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ERIC PUGH talking...

These days, footballers can afford to regard Christmas with an air of detachment with, in fact, their only commitment this year coming at the tail-end of the festivities when there is a full programme of matches on December 27.

How different it used to be before the League, in their wisdom, decided to cut out Christmas Day football.

It was back in 1957 that Christmas Day was used as a normal football day and the Town's experience at that time remains vividly in my memory.

Their stint was to meet Manchester United at Old Trafford on the afternoon of Christmas Day, which was a Wednesday, and then rush, along with United, for a train south to fulfil the return fixture the next day.

Then, there was a break of 24 hours before the Town were called upon to meet Arsenal at Kenilworth Road to end what was a pretty hectic Christmas stint.

Having known nothing different, footballers and those closely connected with the game, thought little about this involvement which had become a way of life, and I can recall spending Christmas, or part of it, in such diverse places as Plymouth, Hull, and Swansea, as well as Manchester.

Personally, I feel that to dispense with Christmas Day as a date for football was a forward step by the League, though there are those still connected with the game who still regret the change.

Certainly, attendances at that time of the year tended to be considerably higher than average, but probably the change in the trend was caused largely by the fact that public transport over Christmas became less and less frequent, and this was a concrete fact that hastened the alteration to what had become traditional.

This year we have the situation that the Town travel to Brussels next Tuesday to fulfil a

friendly fixture the following day, something that would have been unthinkable 14 years ago.

And the main reason for fitting in this fixture at this time is to keep the players in match trim, bearing in mind that next Saturday presents a fixture blank.

Once again, the Town have been vastly disappointed in the draw for the F.A. Cup and, as they were at the first stage of the League Cup, have been called upon to visit a London First Division club.

Somehow or another, their luck seems to have deserted them in Cup competitions and it is a fact that on the last 12 occasions they have into the hat for the F.A. Cup, they have come out second best 10 times.

One has to go back three years for the last occasion when they were favoured with a home draw and that was at the second round stage when they met Gillingham before going out to Manchester City at Maine Road at the next hurdle.

Of course, there is a previous history of Cup meetings between the Town and West Ham, who last clashed here in 1949 when Luton triumphed by 3-1.

Even more kudos was attached to the feat in their previous Cup encounter with the Hammers, way back in 1936 when the Town won a replay 4-0 after having forced a 2-2 draw at Upton Park.

Such is the Town's away record this season that they certainly will not be without hope of earning a second chance in what would be a crowd-pulling replay here — on the following Tuesday.

Supposition is that the club will run a chartered train to help cope with the many hundreds of fans who will want to make the short journey, and there should be no problems about securing stand tickets, because the Hammers' seating capacity is considerable.

Whitfield's Whiz Kids..



KEN WHITFIELD... coach to The Hatters Youth Team.

The Youth side have made an encouraging and impressive start in this year's Youth Cup — but their next match is going to be a real test of their character and ability. The Kenilworth Road "babes" have been drawn against last year's winners, Arsenal, and they will go into this 3rd round "crunch" clash on 20th December 1971, kick-off 7.00 p.m. at Highbury.

But they have nothing to fear if Ken Whitfield's squad can serve up the tasty appetite they showed when they hammered Aldershot 4-0 in the last round. The glowing reports brought a special mention for striker Terry Robinson, who claimed two goals and made another.

We are pleased to record that two of the side, Phil Sewell and Bob Adams, have both been selected to join the England Amateur Youth party for training and trials. Full back Phil was recommended to the club by captain Mike Keen. Coach Ken Whitfield told us that Sewell played a couple of times for Luton juniors last year — "But this term he has made real progress."

Midfield man Adams, 17 years old, has, according to Ken, all the potential which eventually can mean a top professional career, "I think we can shake Arsenal, because the lads are really playing well as a TEAM — and next season seven of them will still be eligible for the side."

Durham-born Ken Whitfield came to Luton at the beginning of last season. His personal professional career really started at Wolverhampton as a centre half in 1948. After five years under one of England's greatest ever centre halves, Stan Cullis, (and including a stint in the services), Ken went to Manchester City for a reported £15,000.

Two years later, he started the first of six seasons with Brighton before he then moved on to broaden his experience with Q.P.R. As a player-manager with Bideford, North Devon, he helped the club through one of the best periods in their history when they finished 3rd, 2nd, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 10th and 2nd in their League in successive seasons.



Back Row (from left):
 Micky Bullock, Peter Bennett, Steve Bowtell, Terry Mancini (now Q.P.R.), Ray Goodard, Gordon Riddick,
 Mark Lazarus.
 Seated:
 John Sewell, Peter Allen, Barry Dyson, Paul Harris, Len Tomkins, Mick Jones, Ian Bowyer.
 On ground:
 Barrie Fairbrother, Terry Brisley, Dennis Rofe.
 Division II Runners-up, 1961-62. Division III (South) Champions, 1955-56. Runners-up, 1954-55. Division III
 Champions, 1969-70.

ORIENT



George Petchey, now half-way through his first season as Orient's manager, has slowly changed the appearance of the East London team with astute moves in the transfer market in recent months.

