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A LOOK AT THE LUTON LEISURE SCENE

Many parents and youngsters will be thinking of activities during the Easter holiday.

One popular activity is the Evening Post/Echo football coaching scheme. In conjunction with Luton Recreation Services and Bedfordshire Football Coaches Association, an Easter football coaching course is being organised at Luton Regional Sports Centre's playing fields, St Thomas Road, Stopsley, Luton and at Leagrave Park, Luton.

It is open for boys aged from seven to 14 years and the course lasts two days. It starts on Thursday 7th April and concludes on Friday 8th April. Times are from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. on both days.

All coaches are qualified Football Association coaches and belong to the Bedfordshire Football Coaches Association. The course costs £4.60 for the two days, and applications are limited to the first 60 boys at Leagrave and 40 at the Regional Sports Centre on a first-come, first-served basis.

For those who prefer cricket, the third Brengreen (Holdings) Junior seven-a-side championships will take place again this Easter, organised in conjunction with the Luton News. The championships are open to all teams, scratch, school, club, community or street teams (e.g. seven friends may form a team and enter). There are three age groups which are: Under 16 on or before 31st August 1982, under 14 on or before 31st August 1982, under 12 years on or before 31st August 1982.

The venue for the championships is the Luton Regional Sports Centre and the dates are under 12s Tuesday 5th April, under 14s Thursday 7th April and under 16s Friday 8th April. The final of the under 12s championships will take place on the pitch at Kenilworth Road on the 23rd April before the Swansea match.

The under 14s final will also take place at Kenilworth Road on the 7th May before the Everton match. The winners and runners-up of the under 16s championships will also be invited to receive their medals and trophies at Kenilworth Road on 7th May. In addition the winners of the under 12s will be invited to represent Luton in the Sports Council 'Champion All' competition at Colchester on Sunday 22nd May.

Equipment will be supplied if you have none, and it is important that each team must have an adult manager, who can be male or female. Entrance fee is £3.20 per team of eight players. Harpenden

Town are current under 14 champions and St Josephs School the under 12 years champions. For the girls there is an annual T.S.B. Easter junior netball tournament at Lea Manor Recreation Centre, Northwell Drive, Marsh Farm Estate, Luton on Wednesday 6th April.

Organised in conjunction with the Luton Dunstable and District Netball League, the tournament is open to all teams, schools, clubs, community or street teams. There are four age groups which are: Under-11 on or before 31st August 1982, under 12 on or before 31st August 1982, under 14 on or before 31st August 1982, under 16 on or before 31st August 1982.

Matches for the under 11s and 12s commence at 10 a.m. and the under 14s and 15s start at 2 p.m. Winning teams will receive their trophies and plaques as well as the runners-up. As in cricket, it is important that each team must have an adult manager, who may manage more than one team. Entrance fee per team is £2.80, per team of eight players.

Also, the winners of the under 12s, 14s and 16s will be invited to represent Luton in the 'Champion All' competition.

For girls and boys who enjoy hockey, a Leader Easter hockey coaching course has been organised. The course lasts two days starting on Tuesday 5th April and finishes on Wednesday 6th April. The venue is at Wardown Park, lower pavilion, and starts each day at 9.30 a.m., finishing at 4 p.m. Coaching is led by Martin Kavanagh, who has 20 caps for Wales. Entrance fee is £3.50 for both days.

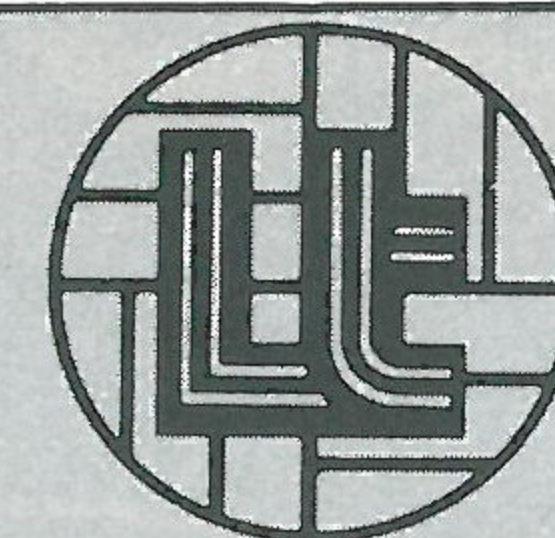
Fathers interested in cricket, should visit Luton Sports Club at Wardown Park, next Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Graham Saville, national cricket coach for the Cricket Association, is showing a video 'Match of the Century' with highlights from the third Cornhill Test against Australia at Headingley in July 1981.

Further information on Easter activities will be given in the next magazine. Application forms for Easter and Spring activities are available at all Luton's Sports Centres, Community Centres, Library, Luton Town FC and by writing to Marsh House.

Remember, ideas for new activities are needed. If you have any please write or telephone: Mike Iacono, Marsh House, Bramingham Road, Leagrave, Luton. (Luton 56879).

TEAM CHECK

LUTON TOWN



- 1 JAKE FINDLAY
- 2 KIRK STEPHENS
- 3 PAUL ELLIOTT
- 4 BRIAN HORTON
- 5 CLIVE GOODYEAR
- 6 MAL DONAGHY
- 7 RICKY HILL
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- 5 ALISTAIR ROBERTSON
- 6 ROMEO ZONDERVAN
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- 9 PETER EASTOE
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- 11 ~~CLIVE WHITEHEAD~~ JOL
- 12 WHITEHEAD

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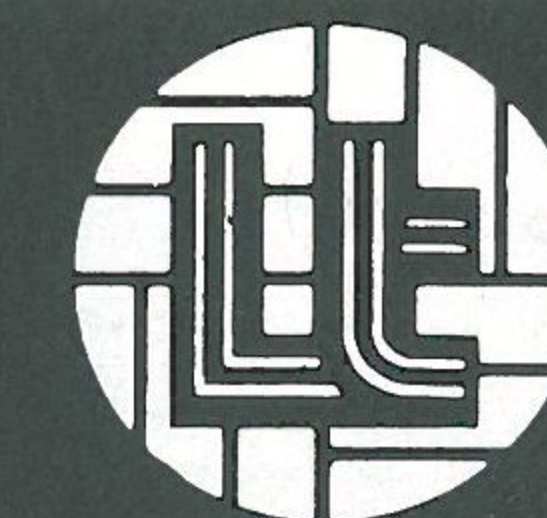
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MY VIEW

We cannot disguise our disappointment with last week's result at Ipswich. We got what we deserved – exactly nothing, and certain players will have to be self critical and more determined. If not they will find themselves on the slippery slope down.

It may have been that our lack of match practice might have been a contributory factor as we are also aware of the contributions of a fit Brian Stein and Ricky Hill. With the injury to Frank Bunn, we moved quickly to welcome back Steve White for a loan spell and his contribution at Ipswich was creditable.

Congratulations to Brian Stein who made the full England squad for the Welsh game and also Ricky Hill who sat on the substitute's bench with Brian. Paul Walsh was also selected as a standby player and also included in the Under-21 squad.

Since our last game here against Liverpool we have been inactive at all levels although the youth team travelled to Queens Park Rangers for the semi-final of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup. They were beaten 3-1 but, once again, showed enough ability to give everyone confidence for the future. Mark Watts has been selected for England Youth Under-17 for an international tournament in Cannes.

I am pleased to welcome West Bromwich Albion here today. They are a club with a fine tradition and



some outstanding players.

To win games we need a big pull in all directions. With our problems and drain of money in relation to our ground it is imperative we stay in the First Division. That is our clear aim.

We can only succeed if, as I have stressed many times before, we have 100 per cent effort on the park, 100 per cent loyalty from the directors and 100 per cent support from the terraces.

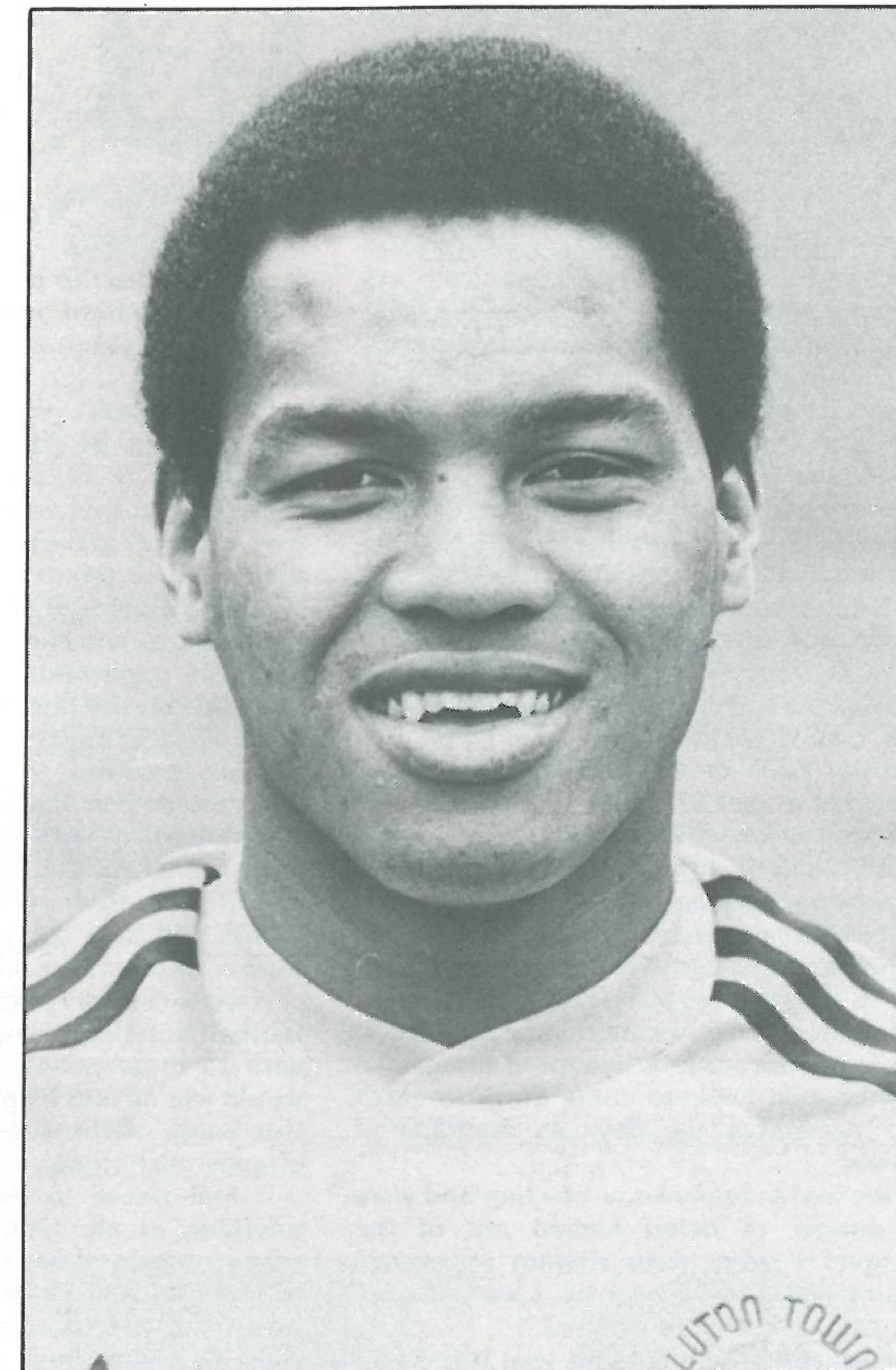
Hopefully, we shall see a great game today worthy of the standards we have come to expect at Luton.

