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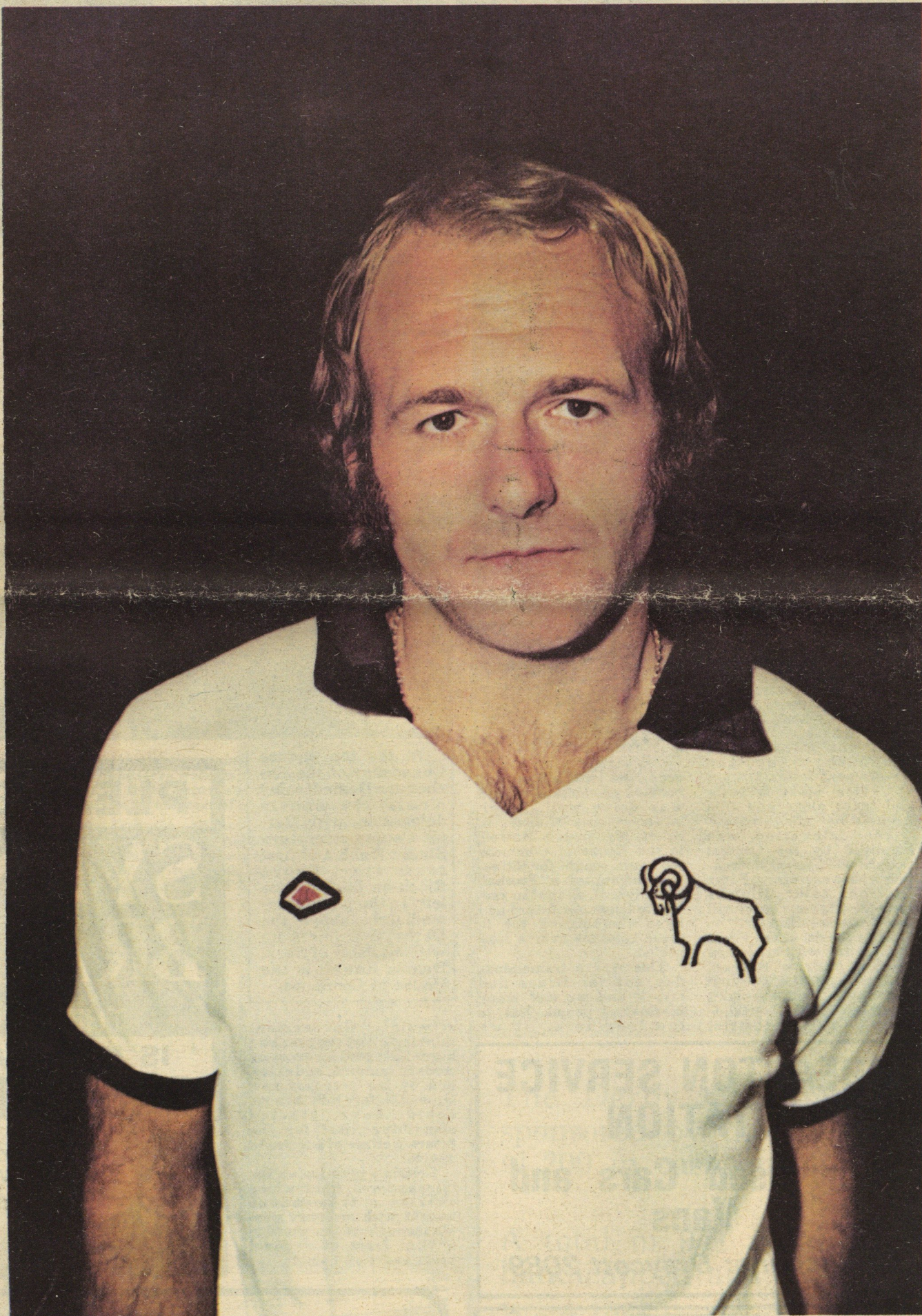
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ARE WE UNLUCKY?

Look at some remarkable pictures on page 7, and then judge whether David Nish was lucky to get the goal Newcastle argued didn't cross the line last Saturday. Picture on page 11.

Luton Team Pic
Page 6

Luton Pen Pix
Page 10.



Bruce Rioch plays his 350th League game today

BRUCE RIOCH, who scored a fantastic solo goal at Newcastle last Saturday, plays in the 350th League game of his career today... against the club where he started.

At Luton he made 147 League appearances. Moving on to Villa he made 155 League appearances before his transfer and today's will be Rioch's 48th League game for Derby County.

Last Saturday's was his 11th League goal of the season, only two coming from the penalty spot. Manager Dave Mackay, who bought Bruce to provide some goal-scoring bite from midfield positions, is delighted with Rioch.

"He's great. The goals are coming thick and fast from him now that he is completely adjusted to the First Division".

Rams skipper Archie Gemmill, who took over the captaincy when club captain Roy McFarland lost this season with injury while playing for England. The Scottish international took time to adjust to the responsibilities but his form since, has been a revelation. Our Easter thanks to him for a good job done throughout the season. Happy Easter to all our supporters.

YOUR 16 PAGE RAM FOR EASTER TUESDAY (v MAN CITY, 7.30) IN THE SHOPS ON SUNDAY MORNING.

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semi-finalists 1967-68. Texaco
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20/9/69). Record Receipts:
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Cup semi-final, 25th April,
1973. Division 1 (Founders-
members) 1888-1907. Division
2 1907-12. Division 1 1912-
14. Division 2 1914-15.
Division 1 1915-21. Division 2
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Division 2 1953-55.
Division 3 (North) 1955-57.
Division 2 1957-69. Division 1
1969. Record Victory 9-0 v
Wolves (League 10/1/1891)
and v Sheffield Wednesday
(League, 21/1/1899). Most
Goals Steve Bloomer, 297,
1892-1914. Highest in
League season 37, Jack
Bowers 1930-31. Ray Straw
1956-57. Most League
Appearances Jack Parry, 478,
1949-66. Youngest League
Debut Steve Powell, 16 years
33 days, v Arsenal (23/10/71).
Most Caps with Rams Alan
Durban (Wales) 27, Sammy
Crooks (England) 26. Record
Transfer Fee paid David Nish,
£225,000 from Leicester City,
August 1972. Record Transfer
Fee received John Robson,
£95,000 to Aston Villa,
December 1972. Managers
since Second World War:
Messrs. Stuart McMillan
(January 1946 to November
1953), Jack Barker (November
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DERBY COUNTY REPRESENTED SOCCER AT A DOWNING STREET GATHERING LAST MONDAY

Can sport survive?

BRUCE RIOCH and
myself were honoured
last Monday by
representing profes-
sional football in a de-
legation of about a
dozen people who lob-
bied the Chancellor of
the Exchequer at a
special reception in
Number 11 Downing
Street, seeking a better
financial deal for British
sport.

The delegation was led
by Olympic Gold medallist
Mary Peters and included
people like Colin Cowdrey.
Its message was the one
which Derby County have
hammered out in these
columns over the past two
or three years:

1. VAT takes £11m a
year from professional
soccer, £40,000 from Derby
County alone. The plea for
all sport to be given zero
VAT rating is one of car-
dinal points in a Fair Play
for Sport Campaign which
is building up throughout
the country.

The Arts Council are
given massive grants more
than three times the
amount given to sport
which aims to develop the
minds and bodies of our
young people.

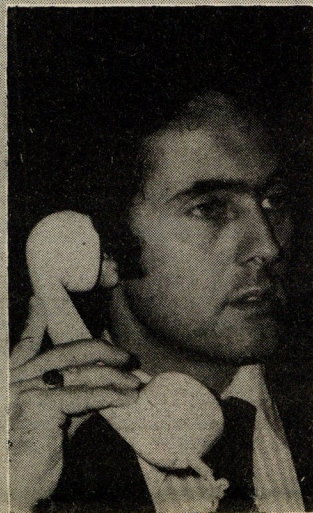
2. If the Safety and
Sports Grounds Bill goes
through in its present form
it could mean major spend-
ing on stadia and could
cripple many League clubs.

