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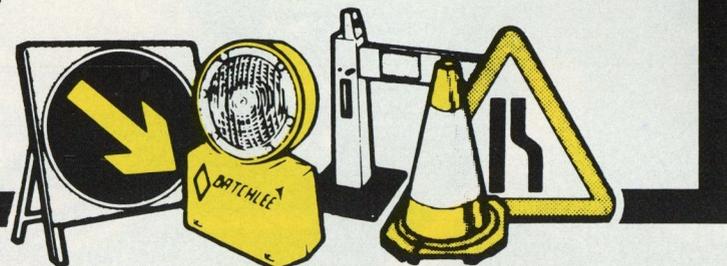
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MANAGER David Pleat was pitchforked into Luton Town's hot seat after dramatic upheavals at Kenilworth Road and many soccer critics believed he had been landed with one of the hardest jobs in the game.

He had been reserve team coach barely a month before he stepped up into the top job after Harry Haslam left in the Spring of 1978.

Pleat's experience in non-league management with Nuneaton stood him in good stead and he had the advantage of being a fully qualified coach.

But he was faced with the daunting task of revitalising a club which had not got over the shock of winning promotion and then being relegated in one season.

The young manager bravely broke up the side he inherited and the major rebuilding work brought a scare or two as Luton went perilously close to Second Division relegation in Pleat's first half-season.

But all the hard work paid off last year as Luton were consistent front-runners despite being tipped by Fleet Street as

likely candidates for the drop.

Luton learned to live with the new experience of pressure at the top and although they just failed to hold on to one of the coveted top three places, Pleat was happy with the progress made with a young team.

Their start to this campaign has been rather disappointing in comparison but Pleat's side is beginning to string a few good results together.

Luton's highest-ever fee for a goalkeeper

changed hands when they tempted Aston Villa to part with Scots-born Jake Findlay. His chances at Villa Park were limited but he quickly became an established Second Division player when Luton signed him.

Alan Judge was recruited from school-boy soccer in Hertfordshire and he has the unenviable task of being understudy to Findlay.

Club captain Paul Price is Luton's longest serving player but he's had his fair share of ups and downs. He broke his leg twice in the space of 12 months and then won his battle against adversity by becoming a Welsh international last summer.

Full-back Kirk Stephens made a remarkable transition from part-time footballer with Nuneaton Borough to full-time professional at Kenilworth Road after signing in the summer of 1978. He went straight into the first team and was immediately voted the club's Player-of-the-Year.

One of Pleat's first moves after becoming manager was to pay £50,000 to Newport County for defender Mark Aizlewood. But increasing competition for places last season meant that this Welsh under-21 international always had to battle for his chances in the team.

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Central defender Mick Saxby cost Luton a record £200,000 from Mansfield and his consistency was a major reason for the Club's good form last season.

There were many disappointed managers all over Britain when Luton nipped in to pick up Mal Donaghy from Larne in Northern Ireland for a bargain fee of £15,000. He made such good progress at Kenilworth Road that he won an international cap last summer.

The "Hatters" first excursion into the European transfer market brought

Radomir Antic to this country from Yugoslavia where he has won five caps for his country.

For youngster Wayne Turner a place in the first team squad was just reward for some dedicated work in the reserve ranks and a bright future is expected of this midfield player.

Eire international Tony Grealish played over 200 League games for Orient before moving to Kenilworth Road for £150,000.

Hard-tackling midfield player

Pasquale Fuccillo, who is known as "Lil", worked his way through the club ranks but a broken leg out this skilful, hard-tackling midfield player out of action for six months. He is now back to peak fitness.

Luton rely heavily on Alan West, one of their most experienced players. He played his 250th League game for the "Hatters" last season against Burnley where he began his career.

Ricky Hill's midfield elegance and explosive shooting made him an outstanding player during his school days and Luton did themselves a power of good by beating West Ham in the race for his signature.

Having given sterling service to Swindon for nine years, winger David Moss proved more than capable of upsetting Second Division defences after his £110,000 move to Luton.

The progress of striker Brian Stein reads like something out of a boy's comic. He was a local health authority clerk and playing non-league soccer when he was spotted by Luton. Within a month of joining the club he had made his League debut and rapidly became an established first team player.

Luton paid Bristol Rovers £175,000 to secure the services of front-runner Steve White while Godfrey Ingram is a product of the youth policy.

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... what I look for when considering if a player meets my requirements ...



Recently the Club has been linked with a number of players as regards possible transfers, and therefore I thought it might be of interest to supporters to know what I look for when considering whether a player meets my requirements or not.

In the first instance, I look for a player who ALWAYS AFFECTS THE GAME. By this, I do not just mean his play when in possession of the ball. When you take into account that in any one game no player on either side has the ball in his possession for more than an overall total time of 3 to 3½ minutes, then it follows there are other aspects to his performance.

