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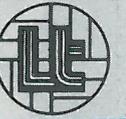
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MY VIEW

Welcome to our last game before Christmas. May I wish you all a happy festive occasion, and we shall look forward to seeing you again against West Ham on 27th December.

Our visitors, West Bromwich Albion, will prove a stern test. Having signed Gary Thompson from Coventry for a big fee last season, they have now invested in Tony Morley from Aston Villa. With Cyrille Regis, they should prove a formidable front line.

Sunday football will cause much discussion. I hope we have made the right decision, and our attendance does not fall short of our average. Footballers are essentially Saturday men, and the whole week's training routines and practices are designed to bring players to maximum sharpness and mental alertness for the Saturday games. We have adjusted our schedule this week, and the lads had a free day for Christmas shopping. When you take into account our busy Christmas, perhaps this was a privilege they deserved, particularly after their fine counter attacking performance at Stoke City.

I was delighted to win at Stoke, and did not hide my feelings. The very same players whom their manager had signed and supported, ousted him when the going got tough. Players who ask for transfers as a protest and withdraw them after speaking to the chairman, pose big question marks. Did they think a magic wand would be waved last Saturday once the manager had been the victim of their whims? Our creditable performance was a particular bonus for our two youngsters, Ray Daniel and Mitchell Thomas. The former, 19 on the day, showed there is an arena for his talents — his support play was first class. Also, his defensive contribution in helping Mitchell curb the elusive Chamberlain was admirable.

The previous week, they both gave creditable performances in a 2-1 win at Tottenham. Their coach, Robin Stepney, made my night when I watched Spurs brilliantly beat Bayern Munich. He said our play was incisive, everyone worked hard and several players looked First Division possibilities. Against Watford last week they did it again to give themselves a superb start to this season's Combination programme. At present we are fighting for top spot with Arsenal.

The other great result last week was the outstanding success in the FA Youth Cup at Gillingham, 4-0. Mark Watts is returning to his best and my hope is that he will develop enough to challenge David Moss. Mark Watts and Mark North are both playing for an England Youth XI against the Public Schools at Roehampton tomorrow. Mark North is slightly freakish. He gave some good displays at centre-forward for the reserves before he was switched to left-midfield against Watford, and continued his good form. Only four weeks ago, Mark had an operation on his knee and is a goalkeeper!

Chukwuemeka Nwajoibi has joined us from Dulwich. I hope he continues his superb record of never being booked! What a nightmare. He is 24, fast, elusive, with an eye for a goal. Once he is fully fit and we decide his best position, 'Emeka' will be chartered closely. Meanwhile, he will work to achieve an ambition and we will give him every encouragement. We all wish him well.



Our injured players, David Moss and Frank Bunn, are progressing, Mike Saxby is enjoying life at Lincoln. Jake Findlay is showing he is going to fight for his place.

It was suggested to me in a local paper report that 'the naked truth is that the Hatters will never compete with the best while they stick out their chin and invite sucker punches'. Well, provided we score more (our 31 is the highest in the First Division) than the opposition, we will continue to stick our chins out. Sorry!

Let's try and enjoy ourselves on the field — it's better than worrying around the ground. Incidentally, to all those many people who have written to me about this issue, I respect your views, but I shall not be replying and I hope you understand — I am far too busy.

Enjoy the game.

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WEST BROMWICH CONTINUE TO AMAZE

By Tony Pullein

Injury-ravaged West Bromwich Albion recorded quite a sensational victory over Arsenal at Highbury, even though manager Ron Wylie was forced to field four reserves. The Throstles had lost their previous four games and went to Highbury facing an Arsenal side doubly determined to regain lost prestige after being knocked out of the Milk Cup by Walsall.

The Albion side included teenager Mike Forsyth, making his League debut at centre-back, and Steve MacKenzie was included in the side for the first time in well over a year. Derek Monaghan, making his first full appearance in First Division football this season, scored the only goal of the match in the 61st minute.

Albion's victory put further pressure upon their former manager Don Howe, now Arsenal's coach and Terry Neill's right-hand man. Arsenal had crashed 3-0 at lowly Leicester a week earlier and then gone out at home to Third Division Millwall in the Milk Cup. And, following this further setback, supporters gathered to demand the dismissal of Neill and Howe.

Neill admitted he was deeply concerned at the situation. 'I have never been under so much pressure since I took over,' he admitted. 'But I'm no quitter. We shall face up to our problems and overcome them.'

Arsenal chairman Peter Hill-Wood declared that he would not listen to the fans. 'They pay the players' wages so they have every right to criticise,' he conceded.

'It would be the easiest thing in the world to sack the manager. But I really don't think that would help the situation. We have two good, honest and articulate men in Terry Neill and Don Howe and I don't contemplate making any changes.'

NO MORE CASH

Arsenal included their new England Under-21 central defender Tommy Caton, a £500,000 signing from Manchester City, for the first time against WBA. As they invested £750,000 in Scottish striker Charlie Nicholas in the summer, Arsenal now have no further money available for new players.

Nicholas's disappointing form has been one of the reasons for Arsenal fans' frustration. Charlie, who scored 48 goals for Celtic last season, had scored only three times by early December — and one was from a penalty.

Ally Brown, the Walsall striker, whose killer goal put Arsenal out of the Milk Cup, took time off to analyse Nicholas's performance. 'He amazed me,' confessed Brown. 'I had seen only a few clips of him before on television but though he was getting in some nice touches from deep positions, he was continually running wide on the wings and getting into just about every position except the ones where a striker should be — in and around the opponents' goal.'

● Neill could take some consolation from the fact that even Liverpool's Joe Fagan had his Milk Cup problems. It took the League Champions, and holders of the Milk Cup for the past three years, three games to dispose of Fulham, one of the Second Division's bottom clubs.

Fulham drew 1-1 at Craven Cottage and Anfield,

thanks to a Kevin Lock penalty on each occasion. And the Cottagers took Liverpool to extra-time before finally succumbing to a Graeme Souness winner in the third game.

Liverpool then struggled at home to Birmingham City and it wasn't until four minutes from the end that Ian Rush scored their winner. It was his 17th goal of the season.

HAT-TRICK

As Liverpool go for their hat-trick of League Championships, they are finding the going increasingly tough as nearly every opposing team at Anfield tends to pack its defence. But, whereas manager Joe Fagan recently slated Stoke City for being the most negative team he had seen in all his time at Anfield, he took time off to praise Birmingham for their display.

● One of the teams we should watch during the second half of the season is Norwich City. After beating Spurs 2-1 at Carrow Road, the Canaries looked back on a run of only one defeat in 15 League and Cup games.

Mike Channon is enjoying a new lease of life. He hit the goal which knocked neighbouring Ipswich Town out of the Milk Cup at Portman Road and then claimed the winner against Tottenham with seven minutes to spare.

The former England striker celebrated his 33rd birthday last month but still looks forward to his game with the relish of a schoolboy. 'The old legs may be going a bit now,' he smiled. 'But the class stays with you.'

