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# Now for the Best Side in Europe . . .

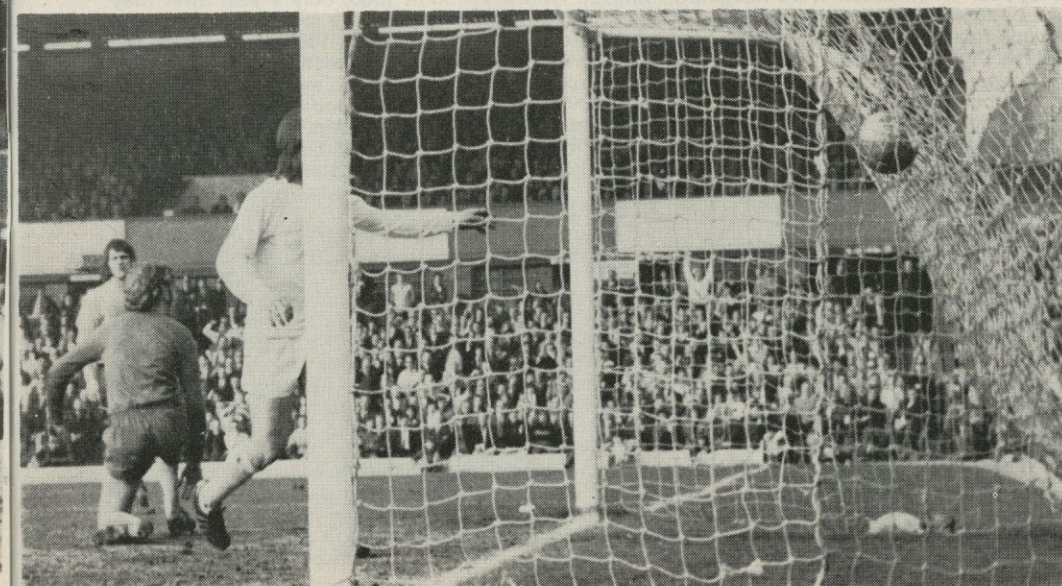
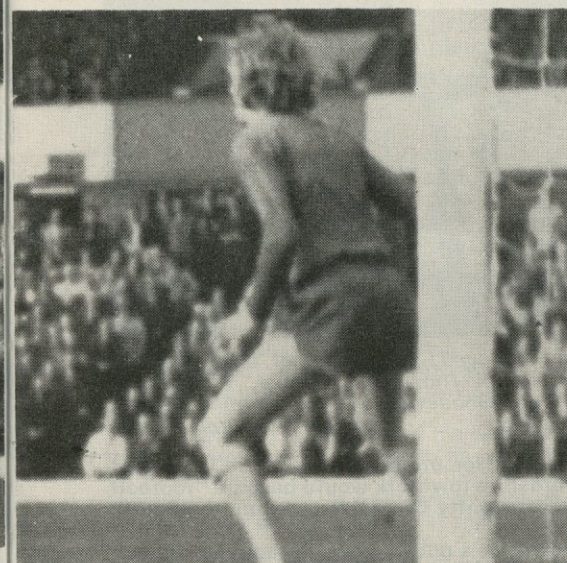
The best team in Europe stand between Blues and a place at Wembley. That is the view of manager Freddie Goodwin as he prepares us for an FA Cup semi-final meeting against his former club, Leeds United, and his old boss, Don Revie, on Saturday, 15th April.

"I think they are better than Real Madrid at their peak," says Mr. Goodwin, "and I played twice for Manchester United against the great Spaniards." But, although we have been given probably the hardest possible draw, any of the possible opponents would have produced a difficult game.

"Mountains are built to be scaled," argues Mr. Goodwin. "Whatever the result, this is an ideal test of how far we have progressed this season. Matches against

teams like Leeds will be a normal part of our fixture list if we gain promotion."

Cameraman Ray Harris records the highlights of the 3-1 victory over Huddersfield . . . RIGHT: Malcolm Page's first goal of the season—and what a cracker! Goalkeeper David Lawson is beaten by Malcolm's 16-yard shot for the first goal. CENTRE LEFT: Bob Latchford cottons on to a header from Bob Hatton and gets ready to shoot at stand-in 'keeper Terry Dolan. CENTRE RIGHT: The first attempt spins off Dolan's body and Bob is there to meet the rebound. BOTTOM RIGHT: Latchford's shot hits the netting to put us two goals ahead. BOTTOM LEFT: After Huddersfield skipper Trevor Cherry had pulled a goal back, it was only two minutes before Bob Hatton grabbed our third, putting a left-foot finishing touch to a header from Latchford.





# at ST ANDREWS today



LUTON TOWN FC, 1971-72. . . Back: Woods (now Southend), Busby, Garner, Court, Shanks. Second row: Ken Whitfield (coach), Givens, Nicholl (now Villa), Read, Wainwright, Anderson, Jimmy Andrews (assistant manager). Front: Goodeve, Hoy (now Cardiff), Moore, John Ryan, Slough, Jimmy Ryan. Picture: "The Luton News".

When Alec Stock brought his personal blueprint for promotion to Luton Town just over three years ago, he predicted that the Bedfordshire townfolk would become "football daft" and that the Hatters could become another Coventry City in rising from the Fourth Division to a club with an ultra-modern image.

The mood was ripe for an exercise in selling soccer to a public who had seen the big-time disappear when Luton were relegated from the First Division in 1960, only a year after they had appeared at Wembley as losing finalists to Nottingham Forest. The slide continued with savage financial cost to the club . . . relegated to the Third Division in 1963, demoted to the Fourth Division in 1965, then only four points away from seeking re-election in 1967.

It was about that time that a soccer revolution hit the club. A millionaire chairman announced plans for the re-birth of Luton Town and former Blackpool star Allan Brown began the operation by taking them to the Fourth Division Championship in 1968. There was a temporary lapse when Brown departed, eventually taking the job at Torquay United, but, as luck would have it, the changeover occurred when Queen's Park Rangers were parting company with Alec Stock.

Stock was a "natural" for Luton. A cup giant-killer as manager of Yeovil Town, a promotion-winner with Leyton Orient, and stage-manager of QPR's rise from Division III to Division I, with the League Cup as a bonus. He arrived at Kenilworth Road during the 1968-69 season.

Things were already humming for the business experts plotting an ambitious programme to take Luton into the exclusive set of First Division clubs. Just as Coventry City had organised their rise on a combination of shrewd soccer management and modern promotional lines in fund-raising and image-building, so Luton Town formulated their programme.

In his first half-season, Mr. Stock was frustrated by Watford and Swindon Town, who shared top billing with 64 points and left third-placed Luton trailing by three points. It was at this point that the growing economics of the game tempted him to sell Bruce and Neil Rioch to Aston Villa for a combined cheque of £110,000.

The departure of Bruce, 24-goal top scorer in Luton's last Division IV season, was greeted with disappointment among the club's supporters. But who could argue against Alec Stock when he produced Luton as Third Division runners-up the following season? Rioch was hardly missed because Mr. Stock had gone to Fulham with a £17,500 cheque for a full back, converted him into a striker, and set off the rise to stardom of Malcolm Macdonald. He scored 25 goals in the promotion team.

# Luton Town

Then Luton gambled £70,000 on five new players—and a bid to get to the First Division in double quick time. Everything was going smoothly until last Easter when they were among the top candidates for promotion. But their hopes were exploded in a mad 45 minutes at Bristol City on Good Friday. Luton led 2-0 at half time . . . they lost the match 3-2 and then crashed to defeat in their other two Easter fixtures.

They still finished sixth—an outstanding achievement in itself—and a hat-trick by Macdonald in the final game ensured a place in this season's Watney Cup series. "Big Mac" finished with 24 Second Division goals—and it was there that Alec Stock was forced to part with this most exciting goal-scoring prospect.

Luton were no longer capable of maintaining their First Division impetus purely on gate receipts. Macdonald had to leave to break up the club's heavy financial obligations and for the second time in the space of years, Luton sold a six-figure striker, only this time the cheque was worth a massive £180,000 from Newcastle United.

