

# LUTON TOWN

Official Programme 20p

## MANSFIELD TOWN

Football League  
Division Two

Saturday 17 December 1977  
Kick-off: 3.00pm



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# WELCOME MANSFIELD

**PETER MORRIS PLAYER/MANAGER** Peter was appointed player manager in June, 1976 and in his first year as manager got the Club promoted to Division Two. He was selected the Third Division Manager of the year for the season 1976-77.

**SANDY PATE** Has hardly been out of the side since joining the "Stags" from Watford in 1967. In season 1975-76 he set a Club record of over 350 consecutive 1st team appearances.

**BARRY FOSTER** Signed professional forms in July, 1970 after being an amateur with the Club for two years. Was capped four times for the England Youth Team in 1969. Now made the left back position his own. Unfortunately he broke his leg in April, 1977.

**COLIN FOSTER** Wing half Colin is a local boy who was an apprentice with the Club, then signed professional forms in December, 1970 on his 18th birthday. A hard tackling defender with good distribution ability. Made over 40 1st team appearances last season.

**PAUL MATTHEWS** Previously with Leicester City, with whom he had been with for eight years having some considerable first and second division experience. Started his career as an outside right but has since moved to midfield with success. Became a regular member of the 1st team on his transfer from Leicester. Missed a number of games last

season through injury.

**KEVIN BIRD** Signed from Doncaster Rovers on being released in July 1972. A young back four player of whom big things are expected. Got into the side midway through season 1972-73 and retained his position through his splendid form. Yorkshire boy born at Doncaster.

**ROD ARNOLD** Goalkeeper. Rod was signed from Wolves in June, 1973 after being with the Club on two loan periods. A very agile keeper and quite experienced for one so young. An ever present in the side last season.

**GORDON HODGSON** Midfield. Signed from Newcastle United in June, 1974 for a substantial fee. Made a number of 1st team appearances for Newcastle. Was an England Schoolboy International and Youth International. Born Newcastle. An ever present in the 1st team for the last two seasons.

**IAN MACKENZIE** Centre half. Ian was signed from Sheffield United in July, 1975. He had made over 30 1st division appearances for them. Got into the team two seasons ago and did extremely well.

**IAN McDONALD** Midfield. Ian was signed from Liverpool in July, 1975 for a five figure fee. Previously with Workington whom Liverpool paid £35,000 for his transfer. A real hard working midfielder player.

**JOHNNY MILLER** Johnny was signed from Norwich City in July, 1976 for a five figure fee. He was manager Peter Morris' first signing. He was previously with Ipswich Town, with whom he made over 200 1st team appearances in his nine years with them. With Norwich he made over 30 1st team appearances in 1975-76. Born in Ipswich.

**ERNIE MOSS** Signed from Peterborough United in December, 1976 for a record fee of £18,000. Has settled in very quickly and led the attack well. Has always been a prolific goal scorer notably with Chesterfield, who he was with before going to Peterborough.

**BILL McEWAN** Bill was signed from Chesterfield for £18,000 equalling the record fee paid for Ernie Moss. A hard tackling wing half. Bill has settled in very quickly and certainly strengthened the midfield. Previous Clubs, Hibernian, Brighton & Hove Albion and Chesterfield. Scottish Under 23 International.

**MICK SAXBY** Another local boy who joined the Club as an apprentice. Signed professional forms at 18 years of age. Made a number of 1st team appearances last season.

**IAN WOOD** Another youngster who joined the Club as an apprentice on leaving school. Signed as a full time professional in June, 1976. Made 17 1st team appearances last season.

**ROBBIE COOKE** Was signed as an apprentice player and then as a full time professional. Made his debut last season. A young striker who shows promise for the future.

**IAN PHILLIPS** Signed from Ipswich Town in July, 1977 with whom he had been since leaving school. Was a regular member of their combination side. Born in Cumnock, Scotland.

**DAVID SYRETT** Signed from Swindon Town in July, 1977 for a fee of over £20,000. Joined Swindon as a youngster and made over 200 1st team appearances, and was leading goal scorer on a number of occasions. Born in Salisbury.

**JOHN ASTON** Signed from Luton Town in October, 1977 for a five figure fee. Previously with Manchester United with whom he won many trophies including a European Cup Winners Medal. Son of a famous father who also played for Manchester United.

**DAVID GOODWIN** Signed from Stoke City in November, 1977 with whom he had been since leaving school. He had numerous 1st and 2nd division appearances with them. Powerful built striker with a good shot in either foot.

**PAT SHARKEY** Pat was signed from Ipswich Town in September, 1977. An Irish International and a real experienced midfielder player. Has done really well and established himself as a first team regular.



**Left to right:**  
**Back Row:** G. Waller, B. Ferguson, A. Poole, S. Rowden, J. McKie, G. Saxby.  
**Middle Row:** G. Clarke (Trainer/Coach), I. McDonald, I. Mackenzie, I. Wood, M. Saxby, R. Arnold, E. Moss, D. Syrett, R. Cooke, K. Bird, C. Foster, J. Basford.  
**Front Row:** I. Phillips, B. Foster, P. Matthews, G. Hodgson, P. Morris (Player/Manager), S. Pate, B. McEwan, K. Randall, J. Miller.



