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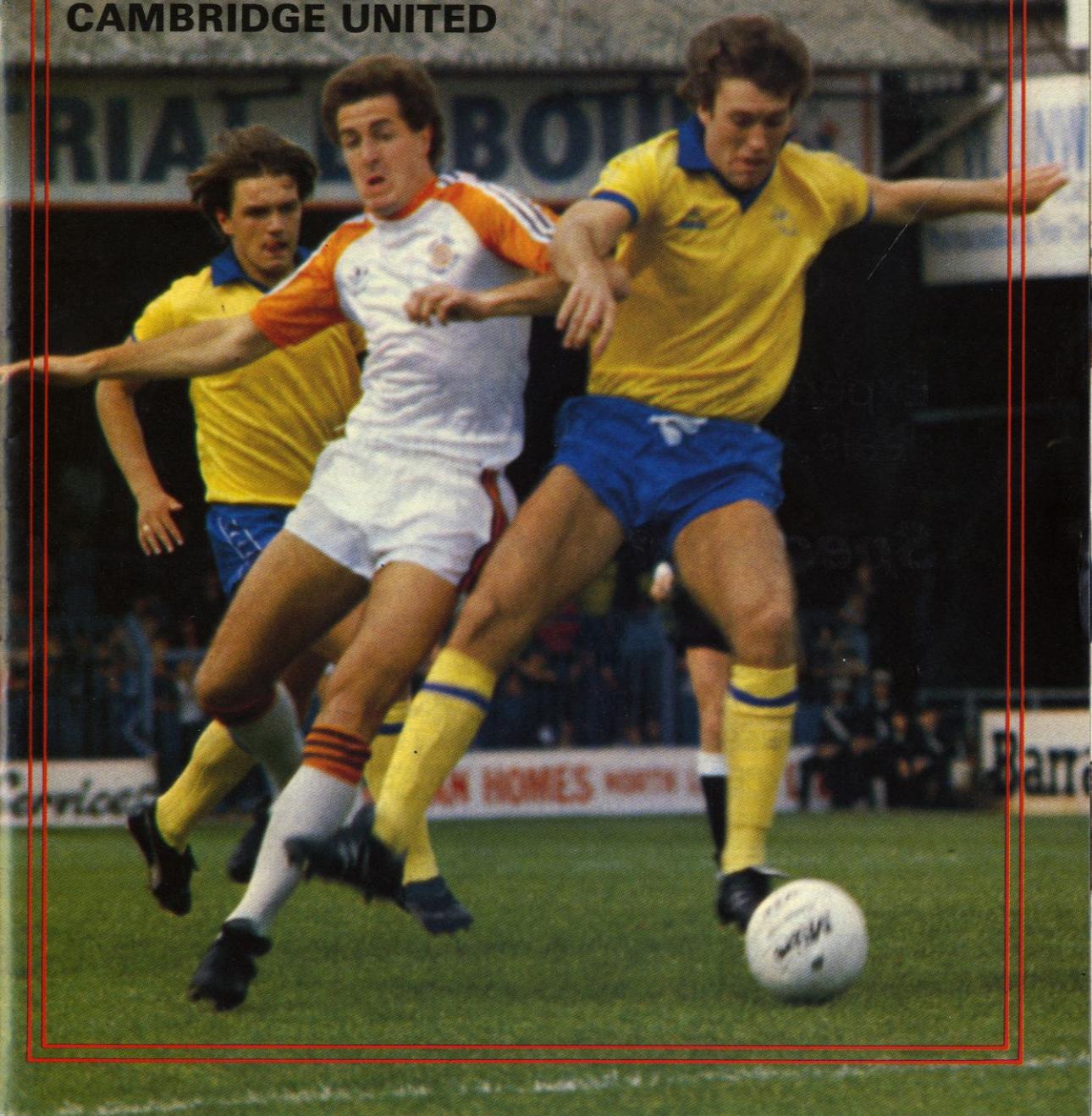
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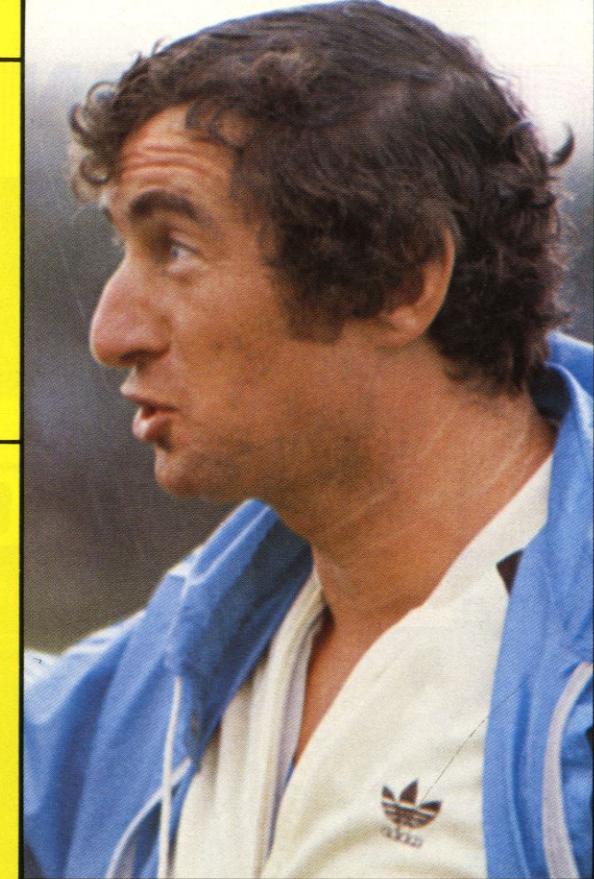
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DAVID'S DIARY

'I have been quietly pleased with the pleasant exposure that we have been receiving recently.'



We warmly welcome our visitors tonight and hope we can see an entertaining game. Cambridge, only a few seasons ago, were beginning an exciting journey after being elected to the Fourth Division. Since that time, on limited resources, they have proved that with a sensible Board and sound management, (Ron Atkinson and John Docherty) much can be achieved.

I have been quietly pleased with the pleasant exposure that we have been receiving recently. Twice elevated to the major game on BBC Match of the Day and receiving praise. Ahead of the Pepsi goalscoring charts by a fair margin. Major contenders for the Omega/Variety Club Entertaining Team of the Year. Several players in contention for the PFA Second Division representative side. Also some very nice things have been written about the club, its players, myself and staff in newspaper articles. That has been lovely icing on the cake; but we are all aware that football is a funny game.

The players and everyone at this club are more than aware that you are only as good as your last game and this maxim will be continually emphasised in the important weeks to come. If the

team can keep the momentum going then we shall not only enjoy the success but we can all benefit — including our supporters — by seeing the best teams in the country at Luton.

The relative success of West Ham, Swansea and Notts County in this season's First Division should be a spur to us all.

Recently we have had many schoolboys down to Luton for trials and the organisation has been superb. I would like to say that the standards are as high as ever, but this is not so. Outstanding schoolboy talent is less obvious at present, but by the same token, it would appear to be true that the boy who works hard, dedicates himself and improves his skills, has as much opportunity now as ever before. Our record with schoolboys emphasises that boys who do sign for Luton receive good coaching, encouragement and very quickly receive Reserve team chances.

Enjoy tonight's game and get behind the side. No one can deny that the next few months could prove both exciting and tense. If the supporters can rally the side during these periods of tension I am sure there will be a good reaction.

DAVID PLEAT

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MATCH PREVIEW

Good morning, and welcome to another game at Kenilworth Road.

The recent weather has been more suited to polar bears than trying to maintain our challenge for promotion but we are nevertheless pleased to extend a warm welcome to our friends from Cambridge, including manager John Docherty and former Luton player Tom Finney.

It is no secret that we always enjoy our meetings with Cambridge, one of the most friendly clubs in the Football League. We hope their players, officials and fans enjoy their short stay with us today.

DAVID'S DELIGHT

We were beginning to wonder if David Pleat was ever going to be nominated for the Manager of the Month award under the Bells scheme.

David has done wonders for Luton Town in the relatively short time he has had control of the team and, at long last, he was nominated for the November award and should have received his rewards before the kick-off this morning.

