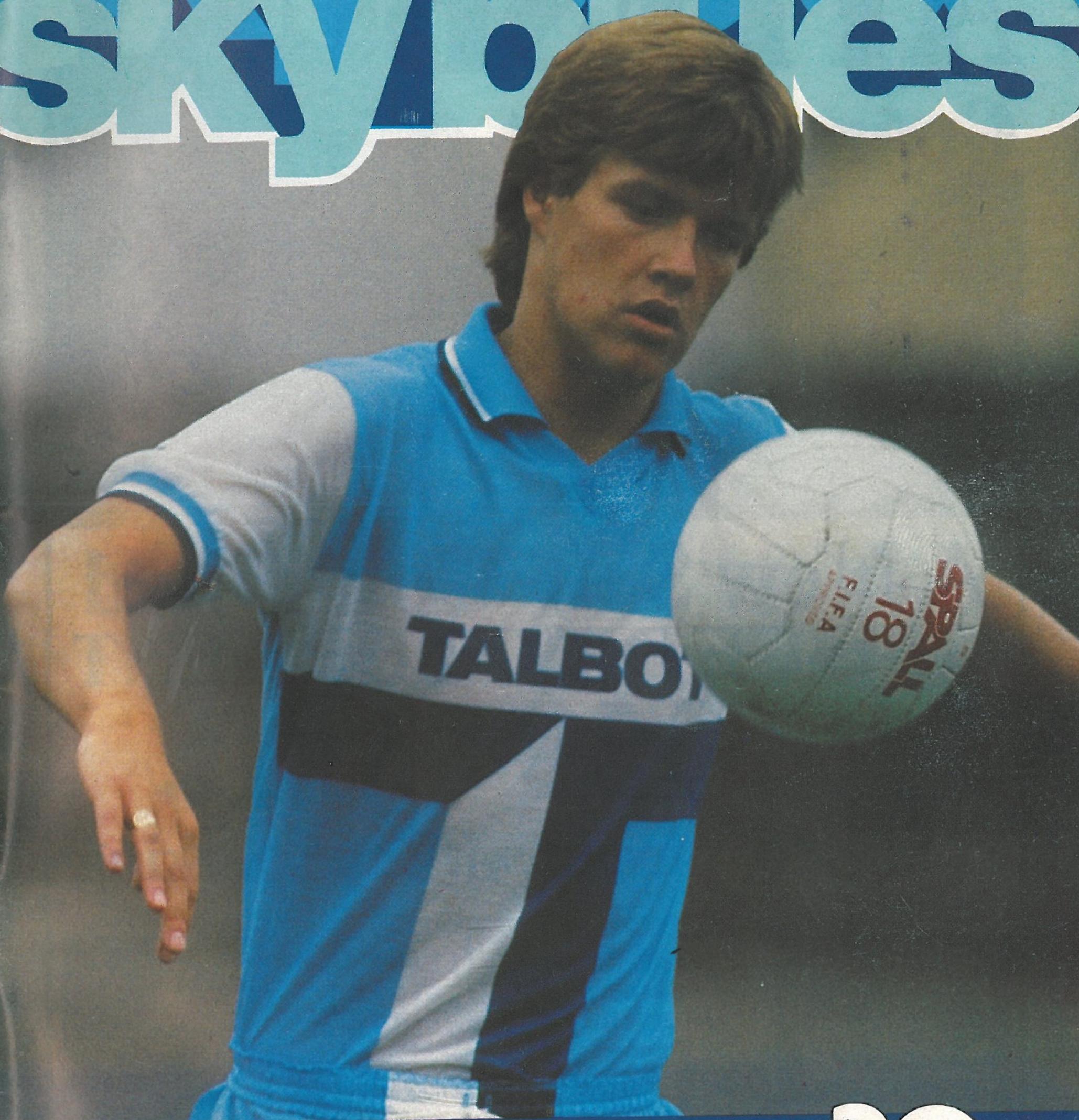


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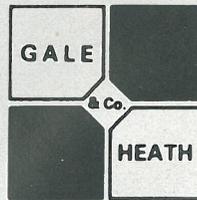
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TODAY'S REFEREE

Howard King of Merthyr Tydfil was appointed to the F.I.F.A. Panel of referees in 1980. He is a factory worker and is interested in cricket, rigger, gardening and wine making. He is married with one son. He refereed the Holland v Cyprus World Cup Qualifying Match in 1981.

Today's front page picture
Ian Butterworth, Coventry City.
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Dave Sexton

WE WANT MAXIMUM POINTS

Welcome today to Luton Town and many congratulations to them on reaching the First Division again, but they can rest assured that we will be after maximum points today.

We entertain Ipswich Town here on Tuesday evening in a re-arranged match and we are looking for six points from the two games.

I thought at Liverpool last Saturday that we were a little inhibited, but after an hour's play, when we started getting hold of the ball up front, we gave them a good game. Unfortunately we missed the penalty which would have made it 2-1 and Liverpool went straight down the field to make it 3-0, which was cruel luck.

But I was pleased with the last half hour when we showed more confidence in ourselves. If we can start off matches with that sort of confidence we can look to better things again.

We were all disappointed with our Milk Cup showing because we know we can do better than that. Our supporters can rest assured however that we shall be having a real go today.

Our congratulations go to Mark Hateley and Danny Thomas who were in Greece with the England squads this week and at the time of writing it was fingers crossed that they came back injury free.

Best in their Position

Number 5



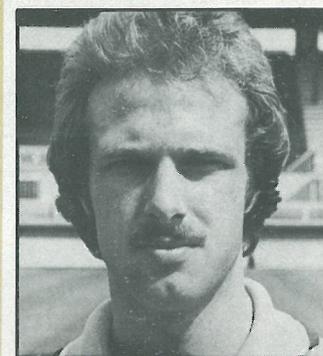
Today we move on to the number 5 spot, one of the really vital positions in the field though it has been interpreted in various ways over the years. Originally it was the number allocated to the middle one of the three 'halfbacks' who occupied the midfield area in front of the two fullbacks. Amongst the finest exponents of this role was 'FANNY WEDLOCK' who won 26 England caps before the First World War while serving Bristol City.

After the First World War England number fives included that nonsense player FRANK BARSON of Aston Villa and Manchester United fame and West Ham's JACK TRESADERN, who later managed Plymouth Argyle. Then came the dramatic change to the role of the number 5 that many of us grew up with.

