

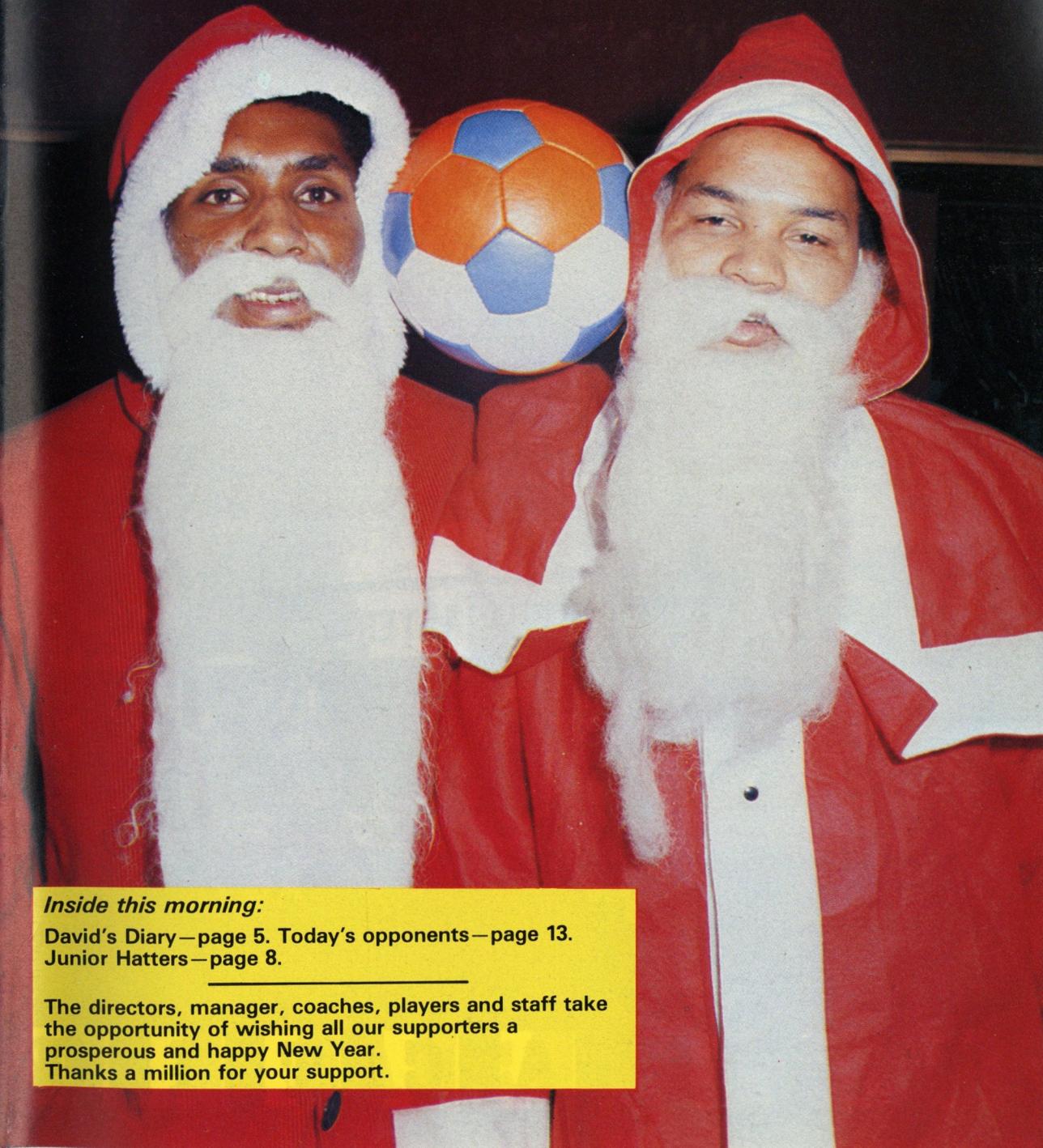
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Our last home game, against Preston, produced a glut of goals all stamped with the hallmark of quality. And the game marked a most satisfactory return to the first team for Lilly Fuccillo who scored the third goal. Godfrey Ingram will also remember the match because, in only his second senior appearance of the season, he hit a spectacular effort past Preston keeper Roy Tunks.

Top right: On its way . . . Fuccillo — fourth from the right — hammers the ball past Tunks.

Bottom right: On its way . . . David Moss strokes his first-half penalty into the net.

Above: Just off the mark . . . Brian Stein shoots for goal.

Below: It's there . . . Moss leads the celebrations for his second goal.

Pictures: Colin Bowerman, Evening Post-Echo



A C T I O N . . A C T I O N

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT From the Chief Executive's Office

In the official match day magazine for our first home fixture this season against Watford, I told you of the extensive and costly improvements that had been made around the stadium under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act.

I also told you that we had been refused planning permission for a walkway which we were proposing to construct from the Kenilworth Road Terrace to the visiting supporters coach park, and additional exits from the Main Stand, permission having been refused quite simply because of the proposed relief road programmed to commence during 1983-84.

I told you at that time that we were seriously thinking of appealing against that Refusal.

Now that we are well into the season the Club has monitored and reviewed the whole matter and come to the conclusion that these works are still needed and essential to the overall strategy of stadium management within the terms of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act and that in view of their importance, we should make the best use of our land even though it may eventually be taken away from us.

The Club has therefore given Notice of Appeal against that Refusal and we hope that permission will be obtained in time for the works to be carried out and brought into use next season. If permission is granted, then this should help local residents and traders considerably.

We have also now received a Bill which British Rail are presenting to Parliament seeking power to deprive us of our land and to deviate the Luton and Dunstable railway line running behind our ground, in order to make way for the proposed relief road.

If this happens, it will have the most serious consequences for the Club and indeed, unless a solution can be found we shall be forced out of existence altogether.

The Board are determined that this should not happen. We have therefore retained lawyers and other experts to look after our interests.

As and when possible, I will make further announcements, but the situation is now at a delicate stage and for the time being, therefore, we can only issue a limited amount of information.

