

LUTCONI TONNI FOOTBALL CLUB

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP (Second Round)

v MILLWALL

Tuesday 2nd September 1969 Kick-off: 7.30 p.m.

Official Programme: Price 1/-

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Things certainly happened quickly last week when the club, in fulfilment of the promise they made at the time, spent a huge slice of the transfer fee they received for the Rioch brothers.

In rather less then 24 hours, they handed over £30,000 for the transfer of Chris Nicholl, the 21 years-old Halifax Town centre-half, and £25,000 for Matt Tees, the Charlton Athletic striker.

Over £80,000 spent

That means that just over £80,000 of the £110,000 received from Aston Villa has now been spent on four players with the resultant strengthening of four different positions.

On the face of things, this is good business and the Town now seem to be completely equipped for their determined assault on the championship of the Third Division which, of course, is their chief aim this season.

Did not hesitate

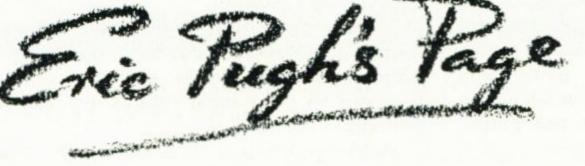
Possibly, the partial failure against Halifax last Tuesday merely hardened the determination to reinforce the two positions that there had been a feeling needed strengthening.

The display of Nicholl confirmed the good reports the Town had had of him and Manager Alec Stock decided unhesitatingly that he was the man for him.

Negotiations were started immediately after the end of the match and were concluded in Halifax less than 24 hours later.

Speedy deal

Similarly in the case of Tees, the deal was marked by the speed at which it was done. First talks with Charlton came on Wednesday and before 9 o'clock the following morning, the deal had been completed at London Airport. This was so that Secretary Bob Readhead could



Sat 11 FA Cup Final

Tues 14 SOUTHPORT

fly with the forms to League HQ at Lytham and register him in time to play at Gillingham last Saturday.

Cannot play tonight

So, the Town paraded two new players against the Kent club, but with the difficulties presented by the Bank Holiday weekend, these notes had to be written before the match was played.

Unfortunately, neither will be able to play against Millwall tonight because of their ineligibility. Nicholl has already appeared for Halifax in this competition and Tees has to comply with the 14 days rule.

Old opponents

Millwall, of course, are old opponents of the Town, especially in their Second Division days, but the paths of the clubs have not crossed for some time.

However, despite the fact that the London club have made a somewhat tardy and disappointing start to the season, they have a vastly experienced side and will doubtless provide a severe test for the Town.

At the same time, the game will provide a useful yardstick in view of the Luton ambitions to figure in the higher circle next season.

Home record nearly went

The last two home games both provided hard struggles and against Orient, the Town seemed to be on the verge of losing their cherished unbeaten home record which now goes back to April last year.

However, a tremendous rally in the last quarter of an hour brought them three goals and a victory that looked most unlikely at one time.

Certainly, there will be no more thrilling finish at Kenilworth Road this season and Orient left in an understandably disappointed frame of mind.

Competent defence

On the face of things, Halifax were expected not to pose quite the same problems and there was support for that view when Malcolm Macdonald put the Town ahead after only five minutes.

Thereafter, however, the forwards seemed to lose their way and their cohesion in the face of a most competent, wellgeneralled defence in which Nicholl was obviously the king-pin.

Will increase domination

Those who saw the match will doubtless be satisfied that the Town made no mistake in signing this player who stands 6 feet, 2 inches and who will be expected to increase the domination in the penalty area, particularly in the air.

Although they never seemed to be in imminent danger of losing their home record, at the same time, they could do nothing to prevent their 100 per cent tally going by the board and yield their first point of the season.

With the newcomers on view, hopes were, of course, that this was readjusted at Gillingham.

Attractive Rovers

Next Saturday will bring an attractive match, with the visitors Bristol Rovers, who have made a most positive start to the season, including a rousing 5–1 victory over Reading.

In the past, the Town have always found the Rovers very hard opponents, difficult to break down, and this should turn out to be a most interesting trial of strength.

