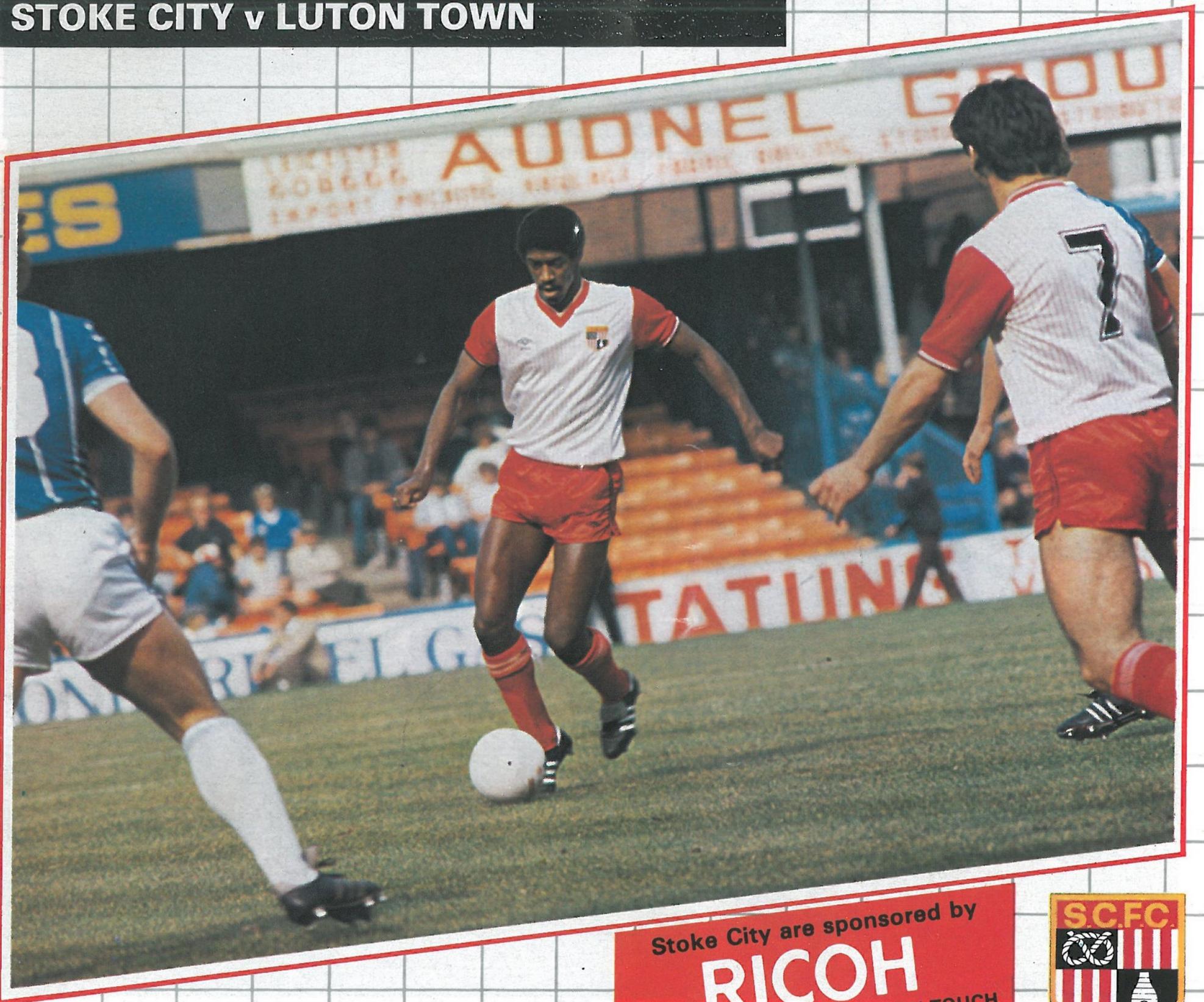


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Mark Chamberlain's equalising goal against Nottingham Forest.

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Robbie James' shot is cleared off the goal-line by a Sheffield Wednesday defender.

