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## FRONT COVER

Brian Clark an active member of our striking force.

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## LEAGUE CUP REVIEW

On an occasion like today's match with Luton Town in the Fourth Round of the Footbal League Cup it seems appropriate to make general survey of this Competition, the brain child of Alan Hardaker, Secretary of The Football League. At its inception 13 seasons ago, it was criticised, ridiculed and regarded by those outside League circles as a retrograde step. When Alan Hardaker retires he can look back on many memorable years and on many plausible achievements; he will be able to recount them better than we can in the limited space at our disposal; but to our mind the most outstanding innovation he brought to the League soccer scene was the League Cup. He saw what many of us failed to see that this country's senior soccer organisation lacked its own Cup competition. This was an indictment anyway, and if there is anything Alan dislikes it is an indictment, not personally, he is well able to look after himself, but on behalf of the organisation he represents, The Football League So why not a League Cup Competition? Why not indeed when one considers the contribution to the coffers of League Clubs this competition has brought about. Back in 1960/61 when the competition first got off the ground there was a certain amount of apathy from the Public and 'gates' were low in comparison with normal League games. Also there was no compulsion on Clubs to enter the competition, and a few of the 'aristocrats' decided to opt out. However about three years ago the League decreed that all their Clubs must enter the competition, and the incentive of being able to enter Europe by winning the Cup, was sufficient to arouse the interest of all our Clubs in this 'Cinderella' competition. Like Cinderella the Footbali League Cup Competition in spite of adversity in the shape of Public apathy, criticism from the scribes, and 'we don't want any extra games' clubs, survived and has developed into one of the major competitions in the game today. We certainly have no grumble with it. We have been in it since its inception. Our own record in the competition
is as follows:
1960/1961 v Chelsea
1961/1962 v Walsall
1962/1963 v Shrewsbury Town
1963/1964 v Peterborough United


1-2
v Lincoln City
$v$ Rotherham United
1964/1965 v Brighton \& Hove
$\checkmark$ Brighton \& Hove
$v$ Norwich City
1965/1966 v Oxford United
$\checkmark$ York City
v Middlesbrough
v Middlesbrough
v Peterborough
1966/1967 v Brentford $\checkmark$ Brentford
1967/1968 v Sheffield United $\checkmark$ Northampton Town v Northampton Town $\checkmark$ Darlington
1968/1969 v Barnsley v Barnsley $\checkmark$ Wolverhampton
1969/1970 v Luton Town $\checkmark$ Luton Town
1970/1971 v Stoke City
v Stoke City
971/1972
1972/1973 v Gillingham
$v$ Chesterfield $\checkmark$ Tottenham Hotspur
1973/1974 v Nottingham Forest $\checkmark$ Nottingham Forest $\checkmark$ Bolton Wanderers v Bolton Wanderers
and so to today's match, v Luton Town Summarising the situation so far, we think it is fair to say that Millwall have done reasonably well. Dependent on the result of today's game we could land up in the last eight of this competition, and when one considers that this worthwhile competition has been won by two Third Division Sides at Wembley (again Alan Hardaker has scored in negotiating the Final at Wembley), then there is hope
As a money spinner no one, even our most
caustic critics, can complain, The Football League Cup is a winner. Its unfortunate, of without the use of floodlights, for this would without the use of floodlights, for this would have mean
attendance.

## MATCH BALL

Our Match Ball donor today is Mr. G. Cole, Manager of the Clubs Bankers, National Westminster Bank Ltd., of Deptford. George is a constant visitor to our matches, and we appreciate very much his generous gesture.

## SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

The final of the Miss Lioness 1973/74 competition has been incorporated into the Social Evening being organised to coincide with the 15 th December. Wainst Sunderland on Saturday Sunderland Supporters' have arranged with members on that evening as antertain their appreciation for the many social evenings they have provided our supporters with in the past Tickets are on sale at the Supporters' Club Hut, price $£ 1.00$.

## PARTICIPATION

Although we have managed to run several social events over the last few months we would like to hear from you, especially the younger sup porters exactly what you would like. So, if you have any ideas please let us know.

## NOTICE TO SPECTATORS

"Every Club is responsible to the Council for the action of its spectators and is required to take all reasonable precautions to prevent spectators throwing missiles onto the pitch and/or threatening or assaulting Officials and Players before, during or at the conclusion of matches. In case of a breach of this rule any spectator may be removed from any ground and such force used as may be necessary for the purpose of effecting such removal. The Club has been ordered to exhibit this notice because of an incident at a recent match. Spectators are warned that a repetition the ground." may result in the closing of
E. Croker
E. Croker, Secretary, Football Association.

