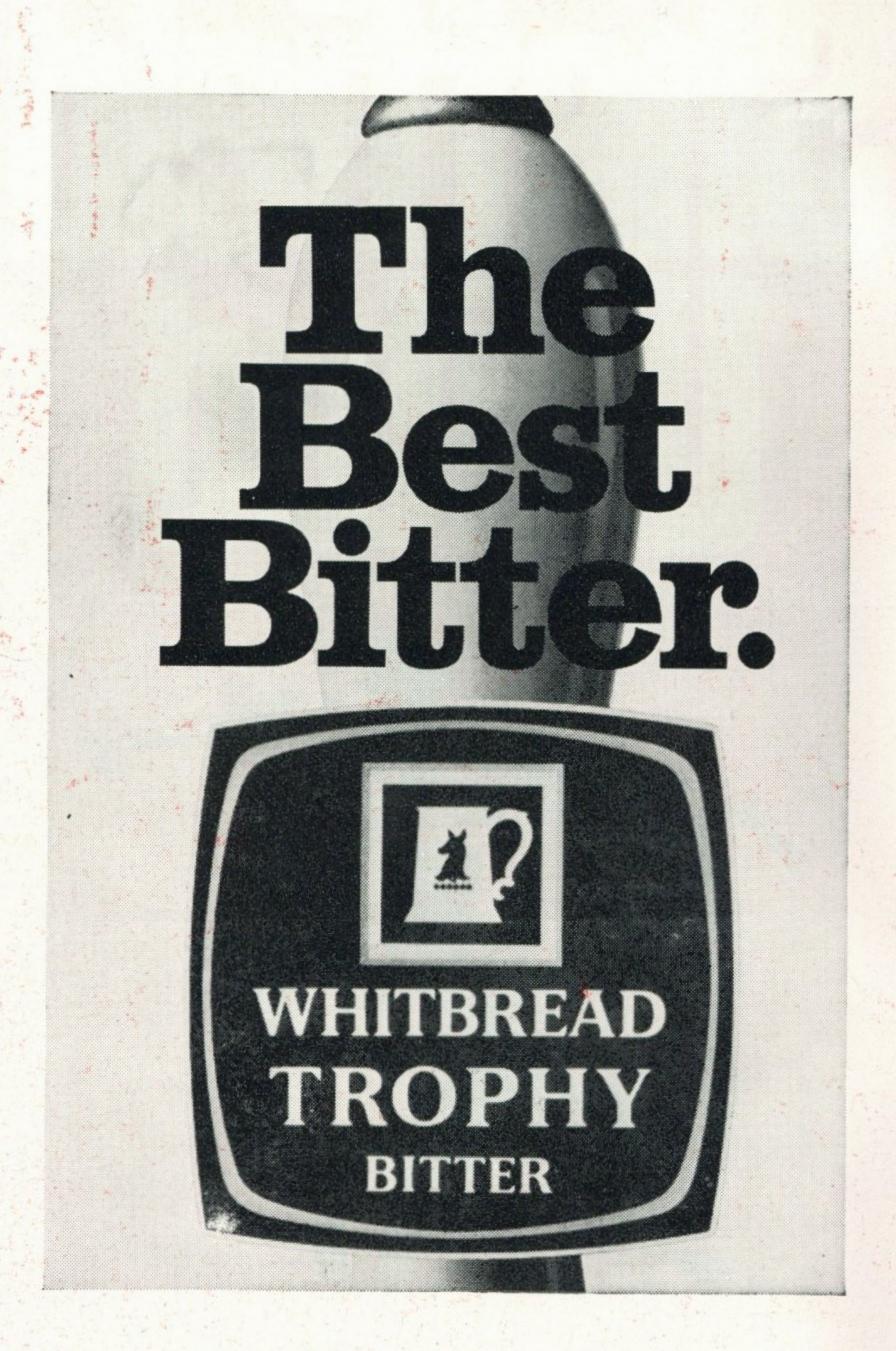
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WE WELCOME

Our Visitors

In welcoming Luton Town for tonight's third round Football League Cup Tie to Bramall Lane we pay tribute to a club which is well on the way back to better days.

The fortunes of few clubs, with the possible exception of Northampton Town, have slumped as quickly and as alarmingly as was the case with the 'Hatters' in the period 1955-65.

