SEEPAGETWO SATURDAY **NOVEMBER 24th** 1973

VERSUS

PRESTON TUTON NORTH END TOWN

Official Programme Price 7p





our visitors . . .



Back Row: Billy Holmes, Alan Slough (now with Fulham), Jimmy Ryan, Paul Price, Viv Busby (now with Fulham), John Faulkner, Ken Goodeve, Peter Cruse, Phil 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 Charlton Athletic), Gordon Hindson, Don Shanks, John Aston,

PEN PICTURES

Graham HORN (No. 1). Promising London-born recruit from Arsenal last season. Young giant of $6/1\frac{1}{2}$, 13-0.

Don SHANKS (No. 2). Discarded by Fulham on completing his apprenticeship, proved a useful signing for Luton, Another Londoner.

Bobby THOMSON (No. 3). Former Wolves and Birmingham defender. Went to Luton with free transfer. Ever-present last season.

Peter ANDERSON (No. 4). Former forward, was Luton's top scorer 1971-72. Acquired from his native Hendon Town. Made his League debut as an amateur.

John FAULKNER (No. 5). Powerfully built recruit from Leeds United. Belongs to Orpington, famed

Alan GARNER (No. 6). Fared better at Luton than his previous club Millwall, where he was usually in the reserves. Born London.

Jimmy RYAN (No. 7). Stirling-born acquisition from Manchester United; has given good service.

Rodney FERN (No. 8). Played for Leicester v. Manchester City in the 1969 Cup Final. Cost Luton a record £50,000 in 1972. Hails from Burton.

John SIMS (No. 9). Signed last week on a month's loan from Derby County. Two league games last season. Born Alfreton.

Alan WEST (No. 10). Recent newcomer from Burnley, the club he joined on leaving school. Made 19 appearances in Burnley's promotion side. Native of Hyde.

John ASTON (No. 11). Said to have cost £30,000 on the strength of his First Division experience with Manchester United; son of an England international back.

FOCUS (See Front Cover)

NORTH END'S latest first team signing, David Sadler, rated a capture by present values at £20,000, made 263 First Division appearances in his ten seasons with Manchester United. A former amateur star he proved his versatility in both attack and defence. Progressing quickly he gained Under-23 recognition. Soon afterwards (1967-68) he played for England against Ireland and Russia and was in United's European Cup winning line-up. World Cup squad 1970. England v. East Germany 1971.

LUTON TOWN

WELCOME again to Luton Town, who are at Deepdale for the twelfth time since scoring the only goal on their first visit in January, 1950, when North End had been relegated. Helped by a "double" against the "Hatters" the following season, they regained promotion.

The next 10 meetings (1955-60) were in Division One and North End won six and drew two of them. Luton's only other success at Deepdale after a lapse of ten seasons through the ups and downs of both clubs was in January, 1972, again by the only goal.

During the intervening period the Bedfordshire club sampled life in Division Three (two spells of two seasons) and, in between Division Four (three seasons). They climbed out as Champions with 56 points in 1968. Two years later they were back in Division Two.

In a determined effort to regain the First Division status they lost in 1960 after five seasons in which their points totals were 42, 37, 44, 37 and 30, they finished sixth in 1971 with 49 points.

Inevitably they missed big Malcolm MacDonald, who was transferred to Newcastle United for a huge fee after scoring 30 goals for Luton Town in 1970-71: the outcome was only 87 goals for Luton in two seasons for a final mid-table position for them in both.

Judicious buying and selling has been reflected by improved fortunes this season. Leading scorers in the Division with 28 goals, they come to Deepdale sixth from the top with 20 points from 15 matches, mainly because of 12 points by 20 goals to 9 from seven home games. Only Aston Villa and Hull are also unbeaten at home.

Even so, a sound prescription for promotion is a point-a-game average away from home, and that is what Luton have managed in their eight away games by three wins, two draws and 8-11 in goals.

THEIR League record with North End is in our favour -P. W. D. L. F. A Pts. 11 8 1 2 15 4 17 Home Away 4 3 4 16 17 11

22 12 4 6 31 21 28 We also won two F.A. Cup-ties (1895—2-0; 1921—3-2) and a friendly first meeting by 4-2 in November, 1894, all at Luton.

When last seen at Deepdale on December, 30th, last year, a 2-0 home win ended a North End run of two defeats and three draws, with 12 goals conceded. Although a timely victory it was not the expected tonic, for we lost 11 and won only one of the remaining 15 matches to finish with 34 points and just miss relegation.

Elected a Second Division club in 1897, Luton did not impress and were voted out on finishing their third season with 18 points. Returning to the Southern League they stayed there until its clubs were brought into The League on its extension in 1920, and spent 17 seasons in Division Three, gaining promotion in 1936-37.