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# LUTON LATEST

TODAY WE welcome the Directors, Players, Officials and Supporters from Mansfield Football Club. This is the first league game between our two clubs at Kenilworth Road since Season 1969/70 — at the end of which Luton were promoted to the 2nd Division and Mansfield finished in 6th place. Both matches that season ended as draws with John Ryan and Harrison scoring in the 2-2 result at Luton which was watched by a crowd of 12,690. In 1968/69 19,315 saw Luton win 4-2 in sharp contrast to the previous meeting in October 1964 which attracted only 2,874. On that occasion David Pleat scored our only goal in a 1-1 draw and at the end of the season Luton were relegated to Division Four whilst Mansfield missed promotion to Division Two on goal average behind Carlisle and Bristol City. That was the closest that our visitors ever came to rising above the 3rd Division until earlier this year when they impressively won the Championship by three clear points. In fact there have been very few league meetings between Luton and Mansfield and prior to 1963/64 one has to go back to 1931/32, Mansfield's first season in the league. After one year in the old Southern Section of the 3rd Division the Nottinghamshire club was transferred to Division 3 North and by the time they next competed in the South the Hatters had gained promotion to the 2nd Division.

Mansfield joined the league the same year as Chester replacing Nelson and Newport who were not re-elected. The following season Wigan Borough resigned enabling Mansfield to switch to the Northern section whilst the failure of Thames to gain re-election gave Newport the chance to return to the league after only one season in the Wilderness.

THE MATCH Programme for that first ever league encounter on Good Friday 1932 makes interesting reading. In outlining the forthcoming Easter attractions the Editor writes "We want a big crowd at each match, for those who read the remarks of our

Chairman at the recent Annual General Meeting will appreciate the serious financial position" One thing at least has not changed in 45 years at Kenilworth Road.

ANOTHER feature to catch the eye was the picture of the left back on that occasion. This was none other than Tom Hodgson, our President who has, prior to his present office filled those of player, captain, director and chairman. Although never manager, Mr. Hodgson did lead the Cup Final side on to the field at Wembley in 1959 as the Town was without a manager at the time. Mr. Hodgson is still as committed to Luton as ever and rarely misses a game. Having survived the journey back from Sunderland in the freezing coach we hope that he enjoyed our welcome victory in sunny Southampton last Saturday. In the summer Mr. & Mrs. Hodgson celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary and we hope that they will enjoy many more in the years ahead.

NOW TO turn to two slightly younger members of the staff who are celebrating Birthdays. Our Skipper, Alan West, will be one year older tomorrow and we send him our very best wishes and our hopes that he receives his first present today. Recently Alan was quoted in the programme as saying that his ambition was to score another goal at Kenilworth Road before retiring. Although we do not want to contemplate the latter event, which we hope is many years away, it would be pleasant to see him achieve his ambition today.

FROM ONE who is hoping to score a goal to another whose birthday goals came ten days early — Nigel Johnson who was 18 yesterday. Not that there was any suspicion of a gift about the two magnificent goals which Nigel scored in our great 3-2 victory over Ipswich Town in the F.A. Youth Cup.

Indeed his skill and tireless running could have been even more handsomely rewarded as only the upright and the goalkeeper's legs prevented him from doubling his personal tally. This game, which is reported more fully elsewhere in the programme, was thoroughly enjoyed by the contingent who travelled down to Ipswich including Chairman Denis Mortimer and Harry Haslam and our congratulations go to all the lads on a tremendous team effort in difficult conditions. Groundsman Dick Wassell was heard to comment that he had enjoyed the match more than the one at Old Trafford. Well this may have something to do with the fact that on this occasion we got the winning goal but we can understand his enthusiasm. Now we await the draw for the 3rd round and surely, after four successive away matches in the two Youth Competitions, we are due for a home tie. If our luck does change we hope that the lads' efforts so far will be rewarded by your support.

WE WELCOME as our Match Sponsors today the Evening Echo and Post Limited and we thank them for responding at such short notice to our invitation. This is their first match sponsorship and we hope that they will find the experience both enjoyable and rewarding and that they will come again.

GARY HEALE and Tim Smith are spending a month on loan to Exeter City and Wimbledon respectively and we wish them every possible success in their new surroundings.

ANOTHER very welcome visitor to the club recently was John Ryan, now performing with great style in mid-field for Norwich. John, as usual, was in excellent spirits as befits a member of a very successful First Division outfit. A very pleasant feature of our club is the large number of ex-players

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who call in to see us when they are in the area and naturally we are always very happy to greet them.

AT THE Annual General Meeting last Tuesday, the Chairman was able to announce that, for the second successive year, the Club had made a substantial profit thanks to successful dealings in the transfer market. The trading loss before transfers had been trimmed to £34,024 compared with £52,275 in the previous financial year and the expenditure had been reduced despite raging inflation between June 1976 and May 1977. This had been achieved through careful housekeeping and reductions in both the playing and non-playing staff. As a result of these two profitable years the overdraft had been cut to £319,188 at May 31st and now stood at £260,000. However this was still considered far too high a figure and there was no room for complacency. The Chairman concluded by thanking all the individuals, Companies and Supporters groups who had contributed so generously towards the Club during this difficult period.

THE DIRECTORS,  
MANAGER, PLAYERS  
AND STAFF OF LUTON  
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HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
AND A SUCCESSFUL  
NEW YEAR.

## NEWS FROM THE POOLS OFFICE £500 CHRISTMAS DRAW

This has been a huge success. Harry Haslam will be making the Draw on Wednesday and all prizes and bonuses will be mailed out to the winners in order to arrive at their destinations before the Christmas Holidays commence.

Result sheets will be available on 27th December (v. Sheffield Utd.) at the "Pools Office" and will be published in the Brighton programme on 31st December.

