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ERIC PUGH talking...

To me, at least, mention of Blackpool, recalls memories of the three "M's", Matthews, Mortensen and Mudie, who were as famous in their day as the West Indian trio of cricket personalities, Worrell, Walcott and Weekes.

Time being the flier it is, nevertheless, some measure of shock is contained in the realisation that 19 years have passed since that well-remembered Wembley final when Stanley Matthews at last achieved his ambition of gaining a Cup-winners' medal.

In 1948 and 1951, he had been on the losing side at Wembley, but he made certain on the third occasion by his mesmerisation in the second half of a Bolton Wanderers team crippled by injury.

Around that time, a number of finals were being adversely affected as spectacles by serious mishaps and, while, there was some opposition to the substitutes rule when it was first mooted, it has been seen to be fair and also to be accepted as a progressive step within the framework of the game.

On the more domestic front, so far as memorable clashes between the Town and Blackpool go, my thoughts go back to 1954 when the pair met four times in the third round of the F.A. Cup.

There was a 1-1 draw at Bloomfield Road, no goals at Luton, followed by 1-1 at Villa Park and, in the fourth game at Wolverhampton, the Town went out by 2-0.

In the last clash, they suffered the dire handicap of having their captain, Syd Owen, reduced to a limping passenger and this is another case where the ability to introduce a substitute, could have produced a different result.

Of course, Blackpool were also one of the Town's victims on their way to the Cup Final of 1959, when an Allan Brown goal won them the Kenilworth Road replay to earn a place in the semi-final.

That match took place on a Wednesday after-

noon before a crowd of 30,069 which still stands as a record for this ground.

There is no doubt that the failure to gain entry to the Anglo-Italian tournament came as a sharp disappointment to the Town. Before the news reached them, they had thought that they were in with a considerable chance.

However, the position seemed to be that so many Second Division clubs applied for admission that the Football League opted for the only yardstick possible and chose those teams most highly placed in the table.

With that, there could be no valid argument and it provided an indication of just how costly the disappointing run that hit the Town from the middle of January, had been.

While, maybe, there was no fortune to be made through participating, the publicity which the competition received would have been welcome.

More than that, there was the added point that this would have been an invaluable experience for the young players who have now come through to reach first team status.

Through various uncertainties in the printing trade, these notes, of necessity, had to be written a fortnight in advance and, at that time, there was no indication of whether there was any chance of making the sort of close season tour that has been undertaken in the past two years.

I know that this is something on which manager Alec Stock is keen, because he feels that it is good for the prestige of the club and for the morale of the players.

On the other hand, for some time, thought has been given to the possibility of spending a week in Belgium and playing three matches over there as a pre-season build-up.

That may prove to be the extent of the commitment, apart from the youth team's participation in a Whitsun tournament in Brussels.

Twin Strikers!

Derek Hales and Terry Robinson



Local born striker, Terry Robinson was the talk of Luton Town on more than one occasion earlier this season when Ken Whitfield's Youth squad were hammering their opposition. Terry has now joined the club as a full-time professional and with 56 goals in the last two seasons for the Town, his signing must prove a valuable capture in Luton's plans for the future.

This strong, robust player served his apprenticeship with Bletchley Youth Club after finishing his education. But Terry claims that he owes a great deal of his success to his former schoolmaster, Brian Smith. "He backed me all the way at Winslow County Secondary and he was forever writing off to League clubs to get me the chance of joining one of them.

It was through him that I got trials with Arsenal, Chelsea and West Ham who all had their scouts watching me when I was with Bletchley Y.C."

Terry left the building industry to join the Kenilworth Road set-up and has been making progress ever since in the reserves and youth sides. "I have listened and taken the advice that the first team players have given me over the last couple of seasons and I hope to get a chance in the League side, certainly next season, if not this."

But to do so, Terry will require more luck than his father experienced when he tried to join Wolverhampton 20 years ago. "Dad was all set to join the Wolves but got called up to join the Korean War instead. When it was all over he had a knee injury which ruled out any hope of making a delayed start."

Luton's "goal-power" got a golden shot in the arm when Alec Stock captured the signature of Kent-born striker, Derek Hales. Currently nursing a cracked jaw as a legacy of his last game for Dartford, Derek is striving to get fit in time for Luton Under 21's who are booked for a tournament in Belgium at the end of the season.

Derek played a major part in firing Southern League club Dartford through to the quarter finals of the F.A. Challenge Trophy when the League scouts were keeping a constant check on this free-scoring player. But Barnet, who are now through to the final, brought a K.O. for both Dartford and centre forward Hales.

"I saw this half-chance and took a flying dive. I wish I hadn't, for someone's boot made contact with my jaw just below the ear and I have not played since. The hospital put me down for eight or nine weeks. But I reckon I can be fit before then."

Prior to that first appearance three weeks ago, Derek had turned out for Luton Reserves in a couple of games and did his job well by scoring on both occasions. Both Derek's father, Dick, and his uncle, Bill, were professionals with Gillingham — so there should be enough soccer skill in the Hales family for 20-year-old Derek to build himself a bright future at Luton next season.