This was a result of the revolution in tactical thinking instigated by Arsenal's legendary boss HERBERT CHAPMAN. He employed HERBIE ROBERTS in the number 5 shirt as a 'third back' playing between numbers 2 and 3 and dominating the centre of the defence with the special responsibility for bottling up the opposing number 9.

This new role quickly caught on, other exponents including Manchester United's SAM COWAN, Sheffield Wednesday's WALTER MILLERSHIP and Portsmouth's JIMMY GUTHRIE. Just before the Second World War the top number 5's were Huddersfield's ALF YOUNG, Grimsby's HARRY BETMEAD and Wolves' young skipper STAN CULLIS.

T.J. JONES of Everton and Wales fame was as good as anyone amongst his contemporaries and his career spanned the war years and lasted until the 1950's when



Paul Dyson, Sky Blues current No. 5 following a long line of illustrious centre halves.

Leeds' JOHN CHARLES took over and became arguably the greatest dual role player of all time, equally effective in defence or attack. By this time Stan Cullis had long disappeared from the England scene, retiring at the early age of 30 and his natural successor, NEIL FRANKLIN of Stoke had his international career curtailed by his ill-fated excursion into South American football.

At this stage several players of good First Division standard were jostling for the England number 5 spot, amongst them Bolton's MALCOLM BARRASS, a converted forward, Liverpool's BILL JONES and

LAURIE HUGHES, Fulham's JIM TAYLOR and Portsmouth's one-time international winger, JACK FROGGATT. Nor must we forget Luton's SYD OWEN.

Scotland during the 50's were consistently well served by WILLIE WOODBURN and GEORGE YOUNG and Northern Ireland by JACK VERNON. At this stage GEORGE CURTIS was coming to the fore as one of our own top centre halves, taking over the role that up to a few years earlier had been filled for almost 20 seasons by GEORGE MASON. These were the days before the idea of twin central defenders and so the number 5 had probably even more significance than he has today. Of the change in emphasis over the past 25 years we shall be focussing in the next article.

PLAYER OF THE MONTH

A new competition to choose the Sky Blues Player of the Month has been launched by Buxted Poultry. The players will be judged on their performances home and away and the first award will be for the month of November. The presentation of a Christmas turkey to the winning player will be made on the pitch before the Sky Blues home match against Stoke City on December 18. The player will be asked to nominate a charity, institution or home etc. to which Buxted Poultry will give a number of turkeys for Christmas.

DATE	MATCH	GATE	SCORE	LAST YEAR	1	2	3	4
Sat Aug 28	Southampton	10,356	W 1-0	W 4-2	Suckling	Thomas	Roberts	Jacobs
Tue Aug 31	Swansea City	11,712	L 1-2	D 0-0	Suckling	Thomas	Roberts	Jacobs
Sat Sep 4	Ipswich Town	16,662	D 1-1	L 0-1	Sealey	Thomas (1)	Roberts	Jacobs
Tue Sep 7	Sunderland	8,190	W 1-0	W 6-1	Sealey	Thomas	Roberts	Jacobs
Sat Sep 11	Arsenal	10,245	L 0-2	W 1-0	Sealey	Thomas	Roberts	Jacobs
Sat Sep 18	Birmingham City	11,681	L 0-1	D 3-3	Sealey	Hormantschuk	Roberts	Jacobs
Sat Sep 25	Everton	9,319	W 4-2	W 1-0	Sealey	Thomas	Roberts	Jacobs
Sat Oct 2	Manchester City	25,105	L 2-3	W 3-1	Sealey	Thomas	Roberts	Jacobs
Tue Oct 5	Fulham Milk Cup 2nd Rd.	6,237	D 2-2	-	Sealey	Thomas	Hormantschuk	Butterworth
Sat Oct 9	Tottenham Hotspur	25,188	L 0-4	W 2-1	Sealey	Thomas	Roberts	Butterworth
Sat Oct 16	Notts County	8,322	W 1-0	L 1-5	Sealey	Thomas	Roberts	Butterworth
Sat Oct 23	Watford	17,334	D 0-0	-	Sealey	Thomas	Roberts	Butterworth
Tue Oct 26	Fulham Milk Cup 2nd Rd.	8,217	D 0-0	-	Sealey	Thomas	Roberts	Butterworth
Sat Oct 30	Norwich City	8,305	W 2-0	-	Sealey	Thomas	Roberts	Butterworth
Sat Nov 6	Aston Villa	12,076	D 0-0	D 1-1	Sealey	Thomas	Roberts	Butterworth
Tue Nov 9	Burnley Milk Cup 3rd Rd	7,559	L 1-2	-	Suckling	Thomas	Roberts	Butterworth
Sat Nov 13	Liverpool	27,870	L 0-4	L 0-4	Suckling	Thomas	Roberts	Butterworth
Sat Nov 20	Luton Town (FA1)							
Tue Nov 23	Ipswich							
Sat Nov 27	West Bromwich Albion							
Tue Nov 30	Milk Cup 4th Round							
Sat Dec 4	Brighton							
Sat Dec 11	West Ham United (FA2)							
Sat Dec 18	Stoke City							
Mon Dec 27	Nottingham Forest							
Tue Dec 28	Manchester United							
Sat Jan 1	Luton Town							
Mon Jan 3	Ipswich Town							
Sat Jan 8	(FA Cup 3rd Round)							
Sat Jan 15	Southampton							
Tue Jan 18	Milk Cup 5th Round							
Sat Jan 22	Swansea City							
Sat Jan 29	(FA Cup 4th Round)							
Sat Feb 5	Sunderland (MC Semi 1)							
Sat Feb 12	Manchester City							
Sat Feb 19	Tottenham Hotspur (FA5)							
Sat Feb 26	Notts County							
Sat Mar 5	Watford							
Sat Mar 12	Norwich City (FA6)							
Sat Mar 19	Aston Villa							
Sat Mar 26	Liverpool (MC Final)							
Sat Apr 2	Manchester United							
Tue Apr 5	Nottingham Forest							
Sat Apr 9	Arsenal							
Sat Apr 16	Birmingham City (FA S/F)							
Sat Apr 23	Brighton & Hove Albion							
Sat Apr 30	West Bromwich Albion							
Mon May 2	Everton							
Sat May 7	Stoke City							
Sat May 14	West Ham United							
Sat May 21	(FA Cup Final)							



Jim Melrose latches on to Garry Thompson's flick header to score his second goal against Everton.

