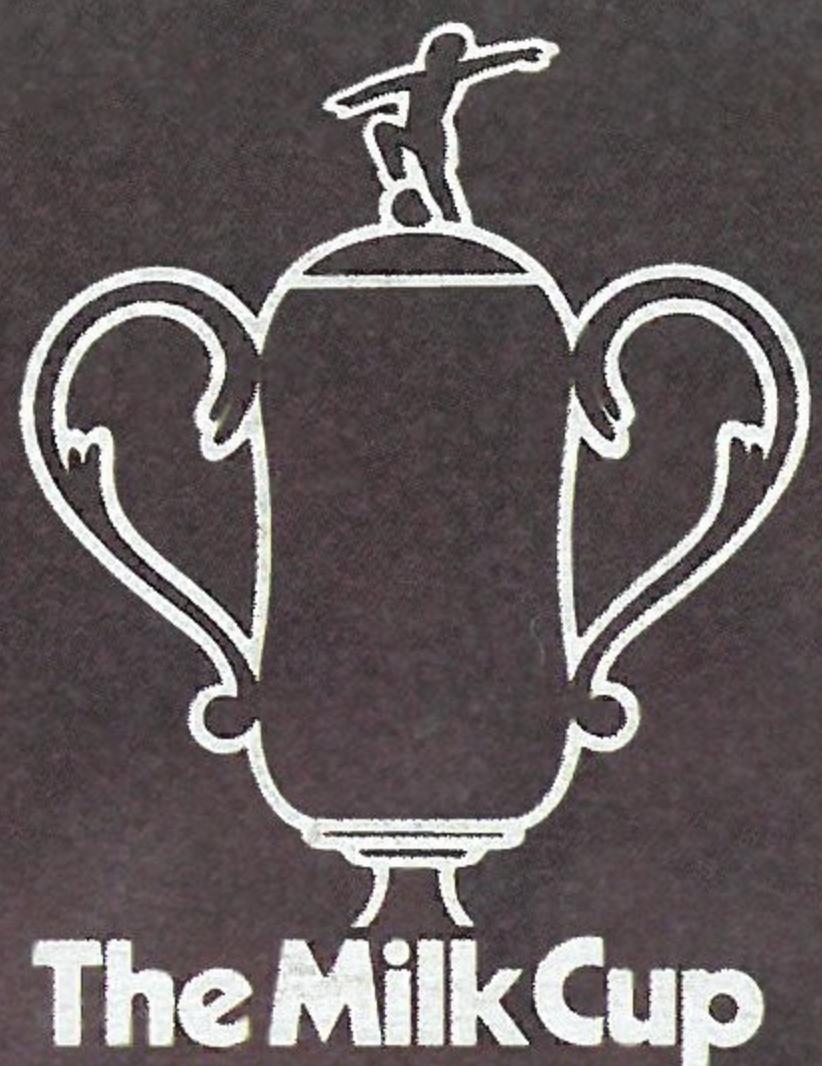


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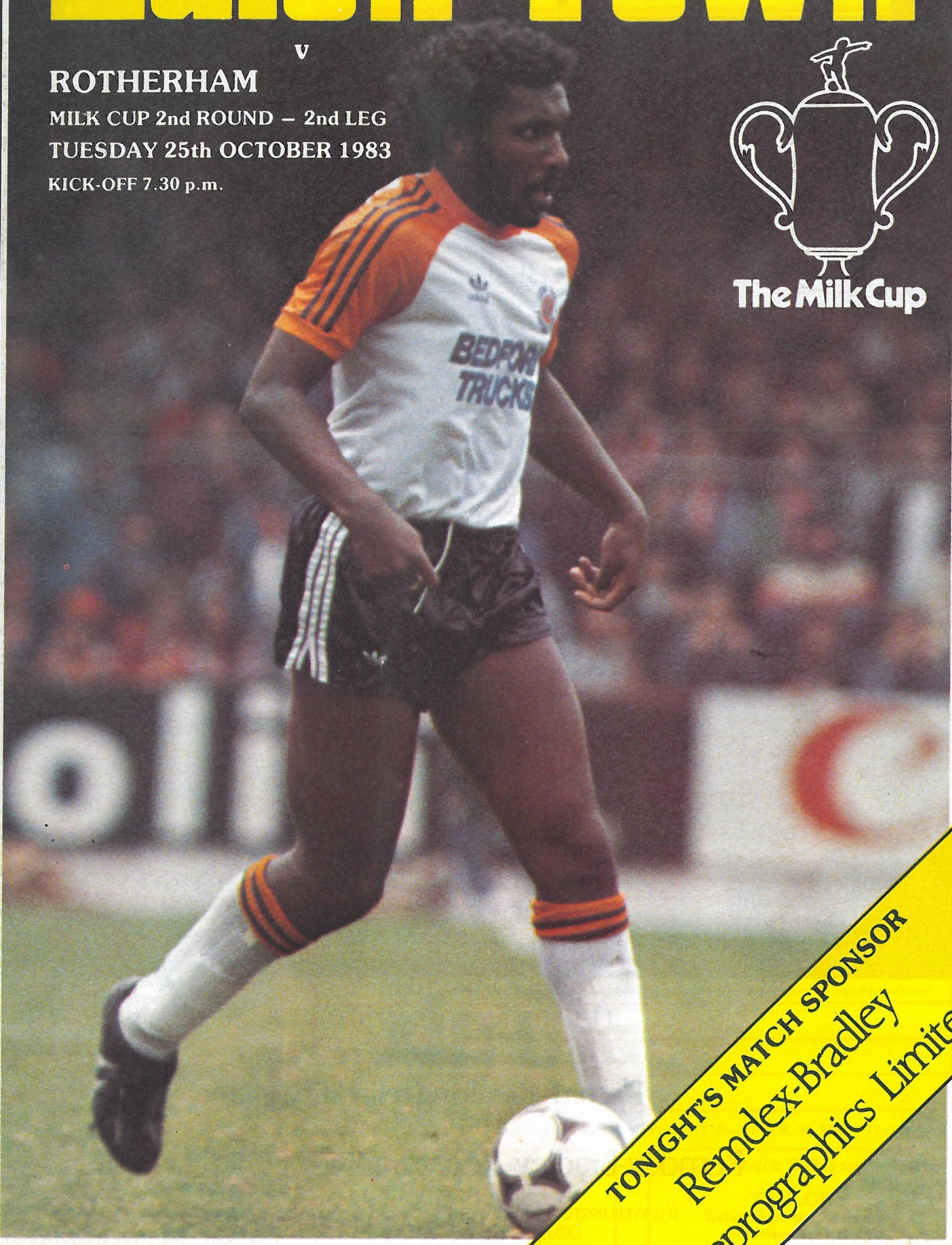
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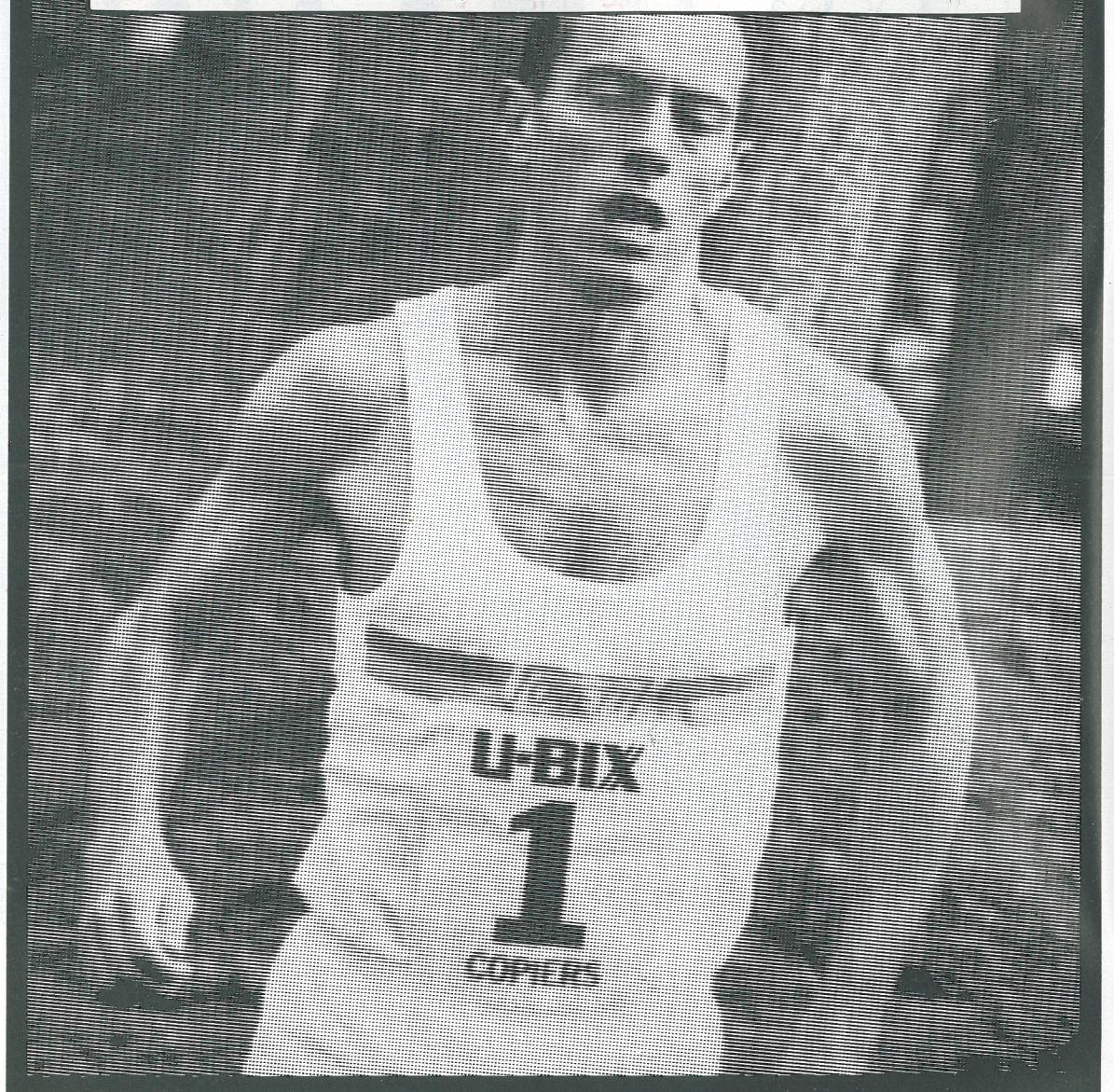


