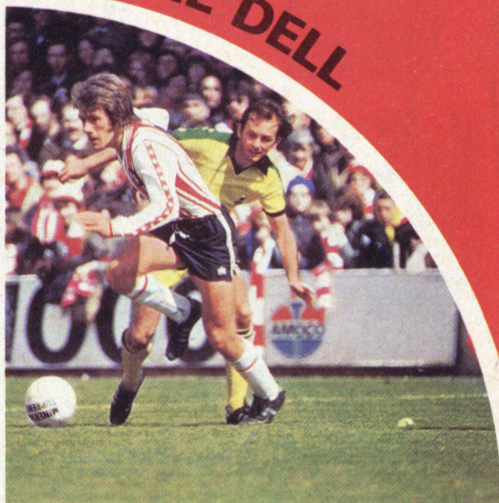


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LOOK AT THE DELL



Before our last home game I spoke in the programme notes about character. At this stage we had taken three points from two games after having to introduce three young players at the same time in the First Team. The strength of character, which I firmly believe goes right through the Club now, has helped gain another three points against Fulham and Tottenham. This, of course, is championship form — two points at home and one away, but as Bill Shankly used to say the race for promotion is a marathon and not a sprint. Everyone would do well to remember those words — we are not yet even half way through the league season and it is far too early to make sweeping predictions. Cases in point in the Second Division have been W.B.A., who three seasons ago at this stage were languishing at the bottom of the table. The talk then was of relegation and under Johnny Giles they proceeded to climb the table with an amazing run of wins which saw them finish eventually in the top three and they have gone on to perform admirably in the First Division.

At the opposite end of the scale no one needs reminding that Bolton Wanderers have continuously held a promotion place throughout the last two seasons, only to miss out at the last gasp each season to lose the race by a short head. Everyone seems to think that this will definitely be their season but who can be sure, especially after they lost to Fulham last Saturday.

Our visitors today can always be guaranteed to provide entertainment. Harry Haslam, their popular Manager, has weathered more storms than a Grimsby trawler during his career and yet he continues to come up smiling. This season he has suffered the loss of his talented defender, Paul Futchter who was severely hurt in a car crash. In welcoming Harry and his team I wish him well for the rest of the season and also a speedy return to young Paul, who is surely one of the brightest prospects in the game at present.

Finally, if like me you haven't realised just exactly how close it is, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas, as this is the last home game before Boxing Day. Thank you for all the wonderful support you have given us so far this season.

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TODAY'S VISITORS



Standing (Left to Right) Reg Game (Physio), David Carr, Graham Jones, Jimmy McNichol, John Faulkner, Milija Aleksic, Tony Knight, Paul Futcher, Paul Price, Steve Buckley, Roy McOrham (Coach), **(Seated)** Ricky Hill, Jimmy Husband, Tim Smith, Phil Boersma, Harry Haslam (Manager), Alan West, Ron Futcher, Pasquale (Lil) Fuccillo, Gary Heale.

Luton's happy manager Harry Haslam could be excused for feeling glum for a change. The recent misfortune of that fine centre-back Paul Futcher, who was badly injured in a car crash, was just the latest incident in a long sequence of rough luck to hit the club. In spite of so many set-backs, however, Mr Haslam somehow manages to maintain his familiar smiling face.

Futcher's injuries will certainly keep him out for the remainder of the season, yet, though his absence is obviously sorely missed and results have not been quite so good in recent weeks, the Hatters are still in a good position to challenge for promotion.

Luton's bad luck goes back to 1975 when they lost their First Division place after only one season. The players had made a miraculous recovery and seemed certain to survive — until Spurs won their final game to put Luton down.

Next came the club's financial crash and the consequent economies that forced Mr Haslam to sell virtually his entire team.

Luck was against the Hatters again last season when a phenomenal late run saw them string up nine consecutive victories. But even that super human effort was not quite good enough.

That Luton are again in a challenging position is truly remarkable when we recall the traumatic experience which almost closed the club down just over two years ago. They had to sell 14 players to keep afloat. With the co-operation of creditors, Luton happily were able to carry on. But it was a heartbreaking experience for the manager to see the team he had carefully created torn apart because of the club's cash-flow problems.

Paul Futcher's absence has given another chance to young Jimmy McNichol, who had played only two League games before. He's playing alongside the experienced John Faulkner so he has good support

during these early weeks as he settles down to the task of dealing with Second Division strikers. Paul Price and Steve Buckley are the two full-backs with former Plymouth 'keeper Milija Aleksic in goal.