With supporters having their first opportunity to see Tees and Nicholl, the attendance should shoot well above the 13,000 average at which it has been running so far, although, of course, a far bigger crowd, including a following from Millwall, is expected tonight.

Stubbs solves problem

One of Rovers' problems last season was to get among the goals with sufficient frequency and in an attempt to solve this, they paid a big fee during the summer for Robin Stubbs, a consistent marksman for Torquay United for some years.

Already this has had an effect because Stubbs has been among the goals with some regularity and Rovers could well prove to be one of the teams with whom the Town will have to contend in their promotion bid.

OUR COVER PICTURE

Typical action picture of Malcolm Macdonald on the goal path against Orient.

(By courtesy of Home Counties Newspapers Ltd.)



Above: Malcolm Macdonald in a tussle with Halifax centre-half, Chris Nicholl. Incident from last Tuesday's match.

Pictures by courtesy of Home Counties Newspapers Ltd.

Below: Orient goalkeeper, Goddard, makes one of his many fine saves during the match which the Town won 3–2.





In point of fact, the office did not figure largely in my life last week because of the hectic transfer business in which the club was involved and the speed at which deals have to be carried out these days.

This is consequent on the ruling that a player must be registered at League headquarters a clear 48 hours before he can play for his new club.

As a result, flying as a means of transport has become more frequent for club officials than was ever envisaged

before the introduction of the new rule, which is generally accepted by clubs to be a good thing.

Two long trips

So, on Wednesday, I accompanied Manager Alec Stock on a 400-mile round trip to Halifax to complete the contract for the new centre-half, Chris Nicholl.

Back in Luton at 9.30 p.m., we were both at London Airport by 8.30 the following morning to meet Matt Tees whose transfer terms had been agreed overnight with Charlton Athletic.

That business completed, I was booked on a plane to Blackpool which enabled the forms to be delivered to the League well before the 3 o'clock deadline.

Now, all we hope is that the end products of this rushing about will please all our supporters and that the results which follow will be of the best.

Programme pleases

Our new-style programme appears to be pleasing supporters who doubtless feel that at one shilling, with the *Football League Review* also included, it is very good value.



Bob Readhead, Secretary

Comments continue to arrive at my office and one supporter, Andrew Robick, who calls himself 'Luton loyalist', says, "I would like to congratulate you on an excellent programme. I am no longer ashamed to see Luton's programme on sale at other grounds."

Incorporated already

He follows with certain suggestions, some of which were already in process of incorporation in the programme and have become an accomplished fact since.

One thing which we cannot fall in with is his suggestion that we should do away with the advertisements. These are the backbone of every publication and, in our case, help us to defray the overall cost of production.

More sellers needed

While, on the subject of the programme, I would mention again that we can still use more sellers who must be of the minimum age of 15.

And, at the risk of being accused of repetition, we do need more volunteers to present us with match balls.

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The man in the middle

DAVID WALLACE (Swindon)

DAVID WALLACE has aready achieved one of every referee's ambitions – to officiate at Wembley. He was on the line for the Everton v Sheffield Wednesday FA Cup final of 1966. "Being at Wembley is one of the most moving of all experiences", he says.

As a youngster, Mr Wallace played football in Wiltshire. "But I found I wasn't making any progress so I decided to take up refereeing", he explained. He took his written and oral examination in 1949, became a probationer referee and during his National Service in the RAF he was able to gain a great deal of practical experience.

Upon his return to civilian life, Mr Wallace graduated through the Western League and was appointed a Football League linesman in 1961. Three years later he stepped up to the referees' list. He has so far been abroad twice – to Amsterdam and Liege – to referee European Fairs Cup games. And he had a line appointment for a Wales v Scotland international.

Leisure hours

Mr Wallace is a production technician for British Rail at Swindon and devotes most of his leisure hours to the interests of the Referees' Association and to actual refereeing, of course. He says that he gains equal enjoyment refereeing junior matches on bumpy out-of-the-way pitches when he has no Football League appointment.

On keeping fit, Mr Wallace feels it is more essential than ever for referees to attain peak physical performance. "Compared with a few years back, the game has speeded up enormously," he says. "It is essential that the game moves with the times and this necessarily means a gradual quickening of its pace".

