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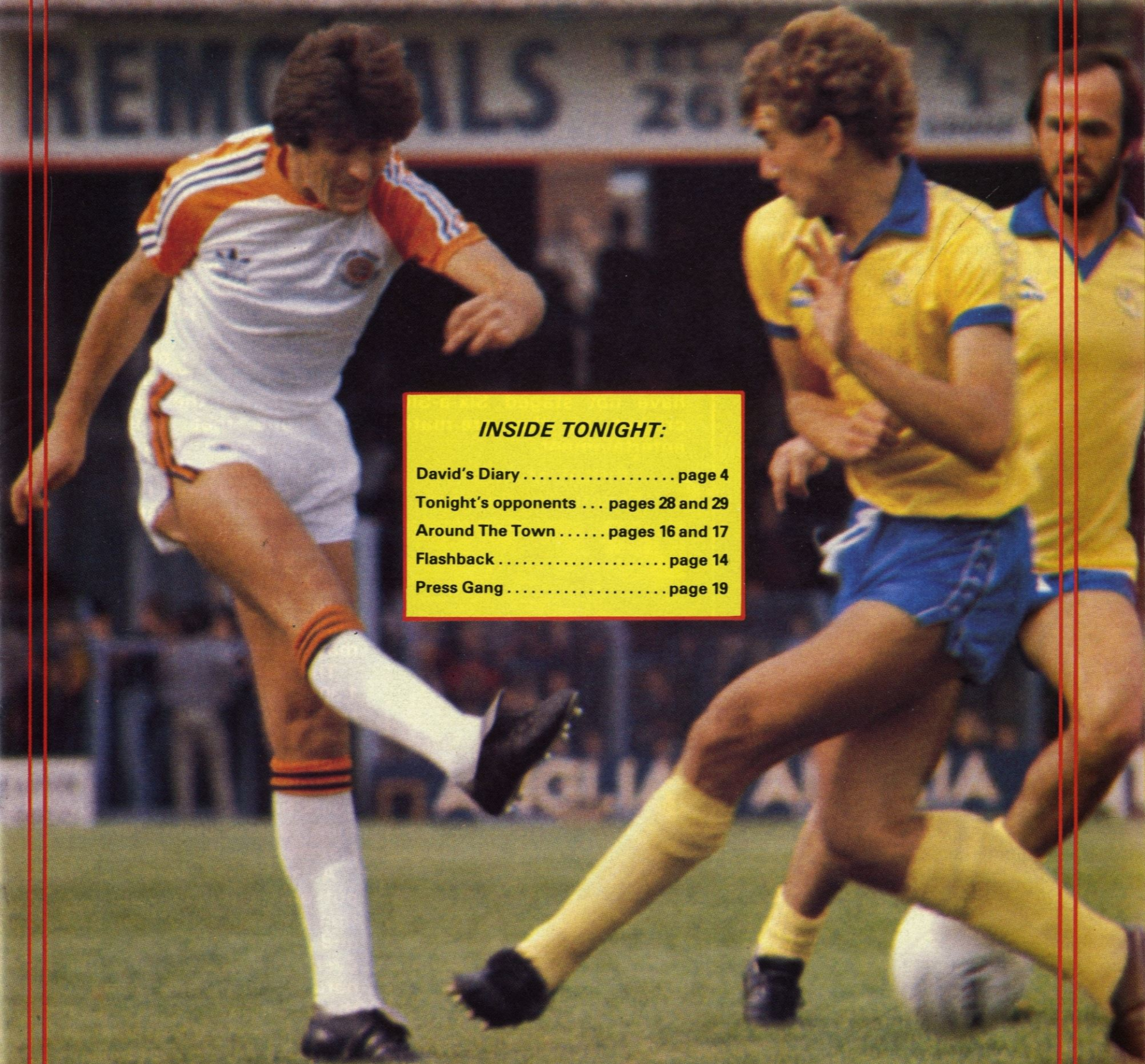
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MATCH PREVIEW

Welcome to Kenilworth Road for our first home midweek League game of the season.

Because our printing deadlines dictated that this copy should be written before our trip to Leicester last Saturday, we certainly hope the team shook off the effects of the home defeat against Wednesday.

You can read David Pleat's views of that result on page 4.

Cardiff come to Luton with manager Richie Morgan still looking — before last Saturday's home game against Blackburn Rovers — for their first victory of the season.

Tonight's game is the first of the season at which we have not staged Six-a-Side cricket as the pre-match entertainment.

RICHIE MORGAN
Cardiff City manager



We did consider bringing forward the final of our tournament, which is due to be played on Saturday, but found that it posed considerable difficulties.

We managed to discover where we could buy white cricket balls, but to stage floodlit cricket you also need a lot of other specialised equipment, like dark batting pads and dark sightscreens.

The Luton and District Midweek Cricket League also found that players would not be able to get to the ground early enough to start the match at 6 p.m.

Floodlit cricket may come to Kenilworth Road in the future, but in the meantime we hope that supporters have enjoyed this year's daylight efforts.

The second semi-final was played at our last home game, and Luton Five Star beat Luton Pakistanis to earn a place in the final, against Luton United. It will be played before Saturday's match with Watford.

The cricket will start at 1.30, and as early admission to the ground is likely to be in everyone's interests, we hope supporters will come to see the cricket, enjoy the quick-fire action, and show their appreciation for the players.

As a club we would like to put on record our appreciation as well — to the clubs and players, to sponsors *Evening Post-Echo* and *Bernard World of Sport*, and to the Luton Midweek Cricket League and its secretary Brian Swain for organising the tournament.



PERSONALITY PROFILE



A series on some of the sporting men and women from Luton. By BRIAN SWAIN

A tiny down-page news item appeared in some of the national papers during the summer, and probably most people who read it thought "That's life" and passed on to other and more sensational stories.

But a lot of people in Luton must have had more than a passing pang of sympathy for the man involved — Syd Owen, who had got the boot yet again through no fault of his own. He's the living proof of the saying that football can be a very cruel game indeed.

This time last year he was working happily with a couple of old mates with Luton connections. He was coach and manager of the Manchester United youth team.

His boss was Dave Sexton, a former Town inside forward, and one of his colleagues on the coaching staff was Jack Crompton, goalkeeper turned coach who was at Kenilworth Road as a trainer until he returned to Old Trafford after the Munich air disaster.

The big Old Trafford headlines in the summer were devoted to the sacking of Dave Sexton the manager. The small paragraph follow-up stories recorded a sad sequel which now seems to be inevitable — new man Ron Atkinson wanted to bring in his own supporting staff.

Syd Owen was sacked. Life never seemed so hard on Syd the player, and it is no offence at all to Mike Saxby to recall that the fair-haired stopper was the best centre-half I have ever seen playing for the Town.

A gentleman, and with a firm belief in Christianity, Syd signed for Birmingham soon after the last war. At 24 he was transferred to the Town in the summer of 1947, and Kenilworth Road was to be the scene of considerable success for him.

Luton converted him into a centre-half, and he was also skipper in a team which was to see the club up into the First Division in 1955.

For my generation the backbone of that team was the marvellous half-back line of Bob Morton, Syd Owen and Wally Shanks. Morton and Shanks still live locally, but had the good sense to get out of soccer when their playing days were over.

Mind you, Owen is still not a moaner, and all his friends are heartened to hear him speak so well of the game that has given him heartbreak as well as pleasure since he put his boots away.

He went on international duty with FA touring parties, and the climax of his career was in the perfect setting of Wembley. He had been capped by England, was voted Footballer of the Year, and skippered the Town in the 1959 Cup Final. And things started to go wrong from that day on.

The Town lost, the club was about to start a slide down from First to Fourth Divisions, and immediately after the Wembley disappointment Syd was made manager of Luton Town.

It didn't work out. Towards the end of the 1959-60 season Syd asked to be released from his contract, which still had two years to run. The late Sam Bartram took his place and after 13 years at Kenilworth Road, Syd moved on.

He became coach at Leeds United

and was a top man for 16 years as Don Revie's side scooped an incredible collection of honours. But Revie left to become England manager. The new man wanted to change the coaching staff as well, and Syd was out of work.

He went to be coach at Birmingham City, his first pro club. Willie Bell was sacked to be replaced by Sir Alf Ramsey. Once more Syd got his cards.

He moved to Hull, where the management team was Bobby Collins and Billy Bremner, old friends from his days at Leeds. You can guess the next bit, if you can't remember... Collins and Bremner got the sack, and Owen soon followed.

And so on to Old Trafford, to work for Dave Sexton. The last I heard Syd Owen was still living in Leeds, and looking for a job in football.

There can't be a single Luton Town supporter who will deny his right to be allowed to earn a living in the game he has served with so much distinction.



SYD OWEN



DAVID'S DIARY

**'In welcoming
Cardiff tonight we
hope for another
entertaining
game''**

Our last home game gave us a lesson from which I hope we can learn. It was a classic away performance by Wednesday, never taking a chance at the back, passing well from midfield and breaking fast up front.

It was the same formula which has achieved such good results for ourselves away from home over the last two seasons. It was a rare occasion where we have been second best on the day and our own efforts at stemming Wednesday's attack were not good enough.

Hopefully, we can put that game behind us and in welcoming Cardiff tonight we hope for another entertaining game with both sides going flat out for three points.

