

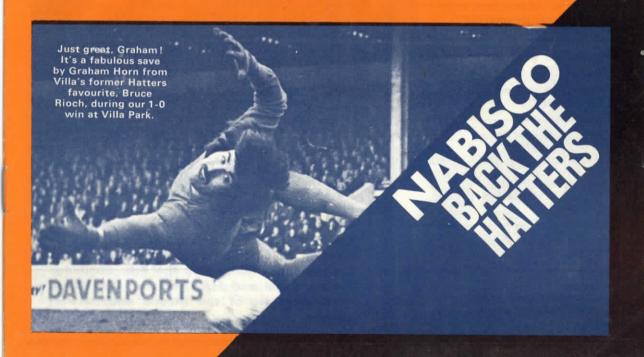
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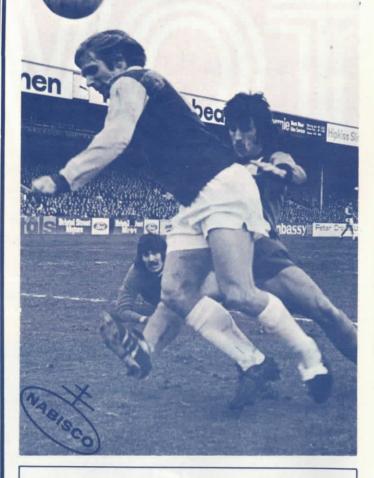
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Pressure point at Villa Park . . . Villa striker Alun Evans cuts into the goalmouth and Graham Horn is grounded without chance of recovering. But, typical of a wholehearted team performance, there was Alan Garner thumping the ball off Evans' toes.



## MAN IN THE MIDDLE

David Smith, a chargehand linesman for the Midlands Electricity Board, has become one of Britian's leading international officials since his appointment to the League list in 1959. He handled the F.A. Centenary Cup Final and two League Cup Finals, plus the F.A. Challenge Trophy Final and F.A. Amateur Cup Final. Also secretary of the Stroud and District League.

## HARRY'S TOWN

It will not have escaped the eye of the more authoritive opinion in football that today's Fifth Round includes, in number, only one less team than which comes from the hallowed grounds of the First Division.

For my second successive season, I'm proud to see Luton grouped in this Cup party once again, a stage in the competition which brings a choice action-point in Luton's programme against a very respected side from the top Division, Leicester City.

Looking at this afternoon's Cup matches reveals the fact that there are six teams from the Second Division and one from the Third still competing when many of the clubs with higher status have come and gone. The balance is only a fraction away from being a 50-50 blend of teams, perhaps a jolting thought for the masses who advocate that there is a long gap between the respective standards of, say Luton and Liverpool.

It was considered a fluke when Sunderland took last year's trophy. But there was a great deal of merit about the Final performance which beat Leeds, and in my mind, it spelt out that modern standards, especially in sudden death competitions, are not so violently different as many would have us believe.

It is not a tragedy for the sport when the best teams lose a crucial and vital game, in fact it's more of a boost for football when the so classified 'underdog' gets the bone.

The Cup produced a shock last year when, at this stage, there were eight teams still competing who did not carry First Division labels. This year there will



be one less, but the chances of a Second Division side getting through to, at least a Semi-Final position, are such that no one would lay big odds against it right now.

Of course, one Second Division side is guaranteed to make the Sixth Round because of the Nottingham Forest Cup-tie and it needs only average success today and average luck in the draw for another Second Division pairing in the Sixth to shoot an 'outsider' through to the last but one hurdle.

As for our chances today, I am confident that the side will be equipped, both men-



tally and physically, to take the game to Leicester and prove what I have been trying to establish. Our approach to this match has been not unlike any other previous League or Cup affair. It's a policy of this management to look only as far as the next game and going into it geared to succeed.

If we are successful, then we know in our own minds that it will be the most important ingredient we can have to use in our preparation for the next one.

The team scaled a mountain a fortnight ago when they soaked up tremendous power and pressure against Villa, remained cool when it would have been easy to snap, and then earn the goal that was as vital as any we have scored so far this season. The press headlined us as lucky, but I don't see how they can justify that. Admittedly, we were forced on the defensive, but the very fact that Villa failed to score underlines what a professional job the defence did.