The plea of the delega-
tion to Chancellor Healey
was: please don't rob us of
so much of our own money.
We were not asking him to
open his purse strings in
difficult economic times,
but to let us keep more of
what we have.

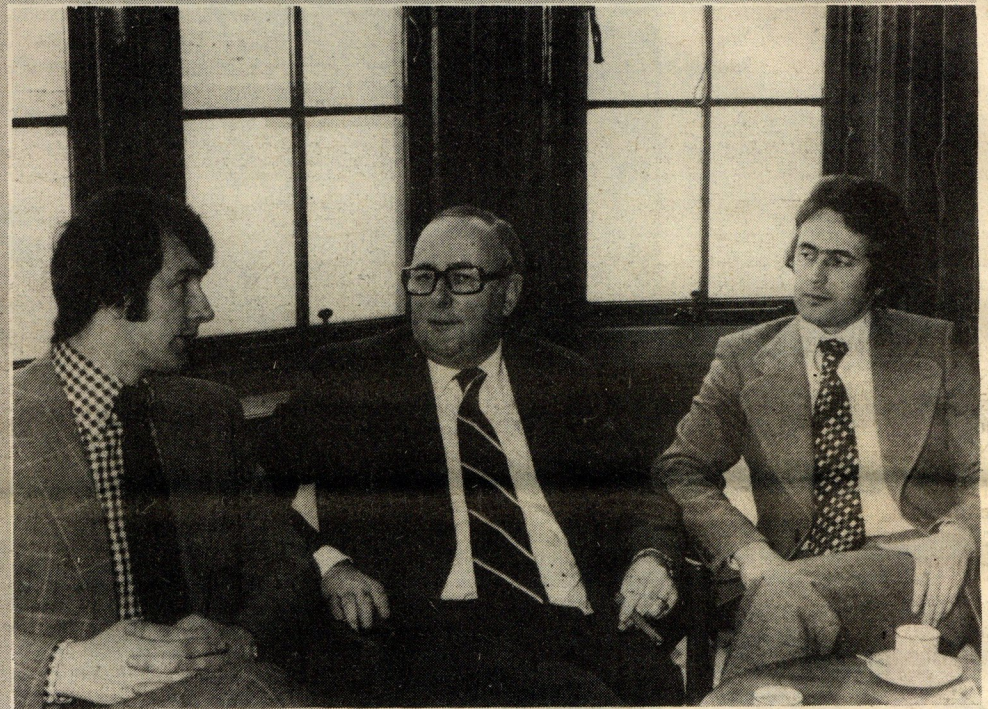
He was given figures
which show that the
Government takes £16m a
year from sport in rates
and taxes alone and £8m
from VAT.

The delegation was
arranged by the Central
Council of Physical Recrea-
tion whose secretary, Peter
Lawson, said: "Unless
something is done sport will
face financial disaster."

Afterwards, at the Press
Conference, we were joined
by Sir Andrew Steven,
Chairman of the Football
Association, and the point
was made to the Chancellor
that in most industrial



**SECRETARY
STUART
WEBB'S
COLUMN**



In the top picture
Chancellor of the Ex-
chequer Denis Healey
meets the sports
delegation, with Der-
by County Secretary
Stuart Webb and first
team star, Bruce
Rioch on the extreme
left. In the picture im-
mediately above the
Derby pair meet up
with Minister of Sport
Dennis Howell in the
House of Commons.

areas the local league club
boosted production when it
was doing well. Later,
when we met Minister of
Sport, Mr. Dennis Howell,
in the House of Commons
we again sought for the es-
tablishment of a Football
Levy Board, as that in rac-
ing, to boost our future as I
have campaigned for in
these columns over a long
period.

This was a tremendous
day out for Bruce and
myself and we met many
fascinating people. But, in
the long term, if we

stimulate Government
thinking about the crushing
burdens forced on sport by
modern taxation, and rates,
and by the proposed new
Ground Safety bill, then we
could have started
something vital for the
future welfare of our young
people.

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international field which
carries a tremendous
weight with ordinary peo-
ple throughout the world is
a vital facet of national
pride and well-being.

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Baseball Ground area residents' damage protests

WORST DAY OF FAN VIOLENCE

From the Derby Evening Telegraph, March 17

**WHOSE
IS
THE
BLAME?**



inside VIEW

FRONT PAGE headlines in the *Derby Evening Telegraph* on Monday March 17, after our last home match with neighbouring Stoke City, proclaimed "Worst Day of Fan violence".

With widespread damage done to windows, doors and shops in the Baseball Ground area by people purporting to be supporters of either club, it is no wonder it all made headlines.

Derby County are appalled that some of this was done by a few scores of people who parade in their name. And the club do not intend to put their heads in the sand and pretend it hasn't happened...or that it will all go away if we don't look.

But people who blame football, who blame the clubs, for these rampaging young thugs, are evading the real issue. And that is that unrest, indiscipline, violence are part of a national malaise which is showing everywhere.

Derby County cannot be held responsible for the antics of young people with whom they have no connection, and with whom they want no connection. The first place to look to for correction of these ills is in the home. Parents have a terrible responsibility for

current standards among the young. So do the schools. So does society.

It is easy to blame Derby, or any other club. It is simple to tag these people "football hooligans" when in fact they are simply hooligans.

Football doesn't come into it except that it offers them a vehicle where they can, in a crowd, meet other young hooligans from other centres with whom to battle.

The pity of it is that property en route to and from the railway station or from bus parks is being damaged as the gangs melee in strength.

By and large most of the bother has been extinguished on the ground itself so the louts have now turned to battling on their way to and from a game. This club, like all clubs, take the responsibility for paying for enough police to service the ground and the safety of all in it during games.

But how, by any stretch of imagination, can we or any other football club be expected to be held responsible for the behaviour of people before they enter or after they leave the stadium? Hooliganism has hit the game badly as attendances slump because of it...even though away from Pop side or Kop side areas there is almost never any trouble...without the added burden of hysterical and irresponsible charges that clubs should pay for the damage caused.

WHY NOT THE PARENTS OF THE CULPRITS? WE REPEAT: THEIRS IS THE REAL RESPONSIBILITY... AND THERE THE ONUS FOR COMPENSATION LIES.

Would they have been shamed?

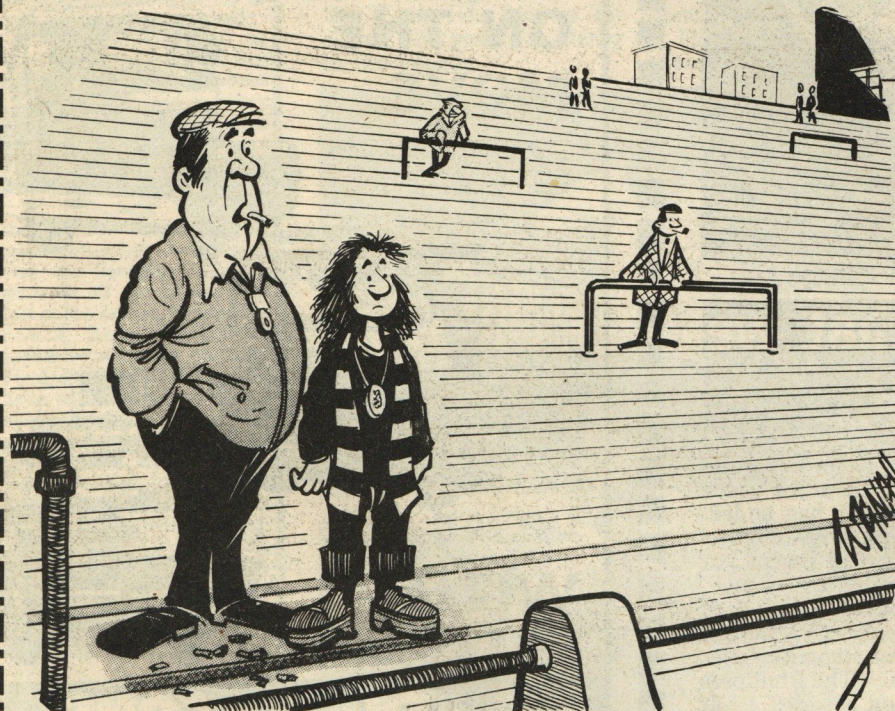
PERHAPS the lunatic fringe of so-called football supporters from Stoke AND Derby who created trouble would have been ashamed had they seen the friendship and sportsmanship behind the scenes from the players and officials of both clubs.

