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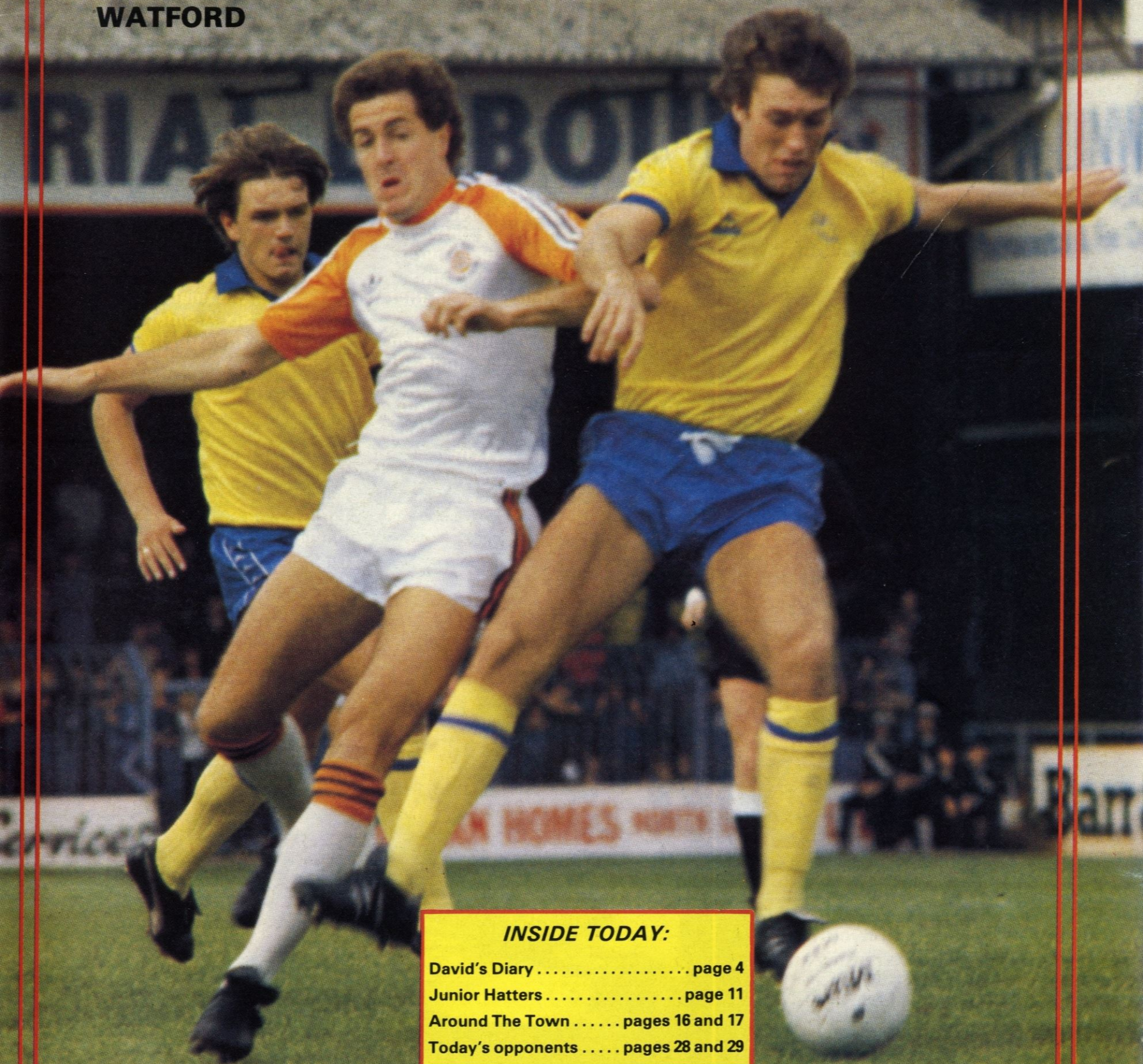
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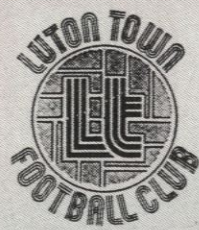
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MATCH PREVIEW

This afternoon, we welcome Luton and Watford — and their manager Graham Taylor — supporters to Kenilworth Road for the first of the two derby meetings between the teams this season.

It is our second successive home match — we entertained Cardiff City last Tuesday — and we all look forward to an entertaining game.

Luton and Watford have two remarkable showbusiness personalities with both clubs. For our part, we relish the antics of Eric Morecambe — once a director and now a vice-president.

Watford, of course, boast that their chairman is Elton John — and he needs no introduction from anyone. At the time of writing, we don't know whether both these colourful per-

sonalities will watch this afternoon's match. If they do, we welcome them to the boardroom after the game.

If there is a touch of autumn in the air today, we hope today's pre-match entertainment brings a little glow of summer into the day's pleasure for supporters of both sides.

The six-a-side cricket match being played before the kick-off is, we think, the final competitive cricket clash of the 1981 season.

Fifteen teams from the Luton and District Midweek Cricket League set out in July to win through to the finals of the Luton Town FC Six-A-Side championship, and the trophy is to be decided today.

We hope the game is as enjoyable for players and spectators as the two semi-finals were.

Today's teams represent the full spread of League cricket in Luton. Five Star, who beat Luton Pakistanis a fortnight ago, are the surprise finalists. They have had only one season in the Midweek League, and play in Division Four.

They admit that it will be a shock if they win today, because their opponents are one of the top limited-over clubs in Bedfordshire, Luton United.

They have already won the League's Knock-out Cup, in a 20-over series, but with only ten overs to face today they realise the formbook can be made to look a little silly.

We offer our congratulations to both teams, and to all others who took part, for making the tournament a success.

We also thank the Midweek League for their efforts, and the *Evening Post-Echo* and *Bernard World of Sport* for their sponsorship.

GRAHAM TAYLOR
Watford Manager



PERSONALITY PROFILE



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

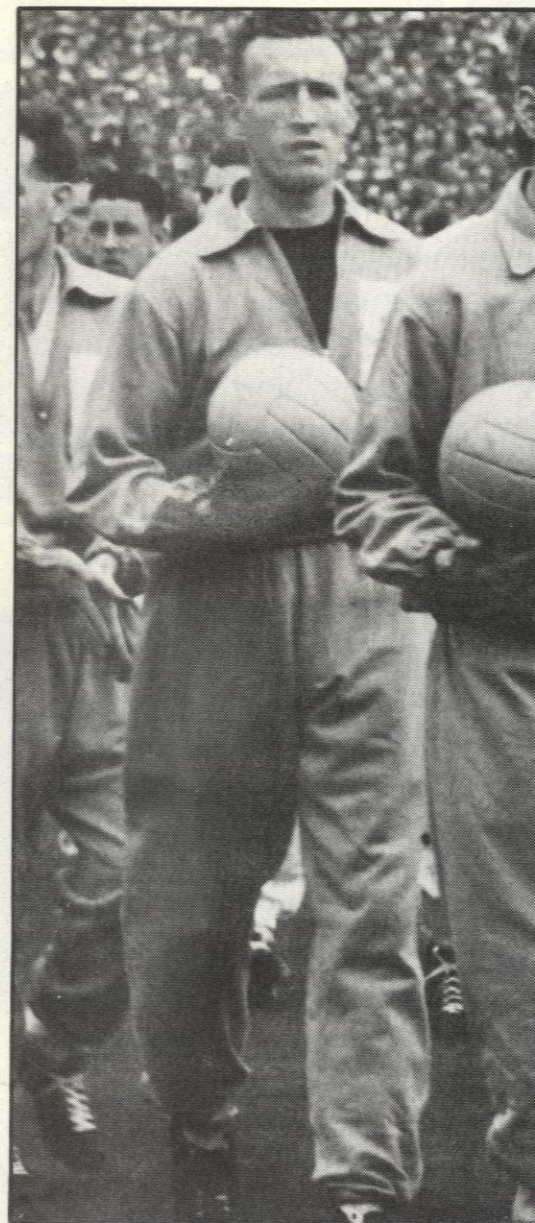
By BRIAN SWAIN

Watching Jake Findlay's performances recently has set a lot of Town supporters wondering if he is the best goalkeeper we have ever had.

