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We take this opportunity to wish all our supporters a very happy Easter. It is some years since we have had a home fixture on a Good Friday, the last time, according to our records was on the 9th April 1965 when we defeated Portsmouth 4—1. Orritt, Gibson and Irvine (2) were the scorers.

Although we have still 8 league matches to play, the local and National Press have written us off for promotion. They seem to have forgotten that we still have to meet Norwich City and Birmingham City and that 7 points only separate the first 6 teams in Division 2. Whilst we would not minimise the enormity of the task of pulling back 7 points at this stage of the season — it is not impossible. Whilst some may say our performances of late do not suggest promotion, at this crucial time we feel that every encouragement should be afforded the team in their efforts to achieve this object.

Our junior team playing for the Northern Intermediate league goes from strength to strength. Last Saturday, a fine 2—0 victory over League Leaders Sunderland has put us within 4 points of the top position with two games in hand. They are also engaged in the semi-final of the League Cup, and meet Newcastle United on the 8th April (at Hutton Road) and play the second leg at Newcastle the following week. We are sure they will give a very good account of themselves.

Our visitors Luton Town, have over the last year or two been engaged in some very big transfer deals, notably the transfer of Malcolm MacDonald to Newcastle United and more recently Chris Nicholl to Aston Villa. Although this has undoubtedly weakened their team they are still a force to be reckoned with. We welcome them to Ayresome Park.

Gordon Jones who has played in his 499th league, F.A. Cup and Football League Cup game today, hopes to make his 500th appearance at Blackpool on Monday. His appearances for Boro' are only exceeded by those of the late Tim Williamson who played 561 games.

**Back row (left to right):**

Peter Woods
Viv Busby
Alan Garner
David Court
Don Shanks

Second row (left to right):

Ken Whitfield (coach)
Don Givens
Chris Nicholl
(now with Aston Villa)
Tony Read
Robin Wainwright
Peter Anderson
Jimmy Andrews
(Assistant Manager)

Front row (left to right):

Ken Goodeve
Roger Hoy
John Moore
John Ryan
Alan Slough
Jimmy Ryan

Picture by:

"The Luton News"

OUR VISITORS

LUTON TOWN

Following a magnificent run which lifted them from the Fourth into the Second Division, the club is now faced with stringent economies which has necessitated their selling star men Malcolm Macdonald (to Newcastle for £180,000) and Chris Nicholl (to Villa for £75,000). Luton's team for today will probably be selected from:

Keith Barber (Goalkeeper). Keith joined Luton from Dunstable Town last season and, after playing three games last term, is currently holding down the first-team spot.

John Ryan (Right back). Fulham gave John his chance in their League eleven during the 1967/68 season. Luton signed him during the following campaign and he formed a vital link in the side which gained promotion from the Third Division.

Alan Slough (Left back). A Luton discovery who was introduced to the senior side when it was in the Fourth Division in 1965/66. Alan won a permanent place the following season and was a prominent player in both the Hatters' recent promotion seasons.

Don Shanks (Left back). Don, who signed professional for Luton in July 1970, made his League debut for them at Preston in August, held his place for several weeks and has now returned again after a spell in the reserves.

Mike Keen (Right half). Mike was a member of the Q.P.R. team which rose from the Third to the First Division and played in their 1967 League Cup winners' team. When manager Alec Stock left to go to Luton, Mike followed him.

Alan Garner (Centre half) Chris Nicholl's transfer has given Alan the chance to play in the first-team

for the first time since his transfer from Millwall in 1971.

John Moore (Left half). Luton signed John from Motherwell six years ago and he missed only seven League games in his first three seasons at Kenilworth Road.

Jim Ryan (Outside right). Jim developed in soccer's top academy at Manchester United. He couldn't oust the big names on a permanent basis so when Luton made an offer for him in April 1970 he was happy to step down a rung.

David Court (Inside right). David developed in Arsenal's junior sides and stepped into their League team in 1962/63. There were many occasions when he held a regular place in the Gunners' side and he played for them in the 1969 League Cup final. Luton signed him in the 1970 close-season.

