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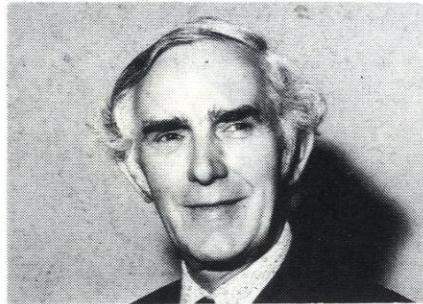
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KICK-OFF

WITH ARTHUR APPLETON

A 4-1 win with a goal like that, coming at the right time so that you were left enthusing over it. It's been quite a time since one could bathe in such euphoria. A much more satisfying win than the 3-0 one over Derby. I know the goals which swung it came when Charlton were down to ten men, and that in comment and assessment the full side will never receive one hundred per cent praise no matter how they've performed. I remember how the joy of Newcastle's 1952 Wembley win over Arsenal was sullied because, in those pre-substitute days, Arsenal had lost Wally Barnes through injury. And after all it was Don McAllister's own fault that he was sent off. Others provoked far more, have disciplined themselves and not risked their colleagues having to carry on without them.

Alan Brown's pace and eagerness was equalled by Imre Varadi's which meant that Newcastle had finishing power. Brown's goal was spectacular enough for normal watching, especially as it put United in the lead after their finely worked first one, but Varadi's last one was one for the memory. It was out of that top drawer which Jackie Milburn used to reach into now and again. He was the player I was reminded of. Varadi had the ball so long it seemed he'd picked it up from a Gallowgate shop.

I don't expect such a feast this afternoon although the encounter could be even more enthralling. The pacemakers Luton have gone well ahead this time, and they have by far the best away record in the Football League. They've very nearly picked up

maximum points – nineteen out of a possible twenty-one, only four goals scored against them, and they also won a League Cup game at Wrexham. So it's seven away wins out of eight.

The only team to entertain Luton this season and escape defeat is Oldham: they managed a 1-1 draw against these happy wanderers. Luton have won at Q.P.R., Bolton and Leicester, all at 2-1; at Orient 3-0, at Wrexham 2-0, then 1-0 in the League Cup, and at Blackburn in their last away game 1-0.

Five points in the clear they are racing ahead of the field, their supporters hoping that they'll get so far ahead that when the going gets heavy they won't drop further back this time than a place position. Their flaw is at home, they've lost three there this season, including Wrexham's League Cup win. But they've won their last six games, three home and three away.

Steve White, a £200,000 buy from Bristol Rovers in December 1980, has ten League and one Cup goal so far; two defenders Mark Aizlewood and Mal Donagh have got three apiece, and David Moss has got six, five of them from the penalty spot including the one last Saturday at Blackburn. Last season Moss scored seven from the spot, and the season before nine, so I hope he's not given a chance here.

For more than half of 1979-80 we expected that the game here right at the end of the season would be a promotion clash, but when it arrived each side had slipped. Bob Hatton who used to play some fine



games in the North East got two in that draw game. Last season Luton finished within two points of promoted Swansea.

United won their three meetings last term. 2-1 here on 30th August, Terry Hibbitt equalising and Frans Koenen getting the winner on the day after Bill McGarry's departure. At Luton Mick Harford got the sole goal, and in the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup Newcastle again won here 2-1. Newcastle's goals, two good ones, came from headers, from Ray Clarke after six minutes and from Mick Martin on the hour. Godfrey Ingram got Luton's goal soon after that and Ricky Hill hit the post with five minutes to go.

It should at least be a good game today.

I see that Ray Hankin has moved from Vancouver Whitecaps to Arsenal for a reported £350,000. I visited the Whitecaps when I was on holiday on Vancouver Island in early summer last year, and was tipped off that Hankin could be got, as the Astroturf wasn't easy for big chaps, at a probable fee of well under £200,000. Alan Ball, Willie Johnson and Bruce Grobbelaar were doing well at the time. It was when United had lost Peter Withe here. So I passed on the tip.

It doesn't follow, of course, that Bill McGarry should or could have gone in for him, or could have got him if he had. And, also, Ray Hankin is not everyone's cup of tea.

Imre Varadi:

a goal from Jackie Milburn's top drawer.



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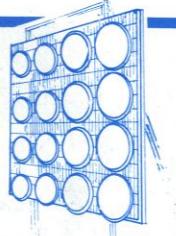
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SPOTLIGHT ON KENNY WHARTON



This time next week, Kenny Wharton will probably be making his 53rd senior appearance for Newcastle United at Grimsby. Nothing particularly staggering about that, you might say, but it will certainly be a milestone for the lad himself – it will be his 21st birthday.

He is, of course, looking to a continuation of last Saturday's form when he notched the vital first goal against Charlton. "I was happy enough with Saturday," says he "but, to be honest, I had struggled a bit in the two previous games."

Wharton played his early football with Grainger Park Boys Club and joined United in January 1978. He has four brothers, one sister, is married and has a son called Paul.

"We are all looking forward to the Luton encounter," says Kenny. "They are going well enough just now, but they are the same side we beat three times last year. If we can take up where we left off last week, we have nothing to fear." He played in all three games with the Hatters last season, and knows what to expect.

"I think the best side we have come up against this season was Barnsley. They are competitive in all departments and have some good experience in their side."

