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# JOCK

LAST week's disappointing result was really down to a poor first half performance when we didn't play anything like we are capable of. They scored what can only be described as silly goals against us but we had a chat at half-time and sorted one or two things out. The result was that we played some very good football in the second half and although I know Mark Wallington made a couple of fine saves I still felt we could have gone on and either drawn or won the match.

The defeat was certainly a bitter pill to swallow after our result against Barnsley. Hopefully, though, that is it out of our system and we are now looking forward to this afternoon's match against a Luton team that is usually entertaining.

David Pleat has done a fine job there and will no doubt be looking for a good result today. But our pride has been hurt and we want to get things going again. It all points to an outstanding match.

SINCE our last programme, Martin Henderson has moved on to Chesterfield and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for what he did for this club and wish him well with his new team. He and I are old friends and go back a long way.

At the same time I would like to welcome Keith Robson who made his debut at Derby last week and can go on to have a good career here.

THE League Cup draw has paired us with my old sparring partner Tommy Docherty and Preston. I'm looking forward to crossing swords with him again.

TALKING about 'sparring' we were all delighted to see young Tony Sibson do so well this week.

He stood up well to all the pre-fight pressure and on the day went out and did his job very professionally. I hope the Leicester lad now goes on and becomes World Champion. Keep swinging champ!



Manager Jock Wallace

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## Alan Bennett's COMMENT

Have you heard the story of the cricketer, the golfer and the footballer?

We did a week ago, when our new Belvoir Sporting Club held its first meeting in the Belvoir Suite.

Guests for the first evening (pictured below) were cricketer Trevor Bailey and golfer Alex Hay who are just as well known today through their BBC work. Trevor is a vital member of the radio ball by ball Test commentary team and Alex does duty as a TV golf commentator.

Where does the footballer come in?

Well once again that name Trevor Bailey fits the bill, for while his main sport was and is cricket, he can boast of a FA Amateur Cup winners medal for Walthamstow Avenue in the mid-fifties before a 100,000 crowd at Wembley, and being a member of the Avenue team that drew at Old Trafford against the great Manchester United team of that time before going down in the replay at Highbury 5-3 before a crowd of 55,000.

The idea of the Sporting Club is to give members and their guests a real sporting evening, with a first class meal, a couple of top sporting speakers and the opportunity to meet other sports personalities from time to time.

Trevor and Alex got us off to a

great start, with their reminiscences on cricket and golf, both serious and humorous.

The club will meet on a further four occasions this season, the last being a Ladies evening, and I can assure members that we shall be maintaining the standards we set last week.

Incidentally, there are still a few memberships left, and I would be pleased to give details to any of you interested.

Turning to last week's match at Derby, the 'blacking' of the game by ATV through the accidental wearing of a sponsor's name by the Derby goalkeeper, highlights the problems building up between the clubs and the TV companies over the wearing of sponsored kit at televised matches.

So far the problem does not concern us at City, as we have yet to conclude a deal involving a sponsor's name on our kit.

I suppose a year or two ago we would have fought shy even of the idea of a sponsors' name on our shirts, but when even the mighty such as Arsenal feel that they cannot stand aside from the tide it is obvious that it is only a matter of time before a deal is struck that seems right to us.

At present, the agreement between the TV companies and the League

clearly provides that clubs involved in televised matches may not wear sponsored kit, except for the small kit manufacturer's emblem such as the Umbro badge on ours.

This agreement has two years to run, and I'm quite sure the clubs will not agree to a new agreement with a similar restriction.

As you can imagine, the value to a sponsor to have his name on shirts worn on TV is far more than under the present system, which will in turn mean more receipts to clubs.

Many of us feel that the TV companies are being shortsighted in standing firm on that particular clause in the agreement now, as they are only building up an element of resentment which could mean harder bargaining next time.

After all, TV now gives plenty of coverage of sponsors in the way that clubs want — take for example the extremely popular Grand Prix motor racing coverage on BBC.

There, in addition to the trackside advertising banners which correspond to our pitch arena advertising — to which in general TV does not object — there is also lavish advertising on the cars and indeed on the drivers themselves. Those would seem to me to correspond roughly to a player's kit!

What's good for one sport should surely be good for another.



A happy group at the debut of the Belvoir Sporting Club. From the left: Trevor Bailey, Alex Hay, City Manager Jock Wallace, Chairman Terry Shipman, General Secretary Alan Bennett and Sporting Club Speaker Secretary Trevor Bennett.

# CITY DESK

## BEST WISHES TO KEITH AND MARTIN

City have gained one player and lost one player in the last 10 days.

The new arrival at Filbert Street is 27-year-old Keith Robson who was signed from Norwich City for a fee of £30,000.

The experienced left-sided player was previously with Newcastle United, West Ham United, Cardiff City and, of course, Norwich.

'I'm delighted to be here,' he said. 'This is a whole new challenge and it's one I'm looking forward to.'

As Keith was arriving Martin Henderson was leaving . . . for a new £70,000 career with Chesterfield.

Martin was manager Jock Wallace's first signing and has given us useful service in the past

three years, playing 87 games, a further 13 as substitute, and scoring 16 goals.

We would like to wish both players 'all the best' as they embark on new careers.

## PROGRAMME PLEA

We have received a programme plea from Birmingham City supporter B. Bailey of 9 Blackham Drive, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.

Mr Bailey requires the Leicester v Birmingham programmes from our League meetings in seasons 1951-52 and 1945-46 to help complete his collection.

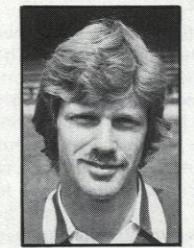
He is willing to pay a fair price for each and anyone who can help should contact him at the above address.

## EARLY KICK-OFF AT ROTHERHAM

Supporters planning to travel to Rotherham for Tuesday night's match should note that kick-off at the Millmoor Ground will be 7.15 p.m.



KEITH ROBSON  
on his City debut at Derby



MARTIN HENDERSON

Congratulations to Tommy Williams who plays his 150th League game for the club this afternoon.

The City full-back has scored 10 goals in that time and it would be nice if

he could celebrate today's occasion with the winner!

## YOUTH TEAM IN ACTION ON WEDNESDAY

City's youth team go into Belvoir Drive action in the Midland Youth League Cup on Wednesday afternoon.

Wednesday's opponents are Birmingham City and kick-off is 2.15 p.m.

Youth team manager Dave Richardson is quite pleased with the youngsters' start to the season so why not pop along to Belvoir Drive and judge their progress for yourselves.

## FAMILY ENCLOSURE SOCIAL EVENING

The first Family Enclosure Social Evening is next Tuesday 22nd September, in the Fosse Bar.

by Graham Clark

City's youth team manager Dave Richardson will be guest speaker and the evening kicks off at 7.30 p.m.

## MARK'S CELEBRATIONS

City skipper Mark Wallington celebrated his birthday on Thursday and would no doubt like to celebrate further by having another three points in the bag by around 4.40 p.m. this afternoon.

## HEARD THE ONE ABOUT . . . !

It sounds like one of the original Irish jokes . . . the footballer who went to the wrong hospital for an operation!

But it happened to City youngster Gavin Drummond . . . although it should be pointed out immediately it wasn't his fault.

Gavin was despatched out to Scrattoft Hospital last week for his cartilage operation only to discover when he arrived there that no-one knew of the proposed operation!

Fortunately someone was on hand who realised that the specialist due to carry out the surgery was, in fact, at London Road Hospital where Gavin should have been sent in the first place.

Happily, the youngster was there in time and now, as you can see from our picture, is now convalescing.

Gavin should be back in action in around eight weeks.



## ANDY SET FOR DOWN UNDER



Andy Peake's thoughts will soon be turning to matters concerning England rather than Leicester City.

The young midfield man will be packing his bags ready to play a part in England's assault on the FIFA World Youth Championship which starts in Australia at the beginning of next month.

England play their first match on 3rd October against Cameroon but will have a couple of days training in this country before setting off Down Under.

It's bound to be good experience for Andy and even the flight out there will be interesting! The flight plan takes in Amsterdam, Dubai, Columbo and Singapore before the aircraft stops in Melbourne to allow players and officials from Uruguay, Brazil, Mexico, Egypt, Rumania, Italy, Spain and Germany to disembark!

Then it's on to Sydney and the start of the serious business. All the best Andy.

## EATING OUT!

We thought we had come up with a winner for the team's pre-match meal prior to next Tuesday night's match at Rotherham when we came across a brochure advertising an excellent-looking hotel.

When word came back from the establishment in Rotherham, however, it was to the effect that we had better not plan to eat there . . . it wasn't opening until next month!

## CHEERS!

Congratulations to Mr Trevor Jarvis of 74 Blount Road, Thurmaston, Leicester, who is the first winner this season of a case of Carling Lager.

The prize is the reward every first team matchday for buying a copy of the programme with the M&B stamp inside.

So make sure you look through the programme carefully . . . there might be a case of lager waiting for you in the Souvenir Shop!

## FAMILY TICKET TIMES

Supporters please note that, for a variety of reasons, our Family Ticket scheme is only available up to 12 o'clock midday prior to a Saturday match and 5 p.m. prior to an evening game.

But you have two months before any match — up to those times — to sort out your family seats!

## IAN AND BARRY SIGN ON

The two happiest youngsters at Filbert Street this week were undoubtedly Ian Sherwood and Barry Cliff.

The duo 'graduated' from being apprentices to full professionals and in both instances it really was rapid promotion.



Barry (right) became an apprentice just a few months ago while Ian was even more recent — just a fortnight ago!

It's an important step in both their careers and, as you can see from our photograph, they are enjoying tearing up their apprentice forms!

## AWAYDAY AT DERBY

• City hit the wrong kind of headlines at the Baseball Ground last Saturday . . . but happily it was nothing really to do with us.

The problem concerned the television coverage, by ATV, of the Second Division fixture.

ATV's Star Soccer team were out in force as always for their coverage only to see all their efforts

and their money wasted because Derby goalkeeper Roger Jones wore a sponsored shirt in the first-half!

That meant there was no way the television company would show the match the following afternoon.

• It wasn't a very happy comeback match for Alan Young who was playing his first match of the season following suspension.

The City striker was carried off late in the second-half with a sprained ankle.

• Tommy Williams was probably quite happy with the line in Derby's newspaper-style programme that had his age as 'still only 21'!

At that rate he has done unbelievably well to amass a total of 150 League games.

But to put the record straight we should point out that Tom is in fact 23.

## DAVID ON THE WAY BACK

Dave Buchanan was an unfortunate early-season injury victim when he suffered a broken bone that has kept him out of the serious action so far.

Happily we can report that the youngster is coming along nicely and, as you can see from our photograph, can even raise a smile.

