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ERIC PUGH talking...

Not many supporters, I fancy, will show genuine regret when the Town finish their programme at Cardiff next Saturday, because this has been a season that can best be described as colourless.

Possibly, we all tended to expect too much after four or five years of unbroken success and, when one thinks back, it becomes obvious that there had to be a period for consolidation and re-grouping.

To some extent, this has been done, though the process has not been so complete as was hoped because of the anxieties that cropped up in the end about the Town's position in the Second Division.

Not that to have this worry in the last few weeks was only common to them, because the even nature of the way the Second Division has operated this season has meant that quite 10 clubs have had a scare at one time or another.

While these notes were written before Tuesday's match at Swindon, I fancy that the Town removed the last of their problems at Portsmouth last Saturday when they won in a style that made nonsense of the fact that they had lost their two previous games, both at home.

After that achievement, it is now certain that the Town's pattern for the future will include John Ryan, not as the efficient defender we have known him so far, but as a hard driving midfielder man with the ability to score goals.

If his Portsmouth form can be taken as a true sample, and, coming hard on the heels of the way he played in the second half against Blackpool, I feel it can, that John has come to stay in midfield.

And that will go some way towards solving one of the Town's more pressing problems because, for much of this season, it has been underlined that they lacked pace and flair in midfield and Ryan has both.

So, this is one of the good things that has

emerged from the recent, anxious weeks, but there are others. There is, for instance, the completely able way in which Alan Garner has taken over at centre-half, thereby alleviating considerably, the pain felt by some people by the sale of Chris Nicholl to Aston Villa.

While it would be wrong to say that Nicholl has not been missed, it is fair to say that Garner has eased the impact of the blow by the efficient way in which he has taken over.

Recent weeks have seen the establishment in the team of two of the younger players, Keith Barber and Don Shanks, and it is a fact that, with a couple of exceptions, this is a youthful Town side which can only improve.

Which is why what has been accomplished this season, although it may not amount to much on paper or in terms of success, may prove to be more valuable than it would seem at first sight.

A couple of judicious signings during the summer, could change the whole balance of things and lead to much more exciting events in the new season, than have been the case this time.

For once in a way, there will be no Continental tour at the end of the season. For one thing hopes were pinned firmly on a place being gained in the Anglo-Italian tournament and, when that fell down, there was little time in which to make alternative arrangements.

And such time that was available was largely used up in planning to escape the relegation net that seemed to be hovering uncomfortably close at one time.

Although this is the last home League game of the season, the Kenilworth-road season is by no means finished.

Bedford Town are due here on Tuesday in the final of the Bedfordshire Professional Cup and there are also the County Intermediate Cup Final and the postponed Luton League final to come.

A Season's Roundup by ALEC STOCK

Today, with our game against Bristol City, sees the end of another Season — a Season which it is fair to say has been rather tepid and quite uneventful.

Our League performance has lacked conviction and we were knocked out of both Cups in the 1st Rounds. Here we were a little unfortunate to be drawn away to First Division sides — Crystal Palace and West Ham respectively — in the 1st Round. The only highlight was our performance against West Ham, when it can be argued that we deserved a "little something". That's the story of 1971/72, and it is no use crying about it; the job now being to put our house in order and get back in the swim for Season 1972/73.

But, as we close the Season, it is only right we should say "Thank you" to you, our Supporters (there's never enough of you) for your attendance here during the past Season. We have your interests at heart and will do our best to "knock you over" during the coming Season. Here, we say a special "Thank you" to the Oak Road End for their continued vocal support and hope they will keep it up, and it is our ambition that it will spread to every part of the Ground — why it doesn't is beyond us! Also, at the same time, we have a very enthusiastic band of "away" supporters who travel to matches on our special trains and to them we offer a very big "Thank you".

Probably the most important thing which has happened during the Season is the establishment of a very virile Supporters Club under the Chairmanship of Colin Ball. It has taken all the year to get the organisation into proper shape but now the Chairman, together with his very able Committee, are in full flight and it is our hope that you will give them your most enthusiastic support. Their target for next year is a minimum membership of 5,000 and I am sure it will not be too difficult to attain. They propose to have a full social programme throughout the Season, which will mean making full use of the Hatters Club and the Committee expect that members will give their fullest support.

Further thanks for their support are due to the Vice Presidents, Stewards, Gatemens, Catering Staff and all other helpers and everyone who works to make the wheels go round. A special word of praise is due to our Groundsman — Eddy Hartley — He and his staff for the rather immaculate condition of the pitch and the surrounding area: this is quite a talking point with visiting Clubs, and due to the efforts of one man.

