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HARRY'S TOWN

WHAT a hell of a week it's been for me. My nails are bitten down to the quick. I'll bet those people who wrote us off as far back as last September didn't think we'd still be fighting for our First Division lives on the last match of the season.

And I still say we are too good to go down. The many fans who travelled to Birmingham last week will bear me out on that one. The lads gave another tremendous show, and it's them I'll feel sorry for rather than myself if we do go down to the Second Division tonight.

If it happens I'm sorry. We have done our best and we can't do more than that. If somebody worked out a League table since Christmas we'd be well up.

As the 'Evening Post' said last week it's all if's. If we'd got another point here, if we hadn't had such a disastrous Easter, if we hadn't had all those injuries, if certain players hadn't been suspended.

I still maintain that the rot set in in the very first match of the season. We put up a great performance against Liverpool—and they took the points. Had we won that one I think we would have had a reasonable season.

But we set off on the wrong foot, and we've been out of step all season. From then on we were struggling to get away from the bottom. I think the best position we ever achieved was 17th and that was back in September after a few draws and our first win against Carlisle.

Because of this situation it has been difficult for the players to play relaxed football. The pressure has been on them every week. The tension has been like a steel band around our heads—and I don't mean the West Indian sort.

I was upset when Jimmy Ryan was sent off last week. He didn't deserve it, I shall be appealing. I don't want to say much about it here, but there is something wrong with the game when a player is sent to the dressing room following an incident like this.

Our coach Roy McCrohan called the other players involved "a disgrace". I see his point. But I daren't commit myself in print about it at this stage when I will have to appeal before an F.A. disciplinary committee.

Jimmy was our second player to be sent off in two weeks. It is not a record I am proud of. Far from it. But it goes to underline what I mean about pressures and tensions. We knew life was not going to be easy in the First Division, but I'd have loved to have had a few more points to play with. I think if that had been the situation we might have surprised a few people.

We have only lost once at home in the League this year—against Coventry. And that is a record we can boast about. If only we'd beaten Coventry... But there we go again.

When I took over as manager at Luton I drew up a five year plan and promised the board I would get them into the First Division in that time.

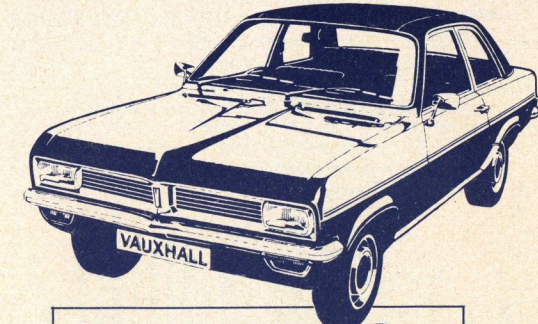
We managed it in one year, perhaps before we were quite ready, I don't know. I don't think we'll ever know if we arrived too soon. But one thing is sure, we have learned a hell of a lot from the experience. We now know what Division One is all about.

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FACE TO FACE



Roy McCrohan

Gerry Harrison of Anglia TV talks to Roy McCrohan



"Where did you start your distinguished footballing career, Roy?"

"At Reading when Ted Drake signed me on as a part-timer in 1949. I went into the R.A.F. for my eighteen months conscription, playing for the R.A.F. and my Command side, but I was home every weekend, with the help of a few pulled strings, and kept a playing contact with Reading. In 1950 I signed full time and made my first team debut on Easter Monday. A couple of days afterwards another local, Johnny Brookes, also came into the team for the first time. Then I was given a transfer and went to Norwich in 1951; that was the start of a long and happy association with the club. I was signed by Norman Lowe and, in all, I made 426 Cup and League appearances. Apart from all the good times I had there, one tremendous bonus was that I became much more aware of the game. Archie Macaulay was responsible for that and through him I picked up the coaching bug. At Norwich I played in eight different positions; all of them except goalkeeper, centre half and outside left."

"What were some of the highlights of your years at Norwich?"

"Beating Arsenal in the Cup in 1953 in the fourth round at Highbury. They had Logie, Forbes and Lishman in their side then. We lost at home to Leicester in the next round through a disputed goal by Arthur Rowley. Then, of course, the 1959 Cup run when we were in the Third Division and had to start from the first round. In the third round we beat Manchester United 3-0, then Cardiff, then Spurs after a replay, Sheffield United after a replay and, finally, losing to Luton in the semi-final, again after a replay. That was certainly my biggest disappointment as a player, but after that, in 1960, we gained promotion to the Second Division with Southampton."

