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Saturday, 3rd February, 1973 BURNLEY (Away) Kick-off 3.00 p.m. (Re-arranged from 9th December, 1972)

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(Re-arranged from 16th December 1972) Wednesday, 28th February, 1973

SUNDERLAND (Away) Kick-off 7.30 p.m. (Re-arranged Tuesday, 26th December)

Central League

Monday, 12th March, 1973 PRESTON NORTH END (Away) Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

(Re-arranged from 2nd December 1972)

Tuesday, 27th March, 1973 BURNLEY (Home) Kick-off 7.30 p.m. (Re-arranged from 9th December, 1972)

Tuesday, 3rd April, 1973 WOLVERHAMPTON WANDS. (Home Kick-off 7.30 p.m. (Re-arranged from 16th December, 1972)

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HIGH-STEPPING ALAN MAKES IT TEN



No-one in the Terriers' camp was particularly sorry to see the back of 1972, and for pretty obvious reasons. But at all events the Old Year bowed out on one notably encouraging note. It was that a goal-scoring centre-forward is now the least of Ian Greaves's worries. Alan Gowling (here pictured tussling with Hull's Terry Neill) banged home his tenth goal over the Christmas break.



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inside page

Alan Driscoll looks at the game

The Terriers and "The Other Cup" that's a winner

Managers like it, players like it, it makes men out of boys and the fans will turn out to watch it provided the attraction is big enough. And I don't mean the FA Cup.

Irrespective of Tuesday night's replay outcome against Carlisle we must not lose sight of another competition in which Town have a vital interest.

I refer to the FA Youth Cup. In case, with "the big one" just around the corner, Town's win at Birmingham the other week didn't receive the triumphant roll of drums it deserved, here goes!

Rest assured that ripples of sweet delight and satisfaction carried the length and breadth of the Leeds Road corridors from manager's office to Nellie the tea-lady.

So now it's Sunderland in the next round No need to remind Robin Wray and his youngsters, another away trip. Incredible as it may seem, Town haven't been drawn at home for an FA Youth tie for something like three years!

Sunderland will be a tough one, everybody recognises. Winners in 1969 and 1967, the Wearsiders provide as good an example as any



of the part which Youth Cup football can play in the development of future English League talent.

A look back through the Youth Cup winning teams of the past ten years reveals a number of players who have since made an appreciable impact on their club's first team scene.

Five members of Sunderland's 1967 Youth Cup squad subsequently graduated to first team recognition— including Colin Suggett, who brought the Roker Club £100,000 when he was transferred to West Brom.

Of the 1969 winning line-up, Coleman, McGiven, Latham, Pitt and Park have all made valuable contributions to Roker first team affairs.

The winning Spurs team of 1970 produced Steve Perryman. And history is proving that Jimmy Adamson wasn't joking or romancing when he toasted his 1968 Burnley cup-winning side as the nucleus of "the team of the seventies". Even without Steve Kindon and Dave Thomas, whose transfers brought in around \mathfrak{t}_4^1m , the tenderfoots that Adamson blended that year are the ones who basically have pushed Burnley back into Second Division toppers.

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So great is the controversy raging on the matter of current ills afflicting League football and the therapy required, there is an overwhelming temptation to join the discussion with some comments that, it must be emphasised, are strictly personal.

As matters are developing, it would seem that in every way, the game is divorcing itself from the old order with truly frightening speed. That this is not to the liking of the middle aged is a viewpoint likely to be upheld by many of my contemporaries, even if there is some danger our memories might be somewhat distorted by rose coloured spectacles!

Formerly however, almost any follower of a side with a genuine status in the top two Divisions could have valid hopes for reasonable success in the forseeable future, be it in Cup or League. Sure enough, the great names of the League existed as now, but unlike the present day, the lesser Clubs still contained players of true international standing, who would in ordinary circumstances, be certain to spend their careers almost entirely with just one club.

Radical changes in recent times have altered all this, and here in my view is a fact very close to the heart of the matter. In my young days, players of the calibre of Young and Willingham, to mention just two, played their matches for virtually

A TIME FOR REFLECTION

only one club, never was there a whisper of possible transfer, their illustrious careers being inextricably bound up with the story of Huddersfield Town. No more vital point could be made seeking explanations for lost support, but I will press the matter no further than to pose the question of it happening again with two players of similar talent.

As top class players drain to the small group of affluent Clubs, so inevitably the crowd is tempted away from local support, more especially as personal transport is on a totally different footing compared to pre-war days.