In the Board Room afterwards the first question from both sides was: has there been any trouble? Yet there was nothing done by the players of either side on the pitch to heat the atmosphere. Cast your minds back. On a terrible surface this was a great game fought in wonderful spirit by two fine sides. There wasn't one dirty foul, few that were hard even. Football was the winner on the pitch, the loser off it.

Football as a whole wants nothing to do with the hooligans. Youngsters who taunt the opposition, seek them out as part of their Saturday afternoon entertainment, have no place with the rest of us at the Baseball Ground.

We have a few who call themselves Derby County supporters. In fact they are the biggest single menace to the future of this club and of the game. We are determined, with the help of our tremendously active and wonderful police force, to root them out for good. One by one.

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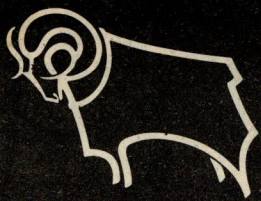
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RAM TALK



WHY CHARLIE PURRED FOR TODDY

CHARLIE FERGUSON, purred with satisfaction at Newcastle's St. James' Park a week last Saturday. Especially when the press lads told him: "That lad is the greatest England defender since Bobby Moore. And they were talking about Colin Todd."

"I knew he would be from the moment I clapped eyes on him," said the Sunderland chief scout... the man who plucked Toddy out of schoolboy football for Roker Park more than ten years ago.

"Every time I see him play I get a great deal of satisfaction. He is the kind of lad who makes my job worthwhile."

And the Press continue to hurl superlatives at Todd. Said Bob Cass of the Sun: "He is one of soccer's hottest properties. His speed and uncanny reading of an opposition's attacking moves are out of this world." Former Newcastle star Jackie Milburn



Club President, Sir Robertson King, and Chairman, Mr. Sam Longson, present Colin Todd with his PFA Player of the Year Trophy on the pitch before the home match with Stoke... and they did it to tumultuous applause!

IS COLIN TODD WORTH £170,000?

SHOOT takes a critical look at Derby's new star

Shoot Magazine's headline from years ago.

said of him in the *News of the World* after this game: "Mighty Colin... was magnificent."

We're used to it at Derby. So perhaps John Dougray of *The Guardian*

sums it up aptly when he writes: "One could go on all day about Colin Todd's qualities, but these are now so widely recognised that it is sufficient to say he played his usual game." Exactly.

Charlie Ferguson explained: "Perhaps once or twice in a lifetime a

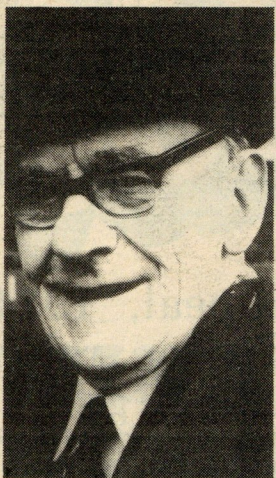
young lady whom you know with absolute certainty is going to make a star.

Not just because of superb natural ability at a tender age, but also because you know he has the character and temperament to keep his feet on the ground, and dedicate himself. Colin Todd was such a lad."

Which makes it opportune to recall that, at the time of his signing by Derby, the critics openly asked whether any defender was worth that amount of money. And, remember, that was before the days when inflation really started to bite.

We reproduce (left), a typical headline of the time, from *Shoot* magazine. At least *Shoot*, give them their credit came out a year later with a second headline: "We Wuz Wrong."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR. PRESIDENT



BELATED GREETINGS from us all to Derby County President, Sir Robertson King, who recently reached his 80th birthday. But who is still attending every home match, and still playing a vital role in the Board Room.

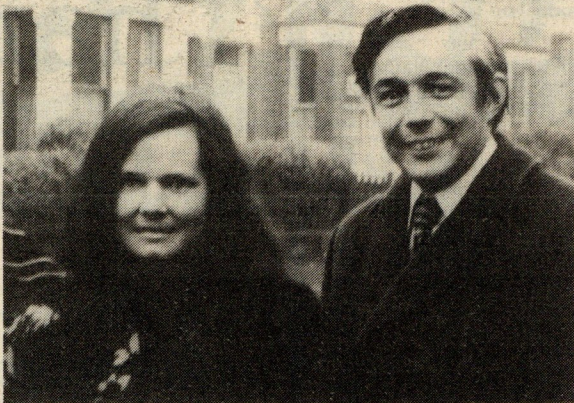
When Derby County fell foul of officialdom five years

ago, and were finally fined £10,000 and banned from Europe, Sir Robertson's wide experience as an arbitrator played a key role in keeping the FA punishment down to manageable level.

"I have served the club for many years, and I hope I may still be able to play a small part," he says.

Sir Robertson has seen many changes in his time and none more significant, he says, than the lifting of the maximum wage. "It brought a great deal of trouble in its wake and none more so than a loosening of players' loyalties which were so evident years ago."

"But we at Derby have been much more lucky than most clubs. Of course we have had our problems but I have been most impressed by the loyalty to the club from the dressing room. It is very much in evidence."



Margaret and Garth Phillips.

Now, they're what we really call fans...

OUR MOST TRAVELLED long-distance regular supporters? We've been looking for them for years, but now it could be that our search has ended. Margaret Phillips and Garth Phillips (above), travel to every home match from Newport in Gwent... and that's a round distance of 300 miles. Every time.

"We're away from home about 12 hours each time," they say, "and the cost of it has spiralled this past year but we wouldn't dream of stopping." Nor are they fair-weather supporters only. The Phillipses have been doing their 300 miles stint since 1971 but before that they lived in Lincoln and did the trip regularly from there for 11 years.

CAN ANYBODY BEAT THAT? We doubt it.

Written by Harry Brown and Marilyn Chapman

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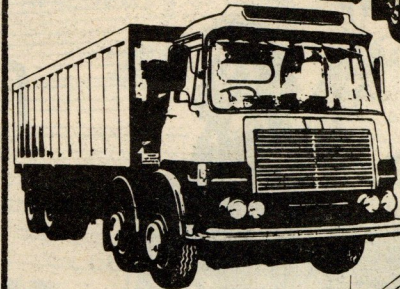
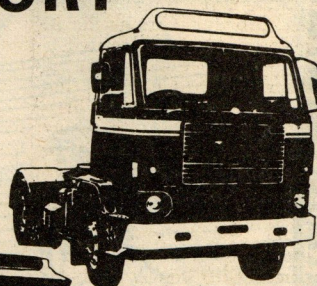
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PLAYER SCOPE



Rams are travelling well . . .

SINCE FRANCIS LEE'S BBC Goal of the Month in December during Derby County's 2-1 win against Manchester City at Maine Road, Rams have played five League fixtures away from home and collected six points from three victories and two defeats.

Their points total from away matches this season is 17, which is already two more than the tally from last season's away programme and also two more than the season before when Rams were in the European Cup.

And the final tally could come very near that of the Championship season of 1971-72 when 22 away points were culled from eight wins and six draws. At the moment Rams have earned six wins and five draws from 18 matches. Only Everton (18) have earned more away points in Division One this season.

Another significant feature is that the attacking policy implemented by Dave Mackay has borne goalscoring fruit. The season's total so far with three left to play away is 20 compared with 12 last season, 12 the year before that, and 25 in the Championship year. But the goals against column gives rise for concern, in a season in which Roy McFarland hasn't kicked a first team ball, with 28 lost compared with 26 last season and 23 in the title year. But can you have your cake and eat it at the same time?