Show David what you, the fans, think of his work at Kenilworth Road with a typical Luton roaring round of applause.

MUSICAL MORNING

Christmas wouldn't be the same without carols and we are particularly pleased to welcome the Salvation Army band to play for you this morning.

The Salvation Army are strong workers in the charity field and we would like you to show your appreciation of their musical talents.

WELL DONE, ROBIN

Today we have the pleasure of presenting the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award to Robin Large, a dedicated fan and supporter of Luton Town for some years, and season ticket holder.

Although suffering from Freidrich's Ataxia, and being confined to a wheelchair, Robin has worked hard

on many different projects to achieve this award.

One of these was a course of exercises carefully compiled by our physiotherapist John Sheridan, which enabled Robin to complete his programme.

Congratulations, Robin, on a well deserved reward for your courage and fortitude.

WARNING TO SUPPORTERS

Supporters — not ours, we hasten to add — have been in the news recently and Chelsea have paid the penalty for their unruly awayday fans.

Luton Town have always been proud of the reputation of their supporters at home and away matches. But there are the isolated occasions when we have been forced to issue warnings.

Unfortunately, we are in the same position again after an incident in the home League Cup tie against Wrexham in October when a so-called supporter spat at a linesman.

We were reported to the Football Association who accepted our deep regret that this disgusting habit had occurred. It is obvious that further examples of this, or other, bad behaviour could have serious consequences for Luton Town.

We appeal to all our fans to think twice. If any supporter witnesses bad behaviour and can identify the culprit, please inform us in confidence. We will do our best to ban him from the stadium.

FRONT COVER

Brrr... snow and heavy frosts provided an excellent opportunity for our photographer Gareth Owen to capture a seasonal scene.

Mike Saxby and physiotherapist John Sheridan raise their glasses to the prospect of taking three points this morning. Cheers, and a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all our supporters.

PERSONALITY PROFILE



One fan's personal view of some of the great names of Luton Town.

By BRIAN SWAIN

If you ask 100 Luton Town fans of my generation to name the most complete footballer they have ever seen in a Hatters' team, I'll bet you would get the same answer at least 90 times: George Cummins.

On his day he could do the sort of tricks George Best produced at the height of his career. But if it wasn't his day, he'd drive you to distraction.

The Town paid a then record

GEORGE CUMMINS



fee of £12,000 to bring Cummins to Kenilworth Road from Everton in 1953.

Born in Dublin, he was already an Irish international, and nearly 30 years later he still holds a Luton Town record — his 19 appearances for Eire make him the most-capped player in the Town's history.

He was an inside-left, and hardly looked like a footballer. He seemed to be too pale and skinny to have much chance in the hurly-burly soccer of the Second Division, but opponents quickly learned not to judge by appearances.

Cummins was a creative

genius. His ball control was something very special, and ally that with a perceptive and natural ability to play defence-splitting passes and you have a player who could be near to perfection.

He stayed at Kenilworth Road for eight years before vanishing into obscurity, and perhaps we expected too much from him. Knowing how brilliant he could be, we suffered agonies on the days when his powers mysteriously refused to materialise.

Gordon Turner, Allan Brown and Bob Morton all benefited from the service they received from Cummins on form, and he played a major role in the Town's 1955 promotion campaign.

He flourished more often than not in the First Division too, but the glittering career took a couple of knocks with injuries.

The most serious cost him a cartilage in his knee, and in the late fifties his brilliant days became ever more rare. We thought Wembley Stadium in May 1959 would be the perfect setting for Cummins to remind the world of how good he could be.

Alas for Town supporters, and for him, it was one of the bad days for the little inside-forward. Perhaps it is why it was also a bad day for the whole team.

The good days are the one's I'd rather remember, and the sheer pleasure Cummins gave to me and many others ensures that he will always be remembered most for his brilliance.

DAVID'S DIARY

Danny Blanchflower meets the Wise Hatter outside the dressing room entrance.

WISE HATTER: Fancy seeing you here Danny. Did you hear there was a party?

DANNY: I just thought I'd come to see the road, the railway line and the scoreboard. Might get a sip of whisky too. I hear you've got plenty.

WISE HATTER: You're getting me at it. I know you love the game but sometimes when the game isn't good enough you are attracted to the side issues.

DANNY: Correct! If the style's good it speaks for itself, but you still have to sell it.

WISE HATTER: Well, Danny, they're putting in some foundations here. Cheap season tickets, Junior Hatters, thriving pools and lotteries, organised away travel, sound administration. What more do you want?

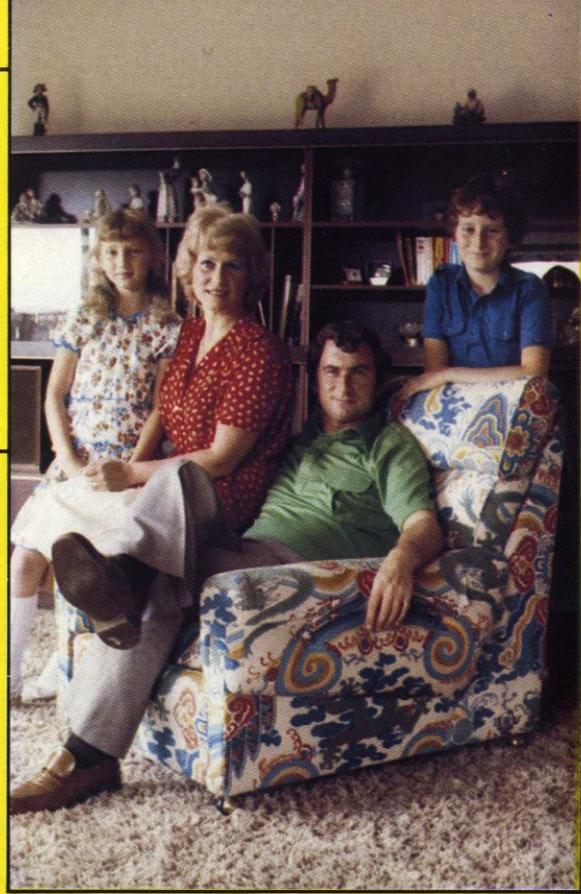
DANNY: A winning team, I suppose, playing good football, without getting into trouble on the field with referees and without supporters getting into trouble on the terraces.

WISE HATTER: That's right — three points for a win has helped. Our lads try and equalise before the other team score, like Sweden remember?

DANNY: Those were the days, but they're back, aren't they. I've ordered the sun tan lotion. Ireland, Scotland, England in Spain. That will be a great boost for the game. Fortunately, we will not have many supporters there.

WISE HATTER: Is that a good thing?

DANNY: Great — we (that's the Irish, you know) will be able to relax and play our natural game



without those supporters crowding round us. Then few will know how we play if we lose.

WISE HATTER: But what about Jimmy Hill and the TV cameras. They don't lie over 90 minutes.

DANNY: They only show the goals from the Irish games, and Jim will be with Lawrie McMenemy in the studio.

WISE HATTER: That's unfair, Danny. We like TV as long as they show the bad and the good and not too much of either.

DANNY: I believe they would have come today but their crews wouldn't get out of bed and wanted inconvenience pay for morning work.

WISE HATTER: Last time they came, their camera vans blocked the turnstiles and prevented the supporters from getting into the ground.

DANNY (raising his glass): Perhaps the FA will hold an enquiry into that. Happy New Year to you all and I sincerely hope you will have a lot to celebrate as your centenary approaches. Maybe a party . . .

Another Saturday afternoon and a few more bumps, lumps and bruises to erase before the players trot onto the pitch. In addition to finding himself extremely busy during the week when he deals with all types of injuries, there are always the last-minute rush jobs to cope with for our physiotherapist John Sheridan who is pictured here strapping Brian Stein's foot.



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SPOTLIGHT ON MAL DONAGHY



SPOTLIGHT

When David Pleat was starting his team rebuilding plans after taking the job as manager at Kenilworth Road, one of his Irish scouts quietly mentioned the name of a young man playing in Northern Ireland. His name was Mal Donaghy and he was playing with Larne. The manager, never slow to follow a good tip, slipped over to watch Donaghy in action and the visit ended in one of Mr Pleat's shrewdest signings. Mal was persuaded to sign for the Town who paid only a modest £15,000 for his transfer — and neither the player nor the manager has regretted it.

