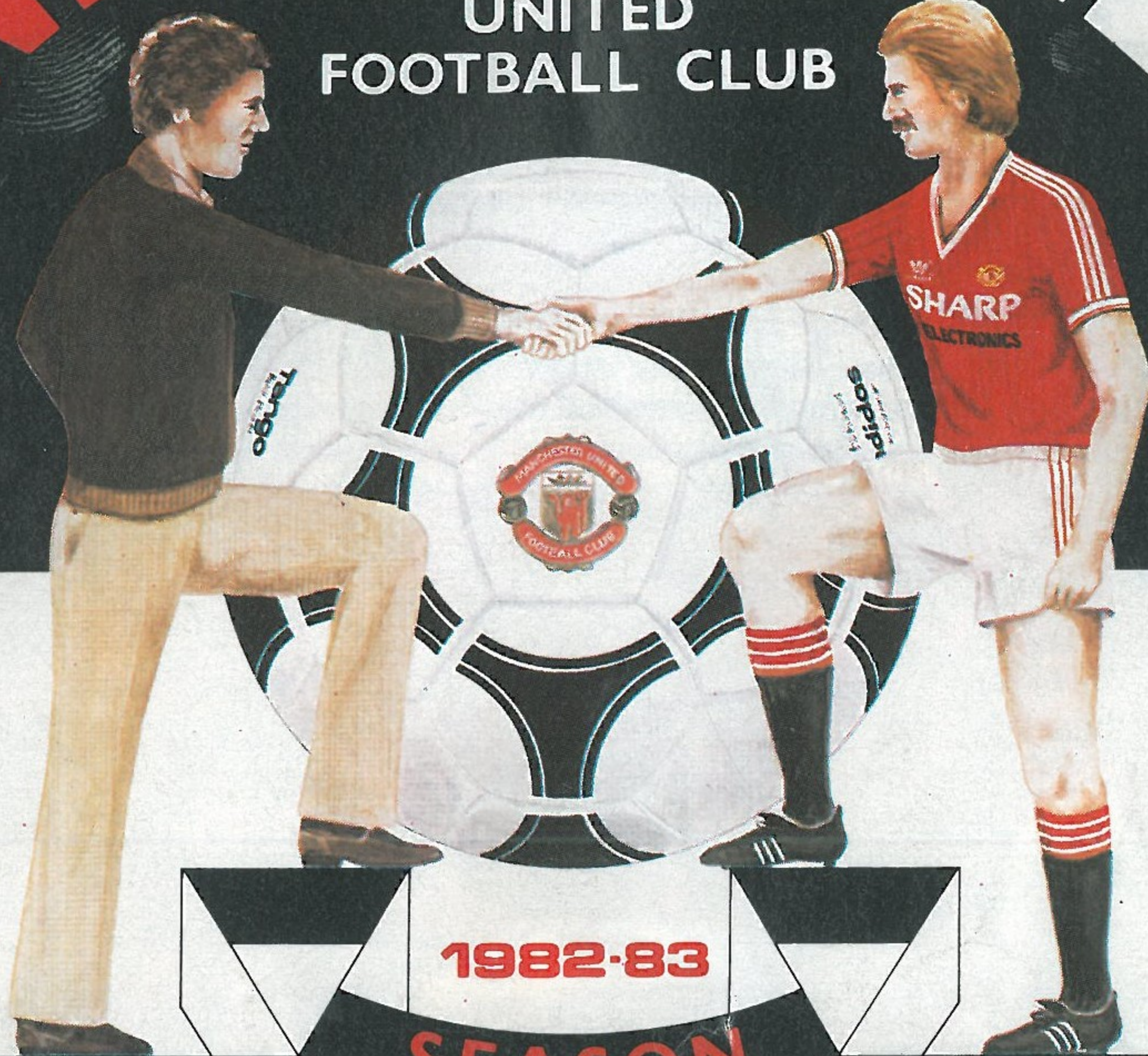


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UNITED v ARSENAL. Saturday 16th April. Despite having this early Remi Moses effort disallowed, United were not to be denied and a well-deserved 2-1 victory takes us back to Wembley. See pages 4-5 for more action.

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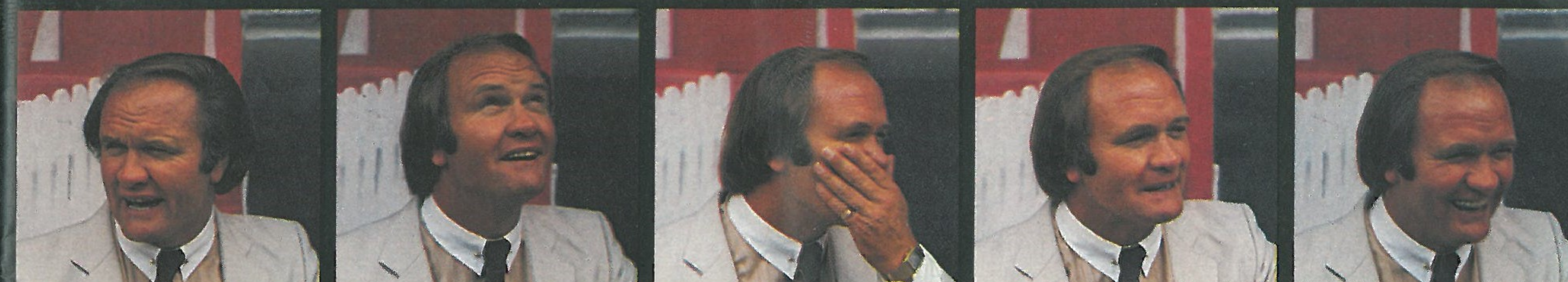


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United's semi-final 'hit-men' celebrate Bryan Robson's equaliser at Villa Park. Norman Whiteside was to reverse the roles later when he scored a magnificent match-winner. See pages 4 & 5 for more pictures.



It hardly feels like the end of the season with two more League games to play this week and then of course our big day at Wembley in a fortnight's time.

But it is our final home match, unless of course we are able to arrange Martin Buchan's testimonial against Aberdeen, and I must take this opportunity to thank you all for your excellent support.

Once again you have made Manchester United the best supported club in the country and many of you have been away with us on our travels.

Two points I would like to make: With only very rare exceptions your vocal support has always been positive and encouraging which is something much appreciated by the players. The other point is that again with only occasional exceptions the behaviour of Manchester United fans has been good.

Certainly it is much improved compared with years ago when those of us at other clubs used to dread the excesses of that wild band who latched on to the club.

Happily we seem to have lost that element which is a big relief. It looks as if we will be playing in Europe again next season and the challenge of the continent is severe enough in itself without worrying about the people who are supposed to be helping you!

So again this is something much ap-

MY VIEW

Ron Atkinson

preciated by everyone at Old Trafford from board level to dressing rooms.

I would like to think that from the club angle we have played our part in giving you something to cheer. We are aiming to finish runners-up in the League Championship and

at worst we could come third. It's a long way behind Liverpool, I know, but we are working on that, and two trips to Wembley must be some consolation!

We have every intention of beating Brighton in the FA Cup Final after the disappointment against Liverpool in the Milk Cup. I promised we would go back and after achieving that we don't intend to waste the chance of finally bringing a trophy to Old Trafford.

The immediate aim as we welcome Luton here for a re-arranged League fixture is to try to end on a winning note. In fact I hope we will be bidding to complete an unbeaten League record at Old Trafford for the season.

Provided we didn't go down against Swansea on Saturday we will be bidding to achieve a home run that has not been managed for some years. Our major excitement this season has come in the Cups, but a consistent home record in the League would really be an excellent foundation for next winter's challenge.

But before we look ahead to that and the Cup Final, a most sincere thank you for your support this season. It's been great.

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European Champions Cup:

Winners: 1968
Semi-Finals: 1957 1958 1966 1969

World Club Championship

Finalists: 1968

Football League Division One

Champions: 1908 1911 1952 1956
1957 1965 1967
Runners-up: 1947 1948 1949 1951
1959 1964 1968 1980

Football League Division Two

Champions: 1936 1975
Runners-up: 1897 1906 1925 1938

FA Challenge Cup

Winners: 1909 1948 1963 1977
Finalists: 1957 1958 1976 1979
Semi-Finals: 1926 1949 1962 1964
1965 1966 1970

Football League (Milk) Cup

Finalists: 1983
Semi-Finals: 1970 1971 1975

Inter Cities Fairs Cup

Semi-Finals: 1965

FA Charity Shield

Winners: 1908 1911 1952 1956
1957

Joint Holders: 1965 1967 1977
Finalists: 1948 1963

FA Youth Cup

Winners: 1953 1954 1955 1956
1957 1964
Finalists: 1982

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Will history repeat itself? Last season Spurs lost in the final of the then Football League Cup to you-know-who, but went back to Wembley a few months later to win the FA Cup.

Semi-finals have a reputation for being tense affairs, but fortunately no-one told the players, the result was a match which showed the very best of all that is good about the English game.

Not even the disappointment of Remi Moses' early goal being disallowed and first blood being drawn by Arsenal was enough to shake the conviction that it was to be our day and it was only a matter of time before United struck back. Skipper Bryan Robson led from

the front as he beat Brian Talbot to a ball played forward by Arthur Albiston, he turned quickly and gave keeper George Wood no chance as he struck the ball home.

