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DIVISION TWO*

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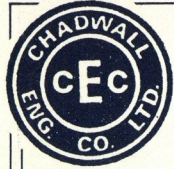
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HARRY'S



EVERY wife wants the family at home on Christmas Day but ever since she has been married Trudy Haslam has been unable to call the day her own. For since she married Harry she has become used to the fact that he would be working at one time of the day.

This year I consider myself lucky because he will only be missing from Monday onwards. I can remember the

days when we played on Christmas and Boxing Day.

Finally, may I wish all the Luton Town fans a Happy New Year and thank you for your support throughout the year.

Photograph shows Harry with wife Trudy and son Keith and daughter Karen enjoying their Christmas together.

TOWN

Chelsea

PETER BONETTI: At 34 is in his 18th season of first-class goalkeeping with 643 first team appearances, (522 of them in League football). Signed professional from juniors in April 1959 and made debut year later. Played in Chelsea's three Cup-winning teams and has won seven full England caps. Born Putney, 5'11", 11st 12lb.

JOHN PHILLIPS: Welsh international goalkeeper with three full caps, he was limited to the last three League games of last season after breaking ankle in pre-season training. Originally with Shrewsbury, then Aston Villa before joining Chelsea in 1970. Has made 116 first team appearances (96 in League football). Born Shrewsbury, 5'11½", 11st 7lb.

IAN BRITTON: 5' 5" and 9st 7lb of perpetual motion in midfield, this little Scottish dynamo has made 95 first team appearances since his debut against Derby on 30 December 1972. Signed professional in July 1971 from juniors. Born Dundee.

CHARLIE COOKE: 33 year old forward stylist now in his second spell with Chelsea. Signed from Dundee in April 1966, moved to Crystal Palace in September 1971 and returned to Stamford Bridge in January 1974. Has 16 Scottish caps and has made 358 first team appearances for Chelsea. Born St Monance, Fife; 5' 8½".

JOHN DEMPSEY: Eire international centre-half who signed from Fulham in January 1969. Played 207 first team games for Chelsea. Born Hampstead, 6'1", 11st 9lb.

MICKY DROY: Joined Chelsea from Slough Town in October 1970 and made debut following February. Has made 116 appearances and scored six times. Born Highbury, 6' 4½", 15st 5lb.

STEVE FINNIESTON: Former Scottish Youth international striker, signed professional from apprentice in December 1971. Scored five goals in twelve League games last season. Born Edinburgh, 5' 11", 11st 8lb.

BILL GARNER: Joined Chelsea in September 1972 after careers with Notts County, Loughborough, Dunstable, Bedford and Southend. Born Leicester, 6' 0½", 13st.

RON HARRIS: Captained Chelsea to FA Cup triumph in 1970 and Cup Winners' Cup in 1971. Signed from juniors in November 1961 and began season with Chelsea's all time appearance record of 647. Born Hackney, 5' 8", 11st 13lb.

DAVID HAY: Scottish international midfielder/defender, signed from Celtic for club record fee of £225 000 in July 1974. Born Paisley.



Back row left to right: T Langley, J Dempsey, S Wicks, M Droy, W Garner, S Finnieston, E Maybank, G Locke. Middle row left to right: D Hay, K Swain, G Stanley, R Wilkins, B Bason, J Sparrow, R Harris. Front row left to right: I Britton, J Phillips, R Lewington, P Bonetti, G Wilkins.

GERRY STANLEY: Total of 32 first team appearances with three goals since debut against Sunderland, he signed professional in March 1971 from apprentice. Born Burton-on-Trent, 5' 9½", 11st 8lb.

KEN SWAIN: Amateur with Wycombe Wanderers before joining Chelsea in August 1973. Appeared 36 times in first team. Born Birkenhead, 5' 11", 11st 7lb.

GRAHAM WILKINS: Signed professional from apprentice in July 1972, and eldest of three brothers at Chelsea, sons of former Brentford player George Wilkins. Born Hillingdon, 5' 6½", 10st 2lb.