If Luton were to survive the Macdonald departure without loss on the soccer pitch, then it was up to Stock's latest discovery, Viv Busby, to produce the goals. Unfortunately, he was not so effective without the barnstorming support from Macdonald and Luton got away to a modest start. They tried to counter the gap in the goal-scoring department by spending a combined £50,000 on Fulham striker Vic Halom and Newcastle winger Gordon Hindson. At first, there were signs that Luton could join in the promotion chase again. They climbed into the top half of the table with 13 points out of 16 and former Hendon amateur Peter Anderson was in good scoring form.

Then hopes wilted from the time they went out of the FA Cup at West Ham. The next seven League games brought only three draws and gates started to edge below the 10,000 mark. The need for money became important and, reluctantly, Mr. Stock sold the second major strength of last season's promising side—centre half Chris Nicholl, who joined Aston Villa for £75,000.

If Villa get promotion, there is a clause in the agreement that will give Luton another £15,000. In which case, the sale of the Riochs, Macdonald and Nicholl would represent £380,000 profit in less than three years. The price Luton have had to pay in exchange is a temporary lapse in their First Division dreams. But it would be a foolish man to oppose Alec Stock.

He is believed to be the only manager who has won promotion with three different clubs—yet in a career of over 20 years, he has had only fleeting associations with the First Division at Arsenal and QPR. He now has an excellent set-up at Kenilworth Road, with former Coventry coach Jimmy Andrews as right-hand man and bargain-hunter Harry Haslam as chief scout. Watch out for Luton next season . . . that's our message.

## LAST SEASON'S RESULT

BIRMINGHAM CITY 1 (Vowden), LUTON TOWN 1 (Macdonald, pen.)

Birmingham: Kelly; Thomson, Pendrey; Hockey, Hynd, Robinson; Murray, Vowden, Latchford (R), Vincent, Summerill.

Luton: Read; Ryan (John), Slough; Hoy, Nicholl, Moore; Macdonald, Court, Tees (sub: Bannister), Keen, Givens. Attendance: 30,141.

## LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded: 1885. Elected to League Division II, 1897. Failed to gain re-election, 1900. Re-entered League Division III, 1920. Ground: Kenilworth Road, Luton, Bedfordshire. Record attendance: 30,000, v Arsenal, 1952. Division III (South) Champions, 1936-37; Runners-up, 1935-36. Division III Runners-up, 1969-70. Division IV Champions, 1967-68. Runners-up Division Two, 1954-55. FA Cup runners-up, 1958-59.

## RECORD IN LAST TEN SEASONS

Season	Div	Posn	W	Pts	Season	Div	Posn	W	Pts
1970-71	2	6th	18	49	1965-66	4	6th	24	56
1969-70	3	2nd	23	60	1964-65	3	21st	11	33
1968-69	3	3rd	25	61	1963-64	3	18th	16	42
1967-68	4	1st	27	66	1962-63	2	22nd	11	29
1966-67	4	17th	16	41	1961-62	2	13th	17	39



# PEN PICTURES

**TONY READ** (Goalkeeper): Born Haydock, Lancs. Left home at 16 to take a professional chance offered by Sheffield Wednesday manager Harry Catterick. He was disappointed to leave the First Division club without getting a League game and he was confined mainly to reserves games with Peterborough, where he even tried his hand as a striker. Then came his move to Luton which opened up a career now including around 200 senior games. Saved penalties in two successive matches this year—one from England's Geoff Hurst.

**KEITH BARBER** (Goalkeeper): Born Vauxhall, London. A later starter in the professional game who thought his chance had gone when Chelsea and Southampton failed to follow up early interest. He was playing in Sunday League soccer when promoted to the Southern League with Dunstable. When he arrived at Luton a year ago, he was 23 and soon made his League debut.

**JOHN MOORE** (Wing half): Born Lanarkshire. Now the longest-serving member of the playing staff with over 200 League games behind him. When he arrived at Luton, he had played only once before in England, representing Scottish Boys Clubs at Bolton. His first senior club was Motherwell and, when they gave him a free transfer, Luton manager George Martin hasily flew to Scotland to complete the deal in 1965. Moore was then 20.

**ALAN SLOUGH** (Left back): Born Luton and a real home-town loyalist, who says: "I'm too happy here to think about playing for any other club". Indeed, when First Division clubs were showing an interest in him, he asked for a long-term contract and signed on for three years with an option of a further three. A former schoolboy sprint champion.

**KEN GOODEVE** (Defender): Born Manchester. Joined Manchester United as a schoolboy, but his path to a League chance was blocked by Ian Ure and Steve James. When given a free transfer, he joined Luton at the start of last season and made his debut at left back.

**DON SHANKS** (Left back): Born London. Another free transfer capture from Fulham, who terminated his apprentice contract when he was 17. A former striker, he made rapid progress at full back with Luton and has won eight England Youth caps, including a full set when playing with Trevor Francis in last season's "Little World Cup" side. Made League debut this season.

**ALAN GARNER** (Centre half): Born Walworth. Had two games in Millwall's League side last season, but was granted a free transfer and, within 24 hours of that blow, he was signed on by Luton. The postponement of the game at Swindon on 11th March prevented him getting an instant opportunity to replace Chris Nicholl.

**JOHN FAULKNER** (Centre half): Born Orpington. Luton's latest signing, he cost £5,000 from Leeds United just before the transfer deadline. Hit the headlines two years ago when signed by Leeds after playing for Sutton United against Don Revie's side in the FA Cup. Played in a few First Division games that season.

VIV BUSBY >

**DAVID COURT** (Midfield): Born London. Spent 11 years with Arsenal, playing in over 150 first-team games, and was then sold for a £35,000 fee in 1969, a club record for Luton. The deal only went through after long negotiations between Alec Stock and Bertie Mee—though Court was quite happy to accept a chance elsewhere.

**JOHN RYAN** (Right back): Born London. Luton's reputation for giving fresh opportunity to free transfer players worked wonders for this strong, aggressive defender who left Fulham after playing 21 games in their First Division relegation team. Ryan was happy to go to Kenilworth Road because Luton chief scout Harry Haslam had helped him as a boy, advising him to join Tunbridge in the East Sussex League. This led to a chance with Arsenal, but they gave him a "free" and he joined Fulham as a striker.

**DON GIVENS** (Striker): Born Dublin Manchester United's chief scout was waiting for Givens after he had played for Eire Boys in an international at Northampton and it didn't take him long to agree to a trial offer from United. He later became an apprentice and was already a full international when given six First Division games in 1969-70. At the end of the season, he was transferred to Luton and was second top scorer with 11 goals last term.

**VIV BUSBY** (Striker): Born Wycombe. Signed from top amateur side Wycombe Wanderers in 1969-70 and broke into Luton's League side with four goals in nine games. He added eight goals in 17 outings last term, but lost his edge this term on the break-up of his partnership with Malcolm Macdonald. Their success together last season prompted Newcastle to take him on a two-month "re-union" with Macdonald, but, although scoring in his first two games, he was returned to Luton.



MIKE KEEN

**JIMMY RYAN** (Outside right): Born Stirling. As an ambitious 17-year-old, he ignored offers from other League clubs and couldn't wait to sign for Manchester United. Gained First Division experience at Old Trafford and also played in Europe, but never gained a "safe" place and was happy to join Luton for a big fee in May, 1970. Missed a lot of games this term because of a dislocated shoulder.

**ROBIN WAINWRIGHT** (Forward): Born Luton. Signed from local schools football five years ago and was 20 when he came into the League side for the first time this season. In fact, he had already played in the Fourth Division while on loan to Cambridge last term.

**VIC HALOM** (Striker): Born Burton. Big-money capture from Fulham early this season when he was bought to replace Macdonald. Strong, bustling player who first played in the League with Charlton, where he got in the first team at 17. He later moved on to Orient, where he played as sweeper or striker, and then he cost Fulham £35,000 in 1968. He was unlucky at Craven Cottage, suffering a cartilage injury, and at one time, he was advised by a specialist to retire.