Therefore, we say "Goodbye" to you for another Season and look forward to your continued support for Season 1972/73 — a Season in which we hope the Gods will be very kind and in which we get back on the winning trail with very enthusiastic, winning Football.





Back row: Left to right
Keith Fear, Danny Bartley, Peter Spiring, Geoff Merrick, Trevor Tainton
Middle Row: Left to right
Dickie Rooks, Chris Garland, Mike Gibson, John Galley, Ray Cashley, Gordon Parr, Dave Merrington
Front Row: Left to right
Gerry Sweeney, Gerry Gow, Trevor Jacobs, Brian Drysdale, Ken Wimshurst.
(Photograph by courtesy of the Evening Post, Bristol).

Division I Runners-up, 1906-07. Division II Champions, 1905-06. Division III (South) Champions, 1922-23, 1926-27, 1954-55. Runners-up, 1937-38. Division III Runners-up, 1964-65. FA Cup Finalists, 1909.

BRISTOL CITY



In Alan Dicks' first four seasons as manager of Bristol City, he was never completely free from relegation doubts, but his patient building programme at Ashton Gate has started to bear results and City are now sure to end this campaign in a comfortable position.

Indeed, City would be among the promotion-chasing set if they had not suffered a worrying three-month decline in the middle of the season. They began in their best form for several years and by October 23rd were holding third place. Then came trying period which produced only half-a-dozen points from 14 games and sent them crashing to 18th place.

It appeared that a relegation struggle was in prospect until City broke the gloom with a 2-0 win against Charlton on February 19th. A run of 13 points from nine games then pushed them back into the top half of the table and confirmed the earlier evidence that Mr. Dicks' careful planning will eventually lead to a promotion challenge.

Since his arrival from the assistant manager's role at Coventry City in October, 1967, Mr. Dicks has tailored his requirements to City's modest budget. Big-money signings have not been possible; on the contrary, City were reluctantly forced to accept a six-figure offer from Chelsea for star forward Chris Garland last September.

The search for a replacement has taken Mr. Dicks and his right-hand-man, Tony Collins, all over Britain, but, with only about £40,000 to spend, City have yet to find the new striker who

might be the instigation of a First Division team. They were one of the first teams in the field for Scottish Under-23 international Jimmy Bone, who eventually signed for Norwich City, and several other Scots were trailed without success.

Mr. Dicks still wants another forward for next season, though his long-term ambition is centred on home-produced players. In re-organising the City staff, he has brought through a group of young players who are expected to form the nucleus of the League side for years to come.

Now plans are to be launched with even more emphasis on discovering local talent. Junior sides in the Bristol area are to be advised that City will pay £100 to any club recommending a player who joins the apprentice staff, with a further £150 to come if he graduates to the full professional squad.

In addition, all City's senior players are to enter an FA coaching course next month, with the idea of equipping them to serve as volunteer coaches in Bristol schools next season. In addition, City are to sponsor an Under-17 tournament for leagues in Gloucestershire and Somerset.

The basic object is to raise City's apprentice staff to the maximum number of 15 allowed by Football League regulations. "We believe that the roll of a professional club is to foster football in the area it serves and we shall be doing this more than ever before."

The City manager believes that the schemes will work to the club's advantage as well as local

football. "Obviously, we hope to get something out of it in the way of the best young players at an early age. At the same time, we feel we are offering a lot in return to football in the immediate Bristol area."

As part of the youth expansion, City will enter a team in the Western League next season and have also made an ambitious move in applying to the Midland Intermediate League, which is an expensive operation with travelling to clubs as far north as Leicester and Stoke.

City's plans are evidence of their determination to regain the First Division status they lost as long ago as 1911 — indeed, that was the last time the million people in the Bristol area were treated to top-division soccer. There is no doubt that a successful City team would be well supported in Division I.

Their glimpse of top form in the early part of this season soon pulled in crowds of 20,000 and above. These could be improved considerably by first-class opposition, especially when one remembers that the new Severn Bridge gives the club a catchment zone extending into South Wales. Cardiff, for instance, is less than an hour away by road.

This is the size of their potential and their ambition was revealed when they spent close on £200,000 to build a new stand. Now, City hope to sell 6,000 season tickets for 1972-73, bringing in an advance of £70,000 and the scope for Mr. Dicks to widen that scouting net.

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meet the captain and his team

It is now 13 years since Ken Wimshurst made his League debut and, since then, his varied career has seen him play over 250 League games for four clubs in all divisions of the Football League except the Third. For a while, it seemed he might be about to complete the set — as City hovered close to the relegation zone — but now they seem safe from trouble.