Back Row from left to right:
 Mr. R. Stokoe, John Burrige, Bill Bentley, Dennis Wann (now with York City), Peter Suddaby, Glyn James, Paul Fuschillo, Alan Suddick, Terry Alcock, Tommy Hutchison, Neil Ramsbottom (now with Coventry),
 Front Row from left to right:
 Dave Hatton, Peter Hardcastle, Micky Burns, Alan Ainscow, Dave Lennard, Keith Dyson, Dennis Booth (now with Southend United), Chris Simpkin.

Division II Champions 1929-30, Runners-up 1936-37. Division I Runners-up 1955-56. FA Cup Winners 1953. Finalists 1948, 1951.

BLACKPOOL



At the end of December, Bob Stokoe reviewed his first year as manager of Blackpool and summed up: "I've had a hard time and I don't blame our supporters for being disappointed." But Stokoe had a job to do and he set about re-modelling the Bloomfield Road club without fear of public opinion.

"There has been a big upheaval," continued Mr. Stokoe. "Twenty-two players have gone. I don't know how long a transitional period goes on, but I believe we have a happier year ahead."

He was right, too. Starting on New Year's Day, Blackpool reeled off six consecutive victories to lift them from near the foot of the table to a position on the heels of the promotion challengers — though not quite close enough to come through with a late burst.

Victory over Queen's Park Rangers in London and well-deserved draws against Millwall and Sunderland were the yardstick of Blackpool's rapid improvement, though they suffered a setback at the end of March when going down 5-1 at Norwich.

Mr. Stokoe was pleased that the closing fixtures left Blackpool with games against all the top teams. "We shall now know how good we are in terms of launching a promotion bid next season," he comments. It is likely that he will be strengthening the side during the summer, but the long-term plans for Blackpool are based on youth.

Many local schoolboys have been tempted

away from Blackpool in the past — but not any more if Mr. Stokoe is successful in his plans. With former Cup Final skipper Harry Johnston in charge of Youth Development and Paddy Sowden as coach to the juniors, Blackpool are well equipped to give a good career to aspiring youngsters. "We can offer them a better opportunity than many First Division clubs," argues the Seaside's manager.

The first local youngsters are already booked for the Bloomfield Road "academy" and they have been convinced that there are chances for all with Blackpool. The club's Central League side is a good example. With Mr. Stokoe's "cut-back" in senior professionals, the reserves have included many teenagers in recent weeks.

This is the kind of foundation Mr. Stokoe wanted when he took over Blackpool at a time when their First Division place was already in serious jeopardy last season. Although Mr. Stokoe had worked magical deeds at his previous clubs — Bury, Charlton, Rochdale and Carlisle — he was unable to arrest the Blackpool slide to relegation.

The club dropped out of the First Division only one season after gaining promotion. It didn't please the supporters who were "fed" on such post-war stars as Stanley Matthews and Stan Mortenson. They think that Blackpool should never be out of the top division, but Mr. Stokoe answers: "We cannot support a First

Division side on the gates we get at the moment." Naturally, the loyal fans were also disappointed to see the sale of Scottish international Tony Green to Newcastle United last October. It was a departure that "niggled" as much as when Alan Ball left the Tangerines to join Everton in 1966.

Think what kind of attack Blackpool would now have if they could have kept Ball and Green! But football management is for realists. Sometimes top assets just have to be sold and, when they are, it is up to the manager to use part of the cash on "bargain" replacements.

No one can criticise Bob Stokoe in this respect. He is showing a profit of at least £60,000 on his score of transfer deals while with Blackpool. His newcomers include experienced Hull defender Chris Simpkin, former Under-23 international striker Keith Dyson, from Newcastle, and forward Dave Lennard, formerly with Bolton and Halifax.

The first team has slowly blended into a useful outfit and Mr. Stokoe believes: "We are within a couple of players of being a fair side again." He will receive further evidence on this subject when Blackpool defend the Anglo-Italian Cup during the summer — and then he will face the decision whether to buy again.

He can rest assured that whatever decision he makes, the Board will be solidly behind him. "They have convinced me that they believe what I am doing is right," says the manager,

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meet the captain and his team

Blackpool captain Glyn James was a proud man three weeks ago. Before the start of the game against Millwall, both teams lined up on the pitch when chairman Mr. Frank Dickinson and his fellow-Directors presented an inscribed silver tray to James — in recognition of 14 years' loyal service and 300 League appearances.

Mainly as centre half and occasionally as striker, James has been a strong figure of the Blackpool side over the seasons. He has also been a regular member of the Welsh international squad — though his qualifications for that country are slender to say the least.

Both his parents are English and have always lived in England, but James was born in Wales — all because the nearest nursing home was a mile or two across the border! The Welsh selectors were grateful to discover James' birthplace and would have awarded him many more caps but for the consistency of Spurs' Mike England.

James has alternated this season between striking and defending. He started off in tremendous form, scoring four goals in the first two League matches and adding another couple in the fifth match. But the goals eventually dried up and it was back to the middle of the defence, where he continues to make life difficult for the most dangerous centre forwards.

ALAN COW (Forward): Joined Blackpool as an apprentice and signed full professional forms last July after appearing in the first team during the Anglo-Italian Tournament. Scored on his League debut in the first match of this season.

BILL BENTLEY (Full back): Hails from the Potteries and got his first League chance with Stoke City, who signed him when he was an England schoolboy international and then saw him progress to Youth caps as well. After 44 League games for Stoke, he moved to Blackpool for a £30,000 fee.