Secondly, I look for the player who can make others look better. This is the type of player who is often described as a players player.

He doesn't go seeking the glory all the time. He is the type of person who helps, provides, serves—call it what you like—but the team functions better, both as individuals and as a whole, because of this type of player's performance.

The third factor that goes to make a

good player is the one who competes well in all situations.

We have all seen the player who does well when the team is playing well, but is one of the first to "disappear" when things get a bit tough.

A player can be judged a good competitor in more ways than simple physical contact. The striker who doesn't pass the buck, but goes in for his shot everytime it's on. The forward who will take defenders on, rather than take the easy way out. The midfield man who is prepared to "make" things happen, rather than "let" them happen. The defender who will tighten up on a forward rather than give him space to play the ball where he wants. These are the competitors, these are the players who take responsibility.

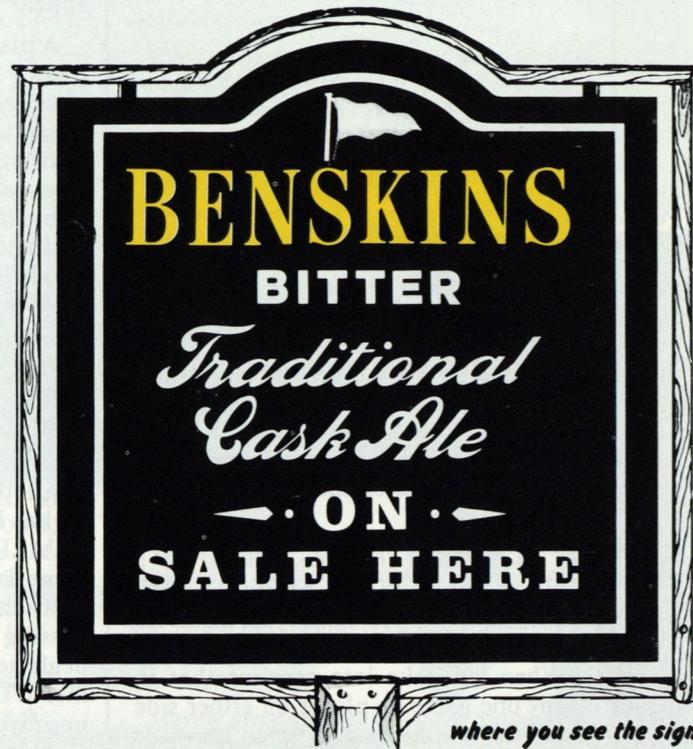
Another factor in assessing a player is, has he got a HIGH RANGE AND QUALITY TECHNIQUE. Today's game is often played at such a pace that the standard of control and passing of the ball, has been neglected. The need for results has meant that less time has been spent on improving ball playing techniques, and yet the player who can make the ball "do as it is told" is of immense value to any team.

Finally, I look for the player with a DECEPTIVE CHANGE OF PACE. This is the player who can make things happen when nothing is on. He glides past people, he changes pace with apparently no effort, he presents problems to the opposition because they can never be sure about him.

If you can put those five factors together then for me you have a good player. There are many players with some of them, but not many with all.

Graham Taylor

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It could have been more last Saturday! Malcolm Poskett comes close in the Bolton game to adding to his 12 goal tally so far this season.





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DON'T forget to wear your colours to all our games, like Ross Jenkins, Steve Harrison, Luther Blissett and Eric Steele. All the gear worn by the footballers is available in the Club Shop now.

DON'T forget to visit our new Club Shop which was officially opened by Graham Taylor and the team on 23rd October. From now until Christmas new stock is arriving daily so keep popping in.

Football League Cup Fifth Round
2nd December, 1980. Kick-off 7.45 pm

WATFORD v. COVENTRY CITY

Season Ticket Holders

Season Ticket Holders do not have to apply for tickets for this match. All they do is produce their Season Ticket Book on the night at the usual turnstiles. Loose tickets will not be accepted.

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These tickets will go on sale at 9 am, tomorrow 12th November. Seats will be available in A/B at £3.00, West Enclosure at £2.00 and the West Stand at £2.50. Tickets will be limited to two per person.