Just 10 years in which to plummet from a fair existence in the First Division right down to the League's basement.

Happily, Kenilworth Road is enjoying something of a boom again, following welcome promotion from the Fourth Division as worthy champions the season we were suffering relegation, 1967-68.

And for long enough last term, it looked as though Luton were going to shoot straight through the Third . . . but they finished just three points away from second spot. Still, Luton folk are convinced another step up the League ladder cannot be far away, and on the evidence of the start to the new season, they have every justification for such confidence.

On the field and off it, Luton give the air of a club both business like and ambitious, and townsfolk are mentioning the the club's name with pride again—and most supporters can remember First Division days and the 1959 Cup Final, the club's only appearance at Wembley and one which ended sadly in defeat to Nottingham Forest.

Now under the capable managership of Alec Stock, who has tremendous experience and knowledge of the game at home and abroad, Luton know they will

be well supported—if they produced the goods. Third Division football at Kenilworth Road produced an average attendance just a few hundred smaller than ours last season.

Town secretary Bob Redhead is confident of a big following for the team in Sheffield tonight: "To give you some idea," he told us, "our next trip after Bramall Lane is to Plymouth—and we've already got two trains booked up for the West Country match. There's no doubt too that the M1 will mean a better chance of our supporters getting to Shefleld. A few years ago for a night match they might not have thought about it."

Before the season got under way, Luton sold striker Bruce Rioch and his promising defender brother Neil to Aston Villa for £110,000.

Waiting for the right moment, Mr. Stock brought the much-fancied Chris Nicholl from Halifax for £30,000, and within 24 hours obtained striker Matt Tees from Charlton.

You never know, Luton might fancy their chances of emulating Q.P.R. and Swindon, who, as Third Division teams, won promotion and the League Cup as well.

We want promotion ourselves this season, but if the League Cup provides further tonic . . . all well and good.

Any side that can go to Millwall and win, as Luton did to earn this match, must command respect.

Acknowledging this, we hope the entertainment rating tonight is as high as that in our second round win over Newcastle—and if our team repeats that form, one half of Luton's double possibility will be crushed.

Between the stripes WE ARE UNITED

AFTER OUR REALLY splendid victory over Newcastle United in the Second Round of the League Cup competition one of our supporters was heard to remark as he made his way home : "I felt proud when our team left the field." He was typical of many and we were especially pleased that our display should have been seen by such a large attendance that evening. The 7.45 p.m. kick-off certainly seemed to appeal to some fans.

Comments from the critics are given on another page. Suffice it to say we have received many congratulations to pass on to our players who put such effort into the game and, playing to-gether as a well-disciplined unit, gave what was doubtless their best sustained display for a long time.

So now our progress continues and we can but hope that it will go even further as a result of tonight's game. To tell the truth we didn't mind who we were drawn against so long as it was at Bramall Lane. We have been feeling for some time that we have had our fair share of away ties in Cup competitions. We had to wait a little while to discover whether our visitors would be Luton Town or Millwall. Both have been here before and when the draw was announced what immediately came to mind, was Millwall's 3-2 defeat of our First Division team when we went to The Den in the League Cup Second Round on 12th September, 1967.

Now the chance has come again for us to carry on as we did the previous

season when we reached the Fifth Round. It is an opportunity our team are eager to seize.

It was unfortunate that the Newcastle tie had to be marred by that injury to Alan Hodgkinson a quarter of an hour from the end. But it was a relief to find it not so serious as was at first feared. Alan worked hard to get fit. He's that kind of player. Not only did he have sauna baths and treatment several times a day but he used his own radiant heat lamp at home. As before, when Alan Woodward deputised so successfully against Leeds United—he does play well in the coloured jersey—our right-winger was fully able to cope with whatever the opposition tried to do.

One cannot but admire this sort of versatility. He seems almost as good at keeping 'em out as he does at putting 'em in. And that's saying something the way he's scoring this season!

The decision to play the tie tonight instead of tomorrow night was taken as soon as we knew the draw. We did not want the possibility of any clash with either Wednesday or Rotherham United. so we made the announcement straight away so that everyone would know.

We are hoping that the loudspeaker system, about which there have been some complaints, is now working satisfactorily. The contractors have been doing their best but there has been delay in getting necessary components. It was hoped that all would be well in time for tonight's game.

