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A Word from the Boss

WHAT a contrast between our recent meeting with Cardiff City at Field Mill and the game against Bury on Saturday at Gigg Lane.

Against Cardiff we created no end of chances, although admittedly we made use of only one, but perhaps that was more because of the agility of City's goalkeeper George Wood who had an excellent game, than our own failings.

But at Gigg Lane, while we played well from penalty box to penalty box, we only looked in with a chance of scoring on one occasion when Tony Lowery was unlucky to hit the wood-work with a great effort.

I think it is fair to say that we looked the better side until we conceded the opening goal on the break to spark off a mad 15 minutes in which Bury scored three times to virtually put the game beyond our reach.

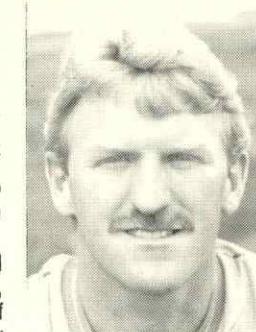
And I also think it fair to add that young Craig McKernon was a little unfortunate to be shown the red card for a tackle which was certainly no worse than others before and after.

Tonight, however, we can put our league affairs behind us for a time and welcome the opportunity to play against First Division opposition.

The pressure is very much on our visitors who must expect, and are expected, to make it into the Third Round.

From our own point of view, I believe that we have no need to fear the opposition. They are a footballing side, and I like to think that we are too, and we will at least, have the chance to prove the point.

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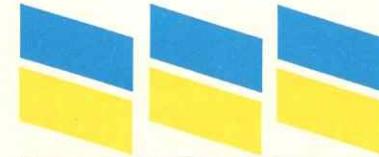
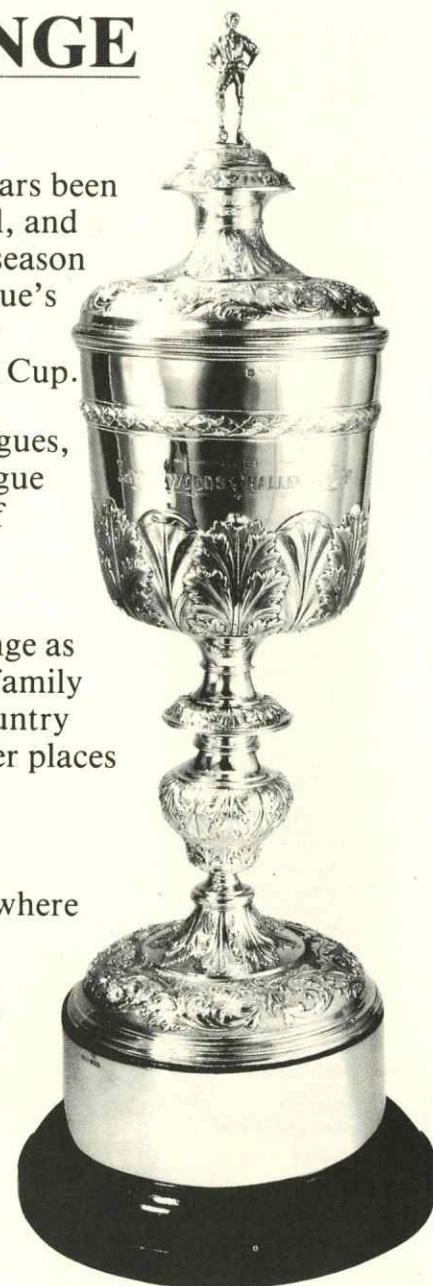
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From the Inside

Littlewoods experts Luton

AFTER our excellent away win at Northampton Town in the second leg meeting in the Littlewoods Cup we were fortunate to earn a good draw in the second round — which is also a two-leg affair — with tonight's visitors Luton Town who could perhaps be termed as Littlewoods Cup experts having been finalists in the competition for the past two seasons.

Two years ago they defeated Arsenal at Wembley, but last year failed to retain the trophy when they lost to our neighbours Nottingham Forest.