Dave is currently doing as much work as possible with weights because it will be another few weeks before he can think about playing again.



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Junior Fox Club members will be receiving their first exclusive newsletter and also their splendid gold, blue and white badge through the post in the next few days.

The newsletter will tell you about a fabulous competition with a sensational prize, will feature an article by manager Jock Wallace and details and photographs of the City players.

So that's something for members to look forward to in the next week or so.

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Another exciting forthcoming event is the Belvoir Drive training session on the first Sunday of next month, 4th October.

Some of our young players and possibly a couple of the senior lads will be looking after members and putting them through their paces!

It will be a valuable exercise for youngsters and kick-off for the session — remember it's at our Belvoir Drive Training Ground — will be 10.00 a.m.

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Remember our invitation to members to send in their questions to the players.

If there's anything you would like to know about a certain player just write your question

## Junior FOX

and send it, with your name, to Questiontime, Junior Fox Club, Leicester City F.C., Filbert Street, Leicester.

We will select some questions every programme and publish them with the player's reply but please remember we cannot reply individually to your letters.

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Continuing our best wishes for happy Junior Fox Birthdays, greetings today go to the following:

**Christopher Francis Garner**, Groby, Leicester who is 11 today;

**James Edward Morton**, Leicester, who will be 7 on the 23rd; **Richard Mark Andrews**, Barrow on Soar, who will be 8 on the 25th; **Mark Timothy Jones**, Northfields Estate, Leicester, who will be 7 on the 27th; **Ashley Lloyd**, Oadby, Leicester, who will be 12 on the 28th; **John Matthew Tilley**, Croft, Leicester, who will be 10 on the 29th; **Emma Jane Haywood**, Barwell, Leicester, who will be 11 on the 1st October.

## PRE-MATCH PENALTY COMPETITION

We continue our pre-match penalty entertainment with another two of the preliminary round ties featuring Sarson 'A' against Heathfield 'B' and City of Leicester 'B' against Winstanley 'A'. This is how the teams will line up in shooting order . . .

**Sarson 'A'**: P. Green, D. Ramm, J. Townend, A. Scott, D. Elsom (goalkeeper), S. Pickup (reserve). Colours will be blue and white hoops.

**Heathfield 'B'**: G. Crowfort, S. Gibson, P. Dickinson, H. Pegg, N. Pearson (goalkeeper), F. Andrews (reserve). Colours will be maroon and white. Tie to be played at Filbert Street End.

**City of Leicester 'B'**: V. John, L. Johnson, M. Pullen, S. Crabb, P. Bottrill (goalkeeper), S. Jones (reserve). Colours will be gold. **Winstanley 'A'**: R. Portch, W. Pepper, D. Abbott, S. Blackwell, D. Fox (goalkeeper), A. Clemence (reserve). Colours will be green and amber. Tie to be played at the Double Decker End.

## FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

On Tuesday we travel to Rotherham for the first of two consecutive away matches.

Emlyn Hughes, of course, is now in charge at the Millmoor Ground and it will be interesting to see what kind of season they have.

The most important thing for us, though, is three points and that as always will be the target.

Just a reminder too that kick-off on Tuesday night will be 7.15 p.m.

Then on Saturday we are at Blackburn and a meeting with another team 'under new management'.

Bobby Saxon is in charge at Ewood Park following Howard Kendall's summer move to Everton.

The following Saturday we are back at Filbert Street for what should be one of the best fixtures of the season . . . against Crystal Palace.

The London club joined us in being relegated last season and, indeed, took three points off us in the process so we will be out for some revenge there.

In between the first team's Filbert Street games, the Reserves are playing here with matches against Palace on 26th September and Reading on Wednesday 30th September.

Kick-off for the Reading game will be 7.30 p.m.



EMLYN HUGHES — in his playing days



## RESERVE REPORT

by Eddie May

So, we've still to win our first match of the season which isn't very satisfactory.

Two home draws against Luton Town and Birmingham City gave us further points but that victory is proving elusive.

Against Luton we scored first through a Peter Welsh penalty after Paul Culpin was brought down and we should have had more than just one goal to show from a reasonable first half.

We didn't play nearly as well after the interval and they equalised with another penalty in the last minute.

But really, the game should have been won by us at half-time and our missed chances proved costly in the end.

We played a couple of trialists against Birmingham on Wednesday night and they came through quite well.

With new faces in the side we struggled a bit at first as they got to know each other's play and we went in at half-time a goal down from a Birmingham penalty.

We sorted ourselves out a bit after the interval, though, and looked a far better team.

Bobby Smith made it 1-1 and then Paul Ramsey put us ahead only for them to equalise with a rather fortunate — for them! — deflection.

Young Chris Bell did well when he made his first appearance by coming on as substitute for Thomson.

Overall, however, we are still missing too many chances and, at the other end, continue to give away some bad goals.



CHRIS BELL

## YOUTH FOCUS

by Dave Richardson

We've been reasonably successful since our last look at how the youth team is progressing.

We beat Northampton Town 4-1 at Belvoir Drive although, to be fair, it wasn't a great game.

The highlight of that match was a hat-trick for Brandon Knowles and he certainly took his goals very well.

He opened the scoring, in fact, and then added a second before they came back into the game to make 2-1. Malcolm Murray scored a third, though, and then Brandon completed his hat-trick to give us a comfortable victory.

Team: Andrews, Cameron, Sherwood, Rennie, Hodgson, Bell, Thomson, Murray, Hill, Knowles, Saxby. Substitute: Banton for Hill.

And there was another hat-trick to celebrate last Saturday when Barry Cliff scored all three goals in the 3-0 win over Birmingham City, reports Eddie May who was in charge for the day.

The lads all played well and we should have been more than just a Cliff goal ahead at half-time.

But we did even better in the second half when Cliff added another two goals to complete his hat-trick and might even have added a fourth.

He obviously did well but so did Chris Bell, moved to up front from his normal midfield role.

Team: Mason, Crawford, Saxby, Hodgson, Rennie, Kelly, Murray, Thomson, Bell, Cliff, Banton. Substitute: Currie for Kelly.



BARRY CLIFF

## 'City's other team'

Thousands and thousands of City supporters will recognise Alison Jarvis' face.

She is the young lady who looks after our Souvenir Shop and as such meets fans every day.

Alison lives in Narborough Road South with her husband of 18 months, Graham.

Graham used to be a Manchester United fan but it's safe to say that Alison managed to convert him over the years and now he's a regular at Filbert Street.

The couple met when both worked for Ford & Slater where Graham is a heavy vehicle mechanic and obviously kept in touch when Alison went first to Everard's Brewery and then, three and a half years ago, to Filbert Street.

Her job with City involves being a clerk/typist and, of course, looking

after the Souvenir Shop which on match days especially becomes extremely busy.

Away from the ground, though, Alison enjoys cooking, knitting and reading.

"As far as the cooking is concerned I only really go in for English food and with reading, autobiographies are my favourites," she said.

Alison was born in Malta when her father was in the Navy but now mum and dad and brother Andrew live nearby with only sister Bridget living away in Plymouth.

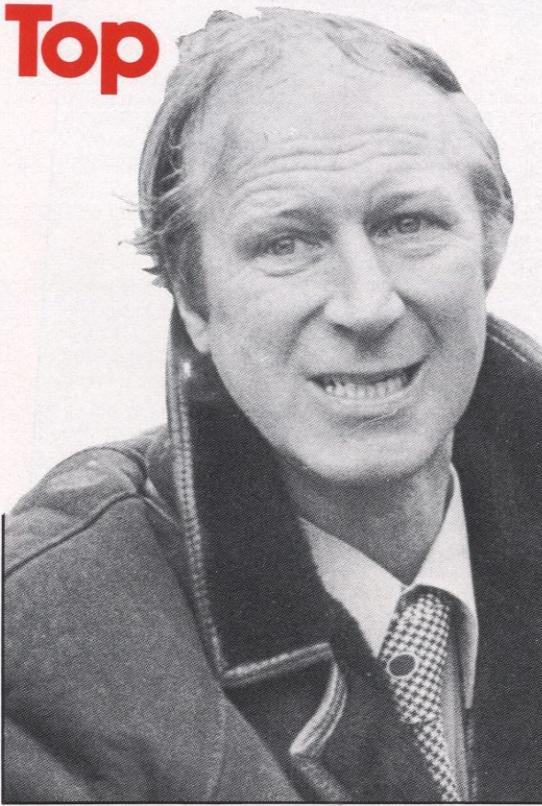
One relative living slightly further afield is Graham's sister-in-law who is in America and she's one person Alison and Graham would like to see.

"We're hoping to save enough to get to New Jersey for a holiday next year," she explained.



JACK CHARLTON'S FUTURE IS UNSURE AS

## Wednesday Aim for the Top



they prefer to go to America... Take their money and run."

### WARNINGS

Sheffield Wednesday only clawed their way out of the Third Division the season before last, so is there a danger that the 'Owls' young players can be pushed forward too quickly?

Charlton thinks so. "It has been seen in the past," he points out. Take Leicester City for instance, their demotion after one season up is a good example. You can get into the First Division on the crest of a wave with a lot of youngsters running and chasing in the Second Division. Then they get a couple of hidings in the First Division and it knocks them out of their stride and then they struggle.

"It also happened with Sunderland when they went up. What you need to do is strengthen the side. If we had gone up last season then I would have had to spend a lot of money, but given another year I am sure the experience will prepare our lads properly for promotion should it come. They will be ready to accept the higher grade of football."

"It is better to go up that way than shoot up too quickly and finish up spending a fortune in a desperate and often futile attempt to stay there."

"When you are building a club up it is not your team but your staff which are more important. I bought players to get us out of the Third Division and a lot of them will not make it in the First Division with us, we will leave them behind. I am not being derogatory in any way, but if we are going to progress then we have got to go past that stage. But my backroom staff of Frank Blunstone, Maurice Setters and John Harris are the key. We believe that if we get lads with the basic knowledge and the basic physique and balance and they know something about the game then we can do wonders with them in a couple of years."

Certainly that point was amply demonstrated in the Wednesday line-up last season which at times had a back four with an average age of 20 and teenagers in midfield and attack. All players developed by the Wednesday management.

### GOODBYE

Now those players are a little more seasoned to the demands of League football and although Jack Charlton refutes any suggestions that he occupies one of soccer's hot seats he does admit that the Sheffield public do expect the Owl to fly back to a First Division perch.

Explains Jack: "I think most of the Sheffield public accept that last season was one of consolidation, and as long as we don't take too long to get promotion we will be all right."

There is no argument that Wednesday's fans have complete confidence in Charlton's ability, what worries them is his conviction that a five year stint as manager at any club is long enough. So will big Jack pack his bags and walk out of Hillsborough when he reaches that milestone next summer?

