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# ERIC PUGH talking...

All the signs are that, as we enter the last stages of the season, the Town will give chances increasingly to those younger members of the playing staff who have been waiting patiently in the wings.

So, the events of last weekend could be regarded as straws in the wind in that, apart from the fact that Robin Wainwright gained recognition, the squad that travelled to Carlisle included other members of the successful reserve team.

One, Keith Barber, the goalkeeper, has had previous opportunities and is likely to be given an extended test before the season is out.

Whatever some people may say, goalkeeper is a key position and it must be regarded as important, and it is no disrespect to Tony Read, to prove whether Barber is ready for regular League duty.

Of course, there is another goalkeeper available to the Town in Alan Starling who was loaned to Northampton Town for the season, but subject to instant recall, if necessary.

For most of this season, Starling has been first choice for the Cobblers and this is one instance where a loan transfer is working in the manner for which it was devised.

Of course, there have been other cases when it has been applied in a way which surely was not intended by the League when they instigated what was basically a beneficial change in the rules.

In mentioning that, I am not thinking of Viv Busby's case in which, in the words of Manager Alec Stock, "We took a gamble and it did not come off."

Much as the Town could have used the sizeable fee that Newcastle United would have paid, possibly had they achieved a different result at Hereford, the decision could rebound in their favour.

One of their main troubles in recent weeks has been a lack of striking power that has reached almost epidemic proportions.

At Carlisle, there was some evidence from Busby that he can go some way towards remedying it. If that happens then there will be no regrets that the Town could not agree terms with Newcastle because successful marksmen, and Busby can become that, are pretty thin on the ground these days.

Probably, there was some indication of what the hard core of supporters feel and where their sympathies lie in that there was an upward surge of bookings for the chartered train when it was known that Busby was playing.

To return to the theme on which I began, another youngster who was in the squad at Carlisle was Alan Garner, a free transfer signing from Millwall during the summer.

It was on the recommendation of assistant manager, Jimmy Andrews, who was once coach at The Den, that Garner was offered terms.

At the start of the season he was substitute a couple of times but, as is the way of things, had a spell in which he was much in the background.

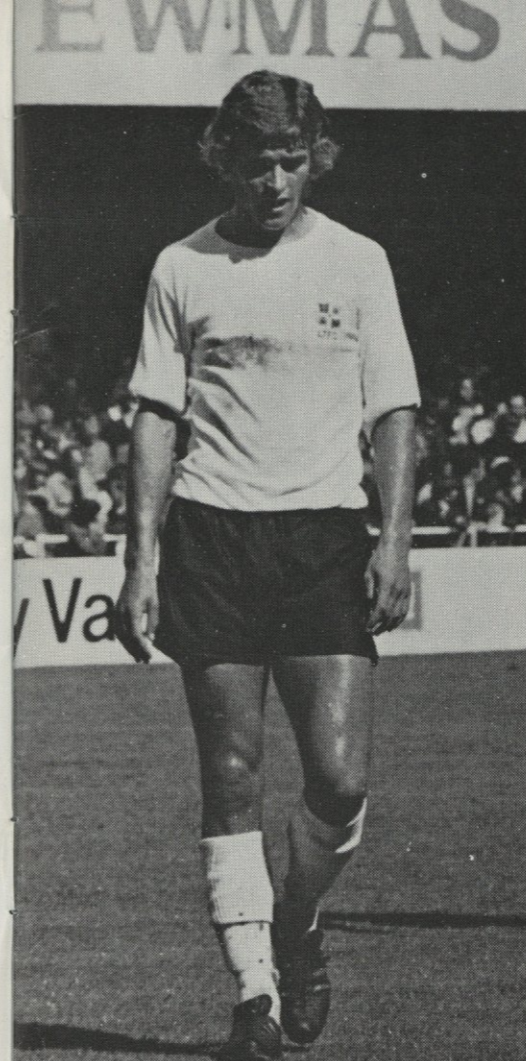
So, he has yet to make his League debut in the Town's colours, but the fact that he was added to the Carlisle party at the last moment, would seem to indicate that he is well in the reckoning again.

In fact, with players like Peter Anderson, top scorer this season, Jimmy Ryan, Don Shanks and Ken Goodeve, and maybe others on the fringe, available, the Town's resources are not only young, but powerful.

