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KICK-OFF

WITH **ARTHUR APPLETON**

Even if Luton have a few more able players than Bury, I'll be surprised if they're as lively, as irrepressible, as the Bury lads were for most of the time on Wednesday. I say most, as I thought they drooped a little after Newcastle's final goal. To go behind for a third time can be a bit much.

It should be a fascinating second leg next week, with the goal lead and Bury's home record working for Newcastle, but the home fans having plenty to get excited about – such as a 1-0 result their way.

The changes Bill McGarry made up front were understandably drastic. There was a case for retaining Bobby Shinton – dropped with Ray Clarke, with a lad making his debut behind midfield. On the other hand the circumstances looked right for trying out Gary Nicholson again.

Bill Rafferty took his goals well. The first could go into illustrated textbooks on how to drive a highish ball low and well. That crowned a flowing movement which started when Frans Koenen lifted Bury's corner away out of the danger area for Alan Shoulder to control and set young Nicholson off.

Koenen had a nearer part in the third goal – his cross going unerringly to the head of Rafferty. Then there was his fine ball forward to Shoulder near to half-time when the upright was hit. Koenen's form was the development we expected after his good game against Leeds in the friendly. He now has to reproduce such displays in the Second Division game to confirm that he was a good signing. One would be surprised if he failed to do that.

Philip Leaver's contributions may not have amounted to much, but the lad certainly looks the part and when his strength and assurance begin to function well Newcastle could have another first team player.

With present-day coaching and training we shouldn't marvel, as we do, at the footballing ability of lower division sides. We've had sufficient proof to the contrary to show us that a Division Three or Four label doesn't mean dependable inferiority over ninety minutes.

Chester played beautifully here in the F.A. Cup early this year. And we've seen fine performances in that Cup from Peterborough and Fourth Division Torquay in the recent past.

Luton look to have assured themselves of F.L. Cup progress by winning 2-0 at Reading on Wednesday.



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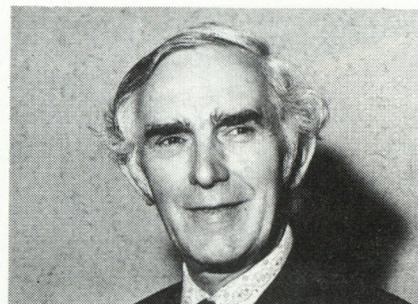
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David Moss and Brian Stein got their goals. Luton have won both the away games they've played. It doesn't sound much, yet few can equal the boast. In fact only Spurs can. Luton opened with a 2-1 win at West Ham – penalties from Moss, after being behind.

Steve White got the only goal in their home match with Watford, and Stein got their goal in the 2-1 home defeat by Derby County. So, it's three wins out of four for Luton. When they were here in May in the last match of last season – the one we thought could be a promotion decider – Bob Hatton looked as if he was going to get four goals in the first half, but he settled for two. Hatton usually has a good game up here, so maybe it's just as well we won't see him this season unless we draw Sheffield United in one of the Cups. He's rejoined his old boss, Harry Haslam, there.

Shoulder scored after three minutes in that last match – a depressing start for Alan Judge making his debut in the Luton goal, and Rafferty made it 2-2 in the second half. It was the match in which Peter Withe stayed behind in valedictory performance, letting us know publicly and for sure that he was taking his leave. He began and ended his games for United against Luton.

The League game at Luton last season in December was a 1-1 draw, which left Newcastle, playing well, on top of the table, with Luton, Leicester and Chelsea a point behind, and Sunderland five behind. Mick Martin's injury just before half-time was followed immediately by Luton's goal from Moss. Rafferty got the deserved equaliser. Luton are fancied for promotion because of last season when only their habit of drawing at home let them down. Their fall was gentler and later than United's – they hung about the top for a long time.

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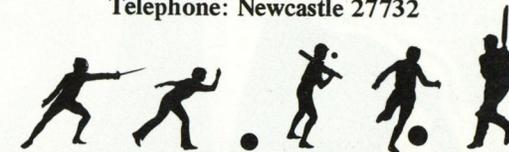
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MICK MARTIN

Today's match is a poignant one for the Newcastle United skipper as it was against Luton Town – on December 8th last – that Mick tore his medial ligament and put himself out of the game for so long. With his departure then, United's promotion push lost impetus. The good news is that he is back in training and hopes to be back in real action in the next few weeks. What a boost. For Mick and fans alike.

The smile on Bill Rafferty's face said it all. Emerging from the team dressing room on Wednesday evening, it really seemed that the frustrations of being labelled the goal-scorer who couldn't, had gone in 90 sweet minutes.

Rafferty – a nicer bloke there cannot be – has, on his own admission, had something of a nightmare period since he came to St. James'. No matter how he tried, the goals just would not come.

At the start of this season's campaign he had to fill in a midfield role. Now, restored to his natural striking role, his confidence has oozed back with one sweetly hit net-burster the other night, and another well executed goal to complete an excellent Shoulder-Koenen move.

"It was absolutely fantastic to see that first one fly in. I just hope it changes my luck," beamed

When most things are going against you on the park, it's nice to find at least one aspect of the green sward meriting special praise. And I echo numerous comments heard around St. James' Park this last fortnight as to how well the playing surface is looking.

To the uninitiated, the maintenance of professional sports grounds is a highly complex – and technical – operation. We are most fortunate in having a member of that dedicated but sadly dying, breed of groundsmen in Mr. John Somerville whose magnificent efforts during the close season are there for all to see. Members of this race keep their skills close to the chest, and ours is no exception. He would tell you, however, that the popular misconception of some supporters that the Park didn't need any fertiliser during the summer (since enough of its proverbial derivative had been played on it in the winter) is just not true! Ah, well....