"If I get them into the First Division this season then I might stay another season to see them established, then I will leave," he says. "If I don't get them out of the Second Division this year then I will probably leave and let someone else take them on up. Failure will mean that probably they need a change, need a new leader with fresh ideas to push them on."

"The big problem is familiarity. Your powers of motivation diminish. The players know you, the directors know you, the public know you, your groundsman and everybody knows you. They know what they can get away with and you need a new whip to jockey everyone up a little."

"I have not seen anything in the game to make me change my mind."

"You are only as good as, not your last result, but your last four or five results, and situations can change very quickly. If I lost a few games on the run people would start to question and suggest I get on my bike. So I like to anticipate their thinking and the best time to get out is when you are on top. Then you can go anywhere you want."

"I would like to get Sheffield Wednesday up into the First Division before I leave, but if I don't then I know they will be set up ready for promotion. And they will do it... it is only a matter of time now."

# PETER WITHE

## Has a bit more going for him

A broad smile filled Peter Withe's face as he stepped from the Wembley arena following Aston Villa's 2-2 draw with Tottenham Hotspur in the Charity Shield last August. The giant centre-forward had notched both goals and happily declared, "it was nice to knock in a couple, I have had a few near misses at Wembley."

He was of course referring to his appearances there last season in the red white and blue of England, when fortune did not frown too kindly on his goal scoring attempts.

"It was very difficult adjusting to the international game," he reflects. "At club level you play with the players week in week out whereas with England you just get together a few days before the game. But I think there is a place for my style of play in the international game. The system we adopt at Villa with a big target man up front is practiced by nearly every side in the League, so it is a pattern of play that all the players are accustomed to and therefore it is adaptable to the England team."

"The world game is different of course, the main point being the continentals use of man to man marking. But I quite like it because I relish the thought of playing one against one and having someone just follow me around, as I feel I am mobile enough to lose my marker. And if you do drop your shadow against that system there is always a chance of scoring."

"I have found that with all the running around I do I am quite capable of losing my man and of course the most telling place to do that is in the penalty area. If you can break clear there, then there is a great chance of scoring a goal."

"It would be nice to score for England, although I am not despondent because I have been quite pleased with my overall performances. Looking back and analysing the chances I have had I could well have scored four goals in three games . . . but I haven't. I hit the post against Brazil, had one kicked off the line by Wales and again against Scotland, but then I look upon it like this. I was in the right position to miss so maybe just maybe they will go in next time."

Peter is still very much a part of the England squad and is hoping the side do qualify for the World Cup Finals in Spain. But it was his consistent form for Aston Villa which brought him 20 League goals and provided more than a helping hand to Gary Shaw who netted 18, which impressed most observers.

### DESERVED VICTORY

The 6ft 2in giant is an awesome sight when he is in full cry and yet insists that it is wrong to label him as a typically rugged old fashioned centre-forward.

"Everyone seems to put me in that category," he says, "but I don't really look on myself as the sort of battering ram they talk about. I think I have a bit more going for me than that."

"I certainly do not look upon myself as an aggressive player, but as someone who simply enjoys playing, and if that means putting myself about a bit to play the game a

bit longer, then that is the way I shall play . . . it is my enthusiasm to play the game which comes through not aggression.

"When you are determined to win and want to win then you do play hard, but there is no question of me going out to kick and injure opponents or anything like that, which is what I would term as aggressive.

"My job is to get on the end and be a target man for the other players. I have to put myself about and get into positions to receive the ball and if someone is in the way. That might sound aggressive to a lot of people but it is my job."

It obviously paid off last season and yet suggestions that Ipswich deserved the Championship were numerous if somewhat irksome to the Villa lads.

Peter makes no bones about it: "We won the Championship and that was done over 42 games. We won it in the end by four points and at the end of the day the trophy was ours. It does not matter what anybody says they can't take that away from us and in years to come when we are just another statistic, people will not say that is the year Ipswich should have won the League . . . they will say that was the year Aston Villa did win the Championship."

### STANDARDS

"And we did it well. We entertained the fans and won more games than any other side in the First Division and always went out with the same positive attitude every game, and that was to attack and win. We want to score goals and entertain the public."

"Aston Villa had been in the doldrums long enough, now I think last season's success will be a good springboard to greater things. We might even do another Nottingham Forest and win the European Cup who knows? The team is certainly good enough to go on for another three or four years."

"This is one of the reasons why I joined them. A lot of people think that we just see cash in front of our eyes, but I left Newcastle because I wanted to get back into the First Division and win trophies again. I was in the flattering position of having several clubs seeking my services, but I chose Villa because I felt the club were destined for great things."

"Now it has started to happen and the team is young enough to get even better. Many criticise the fact that a few of us are 29 years old, but we are reaching our peak, we are not over the hill and in my own case I think I shall be coming into my own in these next three years."

"Although last season was a good one we are now looking to do even better. In football you set your own standards and ours are now clear to everyone. It is going to be harder this time but you have to be greedy and want to win everything. We had a bad start against Notts County on the opening day but we soon shook that out of our system. Now we must do better than last season and if that means winning two trophies, then two trophies we must win."



# Famous Clubs

"GRIMSBY TOWN IS A GREAT LITTLE CLUB." Those sentiments by their current manager George Kerr — who has miraculously steered them from the Fourth to the Second Division in two years — sums it up perfectly.

Blundell Park the home of the Mariners might not be one of the most palatial stadia in the League, but behind the scenes the character and personalities that have helped steer its course through 103 years footballing history have made Grimsby Town a big club.

They have not acquired the resources to compete with the big city giants but they have had their moments of glory, their flirtations with the big time. Indeed it is probably apt to suggest that they are a club of startling contrasts. For a start although the club is named Grimsby Town, the ground is actually located at Cleethorpes and on the field of play they have experienced the full spectrum of life in the League having participated in all six divisions of the competition: First, Second, Third, Third South, Third North and the Fourth Division.

Grimsby's brushes with the top flight have always been George Kerr



brisk affairs — between 1901-03, 1929-32 and 1934-48 — but at least they got there and the way things are shaping now, there is ample cause for optimism that they could be treading the First Division path once more in the near future.

But back to the beginning and 1878 when a group of players formed Grimsby Pelham, which was derived from the family name of the Earls of Yarborough, who owned most of the land in the area. A year later they re-named the club Grimsby Town and continued to find their way in local football, and in 1886 captured their first major title, the Lincolnshire Senior Cup.

They went on to repeat this success a further seventeen times before entering League football in 1889 when they joined the Football Alliance. The next development was to become a limited company and then in 1892 with the other members of the Alliance it became an original member of Division Two of the Football League.

Initially they played at Clee Park and then Abbey Park before taking over their present location at Blundell Park. Progress was being made and the results were there to prove it. After finishing third twice, it won the Second Division Championship in 1901 but their reign in the First Division was short lived.

## KICKED OUT

Like many clubs who suffer the ignominy of relegation, Grimsby Town's fortunes began to dive and in 1910 they were actually booted out of the League when they failed to gain sufficient votes for re-election after finishing second from bottom.

To their credit the Mariners fought straight back winning the Midland League

Championship first time out and by doing so earned their recall to the Second Division.

After the First War, the Mariners found themselves bottom of the pack once more but this time the newly-formed Third Division (South) saved them running the gauntlet of a vote and they took their place in the new division. A year later, 1921, a Northern Section was formulated and Grimsby were duly transferred over, so becoming original members of three separate Divisions of the League.

In 1920 Hayden Price became the clubs first top class manager and he was succeeded by Wilf Gillow who took them back to the Second Division in 1926.

Grimsby Town meant business and they splashed out the enormous sum of £700 to secure the transfer from Rotherham United of John Gilbert Bestall, who although only 5' 2", was to become one of the clubs most famous players.

Second place in 1929 booked another return to the First Division and hopes were high when they opened their account with five points out of six, including a 3-2 win against Sheffield United at Bramall Lane and a 4-0 thrashing of the mighty Newcastle United.

Unfortunately they could not maintain this form and finished 17th, and by 1932 they were back down having taken just 32 points although fielding Tim Coleman, a centre-forward who the previous season had set a scoring record with 35 goals in the First Division.

## UPS AND DOWNS

Ernest Glover became the new shooting star scoring a record 42 goals in Grimsby's Second Division Championship

# Grimsby Town



Bob Cumming

season of 1933-34. So it was back to Division One and the best run ever when the Mariners finished fifth — their highest ever placing — in the season of 1934-35.

The War years intervened and upon the resumption of League football Grimsby found themselves struggling and on the last day of the 1947-48 season a humiliating 8-1 defeat at Highbury ended Grimsby's First Division days.

The collapse continued; Division Two in 1948-49; Division 3 (N) in 1951 and then re-election in 1955. Astonishingly they won promotion the following season only to return again in '59 and then win back a place in the Second Division in 1962 which was to last for two seasons.

In 1968 Grimsby were relegated to the Fourth Division where they stayed until winning the Championship in 1972 under manager Lawrie McMenemy. McMenemy's flair, enthusiasm and sheer magnetism had pulled the Blundell Park club clear of a crisis, and on the field the fans had new stars to acclaim in Matt Tees 27 goals, Stuart

Year formed — 1878  
Turned Professional — 1890  
Former names: Grimsby Pelham

## TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1976-77	Malcolm Partridge	10
1977-78	Terry Donovan	14
1978-79	Tony Ford	15
1979-80	Kevin Drinkell	16
1980-81	Bob Cumming	11

## MARINERS ROLE OF HONOUR

Second Division Champions	1900-01, 1933-34
Runners-up	1928-29
Division 3 (N) Champions	1935-36, 1955-56
Division 3 Champions	1979-80
Runners-up	1961-62
Fourth Division Champions	1971-72
Runners-up	1978-79

F.A. Cup: Semi-finalists 1936, 1939

## Managers since the War

Charlie Spencer, Bill Shankly, Billy Walsh, Allenby Chilton, Tim Ward, Tom Johnston, Jimmy McGuigan, Don McEvoy, Bill Harvey, Bobby Kennedy, Lawrie McMenemy, Ron Ashman, Tommy Casey, John Newman and George Kerr.

Brace 20 goals and Mike Hickman 13.

1977.

Again the momentum was not maintained. Grimsby lost McMenemy to Southampton in 1973 and three poor seasons were followed by relegation in 1977.

John Newman became manager in December 1976 and started to lay the foundations for a recovery. He left to join Derby County and George Kerr was to take over control in

George completed the jigsaw and led Grimsby to consecutive promotion triumphs in 1979 and '80. Grimsby were back from the deep, back in the Second Division after a 14 year absence. He further consolidated their position last season and now the whole of Grimsby waits to see if they can achieve the final pinnacle... and return to Division One.