Although Orient retained their newly-regained Second Division status on the strength of their defence last season, it is this department that has attracted most of the new measures taken by the former Crystal Palace coach.

For a net outlay of around £5,000, he captured 19-year-old Palace centre half Phil Hoadley — a promising utility player with valuable First Division experience and, most important, ten years younger than his predecessor, Terry Mancini,

Mancini, skipper of Orient in their 1969-70 promotion campaign from the Third Division, was sold to Queen's Park Rangers for £25,000 — "A great price," claims manager Petchey, who had to pay £30,000 to persuade Palace to part with Hoadley. "Phil is a long-term investment," explains Mr. Petchey. "He is a hard player who will strengthen the defence for many years."

It took time for Orient to stabilise the new defensive set-up, especially away from Brisbane Road. They went through a dismal run of seven successive away defeats — conceding 18 goals — before putting the record straight with a vital one-

goal success at Watford a fortnight ago.

Within two days of that two-point boost, Mr. Petchey was back in touch with Vicarage Road to agree £20,000 terms with Watford manager George Kirby for Welsh half back, Tom Walley. So we can expect to see Mr. Petchey's new boys, Hoadley and Walley, forming a centre-back partnership here today.

Orient's attention to defence seems to have been justified by a noticeable improvement in their striking rate. After scoring only 29 League goals last season, they paid out a sizeable fee to Manchester City for Ian Bowyer — the last signing made by Jimmy Bloomfield before he took the Leicester City appointment.

Mr. Petchey was delighted to discover such a productive marksman on the Orient pay-roll and was soon praising this bright, young striker after Bowyer had scored a hat-trick against Cardiff City in the second match of the season.

Bowyer is Orient's top scorer with nine goals — and that is three more than last term's leading marksman, Mark Lazarus, claimed in a full programme! Indeed, at the half way stage of the season, Orient have almost equalled their 42-match total of goals for last year.

They have been most successful at home, where they protected an unbeaten record until sinking 3-0 to Sheffield Wednesday on November

27th. That was only the second time Orient had omitted to score at Brisbane Road in a League game; the first occasion was when we held them to a goal-less draw in September, but they slipped again last Saturday when losing 1-0 to Swindon Town.

Unfortunately, the persistent failures in their away fixtures has rooted Orient to a position in the lower half of the table and perhaps accounts for the disappointing home attendances. In recent games, the average has been under 7,000, with the exception of their best crowd of the season — 13,074 for the visit of promotion-seeking Millwall.

Clearly, Orient are struggling to balance their budget on this income and it is to the credit of Chairman Mr. Arthur Page, and his co-Directors, that they have gathered enough capital to assist Mr. Petchey in his team building plans.

Mr. Page, who succeeded Mr. Harry Zussman in the chair in 1966, was the driving force who led the moves to save Orient from financial disaster three years ago. The arrival of Jimmy Bloomfield as manager carried this enterprise on to the field and, after two seasons striving to keep away from the Fourth Division, Orient galloped to the Third Division Championship by 1970.

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meet the captain and his team

Peter Bennett was the "Make-weight" in the £80,000 player-plus-cash deal which took Tommy Taylor from Orient to West Ham in October, 1970. Yet, as often happens, he has performed so well for Orient that they've never missed Taylor and, when they sold Terry Mancini to Queen's Park Rangers recently, they had no hesitation in naming Peter their new skipper.

Hillingdon-born Peter was prominent in schoolboy football from an early age. After playing for Middlesex Boys, he won seven England schoolboy caps during the 1960/61 campaign. West Ham signed him as an apprentice in July, 1961, and almost two years later, he was a member of their F.A. Youth Cup-winning side. He signed professional during the summer of 1963 and made his League debut against Bolton at Upton Park in April, 1964.

With Alan Stephenson and Bobby Moore so well established in the Hammers' defence, Peter didn't get many chances in the first-team. Patiently he awaited the odd calls when injuries struck the senior men, but over eight years, he got only about three dozen opportunities to play.

At the beginning of last season, he got an unexpected chance to play regular League football — Orient agreed to sell Tommy Taylor to West Ham only if the Hammers included Peter Bennett in the deal to fill the vacancy in the "O's" defence.

He lost no time settling at Brisbane Road, rapidly emerging as one of the outstanding defenders in Division Two.



IAN BOWYER

PETER ALLEN (Defender): Hove-born full back who first joined Orient as an amateur and later turned professional in July, 1965. Once in the League side, he became a reliable regular and has been an ever-present for the last two seasons. Topped 200 League games during last term.

STEVE BOWTELL (Goalkeeper): A young Londoner who was admired by many top clubs when he won several England Schools caps. Joined Orient as an apprentice and added youth honours to his international experience. The consistency of Ray Goddard restricted

him to five League games by the end of last season.

IAN BOWYER (Forward): Born in Ellesmere Port and yet another successful product of Merseyside schools football. He joined Orient from Manchester City for around £20,000 during the summer and he is rated as one of the best buys the Brisbane Road club have made in recent times. He scored 13 goals for City in 1969-70, during which he was substitute, and played, in the finals of the League Cup at Wembley and the European Cup-winners' Cup in Vienna. Scored a hat-trick against Cardiff City soon after beginning his career with Orient.