In the last programme, we printed a warning note to spectators after trouble at our last home game last season against Oldham. Against Sheffield Wednesday, I am convinced one of their players incited a section of the crowd. The player is paid to play and should concentrate on playing, not replying to taunts with arrogant gestures.

He should be oblivious to the crowd. By the same token, the particular few who are standing on our terraces determined to draw attention to themselves would be well advised to stay away

from our Saturday League games. We invite you to watch our promising reserve side amongst the few hundred supporters. There, if you are determined to cause trouble, we can identify you and give you the publicity your mindless actions deserve.

I am not being clever. To lose is sometimes a bitter pill to swallow, and bad enough. But to see spectators determined to wreck our club's good name is intolerable and makes one feel as though all our efforts are worthless. Please don't let it happen again.

Michael Small has been selected for the England Youth squad to travel to Australia. It is an Under-20 group and includes many players already holding their place in League sides. Well done — keep working hard.

Finally, a note for your diary. We will be playing Spurs here on 12th October as the agreed testimonial game for Paul Price. There is sure to be some attractive football for you to enjoy.

Meanwhile, we must concentrate on getting back our rhythm and style that has earned us a reputation which we must work hard to improve. Hope you enjoy tonight's game.

DAVID PLEAT

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SHOT



On page 25 commercial manager Mike Hardwicke has mentioned his extensive range of souvenirs available from the pools office or the kiosks inside the ground on match days.

We asked striker Steve White to turn to modelling for a short time to show you the new style tracksuit now in stock.

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CARDIFF

BACKTRACK

A look at our visitors' history through the years

● In 1928-29 Cardiff City conceded fewer goals (59) than any other club in Division One but were still relegated.

● In the course of three successive appearances in 1946-47 and 1947-48 ROY CLARKE played for Cardiff City in Division Three (South) and Division Two and for Manchester City in Division One.

● In 1949-50 Cardiff City fielded brothers ROBERT STITFALL (goal) RON STITFALL and ALBERT STITFALL (full-backs) in their defence.

● GRAHAM MOORE scored in the last minute of his debut

game for Cardiff against Grimsby in September 1958 and in the last minute of his Wales debut against England in October 1959.

● Two Cardiff players, FRED KEENOR and JIMMY BLAIR were captains of Wales and Scotland respectively in the international match played at Cardiff on 14th February 1924.

● The Cardiff v Arsenal FA Cup Final in 1927-28 was the first Final to be broadcast. Cardiff became the only non-English team to win the FA Cup and their line-up included four Irishmen, three Scots, three Welshmen and one Englishman.

● Cardiff were drawn against Leeds United in three consecutive seasons, 1955/6/7/8 and lost 2-1 on each occasion.

● Cyril Rutter, then with Cardiff, became the first player to appear for an England representative team when not attached to an English club, when playing for England 'B' against Netherlands 'B'.

● When travelling to Rashkent for the second leg of a European Cup-tie in March 1968, Cardiff made the longest journey ever undertaken in the competition, meeting Moscow Torpedo.

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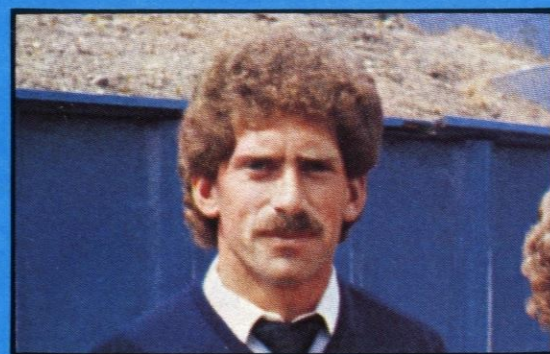
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MIKE SAXBY



SPOTLIGHT

Tonight's spotlight features central defender Mike Saxby, who joined us from Mansfield Town for £200,000 in June 1979.

Mike lives in the Bedfordshire village of Westoning with his wife Glenis and answers this week's questions.

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

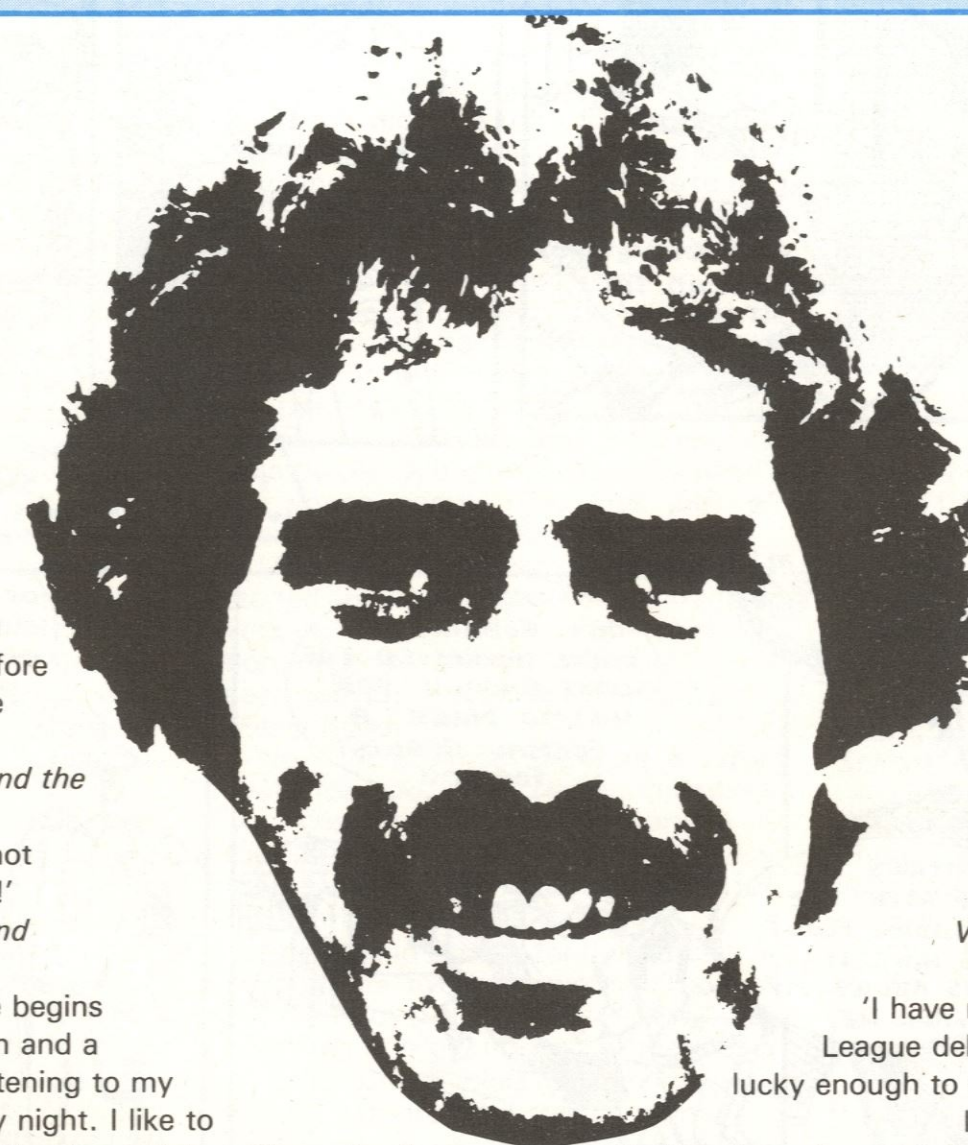
'I was a printer with a local newspaper in Mansfield before signing on as an apprentice for Mansfield Town.'

Are you a handy man around the house?

'I like to think so, but I'm not sure my wife Glenis agrees!'

How do you relax before and after a match?

'My preparation for a game begins Friday night with a hot bath and a relaxing couple of hours listening to my stereo, followed by an early night. I like to wind down after a game with a few drinks with my family and friends.'



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

'I have to say Billy Bingham at Mansfield, who gave me my first extended run in the Football League. I'm also very grateful to David Pleat who gave me an opportunity of playing at a higher level.'

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

'Trevor Francis has to be the best player I've faced so far, and I believe our own Ricky Hill has everything it takes to become the best player I've teamed up with.'

What do you remember about your Football League debut?

'I have rather mixed memories of my League debut. On the credit side, I was lucky enough to score the winning goal in the last minute of a 2-1 victory at Halifax. I was brought down to earth with a bump the following week though, when I was left out of the side!'

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EPISODE THREE *by Ray Aspden*

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THIS IS ONE TERRORIST THAT WONT NOBBLE YOU MR. BOBBIN!

STOP!

LET HIM GO! YOU'VE MISREAD THE SITUATION!

THE MAN IS FROM MY HOMETLAND, BUT HE IS NOT AN ENEMY.

IT'S MEANT TO BE SECRET; BUT HE'S A SCOUT FOR THE WORLD CUP SQUAD OF GUATADOR, AND HE MIGHT WANT ME TO PLAY!

GOSH, I HOPE WE'VE NOT BLOWN YOUR CHANCES!

LUCKILY THE TEAM SCOUT SAW THE FUNNY SIDE OF THE BRUSH WITH BOBBIN'S "BODYGUARD".

