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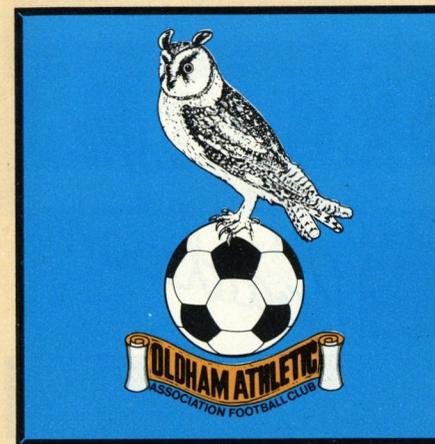


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Jimmy's viewpoint..



THE accepted formula for promotion is to win your home games and pick up a point from matches on tour; and when it comes to steering clear of relegation, home victories become essential, with points away being counted as a bonus.

One reason for our present lowly position is that at Boundary Park we have dropped eight points, with four draws and two defeats. To some extent, we have pulled this back by drawing three matches on opponents' grounds, although we have yet to record our first away win.

In one respect, we have reason for some satisfaction, because we have conceded only 20 goals in all games, and that's a better record than a fair number of the clubs above us. But the imbalance comes when you look at our scoring record - only 13 goals. Grimsby (12 goals) are the one club with a worse "goals for" column than ourselves.

Obviously, what we need - and need badly - is a good run, and a couple of goals in quick style today would do wonders for the confidence of the players, especially after the point we claimed at Bristol a week ago.

Generally speaking, I feel that we've been putting it together quite well, with the exception of the home games against Shrewsbury Town and Orient ... but our failure to find the net has been our undoing.

There is always a psychological barrier, when games go by and goals don't come, and the pressure is greater when you're playing in front of your own fans than when you're playing maybe 200 miles away.

I think it's no exaggeration to say that we have played better away from home, but missed more chances in the last four

away matches than we have created in the last four home games.

In fact, the game at Bristol was another example, for we had more than enough chances to have come away with both points - although, despite this, one good feature was that we produced a much better performance all round than of late. And a point away is always a good one.

But we have to make up for our previous shortcomings at Boundary Park, and Luton - always a fair side who get forward well - will provide us with a stiff test. The fact that they have beaten West Ham twice this season speaks for itself, and I feel they were in a false position down the table earlier in the season.

Yet I repeat what I have said before: I don't believe there is such a great gap between most of the teams in the Second Division, and that's why Latics can and should be seen to be doing much better.

We began the season feeling optimistic, and our early form confirmed this. Now, we face a battle.

Hopefully, we shall have an injury-free squad today, so a change or two is on the cards. But I must add that at Bristol, Jim Steel had probably his best game this season, and Roger Palmer is fitting in well. A goal or two today would be just the thing for him now to mark his arrival on the Boundary Park scene.

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The system of course has cost a lot of money to install but it can also over a period of time save us a lot of money which is lost and rarely recouped when games are called off especially on the day of the match. I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the board, management and players to thank our supporters for the tremendous help they have given us in helping to raise cash towards this venture through draw tickets, the Supercash Lottery, functions and sponsorships etc., because although we still have a very long way to go to reach our target without the help of the supporters, we would not have been able to go ahead with this project.

Finally, news of two further developments here at Boundary Park. Firstly, the sports hall where work should hopefully start at the end of January for completion in July and secondly, proposals for the development of the Ford Stand and Paddock as a special family area, catering for what we feel is a much needed venture to attract additional football spectators to Boundary Park.

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Latics Action

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29th 1980 — BRISTOL CITY v. ATHLETIC
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Three minutes gone and Roger Palmer misses a golden opportunity to give Athletic an early lead when he completely missed the ball from six yards out after a good piece of work by Ged Keegan.



It's there!! A well deserved goal for Athletic, slotted in by Paul Heaton right on the stroke of half time after a first half performance which could have given Athletic a four goal lead.

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Welcome to Boundary Park



LUTON TOWN F.C. 1980/81

Back Row: Andy Pearson, Rob Johnson, Les Harriott, Michael Small, Robert Walker, Herbie Smith, Clive Goodyear, Wayne Turner, Shamus Heath. 3rd Row: David Coates (Coach), Steve White, Mark Aizlewood, Jake Findlay, Mike Saxby, Raddy Antic, Alan Judge, Mal Donaghy, Godfrey Ingram, John Moore (Coach). 2nd Row: Kirk Stevens, Alan West, Tony Grealish, Brien Stein, David Pleat (Manager), Paul Price, John Smith (Chief Executive), David Moss, Pasquale Fuccillo, Ricky Hill, John Sheridan (Physiotherapist). Sitting: Ray Bremner, Alan Cosby, Andy Foote, Brian Phelps, Neil Madden, John Woodward, Andrew Beasley, Frank Bunn, John Cole, David Patterson.