"What happened to you once you left Norwich, Roy?"

"Quite a lot. I had two years at Colchester with Benny Fenton, then two years at Bristol Rovers with Bert Tann, coaching and playing—at full back of all positions! Then I became Player-Manager with Crawley in the Southern League which I thought would be good experience. In fact it was a disaster: shortage of money—the usual things. I needed all the contacts I had made in the game, and help from Allen Wade to get back into the League. It was Bobby Robson who offered me a job at Fulham. One day later Harry Haslam joined as Chief Scout. But after four months we all got the push. I suppose we can smile about it now but it was not funny at the time."

"How true is it that coaching and managing is a poor substitute for playing?"

"Very true in many ways. There is no substitute for playing and they are great days, but they can't go on for ever. The strain of coaching is tremendous on match days. The build-up, the effort of watching every single aspect, of concentrating so that you can rectify the little things at half time, the frustration of not being able to do anything about it once they are out on the field... I find I am completely drained after a game. I remember one manager saying as he walked down the tunnel just before a game: "This is the worst part of the week now." It is true. As a player you are in the middle of the action. There is so much you want to do but in the end you have to sit still during the most important part of the week."

"How ambitious are you to manage your own club, Roy?"

"Well, I think everybody wants to be number one at some stage. The Boss knows my feelings on this but, at the same time, you have got to be prepared to climb the ladder steadily. Ambition is not a bad thing but I realise that I have learned a lot from Harry and from Bobby Robson about aspects like administration and dealing with players, and I am not impatient to break away. I am given a lot of responsibility here, in the dressing room, discipline and the tactical side, although Harry picks the team. If the right job came along then of course I would be interested, but there are a lot of bad jobs in this game and I am with a progressive Club, a happy Club and one with First Division standards, so at the moment it is a case of working here at the job I have got."

"What have been the biggest disappointments in this First Division season?"

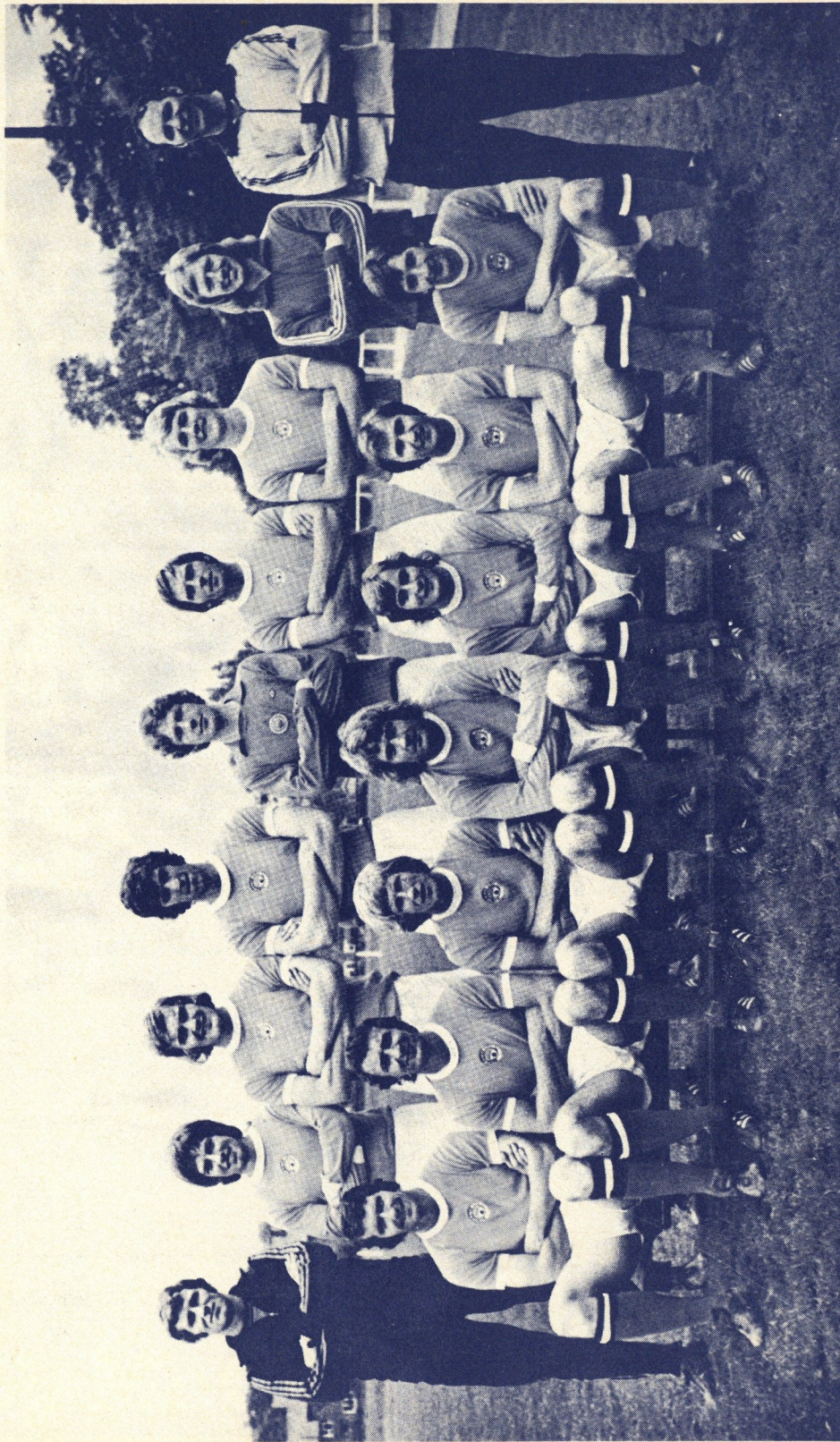
"In the League as a whole I have been a little bit disappointed in the standard of some of the First Division sides and I feel that we have probably paid them too much respect. Some of the 'name sides' with internationals and well-known players have disappointed me slightly and it was only in the later stages of the season that our players were convinced that they were just as good and if they could stop the opposition playing they had enough ability themselves to cash in. I have been disappointed that we have made individual mistakes and that our first win in the League came so late. We played well, we pulled off some good draws but we needed to get that win under our belt earlier."

