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## HARRY HASLA



A LOOK at the league table today suggests that on form we can get back to winning ways with a home fixture against Burnley. I hope we do, but I can promise you that we prepared for the match knowing full well that teams fighting to stay in a division are liable to give the opposition plenty of trouble.

For the sake of our supporters, our main hope is that we can turn on the sort of performance we gave at Roker Park last week. It was a great game of football and Sunderland were glad to save a point.

I know some supporters made the long

journey to Roker Park, and I am pleased that we played well enough to make the trip worthwhile. It's always a great experience to go to a place like Roker Park for a match. The ground buzzes with atmosphere and hope, and the crowd really got behind Sunderland, Their manager Jimmy Adamson reckons that the "Roker Roar" can be worth a goal to his side. All I can say is that it's a good job for him that they found their voices last week, because our football was more than a match for anything Sunderland could produce.

The whole team buckled down to a job of work, and the result was a tribute to their attitude and to the preparation and though that had gone into it during the previous season on the trot in the promotion battle. week.

coach Roy McCrohan, and it was good to see their efforts being rewarded on the field.

I've said before that all teams go through had patches, and at Sunderland it looked certain that ours is over with. We let them come at us, drew defenders out of position. and then hit back hard on the break. The tactics were worked out in practice and at the end of the game Jimmy Adamson was the other. well pleased to see his team come off with

year there are a dozen or more managers who can see that they're in with a chance of getting into the promotion fight - and that includes me.

The position is still tight and any team that can string together a good run is in with a shout. People tell me that Bolton have got promotion all wrapped up, and that Spurs are nearly there as well. I'll bet Ian Greaves at Bolton doesn't like to hear that too often. Their experience in the last two seasons has proved the old saving that the game's never over until the last whistle blows.

I suppose most people in football would say that Bolton have deserved promotion through consistency - this is their third But there is plenty of time yet for leaders The lads worked hard in training with to slip and for challengers to come through

> Sunderland, for instance, think they have as good a chance as any. Probably they have - and so have we.

> We know that we have to keep picking up points, and I know that people will question the depth of our resources. The board is working on one side of the coin. and the players and coaches are working on

Whatever happens, if the lads today can reproduce the tremendous football that And if you look again at the league frightened Sunderland, you can rest assured table you can see why: at this time of the you're in for 90 minutes of entertainment.

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IAN BRENNAN: Ian joined the Turf Moor staff from junior football in Derbyshire. He started his professional career as a forward but switched to left-back in the reserve team and gradually worked his way into the senior side.

TERRY COCHRANE: Terry arrived at Turf Moor last season from Irish League club Coleraine for quite a big fee. A right winger, he has played twice for Northern Ireland in full internationals and was in his country's squad for the 1977 home championships.

PAUL FLETCHER: Paul was signed from neighbours Bolton Wanderers. his home town club, for a substantial fee in 1971. A great battler for Burnley, he has been unlucky with injuries in the last couple of seasons. A hard working centre-forward who can be very good in the air.

BILLY INGHAM: Billy comes from Stakeford, Northumberland, and joined the Clarets from junior football. A fine club man, he can play in virtually any position, including striker or full-back but most of his League games have been in midfield. Scored a brilliant match winning goal against Chelsea at Turf Moor last season in Burnley's successful fight against relegation and was tagged "the ginger Pele" by his team

DAVID LOGGIE: Dave is a native of Newbiggin, Northumberland and was a prolific scoring striker as a junior player before being recruited by Burnley. Worked his way through the Turf Moor junior teams. showing himself to be promising centre-forward in the Central League and then, last season, he made several appearances in the Second

BRIAN HALL: Recently signed from Plymouth Argyle for a fee of £25,000. Brian, a former Liverpool player gained two League Championship medals, two UEFA Cup winner's medals and an F.A. Cup winner's medal with Liverpool.

STEVE KINDON: Another player recently signed from Wolverhampton Wanderers. Steve is a former player with Burnley but was bought back for £80,000. Steve was a member of Burnley's F.A. Youth Cup winning team in 1968. He has tremendous speed and is a prolific goal

TONY MORLEY: England Under-23 international winger Tony is a Lancashire lad from Ormskirk. He was the most expensive signing in Burnley's history when transferred from nearby Preston North End in February, 1976.