**PETER ANDERSON** (Winger): Born Hendon. Made a dramatic leap from senior amateur football with Hendon to a League debut while still in the unpaid ranks a year ago. A week later, he turned professional and, this season, he is the club's top scorer.

**GORDON HINDSON** (Winger): Born Dipton, near Newcastle. Cost a £25,000 fee when signing from Newcastle last October after being recommended to the move by former Luton star Malcolm Macdonald. A late school-leaver at 18, he joined Newcastle and got his first League chance in 1968-69.

## Spotlight on . . . MIKE KEEN

● If Queen's Park Rangers had not taken the club captaincy away from Mike Keen during their one troubled season in the First Division, then Luton Town skipper Kike Keen might still have been with the Shepherd's Bush club.

● Mike had joined QPR as a 17-year-old and signed professional forms in 1958. "They were really great years," he recalls, and he went through over 250 matches without missing an appearance. He skipped them at Wembley when they became the first Third Division side to win the Football League Cup.

● Then they went on to win the divisional Championship and, a year later, rose into the First Division. "It was unbelievable really," says Mike. "Unfortunately, we started to struggle in the top division and, during the switch-round of managers, I lost my captaincy. I didn't think it was fair, so I asked for a move."

● That was when Keen's former manager at QPR, Alec Stock, re-appeared in Mike's career. "I had learned to admire him at Rangers and I didn't hesitate to sign for Luton," says the tall, midfield prompter of the Hatters' set-up.

● He believes it has been a big honour to captain both his League clubs and argues: "If a skipper can create an understanding with the rest of the side, it is amazing how some players respond when he asks for a little more." Such qualities earned Mike the captaincy of the FA touring party which went to Australia last summer.

● "It was a great experience for me," says Mike. "The only disappointment was that, after travelling 12,500 miles, we didn't get much of a reception from the Aussies. They seemed to think that England had packed off a second-class side. I'll admit that there weren't any Bobby Moores in the squad, but I formed the opinion that they have to grow a lot more in a soccer sense to come up to our level. The hardest games were against the national team, and we won 1-0 each time. That was because they defended all the time."

● Now, with over 500 games behind him, Mike Keen is beginning to look towards the future. He is a fully-qualified FA coach and this summer he intends to attend a manager's training course. "I want to stay in the game as long as I can as a player," says Mike. "I'm not making any forecasts yet about my future."

### MIKE KEEN'S LEAGUE CAREER (Up to the end of last season)

QPR: 393 Apps. 38 Goals.  
LUTON: 102 Apps. 4 Goals.

# PEN PICTURES



# AT HOME WITH ....

Talk to Mike O'Grady about his career and you can be forgiven for thinking that you have switched on one of those long-running "soap operas" about hospital life like *Emergency Ward 10*, for he has been dogged by ill-luck and injury on so many occasions.

But he says: "I have been free from trouble this season—just not playing first team soccer enough—and I reckon it's all behind me now." It's not widely appreciated that Mike has scored three goals on the two occasions he has represented England. The first time, he scored twice against Northern Ireland in Belfast when he was with Huddersfield. He was picked to play against Wales at Wembley in the following game, but was hit by flu' and it was nearly another six years before he again pulled on that famous white shirt.

"It was while I was with Huddersfield that I suffered my first serious injury—and I didn't even know I had done it," says Mike. "I jarred my back in a practice match on a Tuesday and, seeing that I had never had a serious bump, I just took the subsequent discomfort as stiffness.

"Anyway, I played on the Saturday and broke down. I was out of the game for six months with that one and the doctors were never really able to put their finger on precisely what was wrong with me. Eventually it cleared up and I moved on to Leeds United.

"A lot of people consider me a Huddersfield man but I am not. Even while I was playing for them, I was living in Leeds so when the United move came I was going back home really. They had a terrific set-up at Elland Road and I settled in very quickly.

"I had started out an orthodox winger, but with the Leeds 4-3-3 system evolving, I played either in midfield or in the front three. I still made the kind of breaks expected of the old-fashioned winger, but I also became more involved in the rest of the game and did not stay out wide as I had done at one time.

"I was with Leeds four years and I got my second England cap in my third season with them. The build-up for the 1970 World Cup was well under way and a lot of people were being given a run with the England

# Mike O'Grady

side. They had had two unimpressive matches with Rumania and Bulgaria and I got my chance against France.

"We beat them 5-0 and I scored, and felt really satisfied with my display. Quite a few people I talked to some time afterwards thought that I would be in the party to tour South America at the end of the season, but it never materialised and I never received any explanation why I was omitted.

"I was injury-free for the first and last years of my spell with Leeds. In between, there was a re-occurrence of the back trouble which kept me out for two months and, the following season, I had a bad groin injury which meant a four-month lay-off. It was an injury similar to the one which has been niggling Mike Bailey, of Wolves, for some time now.

"I put it all behind me and moved on to Wolves and I had just began to settle in there when I damaged my Achilles tendon in training. I thought: 'Here we go again'. I went to see a specialist and he said it was nothing too serious. But I got to the stage

where I played one game and missed one because of re-action.

"I had signed in the Autumn. After Christmas, I was never really match-fit, for I could never train as hard as I wanted to. I was told to rest throughout the summer, and I did as I was told.

"On the very first day of the pre-season training for the next term it went again and this time I went into hospital to have the tendon scraped and I was in plaster until the following January—three months in all.

"Boredom and frustration are the things which really make life miserable when you are subjected to these kind of injuries. I got back to fitness and fought my way back into the side. Then I was kicked over the right eye at Maine Road. It was a bad gash and I had to have stitches and miss a couple of games. I could not regain my place."

Now Mike, a bachelor, is busy toning up for a first-team chance as St Andrew's. After some of the breaks he has had, he deserves a change of luck!



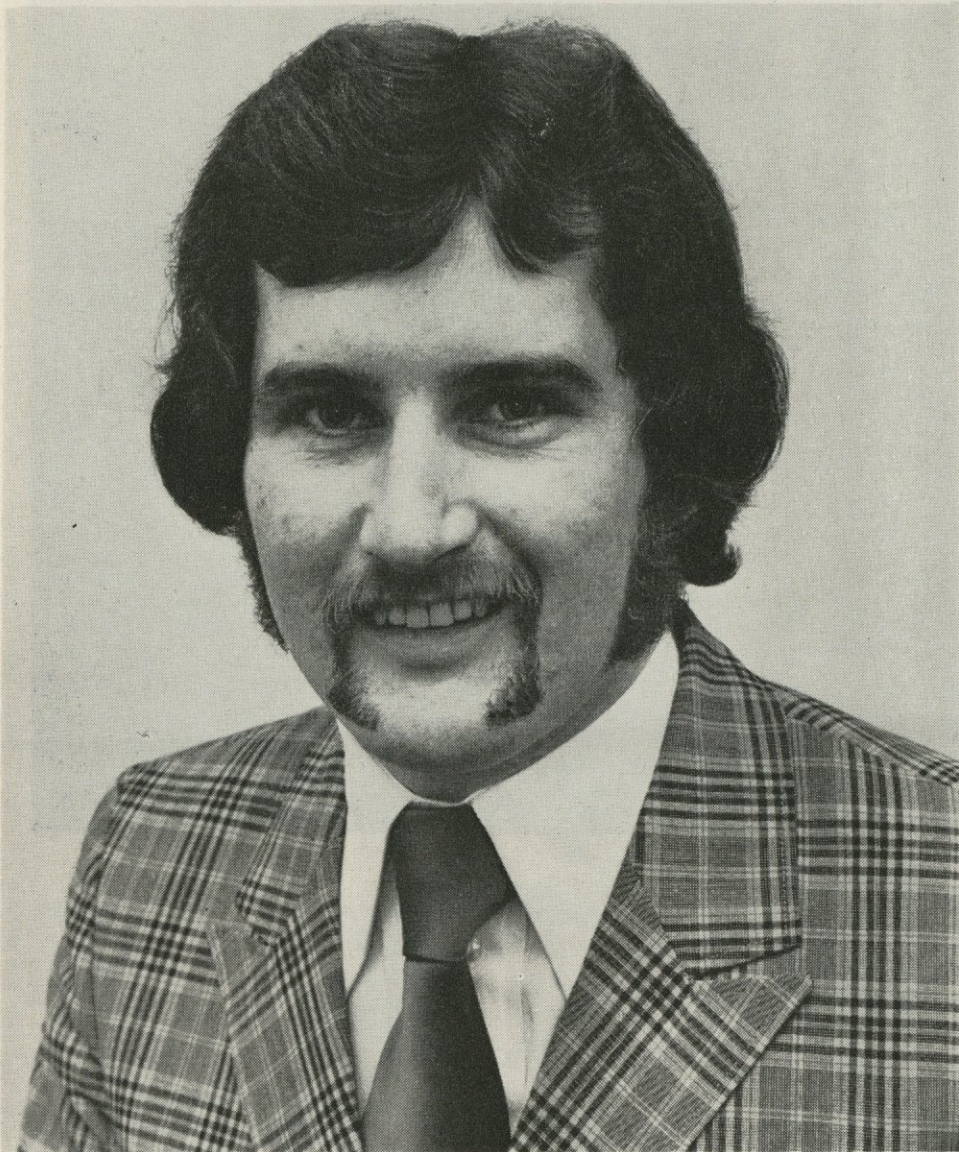
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Mike O'Grady relaxes at his Wolverhampton lodgings with landlady Mrs. Screen. Mike originally planned to stay two weeks with Mrs. Screen, but has now been with her for two years!

