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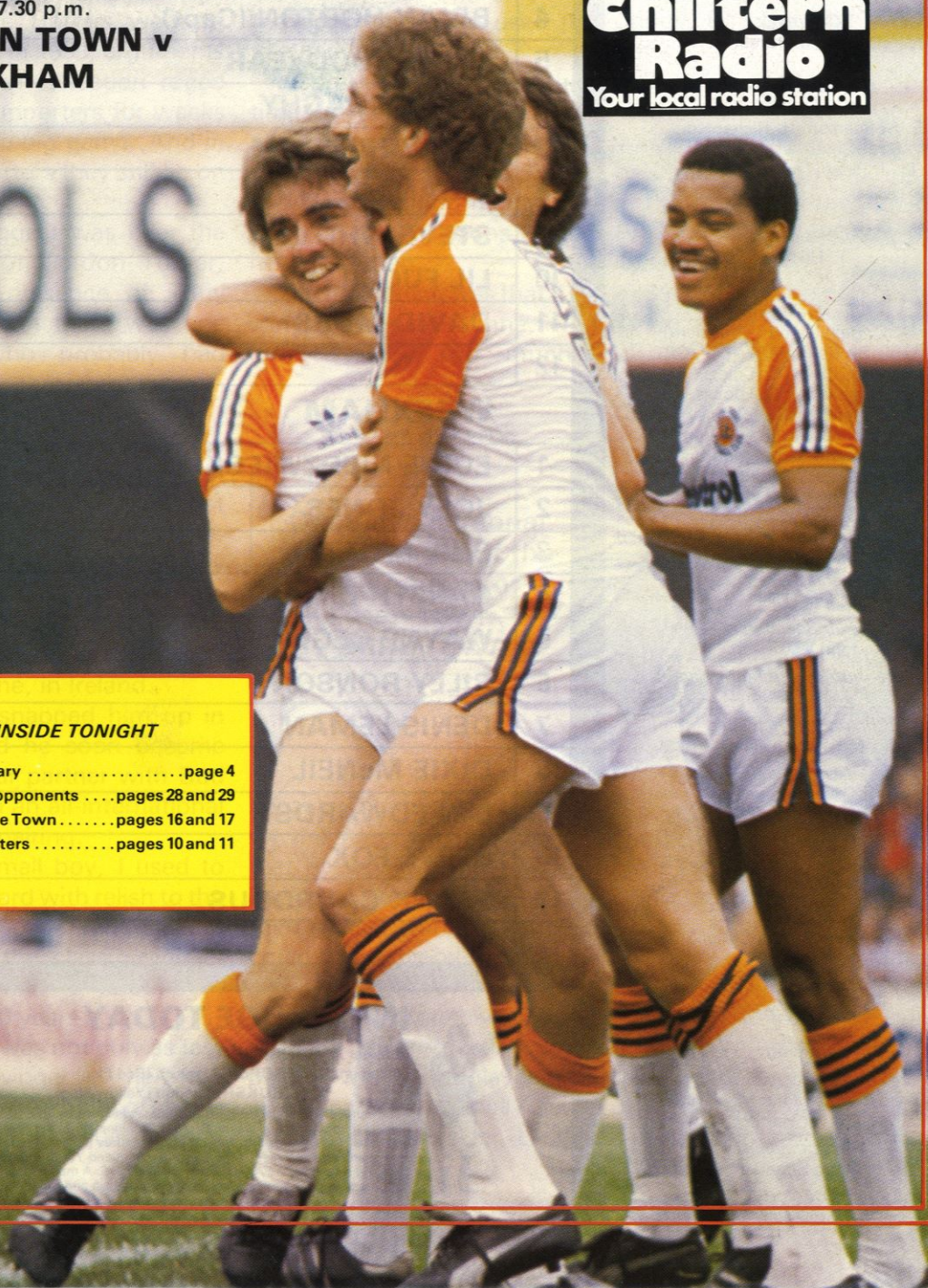
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Allan Gunn started refereeing in local Sussex leagues and the Sussex County League then progressed via the Football Combination to the Football League line and, later, the referees' list. Has officiated in three Sussex County FA Senior Finals, and was linesman at the England v Scotland Youth Amateur international in 1974. He refereed the FA Vase Semi-Final in 1976. A married man, with two daughters, and his interests include playing squash and swimming.



PERSONALITY PROFILE



When the Hatters went to Wembley in 1959, arguments about team selection raged among supporters for weeks before the big game. And in some quarters they still go on today.

The biggest was over the absence of Gordon Turner, and the presence of Tony Gregory, yet there was one player who probably had more right than most to be in the side, yet missed out.

Seamus Dunne was the fastest full-back I have seen in a Luton Town shirt, and that is no insult to Kirk Stephens.

Light on his feet, perfectly balanced, and a terrier in the tackle, Dunne made his entry into football with Shelbourne, in Ireland.

Luton snapped him up in 1951, and he soon became the regular partner with Bud Aherne in an all-international full-back pairing.

As a small boy, I used to look forward with relish to the prospect of Dunne facing some of the classy wingers who seemed to abound in football 30 years ago.

Dunne was not only as fast as most wingers — he often used to make a point of showing that he was quicker than

the opponents who used to take him on.

I didn't think about it at the time, but perhaps Dunne was not as good a tackler as he might have been. My abiding and most exciting memories were on the occasions when he was beaten.

The great thing was that if a winger got past Dunne, we didn't worry too much,

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

because Dunne's speed, even on the turn, was so superb that he would invariably get back and put in a second or third tackle before the winger could reach the by-line.

His best season for the Town was probably in the 1954-55 promotion campaign, when he played in every match and finally saw off the challenge of Leslie

Jones for the right back berth.

Dunne looked just as good in the First Division, and it was his personal tragedy that he should collect a knee injury in the run-up to the Town's FA Cup final appearance in 1959.

By that time he had been a Town regular for the best part of nine seasons, and had played nearly 300 games for them. By coincidence, the Town recruited another full-back from Shelbourne, Dunne's former League of Ireland club and Brendan McNally took his chance to make the number two shirt his own.

It was Dunne's misfortune that McNally should turn out to be such a good acquisition. He was worth his place in the FA Cup Final team, yet no-one ever doubted that but for injury Seamus Dunne would have been the owner of one of soccer's most prized possessions.

Sadly, Dunne was forced to give up the game, and went back to Ireland, leaving behind in Luton a lot of football supporters who are still glad that they had the pleasure of seeing him in action.

DAVID'S DIARY

Tonight's game promises to be exciting as Wrexham realise the need to win and we, of course, need all the points we can gather. I am sure that three points have made a difference to the attitude of some sides, but I believe points for goals would be an even more positive step.

Our away form continues to be sound. The performance at Grimsby was satisfying as we attacked positively, created chances which we failed to take, and defended solidly when Grimsby attacked us with determination. It was a horrible, cold wet day — the type of weather and difficult away fixture which gives pointers to a team's character. We came through it well and I must also point out that once again our backing on the terraces was excellent and much appreciated by all the players.

All the players and supporters, I am sure, will wish Ricky Hill every success next week if he plays in Warsaw for England Under-21. No one is more deserving of this honour. He has worked steadily since joining the club and is always striving to improve his game. He is a credit to his family, fellow players and the club. I am sure he would be the first to appreciate all the help he has been given by all his colleagues in his career.