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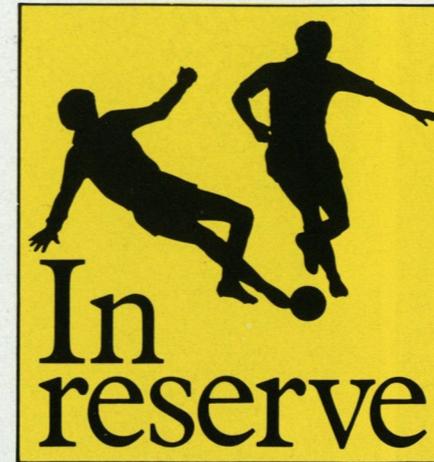
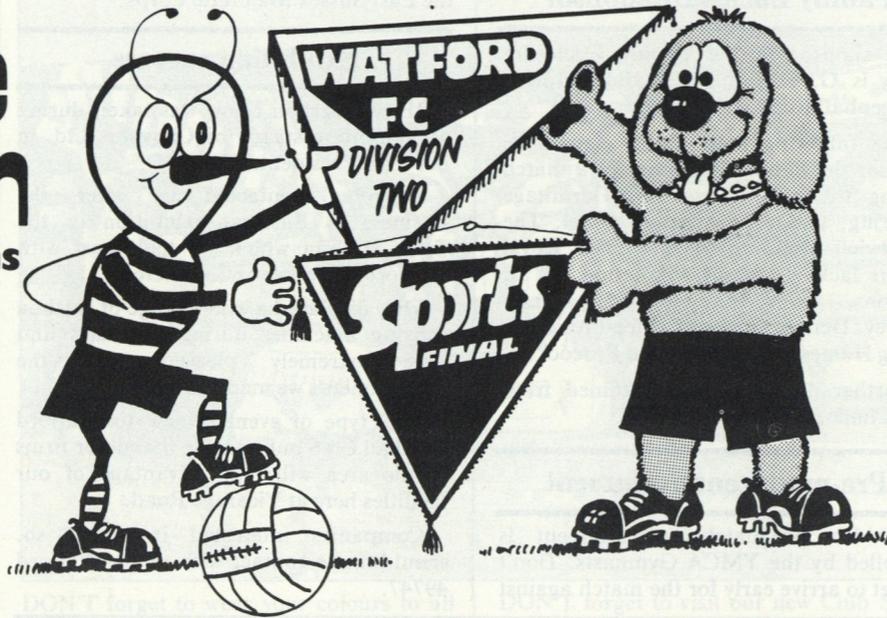
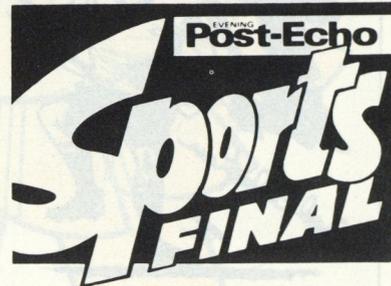
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We always seemed to have the edge against a competitive Brentford side and the victory extended our run to eight games without defeat.

The goals were scored by Keith Cassells, Steve Terry, Jimmy Gilligan and Trevor How.

The unbeaten run now extends to eight games.

