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HARRY'S TOWN

It's hard to believe the season has started again! It seems only five minutes since we were putting up that great fight to avoid relegation.

Now it starts all over again—the fight to get back into Division One. Life seems one long soccer struggle. But—dare I say it so soon?—we all believe we can do it.

I am writing this first column in Belgium where we have been on a pre-season tour, and I must say I have been impressed with what I have seen both in training and in the friendly matches.

Soccer is almost a religion over here, and the word 'friendly' does not really exist. Neither the Belgians nor the French like to lose—any more than we do—and all the games were tough.

The lads came through with a lot of credit, especially in the way they applied themselves to a tough training schedule in baking heat. At least I know we can start the season as fit as any other side in the league—bar none.

You have read reports in the local press about me moving in for certain players. It's quite true, but I have to be careful in the way I do it because there is no surplus cash to go out shopping.

But as I have always said, if I have to sell to buy the players I want, then I'll do it. Money is tight throughout the game, and all the managers are watching each other like hawks. More and more deals are being done on the "never never" because there simply is not the cash available to walk into another club and sign a huge cheque. You only have to look at the lack of movement in the market to realise that.

I was desperately upset when Tottenham won that last match against Leeds to send us down in their place, with Chelsea and Carlisle.

But one season in the First Division showed me we are good enough for it—even though we were relegated. That may sound Irish, but when you consider our form since last Christmas to the end of the season you can see what I mean. It took half a season to acclimatise ourselves, and by then we were in too deep to escape.

A couple of years or so ago many people in Luton were saying that we didn't want promotion to the First Division. They said we were shying away from

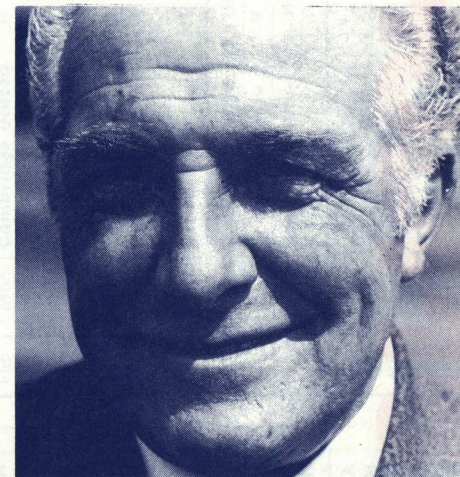
it. Well, we proved them wrong, and we will be back. I tell everyone here and now, we want First Division football in Luton, and I'll move heaven and earth to get it.

I don't see any world beaters in Division Two. Teams like Sunderland and Chelsea are going to start among the favourites, but I see the bookies make us third favourites—and they don't make many mistakes—do they?

There is not one side in this division that we have reason to be afraid of. But we shall treat them all with respect. Complacency is the worst thing that can creep into a club, because all the sides in any division are worth their place—or they wouldn't be there.

I take heart from the attitude of the players. From the skipper Alan West to the youngest apprentice, they are all saying: "we can do it boss".

That's why I say to you on this opening day of the season—come and watch us do it. With your support and our enthusiasm and ability, we can sail straight back into First Division football. And that's something we all want.



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Paul Price

NO BREAKS THIS SEASON!!!
Here's wishing Paul a very successful season. After breaking the same leg twice during the last campaign. This very promising lad deserves better luck. Try getting out of bed the other side, Paul!



TOWN TRAVEL

In view of the high cost of train charter it has been decided by the Board of Directors that the team will travel by coach this Season—Prolonged negotiations have taken place with British Rail who were unable to guarantee a firm price for travel after Christmas.

The price per train up to Christmas plus the other costs involved with rail travel will result in a loss per train of £300. This is assuming a similar response to last Season. In addition British Rail are insisting upon a guarantee 50% higher per match on Catering

sales than last Season and from past experience we would achieve nothing like this figure. Losses last Season when the trains were costing considerably less were amounting to over £200 per train and this included attractive fixtures e.g. Manchester City (Loss £226.00).

Even to maintain the above losses of £300 per train the price per ticket would have to be significantly higher than last season and would cost far more for most journeys than 'Travel House' coaches.

