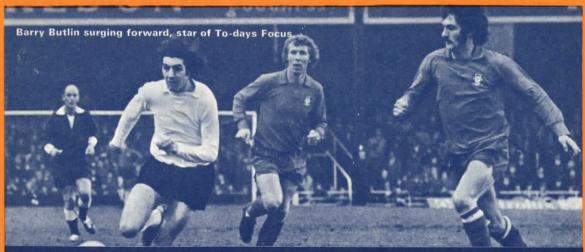


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Welcome JIMMY HUSBAND

Let's have a big Kenilworth Road 'welcome' for Jimmy Husband this afternoon. It's certainly a coincidence that our new signing from Everton should be set to make his 'Hatters' debut against West Bromwich Albion, the team which robbed him of an F.A. Cup-winners' Medal in 1968.

"That was the big disappointment of my career," says Jimmy, who has collected most of the game's top honours since he was spotted as a schoolboy starlet in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He played for the England Schools and Youth sides and won an F.A. Youth Cup Medal in 1965. This came around the same time as his League debut and by 1967, he had won three Under-23 caps on England's tour to Austria, Greece and Bulgaria. At club level, he had a best-ever season of 20 League and Cup goals in 1968-69 and won a League Championship Medal the following season.

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

TED JOLLY (Manchester). Began refereeing in the Middleton Youth League and progressed through the Manchester and Lancashire Leagues to the League line in 1959. Appointed to the referee's list in 1969. A lineman for the 1972 League Cup Final at Wembley (Chelsea v Stoke City), he also refereed in last season's Anglotalian Cup tournament. An insurance agent, married with two children, he is a referee instructor for the Manchester County FA.

HARRYS

Take it from me, Luton and the whole club got their Seven League boots on last Saturday and made a gigantic stride towards the First Division when earning a point at Preston.

On paper, the facts measure our success in a cold, statistical manner, edging us up one place nearer the top with two more goals and one more point.

But to know the true story, you had to be at Deepdale in person, one of the finest sights in football took place, a stage on which a Luton side, twice behind, came back at the opposition each time to conquer adversity with sheer skill and superb character.

No team can get through a complete 90 minutes without error, for mistakes are a thread of the action which often contributes to make it entertaining. The object of a team and its manager is to minimise these as much as possible. But even a team making only a limited number can pay the penalty—and that is how I viewed this game after it was all over.

Two mistakes in defence were punished. But the hand of providence made sure that Preston would have their reward. Each goal came from rebounds from Graham Horn, who deserved full credit for getting to the shots—one a penalty—in the first place.

It is in matches such as these when a team's character will come to light. If the heads go down, the lights go out and you can write it off as one best forgotten. But this is where the new breed of Luton players proved themselves more forcibly than I ever thought possible at the time.

John Aston and Rodney Fern put their names amongst the goal-scorers, but they should be first to admit that the over-riding attitude and enthusiasm behind the team's overall effort was the the secret behind the refusal not to lie down.

It is always immensely satisfying to me to be able to sit back and applaud such attacking motives even when Luton are behind. They were twice on the spot and, in going forward, gave the opposition more opportunity to widen the gap. But they battled like players who know that as long as they maintain the belief that they are as good as any side in the table, they can drive on towards the point when they become better than all of them.

It is a great challenge to the team as they realise that with two games in hand of the leaders, they have the key to get within three points of Middlesbrough. This is firing their confidence on all four, six and eight cylinders and they know no one is kidding and dreaming about First Division soccer—it is there to be taken by Luton.

I was delighted to capture such an outstanding player as Jimmy Husband—perhaps, once and for all, knocking on the head that Luton are only interested in selling top-level players. He was really excited and keen to get cracking after watching us against Preston and I am sure his ability and experience is going to add a great deal of new productivity in the matches to come.

Jimmy is a dedicated player and it took a lot of persuasion to lure him from Everton, a club he has been with ever since he left school. He has a Championship Medal and is an Under-23 cap—which still leaves him plenty of scope to fulfil other ambitions with Luton.

He is a natural flair player, an artist in the skill of ball control at speed and he will be in his element in such an attacking minded side.