Meanwhile, we are determined to make the best possible use of our ground and will continue to carry out improvements whenever and wherever possible.

May I finally make a further appeal to our supporters to do their part in co-operating with the Club and the Police in making Luton a safe ground for all spectators, particularly the youngsters; we are immensely proud of our Club, and will continue to strive to make it a pleasure to visit Kenilworth Road.

JOHN SMITH

DAVID'S DIARY

If today's game sees half as much quality and excitement as last year's Boxing Day match between Luton and Chelsea, everyone will be delighted. The 22 players gave lie to the fact that well balanced players cannot play on hard difficult surfaces. Unfortunately both sides failed to achieve end-of-season promotion but this term most people must fancy Chelsea's chances.

They have tremendous supporter backing and I hope that, being Christmas, they can give polite good natured support today and we shall not see any hooliganism during, or after, the game.

We are now just over the halfway stage of the season and we can reflect on the first-half of the season. Although we have played very well on occasions (Derby 1-2, Newcastle 1-2, Bristol City 1-2) and lost, there have been other occasions when the performance has been well below our capabilities. Recently at Oldham, although we got what some may consider a good away point, I was far from happy with the overall display. We now have the opportunity to close the gap on the leaders and only with consistency can this be done. There is no point in beating the best side (West Ham) twice and local rivals (Watford) twice if we can't perform in the more difficult games. These are the occasions when there is little or no atmosphere, no TV cameras, unattractive and/or defensive-minded opposition.

Football is a game for all seasons and we must be prepared to accept any conditions and situations to achieve success over 42 League games.

We have allowed one or two players to move on from our junior ranks. There is an obvious financial squeeze in the game as clubs have given in far too readily to wage demands, while seeing attendances fall dramatically. Because of this, at the season's end, there will be many players unable to continue their chosen profession. It is with this in mind that I am helping one or two youngsters to get fixed up now, possibly at part-time level, but at the same time, give them an opportunity to get an outside job. This season we have seen the advent of the Junior Hatters *Evening Post-Echo* Scheme for youngsters. It is a tremendous idea to introduce, through sponsorship, hundreds of youngsters to see Second Division football. We must continue this thinking to ensure the future support for the game. The Junior Hatters' party was a smashing evening. I must congratulate the players on their willingness at every opportunity to attend organised evenings and their work for charities and coaching youngsters.

I am looking forward to the challenge to Luton and football in general in the year ahead. We shall continue, determined to play attractive football and thank you for your support which is appreciated.

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John's Journal

Our visitors today, Chelsea, were formed in 1905 and turned professional the same year. Their Football League honours include champions of Division One in 1954-55, runners-up Division Two in 1906-7, 1911-12, 1929-30, 1962-63 and 1976-77. FA Cup winners 1970 and runners-up 1914-15 and 1966-67. Football League Cup winners 1964-65 and runners-up 1971-72.

Now under the leadership of Geoff Hurst they look one of the favourites to go up this season. They have also been successful in European competition by winning the European Cup Winners Cup in 1971. It was in that competition they recorded their victory, by beating Jeunesse Hautcharage 13-0 in the first round, in September 1971.

When one talks of Chelsea one of the first names to come to mind is that of Jimmy Greaves. He still holds the club goal-scoring record

with 41 goals in 1960-61. Another consistent Chelsea marksman was Bobby Tambling, who scored 164 times for them between 1958 and 1970.

Two notable centre-forwards left Luton Town to go to Chelsea many seasons ago — the late Joe (ten-goal) Payne and Hughie Billington. Both were frequent scorers at Stamford Bridge, carrying on the traditions they set at Luton.

Games between our two clubs in recent years have resulted in some violent scenes on the terraces, and I hope that, with the season of goodwill upon us, the small minority of so-called fans from both sides who cause trouble will come to their senses and behave themselves.

One player who could be appearing in the Chelsea side today is Philip Driver. As our supporters will know, Phil was a player with us but we decided to let him leave

and join Bedford Town. After spending a season there, he went to Wimbledon, where he was constantly in and out of their league team. This season, after joining Chelsea, he has established a place in the side and, to me, this is a lesson for any young player — never give up, the tide may turn.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the mini-army of gatemmen, stewards and volunteers who help to make match days an easy affair. Without them, life would be extremely difficult and I take this opportunity of wishing them all a very happy New Year. Thank you, lads.



JOHN WILKINSON Secretary

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Sally and Sue, wishing you both a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Love Chris.

A very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all members of the "Excelsior Travel Club" from Tom and Paul.

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JUNIOR HATTERS



A very special welcome to all of you here today, especially to the parents with us in our *Evening Post-Echo* Junior Enclosure. I hope you enjoy a great game. This is our traditional Christmas match, so let's hope it will live up to its reputation and give us all good cheer.

Now the news you have been waiting for — the results of our Match Mascot Draw. Here is a list of the lucky Junior Hatters whose names came out of the Hat and can enjoy the privilege of being a Luton Town Mascot in 1981.

1. Mascot for **CARDIFF CITY** 10.1.81. John Finch, 16 Felstead Way, Luton (8081307).
2. Mascot for **NEWCASTLE UTD** 17.1.81. Ian Schilling, 15 Preston Gardens, Luton (8081310).
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4. Mascot for **GRIMSBY TOWN** 21.2.81. Amanda Ryder, 33 Highfield Rd, Leighton Buzzard (8081313).
5. Mascot for **BRISTOL CITY** 14.3.81. Christopher Everest, 15 Tillingham View, Broad Oak, Rye, Sussex (8081453).
6. Mascot for **CAMBRIDGE UTD** 28.3.81. Stuart Prior, 18 Crown St, Redbourn, Herts. (8081410).
7. Mascot for **QUEENS PARK RANGERS** 11.4.81. Colin Kruse, 20 Wheatlock Mead, Redbourn, Herts. (8081399).
8. Mascot for **OLDHAM ATHLETIC** 25.4.81. Peter Barford, 36 East Common Redbourn, Herts. (8081372).



