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# Comment

As there will be no trains operating on Boxing Day, when we are at home to Portsmouth (kick off 3.00 p.m.) the club are hoping, subject to the consent of the Ministry of Transport, to organise a coach service in conjunction with Lewis Coaches of Greenwich, to pick up supporters at local railway stations.

The service will operate on four routes if there is enough demand from supporters at tonight's game and at our next home match with Plymouth Argyle.

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## League Cup Final

The Football League Cup Final takes place at Wembley Stadium at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, February 28.

Season ticket holders who wish to purchase tickets for this match should apply to the club not later than December 15.

The price of tickets are £1.50 standing and £4, £5 and £6 for seats.

## Increase

The Club very much regrets that it has been necessary, as was warned in two previous programmes to increase the reduced price of admission from 35p to 40p because of young supporters running on to the pitch.

Any additional income received by the club from this increase will go towards physical precautions aimed eventually at preventing intrusion on to the pitch.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to our winger, John Harrison, who has been selected to play for the England Youth Squad against Ipswich Town at Portman Road, on December 9.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome goalkeeper Jeff Wood, who recently signed professional for us, to The Valley.

Jeff, who has made a number of appearances already in our reserve team, has joined us from Harlow

Town, and we have promised to send a team across to play the Essex club at the end of the season.

## Visitors

Tonight we welcome Luton Town to The Valley for a League match. This match should have been played on Friday, December 5, but was brought forward to tonight at the request of our opponents.

## Next Game

Our next League game is due to be played here at The Valley on Saturday, December 13 against Plymouth Argyle. Subject to Football League permission, we hope to move the match to Friday, December 12, should Millwall and Crystal Palace be playing each other in the next round of the F.A. Cup.

Please watch the national and local press for further details.

## Defeats

After the disappointment of the home defeat against Sunderland a depleted team went North to play Oldham Athletic the following Saturday, losing 2-0.

Derek Hales was under suspension and Phil Warman and Peter Hunt were both injured, which meant a change in the defence for the first time this season.

Skipper David Young who played in midfield was booked and subject to an F.A. hearing will be suspended for a maximum of three matches, from after tonight's game.

# FOCUS ON OUR



**BACK ROW:** Peter Mead, Alan West, Gordon Hindson, Jim Ryan, Peter Anderson, Andy King, Pasquale Fuccillo, Brian Chambers, Laurence Coyne, Matt Pollock.  
**FIRST ROW:** Danny Bergara (Coach), Alex Malcom, David Carr, Bobby Thomson, Paul Futcher, John Faulkner, Keith Barber, Graham Horn, Steve Liit, Steve Buckley, Paul Price.  
**SECOND ROW:** David Pleat (Coach), John Aston, Ron Futcher, Peter Spiring, Harry Haslam (Manager), Roy McCrohan (Chief Coach), Adrian Alston, Jimmy Husband, John Seaman, Reg Game (Physiotherapist).  
**SEATED:** Graham Jones, Wayne Morgan, Barry McHugh, Ian Donnelly, Tony Knight, Andy Roberts, Sandor Simon, Iain Stewart, Steve Russell, Tim Smith.

- \* The Hatters, as Luton are known, were formed in 1885 and turned professional five years later.
- \* Their record victory was on April 13, 1936, when they beat Bristol Rovers 12—0.
- \* The famous Joe Payne scored an incredible 55 goals in a season for Luton in 1936-37.
- \* Amongst the eight managers Luton have had since the war, are two former Charlton players, Sam Bartram and Alec Stock.
- \* The club's record gate receipts of £16,100, were achieved on January 11 this year when Chelsea visited Kenilworth Road.

# VISITORS



## Profile on the Players

**KEITH BARBER.** Keith was signed on professional forms in April 1971, when Tony Read was injured. He played well enough to earn two more games before the end of the season, but was not first choice for 1974/75.

**JOHN RYAN.** John's first League game was with First Division Fulham in 1967/68. He was transferred to Luton towards the end of the next season. He was a member of the Hatters' team which won promotion to the First Division in 1974.