Main problem of the Town at the moment is to turn some good approach work into essential goals. In that, they are by no means alone which, of course, does not lessen the need.

And for the future. Assuming that the power situation is overcome, Dunstable Town will be here on Monday week in the semi-final of the Professional Cup.

Then, on Tuesday, March 7th (7.30), Polish opponents in Gwardia, will be the visitors to add a little variety to the closing stages of the season.



# Katter's eye-view of Hereford sensation..

It is pretty certain that Viv Busby will never forget the name of Hereford. The gallant part-timers of the Southern League rocked the football world when they axed mighty Newcastle from the Cup, but the "Cider-town" giant killers also personally wrecked the dreams of Luton's striker joining the Magpies in a possible £50,000 deal.

Viv spent two months — December and January — on trial up North. Teaming up with his former colleague sharpshooter at Kenilworth Road, "Big Mac", Busby scored in his first two games to lift Newcastle to their first away victories of the season. But after appearing before 53,000 — the biggest single audience to sample Busby's talents — the 'flu bug stepped in and Viv didn't get his place back until the fateful day four weeks later which ended the saga of a jinxed Cup-tie, particularly for Newcastle.

"Newcastle might have been three in front at half time," said Viv. "I thought 'that's it' when we scored. But Hereford only played harder and it's history now what happened. Yet United's

defeat attained a degree of dignity from the fact that West Ham didn't exactly get their own way on the same ground either.

"When Newcastle didn't sign me after my first two games, I decided to make the best of things. The Cup defeat was the crunch and Joe Harvey told me that Newcastle had been hoping for a good run to pay for me. When I think of the way the team had to prepare for that match, it was no wonder it was lost.

"We camped in Worcester for a week and became bored to tears. The side was under close guard all the time and even though we organised table tennis, darts and domino tournaments the lads, through no fault of their own, were mentally unprepared for such a crucial match. The dressing room was like a morgue after the match and, on the seven-hour coach trip back to Tyneside, I doubt if more than two words were spoken."

Only the amazing "Asa Hartford serial" prevented Viv Busby's experience going down as the cruellest transfer saga story of the season.



Back row (from left to right):  
Dick Malone, Cec Irwin, Ian Porterfield, Derek Forster, Bobby Park, Jimmy Montgomery, Martin Harvey,  
Mike McGiven, Ritchie Pitt.  
Front row (from left to right):  
Bobby Kerr, Brian Chambers, David Watson, Gordon Harris, Paddy Lowrey, Dennis Tueart, Billy Hughes.

Division I Champions, 1891-92, 1892-93, 1894-95, 1901-02, 1912-13, 1935-36. Runners-up, 1893-94,  
1897-98, 1900-01, 1922-23, 1934-35, Division II Runners-up, 1963-64. FA Cup Winners, 1937. Finalists, 1913.

# SUNDERLAND



The days when Sunderland's ever-open cheque-book purchased some of the big names in soccer have departed and the re-building of the great Roker Park empire is now firmly based on home-bred youngsters.

Although it may be too late this season for them to re-claim the First Division status which was lost two years ago, the signs are that manager Alan Brown has established a youthful formula for a future place among the top powers.

The operation was created by the club's success in the F.A. Youth Cup, which was carried off to Wearside in both 1967 and 1969. Those imaginative and talented sides have formed the basis for a steady improvement in Sunderland's form over the last two years.

The net result is that the first team pool is now largely made up by players from their junior scheme and the club's financial problems were also eased by the sale of two top discoveries from the 1967 side. Colin Todd moved to Derby for a massive £170,000 and another six-figure fee went into the Roker "treasury" from the transfer of Colin Suggett to West Bromwich Albion.

Sunderland's new image as sellers — rather than the old-style big buyers — was also seen in other major outgoing deals like Jim Baxter, sold to Nottingham Forest for £90,000, and Neil Martin, to Coventry City for a similar sum.

Sunderland permitted themselves just two important incoming deals last season, splashing

£100,000 on Rotherham United's versatile David Watson, who can score goals from centre forward as well as he can stop them at centre half, and full back Dick Malone, who cost around £20,000 from Ayr United.

Both players have fitted in well at Roker and there has been just as much satisfaction about the emergence of youngsters like full back Keith Coleman and midfielder prospect Brian Chambers in the last year or so. Coleman has been a particular success since making his debut last September.