We were all most disturbed last week when a letter sent to several local newspapers arrived on our desk. The letter complained of our players' behaviour in our mini-break in Spain. I have replied as politely as possible, and also sent a letter to the FA. Our players rested and trained for four days without a word of complaint from either hotel management, staff or guests. I was shocked to receive this complaint but now know what instigated it. The



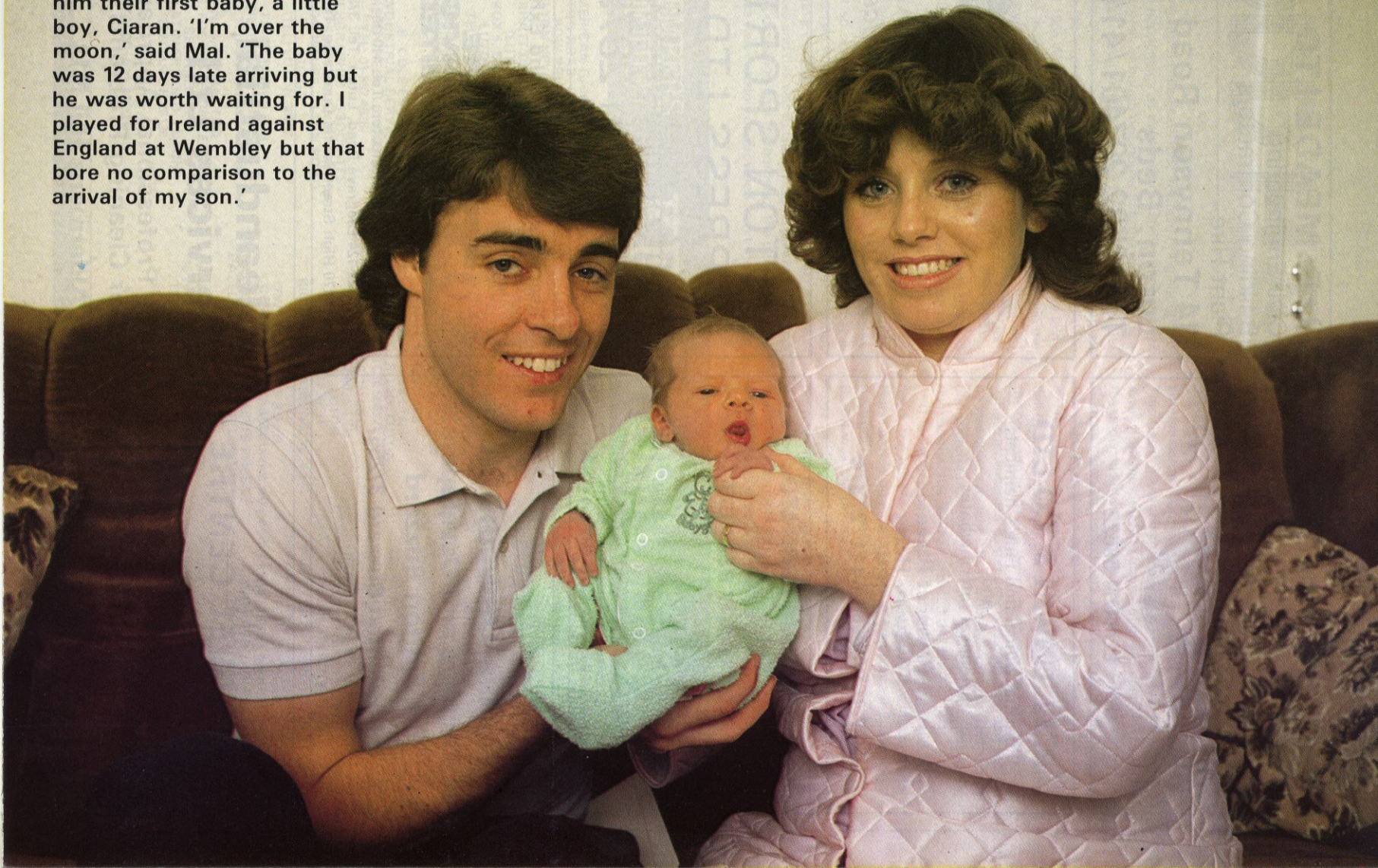
matter is now closed but I can assure all our supporters that no players have abused the good name of our club. With 16 games to play we have a wonderful opportunity if we stay cool, calm and collected. I will remain cautiously optimistic until we have achieved our goal. It is important that the terrace support retains its encouragement during periods when we are struggling or striving for form.

Finally, you might have read that we have been involved recently in some transfer negotiations. It is not easy to complete a deal. Both clubs must agree a suitable price then the players must be keen to join and be happy financially. This club will not disturb its wage structure, guarantee first team places, or be satisfied if we sense that something about the deal isn't 'quite right'. The present staff have done a splendid job and the players know any additions will be acceptable if they are good enough to help their chances of future success.

Enjoy tonight's game and get behind the players.

Irish eyes were certainly smiling for Mal Donaghy when his wife Maurette presented him their first baby, a little boy, Ciaran. 'I'm over the moon,' said Mal. 'The baby was 12 days late arriving but he was worth waiting for. I played for Ireland against England at Wembley but that bore no comparison to the arrival of my son.'

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ODD HAPPENINGS

Will the World Cup finals of 1982 in Spain bring about two such odd happenings as did those of 1966 in this country? They may well, although one hopes that there will not be a quarter-final result overshadowed by as explosive as the sending off of Antonio Rattin or a Final whose result rests so heavily on an 'over the line or not?' controversy.

For the 1966 World Cup Final at Wembley ended in a fairly conclusive-looking 4-2 scoreline, but this result hung in the balance well into extra-time after England's bubbling euphoria had been cut, pricked by a last minute West German equaliser.

This itself had been the result of a disputed free-kick and as the ball finally landed in the net after bobbling about in the goal area it might well have seemed that it was not the home country's day after all.

As the game re-started all square again after 90 minutes Alan Ball, then in his early twenties, was running as hard as ever. But so many limbs were nearing exhaustion that it seemed certain that one goal would settle the issue. A 'shoot on sight' policy was as likely to succeed as any other in the circumstances and this was in Geoff Hurst's mind as he found himself in possession near the corner of the penalty area.

A chance was certainly on provided he hit the ball quickly

enough before German defender Schulz bore down on him. This Geoff managed to do and the ball flew hard and true away from the clutching fingers of goalkeeper Tilkowski, hit the underside of the bar and then bounced down and out. A German defender rushed back and headed the ball over his own bar. Then the debate started.

The referee hesitated. Home fans argued that since the ball bounced out at an angle it must have bounced down at the opposite angle and therefore have gone over the line.

Russian linesman Bakhramov was consulted and though he was quite a distance away from the corner flag at the time and therefore not level with the goalline he expressed the opinion that the ball had crossed the line.

Thus, after a pause of up to a minute that seemed like an hour, the referee awarded a goal and a few minutes later Hurst netted again to make the final score 4-2. He might have got this extra goal in any case, but many felt at the time that it was the pressure put on the Germans by the controversial England third goal which threw them forward and provided the opening for the fourth.

This we shall never know nor, since television and film evidence was inconclusive, shall we ever know whether that vital third goal was in fact really a goal.

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SPOTLIGHT ON KIRK STEPHENS



SPOTLIGHT

Kirk Stephens was plucked from the obscurity of non-League football with Nuneaton but became one of the best full-backs in the Football League. David Pleat had been in the job only a few months when he returned to the club he previously managed and bought Kirk, who was a bargain at £5,000. Since then, Kirk hasn't looked back after he quickly established a regular place in Luton's senior side. At the start of this season, he had made 105 first team appearances and holds an ever-present record this term. He arrived at Kenilworth Road in June 1978 after our manager had remembered Kirk's potential. And £5,000 to a non-League club was too much to ignore. Who would have thought that a player who was bought for such a bargain price would go on to show so much skill? His overlapping power is feared by many flank players and Luton fans have often seen him show many players a clean pair of heels. We asked Kirk to answer the questions



in tonight's Spotlight.
What was your occupation before signing full time professional?

'Helping to run the family contracting business'.

Did you think that by working during the day you could not give your best on the pitch?

'Yes, because I thought that by working it took my mind off the game and did not give me time to worry about opponents'.

Who is the best player you have played against?

'John Robertson of Nottingham Forest'.

Who is the best player you have seen or played with?

Ricky Hill must be probably one of the best players I have seen and played with. He deserves his England recognition.'

How do you relax before and after a match?

Before a match, I like to warm-up at the ground. After the match a few drinks with the wife and friends is usually in order.'

What ambitions have you yet to achieve in football?

'To play in the First Division and at Wembley.'

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"BOBBIN" DINO, HEATOWN'S FOREIGN SIGNING WAS IN HIS CENTRAL AMERICAN HOMELAND OF GUATADOR FOR A WORLD CUP QUALIFYING GAME. HE IS KIDNAPPED BY REBELS.

HEAD FOR HEIGHTS!

EPISODE FIFTEEN

by Ray Aspden

WE HAVE OUR HIDEOUT AMIDST THE OLD INDIAN RUINS. THE PRESIDENT'S ARMY DO NOT SUSPECT WE ARE SO CLOSE!

5'10" OF FOOTBALLER, SNATCHED FROM HIS HOTEL SWIMMING POOL, SUFFERED WITH CRAMP IN THE BACK OF THE KNEE!

IT IS SAFE TO UNTIE YOU NOW BOY.

I'VE NOT HAD SUCH A ROUGH RIDE SINCE BEING MARKED OUT OF A MATCH BY A CLOGGER!

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BOBBIN WAS GIVEN PEASANT RAGS TO WEAR AND ALLOWED TO EXERCISE IN THE RUINS.