We would like to wish all Supporters, our 600 Agents and the 1000 very loyal "occasional mini-agents" a special Merry Christmas and a most successful 1978. Let us hope that 1978 will fulfil my personal ambition in reaching £150,000 donations to the Club, which, over the past 5 years has been our "goal".

Mike Hardwicke  
Managing Director,  
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## BALL DONOR

Once again we thank the Bletchley Hatters Club for their generosity in sponsoring today's Match Ball. This Club performs an extremely valuable service by organising transport to all Luton's home matches from the Bletchley area and anyone requiring information about this service should contact Dorothy Gammage at Milton Keynes 72659.

## TEAM MASCOT

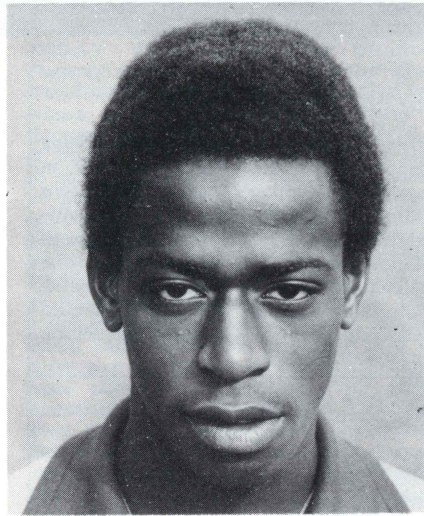
Today's Mascot is Anthony Rawles of 12, Harwood Street, New Bradwell, Milton Keynes. Anthony, who is 11 years of age, attends New Bradwell Combined School. He is a member of the Bletchley Hatters Club and his favourite player is Ricky Hill.

# CLUB SHOP

IF YOU have not visited this shop at 66 Kenilworth Road — now is the time. Many souvenirs are in stock and others are arriving every day. Keep in touch with whats new.



# PLAYER PROFILE



**FULL NAME** – Godfrey Patrick Adolphus Ingram  
**HEIGHT** – 5ft 7ins  
**WEIGHT** – 10st 3lbs  
**BIRTHPLACE** – Luton  
**BIRTHDAY** – 26th October  
**STAR SIGN** – Scorpio  
**SIGNED AS SCHOOLBOY** – 1973  
**SIGNED APPRENTICE** – June '76  
**SIGNED PROFESSIONAL** – Summer '77  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS** – None  
**FAMILY** – Mum, Dad and Brother Graham  
**HOBBIES** – Radio-controlled models, playing guitar, tennis  
**SCHOOLS ATTENDED** – Hadrian Primary, Northfields Upper  
**FAVOURITE FOODS** – Chicken

*casserole, steak, yorkie's*  
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**MOST ADMIRED PLAYERS** – Pele, Cruyff, Duncan Mackenzie, George Best, Philip Driver  
**GREATEST FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE** – Winning Mini World Cup with England Schoolboys  
**AMBITION** – To play for England in a World Cup Final

# BEHIND THE SCENES

From the Secretary's Office

A VISITOR to our offices this week was Sam Bartram, former Charlton goalkeeper and Luton ex. Manager. He now works for one of the National Newspapers and is still enjoying his football from the other side of the fence, still meeting people without having the pressures that some modern managers have to bear.

Two results last week brought about a more relaxed mood amongst us. That was our Youth sides win at Ipswich in the Youth Cup and the first team's 1-0 win at Southampton. The victory at Ipswich was a great result as Bobby Robson's youngsters must have been one of the favourites to reach the finals. It wasn't a very good week for them with their first team losing on penalties the next day in Spain.

Last Friday saw another McDonald join us. This time though it was not Malcolm but Bobby. He has just arrived from New Zealand and was recommended to us by our former goalkeeper Sandy Davie who is now living over there. I would like to take this opportunity of wishing him every success during his stay over here.

I would like to thank our supporters for keeping their language 'clean' after my remarks in the last programme. I would like to think that my write up had something to do with it but if not then please remember that we do not like to hear these obscene songs especially when the television cameras are here. I don't think that there is anything as bad as watching football on the 'box' on Sundays and hearing the songs come over

loud and clear, especially when the wife and family are watching. So today we have a chance to project our image. The cameras are here, so lets keep it clean.

The visits of Sheffield United and Brighton are creating an interest and already we have a lot of seat applications so I thought it would be an opportunity to give you the dates and kick-off times over the Christmas holiday and New Year.

Dec. 26th Palace (away) Kick-off 3pm.  
 Dec. 27th Sheff. Utd. (home) K.O. 3pm.  
 Dec 31st Brighton (home) Kick-off 3pm.  
 Jan 2nd Orient (away ) Kick-off 7.30pm.

Enjoy the match.

John Wilkinson

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# LAST HOME MATCH ACTION...

## LUTON TOWN 1 BURNLEY 2

*THAT SCORE-LINE* was one of the shocks of the day, and after a thoroughly disappointing performance there were no complaints from our dressing room on Burnley's right to collect their first away points of the season.

