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#### LUTON GO FOR F.A. CUP! by TONY PULLEIN

Luton may now have no more than an outside chance of promotion, but they are still in with an opportunity of winning a much bigger prize – the F.A. Cup! Last Saturday's 1–0 victory over Bolton put the Hatters into Round Six for the first time since 1959. Now they are hoping history will repeat itself. For that was the year they marched on to Wembley.

Much of Luton's success this season has been gained away from home. They have won more away matches than any other club in the country – at Orient (1–0), Nottingham Forest (1–0), Swindon (2–0), Sunderland (2–0), Bristol City (1–0), Aston Villa (2–0), Middlesbrough (1–0), and Huddersfield (2–1) in the League, in addition to those F.A. Cup victories.

The Hatters also drew away to Portsmouth (2–2) in the League and at Birmingham (1–1) in the League Cup. Their only defeats on opponents' grounds were at Cardiff (1–2), Sheffield Wednesday (0–4), Preston (0–2) and Brighton (0–2).

Luton's success this season has been remarkable. When the club released such players as David Court, Don Givens and Chris Nicholl at the end of last season – following the departure, a year earlier, of Malcolm Macdonald – it appeared that they had sold their chance of success.

But new manager Harry Haslam has proved an astute buyer in the transfer market. Former England defender Bobby Thomson (from Birmingham) and John Faulkner (Leeds) were drafted into the defence while forwards John Aston (Manchester United) and Rod Fern (Leicester) settled into attack.

More recently Mr. Haslam paid £50,000 for Derby's reserve centreforward Barry Butlin, who has responded with several good goals.

When first-choice goalkeeper Keith Barber broke a leg, this gave former Manchester United reserve Willie Carrick the chance to take over. He, indeed, will play in Luton's F.A. Cup quarter final tie, irrespective of the role taken on by new signing Graham Horn, a £25,000 buy from Arsenal. While on loan to Portsmouth this season, Horn played in the F.A. Cup, thus rendering himself ineligible to turn out for Luton in that competition.

We drew 2–2 when we visited Luton in October and we have to go back as far as season 1959/60 to trace our last victory over them in the League.

Luton Town F.C., formed in 1885, first entered the Second Division in 1897. But they dropped out three years later and didn't return to the League fold until becoming a founder member of Division Three (South) in 1920.

They had to wait until 1947 before they regained Second Division status which they held until a fantastic finish to the 1954/55 campaign saw them scrape into the First Division on goal average. Contrary to most people's expectations, Luton made a good impression in the highest sphere and by 1959 they were good enough to earn themselves a Wembley visit to meet Nottingham Forest in the F.A. Cup final. Unfortunately, they struck a complete off-day and, though Forest played most of the game with only ten men, Luton were still defeated by two goals to one.

Luton's fortunes took a dramatic turn from that day at Wembley. Twelve months later they were relegated to the Second Division, in 1963 they sank into Division Three and two years later — disaster, disaster! !—they plummeted into the Fourth Division.

They won the Fourth Division championship in 1968 and two years later gained promotion to Division Two. Now they can win the F.A. Cup for the first time in their history and still have a faint chance of regaining a place in Division One.

# pen pictures

**KEITH BARBER** (Goalkeeper). Came into the game late as a professional after having been spotted in London senior football and, after trials with Luton, went to Dunstable Town for a spell. Was recalled and displaced the experienced Tony Read in the First Team last season.

WILLIE CARRICK (Goalkeeper). Newcomer who was freed by Manchester United at the end of last season. Born in Dublin, is a former Eire Youth International,

and, at nineteen, is regarded as a highly useful prospect.

**JOHN RYAN** (Right-back). Although he had played games in their League team, Fulham released this capable defender two seasons ago and, since joining Luton, has improved out of recognition and is now in the big money class. Kent born, he had a spell with Arsenal before going to Craven Cottage.

**DON SHANKS** (Left-back). Like Ryan, he found his way to Luton via Fulham with whom he had been an apprentice, but they did not sign him at the end of the prescribed period. Went on to earn England Youth honours and other clubs have

already been taking notice of his progress.

**BOBBY THOMSON** (Left-back). Not so many years ago, Thomson was regarded as the best left-back in the country and has a handful of England caps to prove it. Was then with Wolves from whom he moved to Birmingham City for a big fee. Somehow or other, he never really settled with Birmingham who loaned him to Walsall during last season and then gave him a free transfer.

