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HARRY HASLAM



I am sure it did not escape the notice of Luton supporters that the teams fantastic performance against Newcastle hauled up a string of four consecutive victories for the club. It was like being granted one wish in your lifetime and seeing it come true over a period of 90 minutes. It gave incredible realism to the remarkable consistency the side have produced on their travels and I could feel success in the air at St. James' Park from a very early stage.

No doubt the lads felt the same because I have never seen them bristle with so much confidence and belief in their ability to beat a First Division outfit. It proved a Cup win which few outside the loyal band of Luton fans ever thought possible. But I viewed the clash as a great opportunity to give our attacking policies a major shot in the arm and it was a victory which I considered completely vindicated all that we have been preaching and practicing this term. Unfortunately, the momentum was not carried through to Brighton last week—a defeat which left us disappointed and deflated but one which is not too difficult to understand.

Every match is a challenge of a different variety and the team that clicks into the right attitude of mind before every match is, nine times out of ten, well on the way to winning it. Luton had this all-important condition finely tuned at Newcastle. But after toppling 'giants' it needed a complete new approach when we went from one extreme to the other against Brighton—and the result, only too clearly, told the whole story.

In my view Luton could have enjoyed a better Fifth Round draw than the one which came out of the hat for them. But in the Cup you must learn to accept whatever comes along and generate the idea that you can conquer the 'mountain' however high it might be. It was not until last Monday night that Ken Whitfield and myself could get down and concentrate on beating our next Cup opposition when Bolton disposed of Cardiff at the third attempt.

Though it was not a night when one could place too much value on what took place, I considered my time at The Hawthorns to be well spent last Monday and there were certain aspects of Bolton's style which appeared suitable 'caverns' for the lads to explore. Generally, Jimmy

Armfield's team hummed along as a well-drilled footballing side getting much of their urgency from Roy Greaves, an impressive midfield player.

But you cannot account for luck and when it is bad luck which can wreck, in a second, the finest plans ever devised, then it sometimes makes you think whether it is worth spending hours on pre-match briefings. When it takes only the time needed to blink to rob you of one of your key men in the side, accidents like Keith Barber's broken leg come as a shattering blow to every plan, scheme, method and idea you have conceived.

I wish Keith the speediest of recoveries and I am sure he will respond by wishing Willie Carrick the best of luck as his replacement. Willie has already had first-team experience this season and I am sure he can face up to the challenge and take Keith's 'gloves' to do a good job for us.

Since our last programme notes our busy goal striker during the first half of the season, Vic Halom, has left us for Sunderland. I trust he will be as successful for Bob Stokoe as he was for Luton. Vic left because I could not guarantee him regular first-team football and being the ambitious and go-ahead type that he is, it was a mutual understanding that a move would be the best answer.

Also off the Luton books in recent weeks has gone striker Terry Robinson who, after a period on loan to Crewe, has now signed for Jimmy Melia. Crewe's free-flowing style will suit Terry, I am sure, and I hope soccer will hear of him striking plenty of goals for his new club.

We are very happy and proud that the Bells Whiskey firm will be handing over ONE GALLON of their best product to team boss Harry Haslam before this afternoon's kick-off. Harry has been voted Bells Manager of the Month in the Second Division and will receive his award from Mr Spedding, a representative of the Company, and Luton director, Mr Eric Morecambe. Congratulations Harry on your nomination and let's hope it will be the forerunner of others to come. Last word from the lucky man himself—"Rest assured I shall not be drunk in charge—this bottle goes to everyone from the gate-men upwards, and I wish there was sufficient to give every supporter a tot, too."

Harry Haslam talking to Norton Jones

ANGLO-ITALIAN INTER-LEAGUE CLUBS COMPETITION 1973

These are exciting times for Luton Town, with the interest building up for next week's Cup-tie at Bolton and that to be followed by our entry into the Anglo-Italian Tournament.

Harry Haslam says of the Anglo-Italian venture: "In the first place, to be asked to take part in such a competition is a form of recognition for the club, and every little acknowledgement in this respect is a credit for Luton Town. The club have always considered it important and wise to travel when the opportunity comes and I am sure the side will enjoy their games against opposition from abroad.

"Playing against the continentals will broaden the team's knowledge and ability and I am sure that our supporters will be keen and interested to see a new style of rivals for us at Kenilworth Road. We tried to make it last year—so we were all the more determined to get in. We shall not know the strengths and weaknesses of the teams we come up against until the lads are out there against them. But we shall have a basic idea of their style and I think it will allow Luton to put into practice the policy of going at the opposition for GOALS."

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Cardiff City were hoping that today's Kenilworth Road clash would be a rehearsal for a Cup meeting with The Hatters next weekend. But Monday's replay defeat by Bolton Wanderers smashed their dreams of further progress towards Wembley and leaves them with the important task of lifting clear of the relegation zone.

To find Cardiff struggling in the Second Division for the second time since they just missed promotion in 1971 is one of the mysteries talked about round the country.

Why Cardiff should crumble into a team with a real fear of Third Division soccer is a problem that manager Jimmy Scouler would dearly like to answer. Last season, he had most of the players who were within one spot of promotion in 1971 and, this term, he decided that the time had come to change a few faces.

Yet the net result is much the same and can possibly be traced to their poor away record. They have managed three draws on their travels this campaign and lost the remainder of their 12 League fixtures. Indeed, they have won only one away match out of the last 35.

The Cup provided a suggestion that Cardiff might be breaking out of their troubles on opponent's grounds. Certainly, fortune smiled on them when a late goal won a third round-tie at Scunthorpe and they equalised late in the first game with Bolton.

However, the Lancashire team earned a draw at Ninian Park in the replay and, when the fourth round clash went to a third meeting at West Bromwich this week, the Third Division side scraped home by the only goal.