Peter Anderson (Centre forward). Peter made an extraordinarily quick rise from amateur circles into the League spotlight in February 1971. He was playing for Isthmian Leaguers Hendon when manager Alec Stock signed him and immediately promoted him to the League team.

Vic Halom (Centre forward). Luton paid Fulham £30,000 for Vic in September. Charlton gave him his first chance in League football in 1965/66 but he didn't often get into their senior side. Orient signed him in 1967 and two years later collected £35,000 when he moved to Fulham.

Viv Busby (Inside left). A Luton discovery, Viv got a few games in the League team two years ago but hit top form with one five goal hit in six games last season. Newcastle were interested in signing him this season and he spent some weeks on loan to them.

Don Givens (Outside left). Don won two international caps before making his League debut for Manchester United two seasons ago. He signed for Luton in April 1970 and was the Hatters' second-highest scorer with 13 goals last season. He now has 11 caps.

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FACTS AND FIGURES

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II

(Up to and including Wednesday, 29th March, 1972)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Norwich	34	11	7	0	36	14	..	6	5	5	15	17	46
Millwall	34	11	7	0	33	16	..	4	9	3	21	22	46
Bir'ham	33	12	5	0	40	12	..	1	10	5	10	16	41
Sun'land	33	9	6	1	32	18	..	4	8	5	19	28	40
Q.P.R.	33	12	2	1	30	9	..	2	9	7	14	18	39
Middlesbro	34	14	3	1	27	11	..	3	2	11	16	30	39
Carlisle	35	10	5	2	29	16	..	5	3	10	22	28	38
Blackpool	34	8	6	2	28	11	..	6	1	11	18	30	35
Burnley	34	9	4	4	34	21	..	5	2	10	19	24	34
Bristol C	34	10	3	4	31	18	..	3	5	9	13	21	34
Preston	33	10	3	4	27	12	..	1	8	7	17	24	33
Oxfo'd U	35	9	6	2	25	14	..	2	5	11	13	32	33
Portsm'th	34	9	6	2	27	17	..	2	4	11	23	37	32
Swindon	33	7	5	4	20	11	..	4	5	8	14	26	32
Sheff. W.	34	8	6	2	26	18	..	2	5	11	17	31	31
Charlton	33	9	5	2	29	16	..	3	2	12	20	40	31
Luton T	34	6	7	4	21	18	..	2	8	7	13	21	31
Hull City	34	8	5	5	29	20	..	2	4	10	13	25	29
Orient	32	10	3	3	28	15	..	1	4	11	13	34	29
Fulham	35	9	5	4	28	20	..	2	1	14	13	42	28
Cardiff C	32	6	5	4	25	18	..	1	6	10	17	36	25
Watford	33	4	4	10	13	22	..	0	2	13	7	37	14

PLAYERS APPEARANCES UP TO AND INCLUDING 25th MARCH, 1972

	Appearances			Goals			
	L	LC	F.A. Cup	L	LC	F.A. Cup	
WHIGHAM	9	2	0	...	0	0	0
MADDREN	32	2	6	...	7	0	0
JONES	32	2	6	...	0	0	0
STILES	19	2	6	...	1	0	0
BOAM	30	2	6	...	0	0	0
SPRAGGON	6	0	0	...	0	0	0
DOWNING	25	2	6	...	4	1	2
LAIDLAW	17	2	1	...	2	0	0
HICKTON	34	2	6	...	11	1	3
VINCENT	22	2	0	...	5	0	0
MILLS	18	0	6	...	7	0	1
McMORDIE	29	0	6	...	0	0	0
GATES	26	2	5	...	2	0	0
ALLEN	3	0	0	...	0	0	0
CRAGGS	30	2	6	...	2	1	0
BURLURAU	1	0	0	...	0	0	0
PLATT	25	0	6	...	0	0	0
MOODY	10	0	0	...	0	0	0
SMITH, A.	4	0	0	...	0	0	0
STONE	2	0	0	...	0	0	0
OWN GOALS	1	0	0

Spotlight on Today's Manager

ALEC STOCK (Luton Town)

ALEC STOCK, the manager, first hit the headlines in 1948 when he steered Southern League Yeovil Town to astonishing Cup victories over Bury and Sunderland.