**JOHN FAULKNER.** John (once a Charlton amateur) was Sutton's centre-back during their 1970 F.A. Cup run. He had the misfortune to break a kneecap after signing professional with Leeds United. In 1972, before making a full recovery at Leeds, he joined Luton and has since been our number one centre-back.

**PAUL FUTCHER.** Paul was transferred for £100,000 little more than a year after making his league debut for Chester at the age of 16. Paul is the identical twin of striker Ron, who joined Luton at the same time.

**BOBBY THOMSON.** Bobby, now approaching the end of a wonderful career, had, at the end of last season, made 450 League appearances for four clubs. He came close to playing in England's number three shirt for the 1966 World Cup. Signed for Luton in 1972.

**PETER ANDERSON.** Peter signed for Luton in February 1971 after being spotted with amateurs, Hendon. He soon settled and has now made almost 200 appearances for the side

**ALAN WEST.** Alan won England under-23 honours in his Burnley days. Luton signed him for £80,000 soon after 1973/74 kicked off. He took over as skipper mid-way through last season.

**JIMMY RYAN.** Made his First Division debut in 1965/66 with Manchester United. He was unable to obtain a regular appearance and subsequently signed for Luton in 1970. Last season he took over as the Club's penalty-taker.

**BRIAN CHAMBERS.** A talented footballer with further potential. He made his League debut in 1970/71 with Sunderland and held his place for about a year. Signed for Luton just one season after joining Arsenal.

**JOHN ASTON.** John joined Manchester United in 1964/65. He played opposite flanks to George Best until he broke a leg and never quite made a full recovery. Moved to Luton on a £30,000 transfer in 1972.

**RON FUTCHER.** Signed with Luton in the

same deal as his identical twin brother, Paul. Hit four goals in his first two full First Division games. When Luton beat Wolves 3—2 on 28 December last, Ron claimed all three goals.

**JIMMY HUSBAND.** Won five England under-23 caps whilst at Fulham where he made his debut in 1965. He made his name with Everton and signed for Luton in the 1973/74 season, paying a £70,000 fee.

**JOHN SEAMAN.** Signed under an air of secrecy when everyone thought that Luton manager was after Steve Coppell. John had played on 17 League games for Tranmere when Luton signed him on the strength of his performances in the reserves.

## Previous Meetings

Charlton have scored 56 goals to Luton's 51 in 34 previous meetings. This is the minute difference between our two Clubs — 53 years after our first meeting — each side having won 14, lost 14, and drawn 6.

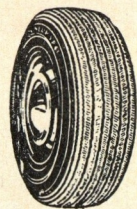
We were nearing the completion of our first season in League football when we paid our first visit to Luton in April 1922, but second half goals by Mathieson and Butcher for the Hatters made it a trip best forgotten. One week later, Higginbotham scored the only goal of the match for Luton to record the "double" in front of 3,000 Valley fans.

That defeat was one of only three we have suffered in 17 Luton league visits. Their last victory at The Valley was on September 23 1961, but older fans will remember we avenged that defeat with a record breaking 6—1 win, in the return match at Kenilworth Road on February 10 1962.

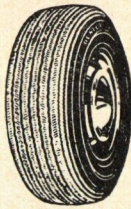
Match details of this brilliant performance together with the results of all our previous meetings are included in our "Down Memory Lane" feature.

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 1970/71 (Div. 2) Malcolm MacDonald 30  
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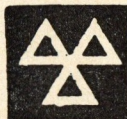
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Sunderland's attendances comfortably exceed the quarter of a million mark following their home match against Bristol Rovers on November 22. Up to that date 277,872 have attended the 10 League matches at Roker Park, an average of 27,787.

We are proud to report that the highest "gate" to watch Sunderland away this season was the 22,307 that attended our last match at The Valley.

It is fast approaching the halfway stage of the season, and the pattern of results indicate a tremendous open race ahead for the honours.

Sunderland obviously look a good bet but even assuming somewhat dangerously, they're successful, who will accompany them?

Currently the most consistent team is Bolton — 16 matches undefeated and averaging 1.5 points per game — but they are just one of many sides who have strung together impressive unbeaten runs.

