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Quote: "A testimonial evening will be held at the 'Lord Palmerston', New King's Road, for our defender Fred Callaghan tomorrow (8.30 pm). Fulham players will be there. Go along and support a good cause."



STOCK TAKING

by Tony Stenson

The value of a strong first team squad was never more apparent than in the last fortnight when, in two successive League matches, injury robbed us of key players.

First Jimmy Dunne injured his ligaments against Carlisle. It was a rugged match, although we won 1-0 it gave us little consolation to see football abused this way.

In the following match at Blackpool, John Lacy, Jimmy's replacement, pulled a hamstring muscle.

To lose two back four defenders of their standing would cause chaos among many clubs. Thankfully, we had John Richardson in the wings. John came into the side against A.S. Roma on Wednesday and did very well, playing in his first full senior team match since September 9 at Brighton.

The other lads ribbed him about what happened to the other two players who wore the No. 6 shirt, but this did not worry John. He was out to re-establish a first team place which make for a healthy competition inside the club that can only auger well for Fulham.

Roma . . . what a frustration. A packed defence and a sweeper! Just what chance has a forward. I wouldn't like to be a striker in Italy — I'd die of heartbreak.

The match reminded me of coach Bill Taylor's comment after the goalless draw in Como last month, where the Italians again used these stifling tactics.

Bill said: "If the 'sweeper' in Italian football ever ventured over the half way line you'd have to get a blind dog to bring him back."

Point taken. Still, the experience is good for our younger players like John Mitchell, who was nursing a badly cut lip after the game, Les Strong and John Cutbush.

Les Strong had a particularly good game against Roma, swift on the ball and working hard off it in taking up good positions.

His goal was a just reward. It came in the 28th minute after Cappellini, Roma's tricky winger, had put them ahead.

Alan Mullery sent John Cutbush away down the right. John beat his man and then crossed for Les to rise superbly and head in. Les nearly repeated the move with a second half header. In the closing minutes Les Barrett hit a post, but it wasn't our night.

OLD BOYS RE-UNION

Our game tonight with Luton, originally due to be played on December 2 but postponed because of a waterlogged pitch, re-kindles old ties.

Alec Stock, of course, managed Luton for 2½ years, while their present boss, Harry Haslam was once chief scout at Fulham. Alec and Harry worked together at Luton as well.

Luton, who lost 2-1 in Verona in an Anglo-Italian match last Wednesday, also include two ex-Fulham players in their squad for tonight's match. Don Shanks and John Ryan, both had spells at Fulham.

FRONT COVER: Paul Went in action against Roma on Wednesday with a volley that just went wide.



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LUTON TOWN PHOTOGRAPH
Season 1972/73

Back Row: (left to right) Terry Robinson, Derek Hales, Les Harfield, Gordon Hindson, Bob Hatch, Vic Halom, Bobby Thomson, John Faulkner, Paul Price, Peter Anderson, Jim Ryan, Gerry Jones, Nick Sparks. **Middle Row:** Tony Castiello, Alan Garner, Robin Wainwright, Ken Goodeve, Keith Barber, Willie Carrick, Tony Read, John Moore, Alan Slough, Steve Litt, Mick Gilchrist. **Front Row:** Roy McCrohan, John Ryan, John Aston, Harry Haslam (Manager) Rodney Fern, Viv Busby, Ken Whitfield.

Today we meet high-riding Luton Town whose former manager is our own Alec Stock.

This is not the only tie between the clubs — John Ryan and Don Shanks will be remembered by 'Cottagers' as former Fulham players.

Luton, who had a good run in the FA Cup reaching the quarter-finals, went into the transfer market during the close season to sign experienced First Division strikers in **RODNEY FERN** and **JOHN ASTON** and defender **BOBBY THOMSON**.

Fern, a £50,000 purchase from Leicester City in June, is a powerful leader who was in the Leicester side beaten by Manchester City in the 1969 F.A. Cup Final.

Aston, a fast-raiding winger, cost £30,000 from Manchester United in July. Son of the former United defender who is now a coach at Old Trafford.

Former Wolves stalwart Thomson, who made 277 League appearances for the Wanderers was capped eight times by England as an attacking full-back and was snapped up by Luton on a free transfer from Birmingham in May after a loan period at Walsall.

JOHN FAULKNER rose from the Isthmian League at Sutton to the First Division with Leeds following his exceptional performance against Leeds in the F.A. Cup third round tie in March 1970. But he broke a knee cap in only his second League game

and never played in the First Division again. Signed for £5,000 in March, 1972.

Leading goalscorer last season **PETER ANDERSON** who scored 10 League goals, began at Luton as an amateur after joining the "Hatters" from Isthmian League Hendon in February, 1971.