MICKEY BURNS (Winger): Blackpool's leading scorer in the First Division last season and looks set to achieve a similar distinction this term. Scored hat-trick against Watford earlier this year. He first impressed Blackpool observers when playing for the England amateur team and he was signed from Lancashire club Skelmersdale United in 1969. He had played in the 1967 Final of the FA Amateur Cup.

JOHN BURRIDGE (Goalkeeper): When senior 'keepers Taylor and Ramsbottom were put out by injury late last season, Burridge seized his first team chance and justified the five-figure fee paid to Fourth Division Workington. A teenager when he joined Blackpool, he played in their Anglo-Italian side and has been regular choice this season.

KEITH DYSON (Forward): Joined Blackpool last October as part of the deal which took Tony Green to Newcastle. He was valued at around £40,000. With Newcastle, he was capped by the England Under-23 side two seasons ago and, in 74 First Division matches, he scored 21 goals.

PAUL FUSCHILLO (Full back): Another signing from amateur soccer, coming from Wycombe Wanderers on amateur forms late last

season and turning professional last July. Blackpool admired his potential when he played for the England Amateur XI.

MICHAEL GREEN (Forward): Signed last August from Albion Rovers, the Scottish club from whom Blackpool bought £150,000 star Tony Green.

PETER HARDCASTLE (Full back): Signed professional forms last July and was brought into the League side recently. After only a few games, he was rated Blackpool's discovery of the season.

DAVID HATTON (Defender): A good buy from Bolton Wanderers, costing £40,000 when joining the promotion-winning line-up in 1969-70. Originally a defensive wing half, the Farnworth-born defender has switched to full back to replace the gap left by the retirement of Jimmy Armfield.

TOM HUTCHISON (Winger): Cost only a small fee when signed from Scottish club Alloa Athletic in February, 1968. Tall and skillful, he was an immediate success in the promotion side and, last season, he attracted attention with his form at First Division level, culminating in the award of a Scottish Under-23 cap.

JOHNNY JOHNSTON (Forward): Signed for a sizeable fee from Irish League club Glentoran three seasons ago. Capped by Ireland at amateur and Under-23 levels, but has had few senior chances at Bloomfield Road. Was on loan to Halifax earlier in the season.

DAVE LENNARD (Forward): Another of Blackpool's major signings last October, costing £30,000 when transferred from Third Division Halifax Town, who had taken him from Bolton on a free transfer in 1969. When switched to striker early this season, his form soon attracted Blackpool and other clubs.

In his career at Bolton, he had played mainly in midfield, making over 100 appearances.

PETER SUDDABY (Midfield): Also signed from amateur football. Joined Blackpool in July, 1970, after playing with great success for Wycombe Wanderers and England. He played a dozen games in the First Division in his first season. When Blackpool offered him terms, he was torn between soccer and an academic career. In three years at Swansea University, he graduated with a B.Sc in Maths and later spent a year in a teachers' training college at Oxford. During his amateur days, he played with another University graduate, Steve Highway, in the Skelmersdale team.

CHRIS SIMPKIN (Midfield): Powerful Yorkshireman who gave loyal service to his home-town club, Hull City. Played in over 300 senior games for the Tigers and was an ever-present in their Third Division Championship side. After losing his place last year, he attracted numerous clubs and Blackpool won the race with a £40,000 cheque in October.

ALAN SUDDICK (Forward): Blackpool's biggest-ever buy, costing £65,000 when signed from Newcastle United in December, 1966.

Born in Chester-le-Street, he made a name as an outstanding young forward at Newcastle, scoring 41 goals in 144 League games and winning England Youth and Under-23 honours. He was Blackpool's top scorer in 1968-69 and was a decisive influence when they won the Anglo-Italian Cup.

GEORGE WOOD (Goalkeeper): Blackpool paid £5,000 to East Stirling for this promising young 'keeper on January 20th this year. Now deputy to Burridge and enabled Blackpool to sell Neil Ramsbottom to Coventry in March.



DAVID HATTON

LUTON in ACTION

To lose any game in the last minute is a disappointment. To lose in the 89th minute when you have defended superbly against the best home team in the Second Division is just shattering. That was what happened to the Hatters against Birmingham City, who broke the deadlock with a goal from Bob Hatton.

Our pictures show some of the fine work of the Town defence ... **FAR RIGHT:** John Ryan clears off the line from Trevor Francis. **RIGHT:** Man-of-the-match Keith Barber comes off the line to handle safely. **BELOW LEFT:** Barber goes up again with good goal-line cover. **BELOW RIGHT:** Barber punching away from City scorer Hatton.



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Talking to Mike Skinner

The Mike Skinner "XI". They are not a "team" ever seen in soccer's limelight for they are certain never to bask in the glory of winning material rewards i.e. Cups, medals etc. But as the answer to keeping a club abreast of its financial obligations they represent a growing "offshoot" of the English soccer scene that TOPS the League as vital fund raisers.

Mike Skinner is Luton Town's Commercial Manager, an affable Cornishman by birth who came to Kenilworth Road little over a year ago to inherit the responsibility of fostering a working relationship between the Club and its supporters.

"They are the backbone of any club, that's obvious, and the more ideas I can think up to keep them happy and involved with the club — the happier they are. I feel sometimes they are only too pleased to join our promotions for no matter how small their contribution is, in the end it adds up to a vital part of Luton's economy."