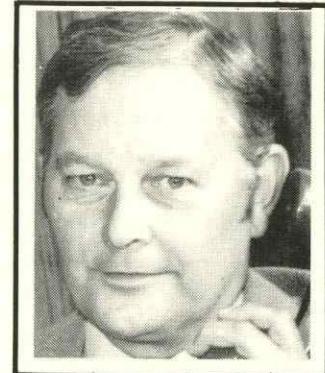
The Hatters are managed by one of our former players Ray Harford to whom we extend a warm welcome on his return to Field Mill.

Ray has done an excellent job at Kenilworth Road for a First Division club not blessed with the massive support enjoyed by several of their Division I colleagues.

We are well aware that tonight's game will be a difficult one for our team, but we are hopeful that we can get a good result to take to Kenilworth Road ... and the artificial playing surface at the ground ... on Tuesday 3rd October.

Incidentally this match will kick off at 7.45pm, and we have been allocated an allowance of standing tickets only priced £4. These will be on sale from next Monday during normal office hours 9.15am to 5pm.

The home meeting with Blackpool next Saturday will be just as tough as The Seasiders, under new manager Jimmy Mullen, are showing excellent form on opposition grounds.



Joe Eaton

IT IS a sorry state of affairs when we have to report that hooliganism has reared its ugly head again among so-called supporters of our national side.

Their misconduct in Sweden both before and after the World Cup qualifying match once again brought disrepute on our game, when it is not really deserved, for the perpetrators are certainly not interested in football itself.

Then we read that so-called supporters of Swansea City brought more disgrace on their club, themselves and English football, by going on the rampage in Greece after City's European Cup Winners Cup game in Athens.

The outcome of all this and other incidents of a similar nature has been the formation by the Government of a unit to co-ordinate the efforts to halt this problem which is being caused by a small minority who are certainly not the true followers of the sport.

I am sure that the unit will receive the co-operation of everyone who has a successful future for football in mind.



LUTON TOWN



Back row, left to right: Richard Cooke, Mick O'Brien, Julian James, Marvin Johnson, Richard Harvey, Raphael Mead, Kingsley Black, Paul Gray. Middle row: Terry Mancini, assistant manager, Jim Ryan, coach, Darren McDonough, Ian Dowie, Graham Rodger, Les Sealey, Alec Chamberlain, Mick Harford, David Beaumont, John Dreyer, John Faulkner, coach, Dave Galley, physiotherapist. Front row: David Preece, Rob Johnson, Danny Wilson, captain, Ray Harford, manager, Roy Wegerle, Tim Breaker, Steve Williams. Photo by Apex Photography.

Luton Town Pen Pictures

RAY HARFORD: Manager: The Luton boss will be no stranger to Field Mill for he joined the Stags as a player from Lincoln City during the close season before the 1971/72 campaign and after the transfer of Stuart Boam to Middlesbrough. But he played only nine matches for the club before new manager Danny Williams sold him to Port Vale. Ray began his career with Charlton before moving to Exeter City where he made over 350 appearances. His final club as a player was Colchester United who offered him his first coaching post. He moved to Luton in 1986 following a spell as manager of Fulham.

TIM BREAKER: Defender: Bicester-born Breaker has been a regular member of the first team since his debut at Ipswich in 1984. An England Under 21 international, he can also perform in midfield, but his normal position is right back with strong runs on the overlap a feature of his play.

MICK HARFORD: Striker: Mick has the distinction of being on the books of three clubs all in one day. He joined Newcastle United in December 1980 for £180,000 from Lincoln City where he had scored 46 goals in 126 appearances. He never really settled at St

James Park and was transferred to Bristol City the following close season. But City were in financial trouble and were unable to fully pay the transfer fee, so six months later Harford was re-signed by Newcastle who promptly sold him to Birmingham City the same day. He joined Luton for a then record £250,000 in December 1984 and received his England call-up in the 87/88 season.

DARREN McDONOUGH: Belgium-born Mr McDonough made his league debut with Oldham Athletic against Notts County in December 1980, and scored. He signed for Luton in 1986 for an £87,000 fee to become a versatile and valuable member of the squad. He was injured just before the 1988 Littlewoods Cup win, and had further problems last season.

