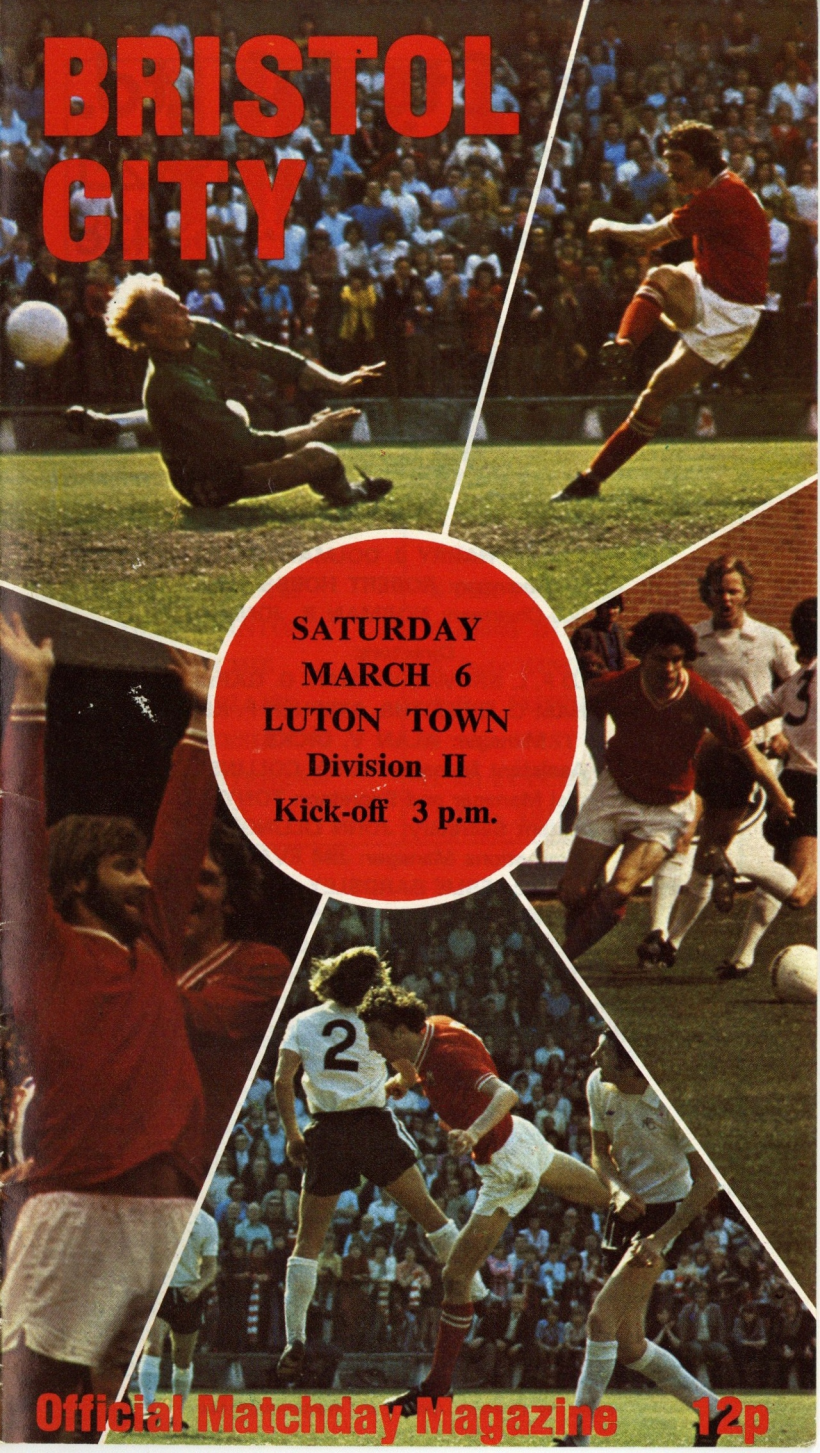


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- 4 Gerry GOW
- 5 Gary COLLIER
- 6 Geoff MERRICK
- 7 Trevor TANTON
- 8 Tom RITCHIE
- 9 Donnie GILLIES
- 10 Paul CHEESLEY
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- 12 Keith FEAR