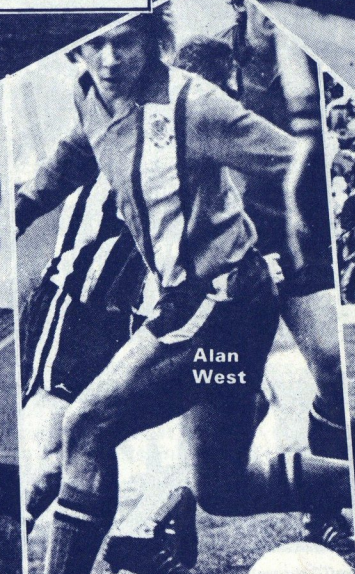
ACTION PICS

Hatters photographer Gareth Owen will be attending all our games this season, supporters wishing to purchase autographed copies of published action pictures should write to: Dave Roberts, Programme Editor, Luton Town Football Club, 74 Kenilworth Road, Luton. Enclosing 25p Postal Order.

Paul Futcher and Keith Barber



Alan West



Adrian Alston



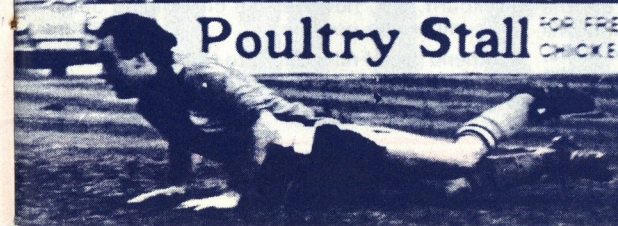
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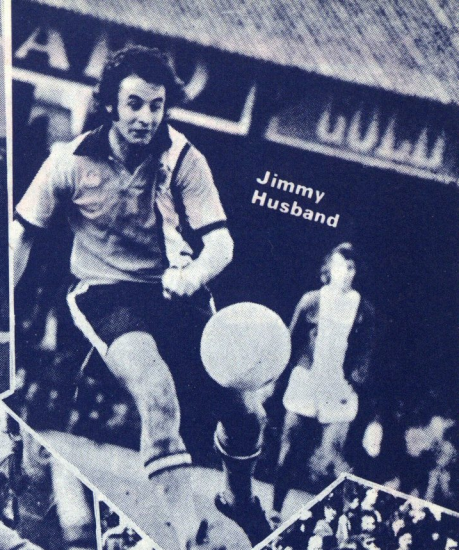
John Seaman



John Aston



Jimmy Husband



WELCOME TO



Back Row: Paul Haigh, Roy Greenwood, Alf Wood, Ken Wagstaff, Dave Roberts, Frank Banks, Vince Grimes.
Middle Row: John Kaye (Manager), Roger de Vries, Peter Fletcher, Jeff Wealands, Chris Galvin, Eddie Blackburn, Dave Adams, Phil Holme (trainer).
Front Row: Andy Davidson (Assistant Manager), Malcolm Lord, Peter Daniel, Jeff Hemmerman, Jimmy McGill (Captain), Stuart Croft, Stuart Blampey, Gordon Staniforth, Jeff Radcliffe (Physio).

Hull City, the 'Tigers', our first visitors to Kenilworth Road in 1975-76, want to play in the First Division. They have been in existence now for over 70 years, yet have never opposed the elite, except in Cup competitions.

This progressive, go-ahead, Humberside club, whose ground at Boothferry Park is so ideally positioned and rated one of the best in the land—they being, on the playing side, a blend, equally divided, of youth and experience, and on the administration side, a group of people who will bend over backwards to keep Hull City in the news, including their manager, John 'Yorky' Kaye, the former Albion defender, who only hung up his boots in the close season.

The players whom Kaye hopes will see Hull chase a high enough League spot this season—their 60th in the League incidentally—are fighting fit and raring to go following a three-match warm up in the new Anglo-Scottish Cup.