**ALAN GARNER** (Centre-half). His big chance came when Chris Nicholl was sold to Aston Villa last March and he went on to play confidently and earn himself a regular place. Was previously with Millwall who gave him few opportunities. Strong

and assertive.

JOHN FAULKNER (Centre-half). As Nicholl was being sold to Aston Villa, Luton were negotiating with Leeds United for Faulkner as a replacement. However, this former Sutton United amateur never got a chance in the first team through Garner's consistency, but means to change that this time.

**ALAN SLOUGH** (Half-back). During the last two seasons, he has been regarded primarily as a member of back four, but it has now been decided to use his undoubted talent and driving power in midfield. A local, he joined Luton straight from school.

**JOHN MOORE** (Half-back). Luton's longest serving player, he has been with them nearly eight years, having had previous service with Motherwell. A dour Scot, he has been a regular member of the back four and struck up an uncanny understanding with Nicholl.

**RODNEY FERN** (Forward). Luton's biggest close-season signing, because he cost them a reputed £50,000 from Leicester City, for whom he played in their 1969 losing Cup Final. Strong, bustling type with a highly developed goal sense, he should

increase the scoring potential.

**JOHN ASTON** (Forward). Several other clubs were disappointed when Aston moved to Luton for a fee of £30,000, which begins to look a bargain figure. Now only 25, Aston has a load of First Division experience gained with Manchester United with whom he was a member of the first team squad for some seasons.

**JIMMY RYAN** (Forward). Another who took the now well-beaten track from Old Trafford to Kenilworth Road and he was valued at around £20,000 at the time. A Scot, he had a most unlucky last season through injuries and illness, but has been

showing his best form this time.

**VIV BUSBY** (Forward). Recruited from Wycombe Wanderers and spent two months on loan to Newcastle United during last season. In the end, Newcastle decided not to meet the £50,000 fee Luton were asking and he was allowed to return.

**PETER ANDERSON** (Forward). Another recruit from senior amateur soccer, Anderson was with Hendon and actually made his first team debut for Luton when he was still an amateur. Top scorer last season with 10 goals.

KEN GOODEVE (Defender). Was one of four Manchester United players to join Luton two years ago, but has received few chances in the first team. Such as have come his way have been at left-back, whereas it was as a centre-half that he was signed originally.

**GORDON HINDSON** (Forward). Although this youngster had only limited experience at the time, Luton paid Newcastle United £25,000 for him, and are expecting big things from him this season. Was used mainly as a winger.

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WOOD		9											9	
BURRIDGE		22											22	
HATTON			21				5				1		22	(1)
HARDCASTLI	E		8	2			3	1					14	
BENTLEY				29									29	(1)
JAMES					16	1	2			1			20	
ALCOCK					15	3							18	(2)
SUDDABY						27							27	
BARTON			1				13				4		18	(1)
FUSCHILLO							1						1	
HUTCHISON								10					10	(3)
SUDDICK									31				31	(8)
DYSON										8	7		15	(5)
RAFFERTY										19	1		19	(6)
LENNARD							5	1	10.00		12		18	(2)
BURNS								16		1		12	28	(4)
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TULLY							2					1	3	
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SIMPKIN							3				1		4	

Substitutes appearing: Ainscow (3), Simpkin (2), Hardcastle (4), Alcock (1), Parker (1) Fuschillo (3), James (3), McGrotty (1), Dyson (1)

League Cup appearances: Wood (2), Burridge (5), Hardcastle (3), Hatton (5), Bentley (7), Alcock (5), Suddaby (7), Lennard (4), Hutchison (4), Suddick (7), Dyson (5), Barton (5), Burns (6), Ainscow (6), Parker (2), James (4)

League Cup goalscorers: Suddick (2), Hatton (1), Barton (2), Parker (1), Burns (2), Dyson (1)

F.A. Cup appearances: Burridge (1), Hatton (1), Bentley (1), Alcock (1), Suddaby (1), Barton (1), Burns (1), Suddick (1), Rafferty (1), Dyson (1), Ainscow (1)

F.A. Cup goalscorers: Suddick (1)

#### ANGLO-ITALIAN INTER-LEAGUE CLUBS' COMPETITION, 1973

## BLACKPOOL v. COMO

WEDNESDAY, 21st MARCH, 1973

KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.

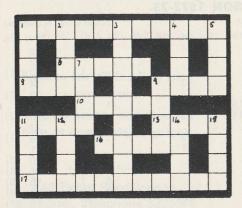
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#### TODAY'S POOL PROFILE (Cover Photograph)

**STUART PARKER** (Centre Forward). Height 6ft 1in. Weight 11st 7lbs. Signed for Blackpool FC in July 1970. Played well in the Reserve team last season.