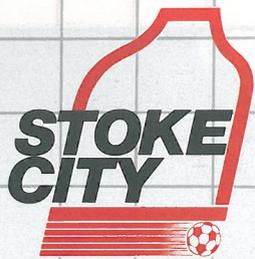


Forest under pressure. George Berry and Brendan O'Callaghan join in this aerial attack with Dave McAughtrie (right).



Mickey Thomas is only inches away from a goal against Wednesday.

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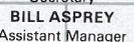
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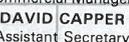
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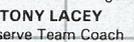
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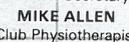
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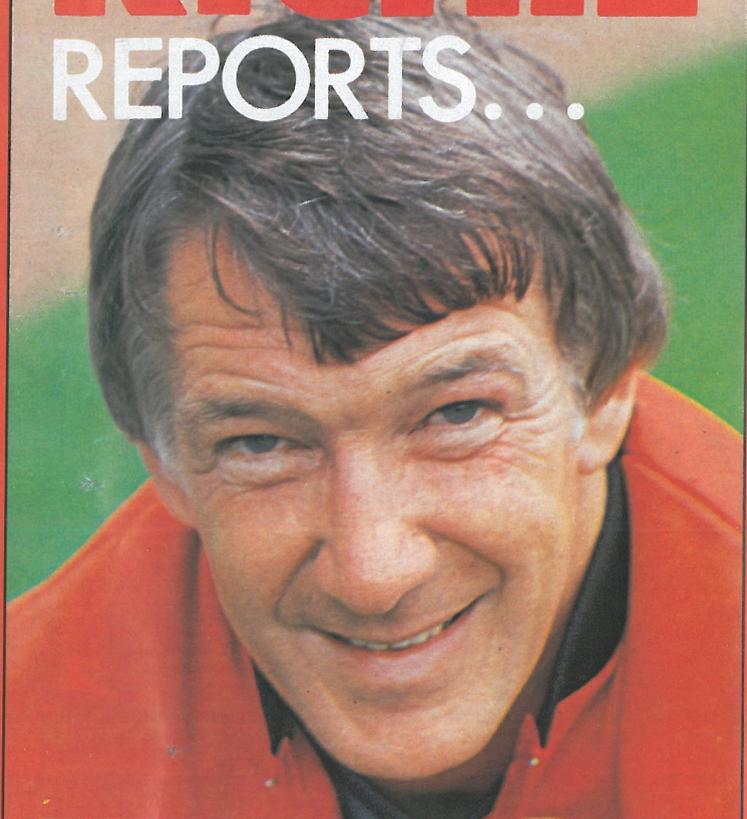
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**FRONT COVER STORY:**

Mark Chamberlain in action against Leicester, earlier this season.

# RICHIE REPORTS...



### REMEMBER LAST SEASON?

Today's Canon League match, will obviously bring back memories of last season's encounter with Luton Town. That game is still talked about as the most exciting game some fans have ever seen at the Victoria Ground. You will remember it culminated in a 4-4 draw, a missed penalty in the last minute, Mickey Thomas carried off and Peter Fox sent-off, all of this subsequently highlighted by the TV cameras. The goalkeeping incident in this game probably produced the change in enforcing the subsequent laws regarding offences by goalkeepers. I hope that today's match can produce the same kind of excitement and entertainment that we produced last year.

### MATCH ABANDONED

On Tuesday our Youth team played at Chester in the Youth Cup. They were well on the way to the next round when the ground suddenly became enveloped in thick fog with seven minutes to go and the score at 1-1. The referee called the players from the pitch and five minutes later abandoned the game much to the disappointment of the lads who were on course to be the eventual winners.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to another youth who joined the international ranks last week, Aaron Callaghan was selected for the Republic of Ireland team to play against the North of Ireland. Aaron performed very well and scored one of the two goals in the 2-0 victory which was a considerable bonus for him, particularly as it was his first game.