To the Oak Road Choir

Why not adopt this song as your signature tune?

Sing it to the tune of 'When you're Smiling', as Manager Alex Stock does when the team wins away from home.

When we're winning
And today we're winning
The whole world smiles with you

When we're drawing And sometimes we're drawing The sun comes smiling through

But when we're losing It brings on the rain, So stop your losing And get with it again

'Cos when we're winning
And we love winning
The whole world smiles with you.

INTER-LEAGUE MATCH

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FOOTBALL LEAGUE OF IRELAND

Wednesday, 10th September, 1969
AT BARNSLEY

All ticket match. Tickets are obtainable in advance from the Secretary, Barnsley FC, Oakwell Ground, Grove Street, Barnsley, Yorks.

Centre stand, £1 5s, wing stand (bench seating), £1, Terrace and paddock 7s 6d, Ground 6s.

Applications for tickets should be accompanied by the remittance and a stamped, addressed envelope for the return of tickets.



League Cup relief for Millwall By Tony Pullein

Tonight's League Cup tie will provide some light relief to Millwall who have made such a sad start to their Second Division programme.

After last season's exciting battle for promotion, they were hoping to have a real crack at gaining First Division status for the first time. But they collected only two points from their opening five games, conceding 12 goals in the process.

Manager Benny Fenton caused a sensation last week by dropping his star close-season signing Brian Dear. Brian once crashed home five goals in a First Division match for West Ham, his first club.

However, his form was so unpredictable that it wasn't until two seasons back, after a spell on loan to Brighton, that he won a regular place in the Hammers' attack.

Last season he moved to Fulham for £20,000, became their top scorer, then shifted to his third London club – as part of an exchange deal for John Gilchrist.

Banging them home

Millwall's other strikers Derek Possee and Keith Weller are still banging home the goals, though. Last season they were joint top scorers with 15 each in League games.

With Possee and Weller looking for more scalps the Lions' attack will be pretty virile when it gets going. Derek and Keith, now acknowledged as two of the Second Division's finest attackers, left Spurs together two years ago because they couldn't get into the first team.

Began with United

One of the men charged with the creative work in attack is Eamonn Dunphy, a Republic of Ireland international, who started his professional career with Manchester United.

The other stars shone too brightly for him at Old Trafford, so he made his entry into League football with Fourth Division York City in 1965–66, and moved to Millwall before that season ended.

Gordon Bolland made the short journey across from Charlton last October. He started with Chelsea but really made his mark in League football at Orient. Then he spent almost four years with Norwich before joining Charlton during 1967–68.

Billy Neil joined Millwall from Scottish junior club Bonnyrigg Rose and has been a fairly constant member of their first team since 1964. Last season he completed his 150th League game for them.

Standen's challenge

Former Chelmsford City goalkeeper, Bryan King, promoted to Millwall's first team two seasons ago, faces a stern challenge from ex-Arsenal, Luton and West Ham star, Jim Standen, who returned from a spell in the United States last season.

Standen played in the Hammers' team which won the FA Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup in successive seasons.

Two more former West Ham players are giving the club splendid service. Dennis Burnett got into the Hammers' side four seasons back and hasn't missed a game since signing for Millwall in 1967.

Harry Cripps didn't make the senior team at Upton Park but has proved a sound defender since making his League debut with Millwall in 1962.

Recently the defence has been reshuffled to bring in Brian Brown, a youngster who didn't quite make the senior grade at Chelsea but who looks to have bright prospects with his new club.

Ever present

Barry Kitchener fought his way from the ranks of Millwall's junior teams to make his senior bow three seasons ago. He has been ever-present for the last two seasons.

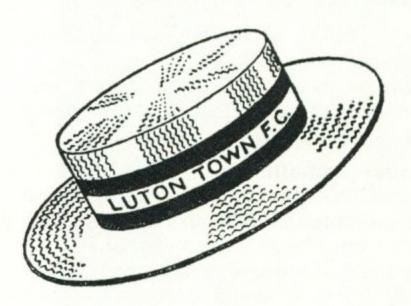
Former Queen's Park Rangers' forward, George Jacks, has settled down at wing-half and now enters his fifth campaign with Millwall.

