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#### **CLUB COMMENTS**

The most dangerous thing to do in football is to start feeling happy about the results that have gone . . . . but, just the same, it's been very satisfying to be able to point to five points out of six from our past three matches.

This is not to suggest for a minute that there is the slightest ground for complacency; there is not. But the two home wins, with the seven goals that were scored, have given proof to the point that our immediate troubles would quickly disappear if we started taking the chances we have been making nearly all the time.

At Tranmere we also made quite a lot of chances but without snapping them up in the manner of the Orient and Reading matches.

In welcoming Luton this afternoon, I have to write before we had played the game at Plymouth but that fact in no way reduces the probable toughness of the fixture. Indeed, in the space of four days we take on, at Millmoor, two teams very much involved in the promotion battle.

Swindon are here on Tuesday and we all very much hope that by that time Danny's team has taken the League Cup back to Wiltshire with them. Like Luton, Swindon have beaten us on their own ground and we shall be all out this afternoon, and next week, to get level.

JIMMY McANEARNEY.

#### MILLMOOR FLASHBACKS

A YEAR AGO.—Rotherham 0, Middlesbrough 1 (attendance 15,082): Hill; Swift, Hague; Quinn, Watson, D., Tiler; Leigh, Haselden, Storrie, Watson, G., Bentley.

FIVE YEARS AGO.—Rotherham 3, Swansea 0 (attendance 7,347): Morritt; Carver, Morgan; Lambert, Madden, Jackson; Lyons, Bennett, Tiler, Houghton, Butler. Rotherham scorers: Tiler (2), Lyons.

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TEN YEARS AGO.—Rotherham 0, Stoke City 0: Ironside; Silman, Morgan; Lambert, Madden, Waterhouse; Webster, Kirkman, Cooper, Kettleborough, Bambridge.

#### PEN PICTURES OF LUTON TOWN F.C.

- Keith ALLEN (centre-forward). Originally began at inside-right but spent the bulk of last season in the middle. Signed from Stockport County in exchange for Derek Keaven and has previous spells with Portsmouth and Grimsby Town.
- Terry BRANSTON (centre-half). Born at Rugby, where he still lives, he spent nine seasons with Northampton Town, accompanying them in their rise from Division IV to Division I.
- Mickey BROWN (centre-forward). Has appeared in the first team on the wings, at inside-forward and also at wing-half. A Londoner, he was previously with Fulham and Millwall,
- lan BUXTON (inside-right). Signed from Derby County last season after Rodney Green went down with cartilage trouble.
- Peter DENTON (outside-right). Cost quite a substantial fee from Coventry City shortly before the deadline date last season. Apart from the Town, Workington and Brentford were in the negotiations,
- Max DOUGAN (right-back). First signing made by Allan Brown shortly after he rejoined the club. Transferred to Town from Leicester City. Became a Scottish Amateur international while playing with Queen's Park,
- Graham FRENCH (outside-right). Born at Wolverhampton. Previously with Shrewsbury, Swindon, Watford and Wellington before joining Luton in October, 1965. Has several England Youth international caps.
- Mike HARRISON (outside-left). Signed from Plymouth Argyle during the latter part of last season. Born at Ilford, he began his first-class career with Chelsea, from which club he moved on to Blackburn Rovers.
- Freddie JARDINE (left-back). In his eighth season with the club Signed as an outside-left when Sam Bartram was in charge at Kenilworth Road. Previously with Dundee.
- Brian LEWIS (right-half). Transferred from Coventry City and is Town's most expensive signing for years. Made 20 first team appearances last season with Coventry. Previously with Portsmouth,
- Billy McDERMENT (left-back). Signed from Leicester City as a right-back. Made 20 first team appearances last season.
- John MOORE (left-half). One of the most improved players on the books. In his fourth season with Town, Signed on a free transfer from Motherwell,
- George POTTER (wing-half). Spent three months on trial during the latter part of last season, and was called upon for first team duty on several occasions. Signed from Forfar Athletic.
- Tony READ (goalkeeper). Missed only three games last season. Probably the only goalkeeper to have scored a hat-trick in League football. Born at Haydock and began his career with Sheffield Wednesday, from where he moved to Peterborough United. Joined Luton three and a half years ago.
- Bruce RIOCH (inside-left). Club's leading scorer last season. Born in Aldershot, but spent most of his schooldays in Luton and has been with the Town since he was 15.
- Neil RIOCH (centre-half). Although he is only 17, and his apprenticeship was not over, he was given terms as a full-time professional during the summer.
- John RYAN (outside-right). Allan Brown went back to his former club, Wigan Athletic, where he was playermanager, to sign the player who was his right-wing partner
- Alan SLOUGH (right-half). A local product, who was an amateur and apprentice with Town before signing as a full-time player.
- Laurie SHEFFIELD (centre-forward). One of Town's big close season signs, from Oldham Athletic. Born in Swansea and has previously been with five League clubs,
- Bill TAYLOR (goalkeeper). Went to Luton on trial from Partick Thistle and was signed Christmas, 1967, for the remainder of the season.
- Ray WHITTAKER (outside-left). A Londoner from Bow. Played for Arsenal, with whom he gained England Youth international caps before going to Luton in March, 1964.

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WE INTEND TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO STAMP OUT SUCH CONDUCT. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE WITH THE POLICE AND WE HOPE PLAIN-CLOTHES OFFICERS WILL BE ABLE TO MINGLE WITH THE CROWDS BEHIND THE GOALS.

THE CLUB WILL NOT HESITATE TO TAKE ACTION THROUGH THE COURTS AND CULPRITS WILL BE BANNED FROM THE GROUND AUTOMATICALLY.

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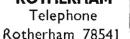
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\* From the special edition souvenir book written when Danny's testimonial was played back in 1962 we have 'pulled' this picture of Danny the miner, snapped as he left the pit-top at Silverwood.

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- (1) The Wolves team of the 3-0 defeat on January 11, 1947, at Molineux, was: Williams; McLean, Crook; Galley, Curtis, Wright; King, Pye, Westcott, Forbes, Hancox. (N.B.: Mullen played outside-left in the Cup-winning team of the 1948-49 season.)
- (2) The Newcastle cup-tie at St. James' Park was January 31, 1953.
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