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- 2 John RYAN
- 3 Steve BUCKLEY
- 4 Brian CHAMBERS
- 5 John FAULKNER
- 6 Paul FUTCHER
- 7 Jimmy HUSBAND
- 8 Andy KING
- 9 Ron FUTCHER
- 10 Alan WEST
- 11 Lil FUCCILLO
- 12 John ASTON

Referee

JOHN HOUGH from Macclesfield joined the full list two years ago. Linesman for a European Cup quarter-final in Czechoslovakia in 1973, he has also officiated in Italy. Married with a young daughter, he runs his own plumbing and property repair business. Plays squash and enjoys gardening.

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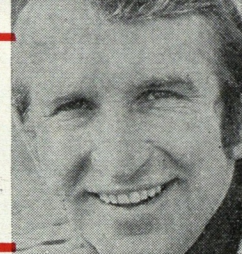
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From the manager



AFTER the build-up to what most people felt our most important few days of the season—matches at West Bromwich and Sunderland—the disappointment was the 'flu epidemic which ran through the club and made it impossible for us to field representative teams.

I wouldn't have liked us to go to either match under-strength and, from the reports of our club doctor, there was obviously no way we could fulfil those fixtures.

I cannot speak from personal knowledge for I was in bed with 'flu myself, but chief coach Ken Wimshurst looked after the playing and press relations side very capably in my absence.

I surfaced for the first time on Tuesday morning for a short spell and one look at Gerry Gow, Brian Drysdale and Gerry Sweeney, who managed only 10 minutes light work, made me realise at first hand how serious the epidemic had spread.

It would have been most unfair to have played either game with a side that would in no way have been representative of the one which has fared so well for the club this season. We want to be at full-strength when we play those re-arranged matches.

Although no club has played more games than us in the Second Division even now, it does mean a couple of extra evening matches for us as the season builds up to what will surely be an exciting climax.

At least the two postponements meant that Paul Cheesley, Donnie Gillies, Trevor Tainton and Brian Drysdale had a few extra days to get over their knocks, so this is some consolation.

I just hope we can field a full squad today and that the lads who have been under the weather can sweep aside the strength-sapping effects of the bug to help us back to a really top performance.

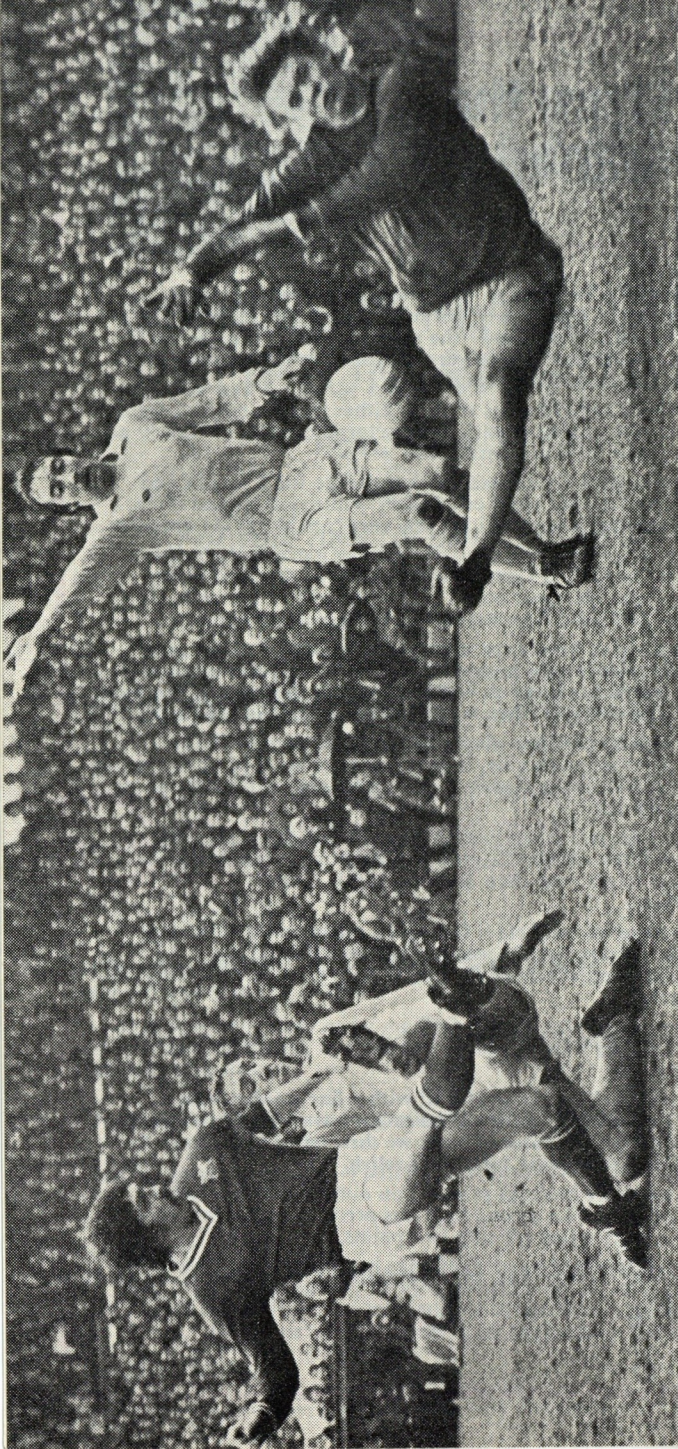
Our last game was against Oldham when we managed to hold on to a 1-0 lead which came as a result of a particularly good opening spell.

