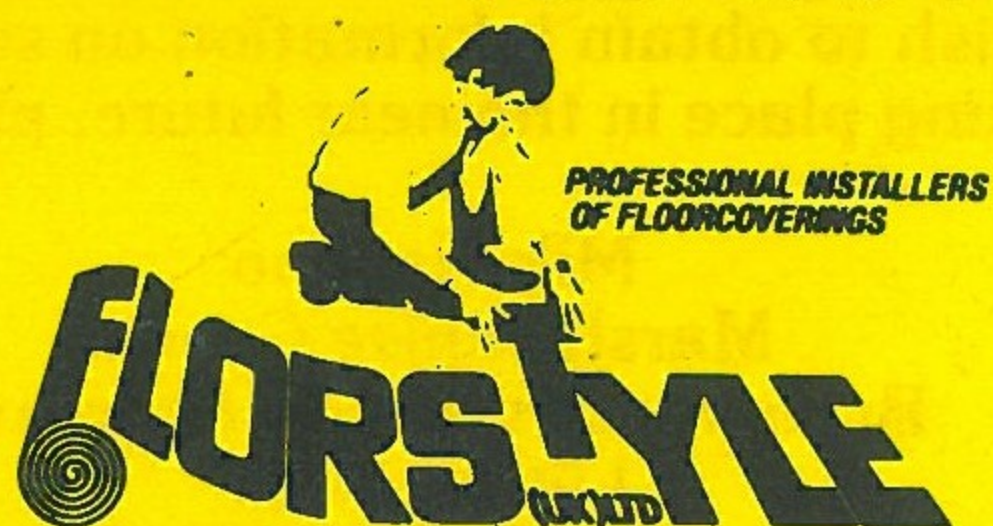


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SATURDAY 30th OCTOBER 1982
LUTON TOWN v NOTTINGHAM FOREST



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LUTON LEISURE



THE OCCASIONAL LOOK AT THE LUTON LEISURE SCENE

The Chiltern Radio (Luton Town) five-a-side 1982-83 tournament started last Wednesday at Lewsey Park. The preliminary round draw is:

9-12 years competition

Group 1. 27.10.82 and 10.11.82

St Josephs School 'B', 2nd Chiltern Scouts, Hillborough Hatters, Potton Colts 'A'.

Group 2. 27.10.82 and 10.11.82

St Josephs School 'A', Sundon Park Rangers, Potton Colts 'B', Caddington Fury's.

12-14 years competition

Group 1. 27.10.82 and 17.11.82

Oldhill Athletic 'B', Hillborough Hatters 'B', Houghton Grasshoppers 'A', Potton Colts 'A', Houghton Grasshoppers 'C'.

Group 2. 3.11.82 and 17.11.82

Oldhill Athletic 'A', Hillborough Hatters 'A', Potton Colts 'B', 2nd Chiltern Scouts, Houghton Grasshoppers 'B'.

14-16 years competition

Group 1. 3.11.82 and 24.11.82

Newnham Athletic 'A', Caddington Fury's, Ampthill Youth Club, Kempston Rovers 'A', Memorial FC 'B'.

Group 2. 10.11.82 and 24.11.82

G & L Continental Foods, Newnham Athletic 'B', Hillborough Hatters 'A', Kempston Rovers 'B', Memorial FC 'A'.

Adults competition

Group 1. 27.10.82 and 17.11.82

Farley Eagles 'A', Aero Marine Plastics, K.D. Chiltern 'A', P.M. United, 6 P.C. FC.

Group 2. 27.10.82 and 17.11.82

Caddington Fury's, Farley Eagles 'B', 2nd Chiltern Scouts, Britannia Airways 'C', Southcott Village 'B'.

Group 3. 3.11.82 and 24.11.82

Britannia Airways 'B', Alpine Allstars, ACK FC, Wanders, Excelsior Breakaway FC.

Group 4. 3.11.82 and 24.11.82

Meeks United 'B', Stopsley Harriers 'B', Campani FC, Nalgo Sports, Dales FC.

Group 5. 10.11.82 and 1.12.82

Stopsley Harriers 'A', Dynamo Trewax, Crest Cars, Newnham Athletic.

Group 6. 10.11.82 and 1.12.82

Stopsley Harriers 'C', Pheasant Pub, Cafco, P.M. United 'B'.

Group 7. 10.11.82 and 1.12.82

Southcott Village 'A', K.D. Chiltern 'B', Meeks United 'A', Luton Youth House 'B'.

Group 8. 10.11.82 and 1.12.82

Britannia Airways 'A', Luton Youth House 'A', Airline FC, Cosat Nostra FC.

Keeping to the theme of football, Luton Recreation Service Department, in conjunction with Bedfordshire Football Coaches Association are organising a special Christmas indoor **Evening Post-Echo** three-day football coaching course for boys aged from seven to 14 years and it is the first time all Luton's four sports centres are being used for this event.

The course commences on Monday 20th December 1982 and finishes on the 22nd December 1982. Times for each day are 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a half hour break at 11 a.m. The venues are Luton Regional Sports Centre, St Thomas Road, Stopsley; Putteridge Recreation Centre, Putteridge Road, Stopsley; Lea Manor Recreation Centre, Northwell Drive, Leagrave; and Hightown Recreation Centre, Old Bedford Road, Luton.

All coaches are qualified FA coaches, and are members of the Bedfordshire Coaches Association. The cost of the course is £5.50 for all three days. There is only room for the first 40 participants to enroll at each centre.

For those who are aged 14 years and over, you have an opportunity to become a fully qualified cricket coach. At the Luton Regional Sports Centre, Sports Council (Eastern), National Cricket Association, Luton Midweek League and Recreation Services have combined forces to organise a course for those who wish to learn how to coach, plus gaining the National Cricket Associations Preliminary Badge.

The course will take four weeks starting on Sunday 21st November and the following Sundays — 28th November, 5th and 19th December. Each Sunday will commence at 10 a.m. and finish at 5 p.m. with lunch-break from 1.30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

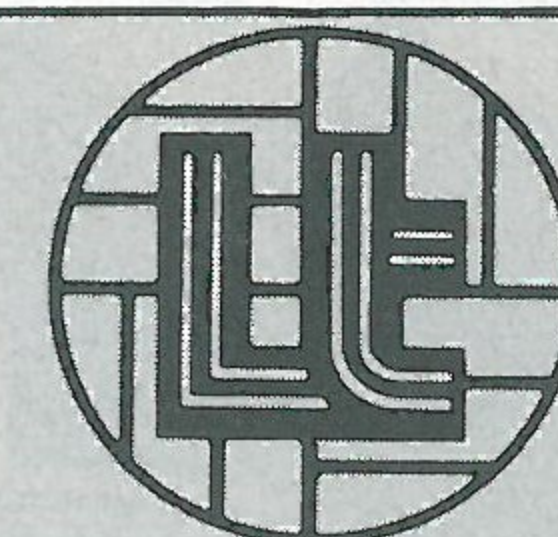
Subsidised by the Sports Council Eastern Region, the fee is £12 which includes the exam fee. The maximum number of applicants accepted is only 24 on a first come first served basis. The course instructor is Graham Saville who is a national coach with the National Cricket Association.

Once again, ideas for new activities and competitions, are always helpful and needed. If you have any ideas or wish to obtain information on some of the activities taking place in the near future, please write to:

Mike Iacono
Marsh House Centre
Bramingham Road, Leagrave
Luton, Beds
(Luton 56879).

TEAM CHECK

LUTON TOWN



- 1 JAKE FINDLAY
- 2 ~~KIRK STEPHENS~~ TURNER
- 3 RICHARD MONEY
- 4 BRIAN HORTON
- 5 CLIVE GOODYEAR
- 6 MAL DONAGHY
- 7 RICKY HILL
- 8 BRIAN STEIN
- 9 PAUL WALSH
- 10 ~~WAYNE TURNER~~ KELLOCK
- 11 DAVID MOSS
- 12 ANTIC

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NOTT'M FOREST



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- 2 KENNY SWAIN
- 3 BRYN GUNN
- 4 COLIN TODD
- 5 ~~CHRIS FAIRCLOUGH~~ YOUNG
- 6 IAN BOWYER
- 7 MARK PROCTOR
- 8 IAN WALLACE
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- 10 STEVE HODGE
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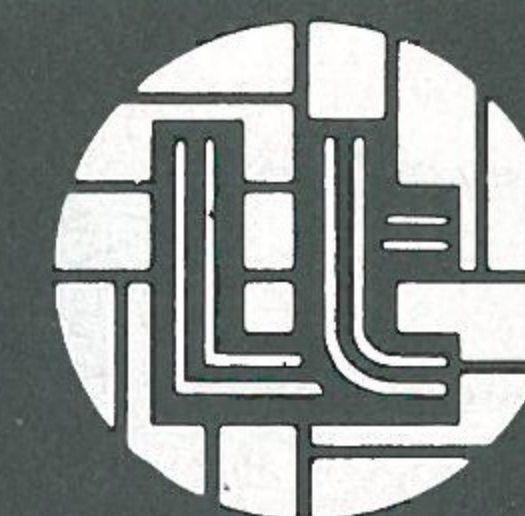
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MY VIEW

A warm welcome to Nottingham Forest today. As a Forest supporter and former young player, they will always be a club having special significance. Their progress in recent years has been phenomenal — almost too fast for a public not used to success, spoiled by that success and now seemingly not supporting the club in enough numbers as they go through a transitional stage. Players like Walsh, Hodge, Fairclough, Plummer and Davenport have emerged to the First Division stage to enable Brian Clough to confidently loan out the likes of Fashanu and Ward.

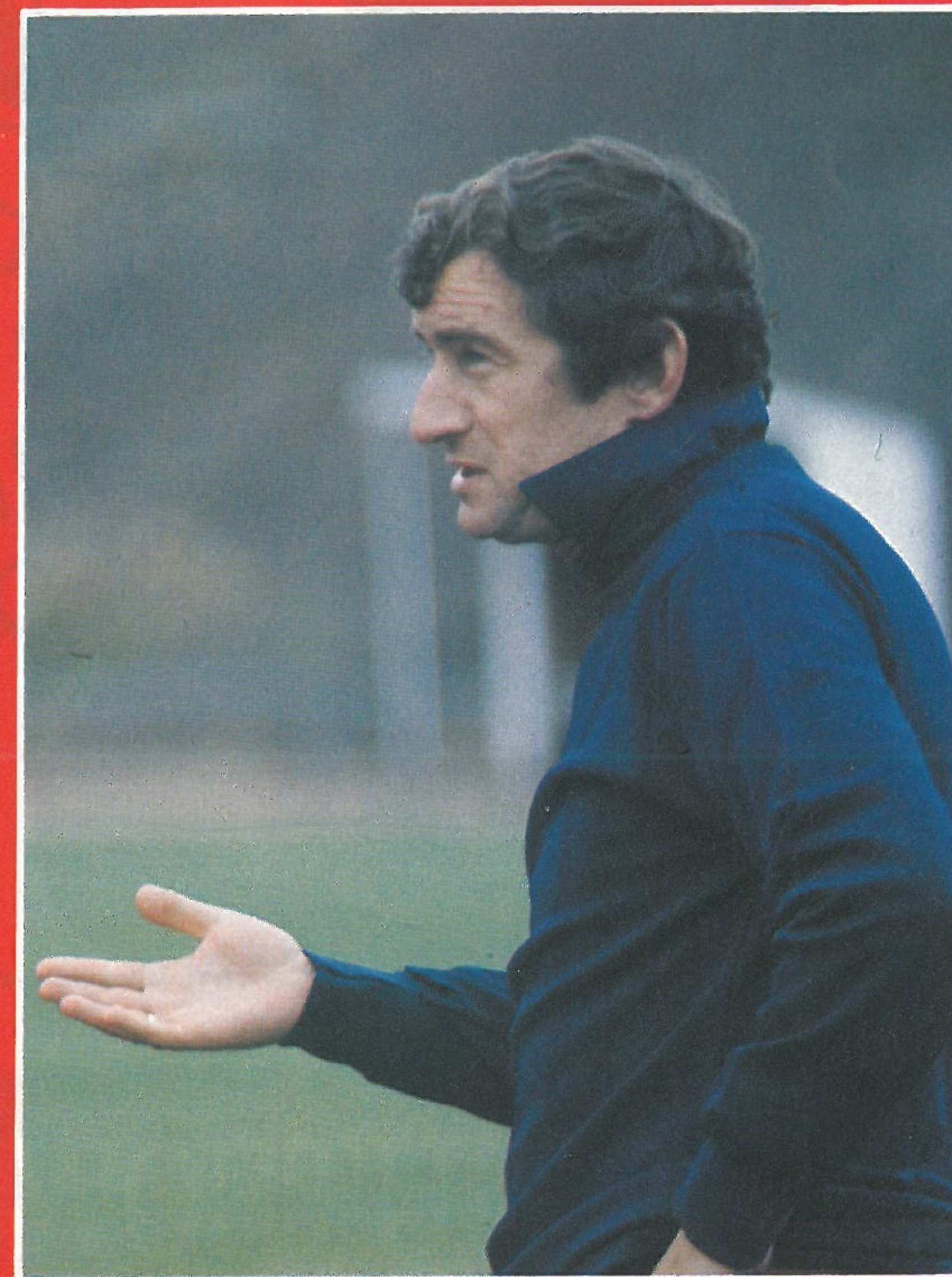
Our last home game was a powerful full blooded encounter proving that not only skill but determination and strength gains success at First Division level. Ipswich's goal was an unfortunate error but I must stress that over reacting to bad decisions can transmit itself to the terraces. We must all learn, no matter how difficult, to accept every decision like sportsmen. The overall standard of refereeing in this country is the highest in the world and we should be grateful for that.

