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Talk of...



...the Dell

Welcome back to The Dell for our first home league game for a month. The only home action of course during this period was the European Cup Winners return leg against Anderlecht and no one needs reminding of the elation and disappointment that quickly followed one another on that evening. However, its back to league action today as after our defeat at Nottingham Forest last week, Manager Lawrie McMenemy and his team will be anxious to return to winning ways today against a Luton side who come to The Dell with the best possible credentials of having taken their last 23 points out of a possible 24. This string of results has taken them from a mid table position in the league at the end of January to the third place they now occupy. We will certainly have to be on top of our game to inflict on the "Hatters" their first defeat for 13 games but all good things have to come to an end and what better place could there be than The Dell.

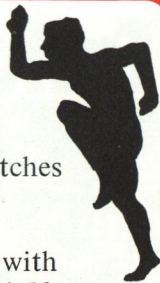
Many supporters have recently been speculating what the attendances at The Dell will be during the remainder of this season now that the club are out of all the cup competitions and have all but lost any chance of promotion this season. My own opinion is that whilst obviously there will be those whose interest will dwindle because they only want to be associated with the club on the big occasions, the majority will surely say that such has been the level of excitement and entertainment that has been part of The Dell scene this season that they will ensure the turnstiles will continue to click to see the same kind of positive attacking football that has been on show for the most part of this past couple of seasons.

I hope so, because this will mean that you the supporters will then be giving your support and a vote of confidence to a team who have always tried to give value for money throughout the season, and hopefully will continue to do so in the games that lie ahead.

Thankyou for coming along today and we look forward to seeing you again for our home fixtures on Good Friday (11.30 a.m.) and Easter Monday (3.00 p.m.).

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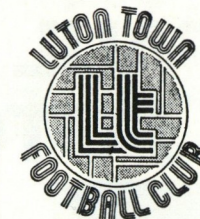
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Today's Visitors

LUTON TOWN



A fantastic run of nine successive victories lifted Luton from the middle of the table to put them among the promotion favourites. But it should be no surprise to anyone to see Luton pressing so strongly for promotion.

They were exceedingly unlucky to lose their First Division place in 1975, after only one season at the top, and both last season and this – even before they really started to click – they had that stylish touch that put them a cut above most of their Second Division rivals.

Their only serious problem – yet a most critical one – was their frustrating failure in snapping up chances.

Yet there's a certain irony in Luton's success for manager Harry Haslam who has one of the most unenviable jobs in soccer – the more he succeeds, the more likely he is to have his team broken up!

Over the past 18 months or so he has been forced to sell no fewer than 14 players, simply to keep the club's creditors at bay. In spite of this, he still has a team playing the sort of football which could win them promotion.

But here is the crunch. Because of the performances of two players in particular – defender Paul Futcher and midfielder Alan West – the club may be tempted to accept an offer like Newcastle's £300,000 for the pair.

While such a deal would virtually solve all Luton's financial problems, it would only lead to more frustration for Mr. Haslam, who complains: "I want to build another promotion team and to do that I need these players".

The pressures are off now that the transfer deadline has passed. And, of

course, the very real prospects of a return to the First Division have altered the situation to a degree. For if Luton do go up – and stay up this time – increased gates will go some way towards bringing their financial problems to within manageable proportions.

Harry Haslam really has had to prove his real talents in producing such a brilliant team against all the odds. He has played the transfer market shrewdly so that Luton have had the best of both worlds – they've dramatically reduced their overdraft without effectively weakening the team.

Mr. Haslam's incoming deals this season have included goal-keeper Milija Aleksic, from Plymouth plus strikers Dixie Deans, from Celtic and David Geddis, on loan from Ipswich.

Deans, who won many medals with the Scottish club, made a good start at Kenilworth Road but was then loaned to Carlisle. With Luton playing so well in his absence, his chances of continued success at Luton receded and he has now joined Partick Thistle on loan.

In view of all the club's traumatic experiences over the past couple of years it is something of a miracle that they are not in deep trouble at the bottom of the table. The shock of learning about the club's true financial position did, however, strengthen the resolve of manager Haslam and his players.

They would not allow Luton Town F.C. to die; not even subject it to a living death. Consequently, Luton today hold their heads high and they are still sufficiently well placed to win one of the three promotion places.


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PAUL FUTCHER



Paul Futchter made a remarkably quick rise from schoolboy football to the professional game. He was just 16 when he made his League debut for Chester in March 1973, but little more than a year later he was transferred for £100,000 and being tipped for England honours!

Paul himself was shattered when he learned of Luton's interest. "When Mr. Roberts, the Chester manager, told me that Luton had offered £100,000 to sign me I just couldn't believe it. Think of it — £100,000. It's the sort of figure you read in the papers but it just doesn't really mean very much. But when he said someone wanted to pay £100,000 for ME, it made me sit up and think a bit. It took a lot of getting used to."

But he quickly settled down to life in the First Division, impressing most of the game's top strikers with his command in the air and his general dominance in the penalty box.