KEITH NEWTON: Veteran full-back Keith, holder of 28 full England international caps, has had a wonderful career with Blackburn Rovers. Everton and Burnley. The oldest member of the team, he had another very good season in 1976-77.



PETER NOBLE: Sunderland-born Peter who was formerly with Newcastle United and Swindon Town, was appointed club captain last season and was undoubtedly the inspiration behind the escape from relegation. Peter made his name with Swindon, playing for them in the 1969 League Cup final in which they defeated Arsenal at Wembley. Burnley signed him in 1973 at a real bargain fee and he has repaid it many times over with some sterling displays in defence, midfield and attack as well.

BILLY RODAWAY: Powerfully-built Billy is a native of Liverpool, and was an outstanding player at schoolboy level for his city team, and for Lancashire and also England. He has played in midfield, but his best position is at the heart of defence, where he was often outstanding last season.

PETER ROBINSON: Another tall and powerful youngster, teenager Peter was spotted by Turf Moor scouts in junior football in the northeast of England. There is football in the family and his uncle was a professional with Hull City. Peter signed professional for Burnley just before the start of the 1976-77 season and his skill, determination and application rapidly got him to first team status.

MALCOLM SMITH: Malcolm comes from Stockton and began his professional career with Middlesbrough, for whom he made more than 50 League appearances as a central striker. He couldn't quite clinch a regular first team place at Ayresome Park, and had spells on loan with Blackpool and Bury before joining Burnley on loan early last season.

ALAN STEVENSON: Alan comes from Staveley and proved himself a talented goalkeeper with Chesterfield before a big-money transfer to Burnley in 1972. An England Under-23 international, he has had many outstanding matches for the Clarets and he can make brilliant reflex saves. He is a top-class goalkeeper in every respect.

DEREK SCOTT: Derek comes from Gateshead and is a former England Schools international. A very strong young player, he has made most of his League appearances at right-back but he can also play in midfield. Derek made his first team debut when the Clarets were in the First Division and he has quite a lot of experience behind him now.

JIMMY THOMSON: Jimmy is a native of Glasgow and he was a Chelsea player under Tommy Docherty for a couple of seasons after being spotted in Scottish junior football. He made 40 First Division appearances for Chelsea including one at Turf Moor against Burnley in which he scored a goal. Soon afterwards he was transferred to the Clarets for a large fee.

Left to right:

Back Row: David Loggie: Terry Pashley: Joe Jakub: Ian Brennan:

Derek Scott.

Middle Row: Brian Miller (Chief Coach/Trainer); Tony Morley; Jim Thomson; Billy Rodaway; Alan Stevenson; Keith Newton; Peter Robinson; Bob Higgins; Harry Potts

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## LUTON LATEST

TODAY WE welcome the Directors. Manager, Players, Officials and Supporters from Burnley Football Club, one of the Football League's oldest members. Burnley was one of the twelve clubs which took part in the very first League Championship in Season 1888-89 finishing eight places below the Champions, Preston and ahead of such famous names as Derby, Notts County and our last visitors, Stoke City. Of those original twelve, five now compete with us in the 2nd Division, five are among the elite. one is in the 3rd Division (Preston) and one. sadly no longer retains membership (Accrington Stanley). Our visitors maintained their status until 1897-98 when they competed in the 2nd Division which they won at the first attempt. Another club made its debut in the division that same season. Luton Town, finishing a creditable eighth out of sixteen teams. Burnley lost only two of its thirty fixtures and one of these. according to our records was at Luton. although not of course at Kenilworth Road in those days. The six clubs which separated us from today's visitors make an impressive list: - Newcastle, Manchester City, Manchester United (Newton Heath), Woolwich Arsenal, Birmingham (Small Heath) and Leicester Fosse.