Next Saturday we have another attractive game with Arsenal and I sincerely hope that if you enjoy today's entertainment you will watch us next week.

Another television programme a few days ago spluttered out the gloom in the game — pessimism spreads quickly and it is a worrying disease. The destinies of clubs is in their own hands. Although we should receive a more deserving share of the pools and television money to bolster our finances we must still budget according to our income.

If attendances continue to slide clubs must be more selective and realistic in purchasing and over-paid players will have to go free at the end of their contracts. Youth policies must be pursued and youngsters given a chance. There are enough brains, voices and expertise in the game to direct it on the right lines.

I remain optimistic while there are progressive clubs and outstanding players deter-

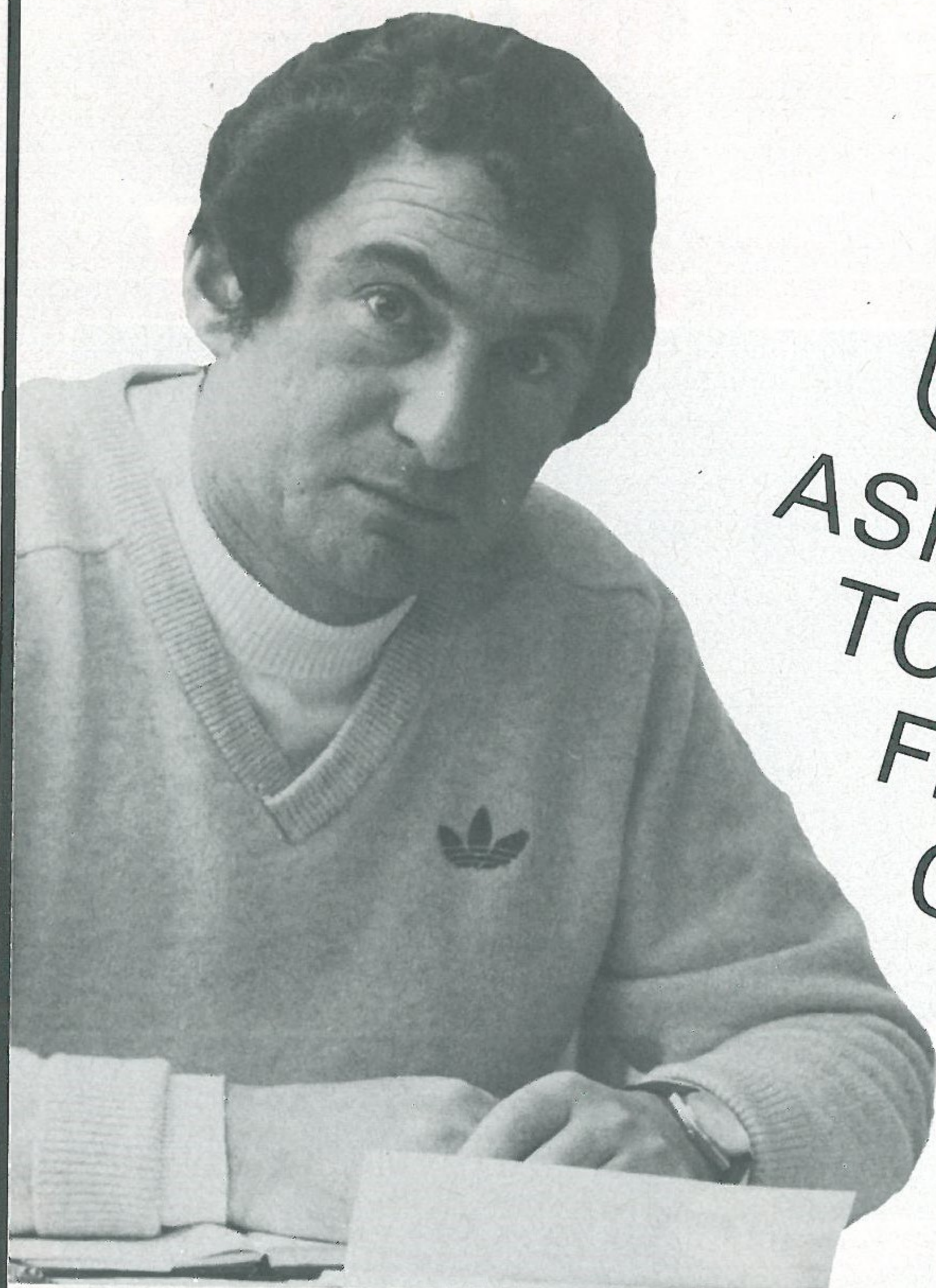


mined to give fans value for money. Providing the game is right on the field the black and white business can be guided into shape. I would like to thank all our away fans for their excellent and continued support. We appreciate the cheers when in foreign territory.

Bobby Robson was among the supporters last Saturday and he could have noted sound displays by Alan Judge and Clive Goodyear as well as assessing the strengths of more established players. Apart from one terrible defensive lapse, we equalled West Brom in most departments but I feel we can improve on this performance. Our start has been what I would have hoped for — steady results against some of the better sides.

Today another test and I hope we can respond to it with your backing.

DAVID PLEAT



DAVID PLEAT

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Booking sheets used by couriers on our coaches to Birmingham have proved very helpful, and will be continued on all away trips. It has the advantage of knowing a little earlier how many coaches we are likely to need and you, as travelling supporters, will know which coach you will be travelling on and will get to know each other and your couriers.

My thanks this week to Mr P. R. Smith of Leagrave and Mr Gee of Luton who have volunteered as couriers. We welcome them to the team, and hope they will enjoy their association with the Travel Club. Being local, they are primarily concerned with away travel which still leaves us short on help on our Bedford and Cranfield in runs. Any volunteers?

The Aylesbury-Tring coach is still causing concern, and those who asked for this service, should take advantage of it. Contact local courier, Graham Snookes (Aylesbury 748435) for any details of your requirements, or Catherine Ball at

the club offices (Luton 411622).

The executive coach to Sunderland is filling rapidly. When booking, please enclose a deposit of £5. This will be on a first come first served basis (unless we receive sufficient names for a second coach). Normal coach fares will be £8 (adult) £6 (juveniles). Departure times: Maple Road 8 a.m., Hitchin 7.30, Aylesbury 7.15, Leighton Buzzard 7.30, Milton Keynes 7.45, Stony Stratford 8.00, Hemel Hempstead 7.15, Redbourne 7.30, Harpenden 7.45.

Coventry v Luton: Registered members of Luton Town Travel Club for the current season, which means you must have renewed your membership — will pay: Adults, £2. Juveniles, £1.50. Non members £2.50. Juveniles £2. As our membership has grown considerably, we anticipate at least two coaches of members only for this trip!

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Full name: MICHAEL SAXBY
Birthplace: Mansfield, Nottinghamshire
Birthdate: 12.8.1957
Height: 6ft 2in
Weight: 13st 12lb
Married: To Glenis
Children: One boy, Gavin
Car: Capri 2 litre S
Previous clubs: Mansfield Town
Nickname: Sax
Job or trade before turning pro: Apprentice Composer
Favourite newspaper: The Sun
Favourite other team: Nottingham Forest
Favourite player: Marco Tardelli
Players for the future: Brian Horton, Rob Johnson
Football hero of childhood: Ian Storey-Moore
Other sports person you most admire: Ian Botham
Favourite other sport: Cricket
Your best ever all-time XI: The Manchester Utd European Cup winning team
Most memorable match: My football League debut for Mansfield Town
Friendliest away fans: Watford
Best stadium played in: White Hart Lane
Biggest disappointment: Missing most of last season through injury
Favourite food and drink: Fish & chips from the north and lager
Best film seen recently: Rocky III
Favourite singers: David Bowie, Squeeze, Randy Crawford
Favourite actor/actress: Jack Nicholson, Meryl Streep
Favourite TV Shows: Taxi, Minder
Miscellaneous likes/dislikes: Listening to music/Travelling and shaving
Favourite holiday resort: Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Favourite activity on day off: Playing golf
Superstitions: Always put my kit on in same order
Personal ambition: Play in Division One



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BEHIND THE SCENES

By ROBERT HADGRAFT

In previous seasons, the man who dashed out of the dugout to treat an injured player was known simply as the sponge-man.

Since then, the game has spawned a new breed of individuals known as physios, whose sole job is to treat injuries and get players fit again.

Expensive and sophisticated medical equipment and a variety of special training courses exist today — whereas before it was a case of hoping the magic sponge would do the trick.

In today's high-pressure professional game, the physio will be expected to get his man back to full fitness as soon as possible. Clubs simply cannot afford to have expensive footballers on the sidelines for long.

This means men like Luton's John Sheridan usually find themselves working against the clock. Sometimes it can be a thankless task, but John confesses it's a job he loves.

He is devoted to the job in more ways than one because he has followed the Hatters' fortunes most of his life. His interest in the team extends beyond merely getting them match-fit.

John was born in Scotland, but his family moved to Luton when he was a small boy. He attended the Old Bedford Road school and played soccer locally.

One fateful day he came an awful cropper after falling off a moving bus. His leg was shattered — fractured in four places — leaving him with a heavy limp which is still evident today.

After the accident John returned to local junior soccer but soon decided to quit after sustaining a series of minor injuries on the field. 'I was getting hurt

because I was too slow,' he said.

While working in engineering, John found his interests focussing more and more on soccer injuries and their treatment.

He attended and lectured on courses and seminars involved with sports injuries, and was heavily involved with the local St John Ambulance set-up.

He was accepted as an associated member of the Society of Remedial Gymnasts, worked at local hospitals and also led a Bedfordshire team to its first victory in an industrial first aid contest.

He soon established a reputation in sports circles and it was administrators from the Bedfordshire County FA who recommended him to David Pleat when he was looking for a physio in 1978.

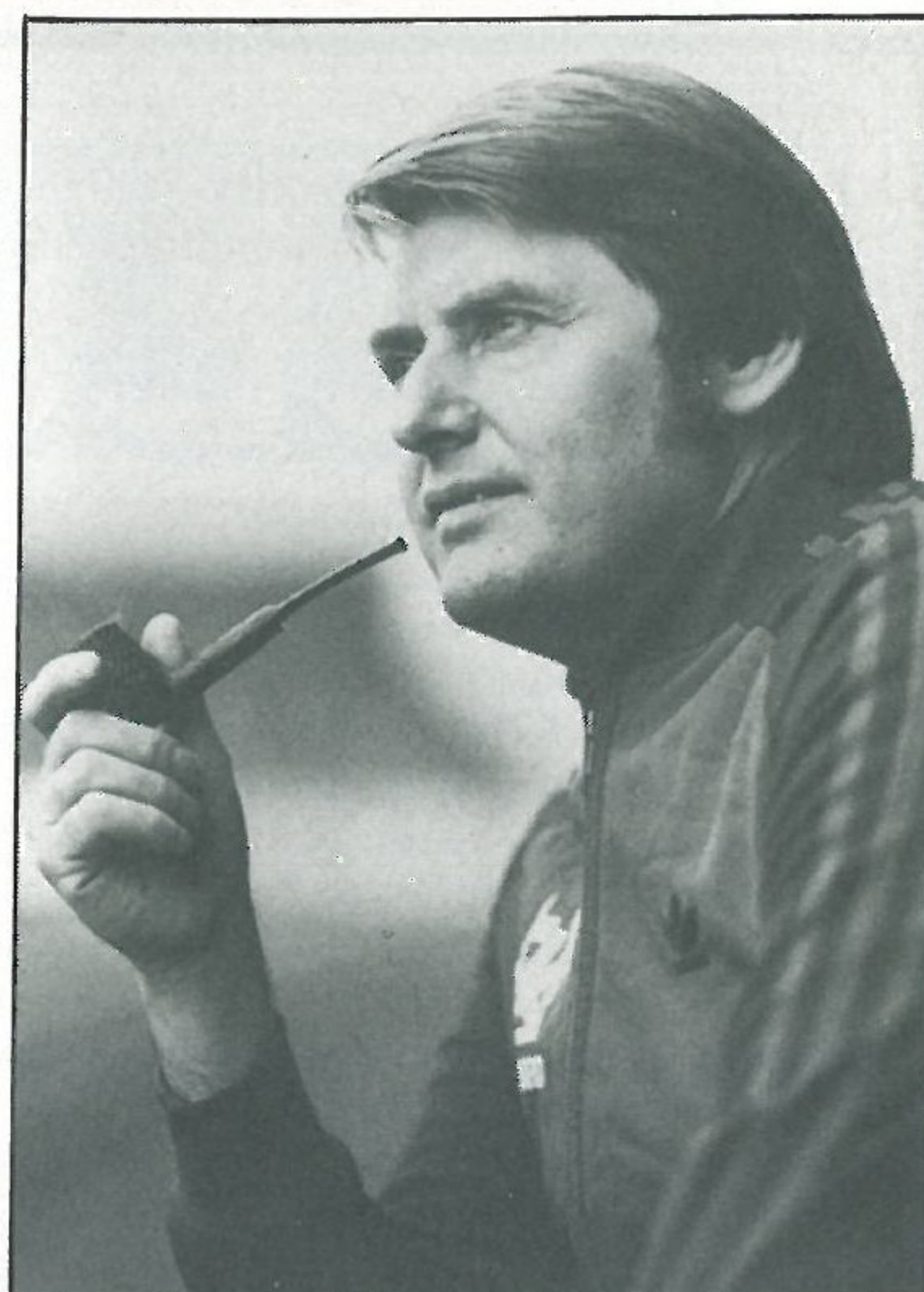
John took over from Roy Johnson, who had succeeded the late and popular Reg Game.

These days, John finds himself working at the club at all sorts of hours; he has even had to give treatment in the small hours of a Sunday morning when players have been injured on long away trips.

But he finds the work rewarding and is grateful to Terry Bailey of Wallspan and the fund-raising Bobbers Club, whose generosity and hard work have enabled the club to create a superb treatment room.