Financially speaking, Sunderland are still finding it a costly business to operate a First Division-style set-up at this level. By the half-way mark, the income from away matches was thousands below the pay-days they used to enjoy when visiting top clubs in London, Manchester and Liverpool.

At home, the figures were comparing reasonably with their last attendance returns in the top division, but the average of 17,000 is by no means enough to keep the books balanced. Still, the gradual improvement in team results has re-awakened interest and they have got over the blow of drawing only 9,749 for their first match of the season. The weather was shocking, but no one could remember such a low opening-day gate before.

A point-a-game start over the first seven games did little to raise enthusiasm immediately and there was the almost-routine blow of going out

of the League Cup in the first tie against Bristol Rovers. Poor Sunderland just can't seem to get going when these money-spinning cup games come round.

For example, in the FA Cup, they had not won a single game since 1967 until they put out Sheffield Wednesday in the Third Round of this season's competition. That gave them an away tie at Cardiff, where the original fixture was postponed and by the time the match went on last week, they were playing for the prize of a home match with either Liverpool or Leeds. A draw at Ninian Park meant a replay this week.

In the League, Sunderland picked up smartly from their moderate start. Starting with a 4-3 thriller against Preston on September 25th, they powered through 17 games with defeats only at Oxford and Queen's Park Rangers.

Most satisfying was a 4-1 win against North East rivals Middlesbrough before their best crowd of the season — 28,129 — but among the less pleasing displays for Roker partisans were a 2-2 draw against The Hatters and a 3-3 draw with Millwall, who were losing 3-1 until quite near the end.

By the New Year, they had risen to fourth place, only three points away from second spot, but things started to go wrong in a 5-0 crash at Orient and then a 2-0 defeat at Middlesbrough. The promotion chance is still there — but just that bit more difficult to attain.

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# meet the captain and his team

Irishman Martin Harvey has spent his entire professional career with Sunderland — yet he may well have become a Burnley star had not their then-manager Alan Brown decided on a change of clubs. Martin had been spotted by Burnley's Irish scout, Tommy Coulter, playing in the Irish schools team and was invited to Turf Moor for a trial.

"I went across with Terry Neill and we shared the same digs in Burnley," Martin recalled. "But just as we arrived, in 1957, Alan Brown left the club to join Sunderland and no one showed much interest in us. A few weeks later Tommy Coulter teamed up with Mr. Brown and he asked me to go for another trial at Sunderland. I started at outside-left in the fifth team and gradually worked my way up."

He was still a reserve team player when he won his first Irish cap in April, 1961. "I had played only ten League games at the time," said Martin. His problem at the time was that Danny Blanchflower was irreplaceable in the Irish team and English international Stan Anderson occupied one of the wing-half spots in Sunderland's side.

But Martin made his break-through in 1963. He took over from the injured Anderson and played so well he couldn't be dropped. A few weeks later Anderson was transferred to Middlesbrough. Then in October, 1963, he received his biggest boost. "I played my first Saturday international for Ireland against Scotland at Windsor Park and, for the first time, I was picked in preference to Danny Blanchflower. I was on top of the world, particularly as we won 2-1."

Martin has won 32 Irish caps and he is still enjoying his club football as Sunderland's captain. He hasn't started making any plans for his future. "I'm hoping to have another three or four years as a player," he says.

**JIM MONTGOMERY** (Goalkeeper): Born in Sunderland in October, 1943, Jim joined the staff straight from school and made his debut against Walsall in a League Cup-tie in February, 1962. Has played for England Under-23 and the Football League and has made over 250 appearances for Sunderland. Missed five matches because of a cracked shin bone this season.

**CECIL IRWIN** (Full-back): Born in Ashington 29 years ago, Cec joined Sunderland from local schoolboy football. Made his debut against Ipswich Town in Sept. 1958. He holds England caps at youth and Under-23 level and has played over 300 senior games.

**DICK MALONE** (Full-back): Joined Sunderland last season from Ayr United for a reported fee of £20,000. Scottish Under-23 caps to his credit, he made a big impression with the Wearside fans.