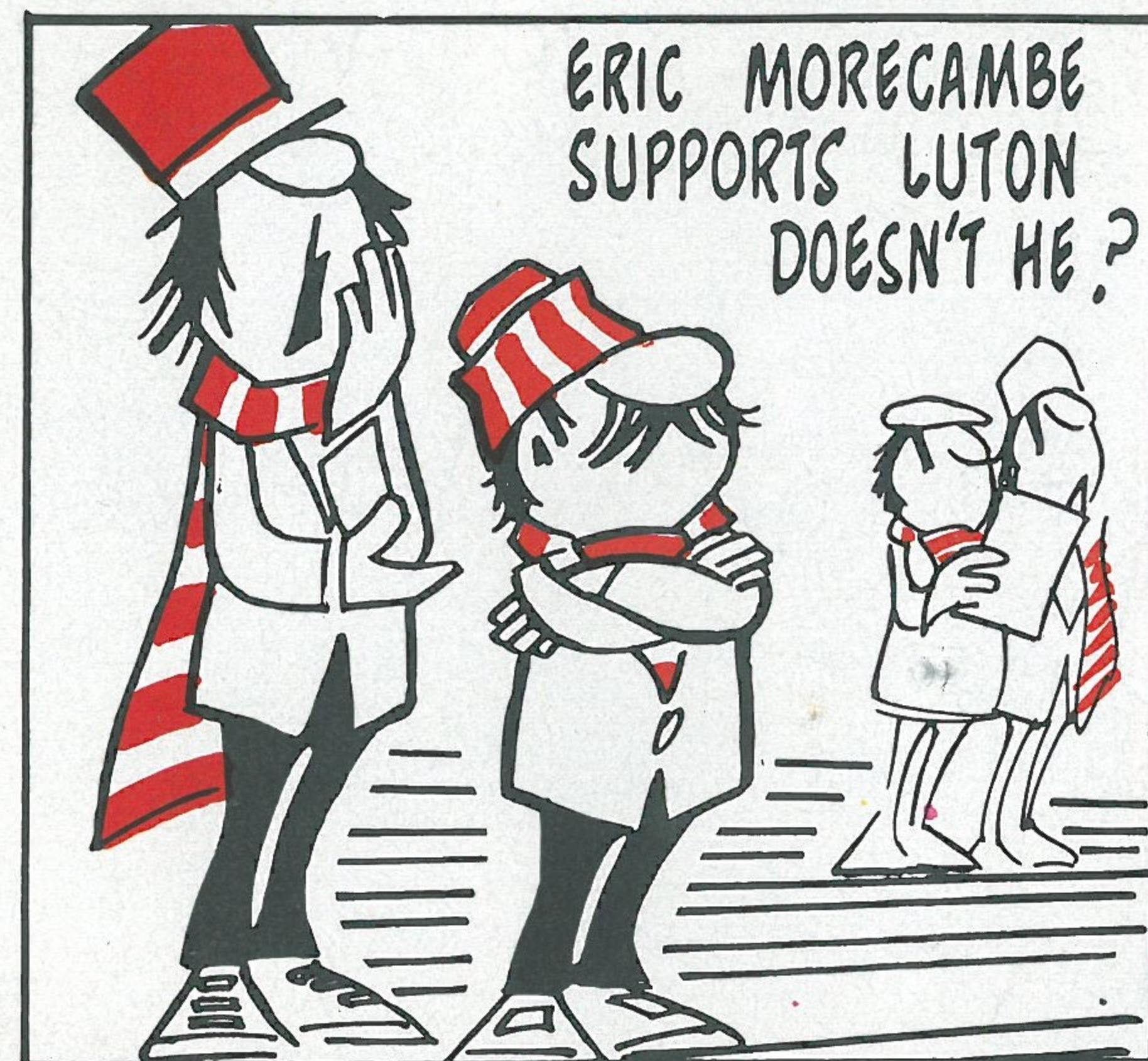
United were now in full flight and Norman Whiteside, the youngest player on the field, had the distinction of scoring a winning goal worthy of the great occasion. He hit a screaming left foot shot that the Arsenal keeper didn't see, let alone get to!

The determination in the United camp was epitomised by the picture of Kevin Moran as he was stretchered off the field late in the game as United moved closer to their sixth Wembley appearance in seven years.



THICK AND THIN

by David Rowe



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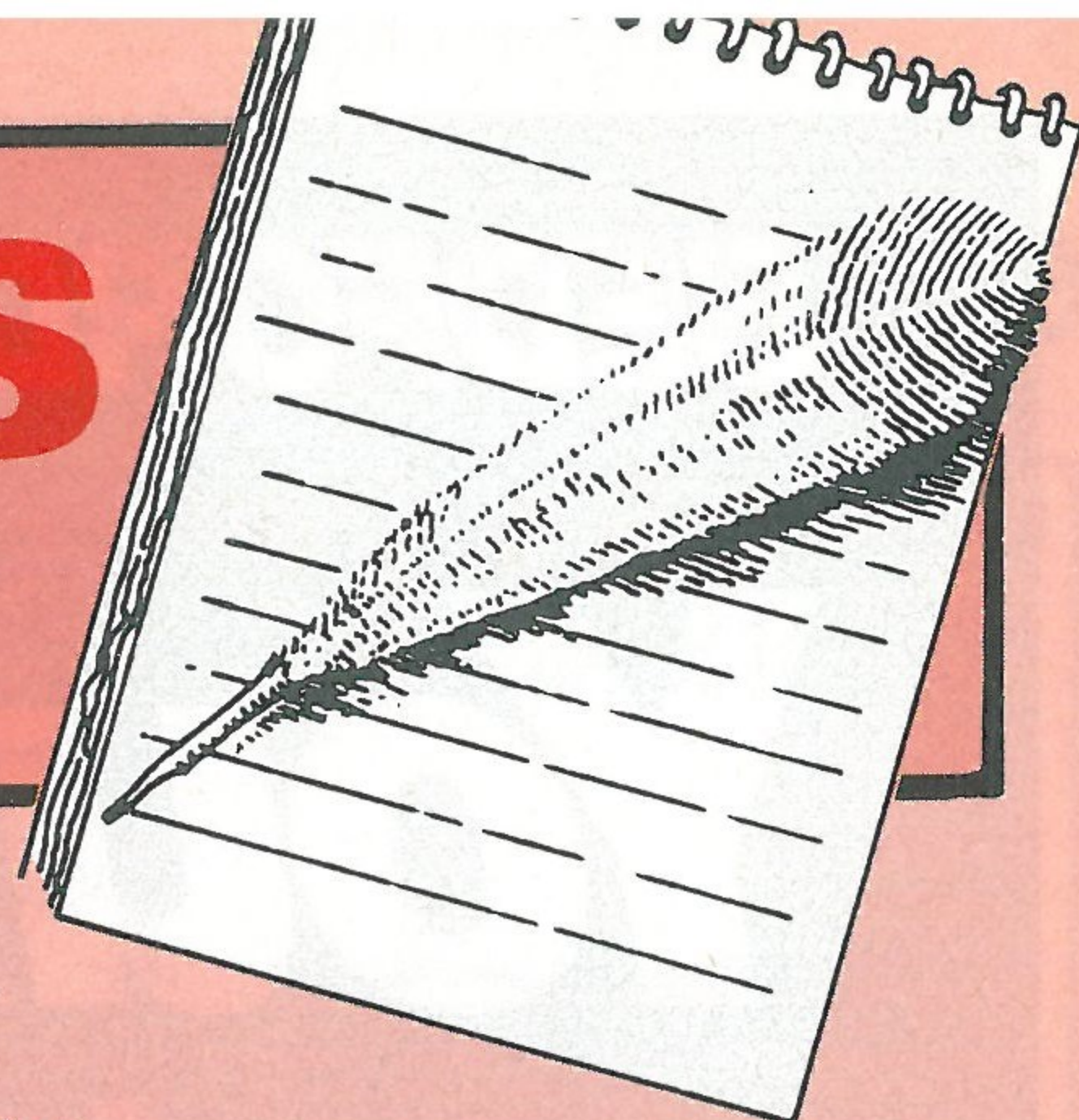
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DAVID MEEK'S NOTEBOOK



Manager Ron Atkinson is not a manager prone to bitterness but it is going to take time to repair the damage sustained a week ago in the match at Arsenal.

The United manager feels very badly over the circumstances surrounding the dismissal of Remi Moses. He was so upset that he also landed himself in trouble with the authorities but he makes it clear about his own position when he says: 'I would not tolerate any player of mine attempting to exaggerate an injury. I would take disciplinary action against him if he over-acted in an attempt to get an opponent sent off.'

'The game is about good honest competition and ability. Anything else I don't want to know about.'

Moses will miss the FA Cup final with the automatic suspension that follows his sending off.

'It's the ultimate punishment and no amount of club fining could possibly help,' says the manager.

Ron Atkinson has also got to answer to the Football Association for the uncharacteristic outburst from himself.

But the FA have surely got to take into account the United manager's exemplary record. Throughout his career he has gone out of his way to avoid criticising referees and generally has set the highest standards in his managerial career at both United and his previous clubs.

Even if Remi Moses is missing at Wembley I'm sure that Ron Atkinson will be leading the rest of the team out.

The pity of it is that Moses was one of the few players really sure of his place in the Cup Final team before the Arsenal match. Others are still competing.

NOT SO SURE

A number of players must be unsure of a Wembley place. Injuries to Steve Coppell, Arnold Muhren, Kevin Moran and Lou Macari have given others the chance to show their abilities and Atkinson insists the door for the Cup Final team is still open.

Laurie Cunningham has emerged as a contender in his efforts to prove his fitness. Paul McGrath and Ashley Grimes have also done well and are putting pressure on more established men.

In fact it is the development of this strength in depth which is probably the most important aspect of what has been a season of excellent progress.