Paul was back on the goal trail with a fine header from a perfect Tom Ritchie cross and he might have added two others during the first few minutes when we threatened to get back to our earlier goal-scoring form with relish.

Once again we brought pressure on ourselves by not getting the second goal. The second half was pretty even and we were well satisfied to come off with two points.

We haven't scored more than once in a match since December 26 and this is one situation we hope to change today. But Luton are enjoying a good run at the moment so it will not be easy and we shall need all the vocal backing you can supply.

—ALAN DICKS



A spectacular, instinctive save by Nottingham Forest goalkeeper **PETER WELLS** from a point-blank drive by **DONNIE GILLIES** who is tackled by **IAN BOWYER** as **FRANK CLARK** looks on.

CITYPICS

by JOHN KELLAND



Above: **PETER WELLS** dives at **TOM RITCHIE'S** feet during the Forest match. Below: **BRIAN DRYSDALE** tries a shot after beating Oldham's **DAVID SHAW** to the ball.

ACTION

City Promotions

WELL, what a crisis week at Ashton Gate! With the 'flu bug rife last Monday, all the staff were issued with kit in case the match had to be played at Sunderland.

Ken Wimshurst put us all through our paces for five minutes, and then decided we were a bit too hot! So off we all went, back to our normal tasks, such as cancelling air flights etc!

Let's hope we can stay in the promotion race with a win over Luton this afternoon, and to do that the lads are going to want some real support as the dreaded 'lurgy' takes some shifting.

Whilst we are on the subject of support, what about the Covered End at the match against Nottingham Forest, when nothing was going quite right for us?

They cheered and cheered and were marvellous. I can tell them all now, the players really appreciated it. Keep up the good work!

SUNDERLAND FLIGHT

All present bookings will stand for March 23, when the match will be played, but be assured, if the date is not suitable for anyone, then your money will be refunded.

If you can let us know promptly, at the Promotions Office, it would help us a great deal.

The Golden Goal winner at the Nottingham Forest match

was R. FILER, 16 Mowcroft Road, Hartcliffe, and he received £50. Have you bought your Golden Goal ticket yet? Perhaps you will be the lucky £50 winner today!

DRAGONARA STAG NIGHT

We have nearly sold out of tickets for this event but there are just a few we can still sell for next Monday, price £9 each.