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Supporters' Notes

DESPITE PLAYING well at St. Andrews, the "Blades" suffered defeat against Birmingham City, but retained their position at the head of Division 2. The support at this match was very disappointing, so let's have a good following at Preston, Bramall Lane Branch coach leaves Harmer Lane at 10 a.m. and then travels to Blackpool after the match for

the "lights". Fares are 18/6d. Adults, 12/6d. Juniors. Seats can be booked at the Caravan after tonight's game. Sheldon Branch will also be running to Preston, particulars from the Branch officials.

A hearty welcome tonight to the "Hatters", and may everyone enjoy a good sporting contest, with our hopes pinned on United making further progress in the Competition.

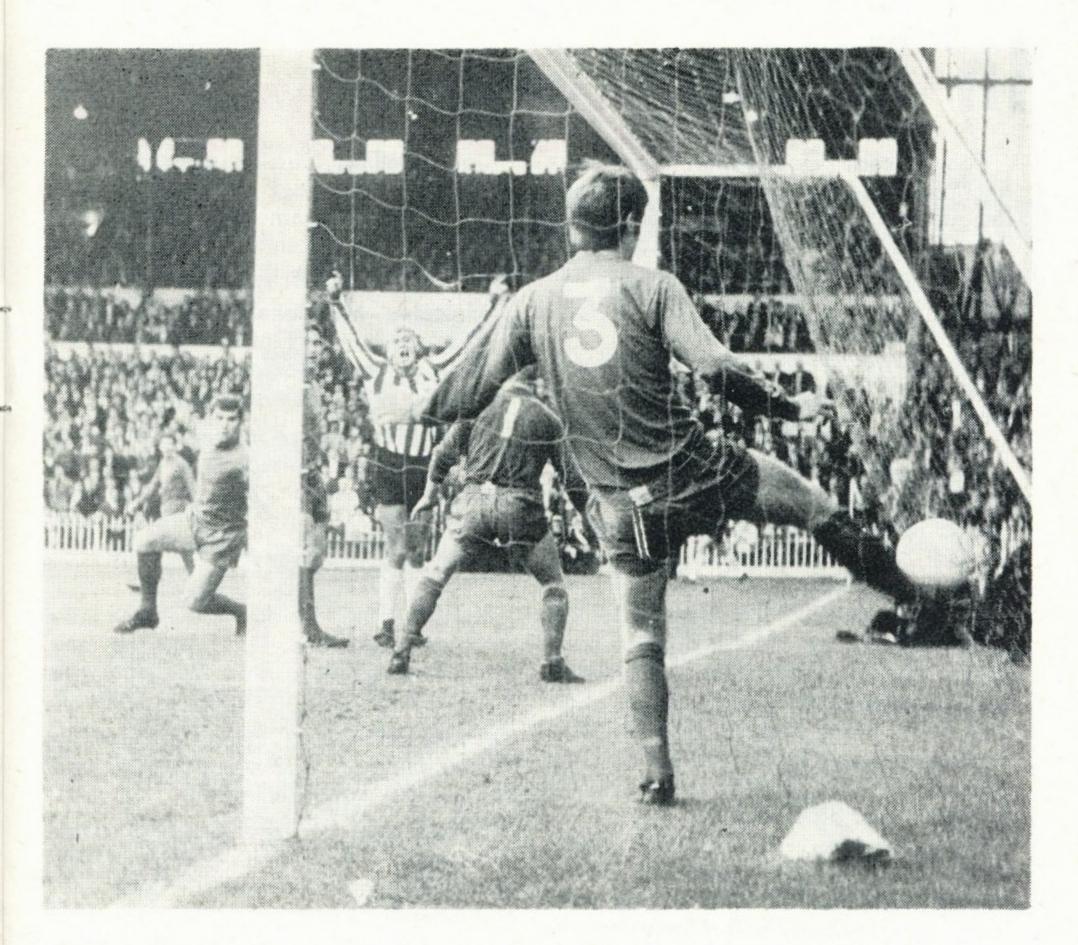
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LEAGUE CUP SPECIAL

brilliant display . . . takes Blades through

A sad moment for Alan Hodgkinson, who limps off the field aided by former Lane stars Fred White and Harry Latham 15 minutes from the end of that dramatic match with Newcastle. On the right are the two goals which saw us through to this match with Luton. The top picture shows Alan Woodward's opener in the first minutes. The Geordies left back Frank Clark tries to stop the incredible shot from a corner, and Dave Powell throws his arms up in delight. John Tudor, extreme right, prepares to start his personal war dance as his header finds the net for goal number two, in the bottom picture.