To keep him in trim for the miles he covers on winter Saturdays, Wharton spends a large part of the summer on the golf course – usually at Westerhope. He also enjoys a game of snooker in his native Newcastle.

This week sees the start of a novel promotion by Ladbrokes in which they give the Club a free £5 bet each week on their 'Score Draw 4' special. Members of United's playing and management staff will each be having a go and, of course, when we have a home match, the selections will be

included in your match programme. If we hit lucky, then United will benefit to the tune of £600 or more – at the end of the season there's a £200 bonus for the club achieving the most successes.

Bobby Shinton's name came out of the hat for this week and his four score draw selections are:- Birmingham v Wolves, Spurs v Manchester United, Portsmouth v Millwall and Celtic v Rangers.

So what's happened to the world's sporting prima donnas this week? Unbelievable isn't it – if Arthur Cox wants a centre back with in-built steel, hows about Mr. Dennis Lillee? The Australian pacer sports a left leg Norman Hunter would have been proud of. Then there's McEnroe and Connors for the full back berths... if in doubt, hit it into the crowd. When that doesn't work, swear at the opposition. If those two master craftsmen of tennis played football, they'd pick up enough bookings in a month to see their careers out!

There's a much more serious side to the week, though. The aforementioned certainly overstep the mark, but they're what is called 'good box office'. What a certain number of England footballers are rumoured to have got up to before the big one on Wednesday was imprudent, to say the least.

It's not so much that they were having a crafty lager... any super-fit professional sportsman, who spends much of his life cosseted behind closed doors, needs to break out once in a while. What narks me is that they were daft enough to be seen doing it. And at an extremely sensitive time, when the First Division programme the previous weekend had all but been cancelled to aid their World Cup preparations. If England got the right result on Wednesday, the subject will be dropped. But if something went wrong, I fancy a few First Division managers will be doing a McEnroe right now...



Behind the Scenes

A look around the United scene with Secretary Russell Cushing.

The draw for the Second Round Proper of the Football Association Cup, made last week, has presented an away tie at Doncaster Rovers for United Juniors to overcome. The match has been arranged for Wednesday December 2nd at Belle Vue, kick off 3.30 p.m. In the event of a replay being necessary this will take place at St. James' Park on Monday 7th December 7.30 p.m.

The Central League match with Blackburn Rovers originally planned for Boxing Day has been brought forward to Tuesday 22nd December at St. James' Park. Kick off 7 p.m.

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Our Central League match with Liverpool next Wednesday at St. James Park also kicks off at 7 p.m., whilst on the day previous the First Team take on Orient at Leyton Stadium. The match kicks off later than usual, at 8 p.m.

Kath Barber, one of United's back-room team for the past 16 years said goodbye last Saturday to take up a new post with the Voluntary Organisations Council at Gateshead Social Service Department.

Kenny Wharton celebrated his 50th senior appearance for United last Saturday with the first goal of the match. Unfortunately it didn't turn out all wine and roses for Ken because he also received his third booking of the season.

United have used 19 players in senior competitions so far this season. Our current squad of contract players numbers 27, excluding Alan Brown and Dutchman Frans Koenen who is currently having trials with Exeter City F.C.

Luton Town, todays visitors have yet to lose an away match this season, winning six of their fixtures and drawing only one. They have scored thirteen goals in the process whilst conceding only four. The Hatters in fact are the only team in all four Divisions who haven't lost an away



match, a more than fair achievement at this stage of the season.

Australian International George Christopanlos waits patiently for his work permit application to be processed by the Department of Employment. Both he and United are hopeful that his patience will soon be rewarded with the news that permission has been granted for him to further his footballing career in England.

More than one supporter has said to me this week that it was a great pity the Television Cameras were not here last Saturday to capture Imre Varadi's superb second half goal. It was certainly an exciting moment for the fifteen thousand spectators in attendance.

United Chairman Stan Seymour and team manager Arthur Cox will attend a Memorial Service for the late Bill Shankly, to be held at the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, tomorrow afternoon.

Black and White daft! Thats the Gallowgate groundstaff at the moment as they tackle the monumental task of repainting the barriers and steelwork around the ground in traditional colours. Their efforts are certainly brightening the place up. Lord Mayors Lamposts eat your heart out!

Following the trend of recent years, United's season ticket prices will be reduced by around 25% to take account of matches played to date. The following prices, which include V.A.T. will apply until further notice:

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UNITED AT ORIENT AND GRIMSBY

This Tuesday Newcastle visit Orient and coaches leave at 11 a.m. The fare is £7.80 and those wishing to go should book today.

Next Saturday Newcastle visit Grimsby and coaches depart at 9.30 a.m., returning immediately after the game arriving back in Newcastle at about 8.30 p.m. The fare is £4.60 and bookings should be made now or during the day time on Monday and Tuesday at Prudhoe Place.

Bookings and Travel Card applications will also be dealt with on Tuesday evening between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Prudhoe Place. The travel card costs 90p and bears the holders photograph and like a passport is valid for years. Membership of the Supporters Club is still only 50p and applications for this will also be dealt with on Tuesday evening.

MAGPIE SOCIAL CLUB

Applications to join the Social Club can now be made. The entrance fee is £2 and £1 annual subscription. So on entry you pay £3 and thereafter £1 annual subscription due on the 1st August each year. All applicants must complete an application form and wait 48 hours for their

membership card and rule book. We also have a second type of membership called Associate Members. This is especially designed for the supporters living outside the area and wishing to use the club only on match days and costs 50p per annum.