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# MY VIEW

Tonight's game gives our public the opportunity of helping the side through to the next round. The first leg game was exciting to the last kick, when Brian Stein's run and cross enabled Trevor Aylott to score. Rotherham contributed to an excellent second period and, knowing George Kerr and his players, they will respond to their task this evening.

In the week before the Everton game, we had no fewer than six players away on international duty. The fact that these selected players reflected the whole area of the club from senior to youth gives me and our coaches a great sense of pride and pleasure. Mal Donaghy, Paul Elliott, Brian Stein, Paul Walsh, Gary Parker (England Youth in Iceland), Cahal McConville (Northern Ireland Youth in Turkey) were away while Mark Watts missed the opportunity, through injury, of travelling to Iceland. This representation is a barometer of the club's progress.

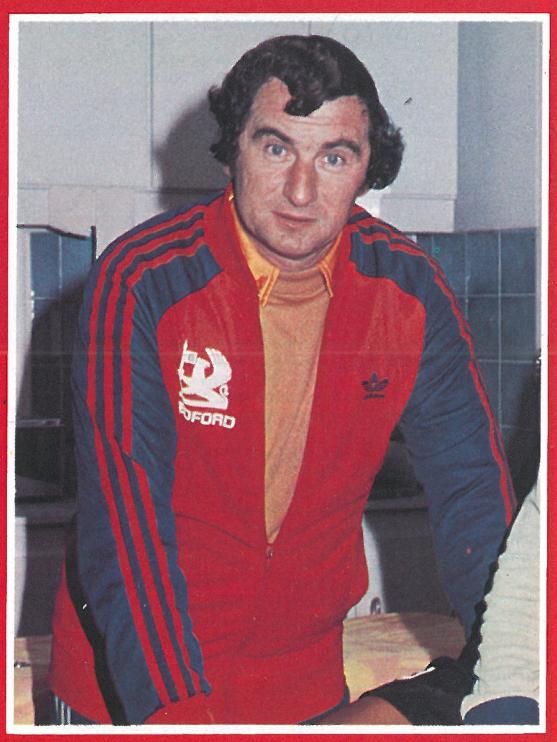
Whilst discussing internationals I am sure the recent games with Denmark and Hungary have been major talking points in the pubs and clubs. It has made outstanding copy for the Press. It takes three seasons to blend a team together successfully into a pattern of play and almost total understanding — that is, assuming you have a settled group of players.

So consider the difficulties of getting rhythm and style from a group of 11 from different teams who have, at best, three or four days together before a game. Good players should be able to mix, but sometimes it is easier if they play with each other on a Saturday regularly.

It is for this reason that partnerships have prospered, like Butcher/Osman (Ipswich), Robson/Wilkins (Manchester United) — up front Withe/Shaw, Mariner/Gates spring to mind, but of course I hope in time Brian Stein/Paul Walsh will do the trick, supported from behind by Ricky Hill.

A few weeks ago our first team players went to Houghton Regis to display their skills and meet the community. We have rarely, if ever, been better received. The hospitality was super, and the organisation on the evening was a great credit to Mr Phil Piggot, secretary of Harvest Home FC and his committee.

Last Monday, three of our players — Brian Horton, Kirk Stephens and David Moss — through the generosity of Mr Ron Unwin — took part in the FLESA Wishbones Golf Classic at the Belfry, Sutton Coldfield. Golf is a fine relaxation for the players to break



up the hard nine months' grind of the playing season. We now have several notable golfers on the staff, and playing in tournaments such as the FLESA Classic brings them into contact with not only sporting people, but people from all walks of life.

I am sure tonight's game will be a good one. Until the later rounds of the Milk Cup, there appears to be only a casual interest. The facts are that this tournament has gained in prestige each year and nowadays the rewards are considerable, not least the gateway to Europe, the Wembley final and the satisfaction and honour that brings. That must be our aim.

Enjoy the game.

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# MILK CUP SCENE...MILK CUP SCENE

## QPR GO FOR RECORD

By Tony Pullein

Queens Park Rangers were hoping to achieve a new competition record when they travelled to Crewe for the second leg of their Milk Cup-tie. They needed a five-goal win to establish a new record aggregate victory.

Going for an away win of five goals would sound impossible in most circumstances but for Rangers, having crushed Crewe 8-1 in the first leg, it was a distinct possibility.