A top-line position in the League and two Cup final appearances is a remarkable achievement . . . and will remain so even if the team don't pull it off against Brighton at Wembley.

WELL CAUGHT

Remember the FA Cup semi-final at Villa Park . . . the ball Gordon McQueen booted into the crowd and the shirt given to a fan by Bryan Robson?

Both have come to light. The ball was caught by George Bellwood and it appeared at Old Trafford the other day for autographing because the lucky catcher has a friend at court. His cousin is Jimmy Curran, United's assistant youth team coach and regular Piccadilly Attacker.

I understand the young fellow who got the Robson shirt had to stay in the railway station toilet for five hours in order to protect his prized possession from marauding fans.

GUIDE DOGS

Supporters of catering manager Jim Barker's charity sportsman's nights at Old Trafford excelled themselves at the last function.

They raised a thousand pounds in a raffle in aid of guide dogs for the blind and handed over a total cheque of £2,000 to Bill Burgess, the chairman of Warrington Guide Dogs Association.

It was an effort that delighted Derek Bell who leads a team of Greenall Whitley Brewery men raising money for this cause.

'I started 10 or 12 years ago when we gave one of a litter of Labrador pups to become a guide dog. It used to cost £250 for the dog and the training in those days. Now it costs over £1,000. Overall I suppose we have paid for about a hundred dogs,' explains Derek, who is sales director of Greenalls.

A GOOD FRIEND

Manchester United lost a good friend with the death recently of Tom Henry, the retired Editor of the *Manchester Evening News*.

Although editors endeavour to be neutral, Tom always had a particular rapport with Sir Matt Busby and Old Trafford.

Only once did I see his Red affection show through in his editing and that was the day United lost 6-1 at Newcastle. The main headline on the front page of *The Pink* that Saturday night originally said the Reds had been thrashed.

It was, for once, too much for Tom who changed it to read: 'Reds in seven-goal thriller.'

Tom will be remembered in all sporting circles, professional and amateur, with affection. He was a friend to all codes.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



I am pleased to take this opportunity to congratulate on your behalf Ron Atkinson and his playing staff for their tremendous efforts this season. Although this may seem a little premature, I think that for a depleted team to have lost by the odd goal in the Milk Cup Final to Champions Liverpool, to have reached the Final in the FA Cup and strongly contesting runners-up spot in the First Division, shows a remarkable level of skill and consistency.

I do not think anyone would disagree with me when I say that we have been privileged here, at Old Trafford, to enjoy not only a most successful season but also a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining one.

The admission price structure for next season has now been formulated and is shown in some detail below. You will see that prices have been uplifted and we are sorry that we have not been able to retain the present level. However, costs do increase each year and although we expect to show a healthy profit (for the first time since 1979-80) it has to be said that these profits are due mainly to our 'off field' activities and successful Cup runs which cannot be guaranteed. In order to ensure a stable financial future for our club, it has been necessary to make the increases shown. We know that even at the new level they still compare favourably with the charges at most of the other clubs.

I have said many times that we need two or three seasons as successful as the present one before we can clear our debts of massive spending undertaken over the last two years which, in the light of the team's success, we feel was justified. It is also our wish to remain competitive in the transfer market, and whilst we are absolutely delighted with the sterling performance of our players, we must remain in a position whereby a shortage of money will not prevent us from competing for the cream of British football as and when players become available. I think it is worth remembering that whilst great emphasis has been made on the qualities of our international players, we are justly proud of the fact that over half the team likely to be on view today are home grown or cost only small fees and have been developed by our training and coaching staff. We salute their efforts.

Although no major structural alterations are due to be made this close season, we are still far from satisfied with the state of the pitch. Accordingly, a good deal of work will again be undertaken during the summer months in an effort to alleviate the problems. This is likely to delay our plans to install soil heating, as without doubt, the playing area must be in first class condition before such an undertaking can go ahead.

One other point which may be of interest. We have negotiated a ground catering contract with Letheby and Christopher Limited, who are leaders in the field of Stadium catering, and a considerable amount of money is to be spent during the summer refurbishing the snack bars. We trust that the new lines available in all parts of the stadium will prove popular with supporters.

In closing, I wish the team on your behalf, great success in the remaining matches this season and look forward to seeing you back here, suitably refreshed after an enjoyable summer break next August.

C. M. Edwards

Chairman

SEASON TICKET AND LEAGUE MATCH TICKET BOOK RENEWAL DETAILS

EXISTING ticket holders can renew their tickets for next season by completing the application form and gummed label in their current book and forwarding same, BY POST ONLY, to the Ticket Office. The last day for the renewal of SEASON TICKETS is the 15th June. The final date for the renewal of LEAGUE MATCH BOOKS is the 30th June. In the interests of security, ONLY cheques or postal orders should accompany applications. WE VERY MUCH REGRET THAT NO ADDITIONAL SEASON TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE.

	S.T.	L.M.T.B.
Stands 'B' & 'C'	£76	—
Stands 'G' & 'H' wing	£69	£63
Stands 'G' & 'H' mid centre	£76	£70
Stands 'G' & 'H' centre	£82	£76
Stands 'F', 'J' & 'K'	—	£56
Children in 'Family Section'	—	£28

Supporters in possession of Car Parking Permits may renew same by forwarding current permit, together with remittance of £24 and a suitably sized sae. No renewals can be guaranteed after the 30th June, and we regret that no further permits are available.

LEAGUE MATCH TICKET BOOKS (STANDING)

Books will again be available in the following sections only

	Adult	Junior
Stretford Groundside	£33	£16.50
Stretford Paddock	£37	£18.50
Old Trafford Paddock	£37	£18.50

Priority will be given to EXISTING holders who should forward the completed booking form and gummed label from their current books, together with cheque or postal order for the required amount, to the Ticket Office BY POST ONLY, not later than the 15th June. Additional standing books are available in the sections shown and again, application should be made BY POST ONLY and include remittance, sae and letter stating section required. New applications will be dealt with on a 'first come, first served' basis.

ADMISSION PRICES — SEASON 1983-84

Reserved seats will again be available one calendar month in advance for home League matches (unless otherwise stated), by POST ONLY.

Tickets are priced £4.10 in Stands 'B', 'C' & 'D', and £3.20 in Stand 'A' (children half-price).

Admission to seats in Stand 'E' £2.60 (jnrs & oap's £1.30) and Stand 'K' £3.40 will be by payment at the turnstiles on entering the stadium, together with groundside £2, (jnrs £1) and paddocks £2.20 (jnrs & oap's £1.10).

All prices shown are inclusive of VAT @ 15%.

PROFILE on LOU MACARI

The man known to his teammates as 'the Judge' (following his appearances on the bench this season) joined United ten years ago last January when new United manager, Tommy Docherty, paid a fee of £200,000 to Celtic. Lou made a total of 57 appearances for the Scottish club, including eight as substitute, and scored 26 goals. He made his debut for United in the 2-2 draw with West Ham and marked the occasion with a goal, since then Lou has made 324 League appearances for United and has scored 79 goals. Lou has 24 full international caps to his credit, the first being won against Wales at Hampden Park in May 1972 (when he came on for John O'Hare) and the last cap from the 1978 World Cup Finals when he was a member

of the team that faced Iran in Cordoba. A man with an impressive list of honours, he is the holder of three Scottish Championship medals, two Scottish Cup winners medals and three finalists medals. Since his move to Manchester, Lou has featured in our three FA Cup Finals (picking up a winning medal in 1977), the recent Milk Cup Final where he did a magnificent job at full-back when the defence had to be reshuffled due to injuries, and of course a Second Division Championship medal back in 1975. Lou's loyalty to United has recently been rewarded with a new contract and the club are still trying to find a date to play Celtic here at Old Trafford in a testimonial match.



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TONIGHT'S TEAMS

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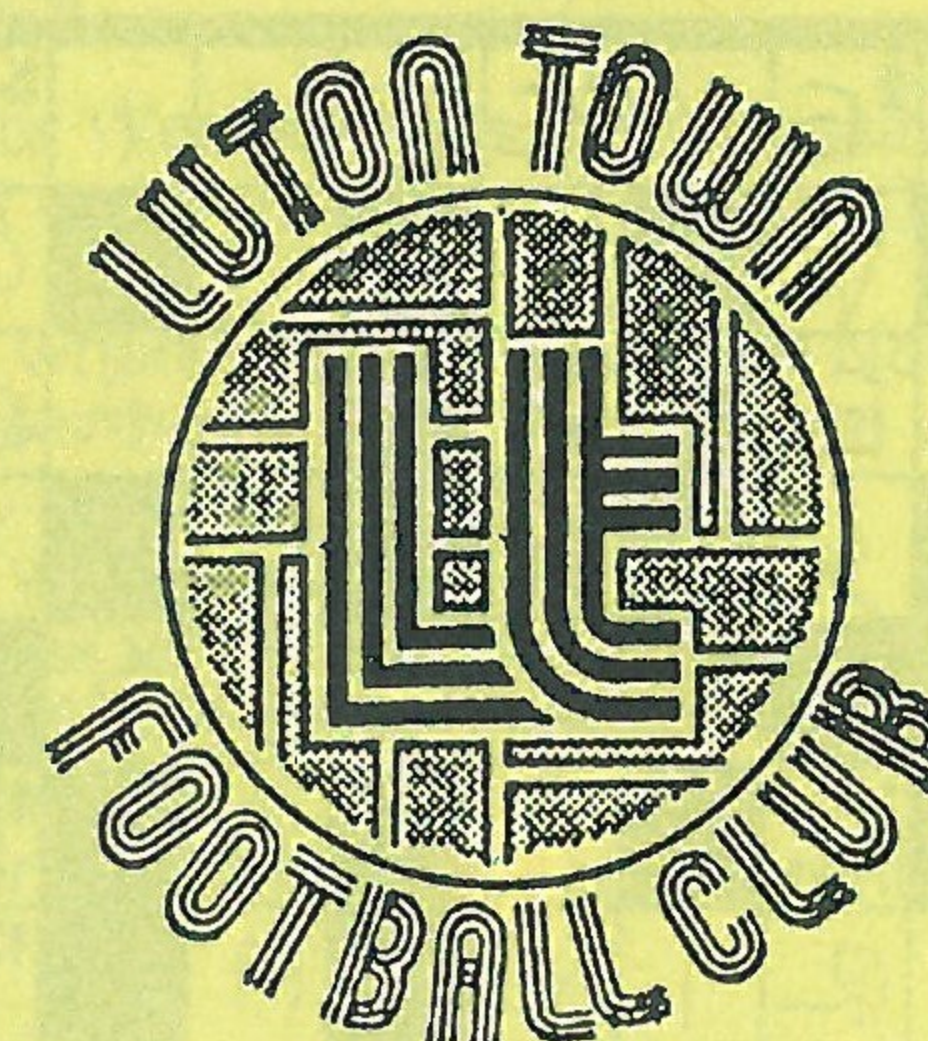
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LUTON TOWN

