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# ERIC PUGH talking...

Just how vital is tonight's home match with Hull City from the Town point of view, is dependent largely on the results of their last three matches which, because of the necessity for early printing, can only be a matter of hopeful speculation as these notes are written.

Last season, Hull were among the front-runners for promotion, and it looked a fairly safe bet that they would be prominent again this season.

For various reasons, things did not turn out that way but, recently, they have been showing vastly improved form and, at this stage, looked to be heading out of trouble.

While Hull have often been ambitious spenders in the transfer market, they have also set a good deal of store in producing the home-grown product, something that has served them well in the past.

This is a policy to which the Town are giving increasing attention and, apart from the strictly economic facts which, at the moment, preclude the spending of fancy prices in the transfer market, there is a considerable amount of satisfaction to be derived from finding young talent that can be brought along on the right lines.

For some time, the Town have been swinging in that direction and their present team is probably the youngest in their long history.

As manager Alec Stock pointed out with some pride, "Seven members of the team that beat Burnley had less than 60 League appearances each to their credit, and some considerably less than that."

Not all geese can turn out to be swans, of course, but the Town's coaching staff have a notable record of success in bringing along young players.

In this respect, it is necessary to think only of Keith Barber, Don Shanks, Peter Anderson and Viv Busby, all of whom had no sample of League football when they came on to the Kenilworth Road staff.

"Bringing along young players is something at which my coaching staff excel, so it is a policy that we must keep going, apart from other considerations."

Those considerations, of course, are the constantly rising prices demanded for players who have some way to go before they can prove their ability to command regular places in Second Division football.

And, although it is generally considered that the standard in Division I is considerably higher, that has not always worked out in practice.

Outstanding teams in Division II can hold their own in the higher grade. Sheffield United have proved it this season and so have Leicester City, with rather less spectacular effect.

Without any doubt at all, the Second Division is a hard competition in which, to do well, it is necessary for a team to be considerably above the average.

Proving the truth of that are Burnley and Blackpool, both relegated last season, and they have found that the path back is by no means easy. Nor did Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday when they came down the previous season.

A look at the League table will prove that, apart from certain exceptions such as Watford, who have badly lost their way this season, there is a surprising level of ability in the Second Division.

And Birmingham have proved that there are few chopping blocks here, by reaching the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup, claiming on the way such distinguished scalps as Ipswich Town and Huddersfield Town.

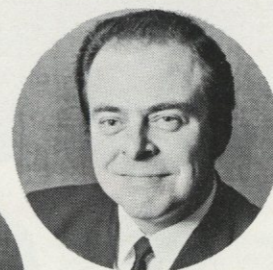
One is aware of course, that purely from the weight of money available to them, there is becoming a tendency to a "closed shop" at the top of the First Division.

On the other hand, I can think of more than one of the more richly endowed clubs who have had a struggle this season.

## The Backbone of YOUR CLUB



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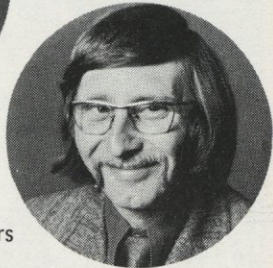
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The greatest football team in the world is nothing without supporters. And this vital aspect of the game was one of the priorities given to Promotions organiser Mike Skinner on his appointment at Kenilworth Road a year ago.

At the time, we had two basic supporters organisations — the Bobbers Club, comprised largely of older followers and an excellent body who had raised £5,000 a year for Luton Town, and the Hatters Club, a modern set-up with equal aims to assist the football club.

So it was decided to form a new Supporters' Club last year with the basic idea of linking the two previous clubs. Overall, there was still the main objective of giving financial assistance to Luton Town, and, in addition, there was the desire to make supporters belong to the football club — a point which is considered very important by Alec Stock.

There were initial difficulties in the new project and Mr. Skinner organised a steering committee to point the way to the future. Everything has worked well so far and the membership now stands at over 3,000, counting both the senior and junior categories.

More use has been made of The Hatters Club as a social centre. At one time, the first three or four days of the week used to bring takings of almost zero level, but there is now a much more lively atmosphere, with "disco's", sports forums, stag nights and dances. Next season, it is intended to add more ventures like darts and dominoes, with teams in local leagues.

The first year will be rounded off with a buffet-dance to mark the Player of the Year presentation on Thursday, April 13th. There will be a new award for the Supporter of the Year and the committee of judges will be pleased to hear nominations by April 8th about supporters who have a claim to standing above all others in loyalty and expenditure on following the Town around the country.

Just before the end of the season, Kenilworth Road will be the scene of a six-a-side soccer tournament including both Luton Town and Watford. Jimmy Andrews is hoping to get the International Club to enter a team of former stars and local amateur clubs will make up a competition which promises to give exciting

entertainment.