Whilst the Town faded quietly from the league scene within three seasons, Burnley went on to win the 1st Division Championship in 1920-21 and it was not until 1937-38 that our two sides next met in a league match when Luton gained promotion from the 3rd Division South. Burnley again climbed back into the Premier league where we joined them in 1955-56 until in 1959-60 the two clubs finished at opposite ends of the table with Burnley celebrating their second championship and the Town beginning their rapid descent to the league's basement. During our years in the wilderness Burnley remained a top team until relegation in 1970-71 brought our two clubs together again. The Lancastrians achieved promotion in 1972-73, a feat emulated by Luton the following season. Similarly our fall from grace was followed one year later by the Turf Moor Club and in 1976-77 we met

again as 2nd Division opponents as we had done for the first time nearly eighty years previously. Last season the results went in our favour and we achieved the 'double'. Now it remains to be seen what this season holds in store.

WE ALSO welcome today Directors, Staff and Guests of SKF (U.K.) Ltd. who are our match sponsors. This company is making a welcome return in this capacity and we hope that we can achieve as good a result for them as we did last time when we defeated Charlton 2-0 on 19th. Feb. 1977. SKF, who are also sponsoring the game with Spurs on February 18th will be the first to use our new Sponsors' Room and we hope that they will enjoy their day to the full.

● IN OUR last programme we reported that Paul Futcher had left the intensive care unit at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital and it appears he came straight to Kenilworth Road to see the match against Stoke City. Not quite true perhaps but it illustrates the problem of writing programme notes a few days before the event. Also in the realms of fantasy apparently was the press report which quoted Paul as saying in the dressing room after the match "Not to worry lads, I'll be back in the team in a month". However we were delighted and surprised to see Paul at the game and just as pleased to report that he is making excellent progress.

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see Paul at the game and just as pleased to report that he is making excellent progress. ON THE same day that Paul called at our offices last week we were all pleasantly surprised by two other old friends. Keith and Annette Barber who were accompanied by their young son Paul. This was our first opportunity to see the young man and as Annette said "The biggest thing in his favour is the fact that he looks nothing like Keith". He does however have some familiar family traits as we found out when we offered him a ball and he promptly dropped it! As Keith was one of our most popular players with both supporters and staff I am sure he will appreciate that we are only joking. On a more serious level we are delighted to see his new Club. Swansea doing so well and the fact that in nineteen league and F.A. Cup games only fourteen goals have been conceded tells its own story.

After their 2-0 home defeat by Swansea, Brentford's manager Bill Dodgin described them as the best 4th Division side he had seen — even better than "You know who".

■ THE JUNIOR Hatters Club which has a regular column on page 18 is steadilly growing in numbers and we are now well on our way towards the two hundred and fifty mark. However, before we become too complacent, let me quote from the Manchester City programme under the heading "Junior Blues — Membership subs are now due for all members who joined before March this year and whose membership numbers are between 1 and 5899. This is your final chance to renew your subs, priced at £1.50 for single members, £2.50 for two. £3 for three etc. etc.".

For once we are offering a service at a lower cost than other Clubs — at 40p per annum per member. We still come across very loyal and regular supporters who are not aware of the existence of the "Junior Hatters" so perhaps we can explain what the youngsters receive in return for their 40p.

First of all they receive an autographed photo of their favourite Luton player on their Birthday. Secondly they receive a mention in the nearest first team match programme and we try whenever possible to offer the position of team Mascot to a lad whose Birthday falls on a match day. Today's mascot Ricci Jones falls into this category and if there is no-one with a birthday on the actual day we place the names of all members in a hat and contact the lucky winner: We are still receiving an enormous number of requests to be our mascot and it would be impossible to fit them all in during the next five years so we unfortunately have to resort to the draw method amongst Junior Hatters members. Perhaps those of you who have written to us would accept this as a reply since if we responded to all who sent in no stamped addressed envelope we would have another financial crisis on our hands.

Finally the members of the Junior Hatters receive a membership card which entitles them to buy one Bobbers Wing

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stand seat at 75p for every match (normal price £1.50). We think that the above facilities represent good value at 40p per year and we hope to extend the range of the Clubs activities as time goes by. Perhaps some of the Dads, Grandads and older Brothers here today will enrol the younger members of their families as an early Christmas present. All we need from you, apart from the 40p, is a stamped addressed envelope and details of name, address, date of birth and names of favourite Luton players.