LUTON have suffered like Latics, at times this season - more than once, they have hovered uneasily near the bottom of the table. But they have hauled themselves into a position where they might still make a break for the top, given a sustained run.

The Hatters have made a determined effort to improve upon their record home and away, for six defeats on tour, against three wins and a draw, show where they have dropped points, while they have had mixed fortunes at Kenilworth - road, as well.

Team building has seen players come and go: striker Bob Hatton is now with Sheffield United, Graham Jones and Gary Sisman have moved on, too; and reinforcements have included Yugoslav international Raddy Antic (signed from Spanish club Real Zaragoza), striker Andy Harrow (£80,000 from Raith Rovers), defender Tony Grealish (£150,000 from Orient), centre back Clive Goodyear (making good after being groomed through the ranks), and - mid-way through last season

- Steve White, (a near- £180,000 signing from Bristol Rovers).

Luton's last line of defence, the giant Jake Findlay, cost £100,000 when he was recruited from Aston Villa two years ago last month, and at the time it equalled a record fee for the Hatters. Waiting in the wings is Alan Judge, signed from schoolboy football and now second-choice 'keeper.

Luton's longest - serving player is full-back Paul Price, who has been at the club almost 10 years, and who has twice battled back after breaking a leg, while Kirk Stephens, signed from Nuneaton Borough, immediately became a regular at No.2.

Manager David Pleat Had remembered Stephens from his own days as Nuneaton team boss, and one of his first moves, also, when he took charge at Luton, was to spend £50,000 and take Mark Aizlewood from Fourth Division football with Newport. Aizlewood, then 18, has gained representative honours for Wales.

Luton splashed considerably more to land another defender, Mike Saxby, from Third Division Mansfield last year, and he became a key man, while in Mal Donaghy the Hatters picked up a £15,000 bargain from Larne. After just one year in League football, Donaghy had graduated to the Northern Ireland squad.

There is home-town talent in the shape of Wayne Turner, signed as apprentice in 1977 and skippering the reserves within two years, while Pasquale Fuccillo, who also came through the ranks, remains at Kenilworth-road, as does midfielder man Alan West, one-time Burnley star who, back in 1973, cost Luton £100,000.

West has also sampled Soccer in the U.S., as has Godfrey Ingram, a former England - schoolboy striker, and the three other players in Luton's senior squad need little introduction by now. They are Ricky Hill, Brian Stein and Dave Moss.

Hill, impressed David Pleat while playing in a schoolboy game at Hitchin, had graduated to Luton's first team at 17 and become an England youth star, and he can make things tick in midfield and get his name on the scoresheet, as well.

Stein and Moss are the front-line men whose trade is goals. Stein was a clerk in London and playing football for Edgeware Town when David Pleat spotted him in the Autumn of 1977. Within a month, he was in Luton's first team. Moss, after nine years with Swindon, has amply repaid his £110,000 move to Luton by showing that he can rifle goals regularly - not least from the spot.

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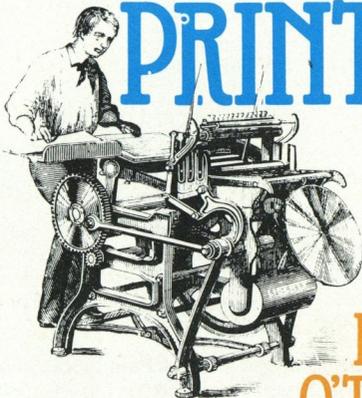
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extracts from the forthcoming publication
"The Team from a Town of Chimneys" compiled
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Dateline: Wednesday, August 19th 1953
LUTON TOWN v. ATHLETIC - Division 2

Athletic covered themselves in glory in their first ever visit to Luton, by drawing 4 - 4 in their opening game in the Second Division. Athletic might have won handsomely, for, after a first 20 mins of shaky and uncertain play, they took control to such an extent that they led 4 - 2 after being 0 - 2 down, the inspiration being the play of inside forward Peter McKennan, whose swift passing and clever positional play split the Luton defence time and again.



P. McKennan

Luton's two early goals came via harsh decisions by the referee. The first after 4 mins, when he awarded Luton a penalty, converted by Pemberton, the second when Downie scored from a seemingly offside position in the 15th min.

Athletic were inspired by a goal from McKennan after 20 mins, beating Baynham with a low ground shot. 7 mins later Athletic had equalised and 2 mins after that held the lead, goals coming from McIlvenny and Gemmell.

16 mins into the second half McIlvenny increased Athletic's lead with a fine solo effort, walking the ball around the keeper and backheeling the ball into the Luton net.