Looking back over the first year of the re-styled Supporters Club, the Chairman, Mr. Colin Ball believes that the outstanding successes included the junior section, the work of the entertainment and social committee, and the keen activities of the branches — North Herts. and South Beds (based at Letchworth), Bedford, Aylesbury and Bletchley.

"The function of the steering committee was to lay down the pattern for the future," says Mr. Ball. "Next year we hope to have several new ideas, particularly on the social side. The shop at 125 Oak Road will also be renovated and eventually become permanent offices of the Supporters Club. Regular features at The Hatters Club will include dances, Bingo sessions, and social events for all shades of activity and opinion.

"We are looking for a big increase in membership in Luton's catchment area. Then we can look forward to the day when we have social premises of our own. In turn, this would allow further financial development and greater facilities to organise an even wider range of activities."



Division III Champions, 1965-66. Division III (North) Champions 1932-33, 1948-49.  
Division III Runners-up 1958-59. Best in Division II, 3rd 1909-10.

Back row from left:  
K. Knighton, K. Houghton, F. Banks, R. DeVries, S. Blampey, P. O'Riley.  
Middle row from left:  
I. Butler, P.G. Greenwood (now Barnsley), D. Beardsley, I. McKechnie, P. Walters, R. Pettit, C. Simpkin (now Blackpool), T. Docherty (now Scotland manager).  
Front row from left:  
S. Pearson, K. Wagstaff, T. Neill (player-manager), M. Lord, W. Wilkinson.

# HULL CITY

At this stage of last season, Hull City were firmly linked with the chase for a place in the First Division. Yet, within months of reaching the doorstep of the "big league", Hull found football fortune turning sour on them and they have spent most of this campaign associated with the relegation candidates.

Indeed, a season of change — and in more ways than one. On the administrative side, there has been a turnover of personnel, with long-serving general manager Cliff Britton retiring and Tommy Docherty making a brief appearance as assistant manager in between his job in Portugal and his new post as Scotland team manager. To replace Docherty, player-manager Terry Neill brought in experienced Everton coach Wilf Dixon, who was an important member of the Goodison staff during the 1969-70 Championship season.

On the playing front, Hull have also been involved in several big-money transfers. The biggest, of course, was the near-six-figure cheque they received from Coventry City for consistent goal-scorer Chris Chilton. There was also a sizeable fee from Blackpool for long-serving half back Chris Simpkin and another useful cash boost from the sale of Paddy Greenwood to Barnsley.

In all, they are showing a profit of around £50,000 even though they have bought three new men. The top-price arrival was Huddersfield midfielder operator Jimmy McGill and they invested in experience when buying West Bromwich Albion skipper John Kaye. The last newcomer was goalkeeper Jeff Wealands, signed from Darlington and an immediate success when replacing injured regular Ian McKechnie.

The general upheaval no doubt accounts partly for the decline in Hull's playing fortunes. If any one individual suffered, it was probably free-scoring striker Ken Wagstaff, who lost his goal-supply on the break-up of his partnership with Chilton. "They went together like fish and chips," commented Tommy Docherty at the time.

Wagstaff, a man who has consistently averaged around 20 goals a season, scored only twice in the League until he eventually struck his old form in January. He bagged seven goals in half-a-dozen matches which produced nine points and considerably eased Hull's relegation fears. Wagstaff also netted valuable goals in a good Cup run which saw Hull win 3-0 at Norwich and 1-0 at Coventry before going out to Stoke City in the Fifth Round.

Wagstaff's early shortage was fortunately camouflaged by the discovery of a potential star in 22-year-old local boy Stuart Pearson, who had collected 13 League goals by the time he was selected as reserve for the England Under-23 side against East Germany at Ashton Gate. Pearson came to the fore at the start of the season with five goals in the first couple of months, claiming the solitary scores in important victories over Birmingham and Blackpool.

Now that Wagstaff is "on song" again, Hull again have a powerful pair of strikers, as they proved when they shared four goals in a vital victory over Fulham. That was the result which gave Humberside supporters the feeling that Hull's Second Division security was almost assured. They were so much better than the Londoners, and then, in the following match,

they were the equals of Norwich until falling to goals in the last ten minutes.

Using Hull's form against Norwich as a yardstick of the side's true ability, there is every reason to expect the Yorkshiremen to be back with the pacemakers next season. Few Second Division clubs have as much potential as Hull and there is a sense of purpose and ambition about all their activities.

Backed by good support at the first sign of success, the Board have spent quite liberally in the last year. They paid around £60,000 for Blackburn half back Ken Knighton, who now leads the side, and also spent well on Ipswich centre half Bill Baxter, who was on loan to Watford for a spell this season.