Their goalkeeper, Jeff Wealands, once of Darlington, has been with the club since early 1972. He has over 100 senior appearances behind him and promises much for the future. A youngster, Eddie Blackburn, will, however, be challenging Jeff for the number one position.

Southend gave Frank Banks to Hull nine years ago, and since then this right-back has improved to the extent that he's now one of the top defenders in

Division Two. His overlaps down the wing have caused many problems for defences in the past. Frank has scarcely missed a match in the 1970's.

Banks's full-back partner is local lad, Roger DeVries, who made his bow for City exactly five years ago. Again, a player who loves to join the attack, he's been a regular in the side since 1971.

Hull's two central defenders are Stephen Deere and Dave Roberts (no relation to our D.R.). The former stands 6' 2" tall and signed for City from Scunthorpe for a handsome sum in May, 1973, when several clubs were chasing his services. He is now beginning to draw up an excellent understanding with Welsh international Dave Roberts, a native of Hemel Hempstead, whom Hull captured from Oxford United earlier in the year for a bargain £60,000. Dave was previously with Fulham and left the 'Cottage' to join Oxford in 1971. Made over 200 appearances for his former club and holds five caps.

Hull's midfield work will be shared by Jimmy McGill, Malcolm Lord and Vince Grimes. McGill, an Arsenal junior discovery from Scotland, came to Hull in October, 1971, from Huddersfield, where he had assisted admirably in the Leeds Road club's Second Division Championship triumph.

Lord takes the middle role in the trio. A Yorkshireman now in his eleventh year as a professional with City, he was, for a number of seasons, classed as a useful utility performer—and has played in almost every out position for the 'Tigers'.

Born at Scunthorpe, Vince Grimes joined Hull as an amateur three years ago. He made his debut at Portsmouth in March, 1974 and scored on his home debut a week later. Has become quite a favourite with the home fans.

Hull's main striking power will come from those prolific marksmen, Ken Wagstaff and Alf Wood, while the lanky Peter Fletcher and the skilful Roy Greenwood will no doubt assist with plenty of goals.

'WAGGY'—in his testimonial year—cost Hull just £40,000 from Mansfield in November, 1974, and this scoring 'machine' has now clocked up some 300 goals in an outstanding career of some 550 League games. An F.A. Tourist to Australia in 1971, Ken is a much respected figure in Second Division circles and still packs a mighty shot.

Alf Wood, who once hit five goals in a League game for Shrewsbury against Blackburn when he

was classed as a centre-half, arrived at Hull from Mansfield just on the 'deadline' last March. A player with a big heart, he started his soccer life with Manchester City and is now nearing the 400 mark in League appearances, having also totted up over 120 goals.

Manchester United sold Peter Fletcher to Hull in May as part of the deal which sent Suart Pearson to Old Trafford. Bornat Didsbury, Peter excels in in the air and has shown plenty of skill on the ground. Watch this lad in years to come!

To complete the Hull line-up we have Roy Greenwood, a fast, left flank player, who came to the forefront in 1973-74 when watched by a number of top-line clubs. Roy hails from Leeds and emerged from the apprentice ranks to professionalism in 1971.

There is no doubt at all then that Hull City havethe players to do well in Division Two. Only time will tell, of course, as to whether or not they turn their skills to the good on the field of play. But general talk is that Hull City will be there or thereabouts come next April. We'll have to wait and see.

FACTS AND FIGURES ON HULL CITY

Record win—11-1 v Carlisle, Division Three (N), 14-1-39.

Heaviest defeat—0-8 v Wolverhampton Wanderers, Division Two, 4-11-65.

Most League points—69, Division Three, 1965-66.

Most League goals—109, Division Three, 1965-66.

Highest scorer in a season—Bill McNaughton, 39, Division Three (N), 1932-33.

Most League goals in aggregate total—Chris Chilton, 195, 1960-71.

Most League appearances—Andy Davidson, 511, 1947-67.

Most capped player—Terry Neill, 15 for Northern Ireland (59 in full).

Record gate at Boothferry Park—55,019, Manchester United, F.A. Cup, 1948-49.