5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Dyson	Gillespie	Singleton	Francis	Hateley	Thompson	Whitton	(1) Hormantschuk
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Dyson	Gillespie	Melrose	Francis	Whitton	Hall	Thompson K	Singleton
Dyson	Gillespie	Whitton	Francis	Melrose	(3)★ Thompson G	Hunt	(1)★ Thompson K
Dyson	Gillespie	Whitton	Daly	Melrose	(1)★ Thompson G	Hunt	Butterworth
Dyson	Gillespie	Whitton	Jacobs	Melrose	(2)★ Thompson G	Hunt	Thompson K
Dyson	★ Gillespie	Whitton	Jacobs	Melrose	Thompson G	Hunt	Hendrie
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Dyson	★ Gillespie	Hendrie	● Jacobs	Hateley	(1)★ Thompson G	(1) Hunt	Whitton
Dyson	Gillespie	Hendrie	Francis	● Hateley	Thompson G	Hunt	Jacobs
Dyson	Gillespie	★ Hendrie	● Singleton	★ Melrose	Thompson G	Hunt	(1) Whitton
Dyson	Gillespie	Whitton	Jacobs	Hateley	Thompson G	Hunt	Melrose



Build upto a hat trick goal. Gary Gillespie And Garry Thompson win the ball in the air against Everton. Behind them Jim Melrose is already working out the angles. Pictures by John Bassett, The Coventry Evening Telegraph.

Fact Finder

- Substituted
 - ★ Booked
 - Sent Off
- Goalscorers in **Bold**
Goals in brackets

First Division Table 1982-83

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Liverpool	14	5	2	0	21	7	3	2	2	12	5 28
2 West Ham	14	5	1	1	18	6	3	0	4	10	15 25
3 Man. Utd.	14	5	2	0	12	4	2	2	3	7	8 25
4 Watford	14	5	2	0	18	3	2	1	4	8	11 24
5 Nottm. F.	14	5	1	1	13	5	2	1	4	11	16 23
6 Man. City	14	5	1	1	11	6	2	1	4	8	12 23
7 Aston Villa	14	6	0	1	19	5	1	1	5	2	12 22
8 W.B.A.	14	5	1	1	16	7	2	0	5	8	16 22
9 Stoke City	14	4	2	1	19	12	2	1	4	9	9 21
10 Tottenham	14	4	1	2	21	8	2	1	4	4	11 20
11 Everton	14	4	2	1	16	11	1	1	5	9	13 18
12 Swansea	14	5	0	2	14	9	0	3	4	7	14 18
13 Coventry	14	5	1	1	9	4	0	2	5	4	15 18
14 Notts Co.	14	4	2	1	9	9	1	1	5	8	15 18
15 Brighton	14	5	2	0	11	5	0	1	6	3	23 18
16 Ipswich	14	3	1	3	12	8	1	4	2	11	8 17
17 Arsenal	14	2	3	2	8	7	2	2	3	6	8 17
18 Luton Town	14	2	3	2	14	11	1	4	2	14	17 16
19 Southp'ton	14	4	1	2	10	8	0	2	5	4	19 15
20 Sunderland	14	2	4	1	10	7	1	1	5	8	21 14
21 Birmingham	14	2	3	2	7	9	0	3	4	2	15 12
22 Norwich	14	2	2	3	10	9	0	3	4	5	15 11

First Team Appearances 1982-83

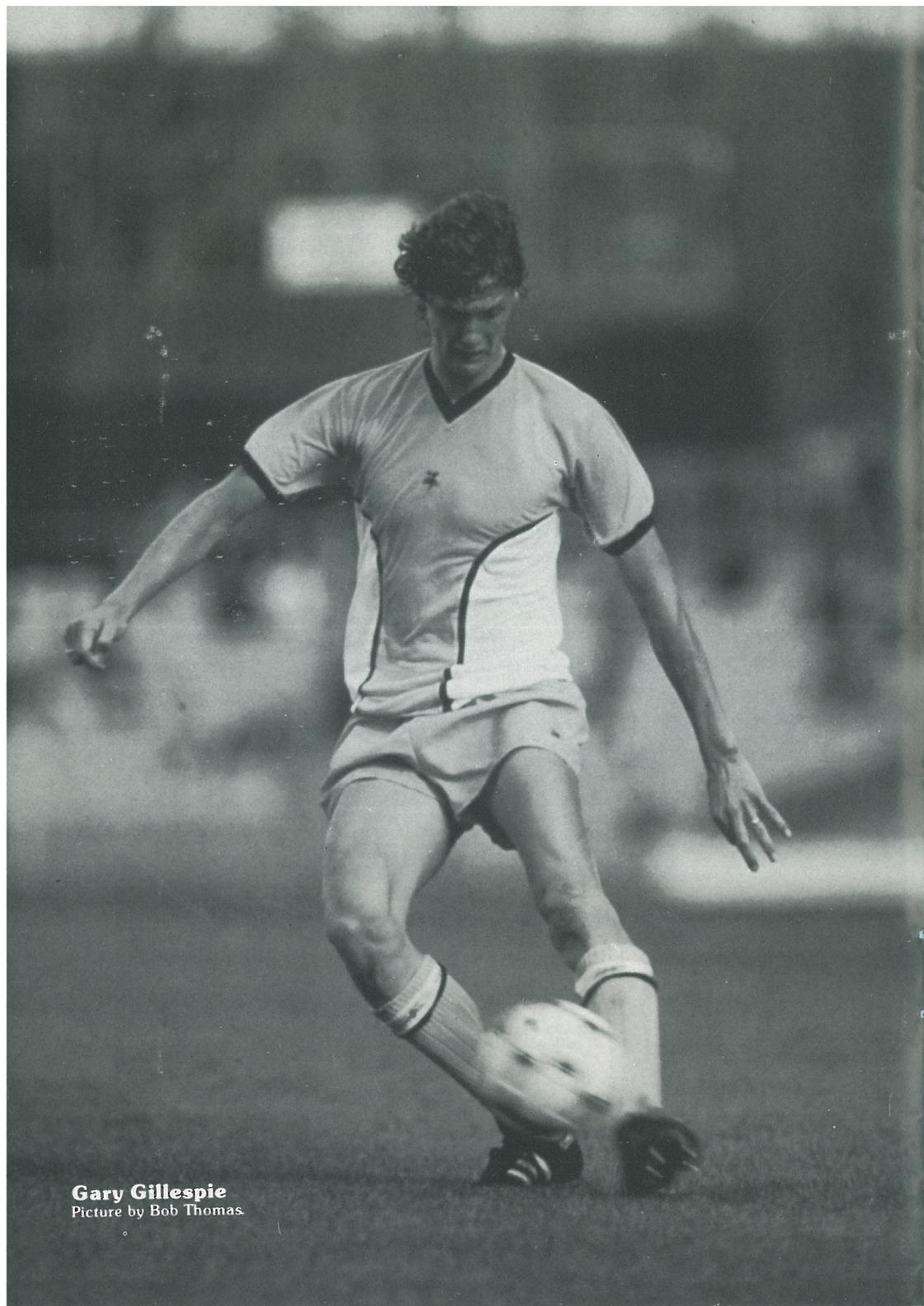
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Suckling	3	-	1	-
Thomas	13	1	3	-
Roberts	14	-	3	-
Jacobs	13(1)	-	2	-
Dyson	14	-	2	-
Gillespie	14	-	3	-
Singleton	2(2)	-	-	-
Francis	10	1	1	-
Hateley	7	1	-	-
Thompson G.	13	3	3	-
Whitton	10(1)	2	1(2)	-
Hormantschuk	4(1)	-	-	-
Sealey	11	-	2	-
Daly	2	-	-	-
Melrose	6	4	3	2
Hall	1	-	-	-
Thompson K.	1(1)	-	-	-
Hunt	8	1	3	1
Butterworth	6(1)	-	3	-
Hendrie	2	-	1	-