Our table this week indicates the best unbeaten run of each team; current position compared with end of September and October; chief "striker" in League games and highest home attendance.

	Highest Crowd	Leading Scorer	Best Unbeaten Run	Postn. Sept. 30	Postn. Oct. 31	Postn. Nov. 22
Blackburn R.	24,480	Beamish 4	*9	16	18	13
Blackpool	9,564	Walsh 8	4	9	17	18
Bolton W.	18,538	G. Jones 8	*16	6	3	2
Bristol C.	19,132	Cheesley 11	9	4	2	3
Bristol R.	14,121	Bannister 7	*12	11	5	4
Carlisle	8,683	Laidlaw 4	3	19	20	19
		Clarke 4				
Charlton A.	22,307	Hales 10	6	8	9	15
Chelsea	22,841	R. Wilkins 7	*6	14	14	9
Fulham	22,921	J. Conway 5	4	3	4	6
		Howe 5				
Hull C.	9,097	Galvin 4	5	13	10	16
		Grimes 4				
Luton T.	19,024	Husband 4	3	10	12	17
Notts C.	12,964	Bradd 6	8	2	6	5
Nottingham F.	19,757	Bowyer 4	6	17	11	10
		O'Hare 4				
Oldham A.	11,324	Jones 5	6	7	8	7
Orient	6,332	Own Goals 3	*6	12	13	12
Oxford U.	9,069	D. Clarke 5	**3	22	19	20
		Tait 5				
Plymouth A.	18,304	Mariner 6	*3	18	16	14
Portsmouth	16,144	Piper 4	3	21	21	22
Southampton	21,227	Channon 10	4	5	7	11
Sunderland	31,356	Robson 7	6	1	1	1
		Towers 7				
W.B.A.	18,014	Alistair Brown 3	11	20	15	8
		Tony Brown 3				
York C.	15,232	Jones 4	2	15	22	21

\*Unbroken run. \*\*Achieved twice.

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## Down Memory Lane

It will not have escaped the notice of our more statistically minded supporters that our last home match against Sunderland was the 1,000th time we've acted as hosts in the Football League. Of these matches, 988 have been staged at The Valley. Today's visitors, Luton, were one of the twelve clubs who visited us during our brief stay at Catford during the 1923/24 season, and today we feature this match plus two other memorable past meetings.

### Charlton and Luton meet at The Mount, Catford — 1924

5th April 1924 at The Mount, Catford (Attendance 2,000 (estimate) )

Charlton 1 (Thomson):— Wood, N. Smith, Herod, Rees, Armitage, Goodman, Richards, Steele, Thomson, Ayres, S. Smith.

Luton Town 1 (Kerr):— Gibbon, Graham, Till, Walker, Jennings, Millar, Hoar, Butcher, Kerr, Reid, Hoten. (Half-time 1—0).

### Luton's first match in Division 1 — 1955

20th August 1955 at The Valley (Attendance 28,460)

Charlton 2 (Leary, Gauld):— Bartram, Campbell, Townsend, Hewie, Ufton, Hammond, Hurst, Ayre, Leary, Gauld, Kiernan.

Luton Town 2 (Turner, MacEwan):— Baynham, Dunne, Aherne, Morton, Owen, Shanks, Davies, Turner, MacEwan, Cummins, Taylor. (Half-time 1—1).

NOTE:— The attendance at the above match to watch Luton's first match in the top Division is a record for a game between our two Clubs. In this match, Charlton's forwards hit the crossbar three times and Jimmy Gauld, apart from scoring his debut goal for The Valiants, had a "goal" disallowed by referee K. E. Collinge (Sale, Cheshire) when Billy Kiernan was adjudged to have strayed offside.

### Record away win at Kenilworth Road — 1962

10th February 1962 at Kenilworth Road, Luton (Attendance 9,827)

Luton Town 1 (Turner):— Baynham, McNally, Bramwell, Groves, Cope, Pacey, Walden, Ashworth, Turner, McKechnie, Legate.

