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ERIC PUGH talking...

Always, it is sad to see the departure of a talented player to another club and that is certainly true in the case of Chris Nicholl, who had become a popular figure with the crowd since he came here from Halifax Town 2½ years ago.

That the final decision was forced upon the club by financial pressures can be taken as being beyond dispute, otherwise, there would certainly have been no disposition to risk raising the anger of the supporters by becoming involved in this sort of deal.

For almost the whole of this season, it has been plain that a rich haul from the transfer market must be reaped in order to stabilise the financial position.

Had Newcastle United decided to keep Viv Busby in exchange for the £50,000 that had been quoted, then the necessity to sell Nicholl would have been lessened, if not completely removed.

As it was, Aston Villa's interest in Nicholl was widely known to have been of long standing and, at one stage, either side of Christmas, they watched him in six consecutive matches.

That the Town certainly did not want to part, is shown by the fact that they turned down two offers from Villa and, at the start of last week, it looked as if they would reach the deadline date for transfers with him still on the books.

However, Villa came again in even more determined fashion, increased their bid which, let it be said, aggregates substantially more than the £75,000 quoted, and with reluctance, the Town agreed to the transfer.

Possibly, they would have had more ammunition with which to resist had they been in a stronger position so far as attendances are concerned.

However, with gate figures running below the new, low economic level and no real prospect of improvement before the end of this season, the Villa's negotiators won the day.

To the average supporter, the outcome means that they have been deprived of the chance to watch a splendidly equipped player who has given the club loyal and unflagging service through the best part of 100 League games.

Of course, the fans cannot be expected to consider the ramifications of the financial position, but figures, especially when they denote money owed, have to be taken into account and no club of ambition can hope to run indefinitely on borrowed money.

There was also the viewpoint of Nicholl to be considered because, by rule, he was entitled to a lump payment of 5 per cent of the transfer fee and that is a considerable safeguard for the future, especially as a footballer's career does not last for ever.

Now, this is all water under the bridge. It is no good crying over spilt milk and the effect of the transfer has been to put the club on a more substantial basis from the financial point of view.

Indeed, the Chairman, Mr. Robert Keens, used the phrase, "guaranteeing the future of the club," in referring to the transfers of both Macdonald and Nicholl.

All fair-minded supporters will be only too willing to give support to whoever proves to be Nicholl's successor.

For the moment, it looks as if young Alan Garner will be given first crack at filling the gap, but John Faulkner signed from Leeds United as Nicholl left, is eager to secure the regular League football that was denied him at Elland-road.

There, although he was a member of the first team squad, such is the depth of United's playing resources, that they can usually fill any vacancy that occurs by switching their more experienced players, so that Faulkner's opportunities were rare.

goodbye CHRIS... ...Hello JOHN



Chris in action for the last time, for the Hatters



A thoughtful John at Swindon

In the two and a half years Chris Nicholl was at Kenilworth Road he developed into one of the finest centre halves in the country. Under the coaching of Jimmy Andrews and the guiding of manager Alec Stock he was soon being tipped for far bigger things.

It is not surprising that in the end he had to go. With the club still in some financial difficulty, the fee of close on £100,000 offered by Aston Villa was too high to turn down.

Mr. Stock realises that many of the fans will be disappointed at the departure of Chris. But to help offset this disappointment the manager immediately re-entered the transfer market before it closed last week, and snapped up Jack Charlton's deputy at Leeds — big John Faulkner.

John, an amiable ex-Sutton amateur, made his name in soccer when he played a brilliant game against Leeds for the Isthmian League side in the FA Cup, Don Revie, the Leeds manager, immediately took him to Elland Road, and he looked to have a big future with the First Division giants until he broke a leg.

He fought his way back to fitness and played 11 matches in the Leeds first team. He came down to Luton last weekend, and trained with his new colleagues at Luton this week. He will be fighting for the centre-half spot with Alan Garner, the capable 22 year old whose season's hard work in the reserves may now bring its rewards.



Back row (from left):
Jimmy Adamson (manager), Angus, James, Wilson, Nulty, Waiters (now Coventry), Mellor (now Fulham),
Waldron, Docherty, Thomson.
Front:
Bellamy, West, Fletcher, Kindon, Dobson, Thomas, Probert, Collins, Casper.