The newcomers were not able to lift Hull over the final promotion hurdle — a target which has gripped Hull ever since they stormed out of the Third Division with a record 69 points in 1966. Rather like the Aston Villa of today, Hull set new standards for Division III with big spending and big crowds. They paid well over £100,000 for three players and also took the unique step of handing a ten-year contract to manager Cliff Britton.

They have always kept a steady level since arriving in the Second Division and really looked on the way up when Terry Neill took over as player-manager last season. Neill is one of the busiest men in the game, with his dual-responsibility at Boothferry Park and the team manager's job with Northern Ireland. This was partly the reason why Hull was chosen when Ireland had to switch an international against Spain from trouble-torn Belfast.



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# meet the captain and his team

Ken Knighton attended the same Barnsley school as his Hull club-mate Ian Butler but they took vastly different routes to Boothferry Park. While Ian joined Yorkshire club Rotherham, Ken went out in search of bigger things. After a trial, he signed for Wolves.

He made his League debut for the Molineux club in 1964/65 but at the end of that season they lost their First Division place. He helped them out on a few odd occasions the following season, too, but when he felt he was not going to make the progress he wanted with Wolves he decided to lower his sights and joined Third Division Oldham Athletic.

That was in 1966 and it was at Boundary Park that he was able to gain the confidence that only a long run of first-team football can give a player. Scouts from bigger clubs began filing reports about his play and there was much talk of a transfer before Oldham eventually decided to let him go.

When his transfer to Preston mid-way through the 1967/68 campaign was completed, Ken felt he had amply repaid the club which gave him his big break — for Oldham received a club record £30,000 fee for him.

In eighteen months with Preston, Ken didn't miss a game and his form was noted by Sir Alf Ramsey who included him in the F.A. touring team which went to New Zealand in 1969. No sooner had he returned from that trip than he was signing more transfer papers. This time his move took him to Blackburn Rovers for a £45,000 fee.

Soon he became Rovers' captain and still his performances were creating attention in many centres. Shortly before Rovers went down into the Third Division for the first time in their history last year, Ken left them to sign for Hull City who paid a club record £60,000 fee for him.

**IAN McKECHNIE** (Goalkeeper): Born Bellshill, Glasgow. Joined Hull City in August, 1966 after playing with Arsenal and Southend United. Ian completed nearly three full seasons as an ever-present in the Hull side.

**KEN WAGSTAFF** (Forward): A striker in every sense of the word, Ken has scored 135 League goals for the Tigers and a total of nearly 240 in his career by the start of the season. He signed for Hull City from Mansfield in November, 1964, and in the six seasons at Boothferry Park has played in over 250 League games. A danger to every defence he plays against. Selected by the English F.A. to tour Australia during last summer with an England XI.

**IAN BUTLER** (Winger): A very versatile and skillful player, a wing forward who has all the ability to probe open the defences. Makes some dazzling runs on the wing and makes many chances for his colleagues, but also takes them himself when the opportunity arises. Scored over 50 goals for Hull City. Joined Hull from Rotherham United in January, 1965.



IAN McKECHNIE

**KEN HOUGHTON** (Forward): Schemer, general, tactician and goal-scorer. He can always be relied upon to cause the opposition some defensive trouble. Joined the Tigers shortly after his former team-mate, Ian Butler, who was also with Rotherham Utd. These two players soon formed a great understanding.

**BILLY WILKINSON** (Mid-field): Went to the Tigers as an amateur and is now in his sixth season with the club as a full-time professional. Billy packs tremendous stamina and ability into his games. Most reliant, very effective and a real trier.

**DON BEARDSLEY** (Full back):

Born Alyth, Scotland. Signed full-time for the Tigers in October, 1964, after serving as an amateur and apprentice with the Club. A determined and strong defender.

**MALCOLM LORD** (Forward): Born near Hull and signed professional in July, 1965. Another local player who has risen through the Junior and Reserve sides. Now a regular member of the first-team squad.

**BILL BAXTER** (Full back): Became a Hull City player in March, 1971, when transferred from Ipswich Town, where he had been club captain. A very reliable defender with a great deal of skill and experience. On loan to Watford this season.

**TERRY NEILL** (Half back): Born in Bangor, Northern Ireland. Became Hull City's team manager in June, 1970. Was captain of Arsenal when only 20 years old and completed 241 games for the Gunners. He has played for his Country since 1964. A current Northern Ireland International and is captain and manager of the side. A player of outstanding ability and merit.

**ROGER DeVRIES** (Full back): A local player who made his debut in the Hull City team in August last year. His performance against Manchester United in a pre-season tournament ensured him of a regular place in the first XI. A young but mature player.

**JIMMY MCGILL** (Midfield): Glasgow born Scot who began his League career with a handful of games with Arsenal. On moving to Huddersfield for a modest fee, he settled down as an industrious midfield player and helped them to the Second Division title in 1969-70. Joined Hull for around £50,000 in October last year.