**RICHIE BARKER**

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## DIARY

By PETER HEWITT

### NOVEMBER

**7 Steve Parkin signs professional forms on his 18th birthday hoping for a change of luck after two ankle injury setbacks this season.**

**8 Stoke still seeking goal formula in 0-0 Milk Cup draw at home to Huddersfield Town. Few chances in tight game although Stoke force the pressure in the last 20 minutes. 'It took us just too long to get on top,' said Mr Barker.**

**9 Cardiff City watch Peter Griffiths in reserves at West Bromwich.**

**10 Milk Cup draw gives Stoke the incentive of a further home tie with Sheffield Wednesday if they can get through the replay at Leeds Road. But Huddersfield have visions of a Yorkshire 'derby'.**

**11 Griffiths back in senior spotlight as he is selected to take over from the suspended Thomas at Villa Park.**

**12 Mark Chamberlain holds a press conference confidently after scoring a super goal in 1-1 draw with Aston Villa. His 50 yard run past two defenders suggests he could find more scoring chances in a central striking role. He says: 'It must be something about playing in Birmingham for I reckon my goal at St Andrews last season was my previous best.'**

**14 Sammy McIlroy forced to withdraw from Northern Ireland squad with swollen ankle while Robbie James is under treatment by Wales in Bulgaria for damaged foot.**

**15 Steve Parkin called up for England Under-18 training at Lilleshall.**

**16 James and Thomas declare themselves fit as Wales go down 1-0 in the snow to Bulgaria in Sofia. Football League turn down Wales request for postponement of games on December 10th involving Welsh players with their qualifying chances depending on the match against Yugoslavia the following Wednesday in Cardiff.**

**18 Mark Harrison advised to retire following series of setbacks with his knee ligaments. He says. 'It is a relief in a way for I have not played since April and my knee swells up after any strenuous activity. I plan to go into business on my own probably in photography but I have a lifetime ahead. At least I realised my ambition to play in the First Division.'**

Mr Barker upsets Liverpool with his advice to fans: 'Watch Huddersfield instead. We get 40 per cent of the gate there.'



GILL CHAPMAN

## CLUBCALL

Gill Chapman, is now in her 14th season at Stoke City and in that time no-one can have experienced the ups and downs of a life in football as much as Gill, who works in the Administration Office acting as secretary to the manager as well as the company secretary

Mike Potts. Certainly no-one can have had such first hand experience of all the triumphs and traumas which go to make up England's national game of football.

People in football seem sometimes to be in a different world. For Gill football HAS been her world ever since she met her late husband Roy when he was transferred from Aston Villa to Lincoln.

Roy then went to Mansfield before returning to Lincoln City as player-manager. It was then on to Port Vale and while there he was top scorer for a couple of seasons. After a spell at Chester and Nuneaton, Roy became manager of Stafford Rangers.

Gill cannot believe that it was so many years ago, because she can remember vividly the hectic times of the early 'seventies. Roy took Stafford Rangers to two successful finals at Wembley (1972-1974), and Stoke City of course won the 1972 League Cup at Wembley too. By this time Gill had transferred from the Commercial Department to the Administration Department. She has worked as secretary for five managers and four chairmen! Gill's two sons are professional footballers and neither need any introduction here. Lee (now with Arsenal) the eldest, was City's star striker when he was only 20-years-of-age and now Jonathan is making a name for himself in Stoke City's Youth squad.

With Gill's world at the office as well as at home seemingly saturated with soccer, she still finds time to accommodate daughter Denise who is studying for a BA degree. And, yes she does have time for hobbies — most of her spare time is spent horse riding at Whitmore stables. They say everyone has at least one book in them.

It would seem that Gill's story would fill several!

## SUPPORTERS CLUB

**NICHOLAS J. MANSFIELD**  
Secretary  
Stoke City Supporters Club



Today's game with Luton Town is our final home game before our busy Christmas spell, and no doubt we are all hoping for a cracking game, and hopefully we'll see three points coming Stoke's way by the end of the afternoon!

On behalf of the Supporters Club I would like to wish all at Stoke City; Directors, management, players, and staff; the promotions side; and of course all Stoke supporters everywhere, a very happy Christmas, and I hope that we can all look forward to a successful and enjoyable New Year!

