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STREETERS SPONSOR PALACE

Henry Streeter (Automotive) Ltd, of 66 Purley Way, Croydon, became the second company to sponsor a Palace player (Nicky Chatterton being the first during our 1976 Cup run).

Streeter's generously linked their company with Crystal Palace at the start of this season when they agreed to join our "Sponsor A Player" scheme and they chose our England Youth International captain, Kenny Sansom, as the player to be linked with Henry Streeter. Kenny is seen here returning the compliment when he recently visited Streeter's showrooms in Purley Way to promote sales of the new Chrysler Sunbeam.

Henry Streeter's are the local main dealers for Chrysler cars and trucks.

The Directors, Manager, Players
and Staff wish all Palace fans
A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

MY VIEW

A glance at the League tables should be enough to convince everyone that good sound progress has been made at Selhurst Park this year. What may not be so obvious are the reasons why I feel relatively confident about the Club's future.

It is the intention of everyone at the Club to ensure that the future is built on solid foundations. We do not want flash in the pan success — we are seeking long term success from which Crystal Palace will emerge as one of the greatest clubs in the country.

We won promotion last year mainly because we carried on the fight right to the bitter end and refused to accept that the odds against us were insurmountable. We also won the F.A. Youth Cup so in tangible terms the 76-77 season must be termed a success.

But it should be of great interest to everyone to note that five of the team which beat Notts County on December 10th were in that Youth Cup Final side. This in itself gives us all heart for the future.

Having achieved promotion ideally I would have liked to have strengthened our squad but we are not in a financial position to do that. It's as simple and disappointing as that. It is frustrating for everyone — The Chairman, the Board, the staff and, I know, you supporters, — to see for instance Brighton going out and spending half a million in the transfer market. That kind of thing is beyond us and we have to accept it.

We began our Second Division campaign very promisingly but then received a crippling blow when Ian Evans, who was playing so well at the time, broke his leg and there

were further unsettling difficulties involving Harkouk and Silkman.

But we have had the opportunity to introduce youngsters into the first team and this experience will stand them in good stead next year when they will also have developed naturally. So there is a lot of promise in our 17 to 18 age group and from reports I have received from the coaching staff our 15 to 16 age group players are also progressing well.

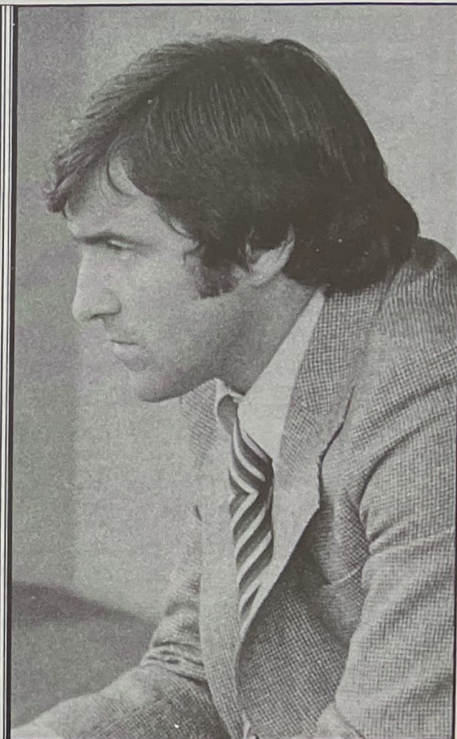
It is in the development of these young players that the future of the Club lies but one has to feel one's way with them. Some players may have to be rested for their own good after several matches, others may be able to withstand the pressure and continue for longer.

There's no set formula. You have to treat every case on its own individual merits. But our object is this: when we get into the First Division we want to be embedded there for a good 15 years. There's nothing worse than for a club to be promoted and relegated in successive seasons.

It is our intention to avoid this at all costs and build the soundest possible foundations for the long term future of the club.

Finally I would like to wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year, trusting that you have already had a happy and enjoyable Christmas.

Emmanuel



QUIZ TIME

Now to see if the seasonal festivities have dulled your faculties! Listed below are twenty questions about the Palace, some tricky, some easy. If you can answer them correctly (or most of them) you may well be in with a chance of winning tickets for a Palace match early in the New Year. We're giving away three pairs of tickets to the first three all-correct entries drawn out of the hat. If there are no correct entries received then those with the most correct will go into the draw.

1. Who were Palace's first post-war Football League opponents?
2. Who scored our four goals at Wrexham in last season's thriller?
3. How many League goals did Peter Taylor score for Palace before his departure to Tottenham?
4. Which famous Arsenal goalkeeper later became Manager of Crystal Palace?

5. Mel Blyth is now back with the club. Before he left, what record did he achieve when Palace were in the First Division?
6. What is Palace's record attendance?
7. Who was Palace's first Manager?
8. Who were the opponents and what was the score in Palace's highest League win?
9. Which clubs have scored six against Palace here at Selhurst?
10. Terry Long and Albert Harry top the Palace all-time appearances. Who comes next?
11. Who is Palace's highest scorer for a single post-war season?
12. What is Palace's best home record in a League season for points?
13. In what season did they achieve this?
14. Do you know which season Palace retained an unbeaten home record?

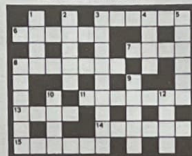
15. Who was the youngest player that played for Palace in a League game?
16. Who was Palace's first full England international?
17. In what season did Palace concede fewest League goals?
18. Palace's fastest goal — who scored it?
19. And the time for that goal?
20. And where was it scored?