Celebrities on the evening will be Henry Cooper, Trevor Bailey, Jim Finney, Colin Cowdrey, Brian Moore, John Bromley, Alan Dicks, Ken Wimshurst, our directors, and amongst the players, Brian Clark, Steve Kember, Chris Garland, John Galley, Geoff Merrick, Brian Drysdale, Gerry Gow, Trevor Tainton, Ray Cashley, Paul Cheesley—bug allowing of course!

Tickets only from Promotions Office.

See you there!

We have some wonderful raffle prizes for the evening too!



by Jim Evans

CITY VIEW

NEXT Wednesday the youth team take on Newcastle United here at Ashton Gate in the quarter-final of the F.A. Youth Cup—the premier competition for footballers under the age of 18.

It will be a big day for our lads who have battled so well to reach this stage with wins over Plymouth Argyle (2-0), Swindon Town (4-2) and Sunderland (6-2 after a 2-2 draw at Roker Park).

We have had merely average results in the Midland Youth League this season, winning five and drawing four of our 16 matches so far. This is largely because we have included many schoolboys and have a much younger team than many of our opponents.

We are also down to only four apprentice professionals at the moment and two of them, Mike Simmons and Howard Pritchard, have played quite a few games in the Reserves.

Our youth Cup squad is strengthened by three professionals—Shaun Penny, Kevin Mabbutt and Allan Riley—and also by a couple of amateurs recruited from other clubs.

Next season we shall take as many apprentices as we think are good enough. Already David Wiltshire, a midfield player from Almondsbury who is in our present squad, and Wayne Summerhayes from Taunton are lined up together with a lad from Scotland.

After our Sunderland triumph—and the tremendous backing we had from the supporters—



I saw Newcastle gain a narrow win at Newport. They have two or three good players who are in the England youth squad, but it will be how we play that matters.

We have a good bunch of lads in this season's team and the backing given to me in my efforts by the manager, Tony Collins, Ken Wimshurst and Billy Tovey makes the success a real team effort.

Our supporters spurred on the team with their encouragement against Sunderland. We all hope that several thousand will turn up on Wednesday to cheer the lads into the semi-final.

—DON MACKAY
(Youth Coach)



Citygirl



Today's Citygirl is LISETTE BELL-SIMMONDS, aged 22 from Stoke Bishop who is Miss Nightclub 1976. Her hobbies include reading, squash and driving. Picture: Terry Dite.

City Supporters

THE club have chartered a train for the match at Blackpool on 3rd April. It will start at Weston-super-Mare at 8 a.m., calling at all stations through to Patchway, arriving at Blackpool at 13.46.

The fare is £4 for adults and £3 for juveniles under 14. Tickets will be on sale early next week, and full details can be obtained from the Supporters' Club office.

Motor coaches have been arranged for the match at Charlton on Friday, 12th March, leaving City Ground at 2.30 p.m. and the fare is £2 for adults, and £1.40 for juveniles.

When the new date of the West Bromwich match is known, coaches will operate for this trip, leaving City Ground at 3.30 p.m., and the fare is £2 for adults and £1.40 for juveniles under 14.

"Pirate" traders are trying to make money out of the team's success. All supporters are reminded that these sellers of scarves, rosettes, foodstuffs, etc., are nothing to do with the club and contribute nothing towards the football club. If any of these goods are required, please call at the souvenir and programme shop or the canteens situated around the ground. These are the only official selling points.

End of season draw books have been sent to 50 per cent of the membership. Those members who received tickets for the Christmas Draw will not be receiving any this time, but if they would like to help the club, tickets can be obtained from the club office.

Player of the Year Award: Those members who have not received a form through the post, can obtain one from the club office or Souvenir and Programme Shop.

The Supporters' Club are again organising a six-a-side skittles knock-out competition during the 1976 summer months. Each team will be permitted to register up to nine players. Application forms and full details can be obtained from the Supporters' Club office. Prizes to the value of £280 can be won.

Members may now apply to participate in the ballot for tickets for the following matches: F.A. Cup, 1st May at Wembley, closing date 17th April; Wales v England, 8th May, at Ninian Park, closing date 24th April; England v Ireland, 12th May, at Wembley, closing date 28th April; Scotland v England, 15th May, at Hampden Park, closing date 1st May. Applications must be made on the official form obtainable from the office.