### ANSSELLS SIGNAL RADIO QUIZ

This year's Charity Quiz with Port Vale was held last Monday evening, and once again three players and four junior supporters from each of our clubs battled it out for the splendid shield donated by Ansell's last year.

Both our players and our junior members were in fine form and we once again toppled our local rivals with a final scoreline of 112-110. We can now keep the trophy for a further 12 months, when we will

once again compete with 'The Vale for the title. The money raised on the evening came to a total of £40, and this will be donated to the 'North Staffs Heart Committee', whose funds go towards heart research and equipment in local hospitals. I am sure that everyone will agree that heart research is a very worthy cause, and I would like to thank everyone who turned up on the evening and gave so generously towards our donation.

### JUNIORS PARTY

This year's 'Juniors Christmas Party' (12s and under), will be held at Hanley Central Workingmen's Club (21st December). Full details will be sent to junior members individually.

### JUNIORS DISCO

This year's Juniors Christmas Disco will be held in the Stoke City Executive Suite on Wednesday 14th December (7-10.30 pm). The disco is open to supporters aged 12 and upwards and admission is free to members, 50p to non-members. We are hoping for a good response to this event as it gives junior supporters the opportunity to experience the 'high-life' atmosphere of the much praised and highly popular Executive Suite.

### SENIORS CHRISTMAS DISCO

This year's 'Seniors Christmas Disco' will be held at 'The Golden Goblet Suite', Tiffany's, Newcastle on Wednesday 21st December. We are hoping for an even better response than last year for our seniors 'festive get together' and tickets are available now from our programme stall, from the Ticket Office, or from me by post at the address below. Prices of tickets are £1 (members) and £1.50 (non-members).

### CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence to the Supporters Club should be sent to me at 241 Princes Road, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 7JT. Please include a stamped addressed envelope with all enquiries.

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### 1984

Most of our games in 1984 are fully sponsored but we still have some vacancies for parties of 6 to 10 for Leicester, Sunderland and Queens Park Rangers. All enquiries please to Stoke City Promotions, telephone: (0782) 45840. The Suite is also available for private functions.

### LOTTERIES — 1984

What ever happens to fund-raising during 1984 (and there will be changes) it is a certain fact that lotteries in one form or another will continue to be relied upon for regular income by all football clubs. What we do need though is not only more agents but more canvasser/collectors. If you wish to augment your income by spending a few hours of your leisure time with the Stoke City Lotteries Association then we would be pleased to hear from you. You may write or telephone your details or you can complete the form below and send it to Stoke City Promotions, 1 Lime Street, Victoria Ground, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 4EG. Telephone: (0782) 45840.

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There are some tickets still available and as in previous years we sell them on a 'first come, first served' principle. It is only £12 for two persons. So get your application in early either to the Promotions Office or to your local Lottery Representative.

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A photograph of a man, Dave McCaughrrie, riding a dark horse. He is wearing a red quilted jacket, a white shirt, and a brown and white checkered flat cap. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background consists of green trees under a clear blue sky. A red banner with the text 'TEAM CALL' is positioned in the upper left corner.

# TEAM CALL

Dave McCaughrrie, was born in Newcumnock, Scotland. Dave has worked his way up to a first team place via the Youth team and Reserves. People are apt to forget that this well built young Scot is still only 20-years-of-age. Dave pops up with the occasional goal and hopes to improve on the Scottish international Youth caps already in his possession. To get away from the rigours of First Division soccer this likeable young Scot goes horse riding. The secret to last week's puzzle picture is now revealed!

## CITY NEWS

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**WORK EXPERIENCE!**  
Apprentices at Stoke City have to do an assortment of jobs and not only the menial tasks such as cleaning the dressing rooms and cleaning boots etc, etc. Tony Lacey, City's Youth Coach has recently arranged with the various departments of the club for the youngsters to help out. They learn what goes on behind the scenes on the 'admin' side of the game.  
**PICTURED HERE IS STEVE HUNT BEHIND THE FRONT COUNTER IN OUR COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT. STEVE, A VERSATILE PLAYER ON THE FIELD, IS ATTENDING TO LOTTERY AGENT MR G. DOYLE.**

Commercial Manager Dudley Kernick welcomes football fan Ron Davies from Reading, to the Victoria Ground prior to the game with Nottingham Forest. Stoke City's ground was the 92nd on the list of Mr Davies who has now become a member of the elite '92 Club' which means he has been on every League club ground. But it has taken him 35 years to do it!