**JOHN KAYE** (Defender): When Hull City paid a fee of £20,000 to West Brom. last November, Kaye returned to the club where he started his career. After being on the Tigers' books as a junior and also playing with Goole Town, he eventually made the League grade with Scunthorpe and was a lively striker when joining West Brom. for £45,000 in 1963. Represented the Football League and voted Midland Footballer of the Year when scoring 23 goals in 1965-66. Played at Wembley in Finals of League and FA Cups. Switched to wing half in 1967-68 and later became Albion's skipper.

**JEFF WEALANDS** (Goalkeeper): Hull's latest signing, he arrived from Darlington for £10,000 just before the transfer deadline. Formerly with Wolves, but did not make the League grade until moving to Darlington. Made his Hull debut on March 11th.

**STUART PEARSON** (Forward): Local youngster who was recommended to Hull when his dad was among a team of decorators working at Boothferry Park. Made League debut in 1969-70, but has really prospered this season, succeeding Chris Chilton and heading the scorers' list. Called into the England Under-23 squad at Bristol recently.

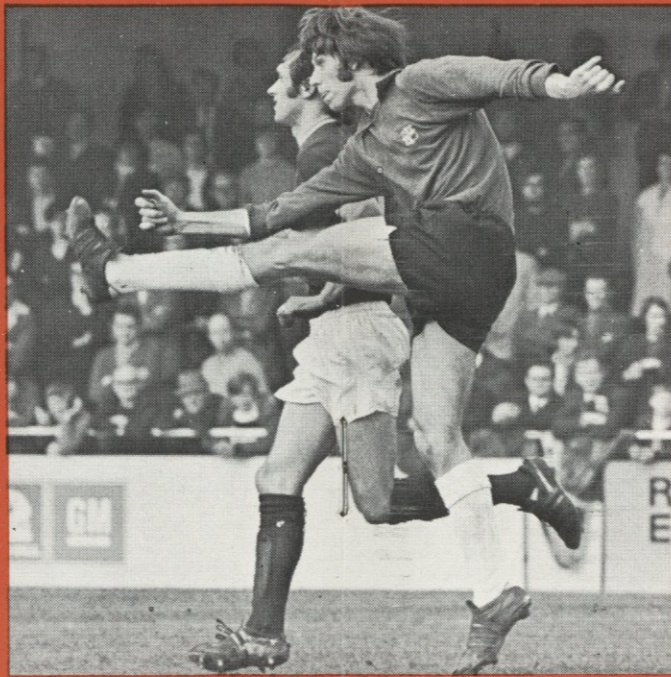
**FRANK BANKS** (Full back): Had made only four League appearances with his first club, Southend, when he moved to Hull, his home-town club, in September, 1966. Has given them reliable service.

**RAY PETITT** (Defender): Local youngster who had his best season in 1968-69 when missing only two games. Now kept out of the side by Terry Neill.



# 'Matters' IN CAMERA

This season has been notable for the development of players who had seen little League football up until last August. And here are three of them in action during the recent win against Burnley ... *LEFT:* Alan Garner. *BELOW:* Keith Barber. *RIGHT:* Don Shanks.



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# Talking to Alan Garner

They obviously produce a patient breed of footballer down Lambeth Way, a virtue in professional soccer that is as vital, in many respects, to the individual player, as correct breathing is to a swimmer. Lose your concentration in the water — and the result can be disastrous. Likewise, patience can be just as important to a young player. Should he lose it before he has been given chance to prove himself, a career can be shattered so positively that it's impossible to put back the pieces in order.

A shining example of the dedication and temperament that is a part of any top-level players make-up, is clearly an asset possessed by Alan Garner, a devoted subject to the greatest Sport in the World, but unfortunately, a character who, after six years hard work and perseverance, could be said to have got less out of the game than he had put into it.

Tipped to win a place in Millwall's League side at 16, Alan was made to wait until he was 18 before he got his chance. Last month, some four years later, when "GARNER No.5" was on the Luton first-team sheet for his debut for the Kenilworth Road club, it became only his third League appearance in FOUR years. Such a record might come as a shock to the "experts" who noted Alan's promise in the early part of his career with Millwall.

But the fact that Alan Garner had accepted the unenvied regular commitment to reserve football throughout such a "blunting" period, is surely a concrete testimony to his reserves of patience.

Alan Garner was a product of West Square schools football, close to where he was born, and though there were no previous footballing Garners, Alan chose to follow this profession with Millwall shortly after completing his education. During a six weeks trial programme with the Lions Colts, the Londoner's growing prospect impressed manager Benny Fenton deeply enough

for him to invite Alan to join the club on apprentice terms at the age of 16.