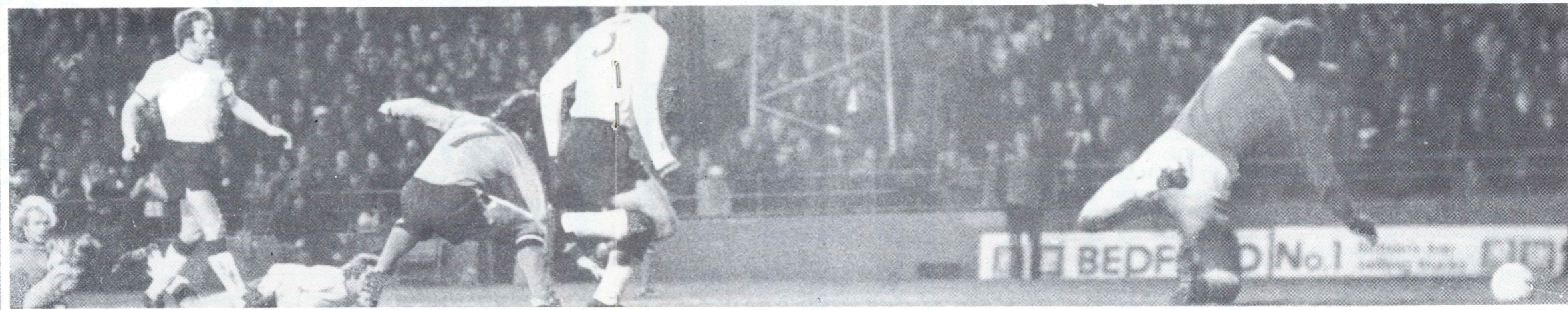
Manager Harry Haslam and his players accepted that it had been one of those days when nothing they tried went right, and on the day Burnley were the better side for the first 70 or 80 minutes.

**Top left:** the start of our revival when Burnley's two-goal lead was halved. The picture shows how crowded the penalty area was when Ricky Hill, third from the left, managed to squeeze his shot into the net from just inside the box.

**Top right:** Ron Futcher tries to rise to a centre as another Town attack goes in, with Burnley's Peter Noble watching anxiously.

**Bottom:** Although Burnley had to defend hard for the 11 minutes of play that followed Ricky Hill's goal, they had also been under extreme pressure in the first five minutes of the second half, when we were trying to peg back their 1-0 lead. This picture shows one incident when the game might have turned in our favour. Ron Futcher, grounded on the left, beat his man inside the area and thumped the ball goalwards. Jim Husband, in the centre, was in its path and deflected the ball wide.

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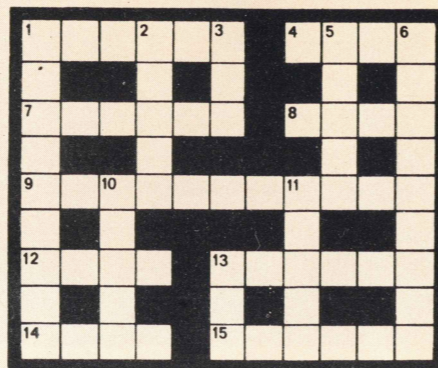


### CLUES - ACROSS

- 1 Feyenoord and Netherlands Midfielder (6)
- 4 & 13ac. Honolulu side who had five West Ham stars for the summer (4,6)
- 7 Former referee, now a prominent politician (6)
- 8 ... Sorensen, former Morton player and manager, was one of (4) ...
- 9 ... these 'number one' (in any sense!) players (11)
- 12 ... Steele (Brighton) (4)
- 13 See 4ac.
- 14 Great Yarmouth referee (you can hear him there!) (4)
- 15 Captain of 6dn's 4ac. (6)
- 1 Long-server of Rangers and Scotland (4,5)
- 2 Famous old Scotland striker with Derby and Dundee (5)
- 3 Coventry score in eleven successive games in 1919 (3)
- 5 Leicester forward (5)
- 6 English manager of a non-English country (4,5)
- 10 First word of 'the Wembley hymn' (5)
- 11 Manchester City midfielder (5)
- 13 An ever-present for Scotland in their 1974 World Cup matches in Germany (3)

### Solutions to Crossword No. 10

Across 3. Macari (Man. U.), 6. Kubala, 7. Bays, 8 Charity, 11. outcome, 13. Neal, 14. Battle, 15. replay. Down 1. Hugh, 2. See 4dn., 3. Matt Busby, 4 & 2dn. Alan Parry, 5. inside, 8. corner 9. Scott, 10. Camp, 12. Male.



### CLUES - DOWN

## ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

A look back at Luton Town a decade ago.  
by BRIAN SWAIN, Sports Editor, Luton News.

SUCCESS ON two fronts beckoned the Town in December a decade ago, with a wintry English afternoon being accepted as a Godsend in some quarters for an FA Cup victory.

Cup luck was not something we took for granted in those days. In the First Round of the FA Cup the Town were drawn away to amateurs Oxford City. The team travelled through a snowstorm to reach Oxford on December 9, 1967, only to have a wasted journey, with no hope of the pitch being playable.

Oxford wanted a postponement to a midweek evening, but Town boss Allan Brown refused on the grounds that the Oxford floodlights were not up to standard. City declined to move the game to neighbours Oxford United, but also realised that their chances of a decent gate were ruled out if they settled for an afternoon kick-off.

So there was some relief in the Luton camp when Oxford decided that financial considerations were important, and they agreed to switch the match to Kenilworth Road on the following Thursday.

Even then we still had some worries, remembering a dreadful FA Cup home defeat to Corby a couple of years previously. And those memories grew sharper minute by minute when the game was played. Oxford concentrated all efforts on defence, with liberal use of an offside trap, and although the Town did all the attacking Oxford keeper Shippey was in inspired form.

It was bad enough at half-time, with the score 0-0 and home fans getting restive. But three minutes after the break things got worse. Terry Branston was being rested to help him overcome an injury, and without him the Town defence was not up to its usual form.