Pride of place goes to a Diapulse machine, which can be used for almost any sort of soccer ailment.

The worst injuries John has experienced have been Lil Fuccillo's two broken legs and Mike Saxby's damaged patella.



JOHN SHERIDAN

He also had to help out in the Ipswich dressing room when the flow of blood from Terry Butcher's nose could not be stemmed, following an accidental collision with Brian Stein.

Butcher, of course, later needed several blood transfusions and was, at one point, fighting for his life.

Luton fans will also recall the nasty facial gash sustained by Richard Money against Notts County this season.

But lots of blood is not necessarily the sight that worries John most when he dashes on to the pitch. He would be far more concerned to see a player laying absolutely quiet and still.

The correct action is vital when a player is knocked unconscious. John has never had to give the kiss-of-life on a football pitch, although the Cardiff trainer found this necessary several years ago to save Phil Dwyer's life.

John recalls the sight of Jake Findlay semi-conscious and choking badly in the Leicester goalmouth in 1981, and other incidents outside football where he was called upon to give artificial respiration.

Luton's players know they are in good hands when they are injured, and their confidence shows in the manner in which they respond to John's expert treatment schedules.

John says he has been delighted over the last two years with the attitudes of players under his treatment — particularly those with long-term fitness fights on their hands.

John, who is married to Betty and father to Debbie, Andrew and Paul, is a popular figure at Kenilworth Road, and he looks forward to a long and happy stay here.

JUNIOR HATTERS



Don't get 'sent to Coventry'. Go with the Junior Hatters on Saturday 20th November, when The Hatters meet the Sky Blues at Highfield Road.

Teams of Junior Hatters will meet their counterparts in the Sky Blues at five-a-side, mixed relays and, if there are enough players, netball. Two coaches have been booked and one has already been filled as a result of my last column and the weekly Evening Post Tuesday column.

The charge for the coach is £2 each (child or adult). Seats — Coventry's Stadium is an all-seater, will cost 50p for juniors, (non-competitors) — competitors admitted free! Adults will be charged £2. A deposit of 50p per head is all that is required to secure a seat but hurry because space is limited.

Send your letters of application as soon as possible to Colin Ball, Junior Hatters (Coventry Trip) Luton Town Football Club, Kenilworth Road, Luton. Keep those Christmas treat deposits coming — again 50p. Remember the date, Monday 20th December, Forum Theatre, Hatfield.

Make a note of our Junior Hatters Club Disco on Wednesday 3rd November from

... AND THE ESCORTS

6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. in the Hatters' Club. You will need a ticket because numbers could exceed space. Obtain your ticket if you want to come — no charge of course, from Colin Ball, Pam Gray or Junior Hatters stewards today in the Enclosure. There are only 150 available and parents are invited to use the Hatters' Club Cellar Bar while you enjoy yourselves.

Five-a-side Competition: Vauxhall canteen, Boscombe Road, Dunstable, Tuesday 2nd November. 6.15-7.45 p.m. Fixtures are arranged for the following teams: Over 12 — Luton Irish, Ken Street, Memorial 'A'. Under 12 — Pirton, Junior Hatters, Warden Hill.

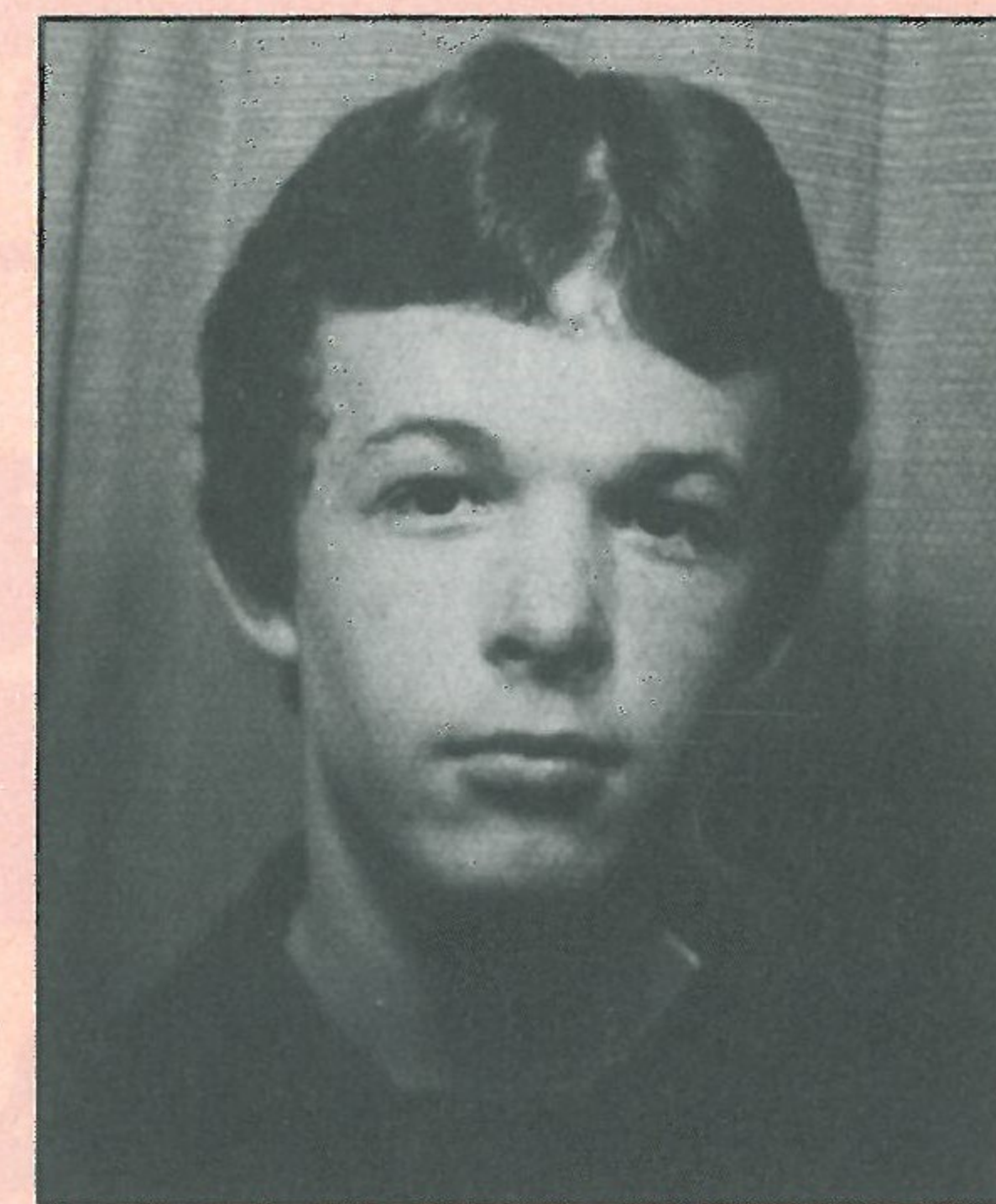
MASCOT AND ESCORTS

Mascot: David Booth of St. Neots, Cambs. is 12 and attends Longsands School, St. Neots, and plays for his school team. His other main interests are swimming and computers.

Escorts: Mark Perry of Luton, who is nine and attends Wenlock Junior School. His main interests are football, swimming and drawing, and he plays for his school team and 24th Cub Blue Pack.

David Gilder of St. Albans, is nine and attends Cunningham Hill Junior School, St. Albans. His main interests are football and

THE MASCOT ...



DAVID BOOTH

cubs, and he plays for his cubs and school teams and the Don Bosie Sunday team.

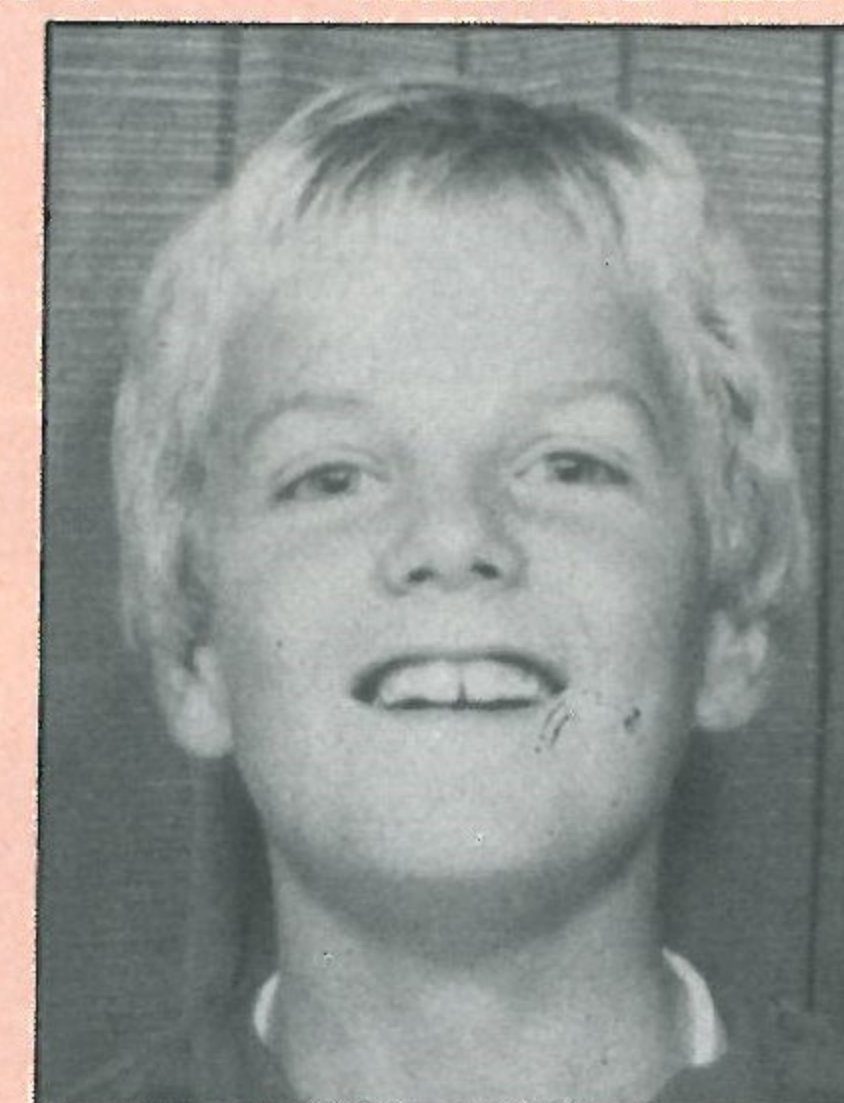
Paul Ross of Formby, Merseyside. Paul is 10 and attends St. Lukes C of E School, Formby. His interests are all sports, collecting football programmes, and he plays for his school and cubs teams.

Duson Antic, son of Raddy Antic, a Yugoslavian international. Duson is 12 and attends Sir John Lawes School, Harpenden, where he lives. His interests are football and science, and he plays for Crabtree J.M.I. and Sir John Lawes Senior School teams.

COLIN BALL
Youth Development Officer



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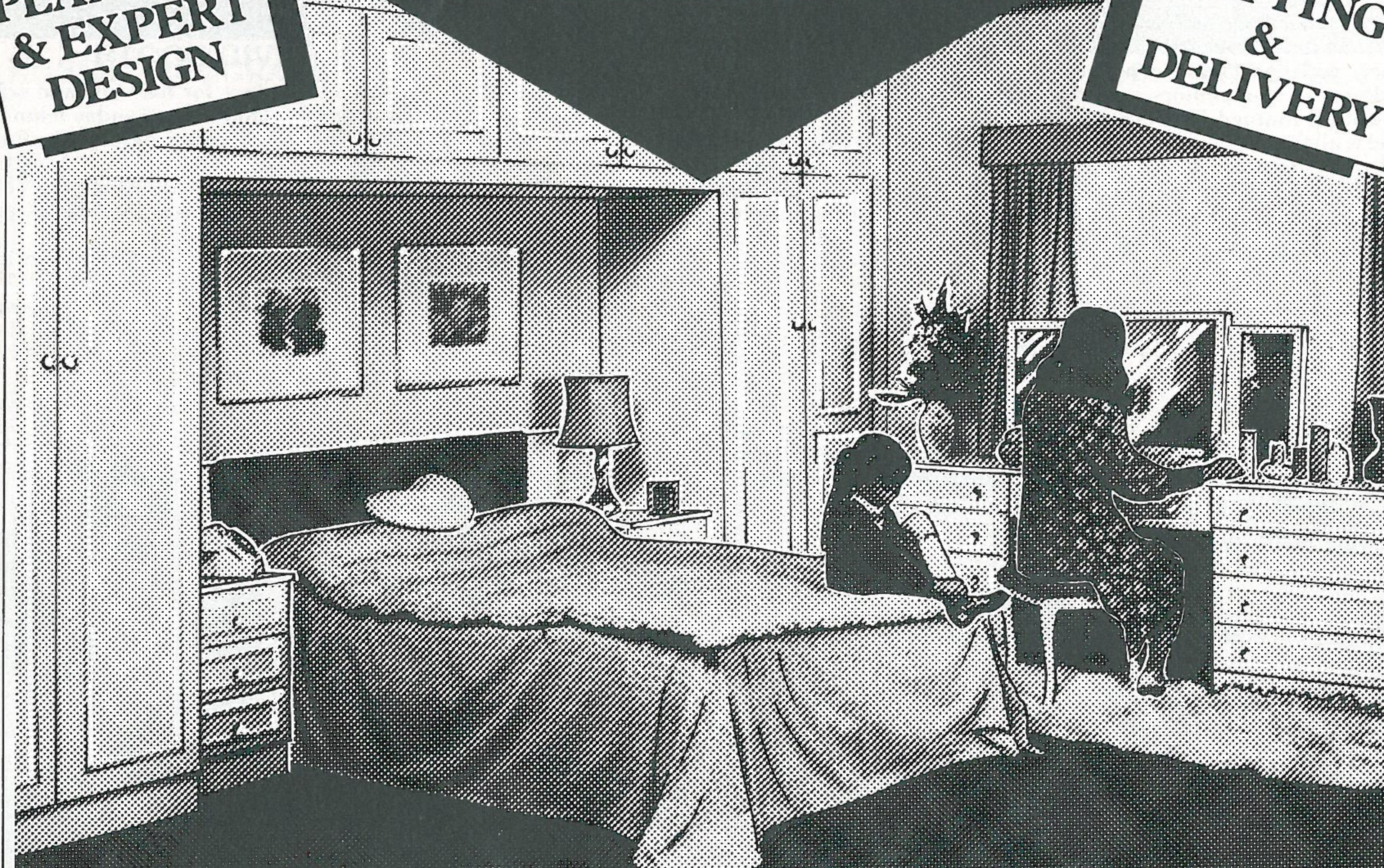
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Dear Mr Pleat, This letter is in two parts, both of which are of great concern to me as a football fan.