In August 1949 he was appointed manager of Leyton Orient and built the side which won promotion to Division II in 1956. He moved to Arsenal as assistant manager in 1956 but he was greatly disillusioned by conditions on the coaching side at Highbury so he returned to Orient within a couple of months. The challenge of Italian soccer was

laid before him and he took control of Roma F.C. but once again returned to Leyton Orient when they were in trouble.

Alec Stock finally severed his connections with Orient in March 1959 and three months later became manager of Queens Park Rangers, whose success under his able command was phenomenal. They won the League Cup and rose from the Third to the First Division.

He left Rangers in November 1968 and shortly afterwards took over at Luton.

TODAY'S TEAMS

MIDDLESBROUGH

Colours :
Red Shirts. Red Shorts with white stripe
down side. Red Stockings

- 1—Jim PLATT
- 2—John CRAGGS
- 3—Gordon JONES
- 4—Frank SPRAGGON
- 5—Stuart BOAM
- 6—Willie MADDREN
- 7—Nobby STILES
- 8—Eric McMORDIE
- 9—Joe LAIDLAW
- 10—John HICKTON
- 11—John VINCENT

Substitute

LUTON TOWN

Colours:
White Shirts. Black Shorts.
White Stockings.

- 1—Keith BARBER
- 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

Substitute

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

Referee:

F. M. NICHOLSON (Manchester)

Linesman (Red Flag):

P. BIRCHALL (Bolton)

Linesman (Yellow Flag):

J. BELL (Newcastle)

LAST TIME WE MET AT AYRESOME PARK

Saturday, 27th March, 1971

Attendance 19,585

Middlesbrough ... 2

Luton Town ... 0

Teams:

Middlesbrough: Whigham, Smith R., Jones, Laidlaw, Gates, Maddren, Downing, McMordie, Hickton, Vincent, Burluraux. Sub: McIlmoyle 2 goals).

Luton Town: Read, Ryan (John), Slough, Givens, Nicholl, Moore, Ryan (Jimmy), Busby, Macdonald, Keen, Anderson.

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No. 31 — Season 1933/34

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 1

	Home	Away
ARSENAL	0-2	0-6
ASTON VILLA	1-2	0-3
BIRMINGHAM	0-3	0-0
BLACKBURN ROVERS	3-1	0-0
CHELSEA	2-2	3-2
DERBY COUNTY	3-1	0-2
EVERTON	2-0	1-1
HUDDERSFIELD	3-0	1-2
LEEDS UNITED	2-1	2-5
LEICESTER CITY	4-1	2-1
LIVERPOOL	4-1	2-6
MANCHESTER CITY	2-1	2-5
NEWCASTLE UNITED	1-0	1-1
PORTSMOUTH	2-0	1-4
SHEFFIELD UNITED	10-3	1-3
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	2-3	0-3
STOKE CITY	6-1	0-2
SUNDERLAND	0-4	0-2
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	1-1	0-2
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	3-0	0-3
WOLVERHAMPTON	0-0	1-0

F.A. CUP

Round 3 — SUNDERLAND	(a)	1-1
	(h)	1-2

MEN WHO PLAYED

League Appearances:
Baxter, R. 36; Brown, W. 39; Bruce, R. 35;
Cameron, W. F. 1; Camsell, G. 36; Chadwick, C. 3;
Fenton, M. 3; Ferauson, C. 18; Forrest, W. 15;
Gibson, F. 36; Griffiths, T. 40; Hillier, J. G. 6;
Jarvis, S. 5; Jennings, J. 39; Martin, J. 32; McKay,
J. 10; Smith, J. 1; Stuart, R. 39; Warren, F. 31;
Webster, M. 1; Weightman, E. 1; Williams, J. 23;
Yorston, B. 12.