Alan Dorney who completed his apprenticeship in the printing trade before signing professional, had his first taste of League football last season.

Brian Nichols, who joined Millwall from Fulham this summer, had gained considerable experience in the Cottagers' First and Second Division teams.

We have never met Millwall in the League Cup but our League record against them is:

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Away	15	3	5	7	14	31	11
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HATTERS' CLUB IT'S AWAY TO A 'SWINGING' START!

Without any possible shred of doubt, the new Hatters' Club got off to a swinging start last week and it is obviously going to be a very popular centre for supporters, especially on match days.

Membership, apart from season ticketholders, who secure it automatically, is going very well, but there is plenty of room for more and membership forms can be obtained at the Club.

Bookings for private functions are coming in most satisfactorily and, obviously, many organisations are appreciating the facilities which we have to offer.

Opening hours

Each day, the Club is open from 12 noon to 3 p.m. when hot snacks are available and, at night, with opening hours 6 to

11.30 p.m., hot meals are available in addition to snacks. Bar service will cease at 10.30 on week days.

On Saturday match days, opening hours are 12 noon to 2.55, 4.45 to 5.30, and 6 to 11.30 p.m.

When there is a night match, the bar will open from 6 until 7.25 and re-open at the end of the game.

If any member has a genuine criticism or constructive suggestion, those responsible for the Club will be only too pleased to look into them.

The aim is to provide supporters with luxury to add to a high standard of football, and we shall go on trying to improve matters wherever it is possible.

For the moment, however, there has been nothing but praise for the splendid facilities offered by the Club.



Plymouth trip should be a huge success

By Harry Haslam, Entertainments Manager

Everything points to the fact that our first big venture in providing travel facilities for a long trip to an away match, is going to be a huge success.

Bookings for the train we have chartered to go to Plymouth on 27th September have been so brisk that only a few of the 428 seats are now left and it is now certain that we shall secure our full complement.

This is certainly a sign of the enthusiasm that now exists among the supporters of the club.

Not expecting trouble

Now, all we hope is that, on this first big occasion, our supporters will prove to be what they think they are and show their sportsmanship.

Certainly, we are not expecting trouble and, if the trip goes as smoothly as we believe it will, I have others up my sleeve for the future.

Pattern for the future

I believe that this sort of trip is the pattern for the future and if the one to Plymouth goes through smoothly and without trouble, then I shall be in touch with British Rail on the following Monday morning to arrange others.

The new shop at 231 Dunstable Road, Luton, which will provide a complete sports outfitting service, is expected to be open to the public in about three weeks' time.

Our new Pools offices are now over it, and the telephone number is 30748.

Bonanza girls wanted

More Bonanza Girls to sell our popular tickets at home matches are still required and those willing to do this worthwhile job, should contact me at the Pools Office.

I should also like to hear from anyone who wants to figure in the programme as 'Supporter of the week,' and also from parents of boys who would like to be our mascots at home matches.

BONANZA WINNERS

ORIENT MATCH

3705 not claimed yet, £13.

0776 Mr Mitchell, 61 Farley Hill, Luton, 'Goali' transistor radio.

3361 Mr Hughes, 29 Dallow Road, Luton, 'Goali' transistor radio.

3619 not claimed yet. Odeon Cinema ticket.

0364 Mr Ale, 417 Hitchin Road, Luton, Odeon Cinema ticket.

HALIFAX MATCH

4421 Mr A. Norton, 31 Chesford Road, Luton, £10.

4819 not claimed yet, 'Goali' transistor radio.

0665 Mr Pearce, 52 Bristol Road, Luton 'Goali' transistor radio.

4957 Mr Cook, 43 Moreton Road, Luton, Odeon Cinema ticket.

0013 not claimed yet, Odeon Cinema ticket.