DAVID PLEAT

HATTER FOCUS



Full name: BRIAN STEIN
Birthplace: Cape Town, South Africa
Birthdate: 19th October 1957
Height: 5ft 9½in
Weight: 11st 8lb
Married: No
Children: No
Nickname: Steiny
Car: Vauxhall Cavalier SR
Previous clubs: Sudbury Court, Crouch End Vampires, Edgware Town
Favourite newspaper: Daily Mirror
Job/Trade before turning pro: C/O for Health Board
Favourite other team: Manchester United
Favourite players: Pele, Frans Thijssen
Other sports person you most admire: Muhammed Ali and Bjorn Borg
Players for the future: Garry Parker, Mark Stein
Your best ever all-time XI: 1970 Brazil side
Most memorable match: Newcastle when I scored a hat-trick
Favourite other sport: Tennis
Friendliest away fans: Liverpool
If not a player what job would you do? Social worker
Best stadiums: Wembley, Luis Casanova Stadium
Biggest disappointment: Breaking my foot, only beating Watford 4-1 last year
Favourite TV shows: Grange Hill, Hill Street Blues
Favourite actor/actress: Al De Niro and Meryl Streep
Favourite singers: Bob Marley, Stevie Wonder
Favourite food and drink: Scampi, Veal, anything wet
Miscellaneous likes/dislikes: Playing Watford and records, smoking
Favourite holiday resort: Malta
Favourite activity on day off: Relaxing
Biggest influence on career: Bert Hill, my brother Edwin and David Pleat
Personal ambition: To be happy, healthy and be a regular for England



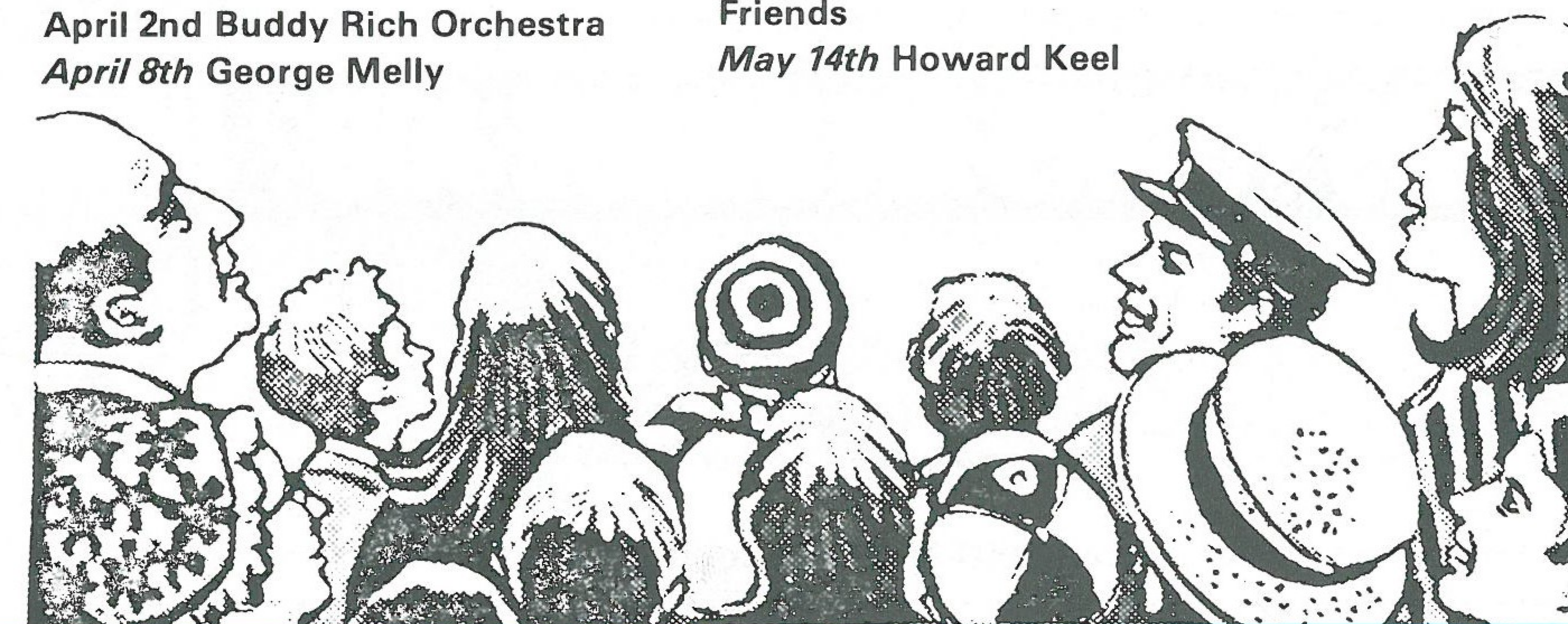
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SCENE ON ONE

ANOTHER NEW NAME ON FA CUP?

Although many Brighton supporters are still pinching themselves to make sure their fabulous FA Cup triumph over Liverpool at Anfield was no dream, down-to-earth caretaker-manager Jimmy Melia is currently studying plans to beat Norwich City in the sixth round.

'Every player was marvellous at Anfield,' beamed Melia. 'After that I said I would like to play Norwich at home and that wish came true. I don't see any reason why we should not go on all the way to Wembley now — and win there.'

Brighton's chairman, Mike Bamber, was doubly pleased about the result. He had put £200 on them to win at 9-1 and collected a cool £1,800!

It was believed Brighton's great victory would clinch the manager's job for Mr Melia on a permanent basis. But, until any decision was made, he refused to tempt fate. He even refused to use the manager's office.

'I'm only the caretaker boss and been in the game long enough not to count chickens,' he said. 'When great things like this happen I like to come down to earth and remember my days as manager of Crewe.'

'We had to apply for re-election and were in danger of being kicked out of the League. I spent days ringing my mates asking them to vote for us. I won enough support to get us re-elected.'

'I felt quite happy about that but then I had a telephone call from the chairman to say I had only just survived a vote of confidence. The following September I was voted Manager of the Month but the club called a special meeting, kicked out the chairman, and I was out on my ear.'

'Of course I want the Brighton job. But I will not apply for it. And I'm not taking anything for granted.'

Brighton have never appeared in the sixth round before and their clash with Norwich is expected to attract a crowd of 30,000, something which hasn't happened at the Goldstone Ground for four years.

Norwich have never won the Cup, either. Their best performance was a fabulous run to the semi-finals as a Third Division club in 1959 — when we knocked them out in a replay.

Their manager, Ken Brown, is more interested in First Division survival than Cup success. 'If you asked me to choose, I would say saving our First Division place is

more important to us,' he said.

'It will be a hard tie for us and I suppose I must say Brighton will be favourites to win it.'

Coincidentally, Melia's first game in charge of the Brighton side was at home to Norwich in December when Brighton won 3-0. But they failed to win any of their next nine League matches and that's put them in such dire trouble.

If the winners of the Brighton-Norwich tie go on to win their semi-final they will have the opportunity to have their name inscribed on the famous plinth for the first time. The last club to add a new name was Ipswich in 1978.

Although Bob Paisley's chance of going into retirement with four trophies has now been smashed, he found time to praise Brighton for their success. 'They deserved to win and they carry my best wishes for further success,' he said.

'This is the sort of thing that happens in football and that's why I was a little angry with all those people who kept saying we would win all four trophies. When it gets to this stage of the season one off-day can change everything.'

'I still refuse to believe we have won anything at all. Only when we have so many points that no other club can mathematically catch us will I admit we have won the Championship. As for the Milk Cup, the final whistle will have to blow, with us in the lead, before I will relax. And we still have a lot to do in the European Cup.'

Sunderland's revival received a jolt at Southampton where they lost 2-0. But even the Saints admitted there was an element of luck about it. Their first goal, from Nicky Holmes, took a deflection and would probably not have gone in otherwise. This helped to break Sunderland's confidence and they later conceded a second goal to Mick Mills — his first since his £50,000 transfer from Ipswich in November.

Ironically, Mills had agreed to sign for Sunderland before changing his mind — a decision which angered Sunderland manager Alan Durban at the time.

Defeat at the Dell ended a run of eight League matches without defeat for Sunderland but Durban, although appreciating his side is still in great danger, believes they now have the confidence to keep clear of ultimate trouble.

The Docherty family has been back in the news recently. Tommy Docherty flew home from his job in Australia especially to appear on Kenny Dalglish's 'This is Your Life' programme. His older son Mike, who played for Burnley, Sunderland and Manchester City before an injury ended his career, is now on Sunderland's coaching staff and his other lad, Peter, is playing for Manchester United — the club formerly managed by Docherty senior.

Peter Docherty had a spell with Wigan Athletic but is now playing in Manchester United's youth team.

Arsenal's Scottish international goalkeeper George Wood is expected to find a new club before this month's transfer deadline. A suspension cost him his place in the Arsenal goal and the recalled Pat Jennings has been playing so well that Wood is now in the reserves.

'I accept that Pat cannot be dropped,' conceded Wood. 'But that's no consolation to me. Playing in the reserves is no good to me at this stage of my career. I feel I have never let Arsenal down so I hope there will be no objections to my making a move in time to play for a new club this season.'

Norman Whiteside's 84th minute goal at Derby put Manchester United into the sixth round of the FA Cup and may have ended manager Ron Atkinson's search for a new striker. Whiteside made such a big impression when introduced to the side late last season that he won a place in Northern Ireland's World Cup squad.

It was believed that United would sign Ipswich Town's transfer-listed Scottish international Alan Brazil to team up with Frank Stapleton. But the teenaged Whiteside has now pulled out of his bleak spell and his vital goal at Derby was his 10th of the season.

Nottingham Forest's Mark Proctor is another player hoping to finish the season in new colours but manager Brian Clough is having trouble selling him. 'It's indicative of the state of the game that I can't sell a player like Proctor,' said Clough. 'I have circularised every club, except those in the Fourth Division, but I have not had one single offer.'

Proctor was signed from Middlesbrough for £425,000 in the 1981 close season but recently asked for a transfer.

By TONY PULLEIN

JUNIOR HATTERS



A very warm welcome to Kenilworth Road today to all Junior Hatters and adults in the family enclosure after a month's enforced absence. The presence of a party from Colney Heath Primary School is particularly welcome, especially when they unravel the mystery of their very unusual gift to Luton Town Football Club this afternoon on the pitch.

The parents and children concerned with this money-raising project for the school are to be congratulated on their seemingly never-ending efforts, and for their ingenuity. Full marks and many thanks to everyone.

Two events Junior Hatters should make a note of starts on Tuesday 5th April in the Hatters Club at 2 p.m. when there is a special Junior Hatters/Luton Recreational Services Show for children up to the age of 12.

'Cheeky Dog' and David Tompkins will provide the fun and, on this occasion, there will be an admission charge of 20p. Sweets and drinks will be on sale. If you have a couple of hours to spare, why not come and join us in this first school holiday venture?

The second event is a Junior Hatters' gala day on Sunday 17th April at the Bedford Truck Factory, Boscombe Road, Dunstable, and is exclusively for members and their families. Starting at 10 a.m. the main feature of the day is a knock-out five-a-side soccer tournament between the teams from our Junior Hatters Leagues and also includes table tennis, darts, subbuteo, chess and talent contest.

To succeed, we need your support. If you want to take part in any of the events, complete the coupon below, and post it to Colin Ball, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road.

Our mascot and escort team today are... MASCOT: Darren Cook, of Newbury Lane, Silsoe. Darren is 10 and attends Arnold School, Barton. His main interest is football, and he plays for his school team, Barton Stars and Barton Eagles (Cub Pack). ESCORTS: James Smith of Jenkyn Road, Wootton, who is 11 and attends Holywell Middle School, Cranfield. James is interested in football and fishing, and plays for 'Dillon' and 61st Wootton. Matthew Kiteley, of Birchside, Dunstable, is nine and

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DARREN COOK

attends Priory Middle School, Dunstable. Interested in football and swimming, he plays for his school team and Oldhill Hawks.

Alexander Gibson of Dunbar Close, Bletchley, is 11 and attends Alex Campbell Middle School, Bletchley. He is a Luton Town season ticket holder and interested in most sports, scouting, and collects stamps and football programmes. He plays for his school, and is captain of the St Thomas YC.

Kerry Owen, of Telscombe Way, Luton. Kerry is eight and attends Someries School, Luton. As well as supporting Luton Town, Kerry is interested in disco dancing, and her father is the official photographer for the club.