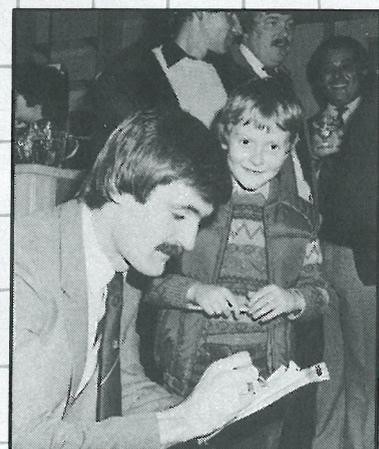
**FAMILY CLUB QUIZ WINNER**  
Bill Asprey, Stoke City's Assistant Manager presents an autographed ball to the winner of last week's Family Club Quiz Competition — Sean Vaughan of Cross Heath, Newcastle-under-Lyme.



Brendan O'Callaghan signs an autograph for a young fan in City's Executive Suite.

### PRE MATCH TALK

A group of our Match Sponsors' guests listen intently to Manager Richie Barker prior to City's game with Nottingham Forest.



## 20 YEARS AGO

We put up a brave fight at Old Trafford on 7th December 1963 but were unlucky to find DENIS LAW in irresistible form. He netted four times and DAVID HERD got the other goal in Manchester United's 5-2 win, JOHN RITCHIE and PETER DOBING reducing the arrears for us to make the final score 5-2.

Teams . . . MANCHESTER UNITED: Gaskell, Dunne, Cantwell, Crerand, Foulkes, Setters, Quixall, Moore, Herd, Law, Charlton.

STOKE: Leslie, Skeels, Allen, Kinnell, Stuart, Palmer, Matthews, Viollet, Ritchie, Dobing, Bebbington.

We were just below mid-table in Division One with United two points behind Liverpool, Blackburn and Spurs at the top, JIMMY GREAVES having got his 200th League goal in the latter's 3-1 win at Bolton.

Luton won their second round FA Cup-tie against Reading, GORDON TURNER and MIKE FAIRCHILD getting the goals while Yeovil pulled off a typical giant-killing act 2-1 against Crystal Palace and Watford despite the presence of the young PAT JENNINGS in goal went down 2-0 at Newport.

## 10 YEARS AGO

JOHN RITCHIE was again on the mark in our 2-1 defeat at Tottenham on 8th December 1973. In fact he gave us the lead after 62 minutes, following up after a Peter Dobing shot had been blocked. Soon, however, the home side were level through RAY EVANS and within 10 minutes of us taking the lead we were behind as JOHN PRATT headed the winner. This 2-1 success lifted the home side three points clear of us as both teams struggled just above the First Division relegation zone.

Teams . . . TOTTENHAM: Jennings, Evans, Knowles (Naylor), Pratt, England, Beal, McGrath, Perryman, Chivers, Neighbour, Coates.

STOKE: Farmer, Dodd, Pejic, Bloor, Smith, Mahoney, Robertson, Ritchie, Greenhoff, Hurst, Haslegrave.

Leeds dropped only their sixth point of the season in a 2-2 draw at QPR to stay unbeaten at the top of the table while incredibly Bristol Rovers were still unbeaten after 20 games as they strengthened their position at the top of Division Three with a 4-0 win over Southend. Luton meanwhile stayed well in the running in the Second Division promotion stakes, winning 1-0 at Millwall with a BARRY BUTLIN goal and they were now in third place behind Middlesbrough and Orient.

## RESERVES AND JUNIORS



By Tony Lacey

### STOKE CITY RESERVES 2 BOLTON RESERVES 2

Stoke had Tueart returning after injury whilst Bolton had manager McGovern's experience in midfield. The home side started at a furious pace with Heath and Saunders a continued threat. Savage and Lennox hit the woodwork as Stoke completely dominated. However, in the 25th minute Bolton took the lead in a rare attack through Ghani who broke clear to score. Shortly after, Bolton gaining in confidence increased their lead to go in 2-0 up.