RAY (BUTCH) WILKINS: Chelsea's captain who gained England cap against Italy in New York last May. Did not miss one League game last season. Signed professional from juniors in October 1973. Born Hillingdon, 5' 7", 10st 10lb.

BRIAN BASON: Signed professional after making debut as apprentice against Sheffield United in September 1972. Born Epsom, 5' 9", 11st 11lb.

TOMMY LANGLEY: Signed professional in March 1975 from apprentice, has won international caps at schoolboy and youth international level. Scored twice in 18 League appearances. Born Elephant & Castle, 5' 11", 11st 7lb.

RAY LEWINGTON: Turned professional from apprentice in February 1974, and made nine League appearances last season. Born Lambeth, 5' 7", 10st 13lb.

GARY LOCKE: Attacking right-back, made League debut against Coventry in September 1972 and has since made 135 appearances. Signed from juniors in July 1971. Born Park Royal, 5' 11", 11st 5lb.

TED MAYBANK: Signed professional from apprentice in February 1974 and made 29 appearances up to end of last season. Born Lambeth, 5' 11", 11st 6lb.

JOHN SPARROW: Signed professional in June 1974 from apprentice and won eight England Youth caps following season. Born Bethnal Green, 5' 10", 12st.

STEVE WICKS: Signed professional from juniors in May 1974 and has now made 24 appearances scoring once. Born Reading, 6' 2", 13st.

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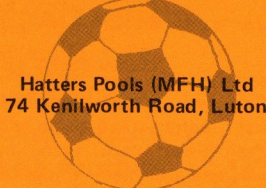
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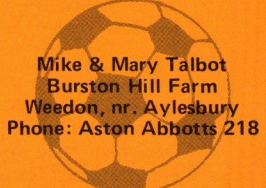
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IN CELEBRATION of their Ruby year, W H Brougham Ltd have donated £750 worth of prizes in order to help the funds of the Club. There are fourteen prizes in all, including £150 greenhouse, £50 garden tools, Wilkinson Swords Ltd, £30 shrubs and plants, £20 voucher to spend at their Garden Centre at Caddington at 227 Dunstable Road, Luton. As well as this, they have purchased 10 Bobbers Stand tickets for 1977/78 season!

Tickets will be 25p each and will be sold as from tonights game. Draw will take place on the ground v Leyton Orient, 11th April.

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Youth team

THE Youth team took an early exit from the FA Youth Cup when they lost to Arsenal 1-0 at Highbury on Wednesday 15th December. The lads played extremely well but missed several chances. With ten minutes to go Arsenal brought on their substitute and moved Gattin up front who scored the important goal.

The Luton team was A Knight, W Turner, I Donnelly, W Morgan, G Jones, G Sisman, G Brown, G Ingram, N Johnson, R Hill and P Driver. Substitute was T Trowsdale.

All Our Yesterdays

A LOOK BACK AT LUTON A DECADE
AGO

By Brian Swain, Sports Editor, Luton News.

LIFE had been pretty miserable for Luton Town supporters as Christmas 1966 approached. In their first match that December they were 91st, their lowest place ever, in the Football League, and travelled to meet Lincoln City, who were 92nd. The trip was a disaster — the Town were pathetic, hammered 8-1 by the worst team in the land, to give stark proof of the size of the task that faced new manager Allan Brown.

His diagnosis was simple: the crying need was for new strength in crucial positions, centre-half and centre-forward.

The first step was to pay £7,000 to Leicester City for their reserve defender Max Dougan. He made his debut on

December 10, 1966, tightened up the defence, and the faithful 5,096 at Kenilworth Road saw the Town beat Chesterfield 3-2, with Ray Whittaker scoring one and Bruce Rioch getting the other two. The victory moved the Town two places up the Fourth Division table, which meant that the Club still faced the humiliating possibility of being in the re-election applicants unless things improved.

But improvement was on the way, because Brown then took action on his second priority, by signing Derek Kevan from Peterborough for the bargain fee of £2,000. Kevan had been one of the games big stars and an England centre-forward in a career which in 12 years had taken him from Bradford to West Brom, Chelsea, Manchester City and Crystal Palace.

