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NEWS on TWO

There's An Awful Lot Of Critics In Brazil

Don Revie thinks he's got critics? You ought to hear Brazilian fans. Rather than regarding new manager Claudio Coutinho as a saviour after he saved them from the indignity of not qualifying for the World Cup in Argentina, he is being lambasted for the team's performances.

Draw Specialists

Six of the last nine games between Blackpool and Fulham have been drawn.

Nations Cup Plan Boosts England

The European Football Union is considering enlarging the Nations Cup finals in 1980. Eight instead of four countries would qualify, split into two groups of four along World Cup lines. It could clash with the end of the Football League season in Britain. The plans will be finalised by UEFA in June. Don Revie won't complain. It gives England a better chance of qualifying.

Jack Keeps His Word

West Bromwich and Middlesbrough both denied there was any link between the resignations of Hawthorns' boss Johnny Giles and Middlesbrough maestro Charlton. There was speculation that Charlton resigned to go for the West Bromwich job. But Charlton was keeping his promise that if Middlesbrough failed to win an honour in four years he would make way for a new motivator.

Caught Out

Ted Hemsley the former Sheffield United full-back who plays first-class cricket for Worcestershire says cricket is harder than soccer. "The mental pressures are certainly far greater. You are on your own, batsman against bowler and there is no-one to cover up your mistakes."

Best Of Both Worlds

The much-maligned George Best has no fault-finders in the Fulham camp. Although off-pitch deeds have earned him as many headlines as his sparkling feet, Best's attitude since joining Fulham and getting back in the Northern Ireland squad has been exemplary.

He rarely misses a morning training session, and if he does, he turns up to do a double session in the afternoon. Fulham officials say he has been utterly dedicated at Craven Cottage.

Another Fulham hero is former Blackpool player John Evanson. "Can't think why you gave him away. He's been our star this season." That was a typical Fulham reaction. Apparently only injury has prevented Evanson from playing lately.

Even so, he ran Best pretty close for the player of the year award.

Eddie Ready

Chelsea manager Eddie McReadie said before today's games that Chelsea would go to Division One if he had to "carry them on my back." He is "so proud" of the lads for not cracking under pressure.

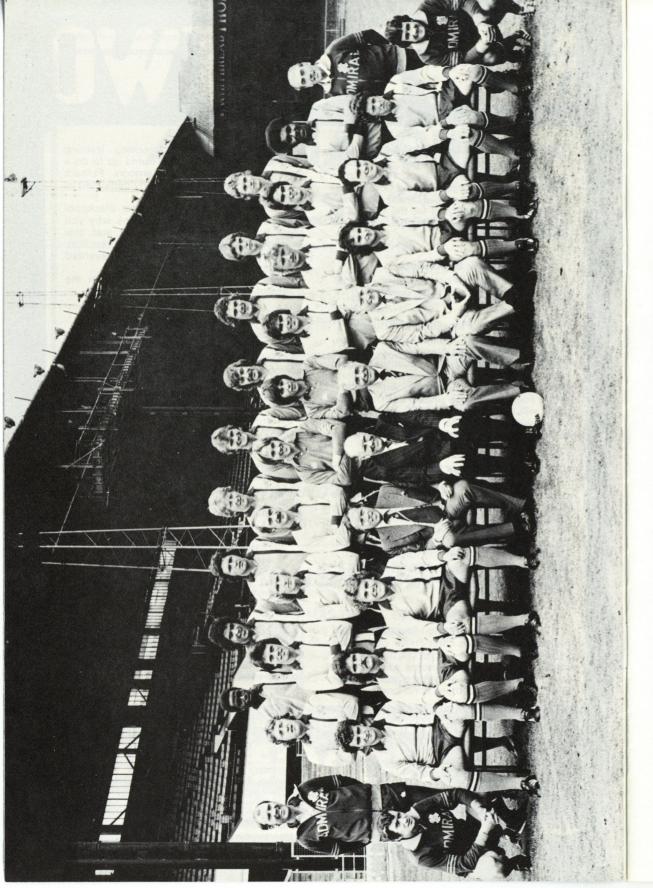
No Flies On Woody

Now we know how Sheffield United won 2–1 at Bolton. Alan Woodward, the United forward, parked his car outside the Owlerton Stadium dog track for the previous two visits and United lost 1–0 each time.