We hope to open early in December so until we are underway all applications for membership and further details should be made at our Prudhoe Place shop or tel: 322473.

UNITED AT WATFORD

16th JANUARY 1982

A mini weekend has been arranged for the above game. Leaving Newcastle on Friday we have booked in at the Ladbroke Mercury Hotel for a two night stay including full English breakfast and transport to the match. The total cost is £27.50 and if you are interested in this trip please book now either in full or weekly instalments.

Incidentally, the shop will be open 6 days every week now leading upto Christmas so whether its souvenirs, travel or Magpie Social club membership you are interested in then please pay us a visit and someone will be happy to deal with your enquiries.

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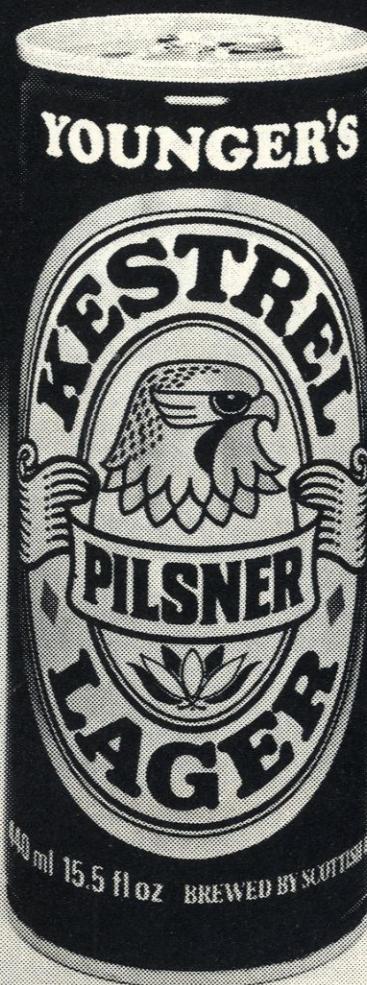
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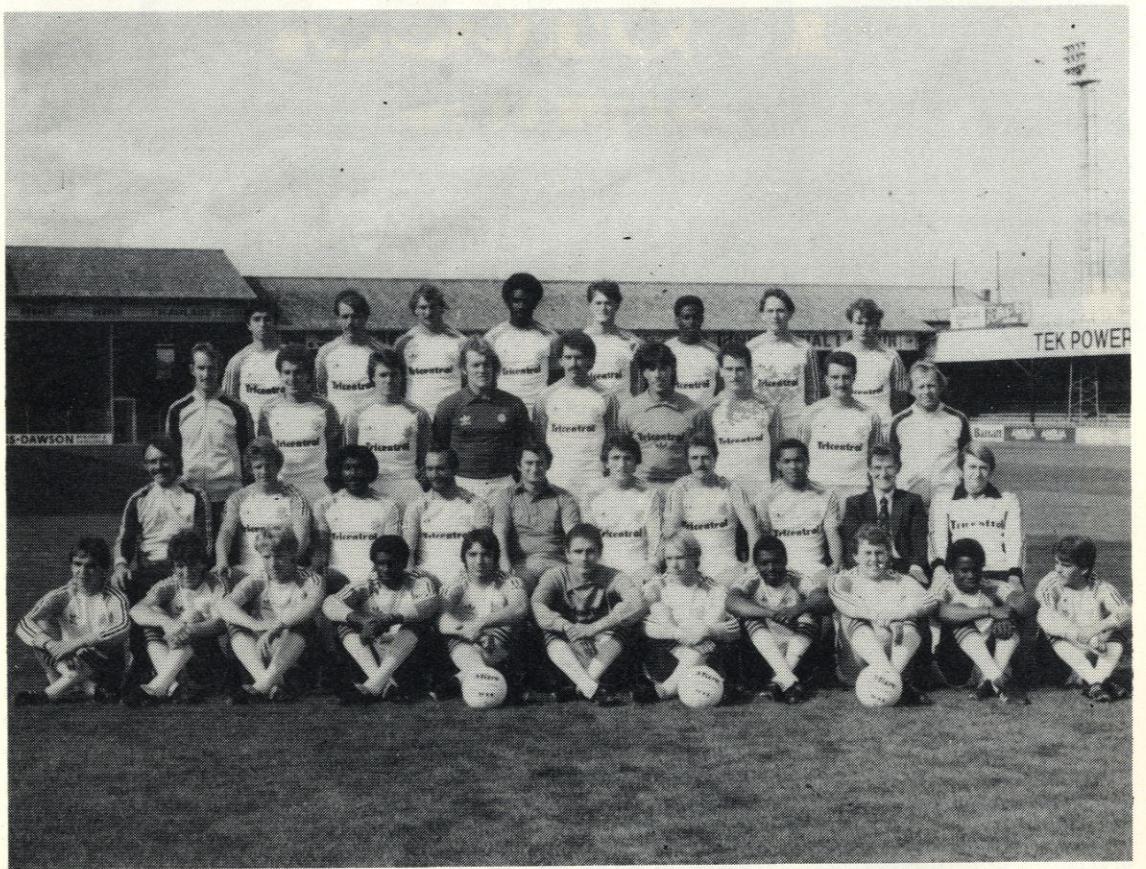
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LUTON TOWN



BACK ROW (Left to right): Robert Johnson, Wayne Turner, Clive Goodyear, Michael Small, Frankie Bunn, Godfrey Ingram, Seamus Heath, Neil Madden.