League Scorers:

Camsell 23; Bruce and Warren each 9; Ferguson and
Yorston 7; Baxter 6; Jennings and Williams each 3;
Stuart 1.

FINAL TABLE

DIVISION 1 — SEASON 1933/34

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	42	25	9	8	75	47	59
Huddersfield Town	42	23	10	9	90	61	56
Tottenham Hotspur	42	21	7	14	79	56	49
Derby County	42	17	11	14	68	54	45
Manchester City	42	17	11	14	65	72	45
Sunderland	42	16	12	14	81	56	44
West Brom. Albion	42	17	10	15	78	70	44
Blackburn Rovers	42	18	7	17	74	81	43
Leeds United	42	17	8	17	75	66	42
Portsmouth	42	15	12	15	52	55	42
Sheffield W.	42	16	9	17	62	67	41
Stoke City	42	15	11	16	58	71	41
Aston Villa	42	14	12	16	78	75	40
Everton	42	12	16	14	62	63	40
Wolverhampton W.	42	14	12	16	74	86	40
Middlesbrough	42	16	7	19	68	80	39
Leicester City	42	14	11	17	59	74	39
Liverpool	42	14	10	18	79	87	38
Chelsea	42	14	8	20	67	69	36
Birmingham C.	42	12	12	18	54	56	36
Newcastle U.	42	10	14	18	68	77	34
Sheffield U.	42	12	7	23	58	101	31

No. 32 — Season 1934/35

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 1

	Home	Away
ARSENAL	0-1	0-8
ASTON VILLA	4-1	3-0
BIRMINGHAM	0-1	2-4
BLACKBURN ROVERS	3-3	2-3
CHELSEA	2-2	1-2
DERBY COUNTY	1-1	0-2
EVERTON	3-2	1-1
GRIMSBY TOWN	0-2	2-2
HUDDERSFIELD	2-1	1-3
LEEDS UNITED	3-3	4-2
LEICESTER CITY	1-0	1-3
LIVERPOOL	2-0	2-2
MANCHESTER CITY	1-2	2-6
PORTSMOUTH	1-1	1-2
PRESTON NORTH END	3-3	0-2
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	5-3	3-3
STOKE CITY	2-0	0-2
SUNDERLAND	0-0	1-1
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	3-1	1-3
WEST BROMWICH ALBION	0-0	3-6
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	2-2	3-5

F.A. CUP

Round 3 — BLACKBURN ROVERS	(h)	1-1
	(a)	0-1

MEN WHO PLAYED

Baxter, R. 39; Bell 2; Birkett, R. 7; Brown, W. 35;
Bruce, R. 22; Camsell, G. 26; Chadwick, C. 12;
Coleman, E. 36; Fenton, M. 21; Forrest, W. 24;
Gibson, F. 3; Griffiths, T. 29; Hillier, J. G. 39;
Jarvis, S. 4; Jennings, J. 33; Martin, J. 16; Stuart,
R. 42; Warren, F. 39; Williams, J. 14; Yorston, B.
19.

League Scorers:

Camsell 15; Coleman 11; Warren 9; Fenton 8;
Yorston 7; Baxter 6; Birkett 4; Bruce 3; Chadwick
2; Forrest, Jennings, Martin, Stuart and Williams
each 1.

FINAL TABLE

DIVISION 1 — SEASON 1934/35

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	42	23	12	7	115	46	58
Sunderland	42	19	16	7	90	51	54
Sheffield W.	42	18	13	11	70	64	49
Manchester City	42	20	8	14	82	67	48
Grimsby Town	42	17	11	14	78	60	45
Derby County	42	18	9	15	81	66	45
Liverpool	42	19	7	16	85	88	45
Everton	42	16	12	14	89	88	44
West Brom Albion	42	17	10	15	83	83	44
Stoke City	42	18	6	18	71	70	42
Preston North End	42	15	12	15	62	67	42
Chelsea	42	16	9	17	73	82	41
Aston Villa	42	14	13	15	74	88	41
Portsmouth	42	15	10	17	66	78	40
Blackburn Rovers	42	14	11	17	66	78	39
Huddersfield Town	42	14	10	18	76	71	38
Wolverhampton W.	42	15	8	19	88	94	38
Leeds United	42	13	12	17	75	92	38
Birmingham City	42	13	10	19	63	81	36
Middlesbrough	42	10	14	18	70	90	34
Leicester City	42	12	9	21	61	86	33
Tottenham Hotspur	42	10	10	22	54	93	30

Records for subsequent seasons will be included in future programmes.