Following the interval, an early cross by Saunders was handled in the box, Savage confidently despatched the penalty. In the 55th minute Stoke deservedly equalised when Heath crossed for Tueart to head a fine goal. Heath went close on two occasions as Stoke worked for a winner, but the Bolton defence held firm for a hard earned point.

It had been a fine game with Heath and Lennox outstanding in the Stoke side.

### STOKE CITY 'A' 1 WALSALL RESERVES 1

Stoke fielded their Youth team and immediately attacked the Walsall goal. After dominating the early exchanges a poor back pass by Callaghan was easily intercepted and neatly despatched to give Walsall an undeserved lead. The home side suffered a further set-back when Williams hobbled off to be replaced by Shaw. Stoke continued to attack with Chapman, Sutton and Johns missing opportunities to equalise. Following half-time Stoke were down to 10 men when O'Neil had to retire. However, to their credit playing three at the back, they continued to go forward and pressure the visitors with Hunt and Parkin working hard in midfield. A number of scoring opportunities were missed, but their courage and endeavour were rewarded when fine work by the hard working Sutton presented Chapman with an easy header to equalise. It had been a tremendously gritty performance by the youngsters, who came through with credit.

# CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

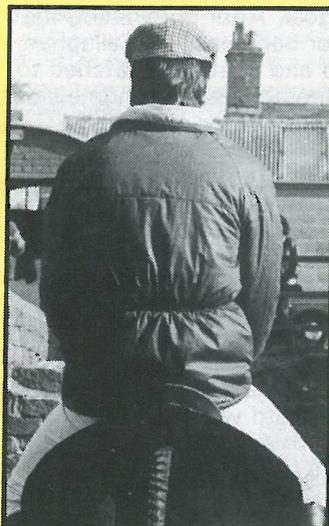
Although not in the first team recently I have enjoyed my games in the Reserves and I am determined to push for my place back in the League side.

Local Football League teams have been in the news this week and unfortunately not for the right reasons. We have had the departure of John McGrath from the Vale and the newspapers have been full of the transfer requests of Sammy McIlroy and Mickey Thomas.

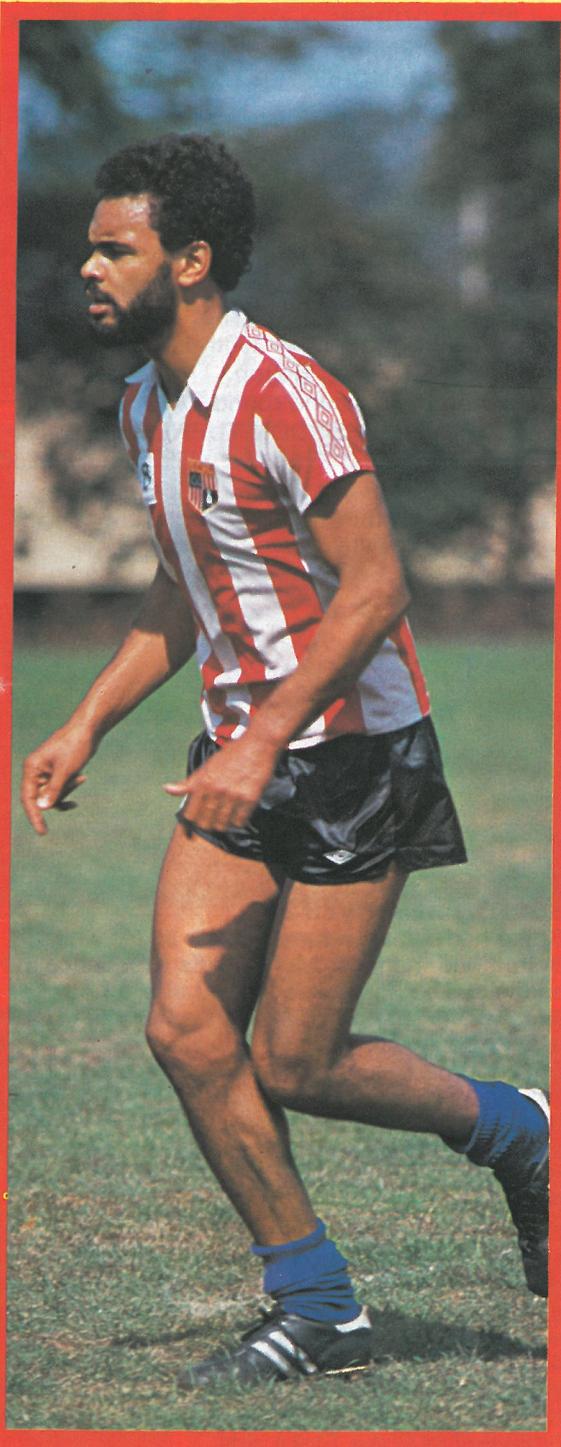
This has caused a lot of speculation amongst the fans and this has led to a lot of people asking me what my views are on the situation in my position as club skipper. I am sorry that I couldn't enlighten them because they are individual problems, which can only be solved between player and club.