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## LUTONTOWN

We welcome to The Den our Visitors from Luton Town. The Bedfordshire Club was found exactly Bedfordshire Millwall i.e 1885. That's a long time ago. It's a period which covers a lifetime during which men which cove and men have gone, but are primarily concerned with the present, and Luton always reckoned to be doughty cup fighters parade a useful array of talent at The Den this afternoon. Between the sticks they can call on the services of a young, and upcoming keeper Graham Horn. Millwall Supporters have seen this lad in action twice last season. At one time he was on loan to Portsmouth from Arsenal, then towards the end of last season Luton stepped in and signed him. Immediateiy in front of Graham, we find John Ryan and Don Shanks. Both these fulbacks found their way to Kenilworth Road from

Craven Cottage. John was released by Fulham three seasons ago and since joining Luton has improved out of recognition. He is a Kent born lad with Arsenal His partner at the back Don Shanks began his career with Fulham as an apprentice, but the Craven Cottage club failed to sign him at the end of his apprenticeship. Luton stepped in and he has not looked back since. He went on to earn an England Youth cap. Another fullback Luton can draf into their side is Bobby Thomson, who not so long ago was regarded as one of the best left backs in the business, and he has a handful of England caps to prove it. This was when he was with Wolves. Birmingham City paid their neighbours a big fee for Bobby, but he never settled at St. Aldrews Walsall before he to another Mre transfer. Alan Garner who was given a could occuples ased in a mid-field role, was up to eighteen months ago a Millwall player. He
served his apprenticeship with our Colts side as a centre half and occasionally at wing half. Signed as a Pro, had a couple of outings with the League side and was given a free transfer. He was taken on by Luton and got his big chance with the Hatters when they sold Chris Nicholl to Aston Villa. Luton have some rather talented players up front. One name, almost a household one, is that of Johnny Aston, who had an equally famous father. He was much sought after when he was on Mas for his United s books. Luton beat other clubs for his signature and sidered a very Traffordite, is Jimmy Ryan. A Scot, Jimmy lost out the season before last because of injuries. A speedy winger who saw limited experience with Newcastle United, Gordon Hinson is another player Luton are looking to for the future. Luton really dug deep a few weeks ago and paid Burnley something in the region of $£ 80,000$ for a very talented young-
ster in Alan West. Any player from Jimmy Adamson's 'school' must be considered class, and Luton and their Supporters must be look ing forward to some great things from young Alan.

LUTON TOWN F.C. 1973-74.
Back Row: (left to right) Billy Holmes, Alan Slough (now with Fulham), Jimmy Ryan, Paul Price, Viv Busby (now with Fulham), John O'Connor. Middle Row: Rodney Fern, Ken Whitfield (Coach), Alan Garner, John Moore, John Ryan, Stephen Litt, Graham Horn, Keith Barber, Barry Butlin, Peter Anderson, Graham French, Ray King (Coach), Nicholas Sparks, Roy McCrohan (Chief Coach). Front Row: Reg Game (Physiotherapist), Bobby Thomson, Alex Malcolm, Vince Melisi, Harry Haslam (Manager), Derek Hales (on loan to Chariton Athletic, Gordon Hindson, Don Shanks, John Aston.


Continuing on the theme introduced n our last programme we would like o go back two years approximately rom today's date. To in fact 20th Vovember 1971, when at The Den ve entertained Birmingham City in Division Two match which resultec ne a nil. of that particular season, when sirmingham City gained promotion by one point over ourselves, one is inclined to echo he sentiment, 'There aint no justice'. Of ourse, taking into account the various other events of that very eventful season, we might well say we missed the boat by the width of an oar. However, that's football, and it's no good crying over spilt milk. Reverting back o the game against Birmingham, as most of you well remember Gordon Bolland scored rom the penalty spot and our other two goals came from Barry Bridges and Derek Possee. Both Barry and Derek are no longer with us, Gordon, of course, is still around. That was indeed a season to remember, just two years ago. The nearest Millwall have ever got in must have to high two years ago today because the last defeat suffered by the Lions prior to this date had been a month previous when we went down at Ayresome Park to Middlesbrough by the only goal of the match. Please note that it was Middlesbrough, now current leaders of the Second Division and seemingly set for promotion this season. Still there is many a slip between cup and lip. We, ourselves, seemed confident at that time of making the big step into First Division, and then in the last gasp missed out. Perhaps the confidence that Middlesbrough feel at the moment might well be shattered before the season ends. We are ever critical of our opponents, and of late, Middlesbrough have
come in for a share of adverse criticism from come in for a share of adverse criticism fror Middiesbrough type of game, varies very little from from our own when we felt ourselves had probably scored a few more goals than the Teessiders at this stage of the season, but we had conceded quite a few more. It is difficult to define a recipe for success. It's an unfortunate fact that in the modern concept of the game, success and entertainment do not always march hand in hand. When in the years to come you look down memory lane, you may recall a result, even a goalscorer, but how many people have the kind of photographic mind able to develop the overall picture of a game.