White/Orange Sleeve Shirts, Navy Blue Shorts



Couldn't be happier about United's close-season arrangements — Swaziland being a neighbour of South Africa, the country in which he spent most of his life prior to joining United.

Can now boast to being the only United player to have played in every one of this season's League and Cup games.

Was again missing from the side which took the field at Highbury last week for the fifth game of the season against Arsenal.

In the absence of Bryan Robson last week he was again called on to captain the side on a visit to his native city.

Made his 98th League appearance for United in the game at Arsenal, should have played on Saturday against Swansea City then tonight will be his century of League matches completed.

Though United slumped to one of the season's heaviest defeats at Arsenal it could have been the day Gordon ended his League goal drought for he went close to scoring on a couple of occasions.

Received a slight strain in the match with Norwich which left him sidelined for the game at Arsenal two days later.

Will be hoping to complete a 'set of goals' in the Cup Final against Brighton. His five 'strikes' to date include four in the League and one in the Milk Cup.

Missed his first game of the season last Monday when he was ruled unfit to play against his former club Arsenal.

Scored his eighth League goal of the season at Norwich last week — remarkably his first in the competition since 15th January against Birmingham City.

Made his second full League appearance at Arsenal, the club nearest to his birthplace, and showed some of the skills that prompted the World's No. 2 club, Real Madrid, to pay £1m for.

Gary Bailey 1 Tony Godden

Mike Duxbury 2 Kirk Stephens

GRIMES **Arthur Albiston 3 Richard Money**

Mc GRATH **Ray Wilkins 4 Brian Horton (Captain)**

Kevin Moran 5 Clive Goodyear

Gordon McQueen 6 Mal Donaghy

(Captain) Bryan Robson 7 Ricky Hill

Arnold Muhren 8 Trevor Aylott

Frank Stapleton 9 Paul Walsh

Norman Whiteside 10 Raddy Antic *PARKER*

DAVIES **Laurie Cunningham 11 David Moss** *DANIEL*

Mc GARVEY **12 Antic**

Tony is on loan from WBA. He was a reserve player with Gillingham and it was after moving on to West Bromwich that he made his League debut in 1976-77.

Kirk was signed from Nuneaton for £5,000 in 1978 and he was drafted into Luton's senior side four seasons ago. He celebrated his 150th League appearance this season and is expected to be their right-back today.

Richard was signed from Liverpool for £100,000 last season. He began his career as a midfielder player with Scunthorpe and played for Fulham until joining Liverpool for £350,000 in 1980.

Luton paid Brighton £100,000 for Brian in 1981. A goalscoring midfielder player, he first played League soccer with Port Vale and moved on to Brighton for £30,000 in 1976.

21 year old centre half, who joined Luton on the recommendation of a former playing colleague of the club's manager. Seized his opportunity in the first team when record signing Mike Saxby was injured.

Mal joined the Hatters from Larne for £20,000 in 1978 and was ever-present over the past three seasons. He played for Northern Ireland in the World Cup finals and now has 21 caps.

Ricky joined Luton as a schoolboy and made his bow in their League eleven in 1975-76. A regular for the past five years, Ricky has been capped by England twice this season.

Trevor is a pre-deadline £55,000 signing from Millwall. He previously played for Chelsea and Burnley and Millwall signed him for £150,000 last season.

Paul is an England Youth and Under-21 cap who was Charlton's top scorer with 13 goals last season. He was valued at £330,000 when Luton signed him last summer.

Raddy is a Yugoslav international, who joined Luton from Spanish club Zaragoza in 1980.

After making over 250 appearances for Swindon, David joined Luton for £90,000 in 1976. He scored 13 times in his first season, 24 in 1979-80 and 16 last term.

Team changes will be announced before the match

Referee: **Mr T. J. HOLBROOK** (Wolverhampton)

Linesmen: **Mr I. A. HENDRICK** (Preston) Red Flag

Mr S. SEFTON (Liverpool) Yellow Flag

TONIGHT'S REFEREE

Terry Holbrook commenced refereeing in 1966 in Walsall Junior and Youth Leagues, then via the Staffs. County League and the Central League to the Football League.

He works as a chartered secretary for a building society and his interests include tennis, golf and squash. He is also a member of the Round Table.

MATCH FACTS

THE LAST MEETING AT OLD TRAFFORD — Football League Division One — November 21st 1959. Manchester United 4 (Viollet 2, Quixall, Goodwin), Luton Town 1 (Kilgannon).

Manchester United: Gregg, Foulkes, Carolan, Goodwin, Cope, McGuinness, Bradley, Quixall, Viollet, Charlton, Scanlon.

Luton Town: Baynham, Dunne, Daniel, Grove, Kelly, Brown, Bingham, Kilgannon, Pacey, Cummins, Gregory. **Attendance:** 40,572.

UNITED'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST LUTON TOWN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	9	8	0	1	30	8	16
Away	10	5	4	1	14	8	14
Total	19	13	4	2	44	16	30

● Luton Town's only League victory (2-1) against United in Manchester was when the clubs first met (United were then Newton Heath) on 18th September 1897.

ACTION FROM THIS SEASON



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ACROSS:

1. An ever-present for Luton last season, his goals helped *them* to promotion . . . but not *him*, for he switched to Charlton (5, 5).
7. This fixture is a knock-out! (3).
8. Oxford United's Ground sounds a posh place (5).
9. Chelsea are one of the clubs with this nickname (5).
12. Midfielder _____ Harrison played his 200th League match for Plymouth in 1982 (5).

13. Forward _____ Morrissey appeared in the colours of seven clubs (3).
14. Forward who began with Wolves in the 1960s, had a ton of turn-outs for Leicester then, after arriving via Cardiff, had twice as many for Northampton (10).

DOWN:

1. The name often given to the free-kick or corner situation (3-5).
2. For Wolves last season he wore six different numbers — one less than the number of goals which made him top scorer! (4).
3. No-one leads after such a goal (9).
4. Striker whose principal clubs have been Hull and Portsmouth — from where he went to Cardiff in the close-season (9).
5. Hadley or Henry (4).
6. Club which parted company with its manager this season, apparently because of the team's 'boring' football (8).
10. Penalty _____ (4).
11. Penalty _____ (4).

Across: 1. Steve White; 7. tie; 8. Manors; 9. Blues; 12. Chris; 13. Pat; 14. Farnham.
Down: 1. set-piece; 2. Eves; 3. equaliser; 4. Hemmerman; 5. Tony; 6. Brighton; 10. area; 11. spot.