(Appearances as substitute in brackets)

Hot Shot Ian Rush

(Liverpool)

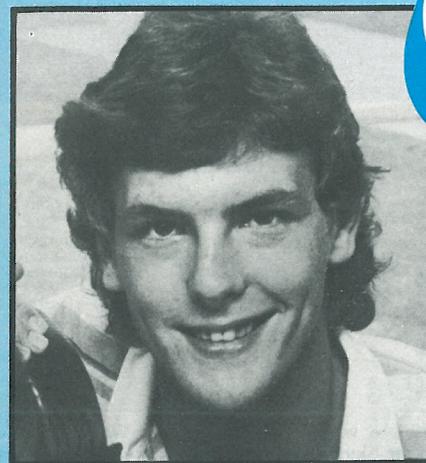
The young Welsh international is emerging as English football's best striker. He scored 28 in the domestic competitions last season and hat-tricks in successive games have launched him to the top of this season's scorechart. Signed from Chester and has still not played 100 League games in total for both clubs.



Gary Gillespie
Picture by Bob Thomas

On File

WE DID NOT FUNCTION - Gary Gillespie



Gary Gillespie, being a Scot, is not a man to mince words. After the Milk Cup defeat by Burnley he said bluntly: "We showed lack of commitment. As a unit we did not function. Burnley did not win because they played well, but simply because we played badly."

And Gary bristles at suggestions that the Sky Blues are an inexperienced team and were beaten by a side which had more knowhow. "That might have been the case a couple of years ago, and some of us are young in years, but the defence alone has played about 650 First Division games. That adds up to a lot of experience and when you add in the matches played by Gary Thompson, Jim Melrose, Steve Hunt and Gerry Francis it is even greater.

"Far too much has been made of us being inexperienced and it is just not true."

A glance at the League games played by the defenders underlines Gary's point. They are as follows: Les Sealey 130, Danny Thomas 80, Brian Roberts 161, Paul Dyson 115 and Gary himself 144.

Garry Thompson has played 123 League games, Jim Melrose 197, today is Steve Hunt's 144th and Gerry Francis has topped 400.

"We are all battle hardened by now and though we have had a few inexperienced youngsters in the team from time to time, so do other clubs. Other sides are introducing Second and Third Division players into their teams after transfer deals. They are inexperienced in the First Division in most cases.

"We are lucky, we have lads of 22 and 23 years of age who are very experienced in First Division football"

"The Milk Cup match was a disaster. First Division sides do lose to lower division teams in cup competitions but that does not excuse our performance on the night. We did not function as a team. We showed lack of commitment"

"We had not been playing well in the League but we had been picking up points and we were sitting on a nice little run of 5 games without conceding a goal"

"It is hard for our fans I know. We try to do our best but sometimes we do not live up to their standards. I suppose it is the same in any walk of life, mistakes are made because we are human. If I had the opportunity to see other people in their jobs I suppose I would see them making mistakes. As footballers we live in the public eye and our mistakes are there for everyone to see.

"We are classed as entertainers—we have to put on a show every time we go to work. But unlike theatres, television and films where the performance is rehearsed to get it just right—football matches are unscripted. The other team is trying to stop us playing well and vice versa. Often it is difficult to win a match, in which case it is doubly difficult to be entertaining"

"I hope we can now put behind us the memory of the Milk Cup and last weekend's defeat at Liverpool, and start afresh with today's match to build up another undefeated run to carry us up the First Division.

"I have a personal reason for us getting it right. My wife Susan brings our four months old son Ryan to every home game and he will soon be old enough to cheer us on."

Gary Gillespie: Appearances

League	Gls	L.C.	Gls	F.A.	Gls	Total	Gls
144	4	16	-	10	-	170	4



Focus

TIM'S RUNAWAY SUCCESS

There has to be something special about the sporting abilities of a young man who signed apprentice professional forms for a First Division club only two years after taking up soccer.

But that is what happened to 17 years old Tim Dalton one of the Sky Blues three goalkeepers. To say he started to play two years ago is a slight exaggeration. To be exact he twice played in goal for Ocean Keys in Southern Ireland at the age of 11, but conceded a total of 21 goals.

It was enough to turn Tim from soccer for a few years and he took up cross country running with outstanding success. He has more than 100 medals back home in Bonmahon, County Waterford as a result of his considerable prowess at running long distances across country quicker than most other people.

He achieved country wide fame in Eire as a result of his running. He won the All-Ireland race for pupils of Delasalle Colleges in the Republic of Ireland and then went on to win the Munster Region Combined Colleges Championship. That took him to the All-Ireland Championship for representatives of every college in the country, but it was then that fate took a hand. "I felt very ill on the day and though I started the race I fainted during it. It's ironic but if I had done well I might have been selected to represent Ireland in international cross country races, and I don't think I would ever have returned to soccer then."