MANAGER

THERE is a football romance behind the success of HARRY HASLAM who, not yet two years ago, took over the reins at Kenilworth Rd. from Alec Stock. now manager at Fulham.

As a former team-mate of Manchester United's famed John Aston, his thoughts were far from club management when Tonbridge gave him his first opportunity. Soon he was Fulham's chief scout, next manager of Luton's Development (or entertainment) branch.

Scouting appealed to him. He unearthed Jimmy Ryan and Malcolm MacDonald, both signed by Alec Stock. The happy sequel is his success as a manager.

LUTON HISTORY

	Div.	S'n	s Pts.	Besi
1897-1900	2	3	71	30
1920-37	3	17	791	58
1937-55	2	11	476	54
1955-60	1	5	190	44
1960-63	2	3	107	39
1963-65	3	2	75	42
1965-68	4	3	163	66
1968-70	3	2	121	61
1970-73	2	3	128	49
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1958-59 F.A. Cup Final Nottingham F. 2 Luton T. 1

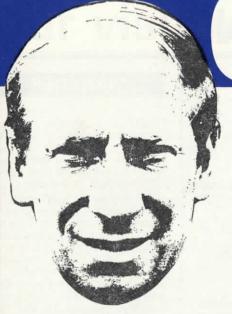
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I AM DELIGHTED to welcome Luton Town for a number of reasons. First and foremost is that they are playing attractive football and their away record is good enough to put us on our guard. It would be nice to erase the fact that we were beaten by our local rivals Blackpool two weeks ago and hope that Luton Town, another prominent side, will be the ones to suffer this afternoon.

On the other hand I am pleased, for lots of reasons, to see here Harry Haslam, Luton's manager. I have not yet come into contact with him in the football fraternity, but everyone in the game has a high regard for him, and I look forward to "crossing swords"

It has been said over the past few weeks that I am bringing only Manchester United players to Preston. This is merely coincidence, but this afternoon could provide a chance for my critics to see their real worth. Playing for Luton Town are Jimmy Ryan and Johnny Aston, who were with me over a few years at Manchester United.

As in lots of cases, both have built another career with a second club with great success. I will be hoping this afternoon that Johnny Aston does not turn in the type of performance which made him famous during the European Cup Final. I could not have been more delighted that night, but I am keeping my fingers crossed that he does not repeat it to-day! Johnny Aston is a very direct left

DAI CHAT

winger who uses his speed and power of shot to great effect.

On the other side of the pitch Jimmy Ryan who, in my experience has played in the right wing position, is the opposite; a very tricky and skilful winger who lays on chances for others as against taking them himself.

All in all, this will look like a Manchester United reunion but owing to their professional attitude there will certainly be no love lost between these former colleagues inboth sides during the whole 90 minutes. When they all have a drink in the Players' Room afterwards, I am sure they will forget whatever happened during the match.

As probably everyone has read, I did not attend our match at Oxford. This was for obvious reasons—we need strikers here.

We have probably only four who are recognised as such and if we were ever to go back and start playing with orthodox wingers in a 2-3-5 formation, then we certainly would need to have strikers to do the job properly. This is the Club's main priority, so much so that it was necessary for me to miss going with the lads to Oxford and watch another game.

This could quite probably happen again and again until we get the striking power we need. Therefore, the sooner we get a striker of the

right character and the right standard the more delighted I shall be.

When I heard the final score of 1-1 my first reaction was to be pleased with one point away from home, but then I realised how hard the team had worked, and that had they been a little less weak in character they would have let the Blackpool defeat affect their performance at Oxford. We will see this afternoon if it has been permanently erased or not.

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Champions 1971
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War Cup Winners

F.A. Charity Shield Finalists 1938

F.A. Youth Cup Finalists 1960

First Team Record

1973-74	DIVISION TWO 1973-74 Opponents Rs	It. Pts	Gate	72-3
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Oct. 1	West Bromwich Albionh 3-		15419	0-3
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00	Millwalla 1-	-5 0	7625	1-4
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Nov. 3		2 1	12484	2-1
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47	Oxford Uniteda 1-		6750	2-0
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Dec. 1	Middlesbrougha			0-0
0	Bolton Wanderersh			_
" 15	Crystal Palace (2)h			-
,, 22	Portsmoutha			1-0
,, 26	Carlisle Unitedh			1-0
,, 29	Hull Cityh			1-0
Jan. 1	Swindon Towna			2-3
,, 5	F.A. Cup (3)			_
,, 12	Bristol Citya			1-2
,, 19	Aston Villah			0-1
,, 26	F.A. Cup (4)			-
Feb. 2	Crystal Palacea			_
,, 9	Nottingham Foresth		100	2-1
,, 16	Sunderland (5)a		1 1	0-0
,, 23	Fulhamh		1 1	0-3
Mar. 2	Carlisle United (LCF)a			1-6
,, 9	Cardiff City (6)a			0-3
,, 16	Notts Countyh			_
,, 23	Blackpoola			0-2
,, 30	Orient (SF)h			0-0
April 6	Luton Towna			0-1
,, 12	Sheffield Wednesdayh			1-1
,, 13	Oxford Unitedh			0-1
,, 15	Sheffield Wednesdaya			-
,, 20	Bolton Wanderersa			-
,, 27	Middlesbroughh			0-1

First Team Goals: (League Cup) 1-Young.