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## BLUES' FAN DESIGNS NEW



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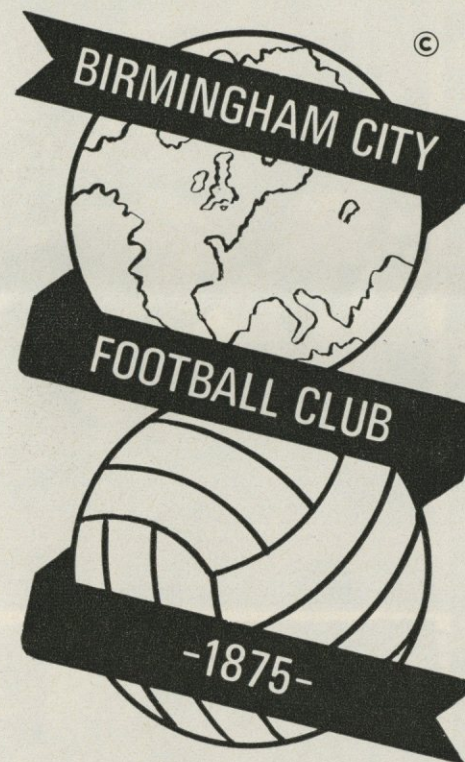
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## CLUB BADGE

Birmingham City have a new club badge. It will be used on Club stationery, players' equipment etc.

The new emblem (pictured below) is needed to prevent business firms exploiting considerable profits from unauthorised use of the old crest. Designed by Birmingham supporter Mr. Michael Wood (pictured left), it will be patented and then no-one can reproduce it without permission from the Club.

The design was chosen in a competition organised by the *Sports Argus*. The judges had a difficult task before selecting the entry of Mr. Wood, who lives at Meadow View, Burntwood, near Walsall. He is a conversion engineer with the West Midlands Gas Board. Art and design is just his hobby.



### SUPPORTERS' NEWS

The Player of the Year Dance will be held on Monday, 10th April at the Mayfair Suite. Tickets are now available at 60p from the St Andrew's Club.

The winning ticket numbers for draws held in the St Andrew's Club recently are:  
Old Age Pensioners . . . 735074 and 735198  
Gallon of whisky . . . 801697 (White)

## FREDDIE GOODWIN



● I would like to thank our supporters for the encouragement they gave the players in our Cup tie against Huddersfield. It was upsetting to everyone to see the Huddersfield goalkeeper carried off, but it was a completely innocent challenge.

Naturally enough, we are now looking forward to a Semi-Final match with Leeds United and feel that, given a fair share of the breaks, we have a good chance of reaching Wembley. However, I do not want to comment any further as our number one priority is promotion.

The fact that we knew we would drop behind the other teams in respect of games played concerned me, as our position in the League could also consequently drop, but, as it happened, our overall position has strengthened. If we can win the games in hand, it will put us in very close contention with the leading teams.

There is no doubt in my mind that Easter will be a very important period and we must keep our fingers crossed that we do not suffer many serious injuries. We have a good pool of players at the club and competition for places in the team has to be maintained.

● Today we welcome Luton Town, who, after last season's challenge for promotion, have found their second season in the Second Division more difficult, particularly after the sale of Malcolm Macdonald. But they are an extremely difficult side to beat and only our best form will enable us to achieve victory today.

● This past month has seen, and certainly the month ahead will see our office staff swamped with extra work. It is something we all welcome, but it is always difficult to try to please thousands of supporters when, in fact, you do not have enough tickets to go round.

You should hear the stories, the excuses and the reasons that people produce in an effort to get tickets. Many of them are genuine, but it is not easy to tell. Alan Instone, our Secretary, has vast experience at dealing with these situations and, assisted by John Edwards and the remainder of the office staff, he has done a magnificent job in trying to keep as many people as possible happy.



# BLUES ON VIEW

## Birmingham City 0, Queen's Park Rangers 0, 11th March, 1972

It now seems an age since we last lost a home Second Division game—31 games, to be exact—yet if we were to equal Millwall's all-time record of 59 consecutive matches without defeat at The Den, it would take us until the second game of the 1973-74 season!

The difficulty of holding on to an unbeaten sequence was underlined by the stout opposition from Queen's Park Rangers, who became the first St Andrew's visitors to keep a clean sheet since 11th December. Although we were below

our recent form, one must give Rangers full marks for their application.

Ray Harris's pictures show their defence at work . . . LEFT: Under-23 goalkeeper Phil Parkes pushes a corner over the bar. TOP CENTRE: A marvellous piece of handling from Parkes after a late Malcolm Page shot had broken through the defensive line-up. RIGHT: Parkes beaten, but Bob Latchford's shot went over. BOTTOM CENTRE: Bob Hatton aims for a vacant-looking net, but Tony Hazell intercepted for a corner.





# BLUES AT A GLANCE

# GOALS BEATES

### LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Date	Fixture	Res.	Att.
1971 Aug. 14	Sunderland	1-1	9,749
Aug. 21	Carlisle United	3-2	26,245
28	Portsmouth	0-1	14,729
Sept 1	Hull City	4-1	16,746
4	Charlton Athletic	4-1	25,231
11	Luton Town	0-0	14,678
18	Bristol City	1-0	28,745
25	Blackpool	1-1	22,610
28	Watford	4-1	28,095
Oct. 2	Oxford United	0-0	31,759
9	QPR	0-1	16,039
16	Sunderland	1-1	27,341
19	Swindon	1-1	14,024
23	Preston North End	2-2	28,956
30	Burnley	1-1	17,137
Nov. 6	Orient	2-0	27,349
13	Norwich	0-3	24,262
20	Millwall	3-1	15,123
27	Fulham	0-0	25,545
Dec. 4	Middlesbrough	0-0	15,671
11	Sheffield Wed	0-0	29,272
18	Charlton Athletic	1-1	8,289
27	Cardiff City	3-0	40,793
1972 Jan. 1	Bristol City	0-1	17,457
8	Portsmouth	6-3	22,410
22	Watford	1-0	10,884
29	Swindon Town	4-1	27,824
Feb. 12	Preston North End	0-0	17,794
19	Burnley	2-0	32,035
Mar. 4	Norwich	4-0	40,899
11	QPR	2-2	35,559
21	Carlisle United	0-0	12,281
25	Luton Town	0-0	0
31	Oxford United	0-0	0
April 4	Cardiff City	0-0	0
8	Millwall	0-0	0
15	Fulham	0-0	0
22	Middlesbrough	0-0	0
29	Hull	0-0	0
May 2	Sheffield Wed	0-0	0
1972 May 2	Orient	0-0	0