There we are then. Twenty questions to set the ground buzzing this afternoon. Our thanks to Rev. Nigel Sands for compiling the questionnaire and if any supporter can answer the lot then consider yourself a true Palace fan!

Send your entries (not complaints) to Quiz Time, Crystal Palace FC, Selhurst Park, South Norwood, London SE25 6PU. Closing date for the competition is Saturday 14th January. The Editors decision is final on all answers.
The best of luck!

QUIZ TIME

CROSSWORD



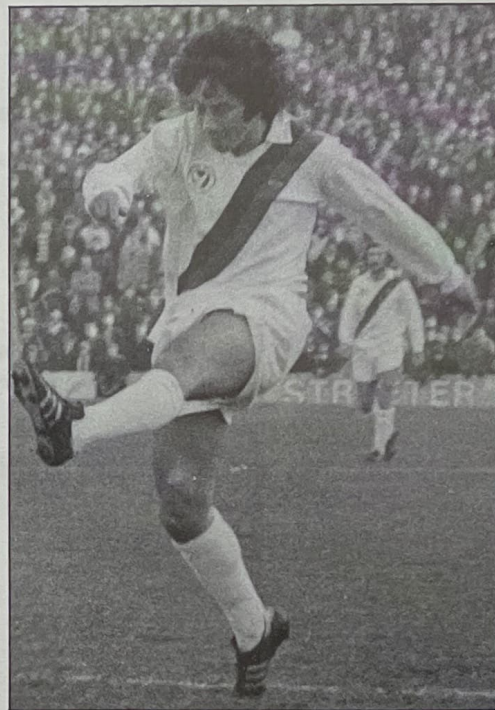
CLUES — Across

3. He hit the first League hat-trick this season (6)
6. Manager of Spain for the last ten years (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" (6)
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 (4,5)
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)
9. Derek —, Burnley back (5)
10. Peterborough's forward from Fulham (4)
12. He played in 14ac. on his home ground (4)

Answers appear on Page 15.



PROFILE

IN THIS WEEK'S PROFILE WE SPOTLIGHT
BARRY SILKMAN

Full Name: Barry Silkman.

Height: 5'8". **Weight:** 10st. 13lb.

Birthplace: London.

Position: Forward.

Previous Club: Hereford United.

Date signed for Palace: 4th August 1976

Appearances & Goal Record: 30 appearances, 5 goals (inc. Cardiff 26/11)

Debut for Palace: Chester 4/9/76.

Most memorable match: First ever game in League Football for Hereford v Plymouth.

Favourite away Ground: Preston & Tottenham.

Player you most admire: George Best.

Best goal scored: Crystal Palace v Burny at home.

Biggest disappointment as a Pro. Footballer: Every time I get left out of the team.

Biggest influence on my career: Parents and Eddie McCullum.

Is there one improvement you would like to see in the game: Better referees to stop bad tackling.

The club you enjoy playing against most: Preston.

My biggest thrill as a Pro. Footballer: The day I actually signed Professional.

Professional ambition: Just to be happy and to play for as long as my legs will carry me.

Personal ambition: To keep healthy.

Hobbies: Greyhounds, horses, clothes, music and reading.

Favourite holiday spot: Cattolica, Italy.

Favourite country visited: Italy.

Favourite T.V. shows: Mr. Magoo, Crossroads and New Faces.

Favourite recording artists: The Three Degrees, Barbra Streisand.

Favourite actress: Barbra Streisand.

My car: Opel Manta.

Have you decided the career that you would like after you finish playing: Not yet.

MILIJAJ 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.

TONY KNIGHT: Only 18, Knight is one of the many young players Luton have recruited. Several clubs were chasing him when he starred as a schoolboy goalkeeper with Romford Schoolboys. He has been included in England Youth international squads, and has played a handful of League games for Luton.

ALAN JUDGE: Another promising youngster, Judge is another product of Luton's youth programme. He was seen in local football and Luton took him on as an

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apprentice goalkeeper. He made such rapid strides that after only one year he was upgraded to junior professional, and could soon be competing for a place in the League squad.

PAUL PRICE: His hopes of a career in League soccer had to overcome a double disaster before he made the grade — recruited by Luton as a youngster he was on the verge of success when he broke his leg. He fought his way back to fitness, only to break it again. He battled back again, and

his performances at right back have made him Luton's first-choice at right back ever since.

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. Strong in the air and a no-nonsense tackler, he has been a regular member of the Luton defence for five years.

PAUL FUTCHER: One of the brightest prospects in League football today, Luton risked their record transfer fee when they paid £100,000 for him in the summer of 1974. He was still only 17, and with only a handful of Fourth Division games behind him, Luton beat off opposition from bigger clubs to persuade him to leave Chester, his home town club, and he has developed into a brilliant sweeper, cool in defence and far-seeing in setting up attacks. He has already been capped by England at under-21 level.

DAVID CARR: After learning his trade in defence or midfield in youth and reserve teams, Carr is now competing for regular first-team football. He comes from Margate, and became an apprentice at Luton when he left school in 1973.

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 Futchers' brilliance is hard to replace, McNichol has filled the sweeper's position with distinction whenever he has been called into the League team.

GRAHAM JONES: Watched by a Luton scout while playing as a schoolboy in Manchester, Jones was signed as an apprentice in the summer of 1975. Big and brave, he made rapid strides through Luton's lower teams, and made his league debut at the age of 17. Originally played as a back four defender, he has also sampled League soccer in midfield, and seems equally at home whatever the department.

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 when he 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.

GODFREY INGRAM: A local product of Luton's youth team, Ingram has been tipped for high honours since his outstanding midfield and attacking talents took him into Luton's reserve team when he was still only 16. Luton signed him on schoolboy forms, and he played for England Schools. He became an apprentice in the summer of 1976, and within a year had been upgraded to junior professional.