Cardiff's League situation stems from a bad start which saw them win only twice in the first dozen fixtures. Since then, their home form has improved quite noticeably and seems to be their best chance of survival.

Things picked up on Welsh soil from the time they did business with Sheffield United—ironically, the club that had barred Cardiff's route to the First Division in 1971. They sold Alan Warboys, the former Sheffield Wednesday striker, to the Bramall Lane outfit and took two Welsh internationals—forward Gil Reece and defender David Powell—in part exchange.

Then Cardiff built up their cash reserves by accepting an estimated £100,000 fee from Bournemouth for the sale of Brian Clark, their former top scorer, and Ian

TALKING ABOUT



Gibson, the experienced Scottish schemer.

This gave them the cash to snap up two new forwards in October. They bought Johnny Vincent, scoring on his debut against his former club, Middlesbrough, and Andy McCulloch, also among the goals after leaving Queen's Park Rangers.

McCulloch, in fact, has proved quite a bargain since becoming Cardiff's record fee player at £45,000. He has averaged a goal a game on Ninian Park territory and during that period, Cardiff have picked up 12 precious points out of seven home fixtures. The one slip was against Portsmouth in a match that was vital to the future of both clubs.

Last season, they did gain a point in a 2-2 draw, but previously they had been beaten soundly on Malcolm Macdonald's last appearance for The Hatters. Remember that farewell hat-trick from 'Big Mac'? It took place in May, 1971, when Cardiff were nursing the bruises of just missing out in the promotion hunt.

You could say that little has gone right for the Welshmen since that match, but Jimmy Scouler is firm in his belief that Cardiff can move forward once they have finished this disappointing season.

"I'm sure we can do well again," he predicts and this is partly attached to the development of several young players. Right-back Phil Dwyer and midfielder man Billy Kellock are two teenagers showing the benefit of regular League action and there are others like defender Peter Morgan and forwards Nigel Rees, Derek Showers, Tony Villars and Alan Couch.

If these lads come forward as Cardiff hope, then Mr Scouler can look forward to the future with optimism. There is another reason to expect Cardiff to revive—and that is the drive and business acumen offered by new Chairman Mr David Goldstone.

A property developer in London, Mr Goldstone was Chairman of Swansea City until last year. Then he switched along the South Wales coast at a time when Cardiff were bottom of Division Two.

He made the move with open eyes. He wants to help Wales build a successful club in the First Division and says that money will never be allowed to stand in the way of Cardiff's prospects of being that club.

Mr Goldstone recognises that it is important for Cardiff to attain a reasonable position in the next three months—then this can be the springboard from which to encourage good players to put their futures in City's hands.

HISTORY

Founded in 1899 as River Side Football Club. Became professional as Cardiff City in 1910. Elected to League Division Two in 1920. Ground: Ninian Park, Cardiff CF1 8SX. Record Attendance: 61,556, Wales against England in October, 1961. Division One Runners-up: 1923-24. Division Two Runners-up: 1920-21, 1951-52, 1958-59. Division Three (South) Champions: 1946-47. F.A. Cup Winners: 1927. European Cup-Winners' Cup semi-finalists: 1968-69.

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Season	Div	Pos	W	P	Season	Div	Pos	W	P
1971-72	2	19th	10	34	1966-67	2	20th	12	23
1970-71	2	3rd	20	53	1965-66	2	20th	12	34
1969-70	2	7th	18	49	1964-65	2	13th	13	40
1968-69	2	5th	20	47	1963-64	2	15th	14	38
1967-68	2	13th	13	38	1962-63	2	10th	18	43

MANAGER CAPTAIN

In a 21-year career as one of the outstanding Scottish wing-halves of post-war history, Jimmy Scoular sampled the full joy of winning the game's top honours.

It was his service in the Royal Navy which led the rugged Scotsman to sign on for Portsmouth—and what a bargain that was for the Fratton Park club! Mr Scoular was a dynamic figure in their Championship sides of 1949 and 1950 and also won nine full Scottish international caps.

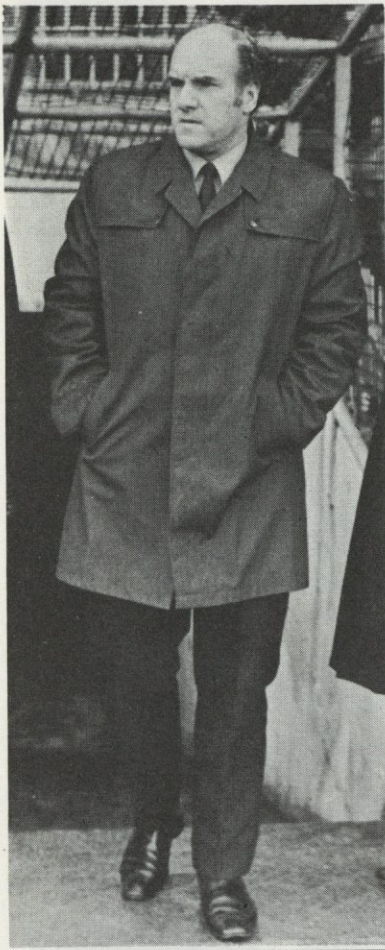
Then, in 1953, he moved the length of the country to begin another outstanding period with Newcastle United. On succeeding the Geordies' current manager, Joe Harvey, as captain and right-half, he led the famous North-East club to the F.A. Cup in 1955—their third Wembley success in five seasons.

Jimmy Scoular always looked the kind of tough, determined character who would eventually switch to the management side and his first opportunity arrived with Bradford Park Avenue, where he also continued to play for three years.

Once that apprenticeship was over, the call came from Cardiff City for Mr Scoular to manage a team which was hovering around the middle of the Second Division and with support crumbling away.

It was obviously a long-term task and there were worrying moments as the Bluebirds fluttered on the edge of relegation to Division Three. But Mr Scoular, leading by example and regularly training with his players when past the 40-mark, slowly brought Cardiff forward as a potential promotion force.