# soccer prize quiz



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#### CLUES—Across

- Magpies manager . . . (5, 6)
- ... and one of his wingers (5)
- Millwall monarch (4)
- 9. Lofted pass (4)10. Manchester United defender (5)
- Bristol City forward (4)
- Bobby or Terry (4)
- 16. Standard —— (Belgium) (5)
  17. England star (6, 5)

#### CLUES-Down

- Howarth (Rochdale) (4)
- 1 across's other winger (4)
- League Cup holders (5, 4)
- Leading Polish side (4)
- Possible after-effect of a 9 down (4)
- --- Chislenko (Russia) (4)
- Brutal tackle . . . (4)
  . . . would cost this many penalty points (4)
- Dropped (4)
- Sunderland are said to be "---" siders (4)
- 15. Ultra-expensive player (4)

#### SOLUTION TO SOCCER PRIZE QUIZ No. 16

Across—1, Bairstow (Yorks CCC); 6, Reed; 7, Bosi; 8, Lang (Sheffield Wednesday, 1876): 11, Gary: 12, Rioch: 13, Lima (1964): 14, Tees: 17, Hunt: 18, Riva: 19. miskicks.

Down-1, Beal; 2, Ivan; 3, two points; 4, Wright; 5, George; 9, Atilio; 10, Graham; 15. Eric: 16. Sims.

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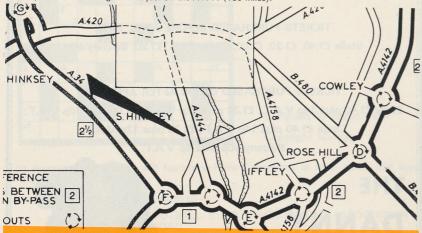
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#### TWO BIG SOCIAL NIGHTS

We have two big Social Club events coming up the week after next. First of all on Wednesday, the 4th March, we have given the use of the club premises to the Queendeans Association, the hardworking local organisation who do so much for various charitable causes. The event is being organised by our popular steward, Bill Turner, and has therefore been labelled as "Bill's Night". Bill has obtained the services of no less than six top-class artistes. There is a bar extension until midnight, there are some splendid prizes to be raffled and there will be the usual short bingo session. This promises to be an excellent night-out. All proceeds will go to the Queendeans charity fund.

On Saturday of the same week, i.e. St. Patrick's Night, the 17th March, there will be a somewhat similar event in the club with a bar extension until 11.45 p.m. This time however, the proceeds will be going towards the contribution the Supporters' Club will be making for Glyn James's Testimonial Fund and is just one of the efforts we will be making. We don't suppose Glyn will mind our picking St. Patrick's Night for the event as St. David's Night was one which fell rather awkwardly for us to hold one on that night.

#### RE-SHUFFLES CAUSED BY SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY MATCH

Apart from the Football Club itself having to juggle with Anglo—Italian and League matches we have had to do a little re-arranging ourselves. We had deliberately picked next Tuesday as the Quiz Night for the three players' teams who are left in as last week clashed with the Anglo—Italian fixture and next week with the Cardiff match. However, the best-laid schemes etc. and the re-arrangement of the League match with Sheffield Wednesday meant we should have been expecting the players to be in the clubroom the night before an important match. Naturally we could not do this, so all three games arranged for that evening have been put back for a fortnight. As far as is known at the moment there are no football fixtures that week. The three Quiz games already arranged for next Tuesday, the 6th, will stand. All forthcoming fixtures are printed below.

Our coach party for Sheffield has been another go-stop-go affair. We were taking bookings for last Saturday. Then Sheffield Wednesday won their Cup replay and we had to cancel. Then Wednesday were knocked out of the Cup last Saturday and we had to start booking again for last Wednesday when our party finally got away.

And they will be off again next Saturday for the Oxford match. Book with our Travel Stewards in the Social Club if you would like to join us.