Winger **GORDON HINDSON** joined Luton from Newcastle for £27,500 in October, 1971. Lost his first team place with the arrival of John Aston this season, but has returned instead of the injured Viv Busby who has damaged a knee ligament.

After spells as a full-back and striker, **ALAN SLOUGH** has settled into a midfield role with great success. Joined the club from school and has attracted First Division clubs.

Defender **JOHN MOORE** began with Scottish side Motherwell where he played only four League games before he joined Luton on a free transfer. Has made over 250 League appearances for Luton.

JIMMY RYAN who valued at £20,000 in that United deal, was dogged by injury and illness last season. Stirling-born, he is a skilful striker.

Goalkeeper **KEITH BARBER** was spotted by Luton while playing in London senior football. Went to Southern League Dunstable Town for a spell before being recalled by Luton last season.

ALAN GARNER established himself in the back four when Chris Nicholl left for Aston Villa for the closing matches of last season. A forceful player, who had two League games for his only other League club, Millwall.

JOHN RYAN left here in June, 1969 on a "free" to sign for Luton and is now a dependable full-back who was Luton's 'Player of the Year' last season.

Striker **BARRY BUTLIN** was signed from Derby County for £50,000.

THE RIVERSIDERS



GALA NIGHT

Many personalities attended a reception given by Fulham for the Roma players after our Anglo-Italian match. Ken Coton took these photographs.

Picture left: Denis Follows, secretary of the Football Association, signs an autograph for one of our commissioners, Martin Deering.

Bottom left: Alec Stock welcomes Sir Stanley Rous, president of F.I.F.A.

Bottom right: Nothing is too much for Fulham people as director Chappie D'Amato shows by serving some sandwiches.

Top right: Fulham director Guy Libby (right) with Gigi Peronace, organiser of the Anglo-Italian tournament and world famous soccer scout.

Bottom picture: Fulham people relaxing. Assistant secretary Nigel Williams (right) and his wife, who works for the Football Association, with youth team manager Ken Craggs and goalkeeper Malcolm Webster (second right).

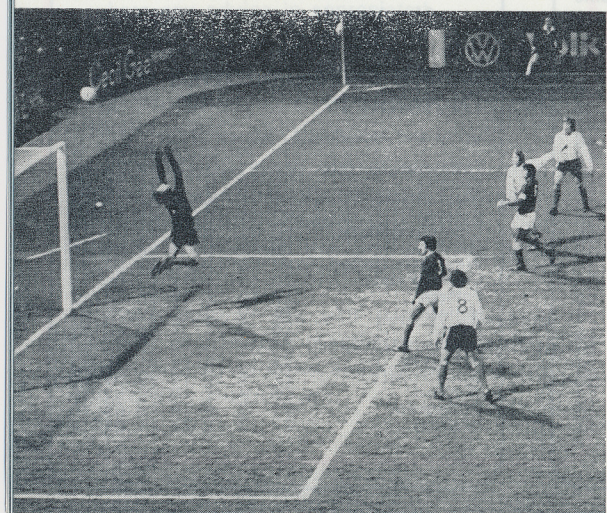




Ken Coton's Camera In Action

"Did you get the cross, Ken?" asked John Cutbush after the Roma match. He meant his centre that brought our goal. Well, in the photo above you can see John flying down the right wing; over came the cross — it was a nice one, John, just out of reach of the keeper — and there was Les Strong (right) leading the ball superbly just inside this near post.

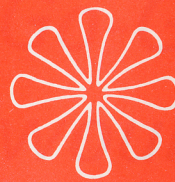
We were unlucky not to get more goals. One good chance was made by Les Barrett, but his hard shot (below) was a bit high.





Congratulations . . .

. . . to Paul Went (left) and Les Barrett on their selection in the FA XI to play in Gibraltar on April 10. Paul has already been capped at both England Schools and youth level while Les has played for the England Under-23 team v Greece in 1967.



Introducing . . .

PETER MELLOR

Life for Peter Mellor could not be happier. He has an attractive wife Valerie, a lovely 20 month baby daughter Sarah Louise, lives in a tudor style bungalow in select Shepperton and drives a car fit for a princess — a reliant Scimitar GTE.

On top of this he plays for Fulham . . . "a fantastic club. Full of great people".

But the picture has not always been so bright. Cheshire-born Peter has had many set backs in his five years as a professional goalkeeper.

Things started well when Peter, now 25, was selected for Manchester Boys district side and soon scouts from both United and City were after his signature.

He had trials for both clubs, but there was only one true choice — Manchester City: "I've supported them for as long as I can remember. My hero was Bert Trautman. A great keeper".

But City only wanted to sign Peter as an amateur. He was good enough, but they had four keepers on their books.