PHILIP DRIVER: In his first season as a professional after serving his apprenticeship. He is one of the youngsters with a bright future and after many promising performances in the reserve side last season, did enough to persuade the Manager to sign him. Hails from Welwyn Garden City.

NIGEL JOHNSON: He is also in his first season as a professional after serving his apprenticeship. Formed a good partnership with Ingram in the reserve and youth sides last year. Is very quick and has two good feet and is always looking for goals. He also comes from Welwyn Garden City.

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.

GARY HEALE: Now in his second season with the Club after being signed from Canvey Island. Tottenham were very keen to sign him but with the Manager's connections in the area, finally persuaded him to join Luton. Good in the air and is a good target man to play to. Big things are expected from him this season.

TIM SMITH: Now in his third season with the Town. Plays mid-field but likes to come forward and score goals. Has had one outing in the first team so far, but if he plays as well as the Manager knows he can then it won't be long before he will be in the senior side. Hails from Hereford.

BRIAN STEIN: Signed as a professional on 19th October 1977 and in less than three weeks had made his debut at Old Trafford in the League Cup replay against Manchester City. Born in Cape Town but educated in London, Brian previously played for Edgware Town in the Athenian League where his speed and skill on the wing prompted Luton to offer him terms.

MARTIN SPERRIN: Also signed on 19th October 1977 from Edgware Town, Martin, like Brian Stein, only had a couple of reserve games, scoring two goals before coming on as substitute in the Cup replay against Manchester City. Normally occupies the No. 10 position as his father did for several years with Brentford in the 1950's.



LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB SEASON 1977/78

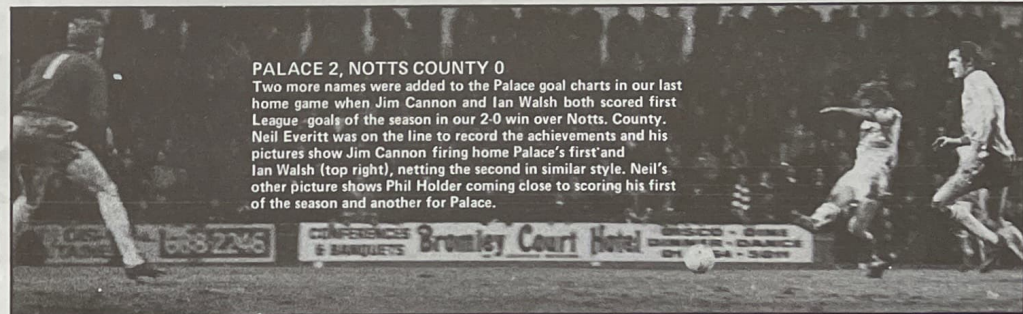
Standing: Reg Game (Physiotherapist), David Carr, Graham Jones, Jimmy McNichol, John Faulkner, Milija Aleksic, Tony Knight, Paul Futchers, Paul Price, Steve Buckley, Roy McCrohan (Coach).

Seated: Ricky Hill, Jimmy Husband, Harry Haslam (Manager), Alan West, Ron Futchers, Pasquale (Lil) Fuccillo, Gary Heale

ALAN WEST



Palace In The Picture



PALACE 2, NOTTS COUNTY 0

Two more names were added to the Palace goal charts in our last home game when Jim Cannon and Ian Walsh both scored first League goals of the season in our 2-0 win over Notts. County. Neil Everitt was on the line to record the achievements and his pictures show Jim Cannon firing home Palace's first and Ian Walsh (top right), netting the second in similar style. Neil's other picture shows Phil Holder coming close to scoring his first of the season and another for Palace.



Good afternoon Palace Guards and a Happy Christmas to you all. With only half the season behind us it seems strange that one team in particular has already completed their League programme. I'm talking about the Palace Guard under-15 side who celebrate this Christmas as Champions.

They completed their fixtures in style winning every game they played, scoring 105 goals in 12 matches! It's a remarkable achievement considering that the side is basically the same that was playing last season that lost almost every game.

Team Manager, Bill McAllister, is so pleased with the side's success that as a reward for the boys' efforts he has arranged for the team to play at Selhurst Park next May against a co-novice team of Palace Guard managers and Crystal Palace staff. Bill is also working hard on getting along a few celebrities to the game and Palace players to officiate as ref. and linesmen.

An example of the team's dedication is when they recently travelled to Elder Road to take on an under-14 representative side on an all-weather pitch under lights. Torrential rain prevented the game from getting under way but did not stop the Guards' enthusiasm. Every player showed up on the night despite the atrocious weather and the knowledge that the game looked doubtful indeed.

Well done lads and every success in the League Cup programme.

Onto other achievements and the result of our match report competition, Barry Killick (0750) was adjudged to have written the best report for our game against Cardiff and will be invited as a press box guest.

Here's Barry's words of wisdom.

CRYSTAL PALACE 2 CARDIFF CITY 0

This was Palace's first win for seven games, but it was not their best performance of the season by a long way against a Cardiff side who have only picked up two points away from home this season.

the palace guards

It took a thirtieth minute penalty to break the deadlock. Paul Went, the ex-Charlton and Orient centre-half, played an unnecessary ball back towards his 'keeper, from near the half way line. Dave Swindlehurst took up a beautiful position on the blind side of Went, collected the back pass, veered to the left of the advancing Irwin and the



Cardiff 'keeper pulled him down. The referee, Mr. Arthur Gunn, had no hesitation in awarding a penalty. The spot kick was successfully converted by Nicky Chatterton who drove the ball into the bottom left hand corner of the net for his seventh goal of the season.