Liverpool, winners for the past three seasons, currently hold the record with an 11-0 aggregate victory over Exeter City two seasons ago. But it was clear from the opening moments of QPR's tie with Crewe, from the Fourth Division, that a new record might be on the cards.

Simon Stainrod scored their first after only some 12 seconds and, with Crewe utterly failing to come to terms with the plastic pitch, the home side piled on the agony. Stainrod completed a hat-trick.

When Liverpool set up the record, they started with a 5-0 win at Anfield and then won 6-0 at St James Park.

QPR, of course, already hold a unique place in this competition's history for in 1967 — when the Final was taken to Wembley for the first time — they became the first Third Division side to win the League Cup when coming from behind to defeat WBA 3-2.

### DIFFICULT TASKS

● The Hatters were fortunate enough to come through the first leg with a narrow lead but many First Division clubs were facing difficult tasks in the return games.

Third Division Wimbledon gave one of the finest performances when defeating Nottingham Forest 2-0 and they were unlucky not to get more on a rare night when Forest were completely confused by the hard-running Dons. Manager Brian Clough was confident that, with ground advantage, his side had the ability to pull the tie out of the fire.

● West Brom have an even more difficult task as they went down 0-3 at Millwall. The Lions will clearly take a defensive stance at the Hawthorns and it seems an impossible task to expect the Throstles to score the four goals they will need to see them through. And that's if they don't concede another one.

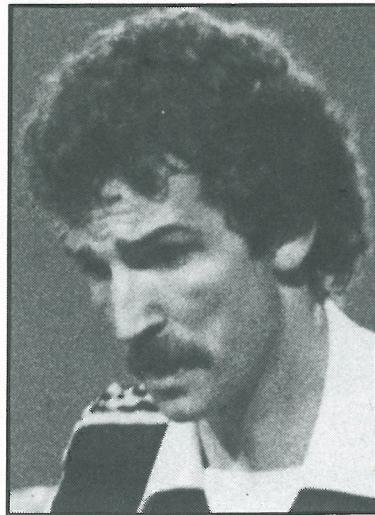
● Carlisle became the first team this season to score twice against Southampton and go the Dell in the belief that they can protect their 2-0 advantage sufficiently to put them through to the third round. Malcolm Poskett scored both their goals and he has special knowledge of the Saints' vulnerability.

Poskett was in the Watford side beaten 4-0 at the Dell in a second round tie three years ago. He also played in the return when Watford won 7-1 after extra-time! He scored two on that occasion too.

● Southampton, who came to Kenilworth Road on Saturday, are more defence-orientated these days so they will not find it easy to score three times — even against the Cumbrians.

### FULL VALUE

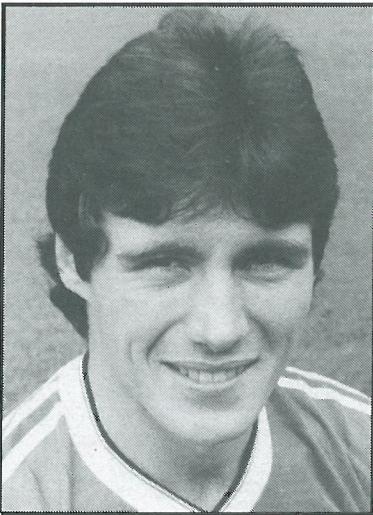
● For all those upsets, the biggest shock of the second round so far was Chester's 1-0 win at Leeds. Chester, bottom of the Fourth Division and with six successive away defeats behind them, were full value for their victory.



GRAEME SOUNESS



EDDIE GRAY



FRANK STAPLETON

Leeds' manager Eddie Gray shrugged afterwards: 'We wouldn't have scored if we had gone on all night'

● Chelsea look poised for victory over First Division Leicester after winning their first leg 2-0 at Filbert Street. Kerry Dixon, the former Dunstable player, expects to score again and maintain his record of scoring in every Milk Cup game this season.

In the last round Kerry scored all the goals in a 4-0 second-leg victory over Gillingham — the best feat in the Milk Cup this season — and he is currently the competition's leading scorer:

6 goals — Dixon (Chelsea)\*

4 goals — Adcock (Chesterfield)\*

Senior (Reading)

3 goals — Neal (Millwall)\*

Shepherd (Southend)

Stainrod (QPR)\*

Wark (Ipswich)\*

\* denotes still in competition

● John Wark came up with a timely hat-trick for Ipswich. They were trailing 2-0 at home to Blackburn at the interval before their Scottish international midfield star came to their rescue. Ipswich are one of a few leading First Division clubs who have never reached this Final and they had high hopes of breaking that duck this season.

● Manchester United, who appeared in their first Final last season, have yet to win this competition and it's one blight on an otherwise impressive list of honours that they would dearly like to remove. Their first leg trip to Port Vale was by no means easy but a goal from Frank Stapleton gave them a 1-0 lead which they will surely improve upon at Old Trafford.

United's visit attracted a crowd of 19,855 — Vale's best for very many years.

● Brentford also had a bumper attendance when Champions Liverpool went to Griffin Park. A crowd of 17,859 turned up to be treated to a vintage display by the famous Reds. Two goals from Ian Rush plus others from Michael Robinson and Graeme Souness pushed them into a 4-1 lead after Brentford had taken a shock early advantage.

Liverpool became the only club to win the Milk Cup three seasons in succession when they defeated Manchester United in last season's Final. But they are determined to win it a fourth time.

'The Milk Cup is a highly prestigious competition,' maintains skipper Graeme Souness. 'Of course we're going for a fourth win. We owe it to our supporters who have followed us in hard times on Merseyside.'

● Several small clubs did well enough in the first leg to attract what they expect to be their highest attendances of the season for the returns. Third Division Preston defeated Wolves 3-2 at Molineux and are confident of completing the job at Deepdale.

Preston manager Gordon Lee was a member of the Aston Villa side that defeated Rotherham in that first League Cup Final back in 1961 and he always rises to a challenge in this competition. At the start of the season he considered it was going to be a 'difficult' season for Preston.

And, after a brilliant start, they were beginning to wilt a little in the League. Their Molineux victory put new life into the side.

● Peterborough, the Fourth Division side who drew 0-0 at Stoke, are hopeful of victory when the sides meet at London Road.

● Plymouth Argyle will probably take consolation from the fact that they held mighty Arsenal to 1-1 at Home Park. They travelled to Highbury with little hope of winning the tie.

● Arsenal is another big club that has yet to win the Milk Cup. They were beaten in successive Finals in 1968 and 1969 — losing to Third Division Swindon in the latter — and have never since even managed to make the Final.

A look at some of the crowd figures in the first leg matches must have convinced League officials of the wisdom of using a 'seeding' system in the draw for the first time. Though the situation goes into reverse in the case of a club like Crewe — who could hardly expect to have the fans in ecstasies when kicking-off 8-1 down — in the majority of ties it made sound economic sense.

# Town Focus



When David Pleat took over as Luton manager early in 1978, his first priority was to rebuild the team he inherited. After signing Mark Aizlewood from Newport County and Steve Sherlock from Manchester City, the manager persuaded Swindon Town's David Moss to realise his future was at Kenilworth Road.

It turned out to be a very shrewd signing because, in addition to his potential as a goalscorer, David is also the best crosser of the ball in the First Division. He is also well on the way to scoring his 200th goal at senior level — statistics which prove his value to Luton Town.