As you will have seen, United have yet to escape the trial by television at away

FILE ON TWO

A WEEKLY LOOK AT UNITED'S INTERESTS – HOME AND AWAY

Bill. And whilst he is under no illusions about the second leg at Gigg Lane on Tuesday, at least he has proved to himself that the goal scoring ability that brought him so much success as far afield as Plymouth, is still there.

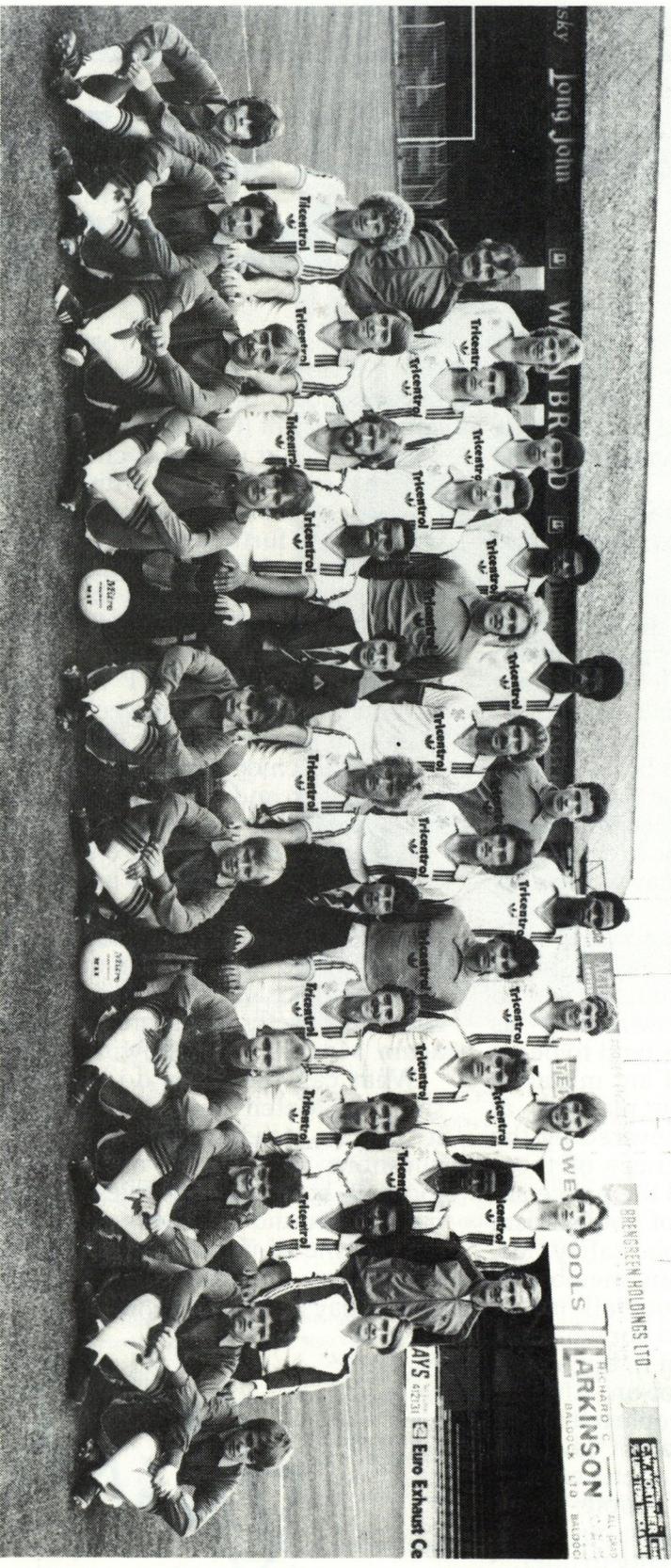
Whilst our own start to the season was reflected by Wednesday's attendance – when last did Newcastle United play in a Cup game in front of a four figure crowd – we can perhaps take comfort that we are most certainly not alone. That great English footballing institution, Manchester United, were playing First Division opposition in Coventry City, and yet only 31,000 attended that match. Did half of the city of Manchester know there was sure to be television coverage, or are the crowds even starting to desert the mightiest? Liverpool certainly got them off the streets in Bradford, though. If they went to see the impossible, they weren't disappointed.

grounds this season.... Hillsborough by the Beeb (short version) and Bolton by the ITV. Which brings me to suggest an element of surprise that we have yet to receive a letter at the Club about the new style presentation of the respective programmes, or their timings.

Personally, I liked the BBC's more informal presentation of their Match of the Day coverage, but not the time slot. The wives must be going berserk at having to put up with more professional BBC coverage relegated to Sunday afternoons. Roast beef, Yorkshires and Jimmy Hill gravy? No thanks. I preferred it late Saturday night. Even if it was through one eye.

Footnote to television coverage. ITV Wednesday – Manchester United versus Coventry. The commercial channels are currently very anti-sponsorship. Talbot did very well, I thought. One up to Jimmy.

LUTON TOWN



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JAKE FINDLAY

Luton's highest-ever fee for a goalkeeper changed hands when Scots-born Findlay was brought out of the shadows at Villa Park to be given the chance to prove that he is capable of winning international honours. He had been almost permanently in the reserves for nine years before he moved from Aston Villa to Luton for £100,000 in November 1978, but is now firmly established as one of the best goalkeepers in the Second Division.

ALAN JUDGE

Recruited from schoolboy soccer in Hertfordshire, Judge has the unenviable task of being understudy to Findlay. He joined Luton as an apprentice in 1976, and made his League debut at Newcastle last season.