In former times, for the reasons given, a struggling club could still retain its local fans and also be welcome visitors because of a generous sprinkling of genuine talent with a consequent reputation for attractive football, and this category of side has now virtually disappeared from the game. In its place we have the less successful adopting utilitarian methods with unattractive and basically defensive tactics a feature. The answer for the senior fan is a return, if partial, to those far off days, but most of us are steeled. I fear, to face reforms likely to move us even further from an era when League football was very much closer to the concept of fair opportunities for all.

Profile on . . . Mick Fairclough

MICK FAIRCLOUGH'S first two goals against Carlisle at Brunton Park last Saturday signalled the arrival of the former Drogheda player on the goalscoring scene.

Athough Mick has been banging in goals with the Reserves and Juniors for the last eighteen months, that worrying opener for the first team has eluded him. It was almost possible to see the tension drain away when he shot Town into the lead and he didn't stop there.

His follow-up effort must rank as one of the best goals a Town player has ever scored but as Manager lan Greaves says: "I've never seen my side score a bad goal".

Mick's decision to take a positive interest in football came when he was playing Gaelic football for a section of the county he comes from in Eire. Mick explained: "The game was only one minute old when I got a kick in the ribs.

"There I was gasping for breath and a man came up to me and said, "Will you go back on?" I said I couldn't so he went for somebody else and left me alone I could have been dead for all he cared. I



decided I had had enough and started playing football".

Despite his intense enthusiasm for football — "I feel sick when I miss a chance" — and his success for club and country in a short time — Mick remains modest about his career and capabilities.

"I've been very lucky indeed," he said. "There must be hundreds of footballers in Eire with just as much or even more potential than I, but they just aren't spotted".

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What the papers said

Another much-improved Town performance brought the team a good Press after last Saturday's nerve-shattering cup-tie against Carlisle at Brunton Park.

Town striker Mick Fairclough received many bouquets for his two-goal display but he was being chased very hard by Mick Barry and Terry Poole as Town's man-of-thematch.

This is what some of the newspapers said:

Daily Mail — Terry Dolan stood out in defence, with Mick Barry industrious in midfield and Mick Fairclough always keen, eager and hungry up front. Fairclough, in fact, took the kettle off the boil with two goals in four minutes just before the hour. The second was a scorcher described by manager Greaves as "such a great goal".

- Yorkshire Post — The truth was that this was a tingling good performance by both sides — with Town taking the edge in credit for doing so well away from home.

Sun — Even Carlisle boss Alan Ashman had to praise Fairclough's

second goal for Huddersfield that threatened Carlisle with a Cup KO. "It was a beauty," conceded Ashman. "The pace and direction of the shot made it impossible to stop".

Express — This could have finished 10-8 in either direction, and since it followed a goalless draw between the same sides highlighted by a famine of even half-chances, it brought a winsome reflection from United boss Alan Ashman on the insoluble mysteries of Cup football . . . "I've been trying to figure it out for 10 years".

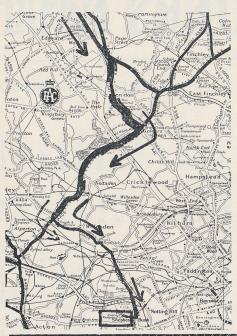
Mirror — Anyone willing to bet on the eventual outcome of this drama-packed tie is either clairvoyant or a mug. After two draws in the League and now a Cup replay who dare say that the meetings between Carlisle and Huddersfield will not emerge as the epic contest of the season?

The Examiner — Unselfish striker Mick Fairclough celebrated his first full Cup-tie with his first senior goals and then watched helplessly as Carlisle scratched the glory of his nearly heroic display.



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TERRIERS FACTS AND FIGURES 72-73

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May 5	F.A. Cup Final																									24 Wolverhampton W A 28 Everton A

spotlight...

on 'The Hatters'

Big puzzle of 1972 for Luton was why results should have a strange habit of going sour at home.

Maybe that third round FA Cup win over Fourth Division Crewe Alexandra last week-end will prove a pointer to better times ahead this New Year.

It could be argued that the loss of ace goal-scorer Malcolm Macdonald, who was sold to Newcastle United in the summer of 1971, was an influencing factor in Luton's fall from fifth in the Second Division table in 1970-71 to thirteenth at the end of last season.

But that's no excuse for history to repeat itself Only bottom club Watford won fewer home games than Luton last term, and the position today is that bottom placed Brighton are the only Second Division side struggling harder to please home crowds with a win.

A headache, to be sure, for manager Harry Haslam. And yet in spite of it, Luton are nicely placed for a challenge for one of the promotion places — just four points behind second-placed QPR at the time of going to press

Take a look at Luton's away record as well. Seven wins.

"That could be partly the explanation", Harry explained. "More teams are winning away from home than was the case a season or two back.