	71-72	72-73	73-74	74-75	75-76	76-77	77-78	78-79	79-80	80-81	81-82	82-83	83-84	Total
Aldershot				2(1p)	2(1)						2(2)	1		4(2)
Arsenal	1(1)	2(1)								2(2)	3(2)		5(4)	
Aston Villa											2			2
Bath														4(2)
Birmingham														6(2)
Blackburn	1	2			2(1p)					2(1)	2(1)			3
Blackpool														5(1)
Bolton											1(1)			2(1)
Bournemouth														2
Bradford City														10 + 2s(5)
Brighton														1(1)
Bristol City														6(4)
Bristol Rovers		2		2(1p)	2	1 + s(1)	2	2(1)	2(1)	2(2p)	2(1)	2(1)		3
Burnley	1							1		2(1)	1(1)			7 + 1s
Bury						2	1 + s	2	2	2(2p)	2(1)	2		10(1)
Cardiff	1	2						2(1)	1(2)	2(1)	2(1)	2		11 + 1s(4)
Carlisle	1(1)	2						1(1)	1(1)	2(1p)	2(1)	1		5(2)
Carlton									2(1p)	2(1)				6 + 1s(3)
Chelsea														5(2)
Chester														5(3)
Chesterfield				2	2	1(1)	2(2)	2						7
Colchester					2(3pp)	2	1	2						6(3)
Coltishall														11(3)
Crystal Palace	2	2		2(1)		2			1		2(2)	2(1)	2	4(2)
Derby										2(1)	2(1)			2(1)
Everton														6(4)
Easter														7(4)
Fulham	2		1	2(1p)	2(1)	2(2)		2	2(4p)					10(1)
Gillingham			2	2	2									4
Grimsby			2	2										5
Hartlepool			2	1			2							2(1)
Hereford					2(1)									2 + 2s
Huddersfield	s	s	2											2
Hull														3(1)
Ipswich							2(1)	1	1	2(2)		2		6(3)
Lincoln														2(1)
Leicester														8(3)
Liverpool														10(1)
Luton	s	2												2 + 1s
Man City														1
Man Utd														1
Millwall	s	2			2	2								2 + 1s
Middlesbrough						1			2(4)	2(1)	2	1(1)		5(4)
Millwall		2							2(1)	2(1)	2	1(1)		7(2)
Newcastle														2(1)
Northampton														5
Nottingham	1	2	2(1)						1(1)	2	2	2(1)		6
Notts County									2(2)	2(1)	2	2(2)		9(3)
Oleham								1	2(2p)	2	2(1)			8(5)
Orient	1	1	1 + s(1)	2(1)	2(2)	1	2	2	1 + s(1)	2(1p)	1(2)	2(1)	1(1)	9 + 1s(4)
Oxford	1	1	2(1)	2(2)	1	2	2	2(3)		2(1)	2(1)	1(1)		7(4)
Peterborough					2	1	2	2	2(1p)	2	2(1)			4(3)
Plymouth							1	2	2(1)	2	2(1)			5 + 1s(2)
Portsmouth	s	2					1	2	2	2(2)	2	2(1)		7(2)
Port Vale						1	2	2	2	2(1)	2(1)			13 + 2s(5)
Preston	1 + s	2(1)		2(2)	1	1	2	2	1 + s(1)	2(1p)	1(2)	2(1)	1(1)	13 + 2s(5)
QPR								2	2(1)	2	2(1)			4(3)
Reading									2(1p)	2	2(1)			2
Rotherham									2	2	2			12(6)
Sheffield Utd														12(2)
Shrewsbury	1(1)	2(1)			2	2(1)	2	2		2(2)	1(1)	2(1)		2
Southampton										2	2			3
Southend					1	2				1	2(2)		2(1)	8(3)
Stoke											2(2)		1	6
Sunderland	1	1								1	2(2)		1	6(3)
Swansea														1
Tottenham														1
Tottenham														1
Walsall						1(1)	1(1)	2	2(1)	2	2(2)	2	2	6(3)
Watford	1		1 + s			2	2	2	1	2(3)	2(3)	2	2	10 + 1s(2)
WBA														1(1)
Walsall														1(1)
Wolverhampton														15(6)
Wrexham					2(1)	2	2(2)	2(2)	1	2(1)	2	2		39
York														408 + 14s (139)
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DAVID MOSS — CAREER RECORD



Statistics show season-by-season appearances against each opponent in every competition.  
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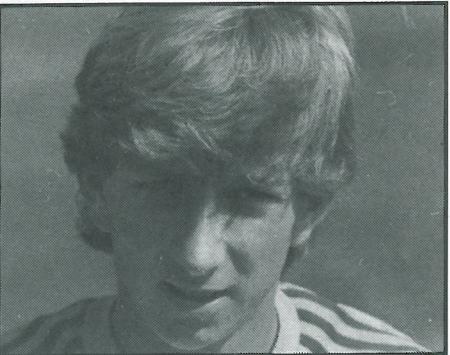
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# COACH REPORT



**GARY PARKER**

**NORWICH 2 LUTON 1**

Team: North (M), Davies, North (S), Thomas, Petts, Parker, Driscoll, Breacker, McEvoy, Stein, McConville.

This was a disappointing result in the Eastern Junior Floodlit Cup because we felt we deserved something more for our efforts.

In the first minute the referee awarded us a penalty, then after consulting the linesman changed his mind to a free-kick outside the box.

The first half was the best we have played against Norwich including our two Youth Cup semi-finals last season. We created more chances than they did in the first half, but if you don't take them, you cannot expect to win games. Considering we played the game without Mark Watts, who had gone on tour with England Youth, and Ray Daniel who had gone on loan to Gillingham we were reasonably happy with the performance at half-time.

Unfortunately, we went to sleep for the first five minutes of the second half and allowed them to have a free header in the box to go into the lead. They had a few chances around this period during their best spell, and went on to score a second to seemingly put the game beyond us.

However, eight minutes later, Gary Parker scored with a tremendous shot to give us hope. From then until the end of the game they were doing the defending. Our luck deserted us because Mark Stein managed to hit the bar and side netting with two chances.

**LUTON 4 READING 1**

Team: Findlay, North (S), Goodyear, Saxby, Johnson, Parker, Bunn, Antic, Aylott, Stein (B), Watts. Sub: North (M).

With reinforcements from the first team in Brian Stein and Frankie Bunn, Luton still found it difficult to break down a stubborn Reading team who scored the opening goal ten minutes before half-time.

The Hatters were stung into action and Trevor Aylott headed in a Mark Watts cross for a quick equaliser with Watts scoring from close range following a fine individual run.



**MARK WATTS**

In the second half, Luton swamped their opponents and two further goals were scored both from marvellous centres by Gary Parker. The third goal was a Parker cross to the far post which Watts swept in for his second goal of the game. Another Parker cross was gratefully knocked in by Brian Stein to complete the scoring for an emphatic 4-1 victory.

It is pleasing to see young Parker following in David Moss's footsteps. Both have the ability to pick out people when crossing a ball on the run into a crowded goalmouth — a rare ability.

**LEICESTER 0 LUTON 1**

Team: Findlay, Coyle, Thomas, Breacker, Saxby, Goodyear, Parker, North (M), Aylott, McEvoy (McConville) Antic.

Filbert Street continued to be a happy hunting ground for the reserves following our first team success a week earlier. After a shakey start, Town settled down to play some attractive football and it came as no surprise when, following good work by big Trevor Aylott, Raddy Antic scored his first headed goal for the club to give us a half-time lead.