# WORLD CUP '82 THE ROAD TO SPAIN

Colin Benson continues the series plotting the road to Spain '82 when 24 nations will contest the final series of the largest World Cup tournament ever.

## EUROPEAN SECTION

### Group 5

Results so far: Luxembourg 0, Yugoslavia 5 — Yugoslavia 2, Denmark 1 — Luxembourg 0, Italy 2 — Denmark 0, Greece 1 — Italy 2, Denmark 0 — Italy 2, Yugoslavia 0 — Denmark 4, Luxembourg 0 — Greece 0, Italy 2 — Greece 2, Luxembourg 0 — Luxembourg 0, Greece 2 — Luxembourg 1, Denmark 2 — Yugoslavia 5, Greece 1 — Denmark 3, Italy 1 — Denmark 1, Yugoslavia 2.

**P W D L F A Pts**

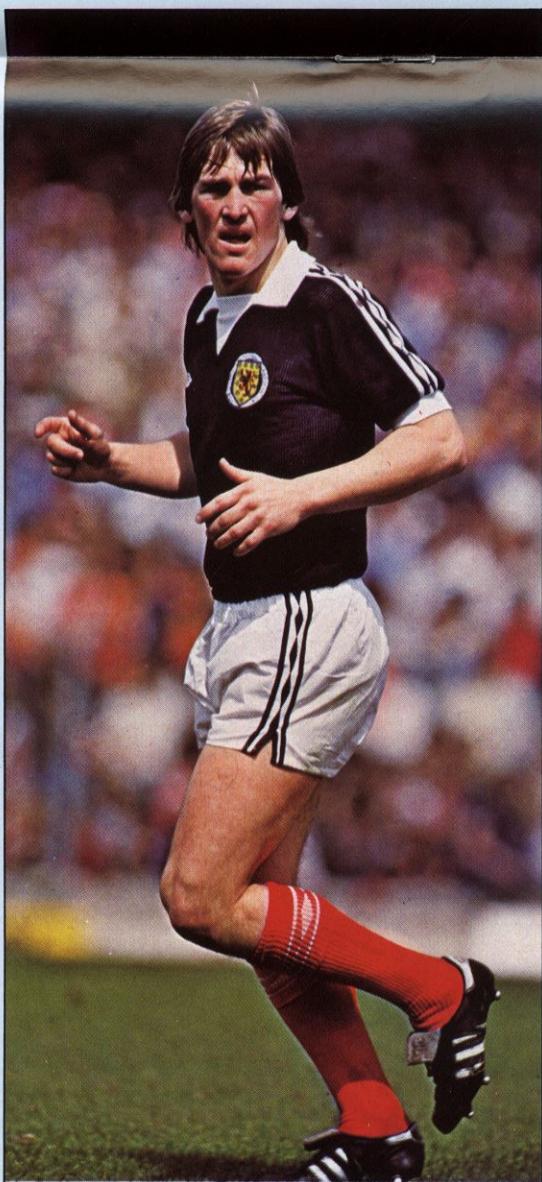
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia .....	5	4	0	1	14	5	8
Italy .....	5	4	0	1	9	3	8
Denmark .....	7	3	0	4	11	9	6
Greece .....	5	3	0	2	6	7	6
Luxembourg .....	6	0	0	6	1	17	0

Yugoslavia took over top spot following a 2-1 win in Denmark in a group where they remain firm favourites with Italy. But it was little Denmark, who had lost their opening three match sequence, who provided the first serious shock of the tournament, when they hammered Italy 3-1.

However the Danes who have also completed the double over Luxembourg, have seemingly lost any real chance of qualifying following that set back against Yugoslavia.

Italy and the Slavs each with three remaining fixtures need only a point each to assure their passage into the Finals.

**Fixtures to play:** Oct 14: Greece v Denmark — Oct 17: Yugoslavia v Italy — Nov 14: Italy v Greece —



Scotland will rely heavily on the skills of Kenny Dalglish as they make their final push in Group 6.

Nov 21: Yugoslavia v Luxembourg — Nov 29: Greece v Yugoslavia — Dec 12: Italy v Luxembourg.

### Group 6

Results so far: Israel 0, N. Ireland 0 — Sweden 1, Israel 1 — Sweden 0, Scotland 1 — N. Ireland 3, Sweden 0 — Scotland 0, Portugal 0 — Israel 0, Sweden 0 — Portugal 1, N. Ireland 0 — Portugal 3, Israel 0 — Israel 0, Scotland 1 — Scotland 1, N. Ireland 1 — Scotland 3, Israel 1 — N. Ireland 1, Portugal 0 — Sweden 1, N. Ireland 0 — Sweden 3, Portugal 0 — Scotland 2, Sweden 0.

**P W D L F A Pts**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland .....	6	4	2	0	8	2	10
N. Ireland .....	6	2	2	2	5	3	6
Sweden .....	7	2	2	3	5	7	6
Portugal .....	5	2	1	2	4	4	5
Israel .....	6	0	3	3	2	8	3

This group has proved one of the most competitive in the tournament with Scotland proving the only side capable of steering clear of trouble. Their 2-0 eclipse of Sweden at Hampden Park almost assured the Scots of a place in the Finals although they still need two points to be mathematically certain.

In the early stages Portugal looked a sound bet, but then defeats in Belfast and Sweden dented their aspirations. It was then the turn of the Swedes to make a challenge and they climbed right back into contention only to come unstuck at Hampden.

This defeat however has once more opened the door for Northern Ireland who with home advantage against Scotland and Israel could make it a British double.

**Fixtures to play:** Oct 14: Portugal v Sweden — N. Ireland v Scotland — Oct 28: Israel v Portugal — Nov 18: N. Ireland v Israel — Portugal v Scotland.

### Group 7

Results so far: Malta 0, Poland 2 (abandoned 75 minutes, result stands) — Malta 1, German D.R. 2 — Poland 1, German D.R. 0.

**P W D L F A Pts**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland .....	2	2	0	0	3	0	4
German D.R. .....	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Malta .....	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

Poland recalled those popular veterans Tomaszewski and Lato to good effect, the team being rewarded with maximum points from their opening sequence.

The Poles single goal victory over East Germany in Chorzow, has placed them in the enviable position of being able to drop a point in the return leg this October and still ensure that they go through as the sole qualifiers from this small group.

## SOUTH AMERICA (CONMEBOL)

### Group 1

Results: Venezuela 0, Brazil 1 — Bolivia 3, Venezuela 0 — Bolivia 1, Brazil 2 — Venezuela 1, Bolivia 0 — Brazil 3, Bolivia 1 — Brazil 5, Venezuela 0.

**P W D L F A Pts**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil .....	4	4	0	0	11	2	8
Bolivia .....	4	1	0	3	5	6	2
Venezuela .....	4	1	0	3	1	9	2

Brazil became the first team to qualify for Spain. The three times champions finished with a flourish conceding just two goals in their four games and scoring eleven, as if to emphasise their attacking flair.

### Group 2

Results so far: Colombia 1, Peru 1 — Uruguay 3, Colombia 2 — Peru 2, Colombia 0 — Uruguay 1, Peru 2 — Peru 0, Uruguay 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Peru .....	4	2	2	0	5	2	6
Uruguay .....	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Colombia .....	3	0	1	2	3	6	1

Peru turned up trumps in this group by taking three points off highly fancied Uruguay to win the section and qualify for Spain. It was somewhat of a surprise following Uruguay's Gold Cup triumph earlier in the year, but in the decisive game in Lima, Peru outclassed their opponents who managed to scramble a goalless draw. So it is two Finals in a row for the colourful Peruvians.

**Fixtures to play:** Sep 13: Columbia v Uruguay.

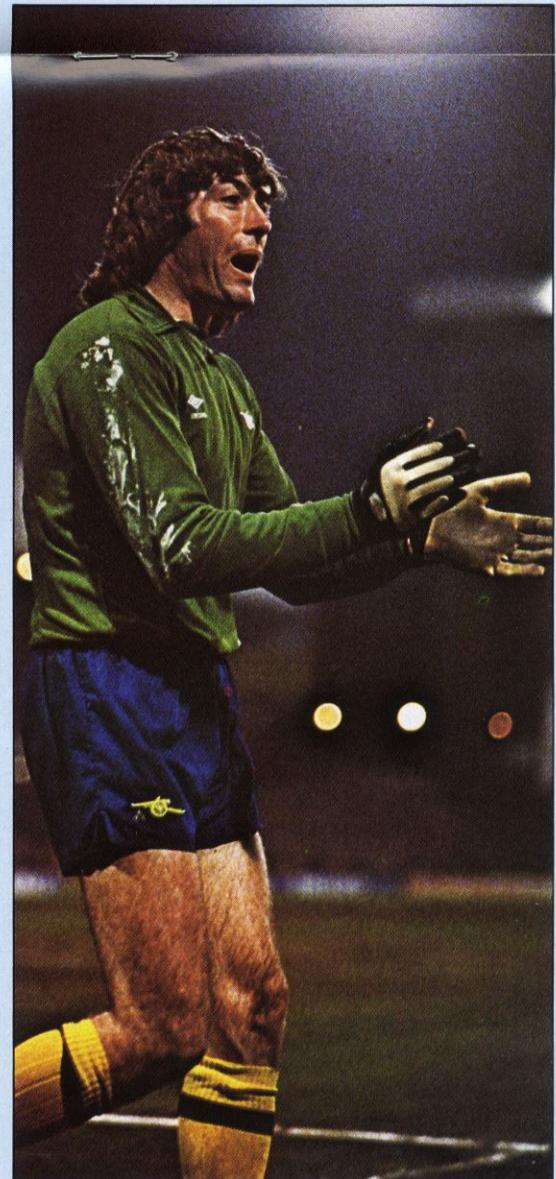
### Group 3

Results: Ecuador 1, Paraguay 0 — Ecuador 0, Chile 0 — Paraguay 3, Ecuador 1 — Paraguay 0, Chile 1 — Chile 2, Ecuador 0 — Chile 3, Paraguay 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chile .....	4	3	1	0	6	0	7
Ecuador .....	4	1	1	2	2	5	3
Paraguay .....	4	1	0	3	3	6	2

Chile clinched their ticket to the Finals with an impressive series in which they dropped just one point in Ecuador and conceded no goals in all four games. Even so Chile must be considered the weakest of the four qualifiers from South America.

In our next issue: The North and Central America (CONCACAF), Asia and Oceania Groups.



Goalkeeper Pat Jennings, one of the reasons for Northern Ireland's good goal average.

# "Don't Americanise our game"—pleads Cambridge United Manager

## JOHN DOCHERTY

FOOTBALL IS A GREAT GAME, but you know the media can cause us all sorts of problems because they do not always understand what they are looking at.