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Date	Fixture	Res.
1971 Aug. 14	West Ham	3-2
17	Swansea	A
21	Birmingham & Bscmbe	A
28	Swindon	A
Sept. 4	Chelsea	A
11	Cardiff	A
18	Crystal Palace	A
25	Stoke	A
Oct. 2	QPR	A
9	Bristol City	A
16	West Ham	A
23	Birmingham & Bscmbe	A
30	Ipswich	A
Nov. 6	Leicester	A
13	Bristol Rovers	A
20	Norwich	A
27	Ipswich	A
Dec. 4	Fulham	A
11	Tottenham	A
18	Plymouth	A
25	Oxford	A
1972 Jan. 1	Arsenal	A
8	Cardiff	A
15	Swansea	A
22	Swindon	A
29	Reading	A
Feb. 5	Oxford	A
12	Southampton	A
19	Leicester	A
Mar. 4	Norwich	A
7	Bristol Rovers	A
21	QPR	A
25	Bristol City	A
April 1	Arsenal	A
5	Crystal Palace	A
8	Tottenham	A
15	Fulham	A
29	Plymouth	A
May 3	Reading	A

### MIDLAND INTER LEAGUE

Date	Fixture	Res.
1971 Aug. 14	Shrewsbury	H
21	Stoke	A
28	Walsall	A
Sept 4	W. B. Albion	A
11	Wolves	A
18	Shrewsbury	A
25	Stoke	A
Oct. 2	Walsall	A
9	W. B. Albion	A
18	Wolves	A
Oct. 23	Walsall	H
30	Stoke	A
Nov 6	Shrewsbury	H
13	Nottingham Forest	A
20	Mansfield	A
23	Leicester	A
Dec. 4	Derby	A
11	Coventry	A
15	Aston Villa	A
1972 Jan. 1	Wolves	H
8	W. B. Albion	A
15	W. B. Albion	A
22	Walsall	A
29	Stoke	A
Feb. 5	Shrewsbury	A
12	Nottingham Forest	A
19	Mansfield	A
26	Leicester	A
Mar. 4	Derby	A
11	Coventry	A
18	Aston Villa	A
25	Wolves	A

### F.A. CUP

Date	Fixture	Res.	Att.
1972 Jan. 15	Port Vale (3)	H	32,937
Feb 5	Ipswich (4)	H	40,709
26	Portsmouth (5)	H	43,886
Mar. 18	Huddersfield T.(6)	H	52,500
April 15	FA Cup—Semi-Final		
May 6	FA Cup Final		
1971 Sept. 7	QPR (2)	A	0-2

### LEAGUE CUP

Date	Fixture	Res.
1971 Sept. 7	QPR (2)	A

### F.A. YOUTH CUP

Date	Fixture	Res.
1971 Nov. 30	Northampton	H
Dec. 23	Cardiff	H
Jan. 18	Aston Villa	H
26	Aston Villa	A

### MIDLAND YOUTH LEAGUE

Date	Fixture	Res.
1971 Aug. 25	W. B. Albion	A
Sept. 2	Notts County	H
9	Northampton	H
15	Peterborough	H
21	Swindon	A
29	Coventry	A
Oct. 6	Aston Villa	A
13	Nottingham Forest	H
21	Leicester	A
27	Wolves	H
Nov. 10	Oxford	A
15	W. B. Albion	A
22	Notts County	A
27	Northampton	A
Jan. 9	Swindon	H
15	Nottingham Forest	A
Mar. 1	Nottingham Forest	H
15	Wolves	H

### LEAGUE DIVISION II

Date	Fixture	Res.
1971 Nov. 13	Norwich	3-1
20	Millwall	3-1
27	Birmingham C	3-1
Dec. 4	Sunderland	3-1
11	QPR	3-1
18	Middlesbrough	3-1
25	Carlisle	3-1
Jan. 1	Blackpool	3-1
8	Burnley	3-1
15	Bristol City	3-1
22	Oxford	3-1
29	Preston	3-1
Feb. 5	Portsmouth	3-1
12	Swindon	3-1
19	Sheffield W	3-1
26	Charlton	3-1
Mar. 4	Hull	3-1
11	Orient	3-1
18	Fulham	3-1
25	Cardiff	3-1
1972 Jan. 1	Watford	3-1

### LEADING GOAL-SCORERS

(including League and Cup games—up to and including Saturday, 18th March)

Player	Goals
Lee (Man. C)	31
Chivers (Spurs)	28
Best (Man U)	22
Lorimer (Leeds)	22
Best (West Ham)	21
Maddonald (Ncastle)	21
Osgood (Chelsea)	21
Marsh (Man. C)	20
Woodward (Sheff U)	20
Hinton (Derby)	17
Brown, Tony (WBA)	16
Ritchie (Stoke)	16
Dearden (Sheff U)	16
Moore (Man U)	15
Peters (Spurs)	15
Dougan (Wolves)	14
Gilzean (Spurs)	14
Greenhoff (Stoke)	14
Hollins (Chelsea)	14
Hurst (West Ham)	14
Bell (Man. C)	13
Channon (Southampton)	13
Kennedy (Arsenal)	13
Robson (West Ham)	13
Hector (Derby)	12
Law (Man Utd)	12
McCalliog (Wolves)	12
Latchford (B'ham C)	24
Hatton (B'ham C)	23
Clark (Cardiff)	20
Hubbard (Norwich)	20
Treacy (Charlton)	18
Galley (Bristol C)	17
Bowley (Carlisle)	17
Cross (Norwich)	15
Burns (Blackpool)	15
Hickton (Mid'brough)	14
Possee (Millwall)	14
Bolland (Millwall)	13
Bowler (Orient)	13
Bullock (Orient)	13
Casper (Burnley)	13
Jocey (Sheff Wed)	13
Pearson (Hull)	13
Cassidy (Oxford)	12
Earle (Fulham)	12
Silvester (Norwich)	12
Foggo (Norwich)	12
Wagstaff (Hull)	12
Horsfield (Swindon)	12
Lennard (Blackpool)	11
Peacock (Charlton)	11
McIlmoyle (Preston)	11
Maddougall (B'mouth)	40
Wood (Shrewsbury)	27
Field (Blackburn)	24
Gilbert (Rotherham)	23
Yeo (Gillingham)	23
Tees (Grimsby)	21
Lockhead (A Villa)	20
Bannister (Bristol R)	18
Beamish (Brighton)	17
Ham (Rotherham)	16
Napier K (Brighton)	16
Andrews (S'bury)	15
Fairbrother (Mansfield)	15
Randall (Chesterfield)	15
Shaw (Oldham)	14
Anderson (A Villa)	13
Boyer (Bournemouth)	13
Graydon (A Villa)	13
Rickard (Plymouth)	13
Welsh (Torquay)	13
Aimson (York)	12
Graeves (Bolton)	12
Hateley (Notts Co)	12
Hunt (Bolton)	12
McMahon (Bolton)	12
O'Sullivan (Brighton)	12
Price (Peterboro')	26
O'Mara (Brentford)	24
McNeil (Lincoln)	23
Yeo (Gillingham)	23
Teo (Grimsby)	20
Large (Northampton)	19
Brace (Grimsby)	18
Fletcher (Scunthorpe)	17
Jones (Bury)	17
Garner (Southend)	16
Hall (Peterboro')	16
Lewis (Colchester)	15
Cumming (Reading)	15
Freeman (Lincoln)	15
Young (Hartlepool)	14
Graham (Darlington)	14
Best (Southend)	13
Murray (Bury)	13
Elwiss (Doncaster)	12
McMillan (Stockport)	12
Binney (Exeter)	12
Greenhaigh (Camb'ge)	11
Lawther (Stockport)	11
Loyden (Chester)	11
Redrobe (Southport)	11
Ross (Brentford)	11