Jimmy's inclusion will be to the exclusion of someone else. Whomsoever that may be, I should like to tell him here and now that everyone is a part of Luton's League squad and with every Saturday bringing a new challenge, fresh opportunities are always there for anyone who wants to work for them.



Money, money, moneythat's all Lyn Riches thinks about...

... which isn't suprising, really. With a name like Riches, she's just right for her job as Cashier at Shaw & Kilburn, Dunstable Road. She's there from Monday to Saturday in S & K's Service Department, making bill-paying as pleasant as possible for all customers. These include Luton Town players like Bobby Thomson, Jimmy Ryan, Peter Anderson—as well as hundreds of Luton Town supporters. All of them know where to get the best Vauxhall service in Vauxhall's home town—and that's at

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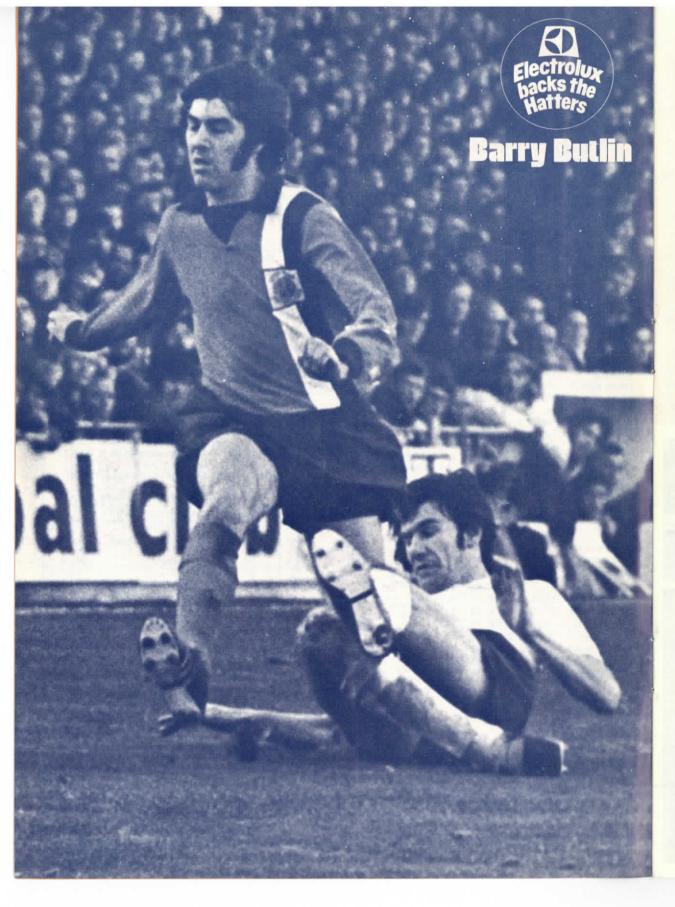
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FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES



When Harry Haslam invested a reported £80,000 for the wing power of Merseyside's Jimmy Husband, it instantly put the sparkle back into the eyes of Barry Butlin for the first time since he trooped off in a daze with a broken jaw.

It has given Luton's unlucky leader a super incentive to fight his way into the first-team again after the latest of a cruel string of soccer set-backs. The present situation 'up front' at Luton must be the dream of all centreforwards with the Butlin ability, on the ground and in the air.

What more could any striker ask for than a Jimmy Husband on one flank and Johnny Aston on the other? It's this prospect of a goal birthday for Barry which is currently firing him through his rehabilitation period at top speed.

"Give me another ten days and I shall be fit and ready to lead Luton towards their First Division target. If I get straight back, I know I shall be taking a risk because I intend to stick my chin out again and not worry. It is the only way to conquer any serious injury."

They included a fractured skull and a double cartilage, one of which wrecked last season for this true centre-forward in the old-fashioned tradition. "I was really looking forward to this season and I had two things in mind. One to establish myself in the top bracket of strikers and I was hoping to do that by first setting a target of 12 goals by Christmas."

Up to the time when the Bolton

match brought the break in Barry's ambitions, he had already rattled home seven in the League and with another seven games to go, the Butlin goal-programme looked well ahead of schedule.