DANNY WILSON: Ray Harford's first major signing in the summer of 1987. He is no stranger to this part of the country, for after the Wigan-born player had a spell with Bury, he was transferred to Chesterfield and then to Nottingham Forest in January 1983, before being on the move again to Brighton. Joint top scorer in the league last season with nine goals.

JOHN DREYER: Cost £140,000 from Oxford United in the summer of 1988. Joined United from Wallingford Town and also had loan spells with Torquay United and Fulham before making his Oxford debut in October 1986.

ROY WEGERLE: South African-born Wegerle was signed by Chelsea from Tampa Bay Rowdies for £100,000 three years ago. He cost Luton £75,000 in 1988 and has proved to be a real bargain-buy.

STEVE WILLIAMS: Town's record signing at £300,000 brought a wealth of experience to Kenilworth Road gained playing for Southampton, Arsenal and England. Cost The Gunners £550,000 in 1984.

KINGSLEY BLACK: Hit the headlines in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final and prompted both Billy Bingham and Bobby Robson to fight for his international services. He chose Northern Ireland and was a regular in their side last season.

DAVE BEAUMONT: A mid-season signing from Dundee United, and made his Luton debut in the Littlewoods Cup semi-final at Upton Park last season. A Scottish Under 21 international.

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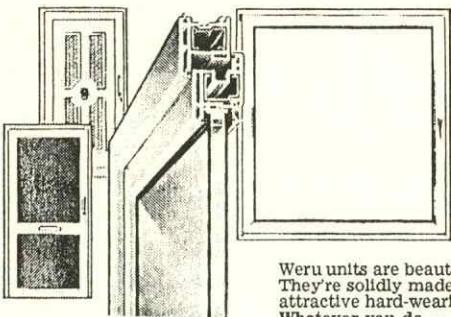
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THIS evening's visitors Luton Town were formed in 1885 by the amalgamation of two strong local sides Wanderers and Excelsior.

Early games were played on a friendly basis, apart from the annual excursion in the English Cup as the FA Cup was then known.

Gradually better players were attracted because of the growth of industry in the area, and to retain these better players it was decided in 1890 to pay the three best performers five shillings (25p).

The following year saw payment to the whole team, including an additional allowance for working time lost in travelling to away games, thus making Luton the first professional team in the South.

Would you believe?

TOWN were one of the founder members of the Southern League in 1894, finishing runners-up to Millwall in its first two seasons. But in 1896, anxious to better themselves, Luton resigned from the Southern League and put up for election to the Football League, but failed to be admitted.

Undeterred they applied the following year and were admitted to Division II, which consisted mainly of Northern clubs. But after a reasonable first season, and following some poor results and mounting debts because of the high cost of travel, Luton decided not to stand for re-election, and rejoined the Southern League in 1900 which was, by then, a much stronger competition.

They stayed in this competition until 1920 when it became Division III of the Football League, and was renamed Division III South the following year.

Would you believe?

LUTON really hit the headlines in the 1935/36 season when centre forward Joe Payne, in his first outing in that position, hit 10 goals in the 12-0 rout of Bristol Rovers. A feat which is never likely to be repeated again.

The following year Payne put away 55 goals ... a feat matched by Mansfield Town's Ted Harston that season ... as Luton earned promotion to Division II

Would you believe?

THE Hatters will be remembered locally for their FA Cup final appearance in 1959 against Nottingham Forest who won 2-1 despite playing for the greater part of the game with 10 men after Roy Dwight broke his leg.

Stags and The Hatters have never met previously either in FA Cup or League Cup competitions, but they have been in action against each other in six seasons.

And Mansfield have an excellent record against Luton who have yet to win at Field Mill, and in fact have only won twice at Kenilworth Road against The Stags.

The record is:

Season	H	A
Season	H	A
1931/32	5-2	1-3
1963/64	1-1	2-0
1964/65	2-0	1-1
1968/69	1-0	2-4
1969/70	0-0	2-2
1977/78	3-1	1-1

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Division 3 Check

THE battle for pole position on the first lap of the Third Division promotion race has certainly been full of surprises.

After five games a handful of breakaway teams are beginning to put together an impressive sequence of results.

Others, though, are struggling already, and although it's far too early to speculate about the championship outcome, there are on or two pointers, nevertheless.

