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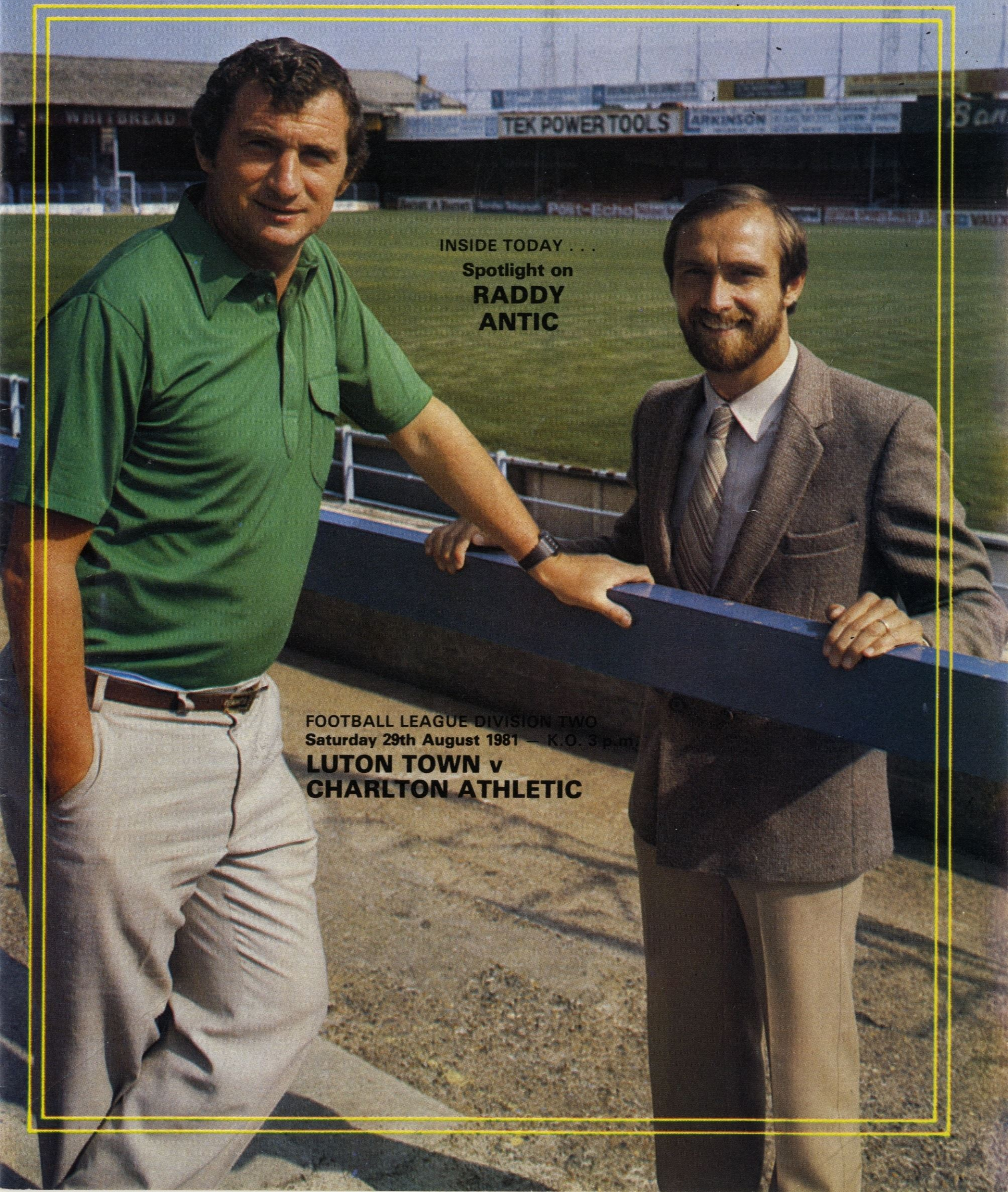
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Right: Horton loses out to the Millwall keeper.

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Opposite bottom: More pressure on Millwall's defence.



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MATCH PREVIEW

A new season, a new challenge — and a very warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to all Luton supporters. Charlton, our visitors this afternoon, have a new manager and will obviously have their own high hopes of winning promotion for the second successive season.

Once again, we hope to provide pre-match entertainment for all supporters in addition to on the pitch during the 90 minutes of the match.

When we were looking for new ways to entertain the crowd before kick-off time the idea of staging cricket at Kenilworth Road sounded a little far-fetched to some ears.

But the experiment has worked, with the result that today sees a cricket tournament at Luton Town entering its third season.

Two years ago, when chief executive John Smith floated the idea of a six-a-side tournament, the Luton and District Midweek Cricket League promised: 'We'll give it a go — but don't blame us if it flops.'

It has to be admitted that the local clubs were a little dubious as well — the six top teams in the League were asked if they would like to enter, and only four took part.

But to the delight of football and cricket alike the idea worked, and has now reached the stage where the League would be disappointed if the tournament did not take place.

This year a total of 15 teams took part in the tournament, and our thanks are due to the Luton Midweek League for organising the preliminary rounds.

Today's game is the first semi-final. The second will be at our next home game, in fortnight's time, and the final is to be played on 26th September, before the Watford match. At the time of going to press, Luton Indians, who won the trophy last year thanks to a marvellous innings by Arun Patel, top the list of favourites to reach the last four, with Luton League Cup holders Luton United also going well.

Each side in today's match has a maximum of 10 overs batting, with each player except the wicket-keeper bowling two overs. The pitch surround wall is the boundary, so there should be plenty of sixes into the stands, and just to liven things up and encourage straight drives eight runs are awarded if the ball is hit into the goal-nets.

We thank all the teams who have taken part in the tournament, and also put on record our appreciation of Bernard World of Sport for donating prizes to the teams, to the *Evening Post* for donating the trophy, and to Luton Midweek Cricket League secretary Brian Swain for organising the matches which reduced the entry list to the final four.

DAVID'S DIARY

"We are looking forward with optimism to the new season"

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road to all our supporters who have backed us during the last two seasons. Hopefully, this time, we can improve a shade and reach the First Division.

It is going to be the most interesting season for a long time, with three points for a win ensuring that teams must go forward to win rather than avoid being beaten. Of course, there will be teams who may attempt to defeat this progressive looking step by defending a narrow lead. This experiment plus the necessity for several Second Division clubs to regain First Division status makes for an exciting season.

The big city clubs, like Newcastle, Chelsea, Sheffield Wednesday and QPR, will be challenged hard by Leicester, Norwich and Palace all eager to regain lost status.

Teams under new management, like Rotherham, Bolton, Blackburn, Wrexham and today's visitors, Charlton, will be well motivated and anxious to impress. What of Watford, Derby and ourselves? It promises to be a good Second Division season.

We all welcome Brian Horton from Brighton, whose influence will be con-

siderable. We wish him every success here. Also, new apprentices Alan Lane, David Owen, Ray Daniel, Barry Popplewell, Stacey North and Tim Breaker who have just left school and will form the nucleus of our youth side. If they work hard, they have every chance of success.

To Paul Price, Alan West and Tony Grealish who have moved to new clubs we send our very best wishes. I am sure they will prove as good clubmen at Tottenham, Millwall and Brighton as they have done at Luton.

We are looking forward with optimism to the new season. Only a combined effort by players, officials and supporters will be good enough. Loyalty and good support are vital. With managers changing clubs alarmingly, massive transfer fees continuing and players seeking moves mid-way through contracts, we are losing credibility. The game needs some sanity right now.

I hope we can retain our sense of proportion by playing another season of attractive football and improving all other aspects of the club set up.

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LUTON LEISURE

Luton Town have always believed the club should be closely involved with the local community and we have helped hundreds of youngsters in their leisure time, not only through our Junior Hatters Club but also with the Hatters Community Area.

This page sets the scene for what the Borough of Luton Leisure Services department are planning for you.

We are organising activities in football, netball, angling, roller skating, cricket, and hockey along with many other sports. So keep reading this column for further news.

Congratulations to St Josephs FC, Limbury FC, Cardinal Newman netball team, Dallow Eagle cricket team, and Lea Manor pentanque teams in winning the Sports Councils 'Football and the Community Trophy for Luton' at Norwich on the

last Saturday of last season. Luton scored 24 points out of the maximum 35 points.

During the break, courses have been organised in hockey, angling, and football.

There were 100 young boys at Leagrave for the football course who were treated to five days of excellent coaching from members of the Football Coaches Association. The next course is at Christmas and full details will be given nearer the date.

The next angling course will be starting on Sunday 13th September 1981 lasting 12 weeks. The course will also include instruction on how to make your own floats and an outing on 6th December to practice what you have learned — all for only £5.

The Evening Post Hatters Junior Netball League is in full swing and on 10th September, all teams will be

playing in the C&A League Cup at the Regional Sports Centre, Stopsley, play starts at 6.30 p.m.

Are you women ready for this? Come along — entrance is free and an enjoyable evening is promised.

Not doing anything this Bank Holiday? Why not visit Marsh House, where a family day is planned, in addition to the popular Rock Festival. There will also be the finals of the fancy dress show, rounders, pony rides, roller skating, adventure playground, and stalls etc, with plenty of other attractions to keep you interested for the afternoon. All this starts at 1 p.m.

If there is any activity you would like to see being organised for you? If you have any ideas, contact Mike Iacono at Marsh House Centre, Bramingham Road, Luton. Tel: Luton 56879 504211 for further details.

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SPOTLIGHT

Today, we present the introduction of Spotlight which, each home game, will feature one of our players. This week, Yugoslavian international Raddy Antic answers the questions.

What was your occupation before you signed as a professional footballer?

'I haven't had another occupation because I signed as a professional as soon as I left school.'

How are you settling down to the English way of life?

'I find the English way of life quieter and slower than in Yugoslavia, but I prefer it that way. The language is sometimes a problem but I am still learning.'

How do you relax before and after a match?
'Before a match I normally like to sleep for about 30 minutes. After the game I enjoy talking with my friends and family.'



Who has been the biggest influence to you in your career?

'No one person has influenced me. I feel I have learned much from playing in other countries like Turkey, Spain, and England. I think a player is his own biggest influence.'

Football is full of ups and downs and you must not get dejected when things go wrong but just keep taking each game as it comes, however important it is.'

Who was or is the best player you have played with or against?

'This is a very difficult question as my career started 14 years ago. As you can imagine I have played with many famous names, but I suppose if I had to chose one, it would be Oleg Blokin who plays for Dynamo Kiev.'