For example, we at Cambridge United have been accused of playing defensive football, and yet we conceded 65 goals in the Second Division last season. Some defensive plan that.

The trouble is there are only too many people ready to knock. The name of the game now is knock. The media, television, radio, the press, they all do it. We haven't won the World Cup since 1966 . . . knock, knock, knock. If Ron Greenwood does not win in Spain he is out . . . knock, knock, knock. Everywhere you look that is the attitude, but I will tell you this. It is only the people in the game who are failures or with struggling clubs who are giving support to those knockers.

You don't hear Liverpool or Nottingham Forest complaining. Swansea or Notts County who have just made it to the First Division, or for that matter any of the teams who have gone up a peg this season.

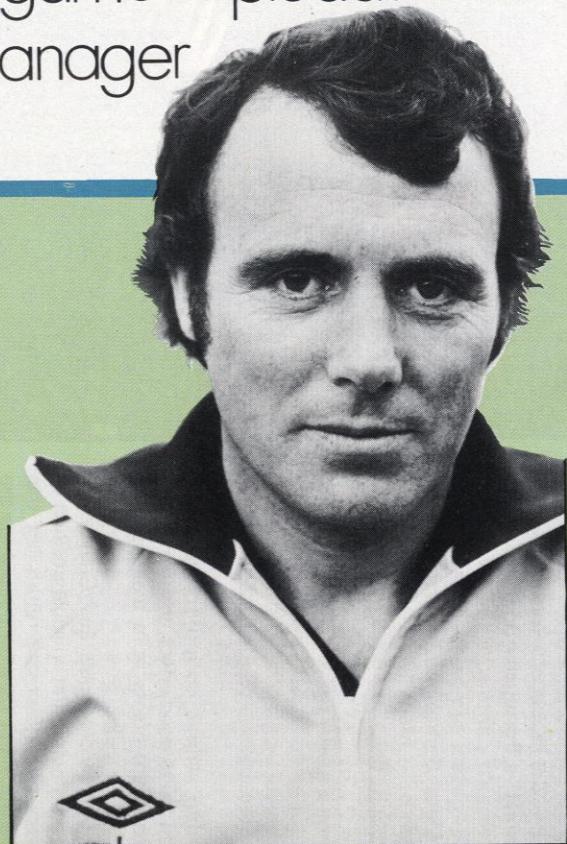
The beefers will always come from the bottom and that is because the good things don't sell papers, it's as simple as that. And that is probably why football magazines such as this one do a better job promoting the game than the daily papers.

### DANGER SIGNS

In the nationals the writers continually contradict themselves in the interests of remaining critical rather than objective. I can't believe this went on when I was a player, but then maybe I did not take much notice of the media in those days.

But there is a great danger that all the continual criticism of our sport will eventually Americanise the game. Already the danger signs are showing with the League club chairmen contemplating changes in the laws and rules of the game to try and make it more marketable. Ridiculous!

It is quite horrendous to think that we have been



kidded into believing that the game needs changing to make it a better product. Who is behind it? Who will benefit most from making football a Saturday night or Sunday afternoon spectacle on a 26" screen?

### A JOKE!

I honestly think there are people who want to glamourise the game because they want to reach the stage where it becomes custom made for the small screen. Well football is already a spectacle on a 120 yard by 80 or so yards soccer field and that is what we ought to be concentrating on. Encourage the public to come and watch 90 minutes live entertainment.

People are being educated into believing that commitment and entertainment value are not enough if there are no goals in a match. So they want to give fancy points for goals and someone even came up with the suggestion that points should be awarded for each half.

To take that to its logical conclusion, you could have players taking it easy in the second half because they made so much bonus in the first period . . . it's a joke it really is.

I admit that I am basically a traditionalist and I don't see any need to change to three points six points or any other cockeyed ideas. Yes the game can be improved and I am all for progress. But when a change is made I want to be able to look back and say that was a good thing . . . that improved the quality of the greatest game in the world.

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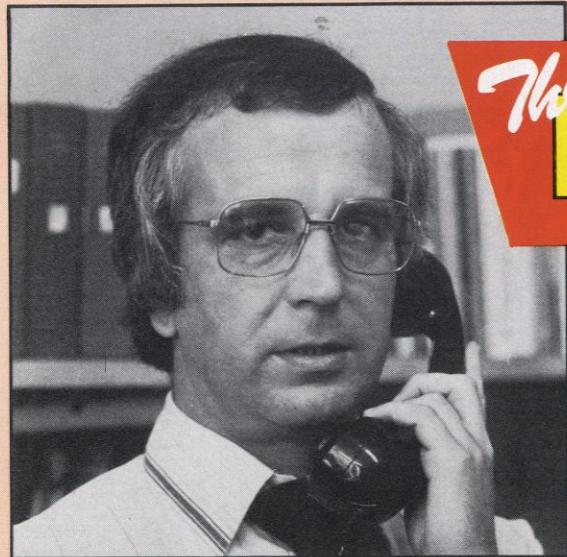
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## The PAUL PARISH page

CLIVE ALLEN could be excused if he offered a slightly jaundiced opinion of football. In a traumatic 12 months his blossoming career has been turned upside down.

But Allen's disarming modesty and level-headedness have managed to keep him sane in the face of some of soccer's more outlandish transfer deals.

"The experience of the last year, hopefully, happen only once in a lifetime," he smiles ruefully. "Perhaps now I can just settle down and play football."

Allen's prodigious goalscoring for Queens Park Rangers two years ago ended with a £1m transfer to Arsenal. Quite why their relationship soured after just 63 days has never been clearly explained. Whatever the reason Allen figured in another £1m move this time to Crystal Palace in exchange for the rich defensive talents of Kenny Sansom.

Allen's percentages of these two colossal deals offered him a financial security which only compensated, in part, for the unsettling effect on his career.

At Palace it didn't work out — though playing under four managers in one season was scarcely the best convalescence from the previous summer's madness.

The wheel turned full circle when Allen returned to Rangers for a mere £400,000 this summer to try and pick up the threads that promised to fashion a glorious career.

Perhaps it was inevitable that Clive Allen became a professional footballer. His father, Les, was a member of the Spurs League and Cup winning double side 20 years ago and more recently became the prop upon which young Clive survived the unhappy events of the last year.

### PROLIFIC

He was something of a scoring phenomenon in schools and local youth football and despite the ready attentions of a legion of talent scouts Allen pledged his youthful future to Queens Park Rangers.

The success story ran on unabated with England Youth international appearances and a stunning three-goal performance in his first full game for Rangers first team. That was in a 5-1 win over Coventry which briefly lit a candle of hope that Rangers would avoid relegation. Defeats in their final three games, however, committed Loftus Road to Second Division football.

Allen's answer was to hit 30 League and Cup goals in his first full season — enough to earn him England under-21 honours and that transfer riddle.

His year at Palace wasn't quite total disaster. The club had its own problems and Allen found it difficult to maintain a regular place in their attack. Nevertheless his 11 league and cup goals were still good enough to make him top marksman at Selhurst Park.

Now he is not really interested in dwelling on a phase of his career that could — with some understatement — be put down to experience.

His ambitions now revolve around Queens Park Rangers and ensuring that they challenge for a place back in the First Division.



"In some ways it's just like I've never been away," he says. "I remember a lot of the players from when I was here before so I knew how they played. Then there's the others who have joined Rangers, like me, from Crystal Palace.

"And the manager Terry Venables is scarcely a stranger. He was the man who signed me for Palace and so ended my 63 days at Arsenal!"

There's no hint of bitterness as he thinks of those days and it's not a platitude when he says: "I have no personal goal scoring target this season. My aim is the same as all the other players at Queens Park Rangers and that's to win promotion. It doesn't matter who gets the goals."

### TRUE

Allen rediscovered that happy Rangers feeling during a pre-season tour of Sweden.

"We played five matches, won them all and it went very well," he continues. "We created a lot of chances and it looked very promising.

"Above all we are playing very direct football. It's a style of play which really suits me," he adds with no intended menace to rival Second Division defences.

"It was funny in Sweden. I managed to pop in a couple of goals but I think the manager was more pleased because I was making chances for other players."

Despite his unassuming off-field attitudes Allen has generally been criticised as being a rather selfish striker. While he was cracking 30 goals, two seasons ago, there were few voices of dissent, however.

Allen's return to West London coincides with the first appearance of the Loftus Road synthetic pitch. It's installation cost nearly as much as Allen and perhaps between them they can edge Rangers into a promotion position.

"We are all looking forward to playing on this new Omniturf synthetic pitch," he enthuses.

"The bounce and run of the ball will always be true so we should be able to knock it about a bit the way we like to.

"I think in the past Rangers pitch hasn't been very good. In the middle of winter it used to get very muddy and I believe it cost the club vital points first in the season they were relegated and then in the two years they have spent in the Second Division. It was a great leveller.

"Let's hope the Omniturf will make all the difference. It's up to us now to make it work to our advantage."

Bookmakers, not prone to making rash predictions, go for Leicester and Queens Park Rangers as the two favourites for the Second Division championship this season. The arrival of Allen and the possible advantage of playing on that synthetic surface could be the decisive factors.



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# FUN SPOT

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NAME THE STARS

## JUNIOR QUIZ

If you have read this issue of 'Centrespot' you should have no difficulty answering the following questions.

1. When did Grimsby Town win the 4th Division Championship?
2. How many goals did Cambridge United concede in the 2nd Division last season?
3. Name the five teams constituting Group 6 of the World Cup qualifying competition?
4. Who did Coventry City play in the semi-final of the League Cup last season?
5. Is John Docherty the manager of; Preston, Shrewsbury, Cambridge United or Oxford United?
6. What have Bill Shankly, Lawrie McMenemy and John Newman in common?
7. When did Sheffield Wednesday last win promotion from the 3rd Division?
8. Where did Q.P.R. go for their pre-season tour this summer?
9. Italy suffered a shock defeat in Group 5 of the World Cup qualifying competition. Who beat them?