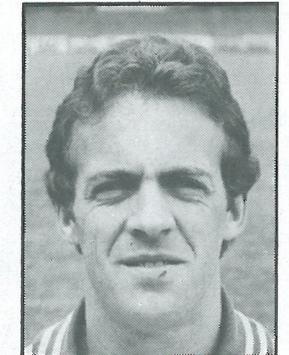
Norwich are now at home to Aston Villa in the Milk Cup quarter-final and Channon must be feeling that there is still a chance that he might make just one final appearance at Wembley where he sparkled so often for England and, of course, Southampton when they won the FA Cup in 1976.

● When young Gary Porter was called onto the field as Watford's substitute at Molineux he became the 26th player to appear in their First Division side this season. No other First Division club has called on so many players this season.

Watford won 5-0 at Wolves with new signing Maurice Johnston scoring a hat-trick in only his second game since joining them from Partick Thistle. 'I felt I was unlucky not to get more,' he said afterwards. 'I have never scored more than three times in a match but I had some chances.'



ALLY BROWN



ALAN CURTIS

TAYLOR'S CAUTION

Despite their smashing win, manager Graham Taylor was cautious. 'This was only one result and we are still far from being a good First Division side I expect us to sail very close to the wind this season.'

Chairman Elton John was less reticent. 'I'm absolutely delighted,' he beamed. 'I'm specially pleased for Graham Taylor because we have had a lot of injuries and the pressure has been on. A fine result like this is bound to give him heart.'

● Southampton opened December in customary winning form. 'I really can say that December is my favourite month,' chirped manager Lawrie McMenemy after their 3-1 victory over Stoke at The Dell.

'It's difficult to believe but we've now been beaten only twice in our last 30 League games played in the month of December,' added the Saints' boss.

Southampton's December flourish started in 1977-78 when they were running for promotion to the First Division. And, unless their run has now been spoiled, they haven't been beaten away from home in a League game in December since 1976!

The Saints had been suffering a number of injury problems but former England skipper Mick Mills returned to the side against Stoke after an absence of nine games. And they also included Welsh international striker Alan Curtis and defender Mark Dennis, signed from Swansea and Birmingham respectively, in the side for the first time.



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Town Focus



Wayne Turner has made rapid strides at Football League level since joining us from school. A local lad, Wayne has been a regular member of the first team this season and has wisely used the experience to broaden his knowledge and outlook on the game.

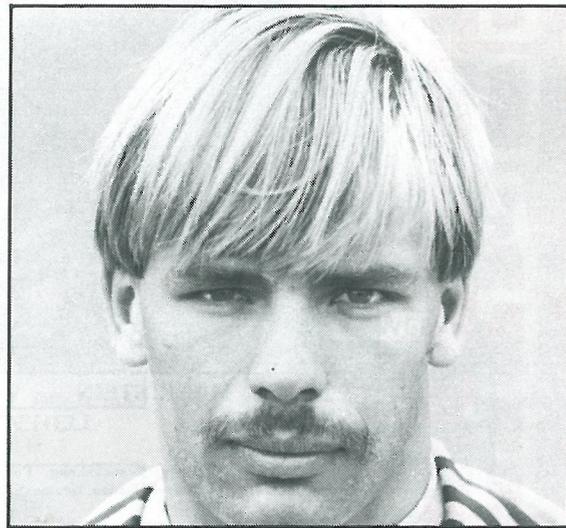
A product of our Youth policy, Wayne joined Lincoln on loan last season but appeared in our first 16 games this term at left-back. Perhaps one of his best assets is the fact that he is referred to at Kenilworth Road as one of those players who always gives '101 per cent'.

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MARK STEIN

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South East Counties

LUTON: Charles, Doughty, Francis-Lang, Paine, Burke, Cooke, Medhurst, Loy, Vetere, Ellisdon, Devine. Subs: Turney, Davies.

OXFORD: Eadle, Gay, Jones, Nuckelberg, Shepherd, Bowler, Silver, Kimber, Prescott, Embury, Douglas, New, O'Loughlin.

The game started reasonably well for us against a powerful Oxford side, although we had four trialists in the team which made it uncertain how they were going to perform within the team pattern.

We soon had the boost of a goal to give us every incentive to record our first victory for almost six weeks when Doughty scored.

As the game progressed, Oxford started to come more into it and we doubted our ability to withstand their power play. They had one or two chances and were getting on top and, in a little bit of desperation, we conceded a penalty.

Our trialist goalkeeper looked a little nervous after having to withstand a couple of hefty challenges. He did not inspire confidence in our defence, and the next time he was called on to collect a loose ball under a little pressure, he dropped it to allow Oxford to take the lead.

In the second-half we had nearly all the play and with the help of our two substitutes, carried the game to them. But couldn't force an equaliser.

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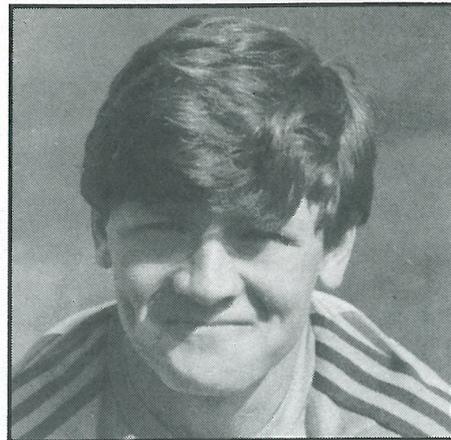
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SWINDON: Robinson, Bryen, Elliott, Woollen, Emms, Poling, Payne, Reynolds, Hughes, Gardener, Lee, Prowls, Coombs.

The pressure was on even before the start when two players, one the keeper, failed to arrive.

This forced us to play one of our back four in goal and one of our midfield lads in defence.

The result was a reasonable one in the circumstances but it also tells us how much work we have to do to retain our standards. Considering we have already used 36 players this season, only four of whom are on the staff, shows how thorough we are.

Thirty-two players are trying to break into football as a



CAHAL McCONVILLE

career but the standards have to be maintained. Part of our coaches job is to try and find future players which is why we try so many to see how they compare against the boys on the staff.

This is one of the many reasons that results fluctuate greatly. Another is unless we find boys who can play well in our standards, we are forced to try someone else.

As a result, we seldom have the same team two weeks in succession and it is hard to create understanding and teamwork when so many changes take place.

The boy who played in this game did well in the circumstances but will have to do better if given further opportunity to prove they are up to the standard required.

LUTON 2 MILLWALL 4
Southern Junior Floodlight Cup

TEAM: Stevens, Doughty, Petts, Parker, Burke, Davies, Driscoll, Stein, McConville, Oldfield, Watts. Subs: McEvoy, Devine.

This was a game where, due to injuries, we had four players making their debut. This handicap proved too great as experience can be very important in a tight Cup-tie. None of the lads let us down but a little more awareness might have turned the game our way. We never managed to get into the lead, but there was never more than one goal in it until the last minute when Millwall scored.

We started well enough, but went one down when we tried to keep a ball in play and succeeded only in presenting it to Millwall. When the ball came in our box the goalkeeper made a good save, but the ball rebounded to the opposition who went one up.

That was how it stayed until after half-time when we snatched an equaliser from a corner. However they came straight back to regain the lead from a free-kick which took a deflection off the defensive wall. We came back again to draw level from a penalty after Mark Stein had been brought down.