WHAT PLACE IS THIS?

IT IS AN OLD INDIAN BALL COURT. A SORT OF, WHAT IS NOW, BASKET BALL WAS PLAYED HERE IN ANCIENT TIMES!

ANY GAME WITH A BALL IN IT IS MY SORT OF GAME! HOW ABOUT IT, GUARDS?

NEXT EPISODE: COOL AS YOU LIKE, BOBBIN TAKES ON HIS CAPTORS!

JUNIOR HATTERS



THE MASCOT . . .



ALEXANDER MUNT

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Colin Ball
Youth Development Officer

The Junior Hatters Club received another financial boost last week as a result of a fancy dress party for parents and friends. Nearly £200 was raised as a result of their generosity, and the efforts of other friends, including John and Debbie who provided the music, and Pam, who used her considerable powers of persuasion to make normally quiet, sane, people go slightly crazy for the evening. But then, we had just beaten Oldham 2-0! Thanks to all who came and helped in any way.

NEW FIVE-A-SIDE COMPETITION
Now for details of a grand end-of-season five-a-side football competition for our members, already mentioned in the Evening Post Junior Hatters column.

- There will be two competitions:
- 1 Under 12 (Must be 11 or under on 31.8.82);
 - 2 12 and over (must be 12 or over on 31.8.82).

These will be arranged in two leagues with a handsome trophy for the winners in each age group, plus individual awards for the players.

The competition will start during the week commencing Monday 29th March, and is **only for members of the Junior Hatters Club**. Further details are available from me, at the Club Offices, (Luton 411622) or John Smylie, 44 Wadhurst Avenue, Luton 25796 (home) or 426304 (work).

MASCOTS AND ESCORTS
MASCOT: Alexander Munt of Five

Oaks, Caddington, who is 8. Alexander attends Willowfield School, and his hobbies are football, reading and playing draughts. He plays for his school team.

ESCORTS: Simon Jones, aged 8, of Sarratt Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, who attends Holtsmere End Junior Mixed School, where he plays for his school team, and his other interest is drawing.

Debbie Kealey of The Vine, Castle Street, Luton, who is 12 and attends Stockwood High School, where she plays hockey and netball for her school teams. Her other interests are gymnastics and swimming.

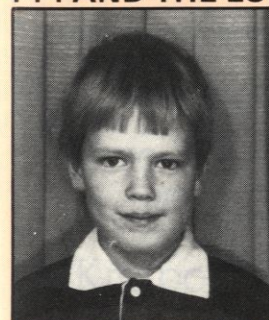
Trevor Mitchell of Black Swan Lane, Luton. Trevor is 12 and attends Icknield High School. In addition to football, his main interest is in swimming.

Paul Motton of Holts Meadow, Redbourn. Paul is 11 and attends Roundwood Park School, Harpenden and plays for Redbourn Under-12's. He is interested in all sports, fishing and geology.

OFFER

Here is an offer to all existing members. If you can encourage a friend to become a new member of our Junior Hatters Club by filling in the application form on this page, not only will they be in membership until the 31st May 1983, but you as the introducing member, will get free membership for next year also, i.e. until 31st May 1983. This offer will last until 30th April 1982.

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The first travel news this week is that coaches are booked to travel to Barnsley next Tuesday, departing Maple Road at 2.30 p.m.; Hitchin 2.00 p.m.; Aylesbury 1.00 p.m.; Bletchley 1.30 p.m. and Leighton Buzzard 2.00 p.m. Fares: Adults £4.50; Juveniles £3.

There has been considerable interest already, so please let me have your bookings early. Would those of you who booked for the original date of December 19th *please let me know* whether you still wish to travel on 16th March.

Coaches will also run as follows:

To Crystal Palace on Saturday 20th March. Depart Maple Road noon; Hitchin 11.30; Aylesbury 10.30; Bletchley 11.00; Leighton Buzzard 11.30. Fares: Adults £2.25; Juveniles

£1.50.

To Derby County 27th March. Depart Maple Road 10.30; Hitchin 10.00; Aylesbury 9.00; Bletchley 9.30 Leighton Buzzard 10.00. Fares: Adult £3.75; Juveniles £2.50.

I was pleased to receive a telephone call this week enquiring about the possibility of running coaches to home and away games from Hemel Hempstead, to provide a service for the considerable band of Luton supporters there and surrounding areas. Mr Moskal of 144 Crawley Drive, Grove hill, Hemel Hempstead, who contacted me, is prepared to investigate the volume of support, and forward names and bookings to me.

I shall be happy to arrange coaches for these supporters, and hope to announce the start of these additional services in

our next Matchday Magazine, and as soon as possible in the local press.

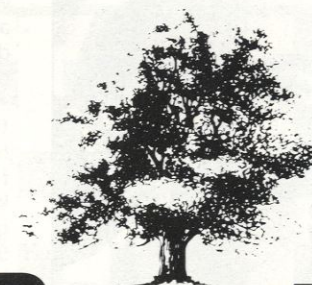
Potential travellers can either telephone Mr Moskal (Hemel Hempstead 65143) or ring me at the Football Club (Luton 411622, 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday).

I would remind all travelling away supporters that starting on Saturday 10th April, with our trip to Cambridge, there will be a concession to *all registered Luton Town Travel Club Members* of a reduction in coach fares. This will continue until the end of the present season, so hurry up and join to take advantage of the offer. Quote your membership number when booking your seats.

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FLASHBACK

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

Big names, big money and big moans from the terraces hogged the headlines in the sports pages of the papers 10 years ago this week.

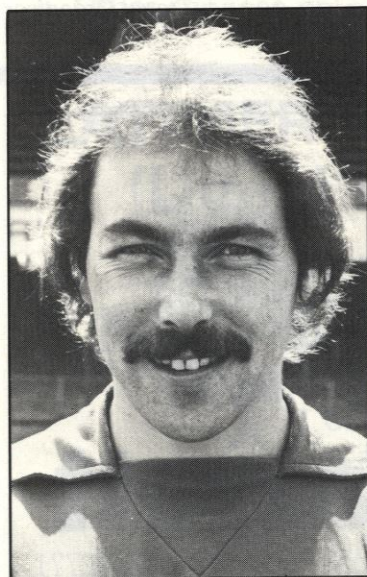
And Luton Town had its share of all three, as football went on the usual crazy trail of hurried transfers to beat the March deadline.

Manchester United signed Ian Storey-Moore from Nottingham Forest for £200,000 . . . Leicester paid £30,000 for Mark Wallington from Walsall . . . Manchester City, with Malcolm Allison and Joe Mercer in charge, paid £200,000 for Rodney Marsh from QPR . . . Alan Mullery went back to Fulham from Spurs.

It completed a record season for transfers, with 150 deals registered at the Football League, worth a total of £5.5 million.

The one that hurt most concerned Luton Town. For months they had been denying reports that star

MARK WALLINGTON



defender Chris Nicholl was going to be sold. And right on the deadline he joined Aston Villa for £90,000, just in time to step into their team and help them win promotion from the Third Division.

The background to the transfer was all too familiar to regular Town followers. 'It simply had to be done, no matter how much I regretted it,' said manager Alec Stock.

Luton Town had a deficit of £191,000 in their latest balance sheet. They needed 14,500 at each home gate to break even, but the attendance figure was averaging only a little over 12,000.

Support had dwindled so much that when the Town entertained Watford on 4th March the gate was down to 10,816, the lowest for a local derby in many years.

The fans who stayed at home might have been the lucky ones — Watford were bottom of the table, doomed to relegation, while the Town hadn't won for six games. Stock shook up his squad, dropping John Moore, Robin Wainwright and Viv Busby, and recalling Don Shanks, Jim Ryan and Gordon Hindson.

The Town always looked the better side, but a string of missed chances cost them victory, and Watford went home with a 0-0 draw. It was to be the last point they would take from the Hatters for almost exactly 10 years, from a local derby which had none of the fire and passion you expect.

The disgruntled crowd contented themselves with jeers and the slow handclap. They didn't even give a farewell cheer to Chris Nicholl, not knowing that it was to be his last game for the Hatters. He had played 97 League games for the Town since being signed from Halifax for the bargain fee of £20,000.

Town chairman Robert Keens, a local accountant, realised that the long-suffering customers were bound to raise all the old moans

about Luton Town flogging off every decent player they found, with money outweighing all considerations.

He made a point of going into print to explain all the facts and figures, but however much sense they made to directors and to accountants, the fans weren't convinced.