'It was six years ago when I played against him in the European Cup. He was very quick and possessed very good technical skill. He is still playing, and was top scorer in Russia last season.'

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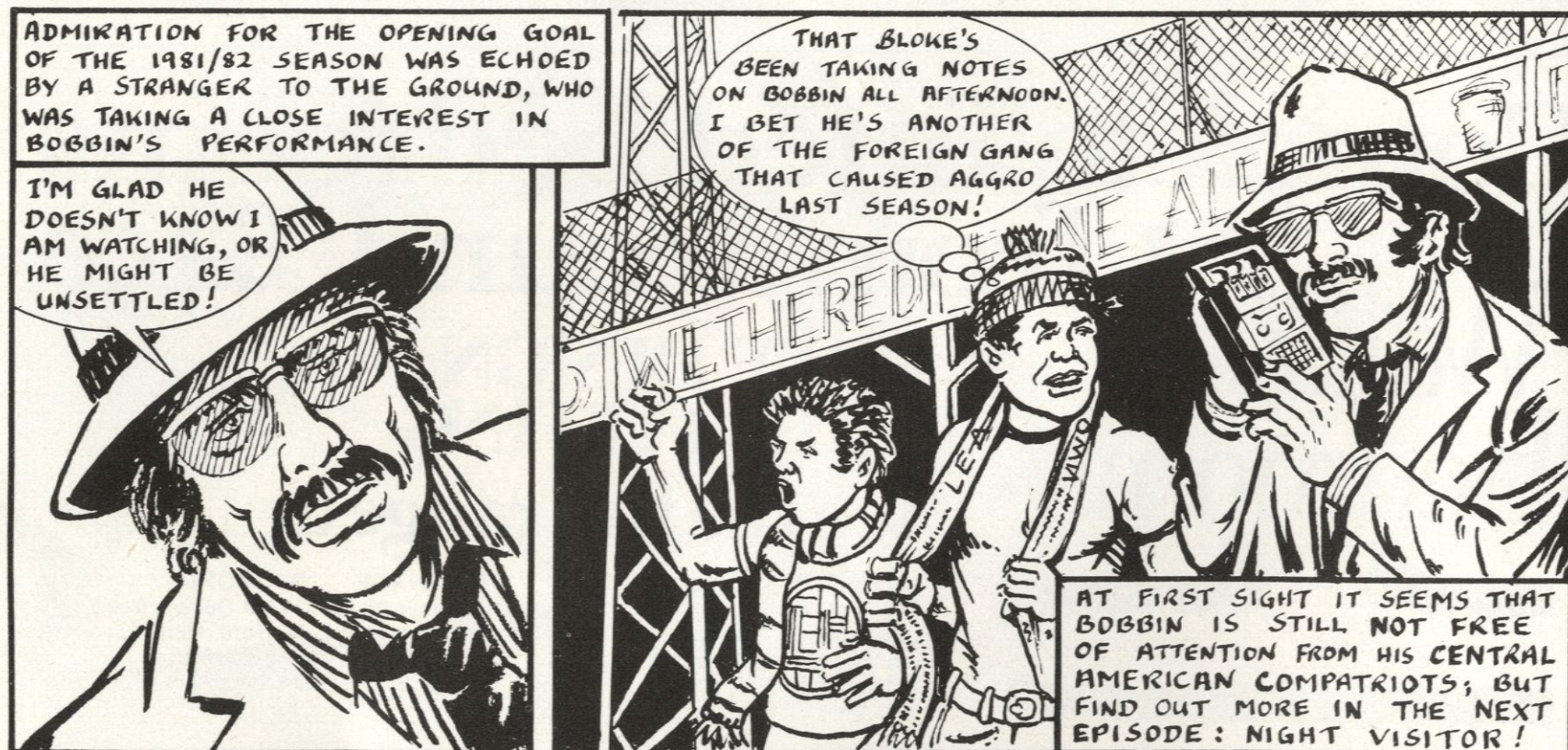
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JUNIOR HATTERS



A very warm welcome back to all our young readers and a very special greeting to any newcomers to our Junior Hatters' *Evening Post/Echo* Enclosure.

I am sure you like our new Junior Hatters' Clubroom beneath the stand and a special thank you to all the very kind and generous people who have worked very hard or given time freely to make it possible. There are few League clubs which can boast a Juniors' Clubroom like ours!

Today sees the start of our new system of 'Mascot and Escorts' — five Junior Hatters involved in each home League match! And the lucky ones today are — MASCOT: Ian Selkirk from Amptill. Ian is seven-years-old, a pupil at Flitwick Lower School, and he is chosen for today's game because he was our 1000th Junior Hatters member! Ian's favourite Luton player is our new president, Ricky Hill. Escorts for our team today are four lucky members whose names were drawn 'out of the hat' in our first draw, as follows: Sarah Gilder, aged 10, of St Albans; Dean Brown, aged 14, of Toddington; Mark Randall, aged 8, of Arlesey; Jason Woolnough, aged 11, of Luton.

The draws for mascots and escorts will take place more frequently this season, and only from Junior Hatters members for 1981-82; so if any young readers would like to make sure their names go into the hat for the next draw, make sure you join our club by filling in the form on this page and sending it to Colin Ball, at the club offices, Kenilworth Road, not forgetting the annual subscription of £1.

Name
Address
School
Date of Birth
Favourite Luton Player

I am a new member/I am rejoining and my Junior Hatters Membership No. is 8081.... (cross out the one which does not apply).

I enclose £1.10 for my annual subscription (expiring on 31st May 1982).

... AND THE ESCORTS



JASON WOOLNOUGH



SARAH GILDER



DEAN BROWN



MARK RANDALL

CAMERA DAY

I hope those of you who were able to come to Kenilworth Road last Thursday enjoyed our Open Day and were able to take plenty of action shots. Don't forget to mount your FOUR best pictures, on stiff paper or card, and let me have them so they can be judged by a panel of experts in three age groups, as follows:

GROUP 1. Junior Hatters aged up to 9 years as at 1/9/81.

GROUP 2. Junior Hatters 9 to 12 years as at 1/9/81.

GROUP 3. Junior Hatters 12 to 15 years as at 1/9/81.

All entries should be in by Friday 25th September. Addressed to Colin Ball, Junior Hatters Camera Day, Luton Town Football Club, Kenilworth Road, Luton.

Prize winners will be announced in a future magazine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

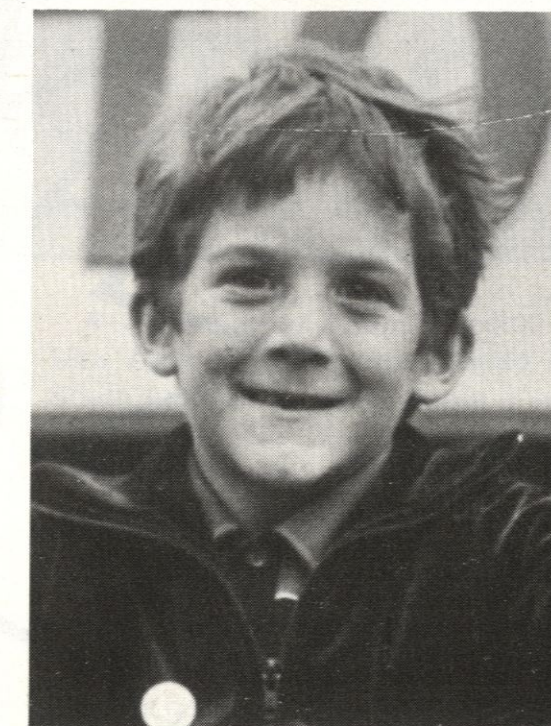
If you have been a regular reader during the closed season of our Junior Hatters column in every Tuesday's *Evening Post*, you will have seen that the following events have happened or have been arranged:

Our first president, Tony Grealish has left us to go to Brighton during the close season, and our new president is Ricky Hill, who will be a great favourite with our members. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating him, and welcoming him into our Junior Hatters Club.

Trip to British Aero Space, Hatfield

Saturday 12th September, starting at 9 a.m. from Maple Road car park. We are combining this trip with the home match against Sheffield Wednesday. The coach will leave as above, and return from Hatfield at 1 p.m. giving time for lunch before attending the match in the afternoon. The cost for both — the trip and the match with accommodation in the Junior Hatters' *Evening Post/Echo* Enclosure — is £1.50 for members, and £3 for adults. Spaces are available so if you would like to

THE MASCOT...



IAN SELKIRK

come along and have a good day out with the Junior Hatters, contact Colin Ball, as usual at the club offices, or phone Luton 37079 or 411622. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch with you, or make suitable alternative arrangements.

Junior Hatters' Five-a-side Football — starting date is Wednesday 9th September, kick-off 6.45 p.m. at the Hatters' Community Area, Maple Road. Two Leagues will be run, one for Under-11 teams and the other for Under-15 teams.

Managers of the teams entered for the Leagues should have received a copy of the rules for the competitions by now, from Mr John Smylie, the organiser of the Leagues. Matches will take place on a weekly basis until the end of October, when the competition will be suspended until March next year. If time permits at the end of the competition, a knock-out competition will be run to round off the season.

While on the subject of Five-a-side Football, congratulations to our Junior Hatters' Under-10 team in the Putteridge Community Centre competition. They were equal League Champions with 'Hot Shots' and Cup winners of the Under-10 Knock-out Cup. Not bad for their first season! Many thanks to Dave Green, Pat Harvey and Alistair Hearn and all others who helped.

Look out for the 'Ricky Hill' competition in the next Match Magazine.

Follow the Junior Hatters' progress each Tuesday in the *Evening Post*.

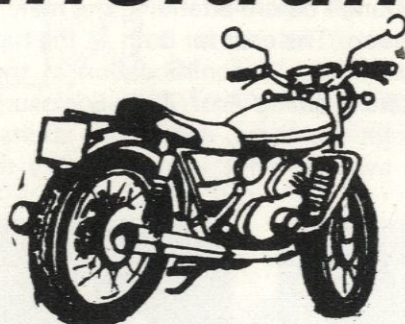
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CHARLTON BACKTRACK

A breakdown of our visitors' history through the years

In the 1932-33 season, Jim Oakes played left-back for Charlton in a Division Three (South) game against Port Vale at The Valley. The game was abandoned before the end and, by the time it was replayed, Jim had been transferred to Vale and appeared in their colours against Charlton in the replayed game, thus appearing for both sides in what was in fact the same match.