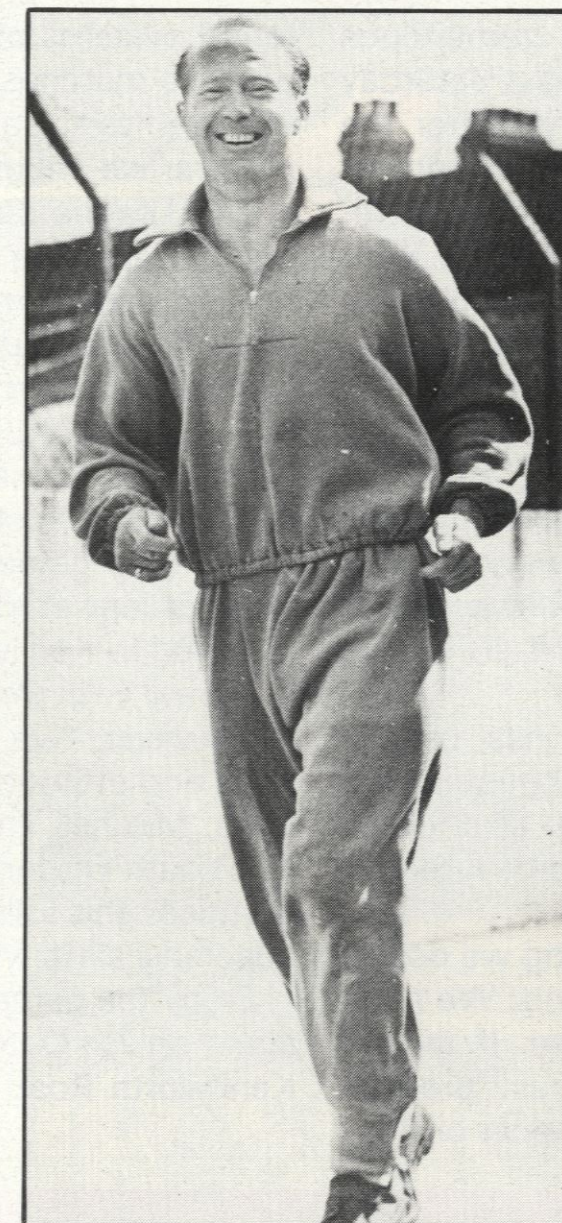
And that set me thinking about the days when Luton Town wasn't content to have one international keeper on the books — we used to have a spare one in the reserves.

The two personalities, both great favourites with Luton fans, were Ron Baynham and Bernard Streten, and for years we argued among ourselves who was the better keeper.

RON BAYNHAM



BERNARD STRETEN



We used to expect top class goalkeeping in the years just after the last war, when lowerth Hughes, a Welsh international, was the last line of defence as the Town fought to get up into the First Division.

He and Streten were competitors for the Town's goalkeeper's jersey. Hughes was transferred to Cardiff for £8,000 in 1951 after Streten rejected the chance to make the same move.

But hardly had Streten settled down as the undisputed number one choice than the Town went to Worcester City to pay £1,000 for 22-year-old Baynham.

It turned out to be tough for Streten, who had been capped as an

amateur four times and won a full England international cap in 1949. England beat Ireland 9-2 at Maine Road Manchester. Streten was a spectator for most of the game, yet was dropped.

In Luton we understood that decision about as much as we see Jock Stein's logic in leaving Findlay out of his squad.

Having seen off the challenge of Hughes, Streten was eventually seen to be the Town's regular second choice as Baynham emerged to become one of the best keepers in England.

By the 1954-55 season Baynham's ability, particularly his willingness to cover the full penalty area, made him an essential ingredient in the Town side which won promotion to the First Division.

Within a couple of years, Streten had gone out of League football. He played for Kings Lynn and Wisbech, and is now a successful hotel keeper in his native Norfolk.

Baynham won England caps in 1956 against Ireland, Denmark and Spain, before losing his place to Reg Matthews of Coventry.

He also won an FA Cup runners-up medal with the Town in 1959, and Luton were in the Third Division, and on their way to the Fourth by the time a leg injury finished his career in 1965.

He had played 388 League games for the Town. Dave Pacey was released at the same time as Baynham, and they were the last members of the Cup Final squad to leave.

Was Baynham the best goalkeeper we have had at Kenilworth Road since the war? Or Streten? Or perhaps Hughes? At the risk of resurrecting arguments of 20 years ago, I still choose Baynham. Thank goodness Jake Findlay is pushing hard to overtake him.



DAVID'S DIARY

'I sensed a very positive reaction to the introduction of the new points system'

It gives me pleasure to thank all the tremendous supporters who travelled to Leicester last Saturday and help us bounce back in fine style after the disappointment of the Sheffield Wednesday game.

The central characters today need little introduction. We meet for the fifth time since Watford's return to the Second Division. Each game has been competitive, entertaining and trouble-free on the terraces.

My only hope this afternoon is that we see an exciting game with both sides playing attractive football for the three points. When I met Graham Taylor at a game recently I sensed a very positive reaction to the introduction of the new points system and, without doubt, the signs so far are good.

The England defeat in Norway has caused much soul searching among those connected with the game and there has been a torrent of criticism — much of it constructive — aimed at football in this country.

There is no need for gloom providing we do not continue to bury our heads in the sand. We must learn from such dreadful experiences. If techniques are not good enough, we must practice harder. If we struggle against the sweeper or dif-

ferent systems of play, we should be involved in practice matches against such systems.

If we have too many League fixtures and stale players, we should reduce the number by looking at the League structure and reorganising. If certain players have no pride in playing for their country and cannot motivate themselves, they should never be selected. We know the answers and all in football — coaches, managers and players — have a responsibility to work harder and dedicate themselves to making it better.

Our South East Counties League side, who play their home games at Poynters Road, have made an excellent start. After beating Spurs 3-2, they returned to Kenilworth Road and disappointed in a 2-2 draw with Peterborough in a Cup-tie.

However, two days later they showed the right spirit and attitude to win the replay 2-0. One of the boys, Mitchell Thomas who joined the club under the Youth Opportunities Scheme, signs as an apprentice this week which is a credit to our coaching staff. We wish him every success.

Enjoy the game. We look forward to seeing you again on 7th October when we meet Wrexham at Kenilworth Road in the Football League Cup.

DAVID PLEAT

It's been a long, hot summer for David Moss who was transferred to American club Tampa Bay Rowdies at the end of last season. He helped the Rowdies to reach the NASL play-offs and, although they didn't reach the final, he still enjoyed a successful summer and scored 11 goals.

It was a record which pleased Rowdies' coach Gordon Jago who, once his team had been eliminated, immediately opened negotiations with Luton manager David Pleat for Moss's transfer back to Kenilworth Road.

Most Luton fans won't need reminding that David was our joint leading scorer last season with 19 goals. Can he beat that record this time? We certainly hope so.



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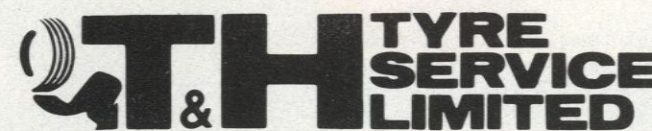
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LUTON LEISURE

In conjunction with the Luton Youth Service, a new competition is being organised for young men and women between the ages of 16 and 21.

The name of the competition is Luton Superteams and eight areas of the town will soon be holding trials at youth clubs to pick a team of nine men and nine women.

On Sunday 22nd November, at the Regional Sports Centre, Stopsley, the eight teams will play each other at mixed badminton, mixed table tennis, netball, basketball, mixed five-a-side soccer and a relay. The winning side will receive a cup with plaques for winners and runners-up.

Further details will be issued in this programme and local Press in the near future.

The Hatters Community Junior Netball League has been completed. The winners of the C and A League Cup are: Under-11 — Toddington Totts; runners-up Phoenix. Under-13 — Comets Seniors; runners-up Lewsey. The next big junior netball event will be held at Easter when the Luton Town Tournament will be played.