Alan West, Pasquale Fuccillo and Ricky Hill are the usual midfield players but several changes have been made in attack following the injury to Phil Boersma who is now wandering around with his leg in plaster. The number 11 shirt has gone in turn to Gary Heale, David Carr, Godfrey Ingram and Brian Stein.

Top scorer is Jimmy Husband, the former Everton player, with eight goals. He hit four of those in the 7-1 victory over Charlton when Luton really struck it good. Ron Futcher, Paul's identical twin brother, is the regular centre-forward and he has scored five goals so far.

Luton have won only two away League games so far, though they did knock First Division Wolves out of the League Cup by 3-1 at Molineux. Their away successes were achieved at Bristol Rovers (2-1) and Cardiff (4-1). Until drawing their last game 1-1 at Sunderland, Luton had lost three away matches on the trot — at Blackpool (1-2), Bolton (1-2) and Mansfield (1-3). Earlier in the season they also lost at Oldham (0-1), Tottenham (0-2) and Brighton (2-3).

The Luton club was founded in 1885 and gained election to the Second Division of the Football League in 1897. They were voted out three years later but regained League status when the Third Division (South) was formed in 1920.

They returned to the Second Division in 1937, remaining until they went up into Division One for the first time in 1955. In 1959 they were beaten by Nottingham Forest in the F.A. Cup final but a year later they were relegated. It wasn't long before they sank right down into the Fourth

LUTON

Division but the climb back began with promotion in 1968, then a move back into the Second Division two years later. Then came that solitary campaign in Division One in 1974/75.

Had Luton been able to cling onto their place that season it is reasonably certain that they would still have been a First Division club today. Mr Haslam has always sought the highest level of creative skills from his players who have shown in some brilliant displays this season that they could cope with First Division soccer — if only given the chance.

MILIJA ALEKSIC

Luton paid £20,000 to Plymouth in January 1977 for Aleksic's services, and the fee turned out to be a bargain. Aged 24, he was unsettled at Plymouth, and the move to Luton turned out to be the turning point in his career. Son of Yugoslav parents, but born in the North of England, he broke into football as a part-timer with Stafford Rangers. He quickly became a firm favourite at Luton, where the locals call him "Elastic" in tribute to his agility and quick reflexes.

STEVE BUCKLEY

Officially a left back, Buckley is more than a top class defender — his speed and sharp-shooting make him a dangerous attacker too. He was a free-scoring left winger with Burton Albion when Luton signed him for a bargain price of £2,000 in the summer of 1974. Within six months he had been converted into a defender with attacking flair, and has been a mainstay of the Luton side ever since.

JOHN FAULKNER

Luton's senior pro and vice captain, he has given Luton sterling service since they paid £6,000 for him in March 1972. He emerged from obscurity as centre-half in the Sutton United team that played Leeds. Don Revie signed him on, but a broken leg interrupted his career at Elland Road.

JIM McNICHOL

Luton Manager Harry Haslam is used to looking for bargains and defender McNichol rates as one. Ipswich, prolific producers of youth players, allowed him to look for a new club after ending his apprenticeship at Portman Road in the summer of 1976. Haslam nipped in and although Paul Futcher's brilliance is hard to replace, McNichol

has filled the sweeper's position with distinction whenever he has been called into the league team.

PASQUALE FUCCILLO

Son of Italian parents who settled at Bedford, midfield dynamo Fuccillo — "Lil" to his friends and the Luton fans — joined Luton as a 16-year-old apprentice in the summer of 1973. Strong on the ball, he made his name with some storming midfield displays, and marked his league debut with a goal and has been a regular marksman ever since.

ALAN WEST

Luton's club captain and a brilliant midfielder man, West is one of the many stars to emerge from the "production line" of Burnley. An England under-23 international, he joined Luton for £100,000 from Burnley in October 1973. Still only 25, he is capable of turning defences inside-out with accurate passes.

RICKY HILL

A midfielder player who has excited attention all over the country, Hill had a fairy-tale start to his league career. Signed as an apprentice from schools football in North London, he made it into the league team within a year and celebrated his debut by scoring once and laying on another goal. Now 19, he has been capped by England at youth level.

JIM HUSBAND

Joined Luton in November 1973 with a string of honours already collected with Everton, and has served Luton with distinction. He plays as an attacking midfielder or as a front runner, and has provided a regular supply of goals. A Geordie, he was capped by England as a schoolboy, as a youth, and at under-23 level, and hit 75 goals for Everton before moving to Luton for a £70,000 fee.

PHIL BOERSMA

It was the end of a patient search for talent by Luton boss Harry Haslam signed striker Boersma from Middlesbrough in July 1977. Three years previously Haslam had tried to persuade Liverpool to part with the player. He failed, and later went to Middlesbrough, and Haslam finally got his man two years later. Middlesbrough used him as a midfielder man but for Luton Boersma operates as a free-running attacker, with goals the main priority.