First, let me commend your relatively small ground on its facilities for away fans. I was a Manchester United supporter at the game on the 2nd October and was most pleasantly surprised at the ease of entry although my friend and I were paying at the turnstiles.

We were even more pleased at how easy it was to buy a match magazine and the hot food and drink, most welcome after a three and a half hour journey on a cold train from Manchester.

However, what did disappoint us were what we felt were excessive charges such as the magazine at 50p and the Cornish pastie at 70p. Whether this is because of production costs or something else, I do not know. They were minor costs compared to having to pay £2.50 and having to stand in an uncovered end. Although it may be very nice in sunny weather, this particular day of wind and rain made it very unpleasant. A roof would have been more than welcome especially as your splendid electronic scoreboard was also open to the elements. On the day in question, it cost my friend and I £25.75 to get to Luton and get soaked through.

In the near future I hope that you, Watford, Brighton, Southampton, Nottingham, Everton, Notts County and Sunderland all get the money needed to build covered stands for away fans and turn your fairly good grounds into good grounds befitting their First Division status and to encourage more away supporters to come and watch.

I hope I have not offended you with my criticism which I feel is necessary. But despite this, I also hope that Luton Town stay in the First Division for some time and with some success. Finally may I congratulate you on your attacking style of play which I hope

you carry on in every game except on the 12th February at Old Trafford.

Maxwell Pratley
165A Queens Road, Hurst
Ashton-Under-Lyme
Lancashire

Dear Sir, I am writing this letter to express my disgust at the conditions we encountered when we came to Luton to watch Manchester United. We were asked to pay £2.50 to stand which is a scandal in itself and then, on arrival, we found there was no cover at our allocated end.

It rained continuously throughout the game and so we, obviously, got soaked and had to travel back to Manchester wet through. I know we did not HAVE to pay £2.50 but we are loyal fans who will follow our team at all costs. The least you could do is give us value for money and lower the cost or give us a covered section.

I noticed your fans were under cover. You were probably rubbing your hands together at the amount of fans we bought down at £2.50 per head. Also the programme is a 'rip-off' at 50p. It contained nearly one-third advertising and, again, your profit must be high. So give your supporters a fair deal or keep facing 11,000 fans every week. Let's see if you can face up to reality and print this in your next magazine.

Paul Coombs
12 Halstead Avenue, Salford
Greater Manchester

Well, Paul, we're not ashamed to print your letter and also Maxwell's. To answer the letters we need to draw attention to our local situation regarding the possibility of us being forced out of existence.

With this in mind, we cannot consider major improvements to our existing facilities other than short term or those for safety reasons. As for our pricing structure, it is a deliberate policy to encourage our supporters to

become members of the club and pricing is based on giving a fair deal to our regular fans. This means the casual and away fan is penalised although it seems unfortunate for the away supporter. You have to consider the additional expense away support has forced on clubs such as extra policing (our police bill for Manchester was over £3,000), safety expenditure and, of course, the loss of revenue through home supporters being driven away through fear of violence. Without away fans violence would decrease.

It does not take a great deal of thought to make one realise that perhaps we'd be better off without many of those who call themselves 'away supporters'.

We certainly don't see our magazine as a 'rip-off' and we are proud of its design and content. It's a 32 page publication packed with club and national news. Pricing is based on a sound economical footing to ensure we offer our fans an up market and interesting magazine.

We could easily make a decision to reduce our cover price and content, but research among our fans told us they preferred a higher quality production. If it meant paying the extra 10-15p, they were prepared to do so and we are delighted to say our sales have reflected that opinion.

Concerning catering, it is necessary to realise that match day catering is always a one-off exercise. This means higher staff costs, transport costs plus, of course, a higher percentage of wastage. Regrettably, this leads to a higher price being charged to the consumer. We are trying to provide quality and entertainment — cheap is not necessarily good.

We thank Paul for taking the trouble to write to us, and also a special thank you to Maxwell for his many complimentary remarks concerning our match day organisation and the recognition of our team's adventurous style of play.

Editor

LETTERS

WATTERS A-Z

PART 7 - By TONY PULLEIN

FA CUP (continued): 1925-26 - Folkestone (h) 3-0; Aberdare (a) 0-1, 1926-27 - London Caledonians (h) 4-2; Northfleet (h) 6-2; Chelsea (a) 0-4, 1927-28 - Clapton (h) 9-0; Norwich (h) 6-0; Bolton (a) 1-2, 1928-29 - Southend (h) 5-0; Fulham (a) 0-0 (h) 4-1; Crystal Palace (h) 0-0 (a) 0-7, 1929-30 - QPR (h) 2-3, 1930-31 - Clapton Orient (h) 2-2 (a) 4-2; Watford (a) 1-3, 1931-32 - Swindon (a) 5-0; Lincoln (a) 2-2 (h) 4-1; Wolves (h) 1-2, 1932-33 - Kingstonians (h) 2-2 (a) 3-2; Stockport (a) 3-2; Barnsley (a) 0-0 (h) 2-0; Tottenham (h) 2-0; Halifax (a) 2-0; Everton (a) 0-6, 1933-34 - Arsenal (h) 0-1.

1934-35 - Chelsea (a) 1-1 (h) 2-0; Burnley (a) 1-3, 1935-36 - West Ham (a) 2-2 (h) 4-0; Manchester City (a) 1-2, 1936-37 - Blackpool (h) 3-3 (a) 2-1; Sunderland (h) 2-2 (a) 1-3, 1937-38 - Scarborough (a) 1-1 (h) 5-1; Swindon (h) 2-1; Manchester City (h) 1-3, 1938-39 - Liverpool (a) 0-3, 1945-46 - Derby (h) 0-6 (a) 0-3*, 1946-47 - Notts County (h) 6-0; Swansea (h) 2-0; Burnley (h) 0-0 (a) 0-3, 1947-48 - Plymouth (a) 4-2; Coventry (h) 3-2; QPR (a) 1-3, 1948-49 - West Ham (h) 3-1; Walsall (h) 4-0; Leicester (h) 5-5 (a) 3-5, 1949-50 - Grimsby (h) 3-4.

1950-51 - Portsmouth (h) 2-0; Bristol Rovers (h) 1-2, 1951-52 - Charlton (h) 1-0; Brentford (h) 2-2 (a) 0-0 (n) 3-2; Swindon (h) 3-1; Arsenal (h) 2-3, 1952-53 - Blackburn (h) 6-1; Manchester City (a) 1-1 (h) 5-1; Bolton (h) 0-1, 1953-54 - Blackpool (a) 1-1 (h) 0-0 (n) 1-1 (n) 0-2, 1954-55 - Workington (h) 5-0; Rotherham (a) 5-1; Manchester City (h) 0-2, 1955-56 - Leicester (h) 0-4, 1956-57 - Aston Villa (h) 2-2 (a) 0-2.

1957-58 - Stockport (a) 0-3, 1958-59 - Leeds (h) 5-1; Leicester (a) 1-1 (h) 4-1; Ipswich (a) 5-2; Blackpool (a) 1-1 (h) 1-0; Norwich (at Tottenham) 1-1 (at Birmingham) 1-0; Nottingham Forest (at Wembley) 1-2, 1959-60 - Exeter (a) 2-1;

Huddersfield (a) 1-0; Wolves (h) 1-4, 1960-61 - Northampton (h) 4-0; Manchester City (h) 3-1; Barnsley (a) 0-1, 1961-62 - Ipswich (h) 1-1 (a) 1-1 (at Highbury) 1-5, 1962-63 - Swindon (h) 0-2, 1963-64 - Bridgwater (a) 3-0; Reading (h) 2-1; Fulham (a) 1-4.

1964-65 - Southend (h) 1-0; Gillingham (h) 1-0; Sunderland (h) 0-3, 1965-66 - Romford (a) 1-1 (h) 1-0; Corby (a) 2-2 (h)

0-1, 1966-67 - Exeter (a) 1-1 (h) 2-0; Bristol Rovers (a) 2-3, 1967-68 - Oxford City (a) 2-1; Swindon (a) 2-3, 1968-69 - Ware (h) 6-1; Gillingham (h) 3-1; Manchester City (a) 0-1, 1969-70 - Bournemouth (a) 1-1 (h) 3-1; Hillingdon (a) 1-2, 1970-71 - Nottingham Forest (a) 1-1 (h) 3-4, 1971-72 - West Ham (a) 1-2, 1972-73 - Crewe (h) 2-0; Newcastle (a) 2-0; Bolton (a) 1-0; Sunderland (a) 0-2.

1973-74 - Port Vale (a) 1-1 (h) 4-2; Bradford City (h) 3-0; Leicester (h) 0-4, 1974-75 - Birmingham (h) 0-1, 1975-76 - Blackburn (h) 2-0; Norwich (a) 0-2, 1976-77 - Halifax (a) 1-0; Chester (a) 0-1, 1977-78 - Oldham (h) 1-1 (a) 2-1; Millwall (a) 0-4, 1978-79 - York (a) 0-2, 1979-80 - Swindon (h) 0-2, 1980-81 - Orient (a) 3-1; Newcastle (a) 1-2, 1981-82 - Swindon (h) 2-1; Ipswich (h) 0-3.

* Played on a home-and-away basis.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Our season-by-season Football League record since we were elected to the competition in 1897 is:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Pos
1897-98	30	13	4	13	68	50	30	8th
1898-99	34	10	3	21	51	95	23	15th
1899-1900	34	5	8	21	40	75	18	17th

(We failed to gain re-election at the end of the season.)

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Pos
1920-21	42	16	12	14	61	56	44	9th
1921-22	42	22	8	12	64	35	52	4th
1922-23	42	14	18	10	45	40	46	6th
1923-24	42	16	14	12	50	44	46	7th
1924-25	42	10	17	15	49	57	37	17th
1925-26	42	18	7	17	80	75	43	7th

This fascinating series continues in the magazine against Arsenal. Don't miss the chance to keep your records up to date.



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NAME THE FACES

Due to the volume of correct entries we were receiving for the Name The Faces competition, we decided to increase the skill factor required by producing the negatives of the faces.

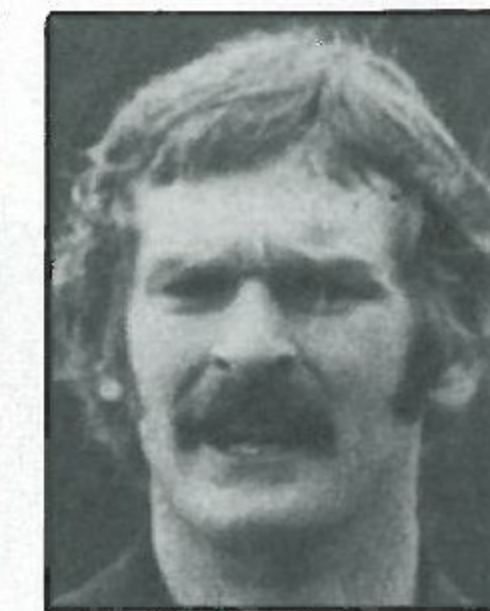
Unfortunately, this appears to have made the competition too difficult and we have not received one correct entry to those faces shown in the Manchester United, Charlton and Ipswich magazines.

Today we have reverted to producing the faces in positive print. For your information the players heads featured in the Ipswich magazine were Dennis Rofe (Southampton), Simon Stainrod (Queens Park Rangers), Alistair Robertson (West Bromwich Albion).

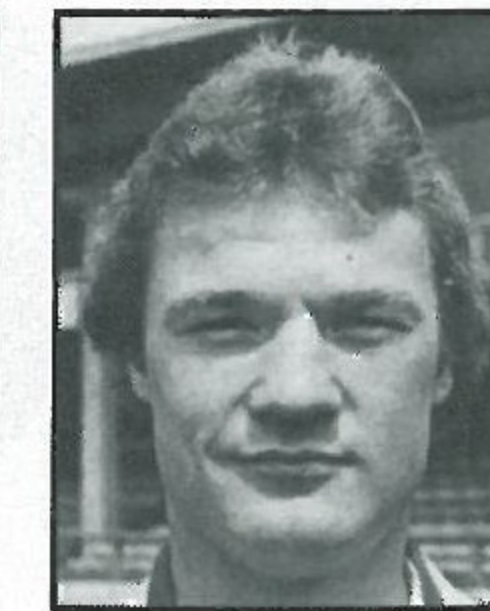
Today's photocaption shows three players' heads mixed up. All you have to do is name the three players and their current clubs. Send your entries to Luton Town Phototeasers, Luton Town Football Club, Matchday Magazine, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton.