The club are hoping to have an entry in the National Miss Football Competition, the divisional final of which will take place at Westland Sports Centre, Yeovil, on Saturday, 15th May at 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. A buffet dance has been arranged and tickets cost £1.30. If there is sufficient support we shall be running a coach to Yeovil for £1.20 return.

The club room is now open every lunch time throughout the week for luncheons. Various salads, and hot foods such as sausage, pie, chicken, all served with chips, ploughman's lunch and various rolls will be available.

For your entertainment in the club room: Tonight: Jason Delroy, Tomorrow: Victoria Park, Saturday, 13th March: Two Plus Two, Sunday 14th March, Jay Stars. Cover charge on each occasion, 20p.

LUTON TOWN, still with a chance of returning to the First Division like a yo-yo, have won five of their away games and drawn three more.

The away victories have been at Portsmouth (2-0), Charlton (5-1), Hull (2-1), Bristol Rovers (1-0) and York (3-2).

Their recent away results have been up and down. The victory at York was sandwiched in between a 3-0 defeat at Bolton and a 1-1 draw at Oldham. More recently they crashed 3-0 again—at Plymouth.

Financial pressures forced manager **Harry Haslam** to sell midfielder man **Peter Anderson** to the Belgian side Antwerp in December for £80,000.

But midfield seems to be one of Luton's strong points. Main inspiration is former Burnley player **Alan West** who cost the club £80,000 in October 1973 only two months after a £70,000 move to Sunderland fell through for medical reasons.

Brian Chambers started his career with Sunderland and played 63 League games. He joined Arsenal in May 1973 for £25,000 but played only once in the Highbury League side. In July 1974 he joined, Luton for £30,000 and earned a regular place this season.

Completing the midfield trio is youngster **Andy King** a local player who became an apprentice in October 1972 and a full professional 21 months later.

He made his League debut when he came on as sub for Luton's last game in the First Division—at home to Manchester City. He scored in five successive League games for Luton in December and January.

Goalkeeper **Keith Barber** has been with the club since April 1971 when he was signed from Dunstable Town. He completed

100 League games earlier this season.

Full back **John Ryan** played his first League soccer with Fulham when they were in the first Division. He joined Luton in the 1968-69 season and has played over 260 League games for them and over 300 altogether.

Steve Buckley joined the club from Southern League Burton Albion in April 1974 and cost £5,000. Apart from a nine game spell when former Wolves, Birmingham and England man **Bobby Thomson** took over, Buckley has been the regular left back this season.

Regulars at the heart of the defence have been **John Faulkner** and **Paul Futcher**. Faulkner played for amateurs Sutton

United against Leeds United in the F.A. Cup fourth round tie in January 1970.

Although the amateurs lost 6-0, Faulkner made a big impression with manager Don Revie and signed for the Elland Road club. His stay was dogged by injury and he joined Luton in 1972.

Paul Futcher, along with his twin brother striker **Ron**, joined the club from Chester in June 1974. Paul was valued at £100,000 and Ron at £40,000.

Former Chester apprentices, the brothers had been professional for only five months when they joined Luton. Ron returned from suspension last Saturday to score in the 2-0 home win over Sunderland.

That goal was Futcher's tenth of the season and put him just one ahead of **Jimmy Husband** the former Everton player who

joined the club in November 1973 for £70,000.

An England schoolboy and youth international he won an F.A. Youth Cup, F.A. Cup runners-up, and League championship medals during his Goodison Park days and played 165 League games for the club scoring 44 goals. He played five times for England's under-23 side.

Winger **John Aston** has won even more honours. The son of a former Manchester United full back, he joined the Old Trafford staff from school and won two Division One Championship medals and played in the 1968 European Cup winning side.

Recent injuries to centre half Faulkner and winger Aston gave **Paul Price** and **Pasquale 'Lil' Fuccillo** their first full League outings. Both had played once as sub before.