BURNLEY

Division I Champions, 1920-21, 1959-60. Runners-up 1919-20, 1961-62. Division II Champions, 1897-98.
Runners-up, 1912-13, 1946-47. FA Cup Winners, 1914. Finalists, 1947.

Football fate has had to take many twists and turns to bring Luton Town and Burnley together for their first League meeting at Kenilworth Road since the 1959-60 season. Burnley were satisfied with a 1-1 draw on that occasion and they went on to win the First Division Championship, but The Hatters lost their senior status and began the decline towards the Fourth Division.

While Luton were heading towards two more relegation seasons by 1964-65, Burnley maintained their position among the country's leading clubs, though suffering the bad luck to be runners-up in both Cup and League in 1961-62.

The graph bringing the clubs together again started moving when Luton won the Fourth Division in 1967-68 and returned to the Second Division two years later. Then, the following season, Burnley suffered relegation and lost the First Division place which they had held with distinction for 24 years.

And, as luck would have it, Luton took part in first Division II game at Turf Moor since 1947 when we were beaten 2-1 last August. That was part of a promising start for Burnley, who stayed with the promotion pack until running out of form after Christmas. By the start of March, they had won only twice in the first eight League fixtures of 1972 and hopes of financial boost from the FA Cup were smothered by a 1-0 home defeat against Huddersfield Town in the Third Round.

Even so, Burnley have no reason to be self-critical about losing touch with the pacemakers. They have a mainly young side, gathered together from the famous Burnley youth scheme, and they will have learned much from the pressures of relegation last year and the different world of the Second Division this term.

For so many years, Burnley have been a flourishing example to all the smaller-town clubs of Lancashire. Only Manchester United and Arsenal had served the First Division for more consecutive seasons and Burnley have remained stronger than their local rivals since taking the drop.

Bolton Wanderers, Blackburn Rovers and Preston North End all fell through to the Third Division, but there has never been any danger of Burnley suffering a similar indignity. The club has retained its belief, too. They are still preparing for a resumption of meetings with the top clubs and, by 1975, Turf Moor should stand as one of the best grounds in the League.

Their re-development scheme, with an estimated budget of £750,000, will give the stadium 24,000 seats in a capacity of 44,000 and there will also be an entertainments centre within the complex. This is an example of the vision and positive thinking which allowed Burnley to compete on unequal terms with powerful Northern opposition from the Liverpool and Manchester clubs.

Their survival was based on ability to groom their own players in sufficient numbers to supply the first team and still leave room to sell a surplus, and the occasional star player. As a result, Burnley have made a profit of over £1 million on post-war deals — yet still retained quality on the field.

At one time, it was rare indeed for them to buy a new player, but, in recent years, they have splashed out several big fees. Last season they paid a reported £60,000 for Bolton's young striker, Paul Fletcher, and, in January this year, they bought Chesterfield goalkeeper Alan Stevenson for £50,000 — only the fourth 'keeper to command such a figure.

The cash for these deals was raised from the summer sale of England forward Ralph Coates to Tottenham for nearly £200,000. And it is perhaps a comforting thought for manager Jimmy Adamson that he could have picked up the phone before the transfer deadline and got a six-figure price for at least four of his young starlets.

Mr. Adamson, former club skipper who succeeded Harry Potts as team manager last season, remains confident in the future of the club he has served for around 20 years. "I remember that Leeds were relegated in the same year that we won the Championship," he says. "They came back and we believe our turn could come again in the same way."

There have been moments this season when the full potential of Burnley's exciting young side was fully realised. They trounced Orient 6-1 in September and have since put on five-goal displays against Middlesbrough and Sheffield Wednesday. They also initiated Norwich City's recent decline with a significant victory in January.

So they have achieved enough to suggest that they WILL recover their position in the First Division before very long. When they do, they will be taking young players like Leighton James, a teenage left winger who won his first Welsh caps at full and Under-23 level this season, and Alan West, who earned an England Under-23 call this term.

Reserve goalkeeper Jeff Parton also received a Welsh Under-23 cap and his development — plus the signing of Stevenson — allowed Burnley to take a £25,000 fee from Fulham for their former first-choice 'keeper, Peter Mellor. That, surely, is evidence that Burnley are still finding teenagers of top quality.



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meet the captain and his team

Life is sweet for Martin Dobson today. He's captain of Burnley's reasonably successful Second Division team and he not long ago celebrated the completion of 100 League appearances. Yet almost five years ago he was on the scrapheap, believing his dreams of a future in football would never materialise.