**SIMON
STAINROD**
(Queens Park
Rangers)



**ALISTAIR
ROBERTSON**
(West Bromwich
Albion)

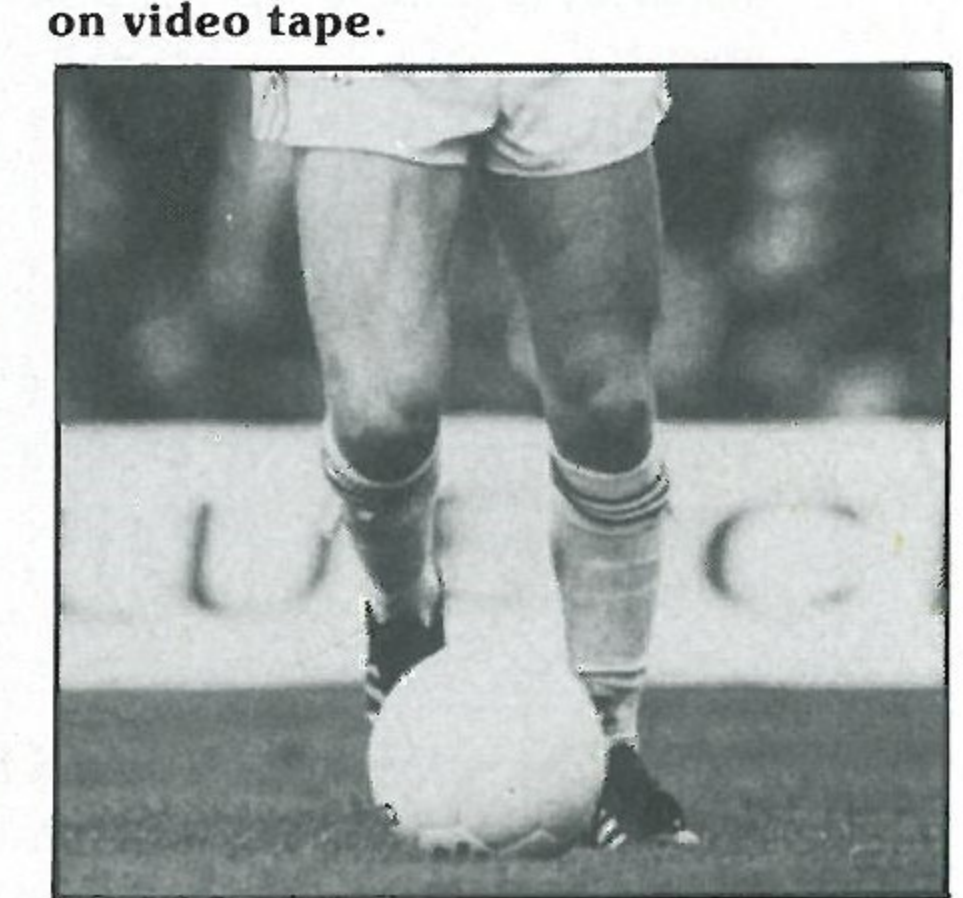
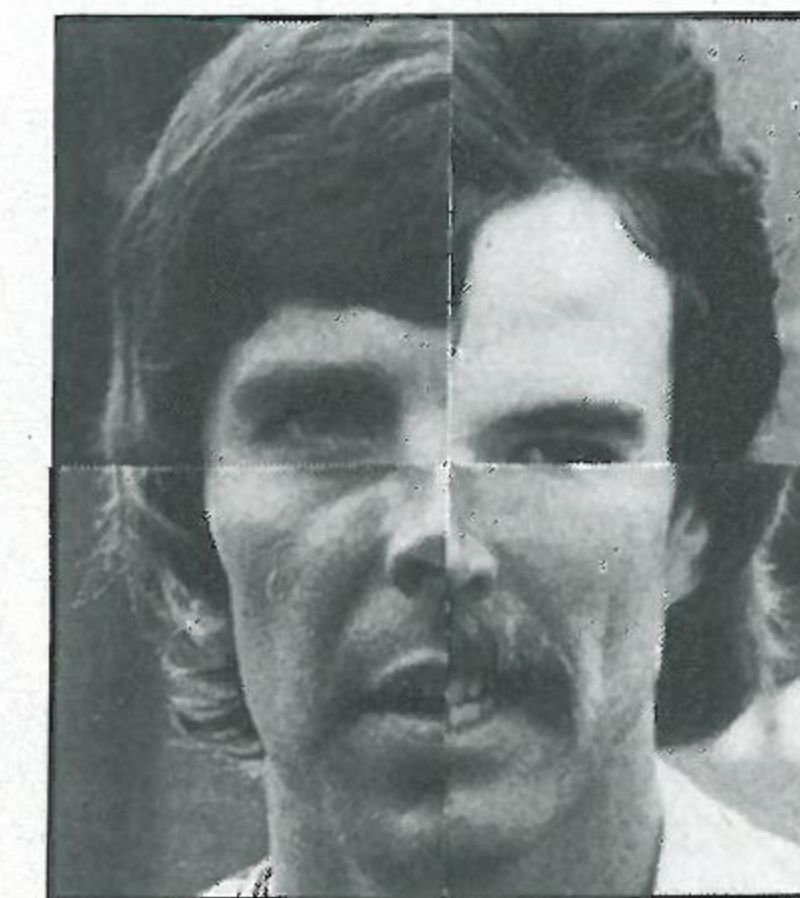
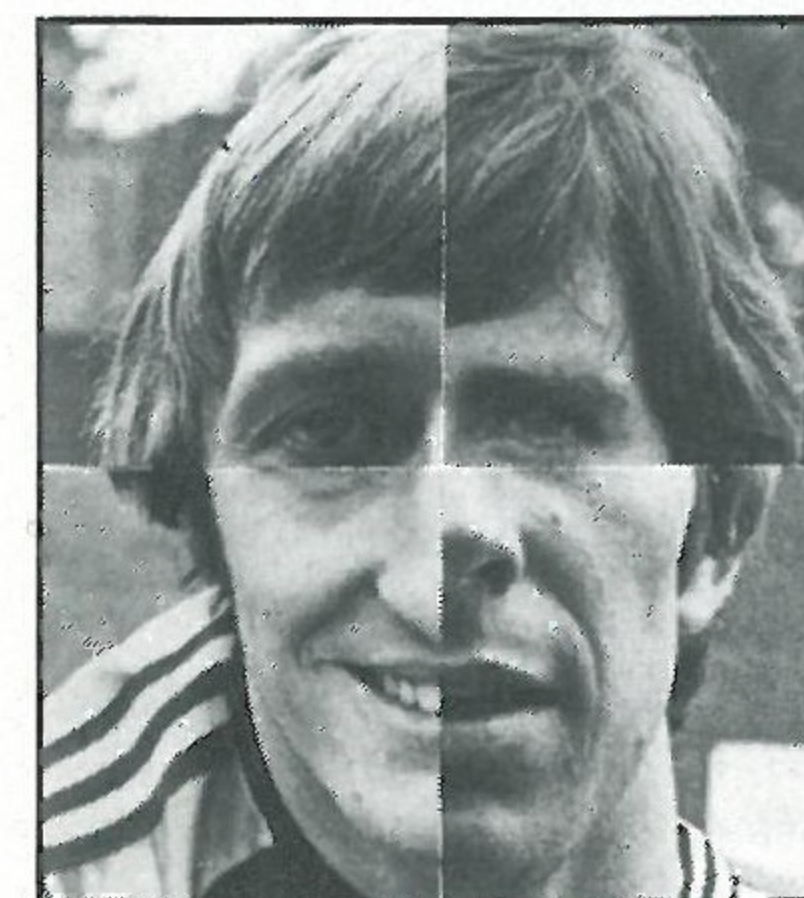


DENNIS ROFE
(Southampton)

NAME THE STAR

The Name The Star is a continuing competition when we will add a small proportion of the body of a famous player inviting you to guess the player's identity. Today's photograph is a continuation of the body of the player featured in our last three magazines against Manchester United, Charlton and Ipswich.

If you think you know the answer, write it immediately on a postcard with your name and address and send your entry to Luton Town Phototeasers, Luton Town Football Club Matchday Magazine, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton. Winning entry will receive our Super Champions on video tape.



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HAVE WE MADE IT?

We've made it at last! Or have we? Our magazine editor was most interested to hear from Gerry Downes who wrote from Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin, Ireland, after our recent home game against Manchester United.

Mr Downes said he and his son Ciaran are dedicated Luton fans. He said he could hardly believe his eyes when he browsed through the Irish Sunday Tribune the day after the game to find his favourite team top of the First Division.

We must admit, we like the look of it too. We'll do our best to get there on merit.

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LUTON.....	8	5	2	1	19	7 17
MAN UNITED...	8	5	2	1	14	6 17
WEST HAM.....	8	5	1	2	20	6 16
WEST BROM....	8	5	1	2	18	8 16
WATFORD.....	8	5	0	3	16	9 15
MAN CITY.....	8	5	0	3	10	10 15
TOTTENHAM....	8	4	1	3	17	11 13
STOKE CITY....	8	4	1	3	17	14 13
ASTON VILLA...	8	4	0	4	12	12 12
NOTTS FOR....	8	4	0	4	14	16 12
BRIGHTON....	8	3	2	3	8	19 11
LIVERPOOL....	8	2	4	2	21	19 10
COVENTRY C...	8	3	1	4	10	11 10
SWANSEA.....	8	3	1	4	10	12 10
SUNDERLAND..	8	3	1	4	11	16 10
IPSWICH.....	8	2	3	3	14	11 9
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NORWICH.....	8	1	3	4	11	17 6
BIRMINGHAM...	8	1	2	5	4	19 5

A WELCOME ADDITION

It's not surprising that Richard and Mary Money look happy as they hold a little Money in the shape of newly born

Christopher, their first child.

Richard joined us from Liverpool towards the end of last season and played a vital part in the final push towards winning the Second Division Championship by eight points with the rest of the Luton lads.

He refused to confirm early reports that young Christopher is a budding full-back.



A HERO'S WELCOME

Club secretary John Wilkinson's son Neil was torn between his two

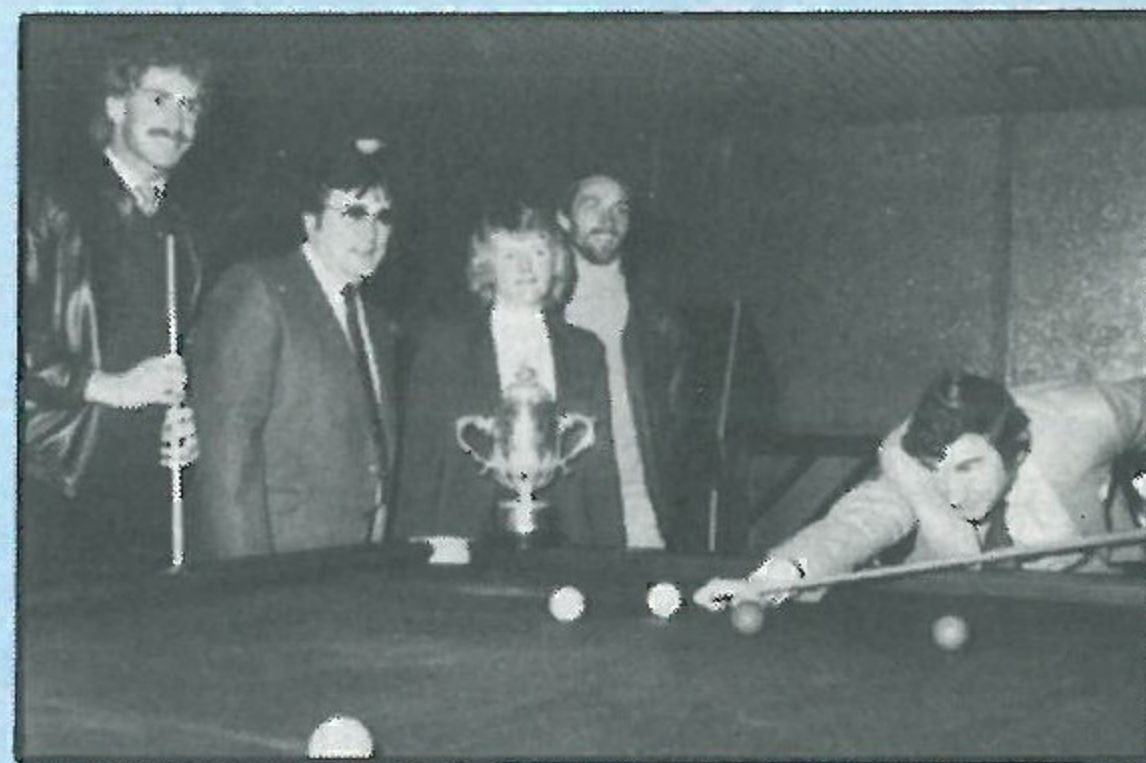


favourite teams when Ipswich supplied the opposition for our last home game.

Neil supports the Suffolk club and Luton and could hardly wait for the day of the game to arrive. A 1-1 draw satisfied him well enough before Neil (left) and his friend Paul Meade met Paul Mariner, their favourite Ipswich player.

DAVID'S RIGHT ON CUE

Brewing giants Whitbread paid us a huge compliment when they re-named one of the Luton public houses 'Champions' to commemorate our achievement of winning the Second Division Championship by eight points last May.



The former Kingsway Tavern, in Kingsway, now boasts the most modern indoor sporting equipment and facilities in the area.

Our manager David Pleat, with players Mike Saxby and skipper Nobby Horton, accepted an invitation to attend the opening night's ceremony. As usual, the manager was right on cue.

HERE A WEEK TODAY

Arsenal make the short journey from North London to provide the First Division opposition at Kenilworth Road next Saturday. Tickets for the match are now on sale at the box office.