Paul's transfer to Luton was tied up with that of his identical twin brother Ron. Even after two years at the club, many of the players and training staff still confuse the two.

Paul Futchter is a very ambitious player and the prospects of Luton returning to the First Division again excite him; still modest in the extreme, though, he offers only the cautionary comments:

"I would feel embarrassed to say exactly what my ambitions are. People might get the wrong idea and think I'm too big for my boots, or something. Let's just say I would like to play a little bit better in every game and, if in the end I am lucky enough to win some sort of honours, then I'll be very pleased."

STATISTICS

Born :	CHESTER		
League Record:		Aps.	Gls.
CHESTER	1972/73	2	—
	1973/74	18	—
LUTON	1974/75	19	—
	1975/76	41	—
	1976/77	33	3
		113	3

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Back Row (Right to Left) Brian Gregory, Steve Buckley, Tim Smith, Kim Wassel, John Dixie Deans, Ricky Hill, Sandor Simon. **Middle Row (Right to Left)** Graham Jones, Paul Futchter, John Faulkner, Tony Knight, Keith Barber, John Ryan, Paul Price, James McNichol, Reg Game (*Physio*). **Front Row (Right to Left)** Pasquale Fuccillo, Brian Chambers, David Carr, Roy McCrohan (*Coach*), Harry Haslam (*Manager*), Jimmy Husband, John Aston, Peter Mead.

MILIJA ALEKSIC (Goalkeeper)

Milija joined Luton a few weeks ago from Plymouth for £20,000 after spending loan periods this season at Oxford and Ipswich. English-born of Polish parents, Milija developed at Plymouth under the watchful eye of ex-England goalkeeper Tony Waiters. He made his League debut in 1973/74.

PAUL PRICE (Defender)

Paul got his chance in Luton's senior side, as substitute, in 1973 but had to wait almost three years before getting another opportunity. Since coming in at right-back on the opening day of this season, however, he has held his place.

JOHN FAULKNER (Defender)

John first hit the headlines as a member of Sutton's fabulous F.A. Cup team in 1969/70 when they went out to Leeds. So well did John perform, however, that Leeds signed him a few weeks later and he made his First Division debut before the season had ended. Unfortunately, injuries severely handicapped him at Elland Road and Leeds allowed him to join Luton in 1971.

STEVE BUCKLEY (Defender)

Steve first made his way into the Luton side as understudy for England defender Bobby Thomson in October 1974. He later lost his place but returned in style last season, playing so well that there was no longer any chance of Thomson regaining his place.

ALAN WEST (Midfield)

Alan won England under-23 honours in his Burnley days, but after losing his place in the team which won the Turf Moor club promotion in 1972/73, he felt he would prefer to make a change. He signed for Sunderland but they, amazingly, turned him down after a medical check. Luton had absolutely no reservations and he has missed no more than a handful of games since signing in 1973 for £80,000.

PASQUALE FUCCILLO (Midfield)

Pasquale really came into his own in the closing weeks of last season when he took over one of the midfield positions and scored three goals in 14 appearances. Previously he had made only one League appearance, as substitute against Derby in December 1974. Pasquale served his appren-

ticeship at Kenilworth Road.

BRIAN CHAMBERS (Midfield)

Brian developed with Sunderland but had the misfortune to lose his senior place shortly before their famous F.A. Cup run of 1972/73. He moved on to Arsenal at the end of that season but the Gunners gave him scant opportunity to show his abilities so he moved on to Luton on a £35,000 transfer in the summer of 1974.

JOHN ASTON (Midfield/Winger)

John followed in father's footsteps by becoming a big star with Manchester United. For several seasons John and George Best performed on opposite wings for the Reds, John's finest game probably being the 1968 European Cup final. He moved to Luton on a £30,000 transfer in 1972. Earlier in his career, John won England under-23 caps.

JIM HUSBAND (Forward)

Jim is Luton's top scorer with 12 goals. He made his name with Everton where he was for several years a first-teamer following his debut at Fulham in April 1965. While at Goodison he won five England under-23 caps to add to his youth and schoolboy honours. Jimmy was a member of the Toffees' League Championship side in 1970 and he was a member of their Wembley side beaten by West Bromwich in the 1968 F.A. Cup final. When Luton signed him in 1973/74 they had to pay a £70,000 fee.

DAVID GEDDIS (Forward)

David was such a big success in his first month on loan from Ipswich that his temporary contract was extended. David scored twice in his early games for Luton and looks set to become another young Ipswich player to make it to the top.

RON FUTCHER (Forward)

Ron was supposed to have been the make-weight in the deal which took him and his identical twin brother Paul from Chester to Luton in 1974. In fact, he has proved every bit as successful. As a 17-year-old he hit four goals in his first two First Division games for the club and last season he took over as the regular centre-forward and scored 11 goals.