But return to soccer he did and this time he joined Ballyduff, a team run by Paddy Kirk, who recommended him to the Sky Blues. Then began the periods of trials before he signed apprentice forms last New Year's Day. He already knew much about the Sky Blues in the preceding months however, because last season he played in goal for Waterford the home of two former Coventry City young players, Peter Thomas, a goalkeeper, and John

Matthews, a winger, both played for Waterford after leaving the Sky Blues and still live in those parts. "Peter was a big help to me. He did a lot of work with me on the basic skills and taught me about the angles a goalkeeper needs to know, and impressed on me the need to be confident without being over confident."

At school Tim gained the 'O' level equivalents in English, History, Geography, Mechanical Drawing and Accounting and did more than his share in sporting fields. He played Gaelic Football, Hurling and reached the third grade yellow belt in Karate in between winning all those cross country races. But once he turned to soccer he quickly made his mark winning Schoolboy International caps against Wales (twice), West Germany (twice), Luxembourg, Belgium and Northern Ireland, conceding only two goals in all those matches.

His father Tim was a goalkeeper in local amateur football and his mother Anne has contented herself with bringing up two sons and two daughters. Tim has a 10 years old brother Roland, who is currently into Gaelic Football, and two sisters Analee (13) and Avril (8).

He misses them all, but acknowledges the home from home provided in the club hostel by Ken and Doreen Haywood. He expresses his gratitude too to the Sky Blues' coaches and to goalkeeper coach Alan Hodgkinson who showed patience when Tim took time to settle in.

But is there any rivalry with the club's other 17 years old goalkeeper Perry Suckling who to date this season has played four First Division matches? "There is no rivalry whatsoever," says Tim. "We are the best of friends and shared a room on the Summer tour to Holland. We go out together in the evening and we are the first to congratulate each other when we have played well."

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 1982

August

31 Everton (h) L 0-3

Sept

15 Wolves (a) W 2-0 Mardenborough, Hall

21 Blackpool (h) L 1-3 Butterworth (pen)

28 Everton (a) L 1-3 Daly

October

12 Blackburn (h) L 0-3

20 Newcastle Utd (a) W 2-1 Mardenborough 2

November

2 Stoke City (h) L 1-3 McDonald

11 Leeds U (a) D 2-2 Whitton, Singleton

16 W.B.A. (h) L 0-2

December

Tue 7 Man. Utd (a)

Tue 14 Liverpool (h)

Wed 22 Huddersfield (a)

Central League Table 1982-83

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield U.	6	5	0	1	13	6	10
Everton	9	3	4	2	11	5	10
Blackburn R.	9	5	0	4	20	21	10
Manchester U.	7	4	1	2	15	7	9
Newcastle U.	5	4	0	1	10	7	8
Aston Villa	6	3	1	2	12	8	7
Liverpool	6	2	3	1	10	6	7
W.B.A.	7	2	3	2	7	4	7
Stoke C.	7	2	2	3	10	18	6
Bury	4	2	1	1	9	8	5
Blackpool	4	2	0	2	7	8	4
Coventry C.	6	2	0	4	6	13	4
Sheffield W.	4	1	1	2	5	7	3
Huddersfield	4	0	2	2	3	7	2
Leeds U.	5	0	2	3	3	8	2
Wolves	5	0	0	5	1	9	0

Central League Appearances 1982-83

	Apps	Gls		Apps	Gls
Dalton	2	-	Hoyle	3	-
Callaghan	5	-	Mardenborough	5	3
McGinty	2	-	Hall	4	1
Daly	3	1	Thomas	1	-
Harfield	2	-	Singleton	4	1
Bollard	5	-	Butterworth	2	1
McDonald	5(1)	1	Hendrie	4	-
Spring	3	-	Doyle	(1)	-
English	1	-	Hormantschuk	4	-
Matthews	2	-	Francis	1	-
Thompson K.	3	-	Whitton	2	1
Conroy	1(1)	-	Hateley	1	-
Suckling	5	-	Anderson	1	-
Norris	2	-	Jacobs	1	-
McGrath	3	-			

(Appearances as substitute in brackets)

Which team wins EVERY week?

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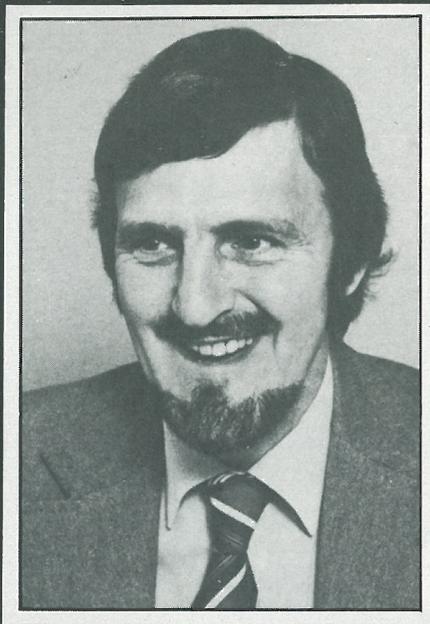
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Left: Garry Thompson rises above Burnley's Martin Dobson but his header is straight at goalkeeper Alan Stevenson.
Top: Brian Roberts joins in the attack but hammers this shot straight at Burnley's goalkeeper Alan Stevenson.
Above: Garry Thompson climbs above Martin Dobson to send in a header against Burnley in the Milk Cup.
Pictures by John Bassett of The Coventry Evening Telegraph.



During recent months many reasons have been put forward for the decline in attendances at Highfield Road Stadium. Other than cash considerations and the entertainment factor, hooliganism and the match day ticket system seem to be the main bones of contention.