CENTURY CLUB

It may seem early to think of Christmas, but plans for our childrens' party are already underway. The most important people there will be the children. Please let us have their names and ages, (up to and including 15 years) as soon as possible.

We are also making preparations for our next away coach trip to Norwich on 28th DECEMBER. We mention this again for two reasons. First, the notes in our last magazine contained an error in the date, and second, because some of you were unable to book for the West Bromwich trip.

Recently, the Century Club sponsored an English Schools' FA Preliminary International Trial at Under-15 level. Teams from Beds, Bucks and Herts, played Cambs, Leics and Northants, and there were several local boys on view.

The match has been an annual event at Kenilworth Road for many seasons, and we were happy to provide the hospitality. An honoured guest on this occasion was chairman of the ESFA Mr R. Davies, who sent his greetings and thanks to all Century Club members.

Our annual general meeting was a very well attended affair. Reports of the 1981-82 season activities were given, and the financial aid to the football club had also been considerable. A cheque for £2,000 was presented to Graham MacKrell, representing the football club, by chairman Ken Ball, bringing the total for the current season to £22,000.

FOREST THROUGH THE YEARS

At different times, Forest have met clubs from four different countries in the FA Cup. Apart from English teams they have met Queens Park from

Scotland in 1884-85, Linfield from Ireland in 1888-89 and Cardiff (Wales) in 1921-22 and 1927-28.

Forest brothers Frank and Fred Forman were capped together for England on 18th February 1899.

Bob McKinlay played in 265 consecutive First Division games for Forest from April 1959 to October 1965.

In March 1959, Forest scored first against Birmingham but finally lost 7-1.

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Forest first made an overseas tour in 1905-06 when they went to Argentina, winning all seven games and scoring 51 goals.

Forest won an FA Cup-tie against Clapton 14-0 in January 1891.

In the quarter-finals of the FA Cup in 1973-74 a crowd invasion caused the Forest v Newcastle FA Cup-tie to be abandoned with Forest leading 3-1. The game was replayed at Goodison Park on two occasions, the first game ending 0-0 and Newcastle winning the second 1-0.

IN RETROSPECT

Luton Town v Nottingham Forest
Division Two: 1937-38 2-2 (h), 0-1 (a); 1938-39 1-0 (h), 4-2 (a); 1946-47 3-2 (h), 2-4 (a); 1947-48 2-1 (h), 2-1 (a); 1948-49 4-3 (h), 0-2 (a); 1951-52 3-3 (h), 0-2 (a); 1952-53 3-0 (h), 3-4 (a); 1953-54 0-1 (h), 1-2 (a); 1954-55 2-0 (h), 5-1 (a).

Division One: 1957-58 3-1 (h), 0-1 (a);

1958-59 5-1 (h), 1-3 (a), 1959-60 (h), 0-1 (a).

Division Two: 1972-73 Luton Town 1 (Slough) Nottingham Forest 0, Nottingham Forest 0 Luton Town 1 (Aston). 1973-74 Luton Town 2 (Jimmy Ryan 2, (1 pen) Nottingham Forest 2 (McKenzie, Richardson), Nottingham Forest 4 (Jackson 2 (1 pen), Martin, McKenzie) Luton Town 0. 1975-76 Luton Town 1 (Futcher, R) Nottingham Forest 1 (Curran, Nottingham Forest 0 Luton Town 0. 1976-77 Luton Town 1 (Barrett og) Nottingham Forest 1 (Curran pen), Nottingham Forest 1 (Lloyd) Luton Town 2 (Futcher, R, Aston).

Teams for last game here, 4th September 1976...

LUTON TOWN: Barber, Price, Blackley, West, Faulkner, Futcher, P, Hill, Husband (Futcher, R), Deans, Fuccillo, Aston.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: Middleton, Barrett, Clark, McGovern (Anderson), Chapman, Bowyer, Curran, O'Neill, O'Hare, Butlin, Robertson. Attendance: 11,231.

TODAY'S REFEREE

John Moules of Ongar, Essex, started refereeing in 1968 in the Harlow and District League, then through the Essex Senior League and the Football Combination to the Football League. Refereed 5th Round FA Vase matches (1980 and 1981), the midweek League Cup Final (1980), and the 1982 Essex Senior Cup Final.

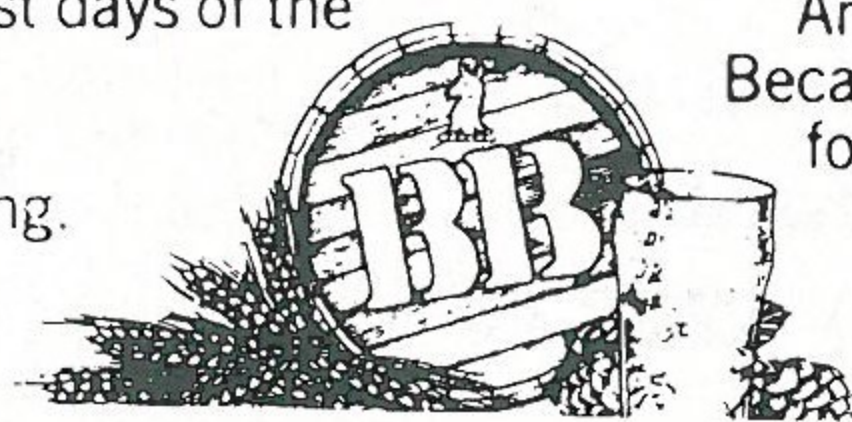
Married, with one son, he is a manager for a computer company, and enjoys all sports, particularly golf and athletics. A qualified Referee Instructor, he is Chairman and Training Officer for the Harlow Referees' Society and also trains local children in football.

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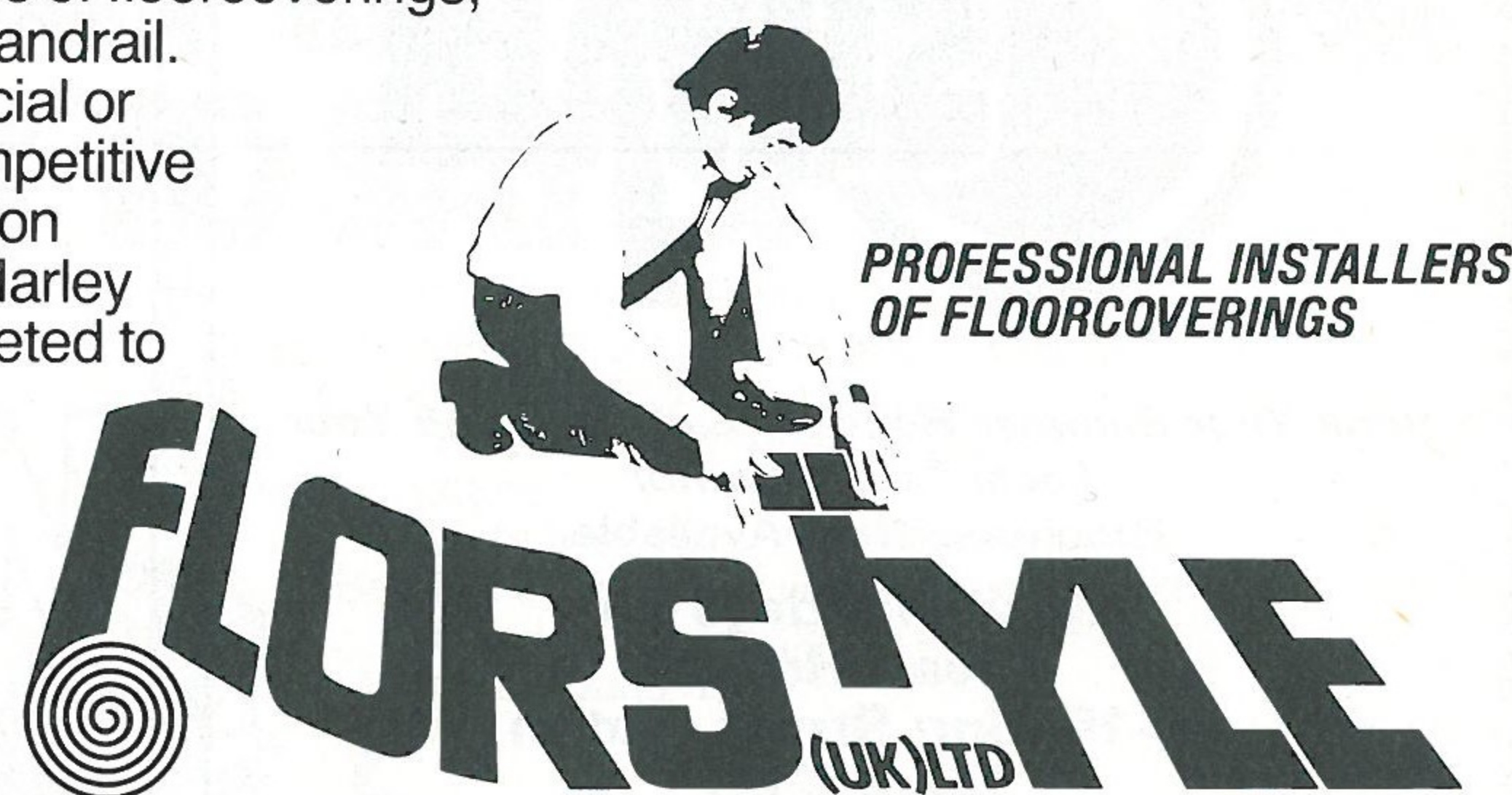


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So, if your club or association needs financial help, please don't hesitate to contact us on Luton 30748 or 412418 anytime. You never know what the outcome may be as this is an instance where we can help a lot, being our cousins in sport. Come on cousin, let's hear from you!



MIKE HARDWICKE
 Promotions Manager

JOHN'S JOURNAL

Our visitors today last played a Football League-Division match at Kenilworth Road on 19th September 1959 in front of 16,634 spectators. The BBC Television cameras were here to record a 1-0 victory in the Town's favour. The two teams, for the benefit of those who like to look back to that era, were: Luton Town: Baynham, Dunne, Hawkes K., Morton, Kelly, Groves, Bingham, Turner, Brown, Hawkes B., Gregory.

Nottingham Forest: Thomson, Patrick, McDonald, Whitefoot, McKinlay, Burkitt, Imlach, Quigley, Wilson, Iley, Gray.

The only goal of the match was scored by Allan Brown and the attendance receipts were £2,001.11s.6d. Times have certainly changed.

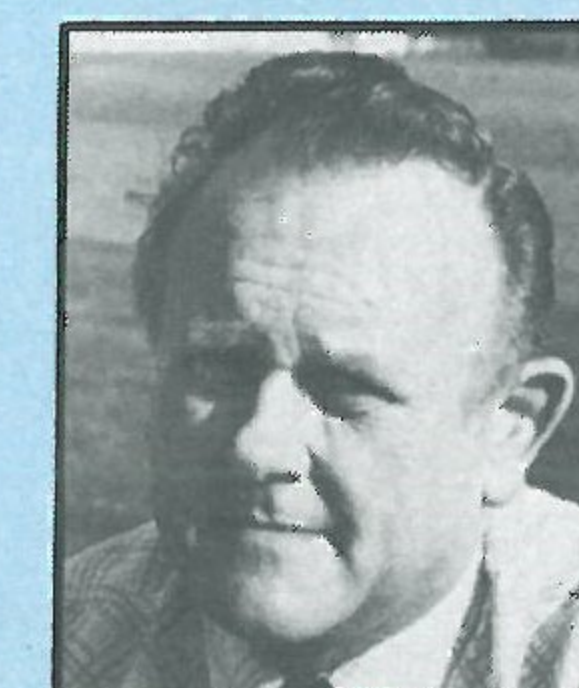
One interesting point on that match was that Mr R. Hounsell, who ran the line, is a frequent visitor to our ground representing the Football Association.

In the return match on 6th February 1960, we were beaten 2-0. Both sides made a few changes from the previous match and the teams were: Luton Town: Baynham, Dunne, Daniel, Groves, Kelly, Pacey, Bingham, Turner, Brown, Morton, Gregory. Nottingham Forest: Armstrong, Thomas, Patrick, Whitefoot, McKinlay, Burkitt, Gray, Booth, Wilson, Iley, Imlach. Wilson and Booth scored for Forest and the attendance was 22,808.

Looking ahead, we have been drawn at home in the first round of the FA Youth Cup against St. Albans City. This match will be played at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday 2nd November (7.30). Why not come along and support the boys? You won't be disappointed as those who saw the recent match against Tottenham Hotspur in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup will vouch for. Admission is only 50p.

Incidentally, in the next round of that competition we have been drawn away at West ham. This match must be played on or before the 19th November.

JOHN WILKINSON
 Secretary



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HATTERS IN RESERVE

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The first-half performance was the best we have looked as a unit this season. However, after some good approach play we missed at least three golden opportunities to score from within their six yards box. In the second-half, we tired and looked ragged and, as Rovers came more into the game, we failed to show any leadership qualities. When the tide turned against us in the second-half we sat back and let them carry the game to us without ever putting our foot in. We hardly had a shot in the second-half and conceded a late goal to lose the game.

TEAM: North, McDonald, Reilly, Shearer, Bassett, Plummer, Parker, Jones, McConville, Ellisdon, Watts, Hamilton, Groome.

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We started the game slowly and conceded a penalty to go one down. In the middle of the first-half a second goal punished us for some bad defensive play. That second goal sparked a bit of life into us and we started to go for a goal to get us back into the game before half-time and we got our reward just inside the far post. In the second-half we increased our pace but had to wait a long time for an equaliser and survive a few breakaway scares. The two subs came on and played their part in carrying the game to the opposition and just reward for our hard work to turn the game from 2-0 down. Watts (2) and Parker were our scorers.

TEAM: North, McDonald, Petts, Shearer, Bassett, Plummer, Hill, Hewitt, McConville, Parker, Watts, Jones, Hamilton.