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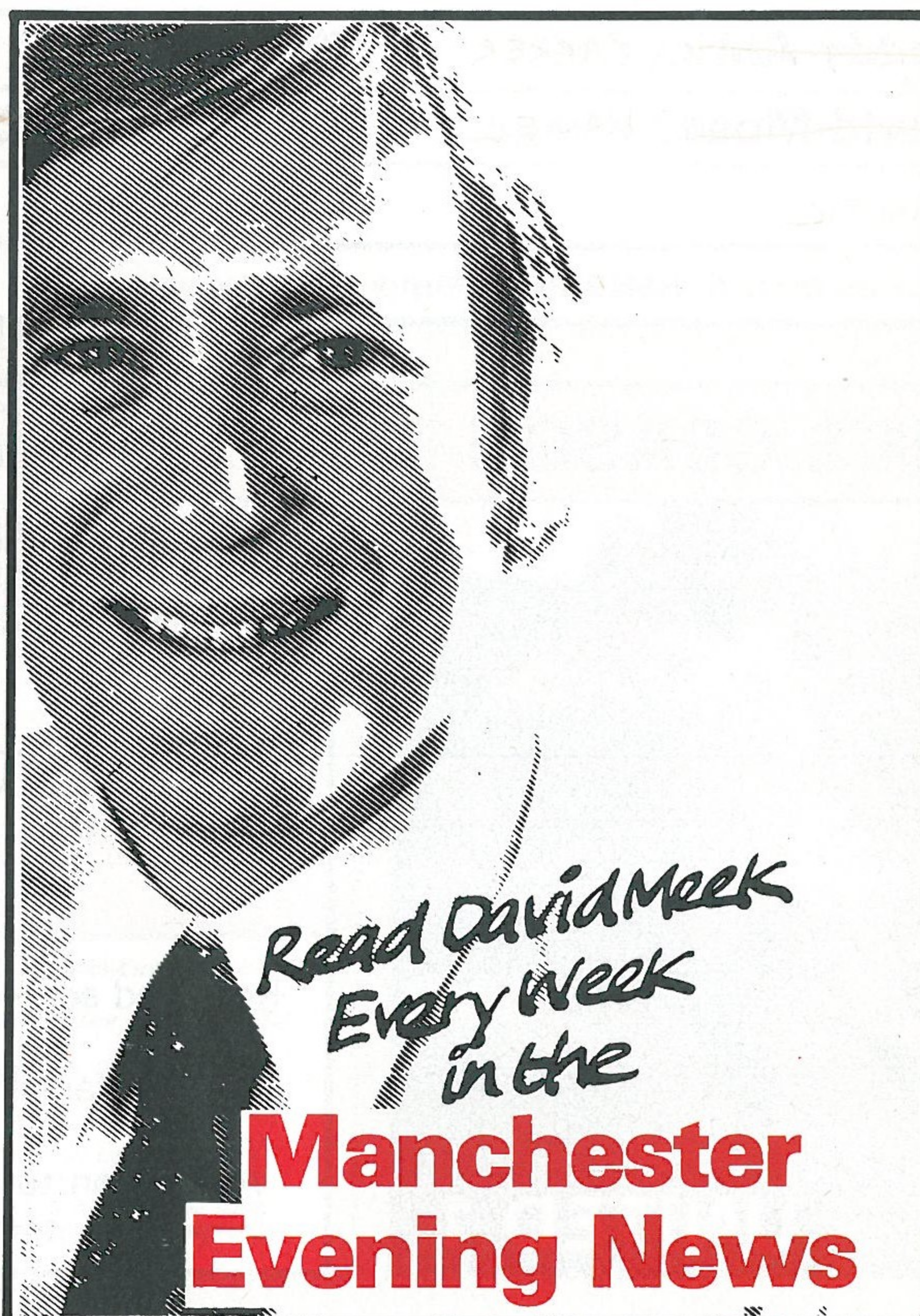
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TICKET NEWS

May we remind United supporters travelling to White Hart Lane for Wednesday's match against Spurs, that they can gain admission to the Park Lane terraces by payment at the turnstiles. Seats can be obtained from the Ticket Office in Park Lane.

Our final League match of the season takes place next Saturday when United are away to Notts County. There are no tickets available, but visiting supporters should make their way to the Kop end where the price of admission is £2.

Up-to-date news about the availability of FA Cup Final tickets will be announced tonight.

The waiting list for League Match Ticket Books in the seating areas remains open. Supporters wishing to have their names added to the list are advised to write to the Ticket Office, stating the number of books required, a stamped addressed envelope would be appreciated.

SEASON TICKET & LEAGUE MATCH BOOK renewal details can be found on page 9 in tonight's programme.

LANCASHIRE FA YOUTH CUP

United meet Manchester City here at Old Trafford next Friday evening at 7.30 p.m. in the Final of the above competition. Turnstiles will be open in Stands 'B' & 'C' and the cost of admission is £1.00 for adults, 50p for children. A TOKEN WILL NOT BE ISSUED.

SITUATION VACANT

Manchester United are seeking a competent and experienced Shorthand Typist to work at Old Trafford.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We send our very best wishes to . . .

JOANNA HOLT from Gorefield (Camb) will be 11 years old on Wednesday.

ALAN RICHARDSON of St Helens celebrates his Birthday next Friday.

NICOLA HEYWOOD of Cheadle, Cheshire celebrated her 21st Birthday last Monday.

Finally, a belated Birthday Greeting to STEPHEN SHAW who lives in Bamford, nr Rochdale. Stephen was 10 back in February. He stoutly refused the offer of a party, insisting instead that he should bring a group of pals to the Luton game on the 12th of February. Unfortunately, that had to be the one game this season that was postponed — sorry Stephen!

Two acknowledgements of a different kind. The first from Philip Gaskell who comes from Rainford on Merseyside. Philip has been unemployed for the last three years. Thanks to his family and friends who have bought tickets and ferried him about, he hasn't missed a home match for three years and wants everyone to know how grateful he is for their kindness.

Derek Hall lives in Hartlepool and he wrote at the beginning of April to tell us that in spite of the distances involved, he had already seen United in action 40 times this season. He has asked us to pass on his thanks to a very understanding wife who, incidentally, presented him with a son, Adrian Duncan Edward, on the 30th March.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The club's exploits in the Cup this season has meant many of our supporters queuing overnight and early morning in order to obtain match tickets and Season Ticket holder, Bill Slack ('C' Stand) has asked us, on behalf of all supporters, to thank the police for the manner and good humour with which they have supervised the arrangements. Their efforts are very much appreciated by us all.

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RECOLLECTIONS

ROY CAVANAGH

It is over twenty years since Luton Town last opposed Manchester United in the First Division here at Old Trafford. The clubs' meetings since the war came in a five year span from 1955-1960, with United coming out on top each time here, starting with a 3-1 victory on October 1st 1955. The cover of the *United Review* No. 5, featured Jeff Whitefoot and Mark Jones in a United portrait gallery. A successful club needs top class back-up from the reserves, and the theme of the *Review* for Luton's visit, concentrating on United's Central League side who were riding high at the top of the table, not surprising really when you realise that the team included the likes of Charlton, Whelan, Scanlon, McGuinness and Greaves. Manager Matt Busby's page spoke highly of the team, and

in particular goalkeeper Jack Crompton, who was having a steady influence on the youngsters. When Luton came North the following season, Jack Crompton was still in the news, only this time as the trainer for 'The Hatters'! In the *United Review* all the contributors welcomed Jack back to his old stamping ground, recalling his heroics in United's 1948 Cup winning team. United's side of 1956 was heavily involved in League and European Cup action, with action from the top of the table match at Tottenham on the cover of this *Review* No. 10, along with reports on the match in Dortmund which had seen United qualifying for the quarter-finals of the European Cup at their first attempt. Luton felt the full force of that great side going down 3-1 for the second season in succession. Two years later all was changed again as far as Jack Crompton was concerned, with his role as trainer switched to Manchester United. Matt Busby's column inside the cover of *United Review* No. 11 spoke warmly of United's gratitude to Luton, who had offered any help they could after the Munich tragedy, which included immediately releasing Crompton to return to Old Trafford and help in the rebuilding process. In a series of guest sports personalities, the late

Gerry Loftus, then Granada TV Sports commentator recalled the first coverage by Granada of a United match. It was the European Cup semi-final between United and Real Madrid on April 25th 1957, when the whole match was televised live. Granada, of course, was then just one year old, who would have thought that twenty five years or so later we would have four channels and Breakfast television! Luton's last visit for a League match, was on November 21st 1959 with the *United Review* No. 10 showing that things don't always change, as David Meek's 'United Jottings' looked at United's reserve side, that's where we came in! who again were at the top of the Central League, with the likes of Giles, Pearson and Brennan leading the way. The cover of the *Review* showed Warren Bradley in action. Warren, you may be interested to know, is now headmaster of one of Bolton's largest schools, Deane Comprehensive. Among the Luton players welcomed in the pen pictures, was a particular goalkeeping favourite of mine, Ron Baynham and Northern Ireland's present manager Billy Bingham, then Luton's costliest ever signing. Neither could prevent Luton from going down to a 4-1 defeat which left them stranded at the bottom of Division One.

PROGRAMME FAIRS

Three Programme Fairs, which will no doubt interest collectors, are due to take place in the next few weeks.

THE 6TH ANNUAL BURNLEY PROGRAMME FAIR takes place at the 'Centre Spot' Social Club, Turf Moor, on the 22nd May (11 a.m.-3 p.m.). For further details telephone Burnley 54354.

A Programme Fair will be held at Seel Park, home of Mossley Football Club, on Sunday 29th May, from 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. More information can be obtained by telephoning Mossley 2369.

THE 9TH INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME FAIR takes place at the Connaught Rooms, Gt Queen Street, London WC2 on Saturday the 4th June, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This Fair includes an exhibition of rare programmes and there will also be a programme auction at 3.30 p.m.

FANFARE

CLUB MAGAZINE No. 1

The very first issue of the *Manchester United Official Club Magazine* is now available.

Supporters Club members receive a 'free' copy of this publication in lieu of the normal Newsletter and copies can be collected from the Supporters Club Office on production of the official membership card.

Branch copies can also be collected by the respective branch secretaries and postal distribution should be completed by the end of the week.

Additional 'free' copies of the magazine are also available to supporters enrolling in the newly-formed Manchester United FAN CLUB and official forms can be obtained from the Supporters Club Office.

Club members are reminded that they can join the Fan Club at a discount price and, having already been allocated Magazine No. 1 in lieu of their Newsletter, they will receive ISSUE No. 2 'free' of additional charge by taking advantage of the 'special offer' exclusively negotiated on their behalf.

Full details of how to take advantage of this new facility can *only* be obtained from the Supporters Club Office and all interested supporters can obtain the relevant forms either by personal application (during office hours) or by post. All postal enquiries *must* include stamped addressed envelope.

As a member of the FAN CLUB, members will also receive an 'official' team poster, stickers of the first team squad, stickers of club badges and motifs and an exclusive 7in record of interviews with United players.

BRANCH SOCIALS

Walsall Branch have arranged their Annual Dance for this coming Saturday after the match at Notts

County. The function will be held at Norton Canes Social Club and details can be obtained from secretary, Dave Roberts.

