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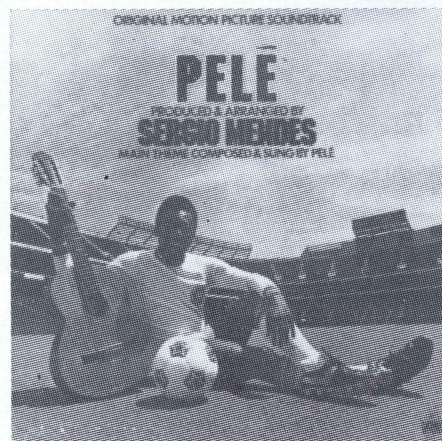
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TACKLING THE FUTURE

TODAY we start afresh. Whatever has happened before is now history. I must tackle the future and hope that no one will be disappointed. The accent will be on players, I am fortunate to have some terrific lads and we shall be judged on our performances. I want to win and win with style. We must get away from the image of being a soccer market place. We must all have a healthy respect for each other, players, staff, supporters and our aims must be unified for Luton Town to succeed. Everyone must



pull together as success can only be gained by hard work and team work and I will give everything to the Club to repay the faith they have shown in me. I have my own ideas and I shall be putting them into practice. The game is about the players. They are the important people and I am sure they will be loyal to the Club. At the moment I have hardly had time to stop and recall the hectic sequence of events of the past few days. I haven't even had time to read the papers!

I shall miss my old mate Harry and coaching colleague Danny and I wish them and their new Club every success in the future (except when they play Luton). Welcome to our visitors today and on with the game.

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WELCOME



ROVERS

GLYN JONES (Goalkeeper): Eighteen-year-old former apprentice, who was with Aston Villa on associate schoolboy forms. Well-built and could mature into an outstanding 'keeper'. Born and bred in Newport, ex-Welsh schoolboy trialist.

MARTIN THOMAS (Goalkeeper): Made his League debut last season at Charlton, when only 17 years 2 months old. From Senghenydd, near Caerphilly, his brother (David) plays on the wing for Cardiff Rugby Club.

PHIL BATER (Full Back): Quick-tackler from Cardiff, who made his debut shortly after Rovers reached the Second Division. Won Welsh under-21 honours last season to add to the Youth caps he earned whilst a Rovers' apprentice. Age 22, one of several Rovers players with his sights on a Senior Welsh cap.

STUART TAYLOR (Centre Half): Rovers most experienced pro., having made over 500 appearances. At 6ft. 4½ ins., this 30-year-old local product is also one of the tallest players in the entire League, so Stuart often goes up to support Rovers' attack for corners and free-kicks.

GRAHAM DAY (Centre Half): Yet another local, aged 23, was with Bristol City as a schoolboy, recruited by Rovers as a part-timer from an amateur club four years ago, up-graded to full professional eighteen months later. Spent two summers with Portland Timbers in the North American Soccer League.

PETER AITKEN (Defender): Penarth-born centre half. Can also play full back or midfield. Made three appearances for Welsh under-23 side. Thought to be the Rovers' player most likely to attract a serious offer from a top club. Has been a regular first team squad member for the

past four seasons, but still only 23.

STEVE HARDING (Centre Half): A close-season free transfer signing from Bristol City, whom he joined straight from school. Former England Youth International. A sturdy 20-year-old who even whilst playing for Rovers' arch rivals always lived within a stone's throw of Eastville.

TONY PULIS (Defender): Up-and-coming 20 year-old former Welsh Youth international from Newport. Usually plays centre half but almost equally at home at full back. His family originates from Malta. Made his League debut while still an apprentice and already has considerable experience under his belt.

VAUGHAN JONES (Defender): Made his League debut in final match last season, when still a 17-year-old apprentice. From Tonyrefail, Glamorgan. Former Welsh schoolboy trialist who can play well in both full back positions and at centre back.

DAVID WILLIAMS (Utility): Twenty-two-year-old schoolmaster from Cardiff, whose best positions are probably full back or sweeper, but his versatile skills often prompt manager Don Megson to use him to boost Rovers' midfield or attack. Top scorer last season. Former Welsh under-23 cap. Signed his first contract in 1976, while still a college student.

