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ERIC PUGH talking...

Much has been made in recent weeks of certain clubs having over-crowded fixture lists, much of it put in such a way as to indicate that this is an affliction from which football, generally, is suffering.

In point of fact, those who complain that they do not know where to turn in order to fit in their games, amount to little more than a handful, and are mostly confined to those who have European commitments, or rewarding runs, including well-supported replays, in the League Cup.

Certainly, the Town have no such complaint and probably wish they were in a similar situation to that of their more fortunate rivals.

Dogged by dreadful luck in that they were away to First Division opposition in both Cup competitions, they failed to surmount the first hurdles.

Not that they went out without glory, because in both their matches with Crystal Palace and West Ham, they went very close to earning a second chance and, at West Ham, particularly, were considered most unlucky not to draw.

Certainly, the memory of their tremendous fight back there after having been almost over-run in the first half, will live for a long time in the memories of those who saw it, but bad luck does not bring much-needed money and they must have been hoping for lucrative runs in both competitions.

Only time when there was likely to be a congestion of matches for the Town, so long as bad weather did not cause postponements, was during April.

And the situation in that last month of the season, has been eased by the agreement to bring forward to this afternoon, the match with Oxford United who were scheduled to be the last visitors to Kenilworth Road.

This was the best way of filling an unwanted gap because friendly matches against any team below top class are apt to be unrewarding. At

the same time, the Town are hoping for considerable support when they break comparatively new ground and receive on Tuesday, March 7, Polish visitors in Gwardia, who are currently regarded as second only in their own country to the famous Gornik.

That they are able to take on this extra commitment is a sure indication that the Town do not feel that their own list is in any way congested. On the Monday of the previous week, they have been able to fit in the visit of Dunstable Town for the semi-final of the Bedfordshire Professional Cup, of which they are joint holders, after a draw with Bedford Town at Kenilworth Road last season.

That they should have to play through the semi-final round, probably came as a surprise to the Town because, having won the trophy the previous year, they considered themselves to be the unbeaten holders.

While it would be a long shot to expect the Town to become firmly involved in the promotion race now, there is certainly nothing cut and dried about the situation in Division II and they can still have a vital say in it.

During the next fortnight, they take on two of the teams who are on the fringe of the struggle, facing what is probably their longest trip of the season next Saturday to take on the highly useful Carlisle United.

There, they will be accompanied by the faithful who make regular use of the facilities provided by the specially chartered train and, a fortnight today, Sunderland, one of the most improved teams in the Division, will be here.

A great deal of patience has been shown by Alan Brown in building up a side mostly composed of youngsters and, although promotion looks like eluding them this time, they could be a real, live hope next season.

For this match, a new, modern, licensed bar which is now in the course of construction at the Kenilworth Road end, should be operating.

It's a common belief around Kenilworth Road that head groundsman, Eddie Hartley, is a Yorkshire-man. True, Eddie, with 30 years experience behind him, grafts with the grit and determination associated with men from this particular region.

But he is proud of the fact that he was born and bred in Derbyshire, near Chesterfield, home town of one of Luton's greatest pre-war names, Joe Payne, the player with the all time record of 10 goals in one game.

Eddie Hartley came to Luton three years ago from Barnsley and a previous term with Chesterfield after leaving the Army has enabled him to acquire a "professionals" approach to the "Problems" which soccer pitches can create.

We asked him the secret of a good surface. "That's simple. Sheer hard work. When I arrived here I set aside five years of my life to get the pitch as I wanted it."

Eddie now considers that Kenilworth Road is among the top ten in the country — and anyone who has taken a close look cannot fail to agree with him.

Among the "Hartley" team is his son, Derek. But the person he has to please most is his wife, Ann. "She is my biggest critic. And I have to take notice because she has a 100 per cent knowledge of every known grass disease in this country." I think we know what you mean, Eddie.



Meet the Groundsman



Back (left to right):
David Sloan, John Shuker, Graham Atkinson, Ron Atkinson (now Kettering), Rodney Smithson.
Middle (left to right):
Ken Fish (Trainer/Coach), Nigel Cassidy, Colin Clarke, Mick Kearns, Roy Burton, Dick Lucas, Nick Lowe,
Mick Brown (Trainer/Coach).
Front (left to right):
Brian Thompson, Derek Clarke, John Evanson, Gerry Summers (team manager), David Roberts, Roy Clayton,
Ken Skeen.

Division III Champions, 1967-68. Promoted from Division IV, 1964-65.

OXFORD UNITED



Since Gerry Summers took over team-control at Oxford United two and a half years ago, he has twice broken the club's record transfer fee. Now he is searching for a new forward and says: "When I go in for the man I want, it will break the record again."