The *Evening Post-Echo* three-day football coaching course is filling quickly. If you wish to apply for a place, you are advised to do so immediately to avoid disappointment. The course is being held at the Lea Manor

Recreation Centre, Putteridge Recreation Centre and Stopsley Sports Centre on 21st, 22nd and 23rd December. The entrance fee is only £4 for the three days. Application forms are available in the ticket office or telephone Marsh House.

The Luton Town five-a-side tournament will start on 18th November with the junior competition starting the following day. The venue is Lewsey Park.

Details will soon be released of an exciting cricket coaching course which will take place over Easter. For further details of any courses telephone: Mike Iacono, Marsh House, Bramingham Road, Luton (56879).

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BRIAN STEIN — pursued by a Sheffield Wednesday defender in a recent match at Kenilworth Road.



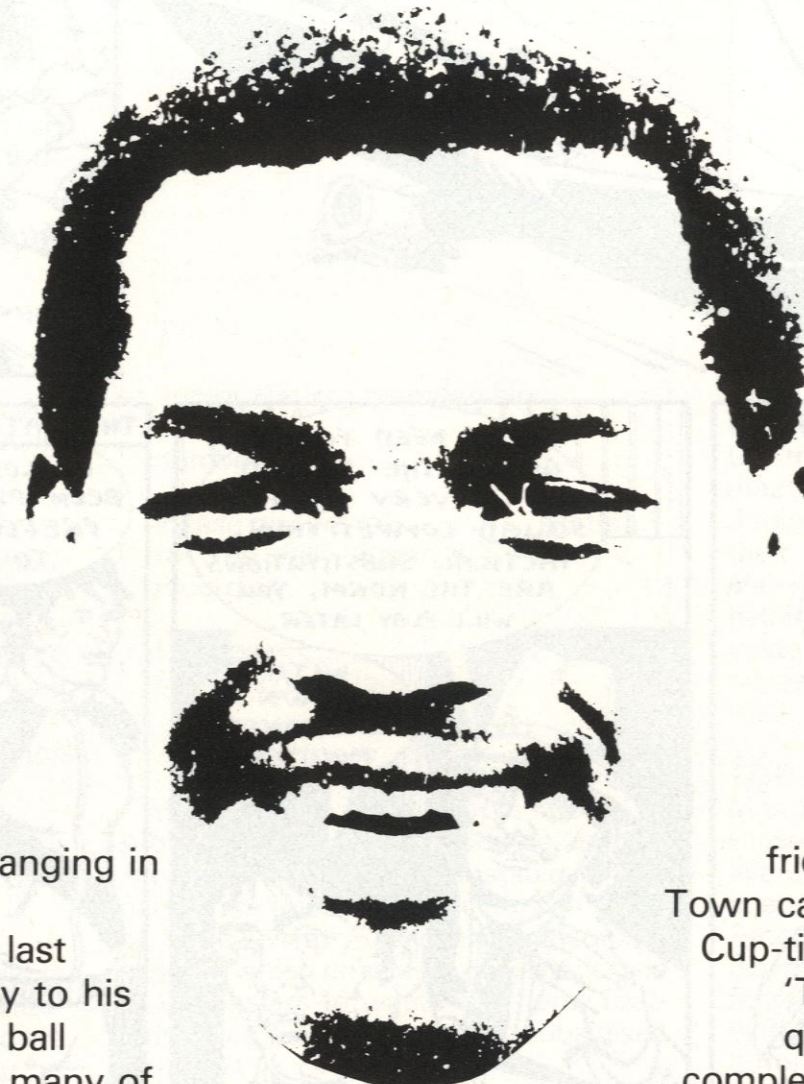
SPOTLIGHT

Every manager dreams of finding good players on their own doorsteps. And the bonus of not paying inflated transfer fees is never something to be ignored.

That's why David Pleat was delighted to have basked in one of the bargain buys of his managerial career when he spotted Brian Stein playing in Athenian League soccer in North London.

Pleat paid only £6,000 for Stein's transfer and Brian responded last season by finishing joint top scorer — with David Moss — after banging in 19 goals.

Brian featured in 47 games last season and it was testimony to his dazzling runs and excellent ball control that the Town won many of their penalties when opposing defenders were frustrated into



bringing him down inside the box.

Stein was a Health Authority officer in North London and coupled the duties of his full-time job by playing football for pocket money. But his transfer to Luton changed all that and he has since become a regular member of the senior side.

Before a match, Brian listens to his extensive library of records. But once the game is over, he enjoys a meal and a few drinks with his

friends. His full debut for the Town came in the Football League Cup-tie against Manchester City.

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"BOBBIN" DINO, LEATOWN'S YOUNG FOREIGN PLAYER WAS HOMEWARD BOUND FOR WORLD CUP DUTY.

HEAD FOR HEIGHTS!

EPISODE FOUR

by Roy Aspden



WITH ONLY TWO FINALISTS FROM CONCACAF, IT'LL BE TOUGH FOR GUATADOR TO QUALIFY.

ANOTHER SOCCER PLAYER WAS ON THE SAME FLIGHT

HELLO BOBBIN. CAN I JOIN YOU? I AM CARLOS OF SHEDFORD UNITED.



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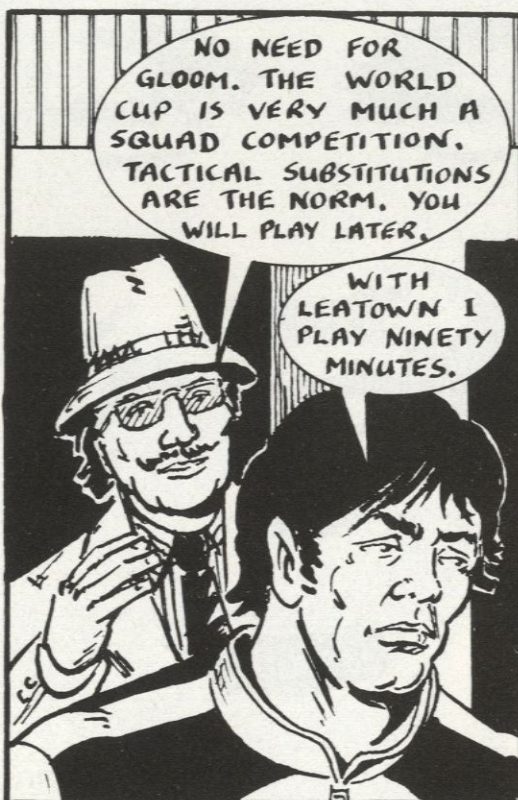
GREAT NEWS.

CARLOS PLAYS IN THE SAME POSITION AS ME, AND HAS A GOOD REPUTATION. MY PLACE IN THE SIDE IS AT RISK!



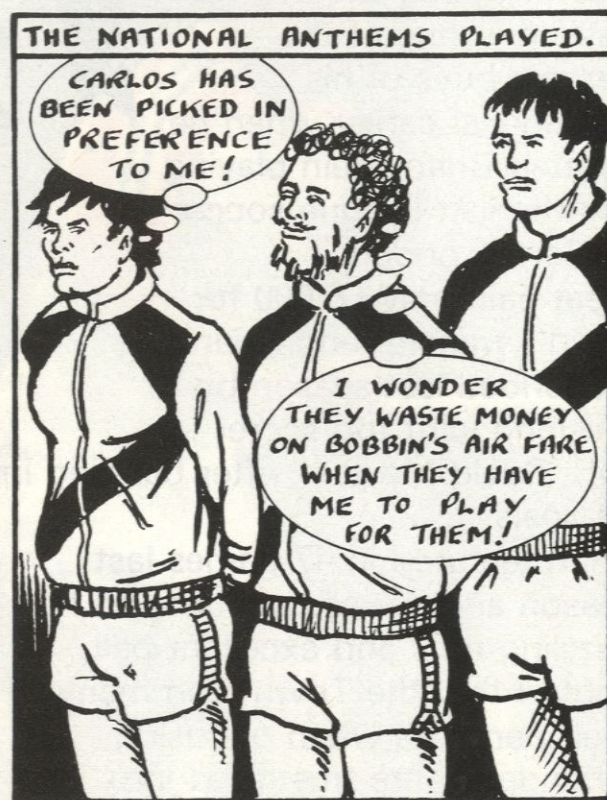
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THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS PLAYED.