There was also the bonus of competition in Europe, with 1968-69 producing the highspot of an appearance in the semi-final of the Cup-Winners' Cup. The happy spirit developed by Mr Scoular led to further improvements by 1970-71 when Cardiff were only one place away from returning to the First Division.



JIMMY SCOLAR

Don Murray, standing nearly six feet tall and powerfully-built, has been the cornerstone of Cardiff City's defence from the time that fellow-Scot Jimmy Scoular took over as manager.

Born in Duffus, in the Scottish Highlands, Don got into Cardiff's League side when he was only 17 and developed the kind of consistency that is the delight of the most demanding boss.

His potential was evident in those early years as a Cardiff junior. He first played in the Second Division in 1962-63 and, at the end of that season, he was elected captain of the Rest of Great Britain Youth-team against England, the 'Little World Cup' winners, at Wembley, Graham French, incidentally, was on the opposing side.

Don's progress was swift and sure and, by February, 1965, he had won his single Scottish Under-23 cap against England. It was no mean feat to be the central figure in a defence which earned a goalless draw against a forward line including Martin Chivers, Alan Ball and Mick Jones.

Cardiff's entry into European soccer gave Don his next chance to establish on a higher level. Of the 30 matches, the club have contested in the Cup-Winners' Cup, the centre-half has played in all but three, and he was captain in the 1969 semi-final against Hamburg.

Don was especially proud of an unbroken run of League appearances which stretched through three full seasons between 1969 and 1971. And he had missed only two games in each of the previous two campaigns.

A rare lapse in form caused Don to be left out briefly last term and he has missed one or two games this season, but he is again number one choice for the centre-half spot and has played in well over 400 games for the club. This includes around 350 in the League—and he's still only 27.

POINTS ON PLAYERS

GARY BELL, full-back. Born Halesowen, Worcs. Once an amateur with West Bromwich Albion, he joined Cardiff from Lower Gornal of the West Midlands League, in 1966. Made his first of over 200 appearances in September, 1967, against Wolves at Molineux. Converted with great success from an orthodox winger.

DAVID CARVER, full-back. Born Rotherham. Made his League debut in the early 'Sixties while playing in the Second Division with his home-town club. Moved to Ninian Park in January, 1966, for a four-figure fee.

ALAN COUCH, inside-forward. Born Neath. A member of the Cardiff team which reached the Final of the F.A. Youth Cup against Arsenal in May, 1971. Made his League debut last season at Carlisle. A former Welsh Schoolboy and Youth international.

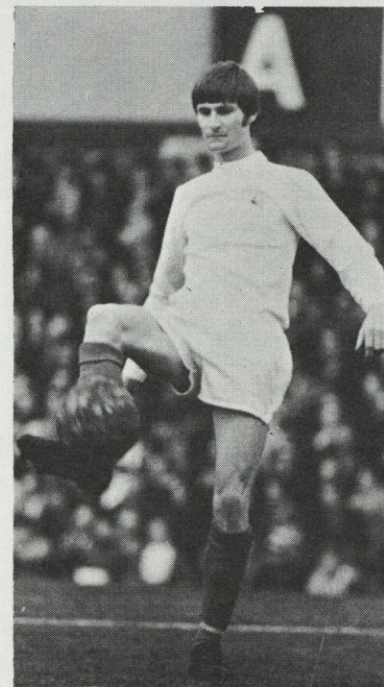
ROGER HOY, wing-half. Born London. Kicked-off with Tottenham Hotspur and then joined Crystal Palace. Spent a season with us before joining Cardiff in August, 1971. But injury has plagued his progress at Ninian Park and last season he made only eight League appearances. Recently returned to the League side after fighting against a serious knee injury for 15 months.

BILLY IRWIN, goalkeeper. Born at Bangor. A former Northern Ireland amateur international. Signed for Cardiff in October, 1971, straight from his Irish League club. Immediately held down the number one goalkeeper's position, despite his inexperience. After only a handful of games, he was tipped for future full international honours.

KEN JONES, full-back. Born Yorkshire. Played under Jimmy Scoular during his managership of Bradford. Ken then moved to Southampton and after several seasons at the Dell he joined the Welsh club in June, 1971.

PETER KING, inside-forward. Born Worcester. The longest-serving player on the current staff with a total of over 450 games to his credit. First appeared in Cardiff's blue 11 years ago and since then has scored 100 first-team goals. During his career he has played in seven different positions.

BILLY KELLOCK, wing-half. Born Glasgow. A former Aston Villa apprentice who was a member of the 1971 F.A. Youth Cup Final team. Played for Scotland in



LEIGHTON PHILLIPS

FRANK PARSONS, goalkeeper. Born Amersham. Understudied John Jackson for a number of years at Crystal Palace, he fought his way back into Cardiff's team for the closing game of last season when he was struck by injury.

LEIGHTON PHILLIPS, wing-half. Born Briton Ferry. Can play either as a defender or in midfield. Has appeared in both these positions for club and country, making his Cardiff debut in 1967 and his Welsh baptism against Scotland four years later.

NIGEL REES, outside-left. Born Neath. A Schoolboy cap at both football and rugby, playing on the left-wing for one team and at outside-half for the other. A Welsh Youth international who burst into the Cardiff team two seasons ago when only 17.

BOBBY WOODRUFF, inside-forward. Born Highworth. A vastly experienced and versatile player. A goalscorer who can also create goals from midfield and whose throw is one of the longest in football. Went to Cardiff in November, 1969, after spells with Swindon Town, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Crystal Palace.

TONY VILLARS, outside-right. Born Cwmbran. An exciting prospect who was quite an impact with his opening games in League football last season. Once an electrician, he has jumped from Second Division in the Welsh League to Second Division in the Football League.