TERRY BRISLEY (Forward): Born in Stepney and graduated to Orient's apprentice staff in July, 1966, becoming a full professional two years later. He was first introduced to the League side with 18 appearances last season.

BARRY DYSON (Midfield): An Oldham-born player who made his name in the North by scoring regularly for Tranmere Rovers, but his last three clubs have all been situated in the south. He played for Crystal Palace and Watford before signing for Orient in December, 1968. He has now made more than 100 appearances for the Leyton club.

BARRIE FAIRBROTHER (Forward): Born in Harlow. A smart, young striker who has piled up the goals in various Orient teams since being switched from associated schoolboy forms to apprentice and then full professional in December, 1968. In all games, he has scored nearly 200 goals for the club, including 12 when Orient won the Third Division title in 1969-70.

RAY GODDARD (Goalkeeper): Born on Fulham's doorstep and made Craven Cottage the starting point of his professional career. He was an apprentice with Fulham,

but had never appeared in their League side when he moved to Orient in March, 1967. Is now approaching 200 League appearances.

PAUL HARRIS (Defender): Born near to Orient's ground and has made rapid progress since signing apprentice forms in 1969. Although he was up-graded to full professional only 18 months ago and made his debut last season, he is now one of the most promising players on the club's staff. Scored his first goal against Charlton in October and added another to earn two points at Watford.

MICHAEL JONES (Defender): Born in Berkhamstead and went to London seeking a professional career with both Fulham and Chelsea. Orient gave him a third chance in February, 1966, and he justified their faith by completing 200 appearances last season.

MARK LAZARUS (Winger): Born in Stepney and one of the most colourful characters in the game today. He is certainly well known to our manager, Alec Stock — because he signed him four times for other clubs! Alec was Orient's manager when Mark turned professional in November, 1967, and, while amassing over 400 League games — and more than 100 goals he has had two spells with Orient, three with QPR and also played for Wolves and Brentford. The biggest fee of his wandering career was the £20,000 paid by Wolves to QPR. Mark also holds the distinction of being with a promotion side in four successive seasons — helping QPR from Division III to Division I in consecutive years, assisting Palace into the First Division, and then Orient to the Third Division title.

GORDON RIDDICK (Defender): Born in Watford. A spell at Kenil-

worth Road helped him on his way to a successful career, which continued with Gillingham and Charlton before he was sold to Orient in October last year. He was noted as a striker until Orient switched him to defensive duties last season.

DENNIS ROFE (Full back): Born in Epping. Joined Orient as an apprentice and, since turning professional in February, 1968, he has strung together more than 150 League appearances. Was the target for a big bid by Leicester earlier this season.

JOHN SEWELL (Defender): A Londoner who served Charlton and Palace in over 400 games before moving to Orient on a free transfer during this summer. He was skipper of Palace when they reached the First Division.

PHIL HOADLEY (Defender): Born in Battersea. Became Orient's most expensive signing when transferred from Crystal Palace for a reported £30,000 early this season. He had made over 50 First Division appearances.

TOM WALLEY (Defender): Born in Caernarvon. Orient's latest signing, he was bought from Watford for £20,000 this month. Started his career with Arsenal and moved on to Watford in March, 1967, to build up over 200 League appearances for the Vicarage Road club. He has captained the Wales Under-23 side.

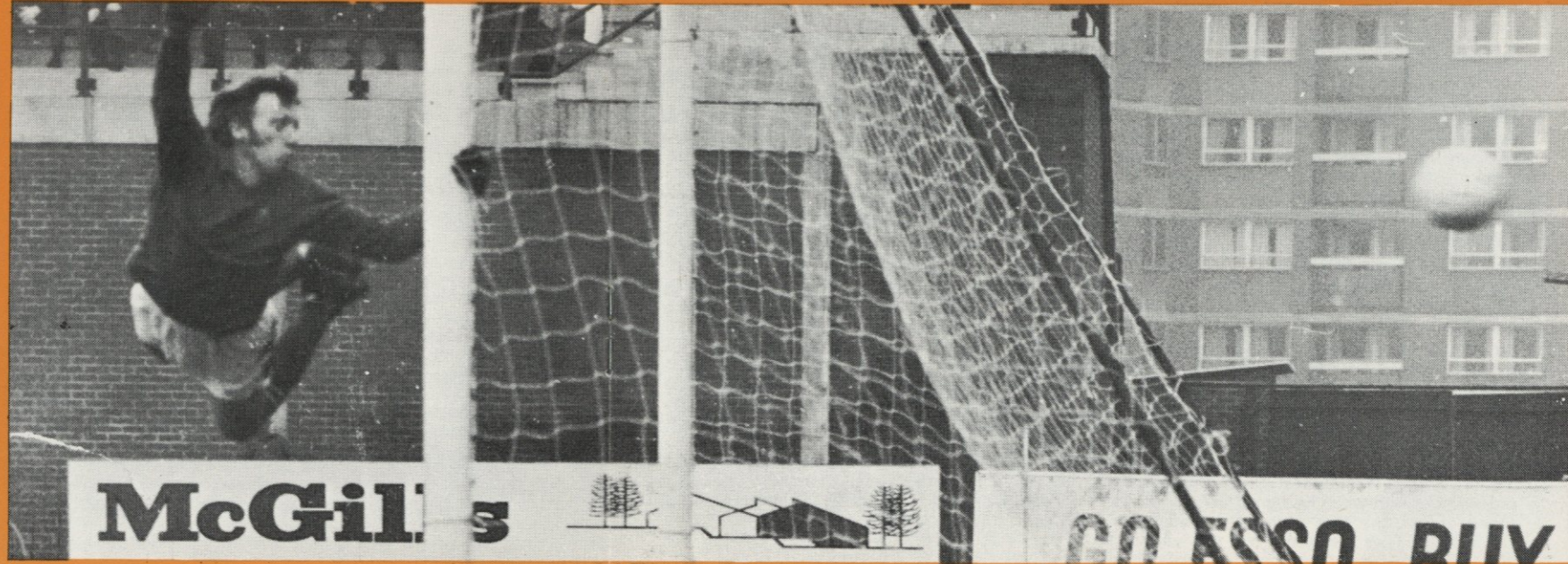
MICK BULLOCK (Forward): Born in Stoke-on-Trent. Was one of the most wanted members of the England schoolboy side when Birmingham City persuaded him to join his elder brother, Peter, on the St Andrew's staff. Made his League debut at 17, and later went to Oxford, where he was top scorer in their Third Division promotion side. Repeated that distinction for Orient in 1969-70.