"I thought I should have been given a chance in the senior side well before the big day came in 1967," he says "I sweated for two years to get the opportunity and, you can take it from me, that no one has put more into a debut than I did. So you can imagine my feelings when Millwall, who were only a moderate Second Division side at the time, promptly dropped me for the next game. I was prepared to do my share in the stiffs the same as any other player. But I told Benny Fenton: 'I don't want to play in the reserves much longer.' He told me to give myself more time and because I had respect, I waited another year. The position did not appear to alter, because I went in and out of the League side once more — and I saw no future after that at Millwall."

Harry Haslam, the ubiquitous Luton chief scout, remembered being interested in bringing Alan to Kenilworth Road before Millwall hooked him when the East End club gave their player a free transfer at the end of last season. What Mr. Haslam saw gave him sufficient encouragement and confidence to persuade Alec Stock to step in and secure an obviously ambitious yet somewhat frustrated pivot defender.

Alan Garner knew what he was taking on when he came to Luton at the start of this season. "I realised I could only hope to cover for Chris Nicholl on odd occasions. But I had been hanging around for four years, so I thought a little longer with a fresh club would not be too bad. Chris's transfer has now left the field wide open.

"I reckon I have got a good chance because the management here are fair, and I mean that. We all know where we stand and if a player is showing good form — he will get his chance. It's up to me now. I know I have got competition from John Faulkner. But that is not a bad thing because the more competition you have, the better you are likely to play."



Alan and Sylvia Garner ... looking forward together to a long association with Luton Town.

DATE	DIVISION TWO	Res.	Att.
Aug. 14 Sat.	Norwich City .. Home	1-1	12,428
21 Sat.	Burnley .. Away	1-2	13,333
28 Sat.	Preston North End Home	1-1	11,772
Sept. 1 Wed.	Oxford United .. Away	1-1	10,490
4 Sat.	Orient .. Away	0-0	8,703
7 Tues.	Crystal P. (LC2) .. Away	0-2	13,838
11 Sat.	Birmingham City Home	0-0	14,678
18 Sat.	Millwall .. Away	2-2	12,433
25 Sat.	Middlesbrough Home	3-2	13,001
28 Tues.	Fulham .. Home	2-0	14,017
Oct. 2 Sat.	Hull City .. Away	0-0	13,904
9 Sat.	Swindon Town Home	0-0	13,423
16 Sat.	Norwich City .. Away	1-3	22,558
19 Tues.	Queens P. Rangers .. Away	0-1	15,858
23 Sat.	Carlisle United Home	0-2	11,963
30 Sat.	Sunderland .. Away	2-2	17,971
Nov. 6 Sat.	Charlton Ath. .. Home	1-2	11,011
13 Sat.	Watford .. Away	1-2	14,000
20 Sat.	Blackpool (1) .. Away	1-0	8,432
27 Sat.	Portsmouth Home	3-2	9,910
Dec. 4 Sat.	Bristol City .. Away	0-0	12,921
11 Sat.	Cardiff City (2) Home	2-2	10,606
18 Sat.	Orient .. Home	2-0	9,193
27 Mon.	Sheffield Wed. .. Away	2-2	31,391
1972			
Jan. 1 Sat.	Millwall .. Home	2-1	15,113
8 Sat.	Preston North End .. Away	1-0	12,844
15 Sat.	West Ham .. Away	1-2	32,099
22 Sat.	Fulham .. Away	1-3	11,328
29 Sat.	Queens P. Rangers Home	1-1	17,280
Feb. 5 Sat.	Oxford United Home	1-2	9,892
12 Sat.	Carlisle United .. Away	0-0	8,731
19 Sat.	Sunderland .. Home	1-2	10,994
26 Sat.	Charlton Ath. (5) .. Away	0-2	7,941
Mar. 3 Fri.	Watford .. Home	0-0	10,816
11 Sat.	Swindon Town .. Away	P-P	
18 Sat.	Burnley (6) .. Home	1-0	8,490
25 Sat.	Birmingham City .. Away	1-0	34,349
31 Fri.	Middlesbrough .. Away		
Apr. 1 Sat.	Sheffield Wed. Home		
4 Tues.	Hull City .. Home		
8 Sat.	Blackpool .. Home		
15 Sat.	Portsmouth (S.F.) .. Away		
22 Sat.	Bristol City .. Home		
29 Sat.	Cardiff City .. Away		
May 6 Sat.	F.A. Cup Final .. Away		