Peterborough had forked out £10,000 for Kevan barely a year earlier, and were prepared to let him go for £2,000 because

he was unable to command a regular place in their league side.

But Brown saw the big fair-haired striker as the ideal target man, and a potential match-winner with his heading power. Whittaker and French would provide the centres and Kevan would do the rest, forecast the manager.

Kevan made his debut ten years ago, on December 17, at Halifax. Brown's confidence received the boost it deserved, because Kevan duly headed the Town into the lead in the 59th minute. Plans then went slightly wrong because two minutes later Graham French was sent off after a clash with Halifax defender Bodell. Halifax threw everything into attack for the rest of the game, but although they equalised the Town held out for a valuable point and they went into Christmas 1966 hoping that at last the corner had been turned and better things were on the way.

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Welcome

WELCOME to Kenilworth Road Milija Aleksic who is here on a months loan from Plymouth Argyle. He was born in England but has Yugoslavian parents, and made 29 first team appearances for Plymouth last year.



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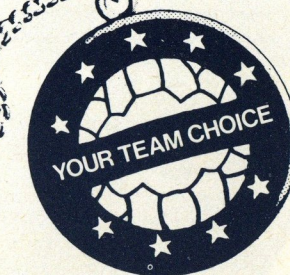
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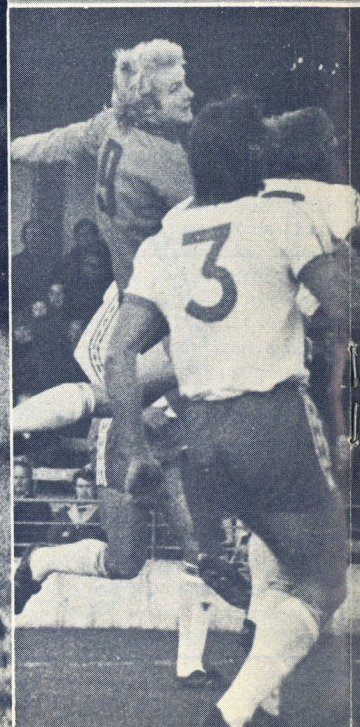
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ACTION



Tony Knight is still only 17, but he is showing the fans why Don Revie has marked him out as a future England prospect. People who watch our reserve and youth team games knew all about Tony, and now he is showing his skills to bigger crowds as he takes over Keith Barber's place in goal. The picture on the far right shows the sort of save that helped him keep a clean sheet against Blackpool, on a difficult pitch where one mistake could have been crucial.

In the picture top centre, Lil Fuccillo and Ron Futcher try to break through the middle, with Ron looking as though he is waving Lil through the gap.

A lot of the action took place off the ground. The two lower pictures show Blackpool defender Gardner putting the boot in to try to stop Lil and Ron Futcher rising head and shoulders above opponents to get in a header.

The picture on the left tempted our caption-writer to go beyond the limits of decency — suffice it to say that the ref was ready to blow up if Dixie Deans had been de-bagged by the defender's arm sneaking around his backside to try to stop Dixie getting to the ball.