#### QUIZ FIXTURES

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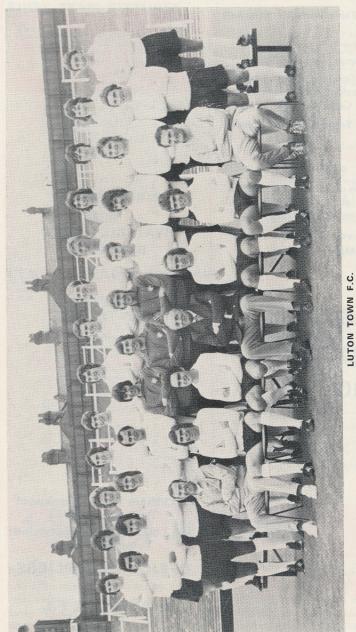
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1972	F.	A.		F.	Λ.
Aug.	12—Huddersfield Town a 0	1	Dec.	9—Preston N. E. (F.A.2)a 3	0
,,	19—Brighton & H. A	2	,,	16—Sheffield Wednesday h 1	2
,,	26—Cardiff City	1	,,	23—Nottingham Forest a 0	4
",	28—Sunderland h 0	0	,,	26—Burnley h 1	
Sept.	2—Millwallh2	1	,,	30-Brighton & H. A	1
,,	6-Bournem'th & B. (LC2) a 0	0	1973		
,,	9—Swindon Town a 0	0	Jan.	13—Bradford City (F.A.3) a 1	9
,,	11-Bournem'th & B. (LC2) h 1	1	,,,	20—Millwall a 1	1
,,	16—Orienth1	î		27—Swindon Town h 2	Ô
,,,	18—Bournem'th & B. (LC2) n 2	i	Feb.		2
	23—Burnley	4		2 (F A ('up 4)	4
"	26—Carlisle United a 3	9	11	3—(F.A. Cup 4) 10—Orienta0	9
"		1	"	17—Huddersfield Th. 1	1
Oct.	30—Middlesbrough h 0	0	,,		1
	4—Newcastle Utd. (LC3)a 3	0	, ,,	28 — Sheffield W a 0	2
11	7—Luton Town a 2	2	Mar.		
,,	14—Oxford Unitedh 2		,,	7—Cardiff City h	
,,	17—Aston Villahl		1.7	10—Oxford United a	
,,	21—Fulham a 0	2	",	17—Fulham (F.A.6)	
11	28—Queens Park Rangers h 2	0	1,	24—Queens Park Rangers a	
, ,,	31—Birmingham C. (LC4)h 2	0	,,	31—Hull Cityh	
Nov.	4—Carlisle United	0	April		
,,	11—Aston Villa a 0	0	,,	14—Preston North Endh	
,,	18—Bristol City (F.A.1) h 3	0		21—Bristol Citya	
,,	21-Wolverhampton (LC5)a 1	1	11	23-Nottingham Foresth	
,,	25—Hull City	1	11	00 0 1 1 1	
,,	28—Wolverhampton (LC5)h 0	1	May		
Dec.	2—Portsmouth h 3	1			

#### CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES

1972	F. A		F. A.
Aug.	12—Nottingham Foresth 2		
,,	15—Liverpoolh 2	0 Jan.	6—Burnley P
.,	19-Huddersfield Towna 1	0 ,,	13 -Nottingham F. (F.A.3)a 0 1
,,	21—Aston Villa h	1 ,,	20-West Bromwich Albion, h 3 1
,,		0 ,,	27—Newcastle United
	30—Blackburn Rovers a 2	0 ,,	31—Wolverhampton W a 1 2
Sept.		1 1,1	
		l Feb.	3—(F.A. Cup 4)
"	9—Newcastle Unitedh 2	1 ,,	10—Stoke City
,,		5 ,,	17—Sheffield Wednesdaya P
,,	23—Sheffield Wednesdayh 0	2 ,,	24—Bolton W. (F.A.5)
,,	30—Bolton Wanderers 2	2 Mar.	3—Leeds Uniteda
Oct.	7—Leeds Unitedh 2	0 ,,	10—Sheffield United h
,,	14—Sheffield Uniteda1	2	17—Bury (F.A.6)
11	21—Buryh 0	1 ,,	24—Manchester City h
	28—Manchester Citya 1	3	27—Coventry Citya
Nov.			
,,	11—Wolverhampton Wh 0	1	14—Preston North End a
	18—Derby County (F.A.1) a 2	,,	
"	25—Coventry City	,,	21—Derby Countyh.
1) "		2 ,,	24—Manchester United h
Dec.	2—Evertona. 3	2 ,,	28—Blackburn Roversh
11	8—Preston N. E. (F.A.2)h 0	0 ,,	30—Liverpool
11	16—Manchester Uniteda P	May	5—(F.A. CUP FINAL)
,,	30—Huddersfield Town h 5	1	

# todays referee

HAROLD WILLIAMS (Sheffield). He has been a League referee since 1966 and was a linesman for two seasons before that. Began refereeing in 1955 and served in local leagues, the Midland and North Regional Leagues. He was a linesman for a European Cup Winners Cup game, Bayern Munich v. Apinathaikos, Greece, in September 1967 and is an area sales manager, married with two daughters. President of Sheffield Referees Association, his hobbies include fishing, dog breeding and choir singing.