Mind, that 28 conceded has been accentuated by four defeats in which Rams conceded three goals and one where four were lost. The only defeat of reasonable proportions was that at Luton where Rams lost by the only goal of the game. Apart from that, and the 2-3 loss at Birmingham, the number of goals conceded in defeat has been disturbing and plainly affected the club's chances as far as goal average is concerned.

Peter Daniel's goal at Stamford Bridge leaves this as the only ground where Derby have scored in every away League fixture since the 1969 promotion, and the victory was their first on that ground for 23 years.

At Newcastle they won their fourth of six fixtures since returning to Division One, the Geordies failing to score in all the games they lost so the horses-for-courses could help Rams at Leicester who are the only First Division side not to have scored against Derby at home in their current spell in the top flight. Since they came up in 1971 Leicester have lost two and drawn one against Rams at Filbert Street without netting once. Let's hope that's a good omen for the last away game.

FOOTNOTE: Rams have to win all their remaining five home games, including today's, to equal last season's home total of 33 points which was the same as that of the season before but three less than the Championship year tally of 36.

Michael Wilson.



Kevin Hector scoring the 244th goal of his career against Stoke City here a fortnight ago as he was played on-side by a defender's deflection.

King Kev hits yet another milestone...

KEVIN HECTOR has passed quite a few landmarks in his career this season. He made his 500th League appearance at Highfield Road, Coventry in August and then scored his 150th goal in all competitions for Derby in the League Cup Second Round fixture against Portsmouth at Fratton Park in September, writes Mike Wilson.

Later that same month Kevin marked his 400th appearance for the Rams with a goal in the 3-2 defeat of Burnley at the Baseball Ground, a match in which Rams players scored all five goals, Colin Todd and Peter Daniel having the doubtful pleasure of scoring for Burnley.

Last Saturday against Newcastle United at St. James Park, Kevin played his 350th League match for the Rams. He has so far scored 131 goals for Derby in the League.

Kevin's consistency has meant that he has topped the Rams' League scoring lists on five occasions out of a possible eight. The other three were the first seasons in Division One after promotion from the Second Division. John O'Hare was tops with 13 goals in each of the first two seasons and in the third, when Derby won the Championship, Alan Hinton came top with 15 goals, eight from the penalty spot.

Hector's League record stands at 244 goals in 526

appearances for Bradford and Derby. Of the current players still in the League only Ron Davies of Manchester United and Ken Wagstaff of Hull City have scored more goals.

Kevin's hat-trick against Queens Park Rangers earlier this season was his eleventh in his League career. It made him top "hat-trickster" in the Football League.

Only Steve Bloomer and Jack Bowers have scored more goals for Derby County and while Bloomers 297 are out of Kevin's reach a good season in 1975-76 could see his passing Jack Bower's total.



King Kev shows the power in his left foot.

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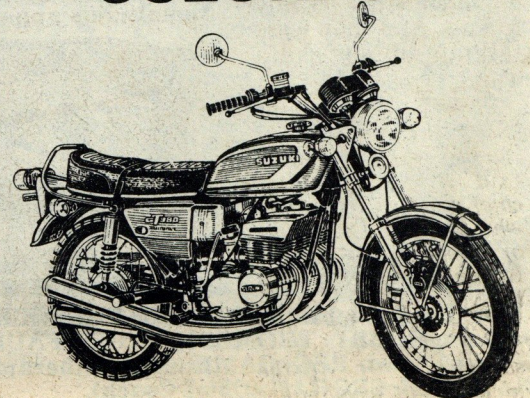
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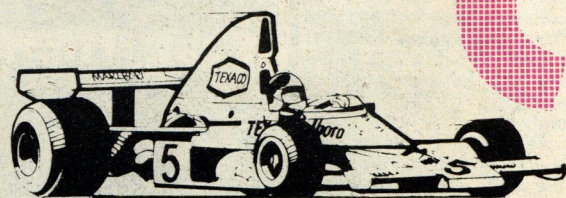


Back row (left to right): MAITLAND POLLOCK, PETER ANDERSON, JOHN RYAN, PAUL FUTCHER, PAUL PRICE, JIMMY HUSBAND.
Middle row: BOBBY THOMSON, JOHN FAULKNER, KEITH BARBER, GRAHAM HORN, BARRY BUTLIN (now Forest), ALAN GARNER, STEVE LITT. Front row: REG GAME (Physiotherapist), BRIAN CHAMBERS, ALAN WEST, HARRY HASLAM (Manager), GORDON HINDSON, JIMMY RYAN, ROY McCROHAN (Chief Coach).

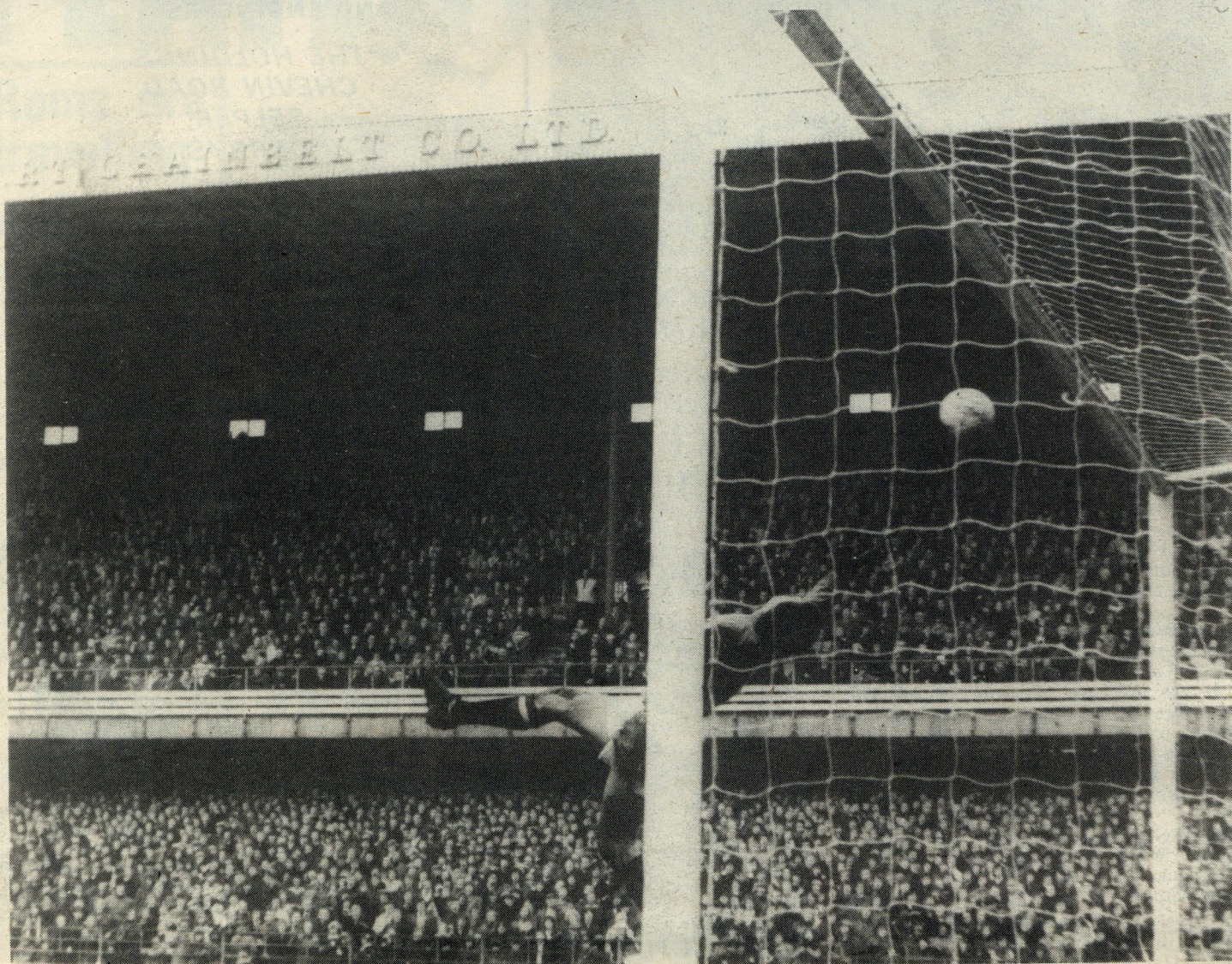


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ARE WE MAKING EXCUSES?