(League) 21 Bruce 8 Young 4 (1 pen) Burns 3 Holden 2 McMahon 1 Baxter 1 Williams 1 Spark 1

DIVISION TWO 197	3-74	(incl	No.	vemb	er 17	th)	
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Middlesbrough	17	11	5	1	21	8	27
Orient	17	7	8	2	27	16	22
Aston Villa	17	7	7	3	23	15	21
Nottingham Forest	17	7	6	4	25	13	20
Blackpool	17	8	4	5	23	15	20
uton Town	15	8	4	3	28	20	20
Notts County	16	8	4	4	25	20	20
Bristol City	17	8	3	6	20	16	19
Carlisle United	17	7	4	6	23	21	18
Sunderland	15	6	5	4	21	13	17
Preston North End	17	5	7	5	21	23	17
West Bromwich Albion	17	5	7	5	17	20	17
Hull City	17	5	7	5	17	19	17
Fulham	17	6	5	6	12	17	17
Millwall	17	6	3	8	23	23	15
Portsmouth	16	6	3	7	21	27	15
Sheffield Wednesday	17	5	2	10	18	23	12
Bolton Wanderers	16	5	2	9	12	19	12
Oxford United	17	3	6	8	13	23	12
Cardiff City	16	2	7	7	17	27	11
Swindon Towm	17	3	4	10	12	25	10
Crystal Palace	17	1	5	11	12	28	7

SECOND TEAM - CENTRAL LEAGUE

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1973-74	Opponents	Rslt.	Pts
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First team appearances (17 League matches)

McMahon 17	McNab 14	Spark 9	Bird 4
Burns 17	Baxter S. 13	Coleman 6	Williams 3
Bruce 16	Stiles 13	Kelly 5	Snookes 3
Young 16	Brown 12	Lamb 5	Morley 2
Hawkins 15	Holden 10	Spavin 4	Wilson 1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Liverpool	18	11	5	2	32	10	27
Everton	18	10	5	3	35	16	25
Blackpool	15	8	5	2	24	12	21
Aston Villa	16	6	8	2	16	9	20
Manchester United	15	6	7	2	19	12	19
Wolverhampton Wndrs	16	8	3	5	23	18	19
Coventry City	16	6	7	3	25	21	19
West Bromwich Albion	16	6	6	4	23	16	18
Blackburn Rovers	17	6	6	5	22	19	18
Derby County	16	6	5	5	24	17	17
Manchester City	16	5	6	5	27	25	16
Sheffield Wednesday	14	5	5	4	18	13	15
Stoke City	13	5	4	- 4	20	17	14
Newcastle United	17	5	4	8	28	27	14
Bolton Wanderers	16	5	3	8	26	28	13
Sheffield United	16	4	5	7	16	23	13
Nottingham Forest	16	3	7	6	16	28	13
Leeds United	17	3	8	7	15	28	14
Preston North End	15	4	4	7	18	24	12
Burnley	16	5	1	10	15	28	11
Huddersfield Town	16	2	3	11	15	29	7
Bury	16	2	3	11	16	51	7

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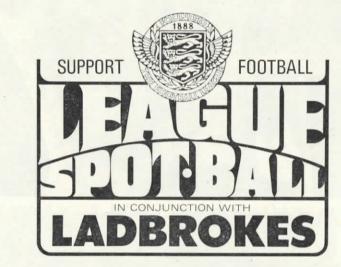
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Between Aston Villa (third) and Cardiff City (20th) the gap is 10 points. Obviously the situation is fluid. There are four clubs on 20 points, five on 17, two 15, three 12. Blackpool have leapt into the promotion zone since an away win v. Crystal Palace preceded two 0-1 defeats.

Their subsequent record is P6 W5 D1 Goals 15-3, 11 pts., and a leap to fifth place. These are the crucial weeks which shape the pattern. Bolton Wanderers, who began like a bonfire, have won once in two months and scored only four goals in seven games.