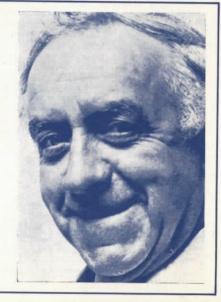
We had the odd moment of ill luck in attack, just as they did, but I am sure goalkeeper Graham Horn didn't have more than a couple of shots to save. Luton, as much as any club, appreciate that no game is won until the final whistle and it was a direct result of the lads remembering this good advice, which enabled us to pick up the extra point.

In the last few weeks we have built a reputation with Jimmy Ryan's late goals as a team that doesn't stop looking for them until the final whistle. We shall be no different this afternoon against Leicester and I hope all our supporters will convince the team, from the start, that they will be right behind them for the full 90 minutes.

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23 Tue	Colchester United	A	1-3
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19 Mon	Watford	H	0-0
21 Wed	Portsmouth	A	4-2
28 Wed	Gillingham	A	0-3
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17 Mon	Northampton Town	H	3-0
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15 Tue	Charlton Athletic	A	0-0
23 Wed	Southend United	A	1-4
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Leicester City are known in the trade managers in the game, he has achieved as a 'Cup team'-the kind of side that a great deal in developing Leicester always seems to thrive on the atmos- from the basics of their 1970-71 phere of the Wembley trail. And this Second Division Championship term. season there is a deep faith within Imagination in the transfer market the club that they can land a prize that has so often eluded them.

have been unlucky when striving for The first two seasons were hardsoccer's most glamourous trophy.

and a conviction for the skilful football, which he purveyed with Arsenal, For the purposes of this afternoon, Birmingham, West Ham, Plymouth Luton followers will have little and Orient, are attitudes which have sympathy for Leicester's cause, but, spread through the club since he whatever, the result there's no succeeded Frank O'Farrell in time for denying that the Filbert Street club Leicester's First Division comeback.

aren't they always for promotion To reach the F.A. Cup Final on four teams-and there was a high price to occasions since the war, and lose pay for Mr Bloomfield's re-building each time, is something which would operation. Some supporters may sicken any club, but it is not manager have felt that the six-figure outlays Jimmy Bloomfield's intention to re- on skipper Keith Weller (Chelsea), flect on previous disappointments. schemer Jon Sammels (Arsenal) and As one of the most astute younger utility man Alan Birchenall (Crystal Palace) didn't produce instant results.

Now they are receiving their answer. Jimmy Bloomfield needed time to place the jig-saw just as he wanted and there was also the question of balancing the accounts. Leicester's support is adequate for First Division football, though not heavy enough to allow extravagant spending without concern for the basic economics.

So Leicester can only be delighted at the success achieved in buying good players, getting most of the money back from outgoing transfers, and building a side which has high hopes for the future-and the present as far as the F.A. Cup is concerned.

It's interesting to study the changes since Leicester's last League visit to Kenilworth Road during April, 1971. While they were good enough to defeat promotion-conscious Town 3-1, the club did not stand still once promotion was clinched.

Top scorer Ally Brown went to West Bromwich Albion for something over £60,000. Midfield general Willie Carlin moved to Notts County for around £20,000. Winger John Farrington recently re-joined Carlin's company in a £60,000 deal with Cardiff City. Rodney Fern came to Luton for another sizeable sum. Bobby Kellard, another midfield influence, was used as half payment for Birchenall.



## FOR THE RECORD

LEICESTER CITY HISTORY-Founded: 1884. Ground: Filbert Street, Leicester. Record Attendance: 47,298, against Tottenham Hotspur (F.A. Cup), February, 1928. Division One Runners-up: 1928-29. Division Two Champions: 1924-25, 1937-38, 1953-54, 1956-57, 1970-71. Runners-up: 1907-08. F.A. Cup Finalists: 1949, 1961, 1963, 1969. Football League Cup Winners: 1964. Finalists: 1965.

LEICESTER CITY-1973-74-(Back row): Dennis Rofe, Alan Woollett, Pat Kruse, Robert Lee, Joe Jopling, Steve Yates, David Tomlin, John Farrington (now Cardiff). (Centre row): George Preston (physio), Malcolm Manley (now Portsmouth), Mike Stringfellow, Carl Jayes, Peter Shilton, Mark Wallington, Alan Birchenall, Malcolm Munro, David Coates (coach). (Front row): Steve Whitworth, Graham Cross, Malcolm Partridge, Jimmy Bloomfield (manager), Keither Weller, Frank Worthington, Jon



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Malcolm Manley, though first-choice centre-half last term, fetched around £60,000 from Portsmouth this season. Centre-half John Sjoberg was 'retired out' to Rotherham for a modest cheque. And, of course, there was the British record bonanza of over £200,000 for David Nish.