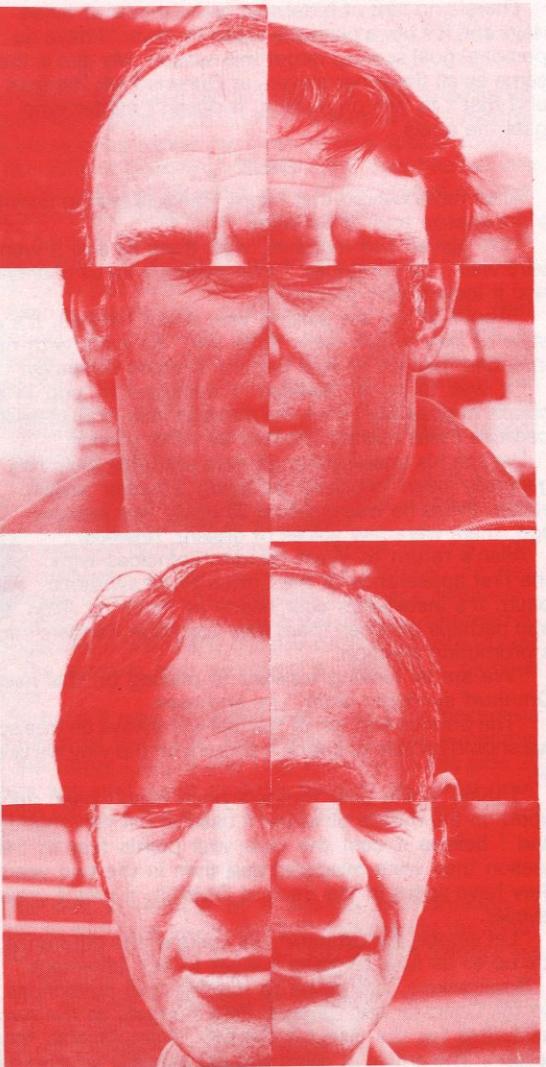
### FUN SPOT\*

Re arrange the letters to find the names of three managers who were winners last season.

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MATCH THE FACE

The jumbled pictures make up the faces of two top class managers. Who are they?

10. How many League goals did Garry Thompson score for Coventry City last season?

NAME THE STARS

Bobby Robson (Ipswich Town), Ron Saunders (Aston Villa)

MATCH THE FACE

Bob Paisley, Keith Burkinshaw & Ron Saunders

FUN SPOT\* — Bob Paisley, Keith Burkinshaw & Ron Saunders.

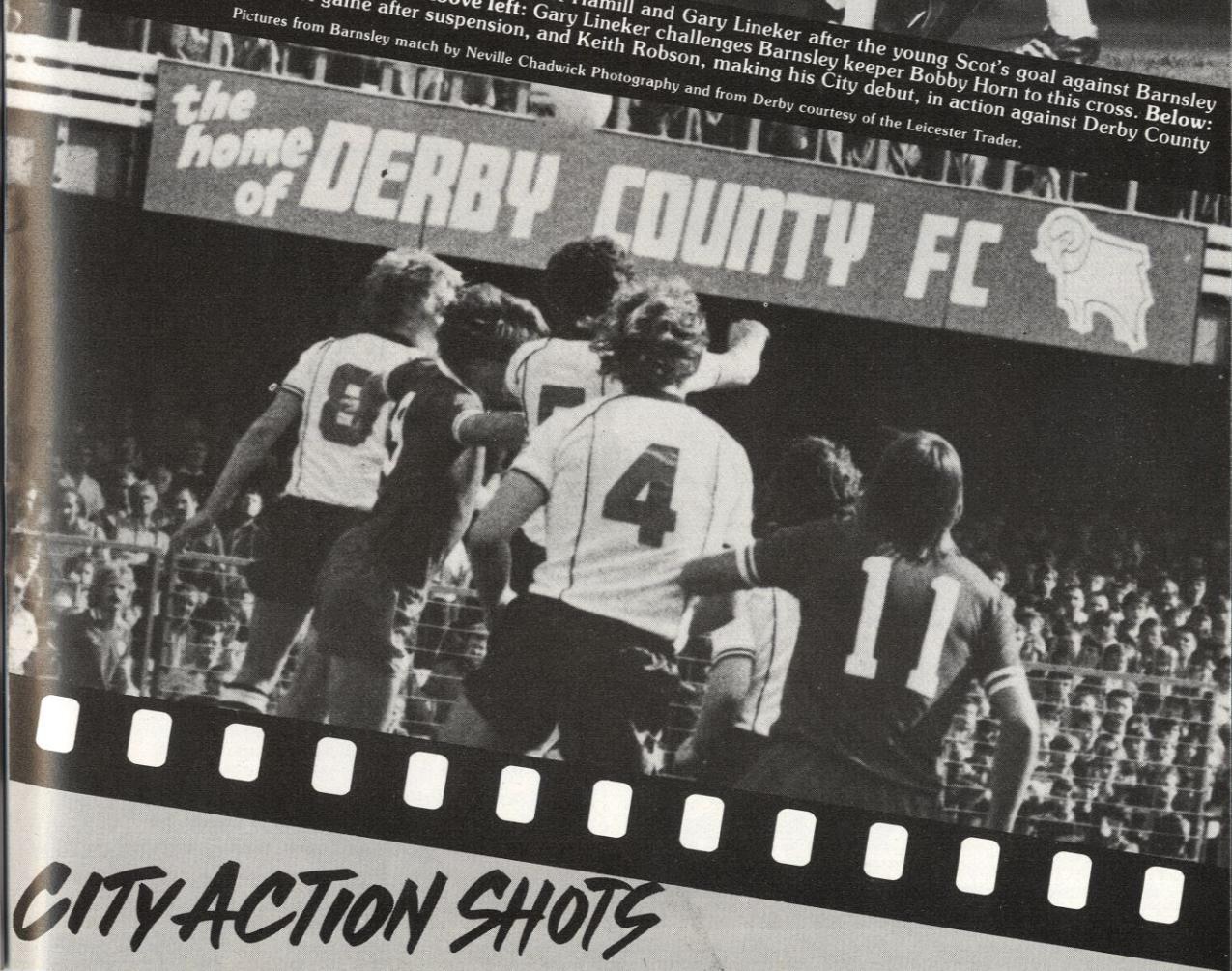
1. 1971-72, 2. 65 goals, 3. Scotland, Northern Ireland, Israel, Portugal & Sweden, 4. West Ham, 5. Cambridge United, 6. All have managed Grimsby Town, 7. 1979-80, 8. Sweden, 9. Denmark, 10. Eight.

JUNIOR QUIZ ANSWERS



Above right: There's no hiding the delight for Stewart Hamill and Gary Lineker after the young Scot's goal against Barnsley. Below: Alan Young, playing his first game after suspension, and Keith Robson, making his City debut, in action against Derby County last weekend.

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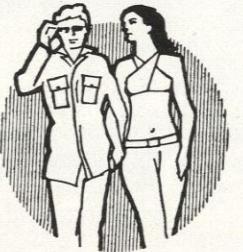
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# TODAY'S VISITORS

## LUTON TOWN

Luton, the Second Division's 'bridesmaid' of the last two seasons, are intent on becoming the 'bride' this time round by winning promotion to the First Division.

They have been so nearly there in successive seasons only to be pipped by a run of bad results at just the wrong time.

But now manager David Pleat and his merry men will be determined more than ever following those near misses and, in fact, should have gained

Ricky Hill — one of the most wanted men in the game.



ed enough experience from them to be right there at the end this year.

It has been a little frustrating for Town to get so near yet so far but perhaps in the end the two years will have been well spent in that they are completely prepared for the rigours of the top League.

Certainly the squad looks to have enough skill and talent to make it this season.

A number of excellent judges continually tip goalkeeper Jake Findlay

for the Scotland international squad and there's no doubt he has been consistently outstanding since his move from Aston Villa in 1978.

Coventry-born Kirk Stephens was picked up playing for Nuneaton three seasons ago and he made his 100th appearance last year to prove that he is also a consistent defender.

Mark Aizlewood has played in a variety of positions for the club since his move three years ago from Newport County but he now seems to have settled in their left-back position.

The duo in the centre of the defence are former Mansfield defender Mike Saxby and Northern Ireland's Mal Donaghy. They have formed a formidable partnership since Paul Price moved to Tottenham.

Newcomer Brian Horton, ex-Port Vale and Brighton, has a wealth of experience behind him and therefore makes an excellent captain. He will have a major role to play as Luton attempt to go up this season.

Alongside Horton in midfield will be Yugoslav international Raddy Antic who arrived at Kenilworth Road from Zaragoza in Spain.

One of the most wanted men in the game at the moment seems to be the third member of the midfield, Ricky Hill. He made his debut for the club in season 1975-76 and has improved to become a target for transfer speculation at regular intervals.

Up front, manager Pleat will no doubt have welcome striker David Moss back with open arms following a summer in the States with Tampa Bay Rowdies. Moss has a proven goals record with both Swindon and Luton.

Steve White has found things a bit difficult since his move from Bristol Rovers but a regular run now could see him becoming an outstanding player.

Completing the likely team is Brian Stein, the South Africa-born striker who also has a healthy record when it comes to getting goals. He was the side's top scorer last season.

Godfrey Ingram, in the side earlier this season, local lad Wayne Turner, Birmingham-born Mick Small and Pasquale Fuccillo who has been so unlucky with injuries could also feature in the squad.

Last season, as with the previous year, Luton narrowly missed promotion to the First Division. This was their record:

	Home	Away	Pts
24	10	6	53523867262348

So far this season they have beaten Charlton 3-0 (Donaghy, White, McAllister o.g.), Queens Park Rangers 2-1 (Aizlewood, Hill) and Bolton 2-1 (Aizlewood, Stein).

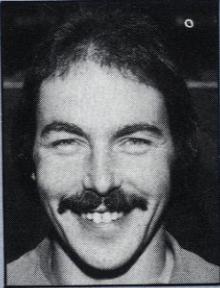
They lost surprisingly at home 3-0 to Sheffield Wednesday last Saturday.



# HERE TODAY

## MASCOT

This afternoon's mascot is seven-year-old Glen James Godwin of 26 Osterley Close, Loughborough.



His favourite player is Mark Wallington who is pictured alongside Glen and the youngster attends Thorpe Acre Junior School. His hobbies include football, cricket and model railways and he has been a City fan since he knew football existed! The only family problem is that his brother is a keen supporter of — dare we mention it — Nottingham Forest.

## MATCH REFEREE

The man in the middle this afternoon is Don Shaw from Sandbach in Cheshire who began refereeing in 1964.

He is married with two daughters and enjoys gardening, listening to music and wine-making.

## MATCH BALL SPONSOR

As last season came to a close, Luteford Knitting Limited felt it an opportune time to move the business from Saffron Way to new premises at the corner of West Avenue and Aylestone Lane in Wigston.

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As usual members of the Luteford family and company employees will be in full attendance this afternoon.

And all are united in hoping for a City victory and, in the longer term, a speedy return to the First Division.

But back to their own business and the most important thing to do is remember the name... Luteford Knitting Limited.

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## OUR THANKS

City thank Brian Wright Sports of 67 Granby Street, Leicester, for providing the kit for today's mascot and also A. G. Kemble, Leicester Road, Wigston, for supplying the records played during the afternoon.

## SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

We have now taken over the use of the Fosse Bar some evenings and hope to run a variety of socials, football forums and fund-raising events.