ANDREW EVANS (Utility): Natural left-sided player from the famous Rhondda Valley. This skilful 20-year-old former apprentice usually plays midfield or winger, but made his Welsh debut at full back! Appeared at midfield in last season's Welsh under-21 side. In Rovers' Senior squad for last two years.

FRANKIE PRINCE (Midfield): Team captain. Former Welsh under-23 defender, who has filled a midfield berth for the past four seasons. Born and bred in Penarth, he was a colleague of Welsh skipper Terry Yorath at Cardiff Central Boys Club before becoming a Rovers' apprentice in 1964. Now aged 28, he has over 300 appearances to his credit.

BILLY FOREMAN (Midfield): Havant-born but reared in Oxford, he served his apprenticeship with AFC Bournemouth. Snapped-up when Bournemouth scrapped their youth scheme two summers ago, he made his Senior debut last season. Aged 19.

KENNY STEPHENS (Winger): Bristolian who chose to join West Brom on leaving school, moved on to Walsall for a reputed £15,000 fee, but then quit the game. Made a comeback with Rovers in 1970, quickly establishing himself, and now at age of 30, has completed over 250 appearances. Brilliant on the ball.

DAVE STANFORTH (Striker): Started his career with Sheffield United, transferred to Rovers for a reputed £20,000 fee in March 1974 to reinforce the promotion campaign. This bearded native of Chesterfield has grown in stature since the departure of Alan Warboys and Bruce Bannister left him with the main goal-scoring responsibility.

WAYNE POWELL (Striker): Fulfilling the promise he showed when winning a record number of Welsh Youth caps, Wayne came good with a burst of goal scoring in last season's closing games. Aged 21, he hails from Caerphilly and made his League debut two seasons ago. Joined Rovers as apprentice on leaving school.

MIKE BARRY (Midfield): Skilful Yorkshireman signed from Carlisle United early this season. Born Hull, started career with Huddersfield. Has Welsh father, thereby qualified for Welsh under-23 "cap". Aged 24.

JIM BROWN (Full Back): Ex-Scottish schoolboy international. From Dunfermline. Picked-up after being released by Hibs (his only previous club) during the close-season. Converted by Rovers from midfield into a full back. Aged 20.

TONY TAYLOR (Full Back): Cultured former Morton, Crystal Palace, Southend and Swindon player who is also a capable midfielder. This knowledgeable 31-year-old joined Rovers in August after a spell managing Irish club Althone Town.

PAUL HENDRIE (Midfield): Aggressive 23-year-old Glaswegian. Made 20 First Division appearances for Birmingham City, joined North American Soccer Leaguer's Portland Timbers in April 1976 and signed for Rovers just after the start of this season.

PAUL RANDALL (Striker): Made a story-book entry into League soccer by scoring on his debut in this season's opening game at Cardiff . . . just eight days after becoming a professional. Born Liverpool, was a prolific scorer with Western League club Glastonbury last season. Aged 19.

Left to Right:—

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LUTON LATEST

THIS afternoon we extend a very warm welcome to the Directors, Manager, Players, Officials and Supporters of Bristol Rovers Football Club.

Our two clubs were founder members of the Third Division in 1920 and of the Third Division South the following season and prior to this had competed against each other since 1900 in the Southern League.

Rovers have one of the most picturesque beginnings of any League Club. Founded as the amateur Black Arabs F.C. in 1883, they wore black shirts emblazoned with a bright yellow sash, and played on a high, wind-swept hilltop overlooking their present Eastville Stadium home.

By 1889 they had adopted their present title, turned professional, changed their colours to Badminton Blue and White hoops (After the racing colours of their President, the Duke of Beaufort, whose grandson today maintains the family tradition of being an active figure head), moved to Eastville, and entered the Southern League along with such famous clubs as Tottenham West Ham and Southampton.

Rovers remained in the Third Division South until 1953 when they finished as Champions, scoring 94 goals and accumulating 64 points. In their first seven seasons in Division 2 they never finished lower than tenth place and on three occasions they nearly achieved First Division status the nearest being in 1956 when they finished level with Liverpool who were in 3rd position.