"Home crowds can moan, but if they're honest they'll admit that they don't see so much of the pattern of nine defenders strung across the opposition's 18yd. box. Managers are instructing their players to go out and attack more".

The points that have slipped away at Kenilworth Road might well irritate and frustrate the Hatters' fans, but the last thing they can complain about is lack of entertainment. Luton's home games have produced thirty-three goals, and that their defence on tour has conceded only ten is a fair indication of the strength both back and front of the team organisation which Haslam has constructed and sustained in spite of the loss of talented players like Chris Nicholl and Bruce Rioch to Aston Villa, Macdonald to Newcastle, and Don Givens to Queen's Park Rangers.

KEITH BARBER (goalkeeper): Came into the game late as a professional, after having been spotted in London senior football. Had trials with Luton before joining Dunstable for a short spell. Recalled, has displaced Tony Read as first team choice.

JOHN RYAN (right-back): Though he had played games in their League side, Fulham released this capable defender two seasons ago and since joining Luton has improved out of all recognition. Kent-born.



BOBBY THOMSON (left-back): One-time competitor with Ray Wilson for the left-back spot in the England side; in fact, won a handful of caps. Moved from Wolves to Birmingham for a big fee, but never settled at St. Andrews and arrived at Luton on

a free transfer last year.

PETER ANDERSON (midfield): Another recruit from amateur soccer. Formerly with Hendon and actually made his senior debut for Luton when still an amateur. Top scorer last season with ten goals, but of late has filled No. 4 spot.

JOHN FAULKNER (centre-half): First came to fame when in the Sutton United line-up which put up a gallant show against Leeds in the Cup. Later signed by Don Revie but could never make the first team at Elland Road.



JIMMY RYAN (forward): Another who took the now well-beaten track from Old Trafford to Kenilworth Road. A Scot, he had a most unlucky time last seas on through injuries and illness but has been showing good form this season.

ALAN SLOUGH (half-back): Local who joined Luton straight from school. In last two seasons was regarded primarily as a back four member, but latterly his talent and driving power has been diverted to midfield.

ALAN GARNER (cente-half): His big chance came when Chris Nicholl, formerly with Halifax, was sold to Aston Villa last March. In some matches this season has linked in a twin-stopper role with Faulkner. Previously with Millwall.



vic HALOM (forward): Costly signing from Fulham last season as a replacement for Malcolm Macdonald. Was previously with Charlton and Orient.

RODNEY FERN (forward): Luton's biggest close season signing, reputed to have cost around £50,000 from Leicester City for whom he played in their losing 1969 FA Cup Final.

BARRY BUTLIN (forward): The latest arrival at Kenilworth Road. Barry's move from Derby came as a big shock in the light of the glowing things that had been said about him. Had he not been embarrassed by so many centre-forwards, Brian Clough wouldn't have parted.



VIV BUSBY (forward): Recruited from Wycombe Wanderers and spent two months on loan to Newcastle last season. But projected deal fell through when the Geordies decided not to meet the £50,000 fee being asked.

JOHN ASTON (winger): A player with a load of First Division experience gained with Manchester United. Luton were quick to step in when United decided to part company last season.

Meet the Boss -Harry Haslam



The Luton board-room is one where you'll rarely come across long faces — and for two very good reasons.

One, Harry Haslam is just about the chirpiest managerial character you could ever wish to meet. Secondly, there's another Lancashire lad who has never known what it is to wear a frown. The name: Eric Morecambe.

What's it like having a professional comic on the board? "Just great", says Harry. "There's never a dull moment. But don't run away with the idea that Mr. Morecambe is all laughs. He can be serious and knows what this game is all about".

Comedians? Harry, long-time friend of Ian Greaves and Henry Cockburn, thinks the game's full of them. "If we couldn't keep coming up with a smile, the headaches and the frustrations would be enough to send us all scatty", he told me.

Harry Haslam is what might be termed a late developer in League management, from the point of view that his "arrival" at Luton came after

CHOOSE YOUR

fourteen year's apprenticeship with Southern league clubs.

He was at Tonbridge for nine years and Barry (S. Wales) for five and a half, and doesn't regret one minute of the experience he gained at non-League level.

While at Tonbridge, he had a named schoolboy Malcolm MacDonald under his wing; and when Harry went to Fulham as assistant to Bobby Robson the budding "Supermac" was quick to follow.