The Fosse Bar will give us more room and more scope than previously and the first function we had there was on Wednesday night when City personnel came along for our sports presentation night.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the City Directors and General Secretary Alan Bennett for allowing us to use the room and Andy Hodson for his help.

On the 30th September we are having a social evening in the Fosse Bar when we will be joining the players in a darts and pool night.

All members are welcome to come along and enjoy a good night out. Coaches will be running to Rotherham, price £2.50, departing 4.45 p.m. and to Blackburn, price £3.70, departing 9.45 a.m.

On the occasion of the Blackburn match one coach will be leaving earlier to enable supporters to watch a Supporters Club team play Blackburn supporters.

Anyone interested in going to City's friendly against Berwick Rangers on Monday 12th October should contact Linda.

Stamford Branch are having a Meet the Players night including quiz, darts and disco at the Danish Invader next Wednesday 23rd September. Tickets are £1 and 50p for juniors and the evening will be from 8.00 p.m. till midnight.

A coach will run from Leicester, leaving at 7.30 p.m. and costing £1. There will also be a coach from Melton Mowbray and anyone interested should contact Gary Bush.

Anyone in the Stamford area who wishes to go should contact Chris Porter on Stamford 2762 or Mark Harris on Stamford 2039.

Please note that last season's membership cards have now expired and any member who has not renewed should do so as soon as possible. Old cards will not be accepted in the Supporters Club corner or on coaches.

We would like to welcome Per Person, a great friend from Sweden, who will be at City's next few games. Per organises our strong Swedish membership and has many friends here.

Coalville club are holding their Miss Coalville Dance in the Margaret Street W.M.C. on Tuesday 17th November.

The Coalville committee this year is: Malcolm Fairbrother (chairman), Roger Partridge (secretary), Pamela Hyland (treasurer) and committee members: Janet Partridge, Jean Cooke, Alan Bottrell, Steven Swift, Andrew Upton, Pascal Ferguson and Peter Lowe.

Finally, Chris Knifton is the new travel officer and he is now taking bookings for the Rotherham match, departing 5.00 p.m. and the Blackburn match, departing 10.30 a.m. He can be contacted on Coalville 35331.

## AWAY TRAVEL

### ROTHERHAM

A50 to the intersection with the M1, then north along the M1 for 58 miles to intersection (34) Sheffield (Tinsley) Rotherham (West) A630 — 67 miles.

Leave the motorway and at roundabout, take 3rd exit along the Tinsley Viaduct to the Meadowhall roundabout. Take the 5th exit as signed 'Rotherham' along the A6109 to Rotherham entering by Meadow Bank Road. Continue via Ferham Road and Masbrough Street to Rotherham United F.C. — 70 miles.

### Ticket Details

Main Stand £3.20; Millmoor Lane £2.40 (under cover); Millmoor Lane £2.00 (not undercover); Enclosure £1.90; Ground £1.70.

### BLACKBURN ROVERS

A50 to the intersection with the M1, then north along the M1 for 74 miles to intersection (38) Huddersfield A637 — 83 miles.

A637 to Flockton. At 1 1/4 miles on turn left along the A642 to Tandem. Bear right along the A629 to Huddersfield. A640 to the M62 — 98 miles.

Follow signs 'Manchester' along the M62 for 22 miles to intersection (15) Preston M61, Bolton A666 — 120 miles.

Follow signs 'Bolton' along the M61 and 1 1/4 miles on join the A666 and proceed through Bolton and Darwen to Blackburn (Ewood) entering by Bolton Road. Continue to Blackburn Rovers Football Ground — 138 miles.

### Ticket Details

Riverside Stand Reserved Seat £2.70; Nuttall Street Stand Reserved Seat £3.50; Ground £1.70; Enclosure £1.90.



## Stuart Crooks TALKS SHOP

### THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

The scene was set at half-time when City played Wrexham recently and I set foot on the pitch in front of 12,905 spectators with a microphone in hand that had been checked just a couple of hours previously.

I was all set to introduce television and film personality Bill Maynard when, to my horror and embarrassment, I discovered the 'mike' wasn't working!

Bill duly arrived chauffeur by Hangers' Alison Chapman, Miss Beautiful Eyes, and in true showbusiness style carried on as if nothing was wrong (see main picture).

He then drew out the lucky winning ticket for the car and the winner was Mrs J. Brown of 20 Rowan Avenue, Coalville.

I then had to rush to the P.A. Box and, somewhat out of breath, announced the winning name!

Despite our unfortunate experience on the pitch with the microphone when making the draw, lucky Mrs Brown is pictured below receiving her brand new Ford Fiesta Popular Car from City Manager Jock Wallace.

Bill then drew out the twelve names who will take part in the Take Your Pick Competition in the Belvoir Suite on Tuesday 6th October, and they are: Mr Corford, 368 Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester; Mr E. M. Ellison, 36 Stoughton Road, Oadby, Leicester; Mr A. Gee, 195 Leicester Road, Groby, Leicester; Mr D. Martin, 17 Chatfield Road, Cuckfield



Sussex; Mr Y. Mulla, 27 Ashbourne Street, Leicester; Mr R. McMullan, 27 Needham Avenue, Glen Parva, Leicester; Mrs J. M. Petcher, 14 Avondale Road, Barlestone, Leicester; Mr M. Petrovich, 41 Craighill Road, Leicester; Mr W. Till, 1 The Wayne Way, off Coleman Road, Leicester; Mr R. Walker, 16 Greenacer Drive, Goodwood, Leicester; Mr Walters, 39 Amsony Road, Thurnby Lodge Estate, Leicester.

Commitments permitting, Bill Maynard

will be there to M.C. the evening and give away the prizes.

The Star Prize will be sponsored by Marina Holidays — a seven day holiday for two at the Las Vegas Hotel in Tenerife departing from East Midlands Airport on 8th November 1981.

Our thanks go to Peter Raynor and the team at Marina for sponsoring this prize.

If you fancy a good night out on the 6th, why not ask your agent for a complimentary invitation ticket.

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### BON VOYAGE

Today we say goodbye to Ansell's East Director, Peter Cash (right) who on Monday takes up his new position of Regional Director of Ansell's South East based in Coventry.

Just for the record, Peter was formerly with Derby County in their First Division days, he subsequently moved to Leicester when we were in the First Division — what hope is there now for Coventry?

Seriously though Peter, many thanks for all your support in the past. Your humourous character and cheerful face will be sadly missed by all your friends at Leicester City Football Club. Best of luck for the future.



### BARNESLEY SELL OUT

Apologies to one or two fans who failed to get a programme at our last home match against Barnsley. The main problem was that the 3,000 Barnsley fans who travelled to Leicester were buying up to half-a-dozen programmes each, presumably for their friends up north.

We estimated the gate correctly but with this action, the sales percentage was very much higher than normal.

### Fixture Cards and Information Brochures

We still have a few of these available free of charge on personal application at the City Souvenir Shop.



Mark as we are used to seeing him.

If there's anyone at Filbert Street who knows just what City have to do to get back to the First Division it's surely goalkeeper Mark Wallington.

Mark, club captain again this year, has seen it all before.

"This is my third season of Second Division football and the differences between it and the First Division are basically the same as before," said Mark.

"The main thing is that speed of thought is slower in the Second. Players react a fraction slower than they do in the First and that is really just as you would expect.

"Otherwise it is just as difficult to win games in the Second Division as it was in the First!"

"We actually started this campaign quite well with a point at Grimsby followed by two home wins. Then, of course, we lost at Derby but if we can learn from that defeat there's no reason why we can't go on from here and gain promotion.

"Football is a funny game and as long as we understand that we have no divine right to promotion we should be alright.

"We must treat every game as if it's a Cup Final or Liverpool at Anfield and I'm sure we will do that.

"The season seems to me to be made up of three parts. If you think back to our promotion year a couple of years ago we started quite well, had a bad patch then finished well.

"Last year on the other hand we had only one

## HOME & AWAY

### MARK WALLINGTON

good spell for one-third of the season and consequently struggled a bit.

"The obvious conclusion is that you need to do well for at least two-thirds of the year."

That makes sense but one aspect of the game that doesn't make quite as much sense to Mark is the new points system.

"I'm not at all sure it will help make football more entertaining and I would have thought that as far as players are concerned it doesn't really matter whether there's two, three or 20 points at stake, you still go out to win every match.

"Psychologically it just seems that you have a bigger gap to make up with the current points system."

Meanwhile Mark continues to play his part in ensuring City have enough points to get promotion with consistent displays and fine saves where necessary.

This season, too, is doubly important because in January he starts his testimonial year.

"We have a number of things lined up but the first big function is a dinner at the Grand on February 22nd," he added.

It's perhaps no surprise to learn that because of his football and testimonial commitments Mark is finding spare time hard to come by!

So much so that his prized allotment has had to go this season!

"I really enjoy gardening but we have a fair-sized garden at home and that plus the allotment was a bit too much," he admitted.

"Other than gardening, though, I enjoy cricket during the summer and play for Egerton Park and I also enjoy reading a lot."

There's also a family life with his wife Sally and daughters Jane (8) and Vikki (5).

"I like to spend as much time with the family as possible but it's difficult sometimes!" he concluded.



