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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO SATURDAY, 30th AUGUST, 1975 (Kick-off: 3-00 pm)

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### HARRY'S TOWN

Football has had a lot of bad publicity lately because of hooliganism by youngsters who call themselves soccer fans. But sometimes I wonder if it's really as black a picture as we believe.

I'm not saying that the trouble we have read about didn't take place, but I certainly feel that the blackspots appear to be in the big cities rather than nationwide.

Take Manchester United, for instance, I read that manager Tommy Docherty is planning to issue season passes for the trouble spots on his ground. If anyone makes trouble they lose their pass and can't get into that section again for the rest of the season.

Now that might be a good idea for Old Trafford. I don't know. But when I was asked if I thought it would work at Luton, my answer was-no.

I say that most emphatically because we don't have much bother at Kenilworth Road. To introduce such a system would be looking for a cure before we are sure there's anything wrong. I certainly haven't seen any trouble so far this season.

When one lad was led out by a policeman at our first match of the season against Hull, he was really given some stick by the rest of the crowd. That delighted me. It shows just what I have always known—that the honest to goodness supporter doesn't want any part of trouble, and that he resents those that cause it.

I hope the Luton supporters continue to make it clear that they don't think much of the other type of

Having said that, I hope most sincerely that there is no trouble for today's game against Chelsea. Let's keep our good name at Luton.

As I say, I have seen very little trouble at our two games at Luton and West Bromwich. A couple of vouths did run onto the pitch before the start at West Bromwich, but they were ignored by both the crowd and the police, and they looked a bit sheepish when they skulked off. They say there's no fun without an audience.

In fact I can see an improvement in standards right through the game this season. Even referees and players seem to have taken a different outlook. The players seem to be taking a more mature attitude on the field, and referees are taking a a sensible line. Without refering to any decisions he made either way, I thought that the ref we had at West Bromwich last week was a good example of what I am saving. He was always up with the ball and he meant what he said. I thought he commanded the respect of the players.

We have had a mixed start to the season. After winning at home against Hull, and promising some great things to come, we went and lost at West Bromwich.

It looked as if we were going to get a point, and their player manager Johnny Giles even admitted to me afterwards that as the game went on he didn't think they were going to beat us.

But they scored a late goal, and we didn't have enough left to equal it, But I saw a lot of good in our make-up, and I still fancy us for promotion. one swallow doesn't make a summer, I know. But if we can reproduce that form we showed in the first half against Hull, we will do it.

I am also particularly pleased with the way the reserves are playing. I am told they did a superb job in beating Arsenal last week. It's comforting to know we have such a depth of talent in our club.



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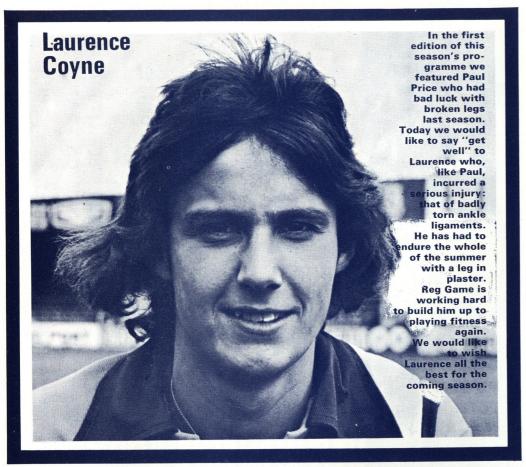
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October Kick-off 3.00 pm



### 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.



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Many people said that when Dave Sextonlater axed as boss of Chelsea-sold three top-line players early in 1974, it started a slump which finally ended in the Stamford Bridge team diving into the Second Division at the end of last season. Those folk may well have been right. We'll never know. But the three performers, Peter Osgood, who went to Southampton for £240,000, Alan Hudson who joined Stoke City for £200,000 and Dave Webb, who was bought by Q.P.R. for a mere £90,000, were men not easily replaceable.