Derek Clarke, the younger of three brothers playing in League soccer, started Mr. Summers' spiralling transfer movements when arriving from Wolves for £13,000 and then another £7,000 was added when Nigel Cassidy was imported from Scunthorpe United last season.

Compared with most Second Division clubs, Oxford have restricted their buying to a comparatively modest level, but their persistent shortage of goals is the cause of Mr. Summers' current search for a new player. Oxford realise that they must improve this section of the team if they are to rise above the mid-table rating they have held since Ron Saunders lifted them away from possible relegation in their first season in the division in 1968-69.

When Mr. Saunders terminated his brief reign at The Manor, and headed for his current post with League leaders Norwich City, Oxford selected Mr. Summers from the considerable list of applicants. A former player with West Bromwich Albion, Hull City, Sheffield United and Walsall, he had built a reputation as coach for manager Ronnie Allen at Wolves.

The Oxford job presented formidable problems, yet the young Mr. Summers soon impressed Oxford officials with his calm approach to the task of developing a club on gates that rarely rise above 10,000. By the early stages of last season, he had Oxford in the highest position of their short League history, leading the Second Division, much to the astonishment of the experts who predicted a relegation struggle.

Oxford tailed off somewhat in the second half of the season, but they finished in 14th place with a satisfactory haul of 42 points. That, in itself, represents a considerable achievement for a team that was in the Southern League only ten years ago and didn't leave the Fourth Division until 1965.

Arthur Turner, manager of Birmingham City's 1956 FA Cup Final side, was the man in charge on the route from the non-League ranks to the Third Division Championship in 1968. Half-way through a testing opening season in Division II, he became general manager and Ron Saunders came in to organise the late rise to safety.

Since that uncomfortable baptism at the higher level, Oxford's progress has always been steady and within the club's financial capabilities. Sometimes, they have struggled because of the apathy of the local population, who have reached the stage where they demand further success, but the chairman, Mr. Bob Kearsy, points out:

"People do not realise how far we have progressed since we became a League club. I think that, with a little luck, we will soon be a force to be reckoned with." And that would mean more gates in the regions of the capacity 18,000 who watched the 3-0 FA Cup defeat by Liverpool.

The receipts were a club record of £9,000 and, although Oxford's share was barely a third of that sum, the windfall went some way to counteracting the hardship of an average gate of around 9,500.

Their attendance has been below the 8,000 mark on four occasions this term, even though Oxford have been beaten at home only by the promotion-seeking pair, Norwich and Millwall. Clearly, there is some reaction to the struggle to find a more attractive style, but no manager has worked harder than Gerry Summers in looking for a new player. He has also adapted tactics to give a leaning towards a more positive 4-2-4 style.

No one should query his previous judgment in the transfer market, for Oxford are getting the benefits from top-scorer Cassidy, who has netted twice in a match on three occasions, including the recent 4-2 defeat at Queen's Park Rangers.

With better service from a strengthened attack, he could be the man to spearhead Oxford to their ambition of a First Division place.

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meet the captain and his team

When Oxford stalwart Rori Atkinson recently left to become player-manager of Kettering Town, John Shuker was appointed captain in his place. John has proved himself one of the most versatile players on their books, having turned out in no fewer than *eight* positions to date! He says his favourite spots are wing-half or full-back, but he is happy to fill any role which helps the club. John was playing junior soccer in his native Manchester when an Oxford scout first spotted him. Further reports on his play were filed before he was invited down to The Manor for a trial. He was obviously going to prove good Southern League material, so he was signed as an amateur in 1960.

John Shuker moved to digs in Oxford and took a job as a decorator. In June, 1961, he became a part-time professional until he was invited to sign full-time at Christmas, 1961. In 1962/63, John Shuker's League ambitions were realised, but it was another three years before he won a regular first-team place.

He did play in the F.A. Cup tie when Oxford beat Blackburn Rovers to become the first Fourth Division side to reach the quarter-finals. "That's the game I remember best of all," he says. But when the excitement had died down, John found himself back in reserve football again. "I felt very dejected then and thought about trying to find another club. But I've often felt like this."

John considers there is a far bigger gap between the Third and Second Divisions. "Coming up from the Fourth I noticed only a small difference in the speed and standard of play," he said. "In the Second Division, there are a lot of very good players. They think quicker."



MICK KEARNS

GRAHAM ATKINSON (Inside forward): Born Liverpool. Since the departure of his brother, Ron, to become player-manager at Kettering, Graham has taken over as the longest-serving member of the Oxford staff. He joined from Aston Villa in 1960 when they were still in the Southern League. A constructive player, with a telling shot, he has scored many memorable goals.