Our defence was again caught napping and allowed them to regain the lead. We stormed back and, from our best move of the game, hit the bar and went on to have a good claim for a penalty turned down. At this stage the game was finely balanced and, if we had taken our chances, could perhaps have won.

With time running out, they went on to record a good fourth goal to seal victory, but it looked suspiciously off-side to us. Our second goal was scored by Cahal McConville.

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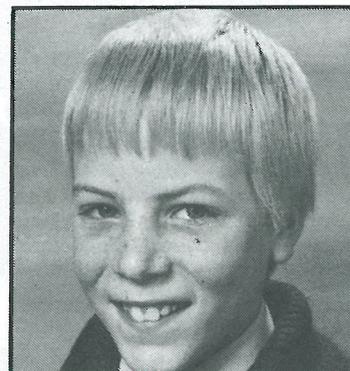
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Andrew Jones of Clophill is 13 and a pupil at Harlington Upper School. He plays football for Maulden Youth and his interests are football and computers.

Stephen Shaw of Luton is 10 and attends Stopsley Junior School. He plays football for his school team, First Someries Cubs and Luton Eagles.

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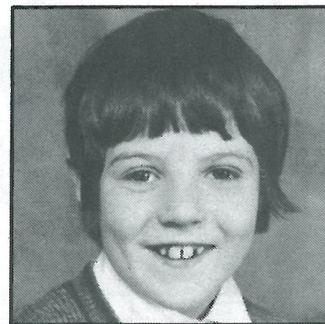
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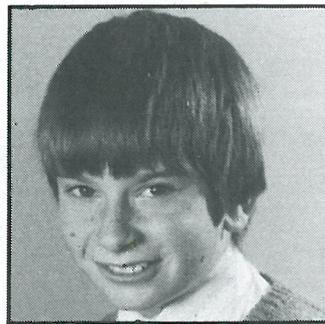
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Dear Sir, May I ask you to publish this letter as a mark of my appreciation to the large number of supporters who have recently wished me well on my forthcoming departure to New South Wales, Australia, to further my career with St George (Budapest) FC.

After 12 excellent years at Luton, the break was not an easy decision to make. So many of you have, in the past, helped to make our commercial scene the success it is today. I hope you will all continue to support the highly skilled and most loyal staff who are now responsible for the commercial operation at Luton.

From Australia, I will keep in touch via the media with great interest in all that encompasses the Hatters and, as I have said in the past, 'like Scottish Engineers there are Hatters fans every-

where' so I shall not feel so far from home!

In closing, may I offer my thanks to everyone concerned for helping me to spread lots of happiness to many many people and, in the process, help to sustain the financial well being of our football club.

Mike Hardwicke
 (ex-promotions manager)

Dear Sir, I am writing to say how pleased I was to see that I was ahead on the awaygame competition in a recent magazine. It is only the second time I have had my name in the magazine — the previous time was in September 1975 when I was mascot.

But the main reason I have written is to make a plea. Is there another Town supporter in Northampton or near enough to give me a lift to the games as it is almost impossible to get to the game by public transport, and even harder to get back. The cheapest method — £2 wayfarer on the bus — means catching a 9.55 am bus from Northampton to get to Luton about 12.45 pm.

To return, the first bus is about 5.50 pm and, with travelling time, I arrive home about 9.15 pm so you see my problem.

Perry Bartlett
 127 Birchfield Road
 Northampton

Dear Sir, Earlier this season I wrote in the hope you would find space for my letter in an issue of your match magazine. My letter

was a plea to your supporters for a copy of the programme issued for the League Cup match between the Hatters and Coventry played on 25th September 1963 (I had been trying to obtain one for 15 years).

I was delighted when a Mr Dilley of Biggleswade forwarded to me a copy of the programme in question. He had managed to find the programme after a long search in his attic.

This was one of the few remaining programmes I need to complete a collection and I would like to sincerely thank everybody at Kenilworth Road who was instrumental in enabling me to secure it.

Paul K. Howard
 Nuffield Road
 Courthouse Green
 Coventry

Dear David, Please convey my thanks to Andy Beasley and Tim Breacker who presented the trophies for our Junior Five-a-side and Netball Inter-Centre Tournament. I realise that, on this particular day, you were very busy preparing for an away trip and most players were involved in one way or another. So it was much appreciated that these two lads were able to do the presentations. The children certainly loved it when they turned up.

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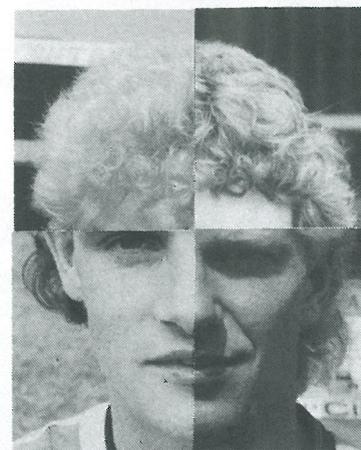
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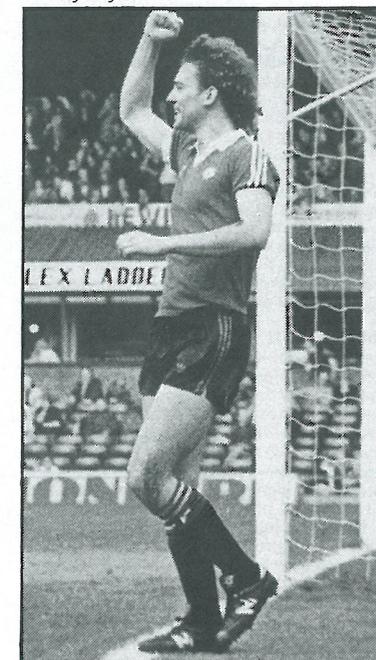
Our photo caption shows three players' heads mixed up. Again, all you have to do is name the three players and their current club.

Write your answers on a postcard with your name and address and send your entry to Luton Town Photo-teazers, Luton Town Football Club Matchday Magazine, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton.



NAME THE STAR

The 'Name the Star' competition from our Coventry Matchday magazine has been won by Mr Neil Brooks, 10 Lions Cross, Godmanchester, Huntingdon, Cambs. Congratulations Mr Brooks for correctly naming Bryan Robson (Manchester United). A super prize is on its way to you.



This week we start a new competition. Each week we will add a small proportion of the body of a famous player inviting you to guess the player's identity. As the details increase so the prize will diminish. Send your entries to: 'Name the Star' Competition, Luton Town Football Club Matchday Magazine, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton.



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WELCOME EMEKA

We captured a new signing when Dulwich Hamlet's striker Chukwuemeka Nwajobi agreed to join us. His progress has been closely watched by manager David Pleat who pounced quickly to beat competition from several other clubs. Chukwuemeka tells us he likes to be called 'Emeka' which is probably sound reasoning if he ever has the misfortune to have his name taken by a referee!

A SAD LOSS

We are sad to record the death of 'Okey' Swain, an enthusiastic Bedfordshire FA official. 'Okey' always had a close liaison with Luton Town FC and had recently been assisting our Youth team coach John Moore. We extend our sympathy to his family.