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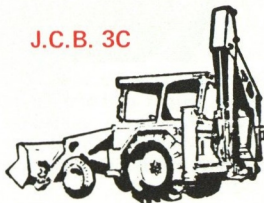
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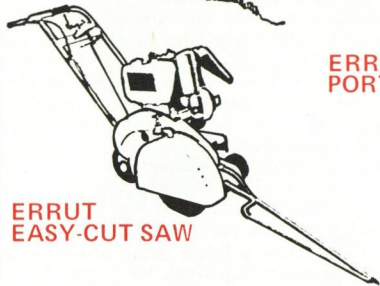
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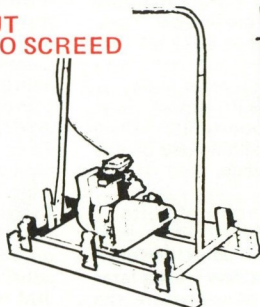


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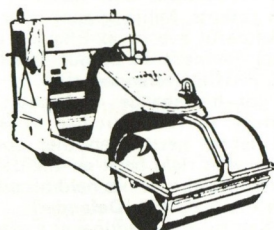


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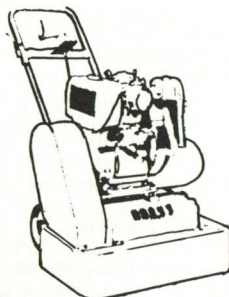
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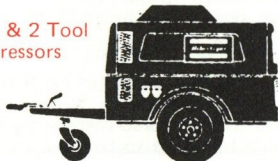


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Bake Farmhouse
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8.3.77

Dear Sir,

I see from newspaper reports (various 7/3/77 and 8/3/77) that Lawrie McMenemy is reputed to have said that he attributed the lack of support for 'The Saints' at the Old Trafford replay, for fear of trouble from Manchester (supporters). I am sure this is not the main contributory factor because, although the majority of Saints Supporters would not wish to be involved in any hooliganism (albeit inadvertently) they would not be deterred from supporting 'The Saints' on the grounds that there might be trouble. We will support 'The Saints' come hell or high water and no M.U.F.C. (supporters) are going to deny us that right.

The main problem would appear to be a more practical one. Most of us are either at work or at school and to get "time off" to attend a midweek match so far from home is not easy at the best of times and it has been made more difficult following so closely on the trip to Belgium when many people took several days precious 'annual leave' to support 'The Saints'. This, I may add, was a pleasure for the supporters and no less than the Saints deserve.

I do hope that Mr McMenemy, and the Saints appreciate our difficulties in getting to midweek "away" games and forgive our absence from Old Trafford because even though we may not be there "in the flesh" we are most definitely there "in spirit".

One final message Tough Luck Saints, but thank you for doing so well.

Yours very faithfully,

Many thanks for your letter which was just one of many we received along similar lines. I think however that you must be speaking personally when you say that no fans would be deterred from supporting Saints because of possible trouble. After some of the incidents in and around the ground on Saturday February 26th I should have thought that anyone having previously contemplated going to any replay would have most certainly given further thought to travelling and that many supporters most definitely did change their minds.

30 Crescent Road
N. Baddesley,
Soton.

Dear Sir,

It has become noticeable that in many programmes from away matches, the home club provides details of how to reach their forthcoming away matches by road.

Would it be possible for you to include this facility in our programmes as many maps do not show the exact location of football grounds.

Yours faithfully,

I.M. McBride

Point taken Mr. McBride and every effort will be made to include some away match travel details in next seasons programmes.

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TOPIC FOR TODAY

with Peter East
Sports Writer of
The Southern Evening Echo



The great European adventure is over — but there were many aspects which will not be easy to forget.

When it started, with that frightening first round against the French club Olympique Marseille, one was tempted to wonder whether it was all worthwhile.

The first leg at The Dell presented no problems, but the French fans made their Southampton counterparts pay dearly for the 6-3 aggregate victory as 'Entente Cordiale' became 'Discontente Crashiale'.

A lot has been said about soccer hooligans recently, but our thugs are still in the apprentice stage — thank goodness — compared to the mobile idiots of the South of France.

Marseille may not be far from the 'topless beaches', but I'm sure that in the town itself, going 'topless' means going without a helmet.

Their hooligans don't just run after coaches — they overtake them on mopeds and lay in wait at traffic lights and other suitable ambush points and their armoury ranges from pebbles to crow-bars and tiles to drain covers. But if Marseille was a nightmare, Northern Ireland in the next round was the opposite.

The hospitality from little Carrick Rangers was first rate, Saints stayed in a safe hotel out in the country and there was no trouble at all.

There was light relief, too, with the case of the unfortunate Irish player being dropped as he was carried off on a stretcher. What we didn't know at the time, was that they dropped him again when they got him into the dressing room!

Another smile on the side of that game was attached to Carrick's hotel booking for the second leg in Southampton. Saints discovered that they had booked at two different hotels — and informed Carrick. At that point, Carrick cancelled — both hotels. But it was all sorted out in the end.

After those two extremes came what Europe is all about something special.