MIDDLESBROUGH F.C. 1971/72

FIXTURES AND RESULTS

1971	Opponents	Venue	Att.	Result	Scorers
Aug. 14	(S) Portsmouth	Away	15,642	1-2	Vincent
21	(S) Queens P.R.	Home	20,574	3-2	Hickton, Mills, Vincent
28	(S) Bristol City	Away	16,474	1-2	Maddren
31	(Tu) Sheffield W.	Home	23,963	2-1	Maddren, Hickton
Sept. 4	(S) Fulham	Home	20,228	2-0	Vincent, Maddren
8	(W) York City	Away	11,041	2-2	Downing, Hickton
11	(S) Charlton Ath.	Away	11,143	2-0	Maddren (2)
14	(Tu) York City	Home	21,021	1-2	Craggs
18	(S) Cardiff City	Home	18,288	1-0	Gates
25	(S) Luton Town	Away	13,001	2-3	Hickton, Maddren
29	(W) Sunderland	Away	28,129	1-4	Vincent
Oct. 2	(S) Blackpool	Home	18,671	1-0	Gates
9	(S) Oxford United	Away	9,925	0-0	
16	(S) Portsmouth	Home	16,296	2-1	Hickton, Vincent
19	(Tu) Millwall	Home	20,383	1-0	Hickton
23	(S) Watford	Home	19,947	2-1	Craggs, Laidlaw
30	(S) Swindon T.	Away	13,782	1-0	Maddren
Nov. 6	(S) Preston N.E.	Home	21,907	0-1	
13	(S) Burnley	Away	15,679	2-5	Laidlaw, Downing
20	(S) Orient	Home	13,288	1-0	Hickton
27	(S) Norwich City	Away	21,515	0-2	
Dec. 4	(S) Birmingham C.	Home	15,611	0-0	
11	(S) Hull City (2)	Away	13,532	3-4	Mills (2), Craggs
18	(S) Fulham	Away	7,511	2-2	Stiles, Hickton
27	(M) Carlisle Utd.	Home	24,769	2-2	Mills, Downing
1972					
Jan. 1	(S) Cardiff City	Away	12,758	0-1	
8	(S) Bristol City	Home	13,117	1-0	Downing
15	(S) Man. C. (F.A.3)	Away	42,620	1-1	Mills
18	(T) Replay	Home	40,000	1-0	Hickton
22	(S) Sunderland	Home	34,846	2-0	Hickton (2)
29	(S) Millwall	Away	13,866	0-1	
Feb. 5	(S) Millwall (FAC4)	Away	23,579	2-2	Hickton, Downing
8	(Tu) Millwall (FAC4R)	Home	36,489	2-1	Hickton, Downing
12	(S) Watford	Away	8,109	1-0	Hickton
19	(S) Swindon Town	Home	18,205	2-0	Downing, Mills
26	(S) Man. Utd. (FAC5)	Away	54,000	0-0	
29	(Tu) Man. U. (Replay)	Home	39,687	0-3	
Mar. 4	(S) Burnley (LCF)	Home	17,069	1-0	Dobson (o.g.)
11	(S) Oxford Utd.	Home	13,334	2-1	Mills (2)
14	(Tu) Carlisle Utd.	Away	10,313	0-3	
18	(S) Queens P.R. (6)	Away	11,467	0-1	
25	(S) Charlton Ath.	Home	11,100	2-2	Hickton, McMordie
31	(F) Luton Town	Home			
Apr. 3	(M) Blackpool	Away			
8	(S) Orient	Away			
15	(S) Norwich (SF)	Home			
22	(S) Birmingham C.	Away			
26	(W) Sheffield W.	Away			
29	(S) Hull City	Home			
May 6	(S) F.A. CUP FINAL				
To Arrange:—					
	Preston N.E.	Away			