Bolton Wanderers, with whom he set out with such high hopes, gave him the sack. He didn't even get a game in their League eleven and no one at Burnden Park seemed to believe he ever would make it.

Looking back, that incident was a blessing in disguise for whereas Second Division Bolton didn't want him, Harry Potts — then team-manager of Burnley, who were in the First Division — saw potential in him and signed him up.

It wasn't long before he was playing in the First Division and for the past three years he has been a regular member of the side. Now he is the club skipper.

As a boy Martin played for England Grammar Schools against Scotland and when he joined Bolton he thought he had really made it. He came along in the "A" team and won a place in the reserves.

Then came the shock of being given a free transfer. Yet Martin's not the first player to make the grade after being rejected by his first club. He always believed in his own ability but it needed a manager like Harry Potts — and coaches like Jimmy Adamson and Joe Brown — to bring the best out of him.

ARTHUR BELLAMY (Midfield): Comes from the Durham town of Blackhill. Now 29, he has had nearly ten years' League experience, playing in around 200 matches, mostly in midfield, though sometimes as a sweeper or striker. Scored a hat-trick against Orient this season.

FRANK CASPER (Forward): This Barnsley-born Yorkshireman was signed from Rotherham United in June, 1967. He was an immediate success, becoming top scorer in his first two seasons at Turf Moor, and was honoured with selection for the Football League XI.

DOUG COLLINS (Winger): Another transfer purchase, joining Burnley from Grimsby Town for a sizeable fee in September, 1968. Enthusiastic and skillful ball-player who hails from Newton in Derbyshire.

EDDIE CLIFF (Left back): Burnley have done consistently well in the FA Youth Cup and Liverpool-born Cliff is a product of their winning team in 1968. He made his League debut at Southampton in October, 1970, and played in three more First Division games.

MICHAEL DOCHERTY (Full back): Son of Scotland team manager Tommy Docherty and joined Burnley at the request of his father, who felt that Michael would be better off in the Turf Moor set-up than trying to make the grade at Chelsea. Born in Preston, when Mr. Docherty was playing for North End, Michael established quickly at Burnley and captained the 1968 FA Youth Cup-winning side. He is now well on the way to 100 League games at the age of 20.

PAUL FLETCHER (Forward): Had played only 33 League games for Bolton when Burnley moved in with a £60,000 bid last season. Joined Bolton as an apprentice in July, 1967, and, after scoring on his League debut at Crystal Palace in November, 1968, he was offered a

all professional contract. Also scored on his debut in the FA Cup.

LEIGHTON JAMES (Winger): Born in Gorseinon, South Wales, and is Burnley's discovery of the season. He first displayed his promise last season when he won Welsh Youth caps, made his First Division debut and starred in the Burnley side which reached the semi-final of the FA Youth Cup. He became a regular choice early in this campaign and won his first full international cap before he was picked for his initial Under-23 game in January! Plays cricket in the Lancashire League for Lowerhouse.

STEVE KINDON (Winger): Another member of the 1968 Youth Cup side and now rated in the £100,000 class. Comes from Warrington, where he was an outstanding schoolboy athlete and Rugby Union player. He was Burnley's top scorer in 1969-70, but his progress was checked by injuries last season.

GEOFF NULTY (Defender): Although born in Lancashire at Prescott, he first joined Stoke City, but was released on a free transfer and Burnley stepped in to revitalise his form. He has experience of several positions, starting at left back, switching to striker, and then appearing in the back four again last season.

ERIC PROBERT (Forward): When he made his League debut at 16, against Arsenal in November, 1968, he was the second youngest player to appear in Burnley's first team. A former Yorkshire Schools player from South Kirkby, nr. Barnsley.

JIM THOMSON (Defender): Cost a big fee when signed from Chelsea in September, 1968. A back-four player who is at his best on the left flank. He made only 12 First Division appearances last season when he had a cartilage operation.

DAVE THOMAS (Midfield): Perhaps the most outstanding prospect of

all youngsters brought up by Burnley in recent years. Though only 20 years old at the start of the season, he had already chalked up 109 League appearances and was a regular in the England Under-23 team. Born near Nottingham, but moved to Durham as a boy and won schoolboy international honours. Has also played for England youths.