But there were a couple of good news items for the supporters who vented their frustration through the letters columns of the local newspapers.

Stock already had his replacement lined up for Nicholl, and as Nicholl packed his boots and left the Town paid £6,000 to sign a 24-year-old reserve from Leeds United — John Faulkner. His First Division chances in one of the best club teams in the world had been limited by the consistency of Jackie Charlton, but Stock promised the Luton supporters that he had found a centre-half who was capable of doing a good job for a long time for Luton Town.

His judgement was to be proved within a couple of years, when Faulkner was the kingpin at the back when the Town at last won promotion to the First Division for the second time in their history.

The other item of good news for supporters was that the Town, realising the need to attract new customers after a poor season, decided to peg admission prices for the new campaign.

The figures are hardly believable today — best seats were 75p per match, with wing seats at 60p. The Enclosure and the Bobbers Stand — then standing room only — were priced at 40p and the Kenilworth Road turnstiles clicked at 30p per customer, half-price for kids.

A season ticket cost all of £15. But to end with where we began, fifteen quid in 1972 was big money to most of us, even if we did think £90,000 for Chris Nicholl was a steal.

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We hope you enjoyed the pre-match entertainment at the Oldham game. It certainly was a day to remember with Erika Roe's fun lap of the pitch raising over £200 for match sponsors Marley Tiles in the 'Buy a Tile' campaign for the Jimmy Saville Stoke Mandeville Spinal Unit appeal.

We saw three very satisfied Town supporters last week: Phil Goodman, Ross Waddell and Sue Mulholland winning super prizes at 'Take Your Pick'. In fact, Ross's prize was most appropriate as he is heading for Australia in just over a week's time — after an absence of seven years. And what better prize to win than a folding bicycle. Excuse us Ross, but we couldn't resist saying: 'On your bike!'

We then had the satisfaction of welcoming old campaigner Bob Morton on to the pitch to accept the Sanyo television on behalf of the Season Ticket Members' Bar. Bob holds the record number of League appearances for the club (494 in total)



spanning from 1948 to 1964. Bob enjoyed his day and wishes to thank you all for the tremendous reception he received.

Half-time saw Peter Fallon receiving his Junior Hatter competition prize from our star guest of the day — Frankie Vaughan. His father Danny tells us that the lad was so excited being there on the pitch to receive his Luton Town Adidas shirt and felt the occasion was the greatest moment of his life.

CROSSWORD

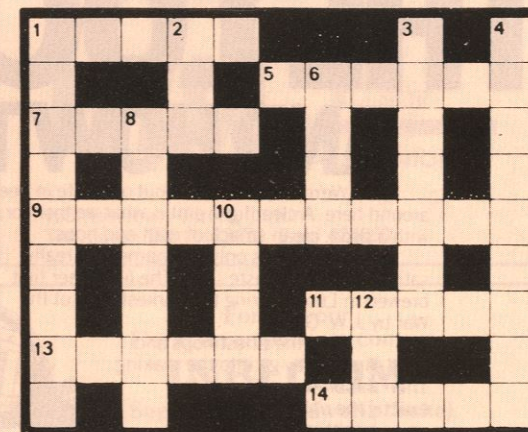
CLUES — Across

1. Keeper who established a club appearances record for Reading last season (5); 5. What, colloquially, unhappy soccer players are as sick as (6); 7&11ac. Number One in One in eighty-one . . . (5,5); 9. . . . their former player who was a League ever-present for Plymouth last season (11); 11. See 7 across; 13. Darryl . . . , referee (6); 14. The first . . . League game (Football League v Football Alliance) was played at Sheffield in 1891 (5).

CLUES — Down

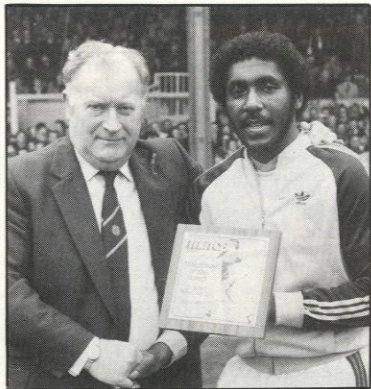
1. AFC Bournemouth's base (4,5); 2. Total number of League away wins mustered between them last season by . . . (3); 3. . . . City and Rovers (7); 4. Side sited at Stair Park (9); 6. Hawley or Hill (4); 8. Atmospheric name of the former NASL side of San Antonio (7); 10. A referees 'authority' . . . and powers granted to him by the Laws of the . . . commence as soon as he enters the field of play' (Law V) (4); 12. Moores, maybe (3).

• The answers are published on page 20.



AROUND THE TOWN

WELL DONE, RICKY . . .



At long last . . . we were beginning to wonder if Ricky Hill would ever receive the England recognition he fully deserves.

One of the most stylish midfield players in the Football League, Ricky has been pressing hard for an England call with some thoroughly competent displays in the last two seasons.

There's an old saying that anything worth having is worth waiting for and that's proved to be the correct case for Ricky who has been named in Ron Greenwood's England Under-21 squad for the UEFA Cup quarter-final against Poland in Warsaw on 17th March.

It means he will miss our game at

Barnsley the previous day but manager David Pleat had no hesitation in releasing Ricky to play for his country.

'I'm delighted with the news,' said Ricky. So are we.

There was a double celebration for him at our home game against Oldham. In addition to receiving the news of his England call, he was also presented with his plaque for being named Matchman of the Month for November.

The winter weather prevented Ricky from receiving his award earlier, but our chairman Denis Mortimer caught up on time to present it on the pitch.

. . . AND KEITH

Photographers don't always record the



news in pictures — they are occasionally in it themselves.

That proved to be the case for Evening Post photographer Keith Dobney who beat dozens of other competitors to be named Eastern Region Photographer of the Year.

Keith was our special guest at the Oldham match and received an inscribed colour picture of the Luton team from chairman Denis Mortimer on the pitch before the game.

Keith's Luton pictures often appear in the Evening Post, and he said: 'It was a superb gesture by the club to invite me to the match. I really enjoyed myself.'

RUB SHOULDERS WITH THE STARS

Our mascots and escorts enjoy a special day out if their names come out of the hat to be on duty at our home games.

They are all members of our thriving



Junior Hatters Club and take part in all the activities organised for them by Colin Ball.

There are many benefits to be obtained by joining the Junior Hatters Club and there's an application form on page 11 if you want to be part of the action.

These happy escorts and mascots are pictured before the start of our last game against Oldham.

ENTERTAINMENT WITH A SWING

We go to long lengths to ensure our supporters are entertained before

games and at half-time. At the last game against Oldham we had two well known personalities with us.

Singer Frankie Vaughan and Erika Roe — better known for her streak at Twickenham than for watching football — joined us for the afternoon.

Miss Roe was a guest of match sponsors Marley Roof Tiles and brought wolf whistles from the terraces as she ran a full lap of the pitch. As she ran out she was followed by a posse of photographers.

Frankie was appearing in concert at the Forum, Hatfield, the following evening and took the opportunity of watching the best team in the Second Division.

He presented the Take Your Pick winners with their prizes at half-time and made the kitchen staff swoon when they posed for pictures with one of their favourite singers.

FOLLOW THE ACTION

We catch up on another postponed game on Tuesday when we travel to Yorkshire to meet fellow promotion challengers, Barnsley. Details of coaches making the journey can be found on page 13.

There are another two away matches the following weeks when we play Crystal Palace and Derby before our next home game — against Orient on Tuesday 30th March. See you then.

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.