Burton on Trent Branch will be holding their Annual Dinner Dance at the Stanhope Arms on Saturday 25th June and details are available from secretary, Des Gould.

BUCHAN/MACARI TESTIMONIALS

At the time of writing it has not been possible to obtain the relevant date for Martin Buchan's Testimonial Match versus Aberdeen, but it is expected the game will take place within a few days of the FA Cup Final — subject to no replays.

Lou Macari's Testimonial Match versus Glasgow Celtic is now almost certain to take place at the beginning of next season.

Supporters should note any relevant details published in the National Press and announced on the Football Club and Supporters Club 'Ansafones'.

Details will also be published in the new monthly *Manchester United Club Magazine* as soon as they are known.

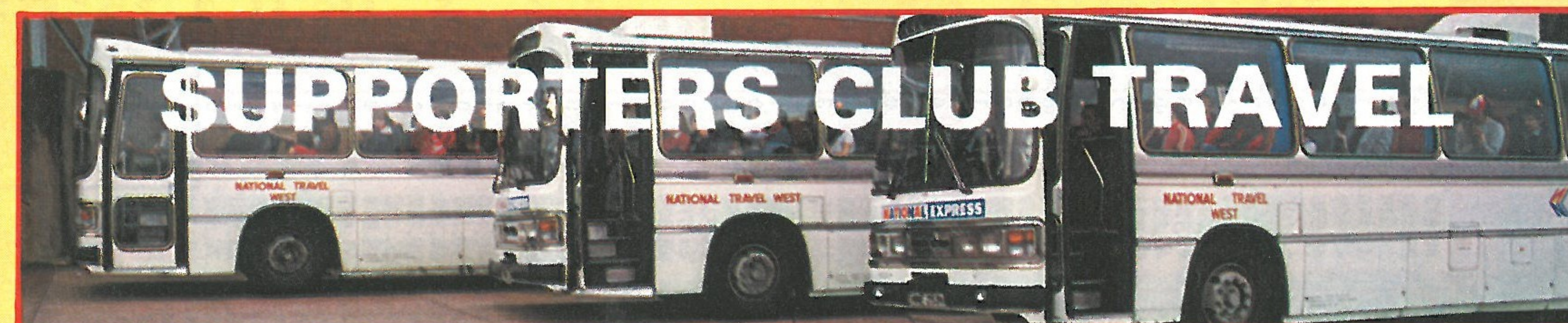
RETURN FROM WEMBLEY

A Civic Reception is planned for Sunday 22nd May, to mark the achievements of Manchester United this season. Precise details, together with the proposed route, will be announced in the *Manchester Evening News* a few days before the FA Cup Final.

RETURN TO WEMBLEY

In the event of a draw in this year's FA Cup Final, the replay will take place at Wembley Stadium the following Thursday (26th May) kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Provisional ticket arrangements will be announced on the Club Ansafone (061-872 0199) and printed in the *Manchester Evening News* on Thursday 19th May.



Wednesday 11th May
TOTTENHAM
Coach: £8.50
Depart: 2.30 p.m.

BOOKINGS
Tickets available
from the
Supporters Club Office

Saturday 14th May
NOTTS COUNTY
Coach: £4.50
Depart: 11.15 p.m.

BY COACH
£8.50 RETURN

FA CUP FINAL — UNITED v BRIGHTON

DEPARTURES
8.00 a.m. 8.30 a.m. 9.00 a.m.

BOOKINGS
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REDS ON RECORD 1982-83

Home fixtures in bold type
* Attendance to be confirmed
+ Denotes 1 own goal
Goalscorers in bold type
● Denotes 1 penalty scored
Substituted player in brackets



1982	Opponents	ATT'D	F	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Aug. 28	Birmingham City	H	48,673	3	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Wilkins	Moran ¹	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton ¹	Whiteside	Coppell ¹	Macari	
Sept. 1	Nottingham Forest	A	23,956	3	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Wilkins ¹	Moran	McQueen	Robson ¹	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside ¹	Coppell	Macari	
4	West Bromwich Albion	A	24,928	1	3	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Wilkins	Moran	McQueen	Robson ¹	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside ¹	Coppell	Macari	
8	Everton	H	43,186	2	1	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Wilkins	Moran	McQueen	Robson ¹	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside ¹	Coppell	Macari	
11	Ipswich Town	H	43,140	3	1	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Wilkins	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside ²	Coppell ¹	Macari	
15	Valencia (UEFA Cup)	H	46,588	0	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Wilkins	Buchan	McQueen	Robson	Grimes	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
18	Southampton	A	21,700	1	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Wilkins	Buchan	McQueen	Robson	Grimes	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
25	Arsenal	H	43,198	0	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Wilkins	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Grimes	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
29	Valencia (UEFA Cup)	A	35,000*	1	2	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Wilkins	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Grimes	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
Oct. 2	Luton Town	A	17,009	1	1	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Wilkins	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Grimes	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
6	Bournemouth Milk Cup 2 (1st leg)	H	22,091	2	+	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Wilkins	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Grimes	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari
9	Stoke City	H	43,132	1	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Wilkins	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Grimes	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
16	Liverpool	A	40,853	0	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Wilkins	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Grimes	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
23	Manchester City	H	57,334	2	2	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Wilkins	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Grimes	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
26	Bournemouth Milk Cup 2 (2nd Leg)	A	13,226	2	2	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Wilkins	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton ²	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
30	West Ham United	A	32,478	1	3	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Grimes	Moran ¹	Buchan	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
Nov. 6	Brighton and Hove Albion	A	18,379	0	1	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
10	Bradford City Milk Cup 3	A	15,568	0	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	McGrath	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
13	Tottenham Hotspur	H	47,869	1	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	McGrath	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
20	Aston Villa	A	35,487	1	2	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
24	Bradford City Milk Cup 3 (replay)	H	24,981	4	1	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston ¹	Moses ¹	Moran ¹	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton ¹	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
27	Norwich City	H	34,579	3	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
Dec. 1	Southampton Milk Cup 4	H	28,378	2	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen ¹	Robson ²	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside ¹	Coppell	Macari	
4	Watford	A	25,669	1	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Buchan	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside ¹	Coppell	Macari	
11	Notts County	H	33,618	4	0	Bailey	Duxbury ¹	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson ¹	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside ¹	Coppell	Macari	
18	Swansea City	A	15,748	0	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside ¹	Coppell	Macari	
27	Sunderland	H	48,283	0	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
28	Coventry City	A	18,945	0	3	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
1983																		
Jan. 1	Aston Villa	H	41,545	3	1	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton ²	Whiteside	Coppell ¹	Macari	
3	West Bromwich Albion	H	39,123	0	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
8	West Ham United FA Cup 3	H	44,143	2	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
15	Birmingham City	A	19,333	2	1	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson ¹	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
19	Nottingham Forest Milk Cup 5	H	44,413	4	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen ²	Robson ¹	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
22	Nottingham Forest	H	38,615	2	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
29	Luton Town FA Cup 4	A	20,516	2	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
Feb. 5	Ipswich Town	A	23,804	1	1	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
15	Arsenal Milk Cup SF (1st leg)	A	43,136	4	2	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside ¹	Coppell	Macari	
19	Derby County FA Cup 5	A	33,022	1	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside ¹	Coppell ²	Macari	
23	Arsenal Milk Cup SF (2nd leg)	H	56,635	2	1	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside ¹	Coppell	Macari	
26	Liverpool	H	57,397	1	1	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
March 2	Stoke City	A	21,266	0	1	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
5	Manchester City	A	45,400	2	1	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	McGrath	McQueen	Wilkins	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
12	Everton FA Cup 6	H	58,198	1	0	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	McGrath	McQueen	Wilkins	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
19	Brighton and Hove Albion	H	36,264	1	1	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Wilkins	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
22	West Ham United	H	30,227	2	1	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	McGrath	McQueen	Wilkins	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
26	Liverpool (Milk Cup Final)	W	100,000	1	2	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	McGrath	McQueen	Wilkins	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
April 2	Coventry City	H	36,814	3	+	0	Wealds	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	McGrath	McQueen	Wilkins	Stapleton	Whiteside ¹	Coppell	Macari	
4	Sunderland	A	31,486	0	0	Wealds	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	McGrath	McQueen	Wilkins	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
9	Southampton	H	37,120	1	1	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	McGrath	McQueen	Robson ¹	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
16	Arsenal FA Cup semi-final	A	46,535*	2	1	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson ¹	Muhren	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
19	Everton	A	21,715	0	2	Wealds	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	McGrath	McQueen	Robson	Wilkins	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
23	Watford	H	43,048	2	0	Wealds	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	McGrath	McQueen	Robson	Wilkins	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
30	Norwich City	A	22,986*	1	1	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	McGrath	McQueen	Robson	Wilkins	Stapleton	Whiteside	Coppell	Macari	
May 2	Arsenal	A	23,602*	0	3	Bailey	Duxbury	Albiston	Moses	Moran	McQueen	Robson	Wilkins	Stapleton	Whiteside ¹	Coppell	Macari	
7	Swansea City	H																
9	Luton Town	H																
11	Tottenham Hotspur	A																
14	Notts County	A																
21	Brighton & Hove Albion FA Cup Final W																	

RESERVE AND JUNIOR MATCH DETAILS 1982-83

CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

April 25th v Bury Reserves (A) 3-0
(Blackmore, McGarvey pen, 1 o.g.).
Pears, Hill, Gidman, Rowbotham, Hogg, Buchan, Blackmore,
Dempsey M., Hughes M., McGarvey, Worrall.
Substitute: Garton.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