Charlton 6 (Edwards 3, Leary, Kinsey, o.g.):— Duff, Sewell, Hewie, Tocknell, Hinton, Bailey, White, Matthews, Leary, Edwards, Kinsey. (Half-time 1—3).

NOTE:— The above result was the last of a series of six record breaking Charlton matches played between 1953 and 1962. During this period Charlton beat Middlesbrough 8—1 (our highest League win); Burton Albion 7—0 (highest Cup win); Huddersfield Town 7—6 (highest aggregate score); drew 6—6 with Middlesbrough (highest draw); lost 11—1 at Villa Park (biggest defeat); and finally won 6—1 at Luton (record away win). To play in one of these matches must have been an unforgettable experience. Yet one player, the brilliant Stuart Leary, played in all six games, which almost seems unfair.

### Kenilworth Men and Valley Men

The following players played at senior level for both Club):— Jimmy Chipperfield, George Dodd, Rodney Green, Derek Hales, Vic Halom, George Kidd, Eddie Marsh, Charlie "Spider" Preedy, Albert Richards, Gordon Riddick, Matt Tees, Jimmy Thompson, Reg Tricker, and Jimmy Yardley.

### Summary of Results (Charlton score first)

	H	A		H	A		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1921/22	0—1	0—2	1934/35	4—2	2—1	Home	17	10	4	3	35	19	24
1922/23	2—1	2—2	1955/56	2—2	1—2	Away	17	4	2	11	21	32	10
1923/24	1—1	1—0	1956/57	1—2	2—4	Total	34	14	6	14	56	51	34
1924/25	2—0	0—1	1960/61	4—1	1—4								
1925/26	2—1	0—1	1961/62	0—1	6—1	<b>F.A. Cup</b>							
1926/27	2—2	0—1	1962/63	2—0	1—4	1951/52 Luton 1, Charlton 0							
1927/28	4—3	1—2	1970/71	1—1	1—1	<b>League Cup</b>							
1928/29	4—1	0—3	1971/72	2—0	2—1	1967/68 Luton 1, Charlton 1.							
1933/34	2—0	1—2				(Replay) Charlton 1, Luton 2 (after extra time).							

**YOUR MEMORIES AND QUESTIONS:**— Letters should be addressed to Colin Cameron, 54 Ellison Road, Sidcup, Kent, DA15 8BL. Colin is willing to purchase pre 1955 Charlton material in order to complete his invaluable file on the history of our great Club.



# IN Action...

Derek Hales in the thick of things during the match against Sunderland. *top left*  
 Derek nose-dives over Bob Moncur, but Jim Montgomery already has the ball. *News of the World picture. above*  
 Jim Montgomery shares the joke with our striker. *Sunday Times picture. bottom left*  
 Derek beats Bobby Robson to slot home our goal. *right*  
 Mike Flanagan celebrates the goal with Derek.



# SPOTLIGHT on a supporter

In these days of football hooliganism, it's indeed a pleasure to turn our Spotlight on a situation that should be the norm in football i.e. a man and his family feeling safe to visit the team they love.

Bill Alexander, pictured with his wife Lin and little girls Karen, 9, and Susan, 4, has been a supporter since 1951. In that year he was living at Eltham but marriage brought about two changes of address, first to Lee Green and eight years ago to his present home in Glemsford, a village near Sudbury in Suffolk.

It was his father who introduced him to Charlton and the first match he remembers was against Liverpool in 1951 when Hans Jeppson scored the only goal of the game to secure us two most vital points.

Bill recalls many exciting games in our distant past but for him last season's promotion clincher against Preston beat the lot "for", as he explained, "victory meant promotion and this was Charlton's

first major success since I had been supporting them".

Karen's favourite player is Colin Powell while Susan's choice is Keith Peacock. For Bill, our First Division days hold many memories and he chooses three great players from that era, Sam Bartram, Stuart Leary and John Hewie.