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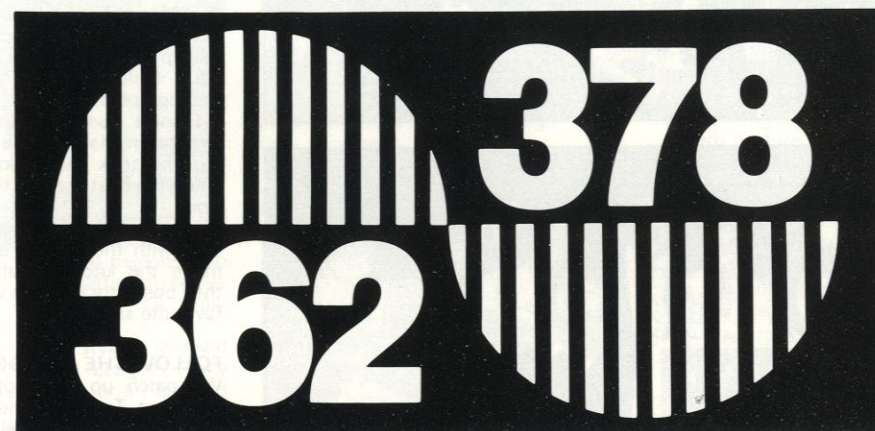
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The draw for round one proper and Plate in the Adult Competition for the Chiltern Radio (Luton Town five-a-side 1981-82) is as follows:

Group 1 — 17.2.82
Red Star
Luton & Dunstable 'A'
Chiltern Hotel 'B'
St Joes

Group 3 — 17.2.82
F.C. Coral
Sundon White Hart
Luton Youth House 'A'
Lewsey F.C. 'A'
Group 5 — 3.3.82
Sporting Chiltern
Wells Stars
Kokni Muslim Sports Club
Dunstable Young Peoples
Club 'A'

Group 7 — 3.3.82
Southcott Village 'A'
Area Marine Plastics
Stopsley Harriers 'C'
F.C. Houghton 'A'

Group 1 — 24.2.82
Blue Star
Cafco
International F.C. 'A'
Chiron Venture Scout Unit
Dynamoe Trewax

Group 3 — 10.3.82
F.C. Houghton 'B'
Farley Eagles
Snowball Snatchers
Kempston Town Youth 'B'
Bedford Boys Club

Group 2 — 17.2.82
Sells 7th Venture Unit
Flint United
Luton Youth House 'B'
Dunstable Young Peoples
Club 'B'

Group 4 — 17.2.82
Olympic Runners
Crest Cars
Exelsior Breakaway F.C.
Lewsey F.C. 'B'

Group 6 — 3.3.82
Mission Impossible
Campani F.C.
Housing Social 'A'
Dunstable Wanderers

Group 8 — 3.3.82
Greene King F.C. 'B'
G.E.C. Dunstable 'A'
Chiltern Hotel 'A'
Stopsley Harriers 'A'

ROUND ONE PLATE

Group 2 — 24.2.82
Dads 'n' Lads
Housing Social F.C. 'B'
Southcott Village 'B'
Old Dunstable Wanderers
Luton & Dunstable
Hospital 'B'

Group 4 — 10.3.82
Kempston Town Youth 'A'
Colts 81
G.E.C. Dunstable 'B'
Greene King F.C. 'A'
Stopsley Harriers 'B'
Cliphill F.C.

The table for round one proper and Plate in all competitions will appear in the next magazine.

During Easter, there are some fantastic courses and tournaments to enter. Commencing on Tuesday 13th April 1982 for three days there is a special *Evening Post/Echo* three day Football Coaching Course organised to take place at the Regional Sports Centre Playing Fields and Leagrave Park.

Each day session will commence at 9.30 a.m. and finish at 1.00 p.m. The course is open to all boys aged from seven to 14 years, but numbers are limited to the first 60 applications at the Regional and 100 at Leagrave Park on a first come first served basis. All the coaches are qualified FA Coaches and are members of the Bedfordshire Football Coaches Association. The price of the course is £4.60 for all three days.

If you like or play hockey, a Leader three day Easter Hockey Coaching Course has been organised at Wardown Park, lower pavilion. The course starts on Monday 5th April 1982 and finishes on Wednesday 7th April 1982. Coaching will commence each day at 9.30 a.m. and finish at 2.00 p.m. The course is open to boys as well as girls and ages must be from 9 to 16 years. Only the first 100 applicants will

be accepted. Coaching will be led by Marin Kavanagh, who has 20 caps for Wales and is a Beds County player. He will lead a team of expert coaches from Beds Eagles and Chiltern Ladies Hockey team. The cost for all three days is £3.50.

CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

Would you like the opportunity to play cricket on the pitch at Kenilworth Road, before a football match? Well thanks to Luton Town FC, you will have the opportunity to do so, because with the Luton News, Brengreen (Holdings), Junior seven-a-side cricket championships are being organised.

These championships are open to all teams, scratch, school, club or community teams, (e.g. seven friends may form a team to enter) for Under-12's and 14's. The venue for the early rounds is at Stopsley Regional Sports Centre. St Thomas's Road, Stopsley, Luton, Beds.

The dates are 8th April for the Under-12's and 6th April for the Under-14's, the first match commences at 10.00 a.m. each day.

Only the first 16 teams will be allowed to enter on a first come first served basis and the teams will be drawn into four groups and play each other. Top teams in each group then play on a knockout basis until the final. The finals will be held at Kenilworth Road on May 11th 1982 before the Luton v QPR match for Under-12's and May 15th before the Luton v Barnsley match for Under-14's. Each match will be of seven overs.

Equipment will be supplied if necessary and the winners of the Under-12's will be invited to represent Luton in the Sports Council 'Champions All' competition which has been sponsored by Anglia TV on May 16th at Luton. There is one special rule, that each team must have an adult manager present with them at all times. The entry fee is £3 per team (8 players).

We have not forgotten the girls. In conjunction with the Luton Town FC and Luton, Dunstable and District Netball League, the TSB Junior Easter Netball Tournament will be taking place at Lea Manor Recreation Centre on Wednesday 14th April 1982.

The competition is open to all teams (like the cricket) for Under-11's, 12's, 14's and 15 years. Only the first 16 entries of each age group will be accepted.

The teams will be drawn into four groups and play each other. Top teams will then play on a knockout basis.

The Under-11 and 12 years, tournaments are in the morning with the other two in the afternoon.

There are trophies for winners plus mementoes for winners and runners-up. In addition the winner of the Under-12's and 14's will also be invited to represent Luton in the 'Champion All' competitions, sponsored by Anglia TV on May 16th 1982.

The entrance fee is £2.50 per team (8 players).

Further Easter activities will also be in the next magazine. Your ideas and views are always needed, so if you have any, please let us know. Also if you wish to receive an application form for any of the above events, please write to:

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IN RETROSPECT

LUTON TOWN v WREXHAM

Division Three

1963-64 3-1(H) 0-2(A)

Division Four

1965-66 1-0(H) 0-2(A)

1966-67 3-1(H) 0-2(A)

1967-68 2-1(H) 1-1(A)

Division Two

1978-79 Luton 2 (Stein, Fuccillo) Wrexham 1 (Thomas)

Wrexham 2 (Buxton, Williams) Luton 0

1979-80 Luton 2 (Moss, Stein) Wrexham 0

Wrexham 3 (McNeil, Fox, Edwards) Luton 1 (Hatton)

1980-81 Luton 1 (Bunn) Wrexham 1 (Edwards)

Wrexham 0 Luton 0

1981-82 Wrexham 0 Luton 2 (Donaghy, White)

Teams for last game here, 6th September 1980:

LUTON: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price,

Hill, Stein, Bunn, Antic (West), Moss

WREXHAM: Davies, Carrodus, Dwyer, Davis, Cegielski,

Vinter, Sutton, Edwards, McNeil, Cartwright

Attendance: 8,244

WREXHAM THROUGH THE YEARS

- Defender AMBROSE BROWN was sent off just 30 seconds after the start of Wrexham's game at Hull on Christmas Day 1936.
- KEN ROBERTS made his debut for Wrexham at the age of 15 years 158 days in September 1951.
- RAY AMBLER, RON BARNES and WYN DAVIES all scored hat-tricks in Wrexham's 10-1 win over Hartlepool in a Division Four game in March 1962.
- BERNARD EVANS scored after 25 seconds on his debut for Wrexham in a Division Three (North) game at Bradford City in September 1954.
- Through winning the Welsh Cup Wrexham have participated in the European Cup-winners' Cup in four different seasons, fighting their way through to the quarter-final stage in 1975-76 and going down 2-1 on aggregate to the strong Belgian club Anderlecht.
- Wrexham were in fact the first ever winners of the Welsh Cup when beating Druids 1-0 in 1878. They have won the trophy no fewer than 21 times to date.
- In a Division Three (North) game against Halifax in September 1932 Wrexham rallied to win 5-2 after being 2-0 down with 10 minutes to go.

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Across: 1. Death; 5. parrot; 7. 781 fac; Aston Villa; 9. Cradling; 11. See 7 across; 13. Reeves; 14. Inter. Down: 1. Dean Court; 2. two; 3. Bristol; 4. Stranraer; 6. Alan; 8. Thunder; 10. Game; 12. Ian.

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JOHN'S JOURNAL



I was very disappointed that the subject of summer football wasn't mentioned at the recent seminar held in Birmingham as I personally feel that this could be the answer to the problem of falling gates.