GIL REECE, striker. Born Cardiff. A current Welsh international who joined his home-town club in September, 1972, from Sheffield United. Scored over 50 League goals for the Yorkshire club. Previously with Newport County.

DAVID POWELL, defender. Born Dolgarrog. Began his career with Wrexham and moved to Sheffield United in 1968 for a fee of £20,000. A knee injury disrupted his career for 18 months. Now fully recovered and aiming to be back in the Welsh team.

JOHNNY VINCENT, midfield. Born West Bromwich. Made his name with Birmingham City and later moved to Middlesbrough in an exchange deal involving George Smith. Cost Cardiff £35,000 from Middlesbrough last October.

ANDY McCULLOCH, striker. Born Northampton. Signed from Queen's Park Rangers at the end of last October for a club record fee. Has been a consistent goalscorer since his debut.

last season's European Youth Finals in Spain, shortly after making the first of ten appearances in Cardiff's first-team at the age of 18.

PHIL DWYER, full-back. Local-born 18-year-old who first joined Cardiff as an amateur and signed professional in October, 1971. Made his League debut in October, 1972, and has remained a regular choice.

ALBERT LARMOUR, wing-half. Born Belfast. Joined Cardiff in July, 1972, from Linfield, the well-known Irish League club which has produced a string of famous players. Played for his old club in their European Cup matches last-season.

RICHIE MORGAN, centre-half. Born Cardiff. Unlucky with injuries last season when he might have enjoyed an extended run in the side. Has been at the club for six years but, because of Murray's consistency he has had few opportunities. A Welsh Under-23 international.

MAN ON THE SPOT

ROGER DUCKWORTH'S VERDICT



AND MATCH REPORT EVERY SATURDAY SPORTS POST

POINTS ON PLAYERS

MAN ABOUT TOWN

PHIL O'CONNOR



Wingers went virtually out of fashion when Sir Alf Ramsey proved he could win the World's greatest trophy without them in 1966. It created a midfield complex amongst the soccer coaches and for any progressive youngster to escape the clutches of such modern methods he had to be big enough to keep goal or tall enough to take on the responsibilities of the attack.

Those that fell in between, and the majority naturally did, included the tender talents of Romford-born Phil O'Connor, who had his first baptism among football's chess-board manoeuvres with Southend United when he signed apprentice straight from school.

"I joined up with the Fourth Division side for two reasons. My elder brother Mick was already on Ernie Shepherd's staff and, broadly speaking, it seemed to me that the smaller the club, the bigger chance any youngster has of being recognised."

But Phil's hopes of making a regular spot for himself tumbled when a new boss arrived. "I had the right kind of encouragement from Ernie Shepherd. But it was immediately different under Arthur Rowley and I broke away from Southend in 1971 to link with Bexley United in the Southern League."

The switch from Southend to the Southern League brought a change of course in another direction, for no longer was Phil O'Connor an industrious midfielder man, but a livewire winger of whom manager Harry Haslam says: "He has a stack of promise. I am certain Phil has a big future with Luton, for he seems to improve with every game and that's a good sign. I have asked him to tread on the accelerator a little more—but that's all. He has a natural gift which I have not seen since the days of Tom Finney when he confused defenders by tracking down the right flank and leading the ball to them on his left foot. It looks simple. But it's super effective."

Phil polished up such a flair with Bexley, with whom he spent 12 months before featuring in one of the club's largest-ever transfer deals. "I learned a lot in that year as an amateur and I would probably not be where I am today if I had not been pushed out of midfield."

Busy Phil slotted 19 goals for Bexley, a haul which repeatedly had the scouts filing good reports for their club bosses. With Luton's net covering Phil O'Connor's travels, the time arrived when serious talking between the clubs ended with a reported £2,000 being accepted for a right-winger with rich promise.

"It's a completely new phase of my career to be part of Kenilworth Road—a ground I only knew before through a visit way back with Southend Youths."

The big splash to capture Barry Butlin overshadowed Phil's entrance earlier in December when his signing coincided with the new first-team striker from Derby County. "I look at this opportunity as a tremendous chance to do well for myself. The move has boosted my confidence and I think it will give me the incentive to reach a much better standard."

So far, Phil's endeavours have been restricted to half-a-dozen appearances in the Mid-week League side. But Harry Haslam's enthusiasm about his new winger with the 'Finney' footwork is only too evident. Already Phil has been able to soak up some first-team 'atmosphere' by joining the squad before Saturday matches and it seems that his Second Division 'celebration' must now only be a short free kick away.

TOWN TALK

Can you guess the gate for our next home game against Sunderland on 10th March? *Pickwick International*, of Leighton Buzzard again offer six long playing records for the competition and your entries should reach Luton Town Promotions, 70-71 Kenilworth Road, Luton, Bedfordshire by mid-day on Saturday, 10th March.

Winners for the competition on the Nottingham Forest game were: Mr W. Vann, 14 Corncrake Close, Stopsley. Mr P. R. Garner, 40 Napier Street, Bletchley. Master A. Winsor, 79 High Road, Soulbury. Mr D. J. Keys, 7 Orchard Close, Bletchley. Mr A. Messenger, 256 Hitchin Road, Luton. Mr K. Nicholls, 55 Westfield Road, Bletchley.

Rail travel to Bolton and Blackpool

At the time of going to press, the Rail times for the trips to Bolton and Blackpool were not available. Supporters must book their train tickets for the Bolton trip in advance, and these are available from the Kenilworth Office during normal working hours. Fare: £1.50.

N.B. TRAINS FOR BOLTON

A special message to everyone in the Bedford Area... TRAIN B will NOT stop at Bedford, therefore, all Bedford supporters must travel on train "A".