Hello Ladies,
Perhaps by the time you read this the Power Crisis will be over and we will be playing this match under floodlights instead of in the afternoon but, at the moment the future of Football Fixtures looks pretty dim. The last two League Cup Ties have resulted in replays that had most of us on the edge of our seats so, for the sake of all our nervous systems let's hope that today's match ends in a positive result in our favour.

The amount of exciting football and near misses in recent games has given us all a lot to be pleased about and it is very gratifying to hear supporters from opposing clubs voicing their praises of the football prowess of our players. I thought that Barry Kitchener had a fantastic game against Cardiff, although, I feel it is unfair to single out any one player as, over the past weeks every member of the team has displayed skills and perseverance that are a credit to them and a pleasure to watch but, Barry Kitchener to me is the type of player who contributes much more to the game than is often realised and he is doing a very fine job.

I look forward with great anticipation to Saturday's game against Orient, they have been doing very well this season and it should prove an occasion not to be missed. We are very lucky in so much as between now and Christmas our away games are all quite close to London until, Saturday 22nd December when we are away to Carlisle and I understand that Millwall Supporters intend to turn out en masse to make the journey to Brunton out en masse to make the journey to Brunton Park. Let's hope they carry out this plan, as away support is very important especially when it is such a great distance.

## "'See you at the Den"

Today's League Cup Tie versus Luton Town promises to be quite a match because we have both settled on a similar type of game, the players we are both fielding have this attacking flair, which we are both encouraging to the full. On paper the game looks full of goals and providing the odd one is in our favour we will settle for that. A twist of fate brought us together about a couple of weeks ago, not on the field of play, but in a Hotel in the Manchester area, where we were both "resting up" in preparation for our respective Cup replays versus Bolton and Bury. Our passing remarks when leaving that Hotel were exactly the same, See you at The Den! HeyPresto and here we are; Magic! You had better ask Merlin about that. For obvious reasons we would have preferred this to have been played in the evening, but nevertheless I do feel we will still draw a useful crowd from a different section of the public and who knows if they like what they see they might become addicted. Anyway let us all hope for a good old fashioned afternoon's sport.

Benny Fenton


## THE DARK AGES

Long ago, certainly more than 100 years ago, this country suffered, so the history books tell us, from an Industrial Revolution. The political, social and cultural
 evolution has taken place since, and most people would agree that modern life is immeasurably easier and more comfortable, indeed more affluent since coal was harnessed to power and as part of the structure of society, soccer has benefited by the introduction of floodlighting. Well, that's a joke for a start isn't it? Our game with Luton Town today was supposed to be played in the full glare of floodlighting, which we have all accepted as customary in this so called modern age. Instead we are back to the dark ages. Dark, in more senses than one. Far be it from us to indulge in a political discussion on the rights and wrongs of the situation which
compels us to play in daylight rather than under floodlight, but we might well ask ourselves is it worth while? Are we indeed back in the dark ages? However, as always we shall face up to the situation, and play the game in the afternoon. Many of you will miss it, obviously, and our phones will be working overtime to cope with people ringing up for the result. We shall have our own administrative problems, turnstile men, stewards, programme sellers, catering and a myriad of things, you name it and we shall have it, problems, problems, all the way. But we live in modern times, don't we, or do we? Might be better if we lived in the Dark Ages. It will certainly be dark before we finish this game, and perhaps many more in the months ahead. Yes, we are indeed back in the dark ages, and it may well be ages before we are back to the light but we must carry on and carry on we will.


## SUNDAY PEOPLE

## KITCH SWITCH LIGHTS IT UF

Millwall eventually strolled to the victory they were entitled to expect against a side who haven't won an away League game for two years Yet Cardiff would have been one up at half-time but for a terrible miss by George Smith
They faded badly after Millwall realised tha nearly all City's pressure had to be built up through former Aston Villa star Willie Anderson 'ions' skipper Kitchener switched himself to cover Anderson and ease the pressure
Kitchener's fine show did a lot to tire and confus the Cardiff attack.
Millwall went ahead when Donaldson lobbed a great pass for Wood to nod home.
Wood laid on the second for Hill but clashed heads with Dwyer as he did so and had to be helped off with a slit eyebrow that required fou stitches.
Dwyer was booked shortly afterwards for a fou on Hill after the dejected Cardiff side had been humiliated by a great eight-pass move from Millwall.
Millwall looked good in some set moves, partic ularly corners from Hill that nearly brought headed goals from Kelly and Kitchener
Hill finished the game looking groggy after taking the ball full in the face five minutes from the end.


Barry Kitchener - "He had total command at the back.