Our neighbours Notts County are experiencing indifferent form as Neil Warnock bids to blend in his new players as quickly as possible.

And their latest acquisition, Gary Chapman from Bradford City, heartened the Magpies on Friday night by scoring on his debut in the 3-3 draw at Chester.

New boys Tranmere Rovers came down to earth on Saturday when they were beaten 2-1 at Birmingham City, but the two Bristol clubs enjoyed rich pickings.

Rovers went on top of the pile, ahead of Mansfield's victors Bury, with a resounding 3-0 home win over fancied Preston North End.

And City registered an identical result against struggling Cardiff City — and with only one point in the bag from five starts, new Bluebirds' manager Len Ashurst has it all to do.

Swansea returned from their 3-2

defeat in the first round, first leg, of the European Cup Winners' Cup and went down 2-0 at Fulham.

City, though, must by fancying their chances of springing a European upset at the Vetch Field when Greek aces Panathinaikos arrive for the second leg next week.

Blackpool, who take on The Stags at Field Mill next Saturday, are also finding it difficult to string together a good run of results and went down 3-1 at home to newly promoted Crewe at the weekend.

They are banking on the return to full fitness of winger Gordon Owen, signed for £30,000 from Field Mill in the summer. He has missed most of the early-season action at Bloomfield Road with a pelvic injury.

And Shrewsbury, another side The Stags must face in the next couple of weeks, lost their unbeaten start to the season when Tony Adcock clinched a 2-1 win for Northampton at the County Ground.

Finally, Stags boss George Foster has scotched reports in a weekly football magazine that Craig McKernan is about to join West Ham United.

"It all started because Lou Macari was spotted at the Northampton game. But that was one of only two matches in the country that night and if the reporter concerned had looked hard enough he would have seen a handful of other top managers, too," said Foster.



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FOR one Stags player tonight's Cup tie against Luton Town will stir plenty of happy memories.

Even though goalkeeper Andy Beasley is unlikely to be playing against The Hatters, he's looking forward to meeting up with a few old friends from Kenilworth Road.

Beasley spent four happy seasons with Luton before joining The Stags in 1984.

And tonight he will be reminiscing with Luton right back Tim Breacker, who he shared digs with down in Hertfordshire.

Beasley says: "Tim and I were great friends during my days there, and I'm looking forward to meeting up with him again.

"We used to share digs near Luton Airport, and Brian Horton and David Moss were also in with us ... we were one big, happy crowd," he adds.

"I think Luton are going to be a tough side to beat, and their record in this competition is outstanding, but I think the lads can cause an upset.

"I know the plastic pitch at Kenilworth Road won't worry us so the supporters are in for two exciting games," he says.

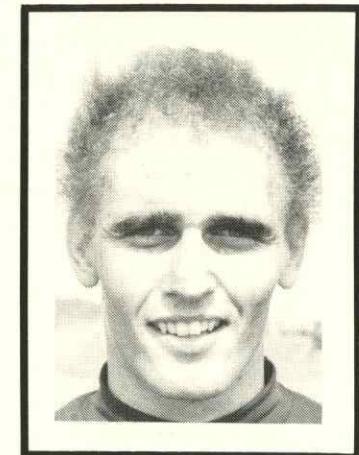
Beasley joined Luton as a 16-year-old after a spell with Wolverhampton Wanderers, serving a two-year apprenticeship under David Pleat.

And then he enjoyed another two years as a full professional before being enticed by the prospect of first team football at Field Mill.

Beasley was signed by previous manager Ian Greaves on a free transfer, even though he was offered another contract by Pleat.

"I just wanted first team football. At Luton I was fighting for a place with Les Sealey, Alan Judge and Jake Finlay, and although I played the majority of the Combination matches I felt the need to get away," he recalls.

Since his move from Luton Stags fans



Andy Beasley ... looking forward to meeting old pals.

have been only too familiar with Beasley's unlucky run of injuries.

But during his spell at Kenilworth Road, the Stags keeper certainly had the soccer world at his feet ... or, rather, in his hands.