F.A. Cup Fifth Round—Replay

In the event of a replay being necessary, this match will be played at Kenilworth Road on Wed. 28th Feb. Kick-off: 7-30 pm. Tickets will be on sale at the Kenilworth Road Office from 10-00 am until 1-00 pm on Sunday, 25th February. Season Ticket Holders have until Tuesday noon to claim their seats and match slip number three must be tendered with each application. Prices: Centre Stand—85p. Wing Stand—70p. Owing to the shortage of time, it is regretted that no postal applications can be accepted.

Your Road Route to Blackpool 3rd March

Leave by Dunstable Road (A.505) to join the M.1 motorway. Follow signs 'Birmingham M.1'. At intersection 19, follow signs 'North West Birmingham M.6'. At intersection 8, follow signs 'North West M.6'. At intersection 32 (Preston, Blackpool A.6), follow signs 'Lytham and Blackpool A.6'. A quarter of a mile on roundabout, turn left into A.49. At junction of roads, turn right into A.582. Three-quarters of a mile on, turn right. Junction of roads, turn right into A.59, roundabout, take first road, A.5072. Strand Road, West Strand, roundabout, take second road, A.583. Watery Lane, continue along Ashton by-pass. At the end of by-pass, keep left. Kirkham by-pass, bear left. Westby Mills. Blackpool (Preston New Rd).

FORTHCOMING MATCHES

Wednesday, 28th February

Mid-week League Cup

LUTON TOWN RESERVES v NORTHAMPTON TOWN RESERVES
Kick-off: 7-30 pm

Saturday, 10th March

League Division Two

LUTON TOWN v SUNDERLAND
Kick-off: 3-00 pm

Mid-week League P W D L F A P

LUTON TOWN	19	12	5	2	49	17	29
Southend United	15	8	5	2	27	13	21
Brighton H.A.	15	6	6	3	25	22	18
Northampton T.	16	6	5	5	30	22	17
Orient	15	7	2	6	21	23	16
Watford	15	7	2	6	20	24	16
Cambridge United	16	6	2	8	25	29	14
Charlton Athletic	15	6	2	7	25	32	14
Millwall	15	3	3	9	25	33	9
Gillingham	13	2	5	6	12	24	9
Colchester United	14	2	1	11	11	31	5

Up to and including 7th February 1973

LUTON LOTTERY

This commenced on Saturday, 3rd February, which coincided with our glorious victory at Newcastle. It was a pleasant surprise to the lucky winners when Alan Slough, Keith Barber and John Faulkner handed over their cheques at the *Crest Motel*.

Our picture shows Mrs Ann George, 38 Napier Road, Luton, receiving the £100 first prize, the second prize of £25, being won by Mrs M. Gatward, 25 Highover Road, Letchworth, and the third prize of £10, being won by Mr Bob Palmer, 'The Richard III', Castle Street, Luton.

Three weeks old today, membership of The Luton Lottery is increasing rapidly, and with 156 winners weekly, receiving over £300 between them, a sell-out is inevitable.

Last Saturday, the draw took place at *The First and Last*, Stopsley, mine host, Roy Mayes being responsible for making the following people very happy. £100—Vic Halsey, 50 Glebe Close, Pitstone. £25—Miss S. Baker, 18 Sparrow Hall, Cottages Edlesborough. £10—W. L. Squires, 51 Gardenia Avenue, Luton. And just to keep it in the family, fellow publican, Ted Ackland, *The Dutchman*, West Side Centre, Luton, won TWO GOLD WRIST WATCHES! He was not only a member, but an Agent as well. Before today's game these winners will be presented with their prizes by Gerry Brooks, resident comedian and master of ceremonies at *Cesars Palace*, together with *Cesars Maidens*.

This weeks draw in The Luton Lottery will take place in *The Hatters Club* straight after the game. We hope you will all come along 'and see it happen'.

Become an Agent by selling a minimum of ten shares each week to your friends and workmates, at 10p a share, that's all we ask, but, we do pay expenses of ten percent plus 100 *Green Shield Stamps* for every 25 codes sold, plus ten percent of the value on all members prizes over £1 in value. (We can't give you ten percent of a Gold Wristwatch... so we give you a WHOLE ONE TO YOURSELF!)

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO—1972-73

Date	Opponents	Att	F A	Date	Opponents	Att	F A
Aug 12	Cardiff City	16,364	1-2	23	Middlesbrough	10,122	1-0
19	Preston North End	11,507	1-0	26	Sheffield Wednesday	15,799	0-0
26	Orient	6,494	1-0	30	Preston North End	9,638	0-2
30	Oxford United	10,891	0-1	Jan 6	Orient	8,344	1-1
Sept 2	Huddersfield Town	8,133	4-1	13	Crewe Alexandra (FAC 3)	9,411	2-0
5	Birmingham City (LC2)	20,962	1-1	20	Huddersfield Town	3,871	2-1
9	Nottingham Forest	9,495	1-0	27	Nottingham Forest	10,083	1-0
13	Birmingham City (LC2 replay)	13,806	1-1	Feb 3	Newcastle United (FAC4)	42,170	2-0
16	Brighton and Hove Albion	11,627	2-1	10	Brighton and Hove Albion	11,404	0-2
20	Birmingham City (LC2 2nd replay)	11,139	0-1	17	Cardiff City		
23	Sheffield Wednesday	18,913	0-4	24	Bolton (FAC5)		
26	Swindon Town	8,469	2-0	Mar 3	Blackpool		
30	Burnley	12,197	2-2	10	Sunderland		
Oct 7	Blackpool	12,073	2-2	17	Hull City (FAC6)		
14	Sunderland	13,394	2-0	24	Bristol City		
18	Portsmouth	9,813	2-2	27	Fulham		
21	Hull City	11,560	1-2	31	Carlisle United		
28	Bristol City	13,562	1-0	April 7	Fulham (FAC/SF)		
Nov 4	Swindon Town	10,596	0-1	14	Queen's Park Rangers		
11	Portsmouth	7,571	2-2	21	Aston Villa		
18	Aston Villa	29,144	2-0	23	Middlesbrough		
25	Carlisle United	10,091	0-1	24	Burnley		
Dec 9	Queen's Park Rangers	13,670	2-2	28	Oxford United		
16	Millwall	11,550	2-2		To be arranged—Millwall		