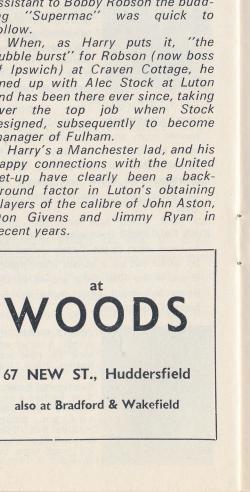
When, as Harry puts it, "the bubble burst" for Robson (now boss of Ipswich) at Craven Cottage, he lined up with Alec Stock at Luton and has been there ever since, taking over the top job when Stock resigned, subsequently to become manager of Fulham.

Harry's a Manchester lad, and his happy connections with the United set-up have clearly been a background factor in Luton's obtaining players of the calibre of John Aston, Don Givens and Jimmy Ryan in recent years.

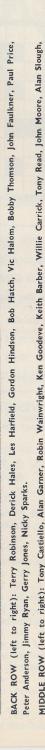
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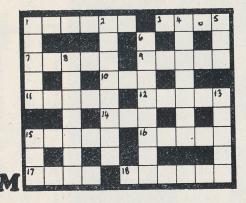


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Oxford	26	9	1	3	22	10	3	4	6	10	14	29	
Blackpool	25	6	4	3	22	12	5	3	4	17	18	29	
Aston V.	25	7	4	3	15	11	3	5	3	12	15	29	
Fulham	25	7	4	2	21	11	2	6	4	15	19	28	
Luton	25	3	7	4	19	18	7	1	3	13	10	28	
Sheff. W.	27	8	2	3	28	16	2	6	6	16	23	28	
Preston	26	5	4	3	14	10	5	3	6	12	20	27	
Bristol C.	26	3	5	4	12	11	6	3	5	20	22	26	
Middlesbro	26	6	3	3	12	10	3	5	6	11	19	26	
Hul!	25	6	6	2	26	14	2	3	6	10	17	25	
Carlisle	24	8	2	3	32	15	1	4	6	6	14	24	
Millwall	26	7	2	3	17	9	2	4	8	17	21	24	
Nottm. F.	25	6	4	2	18	11.	2	4	7	11	21	24	
Swindon	25	4	6	1	17	14	2	4	8	15	24	22	
Portsmouth	26	3	4	7	13	18	4	4	4	14	15	22	
TOWN	24	4	6	3	12	12	1	5	5	9	16	21	
Sunderland	22	4	5	2	16	10	2	3	6	14	22	20	
Orient	25	4	4	4	13	13	1	5	7	9	19	19	
Cardiff	23	7	1	4	20	14	0	3	8	7	23	18	
Brighton	26	1	6	5	16	22	1	3	10	10	35	13	

CLUES - Across

- 1. Wolves League ever-present last season (6).
- 3. West Germany winger (4).
- 7. Metchick or Moorcroft (5).
- 9. See 17 across.
- 10. Branfoot or Bowyer (3).
- One-time soccer referee, now a TV arbiter (5).
- 12. Rotherham keeper (5).
- 14. Francis - (Southport) (3).
- Brazil manager at the time of 4 down
 (5).
- 16. P.F.A. Secretary (5).
- 17 & 9 across. Former Stoke international full-back (4, 5).
- 18. Blackburn or Bristol (6).

CLUES - Down

- 1. Forward on winning side in 1953 F.A. Cup Final (5).
- 2. --- Mazurkiewicz (Uruguay) (8).
- 4. Famous Brazil half-back line: Zito, Bellini, --- (7).
- 5. England No. 9 another 9 across (3).
- 6. Hawthorns half-back (8).
- 8. He scored a hat-trick on his debut for lpswich (7).
- 13. Teams (5).
- 15. What every player must be (3).

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CENTRAL LEAGUE TABLE

(Up to and including Saturday, 13th January, 1973)

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Coventry City	25	16	5	4	49	24	37	
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Sheffield Wed	28	14	7	7	53	29	35	
Liverpool	24	14	5	5	56	30	33	
Stoke City	27	14	5	8	55	38	33	
West Brom. Albion.	26	13	6	7	44	34	32	
Aston Villa	26	12	4	9	34	32	29	
Everton	22	12	4	6	32	17	28	
Sheffield United	24	11	5	8	35	27	27	
Wolverhampton W.	24	11	4	9	34	28	26	
Nottingham F	24	10	6	8	37	34	26	
Manchester U	24	10	6	8	30	28	26	
Blackpool	23	11	3	9	31	27	25	
Manchester C	26	8	9	9	37	45	25	
Newcastle United .	21	10	1	10	38	31	21	
Leeds United	26	- 7	5	14	25	39	19	
Huddersfield Town .	24	6	6	12	30	48	18	
Bury	24	7	3	14	33	59	17	
Burnley	24	5	5	14	30	42	15	
Preston N. E	24	3	6	15	23	49	12	
Bolton W	24	4	3	16	23	58	12	
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