"Luton's pools agents are spread over a wide radius — but there is plenty more ground to cover if any fan is interested", added Mike. "Every penny they channel into the club is spent to improve ground facilities. Taking it a logical step further, we play our part here as they do elsewhere to keep the standard of British soccer the highest in the world — and that takes money."

What is the secret of a good Commercial Manager. A devotion to soccer? A love of hard work? No, according to Mike the most important item, above everything else, is the advantage of having reliable staff, people who enjoy their responsibilities and work in harmony with each other."

Mike is fortunate in this respect for immediately under his wing he has a person who knows him best, his wife Mary. She shares the 101 duties with Mike's sub-lieutenants, John Symonds,

Ted Payne and Phil Critchley. "Typical of the spirit pervading in this pools office is the surprise we all had last week when Ted Payne reported back after a serious operation. He was away only six weeks when we all expected him to take two or three months to recover."

It's an alarming fact, but only half a dozen clubs in the country can survive on the revenue they take through the turnstiles. So the other 86 are forced to supplement their income in other ways and a Pools Office at the moment, is the current answer to their prayers. The nerve-centre of Mike's operations — which include producing and selling this actual programme — are at the Sports Centre, Dunstable Road, and it's here that schemes and ideas are hatched to keep Luton geared as a modern thinking club.

During his term of office, Manager Skinner has had the onerous task of bringing the various supporters groups under one heading. "I reckoned this was my first job. But by the start of this season it became obvious that it was beyond the capabilities of one person. Now we have about 10 dedicated supporters sacrificing four or five nights each week on the Supporters Clubs activities."

"A supporters asset is his enthusiasm. My job is to harness this priceless commodity and put it to the benefit of both parties, the fan and the club. Fund raising in its present form is rapidly becoming out-dated as the public are demanding greater value for their money. But because of the restrictions within the legislation that we have to operate under, we are not able to produce other types of competitions which are quite as attractive as the pools. We are limited to paying £100 first prize. What is that in this day and age of bumper payouts of £500,000 on the coupons."

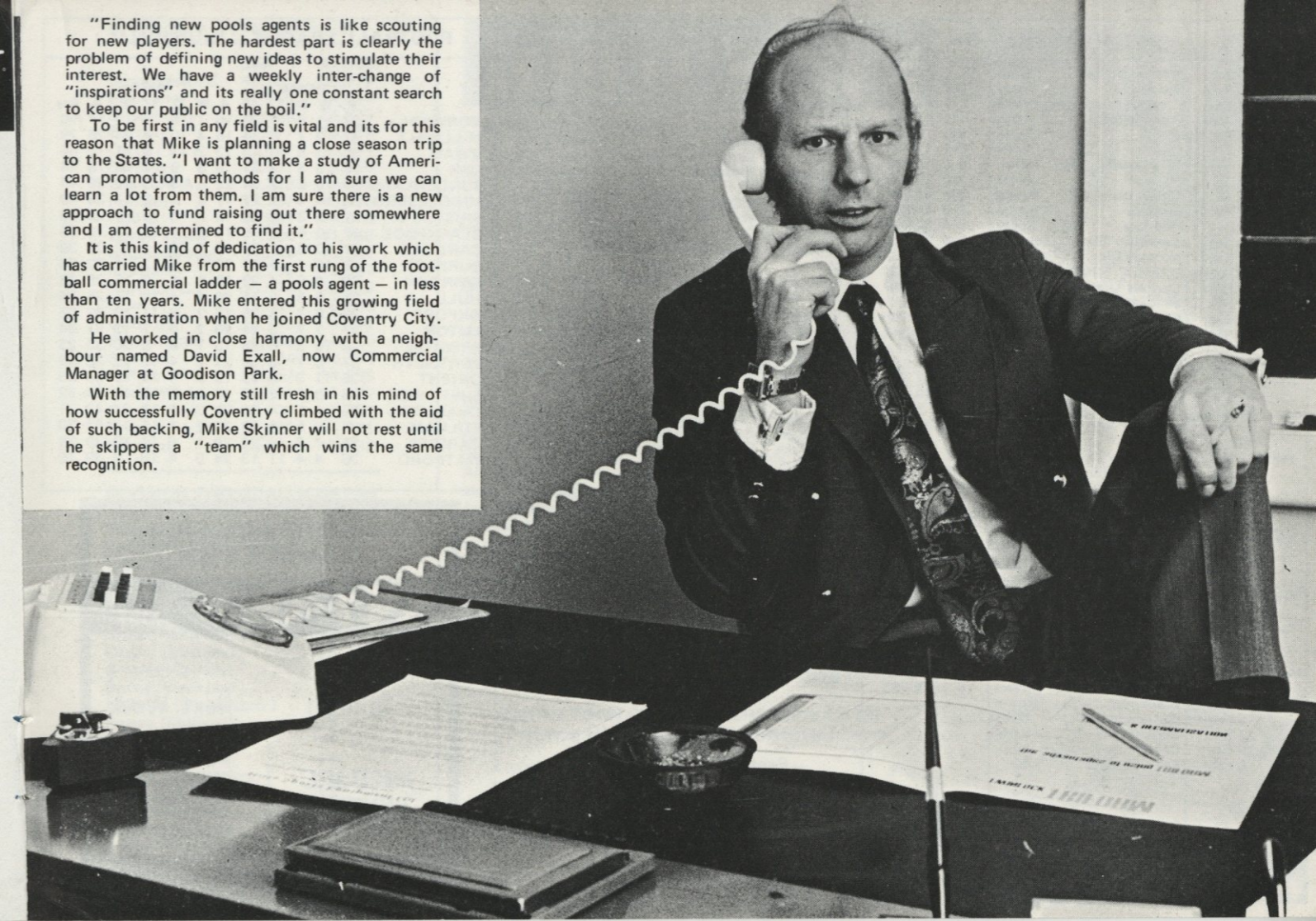
"Finding new pools agents is like scouting for new players. The hardest part is clearly the problem of defining new ideas to stimulate their interest. We have a weekly inter-change of "inspirations" and its really one constant search to keep our public on the boil."

