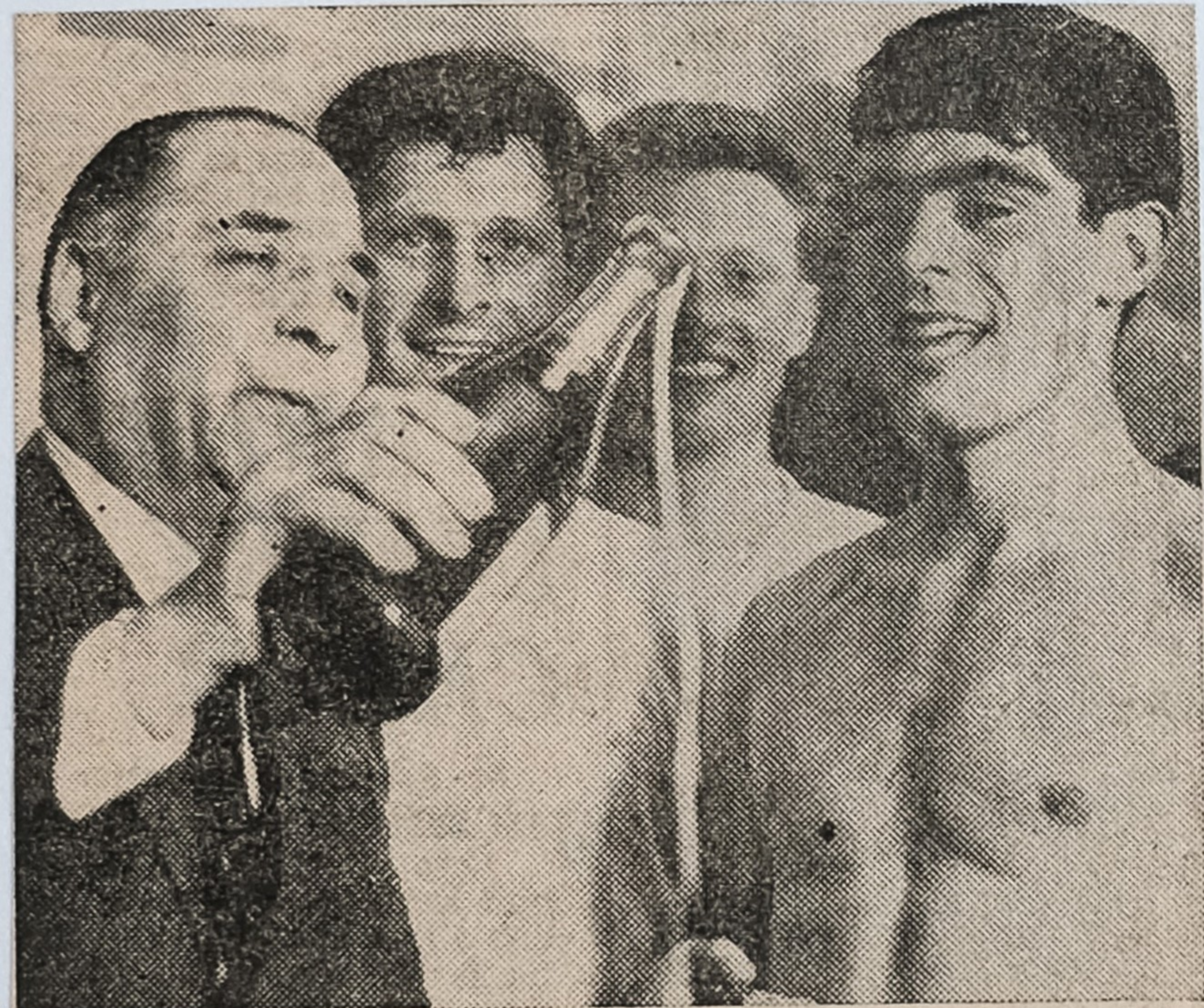




Bottoms up for Luton! That's what they were celebrating at Kenilworth-road following the victory over Watford that kept them out of the bottom four and in the Third Division. Chairman Tom Hodgson opens the champagne with two-goal hero John O'Rourke looking on.

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McGarry bans the bubbly

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A 5-0 win would have put Watford in Division II and their manager, Bill McGarry, so disappointed at the way things turned out, sent back the champagne Luton offered his players.

So Watford, the cup of triumph dashed from their lips, were not even allowed to drink from the bottle.

McGarry agrees he is a bad loser, but it's an essential part of the character that makes him the outstanding young manager. Pipped for promotion with Bournemouth last season, he has welded Watford into talent-money takers at the first attempt though, as Luton exposed, there are still obvious weaknesses in the side.

It was Luton's biggest crowd, 19,799, for nearly four years and O'Rourke gave them something to cheer after Harris had given Watford a 55th-minute lead.

O'Rourke, a 19-year-old with a greed for goals, had a quarter chance in the 81st minute and a half chance in the 88th minute and turned them into a Luton win.

That makes 21 goals in 22 games from a boy who gets little support in Luton's tactical plan.

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Luton manager, Bill Harvey, offered a two-year renewal of his contract before his men made it safe, could build Luton's future on this boy. Teams:

Luton. — Baynham; McBain, Bramwell; Pacey, Fincham, Lownds; Turner, Smith, O'Rourke, Reid, Whittaker.

Watford. — Jennings; Nicholas, Jones; Crisp, Chung, Owen; Spelman, McArdney, Livesey, Oliver, Harris.