LATER: LEATOWN IN MID-WEEK TRAINING.

TAKE TIME OUT BOBBIN! YOU'VE IMPRESSED THE SCOUT ENOUGH FOR HIM TO MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST FOR YOU.

OF COURSE THE CLUB HAD TO CONSIDER THE EFFECT YOUR ABSENCE WOULD HAVE ON OUR GAMES, BUT...

THERE'S THE BOSS WITH THE GUATADOR SCOUT. LET'S HOPE IT'S NEWS ABOUT MY CALL UP.

BOBBIN'S OFF TO SUNNY SPAIN, EH VIVA EL LEATOWN!

HEY, GO EASY LADS! GUATADOR ARE IN A TOUGH ZONE!

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NEXT EPISODE: FLIGHT TO CENTRAL AMERICA.

JUNIOR HATTERS



As mentioned in the last programme, Junior Hatters are invited to be guests for a game near to their birthday, and it was good to see so many at our last home match enjoying the hospitality of the Junior Hatters Club. So those who are members, look out for your invitation if you have a birthday coming up soon. This is currently a letter but birthday cards specially designed for our members will be arriving soon now the team photograph for the new season has been taken.

Junior Hatters and other young football supporters who live in Milton Keynes were given a real treat last week because a Five-a-Side Tournament was staged for schools in the area, and 32 teams entered. Matches were held out of doors at Stantonbury and Bletchley Leisure Centres for the preliminary rounds with the final taking place indoors in the Main Hall at Bletchley Leisure Centre.

The winners received a magnificent Cup, kindly donated by American-Can (UK) Ltd, of Milton Keynes, together with commemorative plaques for each of the players. The runners-up also received plaques.

Apart from the football itself, which produced 55 games — and some real thrillers at that — plus an exciting finals evening, the highlight for the youngsters was a demonstration of five-a-side football from the Luton senior squad with the autograph collectors having a heyday.

The young players and supporters all enjoyed the tournament, and Luton Town welcomed this great opportunity to be involved with families and schools in Milton Keynes, and hope that a closer link will be formed with young people in the 'New City'.

This event will take place each year, and it's success is guaranteed if the co-operation received from all the people taking part and helping to organise is anything to go by. Special thanks to our sponsors for this event, **American-Can (UK) Ltd** for their generosity, the Milton Keynes Mirror for their help in promoting the tournament, the officials at the two leisure centres, especially 'Joe' Joseph for his tremendous help in staging the finals, the teachers in charge of teams, time-keepers and referees, all who helped in any way, and of course, the young people who took part — Great Show, Milton Keynes.

Meanwhile, our own five-a-side has started and is proving to be an attractive venture — the success of the competition depends on your support — so keep coming — Wednesdays, 6.30 p.m. Maple Road.

Now for advance notice of a super event for our Junior Hatters members — a chance to visit a TV recording of Billy Smarts Circus. Watch this space for full details in the Match Magazine for the Watford game on Saturday.

Mascot and Escorts for the match this evening, are five lucky young 'Hatters' — four boys and a girl — we have managed one girl in each of the draws so far, and with more draws coming up soon, no doubt there will be more. Be a Junior Hatter if you want a chance to be 'In the Hat' next time. Fill in the coupon on this page, and send it off to-day.

MASCOT: Joel Wing of 7d Riddy Lane, Luton. Joel is a pupil at Warden Hill Infants School, and is aged seven.

ESCORTS: Judith Orchard of 43 Lucas Way, Shefford, Beds. Judith goes to Samuel Whitbread School, and is aged 14.

THE MASCOT...



JOEL WING

Jonathan Hallewell of 32 Mountgrace Road, Luton, is a pupil at Putteridge Junior School, and is aged nine.

Stephen Dunn of 127 Windmill Avenue, Marshalswick, St Albans. Stephen attends Marshalswick School, and is 13.

Graham Wright of 3 Downedge, Redbourn, Herts, who goes to Redbourn School, and is aged 13.

CAMERA DAY

There are only a few days left to get in your entries (Friday 25th September).

COLIN BALL

Youth Development Officer

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Our first Travel Club trip to Bolton was a fine success and all enjoyed a good day.

Considerable interest was shown in forthcoming trips and some have already booked as far ahead as Newcastle in November!

Coaches have been booked for our next three away games, as follows:

Sat. 3rd Oct. From Maple Road Car Park to Orient. Depart at 1 p.m. Adults £2.25. Juveniles up to and including 15 years £1.50.

Sat. 10th Oct. From Maple Road Car Park to Oldham. Depart at 9.30 p.m. Adults £3.80. Juveniles up to and including 15 years £2.50.

Sat. 24th Oct. From Maple Road Car Park to Wrexham. Depart at 10.00 a.m. Adults £3.75. Juveniles up to and including 15 years £2.50.

Coaches will return immediately after the game, when all passengers have boarded.

I would suggest those wishing to travel contact me early in the week, (mornings Luton 411622, ext. 27) to secure a seat. This will also give me a chance to book more coaches as necessary, to avoid disappointing supporters.

It was interesting talking to the supporters who travelled to Bolton, and several helpful suggestions were made. The most important thing to emerge was that supporters were anxious to be identified with, and to help the football club in every way possible.

To further this, we are proposing membership of the Luton Town Travel Club. I would emphasise that it will be considered a privilege to be a member of this Club, and the football club reserves the right to withdraw membership at any time, if it is deemed necessary.

For your convenience an application form is printed below. Fill it in, and send it to: Catherine Ball, Luton Town Football Club, 70/72 Kenilworth Road, Luton, as soon as possible, together with two passport size photographs, and £1 for your membership fee for adults, and 50p for juveniles, up to and including the age of 15. In return you will receive your membership card.

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FLASHBACK

**The Luton Town Scene
a decade ago**
By **BRIAN SWAIN**
Sports Editor, Luton News

PEOPLE WERE going crackers over ker-nockers 10 years ago this week. A new toy, two solid plastic balls joined by a cord, was all the rage, and everywhere children gathered you would hear the clack-clack of a craze doomed to vanish quickly — the pleasure soon wore off if you could get the rhythm right, and if you didn't bruises on the wrists were painful.

Among Luton Town supporters, there were other reasons for some of us to go crackers — we were about to play our seventh Second Division game of the season, and still hadn't managed a victory.

Six draws had kept us out of the relegation mire, but on 18th September 1971, we faced a

tough hurdle with an away match against Millwall.

They were unbeaten and third in the table, and we didn't need reminding that the previous Town visit had been disastrous — it was part of a chronic Easter earlier that year when we had blown the promotion chance by losing to Bristol Rovers, Millwall and Leicester.

The danger men at the Den were twin strikers Barry Bridges and Derek Possee, and Benny Fenton's team was widely tipped for promotion.

Millwall's manager today, of course, is Peter Anderson, and he should remember the 1971 confrontation with considerable pride. He scored two brilliant goals, in the early stages of a career which was to give much pleasure to a lot of us at Luton.

The Town had a bad start — in the second minute Possee headed a free-kick by Dennis Burnett goalwards and it went

into the net off the leg of Don Shanks.

But seven minutes later Don Givens raced down the right-wing, pulled the ball back, and Anderson launched himself horizontally to equalise with a flashing diving header.

Twenty minutes later John Ryan downed Harry Cripps in the penalty area and Cripps made it 2-1 with the spot kick, but as the game developed into an end-to-end thriller Anderson struck again in the 70th minute. He picked up a long clearance by Tony Read, went through on his own and blasted in an angled shot.

It was our sixth draw in seven games, but at long last there were signs that better results were just around the corner.

There was another Millwall connection with Kenilworth Road 10 years ago this week. Terry Newman, Luton Town's assistant secretary for two years, moved to the Den to take up a similar job. John Wilkinson, now club secretary, and a former youth player and coach, was appointed to take Newman's place.

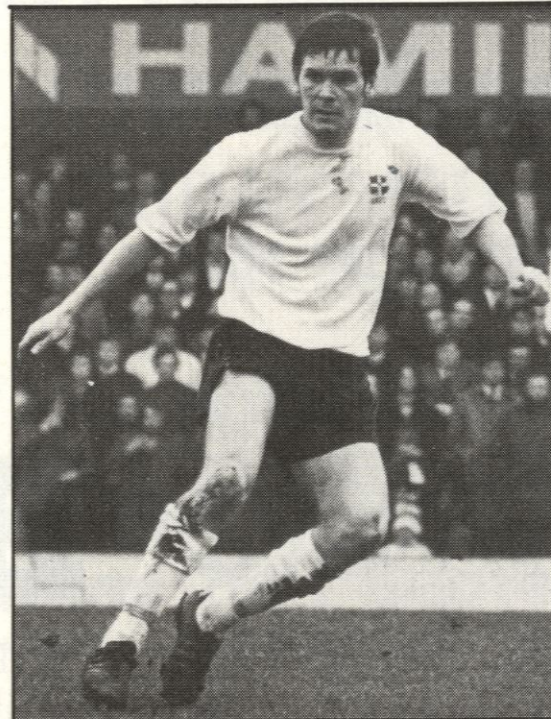
One man who wasn't changing clubs in the same week was centre-half Chris Nicholl. Bobby Robson was trying to build a top side at Ipswich, and had a stopper named Bobby Bell.