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LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result	Attendance
1976				
Aug.21	Sheffield United	Home	2-0	10,687
Aug.24	Hull City	Away	1-3	5,499
Aug.28	Burnley	Away	2-1	12,262
Sept.1	Sunderland	Away	1-3	22,390
Sept.4	Nottingham Forest	Home	1-1	11,231
Sept.10	Charlton Athletic	Away	3-4	9,191
Sept.18	Fulham	Home	0-2	19,929
Sept.22	League Cup 3			
Sept.25	Wolverhampton	Away	2-1	19,826
Oct.2	Plymouth Argyle	Away	0-1	12,187
Oct.9	Hereford United	Home	2-0	9,895
Oct.16	Carlisle United	Away	1-1	6,972
Oct.23	Southampton	Home	1-4	12,123
Oct.27	League Cup 4			
Oct.30	Blackburn Rovers	Away	0-1	8,719
Nov.6	Bristol Rovers	Home	4-2	7,066
Nov.13	Millwall	Away	2-4	10,380
Nov.20	Cardiff City(1)	Home	2-1	8,845
Nov.27	Notts County	Away	4-0	10,009
Dec.1	League Cup 5			
Dec.4	Blackpool	Home	0-0	9,183
Dec.21	Bolton Wanderers(2)	Away	1-2	17,475
Dec.18	Oldham Athletic	Home		
Dec.27	Orient	Away		
Dec.28				
Dec.29	Chelsea	Home		
1977				
Jan.1	Bristol Rovers	Away		
Jan.3	Blackburn Rovers	Home		
Jan.8	F.A.Cup 3			
Jan.15	Hull City	Home		
Jan.19	League Cup SF			
Jan.22	Sheffield Utd	Away		
Jan.29	F.A.Cup 4			
Feb.5	Burnley	Home		
Feb.12	Nottingham Forest	Away		
Feb.16	League Cup SF			
Feb.19	Charlton Athletic	Home		
Feb.26	Fulham(5)	Away		
Mar.5	Wolverhampton W.	Home		
Mar.12	Plymouth Argyle(LCF)	Home		
Mar.19	Hereford United(6)	Away		
Mar.26	Carlisle United	Home		
Apr.2	Southampton	Away		
Apr.8				
Apr.9	Chelsea	Away		
Apr.11	Orient	Home		
Apr.12	Millwall	Home		
Apr.16	Cardiff	Away		
Apr.23	Notts County(SF)	Home		
Apr.30	Blackpool	Away		
May 7	Bolton Wanderers	Home		
May 14	Oldham Athletic	Away		
May 21	F.A.Cup Final			

NEXT HOME GAME

v. BLACKBURN ROVERS
Monday 3 January 1977
Kick-off - 3.00pm

COMBINATION

GOALSCORERS Div 2 & League Cup

J Deans	6
J Husband	6
R Hill	3
J Aston	3
R Futcher	3
A West	2
S Buckley	2
B Chambers	1
P Futcher	1
P Fuccillo	1
Combination	
R Futcher	2
G Ingram	2
J McNichol	2
B Chambers	1
B Gregory	1
N Johnson	1
J Ryan	1
S Simon	1

Date	Opponents	G	R
1976			
Aug.21	Oxford United	A	1-1
Aug.24	Southampton	H	0-1
Aug.28	Bristol City	A	1-2
Sept.1			
Sept.4			
Sept.11	Ipswich Town	H	0-2
Sept.18			
Sept.22	West Ham United	H	2-3
Sept.25	Crystal Palace	H	1-3
Sept.28	QPR	A	1-3
Oct.2	Fulham	A	1-5
Oct.9	Leicester	A	1-4
Oct.16	Cardiff City	H	0-0
Oct.23	Arsenal	A	1-1
Oct.30	Tottenham	H	1-2
Nov.3	Chelsea	A	
Nov.6	Swindon Town	A	P
Nov.13	Plymouth Argyle	H	1-3
Nov.20	Reading	A	P
Nov.23	Birmingham City	A	0-0
Nov.27	Bristol Rovers	H	2-0
Dec.1			
Dec.4	Orient	A	P
Dec.11	Norwich City	H	P
Dec.18	Tottenham	A	
1977			
Jan.1	Hereford United	H	
Jan.8			
Jan.15			
Jan.19	Southampton	A	
Jan.22	Oxford United	H	
Jan.29			
Feb.1	Bristol City	H	
Feb.12	West Ham United	A	
Feb.16			
Feb.19	Ipswich Town	A	
Feb.26	QPR	H	
Mar.5	Crystal Palace	A	
Mar.8	Fulham	H	
Mar.19	Leicester City	H	
Mar.30	Cardiff City	A	
Apr.2	Arsenal	H	
Apr.8			
Apr.9	Birmingham City	H	
Apr.12			
Apr.13	Hereford United	A	
Apr.16	Swindon Town	H	
Apr.23	Bristol Rovers	A	
Mar.12	Plymouth Argyle	A	
Apr.30	Reading	H	
May 3	Chelsea	H	
May 7	Norwich City	A	
May 14	Orient	H	