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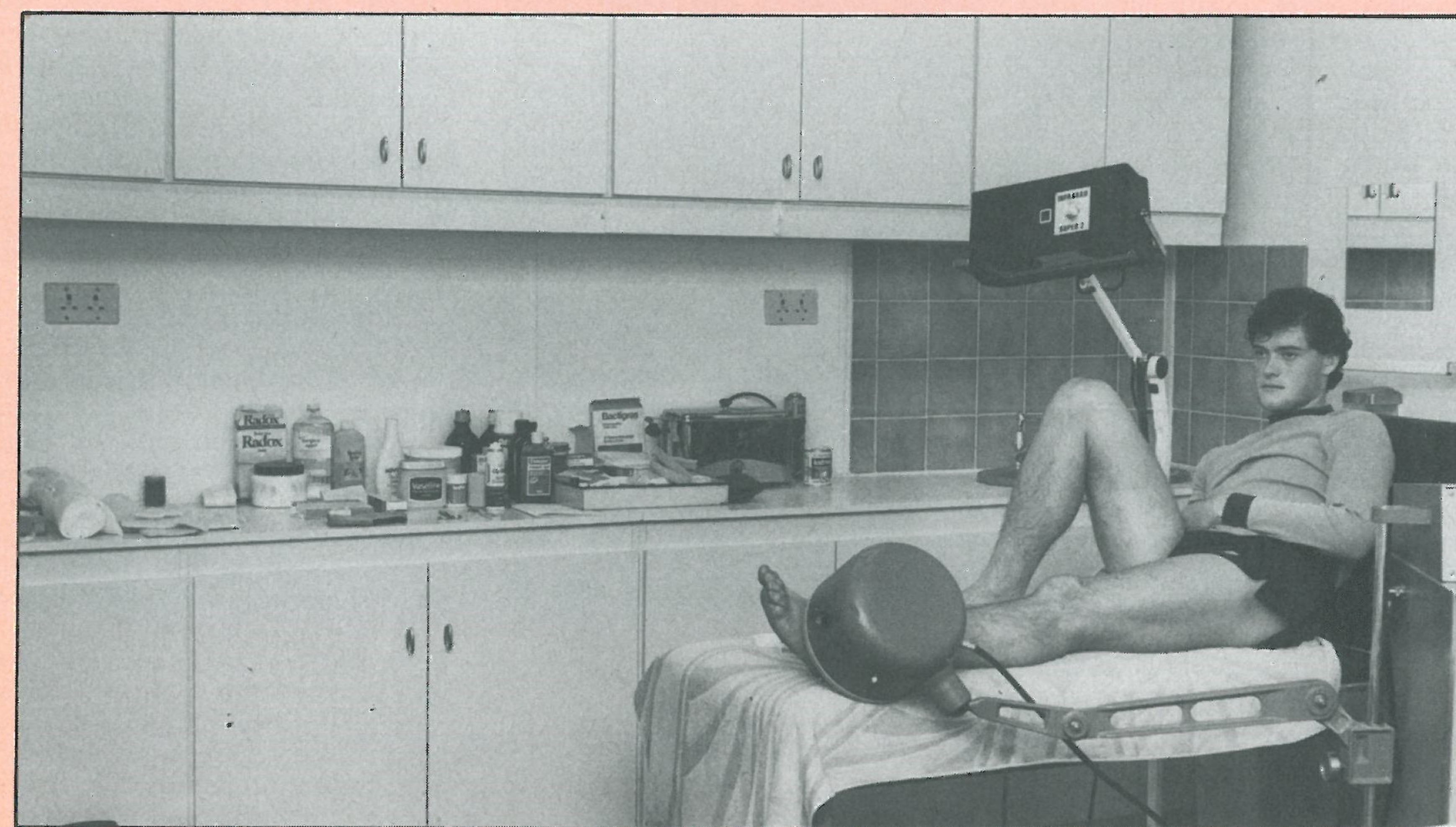
The most recent news to emerge is the formation of a new company, Florstyle (UK) Ltd, which has Marley as its broad foundation, but is a relatively small, national company which installs most forms of resilient and soft flooring in contract situations.

Luton Town FC is a recent contract where the company's skilled operatives have installed much of the new flooring. The newly refurbished ticket office now features Marleytex needleloom carpeting, and other quality carpeting and hardwearing vinyl tiles have been laid in the players' lounge, Junior Hatters club and executive club, situated in the main stand.

COMMERCIAL SCENE



THE WEEKLY LOOK AT THE HATTERS COMMERCIAL SCENE



Frank Bunn pictured in the Wallspan fitted Medical Room.

Our next home match promises to be a cracking game with the visit of a great club of tradition, Arsenal. We are proud to have a champion sponsor for the game in Wallspan Bedrooms.

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Supporters have benefited through our £100,000 electronic scoreboard and it was Terry's generosity which enabled us to produce our video tape of last season's Championship.

Those who have benefited through Wallspan's support include physiotherapist John Sheridan whose medical room is now the ultimate in luxury after being fitted out with Wallspan's top quality furniture as has our new '82 Club. Our season ticket holders enjoy a 10 per cent discount on all cash purchases of Wallspan Bedroom Furniture.

In addition to Luton Town, Terry Bailey is also heavily involved in local football and is president of Barton Rovers and president of the Wallspan Football Combination League. Many other local youth

clubs and organisations have benefited through Wallspan's generosity.

Terry's involvement in sport does not stop at football. This week, the Wallspan annual golf tournament was staged at Woburn. Unfortunately, star golfers Jake Findlay, Kirk Stephens, Richard Money and Brian Horton were due to take part but had to pull out due to Tuesday night's Milk Cup-tie at Charlton.

However, that did not stop the event and celebrities playing included ex-Fulham and Millwall star John Mitchell, Alex Hay, the Woburn golf professional and BBC television commentator, ex-Luton keepers Tony Read and Milija Aleksic, Barton Rovers manager, Barry Reed and songwriter Tony Wells.

All in all, we think you will agree Terry Bailey's Wallspan Bedrooms do a tremendous amount for sport in general and Luton Town Football Club in particular.

MIKE BEEVOR
Project and Advertising Executive

SCENE ON ONE

A weekly feature which puts the spotlight on the First Division scene. By Tony Pullein

AS EASY AS FALLING OFF A LADDER!

It is often fondly believed that highly trained, and finely balanced, professional footballers are less likely to suffer common or garden accidents than the ordinary man in the street. Yet events of the past week or so seem to be proving the opposite to be the case.

Coventry's former England skipper Gerry Francis was carrying out some routine repairs on his garage roof when he lost his foothold on the ladder, fell head first on to a concrete block and received injuries requiring 26 stitches in his forehead.

He returned to the Sky Blues' team to score a brilliant goal in their 1-0 win over Notts County. His manager Dave Sexton put it 'in the Rummenigge class.'

After the game Mr Sexton smiled: 'If he scores goals like that afterwards, I don't care how often he falls off a ladder.'

Sadly, the joy of Francis' super goal was offset by news of the attendance figure. The crowd of 8,322 was the second lowest recorded by Coventry since they became a First Division club in 1967.

No club has been more accident-prone — off the field — this season than Southampton. Just when it looked as if Lawrie McMenemy might be able to field his strongest possible team against West Ham, he received a telephone call from England goalkeeper Peter Shilton to say he would not be able to play.

Relaxing in his garden after the England v West Germany international, Shilton had been skylarking with his young son when he accidentally slipped off a log, damaging his chest and shoulder.

Reserve keeper Peter Wells was called into action but the day ended happily for the Saints when they finished with a splendid 3-0 victory over West Ham. Steve Moran scored his first goal of the season while his detainee colleague in Sweden, Mark Wright, made a very successful return to



MARK CHAMBERLAIN

the side at centre-back. West Ham never hit form and other goals from Steve Williams and Alan Ball gave Southampton a surprisingly easy win.

Hammers' boss John Lyall was very thoughtful after the match. 'We scored a great victory over Liverpool last week — now this! We forgot to do the simple things that had enabled us to win all our previous five First Division matches.'

Birmingham manager Ron Saunders had no complaints against referee Neil Midgley who sent off his goalkeeper Jim Blyth at a critical point in their away game at Nottingham Forest. Blyth was dismissed in the 68th minute for handling the ball outside his penalty area.

'We have put referees in a ridiculous position,' complained Mr Saunders. 'He had no alternative, under the directives issued this season, than to take the action he did. But it is ridiculous. We have the best referees in the world but we should allow them to use

their common sense in situations like this.'

Even the referee himself was upset. 'I would never have sent him off for that last season,' he apologised.

But the incident could, when the final reckoning comes, cost Birmingham their First Division status. They were drawing 1-1 at the time but had to move striker Colin Brazier back into goal for the remainder of the game.

After their early flourish of goals, both Liverpool and Manchester United seem to have reverted to more cautious ways. When they met at Anfield, they drew 0-0 and that meant United had scored only three goals in five First Division games — compared with 12 goals in their previous five.

Liverpool, who hit 21 goals in their first seven League outings, had scored once in three games.

Sunderland manager Alan Durban is now wondering if the eight-goal hiding his team took at Watford last month might have been the best thing to happen! For, in their next four games, they were unbeaten. A spanking 4-1 home win over Norwich was followed by a 1-1 Roker draw with Southampton. And Sunderland twice took the lead at Manchester City before settling for a 2-2 draw.

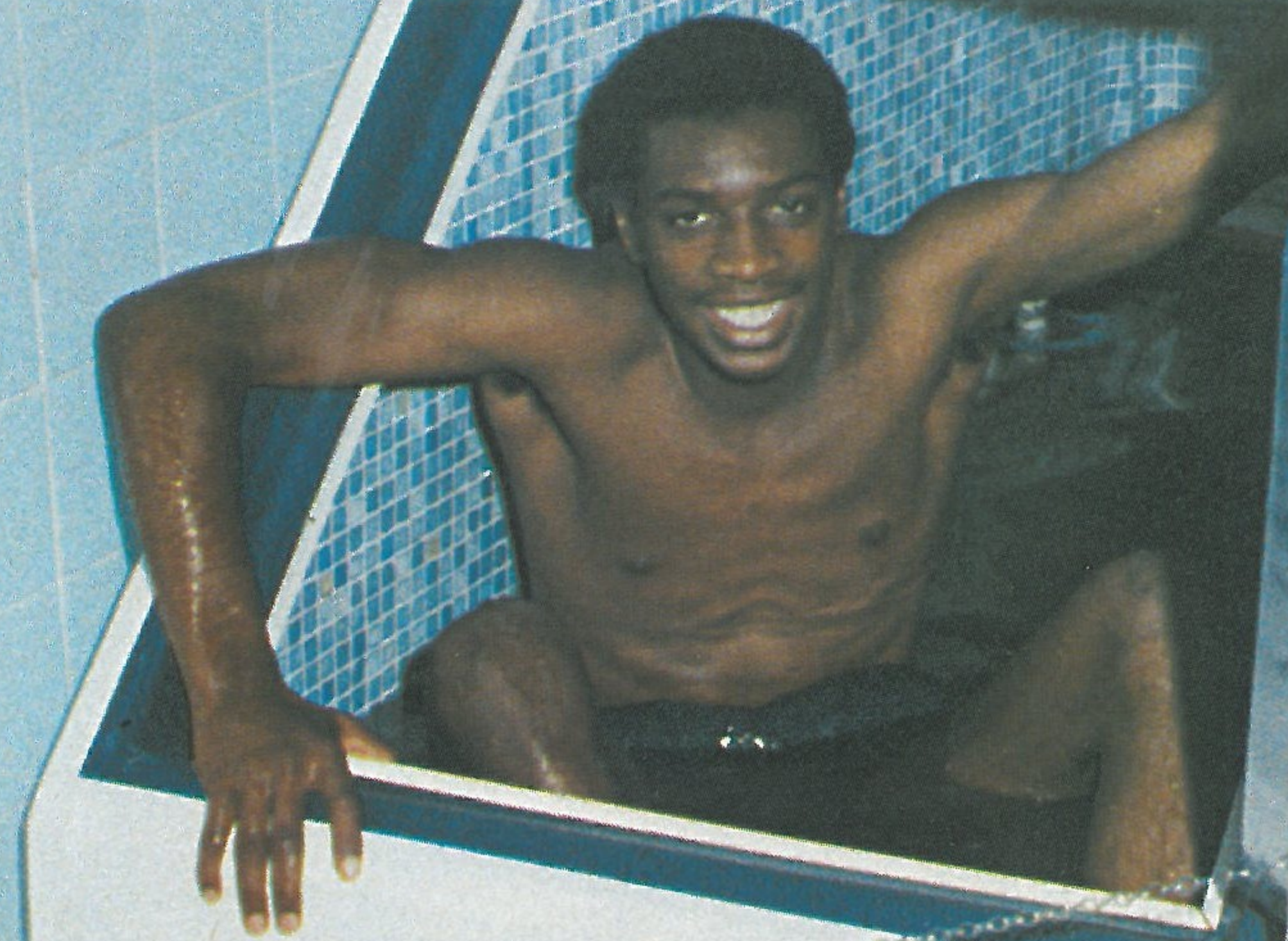
They also came out of a difficult first leg League Cup-tie, away to Second Division leaders Wolves, with a 1-1 draw.

Mark Chamberlain, who missed the chance of his first England cap against West Germany because of injury, helped Stoke maintain their winning ways with a goal, his third of the season, in the 3-0 win over Brighton at the Victoria Ground.