His finest moment was reaching the semi-final of the Daily Mirror Five-a-side competition at Wembley Arena, when he played behind such illustrious names as Ricky Hill, Brian Stein and Mal Donachy.

"The Arena was packed with about 10,000 people and we got right into the semis before losing 3-1 to Arsenal ... it was the best moment of my career," he said.

"Whilst I was at Luton I was also called into the England Youth squad, and I was due to go to Yugoslavia with them on tour.

"But, believe it or not, I was injured in a reserve match on the Saturday, just two days before we were due to go, and I had to withdraw.

"That was my big chance gone but bad luck like that seems to be the story of my life in football," he smiles."



Match Statistics 1989/90

Aug	19	Sat	Chester City	A	2-0	2,293
	22	Tues	Northampton Town (Lit Cup R1)	H	1-1	3,095
	26	Sat	Bristol Rovers	H	0-1	3,050
Sep	2	Sat	Fulham	A	0-1	4,551
	5	Tues	Northampton Town (Lit Cup R1)	A	2-0	3,936
	9	Sat	Cardiff City	H	1-0	2,766
	16	Sat	Bury	A	3-0	2,821
	19	Tues	Luton Town (Lit Cup R2)	H		
	23	Sat	Blackpool	H		
	30	Sat	Bolton Wanderers	A		
Oct	3	Tues	Luton Town (Lit. Cup R2)	A		
	7	Sat	Shrewsbury	A		
	14	Sat	Walsall	H		
	16	Mon	Tranmere Rovers	A		
	21	Sat	Bristol City	H		
	24	Tue	Swansea City	H		
	28	Sat	Reading	A		
	31	Tues	Preston North End	H		
Nov	4	Sat	Notts County	H		
	10	Fri	Crewe Alexandra	A		
	18	Sat	FA Cup Round 1	A		
	25	Sat	Leyton Orient	A		
Dec	2	Sat	Huddersfield Town	H		
	9	Sat	FA Cup Round 2			
	17	Sun	Brentford	A		
	26	Tues	Rotherham United	H		
	30	Sat	Northampton Town	H		
Jan	1	Mon	Wigan Athletic	A		
	6	Sat	Birmingham City (FAC 3)	H		
	13	Sat	Bristol Rovers	A		
	20	Sat	Chester City	H		
	27	Sat	Cardiff City (FAC 4)	A		
Feb	3	Sat	Blackpool	A		
	10	Sat	Bury	H		
	17	Sat	Huddersfield Town (FAC 5)	A		
	24	Sat	Leyton Orient	H		
Mar	3	Sat	Birmingham City	A		
	6	Tues	Bolton Wanderers	H		
	10	Sat	Swansea City (FAC 6)	A		
	17	Sat	Shrewsbury Town	H		
	20	Tues	Walsall	H		
	24	Sat	Tranmere Rovers	H		
	31	Sat	Bristol City	A		
Apr	7	Sat	Reading (FAC S/F)	H		
	10	Tues	Preston North End	A		
	14	Sat	Wigan Athletic	H		
	21	Sat	Brentford	H		
	24	Tues	Northampton Town	A		
	28	Sat	Crews Alexandra	H		
May	5	Tues	Notts County	A		
	12	Sat	FA Cup Final	A		

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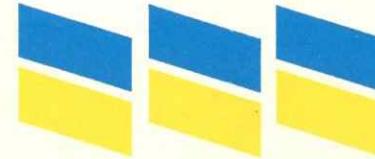
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11 Sat	Peterborough United	A	
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9 Sat	Coventry City	H	
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March			
3 Sat	Stoke City	H	
10 Sat	West Bromwich Albion	A	
17 Sat	Wolverhampton Wand.	H	
24 Sat	Peterborough United	H	
31 Sat	Aston Villa	A	

Deserved Result

Mansfield Town A 1
Walsall A 0

ANOTHER encouraging display by the Stags' youngsters, and in very difficult conditions, with a strong wind and a bone-hard pitch providing ball control problems for both sides.

But Mansfield displayed some very good football throughout the 90 minutes and thoroughly deserved the good result.

The vital goal came midway through the first half following a move initiated by Chris Hodges at the back, and carried on by Ricky Ellerton, with Paul Holland finishing it off in excellent style.