CARLOS HAS BEEN PICKED IN PREFERENCE TO ME!

I WONDER THEY WASTE MONEY ON BOBBIN'S AIR FARE WHEN THEY HAVE ME TO PLAY FOR THEM!



GUATADOR CONCEDED AN EARLY GOAL; BUT, JUST BEFORE HALF TIME, CARLOS FOUND HIMSELF WITH SPACE TO GET A SHOT IN--

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MEANWHILE ON THE BENCH

CARLOS IS PLAYING A BLINDER, THE BOSS'D BE AN IDIOT TO PULL HIM OFF.

NEXT EPISODE : AN ILL WIND FROM THE CORDILLERA.

JUNIOR HATTERS



First, the result of Ricky's competition in the Junior Hatters columns in the Sheffield Wednesday match magazine, and the *Evening Post*. Ricky put six qualities which a professional footballer needs, in the following order:

1. Possess the basic skills and techniques of football.
2. Be dedicated to the game and prepared to work hard.
3. Have a strong belief in yourself.
4. To be able to work well with a team.
5. Be a good sportsman and accept decisions.
6. Be an ambassador for the game.

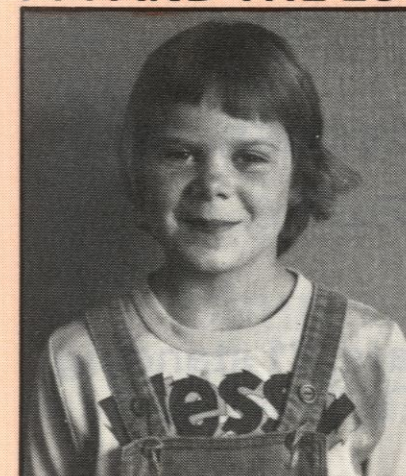
There was only one all-correct solution, and the winner was: Paul Lempriere of 40 Swifts Green Close, Stopsley, Luton. Paul, who is 13, and is a very keen fan of Luton Town will receive his prize of a cash voucher to be exchanged in our Souvenir Shop today. Congratulations Paul.

Now for the details of a chance for Junior Hatters to watch a TV recording of Billy Smart's Circus.

Fifty-three free tickets are available for a visit to the circus, based at Windsor, for Friday, October 30th. A coach will leave Kenilworth Road at 5.15 p.m. returning at the end of the show, and arriving back in Luton at about 11.15 p.m. The cost is £2 a head (including tip) for Junior Hatters and their parents.

Get your application in quickly to avoid disappointment. Fill in the form on this page, and send it to Colin Ball, Junior Hatters, Luton Town Football Club, 70/72 Kenilworth Road, Luton, together with the amount due in order to reserve your seat(s) on the coach.

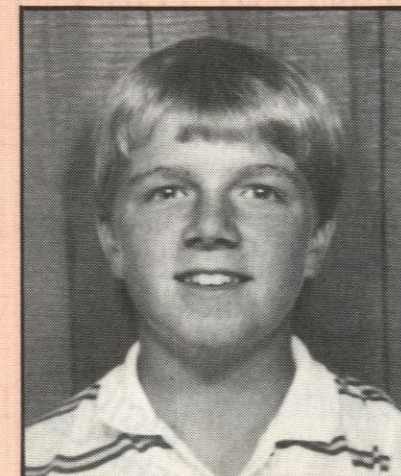
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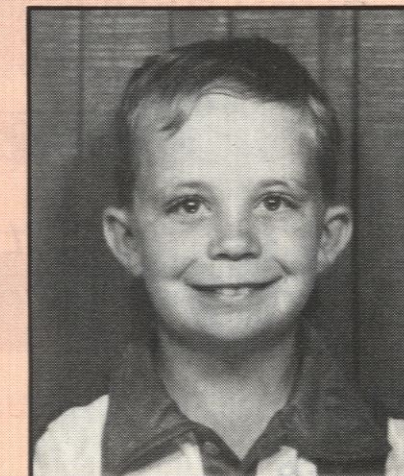
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THE MASCOT ...



JEREMY HARVEY

PAUL PRICE TESTIMONIAL

On this special occasion when Luton meet Spurs, the FA Cup Holders, the Junior Hatters have a chance to show their thanks to our long-serving ex-player, Paul Price (now with Spurs) by helping to swell the crowd, and watching a great game. Price on this one occasion will be £1 — come and support Paul.

TODAY'S MASCOT AND ESCORTS

Mascot: Jeremy Harvey, 8 Sheringham Close, Luton. Jeremy is a pupil at Warden Hill Junior School, Luton and is aged 10.

Escorts: Joanne Green, 45 Eaton Valley Road, Luton. Pupil at Crawley Green Infants School, Luton, aged 6. Adrian Witherspoon, 153 Turnpike Drive, Luton. Pupil at Warden Hill Infants School, Luton, aged 7. Gary Cobb, 10 Galston Road, Luton. Aged 13, pupil at Lealands High School, Luton. Finbarr Conway, 86 Crawley Road, Luton. Aged 9, pupil at St Joseph's Junior School, Luton.

Watch out for next Tuesday's Junior Hatters column in the *Evening Post* for the names of more mascots and escorts for future home matches. Get in the fun and entertainment — be a Junior Hatter today! Enrolment forms are available in the Junior Hatters Clubroom downstairs in the Souvenir Bar. Ask for one today!

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Please reserve me seat(s) for the Billy Smart's Circus TV recording.

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Anyone interested in bringing a party should contact Colin Ball at the club offices for further details. (Luton 39079/411622)

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

Have we any musicians among our Junior Hatters? If so, please let Colin Ball know. We would like, eventually, to form our own band. So if you play an instrument, let Colin know and at what grade. He will then contact you and give you more details. SOUNDS like a good idea!

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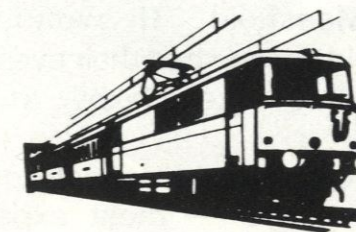
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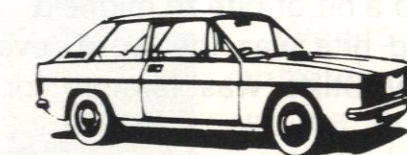
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a decade ago
By BRIAN SWAIN
Sports Editor, Luton News**

Politics were intruding into the thoughts of a lot of people ten years ago this week, and in Luton we faced major questions to concern us all — could Harold Wilson get back into Downing Street — was he right when he forecast that the Conservative Government would see unemployment rise to a million — when would Luton Town win a game . . .

The last question was the important one for a lot of us, because we

hadn't managed a victory in any of our eight games, and were looking too closely at the wrong end of the Second Division table.

And we didn't much fancy our chances when we looked at the opposition to play at Kenilworth Road ten years ago yesterday. Middlesbrough had been in promotion contention for each of the four seasons since their relegation in 1967.

In John Hickton they had one of the most lethal and consistent strikers in Britain, and they had just added a bit of bite to midfield.

And bite was the word, even if Nobby Stiles was famous for his

toothless grin after England's 1966 World Cup victory at Wembley.

He had been transferred in the summer of 1971 from Manchester United for £30,000, and Middlesbrough manager Stan Anderson had strengthened his defence by paying £50,000 to buy Stuart Boam from Mansfield. (I wonder if Mansfield already had their eyes on a 13-year-old Mike Saxby at the time?).

The pools tipsters were divided in their forecasts — most expected Middlesbrough to win, but some thought the Town might manage their seventh draw in nine fixtures.

They all got it wrong. At long last, with 13,001 supporters cheering, the Town recorded their first victory of the season.