To be first in any field is vital and its for this reason that Mike is planning a close season trip to the States. "I want to make a study of American promotion methods for I am sure we can learn a lot from them. I am sure there is a new approach to fund raising out there somewhere and I am determined to find it."

It is this kind of dedication to his work which has carried Mike from the first rung of the football commercial ladder — a pools agent — in less than ten years. Mike entered this growing field of administration when he joined Coventry City.

He worked in close harmony with a neighbour named David Exall, now Commercial Manager at Goodison Park.

With the memory still fresh in his mind of how successfully Coventry climbed with the aid of such backing, Mike Skinner will not rest until he skips a "team" which wins the same recognition.



DATE	DIVISION TWO	Res.	Att.	DATE	Midweek Football League	Res.
Aug. 14 Sat.	Norwich City .. Home	1-1	12,428	AUGUST		
21 Sat.	Burnley .. Away	1-2	13,333	Tues. 17th	Southeast Utd. .. Home	1-0
28 Sat.	Preston North End Home	1-1	11,772	Wed. 25th	Millwall Ath. .. Away	0-1
Sept. 1 Wed.	Oxford United .. Away	1-1	10,490	Tues. 31st	Millwall Ath. .. Home	1-3
4 Sat.	Orient .. Away	0-0	8,703	SEPT		
7 Tues.	Crystal P. (LC2) .. Away	0-2	13,838	Wed. 8th	Orient .. Away	2-1
11 Sat.	Birmingham City Home	0-0	14,678	Tues. 14th	Cambridge United Home	1-0
18 Sat.	Millwall .. Away	2-2	12,433	Tues. 21st	Aldershot .. Home	0-0
25 Sat.	Middlesbrough Home	3-2	13,001	OCT		
28 Tues.	Fulham .. Home	2-0	14,017	Wed. 6th	Brighton & H.A. .. Away	0-1
2 Sat.	Hull City .. Away	0-0	13,904	Tues. 12th	Watford .. Home	4-0
9 Sat.	Swindon Town Home	0-0	13,423	Wed. 20th	Southeast Utd. .. Away	0-1
16 Sat.	Norwich City .. Away	1-3	22,558	Tues. 26th	Brighton & H.A. Home	5-1
19 Tues.	Queens P. Rangers Away	0-1	15,858	NOV		
23 Sat.	Carlisle United Home	0-2	11,963	Tues. 2nd	Colchester United Home	4-0
30 Sat.	Sunderland .. Away	2-2	17,971	Tues. 9th	Orient .. Home	4-0
Nov. 6 Sat.	Charlton Ath. .. Home	1-2	11,011	Tues. 16th	Northampton Tn. Home	5-0
13 Sat.	Watford .. Away	1-2	14,000	Mon. 29th	Peterborough Utd. Away	2-2
20 Sat.	Blackpool (1) .. Away	1-0	8,432	DEC		
27 Sat.	Portsmouth Home	3-2	9,910	Wed. 8th	Watford .. Away	2-1
Dec. 4 Sat.	Bristol City .. Away	0-0	12,921	Wed. 15th	Colchester United Away	3-0
11 Sat.	Cardiff City (2) Home	2-2	10,606	1972		
18 Sat.	Orient .. Home	2-0	9,193	JAN		
27 Mon.	Sheffield Wed. .. Away	2-2	31,391	Tues. 4th	Northampton Tn. .. Away	0-1
1972				Wed. 12th	Cambridge United Away	0-1
Jan. 1 Sat.	Millwall .. Home	2-1	15,113	Tues. 18th	Charlton Ath. .. Home	2-0
8 Sat.	Preston North End Away	1-0	12,844	Tues. 25th	Charlton Ath. .. Away	2-1
15 Sat.	West Ham .. Away	1-2	32,099	FEB		
22 Sat.	Fulham .. Home	1-3	11,328	Tues. 8th	Peterborough Utd. Home	3-1
29 Sat.	Queens P. Rangers Home	1-1	17,280	Wed. 23rd	Watford (L.C.) .. Home	3-1
Feb. 5 Sat.	Oxford United Home	1-2	9,892	MARCH		
12 Sat.	Carlisle United .. Away	0-0	8,731	Wed. 8th	Millwall (L.C.) .. Away	P-P
19 Sat.	Sunderland .. Home	1-2	10,994	Wed. 22nd	Aldershot .. Away	2-0
26 Sat.	Charlton Ath. (5) .. Away	0-2	7,941	Tues. 28th	Millwall (L.C.) .. Home	4-2
Mar. 3 Fri.	Watford .. Home	0-0	10,816	APRIL		
11 Sat.	Swindon Town .. Away	P-P		Wed. 12th	Watford (L.C.) .. Away	
18 Sat.	Burnley (6) .. Home	1-0	8,490			
25 Sat.	Birmingham City Away	0-1	34,349			
31 Fri.	Middlesbrough .. Away	0-0	11,720			
Apr. 1 Sat.	Sheffield Wed. Home	3-1	9,121			
4 Tues.	Hull City .. Home	0-1	9,763			
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	DIVISION TWO	Res.	Att.	DATE	Midweek Football League	Res.
NEXT DATES AT						
Kenilworth road						
Saturday, April 22nd (3 p.m.)						
Football League Division II						
Luton Town v						
BRISTOL CITY						