MID-WEEK LEAGUE FIXTURES—1972-73

Date	Opponents	F A	Date	Opponents	F A	Date	Opponents	F A
Aug 23	Gillingham	7-0	8	Northampton Town	4-2	17	Orient	3-1
30	Brighton and Hove Albion	1-0	15	Southend United	1-1	24	Southend United	0-1
Sept 6	Cambridge United	5-0	21	Charlton Athletic	1-2	31	Charlton Athletic	4-1
27	Cambridge United	1-1	29	Colchester United	5-1	Feb 7	Watford (LC)	1-1
Oct 11	Millwall	2-1	Dec 5	Northampton Town	1-1	14	Watford (LC)	
18	Watford	1-1	13	Colchester United	1-0	28	Northampton (LC)	
25	Watford	1-1	Jan 3	Millwall	3-2	Mar 6	Northampton (LC)	
Nov 1	Gillingham	1-1	10	Brighton & Hove A	5-0	14	Orient	

Up to and including Saturday, 10th February, 1973

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

*League Games Only

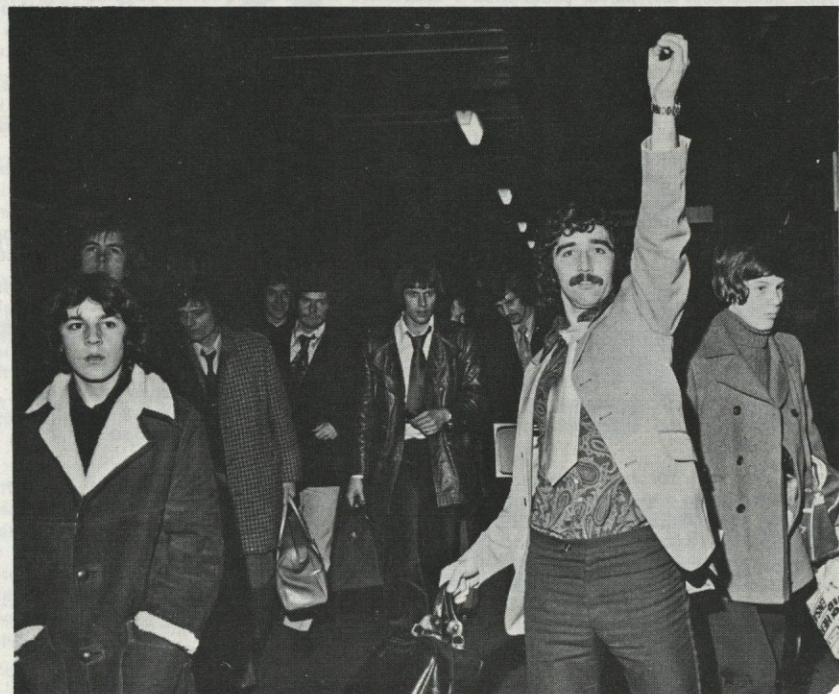
HOME		AWAY		*HOME GATES		LEADING SCORERS—League, F.A. Cup League Cup and Other Clubs Goals	
P	W D L F A	W D L F A	P	Best	Average		
28	8 5 1 29 15	7 6 1 20 12	41	BURNLEY	15,477	12,928	Fletcher 10, Dobson 8, James 8, Casper 6
29	9 4 1 33 13	5 7 3 18 19	39	Q.P.R.	22,518	13,486	Givens 22, Bowles 10, Leach 8, Thomas 6
28	8 4 3 17 11	5 5 3 18 17	35	ASTON VILLA	38,637	30,359	Evans 11, Graydon 9, Rioch 8, Vowden 6
28	8 4 2 26 12	3 6 5 18 20	32	FULHAM	17,576	10,824	Earle 12, Mitchell 9, Mullery 6
29	7 4 3 24 12	5 4 6 18 23	32	BLACKPOOL	25,277	12,238	Suddick 11, Ainscow 10, Dyson 6, Burns 6
28	4 7 4 20 18	8 1 4 15 13	32	LUTON TOWN	15,799	11,195	Aston 10, Butlin 5
30	8 4 3 16 11	3 6 6 12 20	32	MIDDLESBROUGH	24,145	11,427	Hickton 8, Mills 7
29	10 1 3 24 10	3 4 8 11 19	31	OXFORD UNITED	13,412	9,296	Curran 10, Cassidy 7, Clarke D 5
29	9 2 3 29 16	2 6 7 16 24	30	SHEFFIELD WED	30,197	19,746	Joicey 12, Craig 9, Sunley 8, Prendergast 5
28	7 6 2 32 16	2 4 7 11 21	28	HULL CITY	13,580	9,521	Pearson 13, Holme 7, Houghton 7
29	8 3 3 21 11	2 4 9 17 23	27	MILLWALL	13,207	10,179	Wood 16, Bolland 9, Cripps 6
28	3 6 4 14 13	6 3 6 21 24	27	BRISTOL CITY	20,490	13,657	Gould 10, Gow 9, Spiring 6
28	7 5 2 20 12	2 4 8 11 22	27	NOTTM FOREST	18,082	10,001	Galley 12, Martin 5
29	5 4 5 14 18	5 3 7 14 26	27	PRESTON NE	18,822	10,585	Bruce 7, Tarbuck 6, Young 6, Wilson 5
28	4 4 7 14 18	5 4 4 19 15	26	PORTSMOUTH	16,419	9,955	Piper 9, Hiron 7, Lewis 6, Jennings 5, Reynolds 5
27	8 3 3 33 16	1 4 8 7 17	25	CARLISLE UNITED	10,969	7,408	Owen 12, Laidlaw 10, Balderstone 6, Martin 6
25	5 5 2 18 10	2 4 7 15 24	23	SUNDERLAND	22,781	14,501	Halom 10, Tuart 10, Lathan 7, Kerr 6
28	4 7 2 19 18	2 4 9 15 26	23	SWINDON TOWN	15,304	10,387	Treacy 9, Plow 7
28	5 5 4 15 13	1 6 7 11 21	23	ORIENT	9,492	5,594	Queen 7, Downing 6
29	5 6 4 14 14	1 5 8 11 23	23	HUDDERSFIELD T	12,840	7,617	Gowling 12
26	9 1 4 23 14	0 3 9 7 25	22	CARDIFF CITY	16,364	11,384	McCulloch 10, Woodruff 6, Bell 5
29	2 6 6 19 25	1 3 11 11 40	15	BRIGHTON HA	18,699	15,326	Robertson 11, Murray 8, Beamish 6, Spearritt 5