COLIN WALDRON (Centre half): The 1967-68 season began dramatically for this Oldham-born defender. Bury sold him to Chelsea for £35,000, yet, by October, he was involved in another move, this time to Burnley. He became captain of his new club for a time. One of his old pals at Bury was England and Manchester City forward Colin Bell and they now run a restaurant business together in Whitefield, nr. Manchester.

ALAN WEST (Midfield): When Dave Thomas was pulled out of an Under-23 international this season because of injury, Sir Alf Ramsey paid Burnley a great compliment by sending for Cheshire-born West as the replacement. West was the midfield master of the 1968 Youth Cup side and soon made the League grade.

HARRY WILSON (Full back): Comes from Hetton-le-Hole, Co. Durham. Advanced through Burnley's junior ranks and made his League debut with a couple of First Division games last season.

ALAN STEVENSON (Goalkeeper): His £50,000 transfer from Chesterfield in January left him with a lot to live up to. One of his predecessors at Chesterfield was Gordon Banks and Stevenson joined Banks. Alec Stepney and Bobby Ferguson as the only 'keepers with a price-tag of £50,000 or more. Made his debut for Chesterfield in October, 1959, and didn't miss a match until his move to Burnley — making 115 consecutive appearances in all.



LEIGHTON JAMES

LUTON in ACTION

Local rivals Watford gained only their second away point of the season when defending stubbornly for a goalless draw at Kenilworth Road, but The Hatters had some tough luck in a second-half onslaught on The Hornets' goal. The Evening Post pictures show ... *Bottom left:* Mike Walker beaten by a shot from Peter Anderson, but it's "no goal" and the Watford defender (*bottom centre*) seems to know the reason. *Bottom right:* Watford full back David Butler heads off the line near the end.

In the previous match we had gone down 2-0 at Charlton. Action from the Valley shows ... *Top right:* Viv Busby heads for goal. *Top left:* Robin Wainwright battles for possession with Charlton's Ray Treacey. Pictures: Thomson Newspapers.



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Talking to Ken Goodeve

Popular reserve team skipper, Ken Goodeve, who fed himself on the artistry and glittering skills of Manchester United at the Stretford End until he was 15, will, in a few months time, complete his second year at Luton. But, with the exception of three Saturday afternoons with the senior squad at the end of last season, Ken's services at Kenilworth Road have been confined to building his future in the Second XI.

There hasn't been a player born yet who is happy and satisfied with regular action in the shadow squad. The disadvantages are not difficult to pin-point. Smaller financial rewards are one of the major reasons — but certainly not the principal factor for a player who is tormented with a first-team place at his finger tips.

Wages are a secondary aspect for 99 per cent. of the soccer "pro's" who are bursting to break into the big time. Seasoned professionals freely admit that nothing is more important to an ambitious player than the atmosphere of big crowds, and once they have been sampled, no other games are ever quite the same again.

If Ken Goodeve can reveal the same depth of patience — and already he is a long way to proving it — as manager Alex Stock has confidence in his ability, the Manchester-born defender will find himself firmly installed as a first team "asset" for Luton Town in the not-too-distant future.

"Ken has a number of qualities which are vital for anyone to succeed in sport — whether its soccer, cricket, tennis or golf. But the greatest attribute of this lad is his terrific application". That was the reference earned from Alex Stock when we quizzed him on Ken's "concealment" and his progress. "The world may not have seen a great deal of Goodeve — yet. But he is a '100 per center.' in every respect — a sheer professional in his approach to the game, even to training. I picked him three times towards the end of last season and, seriously, I was impressed each time.

"It's unfortunate that an opportunity has not been found for him so far this season. But Ken

is high on the priority list as a young No.1 for Luton and when his chance comes, I'm confident he will not let us down."

Such a tribute from the manager's chair for a "grafter" with only three League appearances in five years, should be the encouragement which Ken Goodeve can grasp to stake his claim for senior duty.

His "nursery" days at Manchester eventually carried him into the pivot spot in the reserves. "But the competition in this particular department was no less keen than any other position," he recalls.

"There was Steve James, Paul Edwards and myself fighting between us for the centre half spot. But we all slipped back a notch when Matt Busby brought Ian Ure from Arsenal. He was immediately first-choice and I knew then that my chances of getting through to that first team rested on a lucky break — and, frankly, I wasn't prepared to wait in hope.