● Charlton won promotion from Division Three (South) in 1934-35, from Division Two in 1935-36 and finished runners-up in Division One in 1936-37.

● Sam Bartram, who died during the close-season, was with Charlton from 1934 to 1956 when his manager during the whole of this time was Jimmy Seed. But for losing six years to the war Sam would almost certainly have topped the 800 appearance mark.

As it was he played in 582 League games and 32 FA Cup ties and played at Wembley in a Cup Final in four successive seasons. He was in goal for Charlton against Chelsea in 1944, for Millwall against Chelsea in 1945 (both these being Wartime Cup Finals) and for Charlton against Derby in 1946 and Burnley in 1947 in FA Cup Finals.

● A total of 282,343 fans saw the Charlton v Aston Villa fifth round FA Cup tie in February 1938, the game going to two replays before Villa won 4-1 at Highbury.

● The Charlton v Blackburn game on 8th February 1947 was the first FA Cup tie to be televised.

● In the 1946 and 1947 FA Cup Finals the ball burst. Yet a few days before the 1946 final, the appointed referee had given a radio interview in which he said that it was a million to one chance against this happening.

● Malcolm Allison captained Charlton in his League debut against Manchester City on Christmas Eve, 1949.

● Charlton beat Huddersfield 7-6 in December 1956 after being 5-1 down with 30 minutes go and only ten men on the field. The late Johnny Summers hit six of the goals. Three seasons later they drew another Second Division game 6-6 with Middlesbrough.

● In the game against Preston on 18th April 1953, Charlton fielded five South Americans, John Hewie, Trevor Chamberlain, Sid O'Linn, Stuart Leary and Eddie Firmani.

● Peter Reeves scored within five minutes of the start of his Charlton debut in 1965-66, but was omitted from the next game. Nor did he score again in any of his next 200 League games for them.

● Billy Bonds put the ball into his own net within 30 seconds of the start of the Charlton v Portsmouth game in December 1965. The goalkeeper, Les Surman, was making his debut in what proved also to be his last League game.

● Charlton were beaten 6-4 at Plymouth in October 1964, but gained revenge in the return match in the following February with a 5-2 win.

● Keith Peacock became the first Football League substitute when going on in place of Mike Rose just after the start of the Charlton v Bolton game on 21st August 1965.

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FLASHBACK

The Luton Town Scene a decade ago

By BRIAN SWAIN
Sports Editor, Luton News

HOPE BURNS new in the heart of every football fan when a new season dawns. But 10 years ago this week, Town supporters had more than the odd shadow of doubt as a new campaign started.

We had enjoyed a spell of consistent success starting with the Division Four Championship in 1968. There had been two seasons in the Third Division and the Hatters were about to start their second campaign in Division Two after finishing sixth the previous year.

Leicester and Sheffield United had been promoted to the First Division, with Burnley and Blackpool relegated from the First. Blackburn and Bolton had gone down from Se-

cond to Third and today's visitors Charlton were lucky — they were third from bottom but only two went down in those days.

Those of us who watched the Town regularly shared the view of Alec Stock, who admitted candidly that if the money was available he would like at least two more players to complete the cherished dream of going back into the First Division.

And the major doubt was over the attack. When the previous season's promotion push disintegrated in an appalling Easter spell of three defeats, Luton Town were, as ever, short of cash.

Their annual accounts were about to disclose a loss of £173,000 — and the solution, in the summer of 1971, was the sale of Town's top player, Malcolm MacDonald.

He had scored 30 League and Cup goals in the season and Newcastle United wanted his striking skills for the First Division.

Sold at £180,000, he solved the Town's financial problems and it was hard to believe that he had come to Kenilworth Road as a 19-year-old full-back from Fulham just two years previously for £17,500.

Stock tried without success to find a replacement striker at the sort of prices Luton Town could afford that summer. But the transfer market seemed to pass Kenilworth Road by, and the most significant signing of the year turned out to be that of a young defender from Welwyn Garden City, who was recruited as an apprentice. His name was Paul Price.

Alan Garner, a 20-year-old centre-half from Millwall, came on a free transfer, but the hoped-for centre-forward replacement did not arrive.

Those of us who worried about that had our fears confirmed when the new season started. Prolific goal-scoring gave the Town one of eight places in a new pre-season tournament, the Watney Cup. They were drawn away to Third Division Colchester and we looked forward to victory and a probable clash with

Manchester United in the semi-finals.

Hope didn't last long. In a rugged game Colchester, shock winners over mighty Leeds United in the FA Cup a few months earlier, scraped through 1-0 with a disputed penalty.

It was a case of the biter being bitten — in the 78th minute Brian Lewis, once a Luton player famous for taking dives in the penalty area, produced a beauty in a challenge with Ken Goodeve.

Lewis lay stunned and in great agony until he heard the whistle, whereupon he jumped up with a broad grin and smashed the spot kick past Tony Read.

Not to worry, we kidded ourselves. Promotion is what we really want. And 12,428 of us turned up at Kenilworth Road on 14th August 1971 to see the new Second Division season get under way.

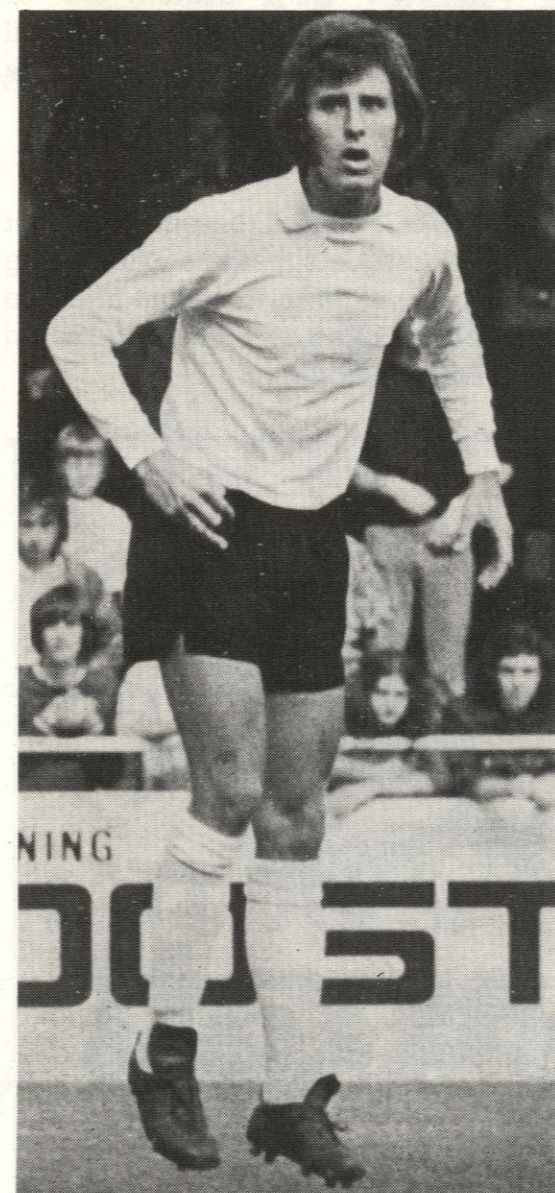
Norwich City were the visitors and they came looking for a point. The match was dull, to put it mildly, with the Town's lightweight attack of Peter Anderson, Don Givens and Viv Busby rarely able to prize open an eight-man defence.

The brightest moment was in the 78th minute when Terry Anderson pulled down Peter Anderson and Givens beat Kevin Keelan with the penalty. But in the last seconds Jim Ryan downed Terry Anderson and a much-disputed penalty was awarded.

Ken Foggon took it and Read made a marvellous diving save, only for the ref to rule that the goalkeeper had moved early. Graham Paddon stepped up for the re-take and saved a point for his side.

And the following week we had another disappointment when newly-relegated Burnley beat the Town 2-1 at Turf Moor. Frank Casper and Steve Kindon put Burnley two up before a late reply from Busby.

The nearest thing to good news for Luton Town fanatics that day was that Watford had dropped a home point to Sunderland and were looking likely relegation candidates.



Alan Garner — new signing



Fun and entertainment is what we are aiming to provide you with. David Pleat and his players always aim to play attractive, entertaining football which we, through our pre-match entertainment and Wallspace Scoreboard, want to involve you and make your day at the club one you'll really enjoy.

Today sees another step forward in our aim to give you more fun when we launch our own version of that popular TV game, 'Take Your Pick'.

At every game, six programmes will contain a key which will entitle the holder to take part in the 'Take Your Pick' game at the following home match.

If your programme contains a key, telephone us on Luton 411622 and ask for Mary Bunyan, notifying her of your name and address. You will then be invited to the following home game where all six key holders will be taken on to the pitch before the game and asked some very simple general knowledge questions by our compeere, George Pearce.

The winning two contestants will return at half-time, when they will face stiffer questions from George. Once we have an outright winner, they will be invited to open one of the boxes numbered 1-6.

Each box will contain an envelope naming a prize which the contestant will receive. You could win a star prize — a super Garelli Katia valued at £300! Or you could win a booby prize of a pair of Jake Findlay's specks!

Whatever the prize, we're sure that you'll agree that it'll be fun.

Eric Morecambe has agreed to attend today's match to add some fun to the proceedings and, hopefully, at our home game against Sheffield Wednesday, we plan to introduce a new bingo game.



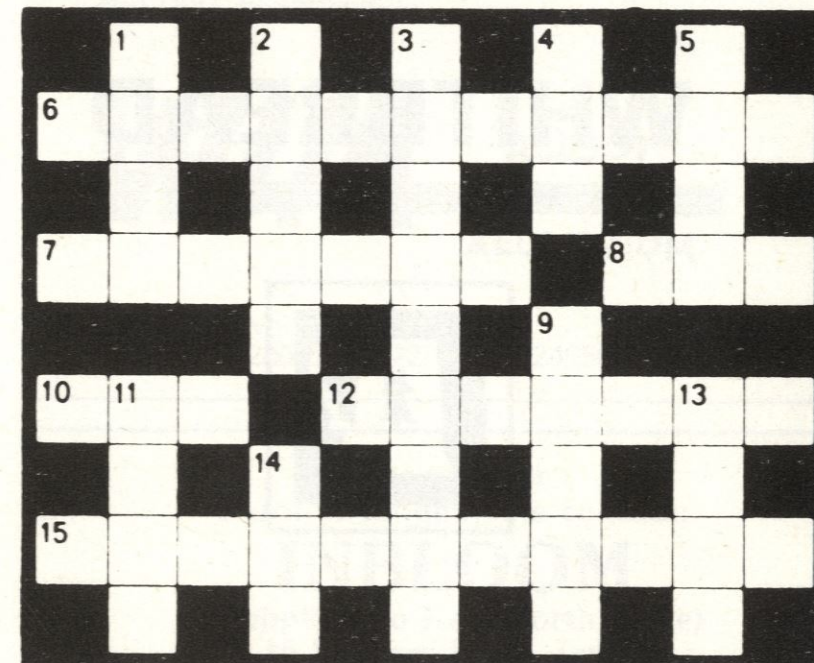
We can't promise you the young lady, but you could win the fabulous bike in the picture.