Hats off for a Hatters' lift-off. We are always pleased to welcome young supporters to Kenilworth Road as part of our ambitious youth policy and these happy youngsters were the guests of Luton director David Evans, who sponsored our last home game against Bolton Wanderers.

who share this honour often tend to be forgotten, so I want to give a special mention to such Junior Hatters whose birthdays are on 25th December.

Anthony Walker, 1 Glensford Close, Luton, aged 11 years, and Robin Hagan, 928b Tyler Place, RAF Chicksands, Shefford, aged 14 years.

Now for the rest sharing the festive season: Noel Corrigan, 28 Elgar Path, North St, Luton, 20th Dec, 9 years; Craig Hatfull, 18 Stephens Way, Redbourn, Herts. 20th Dec, 11 years; Bryan Cooper, 177 Icknield Way, Luton, 21st Dec, 10 years; Nicholas White, 86 High Beech Road, Sundon Park, Luton, 21st Dec, 12 years; Gary Copper-

wheat, 4 St. Peters Close, Flitwick, Beds. 22nd Dec, 11 years; Michael Reader, 12 Vale Close, Harpenden, Herts. 22nd Dec, 11 years; Umesh Patel, 28 Hazelbury Cres, Luton, 22nd Dec, 11 years; Christopher Galvin, 381 Hitchen Road, Luton, 23rd Dec, 7 years.

Joseph Gill, 54 Arrow Close, Luton, 23rd Dec, 10 years; Nigel Hyde, 4 Collingtree, Luton, 23rd Dec, 10 years; Simon Day, 69 Tasseu Hall, Redbourn, Herts. 24th Dec, 11 years; Mark Fussell, 92 Wardown Cres, Luton 24th Dec, 9 years; Andrew Shields, 22 Hunts Close, Luton, 24th Dec, 11 years; Stuart Boag, 151 Icknield Way, Luton, 26th Dec, 11 years; Matthew Wing, 7c Riddy Lane, Luton, 28th Dec, 9 years; Judith Orchard, 43 Lucas Way, Shefford, Beds. 29th Dec, 14 years; Lee Dagnall, 10 Canberra Gardens, Luton, 30th Dec, 10 years; Scott Atkinson, 19 Saberton Gardens, Redbourn, Herts. 30th Dec, 10 years; Derek Ludlow, 40 Links Way, Warden Hill, Luton, 30th Dec, 10 years; Stuart Warwick, 14 Weathercock Lane, Woburn Sands, Beds. 31st Dec, 13 years; Keith Cottingham, 22 Nene Drive, Bletchley, Bucks. 31st Dec, 14 years.

Now join me in wishing all junior supporters a very happy New Year, and success to Luton Town in 1981. I'll be in touch next year.

COLIN BALL

Youth Development Officer

TODAY'S MASCOT

We welcome 9-year-old Derek Phillips to Kenilworth Road this morning as the match day mascot. Derek is a pupil at the Gascoigne Cecil School, Hatfield, and plays football for Cornet Rangers. In addition to being a member of the Junior Hatters, he is also in the cubs and is a season ticket holder. He enjoys radio controlled car racing, and his favourite player is David Moss.



WHICH SIDE WAS HE ON?

EPISODE FOURTEEN

by Ray Aspden

THE STORY SO FAR ... YOUNG "BOBBIN" DINO, THE NEW FOREIGN SIGNING FOR LEATOWN, IS CAUGHT UP WITH A GANG OF TERRORISTS FROM HIS HOMETOWN. HE IS BEING CLOSELY WATCHED BY MEN FROM M.I.6. ...

IN AN AWAY MATCH, LEATOWN v DOCKTON, A HARD TACKLE AND BOBBIN FALLS!



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PHEEP!

NO FOUL, I BLEW FOR TREATMENT



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THE LEATOWN BENCH WERE CONFUSED.

WHAT'S GOING ON? WE DON'T WANT A STRETCHER!

THE BALL MEANTIME WAS OUT OF PLAY



ONE DOWN TEN TO GO DOCK-TON!

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THE LEATOWN TRAINER FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH THE GANG!

HEY!

WAIT! I WANT TO SEE TO MY PLAYER!

NO WAY! WE CAN'T STOP, THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!

BUT THE TRAINER NOTED THE NUMBERPLATE



MEANWHILE ON THE TERRACE, SQUID AND HIS M.I.6 MEN WERE WRONG FOOTED ...!

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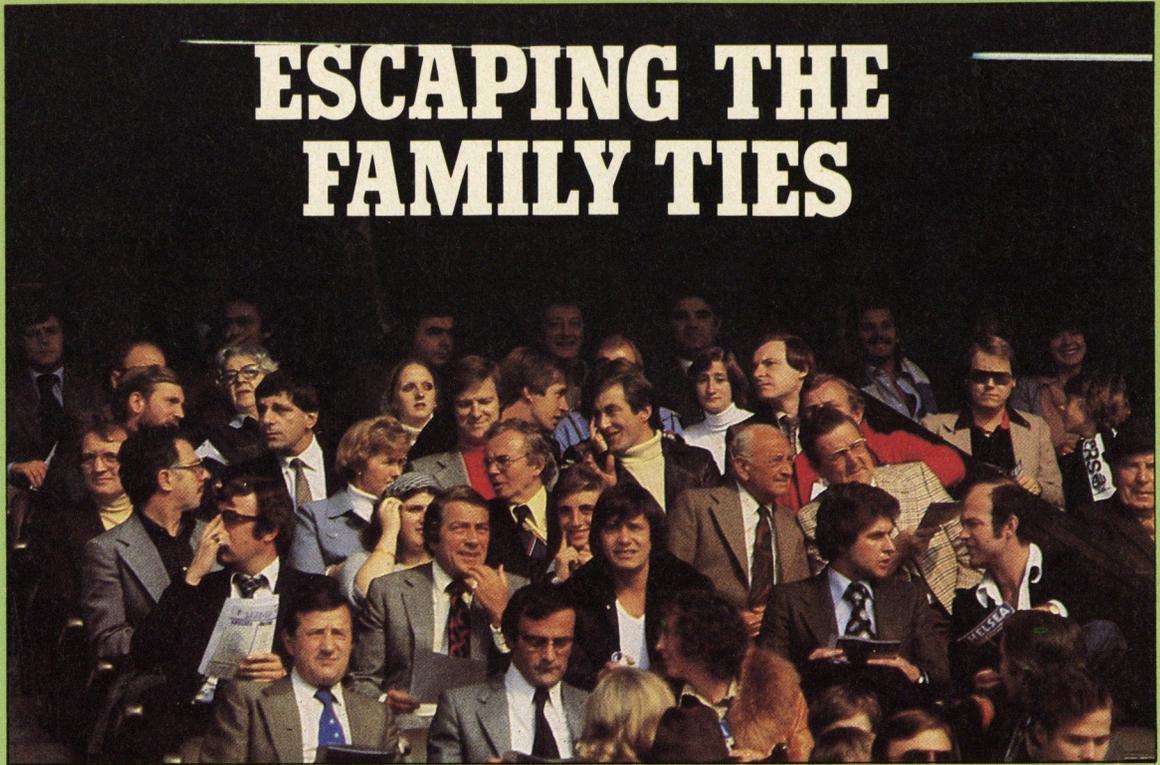