Although Leicester played some good football, Town issued a number of chances to seal the match when any one of six players could have scored on different occasions.

However, we won, but a more composed and controlled mind has to be used by younger players who often squander scoring chances by snatching too hurriedly at their opportunities.

Young Ricky McEvoy, our newest apprentice professional, made his debut but came off just before half-time with blistered feet while wearing brand new boots.

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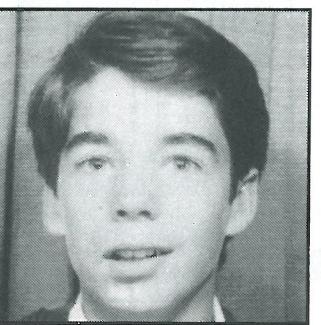
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# READERS LETTERS

Dear Sir, I would like to thank you on behalf of the players and officials for your help and kindness, without which our tour of Germany would not have been possible.

This was our third trip abroad and a most memorable one for all concerned. The 3RD Royal Tank Regiment were our hosts and, as always, their hospitality was second to none. The boys were magnificent in every way, a credit to themselves, their parents, Milton Keynes and country.

Six games were played over 12 days. The team won five and lost one (to the 3RD Royal Tank Regiment), a fine achievement by any standards. We have been invited back next year (August) to take part in an International Youth Tournament, in which teams from eight different countries will be taking part. The invitation has been accepted and the 3RD Royal Tank Regiment has agreed to be our hosts again.

During the 13 days abroad, the party visited various parts of Germany, Holland and Belgium. They were invited to the homes of German families, and guests of Schloss Neu Haus (German 3RD Division Side) at two of their league games. Wherever the team went they made friends and left a good impression behind.

Please accept our sincere thanks we are grateful and do appreciate the

help you gave us. We did not let you down in anyway, we showed our friends in Europe that the 'British Youth' are still tops.

Joe Joseph  
(Tour Manager)

Dear Sir, Last month while the ship was away in the Baltic Sea, we visited Copenhagen where I met a Swedish friend. He was born in South Africa and now lives in Sweden although he hasn't been to England, supports Luton Town.

After a long chat together, I gave him my Barnsley football shirt which, in return, he sent me a football shirt of the team he plays for (at a considerable cost by Air Mail).

What I would like to do if possible, is send him an autographed programme or something. I know it would mean a lot to him as he already has a Luton (Bedford Trucks) shirt and several paper cuttings.

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Dear Mr Tomlins, Just a few lines to thank you once again for the effort you took to make our visit to Luton FC so enjoyable.

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They were also very impressed with the opportunity given to visit the dressing and treatment rooms and especially with the wonderful experience of going onto the pitch, just like the real thing!

Your thoughtfulness in giving each child personally a poster really was generous and a delightful finishing touch.

I feel sure you will have sown the seeds to produce future Luton Town fans.

Once again our sincere thanks and best wishes for the future of the club.

Enid Young  
Ursula Taylor Lower School  
High Street  
Clapham

Dear Mr Pleat, I am writing to say that you must be very pleased with your side and hope that you can keep it up throughout the season. I hope you will write back to me.

Richard Lavington  
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Dear Sir, I am writing in the hope that you can find a small space for this plea in one of the forthcoming issues of your matchday magazine.

I am a keen collector of Coventry City home and away programmes, and my 1957-58 to date collection is nearing completion. However, I have tried for over 15 years to obtain a copy of the programme issued for the second round League Cup-tie between Luton and Coventry City played at Kenilworth Road on September 25th 1963. I would be extremely grateful if any of your readers who have a spare copy would contact me. I am prepared to pay a good price or exchange a good number of other programmes for a copy.

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# Competitions

## AWAYAGAME - AWAYAGAME

The two leaders with five points each after correctly forecasting the points we won at Everton are: Merilyn Keys from Bletchley and P. Bartlett from Biggleswade.

Next Saturday's match at Liverpool sees the majority expecting Liverpool to clinch victory whilst a few are hopeful of the Town achieving the points.

## NAME THE FACES



## NAME THE STAR

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# HATTERS WHO'S WHO

The fifth in Tony Pullein's series on former Luton players. This week: PETER ANDERSON.

Peter Anderson gave many superlative performances in midfield for the Hatters. Yet it can be argued that his greatest contribution to football in Luton was his decision to leave Kenilworth Road!

The club faced closure in December 1975 when the bank refused to extend credit facilities. Denis Mortimer, then the club's financial director, explained to supporters that 'unless the club can obtain financial resources within days it will have to cease operating.'

It was at that crucial moment that the Belgian club Royal Antwerp showed an interest in Peter. In view of the circumstances, negotiations were speeded up and, following agreement on a fee in the region of £60,000, Peter left the club to continue his career on the Continent.

'The money we received from Peter's transfer gave the club the breathing space it needed to sort out the very serious financial problems of the time,' said Mr Mortimer.

'I didn't particularly want to leave Luton,' said Peter. 'But at least I had some satisfaction from the fact that, by joining Antwerp, I had played a part in keeping Luton Town alive.'

Peter was playing amateur football for Hendon when he was recommended to the Hatters. He joined us as a professional in February 1971 and, only two days later, he was playing in our Second Division side at Portsmouth.

#### PERMANENT FIXTURE

He took no time in adapting to League football and remained a fixture in the side for the remainder of the season.

Peter's main job was to create attacking situations but, though he was not expected to score many goals, he finished top scorer in 1971-72.

'I scored only 10 goals,' he recalled. 'But it was a time when we were struggling a bit in front of goal.'

The Hatters made a very poor start, failing to win any of our opening seven League games. No-one was displaying any sort of confidence in the opponents' penalty box. And it was a game at Millwall in which Peter began to feel he would have to try and do something about it.

'We went one goal down in the first minute at Millwall and the situation was already beginning to look desperate,' he said. 'Then I scored to equalise but we later fell behind again. It was quite late in the game when I scored again. I think it was about the only time I ever scored twice in a game!'

#### TURNING POINT

That proved a turning point. We won our next match and after that rose steadily up the table to finish about half way.

Another memorable season at Luton for Peter was 1973-74 when we regained our place in the First Division. Again, he was quickly in on the act and, in fact, again scored twice in a 6-1 win over Carlisle at Kenilworth Road.

'We made a disastrous start by losing 4-0 at Nottingham Forest and we were determined to make amends in the next game. It was Carlisle's misfortune to catch us in a killer mood,' he remembered.

Peter finished that season second-highest scorer with 13 in League and Cup. A 1-1 draw at West Bromwich in our penultimate match clinched promotion.

But life in the First Division was difficult at first. With only one win in our opening 21 games we seemed destined for quick relegation. Then came that remarkable finish.

'The spirit was tremendous at the end and it seemed we might just be able to survive,' said Peter.

#### INDIVIDUAL EFFORT

Another individual effort on his part kept hopes glowing. Peter scored both goals in a 2-1 win over Everton at Kenilworth Road almost at the end of the season.

We then beat Leicester 3-0 and scored a fabulous 4-1 win at Birmingham. The Hatters were held 1-1 at home by Manchester City on the last day and that lifted us out of the bottom three places. But Spurs, a point ahead, still had one game to play. They beat Leeds 4-2 to send us down.

'That was the turning point for the club, I suppose,' shrugged Peter. 'I often wonder what might have been had we stayed in the First Division. Only a few months later the players were shocked when we heard of the grave financial difficulties.'