Mighty Anderlecht lived up to their reputation as Cup Winners Cup and Super Cup holders and Saints have every reason to be proud of the way they made this impressive collection of Dutch and Belgian Internationals fight every inch of the way for their semi-final place.

There was a couple of darker moments there, though. First the Saints party was stuck on its plane at Brussels Airport while staff hunted for a set of landing steps to fit and then, on arrival at the hotel, all the lights went out.

Now we can only hope that the lights come back on for Europe again in the near future. It was an adventure which no one regretted.

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HOW WE'RE DOING

Home League attendances

	Aggregate	Average
Chelsea	481,239	30,077
Wolves	325,654	20,353
Bolton	298,999	19,933
SAINTS	294,546	19,636
Nottm. For.	276,193	17,262
Sheffield Utd.	258,831	17,255
Blackpool	228,087	14,255
Fulham	242,030	14,237
Plymouth	220,780	13,799
Cardiff City	216,633	12,743
Luton Town	199,349	11,726
Millwall	186,156	11,635
Burnley	179,060	11,191
Blackburn	174,113	10,882
Oldham	166,408	10,401
Charlton	164,602	10,288
Notts. County	146,974	9,798
Hull City	135,612	9,041
Bristol Rovers	136,103	8,506
Hereford	110,030	7,859
Carlisle Utd.	129,831	7,637
Orient.	91,848	6,561

Leading scorers

(League, FAC, LC)

Finnieston 18, Swain 14, Britton 8.
Richards 15, Sunderland 14, Hibbitt 12.
Whatmore 24, Taylor 17.
MacDougall 17, Channon 14, Holmes 8, Peach 8.
Woodcock 13, Withe 12, Bowyer 10.
Edwards 10, Woodward 9.
Walsh 21, Hatton 8.
Mitchell 15, Best 7.
Hall 8, Austin 7, Mariner (now Ipswich) 7.
Evans 21, Buchanan 7.
Husband 13, Aston 10, Futcher (R) 8.
Seasman 12, Lee 9.
Noble 11, Smith 9.
Svarc 13, Byrom 7.
Halom 18, Shaw 6, Irving 5.
Hales (now Derby) 18, Flanagan 15.
Vinter 13, Bradd 7.
Hemmerman 7, Sunley 6, Hawley 5.
Warboys (now Fulham) 12, Williams 8.
McNeil 11, Davey 7, Spiring 7.
Rafferty 18, McVitie 8.
Whittle 7, Cunningham (now W.B.A.) 7.

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	31	12	1	3	39	17	5	8	2	30	19	43
Chelsea	32	10	6	0	36	20	6	5	5	20	22	43
Luton	33	12	3	2	33	12	7	1	8	24	22	42
Bolton	31	11	2	2	34	16	5	5	6	24	26	39
Nott'm. For.	32	10	3	3	43	20	5	5	6	18	16	38
Blackpool	33	8	5	3	23	14	4	8	5	22	23	37
Notts. C.	32	8	3	4	20	14	7	4	6	30	31	37
Charlton	32	10	4	2	37	21	1	8	7	16	26	34
Millwall	32	7	4	5	26	19	5	6	5	20	22	34
Blackburn	32	10	3	3	26	13	3	5	8	9	26	34
Oldham	31	9	5	2	29	16	3	3	9	12	26	32
Hull C.	31	7	7	1	27	12	0	8	8	10	25	29
Sheffield Utd.	32	6	7	3	24	18	3	4	9	16	28	29
Southampton	29	6	6	3	25	21	3	4	7	25	27	28
Plymouth	33	4	7	5	22	19	3	7	7	17	30	28
Orient	29	4	4	6	14	15	4	6	5	16	21	26
Fulham	33	6	6	5	28	23	2	4	10	15	33	26
Bristol R.	32	7	6	3	23	19	2	2	12	15	36	26
Cardiff	31	6	4	7	23	24	3	3	8	17	24	25
Burnley	32	5	8	3	20	17	2	3	11	14	35	25
Carlisle	33	5	6	6	23	27	3	1	12	13	39	23
Hereford	30	3	5	6	18	25	1	5	10	19	36	18