April 27rd v Chester 'A' (H) 2-0 (Blackmore 2).
Pears, Scott, Robinson, Garton, Hill, Kelch, Blackmore,
Rowbotham, Wood, Mills, Pearson.
Substitutes: Platt (Mills), Pemberton.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE (Up to and including 2nd May 1983)

Pos	Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Liverpool	40	24	9	7	85	34	81
2	Watford	40	21	5	14	71	53	68
3	Nottingham Forest	40	19	8	15	54	48	65
4	Manchester United	38	17	13	8	49	32	64
5	Aston Villa	40	20	4	16	59	48	64
6	Everton	40	17	9	14	60	46	60
7	Tottenham Hotspur	38	17	9	12	57	46	60
8	Southampton	39	15	12	12	53	54	57
9	Stoke City	40	16	9	15	52	57	57
10	West Ham United	38	17	4	17	59	56	55
11	Arsenal	39	15	10	14	54	52	55
12	Ipswich Town	39	14	12	13	59	46	54
13	West Bromwich Albion	40	14	11	15	49	48	53
14	Norwich City	40	13	11	16	48	55	50
15	Notts County	40	14	7	19	52	67	49
16	Luton Town	39	11	13	15	63	76	46
17	Sunderland	40	11	13	16	46	60	46
18	Coventry City	40	12	9	19	43	55	45
19	Birmingham City	40	10	14	16	37	55	44
20	Manchester City	40	12	8	20	46	69	44
21	Swansea City	40	10	11	19	50	64	41
22	Brighton & Hove A.	40	9	13	18	37	65	40

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 1982-83

1982	F	A	Feb. 1	F	A
Aug. 28 Blackburn R.	2	0	4 Sheffield Wed.	0	0
			19 Blackpool	0	1
Sept. 4 Everton	1	1	24 Sheffield Utd	2	1
18 Blackburn R.	5	0	26 Aston Villa	3	1
21 Newcastle U.	2	3			
			Mar. 1 Coventry	2	1
Oct. 2 Stoke City	4	1	5 W.B.A.	0	1
12 Sheffield Utd	0	2	16 Huddersfield T.	2	1
30 W.B.A.	1	0	23 Wolves	5	0
			29 Sheffield Wed.	1	1
Nov. 6 Liverpool	6	1			
13 Stoke City	0	3	April 19 Bury	2	1
			25 Bury	3	0
Dec. 18 Leeds United	3	0	30 Aston Villa	1	2
1983			May 7 Everton		
Jan. 8 Blackpool	4	1	10 Coventry		
15 Liverpool	2	1	12 Newcastle		
25 Huddersfield T.	2	0	16 Leeds United		

Fixtures subject to amendment. All home games played at Old Trafford.
Saturday home games kick-off 2.00pm Midweek home games (Tuesdays) 7.30pm

CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE (Up to and including 2nd May 1983)

Pos	Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Everton	28	16	7	5	43	18	39
2	West Bromwich Albion	27	16	6	5	43	16	38
3	Aston Villa	26	17	3	6	62	28	37
4	Manchester United	26	16	4	6	53	23	36
5	Stoke City	27	13	6	8	48	47	32
6	Liverpool	26	13	5	8	50	32	31
7	Sheffield Wednesday	24	13	4	7	46	31	30
8	Blackburn Rovers	28	12	4	12	47	51	28
9	Newcastle United	24	9	7	8	33	29	25
10	Sheffield United	25	10	5	10	32	39	25
11	Leeds United	23	5	9	9	22	35	19
12	Bury	26	7	5	14	35	54	19
13	Coventry City	26	6	4	16	27	52	16
14	Blackpool	26	7	1	18	33	63	15
15	Huddersfield Town	27	5	4	18	28	48	14
16	Wolverhampton W.	27	3	6	18	18	55	12

GIANTS

FROM THE PAST

DENIS LAW



Picture by courtesy of the Daily Mail

A CUP-TIE LOSER — AFTER SCORING SEVEN GOALS!

There cannot be anybody with a more valid reason to recall a past encounter with Luton Town than an old-time Manchester United star who ranked among the game's all-time greats.

For it was against Luton 22 years ago that Denis Law had the incredible experience of scoring seven goals in an FA Cup-tie and finished on the losing side! For characters more doleful than the ebullient Scot that might be a hard luck story in which to wallow, but Denis — now a popular TV personality — makes light of it when he looks back on one of the strangest ties ever played. He was, of course, playing for Manchester City at the time, so there would be no United fans at Kenilworth Road to see it. After Luton had raced into a two goal lead Denis staggered former England goalkeeper Ron Baynham with a display of deadly finishing, scoring six times in succession to give City a 6-2 lead. But then, with 20 minutes left, the referee abandoned the game. When the sides clashed again on the following Wednesday Denis scored his seventh goal of the tie, but, to his dismay, City lost by 3-1.

Looking back with modesty on an extraordinary feat, Denis says: 'For the first game it was one of those days that a striker dreams about . . . half a dozen touches and every one resulting in a goal. Although the rain was torrential the pitch seemed to absorb the water and the ball kept moving. Yet for the second match the conditions were three times as bad. The ball was sticking and the game should never have been started.'

With a mischievous grin Denis admits: 'Not surprisingly, a little gamesmanship crept in. When we were leading by 6-2 the Luton players and their fans were clammering for the referee to stop it. But let's face it, we would have done the same if the position had been reversed. In fact there had been quite a bit of muttering by our players about the conditions when we were 2-0 down.'

'When we knew we were going to have to start all over again after losing our 6-2 advantage we all felt that our luck was out. Later, after finishing up a loser, I was terribly disappointed. Yet at the age of 20 — as I was then — one has the optimistic idea that one can do it all again some day, so I didn't go around with a long face and the feeling that it was the end of the world.'

Denis didn't repeat that particular performance, but he did achieve nearly every other distinction open to him. Not only did he mature into one of the most colourful characters in the world-wide game, but he established a whole string of records — three times as a top-money transfer man; the youngest player this century to be capped by Scotland; later as the most capped Scot and the most prolific scorer for that country; as a top scorer in the European Cup and as the cham-

pion goal-getter in FA Cup football. Denis, who also became Britain's first European player of the year, was a member of the select band of marksmen who have scored more than 300 goals. Yet it is the memory of the goals he didn't get that comes most easily to mind.

There was, for example, that disgraceful decision that robbed Denis and United of what could have been so precious a goal in the European Cup semi-final against A.C. Milan in 1969. After missing out through an ill-timed knee operation on United's triumph of the previous year, Denis had strained every sinew in the bid to help his club through to the final once more. But the French referee ruled out a goal that could have had a crucial bearing on the outcome when the ball had quite clearly crossed the line. 'It was a disgusting decision', says Denis, 'and to this day it still stands out as an ugly reminder of the things that went on before attempts were made to clean up Italian football.'

Another of those goals that Denis didn't get — one he would have been proud of — was in a game against Spurs. Although he scored some of the most spectacular goals that I ever saw, he says: 'This one would have been really special. With my back to goal I drove an overhead shot into the top corner of the net. But, to everyone's astonishment, the referee ruled it off-side. Yet pictures showed both Spurs full-backs near the posts in support of Pat Jennings.'

As his many admirers know, the goal that Denis never wanted to score, but did, was the one with the last kick of his career when, as a City player once more, he helped to put United into Division Two. But Denis made his peace over that unhappy incident with United's fans a long time ago.

As an explosive striker himself, it is not surprising that he was a great admirer of another of football's finest finishers, Jimmy Greaves. 'Defenders facing Greaves couldn't afford to blink an eye-lid', he says. Two other contemporaries who won his undying admiration were human dynamo Dave Mackay and the 'players' player; the late John White. Today the star who gets his vote is fellow countryman Kenny Dalglish — 'A man who has dominated English football while being a marvellous advert for Scottish football.'

Throughout a colourful career Denis feared he would miss the excitement of football when the time came to hang up his boots. But his work as a TV personality with Granada has kept him in touch. 'While there's nothing that can compensate for total involvement', he says, 'this comes pretty near.' He also confesses that he recently came pretty near to a Monty Python situation when he was 'on camera' and the producer realised that the microphone attached to his tie was faulty. 'Suddenly', says Denis, 'I felt a hand up my shirt and I didn't realise at first what was going on. It was a member of the studio crew replacing the mike while lying on the floor. I daren't look down or I might have split my sides with laughing.'

By RON CROWTHER

PART TWENTY-EIGHT

By Tony Pullein

QUIXALL, Albert. Albert was only 17 when he made his bow in Sheffield Wednesday's first team in 1951 and he was still only 19 when he played his first game for England against Wales at Cardiff in October 1953. A quicksilver little inside-forward, with a mop of golden hair, Albert became an instant star though, for some reason, he won only five full England caps. But he also played for England 'B' and Under-23s and for the Football League XI. He won two Second Division Championship medals with Wednesday and, when United signed him in 1958, the £45,000 fee set a new British record.

Albert was a member of our FA Cup winning team of 1963 and played a major role in restoring the club's fortunes after Munich. When his United days were over, Albert completed his League playing days in the lower Divisions with Oldham and Stockport.