Twelve months ago it was decided to bring in three points for a win, the results of which have been negligible. Football and goalscoring haven't improved that much while attendances are still falling. I suggest that the British winter is not an ideal time to stand on the terraces or to sit and watch our national game. Living standards have changed so football habits must change also.

I would like to see the season run from March to October and at the same time abandon the tradition of playing at weekends. The game could still be played on Saturday afternoons during the early and late part of the season but switching to Tuesday or Wednesday during the better months of May to September.

There would be no need to spend vast sums of money on pitch protection and

under-soil heating and the cost of running it. The grounds would look much more attractive to supporters during the summer months than peering at them through the fog on a cold November night. Summer midweek evenings I believe would be preferable because of the competition of other sports and entertainment at weekends. Some people like to watch cricket, some prefer the garden while others like to get off to the seaside.

All things are stronger at the weekends rather than midweek. Better weather would also give us the opportunity of presenting extra pre-match entertainment and the chances of attracting the family audience is greater in the good weather. Television programmes are geared towards its captive winter indoor audience as they expect people to be out and about during the summer.

The selling of season tickets would also be easier for fans. Why not a season ticket as a Christmas present? It's so much easier than having to dip into the

holiday money. We would be using our stadiums at the best time of the year and not the worst. Grass does grow during the summer and I don't believe our pitches would be kicked up so much as they are during the winter. I know there are drawbacks to my idea but I believe it is worth a try because if we don't do something soon we won't have nothing to gamble with. Football has to be played when the public want it and not as it is now.

I sat watching our reserve side the other night along with 145 other people and I thought how much better it would be sitting down on a warm summer evening than we were that night in the freezing cold. There is a saying in football that you don't have to be mad to be involved but it certainly does help.

**John Wilkinson
Secretary**



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The Chiltern team lead busy lives producing the wide variety of programmes available over the course of a week. From popular music to classical and from gardening to news documentaries, there is something to suit every taste.

The personalities not only present their shows, but are also involved with the more specialist programmes. Chris Seymour, for instance, not only presents the Late Show two nights a week, but also produces the arts magazine, Focus.

Many people have become personalities on Chiltern. Nigel King, from Markyate, presents the acclaimed Chiltern Sport on Saturday afternoons and Dunstable man, Steve Fountain, is a late night presenter.

Every hour, on the hour, Chiltern Radio

broadcasts an unrivalled up-to-the-minute news service from local, national and international sources. This is supplemented during the key commuter hours with half-hour headlines, interviews, travel news and road reports.

Each weekday, there is a local news magazine at 12.45. Jim McVicar heads the news team with Judith Dingley, Katrina Balmforth, Doug Smith, Dennis Nightingale, Sheila Mallett, Simon Gilliatt and Sim Harris.

You may wonder how it all began: Well, Chiltern Radio is a public limited company with 350 shareholders, nearly all of whom live within the transmission area.

It was a small set group of local people, who in early 1980 set about the complex, competitive application process to win the radio franchise. The local nature of the radio station is important to the company.

To take Chiltern Radio to the people, the station has taken delivery of a very sophisticated outside broadcast studio, which is 25ft long and weighs 3 tons. It is a radio station on wheels and throughout the year, it will visit and broadcast from towns, villages, places of work and major events. Look out for it!

CENTURY CLUB

Our greetings tonight are extended to our friends from Wrexham Vice-Presidents Club. We do not know how many will be joining us in the Century Club, but we hope we can reciprocate the hospitality we received when we visit them.

March sees a busy month for our team as they attempt to catch up on some of the postponed games.

Best wishes to them for tonight as we prepare to enjoy another evening's entertainment.

Our congratulations also, to Mal Donaghy and his wife on the safe arrival of their baby son.

We hope you are all giving thought to the Player of the Year award, which will be presented at the Annual Ball on 12th May. We shall end the season with our usual party after the last home game — when the Young Player of the Year award will be presented. This is Mr Pleat's choice, and we all look forward with interest to meeting the young player whom he will nominate.

Talking of parties, those of you who bought tickets for our New Years' Party which had to be cancelled, will be able to use these for the end of season party. If you cannot come on the 15th May, please see Catherine Ball in the Clubroom.

IN FOCUS



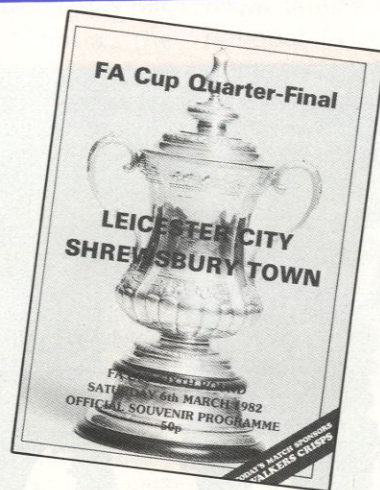
There are no prizes for guessing the identities of the three people in this picture. They attended the Fancy Dress party for parents and friends of our Junior Hatters when, we're told, everyone entered into the spirit of things. We couldn't miss the opportunity of bringing a smile to your faces by printing this picture. In case your stumped, Colin Ball, our youth development officer, is on the left flanked by his wife Catherine and Century Club chairman Ken Ball.

PROGRAMME CORNER

By JOHN FARMER

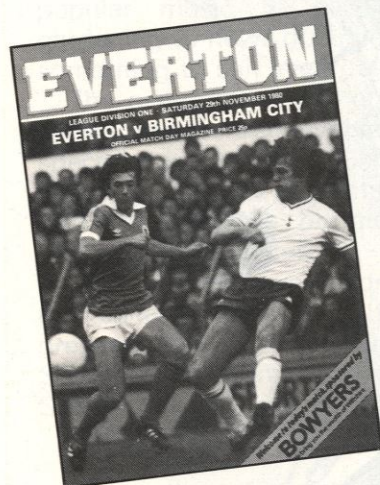
Postponed games pose problems for many workers connected with a club, not least to those responsible for the programme. For in most cases the latter has already been printed before the game is called off. This means that a thousand or more pounds can be potentially wasted if the whole mass of programmes have to be scrapped.

Clubs therefore attempt to at least reduce this massive potential loss. If, as often happens with cup-ties the game is played just a few days later there is no great problem. Material will still be reasonably up to date as in most of these instances the clubs concerned will



of a one page insert to be issued with the programme updating team news etc., and apologising for the 'dating' of material in the original programme. This is the compromise solution currently most popular with clubs.

A rarer solution but one that has been tried is to reprint one part of the programme and by unstapling the original and replacing one 4-page section with a new one thereby updating it. This is not very often practicable unless the club has deliberately arranged the original printing so that all the topical material falls in the same four pages. If this occurs only the more discerning of the paying customers may realise what has happened.

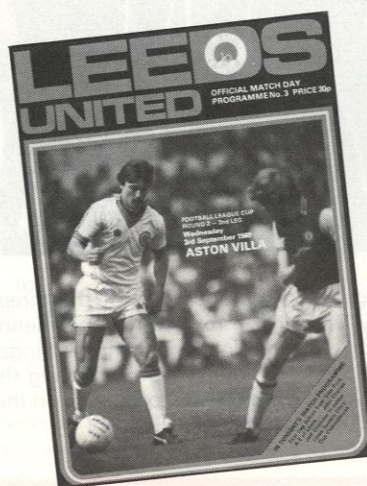


not have played any more games in between the postponement and the actual playing of the game.

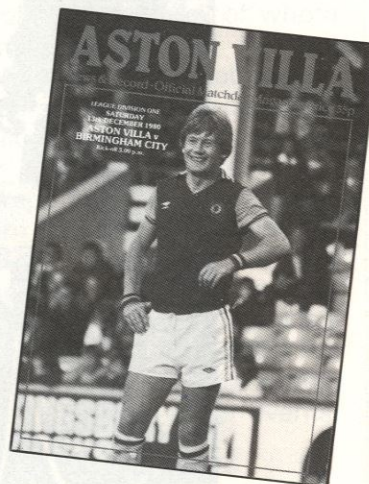
It is therefore quite reasonable for the programme to be sold as it stands and the only problems for collectors in later years may be that they are seeking a programme for one date and finding it bearing another date.

League games, however, are often played far later than the original date. Some of the December games postponed this season for instance may not be played until April. Clubs therefore have a variety of choices, none of them wholly satisfactory. At the one extreme they may write off the original programme completely and prepare a new one. This will involve a loss that even the 'big' clubs can scarcely afford but it does keep faith with supporters and ensures that none of the regular programme buyers do not become disillusioned and cease to buy them.