Then came two goals for Luton, both scored by Downie from corner kicks, which left question marks against Latics' defence. Thus Downie completed a memorable hat-trick for Luton.

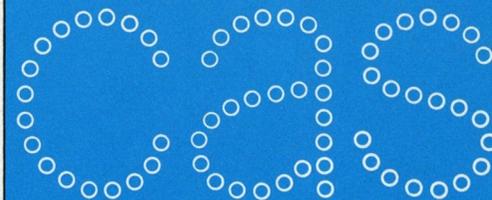
Athletics' Ormond was injured late in the game, and Latics' had to fight with ten men to save a point.

Luton Town: Baynham, Aherne, Pemberton, Morton, Hall, Shanks, Davies, Downie, Moore, Cummins, Adam.

Athletic: Burnett, Brook, Hardwick, Smith, Whyte, Brierley, Adams, McKennan, Gemmell, McIlvenny, Ormond.

Attendance: 22,822

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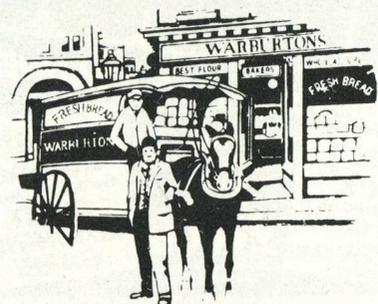
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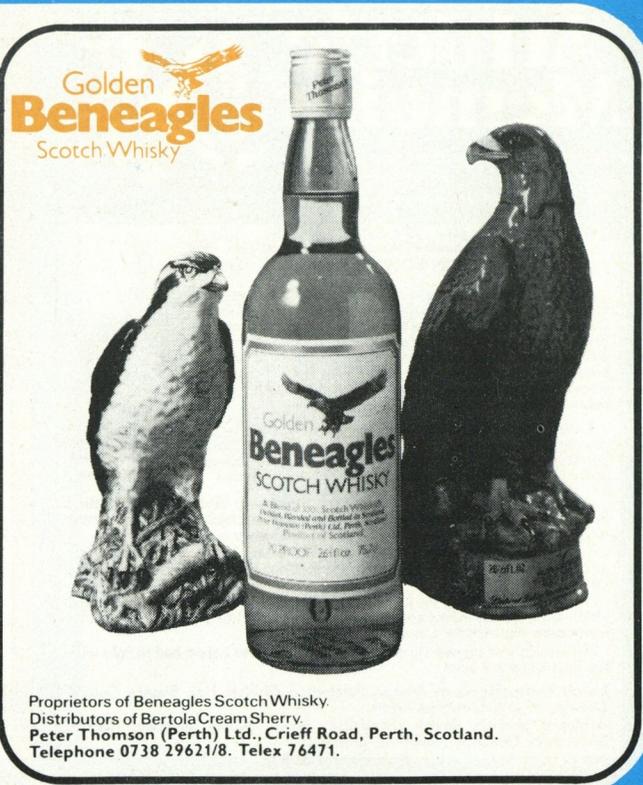


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However, the reserves did manage a couple of games, one against Port Vale on Tuesday, November 18th here at Boundary Park when the team was;

McDonnell, Sinclair, Ryan, Birchenough, Edwards, Patterson, Kowenicki, Nuttall, Bowden, Atkinson, Gardner. The reserves had a convincing 5-0 win with Kowenicki (2), Nuttall, Atkinson and Gardner getting the goals.

The following Saturday, November 22nd the reserves travelled to Barrow and once again dominated the game and came away with a fine 3-1 win. The team:

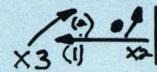
McDonnell, Birchenough, Ryan, McMahan, Edwards, Cooper, Jordan, Egan, Nuttall, Pownall, Humphries. Goalscorers for Athletic were Cooper, Nuttall and Pownall.

Schoolboy Coaching Corner

By Graeme Hollinshead

THE WALL PASS

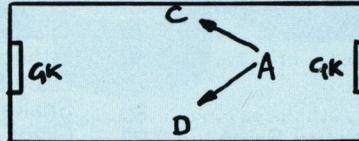
This type of pass is used to get behind a defender and is sometimes called a one-two.
In the diagram below, X2 has played a one-two with X3.



X2 dribbles the ball towards the defender and as the defender moves towards him, passes the ball to his team mate who makes a first time return pass for X2, who has run behind the defender.

The Key Factors of the Wall Pass

1. The initial pass from X2 must be very accurate and must be played at a pace which makes it easy for X3 to pass the ball back to him first time.
 2. Once X2 has released the ball, he must increase his pace and quickly run into the space behind the defender in order to receive the return pass.
 3. X3 must be in a position to receive the ball and must be moving sideways to make it easier for himself to pass the ball back to X2. X3 must return the ball first time accurately into the space behind the defender so that X2 can either shoot, pass or continue his dribble towards goal.
- The game presented below will help you improve your wall passes.