CROSSWORD

CLUES — Across: 6. Old Colchester winger whose record of League appearances for the club was overtaken by full-back Micky Cook last season (5, 6); 7. Former Tranmere and Liverpool defender who has had close on 400 League games for Chester (7); 8. — — — Davies was capped whilst with Bolton, Newcastle, Manchester City, Manchester United and Blackpool (3); 10. One of the clubs well-known initially (1, 1, 1); 12. Utility man who moved to Blackburn from Sheffield United last summer (7); 15. Athletic side (11).

CLUES — Down: 1 & 14 dn. A player who has been — — before the game get going can only be replaced if play has not yet started (4, 3); 2. Connor or Curran (5); 3. Blackburn's base (5, 4); Melrose or McDonagh (3); 5. The home of Halifax (4); 9. The first name of the first man (no relation of 6 ac.) to make 100 international appearances (5); 11. One of Tottenham's tints (4); 13. Former Villa forward who starred for New York Cosmos but came back to become a Coventry regular (4); 14. See 1 dn.

• Turn to page 30 for solutions.



AROUND THE TOWN

LUTON TOWN
Programme Guide

HATS off to Luton Town's attractive match day programme 'The Hatter'. The progressive club, who have challenged for promotion to the First Division all season, certainly produce a colourful magazine that compares favourably with its counterparts in the top flight.

We looked at the programme for the home game against Newcastle and were impressed by its content and presentation.


Apart from the programme insert it contained 20 action-packed pages of interest to Luton fans and cost 30p. A thoughtful addition for the younger fans at Kenilworth Road was a page comic strip featuring the 'Hatters' own football hero 'Bobbie Dingo'.

There was also a page of junior news so it's obvious the club take their young following seriously.

Regular columns from manager David Pleat, the secretary and commercial manager keep the fans informed of the behind the scenes activities.

Star rating guide:
**** Superb *** Good
*** Satisfactory ** Poor * Terrible.

How the Luton programme fared:
Content: **** Pictures: ****
Information: **** Entertainment: ****
Colour: *** Value for money: ****



YOUR MAGAZINE

In the last two seasons, we think we have made tremendous strides in improving your match-day magazine. This season promises to be even better.

You will have noticed that today's issue does not contain the middle insert which, for the last two seasons, has had a national theme.

Instead, we have increased the number of pages to 32, mainly devoted to Luton Town and it's activities.

Last season's matchday magazine attracted many words of praise including one review from *Match Weekly*. We reproduce the magazine's comments and leave you to judge their comments for yourselves.

The Wirral Programme Club voted our magazine as third best in the Second Division behind Bristol City and Derby County, and 14th nationally.

This season, we aim to beat that record by producing a magazine packed with news and views on Luton Town.

Unfortunately, we have also been hit by inflation — who hasn't? It has forced us to increase the price to 50p, a decision we took after long and thoughtful consideration.

But we don't expect supporters to pay the increased price without offering something in return. We are pleased to announce the introduction of games fans can play with the help of our Wallspan electronic scoreboard and there will be attractive prizes for supporters to win.

We believe this season's magazine will offer tremendous value for money. We hope you agree and we are also pleased to receive constructive comments and letters for inclusion in the magazine. Your letters should be sent to the Magazine Editor, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road, Luton.

SAD LOSSES

During the past two months we have lost two

of our former employees, Ted Payne and Wayne Morgan.

Ted, as many people will know, was the brains behind our fund-raising activities in the early sixties, and continued that before deciding to form the Luton Charities Association to help senior citizens, and I know how much they enjoyed the hampers he gave them at Christmas.

Wayne signed apprentice forms for us in July 1975, and worked hard at his game. Unfortunately, he didn't quite reach the standard required, and joined the administration staff as assistant secretary, and held that post for two years before leaving the company to try pastures new.

He will be missed from local football as he played regularly for Shillington FC in the South Midlands League.

To their families we send our deepest sympathy.

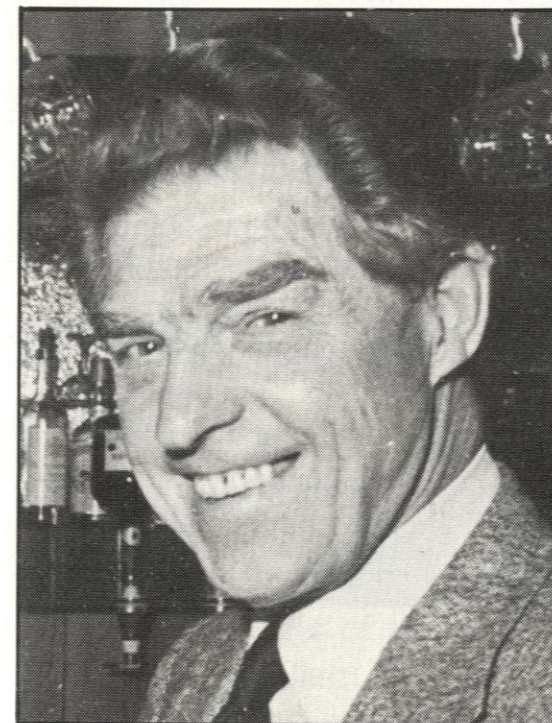
● Most people at Kenilworth Road were shocked to hear of the sudden death of former Luton manager Sam Bartram last month.

Sam, who managed the club from 1960-62 collapsed on his way to his Harpenden home. He was 67.

Those who didn't remember him as a manager, will not forget his exploits when he played in goal for Charlton Athletic. He played in the famous 1946 Cup Final against Derby County which the latter won 4-1 in extra-time after the ball had burst.

He returned a year later to take a winners' medal in the 1-0 victory over Burnley and earned the label of the best goalkeeper never to play for England.

After he finished as a manager, Sam turned to journalism and worked for the *Sunday People* for 18 years. He was a frequent visitor to Kenilworth Road.



SAM BARTRAM

ON THEIR WAY

After a quiet start to the summer, transfer activity suddenly started to bubble at Kenilworth Road with the departure of Paul Price, Alan West and Tony Grealish.

The popular West, signed several years ago by Harry Haslam from Burnley for £100,000, moved on to link with former Luton player, Peter Anderson, now manager of Millwall.

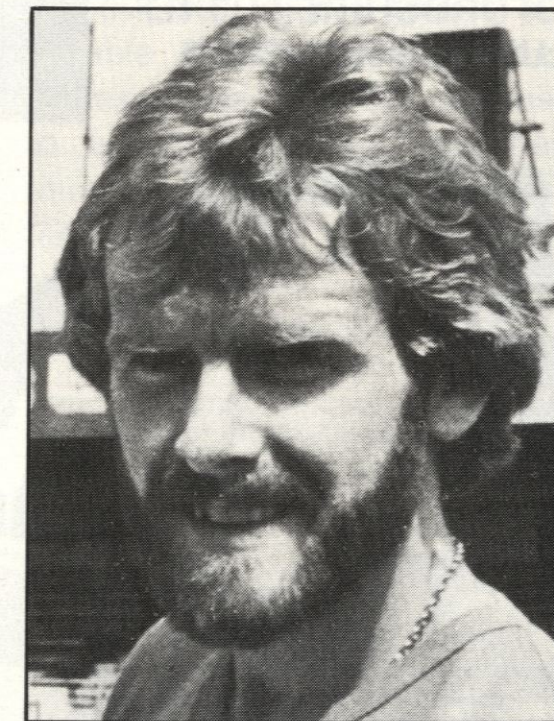
He was followed by our Welsh international defender and club skipper, Paul Price, who took advantage of moving into the First Division with Spurs who paid £200,000 for him.

The ink was hardly dry on the form before another player was on the move. This time it was Tony Grealish, our Eire international defender, who also moved into the First Division with Brighton.

WELCOME ABOARD

Although players left Kenilworth Road, manager David Pleat wasn't slow to line-up an able replacement for the midfield department and, on 3rd August, Brighton skipper Brian Horton (pictured on the front cover) finally agreed to join the Hatters.

Horton, described by our manager as a 'fine leader' skippered Brighton in their rise from the



TONY GREALISH

Third Division to the First and should be a great asset to the Town.

And the challenge of attempting to help Luton win one of those coveted top three places in the Second Division at the end of the season is one Horton relishes.

'I needed a new challenge after five-and-a-half years with Brighton and it didn't take me long to decide that Luton were the club for me,' he said.

The challenge of helping Luton towards Division One is one which really appeals to me although it is going to be a tough job. From what I have seen, the Second Division promotion race will be one of the toughest for several years.

'There are numerous clubs thirsty for success. I hope I can help Luton achieve First Division status.'

BOX OFFICE

Despite the recession, it was amazing how quickly season tickets were renewed and we even had a long waiting list for supporters requiring new seats.

After last season's outstanding response, we were prepared for a fall-off, but our season ticket holders have once again loyally supported the club magnificently.

It would also appear that supporters like the return of the smaller type of season ticket and the new-type fixture card which also gives full details of the new lottery ticket which is proving to be an outstanding success.

The position for seats for home games this season is much the same as last year. Match-day prices remain the same at £3 each. Again, these are at full price with any reductions having already been passed to juniors and senior citizens through cheap season ticket concessions.

It is still possible to buy a season ticket for standing areas and still cheaper than by paying on a match-to-match basis.

