 7 | Hrdwick | Carney | Davies * | Cassidy | Boam | Barton | Shlder | Rafferty | Withe s | Walker | Shinton | Ferguson | |
| April 12 - Fulham (SF) | A | L 0-1 | 7,152 | 43 | 7 | Hrdwick | Brnlie | Davies | Cassidy | Boam | Bird | Shinton | Ferguson | Rafferty * | Hibbitt | Shlder | Crtwright | |
| April 19 - Swansea City | H | L 1-3 | 14,349 | 43 | 7 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Wharton* | Cassidy s | Barton | Carney | Shinton | Ferguson | Rafferty | Hibbitt | Shldr (1) | Crtwright | |
| April 26 - Q. P. R. | A | L 1-2 | 11,245 | 43 | 8 | Hrdwick | Brwnlie | Davies | Cassidy | Boam | Mitchell | Shinton s | Crtwright | Withe | Frgson (1) | Shldr * | Rafferty | |
| May 3 - Luton Town | H | L | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 10 - F.A. Cup Final | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

SENIOR SUMMARY

What a sour and disappointing way the season has closed for United, but through no ones fault but their own of course. We all saw how deep the decay has gone when the moderate SWANSEA CITY completely outplayed the Black'n whites a fortnight past. What made matters worse was that David Giles, given away by Wrexham earlier in the season and who was supposedly the target of United, was the man who dominated affairs along with veteran Ian Callaghan. On the bright side though, Kenny Wharton at full-back showed he could well be the umpteenth homegrown development to succeed in that position and Brian Ferguson earned himself an extended run.

For Newcastle's last visit to the capital the side gave a much more encouraging display than of late with Alan Shoulder, in midfield, hitting good form. However even with an early goal through Ferguson, QUEENS PARK RANGERS, themselves in a despondent period, came back to win the points in a typically boring end of season affair.

Home and Away

1927

1977

NEWCASTLE

- 1 STEVE HARDWICK
- 2 JOHN BROWNLIE
- 3 IAN DAVIES
- 4 TOMMY CASSIDY
- 5 STUART BOAM
- 6 STEVE CARNEY
- 7 BOBBY SHINTON
- 8 BRYAN FERGUSON
- 9 PETER WITHE
- 10 TERRY HIBBITT
- 11 ALAN SHOULDER
- 12

THE REFEREE TODAY IS

A. PORTER (Bolton)

Started refereeing in 1948 with the Bolton Boys Federation and progressed via the Bolton and then Lancashire Combination to the Football League full list. Was linesman for a Fairs Cup match - Liverpool - in 1969 and has had other line appointments, in Italy, for Fairs Cup Anglo-Italian Tournament matches. He also refereed the England v. Scotland Schoolboy International in 1977. In 1979 lined the Final Tie of the Schools International Tournament.



LUTON TOWN

- 1 JAKE FINDLAY
- 2 KIRK STEPHENS
- 3 MAL DONAGHY
- 4 TONY GREALISH
- 5 MICK SAXBY
- 6 PAUL PRICE
- 7 RICKY HILL
- 8 ALAN WEST
- 9 BRIAN STEIN
- 10 BOB HATTON
- 11 DAVID MOSS
- 12

LINESMEN

Red Flag: P. Hargreaves

Orange Flag: L. Young

HALFTIME SCORES BOARD A

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| A | Brighton v Everton | |
| B | Coventry v Arsenal | |
| C | Leeds v Manchester Utd. | |
| D | Liverpool v Aston Villa | |
| E | Manchester City v Ipswich | |
| F | Nottm. Forest v Crystal Palace | |
| G | Southampton v Middlesbrough | |
| H | Tottenham H v Bristol City | |

BOARD B

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| A | Birmingham v Notts County | |
| B | Bristol Rovers v West Ham Utd. | |
| C | Cambridge Utd. v Preston N.E. | |
| D | Cardiff v Sunderland | |
| E | Chelsea v Oldham | |
| F | Orient v Leicester | |
| G | Watford v Burnley | |
| H | Wrexham v Q.P. Rangers | |

BOARD C

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| A | Blackburn v Bury | |
| B | Blackpool v Chester | |
| C | Chesterfield v Exeter | |
| D | Grimsby v Sheffield Utd. | |
| E | Sheffield Wed. v Carlisle | |
| F | Huddersfield v Hartlepool | |
| G | Peterborough v Bradford City | |
| H | Walsall v Newport | |