"I signed amateur and took up car mechanics waiting my chance, but the season ended and nothing happened. I could not hang around, so I decided to accept an offer from Cheshire League side Witton Albion, hoping I might be 'spotted' again"

That's just what happened. Burnley signed him and within a few months Peter was in their first team. Two England under-23 caps followed . . . but then another set back. "I started to have trouble with my shoulder. It dislocated with every movement."

"I eventually had an operation to put it right, but when I returned to the first team my form suffered. Burnley also went through a bad spell and for some reason sections of the crowd got at me.

"Burnley loaned me to Chesterfield and signed Alan Stevenson in return. Obviously my future at Burnley was limited so I asked for a move.

"The only place I didn't want to go to was London. I heard that house prices were dear and the people unfriendly. It was at the time of the power strike and my wife and I were sitting in darkness when Burnley manager Jimmy Adamson arrived to say — a London club had made an offer. Fulham.

"As soon as I saw Fulham I knew I'd made the right choice."



QUIZ

Test your knowledge on Fulham. Answer these questions.

1. Luton have won only once at Fulham since the war. When?
2. What was significant about this defeat for us?
3. Can you name two former Fulham defenders now on Luton's books?
4. Two former Fulham and Luton strikers now play for clubs in the North. Name them?
5. What was the result of Fulham and Luton when we last met in the FA Cup?
6. Steve Earle is the club's leading aggregate goalscorer. Who is second?
7. Who defeated Fulham in the final of the London Challenge Cup in 1966-67?
8. Four players have worn the Fulham shirt in League matches while on loan to us. Who are they and what is their connection?
9. Which season was Jimmy Hill's last as a Fulham player?
10. Which players currently on the books have scored hat tricks for Fulham in League match?

PROGRAMMES

If you have been unable to get a programme for a particular match this season for any reason then you will appreciate the programme mailing service. Your match day programme is mailed to you on the day of the match (in some cases the day before) and whether you are ill, on holiday or caught in a traffic jam you can be sure of a complete set of your Fulham Programmes.

Let us have your name and address and we will send you details for next season.

Go-Go Fulham would shake up Italian League

SAYS ROMA COACH HERRERA

Fulham would be a sensation in the Italian League! Those were the words of world famous coach Helenio Herrera after our Anglo-Italian tie against A.S. Roma on Wednesday.

Herrera, the Roma coach who earns £120,000 a year, was all praise for Fulham. "So quick. So strong. Never stop running.

Magnificent," he enthused in halting English after the match.

"The Italian supporters would love their style. Attack. Attack. Boom, boom. So thrilling to watch. Les Barrett would be a sensation."

Herrera should know. He is one of Italy's most successful coaches ever. He twice led Inter Milan to the European Cup title and once the World Club championship.

He has also been the team manager for the French, Spanish and Italian national teams.

His wage bill shows just how highly he is rated in Italy. And Roma continually have to fight off other clubs for his services. Roma are currently trying to match and even top an offer from his former club Inter Milan who are hoping to lure Herrera back. Herrera has told Roma he will stay . . . but only if they make money available to buy players. It's enough to make our managers green with envy.

Herrera is Roma at the moment. He rules the players with an iron hand. Just one word at a reception given to them after the match by Fulham and the players immediately left and boarded the coach back to their hotel.

Apart from Barrett, Herrera was particularly impressed with Steve Earle, Les Strong, Fred Callaghan and, of course, skipper Alan Mullery.

Herrera could not get over the way Fred Callaghan continually attacked. "A full back playing this way. Magnificent".

Incidentally, the money Herrera receives is all cash. Roma pay his income tax bill as part of the agreement. He also gets a flat, car expenses and his phone bill paid.

When Alec Stock heard all this he said: "If someone would pay my income tax bill at that salary, I'd pay my own phone bill!"



FOLLOWING FULHAM

Fulham FC Travel Club Luton

We shall be taking Bookings in the Travel Club under the Stevenage Road Stand after tonight's match. Coaches will leave Craven Cottage at 12.00 hours and the price will be 60 pence. Do not leave booking until the last minute as we do not wish to disappoint any supporters.

To Fulham Travel Club

Please reserve me . . . seats on the coach to LUTON

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Golden Goals

ROMA

1st Goal 18.38
2nd Goal 24.57

Anglo-Italian Tournament

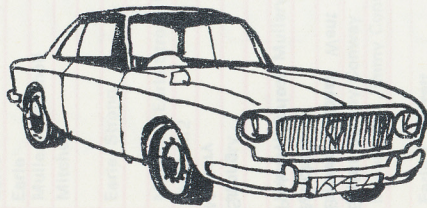
Bookings for the Torino Train are now closed and the final payments are now due. Any supporter on the trip who has not received final details of price please contact George Noyce on 736 4634.