LUTON in ACTION



We collected another valuable away point with a goalless draw at Bristol City and there's little doubt that we could have taken full reward. The local sports paper commented: "Bristol City owed much to veteran goalkeeper Mike Gibson against a more impressive Luton Town ... he pulled off two magnificent saves when Luton seemed certain scorers in the first half."

In contrast, our goalkeeper, Tony Read, had a quiet match. One of his few tough moments (pictured bottom left) came when challenged by Les Wilson. The defence played well, too, swamping one of City's rare attacks (right).



That was Close ..

Bristol City goalkeeper Mike Gibson was given a worrying match by our unlucky attack at Ashton Gate. Two tense moments are pictured here ... *Top Right:* He waits anxiously for the result of an attempted header by Hatters' Don Givens. *Left:* Gibson is airborne and relieved to see a Gordon Hindson shot flash wide of the post.

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Talking to Vic HALOM

No person will more readily subscribe to the view that "two heads are better than one" than Luton striker, Vic Halom. The chirpy personality, on and off the field, now only leads the Kenilworth Road attack because he sought a second advice after being told: "I'm afraid you will have to pack it up."

That was the message that came within an ace of shattering the career of a player with the odd distinction, also, of serving under more managers than he has had years in the game. "I was at a very low ebb at Fulham when my knee kept giving me real jip whenever I put it under a strain," Vic told us following a punishing mid-week training session.

"It was the after-effects of a cartilage operation. I had weeks of treatment for the trouble, but I couldn't shake it off and, eventually, the Fulham specialist advised me to quit." But this is where his fighting spirit took over, the same determination he shows in the opposition's penalty area.

Though his knee had had nearly a season to lose the reaction, Vic refused to accept defeat, and went out in search of encouragement elsewhere. He found it in the form of a private specialist. He agreed that Vic carried an arthritic condition, but suggested he should carry on.

"When he told me that, it was like winning the pools! I persevered, the pain gradually disappeared and here I am today, fitter than I have ever been — because Jimmy Andrews thinks we are all robots!"

The cartilage injury, which brought a career "flat-spot" for Vic around his 21st birthday, also initially robbed him of his place in the England Youth squad. That was at Charlton, his first professional club when he signed as a junior for Frank Hill — the first of his eight managers.

"I must have been one of the youngest players ever to make Charlton's first team when I was 17," says Vic, but he had fewer chances

under the next manager, Bob Stokoe. Vic's injury problem was instrumental in him moving from Charlton to Orient, whom Vic joined early in the 1967-68 season after Eddie Firmani had taken over at Charlton.

Under the guidance of Dick Graham, Halom played a centre-back role as a sweeper. But, by the time that Jimmy Bloomfield had taken over the reigns at Brisbane Road, Vic had collected 17 goals in 62 senior games. For a player who had spent a lot of that time in defence, it was a good record, sound enough for Fulham to drop in with a reported £35,000 bid and Halom went to Craven Cottage in 1968.

Vic had hardly hung his jacket on the peg before Bobby Robson parted with the club. One of England's greatest inside forwards, Johnny Haynes, took over a caretaker role, before Bill Dodgin secured the position more permanently. The swapping and changing, and relegation at Fulham that year, was no help at all to Halom, and when his fitness problems came along as well, it isn't difficult to imagine how choked he must have been.

But all that is way behind a man who now has made a fresh start with Luton. Alec Stock signed him in September and since then Vic has pepped up the senior attack, as well as the reserves in a two-match schedule per week.

Vic has also now put his roots down in Dunstable, where he and his wife, Jean, plus their pet Dalmation have settled into a new house. We had to enquire whether or not it was the pet who had left a sizeable scar on the bottom of Vic's shinbone.