LUTON TOWN 1975-76—Back row (left to right): Peter Mead, Alan West, Gordon Hindson, Jim Ryan, Peter Anderson (now Antwerp), Andy King, Pasquale Fuccillo, Brian Chambers, Laurence Coyne, Matt Pollock. First row: Danny Bergara (coach), Alex Malcolm, David Carr, Bobby Thomson, Paul Futcher, John Faulkner, Keith Barber, Graham Horn, Steve Litt, Steve Buckley, Paul Price. Second row: David Pleat (coach), John Aston, Ron Futcher, Peter Spiring (on loan to Hereford), Harry Haslam (manager), Roy McCrohan (chief coach), Adrian Alston (now Cardiff City), 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.

News on Two

BY ALAN KING

LUTON manager **HARRY HASLAM** (below), a former Manchester United player, led the club to promotion as Division Two runners-up in 1973-74. He followed Alec Stock, now with Fulham, as Luton's boss.

John Lathan has joined Carlisle United from Mansfield Town for an £11,000 fee. Lathan, formerly with Sunderland, has been plagued with injury, twice breaking his collar bone in five months. The first break was suffered in a summer motor accident and the second, in September, playing against Bury.

Good news and bad news. **John Middleton**, the former England youth goalkeeper with Nottingham Forest, is playing again after breaking his leg in training in October.

Bobby Svare, the Blackburn Rovers striker is out for the



rest of the season because of injury.



The Special Special.

York City had the lowest Division Two gate of the season when only 2,857 watched them lose 2-0 to Fulham.

The top Division Two figure is still the 46,680 who saw Bolton beat Sunderland 2-1 at Burnden Park on December 27. Sunderland had 47,583 at Roker Park for their F.A. Cup replay with Stoke City.

Six goals in four games have given Charlton striker **DEREK HALES** a three goals lead at the top of the divisional scoring chart.

League, F.A. Cup and League Cup totals up to and including last Saturday's games are—

- 23 **Derek Hales** (Charlton Ath.)
- 20 **Mike Channon** (Southampton)
- 17 **Les Bradd** (Notts Co.)
- 15 **Paul Cheesley** (City)
- Paul Mariner** (Plymouth)
- 14 **Mickey Walsh** (Blackpool)
- Bill Rafferty** (Plymouth)
- 13 **Tom Ritchie** (City)
- Ian Scanlon** (Notts Co.)

Mickie Bullock has left Orient for Halifax for a £4,000 fee. The former Birmingham and Oxford player has career totals of 363 League games and 89 goals.

Luton Town's **JIMMY RYAN** is to join the Stateside club Dallas Tornados on loan later this month.

Blackpool have released 19-year-old striker **MICKY BETTS**.

Carlisle United's **BOBBY OWEN** scored for both teams in the 4-2 defeat at Charlton. His Carlisle goals was his 92nd in the League.

Midfield man **Charlie Cooke** and full back **Gary Locke** scored their first goals of the

Second Division

	Goals				
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BRISTOL CITY	31	15	10	6	46 26 40
Bolton	30	16	8	6	48 28 40
Sunderland	30	17	5	8	47 29 39
Notts County	31	16	7	8	46 29 39
Southampton	31	16	5	10	54 37 37
Luton	32	15	7	10	45 36 37
West Brom	30	13	10	7	33 27 36
Oldham	32	12	9	11	47 50 33
Nottingham F.	31	11	9	11	40 33 31
Fulham	31	11	9	11	40 36 31
Chelsea	32	11	9	12	41 42 31
Bristol Rovers	31	9	13	9	29 33 31
Plymouth	33	11	8	14	43 44 30
Blackpool	31	10	11	10	30 36 30
Charlton	30	12	6	12	45 53 30
Carlisle	32	10	10	12	36 45 30
Orient	29	10	9	10	26 27 29
Hull	32	11	6	15	33 39 28
Blackburn	31	7	12	12	29 38 26
Oxford	32	6	11	15	30 45 23
Portsmouth	32	6	6	20	23 47 18
York	32	6	5	21	26 57 17

season in Chelsea's 2-0 home win over Portsmouth. It was only the second Locke has scored in 110 League games.