North Midland League Table

(League Table up to and including 18th March, 1972)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts County	21	16	2	3	54	18	34
Sunderland	22	14	5	3	40	18	33
Middlesbrough	22	13	3	6	48	24	29
Hull City	23	10	8	5	42	27	28
Lincoln City	22	9	2	11	35	37	20
Barnsley	20	6	8	6	32	37	20
Chesterfield	21	7	6	8	39	45	20
Mansfield Town	18	8	2	8	21	25	18
Doncaster Rovers	21	8	2	11	27	30	18
Rotherham United	19	8	2	9	31	34	18
York City	19	6	5	8	24	28	17
Grimsby Town	19	6	4	9	30	39	16
Bradford City	21	3	7	11	25	42	13
Halifax Town	17	5	3	10	16	35	11
Scunthorpe United	19	3	3	13	16	41	9

Northern Intermediate League Table

(League Table up to and including Saturday, 25th March, 1972)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderland	28	23	2	3	67	29	48
Middlesbrough	26	20	4	2	73	28	44
Sheffield Wednesday	28	18	4	6	63	27	40
Hull City	28	16	4	8	69	38	36
Newcastle United	26	14	7	5	63	36	35
Sheffield United	27	13	4	10	54	45	30
Leeds United	24	10	7	7	40	30	27
Chesterfield	26	12	3	11	40	40	27
Barnsley	25	11	4	10	49	38	26
Huddersfield Town	25	12	1	12	37	37	25
Doncaster Rovers	29	9	4	16	33	54	22
Rotherham United	26	6	2	18	32	56	14
Grimsby Town	25	4	6	15	18	58	14
Bradford City	27	6	1	20	31	64	13
York City	26	3	7	16	37	75	13
Scunthorpe United	24	1	4	19	19	70	6

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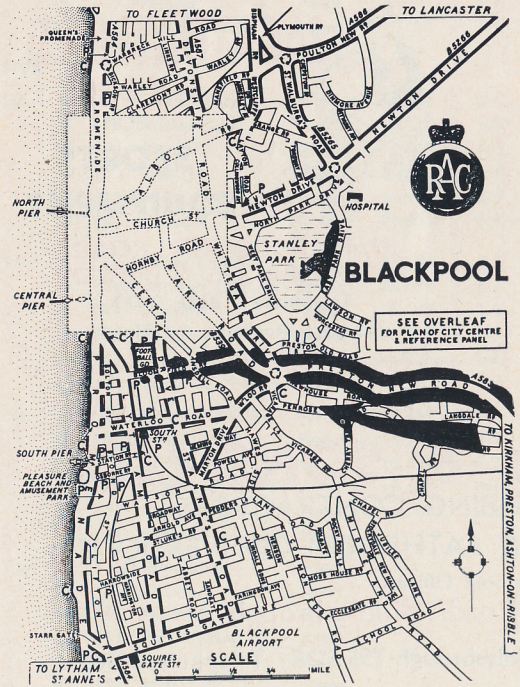
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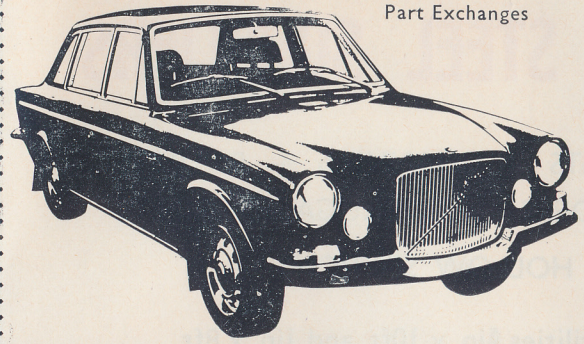
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