"Oh, no! That is a legacy of one of my last matches for Fulham. Some friendly type put his studs into me and it needed 16 stitches. I suppose it could have been my own fault for not wearing shin-guards. Fulham thought so and fined me two weeks wages."

So, youngsters, pads ARE necessary!



VIC HALOM assisting his wife, Jean, during their recent move into a new home at Dunstable.

DATE	DIVISION TWO	Res.	Att.
Aug. 14 Sat.	Norwich City ... Home	1-1	12428
" 21 Sat.	Burnley ... Away	1-2	13333
" 28 Sat.	Preston North End ... Home	1-1	11772
Sept. 1 Wed.	Oxford United ... Away	1-1	10490
" 4 Sat.	Orient ... Away	0-0	8703
" 7 Tues.	Crystal P. (LC2) ... Away	0-2	13838
" 11 Sat.	Birmingham City ... Home	0-0	14678
" 18 Sat.	Millwall ... Away	2-2	12433
" 25 Sat.	Middlesbrough ... Home	3-2	13001
" 28 Tues.	Fulham ... Home	2-0	14017
Oct. 2 Sat.	Hull City ... Away	0-0	13904
" 9 Sat.	Swindon Town ... Home	0-0	13423
" 16 Sat.	Norwich City ... Away	1-3	22558
" 19 Tues.	Queens P. Rangers ... Away	0-1	15858
" 23 Sat.	Carlisle United ... Home	0-2	11963
" 30 Sat.	Sunderland ... Away	2-2	17971
Nov. 6 Sat.	Charlton Ath. ... Home	1-2	11011
" 13 Sat.	Watford ... Away	1-2	14000
" 20 Sat.	Blackpool (1) ... Away	1-0	8432
" 27 Sat.	Portsmouth ... Home	3-2	9910
Dec. 4 Sat.	Bristol City ... Away	0-0	12921
" 11 Sat.	Cardiff City (2) ... Home	2-2	10606
" 18 Sat.	Orient ... Home	.....	.....
" 27 Mon.	Sheffield Wed. ... Away	.....	.....
1972			
Jan. 1 Sat.	Millwall ... Home	.....	.....
" 8 Sat.	Preston North End ... Away	.....	.....
" 15 Sat.	F.A. Cup 3 ...	.....	.....
" 22 Sat.	Fulham ... Away	.....	.....
" 29 Sat.	Queens P. Rangers ... Home	.....	.....
Feb. 5 Sat.	F.A. Cup 4 ...	.....	.....
" 12 Sat.	Carlisle United ... Away	.....	.....
" 19 Sat.	Sunderland ... Home	.....	.....
" 26 Sat.	Charlton Ath. (5) ... Away	.....	.....
Mar. 3 Fri.	Watford ... Home	.....	.....
" 11 Sat.	Swindon Town ... Away	.....	.....
" 18 Sat.	Burnley (6) ... Home	.....	.....
" 25 Sat.	Birmingham City ... Away	.....	.....
" 31 Fri.	Middlesbrough ... Away	.....	.....
Apr. 1 Sat.	Sheffield Wed. ... Home	.....	.....
" 4 Tues.	Hull City ... Home	.....	.....
" 8 Sat.	Blackpool ... Home	.....	.....
" 15 Sat.	Portsmouth (S.F.) ... Away	.....	.....
" 22 Sat.	Bristol City ... Home	.....	.....
" 25 Tues.	Oxford United ... Home	.....	.....
" 29 Sat.	Cardiff City ... Away	.....	.....
May 6 Sat.	F.A. Cup Fianl ... Away	.....	.....

DATE	Midweek Football League	Res.
AUGUST		
Tues. 17th	Southend Utd. ... Home	1-0
Wed. 25th	Millwall Ath. ... Away	0-1
Tues. 31st	Millwall Ath. ... Home	1-3
SEPT		
Wed. 8th	Orient ... Away	2-1
Tues. 14th	Cambridge United ... Home	1-0
Tues. 21st	Aldershot ... Home	0-0
OCT		
Wed. 6th	Brighton & H.A. ... Away	0-1
Tues. 12th	Watford ... Home	4-0
Wed. 20th	Southend Utd. ... Away	0-1
Tues. 26th	Brighton & H.A. ... Home	5-1
NOV		
Tues. 2nd	Colchester United ... Home	4-0
Tues. 9th	Orient ... Home	4-0
Tues. 16th	Northampton Tn. ... Home	5-0
Mon. 29th	Peterborough Utd. ... Away	2-2
DEC		
Wed. 8th	Watford ... Away	2-1
Wed. 15th	Colchester United ... Away	.....
1972		
JAN		
Tues. 4th	Northampton Tn. ... Away	.....
Wed. 12th	Cambridge United ... Away	.....
Tues. 18th	Charlton Ath. ... Home	.....
Tues. 25th	Charlton Ath. ... Away	.....
FEB		
Tues. 8th	Peterborough Utd. ... Home	.....
Tues. 22nd	Watford (L.C.) ... Home	.....
MARCH		
Wed. 8th	Millwall (L.C.) ... Away	.....
Wed. 22nd	Millwall (L.C.) ... Away	.....
Tues. 28th	Millwall (L.C.) ... Home	.....
APRIL		
Wed. 12th	Watford (L.C.) ... Away