Sexton is fixed up with Q.P.R. and is doing very well indeed with the Loftus Road club, while his replacement at the Bridge, former player Eddie McCreadie, is still busily feeling his way, sorting out the various team flaws, experimenting with young and old blendings of players and trying all sorts of new formations, methods and plans, in an effort to get Chelsea back into Division One.

He has let John Hollins go, Peter Bonetti has also called it a day, and Peter Houseman is now with Oxford. But in their places he has put youngsters who, in years to come, will be the back-bone of Chelsea Football Club.

In fact, the average age of this season's Chelsea first XI is around the 20 mark. And the players whom Manager McCreadie hopes will take Chelsea back into the premier section are penpictured briefly as follows-

IAN BRITTON. 21 year old Scottish midfield player in the Billy Bremner mould. Although small he can stamp his authority on a game. Signed as a professional in 1971 after two seasons as a junior with the club. Born Dundee. Ht: 5'5" Wt: 9st. 2lb.

CHARLIE COOKE. Returned to Stamford Bridge for £17,000 in storybook fashion in January 1974 after 16 months at Crystal Palace (who had paid Chelsea £85,000 for him), and won back his place in the full Scottish International squad. First joined Chelsea after spells with Aberdeen and Dundee in 1966. And won F.A. Cup and European Cup Winners Cup medals with the club, to add to his Senior, Under 23, and Scottish League caps. Born St. Monace. Ht: 5'8" Wt: 12st. 6lb.

JOHN DEMPSEY. 29 year old Londoner who

joined Chelsea from Fulham in 1969. Won F.A. JOHN SPARROW. Played eight first team Cup and European Cup Winners Cup medals and games at full back when sixteen. Turned professcored a famous goal against Real Madrid in the sional in June 1974 after two years as an apprenreplayed Final in Athens in 1971. Troubled by injuries in recent seasons. Born Hampstead. Ht: 6' 0" Wt: 11st. 11lb.

MICKEY DROY. One of the giants of League Football, standing 6' 4½" and weighing 15 st. 4 lbs. A dominating centre half who also scores important goals from 'set pieces'. Signed from Slough in 1970 after making a name for himself with Islington Schoolboys. Born Highbury BILL GARNER. A big striker who is particularly dangerous in the air. Helped Southend win promotion from the Fourth Division in 1971-2 after imperative for Chelsea, a club which has been spells with Notts County, Dunstable and Bedford going strong for 70 years . Town. Signed for Chelsea in 1972 for £80,000. Born Leicester. Ht: 6' 1" Wt: 12st. 1

RON HARRIS. Now in his fifteenth professional season with Chelsea. Has played more games for Chelsea than anyone other than Peter Bonetti. Club Captain between January 1966 and March 1972 when Chelsea won the F.A. and the European Cup Winners Cups. Was the youngest ever Cup Final Captain in 1967 at 221, and was a member of the League Cup winning team of 1965. Also won Schoolboy, Youth and Under-23 caps for England. Born Hackney. Ht: 5' 71" Wt: 11st.

IAN HUTCHINSON. One of the games most courageous players, having 'come back' after two cartilage operations and two broken legs in four years. Cost the club a mere £5,000 from Cambridge United in 1968, having previously played for Nottingham Forest and Burton Albion. Has two Under 23 International caps for England, and an F.A. Cup winners medal with Chelsea. Has a tremendous long throw and excellent heading ability. Born Derby. Ht: 6' 3" Wt: 12st. 13lbs.

TOMMY LANGLEY. Signed apprentice forms in July 1974 and joined the professional ranks in February 1975. Made his League debut versus Leicester City. Born Elephant & Castle. Ht: 5' 11" Wt: 11st. 7lbs.