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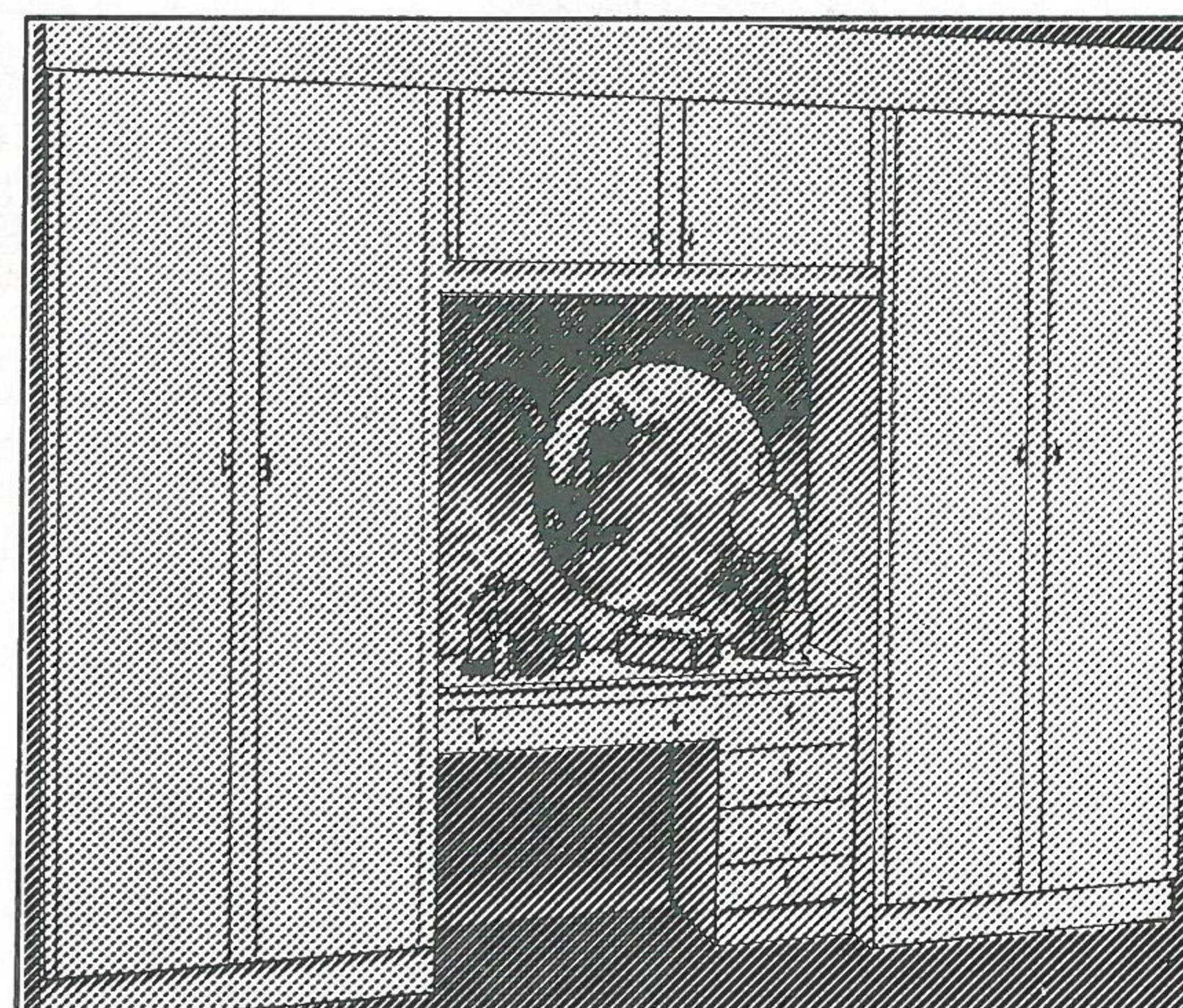
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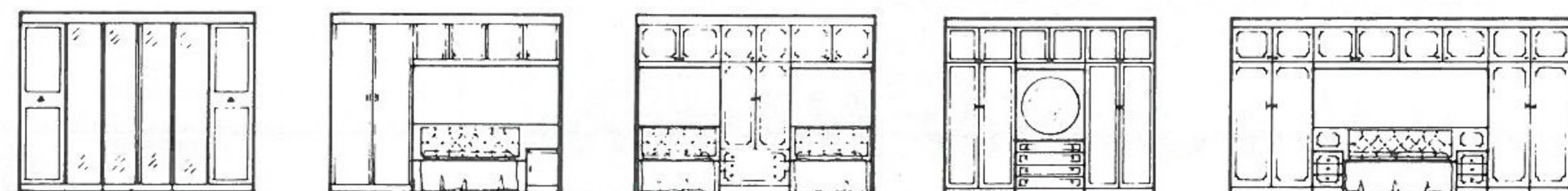
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THE PAGE WHERE OUR FANS WRITE TO US

Dear Sir, Although every home supporter likes his team to entertain, an all out attacking policy does not always bring its rightful rewards. All those who follow the Town regularly will reflect on how many of the top teams seem to be able to contain and stifle the Hatters quick passing skilful style of play.

The recent cup tie defeat against Manchester United and League home games this season with West Ham, Manchester United, Ipswich, Nottingham Forest and to a lesser extent, Coventry have all resulted in Luton either being beaten or held.

From my view, I feel there are times we should be more resolute — and, if you like, professional when playing these well organised teams.

I appreciate that Luton are now in the top grade soccer, but at the same time we all like to beat the big boys — especially in front of the home crowd. So I ask Mr Pleat, in all sincerity, to occasionally play the likes of Mr Atkinson's teams at their

own game.

That is to get men back in numbers and defend as a number one priority and to also break quickly and attack when the chances arise.

Although I am aware we may be in for the occasional boring encounter, at least we won't make these teams look as good as they make themselves out to be.

In my opinion, the players Mr Pleat has assembled are as good as any others in the top grade and I can see no reason why the Hatters shouldn't be challenging for honours over the next few seasons.

G. Evans, Portland Street,
Whitwell, Worksop, Notts

Dear Sir, I am a keen collector of the autographs of footballers, especially those who have played for Luton Town.

I wonder if anyone reading this has any autographs of members of the team which last won promotion in 1974 especially John Aston. Also the signature of the great Joe Payne will be a marvellous boost to my collection.

I will be most grateful to do business with anyone and reasonable prices will be paid.

Ian Saunders,
12 Furzedown Court,
Milton Road, Harpenden,
Herts AL5 5PD



Dear Sir, I am writing this letter to express my views about a 'super league'.

It is a very selfish idea where the so-called top clubs monopolise football. Luton have successfully given

the country a new definition of the word entertainment. The proof is frequent television appearances.

But obviously that is not good enough, and teams like Luton and, dare I say it, Watford, will be expelled from the First Division to the Second again.

So while Arsenal make money playing the likes of Liverpool, we're supposed to survive in front of 10,000 supporters against teams like Swansea and Notts County. No disrespect to those teams, but it's the same for them — a vicious circle.

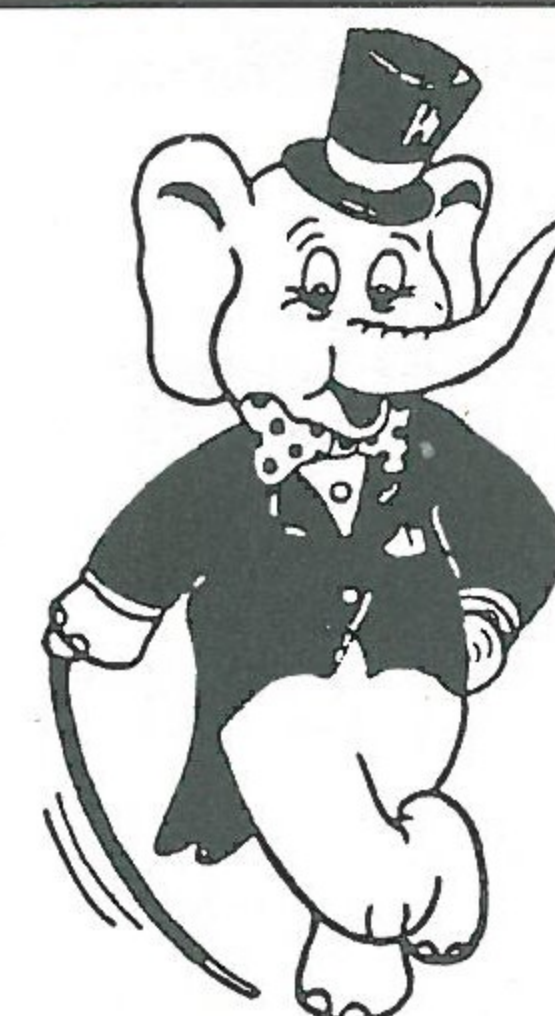
It makes you wonder whether football is going through a bad time because this idea makes nonsense of it. Football wants to improve but separating the teams will bring no improvement.

Football is also all about shocks and you won't get many playing in a super league. The fans are going to get bored of the same teams and they can say goodbye to results like 3-3 at Anfield or 2-3 at Upton Park. The sooner people realise Division One is a super league, the better.

Look at Scotland's super league. The Premier teams play each other four times in one season. Sounds really great fun doesn't it . . . ?

D. Barnett, Ranock Close,
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Aldershot	2-1	2-2	1-1	0-0	6-1	1-0	2-2	1-0	5-2	3-2
Bournemouth	1-2	2-0	2-0	3-4	4-0	3-1	0-0	1-2	1-0	1-2
Brentford	5-5	0-1								
Brighton	0-0	0-2	1-2	1-1	4-0	1-4	2-1	1-1	2-1	1-2
Bristol C	5-4	2-5	3-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	1-0	2-1	4-0	3-2
Bristol R	1-1	0-0	2-2	1-0	6-2	1-1	12-0	2-2	2-0	0-4
Cardiff	8-1	2-3	3-1	4-0	4-0	0-1	2-2	3-2	8-1	0-3
Charlton			2-1	0-2	1-2	2-4				
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Coventry	4-1	0-4	0-1	2-2	4-0	0-1	1-1	0-0		
Crystal P	1-1	0-3	2-1	2-2	2-2	1-2	6-0	1-5	5-2	4-0
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Millwall					2-1	4-1	0-0	0-0	5-0	2-0
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Torquay	2-1	1-3	10-2	1-0	3-1	2-6	1-0	1-2	2-0	2-2
Walsall									2-0	1-0
Watford	3-2	1-4	2-1	1-0	2-2	2-2	2-1	3-1	4-1	3-1

*Now known as Orient

1932-33

Appearances: Alderson, T. 14; Brown, W. 12; Cook, S. 1; Corkingdale, D.J. 1; Draper, B. 3; Fraser, C.F. 40; Harford, G. 20; Hayhurst, G. 1; Hodgson, T. 6; Hutchison, D. 26; Imrie, J. 22; Kean, F.D. 32; Kingham, R. 40; Mackey, T. 38; McGinnigle, H. 40; Mills, G. 37; Nelson, G. 21; Pacey, H.J. 4; Rennie, A. 31; Roberts, J. 18; Rowe, D. 20; Tait, T. 28; Weaver, S. 3; Whalley, R. 4.
Scorers: Tait 18; Mills 14; Rennie 11; Hutchison 9; Rowe 8; Alderson 5; Nelson 5; Fraser 2; Kean 2; Roberts 2; Weaver 1; Whalley 1.

1933-34

Appearances: Anderson, S.M.J. 10; Bell, T. 28; Brown, W. 8; Bell, S. 1;

Fraser, C.R. 38; Gibson, J.R. 3; Hutchison, D. 27; Harford, G.B. 34; Holbeach, F. 2; Kean, F.W. 38; Kingham, H.R. 29; Kirkwood, D. 2; Kitchen, H. 1; Lawson, H. 1; McGinnigle, H. 40; Mackey, T.S. 41; Mittell, J.L. 8; Martin, G.S. 38; Pease, W. 33; Pearson, G.W. 13; Rennie, A. 23; Reece, H.J. 15; Rennie, J. 2; Tait, T. 15.
Scorers: Rennie, A. 16; Hutchison 13; Bell, T. 12; Martin 12; Pease 8; Tait 7; Anderson 5; Bell, S. 2; Kean 2; McGinnigle 2; Brown 1; Kirkwood 1; Kitchen 1; Pearson 1.

1934-35

Appearances: Beck, W. 2; Bell, S. 29; Bell, T. 6; Brown, W. 23; Ball, J.T. 31; Cook, C. 4; Coen, J.L. 37; Crompton, W. 26; Colquhoun, D. W. 12; Fraser, C.R. 25; Hutchison, D. 2; Kean, F.W. 7; Kingham, H.R. 23; Kidd, G.I. 2; McGinnigle, H. 14; Mackey, T.S. 33; Martin, G.W. 28; Payne, J. 2; Preedy, C.J.F. 5; Reece, H.J. 14; Rennie, A. 11; Russell, C.J. 8; Roberts, F. 25; Stephenson, G.H. 40; Smith, T.S. 23; Taylor, J.T. 1; Thayne, W. 29.
Scorers: Ball 30; Bell, S. 18; Stephenson 12; Crompton 9; Roberts 8; Martin 7; Bell, T. 3; Brown 1; Cook 1; Rennie 1; Russell 1; opponents 1.