It was while playing inside-forward for South Shields Corinthians that Ken was spotted by Newcastle United in 1957. He spent a couple of seasons with the Magpies and then moved across one of the Tyne's famous bridges to sign for Gateshead, in the Fourth Division. When Gateshead were voted out of the League in 1960, Stan Collis who showed faith in Ken by placing him on Wolves' playing staff. But, as had been the case at Newcastle, Ken didn't manage to get a game in the First Division side, so, after only a few months, he moved down south to Southampton.

He really blossomed with the Saints. He won a regular place at wing-half and starred in the Southampton side, then in Division Two, which got to the semi-final of the F.A. Cup in 1963. So well was he playing that he was then being tipped for an England cap.

Ken's solid work in mid-field contributed substantially to Southampton's success in 1966 when they gained promotion to the First Division for the first time in their history. So, at last, Ken got his chance in Division One. But at the end of their initial campaign at the top, the Saints placed Ken on the open-transfer list. Bristol City made the best offer so he joined them at the commencement of the 1967/68 season. Now he is the club captain.



JOHN EMANUEL

IAN BROOMFIELD (Centre forward): Bristol-born prospect who has had two full seasons on the Ashton Gate professional staff. Made his debut against Sheffield United in March, 1969, and scored two goals in nine League games last season.

DAVID BRUTON (Centre half) Fast-improving youngster who sign-

ed professional forms last July and has had several first-team outings this season.

RAY CASHLEY (Goalkeeper): Former 'outfield' player who switched to goalkeeping duties and made his debut in an FA Cup tie at Southampton last season when he saved a penalty. Made 11 League appearances by the end of last term and was first choice this season because of an injury to Mike Gibson.

BRIAN DRYSDALE (Full back): This 27-year-old defender from Durham cost City £10,000 when signed from Fourth Division Hartlepool and he was an ever-present in his first two seasons at Ashton Gate. He first entered League soccer as a teenage inside forward with Lincoln City. He almost gave up his career before signing for Hartlepool, where he made 169 League appearances.

JOHN EMANUEL (Winghalf): City's find of the season so far. Signed last May from Welsh League club Fernel-dale, he went straight into the League side in August and scored his first goal in the second match against Sheffield Wednesday.

KEITH FEAR (Inside forward): Local youngster who was given first chance to fill the vacancy left by the sale of Chris Garland. As a school-boy, he represented Bristol and played for England Senior Schools against Wales in 1969. He was also skipper of the Gloucester FA youth side.

JOHN GALLEY (Centre forward): One of the most consistent Second Division marksmen in recent seasons, the former Wolves youth team player has more than repaid City's £30,000 fee to Rotherham. He scored a couple of goals in five League games for Wolves before showing his full potential with 48 goals in 111 appearances for Rotherham. Has been City's regular top scorer, netting 22 goals in 1968-69.

MIKE GIBSON (Goalkeeper): A broken index finger (received at the end of last season interrupted Mike's progress towards 400 League games for Shrewsbury and Bristol City. Born in Derby, he started out in Midland non-League soccer with Gresley Rovers and Nuneaton. Then he had a successful spell with Shrewsbury before joining City in April, 1963. At one point he had a sequence of 191 consecutive games.

GERRY GOW (Inside Forward): Still a teenager, this promising young Scot from Glasgow made his mark with 38 League games for City last season. He has been a regular this term, scoring City's first goal of the campaign against Millwall.

TREVOR JACOBS (Full back): Bristol-born defender who topped 100 League appearances for City during last season. Originally an apprentice professional, he had a spell as an amateur before turning full professional in 1965.

WILLIE MENMUIR (Wing half): A teenager from Scotland who is in his third season with City. Made debut at Huddersfield in August, 1969.

GEOFF MERRICK (Wing half): Born in Bristol, Geoff was clearly destined for a good future when he captained Bristol and England Boys. After serving as an apprentice straight from school, he turned professional three years ago, but was injured in second first-team match. Had made 22 League appearances before this season.

GORDON PARR (Wing half): City's longest-serving player with 280 League games before this season. Turned full professional after serving as a part-timer while an engineering apprentice.

DAVID RODGERS (Centre half): A former Bristol Schools player who made his League introduction with half-a-dozen appearances last season.

Has made a good recovery from a serious injury. He is the son of former City Centre forward, Arnold Rodgers.