GARY LOCKE. Was the youngest winner of the Chelsea 'Player of the Year' award when selected at the age of 19 in 1974. A member of the 1971-72 England Youth Team, he signed professional in 1971 after two years as an apprentice. Born Park Royal. Ht: 5' 101" Wt: 10st. 8lb.

tice. Born Bethnal Green.

RAY 'BUTCH' WILKINS. Became club captain after Eddie McCreadie had taken over as manager at the end of last season. At 18 is the youngest captain in the Football League this season. Signed professional in October 1973 after winning England Schoolboy International honours. Born Hillingdon. Ht: 5' 7" Wt: 10st.

Those then are the players who have to lift Chelsea out of the Second Division. And the need to get back into top flight as quickly as possible is so

### CHELSEA FACTS AND FIGURES

Founded April 1905. Best win 13-0 v Jeunesse Hautcharage, ECWC 1971-72. Heaviest defeat 1-8 v Wolves Division 1 1953-54. Most League Appearances 495, by Peter Bonetti (1959-75). Most League goals in season 41, by Jimmy Greaves, Division 1 (1960-61). Most League goals in aggregate total 164, by Bobby Tambling (1958-70). Tambling in fact, scored a record 202 goals in first class matches for Chelsea. Record Attendance 82,905 Chelsea v Arsenal Division 1 1935-36. Most capped player current manager, Eddie McCreadie, with 23 for Scotland. Youngest ever player in League side Ian Hamilton, 16 years 4 months 18 days, v Spurs, away, Division 1 18-3-67.

#### HONOURS:

League Division One Champions 1954-55 (in their Golden Jubilee Year). Promoted from Division Two 1907, 1912, 1930 and 1963, FA Cup Winners 1970 (v Leeds); Runners-up 1915 and 1967. League Cup Winners 1965 (v Leicester); Runners-up 1972. European Cup Winners Cup Winners 1971 (v Real Madrid). F.A. Charity Shield Winners 1955, F.A. Youth Cup Winners 1960 and 1961.

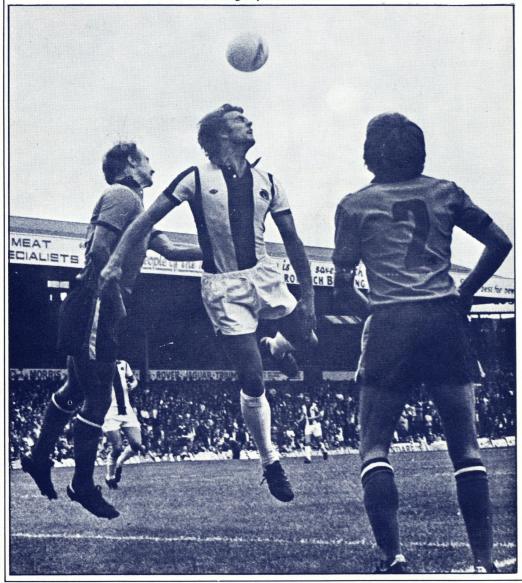
Fifty Two players have won international honours while with Chelsea, 27 of them Englishmen. Chelsea's Ground can today hold 55,000 fans. with 21,000 of them seated.

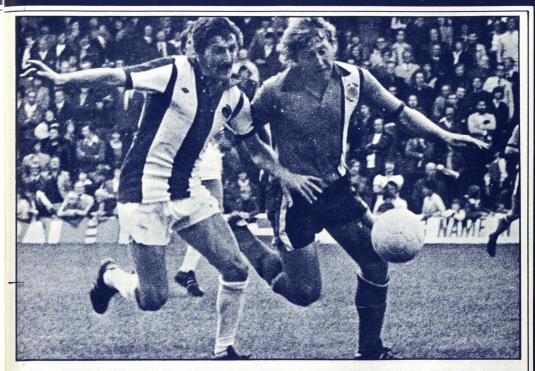
Three FA Cup Finals have been held at Stamford Bridge (1920, 1921 and 1922). Four international matches have been played there, three interleague games and four Amateur Cup Finals. The first match at the 'Bridge' was on September 11th 1905 when Chelsea beat Hull City 5-1 in a Second Division fixture.