Paul Holland and Jason Milner again gave a good account of themselves. And it is pleasing to report that Paul Richardson was again back in action.

Richardson had suffered with concussion several times last season and this, and was ordered not to play again until seen by a consultant.

Happily the news was good and Richardson was given a clean bill of health.

MANSFIELD TOWN: Simon Nickless, Chris Hodges (Adam Jones), Geoff Hall, Kevin Gray, Paul Richardson, Damien O'Brien, Jason Milner, Paul Holland, Gary Bircumshaw, Ricky Ellerton (Justin Elkington), Paul Shaw.

JUNIOR STAGS BOYS CLUB

ARE you a five-a-side fanatic? And more important are you a member of the Junior Stags Boys Club, or a potential new member?

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Afterwards two teams of Under 14s will be selected to compete in a tournament at the Ripley Sports Centre on Friday 22nd September starting at 7pm.

The Junior Stags Boys Club hopes to resume shortly after the summer break, and officials apologise for the present delay in launching the new session.

Refurbishing of the Marksman Club is the reason for the delay as the Mansfield Town FC Commercial Office and shop is due to move into a section of the Marksman Club within they next few weeks.

We will be announcing the opening date for the restart of the Boys Club very shortly, and in the meantime be sure to get in your membership application form in order to avoid disappointment.

For further details ring Debbie on Mansfield 23567 or Morgan Barker on Mansfield 797395

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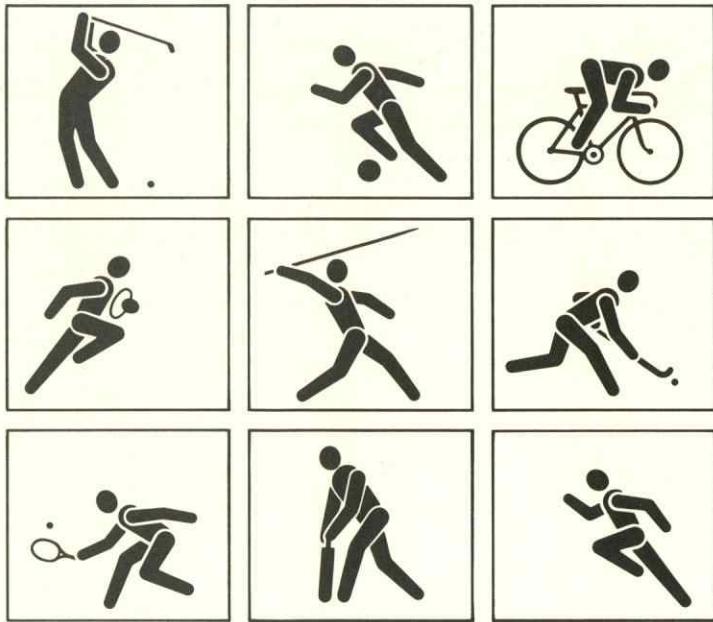
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Owls paraded top stars

Mansfield Town Reserves 0 Sheffield Wednesday Reserves 5

THERE was almost double the number of spectators than usual at Field Mill reserve matches last week for the visit of The Owls' second string.

And little wonder, for the Wednesday line-up was littered with "stars" several of whom had cost six figures in transfer deals in recent years.

Carlton Palmer, a £9/4 million buy from West Brom headed the list of top players on view as the Sheffield club provided a rare sight of a Division I side in the Second Division of the Pontin's League.

Dave Bennett, ex-Coventry City; Wilf Rostron, formerly captain of Watford; and the much-travelled Imre Varadi were also in the side.

And there was the intriguing appearance of the former Aston Villa and England star Gary Shaw who is attempting to relaunch a career which has been threatened by a serious knee injury. As well as Portuguese international Jorgio Rocados.

Against such a galaxy of stars the task was a daunting one for a Mansfield line-up in which Tony Kenworthy was the only player to have experienced meeting up with the quality of player on view, as well as being the only Mansfield player over 20.

Despite the margin of the defeat the young Stags came through with much credit for a battling performance in which they always competed and never really looked over-awed by the opposition.