### LEAGUE DIVISION I

Date	Fixture	Res.
1971 Aug. 14	Manchester C	3-4
21	Derby	3-2
28	Liverpool	3-1
Sept 4	Wolves	3-3
11	Tottenham	3-2
18	Manchester U	3-2
25	Arsenal	3-1
Oct. 2	Sheff U	3-2
9	Chelsea	3-3
16	Newcastle	3-8
23	West Ham	3-3
30	Ipswich	3-3
Nov. 6	Stoke	3-0
13	Everton	3-4
20	Leicester	3-6
27	WB Albion	3-5
Dec. 4	Coventry	3-1
11	Crysatl P	3-2
18	Southampton	3-2
25	Huddersfield	3-4
1972 Jan. 1	Nottingham F	3-4

### BLUES' APPEARANCES—FIRST TEAM

(League games only)

Player	Apps	Goals
Bowker	6	3
Burns	7	0
Campbell	31	19
Carroll	17	0
Cooper	5	0
Francis	28	8
Harland	11	0
Harrison	15	11
Hatton	15	0
Hynd	31	1
Kelly	19	0
Allen	7	2
Blackmore	2	0
Bowler	17	6
Bryant	17	1
Burns	12	0
Calderwood	7	0
Callaghan	2	0
Carroll	2	0
Chislett	1	0
Conner	1	0
Cooper	10	0
Dyer	1	0
Emmanuel	15	0
Fryer	10	1
Gallagher	6	4
Good	4	0
Harrison	20	0

### DIVISION ONE

Player	Goals
Lee (Man. C)	31
Chivers (Spurs)	28
Best (Man U)	22
Lorimer (Leeds)	22
Best (West Ham)	21
Maddonald (Ncastle)	21
Osgood (Chelsea)	21
Marsh (Man. C)	20
Woodward (Sheff U)	20
Hinton (Derby)	17
Brown, Tony (WBA)	16
Ritchie (Stoke)	16
Dearden (Sheff U)	16
Moore (Man U)	15
Peters (Spurs)	15
Dougan (Wolves)	14
Gilzean (Spurs)	14
Greenhoff (Stoke)	14
Hollins (Chelsea)	14
Hurst (West Ham)	14
Bell (Man. C)	13
Channon (Southampton)	13
Kennedy (Arsenal)	13
Robson (West Ham)	13
Hector (Derby)	12
Law (Man Utd)	12
McCalliog (Wolves)	12

### DIVISION TWO

(including League and Cup games—up to and including Saturday, 18th March)

Player	Goals
Maddougall (B'mouth)	40
Wood (Shrewsbury)	27
Field (Blackburn)	24
Gilbert (Rotherham)	23
Yeo (Gillingham)	23
Tees (Grimsby)	21
Lockhead (A Villa)	20
Bannister (Bristol R)	18
Beamish (Brighton)	17
Ham (Rotherham)	16
Napier K (Brighton)	16
Andrews (S'bury)	15
Fairbrother (Mansfield)	15
Randall (Chesterfield)	15
Shaw (Oldham)	14
Anderson (A Villa)	13
Boyer (Bournemouth)	13
Graydon (A Villa)	13
Rickard (Plymouth)	13
Welsh (Torquay)	13
Aimson (York)	12
Graeves (Bolton)	12
Hateley (Notts Co)	12
Hunt (Bolton)	12
McMahon (Bolton)	12
O'Sullivan (Brighton)	12

### DIVISION THREE

Player	Goals
Price (Peterboro')	26
O'Mara (Brentford)	24
McNeil (Lincoln)	23
Yeo (Gillingham)	23
Tees (Grimsby)	20
Large (Northampton)	19
Brace (Grimsby)	18
Fletcher (Scunthorpe)	17
Jones (Bury)	17
Garner (Southend)	16
Hall (Peterboro')	16
Lewis (Colchester)	15
Cumming (Reading)	15
Freeman (Lincoln)	15
Young (Hartlepool)	14
Graham (Darlington)	14
Best (Southend)	13
Murray (Bury)	13
Elwiss (Doncaster)	12
McMillan (Stockport)	12
Binney (Exeter)	12
Greenhaigh (Camb'ge)	11
Lawther (Stockport)	11
Loyden (Chester)	11
Redrobe (Southport)	11
Ross (Brentford)	11

### DIVISION FOUR

Player	Goals
Price (Peterboro')	26
O'Mara (Brentford)	24
McNeil (Lincoln)	23
Yeo (Gillingham)	23
Tees (Grimsby)	20
Large (Northampton)	19
Brace (Grimsby)	18
Fletcher (Scunthorpe)	17
Jones (Bury)	17
Garner (Southend)	16
Hall (Peterboro')	16
Lewis (Colchester)	15
Cumming (Reading)	15
Freeman (Lincoln)	15
Young (Hartlepool)	14
Graham (Darlington)	14
Best (Southend)	13
Murray (Bury)	13
Elwiss (Doncaster)	12
McMillan (Stockport)	12
Binney (Exeter)	12
Greenhaigh (Camb'ge)	11
Lawther (Stockport)	11
Loyden (Chester)	11
Redrobe (Southport)	11
Ross (Brentford)	11

### RESERVES

Player	Goals
Allen	7
Blackmore	2
Bowler	17
Bryant	17
Burns	12
Calderwood	7



# Memory Match

Although Jimmy Greenhoff won a League Cup Final medal with Stoke City three weeks ago and has also played in the final of the European Fairs Cup, we'll wager that one match he will never forget is the occasion he scored four goals for Blues against Fulham. Our research in the *Sports Argus* Library brought back memories of an astonishing game.

## FULHAM FLOUNDER AGAINST FOUR-GOAL GREENHOFF

It was a game which sent shudders down the spines of the professional managers and coaches who watched it, but it was the kind of match that the paying customer relished and discussed for months afterwards. We're referring to the 5-4 cliffhanger with Fulham which looked at one time like being a run-away Blues win but eventually ended as a win by a short-head.

It was a triumph for 22-year-old Jimmy Greenhoff, who had been signed from Leeds United on the 27th of August. Jimmy, who recently enjoyed a League Cup Final success with Stoke City, hit home four goals and would have gone "nap" had he not failed with a penalty.

It was an hour and a half of all-out attacking play by both sides and if the "pro's" watching were unimpressed by some of the mistakes, defensively, then the crowd were thrilled by some of the creative soccer that was played by both teams. You couldn't have wished for a more eventful start—and it set the tone for the rest of the game.

In the very first minute, Fulham surged forward and Jim Herriot did well to get a hand to a powerful header from Large to send the ball inches over the top for a corner. Less than 60 seconds later, Blues were in front with a peach of a goal by Johnny Vincent. Ron Wylie gained possession in midfield and slotted a side-ways pass to Geoff Vowden, who ran straight at the retreating Fulham defence and got deep into their territory unchallenged. Then, just at the right moment Vowden placed a through pass for Vincent to run on to and the inside forward did a perfect job as he made ten yards of ground before turning quickly to rifle an angled drive wide of a puzzled-looking McClelland.

After this great start, Blues stormed forward and, in the 16th minute, it was 2-0. Again Wylie started the move, setting it up by winning possession with some earnest foraging in midfield and speeding through the inside right position. Then, when he decided to cross, it was a short ball perfectly placed for Greenhoff to head well wide of the Fulham 'keeper from just inside the six yard line.

Nine minutes later, Blues apparently put the game way out of Fulham's reach when Greenhoff got his second. Again Wylie had a big contribution in the score, moving up into

### Goals Greenhoff Hits Four ... and Misses Penalty

Birmingham City 5, Fulham 4

by Geoff Beane

Blues, ahead with a second-minute goal, were caught up in an exciting, wildly fluctuating match against Fulham as Jimmy Greenhoff went on to score four goals in succession. Johnny Vincent snapped them into the lead before visiting Fulham had a chance to settle down and by half-time Blues had moved into a comfortable-looking 3-0 lead with Greenhoff goals in the 16th and 25th minutes.



Jimmy Greenhoff soars into the air to claim the first of his four goals against Fulham.

attack to worry Dempsey into giving away a corner. Vincent, an artist at flag kicks, placed the ball spot-on for Greenhoff to soar higher than anyone and give McClelland no earthly chance.