Stoke keeper Peter Shilton is utterly beaten by a cunningly flighted Bruce Rioch chip that hits the lower part of the bar but rebounds to safety.

BARRING MIRACLES, Derby County's Championship chance for 1975 died with that 2-1 home defeat by Stoke City a fortnight ago today.

It was bad luck that a magnificently fought match, on a cruelly mud-racked pitch, should have escaped Rams in the last quarter of an hour through defensive errors after they had dictated most of the game.

Bad luck...dare we mention the word? After we had asked recently when the run of the ball would go Derby's way this season a letter writer (anonymous yet again, we're afraid) wrote:

"Why bemoan the luck? You make your own in this game and Rams aren't good enough to do that. It's lack of skill, not bad luck".

You pays yer money, and yer takes yer choice, but see what the *Guardian* newspaper (as just one example) said of the result.

er of their game with Stoke City. They had several chances to secure the result before half-time, but little luck. The game began after Colin Todd was presented with his

(from the *Guardian*)

And look at the pictures on this page.

No, Derby's luck was dead out. The ball bobbled wrong more than once, skidded and stopped. Most neutrals agreed that Stoke had more of the unmanipulated breaks, that last minute goal when Rod Thomas tried a back-pass which got lost.

Right, blame him for that if you will, but players of both sides had used the back ball to their keepers all afternoon without amiss until this one bogged down in the mud.

No. It's our view it's that sort of season for Rams. **WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

We won't apologise, anyway



The game's less than five minutes old and Kevin Hector has a stranded keeper out of goal and only one defender on the line...but from five yards or so he knocks the ball yards wide with his right foot. "It skidded on to me and off the outside of my boot", he ruefully recalled later.



Shilton's in trouble again as a Hinton shot flashes past his left hand, but also scrapes the outside of his far post.



Shilton fails to touch a Hinton cross as Hector challenges... but the ball drops just wide of his far post. And these are only four examples of a series of near misses.

Derby County record keepers (and STATISTICIANS)



IT'S AMAZING the number of people who keep scrapbooks, programmes and match statistics of Derby County matches. And many who have collected for years applied to us for the record books of former Rams' fan Reg Trueman who died at Christmas.

You will probably remember we published a picture of a page from his records in *The Ram* a month ago and reported that Mr. Trueman's sister asked Derby County director Mr. Frederick (Bob) Innes to see they went to someone who would value them.

From the many letters we received Mr. Innes chose that of Steve Stone, 22 Wilmot Street, Ilkeston to receive the Trueman records. Mr. Stone, a teacher, is Chairman of

Ilkeston Junior Rams, a thriving group of youngsters who have their own newspaper in which they are able to reproduce cuttings, letters and records from the originals by a special light-sensitive stencil cutter.

They also collect programmes for distribution among members, put many items of Derby County interest on display at meetings, and fill two 100-paged scrapbooks a month with pictures, clippings and news.

"If we get the books we shall put them on display and use extracts in our newspaper. Put to use in this way a great number of people would be able to read them and thus provide an excellent tribute to the gentleman who compiled them."

Said Mr. Innes: "I feel so many young people will benefit from his organising ability that Steve Stone should have them."

Rams supporters arriving in London for Derby County's 1946 F.A. Cup Final win over Charlton at Wembley. It's a memory saved by "Old Bill," 7 Chesnut Avenue, Mickleover.

He will be invited to meet Mr. Innes at the ground before the Manchester City match next Tuesday to be presented with the records and be a guest at the match, as will six other avid collectors alof whom, Mr. Innes felt, deserved some reward for their enthusiastic records of Derby County. They are:

John Morley, 5 Stenson Avenue, Sunnyhill, Derby who is 27 and has missed only two home matches in ten years, and not so many more away games. He has a large collection of magazines, programmes and Rams statistics.

Mr. B. G. Cox, 74 Westfield Road, Swadlincote is a 46-year-old paddock season ticket holder who has all Rams' match results from 1888, scrapbooks and programmes from 1943, and every copy of the *Ram*. His mates call him Mr. Derby County and his wife says he's Rams mad.

Mr. M. Curtin, 37 Leopold Street, Derby is a 19-year-old student and a Pop side season ticket holder, who has hundreds of Derby programmes home and away back to 1942 and hundreds of press cuttings and newspapers about Rams including the *Derby Evening Telegraph* Cup winning edition of 1946. His biggest regret is that he can't get a 1946 FA Cup Final programme.

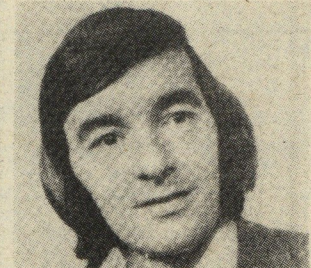
Mr. J. Bowler, 74 Wood Road, Chaddesden has complete records on Rams since 1968 and, a keen statistician, has many league tables, results, scorers and appearances. Spends a lot of time seeking Rams information and recording it.

Andrew Mitchell, 5 Birches Avenue, South Wingfield, Derbyshire is a 15-year-old Osmaston Stand ticket holder who has a collection of 1,270 programmes, mostly home and away, and who has kept statistics on all matches these past two years. Has saved programmes since he was seven and is anxious to get complete Rams records from the start as the years progress. Has every single *Ram* published, kept in binders.

Ken Smith, manager of North Birmingham Squash Rackets Club at Gravelly Lane, Erdington, Birmingham has been a Rams fan for 15 years but his visits are now restricted by his job. He has the *Ram* and the *Derby Evening Telegraph* on subscription and has statistics on Rams going back many years.

WHO SAID SOCCER PRODUCED ONLY TROUBLE? AS MR. BOB INNES TOLD US: "WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE SUPPORTERS LIKE THESE."

Watch out for this man . . .



WERE OUR FACES RED! On page 11 of our last edition we urged all fans in Ashby and Loughborough to look out for Derby County Promotion Sales Manager Peter Hill last week.

"They'll be searching out Rams fans to act as Special Agents. Whether you are in a club or pub, or walking down the street," we said, "don't miss Peter."

Fine so far. But then came the rub. We went on: "Believe us, you'll be glad you saw him. Take another look at Peter Hill above . . . and look out for him."

What's wrong with that, then? Only that the man's picture was left out. Right, so we're trying again. This time the picture should be at the head of this story . . . and if it isn't, then somebody's head is going to roll.

Peter and his special girls will be in Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Loughborough from Wednesday until Saturday next week.

South Peak Dance at Matlock Bath

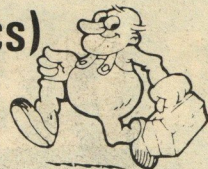
South Peak branch of the Rams' Supporters' Club, are holding their Spring dance on Saturday, April 19, at The Pavilion, Matlock Bath.

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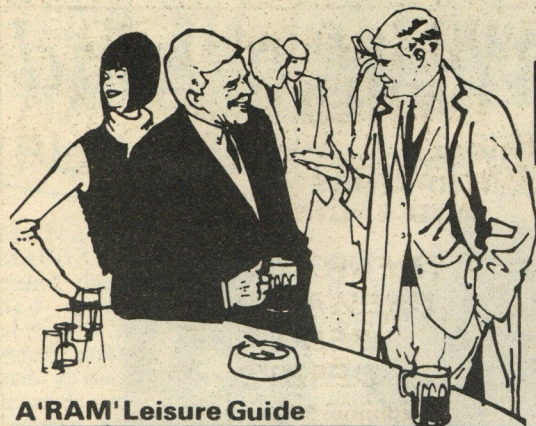
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LOOKING AT THE YOUNG RAMS WHEN GRAHAM HARNESSSES HIS SKILLS...LOOK OUT!