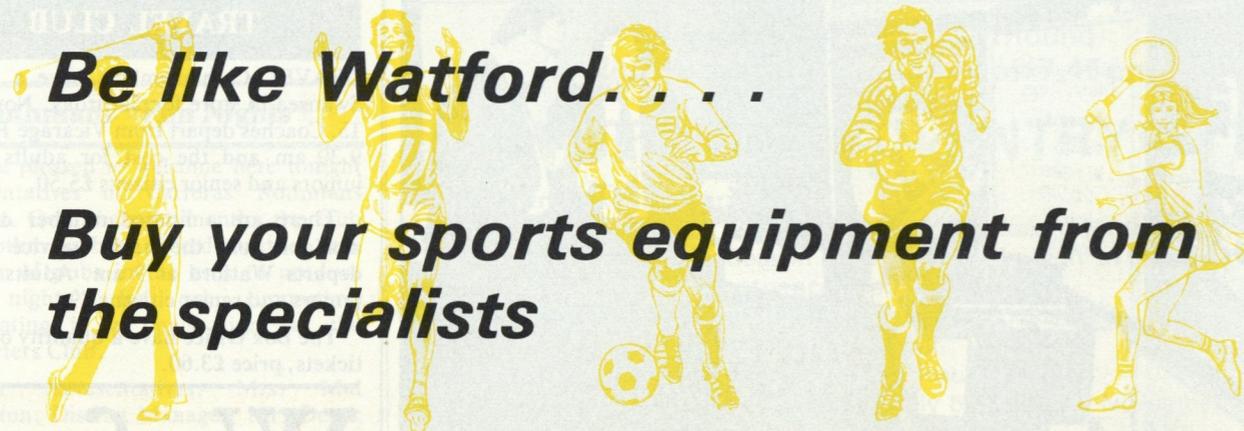
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Millwall	9	2	3	4	10	13	7
Gillingham	8	2	3	3	15	18	7
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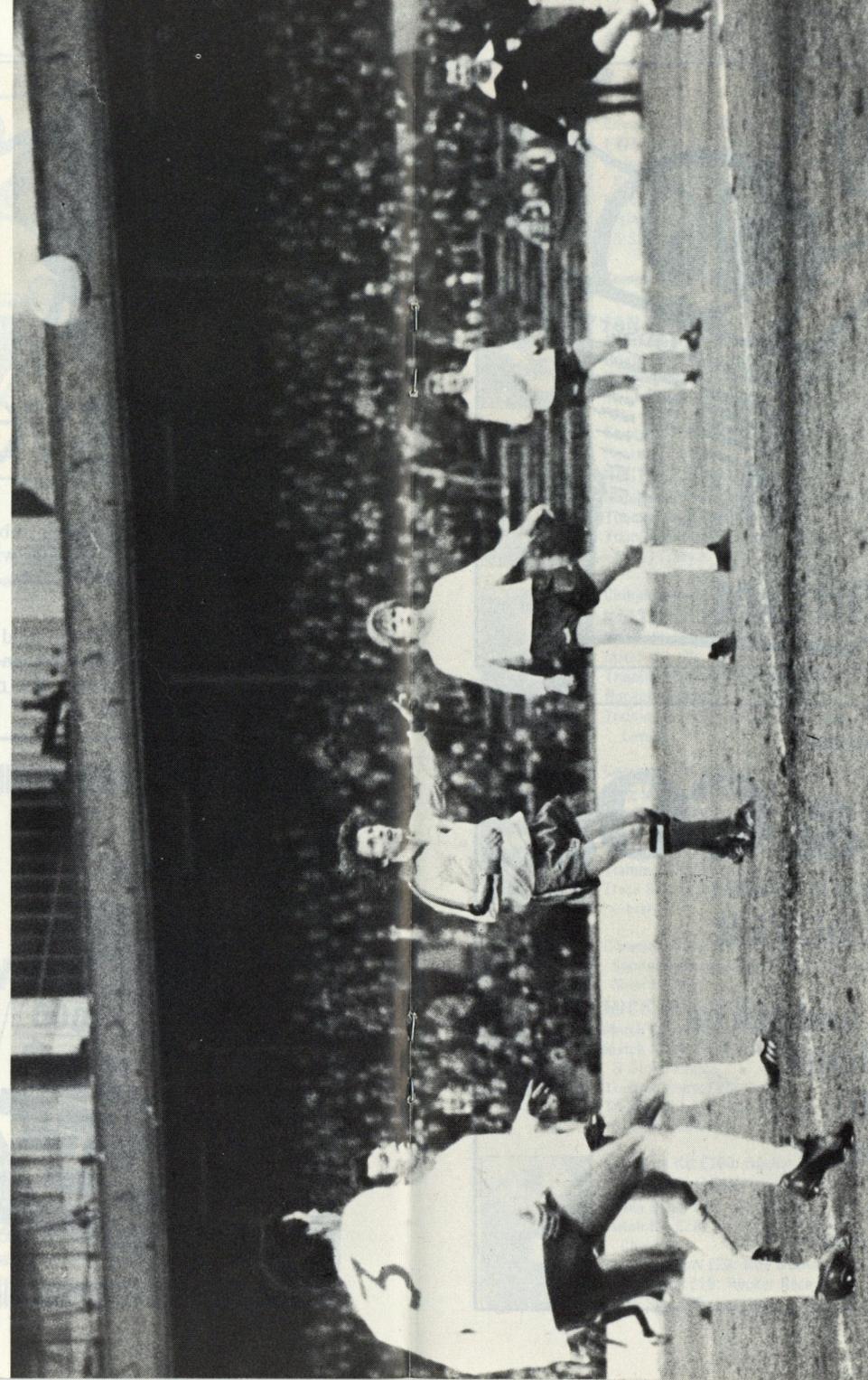
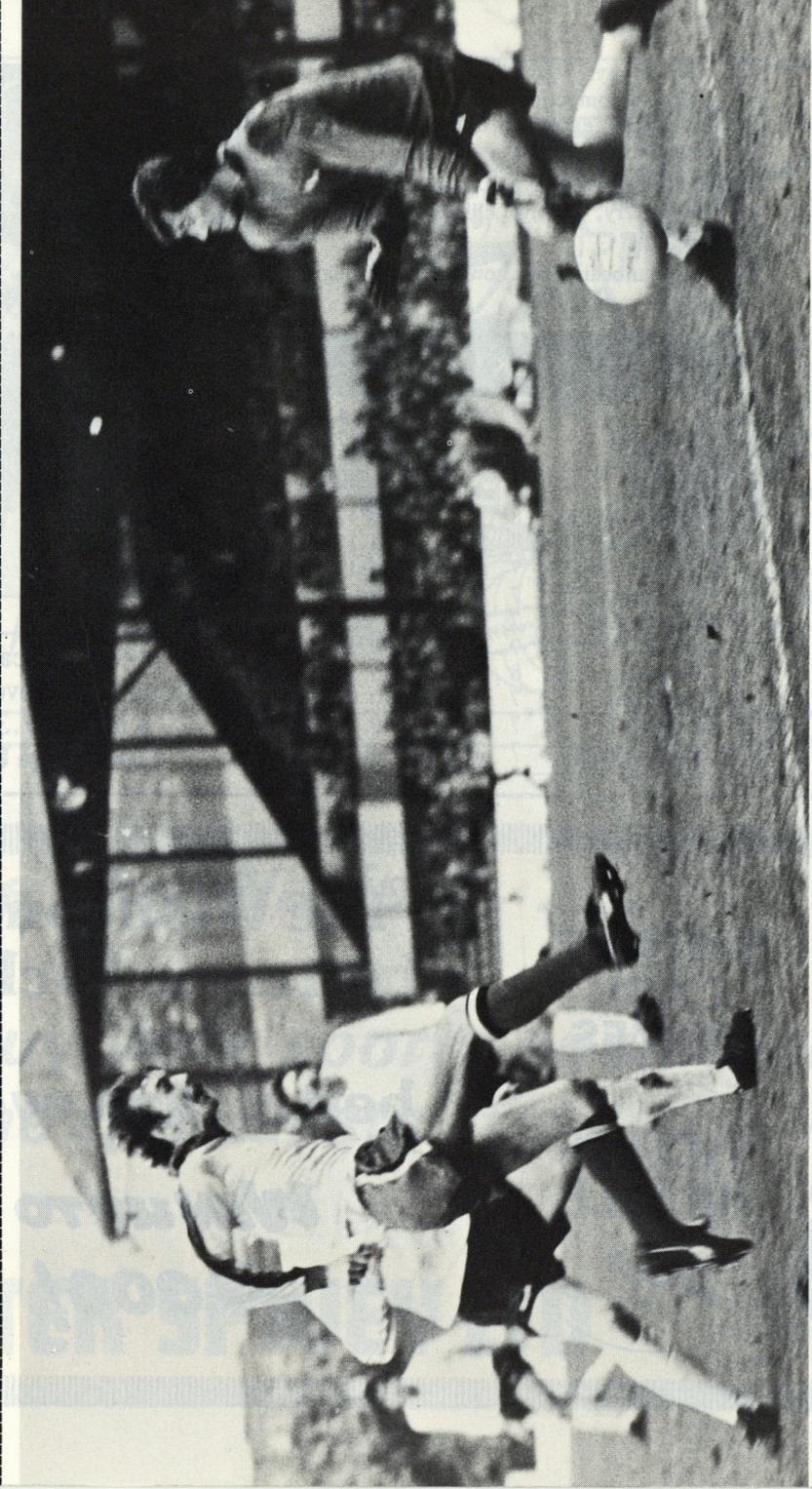
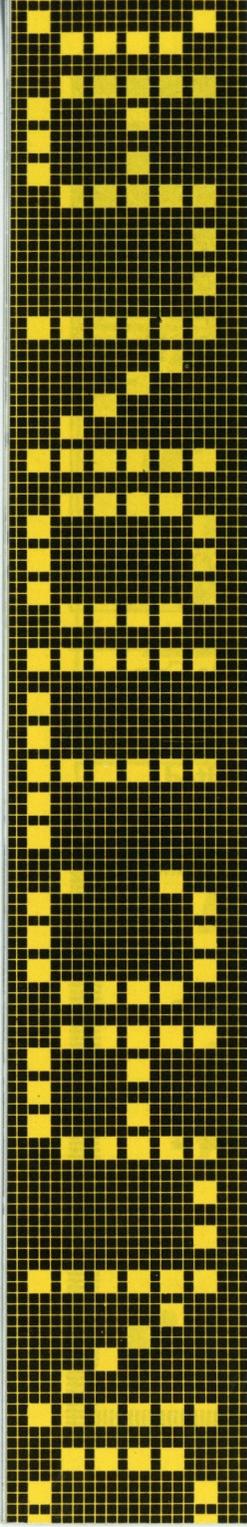
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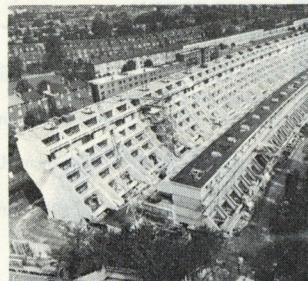
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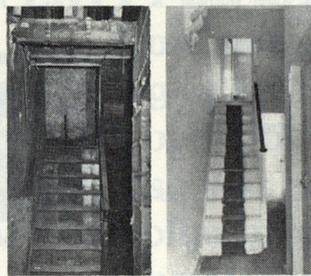
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"An extended run in the first team has restored my confidence . . ."