Fred Jardine failed to cut out a cross and the crowd of 13,394 was stunned into bewildered silence as Woodley punished the error and put the amateurs ahead.

Oxford gained in confidence, but in the 62nd minute Slough was fouled just outside the box, and Bruce Rioch thumped the free kick through a wall which was amateurish, to say the least. Three minutes later man-of-the-match Shippey made his only mistake of the game, dropping a corner to allow Ian Buxton to score the winner and save the Town's blushes.

On December 16, 1967, it was back to League action, with Wrexham the visitors to Kenilworth Road. Their defence battled hard, but a left-foot special from Rioch broke the deadlock after an hour. Wrexham came out of the shell, and six minutes from time seemed to have saved a point when John Moore tried a risky back pass, and scored the sort of goal to make any striker delighted. Tony Read, however, was not so happy as the ball whistled past his shoulder into the roof of the net.

Fortunately Branston set the game to rights, heading the winner two minutes later from a corner by Ray Whittaker, and the Town moved up into second place in the Division Four table.

## YOUTH

BY GEORGE ROGERS

A CHRISTMAS present came early for the Youth team when they travelled to Ipswich to take on the Ipswich side in the Football Association Youth Cup and they finished up with a deserving win by 3 goals to 2. On Saturday 3rd they also beat Barnet by 5-1 and are now in a clear lead at the top of the Chiltern Premier league.

Ipswich are one of the top Youth teams in the Country, winning many honours and currently having Youth Internationals in their side. This win which puts Luton into the last 32, was achieved by excellent team work, which includes work put in before and during the game by the Manager Mr. Haslam and Coaches Danny Bergara and David Pleat. The presence of Chairman Mr. Mortimer and the Secretaries along with other members of the staff, including 1st team players Ricky Hill and Jimmy McNichol gave added encouragement to the team. They now hope for an attractive home draw in the 3rd Round hoping that with your support to go into the last 16. Remember a 100% team effort includes supporters as well.

Another aspect of the Youth scene is that several of the lads are getting noticed by F.A. Officials. Congratulations must be extended to Godfrey Ingram who this week has been away with the England Youth party for special training and to play in a game v. Everton Under 19s, at Goodison Park. Gary Sisman has been invited to play for an F.A. XI v. Public Schools at Roehampton on Monday 19th. December. On Saturday 10th. December, 6 of the lads were invited to represent the Chiltern Premier League v. British Army at Aldershot. The first half was fairly even, the league side getting one goal. In the second half, playing some excellent football, the League ran riot by scoring a further 7 goals. The Luton players representing the League were Alan Judge, Alan Currie, Richard Eaton, Andrew Pearson, Martin Conquest and Paul Champkin.

Another team effort which took place recently was the Chiltern Youth League Christmas draw. A magnificent effort by the 93 teams and the donation of prizes by many friends of the League, enabled them to make a good profit 50% of the money will be required for trophies but the remainder will go towards future development. One function which will need a lot of money is a proposed International Youth Tournament to mark the League's 25th. year. This is to take place during the 1977/8 season.

What are you doing tomorrow afternoon? On Sunday 18th. the Chiltern Youth League are playing the Stevenage Minor League at Under 14 and Under 16 level. Admission free. Lewsey Park 2 p.m.

Chiltern Premier League Saturday 3rd. December 1977  
Luton Town 5 Barnett 1

Team: A. Judge, A. Currie, T. Murphy, W. Turner, T. Stewart, G. Sisman, A. Wilkinson, P. Champkin, D. Pacey, M. Conquest, A. Pearson, L. Sayer, N. Madden.

May 1, on behalf of the Youth Team, extend to you heartiest Xmas greetings.

# COMBINATION

WHILST watching a South East Counties game at London Colney on a recent Saturday morning, I saw a rather unusual incident.

A defender, who had been making his fair share of mistakes, made a bad miskick which enabled the attacker to be faced with an open goal. Surprisingly he missed the opportunity. However that did not prevent another defender from giving his colleague a taste of the real "verbals". The chastised player replied to his critic with just two short words!

The referee who was less than fifteen yards away immediately rushed towards the defender and booked him much to his amazement. He protested that he had not directed his abuse at the man in black but it made no difference. He felt that he had done no wrong particularly as it was one of his own players on the receiving end. Well, what do you think?

Foul or abusive language is an offence and there is no such thing as industrial language. A player can be dismissed from the field of play for such an infringement of the laws. Of course it can be a matter of discretion. Gordon Hill, the referee claims he used to give as good as he got in the language stakes and he was a headmaster. It is a matter of understanding and applying common sense. The Referee in the game at London Colney was correct although the culprit was directing his abuse at another player.

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## COMBINATION REPORT

*Tuesday 29th November 1977.*

*Luton Town 0. Southampton 4.*

*Team: Judge, Jones, Sisman, Spray, Harriott, Stewart, Stein E., Sperrin, Boersma, Heale, Stein B. Sub. Johnson for Spray (70 minutes).*

ALTHOUGH this was a disappointing result it was not an unexpected one and the match was by no means as one sided as the score suggests. The visitors who were

already leading the Combination table were further strengthened by the inclusion of their England Under 21 star Steve Williams and they were simply too powerful for the home side. The Saints did not have matters all their own way however and it was not until the stroke of half-time that Sealy made the game look reasonably safe when he scored his and the sides second goal.

The young Luton defence including three first year apprentices held out until the seventy third minute when Hayes scored and it was not until two minutes from time that Shipley added the fourth thereby giving Luton their heaviest defeat of the Season.