RON FUTCHER

Twin brother of Paul and identical in looks. When Luton paid £25,000 for him it was thought that he had been transferred from Chester because the boys wanted to be together, but Ron soon made his mark with a hat-trick in his second 1st Division game and has since established himself in Luton's front line.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II

BOXING DAY Monday December 26th

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SAINTS YOUTH TEAM

HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP 2ND ROUND

OVERTON 1 SAINTS 'A' 4

Team (4-3-3) Harrison, Angoy, Roberts, Harwood, Moss, Wheatcroft, McMenemy, Pratt, McGrath M., Moran, Puckett.

This was the youngest ever team to turn out for the club at 'A' team level and although they conceded an early goal from a corner kick and had to fight hard to get on level terms just before half time the performance in the second half must have brought a great deal of pleasure to coach John McGrath. With a goal each at half time and everything still to play for the Young Saints really gave a fine second half display with Steve Moran adding two more goals to give him a hat trick and a fine run by Gary Wheatcroft resulting in Martin McGrath blasting home a thunderous shot from the edge of the penalty area. Saints must now be hopeful of looking for further progress in a competition of which they of course won two seasons ago.

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BAT	7	5	3	27	22	19
SAINTS 'A'	7	3	2	21	9	17
Netley	6	4	6	23	18	16
Fareham	7	1	1	24	10	15
Sholing	4	7	1	19	13	15
Swaythling	6	1	4	23	13	13
Brading	5	3	5	21	17	13
Gosport	4	5	4	14	13	13
B'k'hurst	4	4	6	17	21	12
Pirelli	5	1	3	18	14	11
Moneyfield	2	7	4	19	18	11
Warsash	3	5	7	19	26	11
W'ville	3	5	7	15	26	11
Havant	3	4	7	17	26	10
Newport	2	4	2	12	14	8
Cowes	2	3	8	6	35	7

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE — SAINTS 'A' TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS

August	27	Moneyfield Sports	H 2-2	October	1	Warsash	A 3-0
	31	Cowes (I.O.W.)	H 1-1		22	Netley Sports	A 0-1
September	3	Swaythling	A 2-0		29	B.A.T.	H 1-2
	10	Waterlooville	H 3-1	November	5	Brading	A 2-1
	17	Sholing Sports	A 2-1		12	Havant	A 3-0
	24	Gosport Boro'	H 2-0		26	Warsash	H 0-0

The two goals that sunk Fulham in our last League Action at The Dell. Above: Steve Neville heads home from close in for his First League Goal. Below: Nick Holmes puts the issue beyond doubt by scoring his sides second.

COACHING

CORNER

Ask most defenders what situation causes most anxiety and the answer will probably be that of when a clever dribbler runs at speed at him. The ability to dribble at speed towards a defender and then to beat him requires a great deal of practice, and this kind of ability is sought after by Managers throughout the country. When a player takes on and beats an opponent in a dribble it is usually as a result of weight transference. When a defender is poised to make a move he usually transfers his weight to one side which then allows him to push off in the required direction.

At this point when the weight has been transferred it is nigh impossible to change and move in the opposite way quick enough. He has to once again transfer the weight to the other side to enable him to push off in the other direction. So when a player beats an opponent it's because he causes his opponent to overbalance and passes him on the side opposite to which the defender has

put his weight on. This is very often achieved by the attacker feinting to go in one direction so as to unbalance the defender.

A clever defender will try to avoid this happening by retreating and moving in a direction which he knows his opponent will move and this will also enable him to join up with his fellow defenders who can give support. The intelligent defender will also try to jockey his opponent into restricted space perhaps by the touch line or the goal line or at the junction of both. He will also try to reduce his opponent's speed. Too often attackers are dictated to by defenders. This of course is good defensive play but attackers must take the initiative and prevent the defender from dominating the situation.

A player that can commit and beat defenders has one of the attributes that if harnessed correctly can produce match winning contributions to his team.

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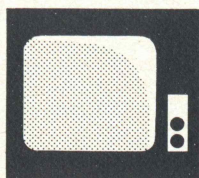


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**Tuesday November 29th at Kenilworth
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LUTON RES. 0 SAINTS RES. 4

**Team (4-3-3) Turner, Sharpe, Phillipson-
Masters, Arnold, Coak, Williams, Dawtry,
Shipley, Sealy, Hebberd, Hayes. Sub. Funnell**

Saints fresh from their win at Birmingham the previous Saturday had their Luton counterparts on the rack throughout the game and although the scoreline sounds convincing enough, had they put away all the chances it could have easily been doubled. Two goals by Tony Sealy before the interval and further scores from Austin Hayes (penalty) and Kevin Dawtry were just reward for a sparkling display which took them back to a table topping position which with games in hand augurs well for the second half of the season.