Mal's come a long way since his part-time playing days with Larne. In the fully professional ranks, he's made almost 150 Football League appearances. But his career at Kenilworth Road has also been responsible for him winning international caps for Ireland — and he's off to Spain next year for the World Cup Finals.

A defender of rare quality, Mal has been in consistently good form for the Town and, this afternoon, answers the questions in the Spotlight feature.

What was your full time occupation before you



signed as a professional with Luton Town?

'I was a clerical officer with the Post Office in Belfast.'

How does the standard in Northern Ireland compare with soccer in the Football League?

'It obviously doesn't compare because most of the players in Northern Ireland are part-timers and consequently don't get as much time to train as players over here.'

What is your feeling about playing in Spain in the World Cup Finals for Ireland?

'I am obviously delighted for myself, my club and my country and I am looking forward to the possibility of playing against Brazil and Argentina.'

Are there any teams you would not like to play against in the finals?

'As I've said, I would like to avoid Brazil and Argentina and possibly West Germany because I think one of them will win the cup.'

How do you relax before and after a match?

'I normally take things very easy before a game with perhaps a game of snooker on a Friday. After the match, I like to get away from the ground as quickly as possible when I pop into my old digs in Luton for a cup of tea.'

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THE SOCCER STRIP THAT'S ONLY IN THE HATTER. HEAD FOR HEIGHTS!

EPISODE ELEVEN

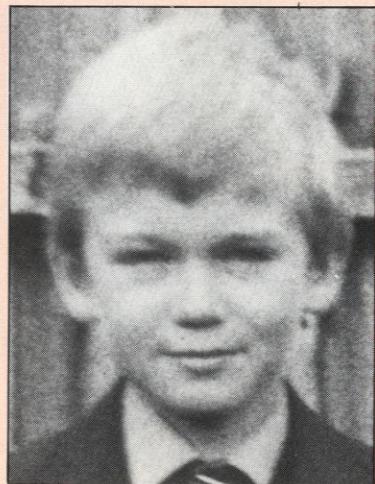
by Ray Aspden



JUNIOR HATTERS



THE MASCOT . . .



RICHARD STRETTON

Lower School. His interests are Cubs, reading and modelling, and he also plays for his school team.

Our Junior Hatters Christmas meeting in the Hatters Club was a great evening in spite of the awful weather conditions. Thanks to all who came and helped to make it so enjoyable, especially Ricky Hill, our president, Brian Stein and Mike Saxby, who travelled in just to be with the kids. It was much appreciated.

I hope you all had a great Christmas Day and continue to enjoy the festive season today, especially if the Town continue to provide us with the points for our push for promotion.

It doesn't seem long since we were looking forward to the start of the new season, and here we are at the half-way stage already. Let's hope that the second-half of the season is as successful as the first, so that we can look forward to a season ending with high expectations.

I know all you juniors and the helping and supporting Mums and Dads who read my column will join me in a toast to 'the Town'! Here's to 1982, and success to Luton Town.

COLIN BALL

Youth Development Officer

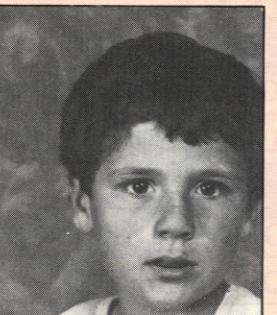
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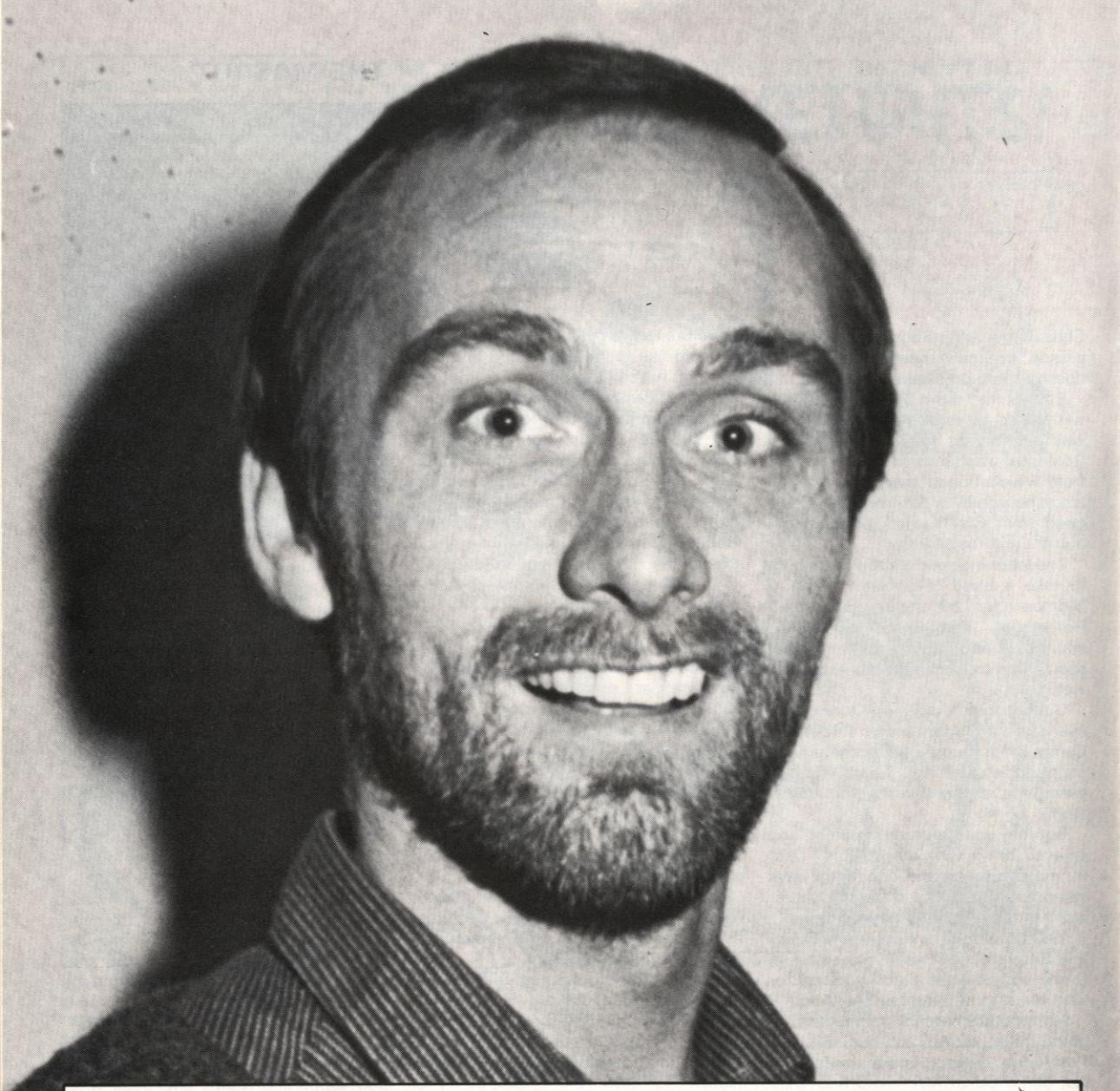
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TRAVEL TIME

Last week saw the start of our away travel service from Hitchin, and already, I have been asked if I will extend this to include other stops in the area. The answer is yes providing there is enough support to make this a viable proposition. David Packer, who is helping on this run, is doing all he can to encourage supporters to book for away games. Thanks David. I hope we shall soon be able to have a complete coach of supporters from the Hitchin and surrounding districts travelling to away games.

Supporters are also able to join a coach at Aylesbury and Leighton Buzzard, and I hope this service also will extend. Graham Snookes is working very hard to make sure it does.

I am pleased to have received a good number of applications

to join the Travel Club this week. John Laherty and Carl have certainly been doing their best to encourage supporters to join, and we hope we have a very large membership by the end of the season, ready to start again in 1982-83.

Travel at this time of year can sometimes be difficult with uncertain weather and bad road conditions, but I am happy to report none of this seems to be affecting our staunch Luton Town Travel Club supporters. Bookings are coming in steadily already for Norwich, on Monday.

