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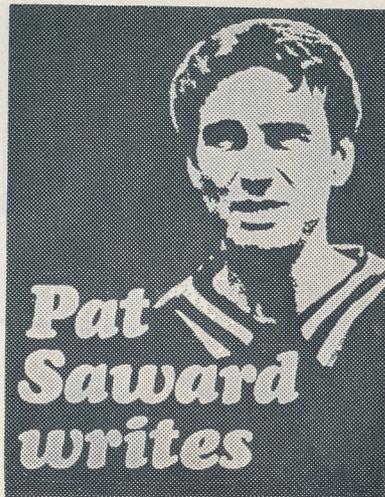
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THERE were plenty of red faces, I bet, at several First Division clubs last Monday morning when the realisation finally hit them that they had been turfed out of the F.A. Cup by their Second Division brethren.

Millwall, Hull, Carlisle and Luton, our visitors this afternoon, all helped themselves to a place in the fifth round at the expense of First Division opposition—and deservedly so.

I particularly liked the after-match summing-up from Harry Haslam, Luton's manager, following their 2—0 victory over Newcastle United at St. James's Park and the performance of Second Division sides generally. "We all attacked . . . they didn't!" was his telling comment.

He also firmly believes that the Second Division is showing football the way to a better and brighter future by endeavouring to play attacking football with two wingers.

I whole-heartedly agree with him. As far as Albion are concerned, the facts speak for themselves, with our defence having been hit often and hard by several Second Division attacks recently.

That has been entirely due to our own short-comings, but I believe it proves also that the Second Division standards are improving all the time.

The difference in class between the First and Second Division is definitely narrowing.

Several Second Division sides have ceased to adopt negative defensive approaches and because of this the football has become more entertaining to watch. Luton, for example, have proved it.

When we won promotion from the Third Division last season we achieved it by always trying to play attacking football. Our displays won us many friends and we basked in the glory of it all.

Unhappily, it has been a different story this campaign with several of our performances really not coming up to

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scratch and it has hurt us all to say the least.

But the players and I are determined to put the record straight. Make no mistake, we all hate losing. We have not come to think that losing is a matter of course.

There is a lot of fight still left in us and I know this is typified by the general feeling and attitudes throughout the club from the youngest apprentice to the most senior professional.

Youngsters like Tony Towner, Micky Conway and Pat Hilton showed their skills in last Saturday's friendly against Stoke. They are our future . . .

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WELCOME LUTON TOWN

LUTON TOWN are without doubt the biggest enigmas of the Second Division this season. Their away form is good enough to see them riding high at the top of the table. No side in the Football League has scored more away victories.

Indeed, if their home form matched their performances on their travels, where they have scored eight victories, the Hatters would now be above the present leaders, Burnley.

But so far at Kenilworth Road this season they have managed to win on only four occasions and they have lost to Oxford, Hull, Swindon and Carlisle, drawing their remaining seven fixtures.

Luton are, of course, still very much in the promotion picture. But they have not really helped themselves at home and they may live to rue this fact.

Manager Harry Haslam, who has done so much to refashion his side into an attractive, attacking outfit, told me after Luton had won 2-0 at Aston Villa in November that he just could not understand the form at home.

"It's crazy," he said. "We are in the position of having won more points away than we have in front of our fans. And we certainly cannot blame our fans because their support this season has been very good."

A week after that fine result at Aston Villa—which Haslam then described as their best away victory of the season—Luton were up to their old tricks at home—losing 1-0 to Carlisle.

But that, in fact, was their last home defeat and the side has continued to pick up points as they have moved up the Second Division table to sixth place with 32 points.

The improvement has coincided with the arrival of big Barry Butlin from Derby County in the first week of December for a club record fee of £50,000. Butlin, a centre-forward in the old-fashioned mould, has quickly settled and scored five goals in ten games.

Butlin's form has certainly revived hopes of Luton returning to the First Division scene they last graced in 1959-60. Those were good days but the club hit a dramatic decline after being beaten in the F.A. Cup final by Nottingham Forest in 1959.

Within seven seasons they had slipped down into the Fourth Division and it took them a further three seasons to climb back into the Third Division.

One of the players who helped them to do it was Bruce Rioch. The Aston Villa striker scored 24 goals to give

Luton their promotion spot and then he departed to Villa Park for a £110,000 fee.

The Rioch transfer money helped Luton to rebuild and they did it in splendid fashion unearthing Malcolm Macdonald from Fulham and Chris Nicholl from Halifax. Significantly, the man who discovered them is now managing affairs at Kenilworth Road.

Harry Haslam, the club's former chief scout, who succeeded Alec Stock as manager this season, spotted Macdonald playing for Tonbridge. Macdonald has now moved for £180,000 to Newcastle and won his first English cap while Nicholl has been transferred to Villa for £70,000.