LUTON TOWN FC POOL

This Week's Lucky Numbers

Monday: £20-43519; £15-15430; £5-25127;

£5-11904; £2-07957; £2-43561; £1-29411. **Tuesday:** £20-09424; £15-55626; £5-37260; £5-03989; £2-53467; £2-33694; £1-01297. **Wednesday:** £20-13763; £15-11107; £5-17173; £5-51948; £2-01553; £2-27637; £1-45239. **Thursday:** £20-25518; £15-03846; £5-49632; £5-15215; £2-47064; £2-05611; £1-23186. **Friday:** £20-31053; £15-41728; £5-05743;

£5-39677; £2-21751; £2-33827; £1-35114. **Saturday:** £20-19572; £15-13501; £5-29559; £5-11463; £2-35931; £2-19615; £1-17022.

Coming Matches

DIVISION III

SATURDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER

LUTON TOWN

BRISTOL ROVERS

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

Prices of admission

Centre Stand 10s, Wing Stand 8s,
Enclosure, Bobbers' Stand and Oak
Road Terrace 6s, (Children 3s), Kenilworth Road Terrace 5s, (Children 2s 6d).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

SATURDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER

LUTON TOWN

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NEWS FROM THE SUPPORTERS' CLUB

By FRANK SHEPHARD

Some 30 years ago, the then Bobbers' Stand Club were able to hand over £500 as their first cheque to the football club. This week, its successor the Bobbers' Stand and Supporters' Club have given the largest donation in our history – £5,000.

That we were able to do so is due to the effort of all our members and we now look forward to passing that total next year.

Incidentally, our treasurer, Mr A. C. Wright, who made the latest presentation, was a member of the committee of 30 years ago – some service on behalf of supporters.

Full support

We are giving the Plymouth Special our fullest support and are hoping that this first rail special since our First Division days will be a sell out.

We have been asked to steward the train and the 10 members who have volunteered for this task, seek the cooperation of all those who will be travelling.

For those who use the present club transport, we have reserved a coach on the train and bookings for this must be made to me personally.

Sales service

A sales service will operate on the train of all the items we have on sale at our club shops – rosettes 2s, pennants 2s, rattles 7s 6d and pens, 6d and 1s 6d each.

We would like to see more members using the club premises which are open daily for your benefit. If you have not yet joined the Supporters' Club, do so tonight. Only 1s 2d a year or £1 1s for life membership.

Tonight, we welcome members of Millwall Supporters' Club. We do not see much of them these days, but we hope to meet some old friends in the club later.

SPECIAL CHARTERED TRAIN TO PLYMOUTH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Plymouth Argyle v Luton Town

Train leaves LUTON .. 8.35 a.m.

HARPENDEN .. 8.43

ST. ALBANS .. 8.50

Arriving PLYMOUTH .. 1.45 p.m.

Return Journey Leave PLYMOUTH .. 5.50 p.m.