DATE	Midweek Football League	Res.
AUGUST		
Tues. 17th	Southend Utd. .. Home	1-0
Wed. 25th	Millwall Ath. .. Away	0-1
Tues. 31st	Millwall Ath. .. Home	1-3
SEPT		
Wed. 8th	Orient .. Away	2-1
Tues. 14th	Cambridge United Home	1-0
Tues. 21st	Aldershot .. Home	0-0
OCT		
Wed. 6th	Brighton & H.A. .. Away	0-1
Tues. 12th	Watford .. Home	4-0
Wed. 20th	Southend Utd. .. Away	0-1
Tues. 26th	Brighton & H.A. Home	5-1
NOV		
Tues. 2nd	Colchester United Home	4-0
Tues. 9th	Orient .. Home	4-0
Tues. 16th	Northampton Tn. Home	5-0
Mon. 29th	Peterborough Utd. .. Away	2-2
DEC		
Wed. 8th	Watford .. Away	2-1
Wed. 15th	Colchester United .. Away	3-0
1972		
JAN		
Tues. 4th	Northampton Tn. .. Away	0-1
Wed. 12th	Cambridge United .. Away	0-1
Tues. 18th	Charlton Ath. .. Home	2-0
Tues. 25th	Charlton Ath. .. Away	2-1
FEB		
Tues. 8th	Peterborough Utd. Home	3-1
Wed. 23rd	Watford (L.C.) .. Home	3-1
MARCH		
Wed. 8th	Millwall (L.C.) .. Away	P-P
Wed. 22nd	Aldershot .. Away	2-0
Tues. 28th	Millwall (L.C.) .. Home	.....
APRIL		
Wed. 12th	Watford (L.C.) .. Away	.....

statistics

FOOTBALL LEAGUE - DIVISION II												
HOME						AWAY						Pts
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	
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
BIRMINGHAM	33	12	5	0	40	12	1	10	5	10	16	41
SUNDERLAND	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	27	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 CITY	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
OXFORD	35	9	6	2	25	14	2	5	11	13	32	33
PORTSMOUTH	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 WED	33	8	6	2	26	18	2	5	10	17	27	31
CHARLTON	33	9	5	2	29	16	3	2	12	20	40	31
LUTON	34	6	7	4	21	18	2	8	7	13	21	31
HULL	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	34	8	5	4	24	20	2	1	14	13	42	26
CARDIFF	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

After the match why not visit

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To-night Next Week

**MICHAEL BENTINE** | **PAULA WATSON**

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

MID-WEEK FOOTBALL LEAGUE												
HOME						AWAY						Pts
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	
LUTON TOWN	21	13	2	6	41	16	28					
NORTHAMPTON	18	14	0	4	45	24	28					
SOUTHEND	17	9	3	5	28	19	21					
CHARLTON	19	8	4	7	39	27	20					
MILLWALL	18	6	6	6	24	27	18					
WATFORD	15	7	3	5	33	23	17					
ORIENT	16	7	1	8	22	26	15					
PETERBRO UTD	19	4	6	9	27	33	14					
CAMBRIDGE UTD	18	6	2	10	21	30	14					
ALDERSHOT	18	5	3	10	19	26	13					
COLCHESTER U	17	6	1	10	19	36	13					
B & H ALBION	18	5	3	10	20	51	13					

HATTERS APPEARANCES

Figures in Parentheses indicate number of times player has been named as substitute.

PLAYERS	LEAGUE	FA CUP	FL CUP
READ	23	1	1
RYAN John	33	1	1
SLOUGH	33	1	1
KEEN	33	1	1
NICHOLL	31	1	1
MOORE	30 (2)	1	1
BUSBY	15 (3)	1	1
ANDERSON	29 (2)	1	1
GIVENS	33	1	1
COURT	18 (6)	1	
RYAN Jimmy	6 (8)		
GARNER	2 (2)		(1)
SHANKS	17 (3)	(1)	
WAINWRIGHT	10 (4)		1
HALOM	23 (2)	1	
BARBER	10		
HINDSON	17 (1)	1	

Up to 18th March 1972

DIVISION TWO GOAL-SCORERS

Hatton (B'ham)	24
Latchford (B'ham)	24
Clark (Cardiff)	21
Hubbard (Norwich)	20
Treacy (Charlton)	18
Galley (Bris. City)	17
Bowles (Carlisle)	16
Cross (Norwich)	16
Burns (Blackpool)	15
Hickton (Middlesbro)	15
Possee (Millwall)	15
Bolland (Millwall)	14
Bullock (Orient)	13
Bowyer (Orient)	13
Casper (Burnley)	13
Foggo (Norwich)	13
Joicey (Sheff Wed)	13
Pearson (Hull)	13
Wagstaff (Hull)	13