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ESCAPING THE FAMILY TIES

BY ROB HUGHES OF THE SUNDAY TIMES

When did you last have the urge to bring the family along to the game? Did you ever bring the wife and kids?

I ask because the dreamers, some of them in high places, are suggesting the panacea for dwindling crowds is to do away with the hooligan, to redesign the stadiums so that dad and mum, little Johnnie and Mary and baby Freda and maybe Grannie too can pile en bloc into the nice family atmosphere you have created.

Be honest, now: is that what you want? My belief, for what its worth, is that the conception of football as family entertainment is misguided. The traditional fan possibly took his son to the match (and that, certainly, is threatened by hooliganism), but the vast majority actually went to football as an escape from family life.

The terraces were the working man's equivalent to the upper crust's exclusive clubs; a place where blokes met, were entertained, could shout their heads off, bait the referee in language that was colourful though nothing like as obscene as today, and share a pint. A man's world.

O.K., the world is changing, the liberated women might actually want to mingle amongst us (and, logically perhaps, play with the fellers, too?) Well, welcome. But the family? My household, and my friend's and acquaintances households must be terribly reactionary because, quite frankly, football is pretty low on the

list of things we wish to follow as a unit.

In fact, though there are so far no personality clashes in my admittedly young family, there are times we all function best going our own ways. Hasn't it always been so?

But, again the planners (who needn't take the folks because they, you understand attend the game in the course of duty) tell us times have changed. They point out that in America, soccer booms best where the families drive up, have their picnics in vast car-parks, and enjoy their entertainment together. It is true, as I have seen; it is also true that the Disney wrappings are necessary to camouflage a second rate game, that there is no tradition and no passion for soccer, and that the trappings designed to keep the families - and, more important it seems, the sponsors - happy in the States would irritate the knowledgeable football man to utter distraction.

Again, the advocates of all-seater stadia and family blocs - including kindergartens - point out that increased leisure time creates the climate for family attendance. I don't follow the logic. In the old days, the working man clocked off at lunchtime on Saturday and used the first third of his 1½-days' rest to have a drink with the boys and watch the match. So, now that he has two or even three days at home, isn't it likely that the football fan would appreciate at least as much the

privacy of his Saturday afternoon world away from family ties?

Besides, chauvanistic or not, a couple of hours of prime Saturday shopping time still seems as good a time as any for the menfolk to get out from under their women's feet.

Getting back, briefly, to the hooligan problem. It obviously is a seriously poisoned cancer - in our social lives as well as our sporting times. It obviously needs to be cut away from our terraces before father will take even Johnnie, the next generation fan.

But don't blame it for too much. Violence is a cause, but the fact that you are reading this in your match programme says that it hasn't deterred you. It also suggests you know the other reasons that have turned your mates off the sport - negative play, the stifling of personalities, poor sportsmanship, too much television, expensive prices and (not entirely bad for the nation) the growth of participant sports.

You will also be fully aware of the gulf that has grown between the footballer and the fan and the decrepit facilities offered the supporter at so many grounds. Perhaps the pie-in-the-sky hierarchy, instead of trying to change the nature of the audience will get down to improving the lot of those who do attend? And the smallest start might follow if those leaders were to be taken on a guided tour of, say their own stadium's toilet facilities?

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The pre-Christmas Party for Junior Hatters was a huge success with players, officials and manager David Pleat all joining in the fun. The next edition of the match day magazine will contain Gareth Owen's pictures taken on the evening. Meanwhile, he caught Alan Bigg, Nic Golding and Andrew Crane trying to solve one of the competitions organised by youth development officer Colin Ball.

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WELCOME TO CHELSEA

Goal difference robbed Chelsea of the opportunity of playing in Division One this season when, at the end of last term, they finished in fourth place behind Birmingham City in the Second Division table. That was a bitter disappointment to manager Geoff Hurst, one of our 1966 World Cup stars, who is determined to put the London side back into the top flight.

Desperate attempts by Chelsea manager Geoff Hurst to bolster his team in time for today's visit to Kenilworth Road failed when he was unable to persuade Manchester City's unsettled midfielder player Steve Daley to move to London.

City manager John Bond had made it perfectly clear there was no place for Daley at Maine Road and was prepared to cut his losses on City's £1.4m signing by agreeing to allow him to move to Stamford Bridge for £400,000.

But Daley, reputed to be earning £900 a week with City, could not agree terms with Hurst and the proposed deal was called off just before Christmas.

Daley asked Hurst for 24 hours to think about the move. That deadline passed without event and the Chelsea boss finally contacted Daley and told him the deal was dead.