"Steve James had got two years' start on me and he was such a tremendous prospect that it was obvious that when Wilf McGuinness had me playing at full back, I knew that they were grooming Steve for eventual promotion.

"My conversion to full back never really satisfied me and, though I accepted it, I knew I was more capable at centre half. My problems were simplified at the end of the 1969-70 season when United gave me a free transfer."

Not surprisingly, there were a number of clubs in the race for Goodeve's signature, as there never fails to be when a side packed with as much talent as United agree to release a youngster.

Ken was "sold" on Luton's set-up, even though it was instantly recognisable as a totally different formula to what he had been used to. It must only be a matter of time now before the four years schooling at Old Trafford carries Ken Goodeve through to win League status in English soccer with, we sincerely hope, Luton Town.





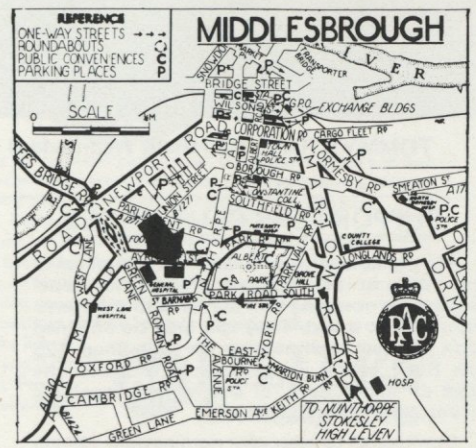
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BY RAIL

Depart Luton	11.25	Depart Birmingham	17.35
Bedford	11.50	Bedford	19.44
Arrive Birmingham	13.40	Arrive Luton	20.13

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BY ROAD



LUTON: Leave by A505, Dunstable Road. At 1m. on Keep left. M1 Motorway. Follow signs "Birmingham M1". Continue on M1 to M18 Intersection. (127 Miles). Follow signs "North, Doncaster M18". A1(M) Intersection. Follow signs "North, Doncaster A1(M)". End of Motorway. Roundabout, take 2nd road. (A1). (144 Miles). Borough-bridge by-pass (A1). (182¼ Miles). Continue as for Darlington along by-pass. End of by-pass. Junction of roads. Turn R on A168. Dishforth. Thirsk. (195 Miles). Leave as for Stockton-on-Tees. A170. At ¼m. on Turn L on A10. Jeater Houses. Cleveland Tontine. (206½ Miles). Leave as for Stokesley. A172. Swainby. Stokesley. (214¼ Miles). Continue on A172 for Middlesborough. (223¼ Miles). See plan for MIDDLESBOROUGH FOOTBALL GROUND.

BY RAIL

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

DIVISION II SCORERS

Latchford (Birmingham)	22
Hatton (Birmingham)	21
Clark (Cardiff)	20
Hubbard (Norwich)	20
Treacy (Charlton)	18
Galley (Bristol C.)	17
Bowles (Carlisle)	15
Cross (Norwich)	15
Burns (Blackpool)	14
Hickton (Middlesbrough)	14
Possee (Millwall)	14
Bolland (Millwall)	13
Bowyer (Orient)	13
Bullock (Orient)	13
Casper (Burnley)	13
Joicey (Sheff. Wed.)	13

DIVISION II ATTENDANCES

	Best	Average
Birmingham	40,899	29,753
Blackpool	22,610	14,070
Bristol City	23,560	15,619
Burnley	21,977	13,592
Cardiff	23,026	15,075
Carlisle	11,625	9,517
Charlton	16,223	9,582
Fulham	21,187	10,374
Hull	26,091	14,071
LUTON TOWN	17,280	12,249
Middlesbrough	34,846	19,444
Millwall	24,266	15,456
Norwich	34,118	21,290
Orient	19,081	9,216
Oxford	12,382	9,169
Portsmouth	16,058	12,614
Preston	27,284	15,706
QPR	16,730	14,522
Sheffield Wed.	31,391	17,476
Sunderland	28,129	16,451
Swindon	21,383	14,341
Watford	14,575	10,611