A bad back pass gave Hickton the chance to put Boro ahead in the 11th minute, but six minutes later Alan Slough's cross enabled Vic Halom to score his first goal for Luton after his £30,000 transfer from Fulham.

Stiles limped off with a knee injury midway through the first half, and the Town never looked like losing after that. Robin Wainwright made it 2-1 from a pass by Peter Anderson in the 54th minute and six minutes from time Wainwright returned the favour for Anderson to hit the Town's third. A late reply by Willie Maddren came too late to save Middlesbrough.

And if you doubt that a winning team is what spectators want most, the season's biggest attendance turned up three days later for the visit of Fulham.

Anderson collected an early injury and was substituted when Jimmy Ryan took his place.

He provided a stream of good passes from the right wing and the Town won in a canter, with a 13th minute goal from Wainwright and one by Halom in the 68th minute.

"Were on our way again," we thought to ourselves, not knowing that it would take three more years to arrive.

ALAN SLOUGH



More time for laughs. Eric Morecambe jokes with a previous bingo winner.

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Today sees us playing bingo for a full house for our star prize of a £400 holiday voucher to spend on a holiday of your choice with SILVAIR HOLIDAYS, King St., Luton.

Their director, Tony Baltierez is an avid supporter of ours and, due to Silvoir's generous support, we shall be able to offer a further three £400 holiday vouchers later in the season.

We are trying hard to provide you with plenty of entertainment before matches, and we hope you've enjoyed what you've seen so far this season. However, it would help us if we could hear from you with some constructive criticism, or maybe new ideas which you think could be of help to our pre-match presentation. All letters to: Mike Beevor, Projects & Advertising Manager.

Finally, at the time of going to press we have not had a claim for the winning line across on the top house at the Sheffield Wednesday game. The winning numbers were:

38-23-56-82-1-35-11-71-68-40.

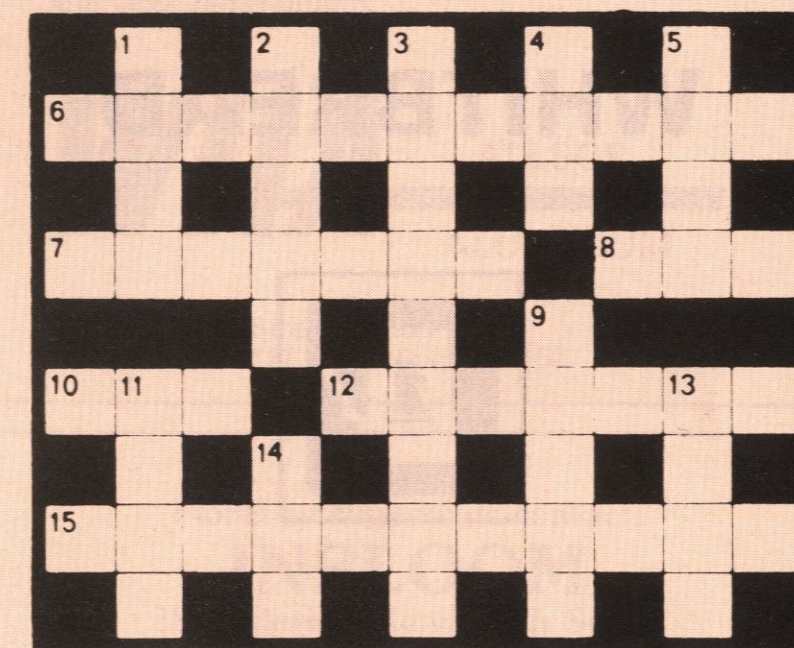
So if you didn't check your bingo card in the Sheffield Wednesday programme please do so immediately, because a 12" Portable TV Set is waiting to be claimed.

CROSSWORD

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

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

• Check your answers with the solutions on Statistics page.



AROUND THE TOWN

A NEW APPOINTMENT

Ambition for First Division status doesn't solely revolve around success on the pitch. Any successful club has to have support on the administrative side of the business and that is why chief executive John Smith has appointed Bournemouth secretary, Graham MacKrell to a senior administrative position.

Mr MacKrell, 31, has been Bournemouth's secretary for five years. Before that, he was the Fourth Division club's accountant for two years.

Mr Smith said: 'Graham will have senior executive status. It is important that we have the correct administrative background within the club.'

'Graham is a qualified accountant, and Luton Town lacks a young person of high quality who can provide that.'

'The appointment has been on my mind for the last 12 months and I felt it was essential we had someone who had a good knowledge of football, was young and had a financial background.'

'Graham fitted the bill perfectly. During my visits to other clubs in addition to attending various meetings, Graham stood out like a sore thumb and I am extremely pleased he has accepted the offer to join us.'

'It was important to have someone on the staff who could stand in for me. We currently don't have anyone who can do that, especially with regard to the current problems connected with the A505 relief road at the side of our ground.'

'What I am doing is providing for the club's future.'

Mr MacKrell, married with two children, said: 'Luton are an ambitious club and, while I was very happy at Bournemouth, this was obviously an offer I couldn't refuse.'

Mr MacKrell takes up his appointment on 16th November.

BOX OFFICE . . . BOX OFFICE . . .
Paul Price's Testimonial Match has now been arranged for Monday 12th October, against Tottenham Hotspur at Kenilworth Road.

Admission prices will be £2 for seats and £1 for standing. Many people have offered to take blocks of seats to sell and, therefore, seats are being sold on a first come — first served basis and it will NOT be possible to reserve certain seats.

Beacuse there is only a limited time available to sell these seats and as we play away on the two preceding Saturdays, it will help Paul if you will buy your seating tickets as soon as possible.

We will be open after today's game for the sale of these tickets and, of course, tickets will be on sale during normal office hours 9.15 a.m. to 4.45 p.m., all day.

Tickets will not be required for the standing areas. Normal pay at the turnstile arrangements will apply. So do not forget, Paul did a great job for the club. Let us repay him by showing our appreciation and turning up for his testimonial game.

There are some really attractive matches coming up, so send in your ticket applications immediately. Visiting teams are asking for bigger allocations all the time, so get in early for your seats. All seats are £3 and a remittance and a SAE will secure your seats.

Our League Cup-tie against Wrexham at Kenilworth Road is scheduled to be played on Tuesday 6th October. Stand tickets, priced at £3, are available now.

Season ticket holders have until 5 p.m. on 5th October to claim their regular seat.

The second leg will be played in North Wales on Tuesday 27th October — only three days after playing Wrexham in a League match at the Racecourse ground.

FOLLOW THE ACTION

After next week's short trip to Orient, the first team are back in action at Kenilworth Road the following Tuesday 6th October, when we attempt to build a solid lead over Wrexham in the second round (first leg) of the Football League Cup.

Two weeks on Saturday, we make the trip to Lancashire to meet Oldham Athletic before entertaining Grimsby on 17th October.

A week today, the reserves are at home to Bristol City in a Football Combination match.

FOR BETTER — FOR WORSE

This is the fourth edition of your new-style matchday magazine and, as we promised at the start of the season, we will now look at the position to see whether any improvement can be made.

But we need your help with constructive advice — or criticism. It is YOUR magazine and we want you to have your say on the content.

Your letters should be sent to: The Matchday Magazine Editor, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road, Luton.

FANCY MEETING YOU AGAIN

A local Pressman had a direct telephone line open to the Press Association teleprinters when the draw for the second round of the Football League Cup was scheduled to be made.

Luton officials gathered around him to see whether we could really expect a game against Manchester United, Liverpool, Aston Villa, Ipswich or some of the other First Division big boys.

But there was an anti-climax when Luton were pulled out of the hat — against Wrexham. The luck of the draw gave us first crack against the Welshmen at Kenilworth Road on 6th October.

There was, however, a twist to the draw because the second leg is scheduled to be played only four days after we visit Wrexham for a League game later next month.

It means we will face Wrexham away twice in four days — and that is bound to take some of the glamour away from the Cup-tie from Wrexham's point of view.

It also means our faithful travelling fans will have to make the same journey in the space of four days.