"Even though the team bus passed the dog track I refused to leave my car outside the stadium and we won 1–0."

Division Two League Table (up to and including 23rd April)

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LUTON TOWN

Miliia Aleksic. Luton's newest recruit. signed in January 1977 from Plymouth. Son of Yugoslavian parents, but born in the North of England, he broke into football with non-league Stafford Rangers.

Steve Buckley. He was a free-scoring left winger with Southern League club Burton Albion when Luton stepped in to buy him for the bargain price of £2,000 in the summer of 1974. Within six months he had been converted into a First Division full-back, and has been Luton's left back ever since his impressive debut. He still shows his old goalscoring ability, and his fast over-lapping wing runs and thundering left foot shot make him a lethal attacking defender.

Paul Futcher. Luton equalled their record transfer fee when they paid £100,000 for Futcher in the summer of 1974. He was still only 17, and with only a handful of Fourth Division games behind him with Chester, his home town club. But the big league clubs had already seen his potential, and Luton nipped in to beat them all. He has since become one of the most popular players with Luton's supporters; a cool, elegant centreback, with a marvellous football brain. He reminds a lot of people of Bobby Moore at his best, a ball-winner and superb distributor.

Ron Futcher. Twin brother of Paul, and identical in looks. When Luton paid £25,000 for him, it was generally reckoned that he had been transferred from Chester just because the boys wanted to stay together. But Ron soon made his mark: he was thrown in at the deep end when Luton were struggling in the First Division and marked his debut with a winning goal.

John Faulkner, Don Revie was the first man to give Faulkner his league chance: he was the centre-half in the Sutton United team that played Leeds in an F.A. Cup-tie, and did so well that Revie, then Leeds boss, immediately bought him. But he was unlucky at Leeds, and a broken leg threatened to end his career. He overcame it and joined Luton for £6,000 in March '72, and has been a regular member of Luton's defence ever since.

Paul Price. Another player snapped up as a youngster, defender Price has had to fight harder than most to break through - he broke a leg early in the 1974/75 season, fought his way back to fitness, then broke it again. His determination overcame his atrocious luck. and he came back to make his debut in Division Two last season. Still only 22, he comes from Welwyn Garden City.

Pasquale Fuccillo. Son of Italian parents who settled at Bedford, players and supporters at Kenilworth Road give this strong midfield player the nickname of "Lil" to overcome their difficulties with his tonquetwisting name. But there is no mistaking his footballing ability: he joined Luton as a 16year-old apprentice in the summer of 1973, and worked his way through to the League side. He scored on his debut in February 1976, and shows every sign of being a regular marksman on his thrusting runs from the middle of the field.

Brian Chambers. A Geordie, Chambers made his name and reputation as a midfield player at Sunderland, and they collected £70,000 for him when he was transferred to Arsenal in 1973. But he never broke through to the First team at Highbury, and Luton got him for £30,000 only a year later, when he was 25. He had a patchy start at Luton, flitting in and out of the league side, but finally established himself last season when he became a regular member of the Kenilworth Road team. He reinforces his midfield value by breaking forward to score the occasional goal.

Jim Husband. Joined Luton in November 1973 with a string of honours already collected with Everton. A Geordie, he was capped by England as a schoolboy, as a vouth, and at Under 23 level. He went to Goodison Park as soon as he left school, and became a Mersevside favourite in a ten-vear stay there in which he hit 75 goals. Luton paid Everton £70,000 for his services and he was their leading goal-scorer last season.