Record gate receipts—£22,229, Stoke City, F.A. Cup, 1970-71.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Today's match will be number 2,472 for Hull in the Football League, and number 2,143 for Luton. At the moment Hull have 2,579 League points, and Luton 2,205.

HULL CITY



LUTON TOWN 75/76

Back Row—Alan West, Jim Ryan, John Aston, Peter Anderson, Brian Chambers. First Row—Gordon Hindson, Ron Futcher, John Faulkner, Keith Barber, Graham Horn, Steve Buckley, Paul Price, Reg Game (Physiotherapist). Second Row—Bobby Thomson, Paul Futcher, Roy McCrohan (Chief Coach), Harry Haslam (Manager), Steve Litt, Adrian Alston. Seated—Peter Spiring, Pasquale Fuccillo, Andy King, Matt Pollock, John Seasman, Jimmy Husband.



Here are the lads whom we all sincerely hope will get Luton back into the First Division.

Season 1974-75 was perhaps a sad one for Town, especially after that late spirited revival which so very nearly saved us from the dreaded drop. But with most of last season's players still with us, things look rosy right now, and we look forward to a good campaign.

Alan West is beaming with confidence right now, having gained a lot of experience by rubbing shoulders with the stars of Division One. "It's surprising what you learn playing on the same pitch as Hudson, Bremner and Bell," he said.

Jim Ryan, too, told us that the experience gained whilst in Division One should be a great help to Town this coming season.

The Futcher brothers, Paul and Ron, came on in leaps and bounds towards the end of last term, and they are both eagerly awaiting their respective chances.

Jimmy Husband, Adrian Alston and Peter Spiring have hinted they have plenty of goals tucked away inside their deadly boots—and at least one of them will score consistently for Town in 1975-76.

Defenders John Faulkner, Steve Litt and Steve Buckley, hope to hold abay the many stars circling around the clubs in Division Two, like Mike Channon and Peter Osgood of Southampton, Micky Walsh of Blackpool, Tony Brown of Albion, John Byrom of Bolton, Keith Fear of Bristol City, Alan Warboys and Bruce Bannister of Bristol Rovers, not forgetting Ken Wagstaff and Alfie Wood of Hull City. John boldly said that he was glad that Roger Davies was still with Derby County!

John Aston insists that he is five yards faster than last season; Peter Anderson says he is 50% fiercer in the tackle and Gordon Hindson and Brian Chambers, both claim to be better than several players in the First Division . . . it's certainly all good stuff. Let's hope everything goes well in 1975-76, and moreso, let's wish the lads the best of luck today—at the start of their fight to get back to Division One.

TOWN CHAT

MASCOT

This afternoon's mascot is Mark Llambias of 20 Abercorn Road, Lewsey Farm Estate, Luton. Mark is ten years old.

BALL DONOR

We have a ball donor this afternoon—Mr Frank Pratley of the Green Lawns Service Station, Luton Road, Harpenden, Herts. Our thanks to Mr Pratley for this much appreciated gesture.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

Would supporters please take note that the Club now has a new telephone number—411622 (4 lines). This number also includes the Hatters Club and the Bobbers Club. For match day information, please ring 33010.

FRIENDLY GAME v DUNKIRK

On Monday, 18th August, a return friendly against Dunkirk is to be staged at Kenilworth Road. Kick-off is at 7.30 p.m. and admission prices will be as for League games.

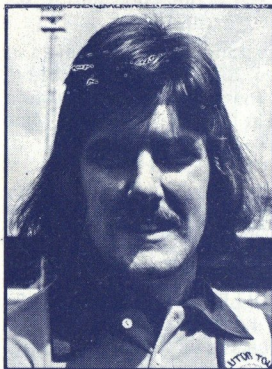
NOTICE TO SUPPORTERS

It has been decided by the Board of Directors that during the coming season any person or persons causing problems or behaving in such a manner that places other supporters' safety in jeopardy, will be ejected from the stadium and every effort will be made by everyone at Luton Town to ensure that they will remain barred for the rest of the season.

Everyone at Kenilworth Road is determined to stamp out the trouble and provide our genuine well-behaved supporters with the entertainment and comfort they deserve. We will offer the Police every assistance in their efforts to prevent trouble and apprehend offenders.