But the money has been well spent in building yet another exciting Luton side which has been more than illustrated by their fine attacking play in all their away games.

Haslam's biggest successes, apart from Butlin, have been winger John Aston, leading goal-scorer Vic Halom, and full-back Bobby Thomson.

Thomson, a free-transfer bargain from Birmingham City, was one of the finest full-backs in the country a few seasons back and when he was playing for Wolves he captained the England Under-23 side on many occasions. And since his arrival at Kenilworth Road he has rediscovered all his old form.

Luton Pen Pictures—page 7



**LUTON TOWN
F.C. 1972-73**

Back row (left to right): Robinson, Hales, Harfield, Hindson, Hatch, Halom, Thomson, Faulkner, Price, Anderson, Jim Ryan, Jones, Sparks, Middle row: Castiello, Garner, Wainwright, Goodeve, Barber, Carrick, Read, Moore, Slough, Litt, Gilchrist. Front row: McCrohan (coach), John Ryan, Aston, Harry Haslam (manager), Fern, Busby, Whitfield (trainer).

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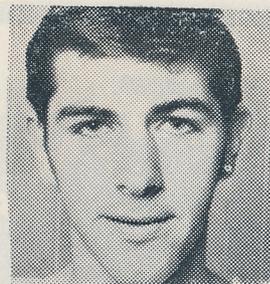


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Barry Butlin

KEITH BARBER (goalkeeper).—Born London. Came into the game late as a professional after being spotted in London senior football. He had a spell with Dunstable before winning a first team place.

JOHN RYAN (full-back).—Born London. A free-transfer bargain from Fulham two seasons ago. A keen golfer, he won the Kent Amateur Championship last summer.

BOBBY THOMSON (full-back).—Born Birmingham. Another free-transfer bargain from Birmingham City at the start of this season. Bobby, who is a former England Under-23 defender, joined Birmingham three seasons ago from Wolves for £50,000.

ALAN SLOUGH (defender).—Born Luton. He joined the club straight from school and has emerged as a prominent back-four player.

JOHN FAULKNER (centre-half).—Born Orpington. A former Sutton United amateur. He joined Leeds United but his career at Elland Road was marred by injuries. Signed by Luton last season as a replacement for Chris Nicholl.

ALAN GARNER (defender).—Born Lambeth. Signed from Millwall on a free transfer last season. He plays a twin centre-half role with John Faulkner.

LUTON TOWN ON PARADE

JIMMY RYAN (winger).—Born Stirling. He started his career with Manchester United but he was signed for £20,000 three seasons ago.

PETER ANDERSON (midfield).—Born Hendon. A former amateur with Hendon. He made a dramatic impact in the professional game last season and was Luton's top scorer with ten League goals.

GORDON HINDSON (inside forward).—Born Durham. Joined Luton two seasons ago as part of the deal involving Malcolm Macdonald going to Newcastle.

BARRY BUTLIN (centre-forward).—Born Roslington. Signed in December from Derby County for a club record fee of £50,000. He has scored five goals so far.

VIC HALOM (midfield).—Born Burton. A £30,000 signing from Fulham last season. Leading scorer this season with ten goals.

JOHN ASTON (winger).—Born Manchester. He played more than 100 games for Manchester United and figured in their European Cup Final victory over Benfica. Signed this season for £30,000 and has so far scored ten goals.

GRAHAM FRENCH (winger).—Born Wolverhampton. A former England youth international, who recently joined Luton for a second spell.

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ALBION ACTION

The long-awaited clash with old rivals Aston Villa failed to stem the tide of bleak results for Albion—despite a spirited second-half fight back. Ken Beamish (top left) almost did the trick with two superb efforts after George Ley had levelled the scores. But Ray Graydon and Jimmy Brown added to Alun Evans' first-half goal and Villa ran out comfortable 3—1 winners.

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GOLDSTONE GOSSIP



ALBION'S interesting friendly with First Division Stoke City last week certainly drew an above average gathering of managers and scouts from Football League clubs. There was Ron Saunders of Norwich City, George Petchey from Orient, and representatives from Tottenham, Q.P.R. and Millwall. The big attraction was clearly Henning Boel, Albion's 27-year-old Danish international centre-half, who has joined the club on loan from Aberdeen. Boel, who played 14 times for Aberdeen last season, is expected to make his League debut for Albion this afternoon against Luton Town.