STEVE AYLOTT (Midfield): Islington-born successor to former skipper Ron Atkinson in midfield. He was 19 when he made his debut against Middlesbrough in October and has held a regular place since then, scoring his first goal against Preston in October.

ROY BURTON (Goalkeeper): Born Wantage. Was given a free transfer a couple of years ago, but accepted an invitation to re-join the staff when Oxford were reduced to only goalkeeper after the sale of Jim Barron. Has re-appeared in the first team this season.

NIGEL CASSIDY (Striker): Born Sudbury. Cost Oxford a club record fee of £20,000 when signed from Scunthorpe United last season and is now justifying the size of the transfer fee as the club's top scorer. As a boy, he was a Norwich fan and, after scoring 70 goals in a season for Lowestoft Town, he joined the Carrow Road staff. He later followed Norwich manager Ron Ashman to Scunthorpe.

COLIN CLARKE (Centre half): Born Penilee. Manager Gerry Summers rates this big, strong defender as the best centre half in the Second Division. He was signed from Arsenal in 1965 and, as ever-present last season, he was voted Player of the Year by the Supporters' Club.

DEREK CLARKE (Forward): Born

Willenhall. The younger brother of Leeds' Allan and Ipswich's Frank. Oxford became his third League club when he was signed from Wolves last season. First broke into prominence with Walsall and cost Wolves a five-figure fee. Oxford also paid over £10,000 for his services.

ROY CLAYTON (Inside forward): Born Dudley. Spotted playing for Warley in the Midland League and cost only a small fee. Has developed well in his three seasons at Oxford. **JOHN EVANSON** (Midfield): Born Newcastle-under-Lyme. Another smart capture from non-League football, he joined Oxford from Towcester and has matured into a player of outstanding promise. Several First Division clubs watched him earlier in the season.

JOHN FLEMING (Midfield): Joined Oxford as an apprentice in 1970, but after only a week with the club, the League said he was too old for such a registration. So Oxford gambled by taking him as a full professional and were delighted when he came through to make his League debut in November.

DAVID JONES (Midfield): Born Brixham. A former Arsenal apprentice who made his debut for Oxford in the 1968-69 season.

MICK KEARNS (Goalkeeper): Born Banbury. Standing at 6ft 3ins, he is one of the tallest 'keepers in the League and really made his mark as an ever-present last season. The former Oxford apprentice got his chance when Jim Barron went to Nottingham Forest and he was called into the Republic of Ireland squad last year.

DICK LUCAS (full back): Born Witney. Another ever-present last season when he completed his 100th

appearance for the club. Had missed only one game in the previous season.

DAVID ROBERTS (defender): Born Hemel Hempstead. After playing only once in Fulham's Third Division promotion team last season, he moved on to Oxford in time to give impressive displays during 14 games at the end of the campaign.

KEN SKEEN (Forward): Born Cheltenham. Although he scored only six goals last season, this was enough to make him equal top scorer in League games. He played in midfield on a number of occasions, where he was always an eager worker. Swindon were his first League club. He signed for them after playing well for Trowbridge on their ground.

DAVID SLOAN (Winger): Born Lisburn, Northern Ireland. A useful signing from Scunthorpe United in 1963, he soon won an Irish Under-23 cap and later became the first full international on the club's books when appearing against Israel.

RODNEY SMITHSON (Defender): Born Leicester. Like his back-four partner, Colin Clarke, he was signed by Oxford from Arsenal, where he had been on the Highbury ground-staff. He enjoyed his most consistent season as an ever-present in 1969-70 but a thigh injury cost him his place for nine months from last February.

BRIAN THOMPSON (Midfield): Born Brierley Hill. Joined Wolves on leaving school, but did not get a League chance before moving to Oxford on a free transfer. He soon got into their Second Division side, making 20 appearances in 1969-70.

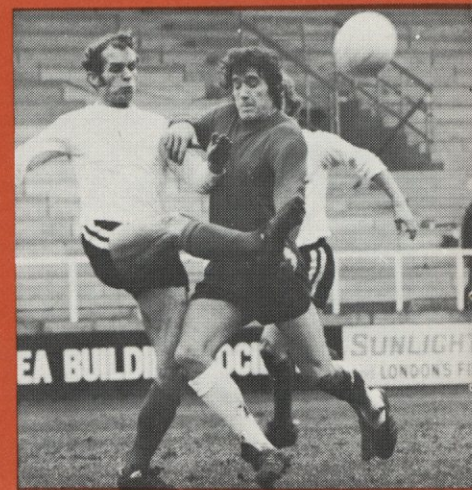
MICKY WAY (Full back): Born Salisbury. Joined Oxford from local junior football and is challenging hard for a regular first-team position.