1935-36

Appearances: Andrews, H. 1; Ball, J. 19; Beresford, F. 12; Boyd, W. 13; Booton, H. 7; Coen, J. 36; Colquhoun, D. 5; Cook, C. 3; Crompton, W. 20; Crook, M. 6; Dolman, H. 6; Fellowes, W. 31; Finlayson, J. 33; Godfrey, W. 5; Gooney, W. 4; Hubbard, A. 2; Hodge, J. 4; Kidd, G. 7; Kingham, H. 9; Mackey, T. 25; McGinnigle, H. 3; Martin, G. 31; Nelson, J. 37; Payne, J. 9; Roberts, F. 39; Rich, L. 9; Smith, T. 39; Stephenson, G. 40; Sloan, F. 2; Thayne, W. 1; Turner, G. 4.
Scorers: Payne 55; Stephenson 17; Dawes 8; Ball 8; Roberts 8; Finlayson 2; Rich 2; Fellowes 1; Hancock 1; Hodge 1.

1936-37

Appearances: Ball, J. 15; Booton, H. 1; Coen, J. 12; Crompton, W. 1; Dolman, H. 30; Dawes, A. 21; Fellowes, W. 41; Finlayson, J. 40; Godfrey, W. 1; Hodge, J. 16; Hubbard, A. 3; Hancock, E. 18; King, T. 11; Lutterloch, B. 2; McGinnigle, H. 1; Mackey, T. 29; Martin, G. 3; Mills, H. 2; Nelson, J. 41; Payne, J. 39; Parris, J. 2; Rich, L. 10; Roberts, F. 42; Sloan, F. 2; Smith, T. 40; Stephenson, G. 37; Stevens, R. 2.
Scorers: Payne 55; Stephenson 17; Dawes 8; Ball 8; Roberts 8; Finlayson 2; Rich 2; Fellowes 1; Hancock 1; Hodge 1.

In Part 20 we shall cover our return to the Second Division - the two pre-war seasons, plus the seasons up to 1949-50.

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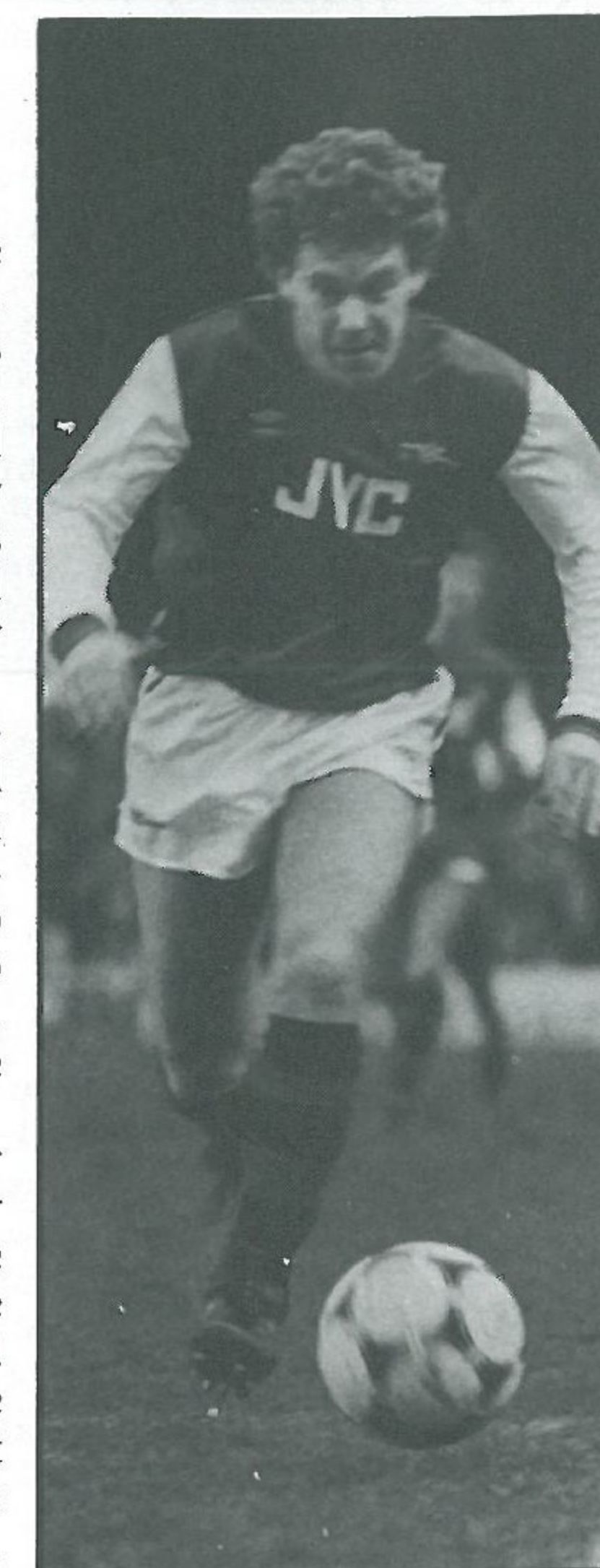


NAME THE FACES

The lucky winner of the Name The Faces competition from the Liverpool magazine was Darren Lee from Harpenden. He correctly spotted Nigel Spink (Aston Villa), Billy Wright (Everton) and Chris Woods (Norwich). Darren will receive one of our super videos.

The winner of our competition in the Manchester United magazine was Andrew Smith from Harpenden who correctly named Kevin Hird (Leeds) Martin Buchan (Man. Utd.) and Jim Melrose (Coventry). Andrew will also receive one of our super videos.

Here's a new phototeaser with again a prize of a super commemorative video. The photo caption 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 Football Club, Matchday Magazine, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton.



TONY WOODCOCK

NAME THE STAR

The Name The Star competition from our Manchester United and Liverpool magazines has been won by A. Burgess from Dunstable - a super prize is on its way.

A new Name The Star competition starts today. As we are sure you all know we add a small proportion of the body of a famous player inviting you to guess the player's identity. Send your entries to: Luton Town FC, Matchday Magazine, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton.



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WHAT'S ALL THIS EAR, THEN?

Our players and manager were more than happy to perform the opening ceremony of the Royal London Mall, the latest addition to the town's Arndale Centre.

Some of the lads were persuaded to pop into a new hairdressing salon where Billy Kellock and Wayne Turner seem to be having fun with Kirk Stevens' ears.

In the second picture, David Moss



doesn't seem too interested in receiving help and advice from Billy Kellock and Richard Money.

AWAYDAY TRAVEL

On page 7, supporters will find more details about Hatters Travel, the service designed to help fans who watch our away games. We are on our travels again with two successive games at Nottingham Forest and Arsenal respectively before we return to first team action at Kenilworth Road with Sunderland's visit on March 26th.

Fans making their own way to Nottingham a week today will find the following route, compiled by the RAC, helpful.

Take the M1 North to Intersection 24 and follow signs 'Nottingham A453'. Pass Radcliffe power station and continue through Clifton. Follow signs 'Grantham A52' and pass under Clifton Bridge before turning right along the A52 Nottingham ring road and continuing to the junction with the A52 and A6011.

Follow signs 'Nottingham A6011' along Radcliffe Road and cross the River Trent via Lady Bay Bridge. Nottingham Forest's ground is on your left.

BIRMINGHAM'S VISIT

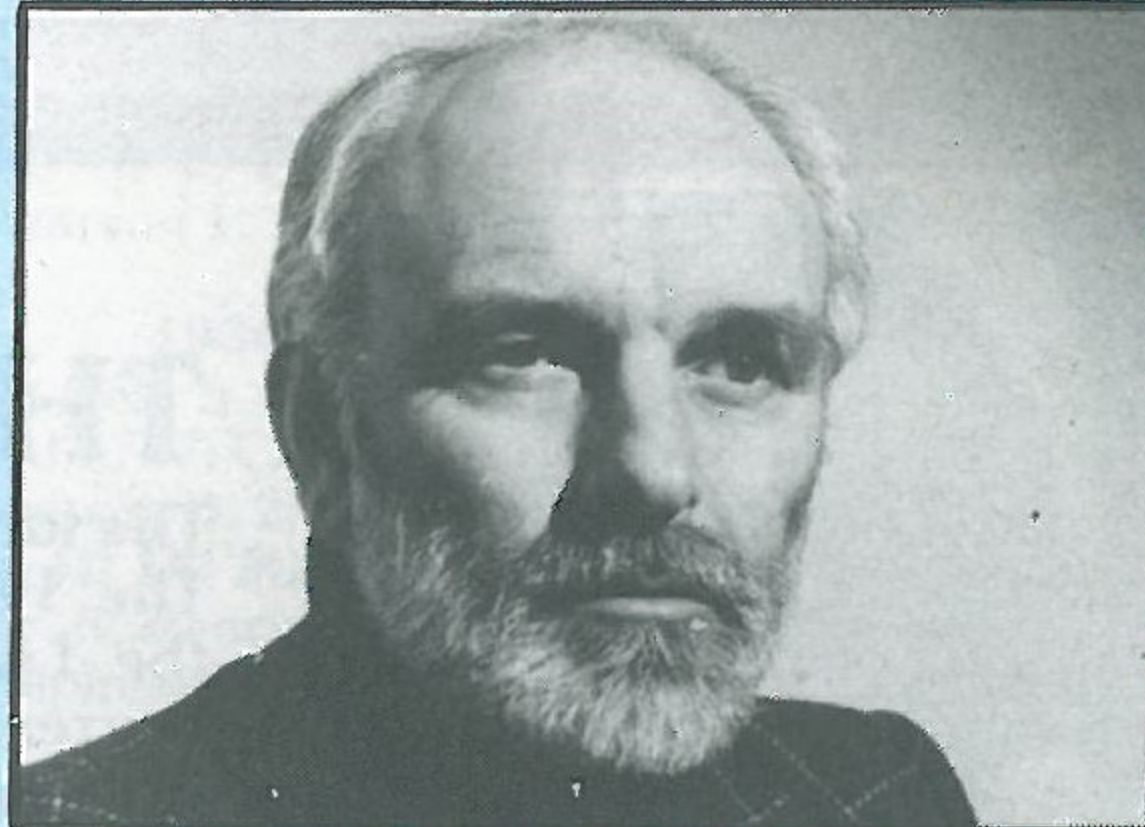
The recent home game against Birmingham City, postponed because of the frostbound pitch, has been re-arranged for Tuesday April 12th (7.45).

AMERICAN GUESTS

We extend a warm welcome this afternoon to a party of American boys involved in an English tour. Virginia Beach Inferno played a friendly game this morning against Luton youngsters, Copenhagen Colts, and have taken the opportunity to watch this afternoon's match.

ON THE BOX AGAIN

Anglia Television cameras are with us again today to record highlights which will be transmitted this evening. We offer them another warm welcome, and in particular to their producer, Len Caynes, who takes charge of all the behind-the-scenes preparations.



A FALSE START

Our scheduled race night, due to be held in the Joe Payne Lounge on February 22nd, had to be called off when our First Division match against Birmingham was postponed.

We now have a new date for the event which will be held next Wednesday and hope that you will support us by coming to this function, the first of many of this type. The evening will commence at 7.30 p.m. when you can enjoy three hours of first class entertainment for only £1, which includes a buffet.

Watch the horses walk around the paddock and, with discrimination, pick out the winner and back your fancy on the tote.

CENTURY CLUB

How nice to be back, once more, at Kenilworth Road to enjoy football again. It is a month since we met last, and we wish our team luck as they get back into their stride.

We have recently held two social events. The annual quiz was the first when the Century Club team of Reg Carrott, Bob Freeman and Richard Combes pitted their sporting knowledge against Mike Saxby, Paul Walsh and Frankie Bunn.

It was an even contest, punctuated by friendly banter from both sides. Advantage to the players came from the sporting questions, but they were equally at home with general knowledge, and were eventual worthy winners.

The audience of about 50 dedicated supporters who turned out on a very cold frosty evening, soon warmed to the warm friendly atmosphere, and were appreciative of the efforts of both teams.

On an even colder afternoon, two teams from the Century Club took part in the five-a-side tournament organised by couriers of the Luton Town Travel Club. This had generated interest throughout all sections of the supporting members of the football club, and Century Club, the Junior Hatters fathers raised two teams, plus teams from Excelsior Travel, Bobbers Travel and Bletchley Bobbers Travel. The remaining teams were from Hit-chen, Hemel, Aylesbury, Leighton Buzzard and Milton Keynes.

A total of 16 teams took part, and the event was staged at Bletchley Leisure Centre. The winners were Leighton Buzzard 'B'.

By now you will all have had your quota of books for our annual raffle. Please sell all you can, and let Catherine Ball have your counterfoils and cash on or before the date specified. Prizes for this will be much appreciated, and we hope this year to have a record take to announce when

the raffle is drawn on Saturday April 9th in the Century Club.

IN RETROSPECT

Luton v West Brom.

Division Two: 1938-39 3-1 (h) 0-3 (a), 1946-57 2-0 (h) 2-1 (a), 1947-48 1-1 (h) 0-1 (a), 1948-49 0-1 (h) 1-2 (a).