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In Focus

Tony Read. Goalkeeper. Rare distinction as only 'keeper in Football League with a hat-trick to his credit! Scored 10 in one recent season when tried at centre forward. Began career with Wednesday, Joined the 'Hatters' from Peterborough.

Alex Davie. Goalkeeper. Cost £8,000 when bought from Dundee United. Last season, 27 Third Division appearances. Scottish Under 23 cap.

Max Dougan. Full back. Joined Luton from Leicester, where he played with Derek Dougan. No relation. Max is Scottish, and won amateur caps while with Queen's Park.

Jack Bannister. Full back. Joined Luton from Crystal Palace, but was born not far from Sheffield . . . at Chesterfield.

Mike Keen. Midfield man. High Wycombe born, had 19 First Division appearances last term—with QPR. Now teamed up with former Loftus Road manager Alec Stock again.

Terry Branston. Centre half. Likely stand-in for £35,000 newcomer Chris Nicholl from Halifax, who is Cup-tied. Terry was previously with Northampton.

Alan Slough. Left half. One of the few Luton-born men in senior squad. Everpresent in League matches last season. John Collins. Outside right. Remembered by Mr. Stock from QPR days. Then served Oldham and Reading before arriving at Kenilworth Rd. on the Wednesday before this season opened.

Malcolm MacDonald. Inside right. Fulham must regret letting this London-born lad leave. Began this season by scoring in seven successive games.

Matt Tees. Centre forward. Needs no introduction to Unitedites — gave us trouble last season and this at The Valley with Charlton. Formerly with Grimsby. Experienced attacker who cost Luton £25,000 a few weeks ago.

Keith Allen. Inside left. Previously with Stockport. 6 ft. I in., and the man who clinched this visit to the Lane with an extra-time goal in replay at Millwall.

Graham French. Outside left. Born in Wolverhampton, arrived at Luton via non-League club Wellington.

Brian Lewis. Forward. Leading scorer last season with 22 goals in 43 matches. Previously with Coventry, Portsmouth and Crystal Palace.

John Moore. Midfield man. A Scot, signed from Motherwell. 29 League appearances last season.

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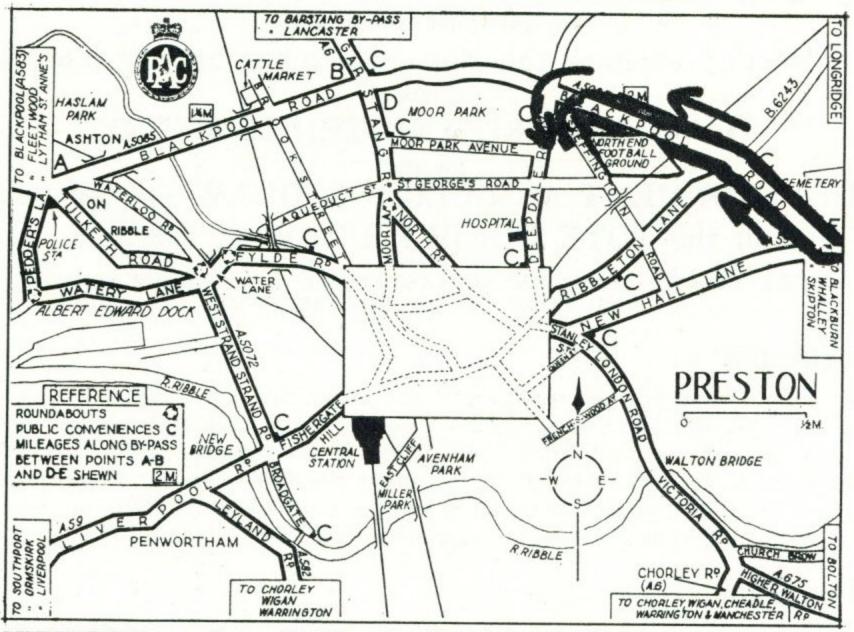
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Peter Cooper (Daily Mirror): "Sheffield United spun back the clock with a vengeance. Ten years ago Bramall Lane's unrated Second Division leaders stunned English football with an F.A. k.o. of an Arsenal side weakened by the loss of a goalkeeper. This time Sheffield, modern Second Division leaders, tipped the European Fairs Cup Holders out of the League Cup—despite losing their own goalkeeper . . . Sheffield looked as complete a team as their fans could ask for."