We have tried talking to them, we have tried appealing to them in the local press but to no avail. The time has now come when we have to say: **'IF YOU ARE TROUBLE, WE DO NOT WANT YOU. STAY AWAY, PLEASE!'**

RESERVE REVIEW



WHO'S GOING TO BE PUSHING FOR FIRST TEAM HONOURS?

BRIAN CHAMBERS—Already finding the net.

'LILLY' FUCCILLO—Looked good in the continental games.

GORDON HINSDON—Providing tremendous encouragement for youngsters.

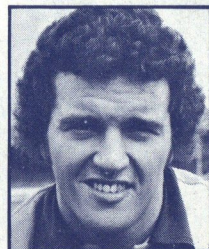
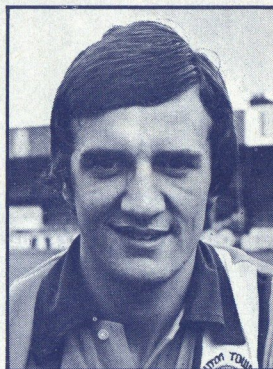
PETER MEAD—Played well in pre-season friendlies.

ALEX MALCOM—Very strong and dedicated, is looking good.

STEVE RUSSELL—Tremendous possibilities in midfield. Suffered a thigh injury at Bexley.

Good luck to **LAWRENCE COYNE** after his operation.

Not Forgetting: **PETER SPIRING, MATT POLLOCK, BOBBY THOMPSON** and **JOHN SEASMAN.** GOOD LUCK LADS!



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for their co-operation and high standard of work carried out in the stadium during the close season.

ENCLOSURE SEASON TICKETS

Last season, the number of Enclosure Season Tickets sold amounted to 2,000 and a separate section was provided for their exclusive use.

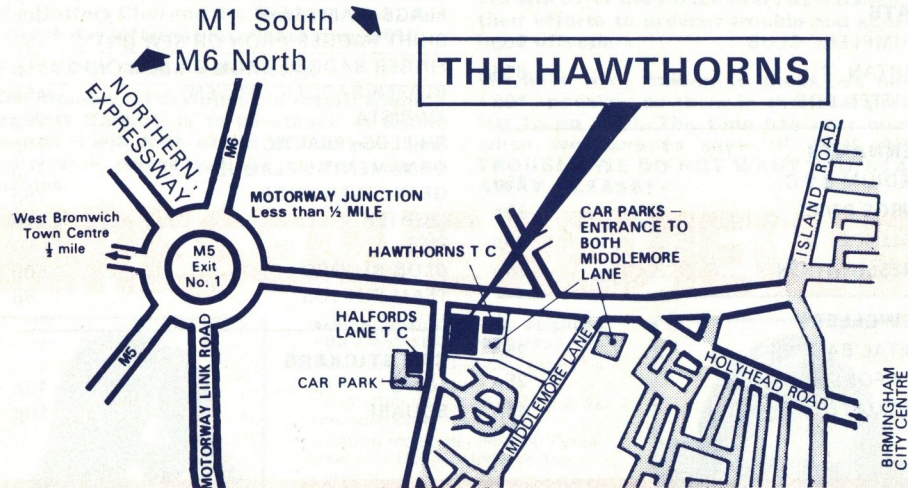
This season, this number has dropped to under 500 and the Club has two alternatives: Either to admit a limited number of non-Season Ticket holders or to reduce the size of the special enclosure. The Club has delayed work on the latter alternative in the hope that further Season Ticket sales would be forthcoming in significant numbers, but a decision must now be taken and work will commence in the next two weeks.

Once the Enclosure has been reduced in size to accommodate the existing holders, it may be necessary to disappoint certain patrons who would still like to take up Season Tickets and we therefore appeal to anyone who has not yet renewed their Enclosure Season Tickets to do so without further delay.