Departure times are Stone, 9.45 a.m. Aylesbury Bus Station, 10 a.m. Bossard Hall Leighton Buzzard, 10.30 a.m. Hitchin, St Marys Square, 10.30 a.m. and all coaches depart Maple Road at 11 a.m.

Fare — Adult £4, Juvenile £2.50.

News of the next away coaches will appear in the next magazine. Meanwhile, to those of you who use our in coaches, why not tell your friends of the service we are providing. It is equally important that supporters to home games can take advantage of our travel arrangements.

There has been a steady flow of new members to the Travel Club in the last week or two. I would like to see enough members registered to fill six coaches before the end of the season. How about it?

My best wishes to all travellers and supporters for a happy and peaceful New Year.

Catherine Ball
Travel Organiser

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FLASHBACK

A look at Luton Town a decade ago.
By BRIAN SWAIN
Sports Editor, Luton News

If today's game matches the Boxing Day entertainment of 10 years ago, there should be a lot of happiness around Kenilworth Road — for both sides, for the fans, and even for the bank managers of the rival clubs.

But it won't all happen. For a start, the game won't be watched by 31,391 people. That was the attendance on Monday 27th December 1971, when the Town met Sheffield Wednesday in a Second Division game at Hillsborough.

The famous old stadium had been modernised and improved for the 1966 World Cup programme, and with United in the upper reaches of the First Division both Sheffield teams were enjoying a boom.

DON GIVENS



The Town took a big following because they were showing signs of playing good football and picking up results, and the fans weren't disappointed. Gate receipts were over £11,000, at a time when best seats in the stand cost 75p compared with £3 or more today.

The match was a real Christmas cracker, with a bit of Cup-tie atmosphere about it, and both teams shared an ovation when they walked off at the end of 90 minutes which had seen fortunes swing both ways.

Wednesday looked punch-drunk for the first half an hour as the Town roared into attack, and the only surprise was that it took all of 35 minutes for Don Givens to score the first goal, from an opening made by Mike Keen and Vic Halom.

The home team hung on without further disasters until half-time, and then came back with an equaliser in the 48th minute with a controversial penalty.

A linesman's flag was raised for offside as Wednesday attacked, but the referee failed to see the signal. A centre left Tony Read stranded and Colin Prophett's header was on its way into the net until Chris Nicholl punched the ball over the bar.

The Town could scarcely believe it when the penalty was awarded and Nicholl was booked for handball. And when the old chestnut about ex-players being good bets for referees is raised, it's worth remembering that the ref that day was the only former pro player to reach the top with the whistle — Bob Matthewson, who was once on Bury's books.

Tom Craig scored from the spot, and with the Town sud-

denly looking shattered it was Wednesday's turn to run the game.

They took the lead in the 66th minute when John Holsgrove got to the rebound first after Read had beaten out a shot by Brian Joicey, only for the Town to raise the pace of their game once more. Four minutes from time Peter Anderson got the equaliser they deserved from a move engineered by Givens and Halom.

It completed a good month for the Town, and was their sixth match without defeat. They had battled to a 0-0 draw away to Bristol City, then collected a point in a 2-2 draw with Cardiff at home. Anderson and Givens were the Town's marksmen, and both Cardiff goals came from Leighton Phillips.

And in the first Christmas match, Alec Stock had a happy reunion with some of his old friends, when Orient were the visitors. Stock started his management career with them, and had three separate spells at Brisbane Road.

George Petchey was the boss when they came to Luton and put up a very defensive display watched by 9,193 customers.

Alan Slough headed the Town into the lead in the 62nd minute, and Jim Ryan made a dramatic return after being out for 11 weeks with a collarbone fracture.

He went on as sub with nine minutes to go, and his first touch was to put over a centre from which Givens headed the second past Ray Goddard, his old Manchester United teammate.

Ryan didn't have long to enjoy his return — he went down with flu the next day and missed the trip to Hillsborough.

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Today marks a bumper Christmas competition for 22 Take Your Pick contestants, the winning key numbers from the Rotherham game.

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To present our star prize, we have pleasure in welcoming Silvair's chairman, John Boyle, and commercial director Tony Baltierrez. Father Christmas has come with a special sack full of goodies.

In addition, we are also offering a £400 holiday voucher of Silvair for a winning line on top house bingo, and a £10 voucher for our souvenir shop is the prize for those with a winning line in the bottom house.

We are still waiting bingo claims winners from the Derby, Bolton and Rotherham games, the numbers are:

Derby:

27, 69, 15, 35, 23
51, 3, 82, 71, 45

Bolton:

45, 82, 1, 58, 23
90, 36, 13, 9, 45

Rotherham:

7, 35, 19, 64, 45
58, 23, 41, 82, 71

We couldn't allow the festive season to pass without bringing you the Christmas spirit. And who better to provide it than the Salvation Army, an organisation recognised for their music at Christmas?

The Salvation Army first opened its doors in Luton in December 1882. For most of the 99 years since then, the bands of the Salvation Army have been heard in the streets of Luton and the current band comprises of members from the Luton Temple and Luton Citadel Corps.

During the week, the bandsmen are engaged in all walks of life but, on Sundays, they can be found taking part in various services.

Throughout the year, the bands participate in festivals and services in addition to playing in local civic and church services.

CROSSWORD

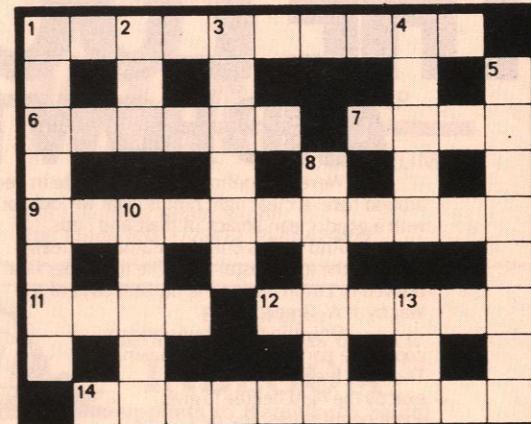
CLUES — Across:

1. Unrepeatable opportunity which needs to have *full* advantage taken of it (4-6); 6. Big half-back who served Sheffield Wednesday through the 1960s and eventually moved to Q.P.R. where he was forced to quit through injury (6); 7. The nickname of Shrewsbury (4); 9. Top scorer for Everton last season (5, 6); 11. International winger who appeared for Aberdeen and later turned out for Tampa Bay Rowdies, Philadelphia Fury and Norwich City (4); 12. At home at Eastville and Ewood Park (6); 14. Top scorer for Stoke City last season (3, 7).

CLUES — Down:

1. England's easternmost League ground (4, 4); 2. High try at catching the keeper out (3); 3. Long-service defender with Huddersfield Town, Leeds United and England (6); 4. Stuart — joined Portsmouth from Hull last season (5); 5. Millwall player-manager this season (8); 8. Famous pre-war keeper for (and post-war manager of) Spain who conceded only 40 goals in his 16-year international career — and 7 of them were in one match against England! (6); 10. A set of the season's League statistics (5); 13. Reading play at — — Park (3).

● Check your answers on the Statistics page.



AROUND THE TOWN

ANOTHER PRIZE FOR LUTON TOWN

Luton Town were the best team in the Football League during November — and that's official.

We have won the November award in the Variety Club/Omega Football Team of the Year competition. Sir Stanley Rouse, Bobby Charlton, Frank McLintock, football journalists Dennis Signy and Frank Clough, Henry Cooper and Michael Samuelson from the Variety Club and showbusiness personalities Patrick Mower and Frank Carson formed the panel which gave us the November award.

The scheme is designed to help underprivileged children with Sunshine Coaches and the transport provided to the youngsters by our award will carry Luton Town's name.

Each of the monthly winners will be invited to a luncheon at the end of the season when the Team of the Year will be announced.

Our manager, David Pleat, will receive the cheque for our award from a well-known personality on the pitch before the start of this afternoon's game.

DRAW WINNERS

The winners in the Bletchley Branch of the Bobbers Supporters Club were: I. Chambers (0534); C. Clayden (1712); V. Kitchen (2228); P. Tooth (0567); M. O'Hanlon (2426); J. Cluwright (2401); D. Walker (2459); D. Williams (2247); D. Pilgrim (1038); R. Fensome (2017).

