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VIEWPOINT

by **IVOR BROADIS**

Newcastle Journal and Sunday Sun Sportswriter

While I'm writing these notes you can bet that the managers of half the ninety two league clubs in the country will be wondering whether a new signing would help to salvage something from a disappointing season or bring salvation in the final six weeks.

In the north-east Newcastle and Boro' still have the chance of a place in Europe to fight for and would probably consider that £30,000 for goalkeeper cover in Joe Harvey's case and £50,000 that Jack Charlton was prepared to unload for Terry Cooper was a reasonable enough premium to pay for the chance of getting there this season and for the future contribution the players will make.

Geared for a promotion push Bob Stokoe was linked with several players and called it a "mental fight" this week as he wrestled with the problem of whether the present squad was good enough . . . whether an addition would click to make an immediate impact or whether he might even destroy what had already been built up through failure to settle in immediately.

When you consider that in the halcyon days of Bill Shankly, the ebullient Scot so often bought players and built them up gradually in the reserve side, it's a chancy business perhaps hoping that you're going to get great and immediate benefit from a beat the deadline signing.

Most managers maintain that even the six figure signing . . . and they don't cause much of a stir in these inflated days . . . needs a month or two to make the transition while he's commuting between home and new club and living out of a hotel suitcase before he's eventually housed, although obviously some make the adjustment more easily than others.

Right now it looks as if the present United squad will have the job of trying to maintain First Division status. Understandably after the Cup defeat by Fulham and the five point leeway that has to be made up in the League, fans look at the provision of new players as a point of extreme urgency.

Now I'm not a public relations officer for the club and to go into the pro's and cons of transfer business would take a lot more space than I'm allowed here. But one or two points might make the situation more easily understandable.

It might surprise you but for even a successful club like Sunderland, going into the market for a player at this time would mean mortgaging part of next season's ticket sales . . . and the same would go for Carlisle. Not only that, United would be ditching the very principles of buying only what they can afford that got them into the First Division, without any guarantee that it would buy them a First Division stay.

Then there's the question of just what impact a player could have coming from the market in which the club are forced to operate for economic reasons. The six figure man is out . . . for the reason that they can't afford one in the first place and it would doubtless mean an upheaval in the wage structure that's geared to income, if the cash was available.

Welcome

LUTON TOWN

The odds are still stacked heavily against Luton making a sensational escape from relegation, but manager Harry Haslam and his team are making a brave bid even now to try to avoid the big drop, only 12 months after gaining promotion.

Most Hatters' fans had abandoned all hope by mid-December when with half their fixtures completed, Luton had managed only one solitary victory. Then, surprisingly and mysteriously, they won three games in a row!

Then the Hatters went on a run of only one defeat in seven League games. Even though subsequent defeats have tended to dim their hopes again, the Hatters still believe they can escape.

As one would expect, in their circumstances, the Luton team had undergone many changes since the opening of the season as Mr. Haslam tried to adapt it to First Division requirements.

by TONY PULLEIN

Graham Horn lost his place to Keith Barber for a while but has now returned to the team.

Youngsters Steve Buckley and Paul Futcher have now been drafted into the back four, with considerable success. Buckley has taken over at left-back from former England international Bobby Thomson with Futcher and John Faulkner closing things up in the centre. John Ryan continues in the right-back position he has held for six years.

Up front another youngster Ron Futcher — Paul's brother — has been holding his place since hitting four goals in his first two games at Christmas time. He took over from the injured Peter Spiring and now usually plays in a striking line with Jimmy Husband and John Aston. When Husband dropped out through injury, Adrian Alston, the Australian World Cup player, got another chance.

Peter Anderson, Alan West and Jimmy Ryan have been holding down the midfield positions all season.

Luton Town earned themselves a unique place in football's history books when they gained promotion last year. The Hatters are

the only club relegated from the First to the Fourth Division ever to regain their place at the top. In the early 'sixties they dropped through all four sections in five years.

The man responsible for creating the new Luton is manager Harry Haslam. He has signed players of the calibre of Bobby Thomson, a former England defender, and winger John Aston. He also risked a then club record fee of £50,000 on a reasonably unknown player, Barry Butlin, who proved a big success and has now moved on to Nottingham Forest.

Mr. Haslam last season raised the record payout of £80,000 when he secured the transfer of Burnley's midfield player Alan West, then expended a further £70,000 in return for the experience of striker Jimmy Husband. During the summer Australia's World Cup star Adrian Alston has joined the club and the fee record was broken yet again with arrival of £100,000 Paul Futcher from Chester.