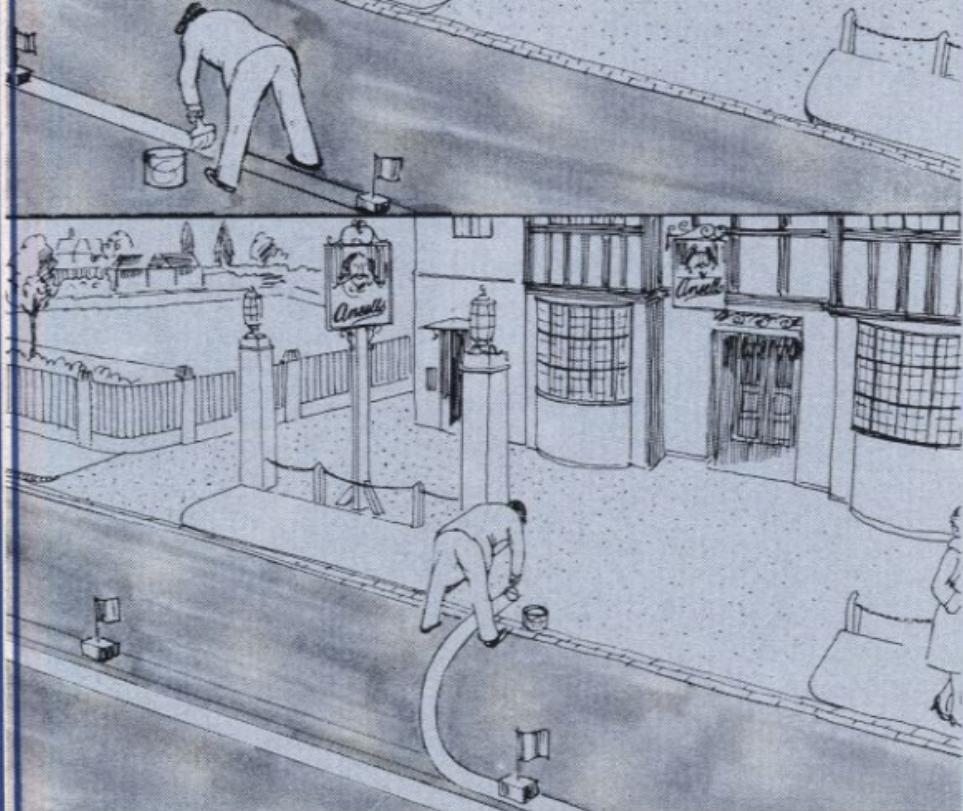
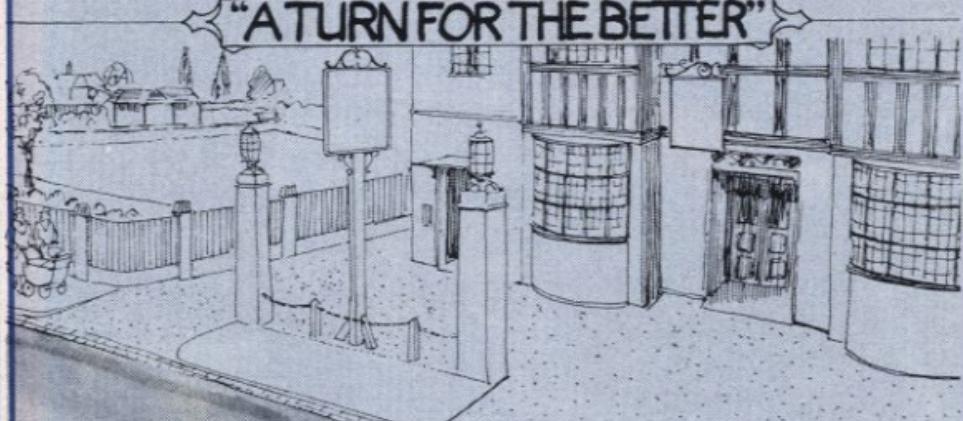
And in the garden of his East Goscote home with Sally, Jane and Vikki.

# BACK IN THE BAR

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# CITY STATISTICS

## DIVISION TWO TABLE 1981-82

	Home						Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Sheffield Wednesday	4	2	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	4	0	12
Grimsby Town	4	1	1	0	4	3	2	0	0	4	1	10
Luton Town	4	1	0	1	3	3	2	0	0	4	2	9
Barnsley	4	2	0	0	7	0	0	1	1	1	2	7
Watford	4	0	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	4	1	7
Leicester City	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	3	5	7
Norwich City	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	4	6	7
Q.P.R.	4	1	0	1	4	2	1	0	1	4	3	6
Chelsea	3	1	0	1	3	3	1	0	0	2	1	6
Crystal Palace	4	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	2	6
Blackburn Rovers	4	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	3	6
Derby County	4	1	0	1	4	3	1	0	1	3	5	6
Rotherham United	4	2	0	0	5	1	0	0	2	0	5	6
Shrewsbury Town	4	1	0	1	5	3	0	1	1	1	5	4
Cambridge United	4	1	0	1	4	2	0	0	2	1	3	3
Oldham Athletic	3	0	2	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	1	3
Orient	3	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Charlton Athletic	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	5	3
Newcastle United	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	3
Cardiff City	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	2	3	1
Wrexham	3	0	0	2	3	6	0	0	1	0	1	0
Bolton Wanderers	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

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## FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford	5	3	2	0	10	7	8
Southampton	4	3	1	0	13	2	7
Norwich City	4	3	1	0	9	3	7
Luton Town	4	3	1	0	8	2	7
Q.P.R.	4	3	0	1	8	2	6
Ipswich Town	4	2	1	1	4	3	5
Plymouth	4	2	1	1	5	5	5
Tottenham	3	2	0	1	3	2	4
Arsenal	4	1	2	1	6	6	4
Reading	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
Fulham	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Oxford	4	1	1	2	5	6	3
Hereford	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Chelsea	4	1	1	2	5	7	3
Birmingham	3	0	2	1	0	1	2
West Ham	4	1	0	3	4	6	2
Crystal Palace	3	1	0	2	2	4	2
Swindon	4	0	2	2	5	9	2
Leicester City	4	0	2	2	4	8	2
Orient	4	0	1	3	1	8	1
Bristol Rovers	4	0	1	3	3	13	1
Bristol City	3	0	0	3	1	4	0

## DIV. 2 APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 1981-82

	App	F	FLC	Gls
Bell, Chris	—(1)	—	—	—
Bell, Colin	3	—	—	—
Cameron	1(1)	—	—	—
Crawford	—(1)	—	—	—
Culpin	2(1)	—	—	—
Currie	1	—	—	—
Dwyer	1	—	—	—
Friar	4	—	—	—
Lynex	4	—	—	—
MacDonald	1(1)	—	—	—
May	4	—	—	—
Melrose	4	—	2	—
O'Neill	4	—	—	—
Peake	4	—	—	—
Robson	1	—	—	—
Smith	—(1)	—	—	—
Wallington	4	—	—	—
Rennie	1	—	—	—
Scott	5	—	—	—
Williams	4	—	—	—
Wilson	4	—	—	—
Young	1	—	—	—

Jim Melrose scored against Derby

## MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coventry	3	3	0	7	1	6	—
Shrewsbury	3	3	0	7	1	6	—
Leicester City	3	2	1	0	9	4	5
Wolverhampton	3	2	0	1	6	2	4
Walsall	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Derby	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
Aston Villa	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Mansfield	2	1	0	1	3	5	2
Stoke City	3	1	0	2	6	7	2
Not'tm Forest	2	0	2	0	1	6	1
Birmingham	3	0	0	3	2	7	0
Notts County	2	0	0	2	0	6	0
W.B.A.	3	0	0	3	0	8	0

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## FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1981-82

ATT.	F	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
11,032	2-2	Wallington	Williams	Gibson	Peake +	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Melrose <sup>1</sup>	Lineker <sup>1</sup>	Wilson	MacDonald	Smith	
12,905	1-0	Wallington	Williams	Gibson	Peake	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Melrose <sup>1</sup>	Lineker	Wilson	MacDonald	Smith	
15,447	1-0	Wallington	Williams	Gibson	Peake	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Melrose <sup>1</sup>	Lineker	Wilson	MacDonald	Smith	
16,046	1-3	Wallington	Gibson	Peake	May	O'Neill	Lynex	Young +	Lineker <sup>1</sup>	Lineker	Wilson	MacDonald	Smith	



## THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP – SECOND ROUND PRESTON NORTH END

### First Leg at PRESTON

Tuesday 6th October – K.O. 7.30 p.m.  
Prices: Reserved seats £3.00 and £2.00  
Standing  
Paddock £2.00; Juveniles £1.45  
Terrace £1.75; Juveniles £1.10

Leicester City will receive an allocation of Reserved Seat Tickets, which will initially be available to Season Ticket Holders only up to 26th September, after which available tickets will be sold without restriction. Season Ticket Holders should quote their Stand, Row and Seat number when claiming priority by post or produce their Season Ticket Books if calling in person.

Postal applications must contain the correct remittance and a stamped addressed return envelope.

Admission to the Standing areas will be by payment at the turnstiles on the night of the match.

### Second Leg at LEICESTER

Wednesday 28th Oct. – K.O. 7.45 p.m.

Prices: Reserved seats

Centre Stand (D, E, F) £3.50

Wing Stand (B, C, G, H) £3.50

Wing Stand (A, J, K) £3.00

Double Decker Stand £3.00

East Stand Centre £3.00

East Stand Wing £2.50

Filbert Street Stand £2.50

Standing (Pay at Turnstiles) £2.00

Family Club (Juveniles £1.20) £2.00

Supporters Club (Juveniles £1.20) £2.20

Visitors Enclosure £2.00

Other Areas £1.80

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR TICKETS ARE NOT VALID FOR THIS MATCH, with the exception of Private Suites and Belvoir Suite Holders.

Seating Season Ticket Holders wishing to claim their own seats must apply by Wednesday 14th October, after which date all seats will be available for sale without restriction. Season Ticket Holders applications must be accompanied by Voucher No. 36 from the Season Ticket Book (personal applicants as well) and postal applications must quote Stand, Row and Seat numbers and be accompanied by the correct remittance, and a stamped addressed return envelope. Reserved seats are also available for sale now to non-Season Ticket Holders. THE LEICESTER CITY FAMILY SEATING PACKAGE DOES NOT APPLY TO THIS MATCH.

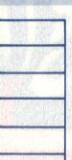


## FINAL MIDLAND YOUTH TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	16	8	5	3	35	21	—
Birmingham	16	8	4	4	29	20	—
Bristol City	16	9	2	5	20	18	—
W.B.A.	16	6	7	3	24	13	9
Luton Town	16	6	5	5	31	26	17
Coventry City	16	6	4	6	25	25	16
Swindon	16	4	6	6	15	20	14
Leicester City	16	3	6	7	28	32	12
Northampton	16	1	3	12	14	46	5

## Scorecheck

Bolton v Oldham  
Cambridge v Barnsley  
Cardiff v Blackburn  
Charlton v Grimsby  
Norwich v Newcastle  
Orient v Wrexham



Q.P.R. v C. Palace  
Sheffield Wed. v Derby  
Shrewsbury v Chelsea  
Watford v Rotherham  
Birmingham v Man. City  
Brighton v Coventry



Leeds v Arsenal  
Liverpool v Aston Villa  
Manchester Utd. v Swansea  
Notts County v Ipswich  
Southampton v Middlesbrough  
Stoke v Nott'm Forest



19th September 1981  
LUTON TOWN  
SAVE THESE TOKENS



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# CITY



Blue Shirts, White Shorts

- 1 Mark WALLINGTON (Capt.)
- 2 Tommy WILLIAMS
- 3 Billy GIBSON
- 4 Andy PEAKE
- 5 Larry MAY
- 6 John O'NEILL
- 7 Steve LYNEX
- 8 Jim MELROSE
- 9 Gary LINEKER
- 10 Ian WILSON
- 11 Keith ROBSON
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- 1 Jake FINDLAY
- 2 Kirk STEPHENS
- 3 Mark AIZLEWOOD
- 4 Brian HORTON (Capt.)
- 5 Mike SAXBY
- 6 Mal DONAGHY
- 7 Ricky HILL
- 8 Brian STEIN
- 9 Steve WHITE
- 10 Raddy ANTIC
- 11 David MOSS
- 12

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