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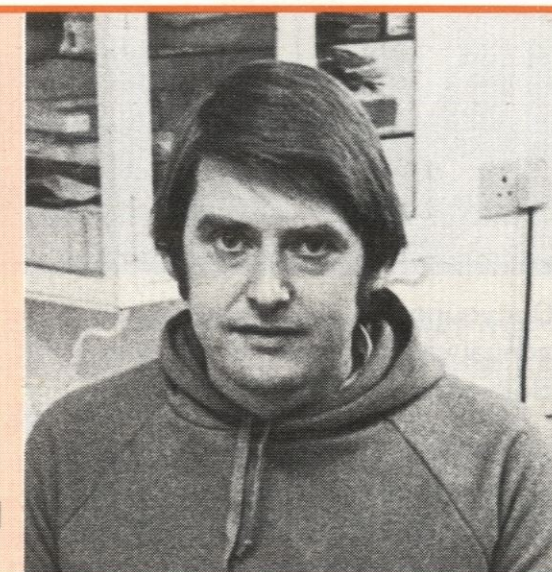
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MEDICAL TOPICS

with
JOHN SHERIDAN



An occasional series by our physiotherapist John Sheridan who gives you a peep behind the scenes in the medical room.

When the players refreshed from their summer break, report back for pre-season training, the treatment room has one of its busiest periods of the year.

All players collect their training kit, are fitted out with new boots, and measured and weighed.

At the pre-season weigh-in, no player was more than a couple of pounds overweight, which meant that they had kept themselves in good shape.

Pre-season training at Luton is designed to bring the players to maximum physical and mental fitness in preparation for the League programme, and the hard work ahead of them in the coming season.

At Luton we pride ourselves on our prevention of injury programme which includes a routine of mobility and extensibility exercises which players perform before every training session and match.

They are designed to help prevent strained muscles and joint problems. All members of the staff are given Tetanus injections to combat infection, and are usually given in the first week by the club doctor.

The biggest problem, how-

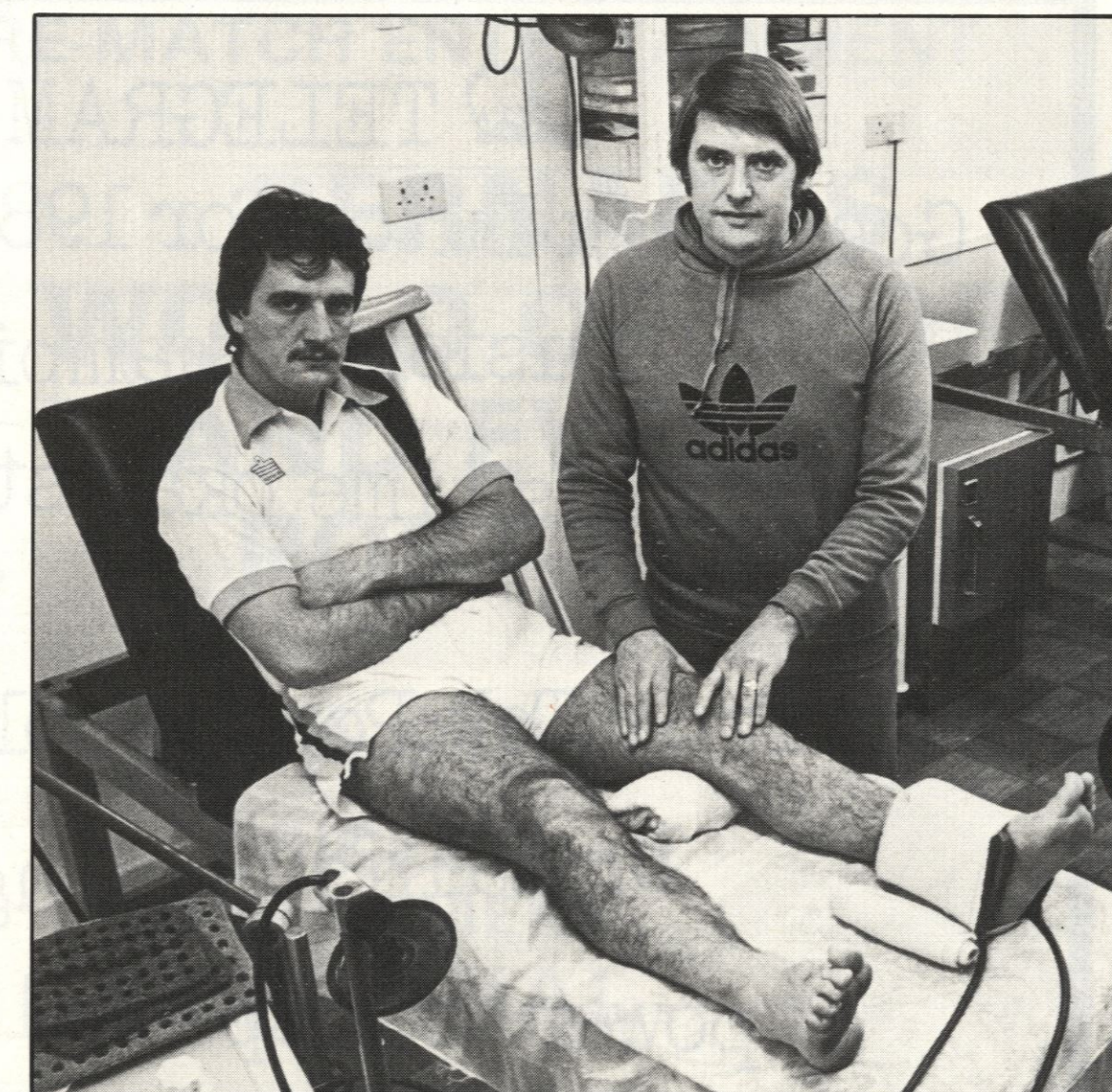
ever, are blisters on the feet. Footbaths are used frequently to stop any infection, and to harden the feet, hygiene is of paramount importance as an infection can occur very quickly.

Another common problem is the overuse injury. This is applicable mainly to apprentice professionals who are not used to full-time training and their muscles and tendons get very tender. This is not usually a lasting problem.

Once pre-season friendly

games are started, there will always be knocks, bruises and abrasions. But if treated promptly, however small, will heal quicker and therefore the player should not miss any games and give the manager a bigger squad of players to select from.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Bobbers Travel Club for the medical equipment they have purchased for my use for the treatment of injuries at the club.



John Sheridan treats Lil Fuccillo in the medical room

IN RESERVE

Our youngsters did extremely well in the annual youth tournament in Blauw-Wit, Holland, during the summer.

Although we finished only fifth, we again won the trophy for the Most Sporting Team and were allowed to keep the Cup in addition to winning the best behavior award.

LUTON 1 NOTTS COUNTY 1

After outplaying County in a fine opening performance, a last minute mistake by the usually commanding Clive Goodyear let in County for an equaliser after we had opened the scoring with a goal from Mick Small following a fine run by Paul Keys.

Team: Beasley, Thomas, Heath, Turner, Goodyear, Johnson, Brammer, Bunn, Small, Madden, Keys.

LUTON 1 HANOVER 96 0

Luton dominated this match but had to wait for a last minute goal from Mick Small — who capitalised on a Seamus

Heath corner — to give us a deserved victory.

Team: Beasley, Thomas, Heath, Turner, Goodyear, Johnson, Brammer, Bunn (Cummings), Madden, Small, Keys.

LUTON 1 MVV 0

Our last minute escapades continued when we scored the only goal of the match when Paul Keys converted Ray Brammer's cross which was knocked onto the bar by Wayne Turner.

Team: Beasley, Thomas, Cummings (Brammer), Turner (Mark Thomas), Goodyear, Johnson, Daniel, Heath, Small, Madden, Keys.

LUTON 0 HOLLAND 0

Poor finishing early on, coupled with a rather desperate second half, dropped us a vital point which left us needing to beat AFC Amsterdam in the last match for a place in the final.



Team: Beasley, Thomas, Heath, Turner, Goodyear, Johnson, Brammer, Small (Poppleswell), Bunn, Madden, Keys (Daniel).

LUTON 0 AFC AMSTERDAM 1

The Dutch dominated this game physically and they clinched a final place with a first half headed goal. Luton were edged out of second place in their group by Notts County.

Team: Beasley, Thomas, Heath, Turner (Poppleswell), Goodyear, Johnson, Daniel, Madden, Mark Thomas (Brammer), Small, Keys.

LUTON 1 NOTTINGHAM FOREST 0

With a vastly changed team following injuries to senior players, Luton produced their best performance of the tournament to beat Forest with a second half goal from Paul Keys.

Team: Blott, Thomas, Heath, Johnson, Goodyear, Owen, Brammer, Daniel, Keys, Madden, Poppleswell.

JOHN'S JOURNAL



A warm welcome to all old and new supporters of the club, to a new season which we, like all other clubs in the Football League, hope will be our year.

We welcome our visitors from Charlton, and a belated congratulation to them for gaining promotion last season. Their history began back in 1906 when a number of football fanatics formed a club with really no ambitions beyond playing local football.

Their first ground was called Siemens Meadow and possibly because the owner of the field wished to graze his cattle there, had to move to Woolwich Common. It was in 1922 that they returned to their now famous ground, The Valley.

In the boom years of soccer a record number of people, 75,031, attended the match against Aston Villa in an FA Cup fifth round match in February 1938. It boasted one of the largest League grounds in the country, although today the attendance figure has had to be drastically cut to conform with safety regulations.

Many famous players have worn the red jersey. Names such as Don Welsh, Sam Bartram, John Hewie, Peter Croker, Stuart Leary, Bert Turner, Mike Flanagan, just to name a few. Bartram, by the way, holds the record number of League appearances for them. He played 583 times between 1934 and 1956. Sam unfortunately passed away last July, and I know that I

speak for all who attended matches at both our grounds that he will be sadly missed by all of us.

Since the end of last season, three of our regular players have found pastures new. Paul Price is now at Tottenham, Tony Grealish at Brighton, and Alan West at Millwall. We wish them every success with their new clubs.

A new face in our side is Brian Horton, midfield player and former captain of Brighton. We hope that he and his family settle down quickly, and enjoy their stay in this part of the country.