TOMMY HUGHES, who is on a months' loan from Aston Villa, also played in the Stoke friendly and had a storming game. Tommy was capped twice for the Scottish Under-23 side when he was with Chelsea. Born at Dalmuir, he was signed for Chelsea by Tommy Docherty from Clydebank Athletic. He understudied Peter Bonetti and made 11 first team appearances for the Stamford Bridge Club. But he broke a leg playing a pre-season friendly in Holland and was eventually signed by Aston Villa in 1971 for £20,000. He has since played 16 times for Villa.

TEENAGERS Tony Towner, Micky Conway and Pat Hilton all turned in highly encouraging performances against Stoke and they are now quite clearly one step away from their League debuts. Manager Pat Saward has said that he will introduce some of the club's promising youngsters if possible this season. Towner and Conway are both Brighton boys while Hilton hails from Canterbury.

MIKE YAXLEY, Albion's trainer, has resigned from the club to take up

a new appointment with a medical supplies firm in Horsham. A former sportsmaster at Brighton, Hove and Sussex Grammar School, he was a prominent coach in Sussex amateur football before joining Albion.

FORMER Albion players John Napier and Alan Gilliver, who now play for Bradford City, had their moment of glory last Saturday when they played against Arsenal at Highbury in the fourth round of the F.A. Cup. Bradford bowed out 2-0 but John and Alan both had good games. The story was the same for another former Albion player—Mike Hickman. Mike, who is a member of Grimsby Town's promising young side, figured prominently in their Cup-tie against First Division Coventry. But the Mariners went down narrowly to a penalty goal when they had done enough to have earned a replay.

COMINGS AND GOINGS: New secretary Ken Calver has now taken up his appointment at the Goldstone Ground. Bertie Luton, Albion's Irish international winger, has joined West Ham United on a month's loan. Tony Paris, who has had his contract terminated, has joined Orient on loan.

SUSSEX MARTLET LEAGUE

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| Horam | 14 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 44 | 47 | 14 |
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| Roulettes | 14 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 12 | 92 | 3 |
| Shoreham Orient | 13 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 12 | 93 | 3 |

SUPPORTERS'

NOTES



We are still looking for young ladies to enter the "Miss Albion" Contest, which will be held on 24th March, 1973, at the Arlington Hotel, Brighton. Any-one 16 years of age or over may enter, subject to the rules which may be obtained from Mr. D. Allfrey at the Club Offices at 8 St. Georges Place, Brighton. So, come along girls, have a go, you may be the next "Miss Albion".

The Supporters' Club Ladies' Football Team are still continuing their winning ways, and at the time of writing have yet to drop a point as can be seen by the Sussex Martlet League table on the opposite page.

Any young lady wishing to join the

above League with us, please meet at the West side of the King Alfred Lawns, on Tuesday evening at 7.00 p.m. and ask for Mr. A. Waller (Manager).

Those of you who wish to travel to support the Albion away next Saturday, 17th February, may book this afternoon at the Supporters' Club Huts around the ground.

May I remind members who live in the Worthing area, that the Worthing Branch run coaches to most away matches. Enquiries may be made to the Away Match Secretary—Mr. Reg Trimmer, 3 Bramble Close, Worthing. Telephone: Worthing 63345.

SECOND SCENE

GREAT! That was the fans' verdict on British Rail's experimental £250,000 super soccer special, the League Liner, after its journey between Burnley and London a fortnight ago. About 490 Burnley supporters were the first to sample the train's discotheque, cinema and music coaches with headphones. Train driver, Mr. Stewart Chapman, who has handled soccer specials for 11 years, said: "What a change! No seats out of the windows this time and no cords pulled." Unhappily for Burnley, their supporters had to watch their side go down 2-0 in their promotion battle with Queen's Park Rangers.

JOY for Fulham striker Steve Earle in the game against Albion a fortnight ago. Earle notched his 100th League goal for the club in their 5-1 victory. It was small recompense for Albion, who after a bright start, faded badly in the second half.

SUNDERLAND'S new manager Bob Stokoe is highly delighted that the fans have started to turn up at Roker Park in their thousands again. The Red and Whites had a 30,000-plus gate for their F.A. Cup third round replay with Notts. County. And this was followed by a 22,000 attendance for the Millwall League fixture. This game marked the debut of new signing John Hughes—a £30,000 capture from Crystal Palace—and he played in the forward line alongside his younger brother, Billy Hughes.

ASTON VILLA'S recent friendly fixture with West German champions Bayern Munich was watched by a 25,000-strong Villa Park crowd. Villa easily paid their £10,000 guarantee to Bayern and still managed to show a nice profit of £2,500.

BLACKPOOL manager Harry Potts still believes that his Bloomfield Road squad can win promotion this season despite their 2-0 defeat by Middlesbrough last week. But Potts has circulated clubs that he has players for sale in most positions. It could mean an early departure for former Hull midfielder, Chris Simpkin.

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