A MARATHON SUPPORTER

The trouble some supporters go to to watch the Town in action never ceases to amaze us. And the case involving Mark Coulter is a typical example.

Eighty-one-year-old Sydney Cooper lives near Leeds and wrote telling us of the interest shown in the club by Mark, 17, who lives in Barwick in Elmet, seven miles from Leeds.

Mark has no connections with Luton but, when we are playing at home, he leaves home at 6.45 a.m. and jumps on a bus to Leeds before catching the train to Luton, arriving about two hours before the kick-off.

After the match, he catches the train and arrives home at midnight. He then pays £4 for a taxi back to his village from Leeds and watches all our home and away matches.

When we heard of Mark's amazing interest in the club, we arranged for him to be our special guest at the last home game against Rotherham when match sponsors Cleandustrial invited him and his father to join their official party.

Mark has since written to us saying: 'It was the best day out I have had in my life. I will never forget it.'

It was our pleasure, Mark, who is pictured with Mike Beevor.



TWO TOUGH HOMBRES

Introducing two of the toughest hombres in the West . . . Deadshot Stein and Mexican Lil.



The two tough guys bumped into each other at the players' recent annual pre-Christmas party, held at Tony Read's Greenfield saloon, the Old Bell.

Old Deadshot exchanged his boots for a shooting iron, while Mexican Lil looks a mean pardner as he draws on his cigar.

We hope Deadshot maintains his shooting style this afternoon.

QUESTION AND ANSWER TIME

Luton's growing reputation as a footballing side has attracted the attention of national newspaper reporters who, these days, are flocking to Kenilworth Road in increasing numbers.

The Press Box at the front of the main stand has recently been packed solid with journalists eager to find out the

secret of what has taken us to the top of the Second Division.

It's nice to know we are finally being recognised as the best team in Division Two, and reporters are always eager to listen to what both managers have to say at the post-match Press conference.

Emlyn Hughes managed to raise a few smiles after his team, Rotherham, were beaten 3-1 at Kenilworth Road in our last home match and is pictured holding court with Jim Hooley (*Daily Mail*) second from the left and the *Daily Mirror*'s Jack Steggles (right). Our own manager David Pleat, in the background, also appreciates the joke.



Luton fans may also recognise the face on the extreme left. The specs may not be enough to hide the face of our former striker, Viv Busby, now with Blackburn Rovers.

Viv is currently out of action with an injury and took the opportunity of watching Rotherham, Blackburn's opponents in the near future.

HATS OFF TO ARTHUR AND WILLIAM

Meet two of our most ardent fans . . . William Parton and Arthur Wright who, between them, total 180 grand years.

William, on the left, is 91 and still travels to some of our away games while Arthur is equally as well-known at Kenilworth Road and is 89.

They recently celebrated their birthdays and were our guests at the last home game against Rotherham. We hope the grand old pair will be able to watch Luton for a few more years yet.



THE LOCAL TASTE AND HOW TO SATISFY IT

We're very definite about our taste in beer around here. A clear light pint is what we look for; with a good, clean smack of malt and hops.

And there's only one name that really satisfies the local taste — BB. The light beer first brewed in Luton during the darkest days of the War by J. W. Green.

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LUTON LEISURE

The recent bad weather has not only postponed many Football League matches, but has also hit the Chiltern Radio Five-a-side, with two weekends cancelled so far. League tables are as follows:

Group 3 — 9-12 years

Wells Star	4	3	0	1	9	5	6
Chiltern Lions	4	3	0	1	8	4	6
St Josephs School 'J'	4	0	0	4	1	9	0

Group 1 — 14-16 years

Hillborough Hatters 'A'	3	2	0	1	9	2	4
Red Star	3	2	0	1	6	1	4
DYPC	3	2	0	1	6	4	4
Kokni Muslim Sports Club	3	0	0	3	0	14	0

Group 2 — 14-16 years

G & L Cont Foods	3	3	0	0	15	0	6
Hillborough Hatters 'B'	3	2	0	1	8	7	4
Icknield Youth	3	1	0	2	2	7	2
Newham Athletic 'A'	3	0	0	3	0	11	0

Group 5 — Adults

Wells Stars	3	3	0	0	6	1	6
DYPC 'A'	3	2	0	1	2	3	4
Arlesey Albion	3	0	0	3	0	0	0

Group 6 — Adults

Campani	3	3	0	0	10	3	6
Lewsey 'A'	3	2	0	1	8	3	4
Colts 81	3	1	0	2	5	10	2
Greene King 'A'	3	0	0	3	2	9	0

Group 7 — Adults

Greene King 'B'	3	3	0	0	7	1	6
Dunstable Wanderers	3	2	0	1	3	1	4
FC Houghton 'B'	3	0	1	2	3	7	1
Stopsley Harriers 'B'	3	0	1	2	2	6	1

Group 8 — Adults

Sundon White Hart	3	2	1	0	11	5	5
Flint United	3	1	2	0	5	3	4
Kempston Town 'A'	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Blue Star	3	0	0	3	2	9	0

The 120 boys who were on the Evening Post Echo Football Coaching Course will be presented with their certificates on Thursday 28th January 1982 at the Hatters Club at 7 p.m.

The Luton News three-day Cricket Coaching Course commences soon at the Regional Sports Centre, Stopsley. Please ring Luton 56879 for information. The cost is £4, and each participant will receive a certificate to be presented at the Hatters Club on Thursday 21st January 1982 commencing at 7 p.m.

More football, cricket, hockey, angling and other courses are planned for the New Year, along with many other tournaments. All activities will be mentioned in this column. Ideas are very important, so if you have any, please let us know.

If you wish for more details on any of the mentioned courses, please write to: Mike Iacono, Marsh House Centre, Bramingham Road, Leagrave, Luton, Beds. Tel: Luton 56879.

TOWN'S PARTY NIGHT

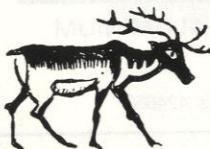


Our fans thoroughly enjoyed themselves at our annual pre-Christmas party at Cesars Palace when supporters mingled with players and managerial staff. All the players and officials were introduced on stage and skipper Brian Horton is pictured here telling Luton fans how the players appreciate our excellent away support. 'It's great and really helps to lift us during away games,' he said.

In Luton and Cambridge



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CAMBRIDGE UNITED THROUGH THE YEARS

● Cambridge United failed to progress beyond round two in the Football League Cup in their first 10 seasons in the Football League. Last season, however, they reached round four by beating First Division clubs Aston Villa and Wolves.

● Each of Cambridge's first six League games against Aldershot ended all square, but once the spell had been broken by Aldershot winning 2-1 at Cambridge in November 1973 the Shots ran riot with a 6-0 win in the return game.

● Only 450 spectators were present at Rochdale's Spotland Ground to see Cambridge United win 2-0 there on Tuesday 5th February 1974, the game being played on a Tuesday afternoon because of the three-day week and the ban on floodlit soccer.

● Cambridge played the first-ever Sunday FA Cup-tie when drawing 2-2 with Oldham on the morning of 6th January 1974.

● Cambridge's Abbey Stadium has the smallest current capacity in the Football League, just 12,500. They are also the only club to have attracted their record gate for a friendly game, 14,000 being present for the game against Chelsea on 1st May 1970.

● Cambridge conceded two goals at Torquay on 3rd January 1977. The first was by defender Pat Kruse after only eight seconds and the second was an own goal by a Cambridge defender.

● Cambridge are one of seven clubs who have won promotion from Division Four and Division Three in successive seasons, the others being Walsall, Carlisle, Millwall, Watford, Swansea, and Grimsby.

● Cambridge were known as Abbey United until 1949. They have never scored more than six goals nor conceded more than six goals in a League game. They are the only Second Division team never to have gone beyond round four of the FA Cup.

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JOHN'S JOURNAL



The name of Luton Town and its progress this season has been well noted abroad. So much so that a supporters club has been started in Denmark.

The men behind this are Peter Markham and Soren Poulsen. Soren was here a short while ago and was so impressed by the hospitality shown to him during his visit to Luton that he put the word around.