John Wilkinson
Secretary



TELEGRAM

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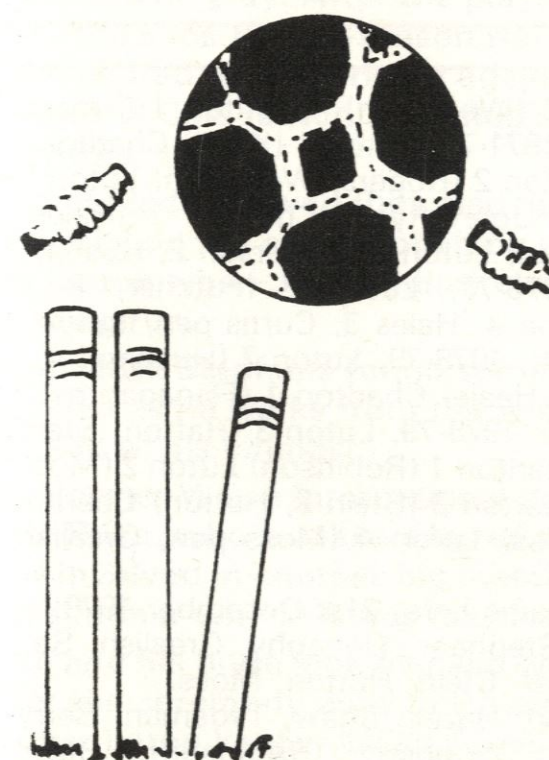
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CENTURY CLUB

Once again, we are at the beginning of a new season. We hope you have all enjoyed a good holiday, and like ourselves, are thinking 'how nice to be back at Kenilworth Road'.

We hope we shall have the pleasure of entertaining our manager, staff and players in our clubroom after today's game, at our usual beginning of season party. This will also be an opportunity to welcome our new player, Brian Horton — we look forward to meeting him, and hope he and his wife have a happy and successful association with Luton Town.

For the coming season, the committee have arranged a series of social functions, as follows — 29th August: Social

evening, to welcome manager, staff and players, kick-off 7 p.m.; 18th September: Car Rally; 26th October: Annual General Meeting; 31st October: Halloween Party; 18th November: Cheese and Wine and Wine Tasting; 11th December: Children's Christmas Party; 9th January: New Year's Party, with draw for grand raffle; 10th February: Players v Century Club Quiz evening; 10th March: Race Night; April: Annual Ball and presentation evening; 15th May: End of Season Party and Young Player Award.

Full details will be available in good time for each event, and reminders will appear on the club notice board from time to time. We hope as many of you as possible will support these functions, and look forward to meeting some of our friends throughout the football club again.

It is nice today to be able to welcome into the Century Club guests from our new friends at Charlton, and we hope they will enjoy their afternoon with us, watching a good game of football.

Sponsorship always plays a big part in helping to keep things going within a football club, and we are proud that the sponsor for the first game of the 1981-82 season is Century Club member Eddy Edwards — who is managing director of County Trucks, 153 Bedford Road, Luton — congratulations Eddy!

MATCH SPONSOR

To welcome the start of a new season we are also pleased to welcome a new company to the list of Luton Town sponsors.

COUNTY TRUCK SALES and its associate company County Car Sales was formed last year to cater predominantly for the business and fleet user of cars and commercial vehicles, although the personal attention offered to customers is the same whether they are

buying one small family saloon or several large trucks.

By assuming the problems associated with deciding the correct specification for a truck, depending on the work it is required to do, County Truck Sales can relieve the purchaser of this responsibility therefore releasing them to concentrate on running their own business: which after all, is what we all do best.

To assist the first time buyer of a commercial vehicle advice and assistance is offered on all aspects of transport legislation, from applying for an operators licence to expert guidance regarding direct purchase, finance or leasing. This service is available on any transaction from one to a fleet of cars, or a Mini-Van to a large Truck. In fact, anything; all makes and models can be supplied.

Controlling County Truck and Car Sales is Eddie Edwards, an ardent and much travelled member of the Century Club. As well as serving on the Century Club committee Eddie usually finds time to travel to away fixtures as often as possible.

IN RETROSPECT

LUTON TOWN v CHARLTON ATHLETIC

Division Three (South): 1921-22, 2-0 (h), 1-0 (a); 1922-23, 2-2 (h), 1-2 (a); 1923-24, 0-1 (h), 1-1 (a); 1924-25, 1-0 (h), 0-2 (a); 1925-26, 1-0 (h), 1-2 (a); 1926-27, 1-0 (h), 2-2 (a); 1927-28, 2-1 (h), 3-4 (a); 1928-29, 3-0 (h), 1-4 (a); 1933-34, 2-1 (h), 0-2 (a); 1934-35, 1-2 (h), 2-4 (a).

Division One: 1955-56, 2-1 (h), 2-2 (a); 1956-57, 4-2 (h), 2-1 (a).

Division Two: 1960-61, 4-1 (h), 1-4 (a); 1961-62, 1-6 (h), 1-0 (a); 1962-63, 4-1 (h), 0-2 (a); 1970-71, Luton 1

(Busby) Charlton 1 (Went pen). Charlton 1 (Treacy) Luton 1 (Givens); 1971-72, Luton 1 (Keen) Charlton 2 (Peacock 2), Charlton 2 (Rogers, Went pen) Luton 0; 1975-76, Luton 1 (John Ryan) Charlton 1 (Hales), Charlton 1 (Flanagan) Luton 5 (Anderson 2, Husband 2, Chambers); 1976-77, Luton 2 (Futcher, R 2) Charlton 0, Charlton 4 (Hales 3, Curtis pen) Luton 3 (Deans, Aston, Hill); 1978-79, Luton 7 (Husband 4, 1 pen, Buckley, Hill, Heale) Charlton 1 (Flanagan pen), Charlton 0 Luton 0; 1978-79, Luton 3 (Hatton, Stein, Hill) Charlton 0, Charlton 1 (Robinson) Luton 2 (Moss, Hatton); 1979-80, Luton 3 (Stein 2, Hatton) Charlton 0, Charlton 1 (Hales) Luton 4 (Moss pen, Grealish, West, Hatton).

Teams for last game here, 21st December 1979: — LUTON: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, West, Stein, Hatton, Moss.

CHARLTON: Wood, Hazell, Shaw, Tydeman, Berry, Madden, Powell, Jacobson (Robinson), Hales, Walker, Gritt. Attendance: 7,277.



IN FOCUS



Summer at Kenilworth Road isn't all hard work and no play. After the players reported back for pre-season training, we were invited to play cricket against Tricentral Cars (Luton), the club's shirt sponsors.

And our lads showed they also have potential on the cricket pitch by winning the match when Jake Findlay clouted the winning run.

Right: Kirk Stephens found something to laugh at as he walks from the wicket at the end of his innings.

Our former Welsh international defender Paul Price, who was transferred to Spurs, was involved in another big match during the summer when he was married.

Paul and his bride look pleased with life after the ceremony with Lil Fuccillo and former Luton keeper Milija Aleksic — who played for Tottenham in last season's FA Cup Final — looking on.



PROGRAMME CORNER

By JOHN FARMER

An increasing number of people are turning their old soccer programmes into cash. Others are content to join those who collect them in the hope they will increase in value. This is devoted to the interesting subject of programmes.

This is the column in which we shall discuss both the 'golden oldies' collectors are happy to pay up to £100 for and present day issues in which clubs strive to make their publications so much more than the old team sheet, which was the forerunner of today's 'Match-day Magazines'.

The oldest programme this columnist

numerously than those from smaller clubs and dealers sometimes offer these for around £10.

By contrast a Walsall v Barrow issue from the Twenties recently fetched £30, the value rising not only on account of the scarcity but because Barrow are no longer in the League.

For this reason anyone possessing a set of Accrington Stanley issues from their last few seasons in the League (they went out in 1961-62) could earn himself enough, for an expensive holiday if he put them on the market. Even Workington issues can cost as much as £1 each now.

Some collectors seek programmes as other people seek rare ornaments, just for the delight of possessing them.

The real connoisseur, however values them more for their reading matter, for they contain a fascinating comment on issues of the day.

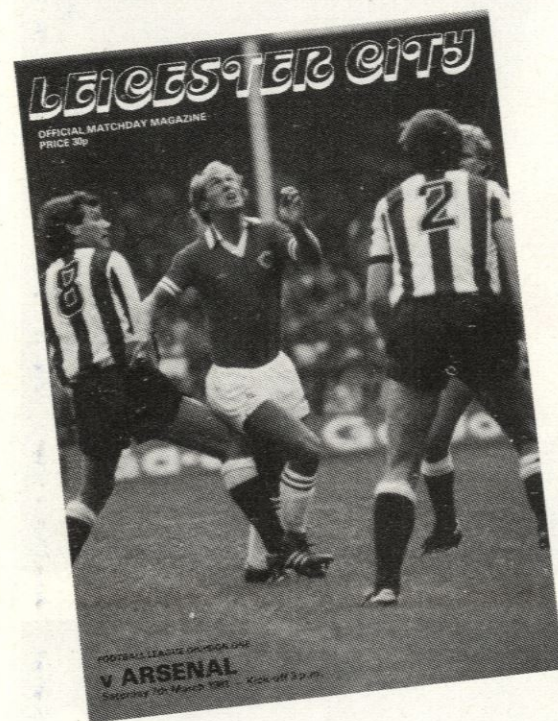
A 1901 Sheffield United issue for example complains about the action of a referee who ordered a player off the previous week on the evidence of a linesman.

In this respect perhaps programme material hasn't changed much, but the

advertisements certainly have. The same Sheffield United issue advertises a charabanc trip to London for well under £1 return.

Photographs were at a premium in those early days, but reading matter was plentiful, though the close-set type was for people with more concentration than most fans give to their programmes today.

The newspaper-style issue has not always been popular with collectors. Difficult to store, they have said; difficult to send through the post, or more



has seen is dated 1889 and features an FA Cup tie between Wolves and a long-defunct team which went under the title of Old Carthusians.