It's scarcely three years since Luton, fearing they had lost their chance of First Division football, started to sell off their best players for economy reasons. Malcolm Macdonald (Newcastle), Don Givens (Q.P.R.) and Vic Halom (Sunderland) are now scoring goals with gay abandon — they hit 61 between them last season — for rival clubs.

Viv Busby (Fulham) and Chris Nicholl (Aston Villa) were other stars to leave the club.

When put into its true perspective, Luton's promotion achievement was quite spectacular.

We were beaten 1—3 at Luton in September. Peter Anderson (Luton) and Joe Laidlaw made it 1—1 at half-time, then Adrian Alston and Jim Ryan (penalty) settled it for the Hatters.

Last season's Second Division encounter at Brunton Park ended 2-0 in our favour, Bill Green and Dennis Martin getting the goals. Our League record against Luton reads:

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag.	Pts.
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Away	6	2	2	2	9	13	6
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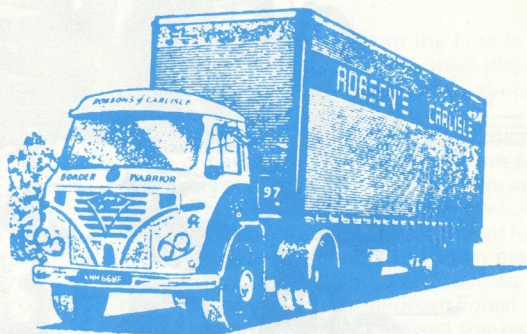


BACK ROW (Left to right) Jimmy Husband, Gordon Hindson, Andy King, Pasquale Fuccillo, Alex Malcolm, Steve Buckley, Phil O'Connor, Peter Mead, Matt Pullock, Danny Berara (Coach) SECOND ROW Ray King (Asst. Physio), Reg Game (Physio), Bobby Thomson, John Ryan, John Faulkner, Keith Barber, Graham Horn, Barry Butlin (Nottm. Forest), Alan Garner (Watford), Steve Litt, Paul Price, David Pleat (Coach), Roy McCrohan (Chief Coach) THIRD ROW Ron Futcher, Peter Anderson, Brian Chambers, Alan West, Harry Haslam (Manager), Paul Futcher, Jimmy Ryan, Rod Fern, David Carr FRONT ROW Martin Chalmers, Alan Biley, Steve Russell, Laurence Coyne.

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Personality Parade

By Tony Pullein

The peak of most young players' ambition is to play for Manchester United. Even though the club may temporarily be out of the lime-light, the name is one of the most famous in world soccer. Yet Luton's John Aston unashamedly admits: "I was desperate to get away from Old Trafford."

In John's case, he had a special reason for that get-away desire. "The situation with United was rather difficult for me in many ways because my father was on the coaching staff and I felt I should make a complete break," he explains.

John Aston senior was one of the best left-backs of the immediate post-war era when United were at their peak. He won an F.A. Cup winners' medal in 1948 and was capped by England on 17 occasions.

When illness brought his career to a close he was given a job behind the scenes and he remains to this day a very famous figure at Old Trafford. Naturally, when young John started to shape a bit at soccer, Dad took him along to Old Trafford.

Unlike Dad, son John was a winger. He made his First Division bow for United in 1964/65 and it wasn't long before he won a regular place.

Perhaps his most memorable match for United was in the 1968 European Cup final at Wembley when he turned on a super show, continually bamboozling the Benfica defence which eventually crumbled to lose 1-4 after extra-time.

A couple of years after that he was picked, rather belatedly, for the England under-23 side. Then, tragedy.

A broken leg forced him out of the game and spelt the beginning of the end of his days as a Manchester United player. When the limb was mended, it took John a long while to regain his confidence and, somehow, he could not again find that spark which made him such an outstanding player earlier.

Most of his games now were for the second team, a situation which was somewhat depressing. It was suggested to him that he might be better off with another club and as he was a personal friend of several Luton

players — Jimmy Ryan and Ken Goodeve, then a Luton player, had been his colleagues at Old Trafford — he made a fresh start at Kenilworth Road in x972 following a £30,000 transfer.

"I was never disappointed at leaving Old Trafford," he smiled. "At Luton I found a happy club where there was an outstanding relationship between the management and players — an essential for a successful club. From the start, I believed we were heading for the First Division and I wasn't surprised when we won promotion last season."

True, the Hatters are struggling at the moment. Yet their spirits remain high and, in spite of the club's position, John Aston reaffirms that he is far happier now than he was in his closing months at Old Trafford.