MICK HENDERSON hasn't missed a match for Watford since his arrival from Sunderland a year ago—and he's eager to keep the run going.

For Mick has a personal aim . . . to play in every game during a season. This curious ambition eluded him during seven years at Sunderland but now he hopes to put the record straight with Watford.

"It's easier said than done," explains Mick. "The season is only a third of the way over and a lot can happen between now and next May.

"All it takes is an injury or loss of form and you're out of the side so I'm not taking things for granted.

"But I'm pleased I was transferred to Watford even though Sunderland won promotion. An extended run in the first team has restored my confidence and I think my game is developing as a result.

"Obviously, I was happy for the lads at Roker Park and I wish them every success in the future. But there was no point in me staying there because I wasn't a part of things.

"Here at Watford it's different and I believe we'll join Sunderland in the First Division before very long. This club has big ambitions and is going places."

Mick relished the opportunity to play against Nottingham Forest winger John

Robertson in the recent League Cup clash but says the experience was not as difficult as he expected.



Photograph by Martin Wolmark

Watford's tactics to stop the supply of balls to this dangerous Scottish international worked so well that he had to drop back into midfield in the second-half. Consequently, Mick's job was made easier and in the end he found himself marking

Forest's foreign import Raimondo Ponte.

"Robertson has been a key player in Forest's success over the past few years so I thought it would be a testing night," adds Mick. "It didn't work out that way but the match will remain a memorable one.

"We've got a great chance to reach the semi-final but none of the players will become over-confident after our wins over Southampton and Forest. Football is a funny game and every match at this stage of the competition is bound to be hard."

The thought of playing against John Robertson didn't cause Mick to lose any sleep but he has been waking up some nights during the past three months.

The reason . . . baby daughter Laura who was born this summer.

"My wife Pamela and I had a few sleepless nights at the start but it's not too bad now," says 24-year-old Mick.

"Our lives have changed since the arrival of Laura. It's hard to explain but I wouldn't change it now for anything.

"It has been quite a hectic year with moving from one part of the country to another and the birth of our daughter, but we think it has all been worthwhile.

"Pamela misses the North-East but the baby has helped her to settle down.

"When I finish in football I think we will return there, although I might change my mind before then."

Away from the pressures of professional football, Mick likes to unwind listening to music.

Neil Pope



AUGUST

9	Millwall (LC1)	2-1	9,053	Steele	Henderson	Harrison*	Patching	Sims	Bolton	Blissett	Poskett 2	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Jackett
12	Millwall (LC1)	2-0	5,210	Steele	Henderson	Jackett	Patching	Sims 1	Bolton	Blissett 1	Poskett	Jenkins*	Train	Rostron	Callaghan
16	Swansea City	2-1	12,381	Steele	Henderson	Jackett	Patching	Sims	Bolton	Blissett	Poskett 2	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Cassells
19	Luton Town	0-1	13,887	Steele	Henderson	Jackett	Patching	Sims	Bolton	Blissett	Poskett	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Cassells
23	Cambridge Utd	1-3	6,546	Steele	Henderson	Jackett	Patching	Sims	Bolton	Blissett	Poskett 1	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Cassells
27	S'pton (LC2)	0-4	16,659	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Patching	Sims	Bolton	Blissett	Poskett	Rostron	Train	Jackett*	Jenkins
30	Bristol City	1-0	10,450	Steele	Henderson	Jackett	Patching	1 Sims	Bolton	Blissett	Poskett	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Callaghan

SEPTEMBER

3	S'pton (LC2)	7-1	15,992	Steele	Henderson	Jackett	Patching	1 Sims	Bolton 1	Blissett	Poskett 2	Jenkins 1	Train 1*	Rostron	Callaghan 1
6	Shrewsbury T	1-2	5,500	Steele	Henderson	Jackett	Patching	Sims	Bolton	Blissett*	Poskett	Jenkins 1	Train	Rostron	Cassells
13	Preston N.E.	2-1	11,275	Steele	Henderson	Jackett	Patching*	Sims	Bolton 1	Blissett	Poskett	Jenkins 1	Train	Rostron	Callaghan
20	West Ham Utd	2-3	24,288	Steele	Henderson	Jackett 1	Blissett	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan*	Poskett 1	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Harrison
23	Sheffield W (LC3)	2-1	14,085	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett	Sims	Jackett	Poskett 1	Cassells	Jenkins 1	Train	Rostron	Pritchett
27	Chelsea	2-3	19,966	Steele	Henderson	Jackett	Blissett	Sims	Bolton 1	Callaghan 1	Poskett	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Harrison