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO - AS AT 22/12/76

	HOME			Goals AWAY			Goals			Pts		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L		F	A
Chelsea	20	7	2	0	21	13	4	4	3	13	13	28
Bolton	19	8	0	1	18	8	3	3	4	15	16	25
Wolves	19	6	1	3	24	11	3	5	1	21	14	24
Nottm For	19	6	3	1	31	15	3	3	3	10	7	24
Blackpool	19	5	1	3	14	11	4	5	1	18	12	24
Sheff Utd	19	4	5	1	14	9	2	3	4	8	14	20
Fulham	19	5	3	2	18	10	1	4	4	11	16	19
Bristol Rovers	19	5	3	2	18	12	2	2	5	10	16	19
Oldham	17	6	3	0	18	9	1	2	5	5	16	19
Charlton	17	6	1	2	25	14	1	3	4	11	17	18
Millwall	17	5	1	3	16	8	3	1	4	11	14	18
Blackburn	18	5	1	2	12	5	3	1	6	6	19	18
Luton	18	4	2	2	12	10	3	1	6	16	18	17
Hull	17	5	3	0	17	6	0	4	5	4	15	17
Southampton	19	3	5	2	17	15	2	1	6	14	21	16
Notts County	17	3	1	4	7	10	4	1	4	18	20	16
Carlisle	20	4	4	2	16	13	2	0	8	8	25	16
Cardiff	19	3	3	4	12	16	2	2	5	13	17	15
Burnley	18	3	5	2	16	14	1	1	6	6	15	14
Plymouth	19	2	4	4	13	12	1	4	4	10	19	14
Orient	17	1	2	4	7	9	2	4	4	10	15	12
Hereford	18	2	3	4	14	20	1	2	6	12	21	11

Appearances	Div 2	Comb.	Appearances	Div 2	Comb.
Aston	13(1)	2	Ingram		8(5)
Barber	15	-	Johnson		10(4)
Buckley	17	-	Jones	2	12
Brown	-	7(2)	Judge	-	1
Carr	-	(2) 14	Knight	2	15
Chambers	12	5	Mead	-	16
Deans	12(1)	1	Millett	-	7
Donnelly	-	2	Morgan	-	4(1)
Driver	-	2(3)	McNichol	-	16
Faulkner	15		Price	17	-
Fuccillo	17		Ryan	6	5
Futcher R	10(2)	3	Simon	-	2
Futcher P	17		Sisman	-	1
French	-	10(1)	Scott		2
Gregory		2	Smith	-(2)	14
Hill	5(5)	8	Turner	-	1
Husband	14(3)	-	West	13	1

PLAYER PROFILE



FULL NAME: Anthony Knight
HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 12st 6lb
BIRTHPLACE: Romford
BIRTHDAY: 6th March
STAR SIGN: Pisces
SIGNED AS PRO: May 1976
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
LEAGUE DEBUT: 1976 against Bristol Rovers
FAMILY: Mum & Dad
HOBBIES: Fishing, swimming, driving
FAVOURITE FOODS: Sausage and chips
FAVOURITE RECORDING STARS: Diana Ross, Marvin Gaye, David Essex
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Spain
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Sweden
MY GREATEST MOMENT: Debut
MY BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not playing on England youth tour
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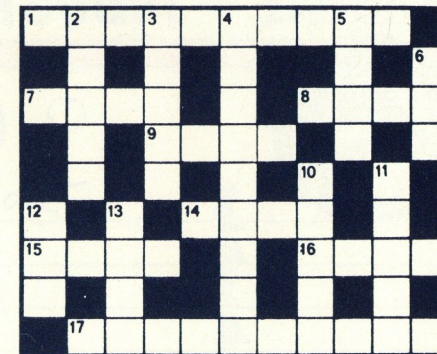
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Crossword NO.6