NEXT DATES AT
Kenilworth road
 Saturday, January 1st (3 p.m.)
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 Tuesday, January 18th (7.30 p.m.)
 Mid-week League
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FOOTBALL LEAGUE - DIVISION II												
			HOME			AWAY			A			Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NORWICH	21	7	4	0	20	8	5	4	1	12	7	32
MILLWALL	21	7	4	0	21	11	3	5	2	13	14	29
Q.P.R.	21	8	2	0	19	5	2	5	4	12	11	27
PRESTON	21	8	0	3	20	9	1	6	3	13	15	24
SUNDERLAND	21	5	5	1	18	13	2	5	3	11	15	24
MIDDLESBRO	21	9	1	1	15	6	2	1	7	13	22	24
BIRMINGHAM	21	6	4	0	20	8	0	7	4	6	12	23
BURNLEY	21	5	2	3	21	12	4	2	5	16	16	22
BRISTOL C	21	6	2	3	24	15	2	4	4	10	13	22
CARLISLE	21	6	2	2	15	12	4	0	7	15	16	22
PORTSMTH	21	5	5	1	20	14	2	6	14	17	21	21
SHEFF WED	21	6	3	1	17	10	1	4	6	10	15	21
LUTON	21	3	5	2	13	12	1	6	4	9	13	19
CHARLTON	21	6	2	2	18	10	2	1	8	14	28	19
SWINDON	21	3	3	4	9	8	3	4	4	6	10	19
BLACKPOOL	21	5	3	2	18	8	2	1	8	8	17	18
OXFORD UTD	20	5	5	1	15	8	0	3	6	5	14	18
FULHAM	21	6	2	3	14	12	2	0	8	9	27	18
ORIENT	21	5	3	2	16	13	1	2	8	10	26	17
HULL	21	5	2	4	14	13	1	1	8	7	18	15
CARDIFF	20	3	3	3	17	13	1	2	8	12	26	13
WATFORD	21	4	4	3	12	11	0	1	9	6	24	13

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To-night

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Next Week

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DINE - DANCE OR DRINK 8 p.m. - 2 a.m.

DIVISION II GOAL SCORERS	
Treacy (Charlton)	16
Marsh (QPR)	15
Clark (Cardiff)	14
Latchford (Birmingham)	14
Cross (Norwich)	13
Galley (Bristol C.)	12
Hatton (Birmingham)	12
Joicey (Sheff Wed)	12
Casper (Burnley)	11
Silvester (Norwich)	11
McIlmoyle (Preston)	10
Bowyer (Orient)	9
Cassidy (Oxford)	8
Earle (Fulham)	8
Foggo (Norwich)	8
James (Blackpool)	8
James (Burnley)	8
Lennard (Blackpool)	8
Owen (Carlisle)	8
Pearson (Hull)	8

DIVISION II ATTENDANCES		
	Best	Average
Birmingham	31,759	27,853
Blackpool	22,610	15,857
Burnley	17,137	13,836
Bristol C	23,560	17,026
Cardiff	23,026	16,068
Carlisle	11,625	9,450
Charlton	16,223	10,376
Fulham	21,187	11,093
Hull	18,288	13,783
Luton Town	14,678	12,280
Middlesbrough	23,963	19,026
Millwall	22,763	14,381
Norwich	24,707	19,111
Orient	13,074	7,826
Oxford	12,382	9,490
Portsmouth	16,058	13,381
Preston	27,284	15,514
QPR	16,730	14,820
Sheffield Wed.	23,743	17,071
Sunderland	28,129	16,998
Swindon	21,383	14,364
Watford	14,000	10,723

HATTERS APPEARANCES & GOAL SCORERS		
up to and including Saturday 11th December 1971		
Name	App.	Goals
Keith Barber	6	
Tony Read	15	
John Ryan	21	
Don Shanks	14	
Alan Slough	21	1
David Court	7 (6)	
Mike Keen	21	2
John Moore	21	
Chris Nicholl	21	1
Viv Busby	10 (3)	1
Peter Anderson	20	7
Don Givens	20	4
Jimmy Ryan	3 (6)	
Robin Wainwright	7 (2)	2
Alan Garner	0 (2)	
Vic Halom	14 (1)	3
Gordon Hindson	10	1

MIDWEEK FOOTBALL LEAGUE												
			P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
NORTHAMPTON T.	13	10	0	3	36	17	20					
LUTON TOWN	14	8	2	4	29	11	18					
CHARLTON A.	12	6	3	3	31	16	15					
WATFORD	11	5	2	4	23	18	12					
MILLWALL	13	4	4	5	18	22	12					
PETERBROUGH U.	12	4	3	5	22	21	11					
SOUTHEND U.	10	4	2	4	17	17	10					
BRIGHTON	13	4	2	7	15	41	10					
COLCHESTER U.	10	4	1	5	15	20	9					
ORIENT	10	4	0	6	12	18	8					
ALDERSHOT	11	3	2	6	13	19	8					
CAMBRIDGE U.	11	3	1	7	10	21	7					

Follow Luton
AWAY
at
Sheffield Wednesday
 Monday December 27th (3 p.m.)