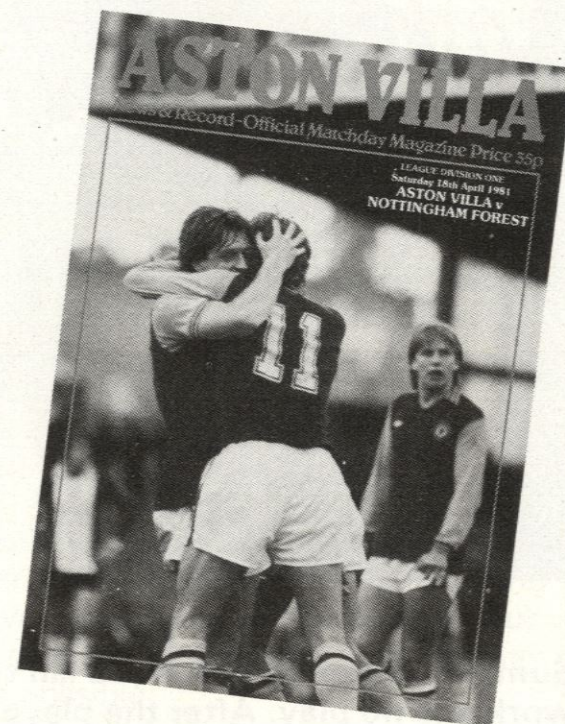
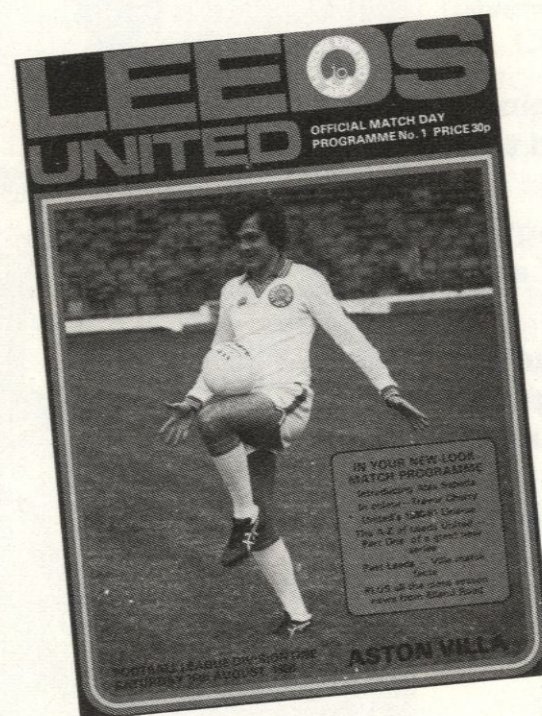
It is printed on stiff card with the teams listed on one side and an advertisement for tobacco on the other. Maybe someone has seen one from an earlier season, as FA Cup ties date back to 1872. We should be glad to hear of any issues from this period.

Gold Mine

If you have a few of these from the latter part of the last century you could be sitting on a mini-gold mine, for such is the scarcity that even for an issue from this century as much as £50 can change hands.

Be that as it may, there are quite a few of the early magazine type issues that came into vogue in the early 1900s.

Programmes from teams such as Arsenal and Aston Villa survive far more

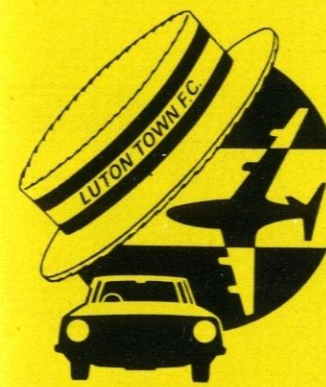


a newspaper than a programme.

In the early 1960s Notts County tried a small newspaper-type programme, but soon discontinued it. A far more ambitious effort by Oldham a few seasons later lasted just one season. Since then Aston Villa have made two different attempts to publish both a newspaper and a programme. Both have been disbanded.

On the other hand Notts County's newspaper ran for three seasons and Derby County's 'Ram' for five. Oxford, Cambridge and Plymouth all ran seemingly successful newspaper-style publications last season.

In fact, in addition to the material normally associated with a match programme, we can now have items that one would otherwise have to go to a soccer magazine or local newspaper to find, if one could find them at all.



SHOP WINDOW



We promised at the end of last season to make a further breakthrough in the sale of lottery tickets. Our fund-raising Associations have done just that in the following ways:

Luton Town Football Society

They decided to bring out a 50p lottery ticket named 'Golden Roll-up' with total prize money of £10,000 to be won in each lottery, prizes ranging from 50p up to a top prize of £2,000, with an injection of instant prizes of such density that 'Better than one in five customers wins'.

'Golden Roll-Up' replaces the 'Aztec' lottery ticket, highly exciting in its own right, but, by doubling the prize money and price of the ticket without increasing the quantity of tickets printed has resulted in most successful fund-raising.

Luton Town Development Assn.

Following on their success with 'Hatters Instant Miami Gold', resulting in 34 lucky winners spending the holiday of a lifetime for two weeks in Florida with the team and officials of the club, the lottery has reverted to all cash with prizes of £5,000 in fact, this way, all the lucky winners can spend with choice.

Leaside Pools Association

'Liquid Gold' is their brand name, three house bingo, plus four instant games, seven interesting ways to win with great interest value for lovers of 'live bingo', they continue to be magnetised by this lottery. It is understood that further improvements to this lottery are in the offing, you can be sure that this association will even further enhance their lottery activities.

Luton Town Promotions

They are still functioning very well, hav-

ing completed two highly successful draws — the Grand Xmas Draw and the Derby Draw, with £2,000 in prizes in each draw and are now planning an Xmas and New Year Draw.

They still find time to assist the North Herts District Council to operate The Merlin Celebrate Lottery. It goes to show how well The Hatters fund-raising associations body to be a success, when so many bodies have failed all over the UK! The total Associations' donations to the club this year exceeded £200,000.

Special Offers

In the match day magazine for our next home game against Sheffield Wednesday, we hope to launch a special offer of the week. It will consist of one of our huge range of stocks in the official Luton Town souvenir shops and kiosks. Watch this page for further details.

Mike Hardwick, Commercial Manager

TRAVEL TIME

We take a great pride in looking after our supporters and improving our good name in the football world, and have pleasure in announcing the launch of a unique scheme which will help our fans to watch us in action, particularly those who live in outlying areas.

Today, we provide details of our own travel service and have organised coaches to ferry supporters to Kenilworth Road.

Fans will be dropped at the appropriate turnstiles and, at the end of the game, will be collected from the same point and will travel to their original pick-up point.

The pick-up point will remain the same throughout the season — and the advantages of the scheme will be obvious. There will be no problems with car parking if you use your own transport, and you will not have to walk from a local car park to the ground.

Our service, organised in conjunction with the United Counties Omnibus Company, will cover Baldock, Hitchin, Stevenage, Letchworth, Welwyn and Welwyn Garden, Aylesbury, Leighton Buzzard, Bletchley and Milton Keynes.



Pick-up times and departure points

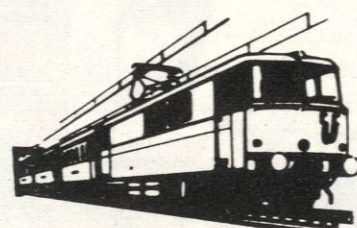
Aylesbury

Aylesbury Bus Station 13.40
Leighton Buzzard, High Street 14.00
Luton Town FC 14.30

Departure times would be after the match, as soon as all passengers had boarded.

Milton Keynes and Bletchley
Milton Keynes, Midsummer Boulevard 13.45 (Stops H3, B3)
Bletchley Bus Station 13.55
Luton Town FC 14.30

Departure times will be after the match, as soon as all passengers have boarded.



Hitchin

The Church, Old Welwyn 13.10
The Station, Welwyn Garden City 13.20
London Country Bus Garage, Stevenage 13.25
Market Square, Baldock 13.50
Broadway, Letchworth 14.00
St Mary's Square, Hitchin 14.10
Luton Town FC 14.30

Departure times would be after the match, as soon as all passengers had boarded.

We believe the cost is extremely reasonable, and because many potential users will be season ticket holders, the cost will cover only travel at £1.50 for adults and £1 for juveniles.

We also plan to organise travel to away games and the first trip involves the match at Bolton on 5th September. The details are:

Coach/coaches will leave Maple Road car park at 9.30 a.m. and will return after the game as soon as all passengers have boarded.

Cost will be £3.80 for adults and £2.50 for juveniles.

We emphasise that these are official Luton Town Football Club coaches, and passengers will be ambassadors of the Club and it's good name, which is already held in high esteem.

Your contact with the Football Club is Catherine Ball, who can be reached on Luton 411622, extension 27, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, between 9 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Information will be provided through this page, and we welcome suggestions for the improvement of the service.



The scheme can be successful only if fans support it so please contact Mrs Ball for details of our home game against Sheffield Wednesday on 12th September, giving details of the area you will travel from. Names are also required for the trip to Bolton on 5th September.

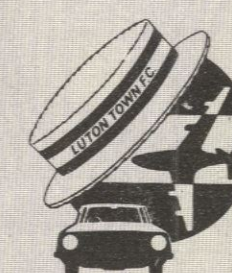
Luton Town Football Club look forward to bringing an increasing number of supporters to Kenilworth Road to support the team.

Keep in contact with us by watching this page for further details.

Catherine Ball
Travel organiser



PERSONALITY PROFILE



An occasional series on some of the men and women from Luton who have reached the top in sport.

By BRIAN SWAIN

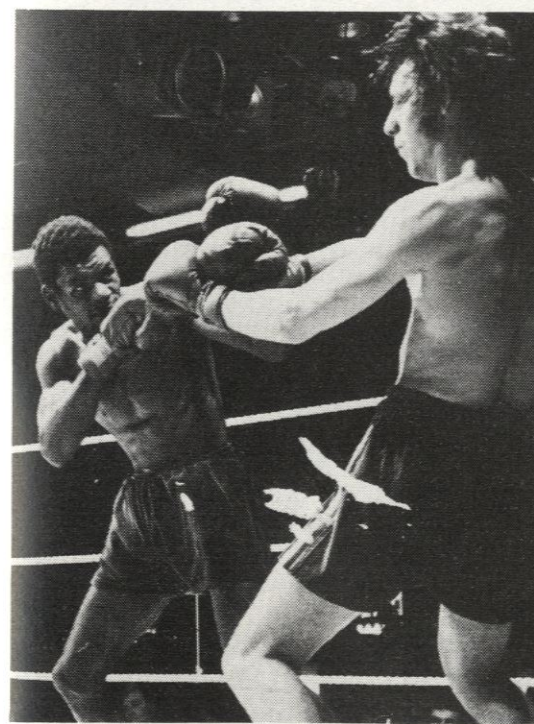
ONLY five short years ago you would need to be a boxing fanatic with a very long memory to recall when Luton last had a genuine quality exponent of the noble art. For many of us Rees Moore and fairground punch-ups were the modest height of local pro boxing.

A quiet, shy Vauxhall car worker changed all that in the mid-Seventies, and in a small way Luton Town FC was involved.

In 1975 the club was battling against the threat of bankruptcy and one of the ventures an emergency fund-raising body dreamed up was to bring professional boxing back to the area.