Luton in ACTION



After going through eight unbeaten games in the Second Division, it came as a big disappointment to lose 3-1 at Fulham — especially when we had the chances to have maintained our strong spurt into the top half of the table. A lone goal from Peter Anderson was a modest prize for all the activity in Fulham's goalmouth.

Our pictures show ... *Above:* Vic Halom beats Fulham left half John Richardson with no reward (picture: Evening Post). *Left:* Malcolm Webster handles before Don Givens can deliver a challenge. *Right:* Tough marking by Reg Matthewson on Vic Halom. *Centre Right:* "Three to one against", but Don Givens still causes trouble for Fulham.



Last Saturday saw the intriguing battle with Alec Stocks old Club, Q.P.R. A game that we had to win, if we were to maintain our surge into the promotion battle. After falling behind to an early goal from Rangers, it was a most opportune moment for John Ryan (*top right*) to score his first goal of the season, with a blistering 25 yard drive. Continued pressure failed to produce a winner, due largely to good defensive work by Rangers and the safe-handling of goalkeeper, Phil Parkes (*bottom right*)

Pictures: Evening Post



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Talking to Gordon Hindson

The goal-graphs this term have shown a remarkable upwards trend and a number of clubs have been fired to some of their most crushing wins for many seasons. But, for Luton Town and our match-to-match opposition, the story has not been quite the same.

The hunt for this precious commodity, from a Luton outlook in the first five months of the season, has been a typically exacting exercise with few hints of a bonus haul.

Statistics show — and prove — that just a single goal in 17 of the 23 matches played from August to the end of the year would have earned, for Luton, a priceless 17 points — a point-a-goal ratio that would not, by any standards, be wishful thinking.

One man who is determined to force open the "floodgates" and make a bigger contribution to the Town's goal-charts is Gordon Hindson, the 21-year-old former Newcastle forward who penned his name to a Luton transfer form on the advice of Malcolm MacDonald, the ex-Kenilworth Road striker who is now the toast of Tyneside.

Gordon only captured one goal in his first 14 matches in the No.11 shirt — a "point-asset" against Portsmouth which brought a 3-2 win — after making his debut against Norwich on October 26th.

Born at Dipton, just outside Newcastle, Gordon broke off a training session to explain his problem: "In the short while I have been here, the side have been adhering to a rather flexible pattern of play with a chosen man either moving forward or backwards as the boss thinks fit. But, 99 per cent. of the time, I have always been behind the attack, which has naturally restricted the scoring opportunities.

"In the North, I had about a dozen games for United and I was always up front, trying the seize on the slightest opportunity. Now I think I have to look for my chances in a different way and I don't think a player can convert his style — in a new side — in a matter of a couple of

months."

Gordon Hindson stayed at school until he was 18. His extra education afforded him the possibility of continuing his studies at college. But the pull of soccer was too powerful and, with Newcastle constantly knocking at his door, young Hindson finally joined the North Eastern club on a professional basis.

Full-time soccer drafted him straight into Newcastle Reserves and manager Joe Harvey coached him along the same production lines which carried Alan Foggon and Keith Dyson to first-team status — and, in Dyson's case, an Under-23 cap before he joined Blackpool this season.

The break into the League side arrived during the 1968-69 season when Gordon lined up against Southampton. But the game which Gordon remembers most while playing in the famous black and white stripes was against Arsenal — and the reason? A 40,000 crowd.

"That game really gave me the taste for the big occasion and I looked forward to a good spell in the Newcastle first team. But the pace for places up there was really hot. If you were out, you were out a long while and, even when you had a look-in, the competition was so fierce it was difficult to concentrate."

Gordon was looking for a move when Malcolm Macdonald suggested Luton and the thought of being a member of a first-team squad again clinched the reported £26,000 deal. "I thought it would be a long haul, moving to a club over 300 miles away. But I've not had an unhappy moment yet and I think the future can have a lot in store for me at Luton."

Gordon gets married in nine days' time to fiancée Judith Chapman, his favourite bank clerk whom he met before he moved. Judith should be the ideal person to keep a check on the new figures which can result from Gordon's scoring potential!



Only nine days to go now! Gordon Hindson is pictured relaxing with his fiancée, Judith, whom he marries on Monday, February 14th.