A. v. B A can either dribble past B or he can play a wall pass with C or D. If B wins the ball then he becomes the attacker. Once past the defender, the attacker must shoot.

Commercial Corner

with Mike Twiss at Boundary Park



NEW MOONRAKER "CASH CASINO" LOTTERY TICKET TOPS THE LOT

Once again the Moonraker Lottery has come up with what we believe to be the best value for money ticket on the market with the new Moonraker "Cash Casino" ticket. Still at 25p a ticket it contains three games, the now traditional cash match where three cash amounts the same wins with a top prize of £1000. Secondly, there is the new Black Jack card game which includes a new fourth card gamble element which enables you to stick or bust with a top prize of £100 and last but not least the old favourite the fruit machine with two chances to win again up to £100 and all this on a 25p rub off ticket.

However, the value for money does not stop there, the total weekly prize pay out has gone up to a staggering £5000 the absolute legal limit allowed under present regulations, added to this the ratio of winners has been increased to 1 in 5, on average and you can see it is no wild claim when we say Moonraker really is the best value for money Lottery Ticket available in the North West.

To cope with the demand from the public for the new tickets, we would ask any Athletic Supporters who feel they could sell a minimum of 25 tickets on a weekly basis to help us out by becoming an agent and taking advantage of the benefits that go with being an agent but also by helping the club in a really positive way.

We look forward to hearing from you either by phone on 061-652 0966 or simply pop into the shop and pools office just to the right of the main entrance in Sheepfoot Lane which is open 6 days a week - Monday to Saturday 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

WELCOME TO THE EMPLOYEES OF OUR SHIRT SPONSORS REDSURE

We welcome this afternoon Mr. Eric Redfern and Mr. Simon Mitchell together with employees of Redsure Electrical of Denton, the firm who are sponsoring Oldham Athletic this season. We trust they will have an enjoyable afternoon and we can let them go home happy after the match with a couple of points for the team wearing their name.

Below:- Eric Redfern, Kenny Clements and manager Jimmy Frizzell have their photo taken for use in an electrical publication.



Paul Whitehead

Paul who works for the local authority has been a keen Latics supporter virtually all his life and commenced his duties last Saturday when the Travel Club, which will become part of the New Oldham Athletic Supporters Association, ran a coach trip to Ashton Gate for the match against Bristol City.

NEW SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP NOW OPEN

As promised in the last issue, membership is now available for the new Supporters Association which comes into being on January 1st, 1981. Application forms are available from the main office and the pools office and details are available on page nine of this programme.

We would like to thank all those people who wrote in wishing to help with the various activities proposed by the association and a meeting will be arranged shortly to formulate the various committees etc., so anyone interested should contact the Commercial Manager.

CHRISTMAS DRAW TICKET

The Christmas Draw took place at the press ball in the Queen Elizabeth Hall last night.

Winning lists are available in the main office and in the pools office and shop and the results will be read at half time full list printed in our next home programme against Swansea on December 20th.

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BOUNDARY PARK INFORMATION DESK



MATCH TICKET NEWS

Tickets for our home matches versus **Swansea City** on 20th December and **Grimsby Town** on 27th December can be obtained from the ticket office after today's game. Prices £3.00 Main Stand centre; £2.30 Main Stand wing (£1.50 Juveniles/Senior Citizens); £2.50 Ford Stand (£1.25 Juveniles/Senior Citizens). Tickets can be reserved by post enclosing the correct remittance and if required to be returned a stamped addressed envelope. Unfortunately telephone reservations cannot be made for tickets to be collected on the day of the match.

Derby County - Boxing Day 26th December 1980

There will be a limited number of tickets available to our supporters for this match available at Boundary Park and if anyone is interested in travelling please telephone or call at the ticket office for further information.

Ticket information and office opening times can be obtained by ringing 061-624 4972 (24 hour service).

FOOTBALL AT BOUNDARY PARK

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13th 1980
ATHLETIC RES. v. MAN. UTD. 'A'

Lancashire League Division One - Kick-off 2.30 pm

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20th 1980
ATHLETIC v. SWANSEA

Football League Division Two - Kick-off 3.00 pm

SATURDAY DECEMBER 27th 1980
ATHLETIC v. GRIMSBY

Football League Division Two - Kick-off 3.00 pm

200 CLUB NEWS

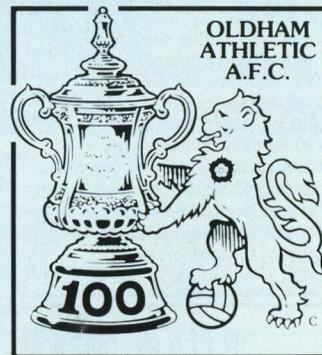
We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came along on the Dog Night to make it another resounding success.