"Roy, what has pleased you about the season as a whole?"

"The spirit has always been good. Even when things went wrong the players have been prepared to work hard at it and there has never been any noticeable lack of confidence. Young players have been introduced into the First Division, not at the easiest of times, and have more than held their own. The Futchers, Buckley, King, Fuccillo—they have all been blooded. The authority and experience of the older players has improved and they are better players for it. Men like John Faulkner, Alan West, John Aston. If we are able to sign one or two players in the right positions, then I am very enthusiastic about the future. I am not despondent about the past season—merely frustrated."



INTRODUCING MAN. CITY



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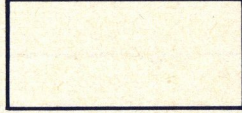


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To end season 1974-75 we welcome to Kenilworth Road, Manchester City, who, earlier in the campaign, were right on course to win the coveted League Championship.

Since the turn of the year, however, City's performances have fallen away badly, and now they can only hope for better things in 1975-76. With a stock of so many talented players—Bell, Marsh, Tueart, Hartford and Summerbee, to name but five—City can produce football of the finest quality, yet their displays over the past four months have left a lot to be desired that certain sportswriters have been puzzled as to what to put on paper!

This, because at no time have City been able to string together a collection of telling results. Their away form has been shocking, while at Maine Road, only a handful of teams have managed to avoid defeat.

Manager, Tony Book, one time bricklayer, who didn't step into League soccer until aged 27, became City's boss when Ron Saunders left for Villa Park, and up to now the team hasn't settled into the fluent, forceful unit one usually associated with the Manchester City of the late 1960s. Nevertheless, next term could well see City as Championship contenders.

A brief history of Manchester City... Founded in West Gorton in 1880, they amalgamated with Gorton Athletic seven years later to become Ardwick, who were one of the Second Division's original members in 1892.

Early on, the club was not too well blessed financially, but then, in 1894, it changed to its present title and the scene changed.

At this juncture City were at Hyde Road—their fifth ground—and in May 1923 they moved to Maine Road, a stadium which today can house 52,500 fans comfortably. In 1934, a crowd of 84,569 saw City play Stoke in an F.A. Cup-tie there—this being the highest gate at a football match in Britain outside London and Glasgow. Prior to 1966 the 'Citizens' as they were once called, had been up and down between the top two divisions more times, and oft times speedier, than a lift in a large store.