## CHELSEA

## ALBION 1, LUTON 0 At The Hawthorns, Saturday 23rd August, 1975 1 New Albion man, Geoff Hurst wins this tussle, outjumping John Ryan and 'Maxie'. 2 Tony Brown and Paul Futcher 'dance' their way to this ball. 3 'Brave' Barber stops 'Bomber' Brown.

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.







### TOWN CHAT

#### MASCOT

This afternoon's mascot is Gary Sweet of 4 Belgrave Road, Luton. Gary is eleven years old.

#### **BALL DONOR**

The ball for this afternoon's game has been kindly donated by Peter John Chesham and Tony A. Hoare, who are Directors of M.K.C. (Civil Engineering Contractors) Limited and Members of the Century Sporting Club.

#### 1st SANDY SCOUT & GUIDE BAND

We are very pleased to welcome back to Kenilworth Road this afternoon the 1st Sandy Scout and Guide Band who entertained us so admirably on two occasions last season. During the summer months the band have taken part in a number of competitions. Early in June at the National Scout Championships at Poole, the Band were runners-up in the drum and trumpet class and were voted the second best Scout and Guide band in the country. Following these two successes the Band entered the East Anglian Contest where

they were runners-up in the Championship Class. I am sure you will all join with us in offering our congratulations to all concerned with the 1st Sandy Scout and Guide Band who are led by their Bandmaster, Mr Ken Small. Members of the Band will be taking collection boxes around the ground so we would ask you all to contribute something to these maryellous youngsters.

### **BOBBERS CLUB TRAVEL**

Weekend trip to BLACKPOOL. Friday, 3rd October—Sunday 5th October.

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### RESERVEREVIEW



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FOR SANDOR SIMON!

Who scored a hat-trick in the Mid-Week League game against Northampton, which followed a two-goal burst in the first Football Combination game of the season against Chelsea. "Watch out, watch out, there's a goal-thief about".

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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

PORTSMOUTH v LUTON
Saturday 6th September 1975
Kick-off 3 pm

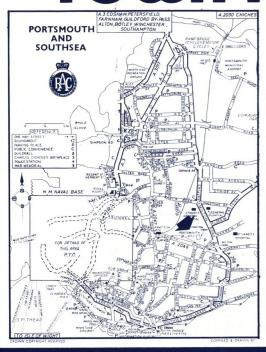
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### **TEAMS**

### **LUTON TOWN**

Colours: Shirts—Orange with a White and Navy Stripe. Shorts—Navy. Stockings—Orange.

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

### CHELSEA

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

- 1 STEVE SHERWOOD
- **2 GRAHAM WILKINS**
- 3 JOHN SPARROW
- 4 BRIAN BASON
- 5 MICKY DROY
- 6 JOHN DEMPSEY
- 7 IAN BRITTON
- 8 RAY WILKINS
  9 TEDDY MAYBANK
- 10 KEN SWAIN
- 11 CHARLIE COOKE
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### SCORES

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2	Carlisle v Blackburn	
3	Fulham v West Bromwich Albion	1
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6	Sunderland v Blackpool	150
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8	Aston Villa v Coventry City	1
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### MAN IN THE MIDDLE

#### Referee:

Mr E. A. READ, Bristol

Eric Read refereed in local leagues and the Western league before going on the League line in 1968, the Supplementary List and the full list last season. Linesman for a UEFA Cup match in West Germany last season and a League Cup semi-final in January 1974. Married with a daughter he is a general manager and his interests include travelling and photography, watching all sports and coaching new referees. His wife and daughter watch most of his matches.

### Linesman:

Mr W. G. V. CLEERE, Bucks—Red Flag Mr H. R. HARRIS, Swansea—Orange Flag

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