John Sadler (Sun): "Newcastle United, feared at home, abroad or anywhere a silver trophy is at stake, had their cup-fighting reputation ruined at Bramall Lane. The Fairs Cup Holders were swept off their feet by Sheffield United's brave exciting runners and dumped out of the League Cup-£100,000 Jim Smith and all . . . Sheffield played their finest football for years. It was so slick, so simple, so effective. Newcastle's defence, their strong-arm department, was drawn and dragged out of position by Sheffield's near perfection down both wings."

Gareth Jones (Morning Telegraph): "David Powell more than anyone was the hero of this dramatic night. He was tireless, his covering and tenacity of tackling were outstanding and he provided a blond barrier to which Newcastle never found an answer. Alongside him Colquhoun, Badger and Heaton fought manfully and Hodgkinson, particularly with two saves within seconds from the dangerous Foggon, was faultless in goal. Currie, Tudor and Woodward never stopped running up in front and Barlow excelled in midfield in a display that showed United are ready for First Division football next year."

Barry Foster (Yorkshire Post): "Newcastle's defence, which had yielded only three goals in the previous five games against some of the most expensive forward lines in the game, was under severe pressure most of the first half . . . Sheffield deserved their win and the applause they received from the 22,101 at the end."

Denis Lowe (Daily Telegraph): "Sheffield United brought off a notable and deserved Second Round victory . . . Though Newcastle regained their composure in the second half it was far too late to worry a dependable Sheffield defence."

Peter Markie (The Star): "Never mind the width, look at the quality. That was the lasting impression made by Sheffield United in speeding Newcastle out of the League Cup . . . Newcastle came fresh from a string of impressive First Division results plus their Fairs Cup reputation. The Blades caught them cold with a first minute goal and found the inspiration to turn on their best performance for years. Their first half assault was a stunning affair, loaded with class and pace . . . Powell stole the match with a sizzling display. The best sweeper in the country? At this rate, he could finish up with an executive job with Sheffield Cleansing Department. Colouring their action was the intelligence and purpose of the home effort . . . In all, memorable night for Sheffield United. The trick now is to sustain it."

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- 2. Len BADGER
- 3. Mick HEATON
- 4. Frank BARLOW
- 5. Eddie COLQUHOUN
- 6. David POWELL
- 7. Alan WOODWARD**
- 8. Colin ADDISON
- 9. John TUDOR *
- 10. Tony CURRIE STANIFORTH
- 11. Gil. REECE
- 12. SALHONS

Colours: Red and White

Luton(o)

- 1. Alex DAVIE
- 2. Max DOUGAN
- 3. Jack BANNISTER
- 4. Mike KEEN
- 5. Terry BRANSTON
- 6. Alan SLOUGH
- 7. John COLLINS
- 8. Malcolm MacDONALD
- 9. Matt TEES
- 10. Keith ALLEN
- 11. Graham FRENCH
- 12. Laurie SHEFFIELD

Colour: White

Referee

ROGER B. KIRKPATRICK (Leicester)

Born in Leicester and commenced refereeing 20 years ago. Began with local schoolboy football and began to take the game seriously particularly when he joined the Fleet Air Arm where he had the opportunity to give scope to this particular interest.

Represented the Royal Navy at cricket and basket ball and the Air Command at rugby and has also played professional football as a goalkeeper. Mr. Kirkpatrick is married and has two sons, aged 16 and 14 and is employed as a Sales Director with a Hosiery firm. Fitness is maintained by playing golf, cricket, squash and five-a-side football. Officiated in the Inter Cities Fairs Cup match between Hibernians (Malta) and Aris Solonica in Malta last season.

Linesmen

- F. Brocklehurst, Manchester (red flag).
- J. Yates, Manchester (yellow flag).