**MIKE MCGIVEN** (Wing-half): Newcastle born, Mike linked up at Roker Park shortly after leaving school. He was one of the successes of the



JIM MONTGOMERY

club's youth team that won the F.A. Youth Cup three seasons ago. A powerful, no-nonsense player with a fine shot — he is one of manager Alan Brown's big hopes for the future. Fractured a leg last season. **IAN PORTERFIELD** (Wing-half): Born Cowdenbeath. Signed by Sunderland from Scottish Second Division club Raith Rovers, for a reported fee of £35,000. Ian took a long time to settle in English football, but now has adapted his style very impressively.

**RITCHIE PITT** (Centre-half): A promising young centre-half who has settled into Charlie Hurley's old number five shirt. Born in Sunderland, he signed for the Roker Park club straight from school. A schoolboy international trialist and England youth trialist. Strong and reliable, he was the regular centre-half last term.

**BOBBY KERR** (Forward): Born in Alexandria, Scotland, 24 years ago, Bobby joined Sunderland straight from school and made his debut against Manchester City on New Year's Eve 1965. Has done well to come back after twice breaking legs. A busy, enthusiastic player.

**BILLY HUGHES** (Forward): Born in Coatbridge, Scotland, he came south to find his soccer feet with Sunderland and made his first-team debut four years ago. Billy played some games last season in the number nine shirt, but was usually to be found on the left wing. Made over 30 appearances, scoring eight goals. **GORDON HARRIS** (Forward): Born in Langold, near Worksop, 30 years ago. Started his career with Burnley, whom he joined straight from school. He made his League debut in January, 1958, and has won England caps at full and Under-23 level. Joined Sunderland in 1968 for a reported fee of £75,000. Plays in midfield.

**DENNIS TUEART** (Forward): Newcastle born. Played a big part in Sunderland winning the F.A. Youth Cup in 1969. He joined Sunderland from North-east junior team Wellbeck Juniors. Also played for Northumberland County. Settled his contractual difficulties with the Club towards the end of last season, then regained his first-team place and helped Sunderland to take 12 points out of a possible 16 at the end of the season. This term's top scorer.

**JOHN LATHAN** (Forward): Born Newcastle. Joined Sunderland straight from school and quickly earned a reputation as a prolific goal-scorer with the junior sides and the youth team when they won the Youth Cup in 1969. A regular in the reserve side last season, but got an extended run in the first team at the end of last season.

**DAVID WATSON** (Forward): Started his career with Notts County, but then moved to Rotherham for a reported fee of £5,000. Valued at £100,000 by the then Rotherham manager, Tommy Docherty, and Sunderland chief, Alan Brown, agreed with that valuation when he bought Watson shortly before Christmas, 1970. Debut v. Watford at Vicarage Road and scored the goal that gave Sunderland a point in a 1-1 draw. A big success on the F.A. tour of Australia, last summer.

**BRIAN CHAMBERS** (Forward): Newcastle born. Joined Sunderland after playing for Newcastle, Northumberland County and England Schoolboys. Made over a dozen first team appearances last season, scoring one goal. Took over the number five shirt because of injury problems to the recognised centre halves and he did an excellent emergency job.

**BOBBY PARK** (Forward): Born Cambridge, he joined Sunderland straight from school. Once idolised the former Rangers and Sunderland star Jim Baxter. Made his debut for the Club when they were in the First Division. Played in about 20 Division Two games last season, but broke a leg this season.

**MAURICE HEPWORTH** (Full-back): Born Barrasford, near Hoxham. Signed straight from school. Signed professional last year and made rapid strides in first team.

# LUTON in ACTION

After a run of consistent home performances, it was a blow to lose 2-1 in the re-arranged game against Oxford United, but it could have been so different. The sequence of pictures on the right shows a disallowed "goal" soon after half-time when Oxford were leading 1-0. Peter Anderson heads down, Vic Halom gets in a shot as goalkeeper Roy Burton dives, but Oxford successfully appeal that Halom had obstructed Burton.

Vic eventually scored the equaliser with a powerful header (below) and our other picture (bottom right) shows the Hatters' striker on hand in another hectic goalmouth incident for Burton.

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# Talking to Mike KEEN

Mike Keen's professional career has spanned 14 years of League football and a mammoth total of 500 matches. Luton Town's "senior citizen" has enjoyed the thrill of skipping a winning Cup side at Wembley and shared a team's dream of surging up from the lower and less spectacular platform of the Third Division non-stop to the First.