PAUL PRICE

Club Captain, and Luton's longest serving player Price's career has had more than its share of ups and downs. As a defender he was marked out as something special as a schoolboy at Welwyn Garden City, in Hertfordshire and Luton had to move swiftly to sign him as an apprentice. He was on the verge of winning a place in the League side when he made his comeback, because he broke it for the second time a year later. Once more he fought back and has been one of Luton's most consistent Second Division players for the past five seasons. And his battle against adversity brought an extra bonus last summer when he became a Welsh International, qualifying for the country of his father's birth.

KIRK STEPHENS

Inside information in the hard world of non-league football enabled Luton Manager, David Pleat to snap up a young prospect who has since become the envy of several First Division Clubs. Stephens was happily playing as a part-timer at Nunneaton where Mr. Pleat was once Manager, when the Luton boss signed him in the summer of 1978 and pushed him straight into the Second Division. Quick in the tackle and ever willing to raid down the flanks, Stephens rapidly became a firm favourite at Kenilworth Road, collecting the supporters' Player of the Year Award in his first season.

MIKE SAXBY

Luton's record fee of £200,000 persuaded Mansfield to part with their star centre-half in the summer of 1979 - and every penny was money well spent so far as Luton were concerned. His consistency, particularly his strength in the air, was a major reason for Luton's ability to stay in the promotion race for so long last season, and at 22 he looks well set for a long career as a defensive kingpin.

MAL DONAGHY

Football supporters in Larne, in Northern Ireland, are still smarting over the loss of this elegant defender. Luton snapped him up for a bargain £20,000. Inexperienced and still only 20, he settled immediately into the Second Division and has developed into a versatile and thoughtful player. He made such good progress at Luton that he became a Northern Ireland International last summer.

RADOMIR ANTIC

Luton's first excursion into the European transfer market brought Antic - pronounced Anteesh - to this country with five Yugoslav International caps to his name. He had been playing for Zaragossa in Spain and there was a public outcry when they decided to let him go. Luton signed him for a token fee, just a few weeks after the 30-year-old defender had been chosen "Foreign player of the Year" by the Spanish soccer Press.

WAYNE TURNER

A place in Luton's League squad last season was just the reward for a player who has been nurtured at his home town Club since becoming an apprentice in 1977. He is happy in midfield or defence, and is one of the youngsters at Kenilworth Road putting increasing pressure on the established names for a regular place in the Luton side.

TONY GREALISH

Fans and officials of Orient were convinced that they had been robbed when Luton swooped to sign their midfield star in the summer of 1979. An Eire International, he took advantage of freedom of contract to insist on a change of Club, and no-one was too surprised when Orient slapped a £350,000 price-tag on him. By taking the case to a tribunal Luton had the fee cut to £150,000 and it has looked a bigger bargain with each appearance the player makes.

ALAN WEST

Now one of the most experienced players on Luton's books, West played his 250th League game for the Hatters last season - against Burnley, where he began his career. Luton paid £100,000 in 1973 and West has been their midfield inspiration ever since. An England under-23 International, he almost went to Sunderland from Turf Moor. They claimed he was not fit enough but Luton had no doubts and their confidence has been more than justified by West's consistency.

RICKY HILL

West Ham, famous for liking players of skill and flair, had their eye on schoolboy Hill in North London when he was still only 14. His midfield elegance and explosive shooting made him outstanding at schoolboy level but Luton beat the Hammers to sign him and gave him his League debut in 1976, when he was still only 17. He scored on his debut and has been regularly on target ever since.

DAVID MOSS

Fans often argue about which signing was a Manager's best and the long list of candidates at Luton has to include Moss very near the top. He had spent nine years in the Third Division with Swindon when Luton bought him for £110,000 in the summer of 1978. A quicksilver winger, with the ability to cross a ball accurately from either flank, he soon made his mark with Luton. He was their leading scorer in each of his first two seasons with them and started this campaign with the 100 League goal mark well in view - he notched 60 for Swindon and 37 in his first two terms as a Luton player.

BRIAN STEIN

An inspired move for a player Luton fans had never heard of, transformed life for a 20-year-old centre forward in October 1977. Brian Stein was a local health authority clerk enjoying non-League football with Edgware Town in North London when Luton persuaded him to try his luck as a full-time pro. He made his debut within a month and his sharpness in the box and quick ball control has made him a regular ever since.

TODAY'S LINE-UP

1. Jake Findlay
2. Kirk Stephens
3. Mal Donaghy
4. Tony Grealish
5. Mike Saxby
6. Paul Price
7. Ricky Hill
8. Brian Stein
9. Frank Bunn
10. Radomir Antic
11. David Moss
- 12.



Law and Order - who pays

A letter which appeared in the Journal last Wednesday, from a Mr. C. Harper of Durham criticized the use of police time at football matches and stated that "if true fans really must go to these matches then I am afraid they must accept the consequences and not expect police aid which is being paid for by the general public."

Excuse me Mr. Harper but you have got it wrong, because it is not the tax payers money that foots the enormous bill for police attendance at football matches, but the Clubs themselves. I think most clubs will admit that its a bill they accept although do not agree with because, let's face it, until all events - the Notting Hill Carnival is just one prime recent example - are charged out to their respective organisers I think the clubs have reason for disagreement.

Mr. Harper also asks why police are not required at cricket, tennis, bowling, rugby and swimming matches. I think that we can discount bowling and swimming as attendances at those events tend to be on the small side but unless I am mistaken cricket, tennis and rugby matches at professional level are all covered by the police. Like us the organisers of these sports will foot the bill and the police are employed not just in case of hooliganism but in the interests of public safety. Mr. Harper's suggestion that any member of the public attending a football match should not expect police aid, for whatever reason you may place upon it, but accept the consequences is just not on. After all there are still reasonable people left in this world who expect and accept law and order. No disrespect Mr. Harper, I am sure that you are one of those people. By all means knock the hooligans but don't knock football it still has plenty to offer.