OCTOBER

4	Cardiff City	0-1	6,407	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett	Sims	Jackett	Callaghan*	Poskett	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Pritchett
7	Derby County	1-1	11,703	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett	Sims	Jackett	Callaghan*	Poskett 1	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Pritchett
11	Wrexham	1-0	10,749	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett	Sims 1	Jackett	Callaghan*	Poskett	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Pritchett
18	Grimsby Town	1-1	8,906	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett	Sims	Jackett	Pritchett	Poskett	Jenkins	Train 1	Rostron*	Ward
25	Oldham Ath	2-1	10,853	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett 2	Sims	Jackett	Poskett	Ward	Jenkins	Train	Rostron*	Pritchett
28	Nottm F. (LC4)	4-1	22,742	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett 1	Sims	Jackett	Poskett	Ward	Jenkins 3	Train	Rostron	Pritchett

NOVEMBER

1	Newcastle Utd	1-2	14,619	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett	Sims	Jackett	Poskett 1	Ward	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Pritchett
4	Bristol Rovers	1-3	5,450	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett	Sims	Jackett 1	Poskett	Cassells	Jenkins	Train	Rostron*	Callaghan
8	Bolton Wand	3-1	11,296	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett	Sims	Jackett	Callaghan	Poskett 1	Ward 1	Train	Rostron 1	Terry

DECEMBER

2	Coventry (LC5)														
6	Notts County														
13	Derby County														
20	Grimsby Town														
26	Orient														
27	Queens P.R.														

JANUARY 1981

3	FA Cup (3)														
10	Blackburn R														
14	League Cup SF														
17	Bristol City														
24	FA Cup (4)														
31	Cambridge Utd														

FEBRUARY

7	Preston N.E.														
11	League Cup SF														
14	Shrewsbury (5)														
21	Chelsea														
28	West Ham Utd														

MARCH

7	Cardiff City														
14	Wrexham (LC F)														
21	Bristol Rovers														
28	Oldham Ath														

APRIL

4	Newcastle Utd														
11	Bolton W (SF)														
17	Orient														
18	Queens P.R.														
25	Notts County														

MAY

2	Sheffield Wed														
9	FA Cup Final														



We welcome our latest signing Les Taylor, recently transferred to us from Oxford United. Our best wishes go to him and his wife Diane for a long and happy association with the Club.

Statistics

Home fixtures in bold type *denotes substituted player Copyright of The Football League Ltd.

DIVISION TWO

	Home					Away					Pts		
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A				
1	Notts County	16	6	2	0	15	5	4	3	1	8	7	25
2	West Ham	15	7	0	1	18	6	3	4	0	5	2	24
3	Chelsea	16	4	3	1	16	5	5	2	1	14	10	23
4	Swansea City	16	4	2	2	13	9	3	4	1	11	7	20
5	Blackburn R	16	6	2	0	13	2	2	2	4	7	12	20
6	Sheffield Wed	16	7	1	0	16	5	1	3	4	7	15	20
7	Orient	16	5	1	2	14	5	2	3	3	11	13	18
8	Derby Co	15	3	3	1	13	10	2	3	3	7	11	16
9	Newcastle Utd	16	4	3	1	9	6	2	1	5	6	19	16
10	Preston N E	16	3	4	1	9	5	1	3	4	5	13	15
11	Cambridge Utd	16	5	0	3	14	9	2	1	5	6	17	15
12	Bolton Wand	16	4	2	2	18	10	1	2	5	8	14	14
13	Luton Town	16	3	3	2	11	8	2	1	5	9	13	14
14	Wrexham	16	3	2	3	9	8	2	2	4	6	8	14
15	Watford	16	6	1	1	14	8	0	1	7	7	16	14
16	Shrewsbury T	16	4	2	2	14	10	0	4	4	3	10	14
17	Queens Park R	16	4	2	2	15	6	0	3	5	6	11	13
18	Oldham Ath	16	3	4	1	7	3	0	2	6	4	13	12
19	Grimsby Town	16	2	5	1	3	2	0	3	5	4	13	12
20	Bristol City	16	3	3	2	9	6	0	2	6	4	14	11
21	Cardiff City	16	4	1	3	11	9	1	0	7	5	16	11
22	Bristol Rovers	16	1	5	2	9	9	0	2	6	3	15	9