DATE	DIVISION TWO	Res.	Att.
Aug. 14 Sat.	Norwich City .. Home	1-1	12,428
21 Sat.	Burnley .. Away	1-2	13,333
28 Sat.	Preston North End .. Home	1-1	11,772
Sept. 1 Wed.	Oxford United .. Away	1-1	10,490
4 Sat.	Orient .. Away	0-0	8,703
7 Tues.	Crystal P. (LC2) .. Away	0-2	13,838
11 Sat.	Birmingham City .. Home	0-0	14,678
18 Sat.	Millwall .. Away	2-2	12,433
25 Sat.	Middlesbrough .. Home	3-3	13,001
28 Tues.	Fulham .. Home	2-0	14,017
Oct. 2 Sat.	Hull City .. Away	0-0	13,904
9 Sat.	Swindon Town .. Home	0-0	13,423
16 Sat.	Norwich City .. Away	1-3	22,558
19 Tues.	Queens P. Rangers .. Away	0-1	15,858
23 Sat.	Carlisle United .. Home	0-2	11,963
30 Sat.	Sunderland .. Away	2-2	17,971
Nov. 6 Sat.	Charlton Ath. .. Home	1-2	11,011
13 Sat.	Watford .. Away	1-2	14,000
20 Sat.	Blackpool (1) .. Away	1-0	8,432
27 Sat.	Portsmouth .. Home	3-2	9,910
Dec. 4 Sat.	Bristol City .. Away	0-0	12,921
11 Sat.	Cardiff City (2) .. Home	2-2	10,606
18 Sat.	Orient .. Home	2-0	9,193
27 Mon.	Sheffield Wed. .. Away	2-2	31,391
1972			
Jan. 1 Sat.	Millwall .. Home	2-1	15,113
8 Sat.	Preston North End .. Away	1-0	12,844
15 Sat.	West Ham .. Away	1-2	32,099
22 Sat.	Fulham .. Away	1-3	11,328
29 Sat.	Queens P. Rangers .. Home	1-1	17,280
Feb. 5 Sat.	Oxford United .. Home		
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		
29 Sat.	Cardiff City .. Away		
May 6 Sat.	F.A. Cup Final .. 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	3-0
1972		
JAN		
Tues. 4th	Northampton Tn. .. Away	0-1
Wed. 12th	Cambridge United .. Away	0-1
Tues. 18th	Charlton Ath. .. Home	2-0
Tues. 25th	Charlton Ath. .. Away	2-1
FEB		
Tues. 8th	Peterborough Utd. .. Home	
Tues. 22nd	Watford (L.C.) .. Home	
MARCH		
Wed. 8th	Millwall (L.C.) .. Away	
Wed. 22nd	Aldershot .. Away	
Tues. 28th	Millwall (L.C.) .. Home	
APRIL		
Wed. 12th	Watford (L.C.) .. Away	

NEXT DATES AT
Kenilworth road
 Wednesday, February 9th
 (2.30 p.m.)
 Midweek Football League
Luton Town v
PETERBOROUGH UNITED
 Saturday, February 19th (3 p.m.)
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Luton Town v SUNDERLAND

FOOTBALL LEAGUE - DIVISION II												
HOME						AWAY						Pts
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	
NORWICH	27	9	5	0	26	10	6	4	3	14	11	36
MILLWALL	27	9	5	0	26	12	3	7	3	18	20	36
Q.P.R.	27	11	2	0	29	8	2	7	5	13	14	35
B'HAM	27	9	4	0	33	12	1	8	5	8	14	32
SNDRLD	27	7	6	1	26	16	3	5	5	14	24	31
CARLISLE	27	8	3	2	22	14	4	3	7	18	19	30
MIDDLESBRO	27	11	2	1	20	8	2	2	9	15	26	30
BURNLEY	27	7	3	3	25	14	5	2	7	19	20	29
PRESTON	27	9	1	4	22	11	1	7	5	15	20	28
BLACKPOOL	27	7	4	2	25	9	4	1	9	15	23	27
LUTON	27	5	6	2	18	14	2	7	5	13	18	27
SHEFF. WED.	27	6	5	2	21	15	2	5	7	14	20	26
SWINDON	27	5	4	4	14	10	4	4	6	11	19	26
BRISTOL C.	27	7	3	4	26	18	2	4	7	10	16	25
PORTSMOUTH	27	6	6	2	23	16	2	3	8	19	27	25
OXFORD	26	7	5	2	18	10	1	4	7	9	19	25
CHARLTON	27	7	4	2	22	13	3	1	10	17	34	25
ORIENT	27	8	3	2	24	13	1	3	10	11	31	24
FULHAM	27	7	3	4	21	19	2	0	11	11	34	21
HULL	27	6	3	5	20	16	1	3	9	9	21	20
CARDIFF	26	5	3	4	23	17	1	3	10	12	31	18
WATFORD	27	4	4	6	12	16	0	1	12	6	35	16