THIRD ROW (Left to right): John Moore (coach), Steve White, Mal Donaghy, Jake Findlay, Mike Saxby, Alan Judge, Mark Aizlewood, Pasquale Fuccillo, Trevor Hartley (coach).

SECOND ROW (Left to right): David Coates (coach), Kirk Stephens, Ricky Hill, Brian Horton, David Pleat (Manager), Raddy Antic, David Moss, Brian Stein, Dr. Berry, John Sheridan (Physiotherapist).

FIRST ROW (Left to right): Alan Lane, Barry Popplewell, Tim Breacker, Mitchell Thomas, Paul Keys, Andy Beasley, Stacey North, Mark Thomas, David Owen, Raymond Daniel, Raymond Brammer.

DAVID PLEAT Manager.

Soccer thinker and fully qualified F.A. Coach. David Pleat has quietly won an enviable reputation in football in his first job as manager of a League side. To many people Luton were taking a big risk when they promoted him to the Manager's office in the spring of 1978. He inherited a team on the slide, and it took him two years to complete an upheaval in the playing staff. Luton were near to relegation at times, but he persevered and is now acknowledged as the inspiration for a side determined to play attractive and entertaining football. They have been on the fringe of the

Second Division promotion battle for the past two seasons and no-one in Luton is keener than Mr. Pleat on seeing the Club back in the top flight. His loyalty to Luton stretches back to the mid-sixties. After playing for England at youth level, he joined Luton from Nottingham Forest and played on the wing for them for three seasons. A back injury finished his playing career but he stayed in the game as a coach and learned the hard business of management on a limited budget as boss of Nuneaton. He rejoined Luton, as reserve team coach, in 1975 and succeeded Harry Haslam as manager three years later.

JAKE FINDLAY

A goalkeeper who had languished in the reserves at Aston Villa for nine years, Findlay's huge hands grasped the chance immediately when David Pleat offered him the green jersey at Luton. And the mystery now so far as Luton supporters are concerned, is why Jock Stein has not taken Pleat's advice to give big Jake a Scottish international cap. Luton paid their highest-ever fee for a goalkeeper when they parted with £100,000 for Findlay in November 1979.

ALAN JUDGE

Spotted by Luton playing schoolboy soccer in Hertfordshire, Judge has one of the hardest jobs at Kenilworth Road – understudy to a goalkeeper who never seems to lose form. He joined Luton as an apprentice in 1976 but his League chances have been restricted by Findlay's consistency.

BRIAN HORTON

Luton abandoned their normal policy when they paid a modest fee to Brighton for Horton's signature – he was the first division player manager David Pleat had signed in three years as boss. The midfielder was immediately appointed club captain at Luton. He had also been skipper at Brighton in their run from the Third Division to the First. He joined Luton with a well-earned reputation for consistency – he made more than 200 appearances for each of his previous clubs, Brighton and Port Vale.

KIRK STEPHENS

David Pleat took a chance with an unknown player from non-league soccer when he went back to his old club Nuneaton to recruit their young right back. Stephens rapidly switched to full-time soccer, forced his way into Luton's Second Division side in a matter of weeks and is now in his third season as a regular.

MARK AIZLEWOOD

Several clubs had noticed the talent of a young defender playing for Newport County in the Fourth Division when Luton decided to take the plunge. They paid £50,000 for the 18 year old left back in the summer of 1978 and he has been a regular member of their first team squad ever since. He has been capped by Wales at youth and under 21 levels.

MIKE SAXBY

David Pleat's amazing ability to spot bargains in the lower divisions of the Football League took centre-half Saxby to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1979. But Third Division Mansfield knew that their 21 year old six footer was something special, and Luton were happy enough to pay their club record fee of £200,000 to get him.

RADDY ANTIC

An elegant Yugoslav with five caps, Antic – pronounce Anteesh – was Luton's first continental signing. They got him for £50,000 bargain price after he had played for Zaragoza in Spain, where supporters staged protest demonstrations when the transfer was announced. Effective in defence or midfield, and equipped with a spellbinding ability to bend shots both ways, he has become a firm favourite with Luton fans.

MAL DONAGHY

One of David Pleat's first deals snatched inexperienced defender Donaghy from Larne, Northern Ireland in the summer of 1978. Now, at 21, he has proved to be a snip at £20,000. He settled into Second Division soccer without a fuss, and is happy playing in any back four position or in midfield, and his promotion to the Northern Ireland international team surprised no-one at Luton.

WAYNE TURNER

A place in Luton's League squad was just reward last season for a player who has been brought up through schools and youth football at Kenilworth Road. A local boy who can play in defence or midfield, he is one of several young players coming through to challenge established names for places in the Second Division side.

PASQUALE FUCCILLO

Son of Italian parents living in Bedford, midfielder Fuccillo has had to work harder than most to make the grade. He made rapid progress through Luton's junior teams and made his League debut in 1976, when he was 19. Tragedy halted his career twice: he broke his leg in a match at Brighton in December 1978, started a comeback, then broke it again in a practice game. It took more than a year to regain fitness the second time, but he proved conclusively last season that his injury worries were over. He has a knack of breaking forward to score, and marked his second comeback with a goal in his first match back in the Second Division.