We now have a couple of vacancies on the 200 Club, if anyone is interested in becoming a member just call at the main office at Boundary Park or telephone 061-624 4972 during business hours and Mrs. Higginbottom will be pleased to give you any information you require.

WHAT'S ON AT THE BOUNDARY CLUB

Thursday, December 11th is Agents Night at the Boundary Club when the board of directors show their appreciation to our Lottery Agents by putting on a free evenings entertainment, consisting of Dog Racing, Buffet and Cabaret. All Agents who ordered tickets before the November 22nd deadline should now have their tickets.

F.A. CUP VOUCHER



This voucher could be used in the event of an all ticket match either at home or away in the F.A. Cup Season 1980/81. **Do not cut from programme**

RADIO LATICS with FRANNY FRAN



Many thanks to everybody who sent me a birthday card (especially Eberneezers Gang).

Today's all time favourite choice is Mark Hiltons who has chosen Angie — by the Rolling Stones, Mark tells me that he used to have a copy of this record but lost it, so we will revive a few memories for him today when we play the record just before kick-off. As a special treat for the Swansea match on the 20th December we will have a players choice and a supporters choice, so I want you to put pen to paper and we will draw out a name with their choice of record which will be played alongside the players choice for that game.

Today's Latics Top five has been picked by one of our Matchday Lottery Kiosk Sellers - Cathy (Twiggy) Ward of Pine Tree Road, Limeside. Cathy works in the kiosk outside the Boundary Club so if you don't agree with her you know where to find her.

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Standing in the Dark | — Spandau Ballet |
| 2. Super Trouper | — Abba |
| 3. Celebration | — Kool & The Gang |
| 4. I'm coming out | — Diana Ross |
| 5. The same old song | — Roxy Music |

Finally, if you would like to send a christmas message to a friend or relative via Radio Latics for the Swansea game please send the message or request to me as soon as possible.

LATICS SHOP

Christmas is coming the Latics Shop is full of interesting gift ideas for the Latics Supporter, a full list of which is published on page 35 of today's programme.

One item which is proving to be very popular, if you haven't already sent your Christmas Cards is the Club's own Greetings Card which comes complete with a Latics Rosette on the front.

Don't forget the shop is open from 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Monday - Saturday and is well worth a visit.

JUNIOR LATICS CLUB NEWS

Birthday Greetings go out to the following Junior Latics Club Members who have birthdays during December.

Graham Lacey, Tony Bowers, Gillian Howell, Adam Gordon, Richard Wallis, Alison Pascall, Susan Lomas, Christopher Taylor, Simon Barrett, Daren Kilroy, Alan McNamara, Stuart Jones,

Membership for the Junior Latics Club is up for renewal at the end of the month. We will be sending our renewal forms in the next couple of weeks, when the Club will be incorporated into the New Oldham Athletic Supporters Association. The Membership will be £1.50.

TRAVEL CLUB NOTICEBOARD

Bookings are now being taken in the Latics shop for our next away trip to Notts County on Saturday December 13th. The shop is open six days a week Monday - Saturday 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. and telephone bookings will be accepted providing the tickets are paid for by Friday December 12th.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th 1980

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

NOTTS COUNTY v. ATHLETIC

Don't forget help us and help yourself by booking early.

TRAVELLING RAC BY ROAD RAC

Here is your specially prepared RAC route for our next away game at Notts County.

Leave Oldham on the A627/A6081 via Ashton-under-Lyne and Stalybridge to Glossop Junction A624. A624 via Hayfield to Chapel-en-le-Frith Junction A623. A623 via Peak Forest to Baslow Junction A619. A619/A617 via Chesterfield to Heath Junction M1. M1 south to intersection 26 Junction with A610. A610 to Junction A614 (Nottingham Ring Road). A614 to Nottingham.

Notts County Football Ground (Meadow Lane) is 1½ miles south of the City Centre near the Junction of the A60 and A52 (Grantham Road). Approaching Nottingham from M1 turn right onto Ring Road (Western Boulevard) continuing with the Ring Road to the Clifton Flyover. Turn right off the Flyover as signposted M1, turning right again at the roundabout with the signs for Grantham, down Clifton Lane and Wilford Lane to Loughborough Road where you turn left for Trent Bridge. County's ground is just over the Trent Bridge on your right.