JIM FIXED IT!

Our coach driver Jim McCabe could have been excused for feeling a little tired recently when he took the first team to play a private friendly game at Derby.

No sooner had he arrived back at Kenilworth Road when he was on the road again, this time to Gillingham where the Youth team were involved in an FA Cup-tie. But Jim found himself the victim of two road accidents en-route which delayed the team's arrival at the ground.

But all's well that ends well. Our lads recorded a magnificent 4-0 victory to reach the third round. The match report will be included in the magazine for our game against West Ham on 27th December at Kenilworth Road.

FAVOURITE FRANK

Soccer magazine 'Football Monthly' recently published a letter from Luton fan Tracey Barnes who asked for a picture of her favourite player, Frank Bunn, to be printed. The magazine obliged because Tracey wrote: 'I really love him.' So do we after that superb winning goal at Watford. Need we say more?

AWAYDAY TRAVEL

May we remind our supporters that our away match on Boxing Day at Notts County kicks-



off at 11.30 am. On page 23, you will find details of our luxury coach service — under the wing of our Official Travel Club — which offers travel at very competitive prices. However, for those fans making their own way, this RAC route should be useful.

Leave M1 north at intersection 24 and follow signs 'Nottingham A453', pass Radcliffe Power Station and continue through Clifton.

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CENTURY CLUB

Our visitors today, bring back warm memories of our visit to their ground just over 12 months ago, when a party of Century Club members made one of their Executive away trips. The welcome we were accorded was of the warmest, with a buffet lunch arranged in the Throstles Club, where we spent a pleasant hour with Albion supporters. We hope we shall be able to return this hospitality in some measure today.

It was strange not having a Saturday game this week, and is even stranger being at Kenilworth Road on a Sunday, but we look forward to a good game.

At our last home game against Coventry, a collection was made in the ground for Five Springs School Mini Bus Appeal. The task of collecting in the Century Club fell to member Reg Carrott and he was delighted to record a total collected of £50. He asks me to pass on his thanks for your most generous help.

With Christmas only a week away, we wish all our members a very happy Christmas, and on your behalf, offer season's greetings to David Pleat and his players.

WEST BROM MASCOT

If you are a Junior Hatter tune into page 11 where you can find details of this afternoon's mascot and escorts.

West Brom also have their junior supporters club and we welcome their mascot, Andrew Gosling, to Kenilworth Road today.

Andrew, who is 11, tells us his favourite Albion player is Cyrille Regis. His leisure activities include soccer, swimming, cricket and golf. We hope you enjoy your visit, Andrew.

A CIVIC VISIT

We were delighted to welcome Frank Lester,



the mayor of Luton, and his Coventry counterpart, Joe Thompson, to our last home match.

They dined in the town hall before the game and are pictured in the boardroom discussing Coventry's 4-2 victory over a cup of tea.

... AND A WELCOME ONE

Former Luton director Jim Richardson must have been wondering whether his long

journey was worth it after watching us lose two successive home matches.

Jim now lives in Australia but takes the opportunity of watching the Hatters on his visits to England. Despite those two defeats Jim, who always took a close interest in our Youth and Reserve teams when he was a director, thoroughly enjoyed visiting Kenilworth Road again.

COVER PICTURE

Ho, ho, ho... our supporters shouldn't have too much difficulty in recognising Father Christmas on this afternoon's front cover. Our players joined in the festive spirit at Vauxhall Motors' Luton plant where disabled children were entertained to a Golden Sunshine Variety Lunch. From all accounts, they had a smashing time.

PAUL'S HONOUR

The East London Handicapped Adventure Playground is £250 richer, thanks to Paul Elliott winning the Robin's Barley Water Young Player of the Month award for October. Paul, manager David Pleat and directors were entertained by the company to lunch in a Luton hotel where our defender was also presented with a silver salver and a cheque for £250 which he donated to the charity. Nice one, Paul.

REFEREE

Michael J. Taylor of Walmer, Kent, started refereeing in 1958 whilst in the Royal Marines, and progressed via the Kent and Southern League's to the Football League List. Refereed the 1971-72 Southern League Cup Final, and lined a European Cup-Winners Cup semi-final in 1973-74. Was a linesman in the 1972-73 Anglo-Italian Tournament, and also in a European Cup-Winners' Cup semi-final 1980-81. In 1980 refereed England v Scotland Schoolboys.

A married man, with two children, he retired from the Royal Marines and is now a company secretary. Coaches in tennis, squash, badminton and fencing, and plays golf. Chairman of local Junior League and council member of Kent Football Association.



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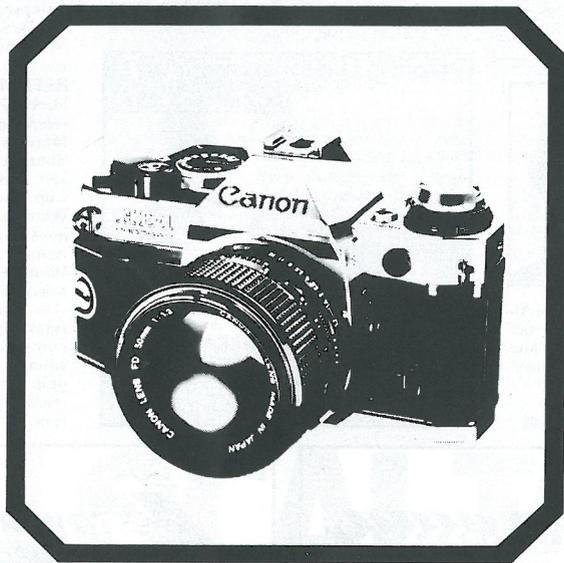
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HATTERS WHO'S WHO

TONY PULLEIN continues his popular series on former Luton players. This afternoon, he puts the spotlight on **Dally Duncan**, an ex-player-manager.

Dally Duncan became one of the first player-managers when he joined the Hatters from Derby County in October 1946. He was by then approaching the end of a highly distinguished playing career and he looked on the move to Kenilworth Road as a means of carving a new career for himself.

'We had a wonderful team at Derby at the time,' he recalled. 'Peter Doherty, Raich Carter, Jack Stamps, Leon Leuty and Vic Woodley were all stars in their own right.'

'One of the highlights of my career was playing in the Derby side which beat Charlton 4-1, after extra-time, in the 1946 FA Cup Final. I suppose I could have stayed on at Derby a little longer but I had to accept that my playing days were coming to an end.'

'When Luton asked me to become player-manager, I was grateful for the opportunity it gave me to turn to the managerial side of the game.'

The player-manager was a post-war phenomena and there weren't many of them around when Dally took over. He continued to sparkle on our left-wing for about a year. Although he was slowing down, he still had a brilliant left foot and a soccer brain which compensated for any lack of mobility.

During the early weeks of the 1947-48 season he retired from the playing side to concentrate upon management. At first he found the going a bit tough but eventually settled down in his new role and by the mid-fifties he had built a team which made several bids for promotion to the First Division.

WON PROMOTION

After finishing third in 1953 and sixth a year later, the Hatters finally squeezed into the promotion bracket in 1955.