PETER THOMPSON saved his first goal of the season for Saturday when he hit Bolton's vital matchwinner against Hull City.

The former England man, more a goal maker than a goal-scorer, has now netted 64 in his 533 League games with Preston North End, Liverpool and Bolton.

Rich pickings for Charlton Athletic who attracted over 100,000 people in three successive away games. They were the F.A. Cup ties at Portsmouth (31,722), and Wolverhampton (33,301) and the League match at Sunderland (31,730).

Malcolm Smith the Middlesbrough player who has had his loan to Blackpool extended, scored his second goal in three games when he grabbed a point at Bristol Rovers. That makes him joint second top scorer for the club.

CITY SCENE



by Peter Godsiff

GEOFF MERRICK (below) was sitting at his Backwell home on Sunday night after getting over the worst symptoms of 'flu watching the Professional Footballers' Association awards presentation when his name appeared on the screen.

He and Paul Cheesley were selected in the Second Division team by the majority of players in the Second Division.

"It came as a surprise," Geoff told me this week. "I had an idea that Paul and I might get chosen for the boss arranged for both of us to go to the dinner with him.

"As it turned out, none of us went for he had the 'flu worse than any of us, it seems, and I felt in no condition to attend.

"I can only really repeat what was said by all the other lads who won awards. If you are voted a good player by your fellow professionals, that must be the ultimate prize.

"Anyone who recognises you in the same trade knows what to look for better than anyone else. It was pleasing for me to be remembered by so many people I've played against this season and the same goes for Paul."

For the record—and for those who, like Geoff, were so busily taking in the fact that two City players were picked that they missed the full Second Division team—let me list it.

Jim Montgomery (Sunderland), **Gary Locke** (Chelsea), **John Gorman** (Carlisle), **Tony**

Towers (Sunderland), **Paul Jones** (Bolton), **Geoff, Bobby Kerr** (Sunderland), **Mike Chanon** (Southampton), **Paul, Johnny Giles** (West Bromwich), **Peter Thompson** (Bolton).

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A final reminder from me about the F.A. Youth Cup quarter-final against Newcastle United here next Wednesday (7.30 p.m.). Youth football at this stage of the most important competition of all is always a fine spectacle.

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The traditional end-of-season Gloucestershire Professional Cup match against Bristol Rovers, scheduled this year for Ashton Gate, has been switched to Tuesday May 4.

The date has been changed because Rovers will be playing a re-arranged match at Bolton on April 27.

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Jimmy Mann will be sitting out today's match and also the game at Charlton next Friday. His two-match suspension was originally dated from last Saturday which meant he should have missed the West Bromwich and Sunderland matches.

Now his return will be for the next home match against Fulham on March 20.

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BRIAN DRYSDALE has also had to wait for his 300th senior appearance for the club. This was due to be at West Bromwich last Saturday. But he sustained a groin strain in

the last home match against Oldham and was doubtful.

He then caught the 'flu bug like almost everyone else on the club and was delighted when the game was postponed. All being well he will run out for the 300th time today.

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There is nothing in the Football League rules to prevent a player being given a stimulant before a match, as far as I am aware.

At least manager **Alan Dicks** hopes he didn't infringe any regulations when he offered **Gerry Gow** a large tot of brandy before the Oldham game.

"He was coughing and looked pretty ill, but was determined to go out," the manager told me. "I decided on the usual medicine and it seemed just the right tonic."

I made **Gerry** man of the match and his determined play played a big part in an important win which lessened the blow of the Forest defeat in the previous game.

Alan is now hoping he hasn't set a precedent—especially with brandy around a fiver a bottle!

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The final two loans expired recently. **Steve Harding** returned from Southend at the end of last week after playing just two League matches.

John Emanuel came back from Gillingham on Thursday after playing regularly in the Third Division team and, I noted, he scored an own goal in one match.