The tragic moment. As usual, Barry went bombing in chasing a hopeful half chance—"anyone who is frightened of getting hurt should never be in a number nine shirt"—and he jumped with the Bolton centre-half and colleague Alan West. "Sometime during the second or two it took to go up and down I felt a crack and though there was no pain at the time. I knew it had gone."

That meant a fortnight in the freezer for Barry's favourite dish, rare steak and chips. "Until four days ago the wire cagework would not allow anything but liquidised food to pass my lips—but I have managed to survive." No player will ever make a more enthusiastic or eager return in a couple of weeks because since he was signed around this time last year for a then club record fee of £50,000, he has managed only 21 games.

A straight run of nine games from December into February this year ended abruptly with his last knee injury. This season he improved his total by just two more before the crunch came again. "It could not have happened at a worse time. But there is still time for me to hit my target by Christmas and if that happens, it is going to be a great New Year for Luton Town, you mark my words."

Looking again at such a goalglittering front line of Husband, Butlin and Aston, we must agree that it looks and sounds impossible to do anything but echo such great promise for 1974 and all it could bring.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Full Name: Barry Butlin. Birthplace: Rosliston, Derbyshire. Birthday: 9th November, 1949. Height: Five feet, eleven-and-a-half inches.

Weight: Eleven stone, five pound. Colour of Eyes: Blue. Colour of Hair: Dark Brown. Educated: Granville County Secondary Modern, Woodville (six G.C.E.

passes). Biggest Break: Brian Clough's appointment as Derby County manager. Biggest Disappointment: Present crop of injuries. especially missing the F.A. Cup-tie at Sunderland.

League Debut: Derby County v Carlisle United, 1967.

Awards: Texaco Cup Winners' Medal (1971-72), Central League Championship Medal (1971-72).

Hobbies: Do-It-Yourself (his father,

Hobbies: Do-It-Yourself (his father George Butlin, was a carpenter). Favourite Artistes:

Male singer: Joe Cocker and Jose Feliciano.
Female singer: Olivia Newton John.

Actor: Steve McQueen. Actress: Susan George. Player: Allan Clarke. Composer: Roy Wood.

Group: Wizard.
Food: Rare Steak and Chips.
Drink: Stout (Mackeson).
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FIGE 5

them, West Bromwich Albion have discovered that the Second Division can be an exhausting test for teams who brushed shoulders with the stars of the nation only last season. While Albion, playing out of the First Division for the first time in 25 that 'Howe must succeed-or else'. seasons, have not met the disasters associated with relegation partners Crystal Palace, it has taken them some time to adjust to the new

They certainly did not make the mistake of approaching the task with their eyes closed. Don Howe, having suffered unhappy experiences in his first two years as a manager, warned before the kick-off: "It is going to be hard. We have got to match the work-rate of some good teams. What we do expect is for our skill to be that little better than average and physical game.

The pressures were also intense at the start of the season because of militant supporters at the annual Shareholders meeting. They delivered an ultimatum which could only mean And there were additional difficulties on the playing side. Brilliant Scot Asa Hartford has persistently asked for a move in order to gain more chance of inclusion in his country's World Cup squad and former England centreforward Jeff Astle has not played since having the fourth cartilage operation of his career during the

Yet, from these troubled beginnings, Albion made exactly the start they wanted. Tony Brown, the owner of one England cap after many years as a prolific First Division scorer,

opened up with two goals in a 3-2 away win at Blackpool. Allan Glover, largely in the background since leaving Queen's Park Rangers for a big fee in 1969, got the other goal and also claimed the winner in the first home match against Crystal Palace. So far, so good. But all the optimism faded in a stormy 1-0 defeat at Swindon which included the sending-off of Willie Johnston, the former Scotland and Rangers winger who was signed for £140,000 just over a year Albion then dived into a miserable

period of ten games without a League win, but at least showed that Howe's methods could work by making six of those matches worth a single point. Too much seemed to be asked of Tony Brown in the scoring department, but by carefully snatching odd points, Albion slowly got on to the right lines.