We say the game was *apparently* safe, for in a stupendous five-minute spell just after half-time Fulham pulled it all back and were level at 3-3! Left winger Barrett was the instigator behind this incredible recovery. In the 48th minute, he broke away and, from his cross Large, held off a challenge from Dave Robinson to head well out of Herriot's reach.

Blues had barely recovered from this blow when Fulham grabbed their second in the very next minute. Kerrigan slammed the ball over and Robinson, unable to bring the ball under control, propelled it towards his own net. Although he tried desperately to correct his mistake he was unable to prevent it from squeezing just inside the far post. And so to the 53rd minute and a second goal from Large. It was another Fulham left-wing attack which had the Blues defence in appalling trouble and, as the ball bobbed about only a yard or so inside the line, Large stuck out a leg and turned it into the net.

In the 64th minute, Greenhoff became the villain of the piece, when, after being up-ended by Matthewson, he stroked the penalty kick wide. One minute later, he was Blues' hero as he steered the ball through a crowd of players to complete his hat-trick after Blues had swarmed back into the attack.

But Fulham were not to be killed off so simply. Just three minutes later, Barrett crossed hard into the goalmouth and a Macdonald header floated into the top corner of the net. So, after eight goals, it was still all square. Another three minutes elapsed and then McClelland made his tragic error.

A long Vincent ball down the middle seemed destined for the 'keeper, but McClelland inexplicably dropped it—and there waiting to collect the easiest of chances was the ever-goal-hungry Greenhoff. This time there was no reprieve for Fulham.

#### HOW THEY LINED UP

**BIRMINGHAM CITY 5** (Greenhoff 4, Vincent),  
**FULHAM 4** (Large 2, Macdonald, Robinson O.G.)

**BIRMINGHAM CITY:** Herriot; Martin, Page; Wylie, Robinson, Beard; Hockey, Greenhoff, Vowden, Vincent, Summerill. *Sub:* Green.

**FULHAM:** McClelland; Pentecost, Dempsey; Matthewson, Ryan, Brown; Callaghan, Kerrigan, Large, Macdonald, Barrett. *Sub:* Mullan.

**REFEREE:** Mr. J. Finney (Hereford).



## TICKET ARRANGEMENTS

### FA CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION—SEMI-FINAL **BIRMINGHAM CITY v LEEDS UNITED**

AT HILLSBOROUGH

SATURDAY, 15th APRIL, 1972. KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

**This match is all ticket**

Season Ticket Holders are asked to apply **immediately by post** enclosing remittance and stamped addressed envelope together with Form 'E' from their Season Ticket Book.

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**No application will be considered after Thursday, 6th April.**

Ground Tickets will be on sale to non Season Ticket Holders on Sunday, 9th April at 10.00 a.m. at the Cattell Road turnstiles, one ticket per person.

**It is regretted that no postal applications can be accepted other than from Season Ticket Holders.**

## Beau Brummie Special Trains

Beau Brummie trains will be running to OXFORD on Friday, 31st March and CARDIFF on Saturday, 1st April.

### PRICES

Oxford—£1.25 return.  
Cardiff—£2.00 return.

### SPECIAL OFFER

Any supporter who reserves a train seat for both trips will only pay £3.00. Train tickets will be on sale after the Luton game at the Beautique (Cattell Road entrance) and at the Advanced Booking Office at the Main Stand entrance).

### POSTAL APPLICATIONS

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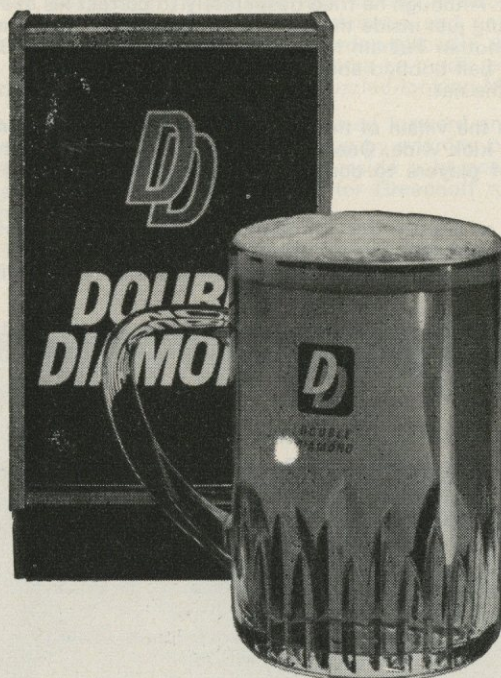
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# NEWS ON TWO

## all the Second

### Jottings

SUNDERLAND were dismayed by a crowd of 8,273 when they played a mid-week League fixture against Portsmouth on a Wednesday afternoon. It was the second lowest gate recorded for a Roker Park first-team fixture and came only a few days after nearly 40,000 had watched an afternoon Cup replay against Cardiff.

Obviously, the Cup has the glamour to tempt people away from work or attract the hard-up fans who can only find the cash for special occasions. But Sunderland had a right to be disappointed with such a low gate at a time when they are moving into the promotion battle.

Finance is also a problem with SWINDON TOWN, who suffered a blow when their game against Luton Town was called off only an hour before the scheduled kick-off time. General manager and company secretary **Ron Morse** said: "Only if we receive the receipts from a crowd of 19,000 can we keep an even keel." Their average is around 14,000 and they are reported to be losing £1,000 per week.

PRESTON NORTH END, also aware of the game's economical pressures, reckon that their commercial department will have to provide 60 per cent. of their annual income if they are to compete for players of the ability to get them into the First Division.

With this in mind, they have been given League approval for a revolutionary advertising scheme. They plan to offer Deepdale for hire to business firms, who would be able to loan the ground's full facilities. The idea is that companies could advertise their product for a week—rather like a trade fair—and sign off the week with advertising at a League game.

North End feel that their 40,000-capacity stadium, with car parking space for 1,000 vehicles, is ideally situated for such a venture. They believe the scheme will be followed by other League clubs.

On the subject of ground development, QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS are likely to spend some of the **Rodney Marsh** cash on new offices and dressing rooms at Loftus Road. Replying to fears that his departure may affect gates, Rangers argue that their 14,500 average is hardly likely to drop much lower—especially if they keep among the League leaders.

PORTSMOUTH manager **Ron Tindall** had a surprise in store for his players. He told them that they must report back for training on two or three days a week at the end of May. He said that some players weren't too pleased, although they can still take their family holiday whenever they wish.

Mr. Tindall says the summer training is designed to keep the players in physical trim, "and then I can spend more time on tactics instead of fitness when we get down to the normal preparation for next season."

In his search for an improved home record, BLACKPOOL manager **Bob Stokoe** changed his viewing point for a recent game. He sat on the touchline, instead of going to his usual perch on the TV camera platform which is erected high above the West Stand. Some people had suggested that the sight of the manager looking down from a great height was worrying the players!

As part of his plans to find more consistent form, Mr. Stokoe decided to give extra match practice to **Chris Simpkin** and **Keith Dyson** in a mid-week reserve game. The pair had cost £70,000 in transfer fees this season.

Former St Andrew's favourite **Johnny Vincent** was happy to get back in the MIDDLESBROUGH side for his first full game since Boxing Day and he got a



JOHN GALLEY

## Division talking points

winning bonus from a 2-1 win against Oxford United. Johnny had played as substitute the previous week and commented: "I was so pleased to be playing in the first team again that I didn't want the game to end."

Johnny says he is well settled on Teesside—he is looking for a business—and hopes to be in the 'Boro line-up when we play them at St Andrew's on 22nd April. "It would be great if that match had a bearing on promotion for both teams," he added.

HULL CITY manager **Terry Neill** has developed many Irish connections while managing the national team and he hopes that a tip-off from Ulster will produce a League player for the Tigers. They have taken Irish League forward **Billy Millen** on trial and he has done well in reserve games.

**McKechnie**, who commented: "I think I'm dropping to pieces!"

**John Galley** is again proving his value to BRISTOL CITY. When the big striker was out with injury, City had a disastrous ending to the Old Year, but they perked with wins against Blues, Charlton, QPR and Watford in the first ten weeks of 1972 . . . and Galley was on target each time.