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LATICS~STATS *Facts and figures*

1980~81



Date	Opponents	Result	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 16	Q.P.R.	H W 1-0	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	KOWENICKI	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	Stainrod	Keegan	Atkinson	Heaton
Aug. 20	Blackburn Rovers	A L 0-1	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	Stainrod	Keegan	Atkinson	Heaton
Aug. 23	CARDIFF CITY	H W 2-0	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	KOWENICKI	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	STAINROD	KEEGAN	Atkinson	Heaton
Aug. 27	PORTSMOUTH L.C. 2R	H W 3-2	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	KOWENICKI	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	STAINROD	KEEGAN	Atkinson	Heaton
Aug. 30	Wrexham	A L 2-3	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	STAINROD	KEEGAN	Atkinson	Steel
Sept. 3	Portsmouth L.C. 2R	A L 0-1	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	STAINROD	KEEGAN	Atkinson	Heaton
Sept. 6	SHEFFIELD WED.	H W 2-0	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	FUTCHER	STAINROD	KEEGAN	Atkinson	Steel
Sept. 13	Bristol Rovers	A D 0-0	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	STAINROD	KEEGAN	Atkinson	Heaton
Sept. 20	Newcastle United	A D 0-0	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	STAINROD	KEEGAN	Atkinson	Steel
Sept. 27	BOLTON WANDERERS	H D 1-1	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	STAINROD	KEEGAN	Atkinson	Steel
Oct. 4	SHREWSBURY TOWN	H D 0-0	McDonnell	Hoolickin	Blair	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	STAINROD	KEEGAN	Atkinson	Steel
Oct. 7	Swansea City	A L 0-3	McDonnell	Sinclair	Blair	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	STAINROD	KEEGAN	Atkinson	Steel
Oct. 11	Cambridge United	A L 1-3	McDonnell	Sinclair	Blair	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Steel	Futcher	STAINROD	KEEGAN	Atkinson	Heaton
Oct. 18	WEST HAM UNITED	H D 0-0	McDonnell	Sinclair	Blair	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Keegan	Futcher	Steel	Stainrod	Heaton	Atkinson
Oct. 21	NOTTS. COUNTY	H L 0-1	McDonnell	Sinclair	Blair	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Keegan	Futcher	Steel	Stainrod	Heaton	Wylde
Oct. 25	Watford	A L 1-2	McDonnell	Sinclair	Blair	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Keegan	Futcher	Steel	STAINROD	Heaton	Atkinson
Oct. 29	League Cup 4													
Nov. 1	PRESTON NORTH END	H D 1-1	McDonnell	Sinclair	Blair	Kowenicki	Clements	Hurst	Hilton	Stainrod	Wylde	KEEGAN	Heaton	Steel
Nov. 8	Chelsea	A L 0-1	Platt	Hoolickin	Blair	Hilton	Clements	Hurst	Gardner	Stainrod	Wylde	Keegan	Atkinson	Heaton
Nov. 11	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H W 1-0	Platt	Hoolickin	Blair	Keegan	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	STAINROD	Hilton	Heaton	Gardner
Nov. 15	Queens Park Rangers	A L 0-2	Platt	Hoolickin	Blair	Keegan	Clements	Hurst	Wylde	Futcher	Stainrod	Hilton	Heaton	Gardner
Nov. 22	ORIENT (1)	H L 0-1	Platt	Hoolickin	Blair	Keegan	Clements	Hurst	Heaton	Futcher	Gardner	Palmer	Atkinson	Kowenicki
Nov. 29	Bristol City	A D 1-1	Platt	Hoolickin	Blair	Keegan	Clements	Hurst	HEATON	Futcher	Steel	Palmer	Atkinson	Sinclair
Dec. 3	League Cup 5													
Dec. 6	LUTON TOWN	H												
Dec. 13	Notts. County (2)	A												
Dec. 20	SWANSEA CITY	H												
Dec. 26	Derby County	A												
Dec. 27	GRIMSBY TOWN	H												
1981														
Jan. 3	F.A. Cup 3													
Jan. 10	Orient	A												
Jan. 14	League Cup SF													
Jan. 17	WREXHAM	H												
Jan. 24	F.A. Cup 4													
Jan. 31	Cardiff City	A												
Feb. 7	BRISTOL ROVERS	H												
Feb. 11	League Cup SF													
Feb. 14	Sheffield Wed. (5)	A												
Feb. 21	Bolton Wanderers	A												
Feb. 28	NEWCASTLE UNITED	H												
Mar. 7	Shrewsbury Town (6)	A												
Mar. 14	CAMBRIDGE U. (LCF)	H												
Mar. 21	West Ham United	A												
Mar. 28	WATFORD	H												
April 4	Preston North End	A												
April 11	CHELSEA (SF)	H												
April 18	Grimsby Town	A												
April 20	DERBY COUNTY	H												
April 25	Luton Town	A												
May 2	BRISTOL CITY	H												
May 9	F.A. Cup Final													