The draw produced the following comments from Luton manager David Pleat: 'It could have been better. We all look for those attractive Cup-ties and it is up to us to ensure we don't fail against Wrexham.'

ARE YOU GOOD AT FIGURES?

Are you any good at figures. If you are, you may be interested to learn of the Association of Football Statisticians who would be pleased to hear from Luton Town supporters who can supply in-depth details of the club's history.

The Association regularly produces books and newsletters containing information on various clubs at League, non-League and international level.

Did you know, for example, that Luton's lowest League attendance was against QPR on 18th April 1934 when only 2,402 people watched the game?

You probably didn't, but that is the sort of information the Association provides.

If you would like further information, or would like to join the Association, write to Mr R. Spiller, 5 Hempstalls, Basildon, Essex SS15 5AA.

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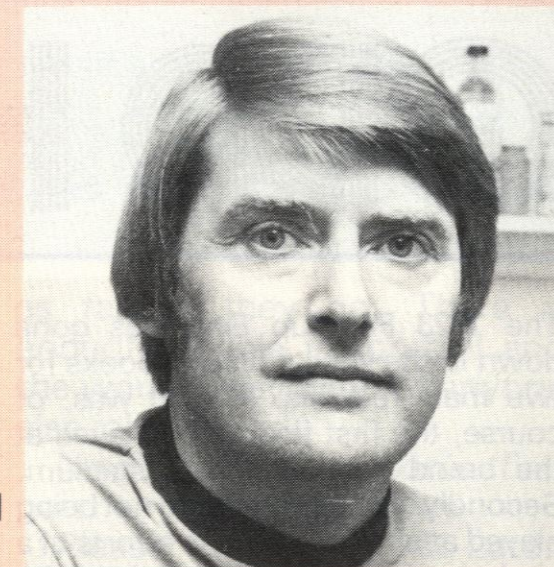
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MEDICAL TOPICS

with
JOHN SHERIDAN



A series where our physiotherapist John Sheridan looks at the medical scene.

It is estimated that in this country, between five and ten per cent of all attendances at the casualty department of hospitals are due to injury in sport.

The important question at all levels of sport is can we prevent any of these injuries happening? The answer must be yes.

Below are a few ideas we try to put into practice at the football club, that have helped in our prevention of injury programme. Players should be physically fit, skill and technique are also a vital factor. For example, a ill-timed challenge can leave a player injured and if a player is not physically fit fatigue can set in towards the end of the game and is also vulnerable to injury.

This is where I feel regular training and coaching comes in to its own, especially at a younger age.

High on the list of priorities come correct type of footwear. This includes correct fitting and type of stud. Holes and darns in socks will cause blisters and corns. Shirts and shorts should be comfortable and not restrictive. Shin pads should also be worn.

A series of exercises should be performed before every

training session — also before a match. These are designed to prevent strained muscles and joint problems and to get the player mentally prepared for the game.

By stretching all the muscles and joints before you compete cuts down injuries dramatically. Also, a warming-down period is important so that the body will return to normal and prevent stiffness.

If a player is unlucky enough to get injured on the field of

play, great care should be taken not to move him until you have determined the nature and extent of injury. If a spinal injury is suspected, medical aid must be sought before moving him.

All wounds should be cleaned and dressed and players at all levels can have the added protection of a Tetanus injection.

These are just a few ideas to think about on the prevention of injuries and if put into practice may prevent an injury. The principles can apply to most sports.

Mal Donaghy demonstrates exercises for the groin. All body weight on left leg with right leg out to side at 45 degrees. Hold this position for ten seconds. Reverse this with body weight on right leg and stretch the left groin ten times.



ODD HAPPENINGS

The 1923 FA Cup Final has gone down in the soccer history books for two main reasons. First, it was, of course, the first final to be played at the brand new Wembley stadium. Secondly it was very near to not being played at all since only the efforts of a phalanx of policemen, bravely led by the legendary one on a white horse, allied to what must have been an extremely patient and good-tempered crowd, cleared the playing area.

A vast mass of humanity had spilled on to the pitch, some arriving via the turnstiles, some mounting the walls in a manner that ensured that all subsequent finals would be all-ticket affairs.

Inevitably, however, even though the pitch was cleared sufficiently for the game to begin, the crowd was sufficiently near to the touchlines to take at times an unusually active part in proceedings. For instance when

the first Bolton goal was scored by David Jack, the ball actually struck a spectator who was standing close to the back of the netting. It rebounded back into play and it was just as well for Bolton that the referee was not unsighted.

With stoppages because of the crowd spilling onto the pitch at regular intervals, the first half lasted an hour and there was no further score until eight minutes after the interval. This was the point at which an anonymous spectator played probably the most direct part in the scoring of a goal ever played by a mere supporter.

The circumstances were that Ted Vizard, Bolton's Welsh international left-winger, raced down the flank near to the touchline and at one point seemed almost to have lost control as the ball seemed to be running out of play. Back it came to

him, however, apparently from the friendly foot of a spectator and Ted raced on to cross the ball.

John Smith met the ball on the volley and the ball bounced down and out. As in the 1966 World Cup Final, the referee signalled a goal and no-one will ever be sure whether the ball actually crossed the line.

Even more controversial, however, was the fact that no signal had been given when the ball was played by a spectator. The linesman's vision was almost certainly obscured by spectators on the line and, but for the fact that a goal resulted, few would have remembered the incident.

As it was Ted Vizard (later to manage Wolves and to live well into his 70s) believed for the rest of his life that luck had been with him that day. One wonders whether the spectator responsible remembered it too.

JOHN'S JOURNAL



I recently received a letter from Mr Turner, of Ringwood Road, Luton, who obviously believes that lightning strikes twice in the same place. His letter states that the last time we were promoted to the First Division, Don McAlister, (then of Bolton Wanderers) helped us on our way with an own goal at Kenilworth Road. As we all know, Don did the same thing again for us on the opening match of the season.

Incidentally, both his flashes of genius were at the Kenilworth Road end of the ground. Well, we all hope that this omen keeps working.

Over the years we have received many amusing letters especially at Cup-tie times. Letters such as 'I haven't missed a match at Kenilworth Road for

five years — can I please have a seat behind the goal?' Another said: 'I've just come out of hospital after a serious leg operation, and could I have a standing ticket?' — tickets for seats behind the goal, on the halfway line — I could go on with many more.

Last week I had a telephone call from a gentleman saying: 'If I cycle to the match, can I get my bike through the turnstile, and once inside, is there anywhere I can put it?'

I only wish that I had kept a record of all that type of call and letters, as I am sure that I could have written a book — a best seller at that!

Most important, I hope that as today is a local derby, both sets of supporters sing and chant in favour of their team, but that is

as far as they go. There is enough trouble in football and the world today without anyone else joining in.

Now for this season's first quiz.

Please name six ex-Luton Town players who are now managers of either a Football League club or a national side. The first correct answer will receive two tickets for our next home match.

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John Wilkinson
Secretary



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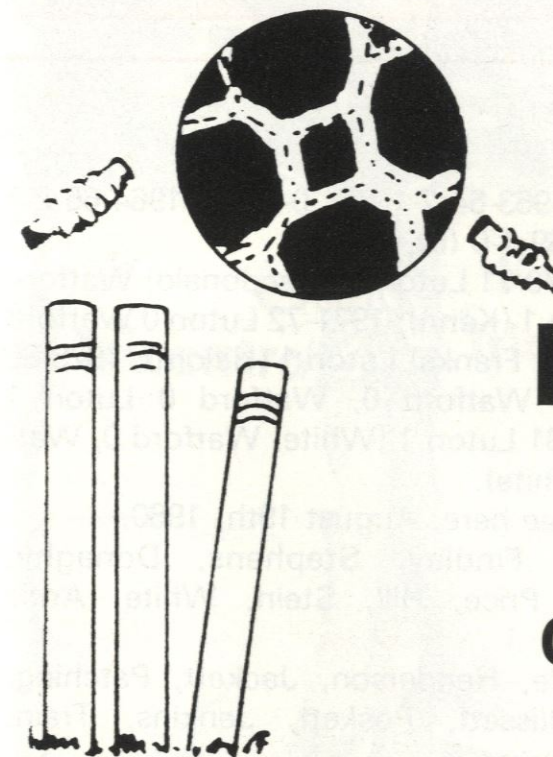
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Two first team home games in five days is something we do not experience often, and naturally means a lot of hard work behind the scenes in order that we, the supporters, are able to come along and enjoy ourselves while at the

same time, encouraging our team.