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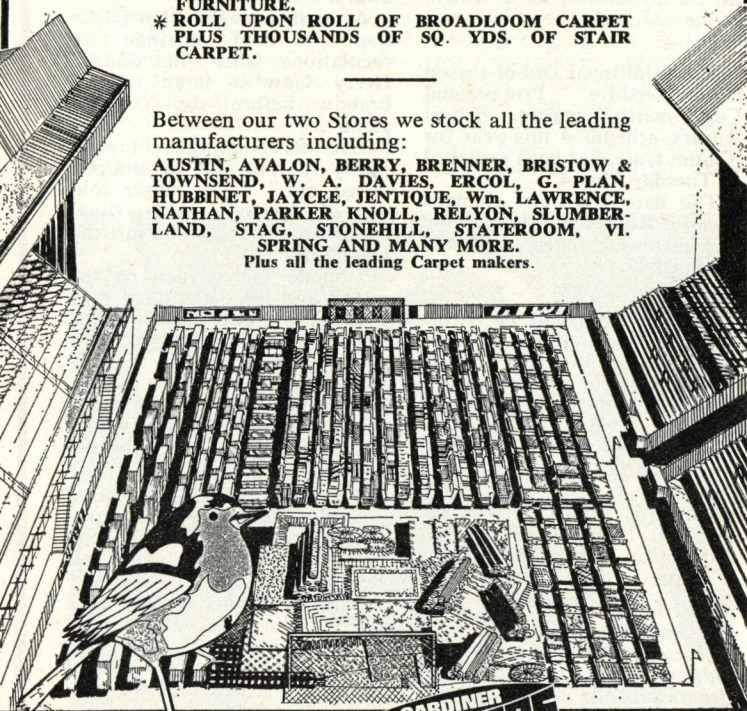
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23	Chelsea	H	1-2
26	Fulham	H	1-1
30	Plymouth Argyle	A	1-0
SEPTEMBER			
6	Reading	H	6-1
13	Arsenal	A	0-0
16	Cardiff City	H	4-0
27	Bristol Rovers	A	2-3
OCTOBER			
4	Norwich City	H	1-0
7	Crystal Palace	A	2-0
11	Ipswich Town	A	0-2
25	Luton Town	A	0-0
NOVEMBER			
1	Southampton	H	3-0
4	Oxford United	H	6-0
8	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1-1
11	Crystal Palace	H	2-0
15	Orient	H	4-1
26	Oxford United	A	1-1
29	Queens Park Rangers	H	2-0
DECEMBER			
6	Swindon Town	A	5-0
13	Chelsea	A	1-2
20	West Ham United	H	1-0
JANUARY			
10	Arsenal	H	1-0
13	Bournemouth	A	1-1
21	Reading	A	2-0
23	Plymouth Argyle	H	0-0
27	Leicester City	H	0-1
FEBRUARY			
11	Birmingham City	H	1-0
14	Tottenham Hotspur	H	1-3
21	Orient	A	1-1
23	Fulham	A	0-1
MARCH			
9	Southampton	A	
13	Ipswich Town	H	
20	Queens Park Rangers	A	
27	Swindon Town	H	
31	Cardiff City	A	
APRIL			
3	Bristol Rovers	H	
17	Bournemouth	H	
21	Birmingham City	A	
24	Norwich City	A	

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Around the grounds

A	Derby Newcastle
B	Man. United Wolves
C	Bradford C. Southampton
D	Sunderland Crystal Palace
E	Aston Villa Ipswich T.
F	Liverpool Middlesbrough
G	QPR Coventry C.
H	Stoke C. Burnley
J	West Ham Birmingham
K	Blackburn R. Bristol R.
L	Blackpool Bolton W.
M	Carlisle U. Nottm Forest
N	Fulham Portsmouth
P	Hull C. Oxford U.
R	Notts County WBA
S	Oldham Orient
T	Plymouth Chelsea
U	Hereford Preston N.E.

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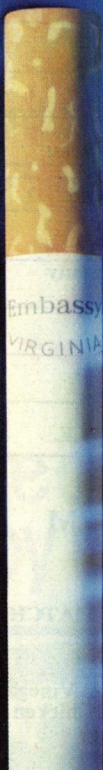
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