One question that has crossed my mind on several occasions since the introduction of players freedom of contract is will it be the end of a breed of players known as "good club men". The past has served us up with several, for example, David Craig, Ian McFaul going back even further (sorry lads) Jackie Milburn, Joe Harvey, players that stuck with their clubs through thick and thin with no thoughts of "making a few bob" by moving on.

Today's set up will I think have a tremendous effect on the week in week out, season in season out one club player that we used to enjoy, knowing that we had a good player and a basis upon which to build a team for the future.

But now many players prefer to sign one, or perhaps if the Club is lucky two year contracts so that at the end of that period they are able to move on, snap up a signing on fee with a new club on another short term contract and then one or two years later do exactly the same thing all over again. Modern day Bedowins no less.

What can the clubs do to keep some stability? Match the new clubs offer? Beat it? By a steady youth policy? These questions need to be answered before football becomes a faceless game. The merry go round of players will make each season one of uncertainty for every club because we all face the same problem - here today gone tomorrow men.

Football fans will forever argue on the merits and misgivings of managers. Some were born to succeed - Brian Clough is a prime example - others were destined to sink or swim.

Joe Mercer, that patriarch of managers, has always been one of my favourites. He was a man with a ready smile, a certain smile, in victory or adversity. A true philosopher and one of football's rare poets when it came to analysing a match or a magic moment.

Bill Shankly, a master of the extravagant tribute, radiated cocky confidence and was a dream after-match summariser for any reporter bereft of good angles or smart copy.

Alf Ramsey had an icy genius for imparting as little as possible. He would summarily dismiss your question as totally irrelevant or rebut any slick remark that suggested any irreverence. All were highly successful managers in a tough, competitive profession.

Among the younger breed you could not fail to be impressed by Ron Atkinson, a Soccer showman with a big, extrovert personality; quiet-spoken Liverpool maestro Bob Paisley - a man who let his record do the talking - or Forest supremo Brian Clough, who let his distinct distance lend enchantment to his charisma.

BOBBY ROBSON

But for me Bobby Robson takes pride of place simply because he has worked a minor miracle at Ipswich in the last decade and has few peers in the art of man management.

Last October Ipswich were floundering at the foot of the First Division. The rumours were rife that there was deep discontent at Portman Road.

Several established players in the side were clearly below form, fans were ctical and Robson faced the biggest crisis in his 11 year career as Ipswich boss.

But Robson has a bulldog tenacity for holding on in such situations. Slowly, but surely, the results started to come. The confidence came surging back and Ipswich went sprinting up the table to pip Arsenal for a coveted place in Europe last season

He is an intensely ambitious man and part of those early-season troubles were sparked off when his name had been freely linked with Sunderland.

But that came as no surprise. In the past Leeds, Everton and Derby had all tried to lure him away from Portman Road. Ipswich responded by giving him a ten year contract. Then last season mighty Barcelona tried to prise him away with a mammoth offer that was finally blocked by the Ipswich board.

Ipswich had no intention of parting with one of the best managers in the business and he was rewarded



ROBSON

with a testimonial match to prove their loyalty.

SUCCESS

Robson has played a telling part in Ipswich's growing emergence as a First Division power. He has bought and sold shrewdly, backed his players and his board and given the fans of this quiet East Anglian market town the sort of success demanded in Liverpool, Manchester and London.

When he first came to Ipswich he quickly sorted out player problems and launched an enormously successful youth scheme.

When he was forced to sell mid-field star Brian Talbot to Arsenal for a record £450,000 fee, he quickly replaced him with Dutch ace Frans Thissen and still showed a neat £250,000 profit on the deal.

He once described Ipswich's phenomenal rise as a steady evolution

rather than a startling revolution. Robson can't afford to compete for the £1 million player at a club where gates average around 20,000. He must use his resources wisely.

Says Robson: "Obviously, we cannot compete financially with teams like Liverpool, Manchester United or Manchester City. We haven't got the gates; we haven't got the chimney pots.

"Ipswich is a small town with a population of 120,000. How can you compete on level terms with the Manchesters, Liverpools and Birminghams who draw their support from millions? We're out of the contest geographically. If you go 11 miles east of Portman Road you are in the North Sea. We can't expect the fish to support us, can we?"

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GOAL POST

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Dear Sir,
I am writing to complain about two things. Firstly, when is the ground redevelopment programme going to be finished and why are Newcastle United spending a fortune on an electronic scoreboard when cash is desperately needed for new players?

One thing to praise you on however is the new style match magazine which I find is a lot more interesting than the old ones. Here's looking forward to the First Division and who knows....

Ian Field (16), 'Woodrising' 22 Durham Moor Crescent, Durham Moor.

I can't answer your question about the ground redevelopment, Ian. However, I can tell you that United are not actually buying the scoreboard.... their sponsors, Scottish and Newcastle Beer (North) Limited are kindly doing that. Your comments about the new programme are appreciated... so much so, that if you contact the Club, they will give you a free seat for the next home game, since our friend in the United States might not be able to make it! Editor.

Dear Sir,
I am writing in the hope that I might be able to establish a pen friendship with a supporter of your club. We would also like to exchange programmes of your club, and some of the NASL soccer teams over here.

My sons and I have become followers of the Football League through taped highlights of matches broadcast here in the USA on television, and we find the action enjoyable and a thrill to be able to watch. The artistry of the players is far above the average NASL team that we see and I consider it a privilege to be able to see these games.

Michael Graff, 7925 West Drive, Miami Beach, Florida 33141, USA.