Having thrived on the nourishment of such honours for over a decade, it's only natural that Mike has a razor-sharp keenness to organise the remainder of active life within the boundaries of British soccer. Mike's one-time thoughts of designing a career as a quantity surveyor are now even less than faintly remote, for this former Q.P.R. captain who might never have left Loftus Road had he remained their skipper.

We caught up with our midfield "general" during a break from training the other day when he touched on some aspects of his soccer days which have passed and some which he hopes may follow in the future. "I was extremely happy at Q.P.R.," he said. "I joined them as a 17-year-old when Jack Taylor was manager and signed professional forms in 1958. They were really great years and I went five of them in the first team, covering some 280 games without missing a match.

"We won the Football League Cup in 1967 — the first Third Division club to do so — when Alec Stock was manager at Loftus Road and at the end of that season we were also champions in the League.

A year later, we had unbelievably spiralled into the First Division. Rangers had a terrific team spirit in those days and it was that, as much as anything, which carried them so far. But, suddenly, it went all wrong and the side went through a bad spell to finish struggling at the foot of the table. Tommy Docherty breezed in and out during the panic and it finally came to a head

for me when I lost my captaincy. I didn't think it was justice, so I asked for a move.

"I most certainly don't now regret it. I learned to admire Alec Stock and, when he asked me to join Luton Town, I jumped at the chance just three years ago."

Mike reckons it's a big honour to be skipper of both his League clubs, a role he considers which demands a performance that should be an example to the rest of the team. "I might not be one of the greatest players ever created. But I'm not supposed to be. My job is to inspire the side when things are not working out. This is done both verbally and physically. If a captain can set up a sound understanding with the rest of the side, it's amazing how some players respond when the skipper asks for a little extra."

Luton's "leader" is already a fully-qualified F.A. coach and this summer he intends to begin covering another aspect of the sport when he will be attending a manager's course at Loughboro. This, of course, led to the inevitable question, but he shrewdly skated round the obvious by admitting that his wife and family will have a big say in the future of Mike Keen and any future football plans.

"Naturally, the time must come to everyone when they have to think of what's coming next. As a player, I have always had one failing — and that's taking home my problems. Up to now, it has worked out, but if football and its attachments start to affect my home and family, I would seriously think of making a clean break. A footballer's life is governed by circumstances and, until they happen, it's difficult to make any firm forecasts."

"Certainly, I want to stay in the game and play on as long as I can. It is a great game to be in. It brings its ups and downs for everyone — but this is what it's all about."



How the Keens line-up ... Mike and his wife, Glen, with their young boys, Michael, aged seven (left) and Kevin, aged five. And that's Sam on "guard" duty!

# Follow Luton to Charlton



**BY ROAD** Saturday, February 26th (3 p.m.)

Leave by London Road. A6. M1 Motorway. Follow signs "London M1". Scratchwood Service Area. (20 1/4 miles). Intersection (2). Follow signs "London (City) A1". Junction of roads. Keep L. along A406. (North Circular Road). Edmonton (30 1/2 miles). Woodford (Gates Corner). Turn R. along A11. (Woodford Road). Leytonstone. Stratford. Bow Bridge Flyover ahead. Keep L. and follow signs, "Blackwall Tunnel". (A102). Blackwall Tunnel. Tunnel exit, A102, then A102(M). Branch L. along Woolwich Road. (A206) (42 1/2 miles). See plan for CHARLTON ATHLETIC FOOTBALL GROUND.

**BY RAIL AND COACH**

Unfortunately, at the time of going to print, the details of the travel arrangements to Charlton were not completely finalised. Please keep a close watch on the local press for the times and fares.

## DIVISION II SCORERS

Hubbard (Norwich)	20
Marsh (QPR)	20
Latchford (Birmingham)	19
Treacy (Charlton)	18
Clark (Cardiff)	17
Hatton (Birmingham)	17
Cross (Norwich)	15
Galley (Bristol C.)	14
Hickton (Middlesbrough)	14
Bowles (Carlisle)	13
Bowyer (Orient)	13
Burns (Blackpool)	13
Bullock (Orient)	12
Casper (Burnley)	12
Joicey (Sheffield Wed.)	12
Silvester (Norwich)	12
Bolland (Millwall)	11
Earle (Fulham)	11
Foggo (Norwich)	11
Peacock (Charlton)	11
Possee (Millwall)	11
Tueart (Sunderland)	11