'The closing weeks of that season were possibly the most tense of my football life,' smiled Dally. 'Luton had never before played in the First Division and everyone was willing us along. But it was so close and in the end it was all decided on goal average.'

Birmingham, Luton and Rotherham all finished level on points but, in those days, only two clubs were promoted and we were marginally better than Rotherham.

It was always a bit of a struggle in the First Division and it was shortly after leading us to our best-ever placing of eighth in 1957-58 that he decided to move on.

'I had been at Luton for 12 years and achieved a fair amount of success and I certainly very much enjoyed my time at Kenilworth Road,' said Dally. 'But in football it is sometimes better to move on after a certain period of time. Blackburn Rovers had just regained their First Division status and I felt I could get myself involved in a new challenge there.'

It was in October 1958 when Dally left Luton and at the end of that season we reached the FA Cup Final for the first time. But he had some consolation because, two years later, he led Blackburn out onto the Wembley pitch.

LEAGUE DEBUT

Dally was born in Aberdeen but it was with Hull City that he first came into prominence, making his League debut in 1928. The Tigers were in the Second Division at the time but were relegated in 1930.

In 1931-32 he was Hull's leading scorer with 16 goals in Division Three (North) but he was becoming ambitious for bigger things. Before that season ended, he was transferred to Derby County and made his entry into First Division football during the final games of the season.

Within six months he was in the Scotland team, scoring on his debut against Wales in Edinburgh in October 1932. For the following five years he became a regular in the famous dark blue shirt and he won a total of 14 caps.

As the second war progressed, Dally felt that he would never again play in League football. But he enjoyed that wonderful comeback at Wembley in 1946 and then his switch into management with Luton.

Dally now lives in retirement in Brighton.

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| | 1934-35 | 36 | 8 |
| | 1935-36 | 34 | 3 |
| | 1936-37 | 37 | 9 |
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JOHN WILKINSON – CLUB SECRETARY

Our visitors today were formed in 1879 and played under the name of West Bromwich Strollers but changed to Albion two years later. In 1885 they decided to turn professional and, since moving their current home in 1900, they have had five different grounds, Coopers Hill, Dartmouth Park, Bunns Field Walsall Street, Four Acres and Stoney Lane.

Since the resumption of League football after the Second World War in 1946 Albion have had 12 managers, Jack Smith, Vic Buckingham, Gordon Clark, Archie Macauley, Jimmy Hagan, Alan Ashman, Don Howe, John Giles, Ronnie Allen, Ron Atkinson, Ronnie Allen (for the second time) and present manager Ron Wylie.

I cannot think of many players who have played for both clubs but Eddie Connelly, Bill Gripton, Jack Bannister, Derek Kevan and Andy King come readily to mind. Tony Godden came here on loan last season when Jake Findlay broke his thumb at Highbury. Matches between our two clubs are usually tight affairs but, in October 1959, we lost 4-0 at the Hawthorns in a Division One fixture.

I chose this game because, in the Albion side that day, were Derek Kevan, Brian Whitehouse – who later came to us as a coach during Alec Stock's reign – and present England manager Bobby Robson. At right-back was Don Howe, Robson's right-hand man in the current England set-up. The teams for that match were:

WEST BROM: Wallace, Howe, S. Williams, Setters, Kennedy, Robson, Jackson, Whitehouse, Allen, Kevan, Aitken.

LUTON TOWN: Baynham, Dunne, Hawkes, Morton, Groves, Pacey, Bingham, Brown, Turner, Cummins, Kilgannon.

The scorers were Allen (2), Kevan and Whitehouse. Going back to December 1957 we won 4-1 in a First Division match played at Kenilworth Road. The teams on that occasion were:

LUTON TOWN: Baynham, Dunne, Hawkes, Morton, Owen, Pearce, Adam, Turner, Brown, Groves, McLeod.

WEST BROM: Sanders, Howe, G. Williams, Setters, Kennedy, Barlow, Griffin, Robson, Allen, Kevan, Horabin.

Scorers were Turner (2), Adam Brown and Kennedy (og) for Luton and Robson for Albion.



**MEMORY
LANE
ANDY KING**

Andy was born in Luton and signed as an apprentice for us on 10th October 1972 and showed such promise that he was offered a contract with the club before his apprenticeship had expired.

When Luton Town's financial problems were coming to the fore in 1975, Billy Bingham – then manager of Everton – made an offer of £40,000 for his transfer and our manager Harry Haslam had no alternative but to agree. Since those days, Andy was sold to QPR for £425,000 and later to West Brom for £400,000. While at the Hawthorns he made 29 appearances and scored six goals.

He is also the holder of an England Under-21 cap. He is now back at Goodison Park and was recently in action against the Town on their recent visit to Everton.

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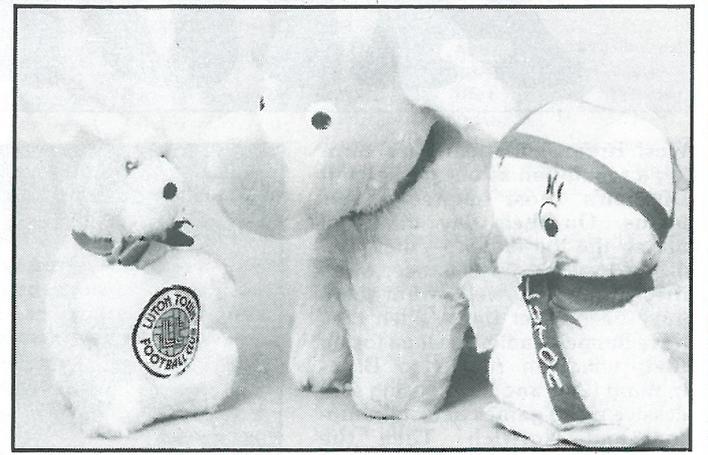


Our last home match against Coventry was a busy one for the commercial department with two of our close friends, Tony and Fred Lambert, sponsoring the match. Despite the defeat, Broad Street Print's guests enjoyed all the benefits of match sponsorship including a talk by manager David Pleat. In addition to the main sponsorship, Leighton Homes took our executive suite for the day where they entertained a party of 12. For their managing director, Steve Gudgeon, this meant a complete change of roll as he always breaks off from his business commitments and operates our scoreboard at home games. Steve ensured that he did not miss the opportunity which promotions on our scoreboard offers as his matchday partner, John Pyper, displays the versatility of our operator.

Souvenirs

LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

We strongly advise you to visit the commercial offices in Kenilworth Road where you will find a huge range of ideal gifts at reasonable prices. There's something for everyone — and your investment won't break your bank balance. Pop in after today's match. You won't be disappointed.



Travel...



Travel...



Travel in style with us for the next two away games. Leave the car at home or in the Maple Road car park before you climb aboard. The fare to Notts County on Boxing Day is £4 and coaches leave at 8.30 am. On New Year's Eve, we visit Sunderland when the fare is £7 with coaches leaving Maple Road at 8 am. Bookings are being accepted in the commercial offices NOW.

Lotteries

There has never been a more important time to help Luton Town FC — and we need your help. If you can assist us in selling our attractive lottery tickets, please call into the club's Kenilworth Road commercial offices or telephone Luton 30748 (24 hour Ansaphone service) or fill in the coupon. We offer generous commission on all sales.