Peter made contact and a meeting was arranged between the two and some of their friends and a club was formed. According to Peter's letter they are placing an advert in the Danish weekly sports paper, *TIPSBLADET* to see if there are any other interested supporters.

If there is any Luton supporter who wishes to contact Peter in Denmark and give him any ideas or information his address is: Mr P. R. Markham, Enghaven 25, Svogerslev, 4000 Roskilde, Denmark. I'm sure he'll be glad to receive anything about the club.

The last home game against Rotherham United was again something of an old boys reunion. Not only had our visitors two former players in the side, Rodney Fern and John Seasman, but Viv Busby was here doing a bit of scouting for his club.

Viv is now at Blackburn Rovers and has a hamstring injury which is keeping him on the sidelines. He was telling me he has had more in-

juries this season than he has had before, but I told him it must be his age! I won't say what his reply was. Anyway, it was nice to see them all again.

A final word for the supporters of both sides today. Let's shout and chant by all means, but let that be as far as you go. If the fans who like to go on the rampage have plenty of money to pay for the fines etc, why not give it to the football club you support?

I am sure it would be put to a better use, and I am sure that they could do with it.
John Wilkinson
Secretary



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CENTURY CLUB

This morning we welcome our friends from Cambridge Vice-Presidents' Club. Over the past few years, the friendship between our two clubs has deepened, and it is with real pleasure we greet them on this last home game of 1981, and look forward to an entertaining afternoon.

ODD HAPPENINGS

Stanley Matthews played League Football until the age of 50, a feat unlikely ever to be equalled. In fact a player still in the game at the age of 40 would make headlines nowadays. Yet on 15th March 1947 a 53-year-old goalkeeper turned out for New Brighton in a Division Three (North) game at Hartlepools.

Not surprisingly the circumstances were rather unusual. At the last minute two New Brighton players dropped out from the selected team. Though there were no substitutes in those days, teams normally took along a 12th man and he was the obvious choice for one of the vacancies. But what about the other? In fact it was a goalkeeping vacancy because regular keeper Alf Corbett had been one of the two players to drop out.

IN RETROSPECT

LUTON TOWN v CAMBRIDGE UNITED

Division Two:
 1978-79 Luton Town 1 (Stein) Cambridge United 1 (Biley pen)
 Cambridge United 0 Luton Town 0
 1979-80 Luton Town 1 (Moss) Cambridge United 1 (Biley)
 Cambridge United 1 (Biley) Luton Town 2 (Hatton, Moss pen)
 1980-81 Luton Town 0 Cambridge United 0
 Cambridge United 1 (Reilly) Luton Town 3 (Moss pen, Goodyear, Stein)

Teams for last game here, 25th October 1980:
 LUTON TOWN: Findlay, Stephens, Donaldson, West, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, White, Antic, Moss.
 CAMBRIDGE UNITED: Key, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Gibbins, O'Neill, Spriggs, Reilly, Finney, Christie.
 Attendance: 9,412.

May we remind members that we shall be holding a New Year's party on the evening of 9th January, after our next home game against Queens Park Rangers.

Please be sure we have all your raffle money and counterfoils before then, as we shall be holding the draw on that evening. Tickets for the party are available today from Catherine Ball.

It seems incredible that we are already half-way through the season, and what a 'first-half' we have had! We all send our very best wishes to our manager and team for a very happy and successful New Year, and also to our many other friends within the club.

This was the problem that faced Neil McBain, the New Brighton manager. Neil was a big, strong Scotsman, who had played for Manchester United and Everton between the wars and had been capped three times for Scotland in the twenties. His normal position in those days had been that of central defender, but now he was to break new ground.

Like most managers before, or since, he had kept his player's registration though he had not played for some 10 years. Faced with the choice of his team turning out a man short or of playing himself Neil chose the latter course. On went the green jersey and out he ran with few of the sparse crowd realising that history was being made. Never before had a 53-year-old played in a League game.

The scanty contemporary reports give little idea of just how Neil acquitted himself, whether he got out to the high crosses and how he fared getting down to low balls.

He must, however, have shaped reasonably well because he conceded only three goals as New Brighton, then known as 'The Rakers', went down 3-0.

This was his first — and last — game in goal and he achieved it at the age of 53 years 4 months. We are all said to be fitter and healthier and younger for our age than was the case then, but is there an over-50 here today who would relish this sort of experience?



DAVID MOSS, scored against Cambridge

SAVE OUR SOCCER

Our attendance figures are traditionally compared with 1948-49 which was the peak period in football, totalling over 41 million.

However, it was during this so called 'hey day' period that we suffered our greatest decline in attendances when, for the nine years from 1948-49 to 1956-57, nearly nine million spectators were lost to the game, nearly a million per season — and yet — household names like Matthews, Mortensen, Lawton, Mannion, Shackleton, Finney, Carter, Wright, Lofthouse, Swift and Co were playing.

In 1947 we lost to Switzerland 1-0. Our team was:

Swift, Scott, Aston, Wright, Franklin, Cockburn, Matthews, Hagan, Lawton, Shackleton, Langton.

In 1949 we lost 3-1 to Sweden. Our team was:

Ditchburn, Shimwell, Aston, Wright, Franklin, Lowe, Matthews, Carter, Lawton, Mannion, Langton.

JOHN SMITH



Our chief executive John Smith has, in recent weeks, presented his dossier relating to the problems affecting Football League soccer. Today, he takes another far reaching look before the series is concluded in the matchday magazine for the game against Cambridge United on Boxing Day.

In 1948 we drew 0-0 with Denmark. Our team was:

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Ronnie Allen
West Bromwich Albion
 Tommy Lawton
Chelsea
 Jackie Milburn
Newcastle United

and yet the goals scored in Division One during this period were moderate.

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PROGRAMME CORNER

By JOHN FARMER

The bigger the match, the bigger and more expensive the programme. This is a ready summary of the situation today with big match issues now nearing £1.

It would be difficult to argue that such issues offer the value for money that the early and quite newsy early post-war issues offered for the two old pence they cost.

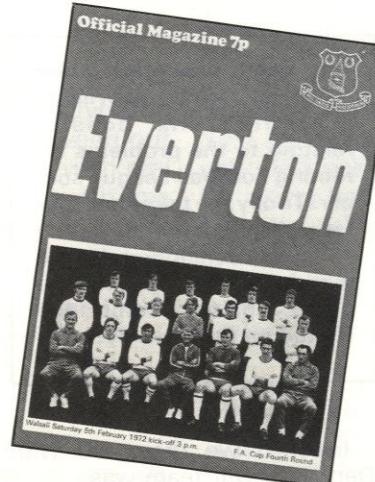
There are, however, signs that



efforts are being made to give the fan something more than colourful pictures which a few years ago often served to cover up the fact that there was precious little news.

Take this season's Charity Shield match between Spurs and Aston Villa at Wembley for instance. It cost 60p and, on the surface, it may seem difficult to tell fans very much new about these two sides while the Charity Shield itself has not got a particularly exciting history. How, then, were the 32 pages filled?

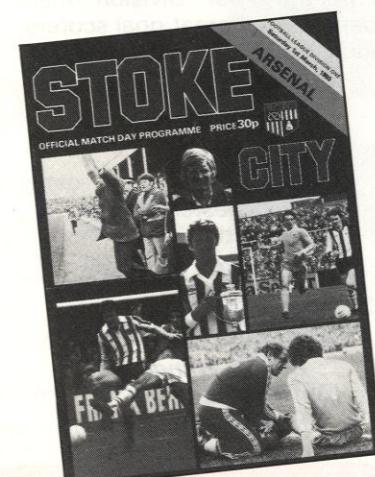
Nine pages are given over to advertisements while the colourful cover appropriately shows Spurs scoring an FA Cup goal and Aston Villa a League goal. Page 3 contains



a list of the day's happenings including the introduction of the teams to Tom Finney.

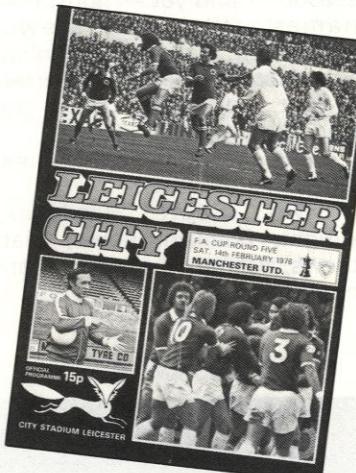
Two more pages are devoted to the team line-ups, two more to team groups and two more each to pictures of Spurs winning the Cup and Aston Villa the League. There are, however, several pages of 'meat'.