## DIVISION II ATTENDANCES

	Best	Average
Birmingham	40,793	28,428
Blackpool	22,610	14,506
Bristol C.	23,560	16,328
Burnley	21,977	14,040
Cardiff	23,026	15,018
Carlisle	11,625	9,483
Charlton	16,223	9,699
Fulham	21,187	10,595
Hull	26,091	14,352
LUTON TOWN	17,280	12,441
Middlesbrough	34,846	20,139
Millwall	24,266	15,524
Norwich	34,118	21,233
Orient	19,081	9,047
Oxford	12,382	9,418
Portsmouth	16,058	12,655
Preston	27,284	16,048
QPR	16,730	14,522
Sheffield Wed.	31,391	18,157
Sunderland	28,129	16,996
Swindon	21,383	14,313
Watford	14,270	10,696

(League games only)

Up to and including February 12th.

## MID-WEEK FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LUTON TOWN	21	13	2	6	41	16	28
NORTHAMPTON	17	13	0	4	44	24	26
CHARLTON	18	8	4	6	39	26	20
MILLWALL	17	6	6	5	24	25	18
WATFORD	15	7	3	5	33	23	17
SOUTHEND	14	7	2	5	25	19	16
CAMBRIDGE UTD	17	6	2	9	21	29	14
PETERBRO UTD	18	4	5	9	27	33	13
ORIENT	15	6	1	8	19	25	13
COLCHESTER UT	16	6	1	9	18	33	13
ALDERSHOT	17	5	2	10	18	25	12
B & H ALBION	17	5	2	10	19	50	12

DATE	DIVISION TWO	Res.	Att.	DATE	Midweek Football League	Res.
Aug. 14 Sat.	Norwich City	Home	1-1	12,428	AUGUST	
" 21 Sat.	Burnley	Away	1-2	13,333	Tues. 17th	Southend Utd. Home 1-0
" 28 Sat.	Preston North End	Home	1-1	11,772	Wed. 25th	Millwall Ath. Away 0-1
Sept. 1 Wed.	Oxford United	Away	1-1	10,490	Tues. 31st	Millwall Ath. Home 1-3
" 4 Sat.	Orient	Away	0-0	8,703	SEPT	
" 7 Tues.	Crystal P. (LC2)	Away	0-2	13,838	Wed. 8th	Orient Away 2-1
" 11 Sat.	Birmingham City	Home	0-0	14,678	Tues. 14th	Cambridge United Home 1-0
" 18 Sat.	Millwall	Away	2-2	12,433	Tues. 21st	Aldershot Home 0-0
" 25 Sat.	Middlesbrough	Home	3-2	13,001	OCT	
" 28 Tues.	Fulham	Home	2-0	14,017	Wed. 6th	Brighton & H.A. Away 0-1
Oct. 2 Sat.	Hull City	Away	0-0	13,904	Tues. 12th	Watford Home 4-0
" 9 Sat.	Swindon Town	Home	0-0	13,423	Wed. 20th	Southend Utd. Away 0-1
" 16 Sat.	Norwich City	Away	1-3	22,558	Tues. 26th	Brighton & H.A. Home 5-1
" 19 Tues.	Queens P. Rangers	Away	0-1	15,858	NOV	
" 23 Sat.	Carlisle United	Home	0-2	11,963	Tues. 2nd	Colchester United Home 4-0
" 30 Sat.	Sunderland	Away	2-2	17,971	Tues. 9th	Orient Home 4-0
Nov. 6 Sat.	Charlton Ath.	Home	1-2	11,011	Tues. 16th	Northampton Tn. Home 5-0
" 13 Sat.	Watford	Away	1-2	14,000	Mon. 29th	Peterborough Utd. Away 2-2
" 20 Sat.	Blackpool (1)	Away	1-0	8,432	DEC	
" 27 Sat.	Portsmouth	Home	3-2	9,910	Wed. 8th	Watford Away 2-1
Dec. 4 Sat.	Bristol City	Away	0-0	12,921	Wed. 15th	Colchester United Away 3-0
" 11 Sat.	Cardiff City (2)	Home	2-2	10,606	1972	
" 18 Sat.	Orient	Home	2-0	9,193	JAN	
" 27 Mon.	Sheffield Wed.	Away	2-2	31,391	Tues. 4th	Northampton Tn. Away 0-1
1972					Wed. 12th	Cambridge United Away 0-1
Jan. 1 Sat.	Millwall	Home	2-1	15,113	Tues. 18th	Charlton Ath. Home 2-0
" 8 Sat.	Preston North End	Away	1-0	12,844	Tues. 25th	Charlton Ath. Away 2-1
" 15 Sat.	West Ham	Away	1-2	32,099	FEB	
" 22 Sat.	Fulham	Away	1-3	11,328	Tues. 8th	Peterborough Utd. Home 3-1
" 29 Sat.	Queens P. Rangers	Home	1-1	17,280	Wed. 23rd	Watford (L.C.) Home
Feb. 5 Sat.	Oxford United	Home	1-2	9,892	MARCH	
" 12 Sat.	Carlisle United	Away	0-0	8,731	Wed. 8th	Millwall (L.C.) Away
" 19 Sat.	Sunderland	Home			Wed. 22nd	Aldershot Away
" 26 Sat.	Charlton Ath. (5)	Away			Tues. 28th	Millwall (L.C.) Home
Mar. 3 Fri.	Watford	Home			APRIL	
" 11 Sat.	Swindon Town	Away			Wed. 12th	Watford (L.C.) 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				