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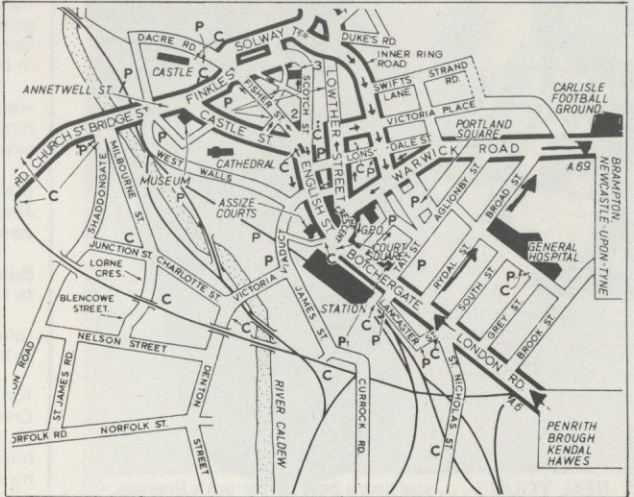
DINE - DANCE OR DRINK 8 p.m. - 2 a.m.

DIVISION II SCORERS	
Hubbard (Norwich)	20
Marsh (QPR)	20
Latchford (Birmingham)	18
Treacy (Charlton)	18
Hatton (Birmingham)	17
Clark (Cardiff)	16
Cross (Norwich)	14
Galley (Bristol C.)	14
Bowles (Carlisle)	13
Burns (Blackpool)	13
Bowyer (Orient)	12
Casper (Burnley)	12
Joicey (Sheff. Wed.)	12
Silvester (Norwich)	12
Earle (Fulham)	11
Foggo (Norwich)	11
Hickton (Middlesboro)	11
Anderson (Luton)	10
Bolland (Millwall)	10
Bullock (Orient)	10
Cassidy (Oxford)	10
Francis (Birmingham)	10
Lennard (Blackpool)	10
McIlmoyle (Preston)	10
Peacock (Charlton)	10
Pearson (Hull)	10

HATTERS APPEARANCES			
Players	League	FA Cup	FL Cup
Ryan, John	27	1	1
Slough	27	1	1
Keen	27	1	1
Nicholl	27	1	1
Moore	27	1	1
Busby	10(3)	1	1
Anderson	26	1	1
Givens	27	1	1
Court	12(6)	1	
Ryan, Jimmy	3(8)		
Garner	(2)		(1)
Shanks	14(3)	(1)	1
Wainwright	7(4)		1
Halom	20(1)	1	
Barber	6		
Hindson	16	1	

DIVISION II ATTENDANCES		
	Best	Average
Birmingham	40,793	28,428
Blackpool	22,610	14,506
Bristol City	23,560	16,328
Burnley	21,977	14,219
Cardiff	23,026	15,018
Carlisle	11,625	9,541
Charlton	16,223	9,866
Fulham	21,187	10,595
Hull	26,091	14,352
Luton Town	17,280	12,645
Middlesbrough	34,846	20,139
Millwall	24,266	15,524
Norwich	31,041	20,313
Orient	19,081	8,734
Oxford	12,382	9,418
Portsmouth	16,058	12,655
Preston	27,284	15,924
QPR	16,730	14,586
Sheffield Wed.	31,391	18,157
Sunderland	28,129	17,112
Swindon	21,383	14,522
Watford	14,270	10,880