DICKIE ROOKS (Centre half): Born in Sunderland, he signed for the local club after an apprenticeship as a carpenter and joiner. The presence of Charlie Hurlley limited his senior opportunities at Roker Park, but a transfer to Middlesbrough made him a regular choice for over 130 games. When he fell into dispute with Middlesbrough at the end of 1968-69, he was snapped up by Bristol City for a large fee and played in 72 League games during his first two seasons with City.

PETER SIPRING (Forward): Born Glastonbury and represented Somerset in youth and senior matches during 1967-68. Made his debut for City against Blues two years ago and had played eight first-team games by the end of last season.

GERRY SWEENEY (Forward): Young Scotsman who was disappointed in his first attempt to make the grade with Celtic. After being given a free transfer in 1966, he got another chance with Morton and was a star in their promotion side. An appearance for the Scottish League alerted English interest and he joined Bristol City for £25,000 last summer.

TREVOR TAINTON (Wing half): Bristol-born product of the Ashton Gate youth policy. Made his debut four years ago and played in 52 League games in the last two seasons.

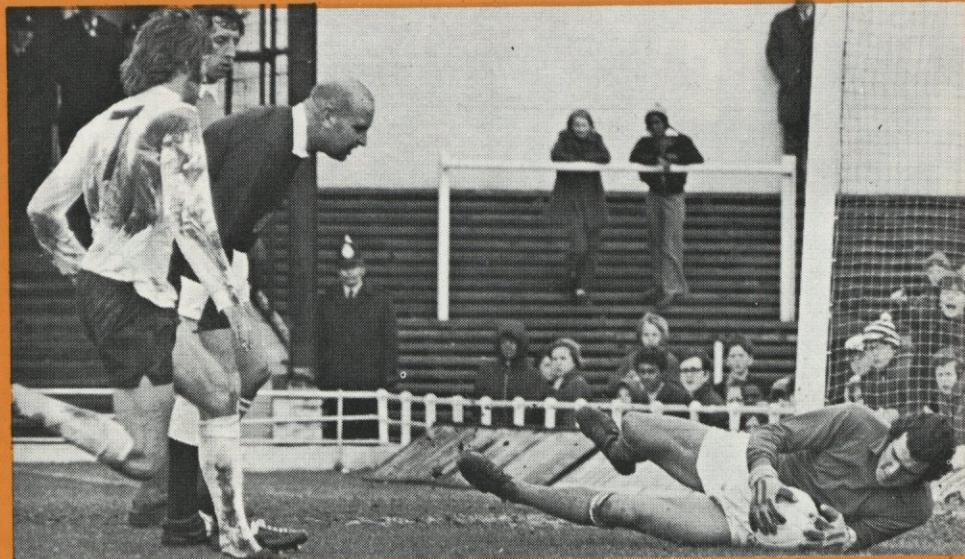
LES WILSON (Midfield): Born in Manchester but emigrated to Canada and was spotted by Wolves when they played against his team, Vancouver Royals. Gave up a university course to pass a trial at Molineux and, in six years with Wolves, he had considerable senior experience. Was with Bristol City on loan last season and eventually joined them last November.

LUTON in ACTION

A convincing 3-0 victory at Portsmouth — our first away success for three months — brought a tonic to Kenilworth Road after the successive home slips against Hull and Blackpool. Our Fratton Park picture (*below*) shows Don Givens blasting home a first-half penalty. This was followed by two goals from John Ryan in his new midfield role.

Other pictures illustrate ... Mike Keen's goal against Blackpool (*far right*) and a secure save by Blackpool 'keeper John Burridge from a cross by Viv Busby

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A Fan's Viewpoint

by **CHRIS BARLOW**

Why do I support Luton Town? Living in Leamington Spa for the past 4½ years, I have only 7 miles to travel to see 1st division football at Coventry City. They have a fine stadium but little atmosphere.

At Kenilworth Road you can sense a feeling that the crowd could explode at any time. It very often does. The club has something to offer to all comers, a good brand of football. The finest bunch of players you could wish for. They are always friendly and willing to chat, even when times are hard. This friendliness runs throughout the club, it seems that no one is too aloof to mix with the supporters.

The club also offers the cheapest form of transport to away games possible, "The Hatter". This football special must be the only train in the land where the commuters don't hide behind their daily papers. They are all going up to get in the bar.

Membership of the recently formed supporters club entitles you entry to the finest bar in the land "The Hatters Club" where you can enjoy a good meal, and drink good beer.