After the interval, Went was again the centre of attention as he had to temporarily leave the field to have treatment for a gashed eyebrow. Before this Went nearly caught out Tony Burns direct from a free kick, but the 'keeper did well to turn it over for a corner. At the other end Swindlehurst went close when a good rising shot hit the bar.

In the eighty-eighth minute Perrin sealed the two points for Palace. A ball out of defence found Chatterton and his long pass was swept into the net by Perrin.

Cardiff's Phil Dwyer was booked in

what was a far from dirty game.

Barry Killick,
Sgt. 0750,
15 Lloyd Avenue,
Coulson, Surrey.

There has been a tremendous response to our last competition when you were invited to forecast the results for last week's games. Results and winners will be announced in the New Year.

Talking about the New Year, that's the time for resolutions to be made and for today's competition I want you to list six resolutions appertaining to Crystal Palace. The best list will be published in the programme and a prize given.

Entries should be sent to the General, Palace Guard Club, Crystal Palace FC, Selhurst Park, South Norwood, London SE25 6PU.

That's it for the time being. See you all again in the New Year.

OFF THE PARK

WHERE'S FRED . . . ?

Mrs. Robinson of Pampisford Road, South Croydon has written to ask if any Palace supporter knows of the whereabouts of her favourite pre-war Palace player, Fred Gregory, who is pictured alongside.



Fred joined Palace from Reading in December 1937 with a reputation of being the most powerful kicker of a dead ball. Fred served Palace well in defence and also had spells in the centre forward spot when the Club was challenging for promotion in 1938-39. In all he played 43 times for Palace, scoring 9 goals. His brother, Michael, also turned out for Palace during the war - the last time that two brothers lined up together for Palace until Martin and Paul Hinshelwood.

If anyone does know where we can get in touch with Fred then contact the Club's Commercial Manager, Tony Shaw, on 01 771 9502, who will forward any information on to Mrs. Robinson.

PALACE TAKE ON ENGLAND . . .

A Palace Under-19 side will be playing an England Youth XI here at Selhurst on Tuesday 17th January. Kick off is 7.30 p.m. and admission to the game will be by turnstile only. Seats are priced at 50p and standing at 40p. Children and senior citizens will be asked to pay 30p. Come along and support the youngsters and watch Ron Greenwood's future England stars in action.

PROGRAMME EXCHANGE . . .

J.A.S. Waters is an Arsenal fan looking for a Palace supporter to exchange respective club programmes. He can be contacted at the following address: 32 Arisdale Avenue, South Ockendon, Essex or by ringing South Ockendon 5400.

PROGRAMME FAIR . . .

If you are a programme collector with time to spare on New Year's Day then pop along to the Ivanhoe Hotel in Bloomsbury Street, which is only a couple of minutes walk from Tottenham Court Road tube station, and enjoy a fascinating exhibition of pro-

grammes, badges, shirts and international caps. The fair opens its doors at 10.30 a.m. and closes at 4.30 p.m. Admission is just 30p for adults and 20p for children.

HELP FOR THE HANDICAPPED . . .

At a recent dinner dance held in the Vice Presidents Club for the employees of Powdins Ltd. and Associated Companies, the proceeds of the evening's raffle were generously donated to the Social Club's annual Christmas party for handicapped children. Making the presentation to Tony Shaw on behalf of the company were directors Derek Cossins and Martin Booth pictured below handing over a cheque for £120.



TRAVEL TO BRISTOL & MANSFIELD . .

Palace play their next away game tomorrow afternoon at Bristol Rovers. Any supporter who has not yet booked for the trip can do so after today's match in the Social Club (side door entrance). Bookings will also be accepted for Palace's away game at Mansfield on Saturday. Late bookings for this trip will be accepted in the Social Club again on Wednesday evening and also at the Box Office on Friday evening after 7.00 p.m.

There is no rail service for the Bristol game and the price by coach is £3.15 for adults and £2.85 for children and senior citizens. The rail fare to Mansfield is £4.50. By coach it will cost £3.15 for adults and £2.85 for children and senior citizens.

Supporters travelling by car to these games will find the following RAC route information of benefit. **BRISTOL ROVERS 119 miles from Selhurst** Leave by High Street to the junction with Parchmore Road and Brigstock Road. Turn right onto Parchmore

Road and continue ahead by Green Lane to the junction with Streatham High Road (A.23). Turn right and continue to the junction with Gleneagle Road and Stanthorpe Road. Turn left onto Gleneagle Road then right onto Ambleside Avenue and continue to the junction with Tooting Bec Road (A.214). Continue ahead by Trinity Road to the junction with High Street and Batterssea Rise (A.3). Turn left and continue to the junction with Upper Richmond Road and West Hill. Bear right and proceed by the South Circular (A.205) to Chiswick Roundabout. Follow the signs to the M.4 and continue westward to Intersection No. 19. Follow the M.32 to the second intersection then follow the signs "Fishponds, Horfield B.4469" to the roundabout. Follow the signs "Easton B.4058" to the road junction. Turn right onto Stapleton Road and at approximately 200 yards on turn right onto Gasworks Road and the football ground.119 miles.

MANSFIELD 141 miles from West London

Leave from Marble Arch by Edgware Road and proceed to the roundabout at Staples Corner. Follow the signs to the start of the M.1 and continue northward to Intersection No.27 (Annesley). Follow the signs "Mansfield A.608" to the junction with the A.611. Turn left onto the A.611 and continue to the junction with the A.60. Turn left and follow the A.60 to Mansfield.141 miles. Enter Mansfield by Nottingham Road (A.60) and continue to the junction with Portland Street. Keep left onto Portland Street and take the second on the left - Bishop Street - to the football ground.