He asked Alec Stock to take Bell and cash in exchange for Nicholl. Stock refused, and Robson went to Blackburn instead, and there managed to do a deal which took Allan Hunter from Ewood Park to Portman Road.

PETER ANDERSON



DON SHANKS



We promised you plenty of fun and entertainment with our new games, and we hope you approve our efforts. One lady who, we're sure, agrees it's a jolly good idea is Mrs Owen of Aston Clinton, winner of our star prize of the Garelli Motorcycle in our 'Take your Pick' competition at the Sheffield Wednesday game. Our second winner, Mr Baxter, of Austin Road, Luton, enjoyed a 'Big Mac' for four at McDonalds.

To participate in Take your Pick, watch out for George at half-time, when he will call out the numbers for our key games. All those with six correct numbers are then invited to take part as contestants in the following match.

In addition to Take your Pick we will, of course, be playing 'Hatters Scoreboard' bingo tonight for a 12" PORTABLE TV SET being offered as a winning prize for ONE LINE ACROSS ON THE TOP HOUSE. Winning line across on the BOTTOM HOUSE receives a £10 voucher to spend in our souvenir shop.

WIN A £400 HOLIDAY

It's your chance to win a £400 HOLIDAY VOUCHER with SILVAIR HOLIDAYS next Saturday when we play bingo for a FULL HOUSE before the Watford match. So don't forget, arrive early — cricket starts at 1.30 p.m. and bingo at 2.30 p.m.

Finally, a reminder to all prizewinners to contact Mary Bunyan immediately on Luton 411622 to claim your prize.



Time for a laugh as Eric Morecambe jokes with Mrs Owen.

CROSSWORD

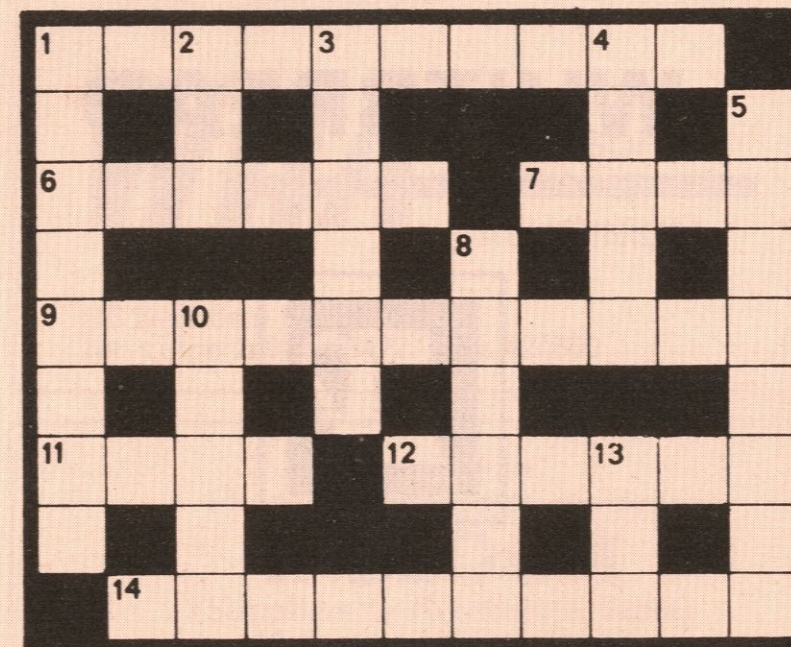
CLUES — Across

1. As many a loser of an over-eager tackle has been! (7,3); 6. Unique, Scottish-sounding part of the name of a south-coast club (6); 7. _____ Neal, QPR and Tulsa forward (4); 9. Crucial free-kicker in the 1981 FA Cup Final (5,6); 11. The three clubs promoted from Division Two last season each drew this many League matches away from home (4); 12. He successfully shot past Stepney in the 1976 FA Cup Final (6); 14. Jesse _____, old WBA and England full-back (10).

CLUES — Down

1. By Law XII, there are limitations on doing this to the goalkeeper (8); 2. _____ Matthews, old Coventry, Chelsea, Derby and England keeper (3); 3. 'Keep it on the _____!' (6); 4. Winger who made over 300 appearances for Halifax, Barrow, Southport, Blackburn and Sheffield United before moving to New York Cosmos and Memphis Rogues (5); 5. Last season he managed _____ (8); 8. _____ this club for whom Nat's 255 League goals is a club record (6); 10. Walley's first name (5); 13. _____ Napier totted up a ton of goals for Preston, Workington, Newcastle, Brighton and Blackburn (3).

• Check your answers with the solutions on Statistics page.



AROUND THE TOWN

FA CUP WINNERS' VISIT

Book the date now . . . October 12th . . . the night when FA Cup winners Tottenham will appear at Kenilworth Road. And they're bringing the FA Cup with them!

The match has been organised for Paul Price who was in his benefit year before he was transferred from Luton to the London club during the summer.



The kick off is scheduled for 7.45 p.m. and admission is only £2 to sit or £1 to stand in any part of the ground. Whether Paul will be fit to play remains to be seen because he is currently injured and has his leg in plaster.

But there is a chance our former goalkeeper Milija Aleksic will turn out for Spurs.

BOX OFFICE . . . BOX OFFICE . . .

At the time of going to press for tonight's match we still have tickets available for the Watford game on Saturday. They are going quite quickly and it is doubtful whether there will be any tickets for seats left by Saturday.

Tickets are now on sale for our next home matches against Grimsby and Crystal Palace and supporters who require tickets for these matches should obtain them within the next few days.

After the Sheffield Wednesday game, we had a few complaints regarding seats already being occupied when the ticket holders arrived to take their places. These seats were NOT double booked and genuine ticket holders for those seats should call a steward and have the problem resolved. If this is not effective we will take further steps to have the matter corrected.

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS CLUB

Our season ticket holders are reminded they can join their own club which provides facilities before, at half time and at the end of each home game.

Members are entitled to use the far end of the Hatters Club at those periods and take advantage of the licensed bar there. There are still a number of limited places in the club available and the membership fee, renewable on June 1st every year, is £3.

Application forms are available from the club's offices in Kenilworth Road.

PEN PAL WANTED

Sixteen-year-old Ipswich supporter Judy Taylor is looking for a pen pal of the same age who supports Luton. Judy's hobbies include watching and playing most sports, listening to music and watching Ipswich play at home and away. If anyone wants to write to her, Judy's address is 11 Weavers Close, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk.

BOBBERS CLUB TRAVEL

The Bobbers Travel Club will again operate coach trips to away matches this season and the aim of the club is to provide cheap and troublefree travel to away games.

The majority of the £3,875 they have donated to physiotherapist John Sheridan within the last year has been raised by the sale of lottery tickets to their members.

The money has been used by John to buy a Diapulse (a heat treatment machine) and an exercise bike.

Their timetable for the rest of the season is:

| Date | Destination | Adult | Child | Time from Luton |
|--------|-------------|-------|-------|-----------------|
| Oct 3 | Orient | 2.20 | 1.75 | noon |
| Oct 10 | Oldham | 5.30 | 4.20 | 9.00am |
| Oct 24 | Wrexham | 4.90 | 3.90 | 9.00am |
| Nov 14 | Blackburn | 5.50 | 4.40 | 9.00am |
| Nov 21 | Newcastle | 7.00 | 5.60 | 7.30am |
| Dec 5 | Shrewsbury | 4.30 | 3.45 | 10.00am |
| Dec 19 | Barnsley | 4.70 | 3.75 | 9.30am |

TRAVEL WITH THE TOWN FANS



No prizes for guessing why these Luton fans look so happy . . . they were the passengers on the first Luton Town FC organised coach party for the game at Bolton. See page 13 for details of further coach trips.

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|--------|----------------|------|------|---------|
| Dec 28 | Norwich | 3.70 | 2.95 | 10.30am |
| Jan 16 | Charlton | 2.20 | 1.75 | noon |
| Feb 6 | Sheffield Wed | 4.70 | 3.75 | 10.00am |
| Feb 20 | Watford | 1.80 | 1.45 | 12.30pm |
| Mar 6 | Grimsby | 4.70 | 3.75 | 9.30am |
| Mar 20 | Crystal Palace | 2.20 | 1.75 | 11.30am |
| Mar 27 | Derby | 3.70 | 2.95 | 11.00am |
| Apr 10 | Cambridge | 2.20 | 1.75 | noon |
| Apr 24 | Rotherham | 4.70 | 3.75 | 10.00am |
| May 5 | Cardiff | 4.90 | 3.90 | 2.00pm |
| May 8 | Chelsea | 2.20 | 1.75 | noon |

Child rate is for a youth under 15 years of age who travels with a parent. Senior Citizen rate is the same as a child's. Prices and times may be subject to change. Bookings can be made in the Bobbers Club.

FOLLOW THE ACTION

We have been drawn at home in the first leg of the second round Football League Cup-tie against Wrexham. Season ticket holders have until 5 p.m. on October 5th to claim their normal seat. All other seating tickets are now on sale, price £3.00.