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Bolton ..	19	9	7	3	34	20	25
Bristol Rovers	19	6	10	3	23	17	22
Notts County	19	8	6	5	17	16	22
W.B.A. ..	19	7	8	4	17	18	22
Fulham ..	18	8	5	5	23	14	21
Chelsea ..	19	7	7	5	24	22	21
Oldham ..	19	8	5	6	27	28	21
Nottingham F.	19	7	6	6	22	17	20
Blackburn ..	19	5	9	5	18	16	19
Southampton	18	8	2	8	30	27	18
Hull City ..	19	7	4	8	20	20	18
Orient ..	18	6	6	6	15	15	18
Luton ..	19	6	5	8	21	20	17
Plymouth ..	19	6	5	8	21	26	17
<b>Charlton A.</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>
Blackpool ..	19	6	5	8	18	24	17
Carlisle ..	19	5	5	9	16	26	15
Oxford U. ..	19	4	5	10	18	28	13
York City ..	19	3	3	13	15	36	9
Portsmouth	19	1	6	12	10	30	8

MID-WEEK FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Up to and including 26th Nov., 1975

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford ..	14	9	3	2	31	14	21
Peterborough	10	6	3	1	23	14	15
<b>Charlton A.</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>
Cambridge U.	10	4	5	1	14	11	13
Southend U.	11	5	2	4	20	14	12
Luton Town	12	3	6	3	19	19	12
Brighton ..	12	4	4	4	17	19	12
Millwall ..	11	3	3	5	23	31	9
Orient ..	7	4	0	3	16	13	8
Gillingham	11	2	3	6	20	19	7
Portsmouth	9	3	1	5	12	17	7
Brentford ..	11	2	3	6	11	22	7
Colchester U.	10	2	2	6	16	28	6
Northampton	10	1	1	8	14	30	3

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# Echoes Across The Valley

Our long serving player Keith Peacock made his 400th League appearance (including 16 outings as substitute) against Sunderland in our last home match.

It was particularly appropriate for it was at Roker Park, the home of Sunderland, that Keith, the son of a Geordie, made his debut for Charlton on August 22, 1962.

Ten days later Keith celebrated his home debut by scoring his first League goal against tonight's visitors Luton.

A breakdown of Keith's career shows he has played against 71 League Clubs at Senior level and 41 of his 88 League and Cup goals have been scored away from home.

*A visitor to The Valley for the Sunderland match was Jimmy Trotter, who was trainer at the club for many years and later became manager.*

*Jimmy, who looked extremely well, has not been to a football match for many years and he met several old friends during his visit, including our present trainer Charlie Hall, former players, Derek Ufton and Peter Croker, and newspaper reporters, Bernard Joy and Harold Palmer, who shared many trips with Jimmy when he was England's trainer.*

*Two other former Charlton players of different eras were at Boundary Park to see our game with Oldham Athletic.*

*They were, Don Welsh who captained the club to their F.A. Cup victory over Burnley in 1947, and who now lives in Manchester, and Paul Hince, our former winger who was reporting the match for the Manchester Evening News.*

One of the satisfying features of editing a Match Day Magazine is receiving letters from supporters all over the world.

A letter recently arrived from a Charlton fan in Poland who says our victory over Southampton gave him a great deal of pleasure.

Our Polish friend, who sent us a lapel badge of his local team, A.Z.S. Koszalin in return for a Charlton club badge kindly commented that our programme was the best in the Second Division. "I especially like reading 'Comment' and 'News on Two'," he said.

## With the Reserves & Juniors

The Reserves lost their unbeaten record at The Valley last week when they lost 2-0 to Peterborough in the Midweek League Cup. Both Posh goals were scored in extra time and Harry Cripps, who has been finding the goal trail lately, missed a penalty.

The team was: Wood, Curtis, Tumbridge, Campbell, Goldthorpe, Berry, David Harrison, Cripps, Connett, Wilson, Templeman.

Two 17-year-olds, Lee Bowman and Lee Templeman who have been apprentices at Tottenham and Chelsea respectively, have both signed for us on trial and played in the colts team which recently lost 1-0 to West Ham in the S.E. Counties League.

On Thursday the Colts played Chelsea at The Valley in the second round of the F.A. Youth Cup and won 2-1.

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## Next Home Matches

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Saturday	13.12.75	PLYMOUTH A. (F.L.) 3.00 p.m.
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