City now feel they are back on the right lines and can find a promotion blend next term. They are basically a young side and their transfer activity is centred on looking for a Dave Mackay-type personality.

BURNLEY manager **Jimmy Adamson** says he would love to qualify for the Watney Cup as compensation for the Turf Moor club's inconsistent season after relegation from the First Division. Eight goals in home wins against Sheffield Wednesday and Carlisle made them one of the few teams to top 50 goals so far.

Former Villa apprentice **Billy Kellock** has held a place at CARDIFF CITY for the last few weeks. He scored on his Cup debut against Sunderland and then he improved the Welsh club's chances of avoiding relegation with his first League goal at Millwall.

The following week, Cardiff qualified yet again for the final of the Welsh Cup, in which they will meet either Wrexham or Newport for a place in next season's European Cup-winners' Cup.

**Bob Delgado**, a free transfer signing by CARLISLE UNITED last summer, got a rare League chance against promotion-chasing Middlesbrough and scored his first goal since leaving his previous club, Luton Town.

After going six games without a win, NORWICH CITY were pleased to get a 30,000 crowd for last week's game against Hull City, but kept the supporters on edge until substitute **Trevor Howard** put them in front with ten minutes to go. Recalled **Kenny Foggo** then added a second to avenge Hull's Cup win at Carrow Road.

### Scene Stealers

The recent draw in the top-of-the-table clash between NORWICH CITY and SUNDERLAND provided highlights for players on either side. **Martin Harvey**, the Irish international, marked his 350th League and Cup game for the Roker men with a goal which threatened the Canaries' unbeaten home record. This was cancelled out four minutes from time by a home debut goal from **Jimmy Bone**, Norwich's recent signing from Scotland.

That game also saw the return of former Under-23 international goalkeeper **Jimmy Montgomery** to the Sunderland team. After a month out with injury, he came back in good form and, a few days later, was called in as a reserve for the Football League in their match against the Scottish League at Middlesbrough.

**Stuart Pearson**, the young striker who has succeeded **Chris Chilton** in the HULL CITY team this season, ensured a vital 4-0 victory over Fulham with two goals in three minutes. The following week, Pearson heard that he had won his first Under-23 call from **Sir Alf Ramsey**.

England wing half **Alan Mullery**, on loan to Fulham from Spurs, had an unhappy start in that game at Hull, but it was a great day for **Jeff Wealands**, who made his debut in goal for the Yorkshire club. Wealands, a £10,000 signing from Darlington, was brought in because of injury to **Ian**

#### EASTER SOCCER AT ST ANDREW'S

Saturday, 1st April (3 p.m.)

Football Combination

**Birmingham City v Arsenal**

Tuesday, 4th April (7.30 p.m.)

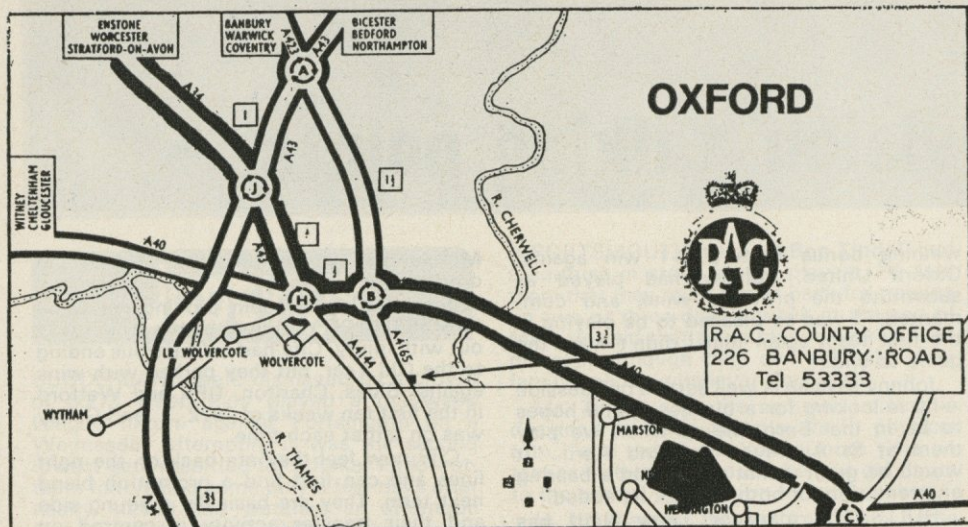
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# TRAVEL

Oxford United v Birmingham City  
Good Friday, 31st March (3 p.m.)



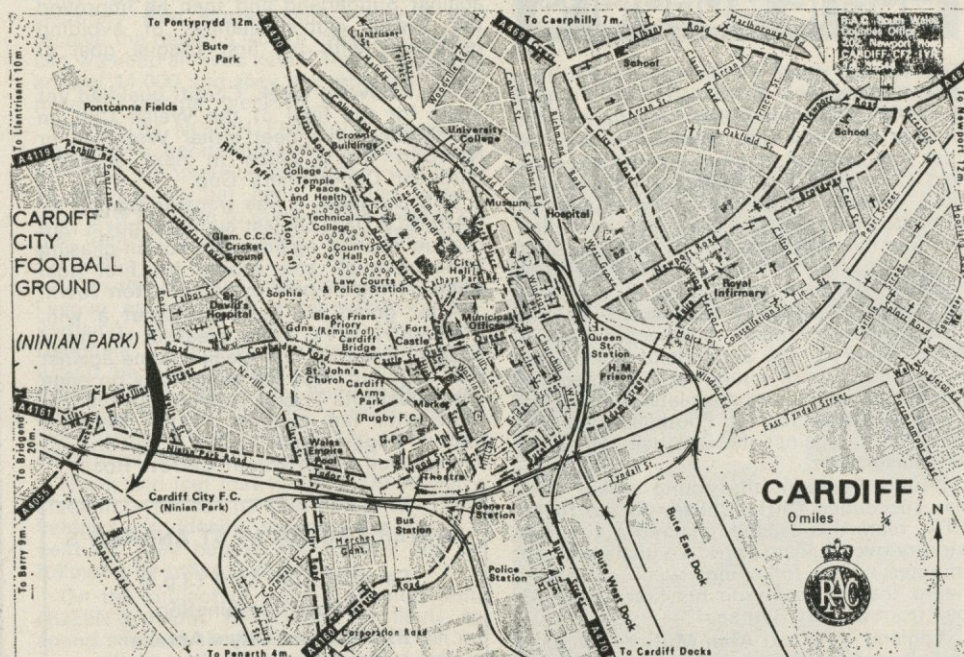
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**BY COACH.** The Supporters Club coach leaves St Andrew's Club, Emmeline Street, at 10.30 a.m.  
Fare: £1.00 (children 68p).

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## ● THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

**HAROLD WILLIAMS**, an area sales manager for an agricultural firm, started refereeing in Sheffield in 1965 and progressed via the Midland and North Regional Leagues to reach the Football League line in 1964. He was appointed to the referees' list in 1966 and officiated in a European Cup-winners' Cup game in Germany in 1967. Married, with two daughters, he is interested in cricket and fishing, and also sings in male voice and mixed voice choirs.

**Referee:**  
**H. WILLIAMS (Sheffield)**

**Linesmen:**  
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## Half Time Check

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<b>C</b>	WB ALBION HUDDERSFIELD
<b>D</b>	BRIGHTON ASTON VILLA
<b>E</b>	WALSALL TORQUAY
<b>F</b>	LEEDS ARSENAL
<b>G</b>	MANCHESTER UTD C PALACE
<b>H</b>	NEWCASTLE MANCHESTER C
<b>I</b>	SOUTHAMPTON LIVERPOOL
<b>J</b>	BURNLEY FULHAM
<b>K</b>	HULL BRISTOL C
<b>L</b>	MIDDLESBROUGH CHARLTON
<b>M</b>	MILLWALL OXFORD
<b>N</b>	NORWICH BLACKPOOL
<b>O</b>	PRESTON QPR
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