## NEXT DATES AT

**Kenilworth road**

Wed. February 23rd, K.O. 3 p.m.

Midweek Football League Cup

Luton Town v WATFORD

Friday, March 3rd (7.30 p.m.)

League Division II

Luton Town v WATFORD

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PETER SILVESTER ... his injury a blow to Norwich.

## ROUNDUP OF DIVISION 2

Mixed fortune for NORWICH CITY as they face up to the increasing pressure to hold their long-term lead at the head of the table. Skipper **Duncan Forbes**, the central figure of their defence until struck down by injury at the end of October, entered February with hopes of an early return to the centre half spot.

But two other Norwich players have now received injury blows. Striker **Peter Silvester**, one of their most successful marksmen, had to seek specialist's opinion about a knee injury received against Preston on January 22nd and former top scorer **Albert Bennett** received the expected news that his career has ended because of a knee injury. The "stop playing" order was confirmed by a specialist appointed by the Football League. Norwich hope to arrange a Testimonial for Bennett.

And yet another blow for Norwich ... utility player **Trevor Howard**, who is valuable cover for several positions, successfully asked to go on the transfer list because his wife finds it hard to settle in the city.

Testimonial matches are planned for two long-serving Second Division players. PORTSMOUTH'S goalkeeper, **John Milkins**, was delighted when neighbouring Southampton agreed to visit Fratton Park on May 5th. His Fund already boasts a profit of over £1,000 from social functions.

Popular MILLWALL skipper **Henry Cripps** also fixed an attractive match when his former club, West Ham United, said they would bring **Bobby Moore & Co** along to The Den in early May. The only snag: the Hammers would have to decline if they got to the FA Cup Final.

**Neil Ramsbottom** was involved in an unusual "transfer" arrangement recently. Already on loan from BLACKPOOL to Crewe, the Seasiders' reserve goalkeeper received an invitation to join FULHAM for training sessions. Fulham manager **Bill Dodgin** commented: "We have only one experienced goalkeeper and have been looking for cover for some time. We watched Ramsbottom a little while ago and invited him to Craven Cottage so that we can assess him further."

**Neil Young**, the Manchester City striker who joined PRESTON in a dual-deal with City colleague **David Connor**, had to be kept waiting for his North End debut because of an ankle injury. He missed the Cup-tie against Manchester United, but defender Connor enjoyed a resumption of old Manchester rivalry in that match.

BLACKPOOL have made a pledge to the town's aspiring schoolboy footballers. They promise that every lad will get a chance to show what he can do at Bloomfield Road. Director **Derek Lewin**, a former amateur international from Bishop Auckland, is in charge of the scheme and has youth coach **Paddy Sowden** and schools liaison officer **Harry Johnston** on hand to "screen" the young talent.