League record: Manchester United 139(17) aps. 25 gls. — Luton 105 aps. 18 gls.



JOHN ASTON



Peter Carr joins in the assault of the Fulham goal during the first half of last Saturday's Cup-tie.

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE VISITING PLAYERS

by TONY PULLEIN

GRAHAM HORN (Goalkeeper). Luton paid Arsenal £25,000 for Graham and, though he had not played in the Gunners' first-team, he played several League games for Portsmouth while on loan to them in 1972/73. He has now established himself as first-choice at Kenilworth Road.

League record: Arsenal nil aps.; Portsmouth 22 aps.; Luton 58 aps.

JOHN RYAN (Defender). John, a Fulham regular in their First Division days, joined Luton in 1969 and has been a permanent member of the Hatters' senior squad ever since.

League record: Fulham 41(4) aps. 1 gl.; Luton 220(3) aps. 8 gls.



PAUL FUTCHER

JOHN FAULKNER (Defender). John first sprang to national fame as the centre-half of amateurs Sutton United who met Leeds United in the F.A. Cup five seasons ago. He played so well that Leeds signed him shortly afterwards. When he dropped out of the reckoning for a first-team place at Elland Road, he linked with Luton three seasons ago.

League record: Leeds 2 aps.; Luton 93 aps. 3 gls.

PAUL FUTCHER (Defender). Luton paid Chester £100,000 for Paul last summer, at the same time paying a further £25,000 for his twin brother Ron. Paul, tipped for top honours, gave a good account of himself in the pre-season Texaco Cup-ties and has now established himself in the senior side.

League record: Chester 20 aps.; Luton 13(1) aps.

STEVE BUCKLEY (Defender). Steve joined the Hatters from Burton Albion and made his League debut in the 0—0 draw with Leicester in October. Now he has taken over the left-back position from former England international Bobby Thomson.

League record: Luton 14 aps.

BOBBY THOMSON (Defender). Bobby won eight England caps and appeared in 15 under-23 games, during his Wolves' days. He transferred to Birmingham in 1969, later spent a few weeks on loan to Walsall and signed for Luton in 1972.

League record: Wolves 277 aps. 2 gls.; Birmingham 62(1)aps.; Walsall 9 aps. 1 gl.; Luton 101 aps. 1 gl.

PETER ANDERSON (Midfield). Peter made a quick conversion from non-League circles. Signed from Hendon in 1971, he went immediately into Luton's first-team in 1971/72 and was their top scorer.

League record: Luton 151(3) aps. 26 gls.



ALAN WEST

JIMMY RYAN (Midfield). Jimmy was for several years a Manchester United player but it was after his transfer to Luton in 1970 that he began to play regular League football. Last season he took over as Luton's penalty taker.

League record: Man. Un. 21(3) aps. 4 gls.; Luton 140(9) aps. 17 gls.

ALAN WEST (Midfield). Luton paid a then club record £80,000 to sign Alan last season. He developed in Burnley's juniors and, when he lost his first-team place last season, he had apparently signed for Sunderland. But the Roker club called off the deal on medical grounds.

League record: Burnley 41(4) aps. 3 gls.; Luton 65 aps. 1 gl.

ADRIAN ALSTON (Striker). Adrian hit the summer headlines as one of the Australian's World Cup stars. Though he was ready to sign for Hertha Berlin, he changed his mind to join Luton. His club — Safeway United (Sydney) — received a £12,500 fee. Adrian was born in Lancashire.

League record: Luton 5(2) aps. 4 gls.

RON FUTCHER (Striker). Ron made a sensational start to his First Division career, scoring on his debut against Ipswich on Boxing Day then claiming a hat-trick against Wolves two days later. Luton signed him from Chester last summer.

League record: Chester 4 aps.; Luton 10 aps. 5 gls.

JIMMY HUSBAND (Striker). Jimmy's transfer cost Luton £70,000 when he left Everton last season. He made his League bow for Everton in 1965 and later won five England under-23 caps. Earlier he had played in school and youth internationals.

League record: Everton 158(7) aps. 44 gls.; Luton 46 aps. 9 gls.

JOHN ASTON — see special feature.

PETER SPIRING (Striker). Luton paid Liverpool £70,000 for Peter early this season but he lost his place, through injury, after only five games. He spent almost two years at Anfield, following his transfer from Bristol City, but didn't get into their first-te.

League record: Bristol City 57(5) aps. 16 gls.; Liverpool nil aps.; Luton 5 aps. 1 gl.