Other 'fringe' players departed for small sums and when the final bill was totalled, Leicester had picked up something like half a million pounds. So there's the answer to the club's spending power in the last two and a half seasons.

Following the initial deals for Wellera 'must' for England according to Mr Bloomfield-Sammels and Birchenall, the shopping went on with

Rofe, another fee approaching six figures for Huddersfield's England Under-23 international striker, Frank Worthington, and, most recently, about £80,000 for Fulham's top scorer Steve Earle.

The observant football follower will notice the heavy emphasis on attacking players. This makes Leicester an attractive side and has recently brought results which give them hope of qualifying for a place in next season's U.E.F.A. Cup.

Goals are likely to come from any source in this variable outfit, though, at the moment, Worthington is the man in form, after delivering a threegoal salvo during a 5-0 mauling of £100,000 for Orient full-back Dennis arrive until December, 1st has also with a late goal from Earle.

found goals quickly, and Len Glover, the former Charlton winger, is rated among the best of his kind.

Mr Bloomfield would perhaps agree that Leicester have been fortunate to escape serious injury, and in a largelyunchanged squad, the back-four have played together with hardly any interruption. Steve Whitworth, a local discovery with England Under-23 caps, forms a young full-back partnership with Rofe and the middle is blocked with the long-serving 'home' product, Graham Cross, and Malcolm Munro, a former Youth international who has made the number five shirt his own in the last twelve months.

Leicester's basic squad is made up by Mike Stringfellow, formerly a goalscoring winger but now a midfield player, Joe Jopling, a full-back turned striker from Aldershot, and David Tomlin, a promising winger discovered in the East Midlands.

They will prove extremely difficult opposition, but we must take encouragement from previous Cup results this season. Leicester were beaten in a League Cup replay by Hull City, lost to Dundee United in the Texaco Cup, and had quite a struggle to beat Fulham 2-1 during extra time in their F.A. Cup replay. In the Third Ipswich Town. Earle, who didn't Round, they had beaten Spurs 1-0









First Division . . here we come! That's the spirit at Luton Town as we enter the final stagesof the promotion race in third position and this afternoon's F.A. Cup tilt at Leicester City gives an ideal chance of judging how far we have travelled.

Having reached the quarter-finals of last season's competition, and eliminating Newcastle United on their own ground, we feel suitably 'charged' for another whiff of Cup glory, But it's the League that counts and today's pause in the promotion programme seems an ideal time to look back over the season's achievements.

We stated that Luton were prepared to be pioneers for attacking football believing that goals and good results should go together. That calls for a vital quality called 'faith' and this was tested instantly by a 4-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest. Can there be any doubt that we passed the examina-

tion? And who will forget the sensation of the first home match against Carlisle United—six goals from 'The Hatters' in the first 45 minutes.

Tom Finney the Irish discovery from Crusaders, scored two goals only a few weeks after giving up his job as a Gas Board pipefitter. Tom continued to delight with goals in each of the next three matches and our season really was 'set fair when we took seven points from consecutive away games at Bristol City, Notts County, Sunderland and Crystal Palace.

But there was never any question of sitting back. Harry Haslam paid a fee in the region of £80,000 for Burnley's England Under-23 midfield player, Alan West, who has offered considerable craft to the attack since mid-October. Another sizeable sum was forked out at the end of November for Everton's former Under-23 international striker, Jimmy Husband—and so we had developed sharp competition for places.

Graham Horn and Keith Barber are two of the Division's most capable goalkeepers. John Faulkner and Alan Garner have formed a reliable partnership in central defence and skipper Bobby Thomson continues to look the 'scoop' of recent times after leaving Birmingham City on a free transfer in 1972.

John Ryan and Don Shanks, both adaptable players who have also appeared in midfield, have contested the right-back sorty, while also making competition out in the centre of operations. West has been a regular there and Peter Anderson, the side's top scorer, played mainly in mid-park until his recent switch to centre-forward.

With two raiding wingers in John Aston and Jimmy Ryan, both out of the Manchester United 'academy', the accent is always for goals and we have been well served by Finney, Barry Butlin, ex-Leicester City Cup Finalist Rodney Fern and John

Sims, who had three games while on loa from Derby County.