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SECOND DIVISION								CENTRAL LEAGUE				
					Goals				G	Goals		
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts	P. W. D. L	F.	A.	Pts	
Burnley	30	15	13	2		29	43		5 57		42	
Queens Park Rangers	30	15	11	4	56	32	41		8 60		41	
Aston Villa	30	13	10	7	36	33	36		8 50		37	
Oxford United	31	15	5	11	40	31	35	Liverpool 26 15 6	5 61	33	36	
Fulham	30	12	10	8	46	34	34	Everton	7 38	22	36	
Middlesbrough	32	12	10	10	31	35	34	Sheffield Wednesday 30 14 8	8 56	33	36	
Blackpool	30	12	9	9	43	36	33	Stoke City 30 15 6	9 61	- 44	36	
Luton Town	29	12	9	8	36	32	33	Aston Villa 30 15 6	9 43	38	36	
Sheffield Wednesday	30	11	8	11	45	41	30	Wolverhampton Wanderers 29 15 5	9 41	30	35	
Bristol City	30	10	10	10	39	39	30	Blackpool 27 13 4 1	10 38	32	30	
Millwall		11	7	12	40	34	29	Nottingham Forest 28 11 8	9 40	37	30	
Nottingham Forest		10	9	11	33	37	29	Sheffield United 27 11 6 1	10 38	32	28	
Portsmouth	30	10	8	12	35	36	28	Manchester City 28 9 10	9 40	47	28	
Hull City	29	9	10	10	43	39	28	Manchester United 27 10 6 1	11 31	33	26	
Preston North End		10	8	12	29	45	28	Newcastle United 25 11 2 1	11 46	37	24	
Carlisle United		9	8	11	41	34	26	Leeds United 29 9 5 1	15 31	42	23	
Sunderland		8	9	9	37	34	25	Huddersfield Town 29 8 6 1	15 39	60	22	
Orient	30	7	11	12	31	36	25	Bury	16 36	64	20	
Huddersfield Town	30	6	12	12	26	38	24		16 33	3 47	17	
Cardiff City		9	5	13	31	40	23		15 27	7 53	15	
Swindon Town		6	11	13	35	52	23	Bolton Wanderers 28 4 6 1	18 28	67	14	
Brighton & H.A		3	9	18	31	68	15	Blackburn Rovers 29 4 4 2	21 28	62	12	
(Up to and including match	es p	laye	d 24	th F	ebru	ary)		(Up to and including matches played 23rd	Febr	uary		

#### **NEXT HOME MATCH**

WEDNESDAY, 7th MARCH, 1973

**DIVISION TWO** 

## CARDIFF CITY

KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.

# BLOOMFIELD action



# line up

# BLACKPOOL

(Tangerine shirts)

- 1. George Wood
- 2. Dave Hatton
- 3. Bill Bentley
- 4. Terry Alcock
- 5. Glyn James
- 6. Peter Suddaby
- 7. Micky Burns
- 8. Alan Suddick
- 9. Billy Rafferty
- 10. Tommy O'Neil
- 11. Alan Ainscow Sub.:

# LUTON TOWN

(White Shirts)

- 1. Willie Carrick
- 2. Don Shanks
- 3. Bobby Thomson
- 4. Alan Slough
- 5. Alan Garner
- 6. John Moore
- 7. Jim Ryan
- 8. John Ryan
- 9. Barry Butlin
- 10. Gordon Hindson
- 11. John Aston

Sub.: Viv Busby

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# officials

# Referee:

# H. WILLIAMS

(Sheffield)

Linesmen:

A. WALDEIS

(Red flag)

J. J. LYDON

(Yellow flag)

# 1 time 2 scores

Λ	Aston	Villa
A	Fulhar	n

B Bristol City Portsmouth

C Cardiff City Orient

D Carlisle United Queens Park Rangers

E Huddersfield Town Nottingham Forest

F Hull City Brighton & H.A.

G Millwall Middlesbrough

Sheffield Wednesday Preston North End

Sunderland Oxford United

J Swindon Town Burnley

K Arsenal Sheffield United

L Everton Liverpool

Manchester United West Bromwich Albion

Nolverhampton W. Manchester City

O Derby County Leeds United

P Leeds United Res. Blackpool Res.