That killed any hope Daley had of making an immediate mark in the Football League again. But, even without Daley, Hurst has assembled players capable of making a challenge to play in the First Division next season.

One of his surprise moves was to invest a modest £20,000 in one of our former players Phil Driver. Only 21, Driver was allowed to move to Southern League club Bedford by Luton manager David Pleat. A further move saw him back in the Football League with Wimbledon before Hurst expressed his interest in him. He is currently enjoying his best run in the League and his accurate crosses from the right have already helped to establish him as a firm favourite with the Stamford Bridge fans. It should not go un-noticed that he has already made several goals for his fellow strikers this season.

Hurst, who took over from Danny Blanchflower

as caretaker manager last September, did enough at Chelsea to be offered the job on a permanent basis and one of his first moves was to recruit Bobby Gould as his assistant.

Hurst's first signing was Colin Lee who cost £200,000 when he was bought from Spurs in January. A hamstring injury delayed his debut until March.

Lee started his career with Torquay and signed for Spurs in exchange for a £60,000 cheque. His debut at White Hart Lane attracted national publicity because he responded to the challenge with a new club by scoring four times in the 9-0 thrashing of Bristol Rovers.

Gary Johnson and Lee Frost are two young forwards still trying to establish themselves in the first team. Johnson made 15 appearances last season and scored seven times, while Frost played in 10 League games — his moment of glory coming in the 7-3 victory at Orient when he scored a hat-trick.

Scottish midfield dynamo Ian Britton is now in his 10th season as a Chelsea professional and is a vital part of the Stamford Bridge make-up.

He captained the side on a number of occasions last season and is also noted for his penalty taking qualities.

Nineteen-year-old Mike Fillery is a stylish midfielder player who, in his first full season last winter, appeared in 43 out of a possible 45 senior games. He was also joint top scorer with 13 goals, and he's expected to have a great future.

By comparison, Colin Viljoen is a vastly experienced player after spells with Ipswich, where he played over 300 matches, and Manchester City. Born in South Africa, he changed nationality and was capped by England against Wales and Ireland in 1975.

John Bumstead, Kevin Hales and Peter Rhoades-Brown are three more home-grown players and they'll be vying for midfield places in the first team this season.

In defence, Chelsea have the giant centre-back Micky Droy. This former captain has made over 200

appearances but he was troubled by injury and illness last season.

Gary Chivers used to stand on the terraces at Stamford Bridge but when he was given the chance to play in the first team last season, he took it well to record 31 appearances at centre- or right-back.

When Droy was out of the side, 18-year-old Colin Pates did more than a deputising job. He played 17 matches and was also a part of the triumphant England youth team that won the Little World Cup in May.

Gary Locke, a forward-running right-back, has suffered a string of injuries in the past few years but he's still a valuable part of the Chelsea squad, as is Micky Nutton who formed a promising centre-back partnership with Pates.

Left-back Denis Rofe played more than 450 times for Leicester City before joining Chelsea for £80,000 in February while another talented defender John Sparrow cost the club nothing.

Graham Wilkins, older brother of Manchester United's England star Ray Wilkins, and Chris Hutchings, a £5,000 capture from non-League Harrow Borough, are both very much a part of Chelsea's strong defensive contingent.

In goal, Chelsea have Petar Borota, a popular Yugoslav international who made over 500 appearances for his two native clubs in Belgrade — Sporting and Partisan — before moving to Stamford Bridge for £70,000. His understudy is 24-year-old Bob Iles, a £10,000 signing from Weymouth.

Back row (left to right): Tommy Langley (now QPR), Gary Johnson, Colin Lee, Gary Chivers, Peter Rhoades-Brown. *Middle row:* Geoff Hurst (Manager), Denis Rofe, John Sparrow, Colin Pates, Petar Borota, Bob Iles, Micky Nutton, Gary Locke, Mike Fillery, Bobby Gould (Ass. Manager). *Front row:* Ian Britton, Colin Viljoen, Clive Walker, John Bumstead, Kevin Hales.

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Our Visitors

TOWN TOPICS

IS IT ALL GLOOM AND DESPONDENCY?

Is soccer all gloom and despondency? Everyone has their different views on our national game but, at last, there seems to be some definite move to improve facilities and the approach to revamp Saturday afternoon entertainment on the pitch.

As far as Luton Town is concerned, the introduction of pre-match entertainment and a new £100,000 electronic scoreboard — sponsored by Wallspace Bedrooms — have helped to give the game at Kenilworth Road a new image.

This morning, we asked our chief executive John Smith to briefly pen his thoughts on a pending revolution within the game.

"It has been a strange year for the game," he said. "Money, transfers, relationships with players, crowd behaviour, bank interest rates and the so called recession have all been topics for hard discussion.

"They are factors which have had a profound impact on the professional game. Much of what we hear is gloom and despondency but, in hindsight, the last 12 months have been the year when football was forced to adapt to fundamental changes.

"The structure which has held for the last 100 years with little major change could, in 1981, be restructured in such a way that, in ten years time, we could look back on the coming years as a period of propogation.

"It is significant that, next month, the Football League chairmen will meet again for a second seminar and most of that meeting will be devoted to the financial aspect of the game. It could be that major changes will be discussed. And, although many people still suggest that football is a business, it is in fact still administered by regulations which were developed before the turn of the century.

"It has prevented an industry, which employs many thousands of people, from operating as an efficient business. We have been almost strangled by the lack of investment within the game which has given the impression of poverty.

"I am not alone in looking forward to the developments which may emerge from next month's seminar."

THIS MORNING'S SPONSOR

John Hudson, chairman of this morning's sponsor Luton based E. W. Hudson Limited, has a long connection with the club and is well known as a Vice President and an avid supporter.

His paternal grandfather started E. W. Hudson as engineers in 1889 when he was still an apprentice at Hayward Tyler. He bought a treadle lathe and installed it in a shed in his back garden. Two years before the turn of the century, he built a car with Henry Brown, a well known local timber merchant.