A little fame did come City's way in March 1921, when a 3-0 win saw them end Burnley's record-breaking sequence of 30 League games without defeat.

Here is an abridged list of City's more successful seasons:
Division One Champions—1936-37 and 1967-68;

Division Two Champions five times; F.A. Cup winners in 1904, 1934, 1956, and 1969; Runners-up 1926, 1933 and 1955; Semi-finalists nine times; League Cup winners 1970, finalists 1974; E.C.W.C. Winners 1970 and Charity Shield holders 1937, 1968 and 1972.

Manchester City have had scores of great players wear their sky blue strip, including the imitable Welshman, Billy Meredith, who joined them in 1894. After a spell with neighbouring United, he returned to his first love and played his last match for City in 1924—aged 50—and scored v Brighton.

Capped 48 times, Meredith appeared in 1,568 games during his 30 year career—857 in the League—and he scored 470 goals.

The older folk need no reminding of Eric Brook, another tip-top winger, nor of Lol Jones, or Max Woosman, of Scot Jimmy McMullen, or of Sam Cowan. Jack Bray was a classy wing-half, as was Matt Busby, who played 202 games for City. Fred Tilson was a dashing centre-forward, and his two goals won the Cup in 1934; Frank Swift was a superb goalkeeper, winning 19 England caps, and that flame-haired Irishman, Peter Doherty had a tremendous footballing brain.

Since the war Roy Paul, Don Revie, Bobby Johnstone, Franny Lee and Bert Trautmann have all served City well, with the former and latter making 271 and 508 League appearances respectively. Trautmann's tally was the club record until bettered recently by Alan Oakes.

FACTS & FIGURES...

City are the only club in Football history to have scored and conceded a century of League goals in one season. It occurred in 1957-58 when their goal record was 104-100.

The highest fee paid by City is £275,000 for Sunderland's Dennis Tueart in March 1974, while the highest sum received is £125,000— from Torino for Denis Law in 1961 and from Sunderland for Tony Towers a year ago.

City's best win came in 1895 when in a Second Division affair they beat Lincoln 11-3. Their heaviest reverse is 9-1 at Everton in 1906.

Tom Johnson scored 158 League goals for City between 1919 and 1930—and in 1928-29 he netted 38—both club records.

In their line-up City, from Manchester's Moss Side, will surely include the 'Nijinsky' of soccer, Colin Bell, an ex Bury man, who has 43 England caps. A member of his country's 1970 and 1974

World Cup squads, he is one of the great inside-forwards in the game today.

Two more go ahead workers are Asa Hartford and Dennis Tueart. Hartford cost £225,000 from W.B.A. last August. A Scottish international, born at Clydebank, he's a tremendous competitor in midfield and made over 240 appearances for Albion.

Tueart arrived at Maine Road 13 months ago. A native of Newcastle he won a F.A. Cup winners' medal in 1973.

The skills of Rodney Marsh have thrilled many audiences the world over, and City paid £200,000 for them in March 1972. A controversial character but an extremely gifted one, he's a full England 'cap' and started off with Fulham, making his international bow in November 1971 v Switzerland.

Everton sold Joe Royle to City earlier this season. Capped by England, he made 259 appearances for the 'Toffees' and played for them in the 1968 Cup Final.

Mike Summerbee was transferred from Swindon in 1965. Another England 'cap' this skilful winger has totted up some 380 appearances for City (53 goals).

In defence City have the huge frame of Joe Corrigan guarding their goal. He stands 6ft 4½ ins, weighs 15 stone, and was spotted ten years ago in a trial game. He's now well in line for 200 outings with City.

Local defender Mike Doyle started with City in 1962. An under 23 international he was voted the club's Player of the Year last season.

Alan Oakes is the team's senior 'pro' having joined the staff in 1958. Cousin of Glyn Pardoe, he is a model professional.

Scot Willie Donachie came to City in 1968. Went to Munich in 1974 and has already amassed 160 first XI appearances.

Geoff Hammond left Ipswich for City around Christmas time. A keen performer, he played 60 times for the Portman Road club.

Centre back Colin Barrett, born at Stockport, is just beginning to establish himself in the senior ranks, after taking over from Tommy Booth, who, along with Pardoe, Keith McCrae, Barney Daniels and Mick Horswill, will be in reserve for City, eager no doubt to win back first places they once had.