Saturday December 3rd at The Dell.

SAINTS RES. 1 BRISTOL ROV. RES. 0

**Team (4-3-3) Turner, Coak, Whitlock,
Arnold, Parodi, Dawtry, Baker, Shipley,
Funnell, Sealy, Hayes.**

Four changes had to be made from the team which won so convincingly at Luton earlier in the week and the first team calls meant the debut of Mark Whitlock in a central defensive position. Saints neat approach work early on was often watched by a Rovers side which played some open football and only a fine save by Ian Turner stopped them taking the lead in the opening exchanges. Twenty minutes into the half and Kevin Dawtry picked up a Graham Baker pass to score what turned out to be the only goal in a game which produced a very much below par performance by Saints who were in the end, probably fortunate to take both points.

SAINTS COMBINATION FIXTURE LIST

		F.A.
Aug.	20 Leicester	A 1-0
	23 Crystal Palace	H 3-0
Sept.	6 Norwich	H 5-0
	10 Orient	A 3-0
	17 Oxford	H 2-1
	20 Chelsea	H 2-1
	27 Q.P.R.	A 1-3
Oct.	1 Bristol City	H 3-1
	12 Reading	A 3-0
	15 Arsenal	H 1-2
	22 Hereford	A 4-3
	29 West Ham	A 1-4
Nov.	2 Chelsea	A 0-0
	12 Tottenham	A 1-2
	15 Plymouth	A 1-2
	19 Ipswich	H 2-0
	26 Birmingham	A 1-0
	29 Luton	A 4-0
Dec.	3 Bristol Rovers	H 1-0
	14 Cardiff	A
	17 Swindon	H
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Jan.	3 Leicester	H
	14 Norwich	A
	24 West Ham	H
Feb	4 Orient	H
	15 Oxford	A
	18 Q.P.R.	H
	25 Bristol City	A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	19	13	1	5	39	19	27
Tottenham	21	8	9	4	39	25	25
Chelsea	20	8	7	5	36	17	23
West Ham	18	10	3	5	34	17	23
Q.P.R.	19	9	5	5	32	15	23
Arsenal	19	8	6	5	26	16	22
Crystal Palace	18	9	4	5	24	17	22
Hereford	20	9	3	8	34	33	21
Ipswich	16	8	4	4	25	13	20
Leicester	20	9	2	9	24	22	20
Norwich	19	7	6	6	18	24	20
Fulham	17	6	7	4	24	18	19
Plymouth	17	8	3	6	24	19	19
Luton	22	7	5	10	31	40	19
Birmingham	19	4	10	5	18	19	18
Bristol C.	16	4	8	4	21	21	16
Bristol R.	15	5	4	6	18	26	14
Orient	18	4	5	9	15	30	13
Swindon	17	4	4	9	17	40	12
Oxford	18	3	4	11	14	30	10
Cardiff	17	2	4	11	17	42	8
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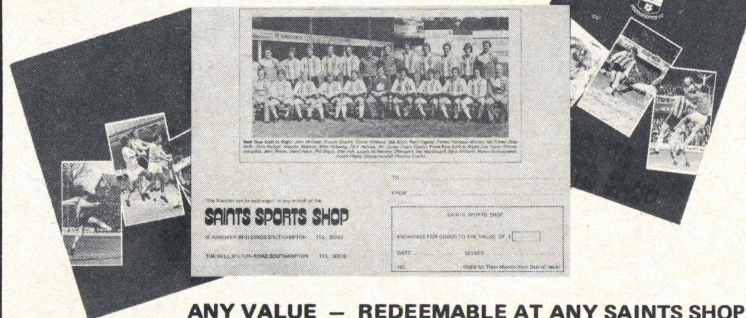
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STATISTICS 1977-78