*Saturday 3rd December 1977.*

*Q.P.R. 4. Luton Town 1. (Johnson).*

*Team: Knight, Stein E., Eaton, Smith, Jones, Harriott, Johnson, Sperrin, Ingram, Driver, Stein B. Sub. Turner for Eaton (80 minutes).*

LUTON began brightly against a Rangers side which included internationals Gerry Francis and Davé Clement returning after injury. The 1st half was very even with Brian Stein and Ingram causing problems with their speed and ability to turn defenders. A fine move involving Edwin and Brian Stein ended when Johnson scored with a brave header after 33 minutes. Luton's lead was short lived however as Abbot headed home a corner within two minutes.

After fifteen minutes of the 2nd half Rangers took the lead following a defensive mistake and McGee presented Goddard with an easy chance.

Francis increased the home sides advantage when he scored with a brilliantly taken free kick. Luton tried hard to take the game to their opponents but were let down by poor finishing. In the last minute McGee prodded home the fourth goal from a suspiciously looking offside position.

Richard Eaton, a sixteen year old apprentice, playing his first full game for the Reserves did extremely well as did all the

younger players, but once again superior experience and strength were the deciding factors.

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*F.A. Youth Cup.*

*Round 2, Tuesday 6th December.*

*Ipswich 2. Luton Town 3.*

*McLeod 2. Johnson 2, Ingram.*

*Team: A. Judge, A. Currie, R. Eaton, T. Wilkinson, T. Stewart, L. Harriott, W. Turner, G. Sisman, N. Johnson, G. Ingram. P. Driver, A. Pearson.*

LUTON went straight into the attack in this F.A. Youth Cup at Portman Rd., and after 8 minutes Gary Sisman sent over a corner which Nigel Johnson put into the net, to put Luton 1 up. Ipswich came back with strong attacks down the left flank but all the defence did sterling work, keeping all the shots from Ipswich at long range. The middle trio of Wilkinson, Turner and Sisman did a tremendous amount of work, enabling Phillip Driver to get round his full back — only to see his crosses not matching his approach work. Godfrey Ingram should have put Luton further ahead, getting through by good positioning only to see his shot saved by the goalkeeper's legs and minutes later dribbling round the goalkeeper but running out of space. In the 2nd. half the expected Ipswich effort did not materialise and this time, after 60 minutes, Phillip Driver went past the full back and sent in a low hard cross which Godfrey Ingram was in position to take, to put Luton 2 up. This shook Ipswich into action and from a left wing corner, McLeod scored with a back header and the same player equalised with 15 minutes to go. It was now anyone's game with Alan Judge making two great saves and Nigel Johnson hitting the post. With 3 minutes to go, Nigel Johnson forced his way past 2 defenders on the right and scored the winner with a hard low shot to the far post.

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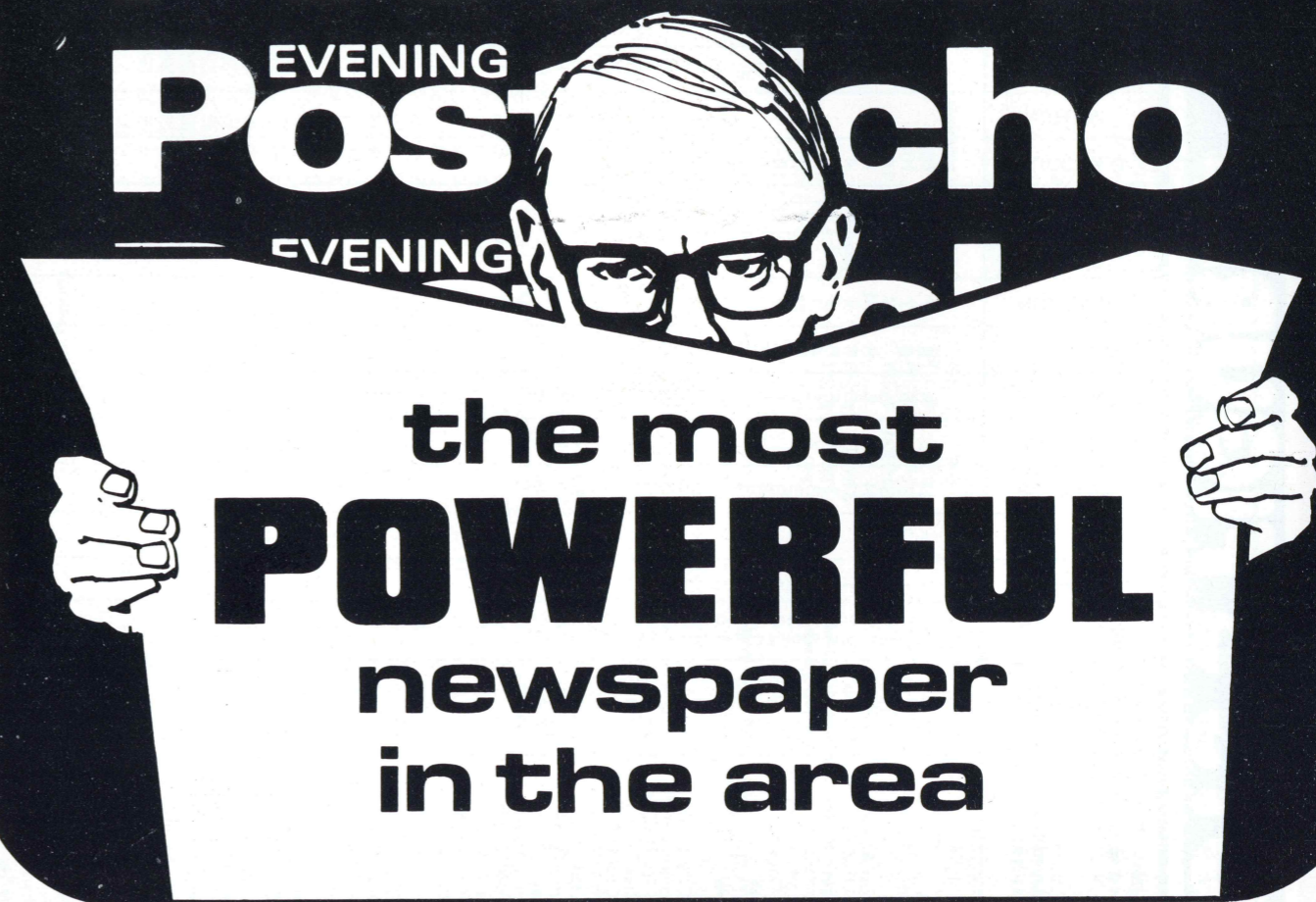
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# FACTS & FIGURES ~ 1977-78