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Partly as a result of cup ties which have necessitated revision of the original fixture lists and partly due to the original lists themselves, our sequence of home and away games this season has followed some peculiar patterns. Today, as we welcome Luton Town, we are making our fourth consecutive Saturday appearance at Brunton Park although sandwiched between these we did travel to Leeds on 25th February. Following today's match we have three consecutive away trips to Manchester City (next Wednesday), Stoke City (next Saturday) and Birmingham City on 25th March. That little sequence is then followed by consecutive home games against Everton, Burnley and Coventry City.

During the course of the full season we will, on two occasions, have played three consecutive games at Brunton Park and on three occasions had three consecutive away fixtures. Two consecutive matches, either at home or away, have cropped up no fewer than seven times. The accepted pattern of alternate matches at home seems to have gone by the board this season.

Although receipts from last Saturday's cup tie were an all time record for Brunton Park, many readers will be surprised to learn of the relatively small amount the Club received as its share of the pay-out. The gross takings were approximately £12,300 but after deducting VAT, printing and advertising costs, police charges, gatemen and match officials' fees, the visiting club's hotel and travel expenses and a statutory payment to the St. John Ambulance Brigade our actual share of the balance was £3,173.

It is also surprising to note that, even allowing for increased admission charges which most clubs have levied this season, our takings for reaching the 6th round of the cup competition fall considerably short of the figure received last year when we went out in the 4th round after two matches against both Sunderland and Liverpool. Those four games attracted 114,740 spectators and our share of the net receipts came to £16,772. This year 74,388 people witnessed four matches and our share of the takings amounted to £11,921.

Supporters travelling to any of the next three away matches might like to make a note of the Grandstand ticket prices. Reserved seats are available in advance from Manchester City at 85p, 95p and £1.25 (limited number only) and on the day of the match only, in the Platt Lane Stand, at 65p. Seats are bookable in advance from Stoke at £1, £1.10 and £1.30 and from Birmingham at £1.10. Birmingham also have unreserved seats on sale on the match day at 75p.

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	Home					Away					Average Attendance	Leading Scorers		
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A	Pts				
1. Everton	32	9	7	1	28	14	5	7	3	20	15	42	39334	Latchford 14, Lyons 7
2. Burnley	33	10	4	3	32	19	6	4	6	24	27	40	19469	Hankin 12, James 12, Fletcher 10
3. Derby County	32	10	3	2	31	15	5	5	7	18	28	38	25007	Lee 12, Rioch 10
4. Liverpool	32	10	4	2	34	16	4	5	7	11	18	37	46576	Heighway 9
5. Stoke City	32	9	6	1	29	14	4	5	7	19	24	37	26207	Greenhoff 9, Hurst 8
6. Ipswich Town	32	12	2	2	31	5	5	0	11	14	25	36	24013	Johnson 8, Lambert 7
7. Leeds United	32	9	5	2	29	14	5	3	8	16	20	36	33996	Clarke 11, McKenzie 11
8. Manchester City	32	13	2	1	33	11	1	6	9	11	33	36	33941	Bell 11, Tueart 11
9. Sheffield Utd.	32	9	6	2	25	17	5	2	8	17	25	36	20444	Field 10, Woodward 10
10. Middlesbrough	32	7	6	3	24	13	5	5	6	16	20	35	28310	Foggon 13
11. Q.P.R.	33	7	3	6	20	16	6	5	6	24	26	34	19640	Givens 15, Bowles 10
12. Newcastle Utd.	31	11	3	2	33	15	3	3	9	15	32	34	36327	Macdonald 16, Tudor 11
13. West Ham Utd.	32	8	5	3	32	16	3	6	7	16	25	33	30272	Jennings 11, Robson 9
14. Coventry City	33	7	7	3	26	21	3	5	8	18	30	32	18567	Cross 7
15. Wolverhampton	32	8	4	4	27	7	2	6	8	12	23	30	23058	Hibbitt 10, Richards 9
16. Birmingham City	32	8	2	6	26	22	3	4	9	14	26	28	30323	Hatton 12, Francis 10
17. Chelsea	32	4	6	6	19	26	4	6	6	18	28	28	27479	Hutchinson 7
18. Arsenal	30	6	4	4	21	12	3	3	10	12	24	25	29328	Kidd 12, Ball 8
19. Tottenham	33	4	4	8	18	22	4	4	9	20	29	24	22948	Chivers 9, Duncan 7
20. Leicester City	31	4	5	6	13	14	4	3	9	16	30	24	22084	Worthington 12
21. Luton Town	32	4	5	7	17	23	1	5	10	11	25	20	16718	Futcher 5
22. Carlisle Utd.	32	5	1	10	13	17	3	2	11	17	28	19	15455	O'Neill 7, Laidlaw 5, Martin 5



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Carlisle United 0 Fulham 1

... unfortunately for Carlisle, however, they also showed their old failing of weak finishing. When you discount Joe Laidlaw's 10th minute shot and a few in a late flurry one has said all one need, or really could, about Carlisle's hopes of getting a goal.