Date	Opponents		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score	Attendance
Aug. 20	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	Turner	Andruszewski	Peach	Williams	Nicholl	Pickering	Ball ¹	Boyer	Hayes	Holmes	MacDougall	Hebberd	1-1	24,306
24	Stoke City	A	Turner	Andruszewski	Peach	Williams	Nicholl	Pickering	Ball	Boyer	Osgood	Holmes	MacDougall	Hayes	0-1	13,867
27	Mansfield Town	H	Turner	Andruszewski	Peach ¹	Williams	Nicholl	Pickering	Ball	Boyer	Osgood	Holmes ^s	MacDougall	Funnell	1-0	15,981
30	Crystal Palace (LC2)	A	Turner	Andruszewski	Peach	Williams	Waldron	Pickering	Ball	Boyer	Osgood	Funnell	MacDougall	Hebberd	0-0	19,565
Sept. 3	Notts County	A	Turner	Andruszewski	Peach ¹	Williams	Nicholl	Pickering	Ball	Waldron	Osgood ¹	Funnell ¹	MacDougall	Hebberd	3-2	9,088
10	Burnley	H	Turner	Andruszewski	Peach ¹	Williams	Nicholl	Pickering	Ball	Waldron	Osgood	Boyer ²	MacDougall	Funnell	3-0	17,412
13	Crystal Pal. (LC2 Replay)	H	Turner	Andruszewski	Peach	Williams	Nicholl	Pickering ^s	Ball	Waldron	Osgood	Boyer ¹	MacDougall	Funnell ¹	2-1	19,836
17	Millwall	A	Turner	Andruszewski	Peach	Williams	Nicholl	Pickering	Ball	Waldron	Osgood	Boyer	MacDougall	Hebberd	0-3	9,952
24	Hull City	H	Turner	Waldron	Peach	Williams	Nicholl	Pickering	Ball	Boyer	Osgood	Holmes	MacDougall ¹	Funnell	1-0	18,503
Oct. 1	Sheffield United	A	Turner	Waldron	Peach	Williams	Nicholl	Pickering	Ball	Boyer	Osgood ¹	Holmes	MacDougall ¹	Funnell	2-3	13,109
4	Orient	H	Wells	Sharpe	Peach	Williams	Nicholl	Pickering	Ball	Boyer	Osgood ¹	Holmes	MacDougall	Funnell	1-0	15,789
8	Sunderland	H	Wells	Waldron	Peach	Williams ¹	Nicholl ¹	Pickering	Ball	Boyer ¹	Osgood	Holmes ¹	MacDougall	Funnell	4-2	17,696
15	Crystal Palace	A	Wells	Waldron	Peach	Williams	Nicholl	Pickering	Ball	Boyer ¹	Osgood ^s	Holmes ¹	MacDougall	Hebberd	2-1	22,652
22	Bolton Wanderers	H	Wells	Waldron	Peach	Williams	Nicholl	Pickering	Ball	Boyer ¹	Osgood	Holmes ¹	MacDougall	Hayes	2-2	27,296
25	Arsenal (LC3)	A	Wells	Waldron	Peach	Williams	Nicholl	Pickering	Ball	Boyer	Osgood	Holmes	MacDougall	Hayes	0-2	40,749
29	Bristol Rovers	A	Wells	Waldron	Peach	Williams	Nicholl	Pickering	Andruszewski	Boyer	Osgood	Holmes	MacDougall	Hebberd	0-0	12,031
Nov. 5	Blackburn Rovers	A	Wells	Andruszewski	Peach ¹	Williams	Nicholl	Pickering	Ball	Boyer	Osgood	Holmes	MacDougall	Waldron	1-2	9,930
12	Blackpool	H	Wells	Andruszewski	Peach ¹	Baker ¹	Nicholl	Pickering	Ball ^s	Boyer	Hebberd	Holmes	Neville	Hayes	2-0	18,356
19	Oldham Athletic	A	Wells	Andruszewski	Waldron	Baker	Nicholl	Pickering	Ball	Boyer	Hebberd ¹	Holmes	Neville	Sharpe	1-1	6,452
26	Fulham (1)	H	Wells	Waldron	Andruszewski	Baker	Nicholl	Pickering	Ball	Boyer	MacDougall	Holmes ¹	Neville ¹	Hebberd	2-0	21,085
Dec. 3	Tottenham Hotspur	A	Wells	Waldron	Sharpe	Williams	Phillipson-Masters	Pickering	Ball	Boyer	MacDougall	Holmes	Neville	Hebberd	0-0	37,873
10	Luton Town	H														
17	Blackpool (2)	A														
26	Cardiff City 11-30 am.	H														
27	Charlton Athletic	A														
31	Stoke City	H														
Jan. 2	Brighton & Hove Albion	A														
7	F.A.Cup 3															
14	Mansfield Town	A														
18	League Cup 5															
21	Notts County	H														
28	F.A. Cup 4															
Feb. 4	Burnley	A														
11	Millwall	H														
18	Hull City (5)	A														
25	Sheffield United	H														
Mar. 4	Sunderland	A														
11	Crystal Palace (6)	H														
18	Bolton Wanderers (LCF)	A														
25	Charlton Athletic	H														
27	Bristol Rovers	H														
28	Cardiff City	A														
April 1	Blackburn Rovers	H														
8	Fulham (SF)	A														
15	Oldham Athletic	H														
22	Luton Town	A														
25	Orient	A														
29	Tottenham Hotspur	H														

Figures in brackets denote F.A. Cup Rounds. 1-11 denote First Round, 12-14 denote Second Round, 15-17 denote Third Round, 18-20 denote Fourth Round, 21-23 denote Fifth Round, 24-26 denote Sixth Round, 27-29 denote Quarter Finals, 30-31 denote Semi Finals, 32-33 denote Final.