MOST OF you probably realise that the Broadcasting Box at the rear of the Centre Stand is the nerve centre for the collection of the results from all the other matches and that it houses our genial announcer John Buttle who rarely misses a match of any description. What is not so widely known is the existence of a very dedicated band of people operating under the name of Luton Hospitals' Football Commentaries Scheme of which John is Chairman. Their Secretary, Bob Barrett, wrote recently to bring us up to date with their activities and we are delighted to reprint his letter in our column.

"The Luton Hospitals' Football Commentaries' Scheme who are now in their 24th season have now extended their service to the 'Mount', London Road, Luton which has been re-opened and it is now operating as a Home for the Elderly, and the patients were able to enjoy as their first full broadcast, the recent home League Cup-tie between Luton Town and Manchester City. One of their most ardent listeners is Mr. Bill Virgin who unfortunately is now totally blind but is well known locally from his days as a football referee.

The Commentary Scheme now includes broadcasts to the Luton & Dunstable Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, Greenhills Old Peoples Centre and Park Street Old Peoples Centre and is operated on a totally voluntary basis. Supporters may not realise, but the scheme are only too happy to broadcast messages before a game and during the interval to friends or relatives who are unfortunately in hospital and a message to the Secretary, Mr. Bob Barrett, 426, Old

Bedford Road, Luton. Telephone No: Luton 508530 or the Chairman, Mr. John Buttle, 6, Sherborne Avenue, Luton. Telephone No: Luton 507231 or a personal application to the Commentary Box on the afternoon of the game would receive attention".

■ WE SEND our best wishes to one of our senior Vice-Presidents, Sir Reginald Pearson who is recovering in hospital after a fall. Sir Reginald recently celebrated his eightieth birthday so we wish him a Happy Birthday and a quick return to full health at the same time.

■ THE SUBJECT of this weeks "Profile", Martin Sperrin reaches an important milestone himself shortly as he will be 21 tomorrow. Best wishes Martin and may the next twelve months be full of goals for you. NEWS FROM THE POOLS OFFICE

OUR LATEST "SIGNING"!

Playing at present for Ladies Eagles F.C., (Inside-Forward and Treasurer) she is Julie Ruckert. A really charming 17-year old, who is the latest recruit to the Pools Office Administration. This is quite a family affair really, as today's Mascot is her Nephew!

This Year's Xmas draw is going very well, and should be a complete "sell-out". Any remaining counterfoils must be in by Sat. 17th December (we shall be at home to Mansfield on that day). Requests for extra tickets to sell are still being "short listed", but as time and supplies are running out, we hope that all supporters will co-operate and once again help us by making this Xmas Draw a resounding success.

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## PLAYER PROFILE



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## BEHIND THE SCENES From the Secretary's Office

LAST SATURDAY'S performance at Sunderland brought praise from two great players from that area. This time it was from Wor Jackie himself, Jackie Milburn and Sunderland's Len Shackleton. Both players are now journalists, and they were both adamant that the way we played could only bring us success on and off the field. The coach ride we had back wasn't quite so pleasant. The heating system decided not to work so you can imagine how we felt after a 250 mile journey home. I have never seen a bunch of lads playing cards with overcoats, scarves and gloves on before, at least not since my R.A.F. days. We stopped at Ferrybridge on the way back for a cup of hot soup and we met some of our supporters and suggested that we swapped over coaches,

but they had got their own troubles, the gearbox apparently was giving out slowly; so we decided to stay put. It was a very cold and stiff party that got off the coach at Kenilworth Road.

A name which will bring back memories to our older supporters is Charlie Ferguson. Charlie who was playing with us before the war is now Chief Scout at Sunderland and he asked me to pass on his best wishes to all his old playing mates who are still in the

I received a letter from the Chiltern Youth Premier League this week informing us of the selection of seven of our younger players in the representative side to play the Army Youth Team at Aldershot on December 10th. Alan Judge, Richard Eaton

Tom Stewart, Andy Pearson, Alan Currie. Les Harriott and Wayne Turner are the lads selected and if that is not enough, our coach Danny Bergara has been appointed manager. Congratulations to them all

I would like to take this opportunity to ask our fans on the terraces to 'cut out' the obscene chants that we have had to live with over the past few seasons. I can assure you that the referees do have parents what ever else you may think about them. So please let us shout encouragement by all means. but if the chap next to you is 'doing his nut obscenely' just remind him that Luton Town would prefer him to clean it up or stay sway. Enjoy the match.