SUNDAY MIRROR

## MERLIN MAGICl

This was a triumph for the courage of Alf Wood it Magician." Writes GRAHAM BAKER.
Millwall's 19-year-old left-winger Gordon Hill go Millwall's 19-year-old left-winger Gordon Hill got the nickname from his team-mates because of the magic confidence.
Hill said: "I certainly feel as though I am beginHill said: "I ce
ning to click."
ning to click." But full marks must also go to Wood, who was taken off in the 70th-minute for three stitche over his right eye.
Eight minutes earlier he was unmarked when
right back Donaldson floated over a centre to be nodded past Grotier for his tenth goal.
Wood was injured as he sent Hill away down the left-wing.
The young star went on to cut in and score with a low acutely-angled drive that went in off the far post.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

## KITCHENER TAKES COMMAND

Millwall fans call skipper Barry Kitchener "The Chieftain Tank." No wonder! He had total command at the back and drove gaping holes in Cardiff's defence when he stormed forward Cardiff, without a manager, plunged deeper into


Alf Wood scored the first goal and laid on the second.
the danger zone. Only luck kept the score respectable
Millwall's worst moment came right on half-time when Gordon Hill struck a magnificent 20-yarder against an upright.
This was the fifth chance Millwall saw escape. Mick Kelly headed on to the bar, then saw Grotier brilliantly save his close-range volley; Brian Clark Kitchener twice failed to reach the ball with an empty goal beckoning. ball with an empty goal beckoning.
After 59 minutes Dave Donaldson powered up the After flank and Wood headed the cross magnifiright flank and Wood headed th
Eight minutes later Alf Wood headed on and Hill strode through to smash home the second goal. Cardiff right-back Phil Dwyer had his name taken.

SUNDAY EXPRESS
MILLWALL SCARE -
BUT WOOD IS O.K.
Millwall had just one moment of anxiety. Alf Wood was led off in the second half after scoring his ninth goal of the season and contributing to Millwall's second from Gordon Hir.
It looked a frightening injury as the blood streamed from his head. But after four stitches over the cut eye that resulted from his collision clear up quickly I'll be fit to face Crystal Palace next week.'
Wood was the man whose outright belligerance plunged Cardiff to defeat after a week of misery which ended in the sacking of manager Jimmy Scoular
Wood tore into the attack time after time: saw one header hit the bar and two shots stopped on the line before getting the goal that launched Millwal on their way to a near one-sided hammering. Cardiff's chairman David Goldstone wants his new manager in command in time for Wednes day's home game against Luton
argument is that not moment dare be lost. This beating ended in a near rout.
It started in the 60th minute when David Donaldson flighted a cross to the head of topscorer Alf Wood. On-loan goalkeeper Peter Grotier - borrowed from West Ham - came stopped, and left himself stranded. And the efficient Wood forehead did the rest
It was not the end of cruel comparison. Seven minutes later Wood pushed out a pass to Gordon Hill breaking free on the left and he lashed a sharply-angled cross-shot past Grotier.


Gordon Hill scorer of the Lions second goal.




## MILLWALL

Colours: White
1 Bryan King
2 David Donaldson
3 Eddie Jones
4 Alan Dorney
5 Barry Kitchener
6 Doug Allder
7 Gordon Bolland
8 Micky Kelly
9 Alf Wood
10 Brian Clark
11 Gordon Hill
12 Steve Brown
REFEREE
J TAYLOR Wolverhampton


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## LUTON TOWN

Colours: Orange
1 Graham Horn
2 Don Shanks
3 Bobby Thomson
4 Peter Anderson
5 John Faulkner
6 Alan Garner
7 Jim Ryan
8 Rodney Fern
9 John Simms
10 Alan West
11 John Aston
12
LINESMEN
B H CHAPMAN Cambridge Red
C L CLEERE High Wycombe Yellow


Luton Town and Millwall both became founder Members of the Third Division back in 1920/21 and since then we have met 36 times in League matches. The full run down and results are as under, Millwall scores first:

| Season | H. | A. | Season | H. | A. | Season | H. | A. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1920-21 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1926-27 | 7-0 | 0-6 | 1946-47 | 2-0 | 0-3 |
| 1921-22 | 1-1 | 0-1 | 1927-28 | 3-2 | 1-1 | 1947-48 | 3-1 | 2-1 |
| 1922-23 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1934-35 | 1-4 | 1-2 | 1963-64 | 3-0 | 3-1 |
| 1923-24 | $0-1$ | 0-2 | 1935-36 | 0-0 | 0.0 | 1970-71 | 4-0 | 1-1 |
| 1924-25 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 1936-37 | 0-2 | 0-5 | 1971-72 | 2-2 | 1-2 |
| 1925-26 | 7-0 | 2-2 | 1938-39 | 2-1 | 0-0 | 1972-73 | 3-2 | 2-2 |
|  | MA |  | W. 11 | 4 |  | A. 50 | 36 |  |

Luton Town's current leading goalscorers: Anderson and Butlin 7 goals.