Starting with three draws-including fine displays at both Bristol City and Middlesbrough-they set up a run of eight unbeaten games during which they also upset promotion hopefuls Notts County by winning 2-1 at The Hawthorns.

But Albion could never completely convince the apathetic Black Country public that the team was in contention for promotion. Howe and his players claimed that the division is close enough for almost any team to move into contention-and they still



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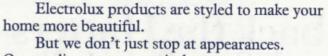
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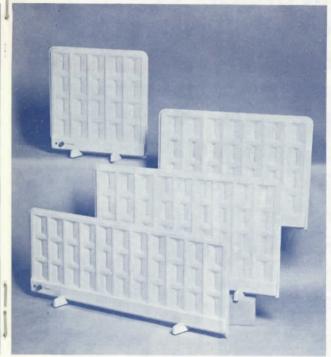


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at Orient a fortnight ago. They were generally regarded as being better than the high-flying East Enders and would undoubtedly have won but for goalkeeper John Jackson's brilliance. Gates have dropped to the lowest evel since the war, averaging out at around 15,000, and there were stormy scenes when Fourth Division Exeter City put them out of the League Cup at The Hawthorns.

But Howe overcame that crisis with typical courage—something which he has used a lot since joining Albion as manager after coaching Arsenal to the 'Double' in 1971. A former Albion player who won 23 England caps, Howe has never wavered from his ideals and no manager is more deserving of a spot of success.

Albion players still get plenty of representative honours, too. Goal- Hartford, who has won six full

brother of Birmingham City's Dave and Bob, won his first England Under-23 cap against Poland this season and Len Cantello, the Manchester-born midfield man, has been an Under-23 regular for 18 months. Right-back Gordon Nisbet, who actually made his debut as a specialist goalkeeper, has also played for England at this level, while left-back Ray Wilson, only recently returned from a long injury spell, has appeared for Scotland Under-23's.

The side is captained from centrehalf by John Wile, a good-value signing from Peterborough United in 1970, and he has been partnered this season by Alistair Robertson, a former Scotland Schools and Youth international, who first played in Division One when only 17.

Scottish caps and another five with the Under-23's, forms a formidable midfield link with Cantello. Willie Johnston, who played for Rangers when they won the European Cupwinners' Cup in 1972, also adds flair to the creative department.

Tony Brown has been the only regular choice up front. The other positions have been contested by David Shaw, an expensive signing from Oldham last season, Alistair Brown, formerly with Leicester City's last Second Division Championship side, Joe Mayo, who was snapped up from Walsall this year and Allan Glover.

Today's game obviously ranks highly if they are to climb the table quickly enough and they have another crucial fixture at Sunderland on 21st December-plus their big home game of the season against Aston Villa on Boxing Day. So we should know a lot more about Albion's potential by the turn of the year.

West Bromwich Albion F.C.-Season 1973-74—(Back row): Lyndon Hughes, Roger Minton, Hugh McLean, Allan George Wright (assistant manager) Alistair Brown, John Wile, Jeff Astle, Robertson, Brian Whitehouse (coach). (Front row): Willie Johnston, Alan Merrick, Asa Hartford, Don Howe (manager), Len Cantello, Gordon Nisbet,







WEST BROMWICH ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

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This is the kind of enthusiasm that is permeating through the club at all levels. I think, more and more, English football is looking for a lead and, above all, they are looking for a team that are prepared to give it.

I am categorically sure that the emphasis of attacking football, which is the basic philosophy that the boss is getting through to Luton, is not only good for our own players, but is good for football in general.

Recent matches at Combination and Mid-week level have been very encouraging indeed. I think particularly our 4-2 wins at Portsmouth and Southampton reflect great credit on the players coming along. It is in the context of a



positive and forward looking environment that it is pleasing to me that a vast Company like ELECTROLUX should have the same positive, forward-looking view, and are associating themselves with us in their sponsorship of today's match.

A little tip for all our supporters: if your rich uncle dies this week or the pools happen to come along, here is a hint for investment for the future-associate yourself with the companies that are shrewd enough to hook their wagon to success.