MATCHBALL DONOR . . .

The ball for today's match has been donated by
**ANDRE
LA PETITE PARISIENNE
5 HIGH STREET, PURLEY.
Telephone 01 660 2887**



Andre, who frequently donates a match ball, is a member of the Crystal Palace Vice-Presidents Club, and is pictured above with Ian Evans. La Petite Parisienne is highly recommended for a good evening out with a nice meal and a chat with Andre about Crystal Palace.

STATISTICS

DIVISION 2 TABLE

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO up to and including 17th December, 1977		P	W	D	L	F	A	WDL F A	Pts			
Bolton	20	9	10	23	10	4	33	11	10	30		
Tottenham	20	7	3	0	28	6	4	33	11	11	28	
Brighton	20	6	3	1	20	12	4	33	10	8	26	
Blackburn	20	8	1	1	19	7	2	5	3	10	14	26
Southampton	20	7	2	1	17	6	3	3	4	10	13	25
Blackpool	20	4	3	3	15	11	5	2	3	15	13	23
Charlton	19	8	1	0	26	12	1	4	5	9	18	23
Crystal Palace	20	4	2	4	16	13	3	5	2	13	11	21
Sheffield United	20	7	2	1	18	9	1	3	6	13	22	21
Luton Town	20	5	3	2	16	7	3	1	6	13	16	20
Fulham	20	5	4	1	22	9	2	1	7	8	15	19
Stoke City	20	6	1	3	15	10	1	4	5	6	14	19
Sunderland	20	4	3	3	17	11	1	5	4	16	22	18
Hull City	20	4	3	13	8	15	6	1	4	6	11	18
Orient	20	4	4	2	16	14	1	4	5	7	11	18
Oldham	20	4	5	1	14	9	1	3	6	9	18	18
Notts County	20	4	5	1	16	9	1	2	7	10	23	17
Bristol Rovers	20	4	5	2	16	10	0	2	7	9	30	15
Millwall	20	1	6	2	7	10	1	4	6	10	16	14
Cardiff	19	4	4	2	12	14	0	7	2	6	14	14
Mansfield	20	3	2	5	14	16	1	3	6	11	20	13
Burnley	20	3	4	3	9	8	1	0	9	7	27	12

RESERVE FIXTURES 1977-78

DATE	V	OPPONENTS	F	A
Aug. 20	H	OXFORD UNITED	2	0
23	A	SOUTHAMPTON	0	3
Sept. 3	H	BRISTOL CITY	2	2
6	A	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	0	1
10	A	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	2	1
13	A	SWINDON TOWN	0	1
17	H	ARSENAL	0	0
Oct. 5	H	LUTON TOWN	0	1
8	H	LEICESTER CITY	5	1
15	H	NORWICH CITY	1	0
22	H	WEST HAM UNITED	4	2
Nov. 1	H	BIRMINGHAM CITY	1	0
5	H	CARDIFF CITY	0	3
12	A	CHELSEA	1	0
16	H	SWINDON TOWN	4	1
19	H	READING	1	0
26	A	FULHAM	0	0
Dec. 3	H	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	1	1
10	A	ORIENT	1	0
17	H	IPSWICH TOWN	0	1
21	A	BRISTOL ROVERS		
Jan. 2	A	OXFORD UNITED		

APPEARANCES

Up to and inc 17th Dec		
FIRST TEAM	A	GS
Blyth	4	0
Bourne	17	1
Brennan	1	0
Burns	22	0
Cannon	23	2
Caswell	2	0
Chatterton	24	7
Evans	12	1
Gilbert	1	0
Graham	19	1
Harkouk	20	10
Hilaire	19	1
M.Hinshelwood	1	1
P.Hinshelwood	23	10
Holder	0	0
Jump	0	1
Murphy	0	2
Nicholas	4	0
Perrin	16	5
Sansom	24	1
Silkman	4	6
Swindlehurst	19	4
Wall	5	5
Walsh	1	1
RESERVES		
Banfield	0	1
Blyth	1	0
Bourne	5	2
Brennan	13	2
Carter	6	0
Caswell	16	0
Dare	15	1
Ferwick	11	0
Fry	3	0
Gilbert	14	1
Harkouk	2	10
Hilaire	1	0
M.Hinshelwood	12	1
Holder	13	3
Jump	16	0
Leahy	7	1
Lovell	6	1
Murphy	6	1
Nicholas	6	0
Paul	0	2
Payne	0	1
Perrin	3	0
Ranson	2	0
Sansome	1	0
Silkman	7	10
Smillie	18	1
Sparks	12	1
Swindlehurst	2	10
Vaughan	1	0
Wall	5	0
Walsh	17	7

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION II
Saturday 3rd December, 1977
At Blackburn
BLACKBURN ROVERS 3 CRYSTAL PALACE 0
PALACE: Burns, Hinshelwood, Sansom, Graham, Cannon, Blyth, Swindlehurst, Chatterton, Hilaire, Perrin, Silkman. Sub: Holder (not used).

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE
Saturday 3rd December, 1977
At Charlton (New Eltham)
CRYSTAL PALACE 1 CHARLTON ATHLETIC 0
PALACE: Fry, Dixon, Dare, Mackenzie, Whitehead, Jones, Murphy, Paul, Lovell, Carter, Mercer. Subs: Laraman, Cox. Goalscorer: Lovell.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION
Saturday 3rd December, 1977
At Selhurst Park
CRYSTAL PALACE 1 TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 1
PALACE: Caswell, Wall, Jump, Fenwick, Nicholas, Gilbert, Brennan, Hinshelwood (M), Bourne, Walsh, Smillie. Sub: Leahy (not used). Goalscorer: Walsh.