Few people would know, for instance, that Manchester United had beaten QPR in the first Charity Shield Final in 1908 until they read it



on page 4 or that, for a spell in the twenties, the professionals played the amateurs for the Charity Shield — and lost on two occasions.

Both skippers, Dennis Mortimer and Steve Perryman, have articles above their names specially geared to thoughts of the Charity Shield and a novel way of presenting pen-pictures is found by putting them in the form of the pre-war cigarette



cards that are having quite a vogue in reprinted forms these days.

Even the advertisements seem to have been carefully vetted. Programme collectors are clearly in mind with one dealer listing second-hand issues for half a page and binders offered to make it easier to preserve the day's programme which 'may be valuable' in years to come.

Whilst 60p may seem to be a particularly expensive 'extra' to the fan attending the game, it is clear that the non-attending fan is also very much in mind. Maybe if people who can afford both a stand seat and a programme are now fewer, this is one way of ensuring they do, at least, buy one of the two.

SHOP WINDOW



Have you seen the new faces in the ticket office on matchdays? Since the Bolton game, my staff led by John Gornall have, through the sale of match tickets, been able to meet more of our footballing public.

At the first attempt things went so well and with such humour, we were rolling about — both sides of the counter — that it could hardly be considered a chore. If that is the prime ingredient to increase sales on matchdays, we shall be happy with this new arrangement.

From the commercial scene, we welcome Graham Mackrell, our new 'signing' from Bournemouth in his appointment as general secretary. He will add strength and depth to our successful team off the park, and as his past experience of administration within the Football League is vast, he will add a new dimension to our already excellent and knowledgeable team.

Did you know that we have on display at all times at the pools office a complete and comprehensive stock of items at realistic prices which really fit the bill for presents for each member of your family as well as friends.

Why not call in and see Wendy. Her aim is to satisfy all enquiries within the vast range of goods for sale. Her personal attentions have to be seen to be believed, nothing is too much trouble. This is an Alladins cave — at the pools office, any day, Monday to Saturday, inclusive and you will receive excellent service. By ringing Luton 30748 you will have early knowledge as to prices etc. For mail order facilities, write to us for a full price list, but don't forget to include a stamped addressed envelope for your reply.

Although we have five lotteries which run successfully throughout the year and generate a turnover in excess of £1,000,000, we do rely on our occasional agents to sell draw tickets.

These good people are season ticket holders, parents of Junior Hatters, or winners. They are the friends of Luton Town FC but not in a position to sell regularly.

We are very grateful for their efforts to boost our sales on special occasions, and in this respect, what a fine response we have received to this year's Christmas draw. In fact, it is the best on

record so far.

But let's face it, which other club offers £2,000 in cash prizes plus a sack of gold watches, and two free tickets per book for the friend who sells 20 tickets at 25p each? You know, sometimes the chemistry which evolves from the creation of a draw such as our latest one excites me so much, I admit to be almost speechless, and for me to do that, it's got to be an excellent purchase!

In closing, may I, on behalf of all this commercial staff wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Our thanks to you all for making 1981 a year to remember, one in which the club has made such excellent progress on and off the park.

Without your help, we would find the going very hard indeed, but with it, as you prove to us day by day, we are proud to identify The Hatters as the financial miracle we are today.

Without your drive to greater heights, we would be nothing, and who wants to be at the bottom of the tree? We are now seeing the fruits of our labours.

MIKE HARDWICKE
Commercial Manager



ACTION

SHREWSBURY
TOWN 2
LUTON
TOWN 2



Top left: Steve White plants the ball into the Shrews' net for our first equaliser.

Bottom left: Mark Aizlewood moves in for a shot.

Above: Brian Stein in a mid-air dual.

Below: The Shrews' keeper stops another fierce shot from Steve White.



VISITORS

CAMBRIDGE UNITED

Considering Cambridge United have been in the Football League only 11 years, they have made remarkable progress. When they replaced Bradford Park Avenue in 1970, United won promotion only three years later when they finished in third place in Division Three.

But, the following season, they were relegated and brought in Ron Atkinson as manager. Three years later, Atkinson guided them to the Fourth Division Championship and played a large part in securing their Second Division status the following season before leaving to take over at West Brom. John Docherty was appointed to succeed Atkinson.

Throughout their spell in Division Two, the pundits have said United would dice with relegation. In truth, in the three seasons in Division Two this has never materialised.

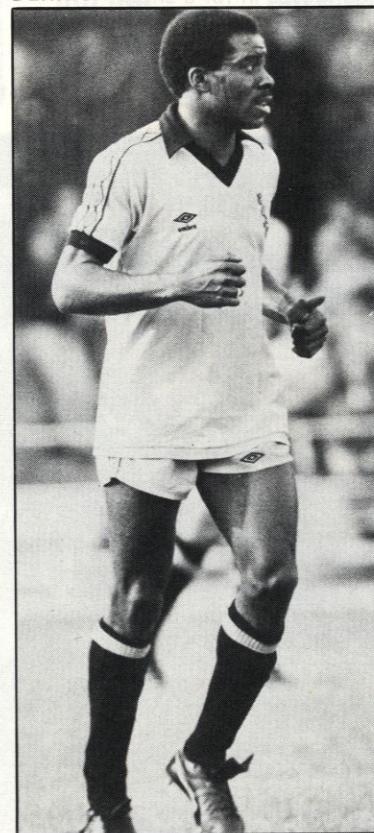
On paper, last season's 13th spot looks like United's worst season in Division Two. In fact it was probably the best. United were on the verge of the promotion race right up until the final month of the season when a series of defeats dispelled their hopes, however United ended the season on high note with a 5-1 victory over Grimsby.

For the majority of the 6,000 average attendances, the highlights of the season were two victories (4-1 on aggregate) against Wolves and a 2-1 win against Aston Villa in the League

Cup. In addition Coventry were held by United to a 1-1 draw at Highfield Road before a 1-0 defeat at the Abbey Stadium finally ended United's League Cup run.

Last season also saw a major extension to the Main Stand. The development has continued during this summer with more seating added to the ground and the construction of a major car parking area. Shrewd budgeting by the directors and officials of

DERRICK CHRISTIE



the club has led to a sound financial situation.

... AND THE PLAYERS

The Abbey Stadium boss can call on something of a settled squad for today's important match.

In goal he has **Malcolm Webster** whose previous clubs include Arsenal, Fulham and Southend. A leg injury cost him most of last season but is once again back in his usual spot this year.

Lindsay Smith was the club's Player of the Year last season and his consistent performances either in the middle of the back four or on either flank make him a big favourite with United fans. He previously made more than 200 appearances for Colchester.

Scot Jamie Murray made the left-back spot his own last season after playing previously further up-field either in midfield or as a winger.

Wearing the number four jersey will be **Derrick Christie** who signed for United from Northampton for £50,000 in 1978. He is another player who has been troubled by injury in the past but is now fully fit again.

Long-serving **Steve Fallon** has made over 250 appearances for the Abbey Stadium club dating back to December 1974 when United were in the Fourth Division. He has improved along with the team in general however and remains one of their most consistent performers.

LINE-UP

Midfield man **Tommy O'Neill** is another who has moved backwards insofar as he began his career as a winger and still uses his pace to good effect. He has also been known to pop in the occasional goal.

The man with the famous name — **Tom Finney** — is the only United player to be capped at full level . . . for Northern Ireland. He signed for the club in 1976 and became an instant favourite.

Skipper **Steve Spriggs** is one of the smallest players in the League at 5ft 2in tall but what he

lacks in height he makes up for in other ways and leads by example. He is another regular from United's days in the Fourth Division.

Big **Joe Mayo** has a more than useful goals record in his career and he is continuing this season as he has every other — by getting vital goals. He will have to be carefully watched this afternoon.

It's a similar story with **George Reilly** who was United's — and the Fourth Division's — record signing in 1979 when he signed from Northampton.