GRAHAM FERN, a 17-year-old midfield Rams apprentice from Burton-on-Trent, has tremendous natural ability. Perhaps too much.

Members of the Baseball Ground training staff are always careful not to coach natural ability from a player, but it has to be harnessed to team requirements no matter in which class of football, or with what team, a player is appearing.

Young Fern can shake off an opposition by a quick move of the hips. He can take on, and beat, a man with grace and he has the ability to find colleagues equally well with short or long balls. He reads situations well.

Everything to commend him, it seems, but his weakness is that he tends to hang on to the ball too long and to do too much individually, as is common in youngsters with great skills. The problem is to quicken up Graham's mental attitude so that, having read situations, he is able quickly to do the right thing to the benefit of the team



as a whole.

Graham is a quick and eager learner, though, and he is adjusting himself rapidly to the

demands of the correct application of his commendable skills. When he achieves that... then watch out!

FIRST DIVISION SCENE SET BY TONY PULLEIN



BAD WEATHER could bring the crowds flocking to football this Easter weekend, bringing with it another crowd boom. Yet, if the sun shines, many families might prefer the lure of the countryside to football, yet surely not in Derby where the Championship is still within Rams' grasp.

The tendency has been to reduce the number of holiday fixtures in recent years. Christmas Day games have been completely abandoned. Though, due to the high crowds which turned up last Boxing Day, it is possible that Christmas Day games may be re-introduced next term. It would seem that the fans want Christmas football after all.

Though we cannot really draw any comparison between the Christmas and Easter habits of soccer fans — the weather is often a deciding fac-

EASTER PARADE: DOES WEATHER HOLD THE KEY?

tor in the latter case — it will be interesting to look at this weekend's attendance figures to see how they compare with the trend throughout the season.

One or two crowd records have been set up this time of the year in the past. It was at Easter exactly 14 years ago that the Fourth Division's record attendance was established, 37,774 people turning up to see Crystal Palace play Millwall.

Those who do turn up for today's games could see more exciting football and enjoy some traditional Easter fun. Many unusual feats have been performed at Eastertide.

Among the big goals hauls at Easter was the Football League record of ten hit by Luton's Joe Payne, on his debut at

centre forward, in a 12-0 victory over Bristol Rovers at Easter 1936.

Two Easters ago Southend's Chris Guthrie hit hat-tricks on successive days against Port Vale and Chesterfield.

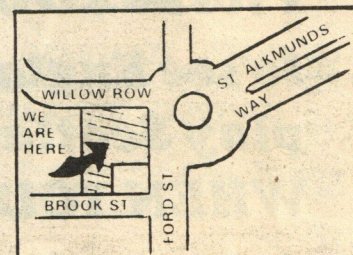
You may have noted that Everton had no home game on Good Friday. This is the result of a long standing agreement. Everton many years ago drew up an agreement with the Vicar of the church which stands on a corner of their magnificent stadium, never to play at such times as would interfere with his Good Friday services. They still honour the arrangement.

Many a promotion or relegation issue has been settled at Easter and it is certain that the future of several clubs will be decided this weekend.

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MEN FROM LUTON *Two of a kind*

LUTON'S FIRST YEAR back in Division One has been hard, but their fair play and their attacking ideas, despite problems, have won them many friends.

Their squad line-up is as follows.

GRAHAM HORN (Goalkeeper). Established himself last season. Former England Youth International, signed from Arsenal for a £25,000 fee. At 19 one of the youngest 'keepers to play in the First Division. Height: 6' 1½". Weight: 14 stones. Hobby: Golf.

JOHN RYAN (Right Back). Former Arsenal and Fulham with a wealth of experience. One of the quickest defenders in League football, renowned for his overlapping runs. A water-skiing enthusiast of International standard.



Club coach Roy McCrohan.

BOBBY THOMSON (Left Back and Club Captain). Went to Luton on free transfer from Birmingham City. Capped for England while at Wolves, Bobby has proved to be one of the greatest skippers to wear the 'Hatters' shirt.

PETER ANDERSON (Midfield). Signed for Luton when an amateur with Hendon. Last season's Luton's 'Player of the Year'. A qualified Chartered Accountant.

JOHN FAULKNER (Centre-half). Signed from Leeds United for only £6,000, John first hit the headlines when playing in the epic Cup match for Sutton against Leeds. Plagued by a serious knee injury at Leeds, John, now completely recovered, is realising his full potential.

JIMMY RYAN (Forward). One of several Scots in the Club, joined Luton from Manchester United four years ago. Great ball player, Jimmy only missed three matches during the Hatter's promotion last year.

JIMMY HUSBAND (Forward). Well known for his feats with Everton, joined the Hatters midway through last season against opposition from many leading clubs. Scorer of ten goals including two hat-tricks, last season, Jimmy has settled down as one of the great strikers in the League and is now playing better than at any time in his career. Former International.

ALAN WEST (Forward). Must be one of Manager Harry Haslam's best signings when he joined Town from Burnley. An Under-23 international, Alan is one of the great crowd favourites at Kenilworth Road.

JOHN ASTON (Forward). Now in his second season with the Town, remembered by everyone in football for his great games for Manchester United, particularly in the 1968 European Cup final. One of the few orthodox wingmen left in top football, missed only four matches last season.

GORDON HINDSON (Forward). Signed from Newcastle in 1971. 'Geordie' has now established himself

in the first team squad. Although mainly wearing the number twelve last season, his enthusiasm and ability are a great asset to the team whenever he is called on.

PAUL PRICE (Left Back). One of the 'babes' of the squad. Born nearby at St. Albans, Paul is establishing himself as a fine young defender. Finished last season with a broken leg from which he has made a good recovery.

MAITLAND POLLOCK (Midfield). One of the Scots on the club's books, Maitland was signed at the end of last season from Southern League Burton Albion for a small fee. Has enormous enthusiasm for the game and has quickly become a favourite at Kenilworth Road.

STEVE LITT (Centre-half). Steve's second season with Town after signing from Blackpool. 6' 1" tall, a great young prospect.

BRIAN CHAMBERS (Midfield). Close season signing from Arsenal. Newcastle-born Brian looks forward to establishing



Luton's twins, defender **PAUL FUTCHER** (left) who is younger by 20 minutes than his twin brother **RON**, a striker of great potential. These 17 year olds were close season signings from Chester.

himself with the Hatter's first team squad

KEITH BARBER (Goalkeeper). Signed by Manager Haslam from London senior football, now has a wealth of first team experience, having made over 80 appearances since signing. One of the 'characters' of the squad with a terrific sense of humour.

PAUL FUTCHER (Defender). Chester-born Paul was one of the town's close season signings along

with his identical twin brother, Ronald. Six feet tall, and with great ability. Joining Chester from school, 17 year old Paul is regarded as one of football's stars in the making. Luton secured his signature despite opposition from many First Division clubs. First season as a Professional.

RON FUTCHER (Forward). Came with brother, Paul, from Chester for £20,000. Already made a big impact in the first team, scoring a hat-trick against Wolves on December 28. Looks to have a great future.

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IT'S ALL THERE TO PLAY FOR

MANAGER DAVE MACKAY has never conceded that Derby County had lost their Championship chance at any stage, just as he claimed even in the early days when Ipswich were ahead, that Everton were the ones to beat.

And before the vital Easter programme began yesterday (Friday) Rams were just three points away from second place with two games in hand on Liverpool and one on all the rest, including Everton.

That game in hand is the postponed one against Wolves which will be played on Wednesday, April 9 (7.30). If that had been played, and won, Rams would be second... but that two point gap from leaders is really an effective three as they have a much superior goal average.

Can they be overhauled? As the programmes of all eight leading contenders show below they have vital matches at home against Burnley and Sheffield United to come. But Derby have to go to Middlesbrough and Burnley.