It took them a round journey of three days to travel to London and back and, in those days, that wasn't bad.

John Hudson took control of the company 25 years ago and are now extremely busy making parts and building machines for a variety of customers. We take this opportunity of thanking them for sponsoring today's game.

TODAY'S PRE-MATCH ENTERTAINMENT

We couldn't allow the festive season to pass without bringing you the Christmas spirit. And who better to provide it than the Salvation Army, an organisation recognised for their music at Christmas?

The Salvation Army first opened its doors in Luton in December 1882. For most of the 98 years since then, the bands of the Salvation Army have been heard in the streets of Luton and the current band comprises members from the Luton Temple and Luton Citadel Corps.

During the week, the bandsmen are engaged in all walks of life but, on Sundays, they can be found taking part in various services.

Throughout the year, the bands participate in festivals and services in addition to playing in local civic and church services.

BOX OFFICE

We have been drawn away to Orient in the third round of the FA Cup a week tomorrow. Details of ticket availability will be announced in the local Press.

If a replay is required, it will be staged at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday 6th January.

Reserve Report

Crystal Palace 2 Luton Town 0

With a South East Counties League side containing four schoolboys, the result does not tell the full story. Part of the job of this team is to test youngsters to assess their potential as apprentice professionals. Obviously, not every boy is up to the standard required and additional responsibility is thrust upon the rest of the team.

However, allowing for that, the result was a little disappointing for us because we had enough of the play but failed to take our chances. And, when things are not going too well, the younger members of the team tend to fade from the game and Palace, who had played together more as a unit, took full advantage to record a victory.

Team: Phelps, Green, Patterson, Mahoney, Foote, Lane, Mulley, Baker, McElroy, Barker, McDonald. *Subs:* Harding, Beaumont.

Luton Town 0 Tottenham 1

This result brought an end to a run of six games without defeat for our South East Counties League team after we had climbed into the top-half of the table. After a bad start to our baptism in this competition, we picked up points following several defeats by the odd goal.

Coach Trevor Hartley said: "We didn't play well and this was one game where we didn't look like scoring. Again, we had a couple of trialists in the team. However, as in the game against Crystal Palace, we had enough of the ball and should have created more opportunities for ourselves."

It was generally a poor performance which allowed Spurs to snatch victory by the only goal.

Team: Phelps, McMahan, Foote, Evershed, Patterson, Breacker,

Humphreys, Daniel, Baker, McElroy, Brammer. *Subs:* Green, North.

West Brom 1 Luton Town 1

We got off to a good start on a sticky pitch and took the lead after only three minutes when Alan Cosby scored from a corner. But our jubilation was short-lived because we allowed West Brom to equalise from a free kick only one minute later.

After half-time, the Town's youngsters enjoyed most of the possession but rarely looked like breaking down a strong West Brom defence and the sharpness around the 18 yard box was missing. As a result, we were unable to create many shooting opportunities.

West Brom always looked dangerous on the quick break when they tried to use the long ball and support quickly. Our defence held out and, on reflection, the result was a fair indication of the game.

Team: Phelps, Fryatt, Foote, Robinson, Patterson, Cole, Harding, Brammer, Cosby, Bunn, Heath. *Sub:* Small.

Luton Town 2 West Ham 2

In wet and windy conditions, we made a bright start in the South East Counties League game but were quickly brought down to earth when West Ham scored after only five minutes. Although our youngsters passed well, we failed to find the necessary penetration and West Ham increased their lead.

In the second-half, with the help of the wind, our lads showed their determination and, after going close several times, grabbed two goals from Harding and McMahan.

Team: Beesley, Green, Foote, McMahan, Patterson, Beaumont, Evershed, Harding, Judge, Baker, Brammer. *Subs:* McElroy, Friend.



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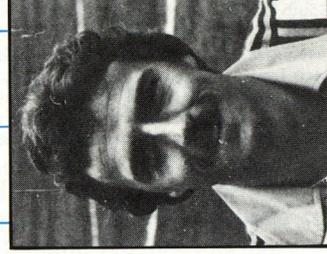
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WHO PLAYED
GATES
RESULTS



Home fixtures in **Bold** Luton score first Att. Res. Pts. Pos. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 * Own Goal + Denotes substitute player

Date	Fixture	Att.	Res.	Pts.	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 16	West Ham United	27,933	2-1	2	1	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	White+	Antic	Moss ²	West
Aug. 19	Watford	13,887	1-0	4	4	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	White ¹	Antic	Moss	West
Aug. 23	Derby County	11,025	1-2	4	4	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Bunn+	Antic	Moss	Aizlewood
Aug. 27	Reading (LC 2-1st Leg)	5,778	2-1	—	—	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Bunn	Antic	Moss	Aizlewood
Aug. 30	Newcastle United	13,164	1-2	—	—	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby+	Aizlewood	Hill	Stein	Bunn	Antic	Moss	Ingram
Sept. 2	Reading (LC 2-2nd Leg)	5,707	1-1	—	—	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Bunn	Antic	Moss	White
Sept. 6	Wrexham	8,244	1-1	5	18	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Ingram	Antic	Moss	White
Sept. 13	Blackburn Rovers	9,076	0-3	5	18	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	West	Antic	Moss	White
Sept. 20	Orient	8,506	1-2	7	10	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	West	Antic	Moss	White
Sept. 23	Manchester City (LC 3)	10,265	1-2	7	10	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	West	Antic	Moss	White
Sept. 27	Grimsey Town	9,044	0-1	8	13	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby ¹	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Oct. 4	Notts County	8,736	0-1	8	13	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Oct. 7	Bristol City	7,014	1-2	8	16	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Oct. 11	Notts County	5,620	0-1	8	19	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Oct. 18	Shrewsbury Town	8,014	1-1	9	19	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Oct. 21	Shrewsbury Town	8,402	2-2	10	16	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Oct. 25	Swansea City	7,219	3-1	12	14	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Oct. 25	Cambridge United	12,082	2-3	14	11	Judge	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Nov. 1	Sheffield Wednesday	10,082	2-3	14	11	Judge	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Nov. 8	Queens Park Rangers	16,939	1-0	16	10	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Nov. 15	West Ham United	17,031	3-2	18	11	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Nov. 15	Watford	6,064	1-0	18	11	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Nov. 22	Cardiff City (1)	8,300	2-2	19	11	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Nov. 29	Bolton Wanderers	4,720	0-0	20	11	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Dec. 6	Oldham Athletic	4,720	0-0	20	11	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Dec. 13	Preston North End (2)	7,874	4-2	22	10	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greulich	Saxby+	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Dec. 20	Shrewsbury Town																
Dec. 26	Chelsea																
Dec. 27	Chelsea																
Dec. 27	Bristol Rovers																
Jan. 3	Orient F.A. Cup 3																
Jan. 10	Cardiff City																
Jan. 17	Newcastle United																
Jan. 24	F.A. Cup 4																
Jan. 31	Derby County																
Feb. 7	Blackburn Rovers																
Feb. 14	Wrexham (5)																
Feb. 21	Grimsey Town																
Feb. 28	Grimsey Town																
Mar. 7	Notts County (6)																
Mar. 14	Bristol City (LCF)																
Mar. 21	Swansea City																
Mar. 28	Cambridge United																
April 4	Sheffield Wednesday																
April 11	Queens Park Rangers (SF)																
April 18	Bristol Rovers																
April 20	Chelsea																
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April 25	Oldham Athletic																
May 2	Bolton Wanderers																
May 9	F.A. Cup Final																