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goals for 28 against 28 Luton Town goals for 12 against 8 ulham

Bolton C. Palace

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Positions on	Sept.					November		
	22	6	13	27	3	10	17	
Bristol City	1	6	4	4	5	9	8	
Aston Villa	2	8	6	2	2	2	3	
Nottingham Forest		3	8	9	6	4	4	
Fulham	4	2	7	15	13	15	14	
Middlesbrough	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Orient	6	10	9	3	3	3	2	
Luton Town	7	4	2	6	11	8	6	
Bolton Wdrs.	8	12	14	20	16	17	18	
Cardiff City	9	18	16	19	20	20	20	
Sunderland	10	9	11	12	14	.13	10	
Preston North E.	11	5	3	8	10	11	11	
Millwall	12	19	20	17	17	16	15	
Blackpool	13	16	18	11	7	5	5	
Notts County	14	7	5	5	4	7	7	
West Brom Alb.	15	17	17	14	12	10	13	
Portsmouth	16	14	10	13	15	14	16	
Sheffield Wed.	17	13	15	16	18	18	17	
Swindon Town	18	20	21	21	21	21	21	
Carlisle United	19	15	12	7	9	6	9	
Oxford United	20	21	19	18	19	19	19	
Hull City	21	11	13	10	8	12	12	
Crystal Palace	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	

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Crowds ranted from the 41,768 attracted by Manchester United's Newcastle visit to Workington's poverty stricken 1,048. Averages: Division One 28,312; Division Two 13,952; Division Three 6,347; Division Four 3,902.

Scotland has more cause to moan over a First Division average of only 7,682. A total of 70,138 at nine games was exceeded by our Third Division's 76,183 at 12. The last two matches in the city of Dundee were seen by fewer than 8,000, so reviving talk of the two clubs amalgamating.

The biggest crowd in our Division Two was at the London "derby" where 30,054 saw Crystal Palace beat Millwall in a belated initial first win. North End

rued the fact that the lowest of three under 10,000 attendances was 6,750 at Oxford.

Blackburn Rovers (record crowd 61,783 in 1923) pleased this season's biggest "gate", 8,850, by extending their unbeaten run to nine games with a 5-0 win which earned fifth place from the top.

The Rovers would have been back in Division Two if "three up, three down" had gone through a year earlier. Their spurt to third place last season brought 15,114, 16,346 and 14,346 to their last three home matches. Melancholy reflection—their 1963-4 Division One average was 21,543.

LUTON TOWN QUIZ

1—HOW and when did Luton Town originate?

2—WHAT made Luton grieve over losing their only F.A. Cup Final (1959) ?

3—WHAT was the biggest cheque they ever handled?
4—WHICH former Luton idol holds an English scoring record, and what is it?

MacDonald in May, 1971. 4—JOE PAYNE with 10 of Luton's 12 goals to nil against Bristol Rovers in April 1936.

BEING beaten after Nottingham Forest had been relagation 1960.
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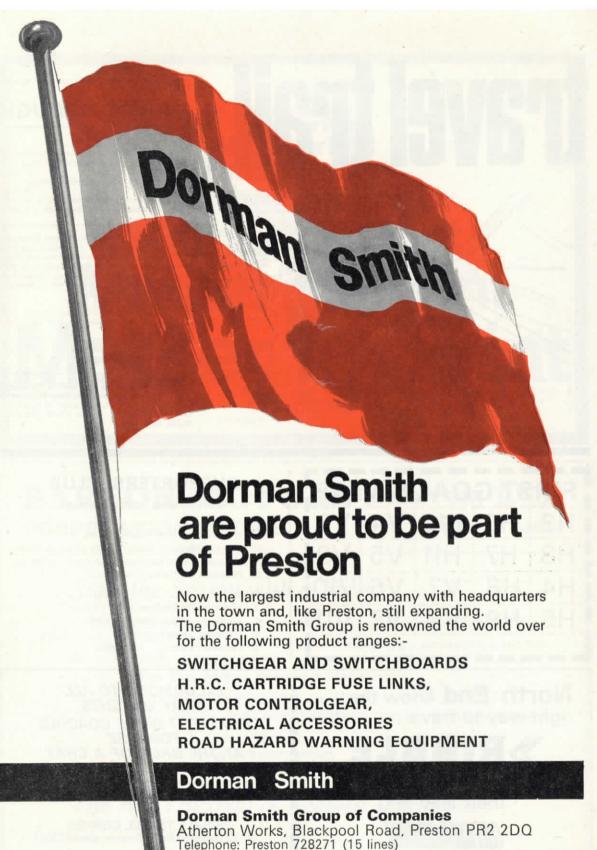
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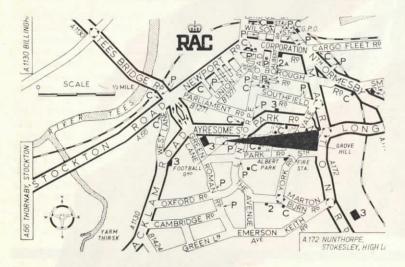
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