F.A. CUP 3RD ROUND

HARTLEPOOL UNITED
v
CRYSTAL PALACE
K.O. 3 p.m.

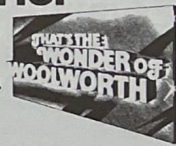
The Match will not be all ticket.
For further details regarding ticket and travel arrangements see our programme v. Millwall Monday 2nd Jan. In the event of a replay the match will be at Selhurst Park on Tuesday 10th January K.O. 7.30 p.m.

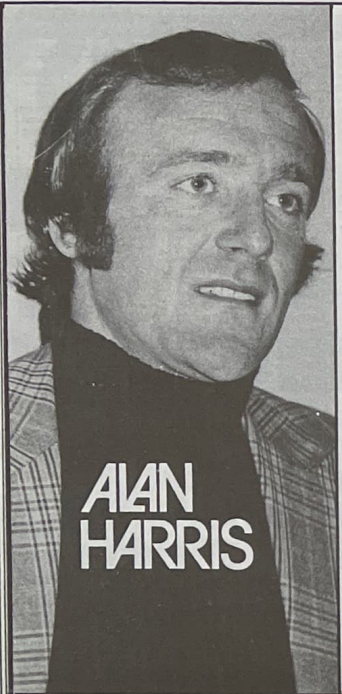
FIRST TEAM FIXTURES 1977-78. TEAMS, GOALSCORERS AND ATTENDANCES

Date	v	Opponents	F	A	Gate	† DENOTES SUBSTITUTION											
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 13	A	BRENTFORD (L.C.1)	1	2	8,929	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Hilaire	Cannon	Evans	Graham	Chatterton	Perrin	Bourne	Harkouk 1	Silkman
16	H	BRENTFORD (L.C.1)	5	1	11,588	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom 1	Graham 1	Cannon 1	Evans	Hilaire	Chatterton	Perrin	Bourne	Harkouk 1	Silkman
20	A	MILLWALL	3	0	15,216	Caswell	Nicholas	Sansom	Sansom	Cannon	Evans 1	Hilaire	Chatterton	Perrin	Bourne	Harkouk 2	Wall
23	H	MANSFIELD TOWN	3	1	19,019	Caswell	H'wood P	Sansom	H'wood M†	Cannon	Evans	Hilaire	Chatterton	Perrin	Bourne	Harkouk 2	Silkman
27	H	HULL CITY	0	1	14,618	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Graham	Cannon	Evans	Hilaire†	Chatterton	Perrin	Bourne	Harkouk	Sw'hurst
30	H	SOUTHAMPTON (L.C.2)	0	1	19,639	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Graham	Cannon	Evans	Sw'hurst	Chatterton	Perrin	Bourne	Harkouk	Silkman
Sept. 3	A	BURNLEY	1	1	10,400	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Graham	Nicholas	Evans	Sw'hurst	Chatterton	Perrin	Bourne	Harkouk 1	Wall
10	H	SUNDERLAND	2	2	21,150	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Graham	Cannon	Evans	Sw'hurst 1	Chatterton	Perrin	Bourne 1	Harkouk	Hilaire
13	A	SOUTHAMPTON (L.C.2)†	1	2	19,836	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Graham	Cannon	Evans	Sw'hurst	Chatterton	Perrin 1	Bourne	Harkouk 1	Wall
17	A	SHEFFIELD UNITED	2	0	14,541	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Graham	Cannon	Evans	Sw'hurst 1	Chatterton	Hilaire	Bourne	Harkouk 1	Wall
24	H	BOLTON WANDERERS	2	1	23,332	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Graham	Cannon	Evans	Sw'hurst	Chatterton	Hilaire	Bourne	Harkouk 1	Perrin
Oct. 1	H	FULHAM	2	3	28,084	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Brennan	Cannon	Evans	Sw'hurst 1	Chatterton	Hilaire	Bourne	Harkouk 2	Perrin
4	A	BLACKPOOL	1	3	9,359	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Graham	Cannon	Evans	Sw'hurst	Chatterton	Hilaire	Bourne	Harkouk	Wall
8	A	STOKE CITY	2	0	17,749	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Graham	Cannon	Wall	Sw'hurst	Chatterton	Hilaire	Bourne	Perrin 1	Gilbert
8	H	SOUTHAMPTON	1	2	23,122	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Perrin 1	Cannon	Wall	Sw'hurst	Chatterton	Hilaire	Bourne	Harkouk	Murphy
12	A	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	1	1	28,208	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Graham	Cannon	Wall	Sw'hurst 1	Chatterton	Hilaire	Bourne	Harkouk	Perrin
29	H	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	1	1	25,788	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Graham	Cannon	Wall	Sw'hurst	Chatterton	Hilaire	Perrin 1	Harkouk 1	Jump
5	A	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	1	1	7,775	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Graham	Cannon	Wall	Sw'hurst	Chatterton	Hilaire	Perrin 1	Harkouk	Walsh
12	H	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	1	2	40,522	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Graham	Cannon	Blyth	Sw'hurst	Chatterton	Hilaire	Perrin	Bourne	Silkman
19	A	ORIENT	0	0	10,037	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Graham	Cannon	Blyth	Sw'hurst	Chatterton	Hilaire	Perrin	Harkouk	Silkman
26	H	CARDIFF CITY (1)	2	0	16,282	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Graham	Cannon	Blyth	Sw'hurst	Chatterton	Hilaire	Perrin	Silkman	Walsh
Dec. 3	A	BLACKBURN ROVERS	0	3	12,119	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Graham	Cannon	Nicholas	Sw'hurst	Chatterton	Hilaire	Perrin	Silkman	Holder
10	H	NOTTS COUNTY	2	0	14,691	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Holder	Cannon 1	Nicholas	Sw'hurst	Chatterton	Hilaire	Walsh 1	Silkman	Fenwick
17	A	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (2)	2	2	33,211	Burns	H'wood P	Sansom	Holder	Cannon	Nicholas	Sw'hurst 2	Chatterton	Fenwick	Harkouk	Silkman	Murphy
26	H	LUTON TOWN															
27	A	BRISTOL ROVERS															
31	A	MANSFIELD TOWN															
Jan. 2	H	MILLWALL															
7	A	HARTLEPOOL F.A. CUP 3															
14	A	HULL CITY															
18	A	LEAGUE CUP 5															
21	H	BURNLEY															
28	A	F.A. CUP 4															
Feb. 8	A	SUNDERLAND															
11	H	SHEFFIELD UNITED															
15	A	LEAGUE CUP SF															
18	A	BOLTON WANDERERS (5)															
25	A	FULHAM															
Mar. 4	H	STOKE CITY															
11	A	SOUTHAMPTON (6)															
18	H	BRIGHTON & H.A. (LCF)															
24	A	CHARLTON ATHLETIC															
25	H	BRISTOL ROVERS															
27	A	LUTON TOWN															
Apr. 1	H	OLDHAM ATHLETIC															
8	A	CARDIFF CITY (SF)															
15	H	ORIENT															
22	A	NOTTS COUNTY															
29	H	BLACKPOOL															
29	H	BLACKBURN ROVERS															
May 6		F.A. CUP FINAL															