Saints Matchday Factfinder

DATE	OPPONENTS	Last Season	This Season	Lge Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Aug 21	Carlisle Utd	1-1	18,304	1-2	18,695	—	Turner	Rodrigues	Peach	Holmes	Waldron	Steele	Gilchrist	Channon	Osgood ¹	McCalliog	Stokes	Earles
25	Millwall	—	—	0-0	13,554	—	Middleton	Rodrigues	Peach	Holmes	Waldron	Steele	Fisher	Channon	Osgood	McCalliog	Earles	Williams
28	Hull City	0-0	6,342	0-4	7,774	21	Middleton	Rodrigues	Peach	Holmes	Waldron	Andruszewski	Fisher	Channon	Osgood	McCalliog ^s	Earles	Williams
31	Charlton LC2	—	—	1-1	13,371	—	Middleton	Rodrigues	Peach	Holmes	Waldron	Andruszewski	Fisher ^s	Channon	Osgood	McCalliog	Earles ¹	Williams
Sept 4	Sheffield Utd	—	—	1-1	17,809	21	Middleton	Rodrigues	Peach	Holmes	Waldron	Blyth	Williams	Channon ¹	Osgood	McCalliog	Stokes	Gilchrist
7	Charlton LC2 Replay	—	—	1-2	13,198	—	Middleton	Rodrigues	Peach	Holmes	Waldron	Blyth	Fisher	Channon ¹	Osgood	McCalliog	Williams	Fisher
11	Burnley	—	—	0-2	9,116	21	Boulton	Rodrigues	Steele	Holmes	Waldron	Blyth	Fisher	Channon	Osgood	McCalliog	Williams	Andruszewski
15	*Olympic Marseilles	1st leg	—	4-0	19,150	—	Turner	Rodrigues	Steele	Holmes	Waldron ¹	Blyth	Fisher	Channon ²	Osgood ¹	Stokes	Williams	Earles
18	Nottingham Forest	0-3	14,245	1-1	23,006	22	Boulton	Rodrigues	Peach	Stokes ¹	Waldron	Blyth	Fisher ^s	Channon	Osgood	MacDougall	Williams	McCalliog
24	Charlton Ath.	1-4	16,036	2-6	9,662	22	Boulton	Rodrigues	Peach ¹	McCalliog	Waldron	Blyth	Fisher	Channon	MacDougall ¹	Williams	Gilchrist	Steele
29	*Olympic Marseilles	2nd leg	—	1-2	17,834	—	Turner	Rodrigues	Steele	Williams ^s	Waldron	Blyth	Fisher	Channon	Osgood	Stokes	Peach ¹	Gilchrist
Oct 2	Fulham	2-1	23,575	4-1	29,489	21	Boulton	Rodrigues	Peach ^s	Steele	Waldron	Blyth ²	MacDougall ²	Channon	Osgood	McCalliog	Fisher	Stokes
5	Wolves	—	—	6-2	21,286	16	Boulton	Rodrigues	Peach	Holmes ²	Waldron	Blyth	MacDougall	Channon ²	Earles ¹	McCalliog ¹	Fisher	Williams
16	Hereford Utd	—	—	1-0	24,910	17	Middleton	Rodrigues	Peach	Holmes ¹	Waldron	Blyth	MacDougall	Channon	Osgood	McCalliog	Fisher	Earles
20	*Carrick Rangers	1st leg 2nd Rd.	—	5-2	6,500	—	Middleton	Rodrigues	Peach	Holmes	Waldron	Blyth	Williams	Channon ²	Osgood ¹	McCalliog ¹	Stokes ¹	Earles
23	Luton Town	0-1	13,737	4-1	12,123	12	Montgomery	Rodrigues	Peach ²	Holmes ¹	Waldron	Blyth	Williams	Channon	MacDougall ¹	McCalliog	Fisher	Stokes
30	Chelsea	1-1	29,011	1-3	42,654	14	Montgomery	Rodrigues	Peach	Holmes	Waldron	Blyth	Williams ^s	Channon	MacDougall ¹	McCalliog	Fisher	Stokes
Nov 3	*Carrick Rangers	2nd leg 2nd Rd.	—	4-1	15,130	—	Middleton	Mills	Peach	Holmes	Waldron	Blyth	Williams ¹	Hayes ²	Osgood	McCalliog	Stokes ¹	Hebbard
6	Orient	3-0	17,230	2-2	16,974	13	Montgomery	Mills	Peach	Holmes	Waldron	Blyth ¹	Fisher	MacDougall ¹	Osgood	Stokes	Williams	McCalliog
10	Cardiff City	—	—	0-1	15,190	14	Montgomery	Mills	Peach	Holmes	Waldron	Blyth ^s	Fisher	Channon	MacDougall ¹	McCalliog	Williams	Stokes
20	Bolton (1)	0-0	20,363	1-3	17,611	19	Montgomery	Andruszewski	Peach	Holmes	Waldron	Blyth	Fisher	Channon	MacDougall ¹	McCalliog	Williams	Earles
27	Oldham	2-3	11,219	1-2	10,663	19	Turner	Andruszewski ¹	Peach	Holmes	Waldron	Blyth	Williams	Channon	MacDougall	McCalliog	Stokes	Fisher
Dec 4	Notts County	2-1	12,571	2-1	14,153	16	Turner	Rodrigues	Peach	Holmes ¹	Waldron	Blyth	Williams	Channon ¹	MacDougall	McCalliog	Stokes	Hayes
7	Chelsea	4-1	21,277	1-1	19,909	16	Turner	Rodrigues	Peach	Holmes	Waldron	Blyth	Williams	Channon	MacDougall ¹	McCalliog	Stokes	Hayes
18	Blackpool	3-1	21,758	3-3	14,918	15	Wells	Waldron	Peach	Holmes	Blyth	Steele	Williams	Channon ³	Osgood	McCalliog	MacDougall	Crabbe
27	Plymouth	0-1	25,305	1-1	24,787	17	Wells	Andruszewski	Peach	Holmes	Blyth	Steele	Ball	Channon	Osgood	McCalliog	MacDougall ¹	Williams
29	Bristol Rovers	3-0	19,556	2-1	19,790	13	Wells	Andruszewski	Peach	Williams	Blyth	Steele	Ball	Channon ²	Osgood	McCalliog ^s	MacDougall	Crabbe
Jan 8	Chelsea F.A.Cup (3)	—	—	1-1	26,004	—	Wells	Andruszewski	Peach	Holmes	Blyth	Steele	Ball	Channon ¹	Osgood	McCalliog	MacDougall	Stokes
12	Chelsea F.A.Cup (3) Replay	—	—	3-0	42,868	—	Wells	Andruszewski	Peach ¹	Holmes	Blyth	Steele	Ball	Channon ¹	Osgood	McCalliog	MacDougall ¹	Stokes
15	Millwall	—	—	0-2	20,527	17	Wells	Andruszewski	Peach	Holmes	Blyth	Steele	Ball	Channon	Osgood	McCalliog ^s	MacDougall	Stokes
22	Carlisle Utd.	0-1	6,977	6-0	9,617	12	Wells	Andruszewski	Peach ¹	Holmes ²	Blyth	Steele	Ball	Channon ¹	Osgood ^{1s}	Williams	MacDougall	Hebbard
29	Notts. Forest F.A.Cup(4)	—	—	3-3	38,284	—	Wells	Andruszewski	Peach	Holmes	Blyth	Steele	Ball ¹	Channon ¹	Osgood ¹	Williams	MacDougall	Fisher
Feb 1	Notts.For. F.A.Cup (4) Replay	—	—	2-1	29,401	—	Wells	Andruszewski	Peach ^s	Holmes	Blyth	Steele	Ball	Channon	Osgood	Williams ¹	MacDougall ¹	Fisher
5	Hull City	1-0	18,272	2-2	20,353	11	Wells	Andruszewski	Rodrigues	Holmes	Blyth	Steele	Ball	Channon	Hebbard	Williams	MacDougall ²	Hayes
12	Sheffield Utd.	—	—	2-2	17,634	12	Wells	Andruszewski	Peach	Holmes	Blyth	Steele ^s	Ball	Channon	Osgood ¹	Williams	MacDougall ¹	Hebbard
19	Burnley	—	—	2-0	17,981	11	Wells	Andruszewski	Peach ¹	Holmes	Blyth	Waldron	Ball	Channon	Osgood	Williams	MacDougall ¹	Hebbard
26	Man. Utd. F.A.Cup (5)	—	—	2-2	29,137	—	Wells	Andruszewski	Peach ¹	Holmes ¹	Blyth	Waldron	Ball	Channon	Osgood	Williams	MacDougall	Stokes
Mar 2	*Anderlecht 1st leg	—	—	0-2	33,500	—	Wells	Andruszewski	Peach	Holmes	Blyth	Steele	Williams	Channon	Osgood	McCalliog	MacDougall	—
5	Charlton Ath.	3-2	23,686	2-1	18,421	13	Wells	Andruszewski ¹	Peach	Holmes	Blyth	Steele	Ball	Channon ^s	Osgood	Williams	MacDougall ¹	Hayes
8	Man. Utd. F.A.Cup(5) Replay	—	—	1-2	58,103	—	Wells	Andruszewski	Peach ¹	Holmes	Blyth	Steele	Ball	Channon	Osgood	Williams	MacDougall	Fisher
11	Fulham	0-1	8,731	1-1	13,403	12	Wells	Andruszewski	Peach	Holmes	Blyth	Steele	Ball	Hebbard ¹	Osgood	Williams	Stokes	Hayes
16	*Anderlecht 2nd leg	—	—	2-1	24,337	—	Wells	Andruszewski	Peach ¹	Holmes	Blyth	Steele	Williams	Channon	Osgood	McCalliog ^s	MacDougall ¹	Hayes
22	Notts Forest	1-3	12,677	1-2	12,393	13	Wells	Rodrigues ¹	Peach	Holmes	Blyth	Steele	Ball	Channon	Osgood	Williams	MacDougall	Hebbard
Apr 2	Luton Town	3-1	13,885															
8	Plymouth	1-0	19,000															
9	Bristol Rovers	0-2	11,834															
11	Cardiff City	—	—															
16	Bolton	0-3	9,188															
20	Blackburn	1-1	8,786															
23	Oldham Ath.	3-2	14,294															
26	Orient	1-2	6,332															
30	Notts County	0-0	8,495															
May 3	Wolves	—	—															
7	Blackburn Rovers	2-1	13,279															
14	Blackpool	3-4	9,564															