RICKY HILL

Voted player of the year by Luton supporters last season, Hill's talent has moved Luton manager David Pleat to ask Ron Greenwood to consider him for England duty. West Ham fancied him when he was 14 and playing in schoolboy football in North London, but Luton got in first to sign him as a youth. He made his League debut when he was 17, in 1976, marked it with a goal, and has been destroying opposing midfielders and scoring regularly ever since.

DAVID MOSS

Overnight success took nearly ten years for left-winger Moss. He had been happy playing for his local club, Swindon, for nine seasons, mostly in the Third Division. Luton took him into the Second in exchange for a £110,000 cheque and he was an immediate hit. He makes goals and takes them, and has already passed the 100 total in the Football League.

BRIAN STEIN

For a centre-forward, Brian Stein looks too small and light. But opposing centre-halves have rarely been able to hold him in check as ball skill turns them all ways. He was a 20 year old part-timer with Edgware Town when Luton persuaded him to try his luck in October 1977. He made his League debut within a month, and has never looked like being dropped since.

STEVE WHITE

Luton had more reason than usual to follow up an interest in a 20 year old striker with Bristol Rovers. They had watched him in his early games at Eastville, and he turned on a two-goal performance which underlined his potential – against Luton in a Second Division match. Luton stepped in to sign him for £175,000 in December 1979, and although he took time to settle, his hustle and bustle and sharp shooting mark him out as an outstanding prospect.

GODFREY INGRAM

A former schoolboy international, attacker Ingram broke through into Luton's League squad last season after being brought through their school, youth and reserve teams. On his day his ball control is brilliant and his shooting explosive, and Luton believe he is on the verge of making a name for himself this season.

Recent visits to St. James' Park by our opponents today, Luton Town have proved to be quite entertaining affairs. They possess a side that will always go forward which of course makes for a fine open game of football and in the past results have made for good reading too. Our paths haven't crossed too often but the seasons immediately after the Second World War... the boom years of football with gates of 50,000 everywhere... found United and Luton again as rivals for promotion to Division One. The Hatters visit to Tyneside at the beginning of April 1947 brought a feast of football to Gallowgate that afternoon. It was just after Newcastle's big defeat in the F.A. Cup semi-final at Charlton so perhaps Luton knew what to expect... a backlash at any rate they were 5-1 down as the half-time whistle blew! It could have been more than that too, for United had two shots kicked off the line within the opening minutes. Still no-one present was complaining and the second-half was equally as scintillating with the Magpies adding two more goals to Luton's one to make the final score 7-2 in United's favour. Goalscorers all those years ago were George Stobart with two, Shackleton, Milburn and two goals for the recalled Charlie Wayman who of course was at the centre of all the F.A. Cup semi-final controversy. Stobart in fact later joined Luton, United's team was:

Garbutt; Burke, Graham; Harvey, Brennan,

Paul Joannou's

A MISCELLANY ON UNITED'S PAST AND PRESENT COMPILED BY PAUL JOANNOU

Wright; Milburn, Shackleton, Stobart, Wayman, Pearson.

Winger Tommy Pearson, a veteran from pre-war days was soon to be capped by Scotland, he appeared against the English at Wembley seven days later. Luton paraded a fair sprinkling as stars too including Hugh Billington later at Chelsea, a forward with a terrific shot and also former Tyneside favourite Eddie Connelly who was at Gallowgate during the thirties.

The following season's tussle was another thrilling encounter which took place on the Saturday of the 1948 New Year celebrations. United were riding high at the time holding second place in Division Two and what a crowd turned up. 64,931 fans were attracted to this game and they saw a typical performance from 'Wor Jackie', three goals as United won 4-1, George Stobart again netting against his future club. Another meeting that had fans well satisfied was almost 27 years on when we met up with Luton in Division One during November 1974. Included in United's side then were a lot of well known names to everyone, McFaul, Clark, Hibbitt and Alan Kennedy included. Luton meanwhile fielded Rodney Fern, recently here with Rotherham, John Aston and Gordon Hindson who has just joined Gateshead. It was another of Gateshead's current ex-Magpies who scored the only goal of the game... John Tudor... with a late success

when Macdonald touched on a Barrowclough corner. No doubt today's game will see another entertaining tussle.

United's new junior set-up and local scouting network is hoping to stop a lot of the exodus of Geordie lads to southern clubs. The result will obviously take two or three years to filter through but even today we can see that the Magpies' youth policy is showing reward. Last year young Wes Saunders, who showed up pretty well last week on his home debut, was capped by the England youth side and he has followed quite a line of United's juniors to start their career in that way. Since Youth International football commenced back during the forties United have been represented on ten occasions. First to be recognised was John Mitten, son of manager Charlie, in 1959, he had a good career in the lower divisions while Alan Suddick was capped in 1962, he of course became Tyneside's hero of the mid sixties but never sadly reached the very top he was destined for. There has only been one player that didn't progress to United's League side after winning England caps, that is a certain G. Brutlett who was honoured in 1963 but Geoff Allan who appeared in the European international youth final two years later developed into a fine winger whose career was cut short through injury when his future looked exceedingly bright. Shortly after Allan, John Craggs, still at Middlesbrough for the umteenth season, pulled on an international jersey. Craggs was