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ALAN HARRIS

A glance at our reserve form and another look at the Football Combination table was enough to prompt coach Alan Harris to comment: "I think we are on schedule and I would also say that all the sides in the Club are on target too".

Alan was referring to a recent reserve team record of 16 points from a possible 20 and a surge up the table which has taken us into the top six. "The best part about it," Alan told us, "is that for the first time with the youngsters I set them a target — and they have responded very well."

Most of the lads in the reserve side had previously come under Alan's influence in the Junior teams and it is a great source of satisfaction for him to now see some of them not only in the reserve team but knocking hard on the premier dressing room door.

"I must say that the development of these lads has not just resulted from my influence. They have been helped considerably by the understanding treatment they have received from more experienced players like Phil Holder, Stewart Jump and Peter Wall, whilst I have benefited from the assistance of the Boss and also Ron Johnson who has done such a fine job as Physio for the lads.

"We have approached the youngsters graduation in a different way to most Clubs and this line has been instigated mainly by Terry. When some clubs get promising youngsters they try to build them up instantly and go out to win things. We have taken the opposite tack.

"For the first two years we told them to concentrate on the basic skills and to enjoy their football above everything else. But when I switched jobs with John Cartwright and took over the reserves I thought the time had come to get them more competitive minded.

"Winning the Youth Cup was a bonus — a very welcome one and thoroughly deserved I must say — but our priority in the formative years was to improve their basic skills and understanding of the game.

"We appreciated that the lads would get stronger and fitter as they grew

older. Now they have progressed into the Reserves and are on the threshold of the first team we are concentrating on the winning aspect of the game.

"The ground work has been done. Now I'm stressing to them that they must be able to motivate themselves. That every time they pull on a shirt the priority is winning. Because when they do reach the first team they are going to find all the sides they play against are determined to get a good result.

"I think we have approached their development the right way and that the emergence of such players as Vince Hilaire and Kenny Sansom and the bright promise of a number of others has proved us correct.

"At the start of the season I thought the time had come to increase the competitiveness if possible so that they would be accustomed to it when they did reach the senior side. I stressed I wanted the Reserves to finish in the top six of the Combination which was quite a target when you consider that last year we finished bottom but one. But the beauty of last year's experience is that we had a very young side indeed and they are now maturing hand over fist both physically and mentally.

"When you look at sides like Liverpool and Leeds who have been at the top for so many years and who have created three extremely fine teams apiece, you have got to appreciate that when they bring in a youngster he knows only too well the level of competition he is going to face.

"This is a further step in our lads' education. An outsider looking in would agree with me that we are not far away from being a powerful, mainly home grown club. I think that the first team would have put in a strong challenge for promotion again but for the accident which Ian Evans suffered.

"But we have consolidated all round. We are playing for time to a certain extent. But the beauty is that time is on our side. And if we can keep at it — all of us — then in the long run we're going to produce some exceptionally fine players in the future".