I hope someone will take up with Mr. Graff's offer re. the programme swap, and exchange of letters. Note of caution, however - NASL programmes are huge and the postage bill might frighten our friend! Editor.

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PAUL JOANNOU'S Memory Lane

A TRIP BACK TO HIGHLIGHT A GAME GONE BY WITH TODAY'S VISITORS.

United's start to Second Division football for the 1961/62 season after being relegated was anything but good. They had won on only two occasions out of the first nine fixtures before Luton arrived on Tyneside during September. The defence was pretty sound with two youngsters, George Dalton and George Heslop, attracting the attentions of the Under 23 selectors, but in the attack it was a different matter with Lennie White, for years the mainstay up front, losing confidence and no-one seemingly could replace his brilliant play scoring goals. Len was not finished yet though as he was about to show in this match. The two sides that afternoon were:

United: Hollins; McKinney, McMichael; Neale, Heslop, Dalton; Hughes, Hale, White, Allchurch, Tuohy.

Luton: Baynham; McNally, Bramwell; Morton, Cope, Groves; Walden, Ashworth, Turner, McGuffie, Fleming.

The spirited display that United turned on was even more welcome for during the previous week there had been much dressing-room discontent when ace schemer, and cornerstone of the side, Ivor Allchurch protested

strongly against the refusal of the Manager and Board to allow him to play for Wales in the coming International. He asked to be relieved of the Captaincy with local lad, Bill McKinney taking over.

United however, despite their problems, swept Luton aside with ease, a side on a dramatic decline following a fine period in the First Division. The Hatters forwards and midfield men raced around in circles getting nowhere fast and United keeper Dave Hollins was rarely bothered apart from their consolation goal scored by McGuffie late into the second half when the game was totally beyond their reach.

Irish left-winger Liam Tuohy was given the freedom of the Park and caused Luton mounting problems as the first-half progressed. He gained a corner after only five minutes which resulted in a poor clearance straight to the feet of Allchurch ten yards out and the powerful Welshman didn't miss chances like that. Luton, as the press reported, "descended into the direst confusion."

Allchurch tried again and narrowly missed while the galloping Gordon Hughes was sent clear but fired wide.

PLAYER FROM THE PAST

Alf McMichael ranks high amongst United's many fine full-backs, in his 14 seasons at Gallowgate he more than witheld the tradition the Club holds in that department and earned a first class reputation as an artistic, classy defender always able to raise his game for the big occasion. Only two players have appeared in more League affairs with the Club, his 401 appearances is a proud total.

It was back in September 1949 when Alf, as a raw Irish youngster, arrived on Tyneside for the first time along with George Hannah after a double signing from Irish club Linfield by Stan Seymour. The fee was £23,000, quite a sum in those days, but both players proved that Seymour's judgement was astute as ever. Throughout his stay at

St. James' Park Alf was, as Seymour put it, "A gentleman of the game," he was a member of the 1952 Cup winning side and unluckily missed the 1951 Final through injury.

McMichael also earned himself 40 caps for Northern Ireland, captain in many games and United's most capped player by far. Probably his greatest honour, apart from skipping both club and country, was when he appeared for the rest of the United Kingdom side to play Wales in December 1951, a rare achievement for any player.

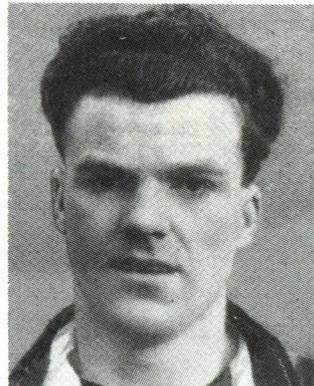
Alf called it a day during the summer of 1961 when well into his thirties. He joined South Shields as manager and later returned to his homeland looking after the affairs of Bangor. That was in

The balding head of winger Hughes though was soon back when almost half way through the first period he raced 20 yards in typical style to head past ex-England keeper Ron Baynham to give Newcastle a 2-0 lead.

By half-time United should have been six goals in front, White tried a 25 yarder off the line; but then Ken Hale, later to star in the lower Divisions, found the net with an excellent opportunist goal racing for an awkward bouncing ball and beating all defenders in his path to make it 3-0.

After the interval events took a similar pattern with Luton still displaying football only fit for the Town Moor. Terrace favourite Len White ended the 4-1 rout, and stole the show in the process with a beauty taken in his typical style. Receiving a long pass from Alf McMichael he swerved at speed past two or three Luton defenders and hit a fine shot into the net from just inside the box. The joy on White's face was unmistakable, he left far higher in the air than the goal warranted sensing that he was on the way back, as did the 22,418 present who had waited all afternoon for that moment of White magic.

October 1971, the last we heard of Alf was that he still is a "gentleman as ever."



Alf McMichael

Any Questions

PAUL JOANNOU ANSWERS YOUR QUERIES ON UNITED'S PAST AND PRESENT.

'WEST STAND'

Continuing with W. SWANN'S interesting questions on St. James' Park in our last issue i.e., "When was the notorious slope levelled and when was the West Stand built?"

It is recorded that at the very outset the playing surface at St. James' park had a drop of just over 18 foot from the Leazes to Gallowgate goal! Obviously this created many problems during the early years and when eventually United reached League status it was an essential that this was rectified. Minor upgrading had taken place during the years prior to entry to the League in 1893 but problems still existed and the local press in February 1899 speculated that the Club was searching for a new ground so bad was the state of the surface and ground accomodation. As it was United stayed put, and during the summer of that year major improvements took place including a car-park (not the existing one), fencing, new dressing-rooms, providing an earth bank terrace on the Leazes heath side of the ground and most important of all, a new stand on the Barrack Road border.... the forerunner of the present West Stand. Part still dates back to those very early days but it has since seen many alterations and additions. The capacity was then 30,000 but it had risen to 52,000 by 1905 when the West Stand as we see it virtually today had been newly completed.