So the scene is set for Luton's closing League match of 1974-75... let's hope it's a cracker with plenty of action and goals.



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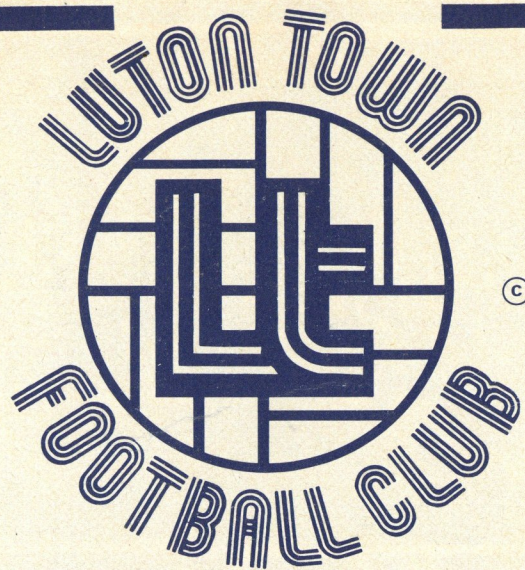
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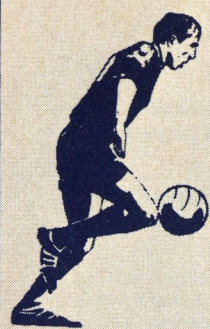
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Saturday, 12th April—Football Combination
LEICESTER CITY 0, LUTON TOWN 2

Scorers: King, Hindson

Team: Horn; Mead, Thomson; Chambers, Carr, Malcolm; Simon, King, Biley, Hindson, Fuccillo. Substitute: Chalmers

Our first half performance was most impressive as we continually rattled Leicester with quick breaks from defence. Leicester had no answer to our sharp swift passing and Jayes in their goal made four brilliant saves before Simon broke through and slipped the ball to King and, in typical fashion, he controlled quickly, swept past the covering full back and scored with a brilliant shot. Five minutes before half time Malcolm crossed an early ball, Biley outjumped the centre half and Hindson gathered the ball at the far post to increase the lead. The speed and use of the width in our attacks was too much for the home side but they tightened up after half time and put greater pressure on our midfield. We continued to create chances but we failed to finish accurately. Towards the finish, the home side came more into the game, but Mead, Carr, Malcolm and Thomson repelled a flurry of late attacks with authority. This result gave us nine points out of the last ten and leaves us to reflect on some narrow defeats which would have ensured our youngsters a place in the top three.

Saturday, 19th April—Football Combination
LUTON TOWN 2, TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 0

Scorers: Hindson, King

Team: Horn; Mead, Thomson; Chambers, Carr, Malcolm; Simon, King, Biley, Hindson, Fuccillo.

Substitute: Stewart

Another splendid victory gave us eleven points out of the last twelve. The early periods were highly competitive with Daines pulling off a brilliant save from Fuccillo and Horn saving well from McNab and Brotherston. Our early sparkle faded a little as Spurs gained midfield control, but Mead, Carr and Malcolm continued their recent good form to blunt their attacks. Neither side could penetrate, although King for Luton and McNab for Spurs looked most dangerous when in possession. In the second half we became tighter in midfield and forced several corners with Biley and Simon looking dangerous. With fifteen minutes to go, Hindson switched with King and this move brought about almost immediate success when much to everyone's delight King scored a fine goal. Towards the end, Hindson hit a fine shot into the roof of the net to secure us a much deserved win. This win gives our youngsters almost certain fourth position, reflecting a highly satisfying season and gives positive signs of a healthy future.

TOWN TALK

THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to express our grateful thanks to the 'EVENING POST' for their assistance this season in supplying the Action Pictures in the programme.

MASCOT

This afternoon's mascot is Andrew Thomas of 42 St. Michael's Crescent, Luton. Andrew is eleven years old.

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Winner—

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Runner-up—

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Runner-up—

Sandy Youth Band Championship Class 1973.

The Fanfare team have played in Westminster Abbey and Ely Cathedral. The Band total forty in number and their Bandmaster is Mr K. Small, their Drill Instructor being Mr R. Eskins. The age range of the band is from nine to twenty-one years and taking this into consideration Mr Small, Mr Eskins, everyone connected with the band and most of all the youngsters themselves should be very proud of what they have achieved in 4½ years. Everyone at Luton Town offer their congratulations and wishes them every success in their forthcoming competitions.