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Roger Gibbins will most likely complete the line-up and he is probably best known for his spell with Norwich City although he has also been with Tottenham Hotspur, Oxford and New England Teamen.

Other names which might feature in John Docherty's plans for today's game are **Floyd Streete**, a West Indian who hit the headlines with stunning displays for United's youth team, former West Ham star **Alan Taylor** and another ex-Norwich City man **Doug Evans**.

Back row (left to right): John Lyons, Dave Donaldson, Roger Gibbins, Tom Finney, Graham Watson, Doug Evans, Jamie Murray.
Middle row: George Reilly, Lindsay Smith, Martin Goldsmith, Richard Key, Malcolm Webster, Steve Fallon, Floyd Streete, Chris Turner.
Front row: Tommy O'Neill, Derrick Christie, Stephen Pyle, Steve Spriggs (Captain), Graham Cox, Andy Polycarpou.



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Charlton v Norwich		Coventry v W.B.A.	
Crystal Palace v Watford		Ipswich v Tottenham	
Derby County v Barnsley		Leeds v Birmingham	
Grimsby v Rotherham		Liverpool v Manchester City	
Orient v Cardiff City		Manchester United v Everton	
Q.P.R. v Chelsea		Notts County v Middlesbrough	
Sheffield Wed. v Shrewsbury		Sunderland v Stoke City	
Wrexham v Bolton		Swansea City v West Ham	
		Wolves v Nottingham Forest	

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Bristol City	3 1 1 1 3 4 3
Birmingham	2 1 0 1 4 2 2
Peterborough	3 1 0 2 6 5 2
Coventry	1 0 0 1 0 1 1
Leicester City	2 0 1 1 1 4 1
Swindon	1 0 0 1 2 6 0
Northampton	2 0 0 2 9 0

Goalscorer

Home fixtures in **bold**

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1981-82

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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	0 - 5
Oct. 3	Bristol City	1 - 1
Oct. 10	Crystal Palace	4 - 0
Oct. 17	Swindon Town	0 - 3
Oct. 24	Ipswich Town	2 - 3
Nov. 3	Hereford United	1 - 0

TODAYS TEAM CHECK

LUTON TOWN	CAMBRIDGE UNITED
JAKE FINDLAY	1 RICHARD KEY
KIRK STEPHENS	2 DAVID DONALDSON
MARK AIZLEWOOD	3 JAMIE MURRAY
BRIAN HORTON	4 GEORGE REILLY
CLIVE GOODYEAR	5 STEVE FALLON
MAL DONAGHY	6 TOMMY O'NEILL
RICKY HILL	7 DERRICK CHRISTIE
BRIAN STEIN	8 STEVEN SPRIGGS
STEVE WHITE	9 JOE MAYO
LIL FUCCILLO	10 ROGER GIBBINS
DAVID MOSS	11 ALAN TAYLOR
	12

Referee: D. HUTCHINSON, Harrogate

Linesmen: D. BYLES (Red Flag)

P. PITTAWAY (Yellow Flag)



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Saturday
26th December 1981
CAMBRIDGE UNITED



IN CHARGE TODAY

HUTCHINSON, DAVID (Harrogate). From 1964 progressed through the Cambridge, Eastern Counties and Southern Leagues to the Football League in 1972. Officiated as linesman in the 1976 FA Cup Semi-Final and refereed the 1977 FA Vase Quarter-Final, and an FA Trophy Semi-Final in 1980. Also lined European Cup-winners Cup Semi-Final in 1979, and acted as Senior Linesman in the 1981 FA Cup Final. A married man, he is an Inspector in the police force, and spends time instructing recruits at the Regional Police Centre.

WATFORD 1 LUTON TOWN 1

Our well deserved draw at Vicarage Road a week last Saturday gave us another valuable point in the potential promotion bag.

Top left: It's on its way . . . Brian Stein beats Watford keeper Steve Sherwood for our equaliser.

Centre left: Well done . . . Lil Fuccillo, David Moss, Mark Aizlewood and Brian Stein applaud the Luton fans at the end of the game.

Bottom left: A way out . . . Ricky Hill, surrounded by five Watford players, works his way out of trouble.

Right: Breakaway . . . David Moss in the race for possession.

Below: Thump . . . Mal Donaghy, who played for Ireland against England at Wembley last Wednesday, breaks for a shot at goal.

Bottom: That's mine . . . Brian Stein shows his intricate footwork to win possession.





TEAM CHECK



A MESSAGE TO OUR SUPPORTERS

LUTON TOWN

1	JAKE FINDLAY
2	KIRK STEPHENS
3	MARK AIZLEWOOD
4	BRIAN HORTON (Capt)
5	CLIVE GOODYEAR
6	MAL DONAGHY
7	RICKY HILL
8	BRIAN STEIN
9	STEVE WHITE
10	LIL FUCCILLO
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CAMBRIDGE UNITED

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IN CHARGE TODAY

Referee: D. LETTS, Basingstoke

Linesmen: E. N. DAY, (Red Flag) P. PITTAWAY, (Yellow Flag)

David Letts started in New Forest and Bournemouth Leagues, graduated via Hampshire League and the Football Combination to Football League List. Was linesman at an FA Cup quarter-final match in 1977-78, and the Wales v Northern Ireland Home Championships in 1980.

Married, with two children, he is a police sergeant with the Hampshire Constabulary and in his spare time enjoys coaching local players. Is the holder of an FA Coaching Badge (Preliminary).

OUR SUPPORTERS WILL HAVE REALISED THAT WE HAVE RETAINED THE ORIGINAL MAGAZINE FOR TONIGHT'S MATCH AFTER THE SCHEDULED GAME WAS POSTPONED ON BOXING DAY.

THE DECISION WAS NOT TAKEN LIGHTLY OR WITHOUT CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT BY LUTON OFFICIALS.

WHEN THE GAME ON BOXING DAY WAS POSTPONED, YOUR MAGAZINE HAD ALREADY BEEN PRINTED AT CONSIDERABLE COST TO US.

WE, LIKE ALL FOOTBALL LEAGUE CLUBS, ARE VERY CASH-CONSCIOUS AND DECIDED TO RETAIN THE MAGAZINE FOR DISTRIBUTION WHEN TONIGHT'S GAME WAS EVENTUALLY RE-ARRANGED.

SUPPORTERS WILL REMEMBER THAT OUR MATCHES AGAINST CHELSEA AND QPR WERE ALSO POSTPONED — AGAIN, AFTER THE MAGAZINES HAD BEEN PRINTED. BUT WE DECIDED TO SCRAPP THOSE TWO ISSUES ALTHOUGH OUR MOVE COST US SEVERAL THOUSAND POUNDS IN PRINTING COSTS. WHEN THE TWO GAMES ARE EVENTUALLY PLAYED, NEW MAGAZINES WILL BE PREPARED AND PRINTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR SUPPORTERS.

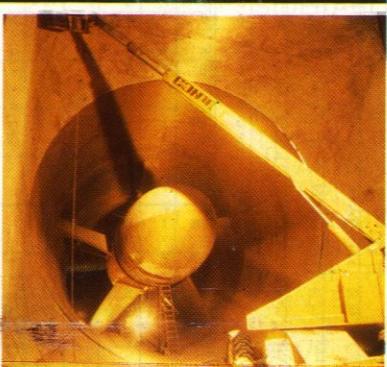
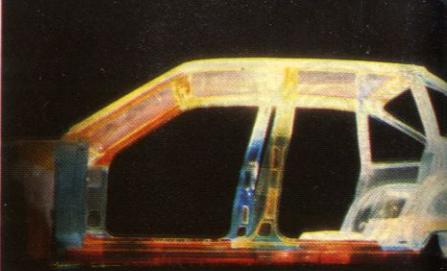
FOR OUR PART, WE HAVE GONE TO THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE OF PRINTING AN EIGHT-PAGE SUPPLEMENT TO AUGMENT TONIGHT'S MAGAZINE.

WE HOPE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND OUR DECISION TO RETAIN THIS ISSUE CONSIDERING THE ALREADY ENORMOUS FINANCIAL LOSS WE HAVE SUFFERED IN SCRAPPING THE CHELSEA AND QPR MAGAZINES.



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