FOOTBALL LEAGUE - DIVISION II		HOME		AWAY		Pts	
P	W	D	L	F	A	D	L
NORWICH	37	11	8	0	38	16	7
MILLWALL	37	12	7	0	34	16	4
B'HAM	36	13	5	0	42	13	2
QPR	36	13	3	1	31	9	3
SUNDERLAND	36	10	6	2	36	22	5
MIDDLESBRO	36	14	4	1	27	11	3
BRISTOL CITY	37	12	3	4	36	19	3
BLACKPOOL	37	10	6	2	35	14	6
CARLISLE	37	10	6	2	32	19	5
BURNLEY	37	10	4	4	37	22	5
SWINDON	36	8	5	4	23	12	5
HULL	37	9	5	3	21	20	4
OXFORD	38	9	7	3	25	15	2
LUTON	37	7	7	5	24	20	2
PRESTON	36	10	3	5	28	15	1
PORTSMTH	37	9	7	3	30	21	2
ORIENT	35	11	3	3	29	15	2
SHEFF WED	36	8	7	2	26	18	2
CHARLTON	36	9	5	4	30	20	3
FULHAM	37	10	5	4	29	20	1
CARDIFF	35	7	6	4	30	20	1
WATFORD	36	4	4	11	13	24	0

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DIVISION II ATTENDANCES	Best	Average
Birmingham C	45,181	30,979
Blackpool	22,610	14,090
Bristol City	23,560	14,625
Burnley	21,977	13,162
Cardiff City	23,692	15,444
Carlisle	12,281	9,780
Charlton A.	16,223	9,783
Fulham	21,187	10,693
Hull C.	26,091	14,072
Luton Town	17,280	11,756
Middlesbrough	34,846	18,541
Millwall	24,266	15,697
Norwich C.	35,076	22,629
Orient	19,081	9,632
Oxford	18,740	9,449
Portsmouth	16,058	12,410
Preston	27,284	15,392
Q.P.R.	25,257	14,828
Sheff. Wed.	31,391	17,002
Sunderland	28,129	16,382
Swindon	21,383	14,271
Watford	14,575	10,532

DIVISION TWO GOAL-SCORERS	Goals
Hatton (Birmingham)	25
Latchford (Birmingham)	25
Clark (Cardiff)	23
Hubbard (Norwich)	20
Treacy (Charlton)	19
Galley (Bristol City)	19
Cross (Norwich)	18
Casper (Burnley)	18
Bowles (Carlisle)	16
Burns (Blackpool)	16
Hickton (Middlesbro')	15
Possee (Millwall)	15
Bolland (Millwall)	14
Bowyer (Orient)	14
Joicey (Sheff. Wed.)	14
Pearson (Hull)	14
Wagstaff (Hull)	14
Bullock (Orient)	13
Foggo (Norwich)	13
Earle (Fulham)	13
Tueart (Sunderland)	13



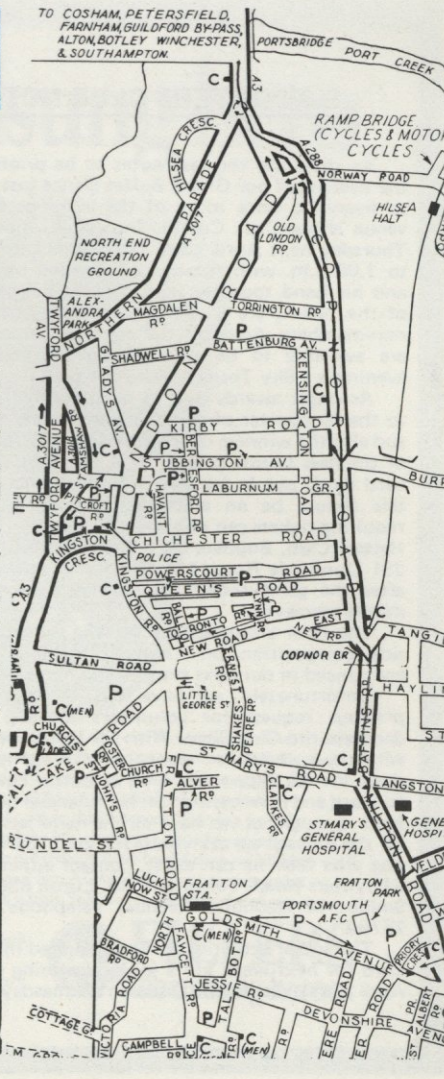
PORTSMOUTH, Saturday, April 15th (3 p.m.)