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Please return to Luton Town FC, Pools Office, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton.

Albion

West Bromwich Albion are earning a reputation as one of the First Division's most unpredictable teams. On their day they can match the top teams — they won 4-3 at Ipswich, for instance, when they were doing well — but there have been other times when they have flopped badly, as when losing their unbeaten record to Birmingham (2-1) and when losing successive away games at Southampton and Norwich. Then the Throstles bounced back into a 1-0 win at Arsenal.

Manager Ron Wylie has been persevering with his squad, however, no doubt believing that if they can achieve a higher level of consistency they could well rise way up the table.

The new striking partnership of Gary Thompson and Cyrille Regis has proved a huge success.

Thompson, who is approaching double figures, was signed from Coventry for £225,000 towards the end of last season. Gary developed in the junior teams at Coventry, made his League debut in 1977-78 and three seasons ago hit 15 goals. He scored 12 in 1981-82 and he has been capped on six occasions by the England Under-21s.

Regis, who had scored seven times by the end of November, has been the Throstles' top scorer for the past three seasons. Cyrille has been capped by England on four occasions. He won an immediate place in the Albion side and in 1977, following his £5,000 transfer from Hayes, and has been a regular goalscorer since.

CELEBRATED

When Regis was injured, Wylie, recalled young Noel Luke to the attack and he celebrated his first full match in First Division football by scoring the clinching goal in their 2-0 win over Notts County last month. Prior to that, Noel had played just once as substitute against Norwich last May. At



Albion's Ken McNaught in action against Everton.

Highbury, their winning goal was scored by former England Youth cap Derek Monaghan.

In recent weeks Mick Perry has been operating as the third forward with Nicky Cross, the player he replaced, often nominated as substitute. Both are former Albion apprentices. Perry made a few League appearances last season and has been scoring consistently in recent weeks, hitting his third of the season against Birmingham.

Cross made his debut in 1980-81 and has now made more than 60 appearances in the Throstles' First Division side. Micky Lewis, Romeo Zondervan and Gary Owen usually fill the midfield positions but Gary Robson makes an occasional appearance here and Martin Jol was back again recently following an injury.

Lewis came into the side briefly two seasons ago and is now enjoy-

ing a regular run in the side for the first time.

Zondervan quickly acclimatised to English First Division football after joining the Throstles from Dutch club Twente Enschede for £225,000 two seasons ago. Romeo can play in midfield or defence.

Owen made rapid strides after being introduced to Manchester City's First Division side in 1976 and he cost the Throstles £450,000 when they signed him in 1979. He has 22 England Under-21 caps.

HOPES TO FOLLOW

Robson is hoping to follow in the footsteps of his older brother Bryan who started his career with Albion and who went on to captain England. Gary had two introductory runs as substitute last season and has been in the team on half-

UNPREDICTABLE THROSTLES

a-dozen or so occasions this term.

Jol, a Dutchman, was signed from Twente-Enschede for £250,000 in August 1981 but he previously played for the West German club Bayern Munich. Martyn Bennett and Ken McNaught are usually the central defenders but Bennett took a knock last month when Alistair Robertson was recalled.

Bennett joined the England squad for the Wales game last season. He developed in the junior teams and made his League debut in 1978-79. Martyn won a regular place two seasons ago and he has been named in both the full and Under-21 squads for England.

McNaught was signed from Aston Villa for £125,000 this summer. He started as an Everton apprentice and, after establishing himself in the Toffees' side, he was

transferred to Aston Villa for £200,000 in 1977. Whilst at Villa Park, Ken won a League Championship medal and was a member of their European Cup winning team in 1982.

Robertson is a former Scottish Schoolboy and Youth international who made his first senior appearance for the Throstles in 1969-70 and who now looks back on almost 450 League appearances for the club.

The versatile Clive Whitehead has settled in at right-back now. Due to an injury to England's Derek Statham, Barry Cowdrill has established himself on the opposite flank.

DEVELOPED

Whitehead developed as a ball-playing left-winger at Bristol City

but was later successfully converted into a full-back. He fell into dispute with the club two seasons ago and was one of the first players to be sold to try and stabilise their financial position. Albion signed him for £100,000 two seasons ago.

Until this season Cowdrill had been used mainly as an understudy. He first played in the Throstles' League XI in 1979-80. Alan Webb, who made his League debut two seasons ago, has made a couple of appearances at right-back.

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

West Brom have won three away games in the First Division — at Ipswich (4-3), Coventry (2-1) and Arsenal (1-0).

They drew at Everton (0-0) but lost their other away games at Aston Villa (4-3), Stoke (3-1), Manchester United (3-0), Southampton (1-0) and Norwich (2-0).

The Throstles also lost away to Third Division Millwall (3-0) in the Milk Cup but they recovered splendidly to win the return game 5-1. They then won 1-0 at Chelsea in the third round. Their run ended when they were beaten 1-2 at home by Aston Villa in the fourth round.

Albion certainly opened the current campaign in style, even though they lost. In a pulsating opening match at Aston Villa, West Brom conceded four goals. But they also scored three to give some indication of their attacking prowess.

When they lost 3-1 at Stoke in their second game, the situation didn't look too hopeful. But they worked at their problems and later looked far more stable at the back.

Albion remained unbeaten in the next six games and only once did the defence look vulnerable. That was at Ipswich where they conceded three goals. But, on that occasion, they scored four themselves to inflict Ipswich's first home defeat. It is from that point that their form has been so inconsistent.



Keeper Paul Barron punches clear in the same match.

By TONY PULLEIN

LUTON'S FUTURE

It is our policy to keep supporters informed of all aspects of our covered stadium project and, this afternoon, we take a look at one of the prestige venues in America, the Seattle Kingdome. We think you will agree that this stadium is one of the best examples of spectator comfort in the world.

In this series of articles we now examine three North American Stadia used successfully for indoor soccer, the British Columbia Place Stadium, home of the Vancouver Whitecaps, the Kingdome, completed in Seattle in 1976, and last — but by no means least — the Tacoma Dome seating 20,000 for our kind of football and a somewhat squeezed 27,000 for David Bowie concert.

Approved by the Football League for First Division matches, the projected new home for Luton Town is about this size and, like the Dome, is designed for a variety of uses.

It is worth remembering that there are over 200 indoor stadia in North America with a seating capacity in excess of 10,000.

Opened in June 1983, the BC Place Stadium, personifies what can be achieved given the goodwill and enthusiasm of all those concerned with the project. At a total cost of £70 million it was built on time and to budget. The stadium complex itself covers some 10 acres measures 776' x 640' and has accommodation for up to 60,000 for stage concerts. Some 23,000 parking places are provided within half-a-mile.

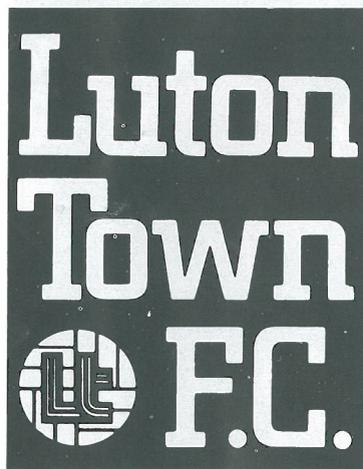
Once inside the building, you may be thirsty, or even hungry, for which some 36 food and beverage stands, all clearly marked, distribute food on four levels.