Indeed both Gary McDonald with a diving header and Graham Leishman with a fine shot were only marginally away from giving the Stags a consolation goal. And Ian Hathaway was always a threat to far more experienced defenders.

As it was Varadi opened the scoring after only seven minutes, although to their credit the Stags were only 2-0 down at the halfway stage, Dean Barrick the other Wednesday scorer.

However Varadi and Shaw 2, one deflected into the net by a defender sewed up the points for a visitors, despite some excellent work by Jason Pearcey.

MANSFIELD TOWN: Pearcey, Reddish (Gray), Kenworthy, Clarke, Place, Hodges, Elkington (Ellerton), Milner, Leishman, McDonald, Hathaway.

NB: The away meeting with Grimsby Town, scheduled originally for Tuesday 19th September, will now be played on Wednesday 20th September.



Stags in Action



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CRAIG McKERNON, second right, in the thick of the action only to be foiled by two Cardiff City defenders in Mansfield Town's most recent first-team home game.

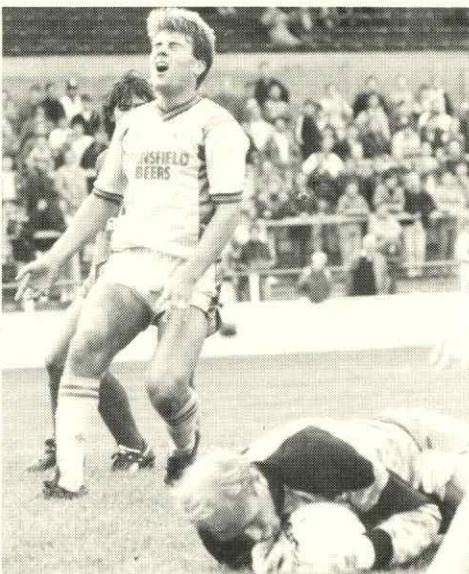
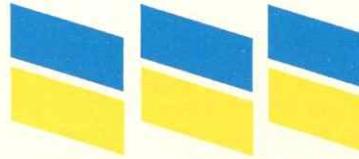


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ANGUISH on the face of David Hunt as Cardiff City's ex-Scottish international George Wood pulls off yet another in a string of fine saves which frustrated the Stags in their last Division III home fixture.



News and Views

Cup gates on up and up!

AS WE are still involved in the Littlewoods Cup competition it is interesting to note that attendances at first round matches showed an increase for the third successive season, and reached their highest level for nine years. This year's total was 226,984.

Apart from eight representatives of the Second Division, the first round featured clubs exclusively from the Third and Fourth Divisions.

This upswing in Littlewoods gates reflects the trend in the lower divisions which has seen an 18% increase in aggregate attendances over the past three seasons, with the 1981/82 figure 217,347 from the 56 matches, the same number as this year.

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WHILE English clubs continue to be banned from competing in Europe, English referees are in great demand for the major tournaments.

English referees with European appointments this month include Keith Hackett, VFB Stuttgart v Feyenoord; Joe Worrall, Rad Beograd v Olympiakos; Allan Gunn, Orgryte v Hamburg SV; George Courtney, Sporting Clube de Portugal v Napoli; and Neil Midgley, Dundee United v Glentoran.

Meanwhile the Football League has recognised the value of experience and has retained a number of referees for this season who are beyond the normal retiring age of 48.

John Martin of Hants and George Tyson of Sunderland have accepted a third year extension to their League

careers. Lester Shapter of Torquay and Brian Stevens of Gloucestershire have had their services extended for a second season. And George Courtney, Spennymoor, Roger Milford, Bristol, and Danny Vickers, of Ilford for an initial season.

New appointments to the Football League referees list for the coming season are: Steve Bell, Huddersfield; Alan Bennett, Chesterfield; Ray Bigger, Croydon; Ian Cruikshanks, Hartlepool; Terry Lunt, Ashton; Mick Pierce, Portsmouth, Gurnan Singh, Wolverhampton; and Arthur Smith, Birmingham.

NB: Referees and linesmen's fees have been increased this season to £100 and £50 respectively, from the previous levels of £60 and £30.

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PLAYER discipline in the Football League has improved for the second successive season with last year's figures showing a 9% drop in dismissals and a 2% drop in cautions compared to the previous season.

