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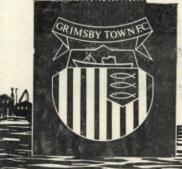
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Chairman's Notes

Tonight's match is, in itself, confirmation of our earlier thoughts this season that the Mariners have the ability to challenge for promotion to Division Two. For this return fixture against Luton Town, currently second among the challengers for a place in the First Division, is the result of Town's potential coming to the surface in a fine performance at Kenilworth Road last week.

It was a fairly daunting prospect to face a side playing as well as Luton in the Second Round of the League Cup. To meet them on their home ground was an even greater challenge. But Town were never overawed and there were many at last week's game, Luton supporters included, who felt that we were most unlucky not to achieve a victory at the first time of asking. It was a display, the like of which Manager Ron Ashman has been expecting for weeks, and brings in its wake reward for Grimsby supporters in the form of an attractive replay tonight.

Apart from the Mariners performance, there was an additional pleasing feature of our visit to Luton. That was the obvious high regard in which Matt Tees is still remembered there and there were many people disappointed that he was not able to be at the game.

We are hoping that Matt and his wife will be able to attend tonights game as our guests, though he does have his Northern Premier League commitments with Boston United as his primary priority.

Having negotiated their game at Luton, the Mariners went on last week to record their first away victory in the League; something they have been promising to do for some time.

Nevertheless it was a pleasing milestone to establish and one which puts Town right back in the search for a place in the top three teams. The scorer on Friday night was Phil Hubbard and he was naturally delighted to have scored such an important goal. In fact Town might well have won more comfortably and both Mr. Ashman and the players felt their superiority in attack should have been more marked.

We shall look forward on Saturday to further progress in the League and the game against Aldershot. But for the moment our thoughts are on tonight's match and, in offering a very warm welcome to Luton, their officials and their supporters, let's hope that we can progress to that meeting with Bury in the next round.

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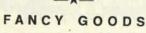
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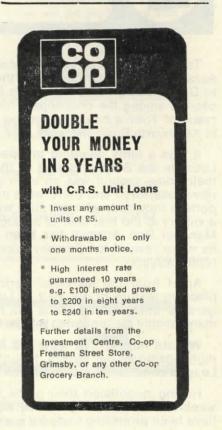
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LUTON TOWN

KEITH BARBER (Goalkeeper) Became regular first team choice last season and made 42 appearances in the League, F.A. Cup and League Cup.

JOHN RYAN (Right Back) John joined them from Fulham four seasons ago. Formerly with Arsenal, Ryan is a full-back quick to over-lap

PAUL PRICE (Right-back) Made tremendous strides last season as a strong, competant full-back, and on Luton's close season Tour of Germany staked his claim for a first team place.

DON SHANKS (Left-back) Former England Youth International, Don came to Luton from Fulham. He has already attracted the attention of a First Div. Club this term. BOBBY THOMSON (Left-back) Made Club Captain in his first campaign with the Club. Formerly with Wolves, from whom he moved to Birmingham for a big fee. Birmingham loaned him to Walsall the season before last and Luton beat the 'Saddlers' for his signature when given a free transfer.

ALAN GARNER (Centre-half) Was reserve centre-half for Luton when Chris Nicholl was sold and went on to play confidently and earn himself a regular place. Garner is strong and assertive. Made 34 first team appearances last season.

JOHN FAULKNER (Centre-half) Last season he established himself as the regular centre-back. 25 year old, signed from Leeds for £6,000 in 1972.

STEVE LITT (Centre-half) Signed from Blackpool, just before the start of last season. Steve a tall, strong defender, established himself as a strong contender for a first team place.

JOHN MOORE (Defender) Has been with the Club for nearly nine years, having had previous service at Motherwell. Was a member of the back-four last season.

KEN GOODEVE (Defender) This former Manchester Utd. player, joined Luton three years ago has reveived few first team appearances during his time at Kennilworth Road. Seven League appearances last season.

RODNEY FERN (Forward) Was signed from Leicester for £50,000 before the start of last season. 26 League and 3 League Cup appearances, scoring 5 goals.

JOHN ASTON (Forward) Signed from Manchester Utd. for £30,000 last summer, after considerable 1st Div. experience. Scored 12 goals In 43 appearances last term.