ARTIFICIAL

The playing surface is artificial grass (Poligras) which, so its manufacturers claim, can be quickly rolled up and stored, allowing quick conversion of the stadium for other events.

Weather, of course, is a problem on the Canadian west coast (it's rather similar to what we find here) but patrons inside the Place Stadium sit in air conditioned comfort, with natural light provided through the translucent dome, plus high intensity lighting required for TV and still photography.

There are 101 special private Pacific Rim Suites which offer lux-



ury, comfort and privacy at very reasonable terms and, of course, their own catering facilities.

There are 200 closed circuit television monitors within the building, plus a high quality sound system, vital for the reproduction of speech and music for stage performances.

With the advent of satellite communications the Dome configures to receive or televise major world events as they happen.

The special needs of the handicapped — patrons or athletes — have not been forgotten. The entire stadium is totally accessible to handicapped people including the dressing rooms and playing field.

MOVE EASILY

The buildings, design, three special lifts, designated seating area, food concessions, wash-rooms and other considerations make it possible for handicapped persons to move easily anywhere in the facility.

Another group with specialised needs have been well catered for, the media, with two fully equipped Press Boxes, excellent views and first class facilities.

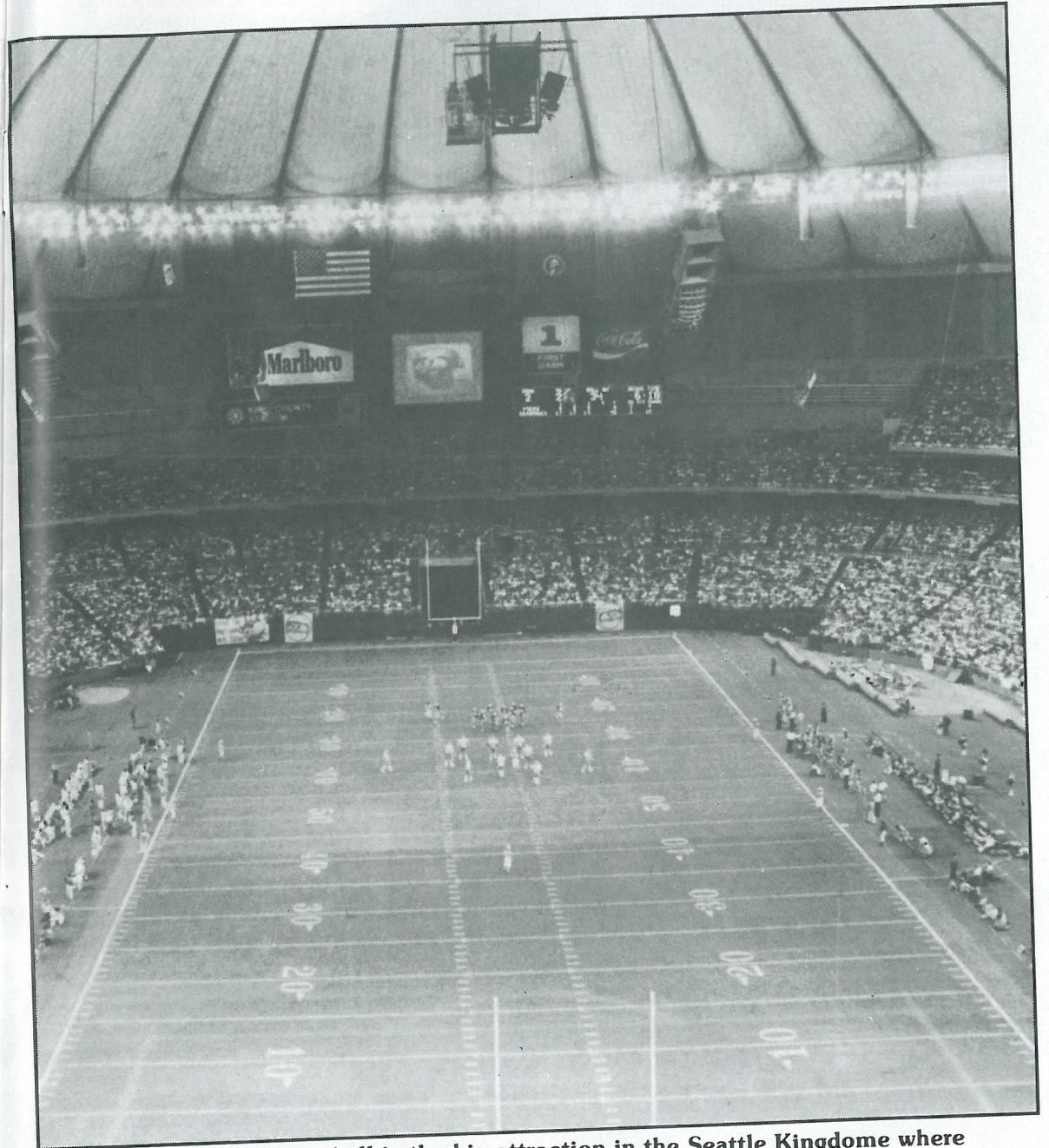
In response to a requirement for a consumer and trade show site near to Vancouver International Airport, the stadium can easily adapt to an exhibition area totalling around 300,000 sq ft on two levels.

Besides the Whitecaps, other items booked in the next 12 months include Major League baseball games, American football, tennis, boxing, equestrian, and track and field athletics.

With typical North American razamataz, the opening pageant included the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, four pipe bands, a brass ensemble, choirs, fitness dancers, precision skaters and '1000 International Representatives of the World'.

It's early days yet, but the City of Vancouver has quickly recognised the commercial value of the Place Stadium and is putting its not inconsiderable resources into making sure it is a viable success and of real benefit to the community.

LUTON'S FUTURE



American style football is the big attraction in the Seattle Kingdome where attendances average 55,000. The artificial Polygras surface can be rolled up and stored allowing quick conversion of the stadium for several other events.