TOWN TRAVEL

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- 1 KEITH BARBER
- 2 JOHN RYAN
- 3 STEVE BUCKLEY
- 4 PETER ANDERSON
- 5 JOHN FAULKNER
- 6 STEVE LITT
- 7 ANDY KING
- 8 ADRIAN ALSTON
- 9 RON FUTCHER
- 10 ALAN WEST (CAPT.)
- 11 JOHN ASTON
- 12

HULL CITY

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

- 1 JEFF WEALANDS
- 2 FRANK BANKS
- 3 ROGER DeVRIES (CAPT.)
- 4 VINCENT GRIMES
- 5 STUART CROFT
- 6 DAVE ROBERTS
- 7 CHRIS GALVIN
- 8 MALCOLM LORD
- 9 ALF WOOD
- 10 KEN WAGSTAFFE
- 11 ROY GREENWOOD
- 12 PETER FLETCHER

SCORES

1	Bristol City v Bolton Wanderers	1-0
2	Carlisle United v Oxford United	1-1
3	Charlton Athletic v Notts County	1-2
4	Fulham v Blackpool	0-0
5	Nottingham Forest v Plymouth A	2-0
6	Oldham Athletic v Bristol Rovers	2-0
7	Orient v Blackburn Rovers	1-1
8	Southampton v West Bromwich A	2-0
9	Sunderland v Chelsea	2-1
10	York City v Portsmouth	2-1
11	Aston Villa v Leeds United	1-2
12	Burnley v Arsenal	0-0
13	Everton v Coventry City	1-4
14	Ipswich v Newcastle United	0-3
15	Leicester City v Birmingham City	3-3
16	Manchester City v Norwich	3-0
17	Queens Park Rangers v Liverpool	2-0
18	Sheffield United v Derby County	1-1
19	Stoke City v West Ham United	1-2
20	Tottenham Hotspur v Middlesbro	1-0
21	Wolverhampton W v Manchester U	0-2
22	Crystal Palace v Chester	
23	Wrexham v Aldershot	
24	Huddersfield v Northampton	

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Referee:

Mr R. C. CHALLIS, Tonbridge, Kent

Ron Challis has been on the League list since 1968 after taking up the whistle during National Service with the RAF in Singapore. Refereed in the Southern League for ten seasons. On the line for last season's F.A. Cup Final (Fulham v West Ham) and officiated in European competitions in 1968 and 1971. He works as a magazine production officer and is married with two sons. A keen and active member of the Referees' Association who talks to societies on the Laws of the Game. Interests include photography and playing squash.

Linesmen:

Mr J. BARKER, Essex—Red Flag

Mr J. D. JENKINS, Middlesex—Orange Flag

OUR OPPONENTS THIS SEASON SHOWING THE FINAL DIVISION TWO LEAGUE TABLE 1974-75

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Teams	Home					Away						
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A	P		
Sunderland	42	14	6	1	41	8	5	7	9	24	27	51
Bristol City	42	14	5	2	31	10	7	3	11	16	23	50
West Bromwich A	42	13	4	4	33	15	5	5	11	21	27	45
Blackpool	42	12	6	3	31	17	2	11	8	7	16	45
Hull	42	12	8	1	25	10	3	6	12	15	43	44
Fulham	42	9	8	4	29	17	4	8	9	15	22	42
Bolton Wanderers	42	9	7	5	27	16	6	5	10	16	25	42
Oxford United	42	14	3	4	30	19	1	9	11	11	32	42
Orient	42	8	9	4	17	16	3	11	7	11	23	42
Southampton	42	10	6	5	29	20	5	5	11	24	34	41
Notts County	42	7	11	3	34	26	5	5	11	15	33	40
York City	42	9	7	5	28	18	5	3	13	23	37	38
Nottingham Forest	42	7	7	7	24	23	5	7	9	19	32	38
Portsmouth	42	9	7	5	28	20	3	6	12	16	34	37
Oldham Athletic	42	10	7	4	28	16	0	8	13	12	32	35
Bristol Rovers	42	10	4	7	25	23	2	7	12	17	41	36

Relegated from Division One—Chelsea, Carlisle

Promoted from Division Three—Blackburn Rovers, Plymouth Argyle, Charlton Athletic