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LANCASHIRE LEAGUE 1

Date	Opponents	Result
Aug 16	Manchester United 'A'	A 0-3 L
Aug 23	Port Vale Reserves	A 2-0 W
Sept 6	Wrexham Reserves	A 1-4 L
Sept 13	Bolton Wanderers 'A'	H 2-0 W
Sept 16	Altrincham Reserves	H 3-0 W
Sept 20	Rochdale Reserves	H 5-1 W
Sept 26	Tranmere Rovers Reserves	A 2-0 W
Oct 4	Chester 'A'	A 1-2 L
Oct 18	Carlisle United Reserves	A 5-1 W
Oct 25	Morecambe Reserves	H 6-0 W
Nov 18	Port Vale Reserves	H 5-0 W
Nov 22	Barrow Reserves	A 3-1 W

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE 2

Date	Opponents	Result
Aug 16	Wigan Athletic 'A'	A 0-2 L
Aug 19	Formby 'A'	A 3-2 W
Aug 23	Blackpool 'A'	A 1-1 D
Sept 6	Burnley 'A'	A 4-3 W
Sept 27	Manchester United 'B'	A 1-1 D
Oct 4	Tranmere Rovers 'B'	A 2-3 L
Oct 11	Blackpool 'A'	H 3-5 L

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION

Sept 13	Bolton Wanderers 'B'	A 4-3 W
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LANCASHIRE F.A. YOUTH CUP

Oct 7	Burnley F.C. Youth	H 2-1 W
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F.A. YOUTH CUP

Nov 4	Port Vale F.C. Youth	A 1-3 L
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DIVISION 2

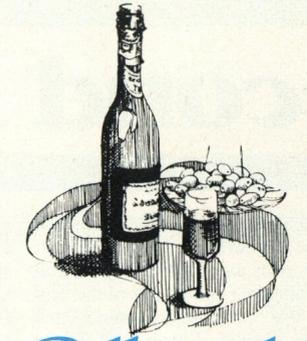
LEAGUE APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS 1980-81

	Home			Goals			Away			Goals			Pts	Name	League Appearances 1980-81	League Goals 1980-81	Total League Appearances
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A						
West Ham	20	9	0	1	25	6	3	5	2	9	9	29					
Chelsea	20	5	3	2	19	8	6	3	1	19	11	28	Atkinson P.G.	15+2 (sub)	56	365	
Notts County	20	6	4	0	16	6	4	4	2	9	11	28	Blair R.V.	20		56	
Sheffield Wed.	20	9	1	0	19	5	1	3	6	7	18	24	Clements K.H.	20		18	
Swansea	19	5	2	2	16	9	3	5	2	11	9	23	Futcher P.	18	1	49	
Blackburn	20	7	2	1	17	5	2	3	5	8	14	23	Gardner S.D.	2+1 (sub)	74	35	
Orient	20	5	3	2	17	8	3	3	4	12	14	22	Heaton P.J.	7+8 (sub)	1	36	
Derby County	20	4	4	2	16	14	3	4	3	11	13	22	Hilton M.G.J.	4		157	
Cambridge	20	7	0	3	17	10	3	1	6	10	20	21	Hoolickin G.J.	13		70	
Newcastle	20	5	3	2	10	7	2	3	5	7	20	20	Hurst J.	20		40	
LUTON	20	4	4	2	16	12	3	1	6	10	14	19	Keegan G.A.	20	1	91	
Q.P.R.	20	5	3	2	17	6	1	3	6	10	15	18	Kowenicki R.	15+1 (sub)	2	2	
Bolton	20	5	3	2	22	11	1	3	6	10	18	18	McDonnell P.A.	15		91	
Cardiff	20	6	1	3	13	9	2	1	7	9	19	18	Palmer R.N.	2		9	
Preston	19	4	4	1	12	7	1	4	5	6	16	18	Platt J.R.	5		94	
Shrewsbury	20	4	4	2	15	11	0	5	5	3	11	17	Sinclair N.J.T.	7+1 (sub)		9	
Wrexham	20	3	3	4	11	14	3	2	5	7	9	17	Stainrod S.A.	18	5	69	
Grimsby	19	4	5	1	7	3	0	4	5	5	14	17	Steel W.J.	6+6 (sub)	1	52	
Watford	19	6	2	2	15	10	0	1	8	7	17	15	Wylde R.	14+1 (sub)	2	25	
OLDHAM	20	4	4	2	8	4	0	3	7	5	16	15					
Bristol City	20	3	5	2	10	7	0	2	8	5	21	13					
Bristol Rovers	20	1	6	3	11	12	0	3	7	5	20	11					