DIVISION TWO ATTENDANCES

	Best	Average
Birmingham	40,899	30,144
Blackpool	22,610	13,998
Bristol City	23,560	15,495
Burnley	21,977	13,385
Cardiff	23,026	15,037
Carlisle	12,281	9,726
Charlton	16,223	9,447
Fulham	21,187	10,298
Hull	26,091	13,942
LUTON TOWN	17,280	12,028
Middlesbrough	34,846	18,975
Millwall	24,266	15,352
Norwich	34,118	21,938
Orient	19,081	9,216
Oxford	12,382	9,082
Portsmouth	16,058	12,690
Preston	27,284	15,506
QPR	16,730	14,318
Sheff Wed.	31,391	17,190
Sunderland	28,129	16,451
Swindon	21,383	14,201
Watford	14,575	10,355

up to and including Sat, March 25th

Dunton  
Woman  
scoops  
£100

Mrs. Stocker of Boot Lane Dunton, can really look forward to her holidays following her £100 win last week on our Hatters Bingo, and we send her our congratulations. Her agent must be pleased too, for there is a £10 bonus on its way to him for selling the winning ticket, and you could win this kind of money for yourself by becoming one of our Bingo Agents. There are hundreds of cash prizes to be won, in addition to special prizes of best quality tights for the ladies, so why not contact Mike Skinner at 231 Dunstable Road or phone Luton 30748 and we'll do the rest.

## SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

Have you sent in your nominations for the 'Player of the Year' and 'Supporter of the Year' awards yet? If not, then time is running short, as the closing date will be Thursday 6th April. 'Supporter of the Year' nominations should be mailed to the Supporters Club Shop, 125 Oak Road, and the 'Player of the Year' nominations forwarded to 125 Oak Road on the special counterfoil printed at the end of these notes.

If as a result of the purchase tax reductions any member is planning to buy a new car a further reduction in the purchase price is possible. In conjunction with certain local dealers discounts are available on the sale of new cars. If anyone is interested, they should contact any of the committee members or alternatively write or call in to the Club Shop at 125 Oak Road.

There are still a limited number of tickets remaining for the Buffet Dance we are holding at the Civic Centre, Dunstable, on Thursday April 13th. Ticket prices are - £1.00 members and £1.25 non-members. The awards being announced during the evening are 'Supporter of the Year', 'Player of the Year' and the winners of the competition for the design of the new Football Club Crest.

The social activities we have arranged in the Hatters Club this week are tomorrow night a seniors Disco-theque with the Dave Holland sounds and on Thursday a juniors Disco for the 14-18 year olds with the Midas Flint Roadshow. Both of these events commence at 8.00 p.m.

### 'PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD'

I Nominate ..... as my Player of the Year.

Signed .....

Membership No .....

Return to: 125 Oak Road, Luton.

## ROUNDUP OF DIVISION 2

Nice to hear that **Bob Delgado** is successfully taking a first-team opportunity with CARLISLE UNITED. After leaving Kenilworth Road during the summer, he took the long trip north in search of a League career and, for a time, he was kept with limited match practice because Carlisle do not run a professional reserve team.

But an injury to former Newcastle centre half **Graham Winstanley** allowed Bob a chance of consistent Second Division football and, in his fourth appearance, he scored a goal in the 3-0 trouncing of Middlesbrough.

CARDIFF CITY'S troubles at the foot of the table have caused them to give no fewer than nine players their League debuts this season. The latest in the line: 20-year-old Scottish left back **Freddie Pethard**, who took over from unsettled **Gary Bell**. Manager **Jimmy Scouler** agreed to transfer-list Bell when the player was upset at a disciplinary fine.

An evening newspaper in the North East spotlighted a problem facing SUNDERLAND on the run-in towards possible promotion. They stated: "The startling and stark truth is that if they do not finish in the top two, the Roker Park club would be better off if they finish in the bottom half of the table." Apparently, Sunderland have their players on a bonus system for top places in the table and it would cost the club a five-figure pay-out if they finished third or fourth. Gates at Roker are running 10,000 per match down on the club's "break even" point and the sub-10,000 attendance for a mid-week game against Portsmouth was the second lowest in history.

**George Petchey's** success in steering ORIENT to a wonderful Cup run has not altered his ideas about the insecurity of the management profession. That is why he continues to live on the South Coast in Sussex and endures a daily journey of two hours to get to his Brisbane Road office.

He says: "I could possibly have been Crystal Palace's coach for life, but I was never No. 1. There were also three managers while I was there and I felt the insecurity of all. So I believe in leaving the family where they have settled and made friends."

When **Alan Stevenson** signed the forms completing his £50,000 transfer to BURNLEY, his former boss Chesterfield boss, **Jimmy McGuigan**, forecast: "One day he will play for England." It seems that he is on the right lines because Stevenson was reserve for the England Under-23 side against East Germany.

BRISTOL CITY, having been disappointed in the race to sign Scottish Under-23 cap **Jimmy Bone**, now of Norwich, have made an appointment designed to give them extra coverage North of the Border, especially at schoolboy level. They have made former Dunfermline manager **Alex Wright** their Scottish scout and manager **Alan Dicks** says of his new "signing": "I have known him from my trips to Scotland and recognised him as a man with good contacts and a good knowledge of the game."

Injury news ... **Peter Silvester**, NORWICH CITY'S valuable striker, is back in training after a cartilage operation in February, but may not be ready to be in on the completion of the Canaries' First Division dream. **Dave Merrington**, former Burnley skipper who joined BRISTOL CITY last summer, has given up hopes of playing this season after having the plaster removed from his troublesome leg for the second time.