Division One: 1955-56 0-2 (h) 1-3 (a), 1956-57 0-1 (h) 0-4 (a), 1957-58 5-1 (h) 2-4 (a), 1958-59 1-1 (h) 0-2 (a), 1959-60 0-0 (h) 0-4 (a).

Division Two: 1973-74 Luton 0 WBA 2 (Shaw, Hartford). WBA 1 (Brown T. pen) Luton 1 (Butlin).

1975-76 Luton 2 (King, Aston) WBA 1 (Martin). WBA 1 (Trewick) Luton 0. Division One: 1982-83 WBA 1 (Whitehead) Luton 0.

Teams for last game here, December 13th 1975:

LUTON: Barber, John Ryan, Buckley, Chambers (Jim Ryan), Faulkner, Fitcher P., King, Husband, Fitcher R., West, Aston.

WBA: Osborne, Mulligan, Wilson, Brown T., Robertson, Robson, Martin, Brown A., Mayo, Giles, Johnston.

Attendance 10,203.

ALBION THROUGH THE YEARS

● In 1912 Albion played in an FA Cup final and three Division One games in the space of four days, losing the final and two League games and drawing the other.

● In that Cup final, Albion's goalkeeper was Herbert Pearson while, in the 1931 final, his son Harold Pearson was in the Albion goal.

● On November 21st 1931, W. G. Richardson scored four goals in five minutes in the first half of their Second Division game against West Ham.

● Ted Sandford moved to Albion from local club Smethwick Highfield in May 1930 and, within a year, won an FA Cup winners medal and a Second Division promotion medal.

● Irish international Dave Walsh scored in Albion's first six games in 1930-31.

● Arthur Gale scored in five rounds of the FA Cup in 1934-35, but was dropped for the final.

● In the course of ten FA Cup final appearances, Albion have twice met Aston Villa and have twice met Preston North End, winning both games against Preston and one of the games against Villa.

● Jim Cookson recorded his 100th League goal in his 87th League game in December 1927. He was then with Albion, though his early goals had been scored for Chesterfield.

TODAY'S REFEREE

John Hunting of Leicester commenced refereeing whilst with the Royal Signals in Egypt and Cyprus, then via Leicestershire Senior League and Football Combination; has been on the Football League Full List since 1968. Was appointed to the FIFA Panel of International Referees in 1973. Officiated in the FA Cup Final of 1971-72 and several international and European competitions including the World Student games, and the Japan Cup competition in Tokyo.

A married man, with three children, he is a Lecturer in Physical Education at the Leicester Polytechnic, and has a playing interest in badminton and squash. Is Hon. Treasurer to the Leicestershire Lawn Tennis Association.

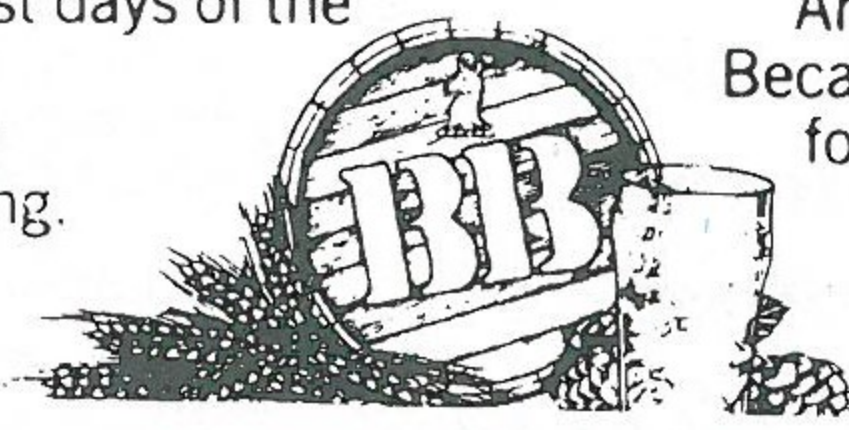
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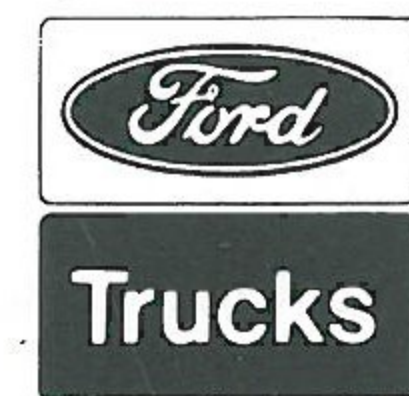
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Because attendances of supporters are quite often small, and TV coverage being so complete, clubs are able to allocate large numbers of seats for the sponsor's benefit. They, in turn, organise their own party at the ground and are able to further demonstrate their products to prospective clients which gives even more impact.

This still allows clubs to have mini and seasonal sponsors who take advantage of this facility through ground sites, programmes and monthly handbooks, with smaller invited potential customers too. Long gone are the days of lotteries in Australia. Each state usually runs three different types simultaneously. They are very big lotteries and well organised for community benefit.

I admired their lottery set-up — but, with sponsorships being as good as I have described I am sure all sports there will go from strength to strength in future. It seems sponsors are pleased with the impact and clubs are satisfied with their revenue.

I trust you have found my series of notes interesting and hope it leaves thoughts in the minds of the Government, television companies and commercial bodies.

MIKE HARDWICKE
Commercial Manager

JOHN'S JOURNAL

The recent spell of bad weather has caused me a few fixture problems and, at the time of writing, I still have the match against Manchester United to re-arrange.

The away reserve games at Birmingham, Southampton, Crystal Palace and about four South East Counties League games for our youth side were also outstanding. If the bad weather continued, other matches would have had to be altered and the games likely to suffer the most are the local cup finals staged at Kenilworth Road.

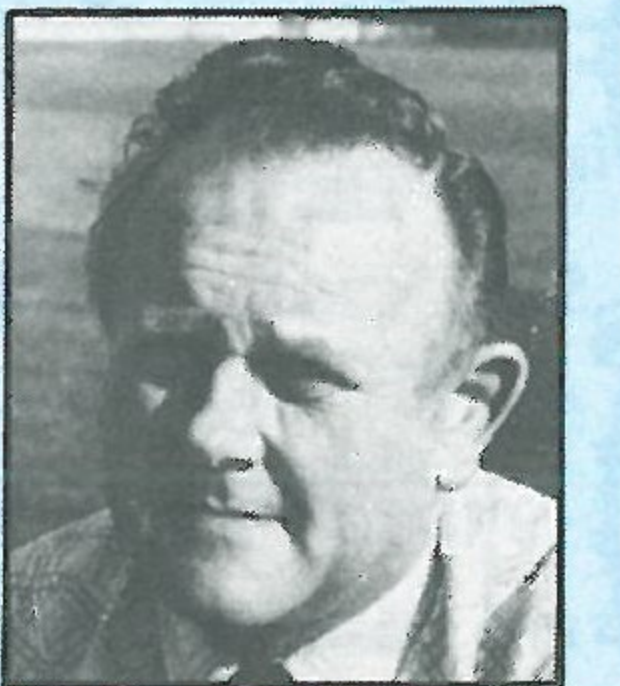
If they have to be cancelled because of our own match commitments, I haven't any other dates to offer them and they will have to be played elsewhere. The main reason is that many clubs are now playing their Football Combination matches in midweek and we

don't want too many matches on our over-worked pitch at the end of the season.

While talking of reserve matches, all Football Combination games scheduled for Kenilworth Road in midweek will now kick off at 7.30 p.m. and not in the afternoon, although next season we may have to play all midweek fixtures in the afternoon, to save the cost of floodlights. Many clubs are now playing all their fixtures in the afternoon because of cash flow problems.

Welcome today to our friends from The Hawthorns. If I was a betting man, I would give odds that one man in Luton will be in the crowd today. He is Eddie Connelly — who, in many of the older supporters' minds, was probably one of the best inside forwards to wear a Luton shirt. Eddie was transferred to West Brom but, after a couple of seasons, was transferred back to the Town and there aren't many players who I can think of who have done that.

JOHN WILKINSON,
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MEMORY STRETCHER

This afternoon, we present another in the occasional series of Memory Stretchers involving a previous game against today's visitors.

This reproduction was taken from a match on 23rd August 1959, when a 1-1 draw was watched by 24,000 supporter.

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<p>Luton Town 11 White 10 Strikers Black 9 Strikers Black with White Tops 8 Dunne 7 Right Half 6 Morton 5 Bingham 4 Turner 3 Outside Right 2 Outside Left 1 Hogg Drury Left Half Williams Left Back West Brom. Albion 11 Navy Blue and White Stripes 10 Strikers White 9 Strikers Navy Blue and White Stripes 8 Strikers Navy Blue and White Stripes 7 Strikers Navy Blue and White Stripes 6 Strikers Navy Blue and White Stripes 5 Strikers Navy Blue and White Stripes 4 Strikers Navy Blue and White Stripes 3 Strikers Navy Blue and White Stripes 2 Strikers Navy Blue and White Stripes 1 Strikers Navy Blue and White Stripes Strikers are asked NOT TO CROSS THE PLAYING FIELD after the match.</p>	<p>Baynham 11 Goal 10 Owen 9 Coats 8 Brown 7 Centre 6 Owen 5 Coats 4 Brown 3 Centre 2 Owen 1 Coats Goal Robson Inside Right Campbell Outside Right Setters Right Half Howe Right Back Jackman Goal Kick-off 3 p.m.</p>
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It's a relief after the excitement and hazards of football to know that savings are in safe hands at the

Today we are on the threshold of another season, the seventy third since we were formed, with high hopes that this will be the most momentous in our long history. To be members of the First Division of the Football League is indeed a great honour, but so far the chief honours of being League Champions or F.A. Cup Winners have so far eluded us.

We feel today we have with the acquisition of Allan Brown recently, and Billy Bingham making his first appearance for us today, a team probably the best we have ever chosen to take the field.

Strong in defence with Syd Owen playing as well if not better than ever and the king-pin of the whole defensive plan, with each forward capable and ready to score goals and to play brilliant football, this team is confidently expected to have some success in putting Luton Town among the honours this season. Each year of course every Club starts out with high hopes that 'this is their season', and looking at "Sportsview" the other evening showing several of the leading Clubs in the country going through their pre-season training brought home to many of us the efforts put in by Clubs and players alike to try and bring

the few honours there are to that particular Club. And so it must always be, for to approach a season in a pessimistic mood is bound to result in a position far away from any honours.

We are therefore approaching this season with great hopes that Sid Owen, in his last season with us as a player, will have the great satisfaction of leading his players to a wonderfully successful season.

A great welcome, we feel sure, awaits Billy Bingham as he takes the field for the first time for us today. We were interested in Billy in 1950 when a Glentoran player, but unfortunately for us Sunderland were also keen on his services and he agreed to join them.



Chosen each year to play against England, Scotland and Wales for his country since his first Cap in May 1951 versus France, and having been seen on television playing in Sweden last June in the World Cup series, Billy comes here with a big reputation, one which we feel has been justly earned.

He fitted in very well with the scheme of things during our pre-season training at Hanover recently, and we shall be very surprised if we find this capture is not up to our expectations.

We welcome the Luton Band again to Kenilworth Road for this coming season for we thoroughly enjoy the music they play. The Band just now finds that the instruments they are using require a thorough overhaul, which will cost in the region of £600. This is a lot of money to find, and so an appeal has been launched to the townspeople to help meet this cost.

The Band are very grateful for the collections made on this ground, and we appeal to you supporters to continue making your contributions, putting in just a little extra at times in appreciation of the splendid service the Luton Band renders to us as supporters and to Luton in general.