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A Chelsea v Leicester  
 B Derby v Nottm. Forest  
 C Ipswich v Arsenal  
 D Leeds v Manchester Utd  
 E Liverpool v Sheffield Utd  
 F Manchester C. v Huddersfield  
 G Newcastle v Everton  
 H Tottenham v Stoke  
 K WB Albion v Southampton  
 L West Ham v C. Palace  
 M Birmingham v Burnley  
 N Blackpool v Fulham

A Bristol C. v Charlton  
 B Cardiff v Norwich  
 C Hull v Preston  
 D Middlesbrough v Swindon  
 E Millwall v Orient  
 F Oxford v Carlisle  
 G Portsmouth v QPR  
 H Sheffield Wed. v Watford  
 K Blackburn v Aston Villa  
 L Bournemouth v Mansfield  
 M Notts Co. v York  
 N Shrewsbury v Brighton

### FORTH-COMING ATTRACTIONS

At the present time, we have fixtures planned against Watford in the Football League on Friday March 3rd and a Friendly against Gwardia (Poland) on Tuesday March 7th. Both these games were to be played under floodlights.

The present power restrictions, almost certainly mean that these games will have to be re-arranged. The Division II match with Watford will probably be played at Kenilworth Road, on Saturday 4th March, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

PLEASE WATCH YOUR LOCAL PRESS FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

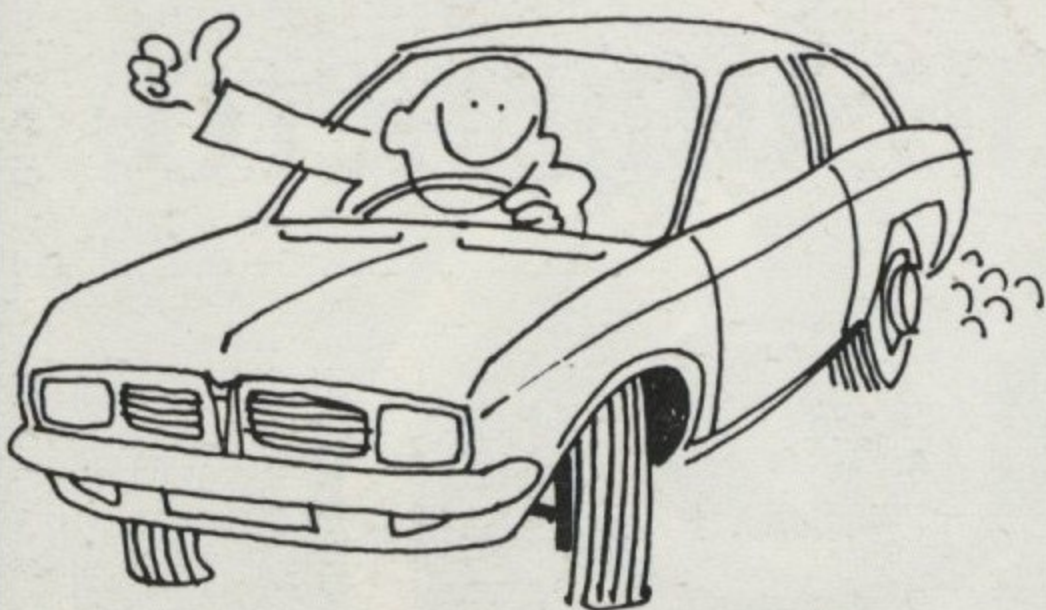
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### Luton Town

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1	Tony	READ
2	John	RYAN
3	Alan	SLOUGH
4	Mike	KEEN
5	Chris	NICHOLL
6	John	MOORE
7	Robin	WAINWRIGHT
8	David	COURT
9	Vic	HALOM
10	Viv	BUSBY
11	Don	GIVENS

Sub.

Referee: T.H.C. REYNOLDS, Swansea.

Tommy Reynolds, an estate developer from South Wales, arrived on the Football League list in 1968-69 after progressing from Bristol amateur football and then through the Welsh League and Football Combination. Now a member of the FIFA and UEFA Panels and has experience in European and international matches.

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### Sunderland

(Red & White Stripes, White Shorts)

1	Jim	MONTGOMERY
2	Dick	MALONE
3	Keith	COLEMAN
4	Martin	HARVEY
5	Ritchie	PITT
6	Ian	PORTERFIELD
7	Brian	CHAMBERS
8	Bobby	KERR
9	David	WATSON
10	Billy	HUGHES
11	Denis	TUEART

Sub.

Linesmen: R.W. BARTLETT, Banbury (Red Flag)  
N. CHAMBERLAIN, Bracondale (Orange Flag)