The first month of the new season has passed quickly, and in another month we shall be meeting for the Century Club annual general meeting.

Attendance was much better last year, showing members are taking more interest in our club, and we look to see many more this year. Nominations will be required for committee, and interested members are asked to contact me.

We would remind you of the Paul Price Testimonial game on Monday 12th October, when we play Spurs. Those of you who have not booked yet, please see Catherine Ball today, and if you cannot use your seat, we would be pleased to know.

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We welcome Barratt Developments (Luton) Limited once more as our match sponsors. On the three previous matches sponsored by Barratt, Luton have lost. Hopefully this is not an omen and today's visit by Watford will start a new trend.

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IN RETROSPECT

LUTON TOWN v WATFORD

Division Three (South): 1920-21 1-0 (h), 0-1 (a); 1921-22 1-1 (h), 1-4 (a); 1922-23 0-1 (h), 1-2 (a); 1923-24 0-0 (h), 0-0 (a); 1924-25 0-3 (h), 1-1 (a); 1925-26 5-0 (h), 0-2 (a); 1926-27 2-2 (h), 1-2 (a); 1927-28 3-2 (h), 0-1 (a); 1928-29 2-2 (h), 2-3 (a); 1929-30 2-0 (h), 4-0 (a); 1930-31 4-1 (h), 0-1 (a); 1931-32 0-1 (h), 1-3 (a); 1932-33 3-2 (h), 1-4 (a); 1933-34 2-1 (h), 1-0 (a); 1934-35 2-2 (h), 2-2 (a); 1935-36 2-1 (h), 3-1 (a); 1936-37 4-1 (h), 3-1 (a).

Division Three: 1963-64 2-1 (h), 0-2 (a); 1964-65 2-4 (h), 0-2 (a); 1968-69 1-0 (h), 1-2 (a).

Division Two: 1970-71 Luton 1 (Macdonald) Watford 0, Watford 0 Luton 1 (Kenn); 1971-72 Luton 0 Watford 0, Watford 2 (Eddy, Franks) Luton 1 (Halom); 1979-80 Luton 1 (Hatton) Watford 0, Watford 0 Luton 1 (Stephens); 1980-81 Luton 1 (White) Watford 0, Watford 0 Luton 1 (White).

Teams for last home here, August 19th, 1980.

LUTON TOWN: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, White, Antic (West), Moss.

WATFORD: Steele, Henderson, Jackett, Patching, Sims, Bolton, Blissett, Poskett, Jenkins, Train, Rostron.

Attendance: 13,887.



IN FOCUS



Ambition cannot be realised without co-operation. And that's what we, at Luton, are really proud of. There is always someone behind the scenes ready to do their bit for the club to assist us to make Luton Town into an ambitious family affair. Above, members of the Bobbers Travel Club present cheques worth £4,100 to physiotherapist John Sheridan for the purchase of medical treatment. Below, some of the happy escorts and the match day mascot who earn their reward for being members of the Junior Hatters Club. See pages 10 and 11 for today's Junior Hatters news.



PROGRAMME CORNER

Many of our supporters will have seen Preston North End in action both in reality and on television, but do any of our supporters remember the other North End, the one hailing from Glossop?

Glossop North End were members of the Second Division from 1898 to 1915. The club is still in fact in existence, playing in Division Two of the

This is of their game at Blackpool on 11th April 1914. It is a 16-page issue printed on green paper and selling for one old penny. The teams are published on the centre pages and League fixtures and tables are printed rather similarly to today. There is also a list of leading goalscorers from the First and Second Divisions and from the Southern League and a half-time key.

One is struck, however, by the very general nature of the programme notes. There are no 'from the inside' notes on the home side, Blackpool, nor any specific introduction to the visitors, Glossop.

Glossop do get a mention, however, in the brief accounts of the previous week's Second Division matches. They had gained a win over Lincoln to keep alive hopes of not having to apply for re-election.

Other teams are referred to because of recent transfer deals or injuries or surprise results — a very similar sort of column to the 'Division Scene' feature in a

number of programmes today. Comments are a little more outspoken than they are today. However — we learn that West Ham's Puddefoot was so badly kicked that he would be out of action for the rest of the season.

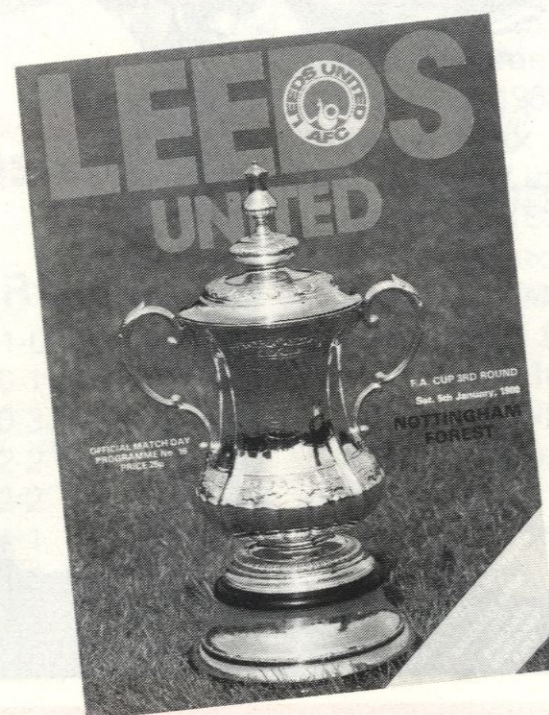
A list of gate receipts from the first four rounds of the FA Cup reveals that the average per



Cheshire County League and issuing a 16-page programme.

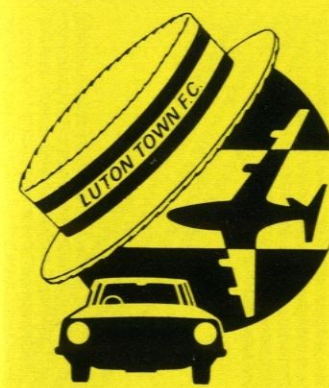
Such programmes are not particularly valuable though they are as good as most non-League programmes today. On the other hand a Glossop programme from their Football League days would be almost priceless.

Not only has the writer never seen one. He has not even met or even heard of anyone who has seen one. The nearest to such a rarity that has come to hand is a Glossop away programme from their last but one season in the Football League.



match was around the £1,000 mark. At today's prices this would mean a crowd of under 500 but in those days the number could be anything up to 10,000.

There is just one picture in the programme — of four Blackpool players looking a little ungainly as they faced the camera. Photography was something of a luxury in those days and there is a full-page advertisement by one photographer at Central Beach. He offers his services for nine hours a day, seven days a week, his maxim being 'Expression is Everything'.



SHOP WINDOW



THE GOLDEN ROLL-UP

This new 50p lottery which recently went on sale was regarded as a Football League 'guinea pig' and has since become a resounding success. Conceived by us at Luton, it has been monitored throughout the entire football world as a test of the public's reaction, particularly to see if lottery purchasers would be interested in a high-priced ticket.

Much thought went into the introduction of the ticket with design choice of exciting important games, method of winning and collation. In fact, all aspects were considered to ensure that the punters' interests were maintained throughout and, at the end of the day, chances of

losing were minimised.

We now have what we honestly believe to be the Utopia of lotteries. The Golden Roll-Up sells at 50p and total prizes are £10,000 — top prize is £2,000. It gives you a better chance of winning than one in five.

Since the season started we have sold out on two complete lotteries and have now started a third. Our future intentions are to sell a lottery each month and gradually work ourselves into a weekly situation.

It was the same position as we reached with our three other 25p lotteries, Liquid Gold, Cash Gold and Merlin Celebrate.