League table as 9th November, 1980

MID-WEEK LEAGUE

Month	Date	Match	Score
AUG	20	Wimbledon	1-0
SEPT	10	Gillingham	2-2
	17	Millwall	0-0
	23	Aldershot	3-1
OCT	1	Peterborough Utd	2-2
	15	Portsmouth	3-0
	21	Brentford	0-0
	29	Brentford	4-2
NOV	13	Gillingham	
	17	Cambridge (Cup)	
	26	Northampton	
DEC	2	Northampton	
	10	Cambridge Utd	
	16	Southend Utd	
JAN 1981	7	Southend Utd	
	14	Brighton	
	20	Cambridge Utd	
FEB	4	Aldershot	
	10	Wimbledon	
	17	Charlton Athletic	
	24	Brighton	
MAR	4	Peterborough Utd	
	10	Millwall	
	25	Charlton Athletic	

To be arranged Portsmouth

S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE

Month	Date	Match	Score
AUGUST	16	Southend Utd	3-1
	23	Chelsea	2-0
	30	Crystal Palace	0-0
SEPT	13	Orient	1-3
	20	Arsenal (Cup)	3-1
	27	Charlton Athletic	1-1
OCTOBER	11	Queens Park R	7-0
	18	West Ham Utd	4-3
	25	Fulham (Cup)	5-0
NOV	1	Portsmouth	2-1
	8	Tottenham H	2-2
DEC	6	Millwall	
	13	Millwall	
	20	Southend Utd	
	27	Chelsea	
JANUARY 1981	3	Crystal Palace	
	10	Norwich City	
	17	Orient	
	24	Charlton Athletic	
	31	Ipswich Town	
FEB	7	Queens Park R	
	14	West Ham Utd	
	21	Portsmouth	
MARCH	7	Arsenal	
	14	Fulham	
	21	Gillingham	
APRIL	11	Ipswich Town	
	18	Tottenham H	

To be arranged Norwich City

Front cover picture

Luther in action against Cardiff City.

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. . . it's no good football burying its head in the sand . . .

WE can expect like the rest of the country a cold hard winter in this area for many reasons.

The country's recession is without doubt, affecting this area and we have seen from our own League attendances supporters are finding it more and more difficult to attend every match that the team plays. It is realistic in the circumstances and it's no good football burying its head in the sand as over the next months the signs are that more and more people will be made redundant and there will be less money in our pockets to spend on entertainment.

It is a bleak picture and one which rears its head almost daily in football with Clubs announcing losses like our visitors today and the "top team in the land"—Liverpool bemoaning the fact that their average attendance cannot produce enough revenue to cover the vast sum required for players salaries and overheads.

The Football Grounds Improvement Trust informed is at a recent meeting that it had an income of £4 million per annum by means of its arrangement with the Pools Promoters Association. As I have said

before, Club's have benefited to the tune of £9 million over the last few years through these funds, but I would certainly like to see more of that money being put into professional football throughout this period of recession. It will get better I am sure and I am certainly not as pessimistic as most, but I don't think we have seen the worst yet . . . I suppose that typifies the current situation in this country today.

Because of the recession, Clubs will have to cut their cloth and be prepared to accept less money for players who are transferred. We are fortunate in as much that our superb Football League Cup run has already generated sufficient funds to provide us at this time with capital to invest when others find it difficult and almost impossible.



Consider the case of Bristol Rovers currently bottom of the Second Division. Their plight must be a nightmare, they cannot agree with the licensing authority on a capacity for the ground and because they do not have a lease for the ground, cannot receive any monies from the Football Grounds Improvement Trust. On top of that a disastrous fire "destroyed" their main stand but this has led to a further problem whereby they are unable at the moment to agree with the insurers that the stand is a right-off. In addition to all this their gates are amongst the worst in the Division . . . you thought you had problems!

More and more, we are dependent in football on our commercial departments for life saving income and I cannot stress enough the support we rely upon in our own lotteries and fund raising activities. Support, no matter how insignificant it may seem to you, means that revenue is produced to subsidise the game we all love.

On a brighter note, I am sure you will be interested to know that our Chairman, Elton John, is coming to the end of a sensational tour of the United States. Tonight he is now making his way, after a few days break, to New Zealand and Australia. He sends his best wishes to all Hornet fans and we will be producing his latest message in our programme for the home fixture with Blackburn Rovers on Saturday, 22nd November.

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G	Shrewsbury Town v. Swansea
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U	Swindon T v. Portsmouth

Watford Away

SWANSEA CITY—
Saturday, November 15th, 1980

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Watford at Home

Mid-Week Football League
Thursday, 13th November, 1980. Kick-off 7.30 pm

Gillingham

Mid-Week League Cup
Monday, 17th November, 1980. Kick-off 7.30 pm

Cambridge United

Football League Division Two
Saturday, 22nd November, 1980. Kick-off 3.00 pm

Blackburn

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