## half time scores

A	Coventry v Everton	_____
B	Leicester v Arsenal	_____
C	Nottm F. v Wolves	_____
D	Sheffield Utd v Man. Utd	_____
E	Southampton v Man. City	_____
F	Stoke v West Ham	_____
G	Birmingham v Blackpool	_____
H	Burnley v Charlton	_____
K	Carlisle v Millwall	_____
L	Norwich v Bristol C. :	_____
M	Preston v Sunderland	_____
N	Swindon v Cardiff	_____

A	Barnsley v Brighton	_____
B	Bristol Rov. v Notts Co.	_____
C	Halifax v Port Vale	_____
D	Shrewsbury v Bradford City	_____
E	Swansea v Blackburn	_____
F	Walsall v York	_____
G	Doncaster v Gillingham	_____
H	Newport v Darlington	_____
K	Peterborough v Workington	_____
L	Scunthorpe v Aldershot	_____

### GOLDEN GOAL

Look for our Golden Goal Girls, this talented line-up of girls can help you win £50 for the correct time of the first goal and £5 for the time of every other goal. Plus £10 for the Soccer Treble also hundreds of I.O.U.s for 50p and £1. Each Match Day you will find them in action around the ground selling - they will be only too pleased to sell you a ticket for just 5p.

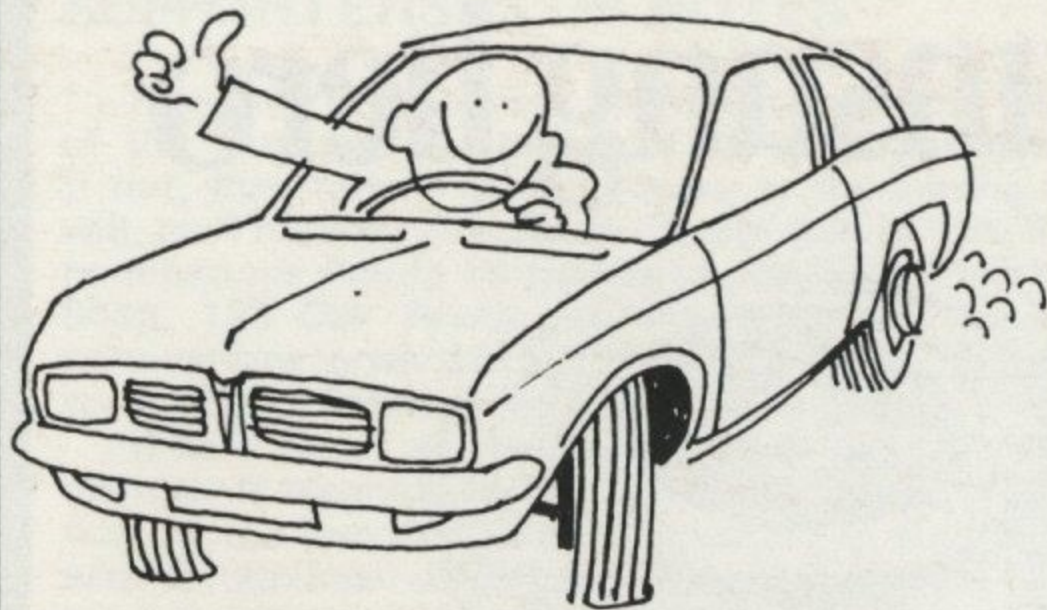
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# TEAM CHECK

## Luton Town

(White Shirts, Black Shorts)

- |    |       |          |
|----|-------|----------|
| 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   |

Sub

## Hull City

(Amber Shirts, Black Shorts)

- |    |         |           |
|----|---------|-----------|
| 1  | Ian     | McKECHNIE |
| 2  | Frank   | BANKS     |
| 3  | Roger   | DeVRIES   |
| 4  | John    | KAYE      |
| 5  | Terry   | NEILL     |
| 6  | Ken     | KNIGHTON  |
| 7  | Jimmy   | McGILL    |
| 8  | Malcolm | LORD      |
| 9  | Stuart  | PEARSON   |
| 10 | Ken     | WAGSTAFF  |
| 11 | Ian     | BUTLER    |

Sub

Referee: A.L. HART, Borough Green, Kent.

Linesmen: R.F. INNERTY, Thame (Ref Flag)  
J. HELPS, Hounslow (Orange Flag)

Arthur Hart, a company director, took up refereeing in 1958 at the age of 27 when he retired from his playing career. He started as a goalkeeper, but finished as a centre forward and scored in every match in his final season. As a referee, he progressed through London Leagues and the Southern League. He enjoys cricket, badminton and tennis and is interested in amateur dramatics.