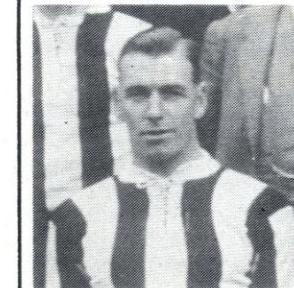
I was asked last week by a United enthusiast to give a brief résumé on Newcastle's efforts in the Charity Shield competition, a trophy the club has competed for on six occasions, five as the present Shield and once when it was known as the Sheriff of London Shield. This competition which traditionally now starts the season has generally been held between the two strongest clubs in the country although there have been several deviations from this rule. During early days the Sheriff of London Shield was between the best amateur side and the best professional team. In 1907 United defeated the famous amateur outfit the Corinthians 5-2 in the last London Shield game. Two years later Newcastle lifted the splendid new Charity Shield trophy by defeating Northampton 2-0 at Stamford Bridge before a 7,000 crowd. United's Cup and Title successes of 1924 and 1927 didn't warrant the invitation for the Charity Shield due to the Amateur Professional games but in 1932, as Cup winners, we were entertained by Champions Everton at Goodison. 15,000 saw a terrific match won 5-3 by Everton, Dixie Dean scoring four goals. United's scorers were Jimmy Boyd and two goals by Magpies star man at that time, Harry McMenemy.

More closer to home in timespan were Newcastle's next games in this prestige competition. In 1951 we travelled to Tottenham but fell again to the League Champions by 1-2, but not until Spurs had made a comeback replying to a Milburn gem early on... a swift run and cracking shot... perhaps Imre Varadi style! The following year it was again the Champions that held the trophy this time Manchester United winning 4-2 at Old Trafford in a match that was televised, which no doubt caused the small attendance of 11,381. United fielded a much weakened team due to injuries after playing no less than eight games within the month of September. Vic Keeble scored United's two goals.

The clubs last attempt to win the Shield was in September 1955 when they travelled to Chelsea. The scoreline of 0-3 suggests the Champions had it all their own way but United in fact rattled the woodwork twice when the score was still 0-0, and then after full-back Alf McMichael had given Chelsea a lead with an own-goal, Milburn crashed another effort against the bar. Again the crowd was poor, only 12,802 turned up for this game, not surprising really when you consider it was on a Wednesday afternoon.

DID YOU KNOW that United's League game with Portsmouth in December 1931 is the only game recorded as not having a single corner-kick? Not surprisingly it ended 0-0! **DID YOU KNOW** that United's secretary come manager of the great Edwardian era actually once was in charge of the Championship of the World Cup final! As referee, Frank was the official at the centre of one of the earliest World Cup competitions as they then were called... the Renton v West Bromwich tie of 1888. That was the last Championship of the World until the actual World Cup as we know it now was started during 1930 in Uruguay.

REMEMBER...



ALF MAITLAND

When United received a letter the other day concerning Alf Maitland, possibly the oldest living Magpie player, one simply had to look back at our former full-back now just past his 85th birthday being born way back before the turn of the century. Alf now lives in Leicester and can look back on his career with many fond memories. Born in Scotland he moved south to join the old South Shields club after the First World War and a period in the Royal Flying Corps. With Shields during their League days in Division Two and the new Division Three (North), he built a good reputation for himself as a typical full-back of his era... tough, physical but with a flash of the dashing play which set him out above the rest of his position.

Middlesbrough were suitably impressed in 1923 for they splashed out £4,000 for Alf's signature, quite a fee in the twenties. He moved to Tyneside the following season, in October 1924 where he commenced on a fine career at St. James' Park. Taking over from Billy Hampson and Bill McCracken, Alf formed a good defensive partnership with veteran Frank Hudspeth and centre-half Charlie Spencer for United's title victory of 1927. He was a regular during the days of Gallacher and company until a dispute with the club in 1930 eventually led to his departure.

Reports reveal that his latter days at Gallowgate were somewhat sour with the Club granting Alf a transfer request but placing such a high fee on his head that no League club could buy him. He was forced to quit the League scene and he drifted into non-League soccer notably with Jarrow, Northfleet and Salisbury City as player-manager in the mid-thirties.

Alf's name will be one of a few players that will always crop up in the record books for he is one of a rare breed of Scots that actually played for England in a representative game. Being picked for the Football League in 1922 he is one of only two Scots since the turn of the century... the other being Dave Mackay... that have appeared for the League side when officials knew he was Scottish. The game was against the Irish at Bolton, the selectors discovered their error just before the match was due to kick off but allowed Maitland to play... just as well, for Alf played well in the 5-1 victory.

Record at St. James' Park: 1924 to 1930 - 163 League and Cup appearances.

NICE ONE ALAN

ALAN BROWN CELEBRATES HIS FIRST UNITED GOAL.



FOCUS



ACTION v CHARLTON SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER 1981

Top: Alan Brown wins this duel with the Charlton defence.

Bottom: Imre Varadi goes to the horizontal for this shot at goal.