I came to Luton to meet the most friendly supporters around, over the years I have made many friends in the enclosure. They always treat opposing supporters with the respect they deserve. Everyone loves their football, that is

why we turn up week in week out. Having missed only a couple of away games this season I feel that the team deserves more support than it has been getting recently. Everyone in the club is making a lot of effort to make this club of ours one of the greatest, lets give them the support they deserve.

I feel proud to be a member of a select band of supporters. We hold the John White award, I am convinced that if it was still presented, we would win it every year hands down.

The crowd, the supporters can when they try, really lift the team to great feats. During periods this season certain members who sit in comfort, instead of stamping their feet in derision, should think what they are doing. None of us are perfect, we all make mistakes, so cheer the team on, those players out there have tried damned hard this season with very little luck going their way.

I support the finest club, they are friendly, good humoured and striving to get to the top. I like to think that I am one of many who are helping to get them there. If we want the top then we have to play our part. Support is only given to someone who strives to better things. Luton Town are certainly working very hard indeed, for those better things.

the Winners

Last week, JOHN RYAN became our Player of the Year and he promptly knocked in two of the goals at Portsmouth on the Saturday, to prove the accuracy of that role. There to see him do it and to continue her own unbeaten run of never missing a match, was our other "Star" MRS. MOLLY MILES, the Supporter of the Year. This time, it

was John's turn to present a trophy to Mrs. Miles — a complete reversal of two years ago when Mrs. Miles decided that John was her own personal choice of Player of the Year and presented him with a cup on the way to Rochdale.

BOTH ARE VERY WORTHY WINNERS.



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
" 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	1-4	7,270
" 15 Sat.	Portsmouth (S.F.) Away	3-0	8,552
" 18 Tues.	Swindon Town Away	2-1	8,960
" 22 Sat.	Bristol City Home
" 29 Sat.	Cardiff City Away
May 6 Sat.	F.A. Cup Final

statistics

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. 22nd	Aldershot Away	2-0
Tues. 28th	Millwall (L.C.) Home	4-2
APRIL		
Wed. 12th	Watford (L.C.) Away	2-2
Wed. 22nd	Millwall (L.C.) Away

NEXT DATES AT
Kenilworth road

Tuesday 25th April (7.30 p.m.)
Beds. Professional Cup
Luton Town v Bedford Town

Luton Town Six-a-Side
on
Thursday 27th April 1972
Kick-off 6.30 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE - DIVISION II													
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	HOME			AWAY		
								Pts	P	W	D	L	Pts
NORWICH C	39	12	8	0	39	16	7	6	6	17	18	52	
MILLWALL	39	13	7	0	36	17	4	10	5	24	27	51	
BIRMINGHAM	38	14	5	0	43	13	2	12	5	11	16	49	
QPR	38	14	3	1	33	9	3	10	7	17	19	47	
SUNDERLAND	39	11	7	2	42	23	5	8	6	23	32	47	
BLACKPOOL	39	11	6	2	37	14	7	1	12	23	33	43	
MIDDLESBRO	39	15	4	1	28	11	3	3	13	18	35	43	
BRISTOL C.	39	13	3	4	39	20	3	6	10	15	25	41	
CARLISLE	39	11	6	2	34	19	5	3	12	23	32	41	
BURNLEY	39	11	4	4	40	22	6	2	12	25	32	40	
SWINDON	38	9	5	5	25	14	5	5	9	16	28	38	
HULL	39	9	6	5	32	21	4	4	11	16	27	36	
LUTON	40	7	7	6	25	24	3	9	8	17	23	36	
OXFORD	40	9	8	3	27	17	2	6	12	13	34	36	
SHEFF WED	39	10	7	2	31	20	2	5	13	18	35	36	
PRESTON	38	11	3	6	29	15	1	8	10	20	34	35	
PORTSMOUTH	39	9	7	4	30	24	2	5	12	25	40	34	
ORIENT	38	11	4	3	30	16	2	4	14	16	40	34	
CARDIFF	38	9	6	4	34	21	1	7	11	19	40	33	
CHARLTON	39	9	6	4	32	22	3	2	15	22	47	32	
FULHAM	39	10	6	4	29	20	2	2	15	15	45	32	
WATFORD	39	5	4	11	14	24	0	4	15	9	47	18	