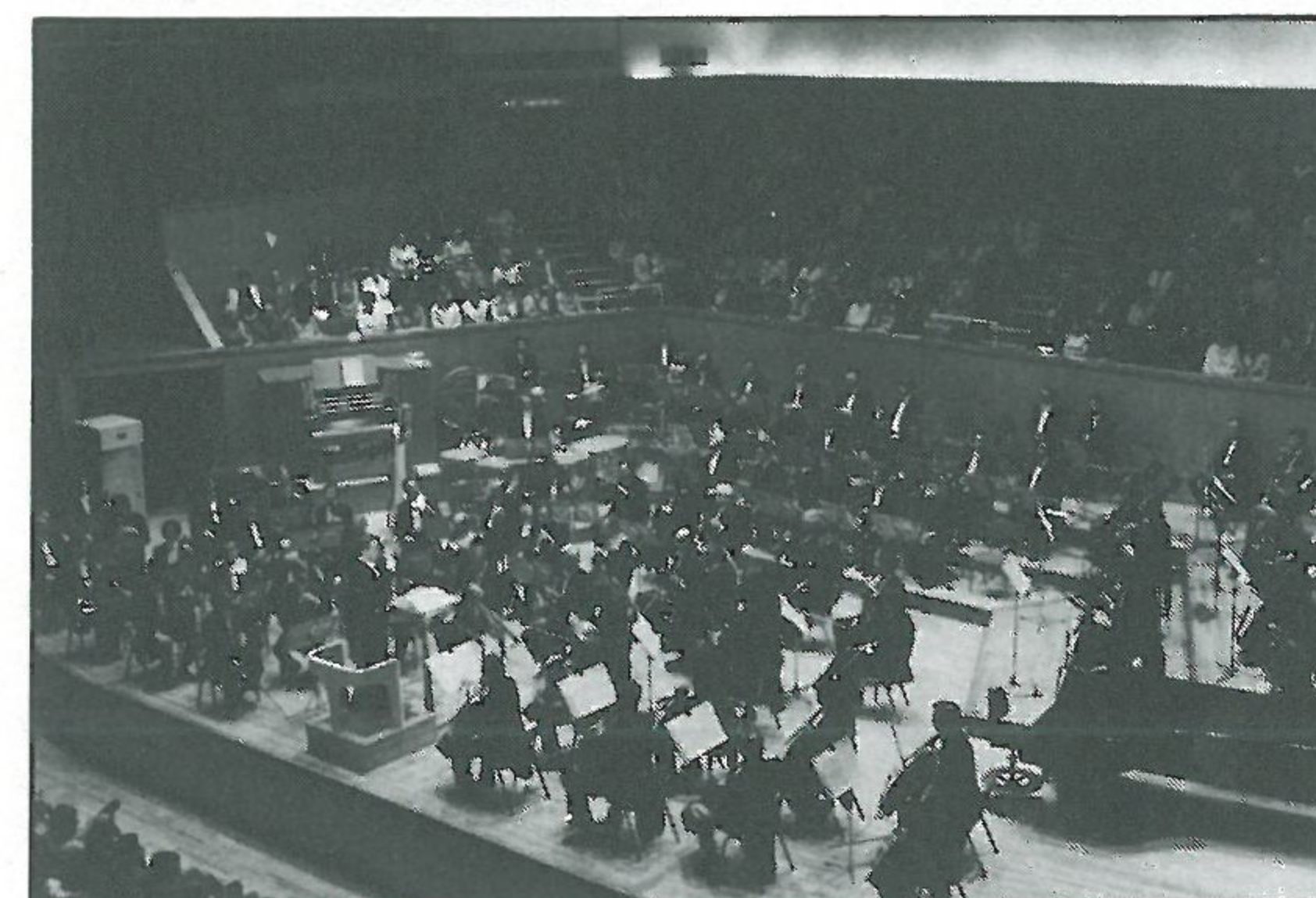
It will be seen that much hard work has been carried out both inside and outside the ground during these last few weeks, and particularly is this noticeable on the playing pitch. Tom King has been a very busy man these last few weeks, ably supported by his assistants, and we think you will agree the turf has never looked better.

The practice match held last Tuesday evening, rather left its mark but Tom was soon on the job trying to rectify the damage and today all looks well again. It is surprising what can be achieved in those thirteen weeks for there was not much grass when the last match was played last season.

COMMERCIAL SCENE



THE WEEKLY LOOK AT THE HATTERS COMMERCIAL SCENE



senior citizens) and £1 standing. These remarkable prices can be offered only because of the generous sponsorship of Whitbread (London) Limited, Luton's own local brewery.

A further bonus for the event is that all the audience will be under the cover of the main stand. The organisers and sponsors are, therefore, expecting a capacity house on the night.

An exclusive executive facility is also available at £20. This will include a seat in the club's executive box, a meal before the event and drinks during the evening.

Companies and individuals are advised to make early application to Bill Tomlins at the club to take advantage of this unique opportunity to entertain your family and business associates in the pleasant surroundings of Luton Town's suits.

It is anticipated that there will be an overwhelming demand for the limited number of places available.

The performance is promoted by Luton Recreation Services Department and tickets (not including executive tickets) can be obtained after 11th April from Luton Library Theatre, St. George Square, or Luton Town Football Club, Kenilworth Road, Luton.

Many classical music lovers were extremely disappointed when they failed to obtain tickets for the recent concert given by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in the town's Arndale Centre.

The appearance of the orchestra produced a capacity audience of 800 and left many people demanding a return visit.

We are pleased, and proud, to be involved with their next appearance in Luton when they play on our own Kenilworth Road pitch on Sunday 22nd May at 7.30 p.m.

It is a unique event featuring hit music from the orchestra's chart topping, five million sales record 'Hooked on Classics' and the London Symphony Orchestra's 'Classical Rock'.

It will be a treat for all the family with ticket prices at only £5 and £3.50 seated (half price for children and

BEHIND THE SCENES

By ROBERT HADGRAFT

Leicester architect Philip Dodd sharpened his pencils, polished his set square and sat down behind his drawing board.

His task . . . design a new stadium for Luton Town Football Club!

An exciting job — but not an easy one, particularly as the exact site for a new ground has yet to be identified.

Nevertheless, Philip now has his blueprint ready, and when the location problems are sorted out a new era can be launched for The Hatters.

Philip has become one of the central figures in the ambitious scheme which promises to make Luton Town a 21st century trend-setter, pointing the way ahead for British soccer in general.

Led by forward thinking executive director John Smith, Luton want to create a set-up which includes family leisure and shopping pursuits as well as soccer.

And Philip has the task of designing a complex which will serve these purposes and be used seven days a week. He is working towards the Luton Town ideal, which is to create a family and community-orientated set-up, something which will banish soccer's tarnished reputation as a perpetrator of ill-will.

If projects like Luton Town's succeed, hooliganism and financial distress will surely disappear from the soccer map. Philip says his plans will involve an indoor soccer arena, where the game will be played on artificial turf. This, of course, involves a radical departure from Football League soccer as we know it.

Never again will there be the frustration of games postponed due to the weather. Never again will

spectators stand shivering on miserable, rain-lashed terracing. And never again will Luton Town's skilful football be dragged down to mediocrity by clogging mud or snow covered pitches.

That's all very well, the critics will cry. But what about the wonderful atmosphere created by a singing, cheering crowd . . . won't that disappear with indoor soccer? And isn't English League soccer the great game it is simply because of the varying weather and condition of pitches?

Philip is aware of the critics' views, but he believes the sheer scope and depth of entertainment that the new project will provide surpasses all the hoary old arguments.

'The family aspect is very important. We would want things to be happening at the complex right through the week,' he said.

'To make it pay we would want the public to get involved in various pursuits themselves, and not merely drop by to see a match.'

Philip envisages a ground with a capacity of about 15,000 — with seats for everybody. The day of a Luton Town game would be a big event for all the family — with things to do before and after the actual 90 minutes play.

This all promises much for the dawn of a very exciting era — but, of course, the question everyone is asking is 'when?'.

According to Philip, a lot of work is going on behind the scenes to get things moving. He emphasises that the question is 'when' and certainly not 'if'.

The club is determined to launch the project and Philip reckons that



Luton Town could be in their new stadium within three years.

Philip is one of the rare breed of architects who knows football and became the club's architect through his past associations with John Smith. John was secretary at Leicester City — where Philip is based — and the two worked together then. Philip began working for Luton Town during the 1979-80 season, when he was engaged to refurbish what he called a 'rather antiquated' ground at Kenilworth Road.

An Act of Parliament relating to football ground safety meant that a great deal of cash had to be spent on bringing the place up to required standards.

As well as safety fencing, barriers and toilet facilities Philip found himself designing the re-vamped area which now houses Luton's bars, lounges and entertainments set-up.

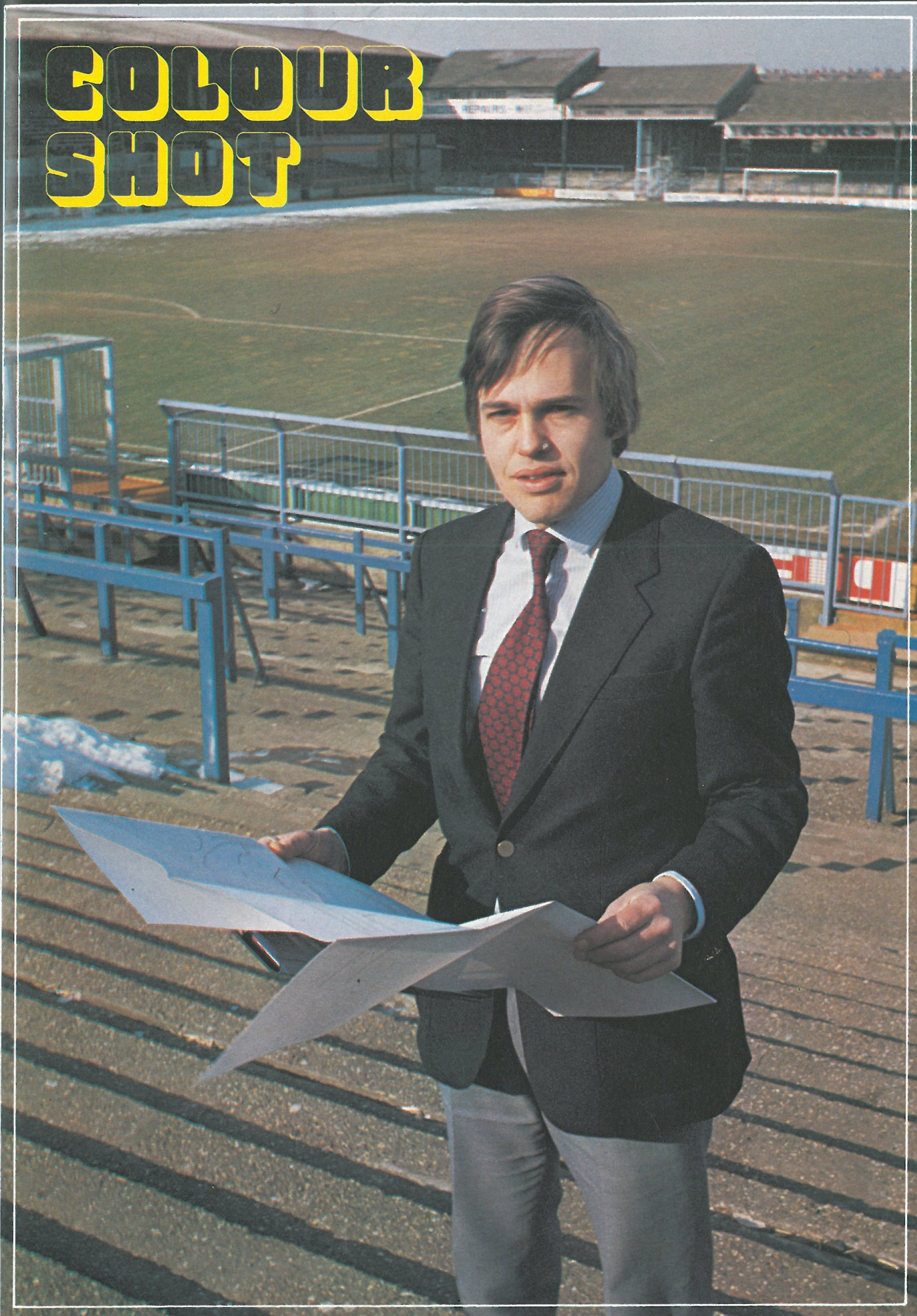
A general upgrading had to be done in many areas, and the bulk of this extensive programme was carried out between May and August before the 1980-81 season. However, much has still to be done, but cannot be undertaken until our future is secure.

Philip finds working for a football club is challenging and interesting work, particularly with so much in the melting pot at the moment.