Peter remained with Antwerp for a couple of years and then went to America to play for Tampa Bay Rowdies. He came back to England in 1978 when Sheffield United paid £80,000 for him. Though he was the Blades' leading scorer, they were relegated from the Second Division.

Returning to the States, Peter played for San Diego Soccers and then re-joined Tampa Bay.

In December 1980 he took over as Millwall's player-manager when the club was in serious danger of relegation to the Fourth Division. He pulled them clear and the following season packed away his boots to concentrate solely upon managing. When the club hit another poor patch in November 1982 he left The Den.

So Peter's career has taken many twists and turns but he still looks upon his days with Luton as among his happiest. 'It was great to play in the First Division and there was usually something interesting going on when I was at Kenilworth Road.'

#### LEAGUE CAREER

	Apps	Gls
Luton Town	13(1)	1
1971-72	33(2)	10
1972-73	34	1
1973-74	41	11
1974-75	40	6
1975-76	17	5
Sheffield United	28(2)	12
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# John's



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JOHN WILKINSON - CLUB SECRETARY

Cliff Bygraves' name may not mean anything to our supporters, but to us on the administration side of the club he is well known. Cliff is one of the senior partners of Arthur Young, McClelland, Moores and Co, the club's auditors.

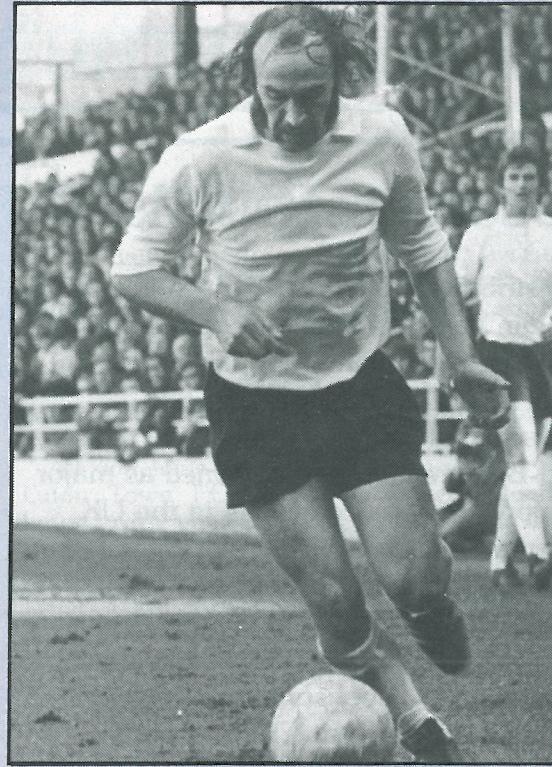
Our chairman, Denis Mortimer, informed me last week that Cliff has been made a vice-president of Luton Town.

Knowing some of the problems he encountered over the years and the efficient way he and his staff have overcome them, it is an honour he thoroughly deserves. Well done Cliff.

Tonight, we have the second leg of the Milk Cup and, having a goal lead from the first leg, we hope to maintain that advantage and go through to the third round. Over the years fortune has played some funny tricks on Rotherham United, none more so than in 1955 when, by winning eight of the last nine games and finally beating Liverpool 6-1, they finished level on points at the top of Division Two with Birmingham City and ourselves.

Yet, despite scoring more goals than their rivals, they missed a First Division place on goal average. Rotherham, in company with other clubs in the lower divisions rely heavily on finding their own players. Among the best known have been Danny Williams, a stalwart defender who made 459 League appearances between 1946-1960, and Wally Ardron whose 38 League goals in 1946-47 are still a Rotherham record.

They also have the distinction of being runners-up in the Football League Cup (now the Milk Cup) in season 1960-61.



## MEMORY LANE

Harry Haslam, then Luton manager, signed Rodney Fern from Leicester City for a fee of around £30,000. Although he always gave good performances, he never really lived up to the form he produced for the City. He joined them in December 1966 from the junior club Measham.

In four seasons at Filbert Street he made 133 appearances and scored 31 goals. It was those figures which made Harry persuade him to sign for the Town. In June 1975 he was transferred to Chesterfield where he spent three seasons. In that time he made 150 appearances and scored 54 goals.

He then moved on to Rotherham United to join another former Luton player John Seasman. After another 65 appearances and 16 goals he has now retired from the game and keeps a public house near his home town of Burton.

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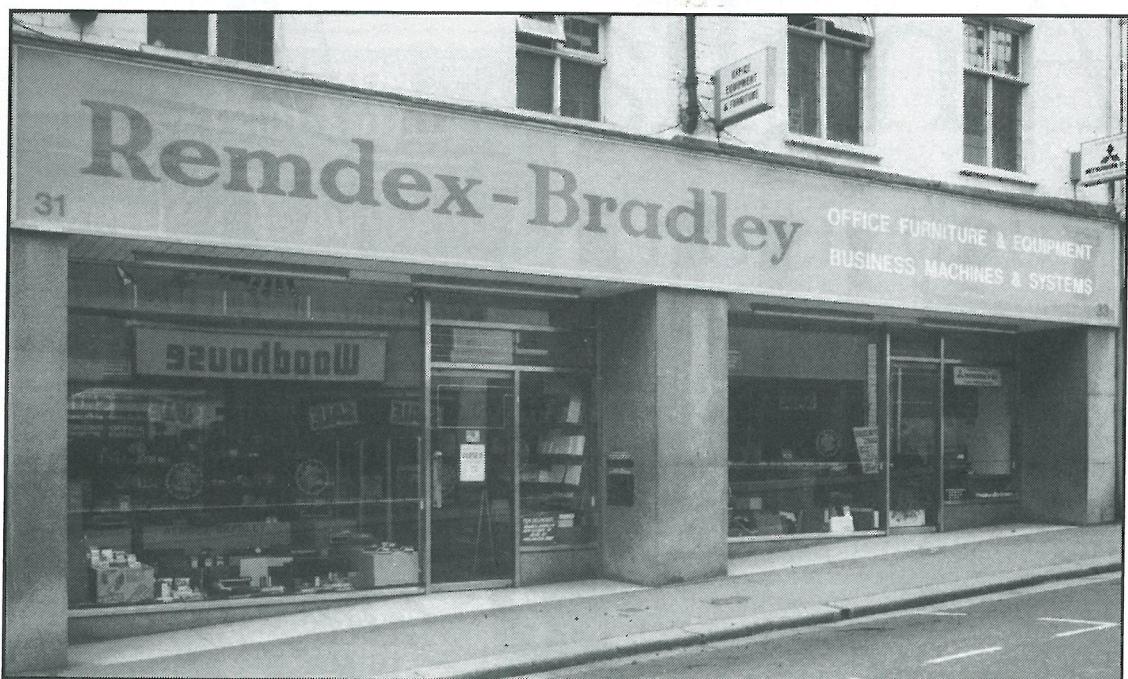
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## ROOTHERHAM BETTER AWAY FROM HOME

Although Rotherham, on the face of it, have the odds heavily stacked against them tonight — as they try to pull back from a 2-3 deficit in the first leg of this Milk Cup-tie — manager George Kerr has been reminding his players that some of their best performances so far this season have been on opponents' grounds!

In the first round the Millers were held at home to a goalless draw by Fourth Division Hartlepool, but won the away leg 1-0.

And they were beaten only once in their opening three away League games, drawing at Southend (2-2), winning at Exeter (1-0) then going down at Bolton (0-2).