'WHO'S WHO'

An enquiry from JOHN SUTHERLAND of N. TYNESIDE regarding news that there will be a 'Newcastle United Who's Who' forthcoming shortly as a follow up to the 'History of Newcastle' currently available at £2-50.

Well, that is correct, this text is all complete but it will not be in the bookstalls for some time, probably next season or to coincide with United's Centenary in 1982. It should be a fascinating book, a detailed biography on every United League player since 1893 plus those unknown 'East Enders', some 600 plus players.

If you wish to know any facts on United's history, the Club in general, or information on your favourite player drop us a line at... 'ANY QUESTIONS' Newcastle Football Club Programme, St. James' Park, Newcastle Upon Tyne.

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UNITED v BURY

1. Billy Rafferty opened the scoring with this superb 20 yard drive....
2. and headed the winner in the 67th minute.
3. Gary Nicholson eludes the Bury defence to get in his cross.
4. Frans Koenen is just beaten to the ball by the Bury defence.

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This afternoon we welcome Luton Town to St. James' Park for our first Saturday home fixture of the season. After the disappointing (to say the least) start to the season here's hoping the team can pull off a much needed victory.

On Tuesday 2nd September it is the second leg of the League Cup game against Bury. The coaches will depart from MORDEN STREET at 3 p.m. and NOT 2 p.m. as previously stated and return immediately after the match. The fare is £4.00.

Despite the poor start to the season our souvenir sales continue to flourish. We have available a Newcastle name scarf, Alan Shoulder scarf, a Magpie scarf, bob hats, trays, flasks, holdalls, key-rings, sweat bands and a host of other items. We also have available a wide range of international and League programmes including last Saturday's game at Bolton. Also available is the book the History of Newcastle United, at a cost of £2.50.

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Membership has grown rapidly with enrolments from all parts of the country. The membership book contains this season's fixtures, travel information and last season's playing statistics. The subscription is still only 50p and you can join by calling at the Prudhoe Place Shop.

Finally, despite the gloom and the League "crisis" it was good to hear the crowd get behind the team against Notts County with plenty of encouragement. Let's carry on getting behind the team with plenty of vocal support and a win today and next week against Cardiff will go a long way in putting the "crisis" behind us. "Haway the lads."

NEWCASTLE STATISTICS 1980/81

		Competition	Result	Attendance	Points	Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	O.G.
S Indicates Substituted																			
b Indicates Booked Player																			
1980 Aug. 16	Sheffield Wed.	A	L	0-2	26164	0	-	Carr	Kelly	Davies	C'wright	Boam	Carney d	Rafferty	Shinton	Clarke	Wharton	Koenen*	Hibbitt
Aug. 20	Notts County	H	L	1-1	17249	1	-	Carr	Kelly	Davies	Shldr 1	Boam	Barton	Rafferty	Shinton	Clarke	Wharton	Koenen*	C'wright
Aug. 23	Bolton Wan.	A	L	0-4	11835	1	22	Carr*	Kelly	Davies	Shoulder	Boam	Barton	Rafferty	Shinton	Clarke	Wharton	Koenen s	C'wright
Aug. 27	Bury LC2. 1L.	H	C	3-2	9,069	-	-	Carr	Kelly	Davies	Barton	Boam	Leaver	Koenen	Hibbitt	Shldr 1	Rafferty 2	Nicholson	C'wright
Aug. 30	Luton Town	H	L																
Sept. 3	Bury LC2. 2L.	A	C																
Sept. 6	Cardiff	H	L																
Sept. 13	Q.P.R.	A	L																
Sept. 20	Oldham	H	L																
Sept. 23	League Cup 3		C																
Sept. 27	Bristol Rovers	A	L																
Oct. 4	West Ham	H	L																
Oct. 7	Preston N.E.	A	L																
Oct. 11	Bristol City	A	L																
Oct. 18	Swansea City	H	L																
Oct. 22	Shrewsbury	H	L																
Oct. 25	Chelsea	A	L																
Oct. 29	League Cup 4		C																
Nov. 1	Watford	H	L																
Nov. 8	Cambridge	A	L																
Nov. 11	Notts Co.	A	L																
Nov. 15	Sheffield Wed.	H	L																
Nov. 22	Wrexham FAC1	H	L																
Nov. 29	Orient	A	L																
Dec. 3	League Cup 5		C																
Dec. 6	Blackburn	H	L																
Dec. 13	Swansea C. 2	A	L																
Dec. 20	Bristol City	H	L																
Dec. 26	Grimsby	A	L																
Dec. 27	Derby Co.	H	L																
1981 Jan. 3	FA Cup 3		C																
Jan. 10	Wrexham	A	L																
Jan. 14	League Cup SF. 1L		C																
Jan. 17	Luton Town	A	L																
Jan. 24	FA Cup 4		L																
Jan. 31	Bolton Wand.	H	L																
Feb. 7	Q.P.R.	H	L																
Feb. 11	League Cup SF. 2L		C																
Feb. 14	Cardiff 5	A	L																
Feb. 21	Bristol Rov.	H	L																
Feb. 28	Oldham	A	L																
Mar. 7	West Ham 6	A	L																
Mar. 14	Preston LCF	H	L																
Mar. 21	Shrewsbury	A	L																
Mar. 28	Chelsea	H	L																
Apr. 4	Watford	A	L																
Apr. 11	Cambridge SF	H	L																
Apr. 18	Derby Co.	A	L																
Apr. 20	Grimsby Town	H	L																
Apr. 25	Blackburn	A	L																
May 2	Orient	H	L																
May 9	FA Cup Final		C																

END OF SEASON STATISTICS 1979 / 80.