League record:

		Apps	Gls
Sheff Wed	1950-51	2	1
	1951-52	27	3
	1952-53	27	1
	1953-54	30	1
	1954-55	35	5
	1955-56	39	17
	1956-57	41	22
	1957-58	38	11
	1958-59	4	2
	1958-59	33	4
Man Utd	1959-60	33	13
	1960-61	38	13
	1961-62	21	11
	1962-63	31	7
Oldham	1963-64	9	3
	1964-65	13	6
	1965-66	23	5
Stockport	1966-67	13	—
		457	125

RITCHIE, Andy. Andy made his first League appearance for United at Everton on Boxing Day 1977, when Stuart Pearson was injured, and for the latter part of the 1979-80 season he held a regular place in the team. One of the highlights of that period was a well-deserved hat-trick against Leeds at Old Trafford — a performance noted carefully by Leeds' Scottish international



winger Eddie Gray. Andy lost his place the following season but his potential was so highly regarded that we collected a club record fee of £500,000 when he was transferred to Brighton in October 1980. Last season he was Brighton's top scorer with 14 goals and, shortly before this season's deadline, he was transferred to Leeds United, now managed by the same Eddie Gray who was so



impressed by his hat-trick performance at Old Trafford. League record (until his move from Brighton):

		Apps	Gls
Man Utd	1977-78	4	—
	1978-79	16(1)	10
	1979-80	3(5)	3
	1980-81	3(1)	—
Brighton	1980-81	23(3)	5
	1981-82	38(1)	13
	1982-83	21(3)	5
		108(14)	36

ROBERTS, Charlie. Centre-halves were attacking players when Charlie was in his prime and he was one of the most skilful of his era. He began his career with Darlington but moved on to Grimsby before joining United in 1904 for a fee of £400. During his first season with the club he won three England caps and then he helped us to regain our First Division status. Charlie won League Championship medals in 1908 and 1911 and was in our FA Cup winning team of 1909. Off the field, he was instrumental in founding the Players' Union — now known as the Professional Footballers Association — and he became its first chairman. Charlie finished his playing days with Oldham and then had a spell as their manager.

ROCCA, Louis. Louis devoted more than 50 years of his life to the club. He joined us as a player at the turn of the century and in 1907 he was appointed chief scout, a position he held until his death in 1950. Over the years he discovered several hundred fine footballers who became stars with United.

Our A-Z series will be continued next season. Our first programme will include a feature on BRYAN ROBSON and we shall continue to chronicle the deeds of great players and managers, past and present, and all the outstanding moments in the club's history. We shall also be including entries on some of the personalities, missed during the original course of the series, but specially requested by United fans. When completed, you will — as promised — have one of the most comprehensive club records ever published.

LUTON TOWN

Though Luton have been fighting for First Division survival, they refused to adopt negative defensive tactics. 'We reached the First Division by trying to play entertaining football,' explained manager David Pleat. 'Our best chance of staying up is to play the way we know best.'

It's refreshing to find a manager of courage who puts the good of the game above any short-term club problems and football people throughout the country hope the Hatters can survive as a First Division club.

Injuries have taken a heavy toll on Luton. Leading scorer Brian Stein has spent many weeks on the sidelines and is only now being considered for a first team recall. And goalkeeper Jake Findlay is out for the season.

Stein's injury wrecked a fine partnership built up between him and Paul Walsh as an attacking duo. At the time Walsh had scored 12 goals but, after Stein's departure, Walsh didn't score again in the League in four months!

Walsh ended his barren spell in style, hitting a hat-trick against Swansea a couple of weeks ago.

Because of this dearth of goals, Mr Pleat felt compelled to go into the market for a new striker before this season's deadline. He completed the transfer of Trevor Aylott from Millwall for £55,000 and it wasn't long before the new man started to recoup that fee with some valuable goals.

Luton had won four away games in the First Division — at Birmingham (3-2), West Ham (3-2), Brighton (4-2) and Nottingham Forest (1-0). They drew at Tottenham (2-2), Liverpool (3-3), Stoke (4-4), Sunderland (1-1) and Notts County

(1-1). The Hatters were beaten at Aston Villa (1-4), WBA (0-1), Coventry (2-4), Swansea (0-2), Everton (0-5), Norwich (0-1), Ipswich (0-3), Arsenal (1-4) and Watford (2-5).

They reached the fourth round of the Milk Cup after ousting Charlton (3-2 on aggregate) and Blackpool (4-2) at Kenilworth Road. They went out at Tottenham by 0-1.

In the third round of the FA Cup the Hatters ran up a fairly easy 3-0 win over Fourth Division Peterborough with Brian Horton (penalty), Ricky Hill and Paul Walsh scoring the goals.

They bowed out to United (0-2) in the next round at Kenilworth Road.

Luton's best run in the FA Cup came in 1958-59 when they reached the Final during a previous spell in the First Division. Unfortunately they failed to find their form at Wembley and

went down 1-2 to a Nottingham Forest side reduced to 10 men by an injury to Roy Dwight.

This is their third spell of First Division football. They first rose to the top in 1955, remaining for five seasons. When they came up again in 1974, they suffered immediate relegation.

Luton, runaway Champions of the Second Division last season, were realistic enough to appreciate that they were not going to win the League Championship just yet. So Mr Pleat pledged his team to play the sort of rip-roaring attacking football that sent the fans home happy.

The Hatters' first seven League games produced 38 goals — very nearly six per game!

This included a 5-3 home win over Notts County, a 5-0 thrashing of Brighton and a 4-4 thriller at Stoke.

Though they were scoring so many goals, Luton were also conceding a lot so it was natural for Mr Pleat to look for some improvement in his defence. Then the loss of Stein robbed him of much of his goals power.

The club was formed way back in 1885 and originally joined the Football League in 1897. But, after three seasons in the Second Division, they failed to gain re-election. They dropped into the Southern League and it was in 1920 that they returned to the Football League as one of the founder members of the Third Division (South).

They remained there until winning promotion in 1937 but their most successful era began with their first promotion to Division One in 1955. In 1958 they achieved their highest ever placing of eighth and a year later they faced Nottingham Forest in the FA Cup Final.

In 1966-67 they finished 17th in Division Four. You can't go much lower than that.

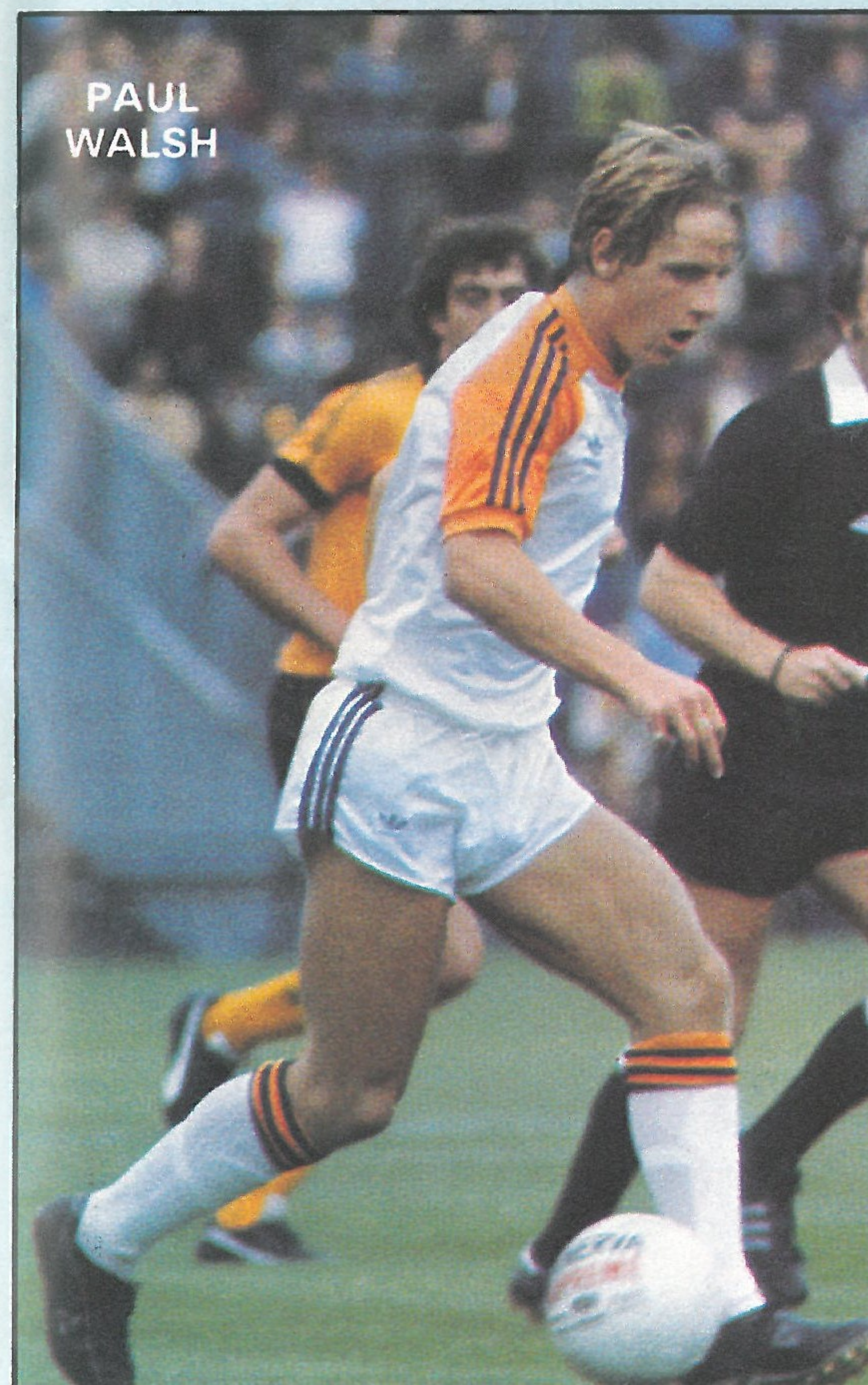
But a year later Luton were Fourth Division Champions and in 1970 they returned to the Second Division. Luton were on the mend again.



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