NOTICE TO SPECTATORS

EVERY CLUB IS RESPONSIBLE TO THE COUNCIL OF THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ACTION OF ITS SPECTATORS AND IS REQUIRED TO TAKE ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT SPECTATORS THROWING MISSILES ON TO THE PITCH AND/OR THREATENING OR ASSAULTING OFFICIALS AND PLAYERS, AND TO RUNNING ON THE FIELD OF PLAY BEFORE, DURING OR AT THE CONCLUSION OF MATCHES. IN THE CASE OF A BREACH OF THIS RULE ANY SPECTATOR MAY BE REMOVED FROM ANY GROUND AND SUCH FORCE USED AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF EFFECTING SUCH REMOVAL. THE CLUB HAS BEEN ORDERED TO EXHIBIT THIS NOTICE IN THE PROGRAMME BECAUSE OF INCIDENTS AT A RECENT MATCH. SPECTATORS ARE WARNED THAT A REPETITION OF MISCONDUCT MAY RESULT IN THE CLOSING OF THE GROUND.

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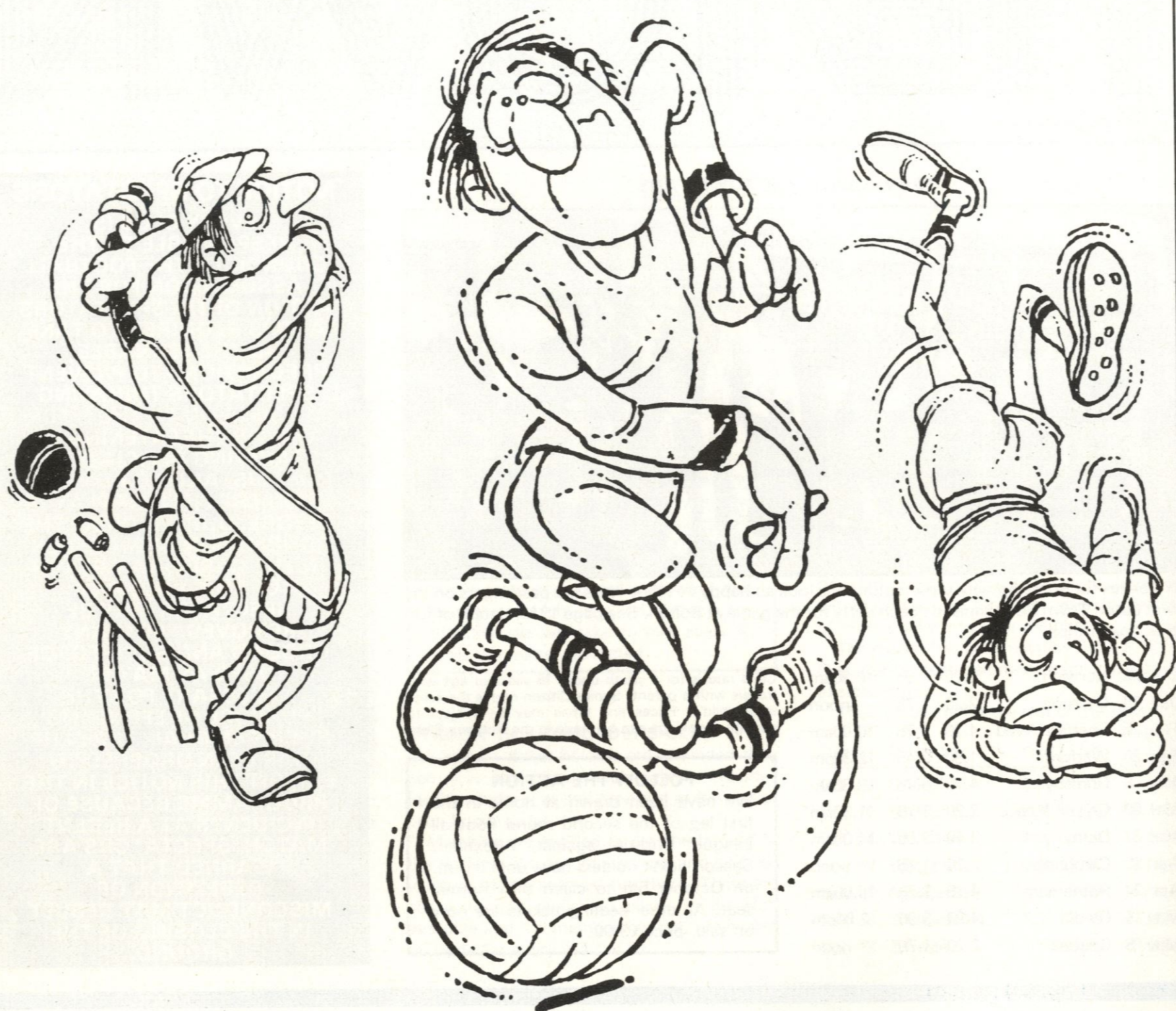
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After the Game



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PRESS GANG

'Will you become a guest spot writer?' asked the programme editor. 'You can write about anything.'

Certainly.

'Oh! But keep away from nostalgia. We've got too much of the past in the programme already.'

Certainly.

'Oh! And don't mention about Luton being on top of the Second Division table. Or anything to do with League positions. They could all be changed by the time the programme is printed.'

Certainly.

'Oh! And don't write about your work as a newspaperman. Journalists are too fond of talking about their not very exciting lives. Can be boring.'

Certainly.

'Oh! And don't get all technical about football. Most of our readers

Tonight, we introduce the start of an occasional series where the matchday magazine editor has asked journalists with national newspapers to subscribe to Press Gang.

The first features the Sports News Editor of the Sun, Roy Bentley.

just want Luton to score goals. They're not interested in figures like 4-4-2 or 4-3-3. Keep away from soccer tactics.'

Certainly.

'Oh! And while on the subject of figures don't mention your favourite sets — the 36-24-36 variety. I know you consider yourself a bit of an expert on assessing the

shapes and sizes of those Page 3 girls in the *Sun*. But people come to Kenilworth Road to see a Brian Stein body swerve, not to read about a blonde from Peckham with 40in knockers.'

Certainly.

'Oh! And that love affair you have with Luton Town Football Club. The number of times you've told me how you have been watching the Hatters play since you were a small boy. And how you missed that famous Easter match in the thirties when Joe Payne scored 10 goals because your mother and father insisted on taking you to see a carnival in St Albans. Don't write any of that rubbish.'

Certainly.

'Oh! And if you have any unkind thoughts of any Luton players or officials don't disclose them. Anyway it's just not true that Jake Findlay is slow in the bar. I know for a fact that he bought you a whiskey after receiving his win bonus from the opening match against Charlton. And Eric Morecambe almost bought you one towards the end of last season!'

Certainly, well almost certainly he did.

'Oh! Those Century Club members who sit behind the Press Box. No cracks, please, about their stupid cracks. They pay their money so they can say or shout what they like. I know you enjoy listening to them really. And don't forget they always make you welcome in their club.'

Certainly.

'Oh! And one more very important point. No mention of money. You don't go around disclosing your salary to everyone, so your drunken observation last week that Steve White ought to be paid in peanuts was out of order and shouldn't really be printed. Well, that's it mate. I'm glad you are going to contribute to the programme. Write about anything you like.'

Certainly — and if there's a writing fee, I won't mention it.





LUTON TOWN 2 OXFORD UNITED 1

In the hot afternoon sun, the Town started a little slowly and paid the price when Oxford opened the scoring with a fine goal.

This woke us up and, following good work by Paul Keys, Frank Bunn slipped in the equaliser.

The second half found the Hatters in full flight and it seemed that the chances going amiss and Oxford's now desperate defence would give the visitors a point.

But, five minutes from time, a well flighted free kick from Lilly Fuccillo found Keys who scored the winner with a header.

Team: Beasley, Mitchell Thomas, Heath, Johnson, Goodyear, Owen, Madden, Bunn, Keys, Fuccillo, Brammer. **Sub:** Breaker.

LEICESTER CITY 1 LUTON TOWN 1

In a spirited Football Combination encounter, it took a penalty conceded by

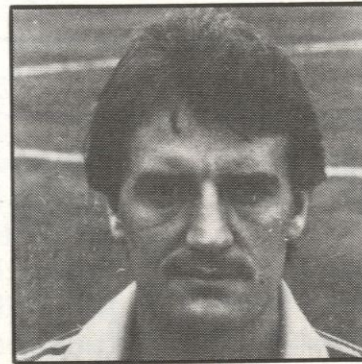


FRANK BUNN

Andy Beasley for Leicester to take the lead after 20 minutes.

This signalled a tremendous rally by the Town's youngsters and Godfrey Ingram had four good efforts saved before Frank Bunn and Tim Breaker were also prevented from scoring by the Leicester keeper, Walker, a Scottish Under-21 international.

But the Town's pressure was relentless again in the second half but it was not until the final seconds of the match when Frank Bunn, in full flight



LILLY FUCCILLO

for goal, was bundled off the ball to give us a penalty.

Frank picked himself off the turf to take the spot kick and took no trouble in successfully ensuring we earned a point.

It was a splendid Luton performance and one which retained our unbeaten start to the Football Combination.

Team: Beasley, Mitchell, Thomas, Heath, Breaker, Goodyear, Johnson, Madden, Ingram, Bunn, Fuccillo, Keys. **Sub:** Brammer.