HERE AND THERE

Saints' former Skipper Peter Rodrigues opened the doors of his newly acquired village pub this week when many of his former colleagues in the game turned up to wish him all the very best in his new venture. In the "King Rufus" at Eling, Totton, hangs a picture of Saints cup winning squad and although Peter has done all he can to keep an "olde worlde" atmosphere, that was one picture he could not resist. Everyone at The Dell wishes him every success and trust that he will once again be on to a winner.

A point of interest that January 15th of this year was the last defeat Saints had inflicted upon them at The Dell when Millwall beat us. Since then and 22 games later Saints record is still in tact. The club record of 27 home games without defeat has stood since way back in the early 1950's. Are any of the local bookmakers giving odds? Subject of course to today's result being favourable.

Saints away game at Fulham which was to have been played on Saturday April 8th 1978 has now been brought forward to Friday April 7th Kick-Off 7.30 p.m.

Given the right weather today we are delighted to welcome to The Dell, The HOBIE (UK) Skateboard team who will be demonstrating their particular range of skills. Obviously the make up of the track surfaces are not ideal for this kind of demonstration but we are certain you will find this a most enjoyable form of pre match entertainment. The demonstration is arranged in conjunction with our Saints Shop at 16 Hanover Buildings (just round from Debenhams) whose stock of skateboards and accessories is perhaps the finest in the area.

Just a final reminder that our game on Boxing Day against Cardiff City is **11.30 A.M. KICK-OFF**. Sorry to be so repetative about this but nothing could be worse than arriving on Boxing Day afternoon to find that the game has already been played.

Saints Youth Team progressed through to the third round of the F.A. Youth Cup when they went to Staines Town on Tuesday of this week and won convincingly by 4-2. Goals by Wayne Pratt, Martin McGrath, Steve Moran and Trevor Roberts were the rewards for a fine all round team performance and they now wait eagerly to see who their opponents will be in the next round.

Just back from a fantastic two week cruise aboard the S.S. Canberra to the Mediterranean and the Canaries are the 24 Lucky Prize Winners from our Southampton Pools Competitions during the Summer period. Apparently a good time was had by all, although I think they all found the contrasting weather back home a little difficult to adjust to. Not a bad 10p's worth eh!

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Saints Twin Strike Force of Ted MacDougall (above) and Phil Boyer (below) each getting a share of the action in and around the Fulham goal in our 2-0 victory at The Dell.



THE WAY I SEE IT



by
Ian Henderson
Sports Editor
BBC Radio Solent

One of the most remarkable aspects of this season so far has been the coming and going of players and managers. We're not yet at the halfway stage, but already there've been a number of big-money transfers and more than a dozen managerial casualties. It's not surprising then that some thought is required when asked who is now the manager of or which club does now play for. The merry-go-round never seems to stop and I can't help wondering if its good for the game as a whole. You can't blame clubs for trying to achieve success by buying new players or changing their manager, but whatever happened to stability?

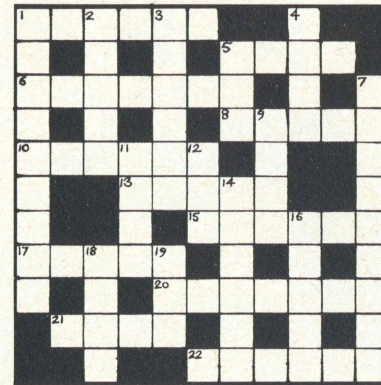
It seems a much under-used word these days and I feel the game has suffered as a result. One of the most successful club sides since the war were Leeds United in the 60's and early 70's. Now their side scarcely changed in all those years while Don Revie was with them throughout as manager. He had a pool of only 13 or 14 players and they really blended together to get results. You may not have admired their tactics, (I certainly didn't on occasions) but there was no denying their consistency and teamwork. And it all came about through stability within the club. Certainly they were fortunate with injuries — the loss of one or more key players can often force a club to spend heavily to strengthen their ranks. But just think how many clubs these days have established international players in their reserve sides. "It gives us a pool of players to work with" is the answer. "Competition for places is all important". I'd go along with that to a certain extent, but just look how many clubs suffer upheavals because a star player is not in the first team and demands a transfer. It unsettles others and soon morale begins to slip.