At Millmoor, on the other hand, they recently suffered a run of four consecutive defeats.

Mr Kerr, who took over from Emlyn Hughes last April, was unable to halt Rotherham's

dive towards the Third Division, after a two-year stay in Division Two. And, at the moment, his hopes of leading them quickly back to the higher section look rather slim. But, of course, there's a long way to go yet.

Following relegation Mr Kerr went back to his old club Grimsby to sign three new players — defenders Andy O'Dell and Phil Crosby, plus striker Kevin Kilmore. He also snapped up Burnley's experienced goalkeeper Alan Stevenson.

### DISAPPOINTING OPENING

Following the Millers' disappointing opening to the season, Mr Kerr went into the market again to sign midfielder Mick Gooding, from Chesterfield, and striker Terry Donovan, from Burnley.

Donovan is cup-tied, having played for Burnley against

Crewe in the first round, so he will not be eligible for tonight's match. As Rotherham have sold strikers Ronnie Moore (to Charlton) and Joe McBride (Oldham), it looks pretty certain that their two front runners today will be former Hatter John Seasman and Kevin Kilmore.

Seasman started his career with Tranmere and was brought to Kenilworth Road by Harry Haslam who completed the transfer for £5,000 in 1974. John didn't really establish himself here, though, and in 1976 he moved on to Millwall for £10,000. He led the Lions' scoring list on two occasions and when he moved on to Rotherham in 1980 he commanded a £90,000 fee.

Kilmore won England youth honours in his Scunthorpe days and, after leading their scoring list with 17 goals in 1978-79, he was transferred to Grimsby for £60,000.

Although he scored 16 goals in his first campaign at Blundell Park, he later lost his touch and the move to

# ROOTHERHAM

Millmoor has given him the challenge he wanted. Kevin scored in each of his first three League appearances for the Millers and grabbed one of the goals in the first leg against us.

The midfield seems to be settling down with Mick Gooding, Mark Rhodes, Willie McEwan and Bobby Mitchell on parade.

### SECOND SPELL

Gooding, who also scored against us at Millmoor and has scored in both rounds of the Milk Cup so far, is now in his second spell with Rotherham. He initially joined them from Bishop Auckland and made his League debut for them in 1979. Last season he was sold to Chesterfield but Rotherham resigned him shortly after the start of this season.

Rhodes was given his League baptism by Rotherham in 1975 and has now made well over 200 appearances for the club. When he lost his place last season, he spent loan periods with Darlington and Mansfield.

McEwan has played well over 300 games in the Scottish and Football Leagues, starting with Hibernian in 1969-70. After a brief stay with Blackpool in 1973, he moved on to Brighton and in 1974 he was transferred to Chesterfield. Further moves took him to Mansfield in 1976 and Peterborough a year later. Rotherham signed him in 1979.

Mitchell's first professional club was Sunderland but he got only rare opportunities with them. He joined Blackburn in 1976 and spent two years with them before

moving to Grimsby. Carlisle signed him during the 1982 close season and he was transferred to Rotherham towards the end of last season.

Andy O'Dell and Nigel Johnson have settled as the central defenders.

O'Dell served his apprenticeship with Grimsby and got his chance in their League eleven two seasons ago. Rotherham signed him this summer. Johnson is a Rotherham discovery who completed his apprenticeship at Millmoor and who made his League debut last season.

### LEAGUE DEBUT

Right-back Gerry Forrest has been a fixture in the side since his debut in 1977 and he recorded his 250th League appearance for the club last season.

Phil Crosby, who plays on the opposite flank, is a former England youth international who grew up with Grimsby. He was introduced to their League team in 1979-80 and signed for Rotherham this summer.

Alan Stevenson ended an 11-year association with Burnley when he joined Rotherham during the recent close season. He began his career with Chesterfield and was transferred to Burnley for £50,000 in 1972. He was capped 11 times at England Under-23 level.

Rotherham created a piece of League Cup history, long before the competition was known as the Milk Cup. The Millers, in fact, played in the very first League Cup final in 1961.

In those days the final was

played on a home-and-away basis and they set themselves up to collect the trophy when winning their home leg by 2-0 against Aston Villa. But Villa won the return 3-0 to take the Cup on aggregate score.

Another historical note to that final was that it is the only major English Cup Final that ever had to be held over until the following season! As the semi-finals were not completed until the May, the match was played at the beginning of the following season.

In recent times Rotherham's fortunes have fluctuated quite violently. They were relegated to the Fourth Division in 1973 because of inferior goal average to three other clubs who were level with them on points.

The following season they finished in the bottom half of the Fourth Division table but in 1975 they took third place to reclaim their Third Division status.

After a season of struggle against relegation, the Millers made a bold bid for promotion but, in 1976-77, they were denied a place in the top three on goal average.

Since then the Millers' form has been inconsistent. In 1977-78 they finished fifth from bottom, only narrowly avoiding relegation. And for the following two seasons they were usually found in the bottom half of the table.

Yet in 1981 they won the Third Division championship to return to the Second Division once more. Last season ended in relegation.

By TONY PULLEIN



Back row (left to right): Phil Henson (Player/Coach), Billy McEwan (Player/Coach), Nigel Johnson, John Green, Ray Mountford, Robert Mimms, Ronnie Moore, Phil Walker, George Kerr (Manager), Barry Claxton (Assistant Manager). Centre row: Gerry Forrest, Kevin Kilmore, John Seasman, Ian Alexander, Phil Crosby, Bobby Mitchell. Front row: Andy O'Dell, Mark Rhodes, John Durham, Paul Friar, Joe McBride.



## EVERTON 0 LUTON TOWN 1

More action from our 1-0 victory at Everton a week last Saturday when a goal from Paul Walsh gave us three points.

On the move . . . Brian Stein attempts to win possession as he moves towards goal. Out-numbered . . . Ricky Hill finds himself in a lonely position as he attempts to beat Everton keeper Neville Southall.



# LUTON'S FUTURE

In this latest reference to our proposed sports complex, we provide supporters with details of the engineering concept of the building.

The engineering concept has been developed to enhance the sense of 'occasion' within the main arena by creating an artificially lit totally enclosed environment. Spaces beneath the arena accommodate leisure and sport activities, which can then share support facilities, services and circulation space with the arena.

A large span roof covering a synthetic grass pitch within the arena floor will incorporate lighting, ventilation, acoustic treatment and communications, with access walkways for maintenance and future development of these systems.

Main support structure will be positioned at the four corners of the arena floor to reduce the roof span to a practical minimum, thereby effecting economies in the roof cost while maximising use of the corners of the building, and providing service routes to the roof space.