CLUES -- ACROSS

- 1 They won FA Cup once but 'held' it for 7 years!(10)
- 7 Cannell or Cooper(4)
- 8 Former ref. with same name as 17 across wrote book called '---A Little Whistle''(4)
- 9 ---Sykes is Oldham director(4)
- 14 He played for Team America against England(4)
- 15 Swansea top-scorer last season(4)
- 16 Gillingham's assistant manager ---Hodgkinson(4)
- 17 Made England debut against Italy in New York(6,4)

Answers to Crossword No.5
ACROSS 1 Scunthorpe. 7 Westwood, 9 Win, 10 Lenin, 14 Joe, 15 first leg, 17 Alan Taylor.
DOWN 2 Chris, 3 New, 4 Outside, 5 (Hartle)Pool, 6 Edu, 8 Everton, 11 Porto, 12 Off!, 13 Krol, 16 Guy.



CLUES -- DOWN

- 2 Forest forward(5)
- 3 Returned to Hereford after leaving as their most expensive sale(5)
- 4 Winger who went from 1 across to Motherwell(9)
- 5 Top-scorer for Oxford last season(4)
- 6 Barrett or Bradd(3)
- 10 Man.Utd.were formerly Newton---(5)
- 11 W.Ham's 4th post-war manager(5)
- 12 Club well-known by its initials(1,1,1)
- 13 ---its big striker who inherited the No.9 shirt from Geoff Hurst(4)

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Coaching

CHELSEA'S emergence as this season's Second Division front runners bears testimony to those clubs who realise the importance of good coaching, and a thoroughly well-organised youth scheme. Like our visitors tonight, we believe that this is the only sensible policy in view of the games present economic difficulties. Players like Wicks, Wilkins, Stanley and Finnieston who have replaced such talented dependables as Droy, Cooke, Harris and Garner have not emerged overnight. During the last four or five seasons they have been grafting, listening, and learning their trade in the South East Counties and Combination.

Reserve football, where standards and performance are more important than the results is the training ground. There has been much satisfaction in some of our performances this season with the youngest Reserve side in the clubs history, these youngsters have all been gathered from either local schoolboy or youth sides. In spite of our limited scouting resources (our expenditure on this side is a fraction of the outlay of other 1st and 2nd Division clubs) our efforts have bought in several outstanding boys. We rely solely on the goodwill of local people, the recommendation of friends and the vetting of as many schoolboy and youth games as is possible. We have never turned away any youngsters asking for a trial.

What qualities do we look for in these young players? I think it

is vital that a youngster has a good attitude towards the game. Attitude means dedication and being alive to situations on the field, wanting to get involved and being on ones toes so you can adjust quickly to the ball. Good touch and control and the ability to pass accurately. Many lads show well in possession but are not so aware of their responsibilities when team mates have the ball. Does he look to accept passes and just as important does he move to make space for colleagues to receive passes? Most young players have rarely thought about the possibilities of making space for team mates by unselfish running off the ball.

Players with flair often lack discipline which is generally accepted. However, a skillful player who cannot accept individual or team responsibility will find problems. Pace, determination and character must also be considered. Strength is not taken into consideration, as boys get older they will gain power with their own development and weight training etc. Of course, we expect few boys with all these assets. Greats like John Charles, Duncan Edwards, Jimmy Greaves and Georgie Best arrive once in a generation.

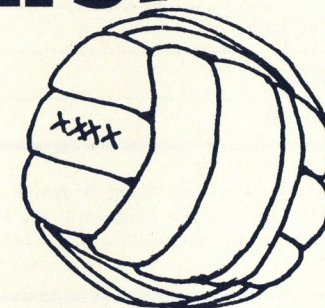
I hope I have given a little insight into some of the qualities we look for to give a coach a fair chance of helping a player to reach the essential standard needed for League football. The emergence of Tony Knight, Graham Jones and Ricky Hill as 17 year olds in first team football would appear to justify our youth policy and there are more following. Good for Luton and good for football. Seen any promising kids lately?

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