John Aston. Like his famous father before him, also named John Aston, John broke into professional football with Manchester United, and achieved international fame with an out-of-this-world performance on United's left wing in their European Cup Final triumph against Benfica at Wembley in 1968. Aston destroyed their defence, but a broken leg interrupted his career at Old Trafford. He was 25 when Luton manager Harry Haslam, a former Manchester United player himself. stepped in to secure his services for £30,000 in July 1972, and Aston has been one of Luton's most consistent players ever since. He can tantalise full-backs and provide inchperfect crosses - a winger in the traditional style.



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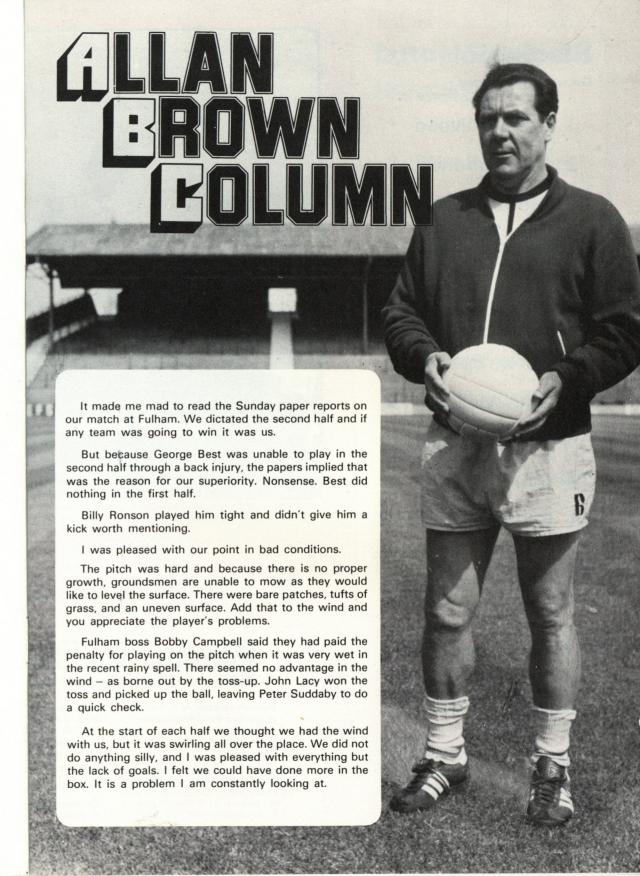
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- Paul Hart
- Peter Suddaby
- 7 Derek Spence
- Stan McEwan
- Mickey Walsh
- **Bob Hatton**
- 11 Bill Bentley

Sub:



Mickey Walsh grimaces as he tries a back-header from a corner during the last home match with Charlton Athletic. His expression was to change later when he knocked in two late goals to salvage a point.

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NEXT HOME GAMES

Football League Division Two Saturday, 14th May

Blackpool v. Southampton Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Central League

Saturday, 7th May Blackpool Res. v. Burnley Res. Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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- Milija Aleksic
- 2 Paul Rice
- 3 Steve Buckley
- 4 Brian Chambers
- 5 John Faulkner
- 6 Paul Futcher
- 7 David Geddis
- 8 Jimmy Husband
- Ron Futcher
- 10 Pasquale Fuccillo
- 11 John Aston

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Referee:

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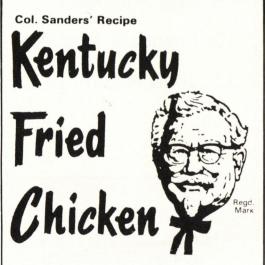
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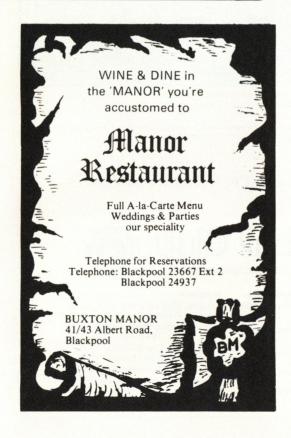
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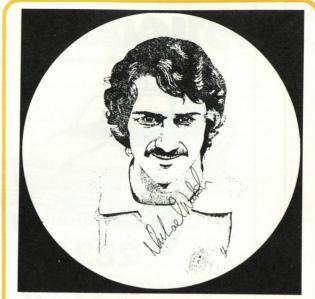
Centre forward Mickey Walsh is tripped by Charlton 'keeper Jeff Wood during the last home match. And below – Mickey fires home league goal number 25 giving Blackpool a point that did not seem likely, and earning himself a Honda Car from John Hall and Sons for scoring 25 goals.