League Appearances (figures in parenthesis indicate total League appearances to date)
 Hardwick 41 (81), Shoulder 40 (64), Brownlie 38 (72)
 Boam 38 (38), Withe 37 (76), Davies 36 (36),
 Hibbitt 34 (212), Cartwright 33 (33), Barton 32 (67),
 Cassidy 29 (170), Martin 19 (42), Rafferty 19 (19),
 Walker 11 (43), Carney 10 (10), Shinton 10 (10),
 Bird 9 (84), Connolly 8 (42), Mitchell 6 (43), Ferguson
 4 (4), Cropley 3 (3), Pearson 2 (11), Nicholson 1 (6),
 Wharton 1 (1), Carr 1 (18).

League Goals (figures in parenthesis indicate total League goals to date)
 Shoulder 20 (31), Withe 11 (25), Cassidy 6 (22),
 Rafferty 4 (4), Cartwright 3 (3), Connolly 2 (10),
 Barton 2 (4), Hibbitt 2 (9), Shinton 1 (1), Davies 1 (1),
 Ferguson 1 (1).

Close Season Transfers.
 Peter Withe to Aston Villa £500,000.
 Tommy Cassidy to Burnley £30,000.
 Stuart Robinson to Aldershot on a 'free'.
 John Bird to Hartlepool on a 'free'.
 Ray Clarke to United from Brighton £140,000.
 Chris Waddel to United from Tow Law.
 Frans Koenen to United from Nijmegen £80,000.

Pre-Season Friendly Results.
 20th July Solvesborgs A 0-0
 22nd July Oskarshams ATK A 3-0 Clarke, Rafferty, Davies.
 24th July Trelle Borgs A 1-1 Shinton.
 26th July Hoor IS A 1-2 Brownlie.
 28th July Tormelilla A 3-0 Cartwright, Rafferty, Montgomerie.
 6th Aug. Hearts A 1-1 Shinton.
 9th Aug. Leeds United H 2-2 Davies (pen), Rafferty.

RESERVE AND JUNIOR TOPICS

The opening Central League fixtures have certainly brought quite a few big names to Gallowgate. Firstly **Manchester United** included England star Ray Wilkins, recovering from injury and also Andy Ritchie, the young striker who cannot get into the Old Trafford first team. For United Chris Waddle, signed from Tow Law in the close season made his debut up front in this side:-

Hardwick; Halliday, Withe; Leaver, Mitchell, Barton; Miller, Suggett, Nicholson, Waddle, Connolly. sub Montgomerie.

Fresh from their ruthless destruction of the Northern League sides in the pre-season games, Uniteds reserve eleven could have continued their fine series of wins but for some poor finishing in front of goal. Early on Waddle, Connolly and Nicholson all shot wide and young Mark Miller on the wing created all sorts of problems for the visitors. However with the class of Andy Ritchie up front for Manchester they possessed the striker who could finish. He netted direct from a free-kick bending the ball round the wall and then later into the game rounded Hardwick to score another fine goal. Certainly Ritchie is far too good to be displaying his skills before a couple of hundred Central League followers.

Last week Manchester's other side, **Manchester City** included Polish World Cup hero Kasma Deyna in their line up together with 'keeper Keith McCrae who almost joined United during the summer. Again United missed several chances and they paid the penalty for City found the net with a cross shot from Kinsay midway through the second half. Newcastle's opening attacks, well prompted by Collin Suggett and Terry Hibbitt, looked promising but then Suggett was carried off with a bad leg injury and United folded. Their side was:-

Hardwick; Halliday, Withe; Suggett, Mitchell, Haddock; Montgomerie, Leaver, Nicholson, Waddle, Hibbitt. sub. Walker.

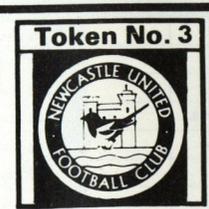
The Magpies opening junior game resulted in a 4-0 victory away to **Hull City**. Centre-forward Paul Grigg grabbed a hat-trick in this excellent display and it looks as though the juniors are starting where they left off last season which is promising for the future. Derek Bell, new apprentice pro this season had a fine game and looks a good prospect, he scored the sides other goal. Peter Haddock was outstanding in defence too, the side was:-

Smith; Charlton, Saunders; McDonagh, Haddock, Hedworth; Hall, Bell, Grigg, Dunbar, Reay. Subs Smith, Hutton.

Another away trip followed, this time to **Sheffield Wednesdays** junior ground. Grigg, Reay and Gary Walton with two goals, all netting.

Uniteds fourth team, the associated schoolboy side, started the season in a marvellous manner by hammering Peggwood by the tune of 13-0. It was their first game in the East Northumberland junior League, they could well have quite a season.