The dismissal of a manager because his side are not winning everything in sight seems to me to have reached ludicrous proportions. Particularly in the lower divisions of the League where lack of money and facilities would make it difficult for anyone to get results week after week. When you hear of a Fourth Division manager getting the sack, its difficult to know who to feel more sorry for — him or the unfortunate replacement faced with the same problems. The recent case of Swansea City was a good example. Harry Griffiths got the boot after thirty years with the club and then efforts to get Colin Addison to move there from neighbouring Newport ended in failure. The Swansea directors found a distinct lack of interest in the job — no one it seemed was anxious to take over their problems for them. So what did they do? They re-appointed Griffiths and shame-facedly admitted there had been a dramatic improvement in results. Four games it seems are enough to either lose a manager his job or get it back again! It's crazy!

Talking of those big transfers, it was interesting to see the signing by Leicester City this week of striker Roger Davies from the Belgian side Bruges. While it may have been a surprise that it was struggling Leicester who captured him in the face of opposition from others, it was no surprise at all to see him back in England. He found, like others before him, that the big-money and stylish living offered on the Continent can't really compensate for being at home. Its widely suggested that Kevin Keegan will be the next to return — bear in mind he joined Hamburg from Liverpool only last May.

QUIZ ? PAGE

HOW IS YOUR SOCCER KNOWLEDGE ?



ACROSS

- England's manager at the time of the World Cup Final win in 1966 (6)
- Sheffield Wednesday player who gained 19 England caps during the 1960's (4)
- The Canaries (7)
- Incredible football stories (5)
- Gate, where Bristol City play (6)
- Combine or join together as in Manchester, Leeds or West Ham (5)
- The great Tommy —; Everton, Arsenal, Notts County, centre-forward who scored 22 goals in his 23 England appearances (6)
- To call up or bring to mind memories, (of great matches for instance) (5)
- Street where Leicester City play (7)
- What a player may do to his copybook so to speak, if he gets booked or sent off (4)
- Fool or idiot (6)

FIT-A-FACE

Name the Saints player shown in this piece of action



DOWN

- Two former Saints' players with the same name (3,6)
- Former Manchester City and Fulham player now in the States (5)
- Not offside; but confused in the electrical inventor (6)
- Wolves midfield player formerly with Coventry (4)
- Becomes timid when part of the Halifax ground is missing (3)
- Former league football club, and place where Charlton brothers were born (9)
- Start afresh (4)
- Bruce S——ey, who played for Exeter, Sunderland and Torquay (4)
- No score (3)
- Referee, just retired, who took charge of the 1974 World Cup Final (6)
- Entertain (5)
- Nickname of Sheffield Wednesday (4)
- John Sydenham who played on the L——wing for Saints (3)

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Answers to Crossword and Ten Teasers can be found on Saints Social Club Page



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Blackburn			1-2					3-0	2-1	3-0				3-1				1-0	2-1		2-1		0-0
Blackpool				0-1	3-1			3-0		3-1					2-2	1-1				1-1			0-2
Bolton	4-2								2-1				2-1	2-0	2-1		1-0			2-1	1-1		1-0
Brighton	2-2	1-2						4-0		1-1		2-1	3-2	3-2				1-0		2-1			
Bristol R.	4-1	0-1								0-0	1-1	1-2	3-1	2-0	2-2	0-0			0-0				
Burnley		0-1	0-1	0-0	3-1					1-1		1-1			0-2	3-1		0-0					
Cardiff					1-1	2-1					3-1		1-4	1-1			1-0			1-6	2-0		0-0
Charlton		3-1		4-3	3-1									2-2				2-1		3-0		3-2	4-1
C. Palace			2-1					2-0	1-1		2-3	0-1		3-1					1-2			2-2	1-2
Fulham	0-0	1-1	2-0			4-1		1-1			2-0					5-1		1-2				3-3	
Hull	0-1	2-0	0-0				4-1	0-2						0-2							0-0	3-0	2-0
Luton	0-0					1-2		7-1		1-0	1-1				1-0	2-0		1-0			1-2		
Mansfield				1-2		4-1							3-1	0-0	1-3	0-2				1-1	2-1	1-2	
Millwall	1-1								1-1	0-3		1-1			0-0				3-0	1-1	0-0		
Notts. Co.	1-1	1-1		1-0				1-1	2-0									1-1	2-3		2-0	2-2	
Oldham	0-2								1-1	1-1	2-0		1-0		2-2	2-1			1-1		1-1		
Orient		1-4	1-1		2-1			2-1		0-0				4-2	0-0		5-3						1-1
Saints		2-0	2-2	1-1		3-0						1-0		1-0				1-0				4-2	
Sheffield U.					1-1	2-1				0-2	2-1	2-0				4-1	1-0		3-2			1-1	
Stoke	1-2			1-0		2-1				0-2	2-0								1-0	4-0		0-0	1-3
Sunderland			0-2	0-2	5-1	3-0	1-1						1-1		2-0		3-1	1-1					
Tottenham				0-0	9-0	3-0					1-0		2-0			2-1	5-1		0-0	4-2			