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Seasiders Season 76-77

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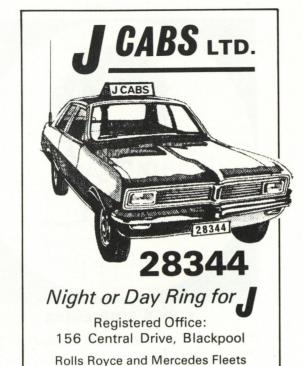


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Supporters' Club Notes

The second semi-final in the Darts Fours Competition will take place in the Supporters' Social Club tonight and the final has been arranged for a fortnight tonight, Saturday, May 14th. In addition to the finals, the Supporters' Club Committee have arranged for the current wonder boy of British Darts, 19 year old Eric Bristow to come along to the Club to present the prizes and to take on challengers. Members and guests are welcome and a bar extension has been obtained for this big night.

Player of the Year

Our own competition for the Wilf Wells Trophy for the Player of the Year will take place on Tuesday, May 17th, up to press, and Members are asked to record their votes on the voting slip at the foot of these notes and place it in the ballot box provided in the Social Club. Secretary Frank Butcher has arranged for Hughie Fisher to come along to present the trophy, if his commitments permit. Hughie was, of course, a great favourite at Blackpool until he was transferred to Southampton for £30,000 and he gave the Hampshire club many years' loyal service. He moved back to Lancashire some weeks ago and is now Player Manager at Southport. Hughie will follow a distinguished line of former players who have presented the trophy. One calls to mind Eddie Shimwell, the late Harry Johnston, Hughie Kelly, Jim Kelly, Jackie Mudie, Ernie Taylor, Jimmy Armfield and Tom White, amongst others.

Shorts

The Supporters' Club are presenting the League Dominoes' Finals in the Social Club on Friday, May 13th. Members and guests are welcome and a bar extension has been obtained. The first cricket match is on May 9th. Any new recruits will be welcome and should contact Alan Shepherd or Brian Ogden at the Supporters' Club. Any of our members will be welcome at the Lancaster and Carnforth branch Buffet Dance on Friday, May 27th at the Vale of Lune Rugby Club, which is off the Lancaster-Morecambe Road. Tickets for the Buffet Dance are £1.50 and if you will telephone Roger Firth on Lancaster 69227, he will give you the full details.

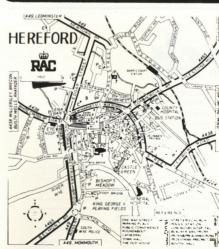
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VOTING SLIP

Date Member's No
I nominate
as the Blackpool Football Club Player of the Year for the Wilf Wells Trophy 1976/1977.
Name
Address

Drive/Away





Next away game HEREFORD UNITED

BLACKPOOL
A583/M55 to Broughton junction M6
M6/M5 south to intersection 5, M5 junction A38
A38 to Worcester junction A4103
A4103/A465 to Hereford

18 miles
144 miles
152 miles
175 miles

Entering Hereford on the A465 turn right at the traffic lights into Blue School Street keeping ahead through traffic lights to the roundabout at Edgar Street. Turn right here and the ground is on your right in 200 yards opposite a car park.

NEWS ON TWO-continued

Thug Measure Not New

The "bold, new experiment" that Celtic and Rangers have adopted in the fight against thugs is neither new nor likely to attack the core of the problem. Opening up grounds for the public to bring their families in to meet the players was something Black-

pool did successfully last year. Valuable as a public relations exercise, it is hardly likely to solve the problem of soccer violence because these louts do not show themselves so openly. When will the authorities do something positive and stop pussy-footing around?

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