BY RAIL	
Depart Luton	10.05
Depart Harpenden	10.15
Depart St. Albans	10.23
Arrive Portsmouth (Fratton)	13.20
Depart Portsmouth (Fratton)	17.27
Arrive St. Albans	20.17
Arrive Harpenden	20.25
Arrive Luton	20.35
Fare: £1.25	

BY ROAD

LUTON. Leave by London Road. A6. At 1½m. on, roundabout, take 2nd road. Pepperstock Intersection. Follow signs "London M1". (2 mls). Waterdale Intersection. (M1 junction A405). (12½ mls). Follow signs "Watford A405". Garston. Turn L onto A412. Watford. (16½ mls.) Continue on A412. Rickmansworth. Follow signs "Slough A412". Denham. Turn L for A40. Roundabout, take 3rd road, A412. "The Crooked Billet" Public House. Roundabout, take 2nd road. At 1¼m. on, turn R for B470. "William IV" Public House. Turn L for A4. M4 Motorway. Follow signs "Reading M4". A355 Intersection (6) Windsor A355. At ½m. on, continue ahead. A332. Junction of roads. Bear L on A308. Windsor. (39½ mls). Leave by A332. Ascot, roundabout, take 2nd road. At 1m. on, turn L. Junction of roads. Turn L on A322. Follow signs "M3". M3 Motorway. Follow signs "South West, Southampton, Basingstoke". A325 Intersection (4). Farnborough A325. Farnborough. (58½ mls). Leave as for Aldershot on A325. Greatham. Sheet. Pass Church, then Bear R. Junction of roads, continue ahead A3. Petersfield. Horndean. Cosham. Portsmouth. (98½ mls).

LUTON TOWN GOAL SCORERS (up to 4.4.72)			
ANDERSON	10	KEEN	2
BUSBY	2	RYAN, John	1
GIVENS	6	SLOUGH	3
HALOM	7	WAINWRIGHT	2
HINDSON	1		



SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

As these are the last notes to be printed prior to the evening of our Grand Buffet Dance just a reminder to everyone once more of the evenings details. The venue is the Civic Centre, Dunstable, and the date is Thursday next April 13th. Dancing is from 8.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. with the music provided by Ray Miller and his band together with The Breeze group. Prices of the tickets are £1.00 for members and £1.25 for non-members. Amongst the many valuable prizes that are available to be won during the course of the evening is a Sky Tours holiday for two.

Amongst awards due to be presented will be one to the 'Supporter of the Year' the 'Player of the Year' and also the winners of the competitions for the design of the new Luton Town F.C. Club Crest. With all the hard work put in by the Entertainments Committee this should be an enjoyable evening. Anyone still requiring tickets can obtain them from:— Hatters Club, Bobbers Club, Kenilworth Road Offices, 231 Dunstable Road, 125 Oak Road (open before and after the game today) Out of town branches, Committee members.

The final arrangements for the staging of the 6-a-side competition on Thursday April 27th will be announced in our next programme notes.

Unfortunately, we have had no response to our previous request for volunteers to help paint and decorate the Club Shop. With the lighter evenings now with us, is there not someone with sufficient enthusiasm for the Supporters Club of Luton Town to come forward and offer assistance. No financial outlay of any kind is sought as we have all the materials available to do the job. All we ask you is for your spare time. Anyone who feels he can assist, contact either Colin Ball, 6 Poynters Road, Telephone No. Luton 63043 or John Smilie, 44 Wadhurst Avenue, Telephone No. Luton 25796.

The social activities we have planned in the Hatters Club for next week are a juniors meeting on Tuesday April 11th and a seniors Disco on Wednesday April 12th.

ROUNDUP OF DIVISION 2

You have to hand it to CARLISLE UNITED. England's most isolated League club — their nearest Second Division rivals are 70 miles away — have worked wonders in maintaining a reputation as one of the best sides in the section and making money at the same time.

They have returned a profit in ten of the last 12 years and still found £100,000 for ground improvements. Brunton Park is an unlikely scene for European soccer — you can see sheep grazing on the hills when looking from behind the stand — yet Carlisle have won a nomination to play in this summer's Anglo-Italian Tournament.

Manager **Ian McFarlane**, a 17-stone "showman" who says he nearly gave up the game until he came into contact with Malcolm Allison's ideas at Bath City, has been with Carlisle for not much more than a year. But that has been long enough for him to develop immense pride in Carlisle United.

"The history of this club is fantastic," he says. "You hear of clubs not being able to manage on gates of 25,000 and yet, here, tremendous improvements have been made and we still have a sound economic balance." Like previous managers **Alan Ashman** and **Bob Stokoe**, Mr. MacFarlane has respect for the Directors. "By the kind of spirit shown at Dunkirk, they have produced a club who can hold their head high in any company."

Bob Hatton, one of several big-money sales by Carlisle, scored for BIRMINGHAM CITY on his recent return visit to Brunton Park and, four days later, he snatched a last-minute winner against The Hatters. "Value-for-money" Bob had then scored in ten of his first 14 home matches for City.