They hired Cesars Palace, put on a good night's entertainment, and filled the place. And while that was going on, young Henry Rhiney was training with the lonely dedication it takes to reach the top in boxing.

He packed a classic left hook, and allied it with quick reflexes and the ability to take a punch when the going got rough.



Rhiney (left) in action



Rhiney after winning the European crown

Having come to Luton at 16, Rhiney had to wait 10 years to qualify for a crack at the British welterweight title, and he made sure his claims could not be ignored by travelling all over Europe to take on and knock down some of the best men around.

And in December 1976 Rhiney completed 10 years of hard work with 90 seconds of ferocious power to send Cesars Palace wild with delight. Welshman Pat Thomas put the British title up, survived for seven rounds and was then overwhelmed in the eighth.

Two short rights to the jaw put him down, and although he got up Rhiney produced another and referee Sid Nathan stopped the fight as Thomas showed no sign of beating the count.

Those of us at the ringside that night are unlikely to forget the scenes as Luton saluted a real Champion.

Rhiney held the British crown for three years, and in December 1978 added the European title when he went to Austria and knocked out the holder, Josef Pachler, in the 10th round.

Sadly, his seven-week reign as European Welterweight Champion ended in a titanic clash at the Royal Albert Hall, London, when Dave Boy Green, at the peak of his powers, beat Rhiney in five rounds.

And a couple of months later Kirkland Laing of Nottingham took Rhiney's British crown when their fight at Birmingham was stopped in the 10th round.

It was the beginning of the end of a great boxing career, and nearly a year ago Rhiney decided to retire.

He went out with dignity and settled down to become a happy family man in Connaught Road, Luton, with never a word of complaint about some of the dubious refereeing decisions which halted his attempt to get back to the top.

If you pass Henry Rhiney in the street today you might not realise that you've just seen a real Champion. But he was — and always is a credit to himself and to his sport.

'I didn't make a fortune out of boxing, but I enjoyed myself,' he said when he retired. Those of us who watched him box enjoyed it as well.

VISITORS

One of soccer's most unusual transfers involved two managers during the summer when Alan Mullery quit First Division Brighton after reports of a row with his directors and was replaced by Charlton boss Mike Bailey.

Mullery was one of the favourites to succeed Ron Atkinson at West Brom after he decided to join the glamour of Old Trafford and Manchester United.

After talking to West Brom directors, Mullery thought he had a fair chance of being offered the job. But, while he was waiting, he received another offer — from Charlton — and astonished the football world by taking it.

He took Bailey's chair at the Valley after steering Brighton from the Third Division to the First in three years and that track record was obviously enough to convince the Charlton board he was their man.

Mullery said: 'I spent an hour with Charlton chairman Mike Glikstein and felt we were like old mates. His enthusiasm overwhelmed me and told me that, if I took the job, Charlton would belong to me.'

'That's the type of relationship every manager longs for with his chairman.'

There will be those people who insist Mullery has ended up with the wrong part of the

exchange. But he added: 'It doesn't bother me what people think.'

Having taken the job, Mullery immediately tackled the problem of strengthening a Charlton team which won promotion at the end of last season after finishing in third place in Division Three.

And he decided to elect for the buyers market in what he described as the biggest and cheapest market of all time. Mullery had a list of 800 players who had been made available as clubs throughout the League decided to tighten their purse strings.

'It is bad for the players, but good for me because I have to count every penny I spend on

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new signings,' he added.

Mullery's first signing brought Billy Lansdowne to the Valley from West Ham and keeper John Phillips, both on free transfers, after Dick Tydeman, who captained Charlton back to the Second Division, was transferred to Gillingham.

But Mullery hadn't finished. He paid £25,000 for Leighton Phillips, the Wales and Swansea defender who also played for Aston Villa and Cardiff City before moving to the Vetch.

That was considered to be a shrewd move by Mullery but he still had another ace up his sleeve.

After being legally declared to have been given a free transfer by Spurs, Don McAllister decided to throw in his lot with Mullery and Charlton.

Mullery had waited patiently for a telephone call from the Professional Footballers Association to inform him McAllister was, in fact, a free agent.

McAllister could have had the chance of signing for Arsenal who were reported to be interested in him. 'The Gunners paid me a huge compliment,' said McAllister. 'But it would have been difficult for me to go there.'

But Mullery also had his problems and had to persuade former Luton striker Derek Hales to sign a new contract.

Hales was reported to be unhappy at the Valley but was happy to sign when Mullery accepted the manager's job.

It is Hales' second spell at Charlton. He joined the London club from Luton and was eventually transferred to Derby County before another move, this time to West Ham who later sold him back to Charlton.

Phil Ferns was one of Alan Mullery's pre-season signings, and secured in the face of stern First Division competition, Phil, a midfielder, has certainly made a busy start to his football career. Having moved to the Bournemouth area when his father, Phil senior, was transferred by Liverpool at AFC in 1965 — young Phil was playing regular senior football for Poole Town in the Southern League at the age of 16. Following his father's



footsteps by joining the Bournemouth staff in 1978, he made his League debut against Bradford City in December 1978, and by the end of last season had already accumulated nearly 100 League outings.

Tony Hazell is a vastly experienced defender whose League career started 17 seasons ago at QPR. A former England Youth international, Tony who was born in High Wycombe, had accumulated nearly 650 senior outings (scoring a dozen goals) for his four London clubs by the end of last season.

Undoubtedly, however, Tony's days at Shepherd's Bush were the high spots of his career, to date. Promotion from Third to First Division in successive seasons, and a 1967 League Cup winners' medal against WBA was followed by yet another promotion year to the First in 1973. Remarkably, he was also on the staff of Millwall, Crystal Palace and Charlton when those three clubs won promotion.



Back row (left to right): C. Hall (Physio), Martin Robinson, Steve Gritt, Colin Powell, Les Berry, John Phillips, Nicky Johns, Peter Shaw, Billy Lansdowne, Lawrie Madden, Phil Ferns, Ken Craggs (Assistant manager).
Front row: Kevin Smith, Paul Walsh, Derek Hales, Leighton Phillips, Alan Mullery (Manager), Terry Naylor, Don McAllister, Phil Walker, Steve Harrison.



DEREK HALES

MEMORIES


‘Lady OF THE Boulevards’^(A)

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TOM WALLS in ‘Cup of Kindness’^(A)
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Bell (S.)
Outside Right

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Martin
Inside Right

Referee:
D. G. KIRBY,
(Coventry)

¹²
Hobbs
Outside Left

¹³
Stephenson
Inside Left

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Joblin
Left Half

²⁰
Oakes
Left Back

²²
Wright (H.)
Goal

League III (Southern)

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Mackey
Left Back

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McGinnigle
Centre Half

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Fraser
Left Half

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Cook
Centre

¹⁰
Stephenson
Inside Left

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Russell
Outside Left

Linesmen:
Blue Flag: T. J. LEWIS (March)
Red Flag: A. W. SMITH (Histon)

¹⁴
Prior
Centre

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Robinson
Inside Right

¹⁶
Wilkinson
Outside Right

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Turner
Centre Half

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Harris
Right Half

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Smith (N.)
Right Back

CHARLTON A.

(Red Shirts with White Collars, White Knickers)

Kick-Off 3.15 p.m.

The diagram shows a football pitch with player positions for two teams. Luton Town players are marked with numbers 1 through 11, and Charlton Athletic players are marked with letters A through K. The positions are as follows:

Luton Town:

- 11: Wright (Left Half)
- 10: Revell (Outside Left)
- 9: Billington (Centre)
- 8: Skill (Inside Right)
- 7: Carroll (Outside Right)
- 6: Vinall (Right Back)
- 5: Dreyer (Centre Half)
- 4: Finlayson (Right Half)
- 3: Lutterloch (Left Back)
- 2: Coen (Goal)
- 1: Friendly (Goal)

Charlton Athletic:

- K: James Oakes (Left Back)
- J: Cann (Right Back)
- I: Bartram (Goal)
- H: Lancelotte (Inside Right)
- G: Stephenson (Outside Left)
- F: Wilkinson (Outside Right)
- E: Lister (Right Half)
- D: John Oakes (Centre Half)
- C: Blott (Centre)
- B: Gager (Inside Left)
- A: Linesmen

Referee: P. STEVENS (Luton)

Flags: Blue Flag: H. PEARCE (Luton); Red Flag: R. S. ANSTEE (Luton)

TODAYS TEAM CHECK

LUTON TOWN		CHARLTON ATHLETIC	
JAKE FINDLAY	1	NICKY JOHNS	
KIRK STEPHENS	2	TERRY NAYLOR	
MARK AIZLEWOOD	3	STEVE HARRISON	
BRIAN HORTON	4	LEIGHTON PHILLIPS	
MIKE SAXBY	5	DON McALLISTER	
MAL DONAGHY	6	KEVIN SMITH	
RICKY HILL	7	PHIL WALKER	
BRIAN STEIN	8	STEVEN GRITT	
STEVE WHITE	9	DEREK HALES	
RADDY ANTIC	10	PAUL WALSH	
GODFREY INGRAM	11	MARTIN ROBINSON	
WAYNE TURNER	12		

HALF TIME

Referee: D. W. CIVIL, Wolverhampton
 Linesmen: R. K. PAWLEY (Red Flag)
 A. G. ROGERS (Yellow Flag)

Barnsley v Shrewsbury Town		Arsenal v Stoke City	
Blackburn v Sheffield Wednesday		Aston Villa v Notts County	
Chelsea v Bolton		Coventry City v Manchester United	
Crystal Palace v Cambridge United		Everton v Birmingham City	
Derby County v Orient		Ipswich Town v Sunderland	
Grimsby Town v Leicester City		Manchester City v WBA	
Newcastle United v Watford		Middlesbrough v Tottenham	
Oldham v Cardiff City		Nott'm Forest v Southampton	
Rotherham v Norwich City		Swansea City v Leeds United	
Wrexham v QPR		West Ham United v Liverpool	



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Saturday
29th August



CIVIL, DEREK W. (Birmingham).
 Commenced refereeing in 1955, and via Worcestershire Combination, Football Combination and Football League line, to the Referees' Full List. Has refereed the FA County Youth Cup Final in 1971-72, and was linesman in a European Cup quarter-final (1972) also Scotland v Switzerland in 1975-76, also refereed first leg of Football Alliance Final (1980).
 A married man with two sons, he works in the printing industry. Helps with coaching and running a local junior team, with help and advice to young referees.