Middlesbrough could provide the key, and win that title for the first time. All their remaining games at home are against sides in the top eight... Burnley, Derby, Everton and Liverpool. That's make or break if you like.

Everton must still be regarded as favourites, the bookmakers certainly think so at 5-4 on. Derby, with Liverpool and Ipswich are equal second favourites at 8-1. Middlesbrough, with Stoke, are a surprising 16-1 while Burnley have gone out to 20-1 in figures quoted by Ladbroke and Corals.

See what you make of it from the remaining fixtures:
Everton: HOME: Coventry, Burnley, Sheff Utd. AWAY: Carlisle (today), Luton, Newcastle, Chelsea.

Ipswich: HOME: Leicester (today), Birmingham, QPR, West Ham. AWAY: Chelsea, Man City, Leeds.

Midsbro: HOME: Burnley (today), Derby, Liverpool. AWAY: Man City (yesterday), Wolves, Coventry, Leicester.

Liverpool: HOME: Birmingham (today), Newcastle, QPR, Carlisle. AWAY: Stoke, Leeds, Midsbro.

Stoke: HOME: Liverpool, Chelsea, Newcastle. AWAY: West Ham (yesterday), Arsenal (today), Sheff Utd., Burnley.

Burnley: HOME: Derby, Spurs, Stoke. AWAY: Carlisle (yesterday), Midsbro (today), Everton, Man City.

Derby Co: HOME: Luton (today), Man City, Wolves, West Ham, Carlisle. AWAY: Burnley, Midsbro, Leicester.

Sheff Utd.: HOME: Leeds, Stoke, Leicester. AWAY: Coventry (today), Arsenal, Birmingham, Everton, Chelsea.

Rams "A" beat Walsall "A" four-nil in a friendly match at Raynesway last Saturday. Keeper Batch saved two penalties in the game.

Rams "A": Batch, Thompson, Dimaline, Fern, Webb, Johnson, Woods, Boseley, Bell, Adam.

AWA' THE LADS!

Newcastle U.....	0
Derby Co.....	2

ON A GREASY-TOPPED pitch, and in dismal weather conditions, Rams won their second consecutive away match in convincing fashion despite below-par performances in some positions. Which made the result even more convincing.

Without doubt the unfortunate injury to **Henry Newton** (manager Dave Mackay condemned the fierce challenge which produced an eight-inch gas in his leg as one of the worst fouls he had seen) upset the balance of the side, but one felt that at **David Nish goal kept them slenderly ahead until three minutes from**



A GOAL? YES!

Newcastle keeper Ian McFaul, his team mates and the crowd protested violently that the **David Nish shot which was pushed on to the bar and bounced down, only to be pulled back by the quickly turning keeper was not a goal. The ref and his linesman agreed it was over the line. Our shot shows the ball going down. All the photographers agree it was over the line... and the picture more than suggests it. What do you think?**

FOOTBALL LEAGUE			
	P.	W.	D.
Everton.....	35	14	16
Liverpool.....	36	16	11
Ipswich.....	35	19	3
Stoke.....	35	16	9
Middlesbro.....	35	15	11
Barnsley.....	35	16	9
Derby Co.....	34	16	8
Sheff. U.....	34	15	9
QPR.....	36	15	8
Man. City.....	35	15	8
Leeds U.....	34	14	9
W. Ham.....	35	12	12
Newcastle.....	34	14	6
Coventry.....	35	10	13
Wolves.....	34	11	10
Birmingham.....	35	12	8
Arsenal.....	33	10	9
Leicester.....	34	9	10
Chelsea.....	35	8	12
Spurs.....	35	8	8
Luton T.....	34	7	10
Carlisle.....	35	9	3

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the end when Bruce Rioch scored on of the best goals you could ever wish to see. Picking up the ball some 40 yards out he strode through the middle taking one man, resisting the hard challenge of another, eluding two more on the edge of the box, and then hitting the sharpest of right foot crackers into the net past the advancing home keeper.

It's as well he did. Home fans were pretty angry when Nish picked up a partly-cleared free kick and cracked home a tremendous drive from outside the box which McFaul palmed up on to the underside of the bar and then turned behind him to grab as it bounced down. On the spot, the linesman signalled it had gone over the line.

Colin Todd was

superb at the back, holding together a back four which was below par. Hector did some great back-running in the second half to tighten the midfield contribution while Roger Davies, always alive and adventurous, hardly lost a ball in the air and showed speed and incision which confirmed what a great player he can be.

Rams: Boulton, Thomas, Nish, Rioch, Daniel, Todd, Newton (sub. Bourne), Gemmill, Davies, Hector, Hinton.

STOKE'S FINE FINISH

Derby County..... 1 Stoke City..... 2
ON A DAY when the ball didn't run well Rams were beaten by a last minute goal from a defensive error, when they were already bemoaning the looseness at the back which gave the visitors an equaliser a few minutes before.

Stoke, who took over in midfield when Hudson began to shine at last, soon after Hector gave Rams the lead ten minutes into the second half, finished strongly. Earlier they had had their chances in a match which ebbed and flowed and they looked likely to be well beaten. But they came back well and no-one could really begrudge them their points although over the piece a draw would have been the fairer result.

Rams: Boulton, Thomas, Nish, Rioch, Daniel, Todd, Newton, Gemmill, Davies, Hector, Hinton.

Shock defeat for Reserves

Derby County Reserves lost ground in their championship challenge in the Central League with their surprising 2-nil defeat by Forest Reserves at the Baseball Ground on Monday night.

A crowd of nearly 3,000 was bitterly disappointed by their worst display of the season. They just couldn't string anything together and fell behind midway through the first half. Their cup of woe ran over when Thompson put through his own goal 15 minutes from the end. One to forget, but still poised for a real title bid are the Reserves with games in hand on their fellow challengers.

Rams Reserves: Moseley, Webster, Chamberlain, King, O'Riordan, Thompson, Powell, Macken, Sims, Carruthers, Bourne.

Following their fine 6-nil win over Sheffield United in mid-week, in which Carruthers and Sims each got hat-tricks in a superb display in front of a 3,600

crowd, Rams were pulled back a bit by Newcastle Utd. Res. who drew 1-1 at the Baseball Ground last Saturday.

Rams fell behind to a penalty given when Moseley had to scramble for a bad back pass but Carruthers equalised.

Roy McFarland started his come-back against Sheffield and has come through the tests well.

Rams 6 Sheff Utd. 0: Moseley, Webster, Griffin, King, O'Riordan, McFarland, Powell, Macken, Sims, Carruthers, Bourne. Sub: Langan for McFarland, 70 mins.

Rams 1 Newcastle Res 1: Moseley, Webster, Griffin, King, O'Riordan, McFarland, Langan, Macken, Sims, Carruthers, Hogan.

"A" REACH CUP SEMI-FINALS

As the Midland Intermediate League table on this page shows, Leicester City are certain Champions with only one game of their programme left. But they went out of the League Cup when Rams "A" beat them two-nil in a great display.

Goals from Egan and Bell rubbed in Derby's superiority in a match which was always a thriller. Derby now meet the winners of a postponed game between Stoke and Port Vale in the Group "A" semi-finals where Shrewsbury Town have already reached the final.

The winners of the Group will meet Group "B" winners in the League Cup final.