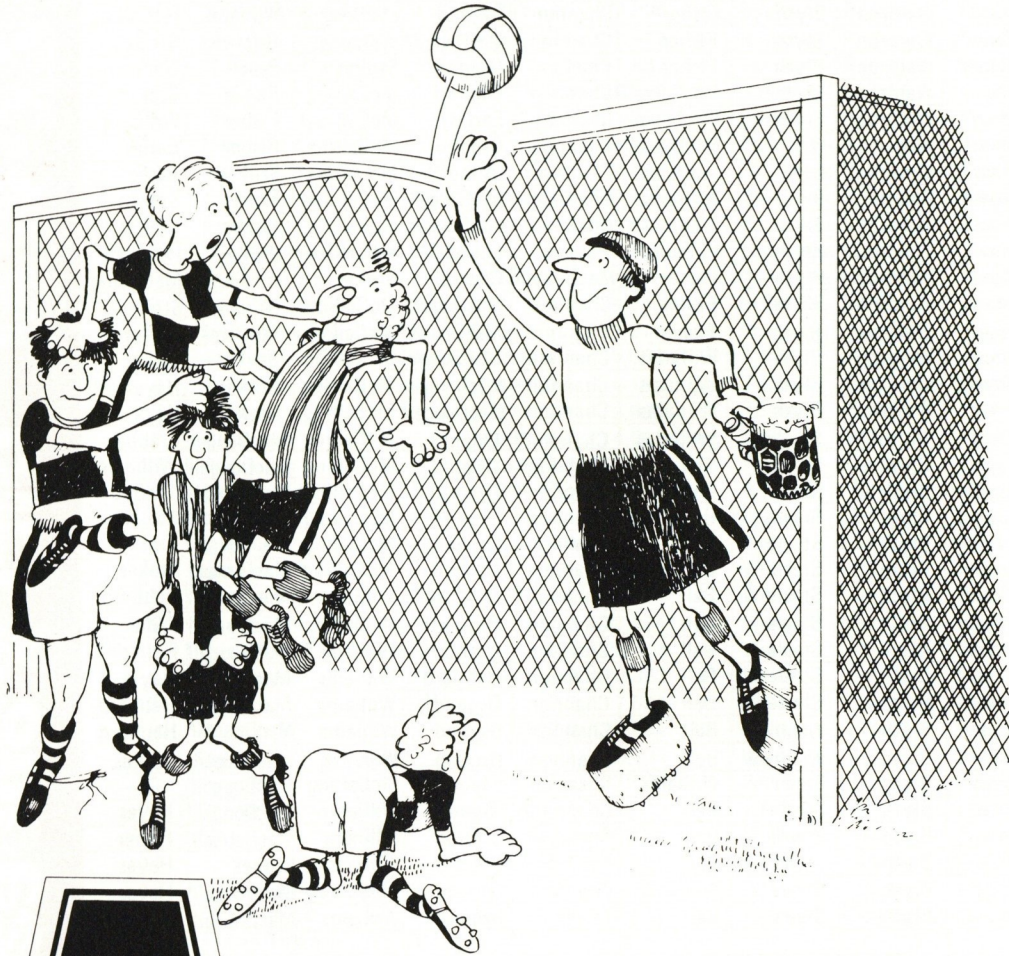
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"SPOT ON AND EVERY ONE A PEACH"