In 88/89 dismissals numbered 192 compared to 210 in 87/88 and 215 in 86/87. There were 3,939 cautions last season with 4,001 in 87/88 and 4,037 in 86/87.

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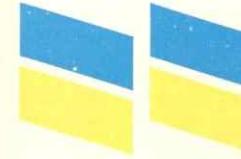
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Saturday 19th September 1931

FINE PERFORMANCE Stags nearly win

Bristol Rovers 1
Mansfield Town 1

"MANSFIELD Town were back to form" reported the Mansfield Advertiser in their Friday 25th September edition reviewing the match at Bristol Rovers the previous Saturday.

"After their home defeat by Torquay United the previous Saturday, it was fully expected that Mansfield would come a cropper at Eastville," continued the report.

And it added: "This was one of the best performances of the day, and Rovers were lucky to get a point."

Mansfield were without their star centre forward Harry Johnson, but Rovers were outfought and outmanoeuvred by the Stags.

The Advertiser reported that Bristol were run off their feet in the early stages, but the home side went ahead very much against the run of play.

"Rovers were defending desperately, when Pickering booted the ball upfield and both England and Clifford (the Mansfield full backs) were marginally too late closing in on Routledge who scored with a great left-foot drive." was the newspaper's description of the opening goal.

It was reported that Mansfield's long, sweeping passes, and tricky work had Bristol on the defensive, and goalkeeper Calvert was called upon to make some thrilling saves from the eager Mansfield attack.

But it was not until the 75th minute that

Mansfield got the equaliser when England scored from the penalty spot after Readman had been fouled. An equaliser which the paper reports "was greeted with frantic cheers by the home supporters who had been delighted by the football shown by the visitors."

MANSFIELD TOWN: Wilson, Clifford, England, Wake, Chambers, Weightman, Gilhespy, Readman, Jepson, Broome-Baxter.

●Following the Stags in their first season in the Football League, 1931/32. Research by Stan Searl.

Monday 14th September 1969

20 YEARS AGO

Mansfield Town 1
Brighton & Hove Albion 0

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And veteran Ledger who had come on as substitute for Brian Bates only three minutes from the end quipped after the game "I'm tired out with all that running."

This was Mansfield's third win in a row in which they had conceded only one goal and that after 65 seconds at Bradford City.

MANSFIELD TOWN: Brown, Pate, Walker, Quigley, Boam, Waller, Bates, Stenson, Roberts D, Goodfellow. Substitute Ledger.



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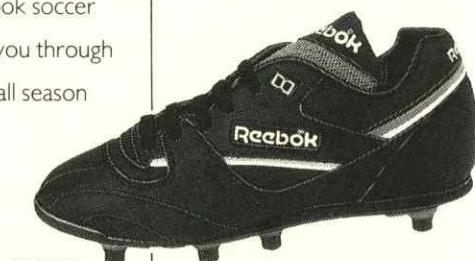
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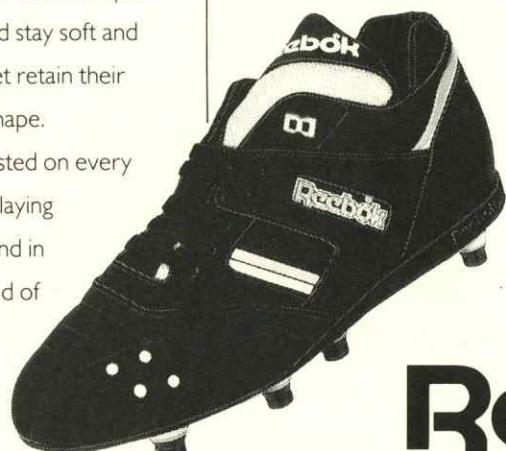
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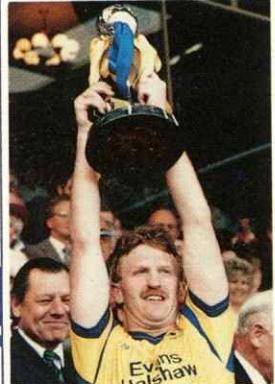
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