JIMMY RYAN (Forward) Another former Manchester Utd. winger who was valued at £20,000 when Luton signed him three years ago. A Scot, he is a fast and tricky raider.

PETER ANDERSON (Forward) A midfield player who likes to come forward in support of the attack. 38 appearances last season.

GORDON HINDSON (Forward) Luton paid Newcastle £25000 for Gordon in 1971. Has considerable speed and won himself a regular first team place last season.

BARRY BUTLIN (Centre-forward) Was signed from Derby in 1972 for £50,000 and scored in each of his first three games. Big and strong, excells in the air.

PETER CRUSE (Forward) Signed from Arsenal during the summer. Looks set to take over from Viv Busby, who was transferred to Fulham, as dual striker with Butlin.

BILLY HOLMES (Forward) Signed during the summer from Millwall, who allowed him to go on a free. Aged 22, he spent three years at The Den.

NICK SPARKS (Midfield) Discovered as a youngster and developed through their youth team. Is now on the verge of first team recognition.

PHIL O'CONNOR (Forward) Another player who was discovered last season. Fast direct, traditional type of winger.

GRAHAM HORN (Goalkeeper) Former England Youth goalkeeper who signed from Arsenal in February for £25,000. League debut was against Millwall.



Press Report

GOLF - HIT OR MISS?

By Gerry Harrison, Anglia T.V's Match of the Week commentator

Golf used to be a regular part of the routine for professional footballers although within the game it has always been easy to find in-built opposition to it. Harry Storer — a sort of Brian Clough of a previous generation — once said of golf: "It will never be a good game until, as you try to hit the ball with your club, someone else is allowed to try and kick the ball away."

Bill Shankly doesn't approve of golf at any time of the week although he admires the skills of the top professional players. Some footballers cannot take to it. Joe Royle of Everton calls it "a good walk ruined." Like it or not however for todays footballers there is hardly any time for golf. Matches, training, treatment, travel and rest have pushed the game into the back ground.

"Sixteen was the lowest I got down to" says Grimsby manager Ron Ashman. "I enjoy the game but you'll never get fit for football playing golf. There is a case though, particularly in the winter when the grounds are heavy for having a game of golf together in the middle of the week instead of a complete day off. With the increased fixture list however there isn't much time for golf.....although in Scotland during the pre-season period quite a few of our lads showed they are useful golfers, with Frank Sharp playing off something like 12."

"I'm waiting for the day they put floodlights up on golf courses" says Luton's manager, Harry Haslem. "Then perhaps I'll find time to get a game of golf amongst the lads to break up the training routine." Luton players are up against it though if they find John Ryan as an opponent. The full back has won many trophies at golf, among them the Kent championship.

"I don't suppose I have played half a dozen times in the last two or three years" says Hull City manager Terry Neill. "It's a nice relaxation but It does nothing for a footballer physically. The pace of the game just has nothing to do with football. Now, organised golf, all together, that's a different matter. If the time and the situation is right, we might use that."

Bill Dodgin of Northampton - handicap 6 - confesses a real enthusiasm for the game. "But at the start of a football season that enthusiasm goes down to a low level. Then about March or April when you might get a bit of sun on your back I begin to think in terms of a three wood and a lush green fairway. At golf I can torget about most things. It helps keep me sane as far as I am sane.

It hasn't got much to do with football. Possibly we'll go out for a days golf later, to get them away from the routine and into the fresh air. The situation has got to be right."

"I bought a brand new set of clubs when I was at Halifax" says Jim Smith of Colchester. "I was playing twice a week then, down to about 15 and enjoying it. At Lincoln I hardly ever played and since then I've played about half a dozen times in the last five years.

"I believe it can be good for team spirit, all playing together.....but not after Wednesday. Bobby Roberts is a fair player but most of our players are so young they have hardly had time to take it up.

"Now, tennis is a much better game for footballers.....short, sharp movement, a lot of change of direction. We have used tennis tournaments as part of our training build-up."



Personality

JIM CLUNIE

It is evident from reports in the national press that the relationship between some trainers and their players is not on an altogether suitable footing. However at Grimsby this is not the case, for in Jim Clunie they have a trainer with the qualities necessary to earn the respect of his men.