GODFREY INGRAM



Two or three times during the season, I shall be using my space in the programme to print our ground regulations:

- 1: All matches are played in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Football Association and Football League.
- 2: Play cannot be guaranteed on any day, and the Club reserves the right to make changes to its advertised fixtures without notice.
- 3: Refund of cash admission charges paid at the turnstiles will not be made in any circumstances. Right of admission reserved.
- 4: Refunds will be made in respect of seats booked in advance where a match is postponed subject to a time limitation, details of which can be obtained from the Box Office. Such

refunds will not be entertained however in respect of abandoned matches.

- 5: Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play.
- 6: With the exception of authorised Press representatives holding official passes, the taking of photographs or cine-photographs inside the ground is prohibited.
- 7: Only persons specially authorised by the Club in writing are permitted to offer newspapers, periodicals, or any other articles for sale in the ground.
- 8: Unnecessary noise, such as the use of radio sets, or behaviour likely to cause confusion of any kind is not permitted in any part of the ground.
- 9: The climbing of floodlight pylons, stands or any other buildings in the ground is strictly

forbidden.

- 10: The consumption of intoxicating liquor is permitted only in the bars or other authorised places. Bottles, glasses, flags, banners and other similar articles are not permitted.
- 11: All persons entering the ground are admitted subject to the above Ground Regulations, and the Rules and Regulations of the Football Association and Football League. The Club reserves the right to remove from the ground any persons who do not comply with them, or whose presence is a source of danger or annoyance to others.

John Wilkinson
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CENTURY CLUB

Welcome to our visitors to our first evening game this season against Cardiff City, and we look forward to a good night's entertainment.

Preparations are going ahead within the football club for the testimonial match on 12th October, for Paul Price. We shall be playing Tottenham Hotspur, (Paul's new club) on that occasion. We in the Century Club are anxious to make our contribution to the testimonial fund. We had, in fact, planned a series of

events but with Paul's sudden departure, plans all round had to be changed. Balcony seats will be available at £5 each to members and associate members — there was a good response for tickets at our last home match.

If, for any reason, you are unable to use your seat on that evening, please let Catherine Ball know as soon as possible, as she has a list of people requiring guest seats. Tickets available from Catherine Ball, in the club this evening, or by telephone.

The Century Club is certainly starting well with support for the football club this season. Match Sponsor for Sheffield Wednesday was new Century Club associate member Barney Doherty. Barney has been a friend for some time, and we were pleased to be able to offer him membership this year. Congratulations on your sponsorship, Barney, the second this season by a Century Club member.

MATCH SPONSOR

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The art of brewing and the skills of Luton Town Football Club have had a long association. Today's match sponsor, WHITBREAD, can claim links with Bedfordshire dating back over 250 years.

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First brewed in Luton in the war by J. W. Green, BB is matured to exactly the right degree to give a bright refreshing pint, with a sound full flavour. As popular today as it was when Syd Owen ruled the Hatters. It went down well then, and it's been going down well ever since. Try one or two tonight on your way home.

IN RETROSPECT

LUTON TOWN v CARDIFF CITY

Division Three (South): 1931-32 2-1 (h), 1-4 (a); 1932-33 8-1 (h), 2-3 (a); 1933-34 3-1 (h), 4-0 (a); 1934-35 4-0 (h), 0-1 (a); 1935-36 2-2 (h), 3-2 (a); 1936-37 8-1 (h), 0-3 (a).

Division Two: 1947-48 1-1 (h), 0-1 (a); 1948-49 3-0 (h), 3-3 (a); 1949-50 0-0 (h), 0-0 (a); 1950-51 1-1 (h), 1-2 (a); 1951-52 2-2 (h), 0-3 (a).

Division One: 1955-56 3-0 (h), 0-2 (a); 1956-57 3-0 (h), 0-0 (a).

Division Two: 1962-63 2-3 (h), 0-1 (a).

1970-71 Luton Town 3 (Macdonald 3) Cardiff City 0, Cardiff City 0 Luton Town 0; 1971-72 Luton Town 2 (Anderson,

Givens pen) Cardiff City 2 (Phillips, Clark), Cardiff City 1 (Warboys) Luton Town 1 (Wainwright); 1972-73 Luton Town 1 (Hales) Cardiff City 1 (Woodruff), Cardiff City 2 (Bell pen, Warboys) Luton Town 1 (Aston pen); 1973-74 Luton Town 1 (Jim Ryan) Cardiff City 0, Cardiff City 0 Luton Town 0; 1976-77 Luton Town 2 (Deans, R. Futch) Cardiff City 1 (Evans), Cardiff City 4 (Sayer, Friday 2, Dwyer) Luton Town 2 (Futcher R., Chambers); 1977-78 Luton Town 3 (Boersma 2, Faulkner) Cardiff City 1 (Buchanan), Cardiff City 1 (Dwyer) Luton Town 4 (Byrne o.g., Fuccillo, Futcher R., Hill); 1978-79 Luton Town 7 (Moss 2, Hatton, Stein 2, Fuccillo pen, Dwyer o.g.) Cardiff City 1 (Bishop), Cardiff City 2 (Moore, Stevens) Luton Town 1 (Roberts o.g.); 1979-80 Luton Town 2 (Moss, Price) Cardiff City 2 (Kitchen, Giles), Cardiff City 1 (Buchanan) Luton Town 0. Teams for last game here, January 10th 1981:

LUTON TOWN: Findlay, West, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, Ingram, Aizlewood, Moss. CARDIFF CITY: Healey, Roberts, Thomas, Hughes, Pontin, Dwyer, Giles, Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Buchanan (Micaleff). Attendance: 9,013.

SECOND DIVISION INFORMATION

Your handy ready reference to our away games this season

| Club and Postal Address | Box Office Tel. No. | Seat Tickets Available | Terrace |
|---|---------------------|--|---|
| BARNSELY FC Oakwell Ground Grove Street, Barnsley South Yorkshire | 0226-295353 | £3.20 Bookable 2 Weeks | £1.90 Adults £1.40 JUV/OAP |
| BLACKBURN ROVERS FC Ewood Park Blackburn | 0254-55432/3/4 | £3.50, £2.70, £1.75, £1.35 JUV/OAP Bookable 2 Weeks | £1.70 Adults £1.10 JUV/OAP |
| CAMBRIDGE UNITED FC Abbey Stadium, Newmarket Road Cambridge CB5 8LL | 02205-2170 | £3.50, £3.00, £2.50 Bookable Anytime | £1.50 Adults £1.00 JUV/OAP |
| CARDIFF CITY FC Ninian Park, Sloper Road Cardiff CF1 8SX | 0222-398636 | £4.00, £3.50, £2.70, £2.00, £1.80, £1.50 Bookable Anytime | £1.60 All |
| CHARLTON ATHLETIC FC The Valley London SE7 8AW | 01-858-3711/2 | £4.00 Bookable 1 Month | £2.50 All |
| CHELSEA FC Stamford Bridge Ground Fulham Road, London SW6 | 01-385 5545 | £6.50, £5.25, £4.50, £4.25, £3.50, £3.00 Bookable 1 Month | £2.00 Adults £1.25 JUV/OAP |
| CRYSTAL PALACE FC Selhurst Park London SE25 6PU | 01-653 3338 | £4.50, £3.50, £3.00 Enclosure £2.00 Bookable 1 Month | £1.80 Adults £1.00 JUV/OAP |
| DERBY COUNTY FC The Baseball Ground Derby DE3 8NB | 0332-40105 | £3.80, £3.30, £2.70 Bookable 2 Weeks | £2.50 Visitors |
| GRIMSBY TOWN FC Blundell Park Cleethorpes South Humberside DN35 7PY | 0472-61420 | £3.50 £2.50 JUV/OAP Bookable 2 Weeks | £1.70 All |
| NEWCASTLE UNITED FC St James' Park Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 4ST | 0632-328361 | £2.50, £3.00, £3.50 Bookable 10 days | £1.70 Adults £0.70 JUV/OAP |
| NORWICH CITY FC Carrow Road, Norwich Norfolk NR1 1JE | 0603-612131/2 | £4.00, £3.50, £3.00, £2.00 Bookable 2 Weeks | £1.60 Adults £1.00 JUV/OAP |
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| ORIENT FC Leyton Stadium Brisbane Road Leyton E10 5NE | 01-539 2223 | £5.00, £3.50, £3.00, £2.50 Inc. Programme Bookable 2 Weeks | £1.80 All |
| ROTHERHAM UNITED FC Millmoor Ground Rotherham | 0709-562434 | £3.20, £2.40, £2.00, £1.90, £1.70, £1.40 £1.20 JUV/OAP Bookable Anytime | £1.70 Adults £1.00 JUV/OAP £1.70 Visitors |
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PROGRAMME CORNER

By JOHN FARMER

Some of our older supporters will readily recall the emergency measures that were taken during the war in setting up local regional leagues so that travelling was kept to a minimum and football fans had something to watch to keep up their spirits during a trying period.

Soldiers in uniform were allowed into grounds at half-

internationals because of the army base there.