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE			
	P.	W.	D.
Leicester.....	24	17	5
Wolves.....	24	15	4
Shrew. T.....	25	14	5
Stoke C.....	24	12	8
Derby C.....	25	11	9
Herefd.....	25	11	6
B'ham.....	26	9	8
Bristol C.....	23	10	5
Walsall.....	22	6	8
W.B.A.....	25	5	8
Mansfld.....	23	6	4
Aston V.....	25	5	4
Port V.....	21	5	3
Cov. C.....	24	2	3

Date	Opponents	Grd.
Aug 17	Everton	42,193 A
Aug 21	COVENTRY	25,717 H
Aug 24	SHEFFIELD UNITED	23,088 H
Aug 27	Coventry	18,586 A
Aug 31	Tottenham Hotspur	20,770 A
Sept 7	NEWCASTLE UNITED	21,197 H
Sept 11	F.L. Cup 2nd Round Portsmouth	13,582 A
Sept 14	Birmingham City	27,795 A
Sept 18	SERVETTE (EUFA Cup)	17,311 H
Sept 21	BURNLEY	21,377 H
Sept 25	CHELSEA	22,036 H
Sept 28	Stoke City	23,590 A
Oct 2	Servette Geneva (EUFA Cup)	9,600 A
Oct 5	West Ham United	32,836 A
Oct 9	Southampton (LC)	14,911 A
Oct 12	LEICESTER CITY	24,753 H
Oct 15	Sheffield United	21,882 A
Oct 19	Carlisle United	13,353 A
Oct 23	ATLETICO MADRID (EUFA Cup 2nd Round)	29,347 H
Oct 26	MIDDLESBOROUGH	24,036 H
Nov 2	Leeds United	24,806 A
Nov 6	ATLETICO MADRID (EUFA Cup 2nd Leg Aggregate score 4-4, Derby won 7-6 on penalties)	45,000 A
Nov 9	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS	23,339 H
Nov 16	Arsenal	32,286 A
Nov 23	IPSWICH TOWN	24,341 H
Nov 27	VELEZ MOSTAR (UEFA Cup)	24,130 H
Dec 7	Liverpool	41,058 A
Dec 11	Velez Mostar (UEFA Cup)	15,000 A
Dec 14	EVERTON	24,991 H
Dec 21	Luton Town	12,862 A
Dec 26	BIRMINGHAM CITY	26,121 H
Dec 28	Manchester City	40,196 A
1975		
Jan 4	ORIENT (F.A. Cup Third Round)	12,490 A
Jan 8	ORIENT (3rd Round Replay)	26,501 H
Jan 11	LIVERPOOL	33,463 H
Jan 18	Wolverhampton Wanderers	24,515 A
Jan 27	BRISTOL R (F.A. Cup 4th Round)	27,980 H
Feb 1	Q.P.R.	20,686 A
Feb 8	LEEDS UNITED	33,641 H
Feb 18	LEEDS UNITED (F.A. Cup 5th Round)	35,298 H
Feb 22	ARSENAL	24,002 H
Feb 25	Ipswich Town	23,078 A
Mar 1	TOTTENHAM H	23,000 H
Mar 8	Chelsea	22,644 A
Mar 15	STOKE CITY	29,985 H
Mar 22	Newcastle United	31,010 A
Mar 28		
Mar 29	LUTON TOWN	H
Mar 31	Burnley	A
Apr 1	MANCHESTER CITY	H
Apr 5	Middlesbrough F.A. Cup S/Final	A
Apr 9	WOLVES	H
Apr 12	WEST HAM UNITED	H
Apr 19	Leicester City	A
Apr 26	CARLISLE UNITED	H
May 3	F.A. Cup Final	

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AN EYE ON OUR VISITORS

LUTON TOWN were founded in 1885 and turned professional five years later. They moved to their present ground, Kenilworth Road, in 1905, where the best gate was 30,069 in a 1959 FA Cup tie. Their highest ever First Division placing was eighth in 1958. They have never been Second Division Champions, either, getting promotion as runners-up in 1955 and 1974. They were Third Division runners-up in 1970 and the 1968 Fourth Division Championship was only their second honour — they were Champions of Division Three (South) in 1936. But they have reached Wembley once, losing to Forest in the FA Cup Final of 1959.

Brave Luton fight on . . .

LAST SATURDAY'S WIN OVER LEEDS PROVES A NEVER-SAY-DIE SPIRIT

THE ODDS have been stacked heavily all season 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, writes TONY PULLEIN.

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 starting with a shock 1-nil home defeat of the Rams.

Then Luton went on a run of only one defeat in seven League games.

Hatters still believe they can escape and their fine 2-1 victory over Leeds last Saturday and a 2-0 midweek defeat of Arsenal proves there is still a lot of fight in them.

As one would expect, in

their circumstances, the Luton team has undergone many changes since the start of the season as Mr. Haslam has tried to adapt it to First Division requirements.

Keeper Graham Horn lost his place to Keith Barber for a while, later returned but then handed back to Barber recently. 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.

He took over from the injured Peter Spiring and now usually plays in a striking line with Jimmy Husband and John Aston.

Luton 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.



PETER ANDERSON Scored Luton's winner in their 2-1 home defeat of Leeds last Saturday.

Mr. Haslam last season raised the record payout of £80,000 when he secured the transfer of Burnley's mid-field player Alan West, then expended a further £70,000 in return for the experience of striker Jimmy Husband.

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.

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

WHEN PUT INTO ITS TRUE PERSPECTIVE, LUTON'S PROMOTION ACHIEVEMENT WAS QUITE SPECTACULAR.



ALAN WEST Former Burnley star who captains the Hatters.

Roy McFarland's fear

ROY MCFARLAND admitted in a gripping News of the World article last Sunday that after early fears he might never play again following his Achilles tendon injury last May while playing for England, he now fears a repeat breakdown which might set his career back a further six months or so. "This next week will give me the answer," says Rams' club captain whom the paper described, rightly, as 'Britain's best centre half.' Roy has the best wishes of every Derby County fan, and most football supporters everywhere, that he really has fully recovered.

SATURDAY LINE-UP

DERBY COUNTY

- 1 Colin Boulton
- 2 Rod Thomas
- 3 David Nish
- 4 Bruce Rioch
- 5 Peter Daniel
- 6 Colin Todd
- 7 Steve Powell
- 8 Archie Gemmill
- 9 Roger Davies
- 10 Kevin Hector
- 11 Alan Hinton
- 12

He's in charge

Referee: RAY TINKLER (Boston). Has been on the League list since 1961, coming up through local league and Southern and Midland leagues. Started refereeing while on National Service in the Army. Refereed a 1969 FA Cup semi-final, the 1966 Youth Cup Final and Texaco Cup Final. Married, with a daughter, he is company secretary to a group of farming companies. Chairman of his Referees Association, Ray Tinkler is also a vice-president of the Association of Football League referees and linesmen.

Linesmen: T. Barnett (Knottingley, Yorks.), red flag; P. Stockley (Chelmsford), orange flag.

LUTON TOWN

- 1 Keith Barber
- 2 John Ryan
- 3 Steve Buckley
- 4 Peter Anderson
- 5 John Faulkner
- 6 Paul Futcher
- 7 Jim Ryan
- 8 Jimmy Husband
- 9 Ron Futcher
- 10 Alan West
- 11 John Aston
- 12

Half-time Scoreboard

A ARSENAL	F MIDDLESBRO'	L NOTTS CO.
B STOKE	G BURNLEY	M CARDIFF
C CARLISLE	H QPR	N CHESTERFIELD
D EVERTON	J SPURS	O GILLINGHAM
E IPSWICH	K WEST HAM	P ROTHERHAM
F LEICESTER	L CHELSEA	Q MANSFIELD
G LEEDS	M WOLVES	R PETERBOROUGH
H NEWCASTLE	N MAN. CITY	S SWINDON
I LIVERPOOL	O BLACKPOOL	T HUDD. T. RES.
J BIRMINGHAM	P FOREST	U DERBY CO. RES.

Easter printing

Because of the Easter holiday The Ram was printed on Wednesday and does not carry any late news.

MATCH BALL

Today's match ball donors are Royal Victoria Hotel, Sheffield, who employ approximately 80 people.

The hotel has been established since 1862, and Mr. W. Wainwright is the manager. He formerly managed the Midland Hotel in Derby.

Mr. Wainwright and his staff wish Derby County all the best in the coming weeks.

Ram on sale tomorrow

The Ram for Easter Tuesday's vital League match against Manchester City (7.30 p.m.) will be on sale in newsagents shops tomorrow (Sunday) morning. It will also be sold on the Ramaway to Burnley on Tuesday.

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