Watch World

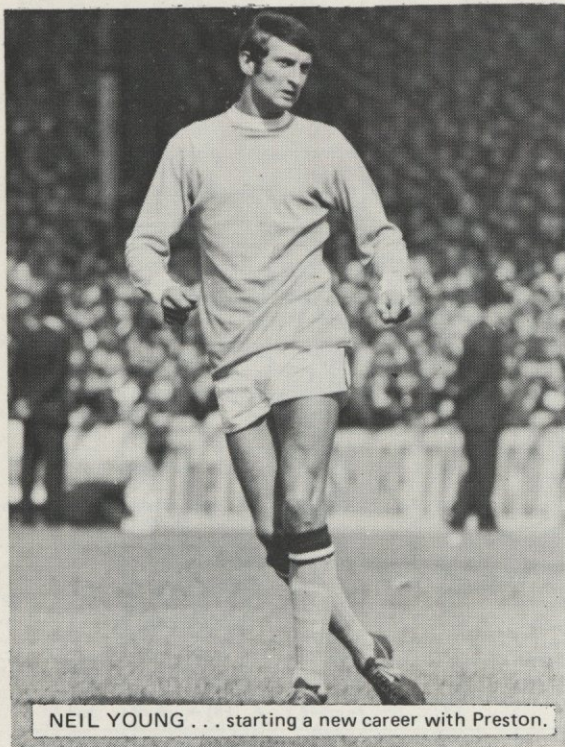


BY ROAD
 Leave by A505. Dunstable Road. M1 Motorway. Follow signs "Birmingham M1". Continue on M1 as far as Intersection (19). (45½mils.) Take M6 (Link Road). Intersection (4) Coleshill. Branch R. onto A446. Weeford Cross roads. Turn L onto A5. (91½mils). Rejoin M6 Motorway at Intersection (12). Follow signs "Preston M6". Continue on M6. Follow signs "Penrith M6". Penrith by-pass Motorway. (259mils.) Follow signs "The North, Carlisle M6". Golden Fleece Interchange (42). (274½mils.) Follow signs "Carlisle A6". Carlisle. (278½mils.) (see plan for CARLISLE FOOTBALL GROUND).

BY RAIL

Depart Luton	08.00	Depart Carlisle	17.30
Arrive Bedford	08.27	Arrive Bedford	22.25
Arrive Carlisle	13.25	Arrive Luton	22.51
Fare	£1.25		

statistics



NEIL YOUNG . . . starting a new career with Preston.

ROUNDUP OF DIVISION 2

PRESTON NORTH END pledged a sum believed to be in the region of £85,000 on a double-deal for Manchester City forward Neil Young and his full back colleague, David Connor. In backing manager Alan Ball Snr. with such a large sum, the Directors were clearly gambling on reaching the First Division in the immediate future, for it was reported by the *Lancashire Evening Post* that the club now has a maximum overdraft, as well as their obligation to pay Manchester City the balance of the transfer money over three years.

With average attendances around the same level as when winning the Third Division last season, Preston showed the stay-away followers that they mean business. Both players look good signings. The experienced Young scored the winning goal in the 1969 FA Cup Final and Connor, although mainly a reserve at Maine Road, drew big bids from Everton and Tottenham in previous seasons.

Preston's Lancashire neighbours, BURNLEY, also sprang a big-money deal on their supporters when paying a quoted fee of £50,000 for Chesterfield goalkeeper Alan Stevenson, who thus ranks with Manchester United's Alec Stepney and Stoke City's Gordon Banks as the most expensive English 'keeper in history.

As part of the deal, Burnley loaned their No.1 goalkeeper, Under-23 international Peter Mellor, to Chesterfield with a view to a permanent move at a later date. Burnley manager Jimmy Adamson also revealed that he made unsuccessful bids for two other players in the same week.

A third Lancashire manager was also busy buying at a more modest level. BLACKPOOL'S Bob Stokoe paid £6,000 for East Stirling goalkeeper George Wood — a move which allowed him to loan Neil Ramsbottom to Crewe.

The unfortunate Ramsbottom broke an arm last season after playing only eight matches following a £13,000 move from Bury. Mr. Stokoe bought Workington's second-team goalkeeper, John Burrige, as an emergency replacement and he has kept the senior spot ever since.

Amidst all this transfer activity, CARLISLE UNITED boss Ian MacFarlane could be excused for suggesting that he made the buy of the season when paying a reported £12,500 to sign Crewe midfielder player, Stan Bowles. He has been converted to striker at Brunton Park and soon hit a hat-trick past table-topping Norwich City. Now Mr. MacFarlane says he intends to drop a note to Sir Alf Ramsey, recommending an Under-23 cap for the player who couldn't settle with his first two clubs, Manchester City and Bury.

"Stan has been a model professional, here," says Mr. MacFarlane. "I only wonder how he was ever allowed to drop down into the Fourth Division.

half time scores

A	Birmingham v Ipswich	_____
B	Cardiff v Sunderland	_____
C	Chelsea v Bolton	_____
D	Coventry v Hull	_____
E	Derby v Notts Co.	_____
F	Everton v Walsall	_____
G	Huddersfield v Fulham	_____
H	Leicester v Orient	_____
K	Liverpool v Leeds	_____
L	Millwall v Middlesbrough	_____
M	Hereford v Newcastle	_____
N	Portsmouth v Swansea	_____

A	Preston v Manchester Utd	_____
B	Reading v Arsenal	_____
C	Tottenham v Rotherham	_____
D	Tranmere v Stoke	_____
E	Aston Villa v York	_____
F	Blackburn v Barnsley	_____
G	Halifax v Bristol Rov.	_____
H	Mansfield v Oldham	_____
K	Rochdale v Shrewsbury	_____
L	Cambridge v Brentford	_____
M	Northampton v Peterborough	_____
N	Workington v Colchester	_____

meet the players

At their own Dance on Tuesday 22nd February. All the Players of Luton Town F.C. invite you to their first Dance in The Hatters Club. Ask the players for tickets or buy them at The Hatters Club Bar. Price — 75p.