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- 3 STEVE BUCKLEY
- 4 PETER ANDERSON
- 5 JOHN FAULKNER
- 6 STEVE LITT
- 7 JIM RYAN
- 8 JIMMY HUSBAND
- 9 ADRIAN ALSTON
- 10 ALAN WEST
- 11 JOHN ASTON
- 12

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MANCHESTER CITY

- 1 JOE CORRIGAN
- 2 GEOFF HAMMOND
- 3 WILLIE DONAGHIE
- 4 MIKE DOYLE
- 5 TOMMY BOOTH
- 6 ALAN OAKES
- 7 ASA HARTFORD
- 8 COLIN BELL
- 9 BARRY DANIELS
- 10 RODNEY MARSH
- 11 DENNIS TUEART
- 12

Colours: Shirts—Sky Blue. Shorts—White.
Stockings—Blue.

SCORES

TEAMS	SCORE
1 Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur	
2 Burnley v Stoke City	
3 Chelsea v Everton	
4 Coventry City v Middlesbrough	
5 Derby County v Carlisle United	
6 Ipswich Town v West Ham United	
7 Liverpool v Queens Park Rangers	
8 Newcastle United v Birmingham C	
9 Sheffield United v Leicester City	
10 Wolverhampton W v Leeds United	
11 Aston Villa v Sunderland	
12 Bristol City v Fulham	
13 Cardiff City v Bolton Wanderers	
14 Hull City v Sheffield Wednesday	
15 Manchester United v Blackpool	
16 Millwall v Bristol Rovers	
17 Nottingham Forest v W B Albion	
18 Orient v Southampton	
19 Oxford United v Notts County	
20 Portsmouth v Norwich City	
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MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Mr D. WALLACE (Crewe)

David Wallace refereed last season's League Cup Final at Wembley (Wolves v Manchester City) and was also in charge of the 1972 F.A. Amateur Cup Final, and on the line for the 1966 F.A. Cup Final, plus two internationals and European Cup games in Holland and Belgium. Began refereeing in Swindon and progressed on to The League List via local, county and the Western League. A League linesman in 1960, he went in the middle in 1964. Married with two children, he is a production engineer with British Rail Engineering and travels extensively, talking and lecturing referees and working for the Referees' Association.

Linesmen:

Mr C. DOWNEY, Isleworth, Orange Flag
Mr B. T. STEVENS, Stonehouse, Red Flag

FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE

Teams	Home					Away				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Derby	41	14	3	3	41 18	7	7	7	26	31 52
Liverpool	41	13	5	2	41 16	6	6	9	16	22 49
Everton	41	10	9	2	33 19	6	8	6	22	22 49
Ipswich	40	16	2	2	43 13	6	2	12	18	29 48
Stoke	41	12	7	2	40 18	5	7	8	24	30 48
Middlesbrough	41	11	7	3	33 14	6	5	9	19	26 46
Sheffield United	39	11	7	2	31 20	6	4	9	22	30 45
Leeds United	40	10	8	3	34 20	6	4	9	20	24 44
Burnley	41	11	5	4	40 29	6	5	10	28	38 44
Manchester City	40	16	2	2	39 14	2	6	12	13	38 44
Queens Park Rangers	41	10	4	7	25 17	6	6	8	28	34 42
Coventry City	41	8	9	3	31 25	4	6	11	20	35 39
Wolverhampton Wand	41	12	4	4	42 20	2	6	13	14	33 38
West Ham United	40	9	6	5	37 22	3	7	10	19	33 37
Newcastle	40	11	4	4	35 20	3	5	13	20	49 37
Leicester	41	8	7	6	25 17	4	5	11	21	39 36
Arsenal	39	9	6	5	30 16	3	5	11	15	29 35
Birmingham	40	10	3	7	34 28	3	5	12	17	32 34
Tottenham Hotspur	40	7	4	9	25 25	5	4	11	23	35 32
LUTON TOWN	41	8	5	7	26 25	3	5	13	20	39 32
Chelsea	40	4	7	8	20 29	5	6	10	20	41 31
Carlisle	41	8	2	11	22 21	4	2	14	21	38 28

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