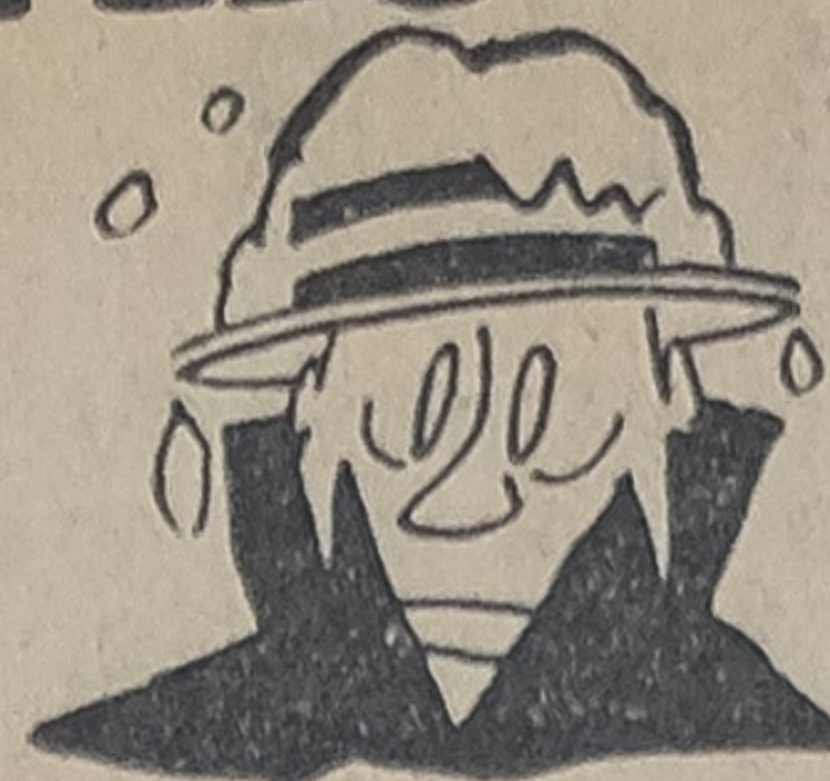


The Fan at Luton



The whole of Manchester came to Luton last Saturday - bringing their own weather with them.



which made it a bad day for straw hats!

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Luton claim to have solved the mystery of the Abominable Snow Man - according to them it's a chap named REVIE



We're told that, just before the match, goal-scorer Roy Clarke touched a bride's dress for luck -



Judging by the first 20 mins. of play, Luton must have spent all last week under a ladder spilling salt & breaking mirrors

Luton 0, Manchester City 2

THIS beautifully played Cup-tie on a carpet of ever-increasing snow will go down as Don Revie's match. As a centre-forward he is a great defender, a brilliant half-back-cum-forward, a wonderful creator of openings but never a leader of the attack as we know it these days.

Revie simply walked through the game. Yet he did more than twice the work of any other player.

Luton are entitled to feel sorry for themselves. They looked so bright and breezy in the first 20 minutes and until the Revie magic started I felt convinced they would swing high and dry into the Cup's last eight.

Lucky touch

But goals win games and Luton missed three glaring chances in the early stages. Though they staged a wonderful rally when they were two goals down the last we saw of them they were disappearing under a bank of snow.

I am not surprised left-winger Roy Clarke scored both goals. At a wedding reception at the hotel where City were having lunch Roy touched the bride's dress for luck - and within an hour or so he had taken City into the sixth round.

On this showing Manchester City could get to Wembley again and Luton, free of Cup worries, now look a very good bet for the First Division.