The third day of April last year was the moment of truth for David Peach as he stepped up to take his first penalty in Saints colours. The match when his chance came was of course the Saints F.A. Cup Semi-final against Crystal Palace at Stamford Bridge when he finally sealed his teams place at Wembley by scoring Saints second goal. David has since that day scored on ten consecutive times from the penalty spot and although he has scored in important games this season against Anderlecht and twice against Manchester United he will tell you that the one last season in the Semi-final was the most important of all.

His penalty record at his previous club Gillingham was impressive enough with only one miss from seventeen spot kicks and he looked to be a natural successor after both Mike Channon and Jim McCalliog had failed on a number of previous occasions.

When asked whether there was a pre-determined area of the goal he shoots for his reply was "I make my mind up when placing the ball on the spot. The only occasion I have changed my mind was against Manchester United at The Dell this season, when some of the United lads were pointing to the side of the goal I usually aim for, so I changed and although Alec Stepney went the right way he didn't get a touch".

Out of the ten successful kicks David has taken, only Alan Stevenson the Burnley keeper has managed to get a touch. Although with tongue in cheek David says "perhaps if some of the keepers had stood still they might have done better".



Voted this season by the players of the Second Division as the best left back in the league David has since moving to the Saints three seasons ago given a consistency of performance that has made him a firm favourite with the crowd at The Dell, who could well see him emerge as the top spot kick king since the days of George O'Brien.

Although living in Southampton David is a part owner in a thriving retail fish business at Lymington which could well mean security when his footballing days are over, but in the immediate years ahead David has the burning ambition to help Saints back into the First Division, and bring regular top class football to a part of the country in which he now lives with relish.

David connecting from the spot in our F.A. Cup tie at the Dell against Manchester United





Right

Nick Holmes turns a Charlton player enough to get space for a shot on goal which narrowly missed the far post.