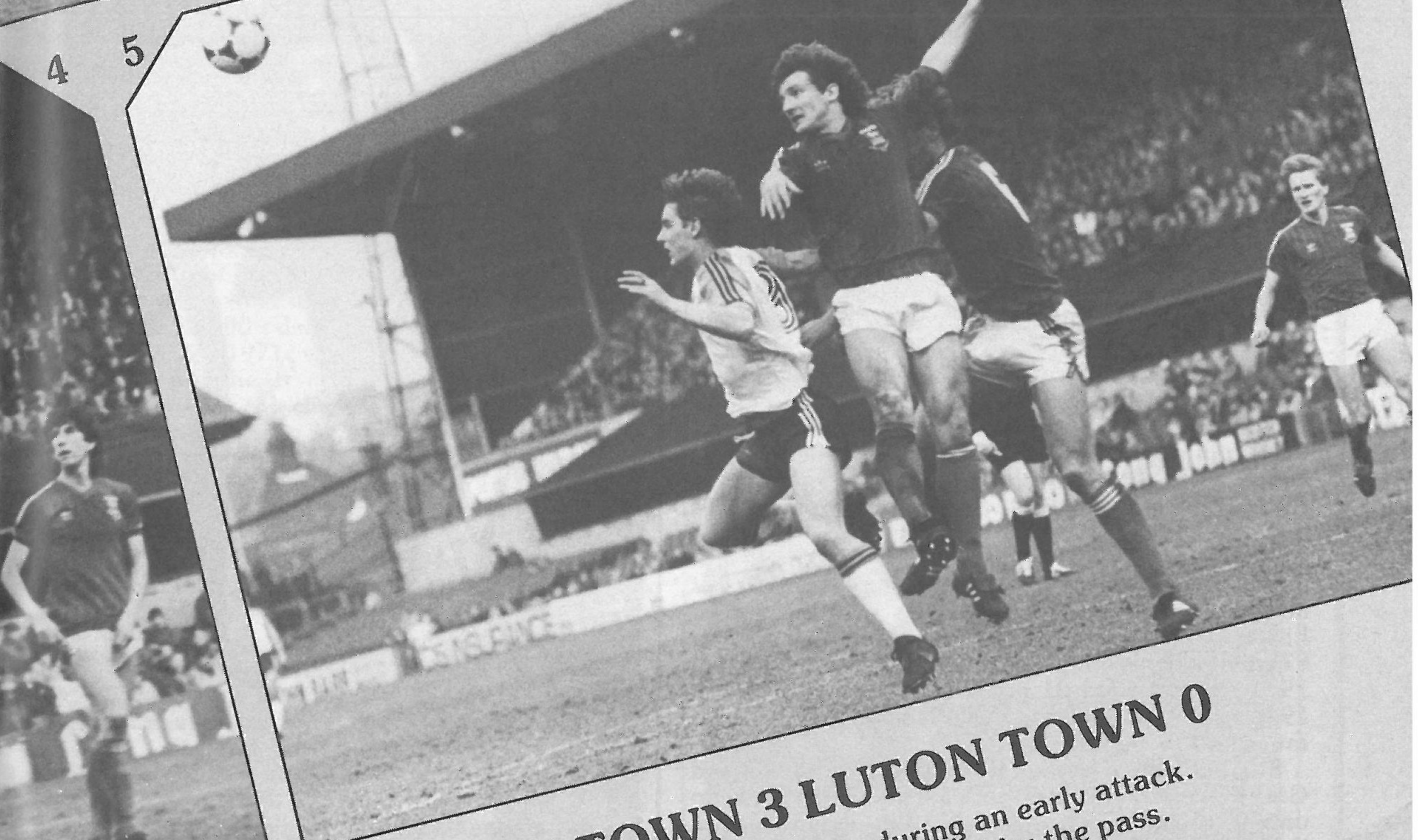
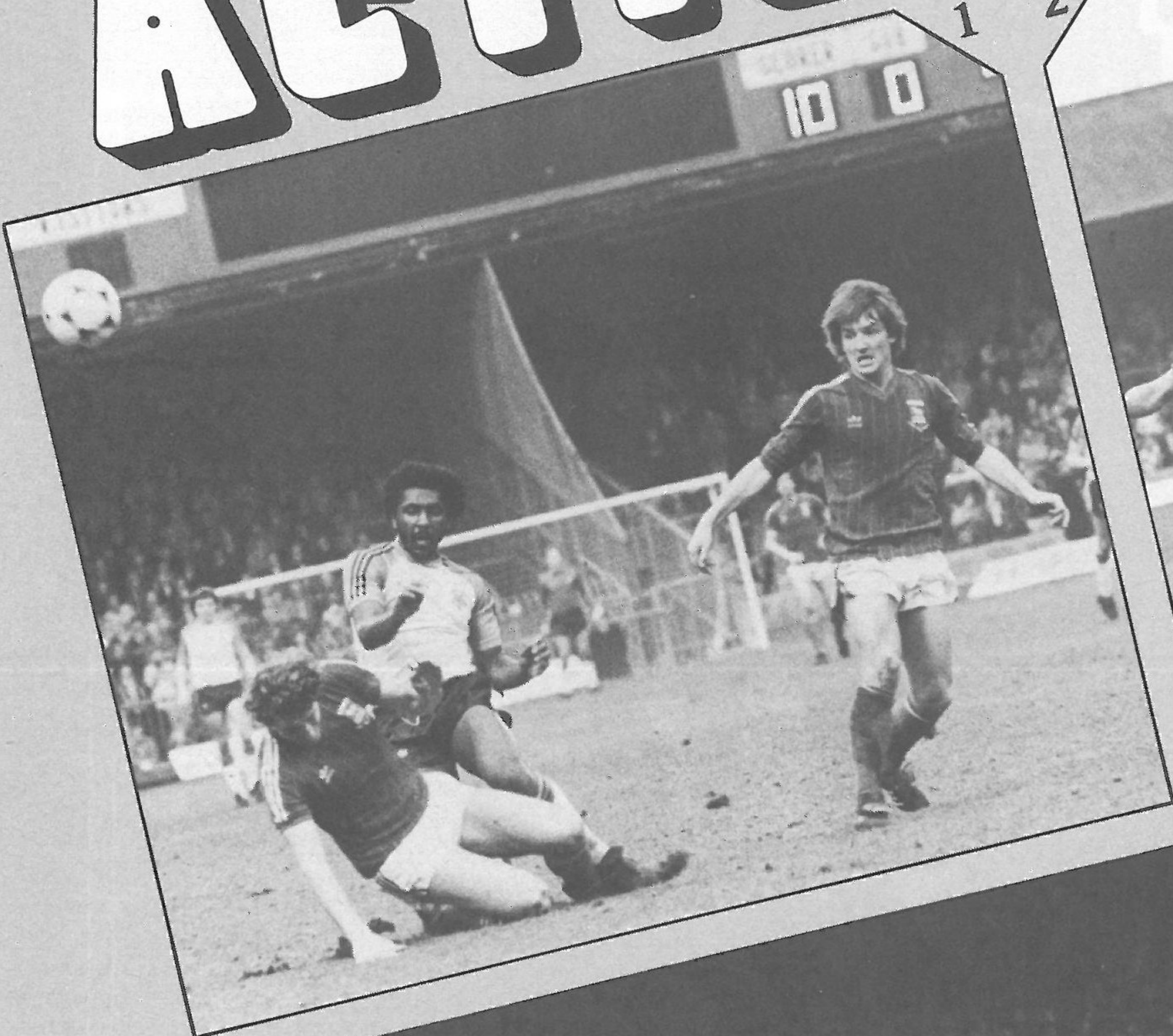
He has private offices in his home city and finds his partnership has established some firm links with the sporting world.

He learned his craft and qualified at Manchester University and has since married Judy and settled down in the Midlands. The couple have two young sons and a daughter.

COLOUR SHOT



ACTION



IPSWICH TOWN 3 LUTON TOWN 0

1. Ricky Hill is halted by Terry Butcher during an early attack.
2. Kirk Stephens moves into the area as Steve White 'stands-by' for the pass.
3. On-loan from Charlton, ex-Hatter Steve White pushes forward for a shot.
4. Billy Kellock jumps straight into action with Paul Cooper after replacing injured Ricky Hill.
5. A heavily guarded Paul Walsh takes delivery of this David Moss cross.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION

WEST BROM CHASE UEFA CUP PLACE

West Brom's chances of landing a trophy this season have disappeared because of lack of goals power. Injuries have kept England's Cyrille Regis on the sidelines for several weeks and loss of form by other players caused the goals supply to dry up and a recent sequence of six League games produced only two goals.

Albion still have a chance of qualifying for Europe next season and manager Ron Wylie hopes his latest recruit, Gary Thompson, signed from Coventry for £225,000, will add punch to the attack.

Thompson developed in the junior teams at Coventry, made his League debut in 1977-78 and two seasons ago hit 15 goals. He scored 12 last term and he has been capped on six occasions by the England Under-21s.

Some Albion fans felt the signing of Thompson would see the departure of Regis but Wylie hopes he will be able to field this pair in his own team when Regis is fit again.

Cyrille Regis, whose tally of 10 goals includes a match-winning hat-trick at Norwich, won his fourth England cap against West Germany this season. Cyrille won an immediate place in the side and in 1977, following his £5,000 transfer from Hayes, and has been a regular goalscorer since. Last season he topped their list for the second successive season with 25 goals.

During the England striker's absence, Albion's attack had been lining up with Ally Brown, Nicky Cross and Peter Eastoe.

Brown began his career with Leicester and, after twice topping their scoring list, he was transferred to Albion in 1972. He has now played some 300 first team games for the Throstles. Cross made his First Division debut as substitute at Manchester United in April 1981 and now has about four dozen games behind him.

Eastoe went to the Hawthorns last summer, in a straight exchange for Andy King, after three years as an Everton player. It was Wolves who introduced him to League football in 1971-72 and they received £70,000 when he moved on to Swindon in 1974. In 1974-75 he scored 31 goals for the Robins and in 1976 he was transferred to QPR for £90,000. Peter moved on to Everton in 1979.

The midfield of Romeo Zondervan, Martin Jol and Gary Owen had been virtually unchanged all season until last month. Zonderman quickly acclimatised to English First Division football after joining Albion from Dutch club Twente Enschede for £225,000 last season. Romeo can play in midfield or defence.

Jol is a second player signed from Twente Enschede last season. His transfer fee was £250,000 and he previously played for the crack West German side Bayern Munich.

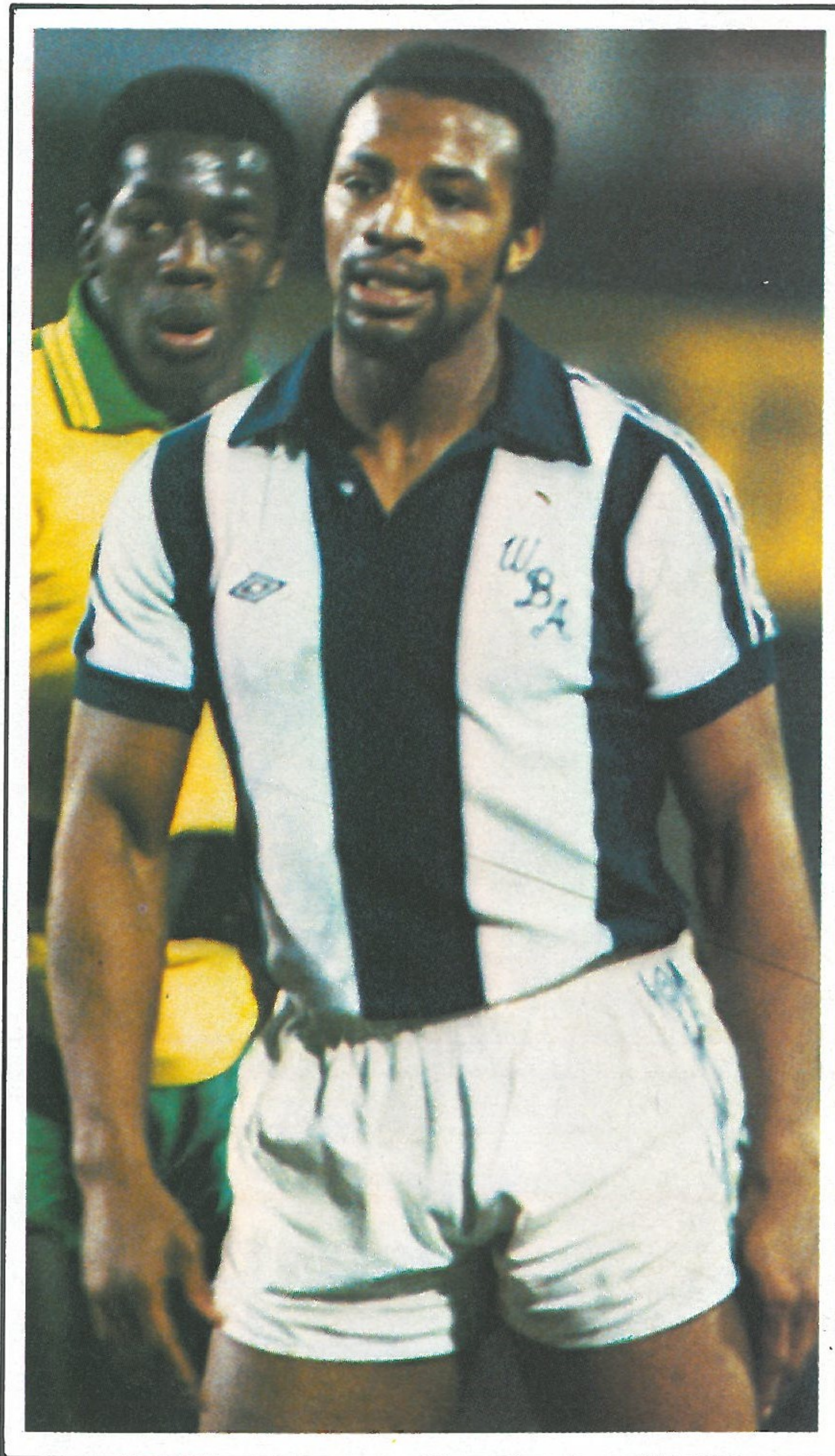
Owen made rapid strides after being introduced to Manchester City's First Division side in 1976 and he

cost the Throstles £450,000 when they signed him in 1979.