Luton Town Supporters Club

A general meeting has been arranged for Monday, 7th February at the Assembly Hall, Aylesbury, starting at 8.00 p.m., when the Aylesbury Branch of the Supporters Club will be formed. All members in the Aylesbury area are invited to attend and we hope, bring along their friends. Several of the Town players will be in attendance. The Junior Section held a very successful night

last week when they held a strong Players' team to a 1-1 draw in the Quiz Ball competition. Eric Morecambe chaired the competition and continues to be a very active President of the Supporters Club.

More and more members are becoming Pools Agents and helping themselves to the commissions that can be had, as well as helping the Football

Club. If you would like to become an Agent, contact the Pools Office, 231, Dunstable Road.

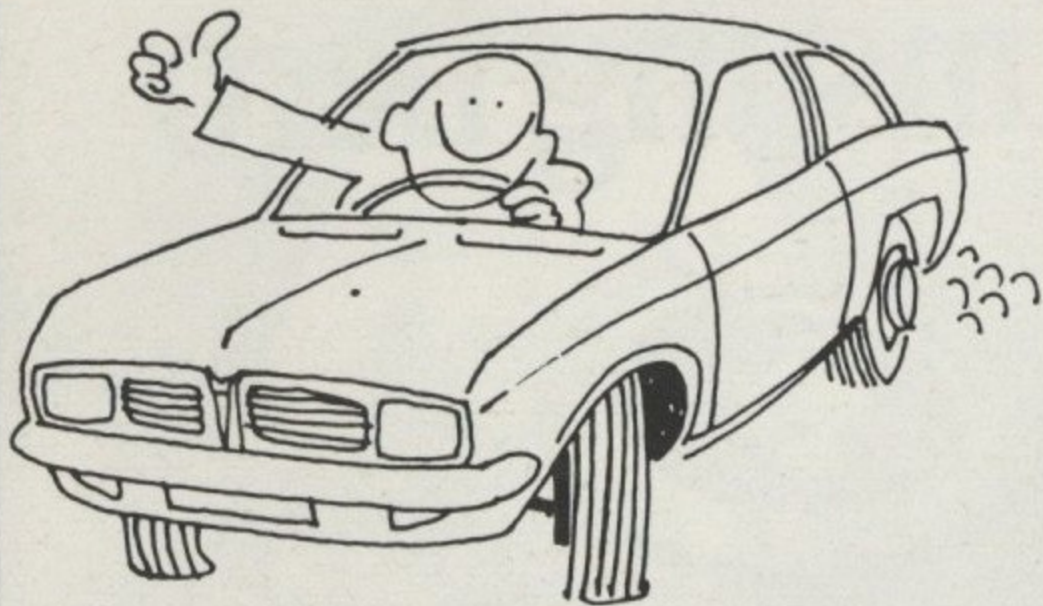
Coming events in the Hatters' Club include on Wednesday, 9th February a Senior Discotheque; Thursday 10th February a Junior Discotheque; Tuesday 15th February a Junior Supporters night and Wednesday 16th February a Senior Discotheque.

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TEAM CHECK

Luton Town

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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.

Oxford United

(Gold Shirts, Black Shorts)

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| 1 | Roy | BUTLER |
| 2 | Micky | WAY |
| 3 | John | SHUKER |
| 4 | Rodney | SMITHSON |
| 5 | Colin | CLARKE |
| 6 | John | EVANSON |
| 7 | Ken | SKEEN |
| 8 | Graham | ATKINSON |
| 9 | Roy | CLAYTON |
| 10 | Nigel | CASSIDY |
| 11 | Steve | AYLOTT |

Sub.

Referee: N.C.H. BURTENSHAW (Gt Yarmouth) Linesmen: M.F. STIMPSON, Epsom (Red Flag)
D.H. LEA, Hornchurch (Orange Flag)

Norman Burtenshaw, a shopkeeper from Great Yarmouth, achieved the highest honour available to a League referee when he handled last season's FA Cup Final. He reached the Football League list in the quick time of only eight years and is now on FIFA's international Panel. He has refereed various international games and, also, the FA Amateur Cup Final. He is married, with a son and a daughter.

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