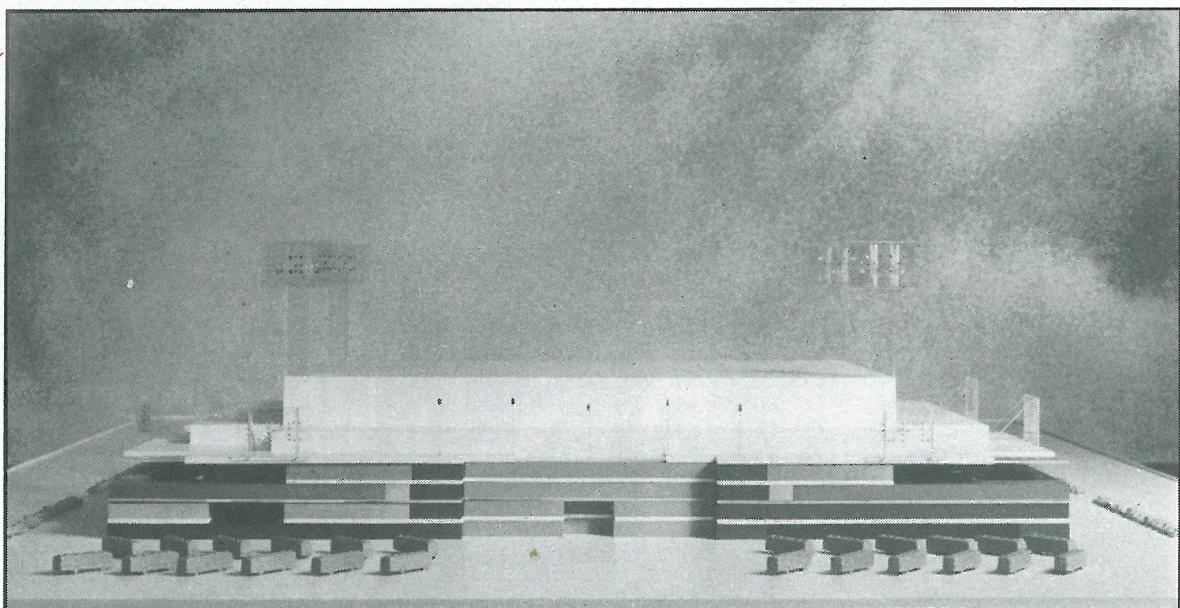
Terraced seating arranged in blocks along the pitch sides will allow full use to be made of modular components reducing cost and construction time. The support structure to this

seating imposes a discipline on the planning of the leisure, commercial and circulation spaces beneath while allowing sufficient flexibility for servicing and future change of use.

A mechanical ventilation system will circulate tempered air in the arena. This is supplemented by a natural extract at roof level. In winter conditions, the heated air will enhance radiant heating at high level. Leisure, participation and ancillary spaces will be mechanically or naturally ventilated and heated.

Lighting to the arena will be suitable for colour television broadcasting and have flexibility to cover a complete range of sports and stadium events which might use either part or all of the arena floor. Communications and public address systems provided for sports use are capable of extension and adaptation to a wide range of 'theatrical' uses.

Acoustic treatment of the arena will restrict reverberation and achieve reasonable sound insulation with adequate protection against excessive rain noise. For the participation and leisure space, adequate absorption to limit occupational noise levels, an effective public address system and sufficient sound separation between adjacent facilities are the basic criteria.



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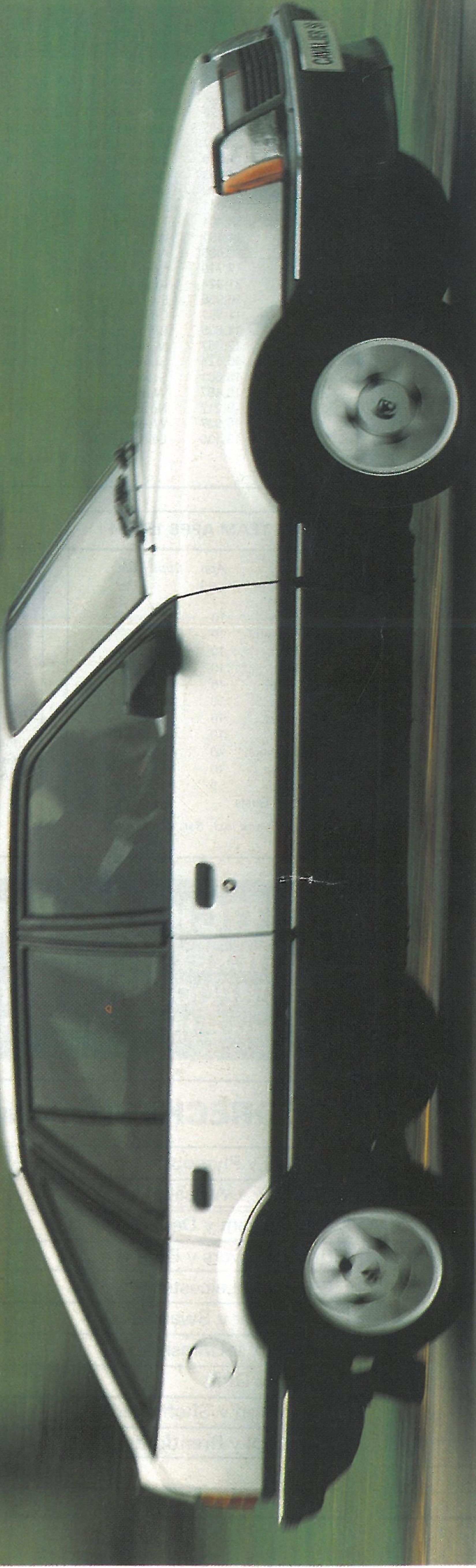


# TOWN RECORD '83/84

Opponents	Result	Attendance	Points	Position	Sealey	Stephens	Turner	Horton	Elliott	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Walsh	Bunn	Moss	Antic	Aylott	Own Goal
<b>Goals Scored</b>																	1	
<b>1983</b>																		
<b>August</b>																		
27 Arsenal	1-2	39,348	—	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9●	10	11	—		
31 Leicester City	3-0	11,929	3	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7●	8	9	10●	11●	—		
<b>September</b>																		
3 Sunderland	*4-0	10,346	6	5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7●	8●	9●	10	11	—		
6 Norwich City	2-2	11,905	7	5	1	2	3	4	5●	6	7	8●	9	10+	11	12		
10 Manchester United	0-2	41,013	7	8	1	2	3	4●	5	6	7	8●	9●	10	11●	—		
17 Wolverhampton W.	4-0	10,975	10	7	1	2	3	4●	5	6	7	8●	9	10+	11	12		
24 Nottingham Forest	0-1	16,296	10	13	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8●	9	10+	11	12		
<b>October</b>																		
1 Aston Villa	1-0	12,747	13	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+	12		
4 Rotherham (MC2-1L)	3-2	4,035	—	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9●	10●	—	—	11●	
15 Everton	1-0	14,325	16	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9●	10	11	—		
22 Southampton	3-1	12,389	19	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8●	—	10+	11	12	9●●	
<b>November</b>																		
5 Queens Park Rangers																		
12 Birmingham City																		
19 Tottenham H. (FAC 1)																		
26 Watford																		
<b>December</b>																		
3 Coventry City																		
10 Stoke City (FAC 2)																		
18 West Bromwich Albion																		
26 Notts County																		
27 West Ham United																		
31 Sunderland																		
<b>1984</b>																		
<b>January</b>																		
2 Nottingham Forest																		
7 FA Cup 3																		
14 Arsenal																		
21 Wolverhampton W.																		
28 Ipswich Town (FAC 4)																		
<b>February</b>																		
4 Aston Villa																		
11 Manchester United																		
15																		
18 Liverpool (FAC 5)																		
25 Southampton																		
<b>March</b>																		
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7																		
10 Birmingham City																		
17 Norwich City																		
24 Leicester City (MC Final)																		
31 Ipswich Town																		
<b>April</b>																		
7 Everton																		
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17 West Ham United																		
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28 Watford																		
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19 FA Cup Final																		

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# Luton's Star.



Two teams from Luton are currently making a name for themselves. 'The Hatters' are in the first division. And Vauxhall-Opel are enjoying fantastic sales success. Achievements in different fields, but

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