When Owen was missing from the side last month, young Micky Lewis was recalled to First Division duty. A product of the youth team, Micky made his League debut at Coventry in December 1981.

The versatile Clive Whitehead has played occasionally on the left-side of the midfield but, due to injuries to Derek Statham and Brendan Batson, he filled in at both full-back positions. But, when these positions had been re-allocated, Clive found himself out of the team.

Clive developed as a ball-playing left-winger at Bristol City but was later successfully converted into a full-back. He fell into dispute with the club last season and was one of the first players to be sold to try and stabilise their financial position. Albion sign-



CYRILLE REGIS

ed him for £100,000.

Batson played a few times in Arsenal's First Division side and transferred to Cambridge in 1974. West Bromwich signed him for £30,000 in 1978 and he is now an England 'B' international. Sadly, injuries have kept him out of the side since October.

Statham was picked for his first full England cap in last week's game against Wales. England's regular left-back Kenny Sansom was not available because he was playing in the Milk Cup semi-final for Arsenal and Derek, who had already been capped at 'B' and Under-21 levels, was given his big break at Wembley. He is an Albion discovery who broke into the first team in 1976-77.

Alan Webb was recalled to the right-back spot last month. Yet another Albion find, he made his first League appearance at Brighton in February 1982.

Centre-back Martyn Bennett was another player in the England squad for the Wales game. He developed in the junior teams and made his League debut in 1978-79. Martyn won a regular place last season and was named in both the full and Under-21 squads for last week's matches.

The evergreen John Wile will probably partner Bennett in the middle of the defence but Alistair Robertson is another contender for one of these places.

Wile is a player of vast experience who has taken over as a caretaker manager at times when the Albion were between appointments. John didn't make the first team at Sunderland but was given his opening in League soccer with Peterborough in 1967-68. Albion's £52,000 deal that took him to the Hawthorns in 1971 was one of their finest investments and he is now approaching his 500th League game for the club.

Robertson, a former Scottish schoolboy and youth international, is another long-serving player. Since making his first League appearance in 1969-70 he has made more than 400 appearances for them in League soccer.

Paul Barron, signed from Crystal Palace for £60,000 in January, has now taken over in goal. He began his career with Plymouth but Arsenal signed him for £70,000 in 1978. But he was used only as cover at Highbury so he readily agreed to join Crystal Palace for £400,000 two years later.

Albion have scored three away wins at Stoke (3-0), Norwich (3-1) and West Ham (1-0). They drew at Everton (0-0), Tottenham (1-1), Manchester United (0-0), Brighton (0-0) and Nottingham Forest (0-0) but they were beaten in other away matches at Liverpool (0-2), Watford (0-3), Arsenal (0-2), Ipswich (1-6), Birmingham (1-2), Southampton (1-4) and Manchester City (1-2) in the First Division, Nottingham Forest (1-6) in the Milk Cup and Tottenham (1-2) in the FA Cup.

Although West Brom beat Forest 3-1 in the home leg in the Milk Cup, they went out 4-7 on aggregate.

West Bromwich made a magnificent start to the season and, though they failed to maintain that early

momentum, they are very much in the chase for a place in Europe.

The Throstles have been on the brink of success many times in recent years. Their achievements include three Cup semi-finals and third in the First Division over the past five seasons — without quite making it first past the post. And their last major triumph was in winning the FA Cup in 1968.

Albion's declared ambition is to win the League Championship and to represent England in the European Cup. They've been close to doing it and many might argue that they've had the players capable of taking the title. Lack of consistency has been their downfall.

The way things went during the early weeks of the season there seemed a chance that the Throstles might win their first League Championship since 1920. Now Wylie, who took over this summer, is setting his sights upon a UEFA Cup place for next season.

By TONY PULLEIN



DEREK STATHAM

POINTS ATTENDANCES LEAGUE TABLES

Opponents	Result	Attendance	Points	Position	Findlay	Stephens	Money	Horton	Goodyear	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Walsh	Antic	Moss	Turner	Kellock	Judge	Fuccillo	Thomas	Bunn	Geddis	Watts	White	Own Goal
Goals Scored								2	3	2	6	16	11		8	1	2		2		1				3
1982																									
August																									
28 Tottenham Hotspur	2-2	39,180	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11											*
31 West Ham United	0-2	13,403	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11											
September																									
4 Notts County	5-3	9,071	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11											
8 Aston Villa	1-4	18,823	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	12									
11 Liverpool	3-3	33,694	5	18	1+	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10											
18 Brighton & Hove Albion	5-0	11,342	8	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10		1								
25 Stoke City	4-4	18,475	9	12	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10			1							
October																									
2 Manchester United	1-1	17,009	10	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10+										
5 Charlton Athletic (MC2-1L)	3-0	7,030		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11					10						
9 Birmingham City	3-2	13,772	13	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					10						
16 Ipswich Town	1-1	13,378	14	11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					10						
23 West Bromwich Albion	0-1	16,488	14	13	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		1	10+							
26 Charlton Athletic (MC2-2L)	0-2	5,973		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10										
30 Nottingham Forest	0-2	12,648	14	16	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	10+								
November																									
6 Arsenal	2-2	16,597	15	17	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2+		10							
9 Blackpool (MC3)	4-2	6,409			2	3	4	5	6+	7	8	9	10	11		7	1	10							12
13 Sunderland	1-1	14,238	16	17	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	5	10+	1								12
20 Coventry City	2-4	9,644	16	18	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	6									
27 Southampton	3-3	11,196	17	18	1	2	3+	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10+									
30 Tottenham Hotspur (MC4)	0-1	27,461		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10										
December																									
4 Swansea City	0-2	9,556	17	19	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10+									
11 Manchester City	3-1	11,013	20	19	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10									
18 Everton	0-5	14,982	20	19	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10+									8
27 Watford	1-0	21,145	23	17	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11				10						8
28 Norwich City	0-1	21,367	23	17	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	6			10+						8
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January																									
1 Coventry City	1-2	13,072	23	20	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			10+							8
4 West Ham United	3-2	21,435	26	17	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10	12		3	8+					
8 Peterborough (FAC3)	3-0	11,151		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10										11
15 Tottenham Hotspur	1-1	21,231	27	17	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10	12		3	8					11+
22 Brighton & Hove Albion	4-2	11,705	30	16	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10	12		3	8					
29 Manchester Utd (FAC4)	0-2	20,516		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10+	12									
February																									
5 Liverpool	1-3	18,434	30	17	1	2	3+	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10									
26 Ipswich Town	0-3	18,615	30	18	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+	8	9	10	11	3	12		10						8
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5 West Bromwich Albion																									
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUTH TEAM

Who under the guidance of John Moore reached the semi-final of the FA Youth Cup with a 2-0 win last Monday night over Leicester City goalscorers were Gary Parker 17 mins., Ray Daniel 46 mins. Team: Mark North, Tim Breaker, Phil Petts, Mitchell Thomas, Stacey North, Michael Shearer, Gary Parker, Richard Cadette, Cahill McConville, Ray Daniel, Mark Watts. Sub: Mark Stein.

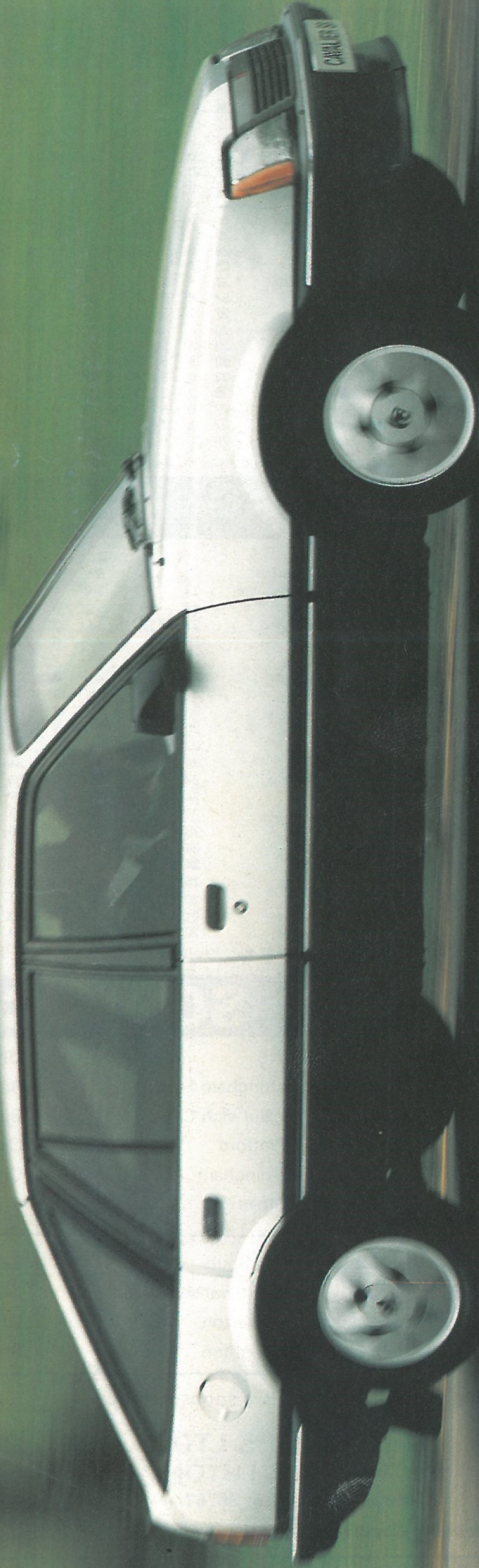
It's the first time in the club's history that we have reached the semi-final stage and it must be a tremendous encouragement for John Moore to see the result his hard work and excellent coaching are producing. Already this season we've seen Mitchell Thomas and Mark Watts cope successfully with the jump from the Youth team to First Division football, and with others such as Ray Daniel on the fringe of first team selection manager David Pleat can look forward with confidence to players coming through the ranks and joining other home grown stars such as Ricky Hill, Clive Goodyear, Wayne Turner and Lil Fuccillo.

+ Player replaced by substitute * Own Goal ● Goalscorer Home fixtures in bold Copyright of The Football League

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1982-83

Date	Time	Home	Away
Aug. 28	7.30	Watford	3-0
Sept. 1		Norwich City	1-0
Sept. 13	7.30	Brighton	3-1
Sept. 22		Oxford United	1-1
Sept. 27		West Ham United	0-3
Oct. 9		Birmingham City	0-2
Oct. 16		Ipswich Town	0-2
Oct. 23		Q.P.R.	1-4
Nov. 6		Arsenal	1-1
Nov. 15		Leicester City	1-0
Nov. 20		Swansea City	1-5
Dec. 14		Chelsea	3-2
Dec. 20		Charlton Athletic	1-2
Dec. 29		Reading	4-0
Jan. 3		Fulham	1-2
Jan. 10		Tottenham Hotspur	0-2
Jan. 15		Watford	1-1
Jan. 24		Oxford United	0-1
Jan. 29		Swansea City	0-2
Feb. 1		Swindon Town	3-3
Feb. 5		Brighton & Hove Albion	1-1
Feb. 7		Millwall	1-3
Feb. 14		Crystal Palace	3-1
Feb. 22		Birmingham City	
Feb. 26		Ipswich Town	
Mar. 8		Q.P.R.	
Mar. 12		Bristol Rovers	
Mar. 14		Millwall	
Mar. 19		Arsenal	
Mar. 30		Leicester City	
Apr. 9		Tottenham Hotspur	
Apr. 11		Norwich City	
Apr. 18		Swindon Town	
Apr. 26		Bristol Rovers	
Apr. 30		Southampton	
May 3			

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