BY ROAD
 LUTON: Leave by Dunstable Road, A505, M1 Motorway. (2½ Miles). Follow signs "Birmingham M1". Toddington Service Area. (6½ Miles). Newport Pagnell Service Area. Watford Gap Service Area. (4¼ Miles). Leicester Forest Service Area. Trowell Service Area. (9¼ Miles). Woodhall Service Area. A57 Intersection (31). Follow signs "Sheffield A57". See plan for SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY GROUND. Total mileage: 134½ Miles.



BY RAIL			
Depart	Luton		10.30 a.m.
	Bedford		10.57 a.m.
Arrive	Wadsley Bridge Sheffield		1.30 p.m.
Depart	Wadsley Bridge Sheffield		5.45 p.m.
Arrive	Bedford		8.15 p.m.
	Luton		8.40 p.m.
Price:	£1.25		

LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB

The Supporters Club have been subjected to many problems regarding the Disco. The biggest problem has been the under age drinking which has been evident in the club. Discussions have taken place with the Police to sort this problem out. No persons under the age of 18 years will be allowed to join the Disco Club but it is hoped to run a separate Under 18 Disco in the near future.

We apologise for the inconvenience that has been caused to members by the cancellation of the last session but this has been unavoidable. The Disco will resume in January when the Town players will "sock it" to you once more, as guest D.J.'s.

Members please note that there are a limited number of tickets for the Christmas Eve and New Years Eve dances, in the Hatters' Club, left. Buy yours today!

Finally, may we your Committee wish you a very Happy Xmas and a Prosperous New Year.

LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES SCHOOLS F.A.

Beds. v Suffolk
at
Kenilworth Road on Tuesday, 28th December
Kick Off 2.15 p.m.
Admission - Adults 10p Children 5p
Transfer to the Stand 5p

£100 Winner



Mr. Beales, the latest £100 Winner on the Hatters Bingo Competition receiving more than just his cheque from Eric Morecambe, last Saturday. On the right, enjoying the moment is Mr. Beales girl-friend, Valerie.

ROUNDUP OF DIVISION 2

The transfer trail between LUTON and Newcastle has been a busy route over the last seven months. It was opened by the departure of **Malcolm Macdonald** to St James's Park, then followed by **Gordon Hindson's** move in the opposite direction, and now we have loaned **Viv Busby** to Newcastle for a month with the possibility of a permanent deal at a later date.

We wish Viv all the best in his attempt to impress manager **Joe Harvey** as a future First Division player. If things work out well for Viv, it could mean him renewing his old Luton link alongside "Big Mac" - a deadly partnership in the last stages of our promotion attempt last season.

Today's Kenilworth Road visitors, ORIENT, joined the transfer activity recently by paying a reported £20,000 for WATFORD defender **Tom Walley**. This means that Watford have more than recouped the money spent on Everton goalkeeper **Andy Rankin** - and they are also hoping that expensive centre half **Doug Woodfield** will soon be back from his cartilage operation. He could plug the gap left by Walley's departure.

Only a few months after being relegated from the First Division, BLACKPOOL found themselves edging dangerously towards the lower end of the Second Division after winning only twice in 15 matches. This was so much in contrast with their bright start of eight points out of ten.

Manager **Bob Stokoe's** frequent buying and selling reached another stage when he accepted around £12,000 from Halifax Town for midfielder player **Fred Kemp**, who had cost three times as much when bought from Southampton last year. At least, there was a cheering note for Blackpool when former Newcastle striker **Keith Dyson** claimed his first goal for the club in the 1-1 draw with Preston.

HULL CITY also joined the Second Division "sellers" by transferring utility player **Paddy Greenwood** to Third Division Barnsley for a quoted £13,000, thus helping to cancel out a large part of the recent fee paid for Albion's **John Kaye**.

OXFORD UNITED manager **Gerry Summers** struck a £10 wager with his most expensive signing, **Nigel Cassidy**, at the start of the season - challenging the £20,000 former Scunthorpe striker to score 20 goals. So far, Cassidy has claimed eight and he says that his boss is getting a bit worried! "Pre-season training murdered me," admits the now-sharper Cassidy, who said that he found startling difference in pace between the Fourth and Second Divisions.

Peter Silvester, one of the many shrewd buys gathered by manager **Ron Saunders** for promotion-chasing NORWICH CITY, marked his 100th appearance for the Canaries in the correct style. He scored the goal which gave them their fifth away success of the season and took the Canaries to 31 points after 20 games - two more than Leicester and six more than Sheffield United at the same period of last season.