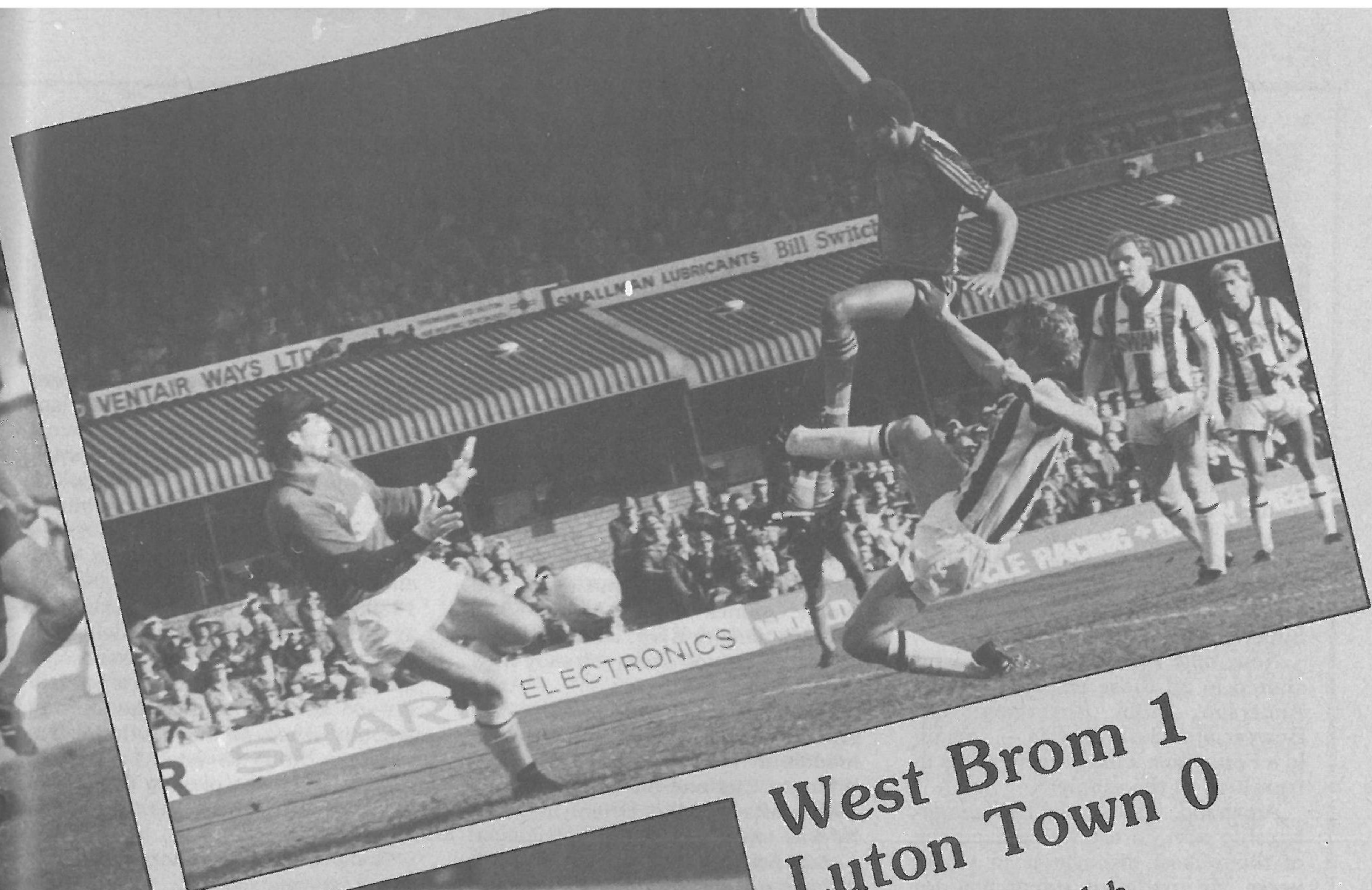
Stoke's fine start to the season has been reflected in higher attendances. The Potters are one of only five First Division clubs — the Hatters, Arsenal, Norwich and Watford are the others — showing an increase on last season's average crowds.

COLOUR SHOT

On page ten of this afternoon's magazine, you will read of the many benefits available to our physiotherapist John Sheridan in his medical room. One of his more treasured pieces of equipment is the Delta Float, featured in this Colour Shot with young Mitchell Thomas. The Delta Float is designed to help players relax.



ACTION



West Brom 1 Luton Town 0

Top left: Paul Walsh receives the 'sandwich' treatment as he moves towards goal.

Top right: Flying high — Brian Stein makes contact with this one only to be saved by the keeper's knee.

Bottom left: A last minute header by Brian Stein causes panic in the Albion defence.

Bottom right: Another attack comes to an end.

Pictures by Gareth Owen



NOTTINGHAM

The heady days of the late seventies are now but a fond memory for Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough as he builds for a new surge of success. The European Cup (twice), the League Championship, and the League Cup (twice) and the European Super Cup were all won by Forest between 1978 and 1980. Forest were also runners-up in the Super Cup and the League Cup.

Now, only four of the players who shared in all those triumphs — Viv Anderson, John Robertson, Ian Bowyer and Garry Birtles — remain in a Forest side which is very much in transition at the moment.

Anderson, who served his apprenticeship with Forest, has proved one of their finest discoveries in recent years. He made his senior bow for the club in 1974-75 and, last season,

took his number of full England caps to 10. He has also played for England 'B' and the Under-21s.

Robertson, an ever-present member of Scotland's World Cup team in Spain, won his 24th cap against East Germany earlier this month. John made his Forest debut in 1971 and has now put some 350 senior games behind him. Still Forest's penalty King, John has converted five spot kicks already this term.

Bowyer began his career with Manchester City and won winners' medals in both the European Cup-Winners' Cup and the League Cup in 1970. After joining Orient in 1971, he was top scorer in his first season. Forest paid £40,000 for him in 1973 but two seasons ago they sold him to Sunderland for £250,000. He didn't

settle at Roker Park, and Forest were able to re-sign him for £45,000 last season.

Birtles is also in his second spell with the club. Garry was only 16 when he made his League debut in 1976-77 and he later won three England caps before moving to Manchester United for £1,200,000 in 1980. He didn't enjoy the best of luck at Old Trafford and he was delighted to return to Forest this season in a £275,000 deal. Now Garry is back to his old scoring form as he showed recently when netting in three successive First Division matches. Forest have been playing 4-4-2 with Ian Wallace operating as the second forward.

Wallace has been top scorer for the past two seasons, claiming 12 last term. Ian, in fact, has been a



Back row (left to right): Liam O'Kane (Coach), Calvin Plummer, Peter Davenport, Bryn Gunn, Mark Proctor, Colin Todd, Ian Wallace
Middle row: John Sheridan (Coach), Chris Fairclough, Einar Aas, Steve Sutton, Hans Van Breukelen, Willie Young, Viv Anderson, Garry Birtles, Ron Fenton (Coach)
Front row: Colin Walsh, Stuart Gray, Ian Bowyer (Captain), Brian Clough (Manager), John Robertson, Steve Hodge

FOREST

leading scorer in the First Division for the past four seasons. He was Coventry's top scorer in his final two seasons before a £1,250,000 transfer took him to Forest in 1980. Ian began his career with Dumbarton and joined Coventry for £75,000 in 1976. He has been capped by Scotland on three occasions.

Waiting in the wings for an opportunity to play regularly are two more strikers. Calvin Plummer and Peter Davenport were both blooded in the team towards the end of last season and Davenport rounded off the campaign in style with a hat-trick in the final game at Ipswich.

Mark Proctor, Steve Hodge, Colin Walsh and John Robertson have been filling the midfield places. Stuart Gray is also pressing for a place.

Proctor was signed from Middlesbrough for £425,000 in 1981 and if he should win three England caps, Forest will have to pay a further £75,000 to Middlesbrough. That's a distinct possibility, of course, for Mark — who made his First Division bow for Borough four seasons ago — has already played four times for the England Under-21s.

Hodge is a local lad who made his debut in the closing game of last season. He has been holding his place this term.

Gray is a midfield player who can also play at left-back. He made his League debut two seasons ago. Walsh, too, developed in the Junior team and earned his chance in First Division football two seasons back.

Colin Todd and Chris Fairclough have been playing in the middle of

the defence with Viv Anderson and Bryn Gunn at full-back. When Anderson was injured, Mr Clough signed Kenny Swain on loan from Aston Villa.

Todd, who joined Forest from Birmingham for £65,000 this summer, was capped by England on 27 occasions. His career blossomed at Sunderland and Mr Clough first signed him for £170,000 in 1971 when he was Derby's manager. Colin helped the Rams win the League Championship twice and eventually left for Everton in a £300,000 transaction in 1978. He joined Birmingham for £250,000 about a year later.

Fairclough made his first League appearance at Liverpool in September and has now taken over from Willie Young.

Loyalty finally paid for Bryn Gunn two seasons ago. It was in 1975-76 that he made his League debut for the club but he was called up for only rare appearances after that until winning a regular place in 1980-81.

Swain was a midfield player in his Chelsea days but he switched to right-back after his £100,000 transfer to Aston Villa in 1978.

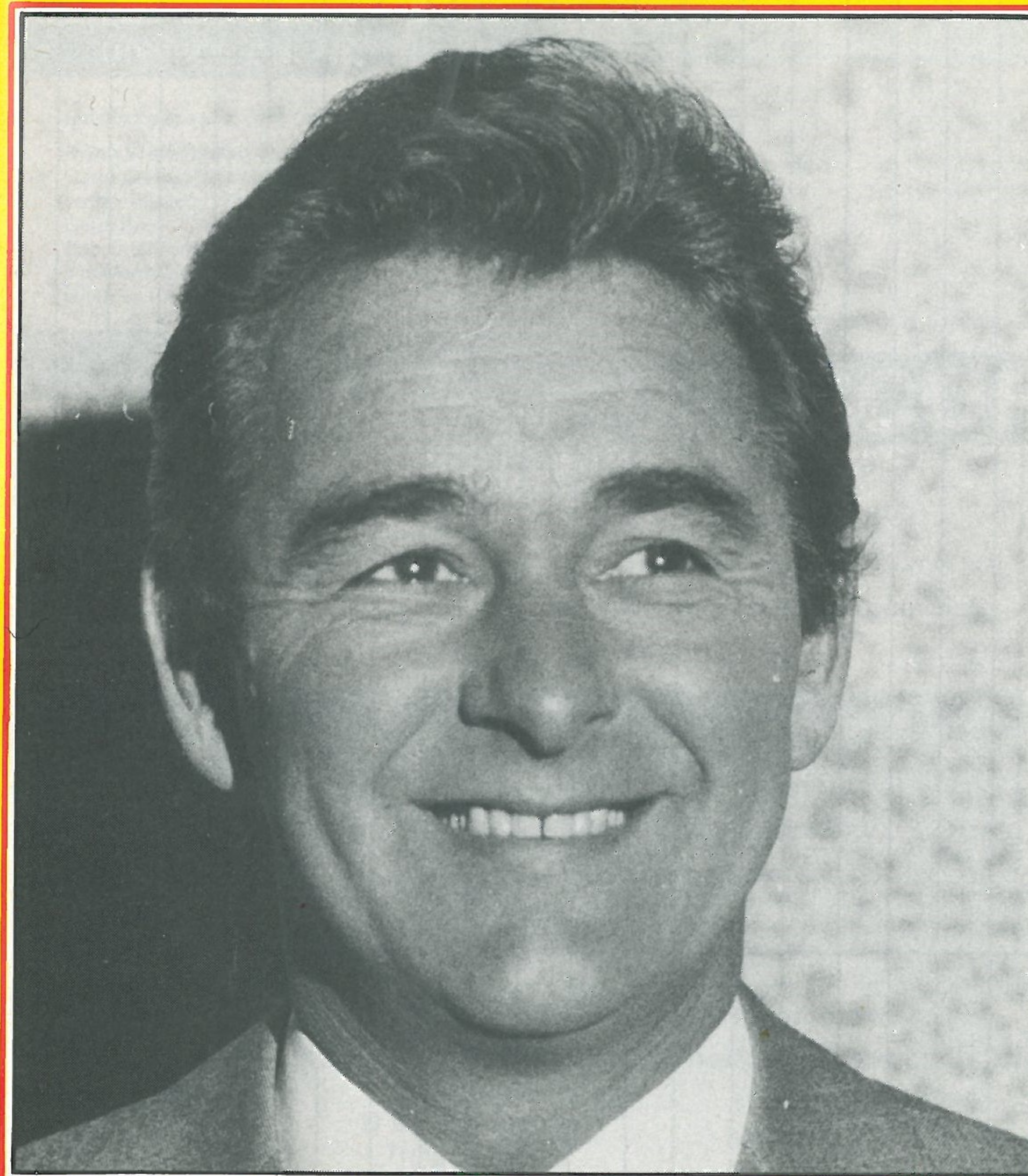
Willie Young is a former Scottish Under-23 international who began his career with Aberdeen. Tottenham paid £100,000 for him in 1975 but two years later he made the short move to Arsenal for £80,000. Forest signed him for £170,000 last season.

When England keeper Peter Shilton moved on to Southampton during the last close season, Mr Clough had no experienced reserve to step in. Steve Sutton played in the opening two matches of the season and then Mr Clough signed Hans van Breukelen from Utrecht for £180,000.

Sutton had made only a couple of First Division appearances prior to this season but two seasons ago, whilst on loan to Mansfield, he enjoyed a short run in their first team. Van Breukelen is a Dutch international.

Forest have won only one away League game so far — at West Ham (2-1) on the opening day of the season. They have been beaten in each of their last four away First Division games — Liverpool (3-4), Aston Villa (1-4), Tottenham (1-4) and WBA (1-2).

With attendances down to the 16,000 mark this season, Forest are not breaking even and it's possible that one or two players will be sold to help to balance the budget. Peter Ward has returned to his old club Brighton whilst Justin Fashanu, another striker, is on loan to Southampton with the possibility of a full transfer taking place soon.



BRIAN CLOUGH

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