NEWCASTLE STATISTICS 1981/82

		Competition	Result	Attendance	Points	Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	O.G.
S	Indicates Substituted																		
b	Indicates Booked Player																		
1981 Aug 29	-Watford	H	L 0-1	19376	0	-	Carr	Brownie	Davies	Trevick	Barton B	Halliday S	Walker	Varadi	Shoulder	Wharton	Waddle	Martin	
Sept.	2-League Cup (1L)	C																	
Sept.	5-Q.P.R.	A	L 0-3	14176	0	22	Carr	Haddock	Davies	Trevick	Barton	Halliday	Walker	Shoulder	Varadi	Wharton S	Waddle	Martin	
Sept.	12-Cambridge U.	H	L 1-0	14699	3	19	Carr	Brownie	Davies	Trevick 1	Barton	Halliday	Walker	Martin	Varadi	Wharton	Waddle	Shinton	
Sept.	16-League Cup 1 (2L)	C																	
Sept.	19-Norwich City	A	L 1-2	14384	3	19	Carr	Brownie	Davies	Trevick	Barton S	Halliday	Walker	Martin	Varadi	Wharton	Waddle 1	Carney b	
Sept.	23-Shrewsbury T.	H	L 2-0	13846	6	18	Carr	Brownie	Davies	Trevick	Barton	Halliday	Shinton 1	Martin	Varadi S b	Wharton 1	Waddle	Shoulder	
Sept.	26-Orient	H	L 1-0	13710	9	16	Carr	Brownie	Davies	Trevick	Barton b	Halliday	Shinton	Martin	Varadi	Wharton	Waddle	Shoulder	
Sept.	29-Bolton Wanderers A	L	0-1	6429	9	16	Carr	Brownie b	Davies	Trevick	Barton	Halliday	Shinton	Martin	Varadi	Wharton	Waddle	Carney	
Oct.	3-Cardiff City	A	L 4-0	5764	12	10	Carr	Brownie 1	Davies	Trevick	Barton b	Halliday	Shinton	Martin	Varadi 3	Wharton S	Waddle	Haddock	
Oct.	7-Fulham 2(1L)	H	C 1-2	20247	-	-	Carr	Brownie	Davies	Trevick 1	Barton	Halliday	Shinton	Martin	Varadi	Wharton S	Waddle	Shoulder	
Oct.	10-Derby County	H	L 3-0	17243	15	6	Carr	Brownie	Davies	Trevick	Barton	Halliday	Shinton	Martin	Varadi 2	Wharton	Waddle S	Todd	
Oct.	17-Barnsley	A	L 0-1	18477	15	11	Carr	Brownie	Davies b	Trevick	Barton	Halliday	Shinton	Martin	Varadi	Wharton	Waddle	Haddock	
Oct.	24-Rotherham U.	H	L 19039	16	10	Carr	Brownie	Davies	Trevick	Barton	Halliday	Shinton	Martin	Varadi	Wharton	Waddle	Shoulder		
Oct.	28-Fulham 2(2L)	C	0-2	7210	-	-	Carr	Brownie	Davies b	Trevick	Barton	Halliday	Shinton 3	Martin	Varadi	Wharton S	Waddle	Shoulder	
Oct.	31-Oldham Athletic	A	L 1-3	9010	16	13	Carr	Brownie	Davies 1 S	Trevick	Barton	Carney	Shinton	Martin	Varadi	Wharton	Waddle	Haddock	
Nov.	7-Chelsea	A	L 1-2	16509	16	14	Carr	Brownie	Saunders	Walker	Carney	Haddock	Brown	Martin	Varadi S	Wharton	Waddle 1	Pugh	
Nov.	11-League Cup 3	C																	
Nov.	14-Charlton A.	H	L 4-1	15,200	19	12	Carr	Brownie	Saunders	Trevick	Carney	Haddock	Brown 1	Martin	Varadi 2	Wharton	Waddle S	Todd	
Nov.	21-Luton Town (1)	H	L																
Nov.	24-Orient	A	L																
Nov.	28-Grimsby Town	A	L																
Dec.	2-League Cup 4	C																	
Dec.	5-Blackburn R.	H	L																
Dec.	12-Wrexham (2)	A	L																
Dec.	19-Crystal Palace	H	L																
Dec.	26-Leicester City	A	L																
Dec.	28-Sheffield W.	H	L																
1982 Jan.	2-F.A. Cup 3	C																	
Jan.	9-Bolton W.	H	L																
Jan.	13-League Cup 5	C																	
Jan.	16-Watford	A	L																
Jan.	23-F.A. Cup 4	C																	
Jan.	30-Norwich City	H	L																
Feb.	3-League Cup SF 1	C																	
Feb.	6-Cambridge Utd.	A	L																
Feb.	10-League Cup SF2	C																	
Feb.	13-Cardiff City (5)	H	L																
Feb.	20-Shrewsbury Town A	L																	
Feb.	27-Derby County	A	L																
Mar.	5-Barnsley (6)	H	L																
Mar.	13-Rotherham U.C.P.A	C																	
Mar.	20-Oldham Ath.	H	L																
Mar.	27-Chelsea	H	L																
Apr.	3-Charlton Ath. (SF) A	C																	
Apr.	10-Leicester City	H	L																
Apr.	12-Sheffield Wed.	A	L																
Apr.	17-Luton Town	A	L																
Apr.	24-Grimsby Town	H	L																
May.	1-Blackburn Rovers A	L																	
May.	5-Q.P.R.	H	L																
May.	8-Wrexham	H	L																
May.	15-Crystal Palace	A	L																
May.	22-F.A. Cup Final	C																	



Alan Brown

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and fixed on to the
Official Token Sheet