AFTER THE MATCH
WHY NOT VISIT

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To-night Next Week

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

DIVISION II GOAL-SCORERS	
Latchford (Birmingham)	26
Hatton (Birmingham)	25
Clark (Cardiff)	24
Galley (Bristol City)	20
Hubbard (Norwich)	20
Casper (Burnley)	19
Treacy (Charlton)	19
Lewis (Portsmouth)	19
Burns (Blackpool)	18
Cross (Norwich)	18
Bowles (Carlisle)	16
Possee (Millwall)	16
Hickton (Middlesbrough)	15
Pearson (Hull)	15
Bolland (Millwall)	14
Bowyer (Orient)	14
Earle (Fulham)	14
Joicey (Sheff Wed)	14
Wagstaff (Hull)	14
Bullock (Orient)	13
Foggo (Norwich)	13
Tueart (Sunderland)	13
Watson (Sunderland)	13

DIVISION II ATTENDANCES	
Birmingham	45,181
Blackpool	22,610
Bristol C.	23,560
Burnley	21,977
Cardiff	23,692
Carlisle	12,281
Charlton	16,223
Fulham	21,187
Hull	26,091
LUTON TOWN	17,280
Middlesbrough	34,846
Millwall	24,266
Norwich	35,076
Orient	19,081
Oxford	18,740
Portsmouth	16,058
Preston	27,284
QPR	25,257
Sheffield Wed.	31,391
Sunderland	28,129
Swindon	21,383
Watford	14,575

Up to and including Saturday, April 15th

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

Players	League	FA Cup	FL Cup
Read	24	1	1
Ryan, John	39	1	1
Slough	39	1	1
Keen	39	1	1
Nicholl	31	1	1
Moore	33 (5)	1	1
Busby	18 (3)	1	1
Anderson	33 (2)	1	1
Givens	38 (1)	1	1
Court	23 (7)	1	1
Ryan, Jimmy	7 (10)		
Garner	7 (2)		(1)
Shanks	22 (2)	(1)	1
Wainwright	12 (4)		1
Halom	29 (2)	1	
Barber	15		
Hindson	19 (1)	1	

Up to 15th April 1972

MIDWEEK LEAGUE TABLE
Up to 12th April 1972

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northampton	20	15	0	5	50	30	30
Luton Town	22	13	2	7	41	18	28
Southend	20	11	3	6	36	24	25
Charlton	22	10	4	8	47	31	24
Millwall	22	8	7	7	34	36	23
Watford	20	8	5	7	43	34	21
B. & H. Albion	21	7	4	10	26	52	18
Orient	18	8	1	9	26	30	17
Cambridge Utd	20	7	2	11	23	33	16
Aldershot	21	6	3	12	22	31	15
Peterbro Utd	19	4	6	9	27	33	14
Colchester Utd	19	6	1	12	19	42	13

MIDWEEK LEAGUE CUP
Up to 12th April 1972

SECTION B							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton Town	3	2	1	0	9	4	5
Millwall	3	2	0	1	8	7	4
Watford	4	0	1	3	5	11	1

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CARDIFF CITY, Sat., April 29th (3 p.m.)

SCALE

BY ROAD

LUTON. Leave by Dunstable Road. A505. Dunstable (5 mls). Leave by West Street. B489. Junction of roads, turn L. B488. At ½m. on, turn R. Tring Wharf. Pass over cross roads into Upper Icknield Way. Junction of roads, turn R. A41. Aston Clinton. Aylesbury. (21½ mls). Leave by Hartwell Road. A418. Thame. Tiddington. Junction of roads, keep L. A40. Oxford. (.45 mls). Leave as for Faringdon on A420. Faringdon. Swindon. M4 Motorway. Follow signs "Bristol, South Wales M4". Aust Service Area. (116½ mls). Severn Bridge Toll Booth. Toll: Motor cycles 5p, all other vehicles 12p. Wilcrick Service Area. (128 mls). End of Motorway. Follow signs "Cardiff A48". Cardiff. (147½ mls).

BY RAIL

Depart	Luton	10.05	Depart	Cardiff	17.45
	Harpenden	10.15	Arrive	St. Albans	20.50
	St. Albans	10.24		Harpenden	20.59
Arrive	Cardiff	13.30		Luton	21.09

Fare: £1.25

ROUNDUP OF DIVISION 2

Roger Hoy, who left The Hatters in a sizeable transfer to CARDIFF CITY early in the season, has not enjoyed the best of luck since moving to Wales. He received an injury to his right knee in a practice game in September and a cartilage operation finished his League activity for the season by October 9th.

"I've known such frustration," says Roger, who is setting his sights on full fitness in time for next August. In his keenness to get the knee "A1", he has scrapped plans for a family holiday in Majorca and intends to spend the summer in training.