Other Football League clubs have cast envious eyes at our

successful lotteries and we wish them well. But we believe we can achieve a breakthrough with the first £1 lottery to lead the field again.

Only the strong can survive and we believe our organisational structure makes us the leaders in the lottery field.

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Thank you for buying your lottery tickets regularly from our association. The income is vital to our future success and financial survival.

MIKE HARDWICKE
Commercial Manager

ACTION



Top: Dave Moss is dragged down but the ref was not impressed.
 Above: Moss's 'Bender' — David tries to beat the line-up from a free kick.
 Top right: Steve White is the first to make contact in this bunch — to make the scoreline 2-1 at Filbert Street.
 Bottom right: The Leicestershire crowd are silenced as Steve White enjoys his second goal.



VISITORS

There were many followers of the Second Division scene who were surprised when Watford failed to win promotion at the end of last season. Manager Graham Taylor had taken the Hornets out of the Fourth Division into the Third and, last season, finished with 53 points and above the halfway mark in the table.

Taylor has been at Vicarage Road for four years — and stunned Southampton last term by thrashing them 7-1 in a League Cup game in addition to handing a shock to Nottingham Forest in the same competition.

Like Luton, Watford are an

ambitious club — and have the right executive staff to assist Taylor. Former Arsenal manager Bertie Mee and ex-Coventry secretary Eddie Plumley provide the experience which is a vital ingredient for success off the pitch.

But this season, Watford have already begun to mount their challenge for a First Division place and many have tipped them to do just that.

After a period of consolidation, Taylor's signings now seem to have the springboard to fight for one of those elusive places with the top clubs.

The Hornets have a wealth of experience with keeper Steve Sherwood playing his part well. He spent 18 months as understudy to Eric Steele but staked his claim for a first team place with some excellent displays towards the end of last season.

When Sam Ellis quit playing, Taylor found an excellent skipper in Arsenal's Pat Rice, an Irish international who cost Watford only £20,000. It cannot be coincidence that, since Rice has signed, Watford lost only six times in the 25 League matches he played in.

Wilf Rostron is the first to

LINE-UP

admit that last season is one he was pleased to see the back of. He was unable to produce anything like his normal form and fans saw only glimpses of the form he produced for Sunderland the previous year.

After playing in every game since his transfer, he lost his place in early December but has figured in the first team this season.

Kenny Jackett represents the success story of last season in most Watford supporters' eyes. At the start of the season, he had only one first team appearance to his credit but, last May, he was an ever-present. There was further success to come for him when he won a place in the full Welsh international squad after securing an Under-21 cap.

After spending most of his career with Oxford United, Les Taylor joined Watford and, at the end of last season, had done enough on the pitch to persuade Watford fans he was the man for the Player of the Year tag. He has settled into a new house at Berkhamsted and will use this season to show his talents to the full.

Since being signed from Leicester City for what was then Watford's record transfer fee, Steve Sims has had to cope with the usual problems that type of deal

KENNY JACKETT



brings with it. The start of his career at Vicarage Road was not what he would have wished but his determination began to silence his critics.

Perhaps one of the better known players is Luther Blissett who, before the start of this season, had bagged 59 goals. That kind of record must make him a marked player and it has been said that if every Watford game was televised they would have been in the First Division a long time ago because he usually manages to score when the cameras are there.

Gerry Armstrong is another player with a wealth of experience and it was hardly surprising that Taylor was forced to pay his record transfer fee for Spurs' Irish international striker. At the other end of the scale, young Nigel Callaghan has only a handful of Football League games behind him. But he made his full debut when he was only 18 and a big future is predicted for him.

Ian Bolton was struck by a back injury and had to have an operation. But that's all behind him now as he looks forward with confidence to a new season after being recalled to the first team at Shrewsbury in February where he scored the only goal in Watford's 1-0 victory.



Back row (l to r): Les Taylor, Ken Jackett, Steve Sherwood, Martin Patching, Eric Steele, Mick Henderson, Wilf Rostron.
Middle row: Ian Bolton, Gary Donnellan, Steve Sims, Tom Walley (trainer/coach), Graham Taylor (general manager), Billy Hails (physiotherapist), Sam Ellis (trainer/coach), Steve Terry, Ray Train, Malcolm Poskett.
Front row: Luther Blissett, Keith Pritchett, Pat Rice (captain), Nigel Callaghan, Gerry Armstrong.

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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																			
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Oct. 31	Plymouth Argyle																			
Nov. 7	Arsenal																			
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Nov. 14	Fulham																			
Nov. 17	Birmingham City																			
Nov. 21	Hereford United																			
Nov. 25	Tottenham Hotspur																			
Nov. 28	Southampton																			
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Dec. 5	Chelsea																			
Dec. 12	West Ham United																			
Dec. 19	Bristol Rovers																			
Dec. 28	Reading																			
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Jan. 16	Orient																			
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Jan. 30	Queens Park Rangers																			
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Feb. 6	Leicester City																			
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Feb. 13	Bristol City																			
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Feb. 27	Crystal Palace																			
Mar. 6	Swindon Town																			
Mar. 13	Ipswich Town																			
Mar. 20	Plymouth Argyle																			
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April 3	Fulham																			
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May 15	Bristol Rovers																			
May 22																				
			Up to and including Tuesday 22nd September 1981																Up to and inc. Tues 22nd Sept	
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			Up to and including Monday 21st September 1981																Up to and inc. Sat. 19th Sept.	

WATFORD BACKTRACK

A look at our visitors' history through the years

- Les Graham scored direct from a corner in consecutive games for Watford against Swindon and Q.P.R. in Division Three (South) in April 1958.
- Cliff Holton hit hat-tricks on two consecutive days for Watford against Chester and Gateshead respectively on 15th and 16th April 1960.
- Five Leicester players, Calvert, Eggleston, Cheney, Hartley and Osborne were transferred to Watford on the same day, 28th January 1948.
- Fred Le May, the Watford forward of the period 1930-3, stood just five feet high.
- In the 1920s Watford were drawn against Brighton in the FA Cup in four consecutive seasons, 1924-5-6-7-8.
- In season 1949-50 Watford both scored fewest and conceded fewest goals in Division Three (South).
- In 1931-2 Watford reached the last eight of the FA Cup while members of Division Three (South), finally going out 5-0 at Newcastle to the eventual winners.
- In 1937-38 Watford and Millwall reached the final of the Division Three (South) Cup competition. The final was held over to the following season and after two drawn games it was decided that the teams be declared joint holders.
- In 1969-70 Watford, then in Division Two, reached the semi-final of the FA Cup, beating Liverpool 1-0 in the sixth round. Just two seasons later they were relegated, scoring only 24 goals in 42 games, the lowest ever tally by a Second Division team.

TODAYS TEAM CHECK

LUTON TOWN		WATFORD	
JAKE FINDLAY	1	STEVE SHERWOOD	
KIRK STEPHENS	2	PAT RICE	
MARK AIZLEWOOD	3	KENNY JACKETT	
BRIAN HORTON	4	LES TAYLOR	
MIKE SAXBY	5	STEVE SIMS	
MAL DONAGHY	6	IAN BOLTON	
RICKY HILL	7	NIGEL CALLAGHAN	
BRIAN STEIN	8	ROSS JENKINS	
STEVE WHITE	9	GERRY ARMSTRONG	
RADDY ANTIC	10	LUTHER BLISSETT	
DAVID MOSS	11	JOHN BARNES	
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Referee: B. T. STEVENS, Gloucestershire Linesmen: P. J. NORTH (Red Flag) V. C. ROPER (Yellow Flag)



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Saturday
26th September 1981
Watford



IN CHARGE TODAY

STEVENS, BRIAN T. (Gloucestershire). Started refereeing in the Stroud Youth League in 1963 and progressed via the Stroud, Gloucestershire County and Western Leagues to the Football League list. Refereed the England v Scotland Schoolboy International at Wembley in 1975, England v Holland Schoolboy International in 1979 and Wales v Eire International. Also lined a European Cup Winners Cup match in 1977. A married man with two daughters, and is a Quality Control Supervisor.