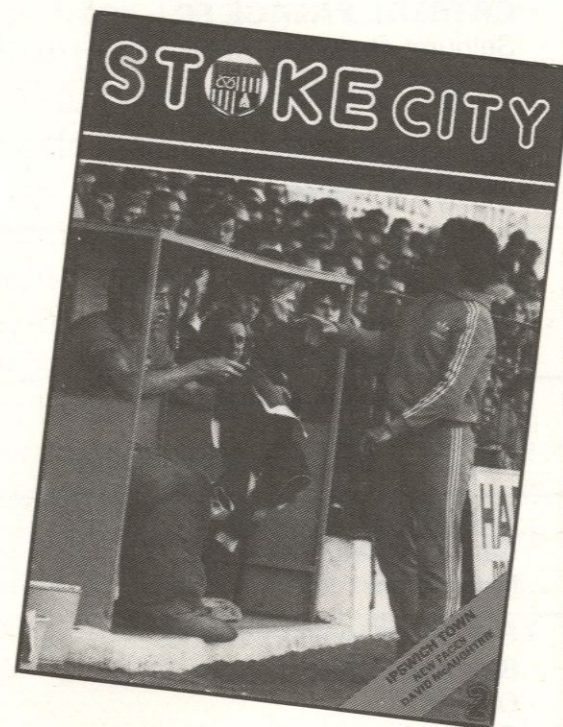
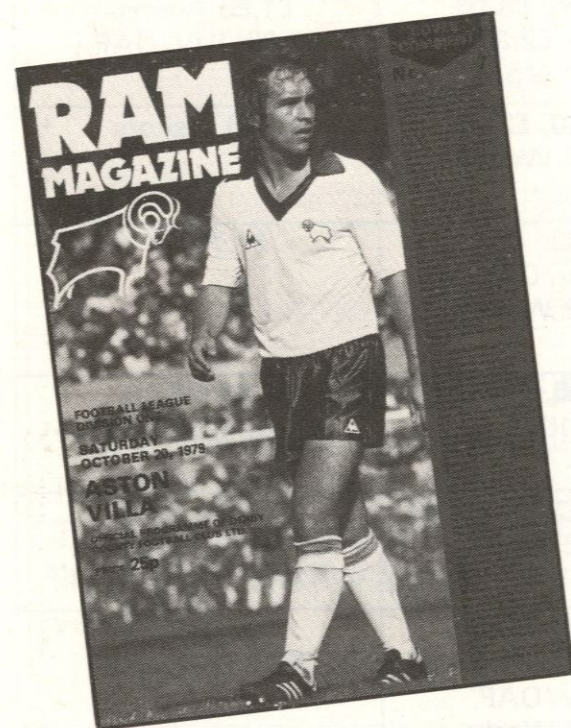
The London clubs were a little more fortunate than most in that they could usually field a majority of their own players. An Arsenal v West Ham programme dated October 1944 for instance reveals just two guests in the home side, Stan Mortensen of Blackpool and Billy Wrigglesworth of Reading, while Jock Dodds led the West Ham attack.

As often happened, this programme listed not only the game but also the rank of the player concerned so that Arsenal have CSM Swindin in goal, Sgt. Scott at right-back and F/Lt. Bernard Joy at centre-half.

Another feature of the time was the large number of Inter-Service games that took on virtually an international aura. A programme of an Army v Western Command game played at Wolverhampton in

1944 lists 15 internationals and also provides an interesting sidelight on a typically unusual event of the time.

Stan Mortensen is stated to be of Blackpool and Wales. Stan of course was England-born and bred, winning many caps after the war, but he had in fact made his wartime in-



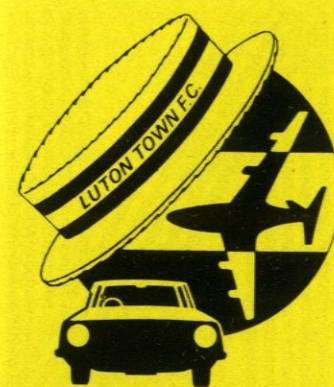
price and with teams fielding whoever happened to be available at the time there were some lively and often high-scoring games.

Programmes were, of course, also of an emergency nature, usually just a single sheet with the teams printed on one side and fixtures and perhaps a few notes on the other.

Many teams fielded 'guests' from amongst servicemen stationed nearby, which meant that Aldershot, for instance, could often field a team composed mainly of

ternational debut when going on as substitute for Wales to meet an emergency in the previous season, when Ivor Powell was injured and no Welsh player was available.

Programmes of the time also carried grim warnings, a typical one reading: 'In the event of an Air Raid Warning being received, the Police will instruct the referee to stop the game when they deem it necessary and the players must leave the field. Spectators must take shelter and remain under cover until the "all clear" has been given.'



SHOP WINDOW



FAREWELL TO AUBREY GORNALL

This week, we are sorry to say cheerio to Aubrey Gornall who has been a pillar of strength to us in the pools office over the last few years.

Aubrey started his connections with Luton Town way back in season 1927-28 in the company of such 'oldies' as George Kay, then manager, and players Dave Richards, Tom Hodgson, Andy Rennie, Jimmy Yardley and George Frazer.

He has recently served the pools office in the position of collector/salesman, calling regularly on our army of agents throughout the area.

Aubrey always carried a familiar smile and always had a word of encouragement and continued to sell our lottery tickets in ever increasing

numbers, particularly of the Magnificent Four.

We have not placed him on the transfer list and a big fee is not required for him. Fortunately, he will still be with us in his retired capacity — where his familiar cap, set at a jaunty angle — will be bobbing about from time to time in future years.

WELCOME TO CHRIS ELLIS

Chris Ellis, a familiar face for a number of years around Kenilworth Road, has been transferred from the football side of the business with Luton Town to the pools department.

He will take over from Aubrey after ferrying the players in our own team coach to reserve matches and training sessions. Chris drove the

youth team to Holland during the summer for their international tournament.

But the club's loss is our gain on the pools side and he takes over from Aubrey to face a new challenge. We wish him every success with his new position.

SOUVENIRS

Finally, a word this evening about our extensive range of souvenirs, available during the week from the pools office or the kiosks inside the ground on match days.

With Christmas not too far away, you can find many presents within our extensive range of quality stock. Pop in and see for yourself.

MIKE HARDWICKE
Commercial Manager

ACTION



LUTON TOWN 0 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 3

Crash . . . our 100 per cent record and proud early season start went to the wall when Wednesday came to Kenilworth Road.
Above: Substitute Mick Small tussles for possession with a Wednesday defender.
Top right: Mal Donaghy moves in in an attempt to bolster the Town's attack.
Right: High flying Brian Stein is beaten to the ball by Wednesday keeper Bob Bolder.



VISITORS

Cardiff City have struggled to avoid relegation to the Third Division for the last three seasons. And their start to the current campaign suggests that manager Richie Morgan will face another fight.

In 1977-78, the Welsh club finished four places from the bottom, and improved that by four positions the following season. But last year was a real nailbiting time for Cardiff when they missed relegation on goal difference after winning only 12 of their 42 League games.

Seven victories at Ninian Park and five on op-

ponents' grounds gave Cardiff 36 points, the same total as Preston North End who went down to the Third Division.

This season, before their home game against Blackburn Rovers last Saturday, City hadn't won a game and had taken only one point from a drawn match.

However, those statistics won't mean anything to our manager David Pleat who knows only too well that Cardiff will pose a stiff threat to his team.

Goalkeeper **Ron Healey** played in Manchester Ci-

ty's team as a 18-year-old and has maintained the highest standards of timing and agility and reflex goalkeeping since his transfer to Cardiff six seasons ago. Has won two full caps for Eire. **Peter Grotier**, also a keeper is at Cardiff for the second time in his career, but his first as a permanent player. Originally came from West Ham to play a couple of matches on loan but was then transferred to Lincoln City.

Phil Dwyer is club and team captain who ended last season with over 400

LINE-UP

first team matches. Won a string of international honours, first as a schoolboy, then in youth football, captained the Under-23 side and finally emerged as a senior international.

Steve Grapes made a successful transition to full-back two seasons ago. The pace he employed as a winger and attacking midfield player for Norwich City and then Cardiff serves him well in defence. **Linden Jones**, a talented 20-year-old right-back, has taken to first team football with growing confidence and last season won his place in Wales Under-21 squad.

John Lewis has been one of Cardiff's outstanding players over the last two full seasons and gave up a clerical post with British Steel to become a full-time professional and quickly made up for lost time.

Keith Pontin, another defender, won his first Welsh caps against England and Scotland, in the 1979-80 British Championships.

Rod Thomas is the most capped of all Welsh defenders with 50 games in the red shirt. He is now a central defender of

authority and experience after winning his caps in both full-back positions. Won a League Cup Winners medal for Swindon in 1969; later joined Derby County for £100,000 and became one of the most accomplished full-backs in the First Division.

Midfielder **Billy Ronson** is the club's record signing and 'Player of the Year' in both his seasons at Ninian Park. He cost £135,000 from Blackpool and quickly settled into Cardiff's side where his mobile, busy style established him as the hub of midfield. Striker **Constantinou Micallef** is a player who has fought his way into the first team over the last two seasons. Lively, aggressive and with a willingness to shoot, this son



of a Greek restaurant owner won Wales youth international caps and last season was included in the Under-21 squad.

Gary Stevens, Cardiff's leading scorer in 1979-80 with 11 goals — only his second professional football season.