Rather less expensive is the printing



On the other hand if the original programme is issued up to three months later in its entirety all the customers will know. Only the 'flashback' kinds of article will not have dated and in some cases the manager's notes may have been written by someone no longer with the club and the visitors' star player who is the subject of a special feature may have moved on. Inevitably there will be sales resistance in a case like this with fans hearing the complaints of those who have already bought programmes declining to buy this out of date issue.



This season for instance Aston Villa caused a great outcry among their fans by issuing a programme originally printed for a League match against West Bromwich Albion at a League Cup-tie between the clubs.

Of course, for the programme fanatic such an event can make for added interest rather like the non-perforated stamp does for the philatelist. This same programme fanatic will also keenly pursue programmes written off for postponed games and add them to his collection as rarities.

Some clubs have recognised this and thereby recouped some of their losses by advertising these issues in subsequent programmes. Others have inadvertently made such issues particular collectors items by destroying them shortly after the postponement, leaving only a few copies in existence. All of which illustrates that whatever steps a club takes to meet the problem of the postponed match the programme collector will be interested.



SHOP WINDOW



'It isn't cricket.' Quite right, but it is all about the sale of more and more lottery tickets on behalf of the Hatters. We have recently commenced operations on behalf of MCCC working within London, with resounding success from the first day.

In the past we have always tried to help the less successful fundraising groups, and it is evident that, although in cricket MCCC are at the top of the tree in fundraising, it's quite a different ball game.

It is a credit to our staff, particularly sales executives Alan Spooner and Bev Tyler who have revived an ailing lottery operation and particularly in London where there is such intense competition with a variety of lottery tickets on offer to the public.

A few more weeks will elapse before the operation is complete, and, finding new agents who mainly occupy the

traditional corner shops, our kardex now has a wealth of Ps for Patel.

Our Fiestas, with apologies to Tricentrol, our sponsors, show signs of wear and tear and a few bumps! Who would have thought that we would have The Magnificent Seven Lotteries?

More about the 'seventh' next time. The Christmas Draw results were:

£1,000: Mr G. Letting, 16 Ash Road, Luton (127621).

£250: Cassandra MacMahon, 12 Orchard Road, Pulloxhill (113987). Paula Barron, 29 Purley Centre, Luton, Beds (125371).

£100: D. J. Woodward, 43 Dovehouse Hill, Stopsley, Beds (78376). D. Hubbard, 456 Leagrave Road, Luton (66352).

£50: Mrs Brown, 2 The Pygntle, Buntingford, Herts (74584). J. Willmott, 35 Easingwold Gardens, Luton, Beds (56742).

£25: M. Edwards, 32 Chesham Way, Watford, Herts (55582). E. Wilson, 16 River Way, Luton (133225). Mrs L. Hunt, 1 King George Close, Stevenage, Herts (27482). C. Doherty, 189 Bradley Road, Luton (90799). R. O. Smith, 37 Drummond Ride, Tring, Herts (124804). Mrs Witherspoon, 153 Turnpike Drive, Luton (93884). E. Gallareto, 21 Hospital Road, Arlesey, Herts (132027). Mr Abu Rahel, 71 Hazelbury Crescent, Luton, Beds (90656).

Watch: M. Jepps, 95 Apsley End Road, Shillington, Herts (64421). F. Hawkes, 36 Park Avenue, Houghton Regis, Beds (69048). R. Gladwell, 16 Hilltop, Ashlyns Estate, Berkhamsted (26461). M. English, 9 Icknield Way, Baldock (35664). A. Jolleman, 26 Cotswold Close, Bedford (139074). G. John, 84 East Road, Langford, Beds (01975).

MIKE HARDWICK
Commercial Manager



ACTION

GRIMSBY TOWN 0
LUTON TOWN 0



Although the rain poured throughout the match our lads battled on against a team who's current League position did not reflect their open football.

Top left: These two 'Mariners' are left 'flat-footed' as Raddy steals the ball from their possession.

Bottom left: Dave Moss's volley beats the keeper but not into the net.

Above: Brave work by keeper. Nigel Batch foils this attack by Brian Stein.

Below: As the final seconds of this match drift past Brian has another crack at goal.



VISITORS

We take a break from Saturday action by entertaining struggling Wrexham at Kenilworth Road tonight.

The North Wales club are in danger of losing their Second Division status and face an uphill battle to fight their way out of trouble in the division's basement.

But Wrexham know all about struggling. Last season, they missed relegation to the Third Division by only two points before manager Arfon Griffiths resigned because he refused to trim his coaching staff.

Wrexham attempted to tempt former manager John Neal back to the Racecourse Ground from Middlesbrough. He went to Chelsea instead, before Wrexham made bids to give the job to Gordon Lee and Richie Barker.

They were unsuccessful and Mel Sutton, Griffiths' assistant, was promptly given the job of consolidating Wrexham's flagging fortunes.

He didn't get off to a good start at the beginning of the season although they had the bonus of knocking us out of the League Cup when they won 2-0 in the first leg at Kenilworth Road with goals from Vinter and Hunt.

Although the Town won the second leg 1-0, it wasn't enough and the Hatters went out 2-1 on aggregate.

Since then, Wrexham have dived into the relegation zone where their away form must be causing Sutton concern. Apart from the victory at Luton, their League performances on opponents' pitches doesn't make good reading.

But Luton boss David Pleat will be deeply conscious of that League Cup shock when his team were eliminated from the competition by allegedly inferior opposition.

Wrexham, struggling to survive on attendances in the region of 3,500, cannot afford to spend big money on new players to get them



FRANK CARRODUS — in action against Bristol City

LINE-UP

out of trouble. In fact, Sutton has allowed Les Cartwright to move to Cambridge United.

Mel missed the run-in to the end of last season having suffered a double leg fracture in a training session. He spent the summer getting back to fitness, although he admits most of his energies will now be directed towards his managerial duties.

He has kept his playing registration and his number two is Mickey Evans who has been at the Racecourse 15 years.

He suffered a serious back injury at Fulham two years ago — that ended his playing career but he has enjoyed the switch to the 'other side' having successfully looked after the club's youth players.

Wrexham were founder members of Division Three (North) in 1921. In 1957-58 when the North and South Divisions were disbanded Wrexham went into Division Three. They were relegated in 1958-59 to Division Four.

Two seasons later they moved back up to Division Three but went down in 1965-66. Promotion to Division Three came again in 1969-70 when the club began a transformation both on and off the field.

This culminated with headline-hitting Cup exploits both home and abroad with promotion to Division Two for the first time in history in 1977-78. Wrexham have won the Welsh Cup 21 times.

Eddie Niedzwiecki is the club's first choice keeper this season after Dai Davies's summer departure to Swansea City. Defender Alan Hill is Wrexham's Mr Versatility who can also play in midfield or in the forward line.

Wrexham have a liberal sprinkling of Welsh internationals. One, Joey Jones, joined the club straight from school and later moved to Liverpool for £110,000. He soon became a favourite with the Kop fans but rejoined the Welsh club for a record £200,000 fee in 1978.

Wayne Cegielski enjoyed his best season last term as regular centre-half and more experience is provided by Frank Carrodus who arrived at the Racecourse Ground from Aston Villa in December 1979 for £70,000.

Up front, the goals have come thick and fast from Dixie McNeil who had previously done the rounds with Leicester, Lincoln, Exeter, Northampton and Hereford before joining Wrexham in 1977 for a bargain £60,000.

He is partnered by Mick Vinter who started his career with non-League Buxton before moving to Notts County where he scored 53 times in 112 games. He joined Wrexham for £150,000.

Another international, Ian Edwards moved to Wrexham in exchange for a £125,000 cheque when he was signed from Chester in November 1979. He scored four times against Malta in an international.



Back row (left to right): Frank Carrodus, Stephen Jones, Simon Hunt, Les Cartwright, Mark Jones, Ian Arkwright. Middle row: Ken Roberts (Chief Scout/Youth Development Officer), Mick Vinter, Steve Dowman, Ian Edwards, Eddie Niedzwiecki, Stuart Parker, Wayne Cegielski, Alan Hill, Dixie McNeil, George Showell (Physio), Mr Norman Wilson (General Secretary). Front row: Steve Buxton, Steve Fox, Mickey Evans (Assistant Manager), Mel Sutton (Manager), Joey Jones, Gareth Davis.