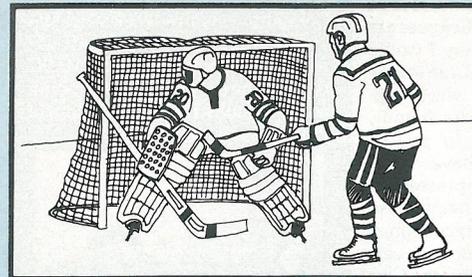
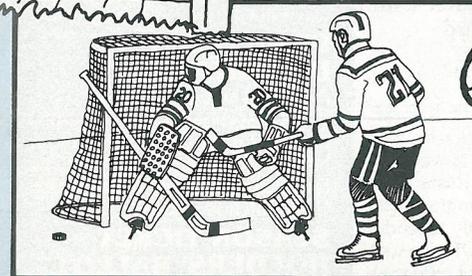
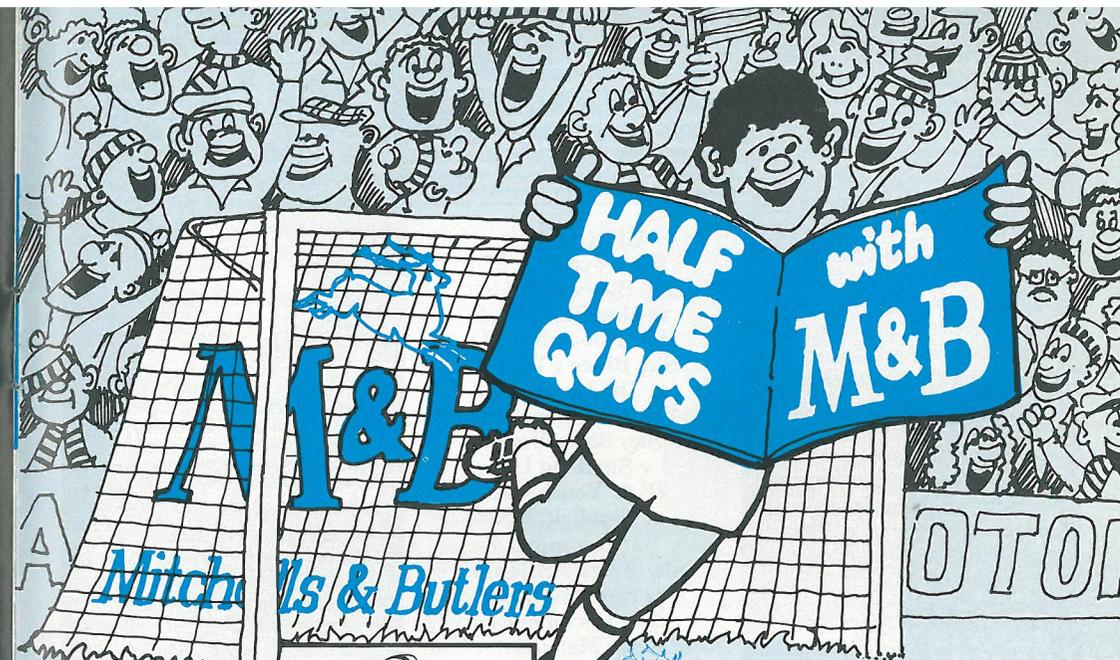
Having satisfied ourselves that the hooligan problem inside the ground has been almost eliminated the Club feels encouraged to carry out a three match experiment whereby local supporters will be able to purchase tickets at normal prices on the day of the match.

To avoid inconvenience with possible queuing it is still obviously desirable to purchase in advance. In this respect our appointed Travel Agents give an excellent service and will now be able to extend their operation to the match day.

The three matches involved are:-

Tuesday, 23rd November, Ipswich Town	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 4th December, Brighton & Hove Albion	3.00 p.m.
Saturday, 18th December, Stoke City	3.00 p.m.

Those who claim that the existing system is closely related to the present decline will obviously watch the experiment with great interest. The results will certainly help in formulating future policies.



M&B Picposers

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

Find six differences between the two pictures and you have a chance of winning a football autographed by the Sky Blue players. Send in your solution to Coventry City F.C. as soon as possible.

Mystery man

Guess the identity of the mystery man described below and send your answer along with your name and address to C.C.F.C. King Richard Street, Coventry. The first correct solution drawn from the hat will receive two stand tickets for the next home game.

Defender who played for England with the clubs the Sky Blue bought him from and sold him to, but he was never capped while with Coventry City.

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HIT MEN (including all cups)
14 Rush (Liverpool); **12** Latchford (Swansea), Crooks (Spurs); **10** Stein (Luton), Blissett (Watford); **9** Wark (Ipswich), Wallace (N. Forest); **8** Shaw (A. Villa), King (Everton), Moss (Luton), Birtles (N. Forest), Brooke (Spurs), Regis (W.B.A.); **7** Withe (A. Villa), Walsh (Luton), Deehan (Norwich), Rowell (Sunderland), McCoist (Sunderland), Clark (W. Ham); **6** Melrose (Coventry C.), Morley (A. Villa), Whelan (Liverpool), Lawrenson (Liverpool), Cross (Man. City), Robertson (N. Forest), Thomas (Stoke), Archibald (Spurs), Mabbutt (Spurs), Jenkins (Watford), Eastoe (W.B.A), Goddard (W. Ham); **5** Woodcock (Arsenal), Tueart (Man. City), Bertschin (Norwich), Christie (Notts Co.), R. James (Swansea), Callaghan (Watford).

RESULTS RUN DOWN DIVISION 1

1974-75 Coventry City 2 (Stein, Cross) Luton Tn 1 (Ryan pen.) Luton Tn 1 (Aston) Coventry City 3 (Alderson 2, Green)

DIVISION 3

1963-64 Luton Tn 1 Coventry C. 3 (Barr, Humphries 2) Coventry City 3 (Rees, Farmer, Kletzenbauer) Luton Tn 3.

CONGRATULATIONS DANNY AND MARK

All Sky Blues' supporters will join with us in sending congratulations to Danny Thomas and Mark Hateley on their selection for the England squads at senior and Under-21 level in Greece this week. At the time of writing Danny had a great chance of winning his first cap for England at senior level because of an injury to Liverpool's right back Phil Neal, and Mark had been selected to play for the Under-21 team.

PENPAL WANTED

Lisa Pollard (15) of 160, Keightly Road, New Parks Estate, Leicester is a Jim Melrose fan. She says she has kept news and newspaper cuttings on his progress at Leicester City and now wants up to date news from a Coventry City fan who is willing to correspond. Is there any Sky Blues youngster willing to take up her request? Write direct to Lisa.

Diary

City Week

Tue November 23
Sky Blues v Ipswich
at Highfield Road
Sat November 27
Sky Blues v W.B.A
at The Hawthorns
Tue November 30th
Sky Blues Youth
v Sheffield Utd
(F.A. Youth Cup)
at Highfield Road
Sat December 4
Sky Blues v Brighton
at Highfield Road
Tue December 7
City Res v Manchester Utd
at Old Trafford

THANKS FOR THE MEAL

Dear Sir, As a season ticket holder I was fortunate to win a voucher recently for The Vaults Restaurant, Regent Hotel, Leamington Spa where I had a perfectly splendid meal with some friends. I felt a wee bit of a usurper in that I only took out a season ticket this season whereas some of my colleagues are holders of long standing. I would like to thank you at the Club for the benefit of the scheme which appears to be typical of the friendly attitude which seems to prevail. Certainly everyone I have dealt with at the "City" has impressed me with their courtesy and helpfulness. It is a pity that with the recession as it is, gates are low, but it is very reassuring that the spirit of the Club and its representatives is far from low. I can only wish the Club the best of fortune which it deserves. With every best wish, Peter Griffin, Fernhill Close, Kenilworth.