It may be significant, but for me their man of the match, even almost in attack for his overlapping, was the Scottish defender John Gorman, but no man, however talented and obviously willing, can win such a game.

Don Evans (News of the World)

Without ever looking any more than a mediocre Second Division outfit, Carlisle still had enough chances to have gone through but the penalty area malady that has dogged them all season was again in evidence with the final shooting attempt too often haphazard.

Ivor Broadis (Sunday Sun)

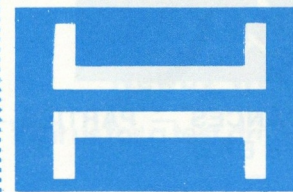
The gods were certainly on Fulham's side in the first half in the tweedy pastoral atmosphere at Brunton Park yesterday when their goal survived several boisterous assaults led by the sprightly Laidlaw. But Mellor had a brave and splendid time in Fulham's goal and made two tremendous saves from Laidlaw and Green before half-time when Fulham were being hard pressed.

John Moynihan (Sunday Telegraph)

All Fulham had come for was a draw — and there never looked any likelihood of them getting even a break-away goal to win it. But win they did!

It was a pretty ridiculous state of affairs, but Carlisle had only themselves to blame. They did the perfect smash-and-grab act on Fulham, except they forgot to take the jewels. They attacked throughout with some good looking football but just couldn't put the ball in the net.

Len Shackleton (Sunday People)



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Action from last Saturday's Cup-tie: United's Joe Laidlaw and Fulham's John Lacy challenge for the ball.

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**CLAIMING DATES.
SHEFFIELD ROOM.**

Tuesday 18th March, Members Private Dance.
Wednesday 19th March, Members Private Dance.
Thursday 20th March, Members Private Dance.

EXECUTIVE ROOM.

Saturday 15th March, Members Private 21st Reception.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS TO MANCHESTER CITY, 1st Division Game.

A bus will leave the Crescent at 3.45 pm on Wednesday 19th March, calling at Penrith, Kendal and Lancaster, then direct to Maine Road. The bus will return immediately after the game, stopping en-route for a meal. Fare £1.10p. Bookings taken today at the Caravan in front of the Main Stand.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS TO STOKE CITY, 1st Division Game.

A bus will leave the Crescent at 9.00am on Saturday 22nd March, calling at Penrith, Kendal and Lancaster and returning after the game. Fare £1.40p.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS TO BIRMINGHAM CITY, 1st Division Game

A bus will leave the Crescent at 1.30pm on Tuesday 25th March, calling at Penrith, Kendal and Lancaster and returning after the Game. Fare £1.70p.

FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CLUB.

Saturday 15th March, Vera Gordon, Terrific Musical Entertainer.
Saturday 22nd March, Jim Lane, Piano Vocal and Comedy.
Please see Club Notice Board for Sunday Entertainment, presented by Jimmy Dunn, Sunderland.

COME DANCING.

Friday 21st March, 8.00pm to 9.00pm and 10.00pm to 11.00pm.
Bingo at 9.00pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

CUMBRIANS GRAND EASTER DRAWING (£500 in Prizes).
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Wednesday 26th March, Stan Wharton Knock-Out Darts competition, Final and Dance.

Monday April 7th, Penrith. Quiz.

Thursday April 10th, Liberal Club. Quiz & Question & Answer.

Saturday April 12th, Crown & Mitre Sportsmans Stag Dinner.

(Speaker FRED TRUEMAN)

Sunday April 13th, Cricket Match. Edenside Cumbria Select v Leicester.

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NEXT HOME MATCH

29th March 1975
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

EVERTON
(First Division)

TO-DAYS REFEREE



JOHN RICE (Leyland, Lanc.) Appointed to The League line in 1967 after serving in the West Lancs. League and Lancashire Combination. Promoted to the supplementary list in 1970 and the full list two years later. Was a linesman for the Italy-Sweden international in September 1973. A married man with two sons, he works as an engineering turner.



Linesmen:
R. W. Cooper (red flag)
R. Fairley (orange flag)

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