Brian Clark, of CARDIFF CITY, is once again among the leading group of Second Division marksmen, yet he says he is "disgusted" with himself. "You know," he says, "It is eight years since I last scored a hat-trick. That is not good enough for a player in my job." Brian scored his last treble in 1964 when he was with Bristol City.

SWINDON TOWN have called in turf experts to discuss a scheme for major improvements to the troublesome pitch at the County Ground. The consultants are those who re-laid Manchester City's Maine Road ground last year and reports suggest that they did a good job.

Mention of grounds takes us to BRISTOL CITY, who have filed an application to the City Corporation for permission to lease a 13-acre site suitable for a training ground. If the Council are agreeable, City would lay four full-size pitches — two of them for hire to amateur clubs — and the ground would have offices and dressing rooms. Still talking about City ... their former Wolves wing half, **Les Wilson**, is to make his annual trip home to his family in Canada. This time he hopes to find time to play and coach in Canadian soccer.

Nice sense of timing by MIDDLESBROUGH'S Irish international forward, **Eric McMordie**. He saved up his first goal of the season for the 89th minute of the game against Charlton Athletic and saved a precious point.

HALFTIME SCORES

A	Arsenal v Wolves	_____
B	Chelsea v C. Palace	_____
C	Huddersfield v Ipswich	_____
D	Leicester v Manchester Utd	_____
E	Manchester C. v West Ham	_____
F	Nottm. F. v Newcastle	_____
G	Sheffield Utd v Derby	_____
H	Southampton v Everton	_____
K	WB Albion v Tottenham	_____
L	Birmingham v Millwall	_____
M	Burnley v Watford	_____
N	Carlisle v Bristol C.	_____

A	Charlton v Fulham	_____
B	Hull v QPR	_____
C	Norwich v Sheffield Wed.	_____
D	Orient v Middlesbrough	_____
E	Preston v Swindon	_____
F	Sunderland v Cardiff	_____
G	Brighton v Wrexham	_____
H	Bristol Rov. v Halifax	_____
K	Rotherham v Chesterfield	_____
L	Swansea v Plymouth	_____
M	Walsall v Bolton	_____
N	York v Aston Villa	_____

PROGRAMMES AS SOUVENIRS

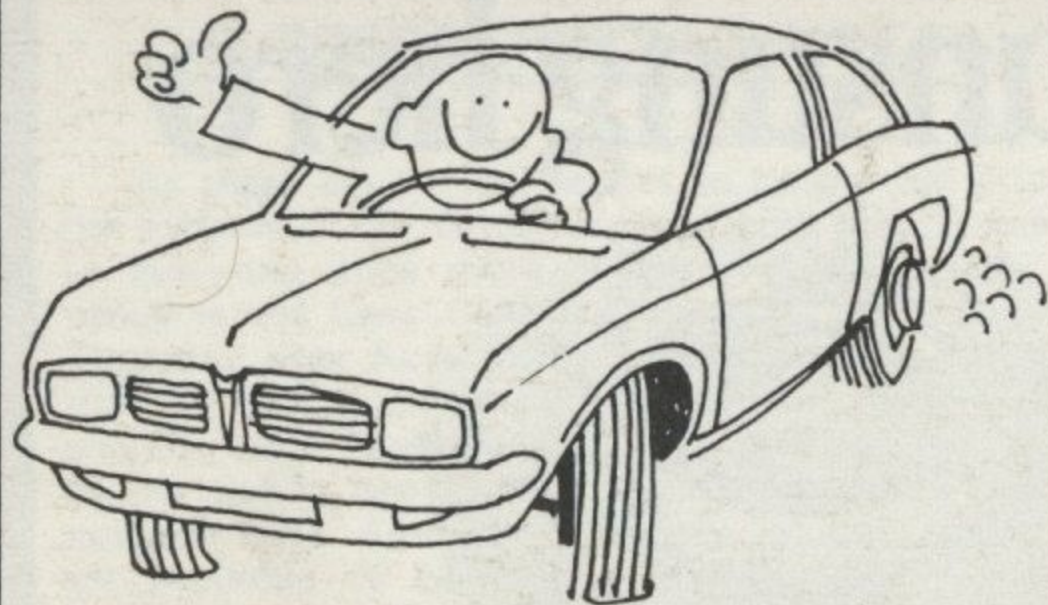
We hold a stock of the season's programmes. These can be obtained for a price of 20p per bundle of 20 at Luton Town Sports Shop 231 Dunstable Road.

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Luton Town

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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	Don	GIVENS
10	Vic	HALOM
11	Peter	ANDERSON

Sub.

Referee: D.J. BIDDLE, Bristol.

LINESMEN: A.W. GREY, Gorleston (Red Flag)
E. GILLINGHAM, Chippenham (Orange Flag)

Donald Biddle, a Detective Sergeant with the Bristol Police Force, is a finger print expert who travels throughout the South West Region. He took up refereeing on being demobbed from the RAF in 1957 and progressed through the Western League to become a Football League referee last year. He is married with one daughter.

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Mr. Bill Powers

Blackpool

(Tangerine Shirts, White Shorts)

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2	David	HATTON
3	Steve	HARRISON
4	Peter	SUDDABY
5	Glyn	JAMES
6	Chris	SIMPKIN
7	Tommy	HUTCHISON
8	Alan	SUDDICK
9	Keith	DYSON
10	Peter	HARDCASTLE
11	Micky	BURNS

Sub.