I see that Clive Thomas is in charge of the game today. I saw Clive attempting to stifle the 'euphoria' among the Manchester United and West Ham players in a recent League game. I have great respect for Clive. As a referee he can be hard and I've had a few clashes with him during my career, but with all due respect when I score my next goal I will find it most difficult NOT to blow kisses to the Boothens Enders.

It appears that last week's puzzle picture stumped you all. I don't know why, because that riding jacket he was wearing was the biggest clue we could possibly give. If you are still in doubt then turn to the centre spread.



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Joint Players of the Match against Nottingham Forest were Mark Chamberlain and Mickey Thomas. Here they are seen with Mother's Pride General Manager John Winfield.

# Welcome to OUR VISITORS

By GEOFF ALLMAN



## LUTON TOWN

Currently on the edge of the First Division championship race, Luton Town are again providing the sort of entertaining soccer that they provided here last season in that remarkable 4-4 draw. When one recalls their parlous financial position of a few years ago when their very existence seemed to be in doubt their current position is a great tribute to the efforts behind the scenes and by manager David Pleat, who moved up from a coaching position almost six years ago.

Founded in 1885, the 'Hatters' turned professional in 1890, the first team in the south of England to do so and had a short spell in Division Two from 1897 to 1900 before having to wait twenty years before becoming founder members of Division Three (South) when this was formed from the Southern League.

There they stayed until 1937 when climbing to Division Two and then in 1966 they climbed up to Division One for the first time ever. Four years later they reached the FA Cup final, going down to Nottingham Forest at Wembley, but then came a decline. They slipped to Division Two in 1960, to Division Three in 1963 and to Division Four in 1965 to become only the second club (Brentford were the first) to have fallen all the way from Division One to Division Four.

To their credit they were back in Division One by 1974, but stayed up only for one

season in the midst of severe financial problems. Again they weathered the storm and in 1981-82 they topped Division Two by a clear eight points and lost only four games all season.

Last season they kicked off with five-goal wins over Notts County and Brighton, drew 4-4 here and won 3-2 at Birmingham to climb into the top ten by mid-October. They continued to pick up some exciting wins away from home (such as the 1-0 success at Nottingham Forest in March) but managed to win only seven home games all season and finally scrambled clear of relegation with a brave 1-0 win at Manchester City in the very last game.

### THIS SEASON

This season they have again been rather inconsistent at home, losing to Third Division Rotherham in the Milk Cup and recently going down to both Spurs and Coventry, but on their travels they have won at Leicester, Everton, QPR and Watford. They have chalked up four-goal wins against both Sunderland and Wolves at Kenilworth Road though losing 6-0 at Anfield at the end of October on a ground where they had come close to winning last season.

Most regular scorers this season have been PAUL WALSH, now in his second season since moving from Charlton, ex-Chelsea, Barnsley and Millwall man

TREVOR AYLOTT and former Edgware Town man BRIAN STEIN, now in his seventh season.