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it is great credit to Luton Town F.C. that a group employing over 32,000 people, in such diverse countries as Argentina and New Zealand, should see in Luton Town F.C. the same objectiveness and ambition to succeed that they themselves are showing. I believe that sponsorship in

sport is still only in its early stages of development and those that are participating in the present environment are the ones who must lead the field in the future.

A small, but important item! We believe that our players, more and more, are reflecting our ambitions both on the field and off it. With this in mind, next week our players will all be fitted with Club Suits, bearing the proud crest. So wherever they go they will be carrying the name of Luton Town with dignity.

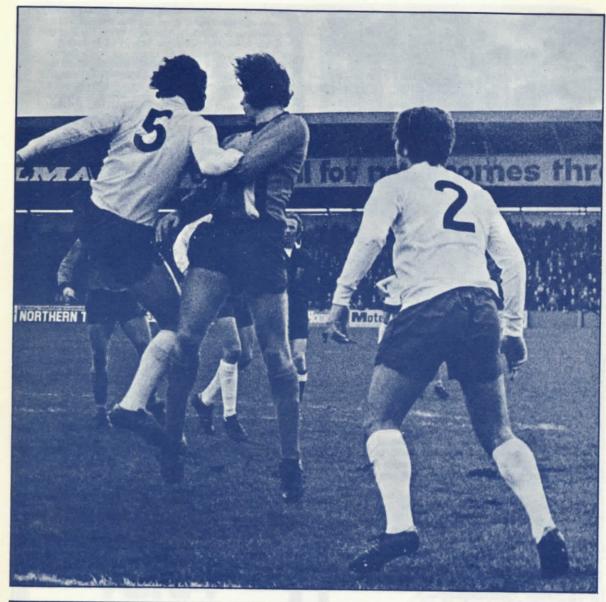
Our players are a source of great pride to us and I believe that this is being reflected, increasingly so, by the pride that is being shown on the terraces.

The 'boys' respond to you and we hope that you will feel as much a part of our ambitions and will continue to give the kind of vocal support that has been a rewarding aspect of Kenilworth Road games recently.

BY CLIFF NOTLEY

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Below: John Aston puts his name on the scoresheet in our 2-2 draw at Preston Above Right: John Sims tussles with the Preston defence Below Right: A cross ball from Rodney catches the Preston defence off guard as Jimmy Ryan just fails to connect. RN TRUST





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ATTACK! that is the name of the game at Luton—and figures now prove that Harry Haslam's goal-getting principles are paying off by making the 'Hatters' the most attractive team in the Second Division.

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In addition, we have scored twice or more in ten of our sixteen League matches—a record equalled only by Orient, who have played two more fixtures.

So, with our two games in hand, we have it in our power to climb above every team bar Middlesbrough in the current table. But no one would question the fact that Luton are offering far more entertainment than the divisional leaders

Middlesbrough have scored only 23 goals to accumulate 28 points and while we would not wish to join in the criticism of their tactics, it is interesting to note that Jackie Charlton's team have kept a clean defensive sheet on 12 occasions.

There is another point which bears out the Luton philosophy. With 12 players on the scoresheet this season, we have more marksmen than any other Second Division side. All the regular defenders have scored, too—Don Shanks, Bobby Thomson, John Faulkner, Alan Garner and Jim Ryan.

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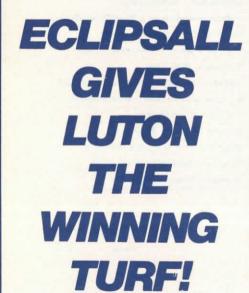
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- 8 JIMMY HUSBAND
- 9 RODNEY FERN
- 10 ALAN WEST
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Colours .

Shirts: Orange with White and Navy Vertical Stripe.

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- 2 GORDON NISBET
- 3 RAY WILSON
- 4 LEN CANTELLO
- 5 JOHN WILE
- 6 ALISTAIR ROBERTSON
- 7 WILLIE JOHNSTON
- 8 TONY BROWN
- 9 JOE MAYO
- 10 ASA HARTFORD
- 11 ALLAN GLOVER

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| F | Newcastle United v Burnley | |
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| F | Middlesbrough v Preston North End | |
| G | Nottingham Forest v Portsmouth | |
| н | Orient v Cardiff City | |
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