Bingo Holiday Winner

Last weeks lucky winner of the £50 Holiday was

Mrs Turner
53 Beeleigh Road
Morden Surrey.

The winning ticket was sold by Agent No. 65, Mr Mart.

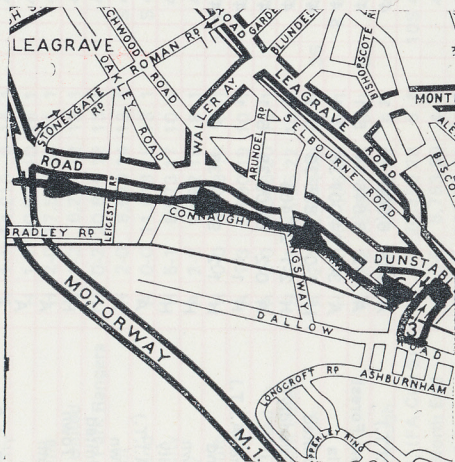


By Road to Luton

Approximately 37 miles from West London
Compiled by the Royal Automobile Club

Leave by Fulham Palace Road and continue via Westway and Western Avenue to the junction with the North Circular. Turn right and follow the North Circular to Brent Cross Flyover, filter left onto the A.41 and follow to the start of the M.1. Proceed by the M.1 northward to Intersection No.11 then follow the A.505 Luton 37 Miles

Enter Luton by Dunstable Road (A.505) and continue to the ground which is on the right in Kenilworth Road (see Town Plan). There is parking space available at the ground but street parking is controlled by the police, so watch for any special signs including diversions. Your nearest RAC offices are at: RAC, P.O. Box 100, RAC House, Lansdowne Road, Croydon CR9 2JA; or, RAC Northern Home Counties, 130, St. Albans Road, Watford, Herts.



Match Ball

Tonights match ball has been kindly donated by Radiant Venetian Blinds of Wimbledon.

ANGLO-ITALIAN

...scoreboard

On the inside cover of the back page of the Anglo-Italian brochure you will find the fixtures for groups one and two.

So that you can follow the progress of the teams as they battle their way to the semi finals we print the results so far.

Group 1

Wednesday, 14th February 1973

Crystal Palace v Verona 4-1

Wednesday, 21st February 1973

Hull City v Lazio 2-1

Manchester United v Fiorentina 1-1

Wednesday, 7th March 1973

Luton Town v Bari 4-0

Wednesday, 21st March 1973

Verona v Luton Town 2-1

Bari v Crystal Palace 0-1

Lazio v Manchester United 0-0

Fiorentina v Hull City 1-0

Group 2

Wednesday, 21 February 1973

Como v Fulham 0-0

Bologna v Oxford United 0-0

Roma v Newcastle United 0-2

Torino v Blackpool 0-1

Wednesday, 21st March 1973

Blackpool v Como 3-0

Newcastle United v Bologna 1-0

Fulham v Roma 1-1

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Peter Mellor

1

John Cutbush

2

Fred Callaghan

3

Alan Mullery

4

Paul Went

5

John Richardson

6

Leslie Strong

7

Steve Earle

8

John Mitchell

9

Barry Lloyd

10

Les Barrett

11

Alan Pinkney

12

Luton Town

Colours: Red Shirts,
White Shorts, Red Socks.

Graham Horn

Donald Shanks

Bobby Thomson

John Ryan

Alan Garner

John Moore

Jim Ryan

Rodney Fern

Viv Busby

Gordon Hindson

John Aston

MAN IN THE MIDDLE: NORMAN BURTENSCHAW

(GREAT YARMOUTH)

Is a referee with a unique record . . . he has taken charge of three Wembley finals. In 1966 it was the Hendon v Wealdstone FA Amateur Cup Final, in 1971 the FA Cup Final between Arsenal and Liverpool and last season The Football League Cup Final between Chelsea and Stoke City. Added to that are three recent top international games, a nine week coaching spell in Zambia, a three week period in Japan and a five week coaching tour of South Africa this summer.

He was also a linesman for the FA Cup Final between Liverpool and Leeds United in 1965. 17 years ago, he started refereeing in his native Norfolk and he reached Class One in only three years. He was elected to The League Line from the Eastern Counties League and, after two seasons, became a full Football League referee in 1961. He is a member of the F.I.F.A. panel of referees.

LINESMEN: R N Morpew Ipswich *Red Flag* H R Robinson Norwich *Yellow Flag*

NEXT HOME MATCHES

Football League
Saturday
March 31, 1973

CARDIFF CITY

Kick-off 3.00 pm

London Youth Cup (S.F.)
Wednesday
April 4, 1973

TOTTENHAM

Kick-off 7.00 pm

Football Combination
Thursday
April 10, 1973

Q.P.R.

Kick-off 7.00 pm