There are many others pressing for first-team recognition—as witness the reserves heavy scoring in the Football Combination—and it's not surprising that Harry Haslam says: "The players we have used in the League—and those we yet to afford the opportunity—constitute a squad which covers all positions in depth and quality. But we have never lost sight of the fact that if players become available, and we need them, then we would have a go for them."

Harry feels that the team have learned to be more professional and is convinced that the initial groundwork of last season has produced its rewards. "Of course, we have had our disappointments." But moments of failure when dropping odd points at home were stillevelled out, I feel, by going to Villa Park and Sunderland and winning."









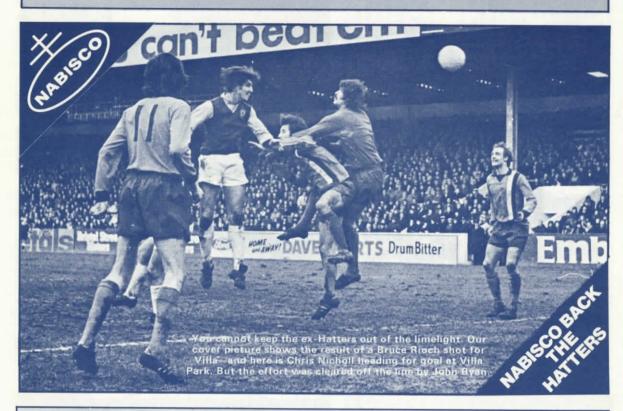
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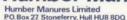




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## TEAMS SCORES

## **LUTON TOWN**

- 1 GRAHAM HORN
- 2 JOHN RYAN
- **3 BOBBY THOMSON**
- **4 PETER ANDERSON**
- **5 JOHN FAULKNER**
- 6 ALAN GARNER
- 7 JIMMY RYAN
- **8 JIMMY HUSBAND**
- 9 RODNEY FERN
- 10 ALAN WEST
- 11 BARRY BUTLIN
- 12 JOHN ASTON

### Colours:

Shirts: Orange with White and Navy Vertical Stripe. Shorts: Navy. Stockings: Orange.

## LEICESTER CITY

- 1 PETER SHILTON
- **2 STEVE WHITWORTH**
- **3 DENNIS ROFE**
- **4 STEVE EARLE**
- 5 MALCOLM MUNRO
- **6 GRAHAM CROSS**
- 7 KEITH WELLER
- **8 JON SAMMELS**
- 9 FRANK WORTHINGTON
- 10 ALAN BIRCHENALL
- 11 LEN GLOVER

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### Colours

Shirts: Blue with White trim. Shorts: White. Stockings: White.

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### Referee:

Mr D. W. SMITH, Stonehouse, Gloucs

### Linesmen:

Mr D. W. LLOYD, Worcester—Red Flag Mr A. D. LEWIS, Willenhall—Orange Flag

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Α	Bristol City v Leeds United	
В	Burnley v Aston Villa	
С	Coventry City v Q P Rangers	
D	Liverpool v Ipswich Town	
E	Southampton v Wrexham	
F	W B Albion v Newcastle United	
G	Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur	
Н	Derby County v Manchester United	
K	Sheffield United v Stoke City	
L	West Ham United v Everton	
M	Wolverhampton W v Birmingham C	
N	Blackpool v Cardiff City	
LIS	T TWO	SCORE
Α	Bolton Wanderers v Sheffield Wed	
В	Millwall v Swindon Town	
С	Fulham v Notts County	
D	Hull City v Middlesbrough	
E	Cambridge United v Hereford United	
F	Sunderland v Preston North End	
G	Bournemouth v Shrewsbury Town	
н	Grimsby Town v Southport	
K	Halifax Town v Brighton & Hove A	
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Liverpool	28	13	1	0	25	9	3	6	5	12	14	39
Ipswich Town	28	8	3	3	29	15	5	3	6	18	27	32
Derby County	28	9	4	1	27	11	2	5	7	6	15	31
Everton	28	8	6	1	18	8	3	3	7	12	19	31
Burnley	27	7	6	2	19	12	4	3	5	15	19	31
Leicester City		7	4	3	22	10	3	6	5	14	18	30
Queen's Park Rangers		5	8	1	22	13	4	4	6	19	23	30
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Orient		8	3	3	21	10	5	7	2	23	18	36
Luton Town		8	5	1	27	15	5	4		12	18	35
Blackpool		7	4	3	21	9	4	7	-	17	18	33
Carlisle United		8	4	2	27		5	3	100	15	18	33
West Bromwich Albion	-	7	5	2	19	11	4	5		15	16	32
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