DIVISION TWO

	Home	Away																	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts							
Luton	14	5	0	2	19	9	6	1	0	13	4	34							
Watford	14	4	2	1	11	4	5	0	2	10	8	29							
Q.P.R.	14	5	1	1	12	3	3	1	3	11	11	26							
Barnsley	14	6	0	1	13	2	2	1	4	10	12	25							
Oldham	14	4	3	0	12	5	3	1	3	10	11	25							
Sheffield W.	14	4	1	2	9	9	3	1	3	5	7	23							
Cambridge	14	5	0	2	12	6	2	0	5	8	12	21							
Blackburn	14	3	1	3	5	5	3	2	2	9	9	20							
Leicester	14	2	3	2	5	5	3	2	2	13	9	20							
Chelsea	14	4	1	2	12	9	2	1	4	5	11	20							
Norwich	14	2	1	3	6	2	0	5	7	15	20								
Newcastle	14	5	1	1	12	3	1	0	6	7	12	19							
Charlton	14	5	0	2	14	8	0	3	4	5	14	18							
Derby Co.	14	3	2	2	11	9	2	1	4	8	14	18							
Shrewsbury	14	4	1	2	11	7	1	2	4	4	12	18							
Cardiff	14	3	1	3	9	13	2	2	3	8	9	18							
Crystal P.	13	4	0	3	9	6	1	1	4	2	5	16							
Rotherham	14	4	1	2	17	8	0	2	5	4	13	15							
Grimsby	13	1	2	3	7	9	3	1	3	7	13	15							
Orient	14	1	3	3	6	9	2	2	4	6	8	11							
Wrexham	14	2	0	5	6	10	1	2	4	6	8	11							
Bolton	14	2	0	5	8	13	1	1	5	3	11	10							

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES SEASON 81/82

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Home and Away

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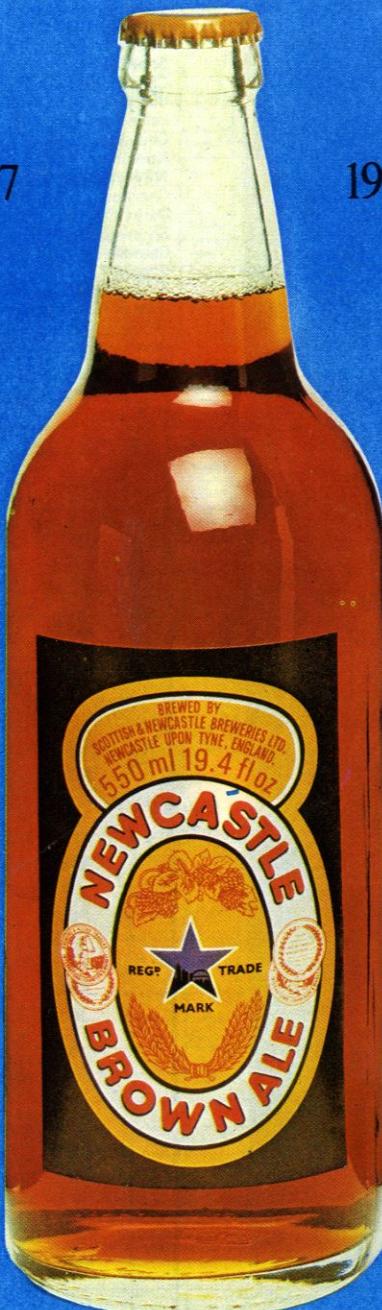
NEWCASTLE

1. KEVIN CARR
2. JOHN BROWNLIE
3. WESLEY SAUNDERS
4. JOHN TREWICK
5. STEVE CARNEY
6. PETER HADDOCK
7. ALAN BROWN
8. MICK MARTIN
9. IMRI VARADI
10. KENNY WHARTON
11. CHRIS WADDLE
- 12.

THE REFEREE TODAY IS

T. FITZHARRIS
(Bolton)

Commenced refereeing in 1970 in Bolton progressed via the Lancashire Combination to the Football League. Refereed the 1980 Lancashire Junior Cup Final and also the Lancashire Combination Senior Cup Final in the same year. Married with two sons he is a Sales Manager for a builders merchant interests include golf and Judo.



HALF-TIMES BOARD A

A	Birmingham v Wolves	
B	Brighton v Notts. Co.	
C	Everton v Sunderland	
D	Manchester C. v Swansea	
E	Middlesbrough v Aston Villa	
F	Nottm. F. v Arsenal	
G	Southampton v Leeds	
H	Stoke v Ipswich	

BOARD B

A	Spurs v Manchester Utd.	
B	W.B.A. v Liverpool	
C	West Ham v Coventry	
D	Barnsley v Wrexham	
E	Bolton v Orient	
F	Cambridge v Sheffield W.	
G	Cardiff v Leicester	
H	Chelsea v Grimsby	

BOARD C

A	Norwich v Derby	
B	Oldham v Crystal P.	
C	Rotherham v Charlton	
D	Shrewsbury v Q.P.R.	
E	Watford v Blackburn	
F	Darlington v Carlisle	
G	Wigan v Hartlepool	
H	Celtic v Rangers	

LUTON TOWN

1. MILIJA ALEKSIC
2. KIRK STEPHENS
3. MARK AIZLEWOOD
4. BRIAN HORTON
5. CLIVE GOODYEAR
6. MAL DONAGHY
7. RICKY HILL
8. BRIAN STEIN
9. STEVE WHITE
10. PASQUALE FUCCILLO
11. DAVID MOSS
- 12.

LINESMEN

RED FLAG:
J. CONSTABLE

ORANGE FLAG:
G. MAXSON