Bold figures indicate scorers	Attendance	F.A.	ALEKSIC	JONES	BUCKLEY	CARR	FAULKNER	FUTCHER P.	HUSBAND	SMITH	BOERSMA	FUCCILLO	INGRAM	HILL	MENICHOLO	PRICE	FUTCHER R.	WEST	HEALE	STEIN B.	SPERRIN
Aug 20 <b>Orient</b>	8,061	1-0	1	2	34	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		12	6	2	11	9			
Aug 27 Oldham Athletic	7,579	0-1	1	12	3	12	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	11	10			
Aug 30 Wolves (LC2)	14,682	3-1	1		3	12	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Sept 3 <b>Charlton Athletic</b>	9,061	7-1	1		34	12	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Sept 10 Bristol Rovers	5,940	2-1	1		34	12	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Sept 17 <b>Blackburn Rovers</b>	9,149	0-0	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Sept 24 Tottenham	32,700	0-2	1	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Sept 27 Brighton	25,132	2-3	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Oct 1 <b>Notts County</b>	7,593	2-0	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Oct 4 Millwall	9,119	1-0	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Oct 8 Cardiff City	8,369	4-1	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Oct 15 Fulham	12,736	1-0	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Oct 22 Blackpool	12,167	1-2	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Oct 25 <b>Man. City (LC3)</b>	16,443	1-1	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Oct 29 Bolton Wanderers	20,113	1-2	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Nov 1 Man. City (LC3R)	28,254	0-0	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Nov 5 Hull City	8,936	0-0	1	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Nov 8 Man. City (LC3R2)	13,024	2-3	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Nov 12 Mansfield Town	7,522	1-3	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Nov 19 <b>Stoke City</b>	9,384	1-2	1	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Nov 26 Sunderland (1)	26,915	1-1	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Dec 3 Burnley	6,921	1-2	1		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Dec 10 Southampton	19,909	1-0	1	6	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Dec 17 <b>Mansfield Town (2)</b>													12								
Dec 26 Crystal Palace														8							
Dec 27 <b>Sheffield United</b>														8							
Dec 31 Brighton														8							
Jan 2 Orient																					
Jan 7 F.A. Cup 3																					
Jan 14 <b>Oldham Athletic</b>																					
Jan 18 League Cup 5																					
Jan 21 Charlton Athletic																					
Jan 28 F.A. Cup 4																					
Feb 4 <b>Bristol Rovers</b>																					
Feb 8 League Cup SF																					
Feb 11 Blackburn Rovers																					
Feb 15 League Cup SF																					
Feb 18 <b>Tottenham (5)</b>																					
Feb 25 Notts County																					
Mar 4 <b>Cardiff City</b>																					
Mar 11 Fulham (6)																					
Mar 18 <b>Blackpool (LCF)</b>																					
Mar 21 Bolton Wanderers																					
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Mar 27 <b>Crystal Palace</b>																					
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Apr 15 Stoke City																					
Apr 22 <b>Southampton</b>																					
Apr 26 Millwall																					
Apr 29 Burnley																					
May 6 F.A. Cup Final																					

## DIVISION TWO

Table of Results - As at 14.12.77

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	19	9	1	0	23	10	4	3	2	10	8	30
Tottenham	19	7	2	0	26	4	4	3	3	11	11	27
Brighton	19	6	3	1	20	12	3	3	3	9	8	24
Blackburn	19	7	1	1	17	6	2	5	3	10	14	24
Blackpool	19	4	3	2	15	0	5	2	3	15	13	23
Southampton	19	7	2	1	17	6	2	3	4	9	13	23
Charlton	18	7	1	0	24	11	1	4	5	9	18	21
Sheff. Utd.	19	7	2	1	18	9	1	3	5	13	19	21
C. Palace	19	4	2	4	16	13	3	4	2	11	9	20
<b>Luton</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>
Stoke	19	6	1	3	15	11	1	4	4	6	11	19
Sunderland	19	4	3	3	17	11	1	5	3	14	19	18
Orient	19	4	4	1	16	13	1	4	5	7	11	18
Fulham	19	4	4	1	19	9	2	1	7	8	15	17
Hull	19	4	3	3	13	8	1	4	4	6	11	15
Oldham	19	3	5	1	11	9	1	3	6	9	18	16
Notts Co.	19	3	5	1	13	9	1	2	7	10	23	15
Millwall	19	1	6	2	7	10	1	4	5	9	14	14
Bristol R.	19	3	5	2	13	8	0	2	7	9	30	13
Cardiff	18	4	1	2	12	14	0	2	6	10	19	12
Mansfield	19	3	2	5	14	16	1	2	6	10	19	12
Burnley	19	3	4	3	9	8	1	0	8	7	24	12