Half Time Scoreboard

DIVISION 1

ARSENAL v WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	.....
BIRMINGHAM CITY v LEICESTER CITY	.....
BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION v SUNDERLAND	.....
LIVERPOOL v TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	.....
MANCHESTER CITY v IPSWICH TOWN	.....
MIDDLESBOROUGH v ASTON VILLA	.....
NORWICH CITY v MANCHESTER UNITED	.....
NOTTINGHAM FOREST v CRYSTAL PALACE	.....
SOUTHAMPTON v COVENTRY CITY	.....
STOKE CITY v EVERTON	.....
WEST BROMWICH ALBION v LEEDS UNITED	.....
DIVISION 2	
BOLTON WANDERERS v ORIENT	.....
BRISTOL ROVERS v WREXHAM	.....
CAMBRIDGE UNITED v QUEENS PARK RANGERS	.....
CARDIFF CITY v GRIMSBY TOWN	.....
CHELSEA v SWANSEA CITY	.....
NEWCASTLE UNITED v BLACKBURN ROVERS	.....
PRESTON NORTH END v DERBY COUNTY
SHREWSBURY TOWN v BRISTOL CITY
WATFORD v NOTTS COUNTY
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Second Division Scene

IT SEEMS a long time since August, but away back in the early days of the season Latics and Luton were riding high in the table, each with four points out of the first half-dozen. We had beaten Queen's Park Rangers and Cardiff, Luton had licked West Ham and Watford.

Not long ago, the Hatters met the Hammers again, and showed their mettle by setting some sort of a record as they inflicted another defeat upon the team almost everyone fancies for a promotion place.

On the opening day of the season, Luton went to Upton Park and won 2-1, thanks to spot-kick goals by Dave Moss; when the return game was played at Kenilworth Road midway through the last month, millions of television viewers had a chance to see an exciting game of football.

Two goals by Brian Stein set Luton up for the double ... but a brace of goals from Trevor Brooking, immediately before and straight after half-time, had the Hammers on course for at least a point. But five minutes from time, the Hammers' bogymen Moss, produced the killer punch.

So he could claim to have won both the Hatters' games against West Ham and, in the process, Luton became the only side to have beaten their opponents at Upton Park and when they were on tour. And by then, West Ham had played 17 games, so Luton's performances certainly stood scrutiny.

In between times, the Hatters have been like Latics and the curate's egg - good in parts. Victories over West Ham and Watford saw them poised to hit the top with six points out of six ... but Derby County went to Kenilworth Road and ended that dream by winning 2-1.

Luton lost by a similar margin at Newcastle as we were being beaten at Wrexham, so we slipped down the table together. As we beat Sheffield Wednesday, Luton dropped a home point to Wrexham, and the gap between us widened.

A 3-0 defeat at Blackburn, a 2-1 home win over Orient, a 0-0 draw at Grimsby and a 1-0 home defeat by Notts County saw Luton see-sawing up and down. They were then 13th, after nine games, while we

stood eighth in the table. And though we lost at Cambridge, so did Luton - 1-0 at Preston - to slide into the bottom four. Their visits to Lancashire had not paid dividends.

After a 3-1 win at Cambridge, however, Luton passed Latics, moving upwards as we went in the reverse direction, and they have maintained the gap ever since. Yet they are on an unwanted hat-trick this afternoon ... for if we beat them, we shall have achieved the same objective as did Blackburn and Preston.

Most important of all, however, is that Latics should do themselves a good turn, for victory would lift some of the clouds which have hovered over Boundary Park of late - not least after the defeat here against Orient.

It would also be a confidence-booster before our next two matches, which - it goes without saying - look like being tough ones. Because in turn, we meet promotion-seeking Notts County and Swansea City.

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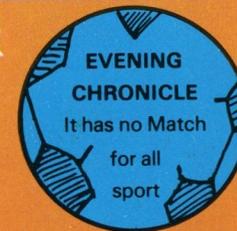
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	TEAM CHANGES		TEAM CHANGES
<p>ATHLETIC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> John Platt Nick Sinclair Ronnie Blair Ged Keegan Kenny Clements John Hurst Paul Heaton Paul Futcher Jim Steel Roger Palmer Paul Atkinson T.B.A. 		<p>LUTON TOWN</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jake Findley Kirk Stephens Mal Donaghy Tony Grealish Mike Saxby Paul Price Ricky Hill Brian Stein Steve Wright Mark Aizlewood David Moss Alan West 	
<p>Referee: D. T. RICHARDSON (Lincoln)</p>		<p>Linesmen: S.W. MASON (Nelson) Red Flag A.N. RUSLING (Derby) Yellow Flag</p>	

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