VIV BUSBY

half time scores

A	Arsenal v WB Albion	_____
B	C. Palace v Leeds	_____
C	Derby v Everton	_____
D	Huddersfield v Southampton	_____
E	Ipswich v Manchester Utd	_____
F	Liverpool v Tottenham	_____
G	Manchester C. v Leicester	_____
H	Sheffield Utd v Nottm. F.	_____
K	West Ham v Newcastle	_____
L	Wolves v Stoke	_____
M	Blackpool v Hull	_____
N	Bristol C. v Burnley	_____
A	Cardiff v Watford	_____
B	Carlisle v Norwich	_____
C	Charlton v Birmingham	_____
D	Fulham v Middlesbrough	_____
E	Oxford v Preston	_____
F	Portsmouth v Sheffield Wed.	_____
G	QPR v Swindon	_____
H	Sunderland v Millwall	_____
K	Aston Villa v Bolton	_____
L	Bournemouth v Halifax	_____
M	Notts Co. v Walsall	_____
N	York v Brighton	_____

A CAREER IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

This afternoon we are staging a demonstration of RAF dog-handling techniques. Would you be interested in making a career in the Royal Air Force? For information of how to join this exciting modern occupation, write or call these local RAF Offices:

- LUTON AREA: 54 Chapel Street, Luton.
- LEYTON AREA: 97 Ilford Lane, Ilford.
- Or you can contact The RAF Careers Office, 54 St Loyes, Bedford.

the unsung hero

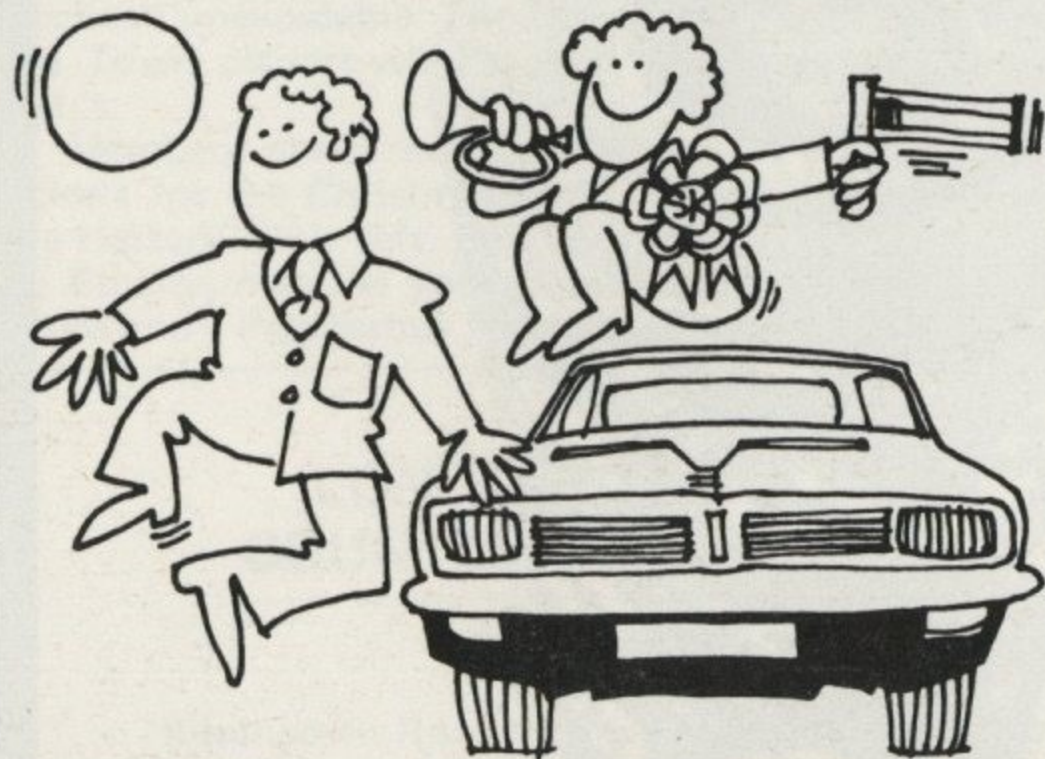


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TEAM CHECK

Luton Town

(White Shirts, Black Shorts)

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|----|--------|----------|
| 1 | Tony | READ |
| 2 | John | RYAN |
| 3 | Alan | SLOUGH |
| 4 | Mike | KEEN |
| 5 | Chris | NICHOLL |
| 6 | John | MOORE |
| 7 | Peter | ANDERSON |
| 8 | David | COURT |
| 9 | Vic | HALOM |
| 10 | Don | GIVENS |
| 11 | Gordon | HINDSON |

Sub

Referee: RONALD CRABB (Exeter) Linesmen:

Orient

(Red Shirts and Shorts)

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|----|--------|---------|
| 1 | Ray | GODDARD |
| 2 | Peter | ALLEN |
| 3 | Dennis | ROFE |
| 4 | Peter | BENNETT |
| 5 | Phil | HOADLEY |
| 6 | Paul | HARRIS |
| 7 | Mark | LAZARUS |
| 8 | Terry | BRISLEY |
| 9 | Mick | BULLOCK |
| 10 | Tom | WHALLEY |
| 11 | Ian | BOWYER |

Sub

H.R. ROBINSON, Norwich (Red Flag)
H.B. WORMAN, Redditch (Orange Flag)

Ronald Crabb, who is employed as a prison officer, started refereeing in 1952 while serving with the Royal Marines. After gaining experience in the Western League, he joined the Football League supplementary list in 1969 and became a full referee a year later. His hobbies include carpentry and coaching in various sports and games. He is a member of the Devon FA Coaching Panel for referees.

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