Arriving ST. ALBANS .. 10.58

HARPENDEN .. 11.07

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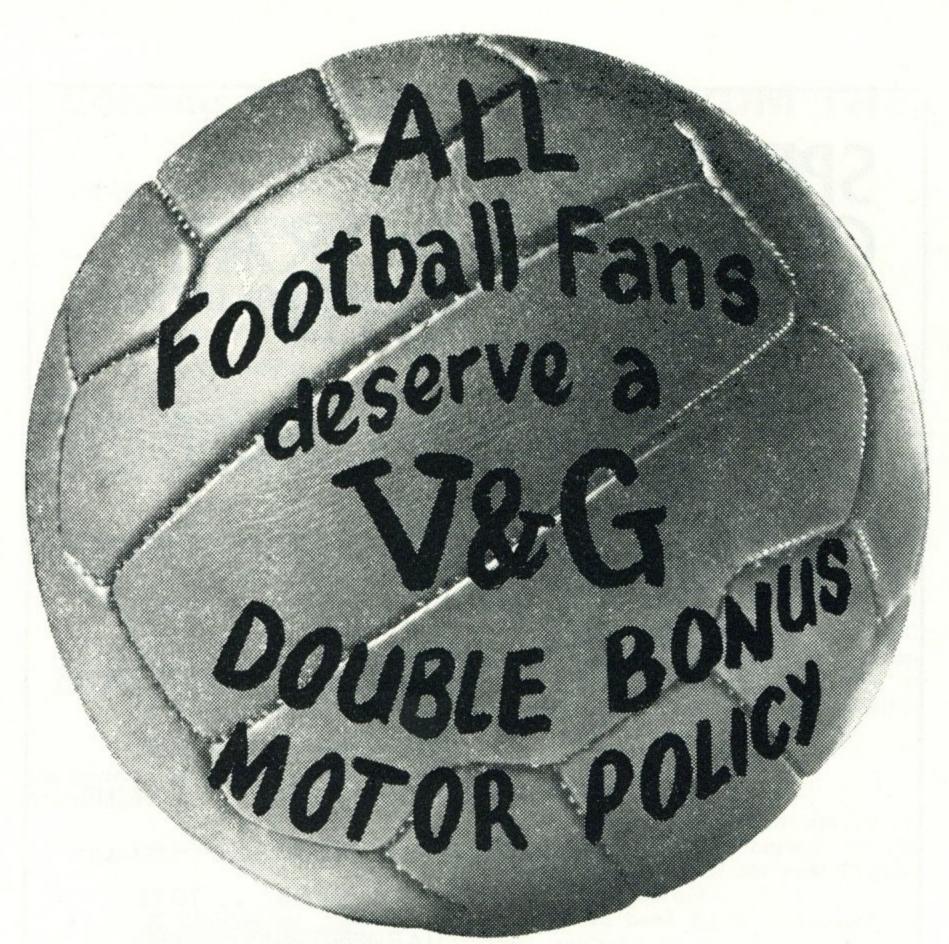
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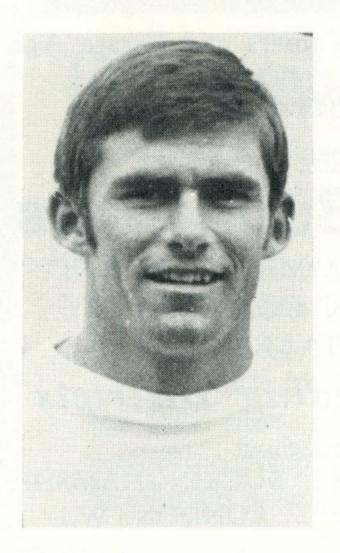
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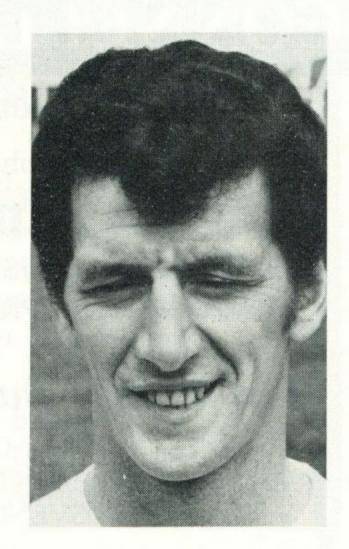
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PERSONALITY PROFILES





4 JOHN RYAN

Although he is only 21, this well-built right-back is now with his third League club, having previously served with Arsenal and Fulham.

With the Gunners, whom he joined from Southern League club, Tonbridge, his stay was comparatively short, but he had quite a productive time at Craven Cottage.

In two seasons, he totted up an impressive list of 45 first team appearances, 25 of them in the First Division and it came as something as a surprise when Fulham gave him a free transfer at the end of last season.

Quickly, the Town moved in because Ipswich, Millwall and Northampton were all considering an offer of terms to this six-footer.

5 MAX DOUGAN

A contender for the right-back position which he filled regularly last season, Dougan had the misfortune to damage an ankle during the pre-season games and that put him out of the reckoning for the first League match.

Now, he is having to bide his time and await the chance to come his way again — a new experience for him, because he has been almost an automatic choice for one position or another, since he joined the club nearly three years ago.

He was Allan Brown's first signing after being appointed manager and was bought from Leicester City for £7,000 for the centre-half position.

On the arrival of Terry Branston, he was converted first to right-half and then to right-back and, in the last two seasons, missed only nine matches. Gained Scottish Amateur International caps when playing for Queen's Park.

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