David Moss scorer of two goals in our last home game against Preston.

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION		LEAGUE DIVISION TWO TABLE 1980-81		FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1980-81		DIVISION TWO AVERAGE ATTENDANCES	
FIXTURES 1980-81		F A		F A		AVERAGE ATTENDANCES	
Aug. 16	Chelsea	2-2		West Ham United	2-1	Southampton	21
Aug. 19	Southampton	0-1		Chelsea	1-0	Chelsea	32,402
Aug. 23	Blackburn Rovers	2-2		Derby County	1-2	Derby County	32,669
Aug. 27	Arsenal	3-0		Swansea	2-1	Newcastle	24,848
Sept. 27	Crystal Palace	3-1		Notts County	1-2	Sheffield Wed.	20,353
Oct. 4	Orient	2-0		Sheffield Wed	1-2	Sheffield Wed.	26,164
Oct. 6	Queens Park Rangers	1-1		Derby County	1-1	Watford	19,802
Oct. 13	Norwich City	2-0		Notts County	1-1	Swansea City	13,323
Oct. 19	Blackburn Rovers	1-1		Orient	1-1	Grimsey Town	15,052
Oct. 26	Wrexham	1-1		Blackburn Rovers	1-1	Blackburn	15,503
Nov. 2	Oxford United	2-0		Luton Town	2-0	Luton Town	17,031
Nov. 9	Bristol City	1-1		Oxford United	1-1	Bolton	15,926
Nov. 16	Southampton	1-1		Blackburn Rovers	1-1	Bristol City	16,937
Nov. 23	Chelsea	1-1		Grimsey Town	1-1	Bristol City	18,065
Nov. 30	Bristol Rovers	1-1		Bolton Wanderers	1-1	Notts County	14,419
Dec. 7	Birmingham City	2-2		Wrexham	2-2	Oldham	14,000
Dec. 14	Tottenham Hotspur	0-2		Newcastle United	2-2	Wrexham	10,913
Dec. 21	Norwich City	0-2		Shrewsbury Town	2-2	Cardiff City	9,558
Dec. 28	Plymouth Argyle	2-1		Cardiff City	2-1	Preston	9,063
Jan. 4	Reading	2-1		Watford	2-1	Cardiff City	11,950
Jan. 11	Arsenal	2-1		Preston	2-1	Orient	6,636
Jan. 18	Swindon Town	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1	Shrewsbury	7,370
Jan. 25	Spwisch Town	2-1		Bristol Rovers	2-1		
Feb. 1	Fulham	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
Feb. 8	Orient	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
Feb. 15	Crystal Palace	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
Feb. 22	Queens Park Rangers	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
Feb. 29	West Ham United	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
Mar. 6	Wolves	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
Mar. 13	Wolves	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
Mar. 20	Tottenham Hotspur	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
Mar. 27	Tottenham Hotspur	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
Apr. 3	Oxford United	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
Apr. 10	Bristol City	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
Apr. 17	Swindon Town	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
Apr. 24	Reading	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
Apr. 31	Bristol Rovers	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
May 8	Bristol Rovers	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
May 15	Bristol Rovers	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
May 22	Bristol Rovers	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
May 29	Bristol Rovers	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
Jun 5	Bristol Rovers	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
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Oct 30	Bristol Rovers	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
Nov 6	Bristol Rovers	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
Nov 13	Bristol Rovers	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
Nov 20	Bristol Rovers	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		
Nov 27	Bristol Rovers	2-1		Bolton Wanderers	2-1		

COMMERCIAL COMMENT

We may be in the middle of a recession, but that hasn't prevented our fans from supporting our fund-raising efforts over the Christmas holiday.

The Hatters Draw was a fantastic success and represented a magnificent effort on everyone's part. In fact, it represented the largest raffle proceeds allowed under current law.

There were those who were unable to sell their allocation of tickets. But that was offset by the number of people who asked for additional supplies and that helped to make our draw the biggest on record.

The total prize money was £2,000, shared by 37 lucky winners. The draw was held this morning in the Vice-Presidents Suite, and names and addresses will, hopefully, be published in our next match day magazine. Result sheets will also be distributed from our Pools Office from next Monday.

By that time, all prize money will have been distributed. But, in retrospect, I feel that everyone likes to know who has won a prize. Even if you have been unlucky, we hope you will support the other fund raising activities associated with the club.

There is still a chance for you to win the holiday of a lifetime for two in Miami next May — for only 25p. We have chartered a special jet aircraft which will leave after the Cup Final next May — and you could be aboard.