John Wilkinson

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## LAST HOME MATCH ACTION...

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When Steve's object is the goal, no keeper is safe, no matter what the distance, as he proved with his second-half thunderbolt from outside the area that pegged back Stoke's hopes of an easy victory.

We didn't get going in the First Half, but Stoke boss George Eastham admitted later that he had just about eaten both sets of finger-nails by the time the game ended, with his team hanging on to a 2-1 lead.

The picture on the top shows the Buckley goal that gave us hope of saving our unbeaten record: Steve is just behind the Stoke defender, and Jones has a completely clear view of the shot. But the explosive power of Buckley's shooting still left him helpless as the full-back's fourth goal of the season whistled into the net.

Bottom right: Buckley shows a neat line in defensive work, with an acrobatic clearance to deny possession to a Stoke player.

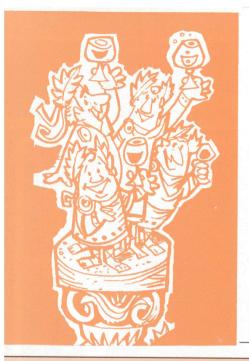
Bottom left: Ronnie Futcher, who had to take most of the central attacking strain, puts Stoke under pressure with a shot that beat Denis Smith.

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- 3 He hit the first League hat-trick this season (6)
- 6 Manager of Spain for the last ten vears (6)
- 7 Unsuccessful early North America side: Baltimore ... (4)
- 8 World Cup Team 4, Canadian Touring Team 2 was the result of the 1950 F.A. --- Shield match (7)
- 11 See 15ac (7)
- 13 Boro' boss (4)
- 14 The violent England v. Italy in 1934 became known as "The ... of Highbury" 9 Derek ..., Burnley back (5)
- 15 Needed if 11ac is not decided in a cup match (6)

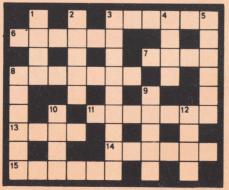
CLUES - Down

- 1 Much-travelled --- Curran went back to Oxford this season (4)
- 2 See 4dn
- 3 Manchester United spokesman against their European Cup-Winners' Cup ban (4.5)
- 4 & 2dn. Radio soccer commentator
- 5 "The space within the --- areas of the field of play includes the width of the lines" (Law 1) (6)
- 8 Dead-ball situation (6)
- 10 Peterborough's forward from Fulham
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A look back at Luton Town a decade ago. by BRIAN SWAIN, Sports Editor, Luton News.

THE TOWN'S headlong rush towards the Fourth Division championship suffered a slight interruption ten years ago yesterday, with the ending of a remarkable winning run.

The previous week 11.572 managed to get to Kenilworth Road despite a bus strike to see the Town notch their eighth win in a row against mid-table Halifax, Left winger Ray Whittaker missed the game with knee ligament trouble, and Graham French was shifted across into his place, with John Ryan being recalled to the right wing.

Halifax, much weakened by injuries, tried to play for a draw, packing nine men in defence for long spells, apparently fearful of the Town's record as leading scorers in the division.

But after 26 minutes John Moore put Ian Buxton clear for the first goal, which was Buxton's ninth in 11 league games since his transfer to Luton from Derby. It made him joint leading scorer with Bruce Rioch.

The reverse failed to persuade Halifax to come out of their shell, with the result that the Town defence, marshalled by Terry Branston, had an easy afternoon. So easy, in fact, that back four men Moore and Alan Slough set up the second goal, after 54 minutes. Slough slammed in a free kick from outside the box. and after the ball had pinged its way around a forest of legs it dropped nicely for Moore to make the points safe.

The win left the Fourth Division table looking very sweet to Luton eyes. With only 19 goals conceded and 42 scored, the Town were in third place behind Chesterfield and Southend, two points behind the leaders and with two games in hand.

Bradford were fourth, behind the Town on goal average, so the meeting between the two teams ten years ago yesterday was something of a crunch game for both sides.