CUP ACTION

Two-goal John Aston became the toast of Kenilworth Road during that memorable cup victory at Newcastle. John's first goal (top left) came from a break by Jimmy Ryan and his second (bottom left) followed good work by Alan Slough. Barry Butlin (top right) also puts pressure on the First Division defence—and the *Evening Post* picture (bottom right) shows the happy Luton squad on their homecoming.

Action Pictures: *Luton News*.



MEMORY MAN

Colin Tinsley's 12 years in professional orbit carried him through the scattered soccer 'ports' of Grimsby, Darlington, Exeter and Luton before he eventually hung up his 'gloves' and took out his bricklayer's trowel to pick up a profession he remembered from his days as a teenager, in Redcar.

It may be no coincidence that his building business is now centred in Luton, for his choice of 'retirement' corresponds with a host of former Town heroes who have sunk their future in the same community.

Colin's birthplace and his soccer exploits in the South are almost 350 miles apart, the type of mileage which can create all kinds of opportunities and scope en-route. But like the Kings, Cooks, Ahernes, McNallys and Jardines, Colin Tinsley found friends both on and off the field at Luton.

Though he had only the best part of three years between the posts at Kenilworth Road, embracing around 50 senior appearances, Colin collected a sense of appreciation in Luton and told us last week that "My time with the Town was nothing but friendly and their crowd, in my days, was regarded one of the best any player could wish to play before."

Unfortunately for Colin, Luton were unable to tether a fixed position as soccer turned into the start of the last decade and the glitter and prestige which had been all round the club after the Cup Final campaign in 1959 had virtually faded when manager Bill Harvey took goalkeeper Tinsley on a free transfer from Exeter.

"I jumped at the chance of joining Luton, because a new club always brings the chance of new opportunities. I was fully conversant with the goalkeeper situation and I appreciated I had a fair-sized job on my hands to put any pressure on Ron Baynham's first-team position. After all, he was a former England international—but times change."

So they did for both parties. For unlucky Ron, a nagging injury forced him out of the game in 1965 to open the door for Colin Tinsley to become Luton Town's number one. "I was happy to be Ron's understudy when I arrived for the 1963-64 season. But I was hunting for a break into the League side after a season and Ron's misfortune created it."



COLIN TINSLEY

In the 1964-65 term, fate decreed that there would be no lavish success for Luton and we had to suffer the penalty of two seasons in the Fourth Division before a spirited revival saw Luton land on top of the table in 1968. Colin missed the inevitable turn of fortune, but still insisted that his time often kept him too busy and above the trouble.

What, we asked him, was his best memory? "Easy. One Saturday afternoon everything went wrong and Shrewsbury scattered us 7-2. The following week we had to visit them and they obviously thought they were facing just the mere formality of picking up two of the easiest home points ever to come their way. They were more than disappointed when the result was reversed and we came away 2-0 winners. But that's just football—or so it was in my day."

Colin's 'day' first started when he joined the Redcar Youth Club—"the same one which discovered Bobby Smith, who left a year or so ahead of me for Chelsea before he went on to make the big-time with Spurs."

The new club member quickly proved he was a 'natural cat' and his rapid rate of progress was noted by

Grimsby manager Billy Walsh, who invited him for a trial. It was enough to convince the Blundell Park judges that young Tinsley was too good to miss and in 1954, at the age of 18, the Redcar bricklayer began to build himself a real soccer career.

"I started in the fourth-team. But, before the season was out, I had sprinted into the League side, assisted, I admit, by an injury which first-team choice Clarence Williams suffered. By that time, the former Manchester United defender, Allenby Chilton, had taken over as manager and it was Chilton who gave me my big chance."

A little over a year later, Colin was hit by a problem common to every professional in his late teens when H.M. Forces wanted his services. "It wasn't too bad, for I was posted to Lincoln and got back almost every week-end for a game."

After demob, Grimsby took their re-captured goalkeeper on a close season tour of Czechoslovakia for three weeks. But the terms for the new season did not match up to what Colin Tinsley wanted and he kicked-off with Darlington for the 1958-59 re-start. "Yet it was not a successful move, because the manager, Dickie Duckworth, and I had a different outlook and though I had a fairly comprehensive spell in the first-team, I never really settled."

The 'draw specialists'—as Darlington were known in those days after a five-match Cup marathon with Hull City—were discarded by Colin for a new chapter with Exeter in 1962. But it coincided with football's big-freeze. Exeter did not play a match from the Boxing Day until March—yet they still finished in fourth position.

Exeter's final flourish to the season brought little reward for the Redcar goalkeeper who discovered his name on the 'unwanted list'. But someone who thought that the Devonshire club were making a mistake was Bill Harvey and he proved it by bringing Colin Tinsley to serve Luton at League level.

"After I retired, Alan Brown invited me back and after enjoying a surprise first-team recall, I was offered full-time terms again. I respected the gesture. But I had to refuse to concentrate on my business. Yet if they are ever stuck, I would only be too pleased to help out again."