In midfield England cap RICKY HILL has just played his 300th game for the club and is likely to be linking up with evergreen BRIAN HORTON, who was released by Walsall as long ago as 1966 and has since given tremendous service to Port Vale, Brighton and for the last three seasons Luton.

BOB JOHNSON is a young player who has come into midfield this season while in defence WAYNE TURNER is both the son and grandson of professional footballers. KIRK STEPHENS and Irish cap MAL DONAGHY are both one-club men while another key defender PAUL ELLIOTT came from Charlton last season and goalkeeper LES SEALEY came from Coventry this season.

Substitute recently has been Yugoslavian international RADDY ANTIC, who got the vital goal in the last game of last season, and another possible today is young striker GARY PARKER, who made his debut at Old Trafford last season.

## STAR VISITOR

### RICKY HILL

Ricky is one of the exciting young players who have helped to make Luton such an attractive and successful club in the last few seasons and he could yet make an equal impact at England level where he has already shown what he is capable of.

Born in London in 1959 he joined Luton straight from school, was capped for England at Youth level and made his Football League debut when only just 17 in April 1976, scoring on his debut. It was in 1977-78 that he won a regular place and he was a key figure in the 1981-82 promotion side.

Last season he made a smooth transition to First Division football playing in every League and Cup game, picking up his best season's tally of 10 goals and playing three times for England, giving an inspired performance against West Germany at Wembley.

So far this season he has netted just once up to the time of writing (at Leicester) but he has given his usual polished displays in midfield where he is likely to be an inspirational figure again today.



Back row (left to right): Rob Johnson, Wayne Turner, Ray Daniel, Tim Breacker, Andy Beasley, Stacey North, Mitchell Thomas, Gary Parker, Mark Watts.

Middle row: John Moore, Richard Money, Clive Goodyear, Les Sealey, Paul Elliott, Mike Saxby, Jake Findlay, Trevor Aylott, Frank Bunn, Trevor Hartley.

Front row: David Coates, Kirk Stephens, Ricky Hill, Mal Donaghy, David Pleat, Brian Horton, Raddy Antic, Brian Stein, Paul Walsh, John Sheridan.

Picture: Gareth Owen



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2 (1)	PETER FOX	1	LES SEALEY	(2) 4	
	STEVE BOULD	2	KIRK STEPHENS		
	PETER HAMPTON	3	<del>WAYNE TURNER</del> THOMAS		
	ROBBIE JAMES	4	BRIAN HORTON		
BERRY	<del>PAUL DYSON</del>	5	PAUL ELLIOTT		
	DAVID McAUGHTRIE	6	MAL DONAGHY		
	CHRIS MASKERY	7	RICKY HILL		
	SAMMY McILROY	8	BRIAN STEIN		
PAINTER	<del>BRENDAN O'CALLAGHAN</del>	9	PAUL WALSH		
	MICKEY THOMAS	10	TREVOR AYLOTT		
	MARK CHAMBERLAIN	11	<del>FRANK BUNN</del> DANIEL		
	MAGUIRE	12	TURNER		

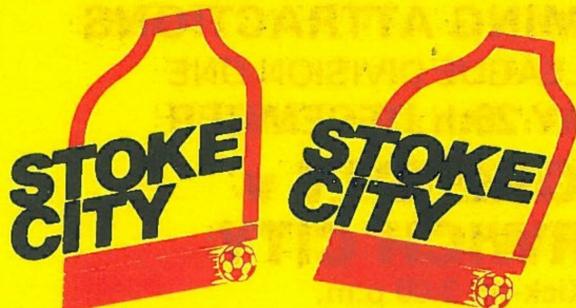
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Linesmen: L. A. HOWGATE, Merseyside (Red Flag)  
J. R. KYTE, Wolverhampton (Yellow Flag)

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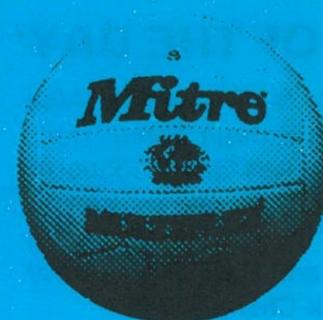
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