Another former Luton player, Brian Lewis, came into the news when he was sold to PORTSMOUTH for £8,500 by Colchester manager Dick Graham, who had also transferred Lewis from Palace to Pompey years ago. Lewis, a midfield man in his previous spell at Fratton Park, has been a useful striker for Colchester, scoring 19 goals to top their list this season.

Lewis's arrival at Portsmouth is expected to coincide with major shake-up in the playing staff. Regular top scorer Ray Hiron is among a group of players on offer, which also includes reserve 'keeper Jim Standen (another former Hatter), Mick Travers, who has not had a game this season, and Jim Storrie, recently returned from a month's loan with Aldershot.

Another manager planning re-organisation is SWINDON TOWN'S Dave Mackay, though his promotion plans for next season rests on the possibility of just two signings. In order to assess potential newcomers, Mackay does not intend to play again this term — "I must concentrate on getting the new men I want." Mackay has already failed in a £50,000 bid for a First Division forward and it is reported that he has a six-figure sum at his disposal.

MIDDLESBROUGH signalled their failure to keep pace at the top of the table by resting top scorer John Hickton and giving his place to 17-year-old Durham youngster David Armstrong. He made his debut on Easter Monday after scoring 29 goals in 30 junior games.

BLACKPOOL continued their surge from the bottom half of the table with a good win at Kenilworth Road and manager Bob Stokoe commented afterwards: "Had anybody said to me three or four months ago that Blackpool would be where they are now, I would have been delighted." He is less happy about the home record — an improvement on recent seasons, but still showing the loss of ten points. Mr. Stokoe is now hopeful of finding a promotion band for next term. He says that the mid-season slump was partly due to changes made following the sale of Tony Green.

BURNLEY chairman Mr. Bob Lord sprang to the defence of manager Jimmy Adamson as Turf Moor fans protested about the failure to get in the promotion race. With Easter gates down to an all-time low for the club, Mr. Lord said in a prepared statement: "Jimmy Adamson is not to blame for our player-recruitment failures over the last five years and, while the unrest which has reared its head is understandable, we feel that whatever views our fans have, they should not get vicious." Mr. Lord added that he takes full responsibility for the results of club policy in the last few years.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

6 a side competition. — The 6 a side competition to be staged at Kenilworth Road on Thursday next is being sponsored by the LUTON MOTOR CO. and we are indebted to them for their support. Arrangements for the evening are: — The first game will commence at 6.30 p.m., and the finals of which there will be two one between two amateur teams and one between two Professional teams will be scheduled to commence at approximately 9.15 p.m. The professional sides taking part are Luton, Oxford United, Northampton and Watford. The amateur sides — Ampthill Queensway, A.C. Delco, Barton Rovers, Brache Sparta, Green Man, Parkside and Vauxhall Motors. In addition Eric Morecambe is currently negotiating for a Showbiz team and amongst those it is hoped will be appearing are Jimmy Tarbuck and Des O'Connor. Eric will also be presenting to the winning amateur side the "Eric Morecambe Cup". There will also be other valuable prizes presented to the teams taking part in the competition.

Tickets are now on sale price 20p Adults 10p Children. An additional charge of 5p will be made for transfer to the stand seats. Tickets can be purchased from any of the following centres: 125, Oak Road (Before or after today's game only), Kenilworth Road Offices, Hatters Club, 231, Dunstable Road or any of the Committee Members.

Player of the year. Supporter of the year. — Heartiest congratulations to John Ryan, PLAYER OF THE YEAR and also Mrs. Molly Miles our SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR. Judging from the tremendous reception given to them both it was indeed a most popular choice. Both presentations were made during the Buffet Dance at the Civic Centre Dunstable on Thursday April 13th. Mike Ogden Secretary of the Bobbers Club presented the PLAYER OF THE YEAR CUP and John Ryan presented THE SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR TROPHY. Incidentally John is now in business outside the sphere of football for he has opened his own Boutique for clothes and gents

hair styling at 19, Inkerman Street, Luton. Any member who cares to visit him will I'm sure be made most welcome.