Trouble struck the Kenilworth Road camp early that week. Although Whittaker returned, Keith Allen injured a knee in training, and had to drop out. Into his place came a 20-year-old Scot most of us had never heard of. He was trialist Hugh McLeish, who had played for Dundee United the previous season. He had already been turned down by First Division Sunderland when the Town gave him a trial. He had played for the Reserves in the Midweek League twice, and scored twice, and was flung into the Bradford game at Valley Parade

But for once the Town's defence failed to show its usual sound organisation. Tony Read and Branston got mixed up with each other to allow Aimson to score for Bradford in the ninth minute, and Rackstraw made it 2-0 just after half-time.

Not until the last ten minutes did the Town get cracking in attack, and although McLeish hit a post, it was too late to shake Bradford's composure, and the run of eight victories in a row was over.

#### BY GEORGE ROGERS

THE TOWN Youth team dropped their 1st. point on Saturday 19th. November when Harlow were the visitors in a Chiltern Premier fixture. Play was fairly even throughout and although we missed several chances the final score was 1-1. Mick Pacey scoring our only goal, Team: A. Judge, A. Currie, L. Saver, A. Wilkinson, T. Broom, T. Stewart, P. Champkin, M. Patterson. M. Pacev, R. Eaton, A. Pearson, M. Beech.

On Friday evening 25th, November we played the return fixture at Harlow, this time winning by 2 goals to 0, our goals being scored by Tom Stewart and Martin Conquest. Team: A. Judge, A. Currie, R. Eaton, T. Smith, T. Stewart, W. Turner, N. Johnson, A. Wilkinson, M. Conquest, M. Pacey, A. Pearson,

Two important dates for the Youth team are next Tuesday 6th December when they travel to Ipswich in the Football Ass. Youth Cup 2nd, round, Replay at Kenilworth Rd., on Thursday 8th. December if required. The other date is December 13 when again we travel to Corby in the Eastern Junior Cup. We wish the lads well in both of these Cup ties.

This morning's game was in the league v. Barnet and a win today will put us in a clear lead at the top of the table. Although we like to win, the prime object of this league is to try out lads who are still at school and who with coaching could make the grade into professional football. These boys have either been recommended to us or have been noticed playing in local football, either in a school game, or in the Chiltern Sunday Leagues. Over the next few weeks some boys will be getting a welcome letter inviting them to take part in many representative games taking place. Why not come along and support these? On December 4th. Bedfordshire Under 16s, play Oxfordshire at Launton, Nr. Bicester, Bedfordshire Under 18s play the R.A.F. at Eaton Bray 10th, December K.O. 2 p.m. The Chiltern Under 14s, and the Under 16s play the Stevenage Minor League at Lewsey Park, Luton on December 16th. K.O. 2 p.m. Another representative game is the Chiltern Premier league v. British Army at Aldershot December 10th. Several of the Youth team have been invited to play as well as an invitation to Danny Bergara to act as Team manager.

#### KNOW YOUR YOUTH PLAYER:-

Today we focus on Alan Pearson. Percy as he is known by his colleagues, was born and bred in Newmarket and was 17 on 19th, November, One of the youngest of the apprentices but his ability and manner and his wanting to do well will prove that Mr. Haslam's decision to offer him the opportunity will not be wasted. Played for his local school at Soham, Nr. Newmarket. His other interests are taking part in all sports and music.



## COMBINATION

WATCHING England's play against Italy was like a breath of fresh air. Although no professional could be deceived that problems have been solved overnight there were several encouraging pointers suggesting that we have learnt one or two valuable lessons. The public must now be encouraged to understand and show patience as the traditional characteristics of speed, cut and thrust and stamina are superceded by a slower, more imaginative approach. Consequently skills will have a greater chance of blossoming. I shall briefly summerise vital lessons that we saw glimpses of in that fine performance against Italy.