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December 31st

1	Birmingham v Chelsea
X	Bristol C. v Nott'm F.
1	Coventry v Man. Utd.
1	Everton v Arsenal
1	Ipswich v Derby
1	Man. City v Aston Villa
X	Middlesbro. v Norwich
X	Newcastle v Liverpool
2	Q.P.R. v Wolves
X	West Brom. v Leeds
1	West Ham v Leicester
1	Blackpool v Orient
X	Burnley v Sunderland
X	Cardiff v Charlton
1	Fulham v Oldham
2	Hull v Sheff. Utd.
1	Luton v Brighton
2	Mansfield v Crystal P.
2	Millwall v Bolton
1	Notts C. v Bristol R.
1	Southampton v Stoke
1	Tottenham v Blackburn
1	Bradford C. v Chest'fd
1	Bury v Carlisle
1	Chester v Lincoln
1	Gillingham v Swindon
1	Oxford Utd. v Exeter
X	Peterboro v Preston
2	Plymouth v Wrexham
X	Port Vale v Rotherham
1	Sheff. Wed. v Hereford
1	Shrewsb'y v Colchester
1	Walsall v Cambridge U.
X	Barnsley v Southend
1	Crewe v Darlington
X	Doncaster v Halifax
1	Grimsby v Torquay
X	Hartlepool v Swansea
1	Hudd'field v Scunth'pe
X	North'pton v Aldershot
1	Reading v Newport
1	Southport v Rochdale

ALL-TIME TEAM

POST-WAR LEFT-WINGERS

As a boy and a younger man the writer of 'Palace In The Past' was himself an aspiring outside-left: for that reason he has always given close scrutiny to the left wingers in the Crystal Palace teams in the post-war period. No fewer than 15 came to his mind without any effort when he was drafting this article — some are mentioned here and one of them must surely be the best Palace outside-left of all time.

Harold Girling was our first left-winger after the War; strong and fast he was but after 26 consecutive League appearances and 6 goals for us he departed and the position wasn't filled by a specialist winger again till Jack Butler signed Jimmy Clough from Southampton for £500 in September 1947. But both manager and winger went at the end of the following season, by which time there were two other contenders for the position.

Marcel Gaillard, a brilliant Frenchman, had thrilled us all with his efforts at outside-left but problems arose over his registration and the youthful Ray Howells then appeared to make the position his own, but a very badly broken leg, sustained in a tackle with former Palace star Jack Lewis in the home match with Bournemouth (1-0) on February 18th 1950, ruined what looked to be a very promising career. The responsibility then fell upon the diminutive Scot, Wally Hanlon, a tricky and likeable left-winger who had pleaded our defence while with Brighton and Bournemouth. He came to Palace

in 1948 and continued to impress for us. He had a lovely body-swerve and superb ball control, never conceded defeat (though I'm afraid Palace lost many more than they won in those days) and was a fine, sporting opponent. Palace gave him a well-deserved Benefit at the end of 1953-54 and his record for Palace was 115 FL appearances, plus 4 in the FA Cup, for 7 League goals, in some of the most difficult years in the history of our club.

Within a couple of seasons the young Johnny Byrne was providing the outside-left berth with a look of rare quality, but undoubtedly the most effective left-winger while Palace was in the 3rd and 4th Divisions was blond Ron Heckman. He was signed for us by Arthur Rowe as a goal-getting winger, and his skill, speed and finishing had a very great deal to do with Palace's promotion in 1960-61. Heckman scored 14 League goals that season — a post-war Palace record for a winger. Stewart Imlach, formerly with Notts Forest, brought First Division experience, not to say a Cup Winners' Medal, to Selhurst Park and played at outside left for us in two spells as Palace gained promotion again in 1963-64 and then stabilised successfully in Division Two under Dick Graham. Colin Taylor from Walsall, whose power-shooting had knocked Palace out of the FA Cup in a tie between the clubs in 1967-68, played at number 11 in our promotion team of 1968-69 and hit 10 very useful goals in that campaign.

Bobby Tambling and John 'Yogi' Hughes filled the position, all too

briefly, with attacking flair in our First Division days and mention must be made of Hughes' fabulous display from number 11 in the sparkling 5-1 defeat of Sheffield United on December 4th 1971. He scored two spectacular goals himself and caused such consternation and confusion in the visitors' defence that Palace ran the Blades off the Park in an historic Palace victory.

But the best player ever to wear our number 11 shirt was surely Peter Taylor. He came to us in October 1973 for £100,000 from Southend with a sizeable reputation which he soon began to justify. Long before the honours came his way we could see that he was a player of International calibre. Sure enough he gained four England Under-23 caps (and scored in all four matches), made four full England appearances while with Palace, and scored in his first two outings. Peter also hit the headlines for Palace with spectacular displays in our 1975-76 FA Cup run when he helped demolish Leeds, Chelsea and Sunderland, all on their own grounds. His International honours and Palace's place in the 1976 Cup semi-final surely make the point that Peter Taylor was the best number 11 in all of Palace's history.

So there you are, Palace fans: the front line for my Palace 'All-Time' team reads (from right to left): Albert Harry, Johnny Byrne, Peter Simpson, Albert Davies and Peter Taylor. Every one of them is a legend in Palace's past and they have a blend of creative ability and devastating finishing power that makes them an ideal combination.

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ROLF HARRIS

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CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

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



CRYSTAL PALACE VOUCHER SEASON 1977-78

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TEAMCHECK

PALACE

White Shirts with Scarlet and Royal Blue Sash, White Shorts

- 1 TONY BURNS
- 2 PAUL HINSELWOOD
- 3 KEN SANSOM
- 4 PHIL HOLDER
- 5 JIM CANNON
- 6 PETER NICHOLAS
- 7 NICK CHATTERTON
- 8 TERRY FENWICK
- 9 DAVE SWINDLEHURST
- 10 RACHID HARKOUK
- 11 BARRY SILKMAN
- 12

LUTON

Orange Shirts with White & Navy Vertical Stripe, Navy Blue Shorts

- 1 MILIJA ALEKSIC
- 2 PAUL PRICE
- 3 STEVE BUCKLEY
- 4 ALAN WEST
- 5 JOHN FAULKNER
- 6 GRAHAM JONES
- 7 JIMMY HUSBAND
- 8 RICKY HILL
- 9 RON FUTCHER
- 10 PASQUALE FUCCILLO
- 11 PHIL BOERSMA
- 12

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