LOOK ACROSS COLUMNS FOR INDIVIDUAL CLUBS HOME GAMES AND DOWN THE COLUMNS FOR AWAY GAMES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	18	8	1	0	17	7	4	3	2	10	8	28
Tottenham	18	7	2	0	26	4	3	3	3	9	10	25
Blackburn	18	7	1	1	17	6	2	5	2	10	12	24
Brighton	18	6	2	1	19	11	3	3	3	9	8	23
S'hampton	18	7	2	0	17	5	2	3	4	9	13	23
Charlton	17	7	1	0	24	11	1	4	4	9	17	21
Blackpool	18	4	3	2	15	10	4	2	3	12	12	21
Sheff. Utd.	18	6	2	1	16	9	1	3	5	13	19	19
Crystal P.	18	3	2	4	14	13	3	4	2	11	9	18
Sunderland	18	4	3	2	16	9	1	5	3	14	19	18
Luton	18	5	2	2	15	6	2	1	6	12	16	17
Orient	18	4	4	1	16	13	1	3	5	5	9	17
Stoke	18	5	1	3	12	8	1	4	4	6	11	17
Hull	18	4	2	3	11	6	1	4	4	6	11	16
Fulham	18	4	4	1	19	9	1	1	7	5	15	15
Notts. Co.	18	3	5	1	13	9	1	2	6	10	21	15
Oldham	18	3	5	1	11	9	1	2	6	8	17	15
Millwall	18	1	6	1	7	7	1	4	5	9	14	14
Bristol R.	18	3	5	2	13	8	0	2	6	7	27	13
Cardiff	17	4	3	2	12	14	0	2	6	4	20	13
Mansfield	18	3	2	4	13	13	1	2	6	10	19	12
Burnley	18	2	4	3	8	8	1	0	8	7	24	10

leading scorers

- 16 Flanagan (Charlton)
- 12 Hatton (Blackpool)
- 12 Kitchen (Orient)
- 10 Duncan (Spurs)
- 10 Harkook (C. Palace)
- 10 Ward (Brighton)
- 10 Maybank (Fulham)
- 9 Lee (Spurs)
- 8 Husband (Luton)
- 7 Whatmore (Bolton)
- 7 Syrett (Mansfield)
- 7 Halom (Oldham)
- 7 Greaves (Bolton)
- 6 Boyer (Saints)
- 6 Mitchell (Fulham)
- 6 Chatterton (C. Palace)
- 6 Moss (Mansfield)
- 6 Williams (B. Rovers)
- 6 Worthington (Bolton)
- 6 Taylor (Spurs)



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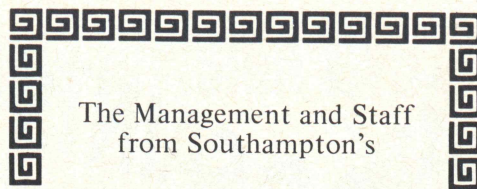
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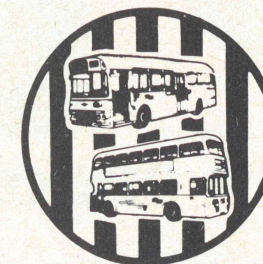
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F	Q.P.R. v Newcastle	R	Sheff. United v Blackburn
G	West Ham v Man. United	S	Stoke v Bristol R.
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Match Summary

SCORE **Saints** _____ **Visitors** _____ Attendance _____
Goalscorers _____ Remarks _____

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SAINTS

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Red & White Shirts Black Shorts	CHANGES		Orange Shirts White Shorts	CHANGES
Peter Wells		1	Milija Aleksic	
Malcolm Waldron		2	Paul Price	
John Sharpe		3	Steve Buckley	
Steve Williams		4	Alan West	
Forbes Phillipson-Masters		5	John Faulkner	
Mike Pickering		6	Jimmy McNichol	
Alan Ball		7	Jimmy Husband	
Phil Boyer		8	Ricky Hill	
Ted MacDougall		9	Ron Futcher	
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