Peter Kitchen finished his first season as a Cardiff player as leading scorer for 1980-81 and scored 89 League goals at an average of almost one every other match for Doncaster; then equally consistent for Orient including a goal in every round as the London club reached the FA Cup semi-finals in 1978. He moved from Fulham in September 1980 for £125,000 and quickly took over as Cardiff's dangerman. **Paul Sugrue** was signed during the close season from Manchester City where he played nine First Division matches.



Back row (left to right): R. Woodruff (Youth Team Coach), Peter Kitchen, Rod Thomas, Wayne Hughes, Ron Healey, Peter Grotier, Paul Davies, Keith Pontin, Gary Stevens, Colin Prohett (Coach).
Middle row: John Lewis, Steve Grapes, Phil Dwyer, Richie Morgan (Team Manager), Billy Ronson, Tim Gilbert, Colin Sullivan.
Front row: Linden Jones, Paul Maddy, Tarky Micallef, Paul Sugrue, John Buchanan, Paul Giles.




PETER KITCHEN

POINTS ATTENDANCES LEAGUE TABLES

| Opponents | Result | Attendance | Points Position | Findlay | Stephens | Aizlewood | Horton | Saxby | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | White | Antic | Ingram | Turner | Moss | Own Goal |
|-------------------------|--------|------------|-----------------|---------|----------|-----------|--------|-------|---------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|------|----------|
| Goals Scored | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1981 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| August | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 Charlton Athletic | 3 - 0 | 8,776 | 3 - 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | OG |
| September | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Queens Park Rangers | 2 - 1 | 11,000 | 6 - 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | |
| 5 Bolton Wanderers | 2 - 1 | 6,911 | 9 - 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | |
| 12 Sheffield Wednesday | 0 - 3 | 12,131 | 9 - 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | 11 | | |
| 19 Leicester City | 2 - 1 | 14,159 | 12 - 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | | 11 | |
| October | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 Orient | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 Wrexham (LC2 - 1L) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 Oldham Athletic | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 Grimsby Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 Wrexham | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 Wrexham LC2 - 2L) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 Crystal Palace | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 Derby County | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 League Cup 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 Blackburn Rovers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 Newcastle United (1) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 Bolton Wanderers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 Rotherham United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 League Cup 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 Shrewsbury Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 Chelsea (2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 Barnsley | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 Cambridge United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 Norwich City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1982 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 FA Cup 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 Queens Park Rangers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 League Cup 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 Charlton Athletic | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 FA Cup 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 Leicester City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 League Cup SF 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 Sheffield Wednesday | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 League Cup SF 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 Orient (5) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 Watford | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 Oldham Athletic | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 Grimsby Town (6) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 Wrexham (LCF) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 Crystal Palace | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 Derby County | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| April | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 Blackburn Rovers (SF) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 Cambridge United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 Norwich City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 Newcastle United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 Rotherham United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Shrewsbury Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 Cardiff City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 Chelsea | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 Barnsley | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 FA Cup Final | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1981-82 | F A | DIVISION TWO TABLE 1981-82 | DIV 2 APPS & GOALS 1981-82 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Aug. 29 Orient | 4 - 0 | | |
| Sept. 1 Tottenham Hotspur | 1 - 0 | | |
| Sept. 5 Oxford United | 2 - 1 | | |
| Sept. 12 Leicester City | 1 - 1 | | |
| Sept. 19 Queens Park Rangers | 2 - 0 | | |
| Sept. 26 Watford | | | |
| Sept. 30 Norwich City | | | |
| Oct. 3 Bristol City | | | |
| Oct. 5 | | | |
| Oct. 10 Crystal Palace | | | |
| Oct. 17 Swindon Town | | | |
| Oct. 24 Ipswich Town | | | |
| Oct. 26 | | | |
| Oct. 31 Plymouth Argyle | | | |
| Nov. 7 Arsenal | | | |
| Nov. 9 | | | |
| Nov. 14 Fulham | | | |
| Nov. 17 Birmingham City | | | |
| Nov. 21 Hereford United | | | |
| Nov. 25 Tottenham Hotspur | | | |
| Nov. 28 Southampton | | | |
| Nov. 30 | | | |
| Dec. 5 Chelsea | | | |
| Dec. 12 West Ham United | | | |
| Dec. 19 Bristol Rovers | | | |
| Dec. 28 Reading | | | |
| Jan. 2 | | | |
| Jan. 9 Oxford United | | | |
| Jan. 11 | | | |
| Jan. 16 Orient | | | |
| Jan. 23 | | | |
| Jan. 30 Queens Park Rangers | | | |
| Feb. 1 | | | |
| Feb. 6 Leicester City | | | |
| Feb. 8 | | | |
| Feb. 13 Bristol City | | | |
| Feb. 20 Watford | | | |
| Feb. 27 Crystal Palace | | | |
| Mar. 6 Swindon Town | | | |
| Mar. 13 Ipswich Town | | | |
| Mar. 20 Plymouth Argyle | | | |
| Mar. 27 Arsenal | | | |
| April 3 Fulham | | | |
| April 10 Birmingham City | | | |
| April 12 Reading | | | |
| April 17 Hereford United | | | |
| April 24 Southampton | | | |
| April 27 Chelsea | | | |
| May 4 Norwich City | | | |
| May 8 West Ham United | | | |
| May 15 Bristol Rovers | | | |
| May 22 | | | |

| P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Sheffield Wednesday | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 13 |
| Luton Town | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 12 |
| Grimsby Town | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 10 |
| Watford | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| Norwich City | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 10 |
| Q.P.R. | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| Blackburn Rovers | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| Barnsley | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| Derby County | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| Shrewsbury Town | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| Leicester City | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Oldham Athletic | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Cambridge United | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| Chelsea | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Crystal Palace | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| Charlton Athletic | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| Rotherham United | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| Orient | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Newcastle United | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Cardiff City | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Wrexham | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Bolton Wanderers | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

Up to and including Saturday 19th September 1981

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


Up to and including Saturday 12th September 1981

| App | Gls |
|-----------|-----|
| Aizlewood | 5 |
| Antic | 5 |
| Donaghy | 5 |
| Findlay | 5 |
| Hill | 5 |
| Horton | 5 |
| Ingram | 3 |
| Moss | 1 |
| Saxby | 5 |
| Stein | 5 |
| Stephens | 5 |
| Turner | 1 |
| White | 5 |
| Own Goals | — |

Up to and inc. Sat. 19th Sept.

| App | Gls |
|------------|------|
| Beasley | 4 |
| Brammer | 2(1) |
| Breacker | 2(1) |
| Bunn | 3 |
| Fuccillo | 4 |
| Goodyear | 4 |
| Heath | 4 |
| Ingram | 1 |
| Johnson | 2 |
| Keys | 4 |
| Madden | 4 |
| McConville | 1 |
| Owen | 3 |
| Small | 1 |
| Thomas Mt | 4 |
| Turner | 1 |

Up to and inc. Sat. 12th Sep



| HALF-TIME SCORECHECK | | |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Arsenal v Birmingham | | Wrexham v Watford |
| Coventry v Liverpool | | Bristol City v Plymouth |
| Ipswich v WBA | | Burnley v Doncaster |
| Middlesbro v Man United | | Chesterfield v Carlisle |
| Swansea v Tottenham | | Preston v Huddersfield |
| West Ham v Southampton | | Wimbledon v Fulham |
| Wolves v Brighton | | Colchester v Aldershot |
| Barnsley v Sheffield Wed | | Darlington v Bradford City |
| Crystal Palace v Orient | | Halifax v Tranmere |
| Grimsby v Norwich | | Hull v Peterborough |
| Oldham v QPR | | Rochdale v Blackpool |
| Rotherham v Leicester | | Scunthorpe v Hartlepool |

TODAYS TEAM CHECK

| LUTON TOWN | | CARDIFF CITY | |
|----------------|----|----------------|--|
| JAKE FINDLAY | 1 | RON HEALEY | |
| KIRK STEPHENS | 2 | LINDEN JONES | |
| MARK AIZLEWOOD | 3 | COLIN SULLIVAN | |
| BRIAN HORTON | 4 | PETER SAYER | |
| MIKE SAXBY | 5 | KEITH PONTIN | |
| MAL DONAGHY | 6 | PHIL DWYER | |
| RICKY HILL | 7 | JOHN LEWIS | |
| BRIAN STEIN | 8 | PAUL SUGRUE | |
| STEVE WHITE | 9 | GARY STEVENS | |
| RADDY ANTIC | 10 | BILLY RONSON | |
| DAVID MOSS | 11 | JOHN BUCHANAN | |
| | 12 | | |

Referee: R. S. LEWIS, Gt. Bookham Linesmen: R. B. BANNING (Red Flag) D. H. NEVIN (Yellow Flag)



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Tuesday
22nd September 1981
Cardiff City



IN CHARGE TODAY

LEWIS, RAY (Gt. Bookham).
Commenced refereeing in the Kingston and District League in 1962 and progressed through the Isthmian League to the Football League list. Was senior linesman at a UEFA Cup quarter-final tie — Levski Spartak (Bulgaria) v Barcelona (Spain), and FA Cup semi-final 1977. A married man with one daughter, he is an Area Catering Executive who likes reading and playing bowls.