FOOTBALL LEAGUE - DIVISION II

	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A
MILLWALL	32	10	7	0	31	16	4	8	3	21	22	43
NORWICH	31	9	7	0	29	13	6	5	4	14	15	42
SUND'RLND	32	9	6	1	32	18	4	7	5	18	27	39
B'HAM	21	11	5	0	39	12	1	9	5	8	14	38
MIDDLESBRO	31	14	2	1	25	9	3	2	9	16	26	38
QPR	31	11	2	1	29	9	2	8	7	13	17	36
BLACKPOOL	32	8	5	2	28	11	6	1	10	17	25	34
BURNLEY	32	9	3	4	33	20	5	2	9	19	23	33
CARLISLE	32	9	4	2	24	14	4	3	10	20	26	33
PRESTON	31	10	2	4	26	11	1	7	7	17	24	31
BRISTOL C.	32	9	3	4	30	18	3	4	9	12	20	31
SWINDON	31	7	4	4	19	10	4	5	7	13	23	31
OXFORD	32	9	5	2	23	12	2	4	10	12	29	31
SHEFF WED	31	8	5	2	24	16	2	5	9	17	26	30
PORTSMOUTH	32	8	6	2	25	16	2	4	10	22	35	30
LUTON	32	5	7	4	20	18	2	8	6	13	20	29
CHARLTON	31	8	5	2	26	15	3	1	12	18	38	28
HULL	31	8	4	5	28	19	2	3	9	11	21	27
ORIENT	31	9	3	3	26	14	1	4	11	13	34	27
FULHAM	32	8	4	4	24	20	2	0	14	12	41	24
CARDIFF	30	6	4	4	24	17	1	5	10	15	34	23
WATFORD	32	4	4	9	12	20	0	2	13	7	37	14

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 3-1
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 P-P
19 Sat.	Sunderland	Home	1-2	10,994	Wed. 22nd	Aldershot Away
26 Sat.	Charlton Ath. (5)	Away	0-2	7,941	Tues. 28th	Millwall (L.C.) Home
Mar. 3 Fri.	Watford	Home	0-0	10,816	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

Tuesday, March 28th (7.30 p.m.)
Mid-week League Cup
Luton Town v MILLWALL

Saturday, April 1st (3 p.m.)
Football League - Division II
Luton Town v SHEFFIELD WED

AFTER THE MATCH WHY NOT VISIT

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To-night: **RAY MERRILL**

Next Week: **BARRON KNIGHTS**

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



TOMMY CRAIG (Sheffield Wednesday)

ROUNDUP OF DIVISION 2

Jeff Wealands, a young goalkeeper who left Wolves last season without playing a League game, did so well in his first year with Fourth Division Darlington that HULL CITY moved in to sign him for £10,000. Reserve Hull 'keeper Paddy Walters went on loan to Darlington, while Wealands began his new career in the Yorkshire club's reserves. There is no intention of him replacing long-serving Ian McKechnie yet.

NORWICH CITY's latest signing, £30,000 Jim Bone, from Partick Thistle, did not enjoy the happiest introduction to England. He missed a first-minute chance against BIRMINGHAM CITY, who completed 30 unbeaten home League games with a 4-0 spanking of the Canaries. That ended Norwich's six-month reign at the top, though manager Ron Saunders remains confident that his £90,000 spending on three players will be rewarded with promotion.

Bone, who earned his second Scottish Under-23 cap in the international against England at Derby, scored 19 goals when Partick won the Scottish Second Division last season. He had also collected a similar haul this term.

On the outgoing side of the transfer business, PRESTON NORTH END re-couped £20,000 of their big fee to Manchester City for Neil Young and David Connor by selling former top scorer Gerry Ingram and full back John Ritchie to Third Division Bradford City.

More transfer news... Peter Rodrigues, the Welsh international full back who cost SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY a big fee when signed from Leicester City, has been placed on the list at his own request. So, too, has CARDIFF CITY'S displaced goalkeeper, Jim Eadie, who drew early enquiries from Scottish clubs St. Mirren and Stranraer.

Stan Harland, the BIRMINGHAM CITY defender who ranks as soccer's top commuter after travelling over 200,000 miles from his Liverpool home during his career, had a temporary rival while CHARLTON ATHLETIC's Eamonn Rogers was seeking a new London home. During his four-month search for property, the Eire international travelled home every week-end to his wife and family in Blackburn - a round trip of at least 400 miles. So you can see that the "glamour" of transfer headlines is sometimes poor compensation for players who have to uproot their homes.