Thanks, Colin—you never know!

SCORES

LIST ONE

Arsenal v Leicester	A	
Coventry v Tottenham	B	
C Palace v Stoke	C	
Derby v Southampton	D	
Everton v Norwich	E	
Ipswich v Man Utd	F	
Leeds Utd v Chelsea	G	
Man City v Liverpool	H	
Sheffield U v Birmingham	K	
West Ham v W. B. Albion	L	
Wolves v Newcastle	M	
Aston Villa v Preston	N	

LIST TWO

Blackpool v Huddersfield	A	
Bristol C. v Brighton	B	
Carlisle v Burnley	C	
Fulham v Sheffield Wed	D	
Portsmouth v Nottm Forest	E	
QPR v Swindon	F	
Sunderland v Middlesbro	G	
Blackburn v Bristol Rovers	H	
Bournemouth v Bolton	K	
Grimsby v York C.	L	
Notts Co. v Shrewsbury	M	
Plymouth v Rotherham	N	

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TEAMS

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- 4 ALAN SLOUGH
- 5 ALAN GARNER
- 6 JOHN MOORE
- 7 JIMMY RYAN
- 8 JOHN RYAN
- 9 BARRY BUTLIN
- 10 GORDON HINDSON
- 11 JOHN ASTON
- 12

Cardiff City

Blue Shirts, White Shorts

- 1 BILL IRWIN
- 2 PHIL DWYER
- 3 GARY BELL
- 4 LEIGHTON PHILLIPS
- 5 DON MURRAY
- 6 DAVID POWELL
- 7 BILLY KELLOCK
- 8 ANDY McCULLOCH
- 9 PETER KING
- 10 DEREK SHOWERS
- 11 JOHNNY VINCENT
- 12

GOALSCORERS

LUTON TOWN		CARDIFF CITY	
HALF TIME		HALF TIME	
FULL TIME		FULL TIME	

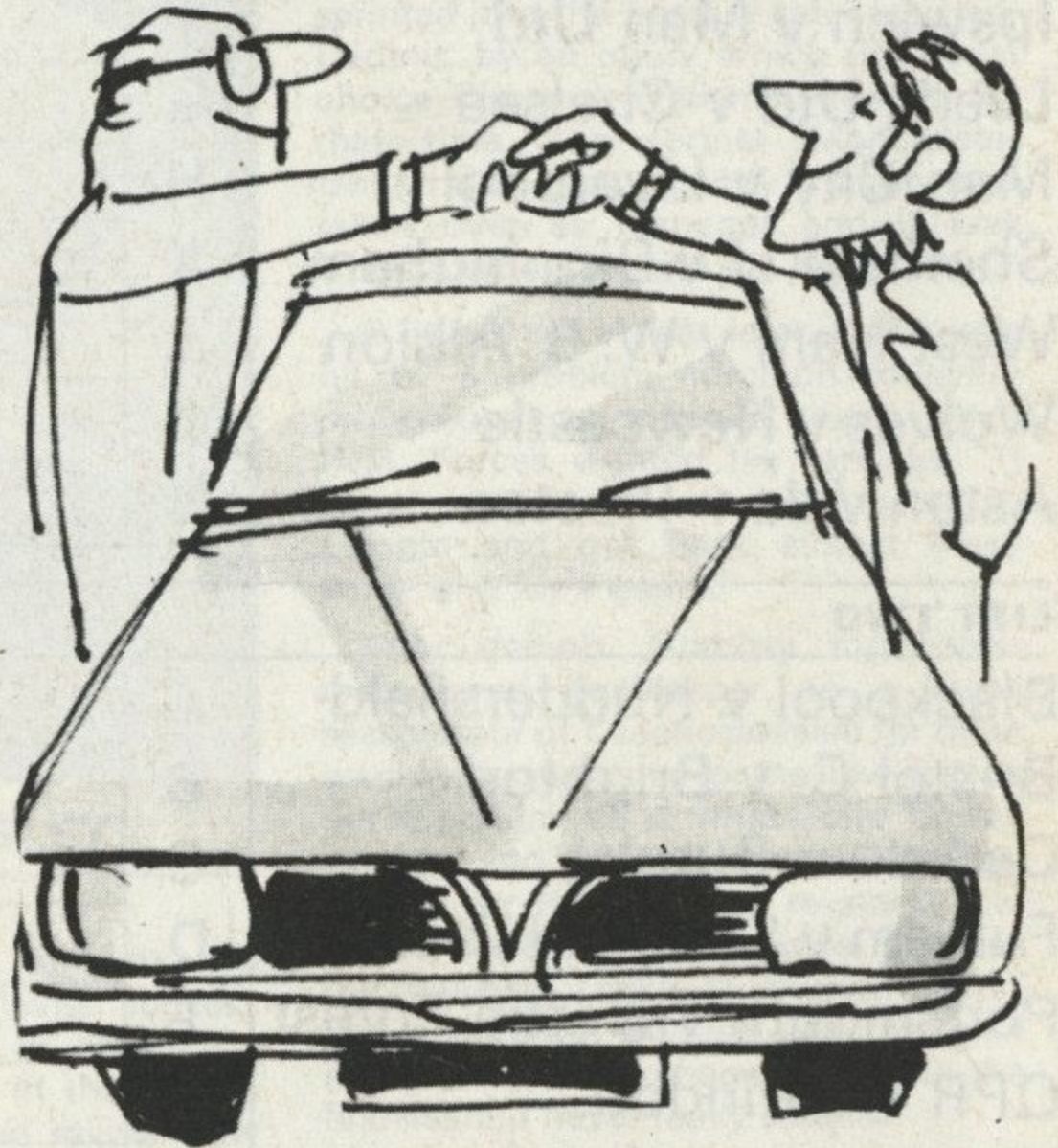
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