Today's game will complete the home fixtures for the 1971/72 season. Whilst football will be finished for a few months the Supporters Club will continue to be active during the close season. Every Wednesday evening in the Hatters Club will be devoted to the Seniors Discotheque. Junior evenings will be held on Monday or Tuesday each week also in the Hatters Club. A full listing of all Junior Dates will be displayed in the window of the Supporters Club Shop at 125, Oak Road. We will shortly be announcing through the media of the local press the opening date for the Bingo sessions to be held on Sunday evenings in the Hatters Club so keep a look out for this. Finally may we the committee wish the Players, Staff of Luton Town F.C. and all Supporters Club Members a happy and enjoyable close season.

half time scores

A	Arsenal v West Ham	_____
B	Chelsea v Newcastle	_____
C	Huddersfield v Wolves	_____
D	Leicester v Coventry	_____
E	Liverpool v Ipswich	_____
F	Manchester C. v Derby	_____
G	Nottm. F. v Manchester Utd	_____
H	Sheffield Utd v C. Palace	_____
K	Southampton v Tottenham	_____
L	WB Albion v Leeds	_____
M	Birmingham v Middlesbrough	_____
N	Burnley v Millwall	_____
A	Carlisle v Fulham	_____
B	Charlton v Portsmouth	_____
C	Hull v Sheffield Wed.	_____
D	Norwich v Swindon	_____
E	Orient v Watford	_____
F	Oxford v Cardiff	_____
G	Preston v Blackpool	_____
H	Sunderland v QPR	_____
K	Barnsley v Notts Co.	_____
L	Bradford C. v Aston Villa	_____
M	Brighton v Bolton	_____
N	York v Bournemouth	_____



LIFTED BOOT RAISES SMILE

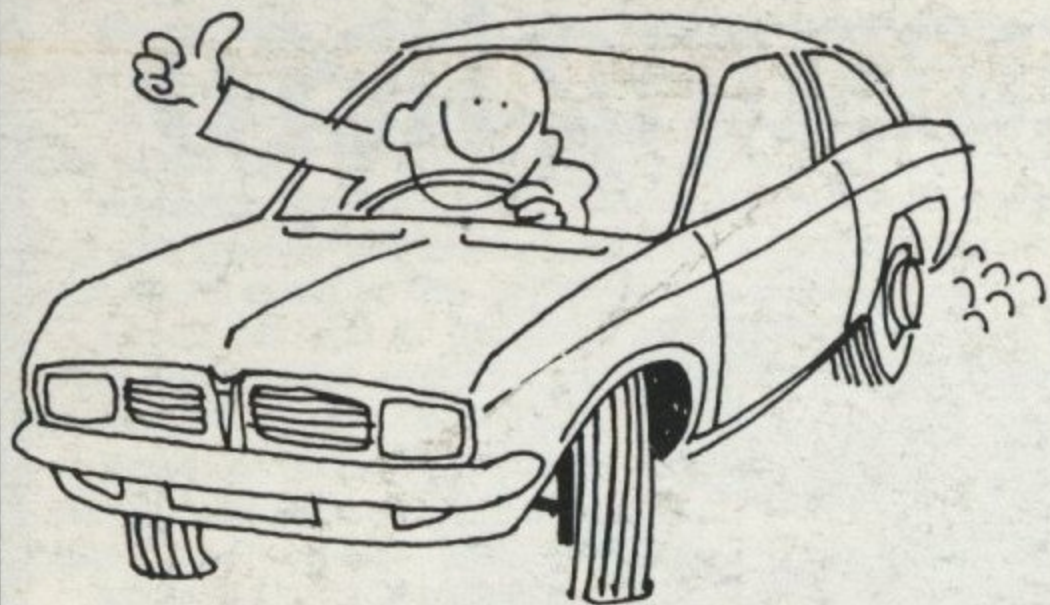
Two of the Clubs "characters" pictured in action at the recent opening of his latest business venture, the Tony Read Motor Co. We are reliably told that only a crazy goalkeeper could charge such ridiculously low prices for cars. We have yet to discover, however what Club Director Eric Morecambe had been hiding from, when Tony found him in the boot of one of his cars; but it WAS only two days after our home defeat by Hull City.

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| 3 | Don | SHANKS |
| 4 | Mike | KEEN |
| 5 | Alan | GARNER |
| 6 | John | MOORE |
| 7 | Robin | WAINWRIGHT |
| 8 | Vic | HALOM |
| 9 | Don | GIVENS |
| 10 | John | RYAN |
| 11 | Gordon | HINDSON |

Sub

Referee: R.C. CHALLIS, Tonbridge.

Linesmen: P.G. REEVES, Leicester (Red Flag)
K.W. SUTLIFF, Rainham (Orange Flag)

Ronald Challis, a production officer on an industrial staff magazine, took up refereeing while on RAF service in Singapore and came back home to progress through Kent leagues and the Southern League. Reached Football League list in 1968. He is chairman of the Tunbridge Wells branch of the Referees' Association.

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| 7 | Trevor | TAINTON |
| 8 | Peter | SPIRING |
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| 11 | Danny | BARTLEY |

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