The second part of this article will appear in the magazine for the West Ham game on 27th December

REPLAY IN COLOUR... REPLAY IN COLOUR



**STOKE CITY 2
LUTON TOWN 4**

A fine hat-trick from Paul Walsh enabled us to return from the Potteries with another three valuable points from an away trip. Trevor Aylott, right, and Ricky Hill move in in an attempt to gain possession. Picture: Gareth Owen

TOWN RECORD '83/84

| Opponents | Result | Attendance | Points | Position | Sealey | Stephens | Turner | Horton | Elliott | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Walsh | Bunn | Moss | Antic | Aylott | Daniel | Thomas | Parker | Johnson | Goodyear | Own Goal |
|------------------------------|--------|------------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|----------|
| 1983 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| August | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| September | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 Sunderland | *4-0 | 10,846 | 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 | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 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 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| October | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 15 Everton | 1-0 | 14,325 | 16 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 22 Southampton | 3-1 | 12,389 | 19 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 25 Rotherham (MC2-2L) | 0-2 | 6,755 | — | — | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 29 Liverpool | 0-6 | 31,940 | 19 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| November | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 Queens Park Rangers | 1-0 | 15,053 | 22 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 12 Birmingham City | 1-1 | 11,111 | 23 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 10 | — | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 19 Tottenham Hotspur | 2-4 | 17,275 | 23 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 3 | — | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 26 Watford | 2-1 | 17,791 | 26 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| December | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 Coventry City | *2-4 | 10,698 | 26 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 10 Stoke City | 4-2 | 10,329 | 29 | 8 | 1 | 2 | — | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 18 West Bromwich Albion | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 Notts County | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 West Ham United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 Sunderland | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1984 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Nottingham Forest | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 Watford (FAC3) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 Arsenal | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 Wolverhampton W | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 Ipswich Town (FAC 4) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 Aston Villa | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 Manchester United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 Liverpool (FAC 5) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 Southampton | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 Queens Park Rangers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 10 Birmingham City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 Norwich City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 Leicester City (MC Final) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 Ipswich Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| April | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 Everton | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 Tottenham H. (FAC SF) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 West Ham United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 Notts County | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 Watford | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 5 Coventry City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 Stoke City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 West Bromwich Albion | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 FA Cup Final | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Luton Town
Shirts White
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Football League — Div. II

West Brom. Albion
Shirts Navy Blue & White Stripes
Knicker White

Goalkeepers: Dunne (Right Back), Jones (Left Back), Shanks (Left Half), Adam (Outside Left), Griffin (Outside Right), Sanders (Goal)

Defenders: Morton (Right Half), Owen (Centre Half), Gregory (Centre), Cummins (Inside Left), Adam (Outside Left), Barlow (Left Half), Kennedy (Centre Half), Setters (Right Half), Howe (Right Back)

Midfielders: Davies (Outside Right), Pearce (Inside Right), Kevan (Centre), Robson (Inside Right)

Forwards: Allen (Outside Left), Nicholls (Inside Left), Kevan (Centre), Robson (Inside Right), Griffin (Outside Right)

Referee: Mr. B. A. E. Buckle (Peterborough)

Linesmen: Red Flag: Mr. H. E. Stokes (London); Orange Flag: Mr. D. C. Roach (Southall)

Kick-off 2.45 p.m.

Today's game sent secretary John Wilkinson into his archives again to emerge with this record from a match played on 27th October 1956. The names from the programme issued on that afternoon will revive memories for some fans although not many will remember the result. We lost 1-0 in a match watched by 16,786 fans.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1983-84

| Date | Opposition | F | A |
|----------|--------------------------|---|---|
| Aug. 27 | Chelsea | 1 | 1 |
| Sept. 7 | Leicester City | 1 | 0 |
| Sept. 10 | Ipswich Town | 0 | 0 |
| Sept. 14 | Reading | 4 | 1 |
| Sept. 17 | Arsenal | 1 | 2 |
| Sept. 20 | Millwall | 4 | 0 |
| Sept. 24 | Swansea City | 3 | 1 |
| Oct. 3 | Charlton Athletic (7.30) | 1 | 1 |
| Oct. 8 | Bristol Rovers | 2 | 1 |
| Oct. 11 | Norwich City | 0 | 0 |
| Oct. 18 | Crystal Palace | 0 | 0 |
| Oct. 25 | Southampton | 3 | 1 |
| Nov. 5 | Brighton and Hove A. | 4 | 0 |
| Nov. 9 | Millwall | 2 | 1 |
| Nov. 23 | Oxford United | 0 | 1 |
| Nov. 26 | Swindon Town | 4 | 1 |
| Dec. 3 | Tottenham Hotspur | 2 | 1 |
| Dec. 10 | Watford | 3 | 0 |
| Dec. 17 | West Ham United | | |
| Jan. 3 | Queens Park Rangers | | |
| Jan. 17 | Chelsea | | |
| Jan. 21 | Reading | | |
| Jan. 28 | Swansea City | | |
| Feb. 4 | Arsenal | | |
| Feb. 14 | Charlton Athletic | | |
| Feb. 25 | Queens Park Rangers | | |
| Feb. 28 | Southampton | | |
| Mar. 6 | Brighton & Hove A. | | |
| Mar. 10 | Fulham | | |
| Mar. 13 | Watford | | |
| Mar. 17 | West Ham United | | |
| Mar. 20 | Fulham | | |
| Mar. 24 | Norwich City | | |
| Mar. 27 | Crystal Palace | | |
| Mar. 31 | Leicester City | | |
| April 7 | Ipswich Town | | |
| April 10 | Birmingham City | | |
| April 14 | Oxford United | | |
| May 12 | Tottenham Hotspur | | |
| TBA | Birmingham City (H) | | |
| | Swindon Town (A) | | |
| | Bristol Rovers (H) | | |

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES 1983-84

| Date | Opposition | F | A |
|----------|--------------------|---|---|
| Sept. 3 | Wimbledon | 3 | 2 |
| Sept. 9 | Southend | 4 | 2 |
| Sept. 17 | Brighton | 4 | 1 |
| Sept. 24 | Bristol Rovers | 1 | 4 |
| Oct. 1 | Swindon Town (Cup) | 1 | 5 |
| Oct. 15 | Oxford United | 0 | 0 |
| Oct. 22 | Reading | 0 | 3 |
| Oct. 29 | Oxford United | 1 | 2 |
| Nov. 5 | Swindon Town | 0 | 5 |
| Nov. 19 | Tottenham | 1 | 1 |
| Dec. 3 | Brentford | 3 | 0 |
| Feb. 4 | Southend | | |
| Feb. 11 | West Ham United | | |
| Feb. 18 | Tottenham | | |
| Feb. 25 | Brighton | | |
| Mar. 10 | Wimbledon | | |
| Mar. 24 | Swindon Town | | |
| Mar. 31 | West Ham United | | |
| April 28 | Brentford | | |

ATTENDANCES AND DIVISION ONE TABLE 1983-84

| Home League Games | Highest Attendance | Average Attendance | Home | | | | | Away | | | | | Pts |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------|---|----|----|---|------|---|----|----|----|-----|
| | | | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | |
| Liverpool | 17 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 10 | 34 | |
| West Ham United | 17 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 22 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 33 | |
| Manchester United | 17 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 18 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 10 | 33 | |
| Coventry City | 17 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 13 | 31 | |
| QPR | 17 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 11 | 29 | |
| Tottenham | 17 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 13 | 29 | |
| Norwich City | 18 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 9 | 29 | |
| Luton Town | 17 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 19 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 14 | 29 | |
| Southampton | 17 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 28 | |
| Aston Villa | 17 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 15 | 28 | |
| Nottingham Forest | 17 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 20 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 27 | |
| WBA | 17 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 17 | 23 | |
| Ipswich Town | 17 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 12 | 22 | |
| Everton | 17 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 12 | 22 | |
| Sunderland | 17 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 16 | 22 | |
| Arsenal | 17 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 12 | 3 | | | | | | |

Luton's star.



Two teams from Luton are currently making a name for themselves.

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