- a) We were patient in our play. Composure breeds confidence. Knowing where and when to quicken the pace is the key.
- b) We resisted the temptation to hump balls from deep positions into the penalty box. These might produce good television viewing but gain an almost nil % of success on the field.
- c) Players worked hard to get into non dangerous areas, drag opponents away from vital areas and exploit the space they had left.
- d) Players were prepared to run and make space for others. We must take our eye OFF the ball more and look for the spaces.
- e) Flair and improvisation were encouraged particularly in the final third of the field.
- f) Coaches and players must understand the principle of the 'third man'. There will not be a complete change of style. The game has developed at International level on a high tactical plane. We must adjust to new standards. I believe the Dutch gave us a lead and we have been slow to follow. We must integrate some of the subtleties, we must edge away from predictability. Players who understand, see and run to make space for others, will prosper.

### **COMBINATION REPORT**

Saturday November 19th. 1977 Oxford United 2 Luton Town 1 (Ingram). Teâm: Knight, Jones, Carr, Smith, Harriott, Sisman, Johnson, E. Stein, Ingram, Sperrin, Driver. Sub. Turner.

THIS WAS a disappointing result to a game which never really got off the ground. We had the impetus of a second minute goal when Ingram intercepted a wretched back pass and rounded Milkins to score easily. The aggression of the Oxford strikers disturbed Luton's defence at times and they equalised when Stott burst through to score from a corner. The home side were fortunate that the goal was allowed as Graham Jones appeared to be held. The second half was evenly fought although Luton's attack seldom looked dangerous with Ingram and Sperrin well held up front. With only seconds remaining. Sweetzer, who had given a lively performance throughout brushed past Carr and squeezed his shot past Knight to give Oxford victory by 2 goals to 1.

Tuesday, 22nd November 1977.
Orient O Luton Town 2 (Ingram 2).
Team: Knight, Jones, Sisman, Carr, Price,
Harriott, E. Stein, Boersma, Ingram
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THE LUTON side carried too much experience for a young, aggressive Orient team and returned with a well deserved two points. Phil Boersma, in his first game since his achilles tendon injury showed some good touches and combined well with Brian Stein and Ingram. Luton took the lead in the seventeenth minute when Ingram scored after Boersma's shot had been charged down. Stein hit the bar and Carr went close on two occasions when he broke through quickly from mid-field.

Ingram scored the second goal after 63 minutes from a chance created by a brilliant turn and dribble by Brian Stein. Luton retained control for the remainder of the game but failed to turn their territorial superiority into goals.

Saturday 26th November 1977. Luton Town 2 (B. Stein 2) Plymouth 2. Team: Knight, Jones, Driver, Smith, Stewart, Sisman, E. Stein, Boersma, Turner, Sperrin, B. Stein, Sub. Johnson.

THIS WAS an entertaining game with both sides playing attacking football. Luton twice held the lead but were pegged back by a well organised side which had enjoyed a run of eight games without defeat. We had an encouraging start when Brian Stein scored after one minute from a clever pass by Sperrin following a free kick by Jones. Plymouth equalised through a splendid goal by Langrish in the twelth minute. Five minutes before the interval Stein converted a fine short pass by Boersma following a fine move down the right wing. Luton stepped up the pressure in the 2nd half and Smith saw his fine drive hit the bar. Stein also hit the bar following a great shot on the turn and Sperrin had a header cleared off the line. We paid the penalty for these goals that "might have been" when Binney dived bravely to head home after a goalmouth scramble.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ BALL No. 7.

1) DEVON EXETER — NEWMAN
TORQUAY — MUSGROVE
PLYMOUTH — WAITERS
2) FRANZ BECKENBAUER
3) GRIMSBY TOWN — THEIR GROUND
IS IN CLEETHORPES.

As the response to this competition has been so small (there were only 3 entries last week) no new questions have been set. However Mr. Tom Hunt, who has sent in seven entries with nearly 100% success is the clear winner and if he would like to telephone or call on Doug Lygo at the Club offices we will be delighted to present him with his prize.

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#### COMPETITION

The answers to our last competition were as follows:

- "Gunners" ARSENAL
- "The Villans" ASTON VILLA
- (c) "Lions" MILLWALL
- (d) "The Seasiders" BLACKPOOL

The first all correct entry picked out on Friday 11th November was Steven Brown, from 1 North End, Kelshall, Nr. Royston, in Herts, who receives two tickets for today's match.

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Linesmen: Mr L. E. Archer – Red Flag; Mr G. R. Rigby – Orange Flag.