Glad you enjoyed the meal Mr. Griffin, and thanks for the letter. Editor.



Les Sealey congratulates Jim Blyth after the local derby at Birmingham City.

Picture by John Bassett of The Coventry Evening Telegraph.

MYSTERY MAN

Mr. K. Heffernan of Wyken Croft, Coventry wins two complimentary tickets to a Sky Blues' match, for his correct solution to the Mystery Man competition in the Aston Villa Matchday Magazine. The solution was Bill Glazier.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

A football autographed by the Sky Blues' players goes to Alan Murphy of King Edward Rd, Coventry for his correct answers to the Spot The Difference competition in the Aston Villa Matchday Magazine.

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS' BALLOT

Mr G.A. Ball of Frobisher Road, Coventry wins this week's Season Ticket Holders' Ballot and will receive a voucher worth £19.90 pence to be spent within one month at The Vaults Restaurant, Regent Hotel Leamington Spa.



Sally Ann Richardson shows off her Sky Blue Enterprise, Duke of Edinburgh Award after its presentation to her by Mr Jimmy Hill, Chairman of Coventry City F.C.



Keith Thompson and David Langan battle for the ball in the Birmingham City match. Picture by John Bassett of The Coventry Evening Telegraph.

Around the schools

Last season's U14 Crowley Memorial Trophy Winners (1981-82)

Back Row (L to R): Mr. T. Openshaw (Team Manager), Tim Foster, Lee Douglas, Kevin Hartley, Andy Williamson, David Wyer, Paul Adams
Front Row (L to R): John Robinson, Ranjit Sanra, Tony McKelvie, David Sheen, Graham Keith, Chris Bassett



Whitley Abbey School

Whitley Abbey School plays friendly matches every other Saturday against local coventry schools ranging from Under-12 to Under-19. The school also enters the cup competitions organised by the Coventry Schools Football Association and The Coventry Evening Telegraph Under-16 Cup. Last season the Under-14 team won the Coventry Memorial Trophy with a 4-3 victory over President Kennedy School in the final. Other sides were unfortunate in not winning trophies, particularly the Under-15 team which won nearly all their matches but lapsed in the Cup.

The school had two representatives in last season's successful Coventry Schools Under-15 team. They were Rhoan Leith and Mark Crick, who has since signed for Coventry City on schoolboy forms. This season Paul

Adams of the Under-15 side has represented Coventry Schools. Our record this season is middling. From a total of 15 matches we have won 7 and lost 7 - a situation we hope to improve as the season progresses. The Under-12 team has also played in two mini six-a-side tournaments. But though everyone enjoys winning, the emphasis at Whitley Abbey is on playing the game in the true spirit and hopefully of playing exciting attacking football. Our matches this season have lived up to that ideal and we hope the same spirit prevails in the remaining matches. David Harvey, Head of Department Boys P.E.



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Sky Blue Connexion, Leamington Rd



This morning at the Sky Blue Connexion six of the Junior Sky Blue Five-a-side teams shown above played matches against teams from the Junior Hatters of Luton Town. The presentation to the winning team will be made on the pitch before this afternoon's game.

Luton Town



Jake Findlay



Brian Stein



Kirk Stephens



Brian Horton

Today we welcome back to Highfield Road a team whom we have met at various times over the years in First, Second and Third Divisions, but who have not at any time played more entertaining football than they are doing this season. They may not be in the running for a major honour, but their attacking that has seen them pull off a 3-3 draw (and almost a victory) at Liverpool's Anfield has been like a breath of fresh air at a time when football is fighting for its very existence.

In fact, with DAVID PLEAT, one of soccer's quiet men, at the helm the 'Hatters' could well be on the edge of the most exciting period in their history. This history dates back to 1895 and they had been in existence for just two seasons when elected to the Second Division in 1897 in place of Burton Wanderers. They were replaced in 1900, however, by Stockport County and then had to wait 20 years before returning as founder-members of Division Three (South) in 1920. They stayed there until winning promotion to Division Two in 1937 and then in 1955 climbed to Division One for the first time ever.

Four years later they reached the F.A. Cup final, going down to Nottingham Forest at Wembley, but then came a decline. In 1960 they lost their First Division place, in 1963 they slipped into Division Three and then in 1965 they became the second side (Brentford were the first) to have fallen all the way from Division One to Division Four. To their credit they fought back and by 1974 they were back again in Division One. In the midst of a financial crisis they stayed up for only one season but after a period of consolidation they finished sixth in 1979 and fifth in 1980 before winning promotion last season. In fact they topped Division Two by an 8-point margin and lost only four games all season. What's more their tally of 86 goals was the highest in the top three Divisions.

THIS SEASON
Happily they have brought this goalscoring habit into Division One and the odds at the moment must be in favour of a continuance of the goal-laden games that have resulted in Luton's last few visits here with a 3-3 draw and a 5-2 defeat amongst their postwar results here. Apart from the 3-3 draw at Liverpool and they have this season won 3-2 at Birmingham, drawn 4-4 at Stoke and lost 4-1 at Villa Park. Home results include a 5-0 win over Brighton and a 5-3 win over Notts County while the 2-2 draw against Arsenal a fortnight ago was another thriller. On the other hand they have lost to both West Ham and Nottingham Forest at Kenilworth Road. Leading scorer so far this season is BRIAN STEIN, who seems set on scoring more goals in Division One this season than he did in Division Two last season when he topped the scoresheet with 21 to his name. Twin striker PAUL WALSH has also been netting regularly, getting a hat-trick against Notts County in September to announce his arrival from Charlton during the summer. Another close-season signing BILLY KELLOCK from Peterborough weighed in with two goals in the recent Milk Cup tie against Blackpool, while penalty king DAVID MOSS is another link man between midfield and defence and is now in his fifth season since moving from Swindon. New England man RICKY HILL links up with skipper BRIAN HORTON (an inspired

signing from Brighton to mastermind last season's promotion run) in midfield where PASQUALE FUCCILLO will also be pressing for a place.