Job satisfaction is something that most of us hope to be able to achieve. In most cases that satisfaction is due directly to the result which we obtain from our own efforts. For Jim, as the team trainer, his gratification can only be realized through a good result on Saturday afternoon. Even though through the week he trains the players to develop and perfect their skill, he has to leave the end result in their hands on match day.

The week for Jim begins early on Monday morning fhen he supervises the apprentices in the preparation of the training kit. He is directly responsible for the well-being of the apprentices and looks after their day to day development. On the arrival of the manager there follows a conference in which they work out the training programme Today's football calls for the week. for modern methods of training and not just hard running and press-ups of yesteryear. For Jim, there has to be a reason behind every item and every session in the days training. Jim and Ron Ashman have to decide what, if anything, went wrong in the last match and how best to rectify that fault. It is then that they formulate the training syllabus for the coming days.

In the afternoon Jim sometimes takes selected players for extra training, not as a punishment, but to work on weakness and improve their game. It is here that his experience comes to the fore, as he explains and demonstrates what he requires from each of the players. Along with the apprentices, Jim is one of the last to go home for there are the kits, boots and dressing-rooms to be cleared.

During the week there is usually one day set aside for fitness training and

might mean a long hard run through the woods or arduous circuit training but rest assured it is nothing like the circuit training the average supporter had during his schooldays. Footballers are only human and do not always feel like this hard work so it is Jim's job to pursuade them otherwise and it is here that he sometimes takes on the role of sergeant major, but in the nicest possible way of course. Jim is sometimes called upon to "spy" on the opposition in the week preceeding a big game and once again his experience is needed in assessing the dangers of the enemy. He freely admits that he has not always been right in his assessment but it does not happen too often.

As mentioned earlier the climax of the weeks work is match day and for Jim the worst day of the week. Alongside Ron Ashman on the trainers bench he sweats out the first half; smoking, hoping and playing the game with them. The strain at times is unbearable and If Jim was allowed to join them on the nitch, he would certainly do so. During half-time he can at least talk to the players and once more give them advice but then he has to go through another 45 minutes of nail biting and exhausting tension. If Town win and do so well then for Jim everything has been worthwhile and his efforts rewarded, but if they lose or play badly then on Monday it is back to the drawing board.

The arrival of Ron Ashman at Blundell Park has meant for Jim a reunion of sorts, for it was as manager of Norwich City that Ron tried to sign JIm from St. Mirren. In fact, it was only his medical that went against him and stopped the deal. At least now they are teamed together and we hope it will prove to be a successful partnership.



Supporters Club

In the notes for the programme produced for the match against Walsall which was of course postponed due to the fog, I said that the Town had a good chance of getting a result at Luton provided of course that they played as well as we all know they can. Tonights game proves that the ability is there and I have little doubt that the confidence of the players and in fact all the staff at Blundell Park will have been boosted by the draw at Kenilworth Road. Do not forget that Luton's only defeat was on the first day of the season and they think they have a good chance of returning to the First Division. The game tonight will be far from easy, in fact it could well be harder than last Wednesday because Luton are an excellent team away from home. However get behind the Town from the word go and keep shouting even if things go wrong. Remember we were a goal behind against Blackburn and look how that game ended. These notes have had to be written before the draw for the next round has been made but by now we know what is at stake for the winners. Would be nice if Liverpool or another of the big boys might be coming here!

Let us hope that we gained at least a point at Southport and that tonight sets the Town off on another Cup run.

P. DIXON

Our next AWAY Match—Tuesday, 23rd October v HALIFAX TOWN (Kick-off 7-30 p.m.)



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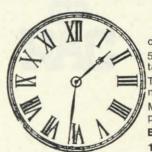
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OUR REFEREE TODAY

HARRY POWELL (Stourport, Worcs.)

Took up refereeing after playing and progressed through local leagues, the Worcestershire Combination, West Midlands League and Central League to The League line. Promoted to thesupplementary list in 1970-71 and the full list last season. On the line for a E.U.F.A. Cup game, Arges Petesti v Real Madrid in Rumania last season, also officiated in the Anglo-Italian Cup. Married with a daughter he works as a carpet supervisor. Played for the Combined Services and Kidderminster Harriers. Sec. and Treasurer of the Midland Border Counties Floodlight League.



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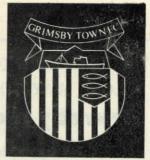
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