Tokens should be saved and fixed on to the Official Token Sheet



THE NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

SEASON 1979/80.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Middlesbrough	30	20	7	3	69	22	47
Newcastle United	30	20	5	5	76	37	45
Lincoln City	30	13	10	7	64	39	36
Leeds United	30	15	5	10	59	38	35
Barnsley	30	15	4	11	50	39	34
Hull City	30	15	3	12	38	29	33
Chesterfield	30	11	11	8	48	43	33
York City	30	14	5	11	50	48	33
Sunderland	30	13	5	12	45	45	31
Sheffield Wednesday	30	12	3	15	59	61	27
Huddersfield Town	30	11	5	14	34	54	27
Rotherham United	30	10	7	13	35	49	27
Hartlepool United	30	9	5	16	36	47	23
Grimsby Town	30	7	9	14	33	56	23
Scunthorpe United	30	5	7	18	35	78	17
Doncaster Rovers	30	1	7	22	24	70	9

CENTRAL LEAGUE

SEASON 1979/80 FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	42	21	14	7	92	46	56
Coventry City	42	23	9	10	96	57	55
Nottingham Forest	42	22	10	10	69	44	54
Manchester United	42	20	13	9	70	46	53
West Bromwich Albion	42	18	15	9	73	49	51
Everton	42	20	10	12	73	46	50
Wolverhampton Wanderers	42	21	8	13	70	46	50
Aston Villa	42	16	15	11	59	47	47
Burnley	42	18	10	14	46	49	46
Manchester City	42	15	15	12	62	56	45
Derby County	42	14	16	12	59	57	44
Sheffield Wednesday	42	18	7	17	68	61	43
Stoke City	42	11	17	14	45	49	39
Blackpool	42	13	12	17	60	68	38
Huddersfield Town	42	14	10	18	58	66	38
Newcastle United	42	14	10	18	41	55	38
Blackburn Rovers	42	14	7	21	60	85	35
Bury	42	13	8	21	49	86	34
Preston North End	42	10	11	21	42	69	31
Leeds United	42	9	9	24	47	75	27
Bolton Wanderers	42	8	10	24	45	75	26
Sheffield United	42	7	10	25	47	99	24

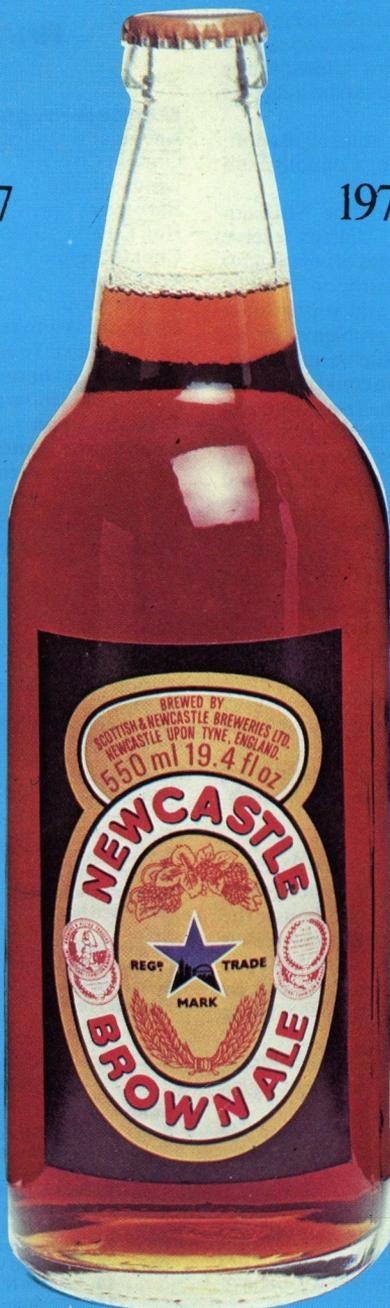
CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 1980/81

1980	Aug. 16 -Manchester Utd. (H)	Dec. 9 -Bolton W. (A)
	23 -Manchester City (H)	13 -Bury (H)
	27 -Stoke City (H)	20 -Sheffield Wed. (A)
Sept. 9 -Wolves (A)	1981	
13 -Leeds United (H)	Jan. 10 -Coventry (H)	
17 -Blackpool (A)	17 -Wolves. (H)	
27 -Stoke City (H)	31 -Manchester City (A)	
29 -Derby County (A)	Feb. 7 -Leeds United	

Home and Away

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1. KEVIN CARR
2. PETER KELLY
3. IAN DAVIES
4. ALAN SHOULDER
5. STUART BOAM
6. STEVE CARNEY
7. BOBBY SHINTON
8. GARY NICHOLSON
9. RAY CLARKE
10. TERRY HIBBITT
11. FRANS KOENEN
- 12.

THE REFEREE TODAY IS

TERRY L. MORRIS
(LEEDS)

Started refereeing in 1957 in Rotherham then continued via local leagues to the Northern Premier League and then the Football League List. Linesman for European Cup Winners Cup in 1976, refereed the North League Champions v Southern League Champions in 1976, and the Anglo-Italian competition in 1977.

LUTON TOWN

1. JAKE FINDLAY
2. KIRK STEPHENS
3. MAL DONAGHY
4. TONY GREALISH
5. MIKE SAXBY
6. PAUL PRICE
7. RICKY HILL
8. BRIAN STEIN
9. FRANK BUNN
10. RADOMIR ANTIC
11. DAVID MOSS
- 12.

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A	Arsenal v Tottenham H.	
B	Aston Villa v Coventry	
C	Leeds v Leicester	
D	Liverpool v Norwich	
E	Manchester Utd. v Sunderland	
F	Middlesbrough v Man. City	
G	Nottm. Forest v Stoke	
H	Southampton v Birmingham	

BOARD B

A	Blackburn v Shrewsbury	
B	Chelsea v Q.P.R.	
C	Derby v Bolton	
D	Sheffield Wed. v Preston N.E.	
E	Swansea v Cambridge Utd.	
F	Watford v Bristol City	
G	West Ham Utd. v Notts Co.	
H	Wrexham v Oldham	

BOARD C

A	Barnsley v Sheffield Utd.	
B	Blackpool v Portsmouth	
C	Carlisle v Newport	
D	Charlton v Burnley	
E	Millwall v Chester	
F	Rotherham v Huddersfield	
G	Hartlepool v Doncaster	
H	Berwick v Aberdeen	