In defence CLIVE GOODYEAR in his second full season links up in the centre with Irish international MAL DONAGHY, an ever-present for the past two seasons, with KIRK STEPHENS (from Nuneaton four years ago) and RICHARD MONEY (Ex-Scunthorpe, Fulham and Liverpool) on the flanks. In goal JAKE FINDLAY has twice been out with injuries this season, but in this his fifth season since moving from Aston Villa has recently returned to take over from able deputy, home-grown ALAN JUDGE. Substitute recently has been RADDY ANTIC, a Yugoslavian international while WAYNE TURNER (son of former sharpshooter GORDON TURNER and grandson of a pre-war player) has also done well when filling in either in midfield or defence.

Back Row (L to R): Rob Johnson, Wayne Turner, Stacey North, Michael Small, Clive Goodyear, Frankie Bunn, Billy Kellock, Paul Walsh. **Middle Row:** John Moore (youth coach), Richard Money, Mike Saxby, Andy Beadley, Jake Findlay, Alan Judge, Mark Aizlewood, Pascuale Fuccillo, Trevor Hartley (Reserve Team Coach). **Front Row:** David Coates (First Team Coach), Ricky Hill, Mal donaghy, Kirk Stephens, Brian Horton, David Pleat (Manager), David Moss, Brian Stein, Raddy Antic, John Sheridan (Physiotherapist).



Jake Findlay (Goalkeeper) back in action after a two match suspension. Scot who cost £100,000, club's highest fee for a goalkeeper, from Aston Villa in 1979. Now approaching 150 appearances for the "Hatters".

Kirk Stephens (Defender) signed by Manager David Pleat from his former club Nuneaton Borough. Kirk forced his way into Luton's side within weeks and has been a regular for three years.

Richard Money (Defender) signed within hours of the 1981-82 deadline after one month's loan from Liverpool. Previously played for Scunthorpe and Fulham.

Brian Horton (Defender) was the first Division 1 player signed by David Pleat in 3 years at Luton's boss. Immediately made club captain. Former Brighton and Port Vale player.

Clive Goodyear (Defender) 21 years old centre-half who displays great determination and application. Won a Championship medal in his first season at Luton.

Mal Donaghy (Defender) a snip buy for £20,000 from Larne, N. Ireland in 1978. Quickly settled into Second Division soccer and can play midfield or defence. Northern Ireland international.

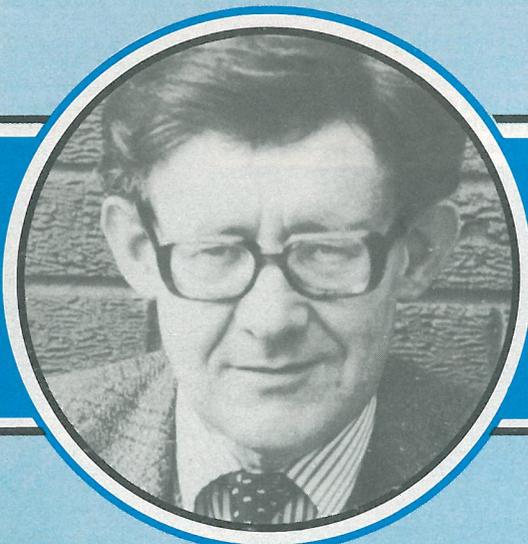
Ricky Hill (Forward) recently capped

by England at senior level. Voted Player of the Year by Luton's supporters last season. Made his League debut at 17. **Brian Stein** (Forward) signed from Edgware Town as a part-time 20 year old in 1977. Made his League debut within a month and this season has scored 10 goals.

Paul Walsh (Forward) signed from Charlton to link up with Stein in attack. Scored 24 goals for Charlton in 80 games. **Billy Kellock** (Midfield) currently playing for his 8th club but in the First Division for the first time. Previously played for Aston Villa, Cardiff, Norwich, Millwall, Chelmsford, Kettering and Peterborough.

POINT OF CONTROVERSY

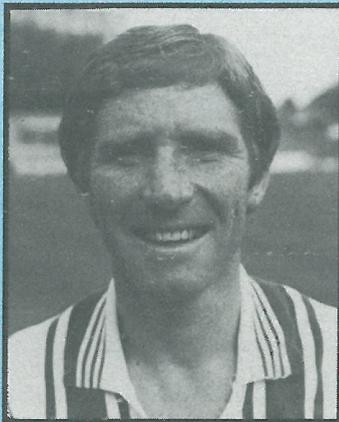
Press Box



Soccer statisticians sighed with disappointment when it was announced recently that Alan Ball had made almost certainly his last appearance in the Football League. So too did many a football fan both inside and outside Southampton, Arsenal, Everton and Blackpool, the clubs whom 'Bally' served so well for a total of 20 seasons.

The statisticians' disappointment was because at the time of his move to play in Hong Kong, Ball had played in 726 league games and was playing well enough to last another two seasons and become the second player ever to play in 800 league games and maybe ultimately overtake the record 815 held by TERRY PAINE, another player with a strong Southampton link. The disappointment of fans in general was felt because, love him or hate him, when playing against one's own club, one just had to admire the tireless enthusiasm of this ginger-haired fireball and to recognise that his type of dedication was good for the game. Whilst Bally's finest hour was undoubtedly in the World Cup final of 1966 when his tireless running was a major factor in England's success there were

many other aspects to his career that made him a player without parallel in contemporary football. He made a major contribution to the fortunes of all four league clubs that he represented. Even after the disappointment of



Alan Ball

his first managerial appointment turning sour at Blackpool he knuckled down to becoming a player again - and a very good one at that - with Southampton.

He earned almost universal sympathy too when his international career was prematurely ended by DON REVIE and was not recalled by RON GREEN-

WOOD. It seems ludicrous to most fans that while England so often stuttered and stumbled in the late 70's Ball was not selected after 1975 though for much of that time he looked as good as ever.

But Ball just kept running, recognised or not be the game's top brass. And not only running and laying on chances, but also scoring goals. It was just unfortunate that in his very last game for the Saints he missed a penalty for although goalscoring was never his major function he totalled over 200 in league and cup games for his various clubs.

At 37 he has been holding his own Division One this season. Gradually the impetuous unpredictable young player had become something of an accepted figure, part of the game's basic structure. Maybe he will return in due course to a coaching or managerial post in this country. It is unlikely, however that he will ever equal in any other sphere his tremendous contribution to the game as a player. It is just a pity that the game's economics and Ball's own opportunism have taken him, for the time being at least, so far from this country.

by Geoff Allman

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