POINTS ATTENDANCES LEAGUE TABLES

Opponents	Result	Attendance	Points	Position	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	Horton	Saxby	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	White	Antic	Ingram	Turner	Moss	Fucillo	Goodyear	Small	Aleksic	Judge	Own Goal
Goals Scored							3	2	1	7	2	8	16	2			12	1	1				1
1981																							
August																							
29 Charlton Athletic	3-0	8,776	3	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								OG
September																							
1 Queens Park Rangers	2-1	18,703	6	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
5 Bolton Wanderers	2-1	6,911	9	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
12 Sheffield Wednesday	0-3	12,131	9	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
19 Leicester City	2-1	14,159	12	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
22 Cardiff City	2-3	9,015	12	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
26 Watford	4-1	12,839	15	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
October																							
3 Orient	3-0	5,584	18	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
6 Wrexham (LC2 - 1L)	0-2	6,146	—	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
10 Oldham Athletic	1-1	8,403	19	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
17 Grimsby Town	6-0	9,090	22	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
24 Wrexham	2-0	4,069	25	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
28 Wrexham LC2 - 2L	1-0	3,453	—	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
31 Crystal Palace	1-0	11,712	28	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
November																							
7 Derby County	3-2	10,784	31	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
14 Blackburn Rovers	1-0	9,862	34	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
21 Newcastle United	2-3	21,031	34	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
24 Bolton Wanderers	2-0	8,889	37	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
28 Rotherham United	3-1	11,061	40	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
December																							
5 Shrewsbury Town	2-2	5,259	41	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
28 Norwich City	3-1	19,348	44	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
1982																							
January																							
2 Swindon Town FAC 3	2-1	9,488	—	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
19 Charlton Athletic	0-0	7,013	45	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
23 Ipswich Town (FAC 4)	0-3	20,188	—	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
30 Leicester City	2-1	11,810	46	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
February																							
6 Sheffield Wednesday	3-3	18,012	49	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
20 Watford	1-1	22,580	50	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
27 Oldham Athletic	2-0	11,506	53	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
March																							
2 Cambridge United	1-0	10,597	57	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
6 Grimsby Town	0-0	7,733	58	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
12 Wrexham (LCF) (Friday)																							
16 Barnsley																							
20 Crystal Palace																							
27 Derby County																							
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5 Cardiff City																							
8 Chelsea																							
11 Queens Park Rangers																							
15 Barnsley																							
22 FA Cup Final																							
To be arranged																							
Orient																							

SCORECHECK

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v Chelsea

Charlton v Orient

DIVISION THREE

Doncaster v Swindon

Gillingham v Millwall

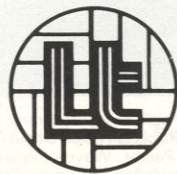
DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot v Hull

Colchester v Halifax

Scunthorpe v Wigan

Stockport v Rochdale



+ Player replaced by substitute

● Goalscorer

30

Home fixtures in bold

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1981-82

Aug. 29	Orient	4-0
Sept. 1	Tottenham Hotspur	1-0
Sept. 5	Oxford United	2-1
Sept. 12	Leicester City	1-1
Sept. 19	Queens Park Rangers	2-0
Sept. 26	Watford	0-5
Oct. 10	Crystal Palace	4-0
Oct. 17	Swindon Town	0-3
Oct. 24	Ipswich Town	2-3
Nov. 7	Arsenal	1-1
Nov. 10	Norwich City	1-3
Nov. 14	Fulham	2-2
Nov. 17	Birmingham City	1-1
Nov. 25	Tottenham Hotspur	1-2
Nov. 28	Southampton	3-5
Dec. 5	Chelsea	2-1
Jan. 6	West Ham United	1-1
Jan. 23	Plymouth Argyle	1-1
Jan. 26	Reading	4-0
Jan. 30	Queens Park Rangers	0-2
Feb. 6	Leicester City	2-2
Feb. 9	Orient	2-1
Feb. 20	Watford	1-0
Feb. 22	Bristol Rovers	0-1
Feb. 27	Crystal Palace	1-0
Mar. 6	Swindon Town	3-3
Mar. 10	Oxford United	
Mar. 13	Ipswich Town	
Mar. 20	Plymouth Argyle	
Mar. 27	Arsenal	
April 3	Fulham	
April 10	Birmingham City	
April 12	Reading	
April 24	Southampton	
April 27	Chelsea	
May 4	Norwich City	
May 8	West Ham United	
May 15	Bristol Rovers	
May 22		

Hereford and Bristol City withdraw from Football Combination

That means that Luton, in common with other clubs who have already met and either beaten or drawn with United and City earlier in the season, will lose the points.

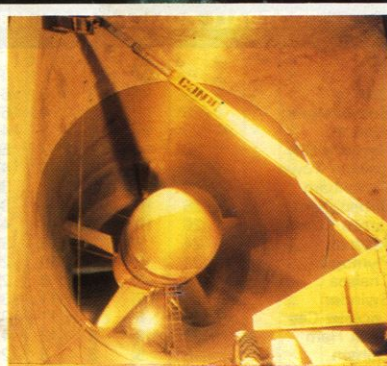
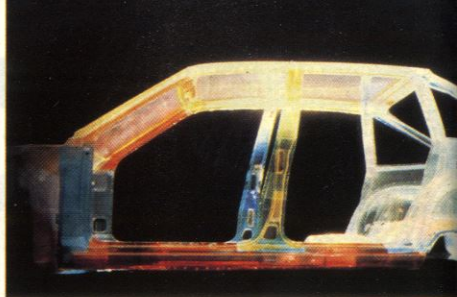
AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

	Best	Average
Sheffield Wed.	30,621	18,209(15)
Newcastle Utd	21,037	16,766(14)
Barnsley	28,870	15,625(13)
Norwich City	19,348	14,240(15)
Chelsea	20,036	14,223(13)
Leicester City	19,125	13,257(13)
Watford	22,580	13,159(15)
Q.P.R.	22,022	12,490(14)
Derby County	16,046	11,701(13)
Luton Town	12,839	10,684(12)
Crystal Palace	15,267	10,190(12)
Rotherham Utd	18,324	8,693(15)
Grimsby Town	13,110	8,684(12)
Blackburn Rovers	15,050	8,494(14)
Bolton	16,577	7,741(15)
Oldham Athletic	15,400	7,386(16)
Charlton Athletic	11,133	7,004(15)
Cardiff City	8,898	5,422(14)
Orient	9,698	5,311(14)
Cambridge Utd	8,806	4,925(14)
Shrewsbury	5,672	4,745(12)
Wrexham	4,907	4,009(13)

Up to and incl. Tues. 9th March 1982

DIVISION TWO TABLE 1981-82

		Home							Away				
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
4 - 0													
1 - 0													
2 - 1	Luton Town	26	10	0	2	29	11	7	6	1	24	14	57
1 - 1	Watford	28	8	5	2	30	13	7	3	3	18	15	53
2 - 0	Rotherham United	29	11	1	3	31	12	4	2	8	13	22	48
0 - 5	Blackburn Rovers	30	8	2	4	17	9	5	7	4	20	18	48
4 - 0	Sheffield Wednesday	30	5	7	3	21	20	8	1	6	17	17	47
0 - 3	Oldham Athletic	30	7	7	2	23	17	5	3	6	15	16	46
2 - 3	QPR	28	9	3	2	20	6	4	3	8	14	21	44
1 - 1	Newcastle United	28	11	2	1	23	7	2	3	9	13	22	44
1 - 3	Charlton Athletic	30	9	3	3	23	14	2	7	6	16	25	43
2 - 2	Chelsea	27	8	3	2	24	14	4	3	7	15	21	42
1 - 1	Barnsley	28	7	3	3	17	6	4	3	8	19	21	39
1 - 2	Leicester City	25	7	4	2	17	8	3	4	5	17	19	38
3 - 5	Norwich City	28	8	3	4	24	15	3	1	9	10	24	37
2 - 1	Cambridge United	28	7	3	4	19	13	2	3	9	10	20	33
1 - 1	Bolton Wanderers	30	7	2	6	19	19	2	3	10	7	21	32
1 - 1	Derby County	28	6	5	2	21	15	2	1	12	15	39	30
4 - 0	Crystal Palace	24	7	1	4	14	9	1	4	7	8	11	29
0 - 2	Orient	26	4	5	5	14	17	4	0	8	8	15	29
2 - 2	Shrewsbury Town	25	6	3	3	17	13	1	4	8	5	21	28
2 - 1	Cardiff City	28	5	2	7	14	20	2	2	10	10	20	25
	Wrexham	26	5	0	8	12	17	2	4	7	12	20	25
	Grimsey Town	24	1	6	5	14	18	3	4	5	12	21	22



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