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ACTION

Top Left

Manny Andruszewski drives forward into the penalty area to take a return pass and crash home Saints winner.



Bottom Left

Manny again in action this time as he grimaces when on the receiving end of Mel Blyth's intended clearance.



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CLUB NEWS

Following a recent poll amongst all the second division players Saints players Mike Channon and David Peach were voted in the pick of a second division team which lined up in 4-3-3 as follows:—

Wood (Blackpool), Locke (Chelsea), Jones (Bolton), Futchler (Luton), Peach (Saints), Stanley (Chelsea), Wilkins (Chelsea), Reid (Bolton), Best (Fulham), Channon (Saints), Robertson (Forest).

Saints game next week against Plymouth on Good Friday April 8th will be an **11.30 A.M. KICK OFF** and our game against Cardiff on Easter Monday will kick off at 3.00 p.m.■

The News of Manny Andruszewski who recently had a cartilage operation is that he is coming along fine and physiotherapist Don Taylor says he might just get a couple of games in at the tail end of the season.■

Since our last league game both Paul Gilchrist and Hugh Fisher have moved clubs to Portsmouth and Southport respectively with Hugh taking up a position of player/manager with the Lancashire club. We wish them both all the very best for the future.■

Congratulations to Steve Williams on his selection for the England Under 21 squad for their tour at the end of the season. Steve's progression this season has justified his selection and underlines once again that our club continues to produce players from our own youth development policy.■

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2 AND 3 REVIEW

Saints Res 2 v Fulham Res 0 Saturday 26th March at The Dell.

Team (4-3-3) Middleton, Sharp, Phillipson-Masters, Coak, Baker, Hebbard, Shipley, Hayes, Stokes, Funnell.

Saints who were anxious to turn the tables on a Fulham side who had beaten them by a single goal a few weeks earlier at Craven Cottage took only three minutes to get off the mark when George Shipley played a ball into the penalty area and received a return pass from Tony Funnell to crash home a fine goal. The young Saints side continued to dominate proceedings and in doing so played some fine fluent football. Another score always looked on and it was no surprise when Tony Funnell fired a tapped free kick into the corner of the net after thirty-four minutes. Minutes earlier Fulham had missed a gilt edged opportunity to level the scores when a free header from close in was directed straight at Steve Middleton. The second half did not quite match the standard of play of the first half as Saints tended to loose some accuracy in their passing and were lucky not to concede a goal early on when a Fulham forward broke away and created a chance which hit the bar. Although there was no further scoring Saints created the best chances, and Austin Hayes who had looked sharp all game, fire narrowly over after showing some fine skills. With the Fulham back line not willing to take chances in pushing forward, the game came to close with Saints looking good value for the two points they achieved as a result of showing the better teamwork throughout.

Fareham 1 v Saints 'A' 4 Saturday March 26th at Fareham.

Team (4-2-4) Turner, Hart, McGrath, Arnold, Baynham, Dawtry, McMenemy, Neville, Docherty, Sealey Pratt.

A heavy ground and a blustering wind are

not ideal conditions to play in but both sides tried to produce skilful play although throughout the game many passes did go astray. Although well on top in the first half Saints had only one goal to show for their efforts when Tony Sealey headed home from a Kevin Dawtry free kick. Early in the second half saw the young Saints really struggle to put their game together and Fareham capitalised on some Saints poor passing to get a goal to put them on level terms. This seemed to act as a spur to the Saints and they went two goals clear when Mick Docherty and Tony Sealey both scored within the space of a few minutes midway through the second half.

Then just before the final whistle Steve Neville broke away rounded the keeper and squared it back for Tony Sealey to complete a well deserved hat trick.

This win consolidated the Saints position at the top of the table and they must certainly be hopeful of achieving promotion which they narrowly missed last year.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION TABLE Table of Results to Monday 21st March 1977 (Not inclusive)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	29	20	6	3	68	21	46
Arsenal	31	14	9	8	37	30	37
Plymouth Argyle	29	12	11	6	54	34	35
Southampton	31	14	7	10	46	45	35
Ipswich Town	28	14	6	8	51	32	34
Tottenham Hotspur	30	14	6	10	41	33	34
Bristol City	27	13	7	7	44	32	33
Fulham	30	12	8	10	45	44	32
Norwich City	29	10	11	8	34	32	31
Queens Park Rangers	28	12	5	11	44	32	29
Birmingham City	27	8	13	6	28	24	29
Hereford United	28	9	9	10	43	43	27
Oxford United	28	9	8	11	37	44	26
Leicester City	28	8	9	11	45	43	25
Reading	26	9	7	10	37	50	25
Swindon Town	24	5	11	8	20	27	21
Orient	22	7	6	9	29	31	20
West Ham United	26	7	6	13	46	54	20
Cardiff City	23	6	6	11	22	36	18
Crystal Palace	25	6	6	13	27	44	18
Luton Town	32	5	8	19	38	65	18
Bristol Rovers	28	8	1	19	31	67	17

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