Players, management, directors, club officials will make up the party and, hopefully, we will be able to arrange two friendly games while we are in Florida.

Negotiations are at an advanced stage and it seems we will be playing against Tampa Bay Rowdies and Fort Lauderdale. They are two of the top clubs in the North American Soccer League and you can win the opportunity of watching the Town in action Stateside.

Fancy your chances? We haven't been able to find anyone who isn't interested in the chance of winning a free holiday. Whether you see our lottery tickets in a pub, shop or club, we hope you will take the opportunity of buying one.

After all, by helping us, you could also be helping yourself to win a super free holiday or any one of the thousands of cash prizes available on other lottery tickets.



MIKE HARDWICKE *Commercial Manager*

QUIZ SPOT



Pssst, fancy two tickets for a future home match free of charge? If you do, the person circled in this picture taken at a home game this season will be in luck. All you have to do is present yourself to assistant secretary in the ticket office, and he'll give you the tickets. It couldn't be easier, could it?

Century Club

Having ended the last programme notes with Christmas greetings, we find ourselves still in the festive season today, as we prepare to greet our visitors from Chelsea.

Our balcony has been sold out for some weeks, and this is the case all round the ground — so we should have plenty of support for our team today — best of luck for a good result.

We have no contacts at Chelsea so far, but tomorrow some of us are visiting Bristol Rovers, where we now have very good friends of several years. Let us hope weather conditions are better for us than when they made a winter visit to us a couple of years ago.

It is a sobering thought that we have only nine League games left this season, so we must make the most of our Saturdays together. We hope before long to issue our usual challenge to a team of players for a Quiz and of course have the Annual Ball to look forward to.

This reminds us to begin thinking of our Player of the Year. More details of these and other events will be announced later.

Our last notes ended with greetings, this time we send our best wishes to our club and friends for a happy and prosperous New Year.

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How many times have you seen our physiotherapist John Sheridan on the pitch? Do you know what he does when he goes on to treat an injured player?

In these days of super-fit athletes, a good physiotherapist is of paramount importance to any club and, at Luton, we are fortunate to have one of the best.

As an insight to his work, we asked John to describe the treatment he went through with Lilly Fuccillo after the midfielder player broke his leg at Brighton two years ago.

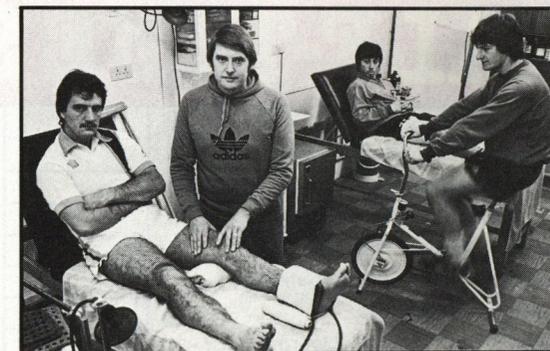
"He fractured both bones in the lower left leg, four inches above the ankle," John explained. "The tibia (shin bone) fracture was a transverse type — straight across — while the fibula fracture was an oblique type running straight across.

"There was a good alignment and opposition of bones so no reduction or internal fixation was required. Lilly's leg was put into a full plaster and, after six months of hard rehabilitation exercises, was given the all-clear to play again. But, in his comeback match for the junior side, he fractured the tibia in the same place.

"It was a shock and a terrible disappointment to us all after the hard work he had put in. Once again, his leg was covered by a full plaster and he was using crutches. But his determination to play again was the biggest factor in his success story. His training kit was always left in the dressing room for him and a light rehabilitation programme was started.

"A week after fracturing the leg for the second time, he was given blood tests to determine the calcium level. Without a good supply, the fracture would not heal and it was necessary for him to go through light exercises to prevent the leg muscles wasting away. We concentrated on thigh and foot exercises.

"Eventually, the plaster was removed after an X-ray. But Lilly was still using crutches although he was allowed partial weight on the injured limb. With the plaster removed, additional options were open



John Sheridan pictured treating Lilly Fuccillo. *Picture: Evening Post Echo.*

to the club doctor and our aim was to mobilise stiff joints, redevelop muscle groups and help him to absorb body fluid.

"After a visit to a specialist in January, he was allowed full weight bearing and, by this time, his joints were mobilised and muscle groups developing well. But there was still much hard work in front of him although he stuck to his exercises with great dedication. We continued to encourage him and, after further X-rays, more strenuous exercises were introduced.

"He was gradually eased into the Football Combination team after playing in easy practice matches. He proved he was ready for competitive soccer again and those who have seen him in action will appreciate the tremendous strides he has made.

WHO'S PLAYING



LUTON TOWN

TEAM CHANGES

- 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 STEVE WHITE
- 10 MARK AIZLEWOOD
- 11 DAVID MOSS
- 12

CHELSEA

TEAM CHANGES

- 1 PETAR BOROTA
- 2 GARY CHIVERS
- 3 GRAHAM WILKINS
- 4 DENNIS ROFE
- 5 JOHN BUMSTEAD
- 6 MICKY DROY
- 7 PHIL DRIVER
- 8 IAN BRITTON
- 9 COLIN LEE
- 10 CLIVE WALKER
- 11 PETER
RHOADES-BROWN

HALF-TIME SCORECHECK

Aston Villa v Stoke City
 Coventry v Middlesbrough
 Crystal Palace v Arsenal
 Everton v Manchester City
 Ipswich Town v Norwich City
 Leeds United v Birmingham City
 Leicester v Brighton
 Manchester United v Liverpool
 Sunderland v W.B.A.
 Tottenham v Southampton
 Wolverhampton v Nott'm Forest
 Blackburn v Preston
 Bristol City v Cardiff

Derby County v Oldham
 Grimsby v Newcastle
 Notts County v Cambridge
 Orient v Watford
 Q.P.R. v West Ham
 Sheff. Wed. v Shrewsbury
 Swansea v Bristol Rovers
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