## COMBINATION

Table of Results - As at 14.12.77

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	19	13	1	5	39	19	27
Tottenham	21	8	9	4	39	25	25
Q.P.R.	20	9	6	5	33	16	24
Leicester C.	22	11	2	9	30	24	24
Chelsea	20	8	7	5	36	17	23
West Ham	18	10	3	5	34	17	23
Arsenal	20	8	7	5	26	16	23
Crystal Palace	19	9	5	5	25	18	23
Ipswich Town	17	9	4	4	30	14	22
Plymouth Argyle	18	9	3	6	28	20	21
Hereford United	20	9	3	8	34	33	21
Norwich City	20	7	7	6	18	24	21
Fulham	18	6	8	4	24	19	20
Birmingham C.	20	4	11	5	19	20	19
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>19</b>
Bristol City	17	4	9	4	22	22	17
Bristol Rovers	17	5	6	9	16	31	14
Orient	19	4	6	9	16	31	14
Swindon Town	17	4	4	9	17	40	12
Oxford United	19	3	4	12	15	35	10
Cardiff City	17	2	4	11	17	40	8
Reading	19	3	2	14	15	46	8

**GOALSCORERS - League/Cup**


Husband	8	Fuccillo	2
Futcher R	6	Heale	3
Buckley	4	Carr	1
Hill	4	Price	1
Boersma	3	Faulkner	1

**Football Combination**

Ingram	8	Carr	2
Stein B	4	Sperrin	2
Heale	3	Turner	2
Bowen	2	Johnson	2
Smith	2	Hill	1
Boersma	2	West	1

**Chiltern Youth League/Cups**

Pacey	14	Currie	1
Ingram	13	Beach	1
Johnson	6	Rowland	1
Pearson	5	Champkan	1
Conquest	3	Williams	1
Turner	3	Dool	1
Stewart	3	Harriott	1
Eaton	2	Sisman	1
		Wilkinson	1







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### COMPETITION

The answers to our last competition were as follows:

- (a) Arsenal – HIGHBURY
- (b) Liverpool – ANFIELD
- (c) Norwich – CARROW ROAD
- (d) Crystal Palace – SELHURST PARK

The first all correct entry picked out on Friday 9th December was member 180, IAN SAUNDERS from 3 Kinsbourne Close, Harpenden, in Hertfordshire, who receives two tickets for today's match.

### THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION IS

Can you find the missing names from Southampton's 1976 F.A. Cup winning team?

- 1. Turner, 2. Rodrigues 3. (?) 4. Holmes,
- 5. Blyth, 6. Steele, 7. Gilchrist 8. (?) 9. Osgood,
- 10. (?) 11. Stokes.

Send your entries to Competition, Kenilworth Road, Luton. The first correct entry picked out on Friday 23rd December will receive a Luton Scarf.

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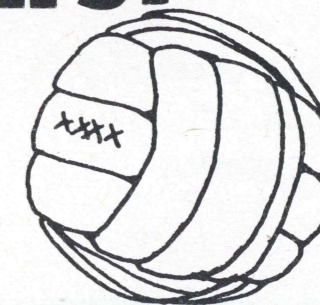
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- 11 PHIL BOERSMA
- 12



### MANSFIELD TOWN

- ROD ARNOLD 1
- KEVIN BIRD 2
- BARRY FOSTER 3
- PETER MORRIS 4
- IAN WOOD 5
- COLIN FOSTER 6
- PAT SHARKEY 7
- JOHN MILLER 8
- DAVE SYRETT 9
- GORDON HODGSON 10
- JOHN ASTON 11
- 12

### SCORE BOARD

- Birmingham . . . . .
- Everton . . . . .
- Coventry . . . . .
- Arsenal . . . . .
- Leeds . . . . .
- Man. City . . . . .
- Liverpool . . . . .
- Q.P.R. . . . .
- Man. Utd. . . . .
- Nottm. For. . . . .
- Blackburn . . . . .
- Millwall . . . . .
- Blackpool . . . . .
- Southampton . . . . .
- Bristol R . . . . .
- Sunderland . . . . .
- Cardiff . . . . .
- Hull . . . . .
- Charlton . . . . .
- Bolton . . . . .
- Fulham . . . . .
- Stoke . . . . .
- Notts. C. . . . .
- Burnley . . . . .
- Oldham . . . . .
- Sheff. Utd. . . . .
- Orient . . . . .
- Brighton . . . . .
- Tottenham . . . . .
- C. Palace . . . . .

### OFFICIALS

**Referee:** Mr Brian H. Daniels (Brentwood, Essex). Passed the Referees' Examination of Essex County F.A. in 1951 and has progressed through local and the Isthmian League, Football League line and the full list in 1967. Was a linesman at the U.E.F.A. Cup Quarter-Final played in Las Palmas in 1972/73. Married, with three children, he is an ex-Military Policeman now engaged as Recruiting and Advertising Manager in Industrial Security. His interests are coarse fishing and ballroom dancing. He is a founder member and President of the Ilford 7-a-side Charity Cup also Vice-President of the South East Combination Charity Cups.

**Linesmen:** Mr E.J. Scales (Red Flag) - Mr R.C. Sibley (Yellow Flag).