BURNLEY skipper Martin Dobson must rate Middlesbrough as his unlucky ground. In a pre-season practice match at Ayresome Park in 1970, he broke an ankle. Then, on his next visit, for a recent League match, he put through his own goal to concede both points to 'Boro.

The ups and downs of soccer life... by Tommy Craig, of SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY. In the space of 11 days, he was the lucky player to swop shirts with Pele after a friendly against Santos; he was sent off at Burnley; missed a penalty for the first time since joining Wednesday, but took a second spot kick in the same match and scored the winner against Preston.

during the evening of our Grand Buffet Dance at the Civic Centre, Dunstable, on Thursday, 13th April. If you haven't yet got your tickets, now is the time; if you leave it much longer then you may be disappointed. Prices are: Members - £1.00. Non-Members - £1.25.

The 13th April, will also prove to be the lucky 13th to a member of the towns playing staff, for another award being presented at the dance that evening will be to the 'Player of the Year'.

Any of our members residing in the North Herts. South Beds. Branch area who would like to travel by coach to the away match at Birmingham on March 25th, can do so if they contact

any of the committee members or telephone Hitchin 52129. The coach is scheduled to leave the public car park at the rear of the Broadway Hotel, Letchworth at 11.30 a.m. and the cost is £1.10p.

All members of the junior supporters section of the Club will you please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, the meetings previously arranged for Tuesday the 21st and 28th are now cancelled. There will however, be a meeting on Thursday March 30th.

Don't forget our 'Meet the Supporters' meeting arranged for Monday, March 27th at 8.00 p.m. in the Hatters Club.

HALFTIME SCORES

A	Birmingham v Huddersfield	_____
B	Leeds v Tottenham	_____
C	Manchester Utd v Stoke	_____
D	Orient v Arsenal	_____
E	Crystal Palace v Wolves	_____
F	Derby v Leicester	_____
G	Ipswich v Southampton	_____
H	Liverpool v Newcastle	_____
K	Manchester C. v Chelsea	_____
L	Sheffield Utd. v Everton	_____
M	West Ham v Notts. Forest	_____
N	Blackpool v Millwall	_____
A	Bristol C. v Sheffield Wed.	_____
B	Charlton v Swindon	_____
C	Fulham v Preston	_____
D	Oxford v Hull	_____
E	Portsmouth v Norwich	_____
F	QPR v Middlesbrough	_____
G	Sunderland v Watford	_____
H	Aston Villa v Walsall	_____
K	Blackburn v Plymouth	_____
L	Bournemouth v Bolton	_____
M	Bradford C. v Brighton	_____
N	Notts. Co. v Chesterfield	_____

TUESDAY 21st MARCH 1972. Kick-off 7.30 p.m.
BEDFORDSHIRE PROFESSIONAL CUP
(Semi-Final)

LUTON TOWN
v
DUNSTABLE TOWN

On the same night the Towns playing staff are holding a 'Meet the Players' Dance in the Hatters Club. Would all our supporters who do not have tickets for this dance, please note that the Hatters Club will be open before the match only. After the game they will be able to obtain drinks from the Red Bar under the Main Stand.

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TEAM CHECK

Luton Town

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2	John	RYAN
3	Don	SHANKS
4	Mike	KEEN
5	Alan	GARNER
6	Alan	SLOUGH
7	Jimmy	RYAN
8	David	COURT
9	Peter	ANDERSON
10	Viv	BUSBY
11	Don	GIVENS

Sub.

Referee: C. Thomas, Rhondda.

Burnley

(Claret & Blue Shirts, White Shorts)

1	Alan	STEVENSON
2	Michael	DOCHERTY
3	Harry	WILSON
4	Arthur	BELLAMY
5	Colin	WALDRON
6	Martin	DOBSON
7	Dave	THOMAS
8	Frank	CASPER
9	Paul	FLETCHER
10	Eric	PROBERT
11	Leighton	JAMES

Sub.

Linesmen: C.R. BOWEN, Battersea (Red Flag)
A.H. COOPER, Norwich (Orange Flag)

Clive Thomas, general secretary of the Boys' Clubs of Wales, has been a Football League referee since 1966 and is now an international official on the FIFA Panel. A former Norwich City junior, he turned to refereeing at the age of 16 and, later progressed through the Welsh League. He has officiated in several international and European games. Married, with two daughters, and his hobbies are basketball and table tennis.

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