Relegated from Division 2 in 1962 (the season before Luton met a similar fate) they nearly returned in 1970 finishing third behind Orient and Luton and had to wait a further four seasons, achieving promotion in 1974 along with Oldham and York City. Two highlights from their promotion year were the run of 27 consecutive league games without defeat and the televised 8-2 F.A. Cup victory at Brighton, then managed by Brian Clough. This win is the highest in the Club's history whilst their record defeat was at Kenilworth Road on 13th April 1936 when Joe Payne scored no fewer than ten of his side's twelve goals without reply from

the visitors.

Over the years Bristol Rovers have unearthed quite a few players who went on to star with 1st Division sides and win England caps.

Eddie Hapgood, Cliff Britten, Ronnie Dix, Phil Taylor, Roy Bentley and Larry Lloyd all first appeared in Rovers' colours.

Also six players earned International honours whilst at Eastville — Wayne Jones (Wales 1970), Joe Haverty (Eire 1965) Dai Ward (Wales 1959) Geoff Bradford (England 1955) Matt Mahoney (N. Ireland 1939) and Jack Lewis (Wales 1906).

WE ALSO welcome today our Match Sponsors, Kestral (Warehousing) Limited from West Thurrock in Essex. We hope that their Chairman, Mr. Holland, his colleagues and guests will thoroughly enjoy their afternoon with us, and we thank them for their support on this occasion.

OUR MATCH against the Italian Under-21 team on Wednesday 25th January coincided with the departure of our very popular Manager, Harry Haslam who joined Sheffield United in a similar capacity the following day. Harry had served the club in various capacities for nearly ten years and this was his sixth as Manager. In his first season the Town finished in twelfth place but achieved promotion the following year by being runners-up. After the struggle for survival in Division 1 ended with the Town missing out by one place and one point the battle for promotion started all over again. With the shadow of insolvency hanging over the club and the necessity to sell some of the star players Luton acquitted themselves creditably and achieved 7th and 6th places in the following two seasons. As Harry hands over to David Pleat the Club is again placed seventh in the table and although large sums are not available to buy at least the worst is now behind us. Those who saw Harry on Anglia T.V. two days after he left Kenilworth Road heard him say that his thoughts would be with the team at Millwall on the following day and it was typical of the man that his "good luck" telegram

awaited us at The Den. Harry and Trudi Haslam made many good friends during their stay in our midst and all of us wish you every possible happiness in your new home in Derbyshire and at your new club in Sheffield. I know that Harry would want us to rally round and give maximum support to David Pleat and the lads for whom he had so much affection and in whom he had such faith.

WE WOULD also want to acknowledge the considerable contribution towards the success of the Club over the past five seasons of our former Youth Team Coach Danny Bergara who is also joining Sheffield United. Danny has put his skill and tremendous enthusiasm to good use with schoolboys and apprentices and he has seen many of them develop into highly proficient 1st team players. We shall miss the fractured English (much improved since 1973) and the aromatic pipe tobacco, Danny, and we wish your family every success in your new home and job.

PRIOR to the match with Oldham our Chairman presented John Faulkner with a tray to commemorate his 200th first team appearance. It must be admitted that neither John nor the Club officials had observed that this milestone was upon us and we are indebted to the supporter who pointed it out just in time.

FROM ONE of our most experienced defenders we turn to the young man who has had the unenviable task of filling the No. 3 place vacated by Steve Buckley. David Carr has been at Kenilworth Road since leaving school in 1973 and we are delighted to offer our congratulations to him on his 21st Birthday on 31st January 1978.

MR. PEDLEY of Haynes wrote to us recently with the sad news of the death of his friend Mr. Arthur Bennett on January 16th two days after attending the match v. Oldham. Mr. Bennett had been a very loyal supporter for nearly 40 years and had travelled in

from Haynes first by motor cycle with his father and for the past 28 years by car. Mr. Pedley who has accompanied his friend for 18 of those years has asked us to pay our small tribute to Mr. Bennett who lived at 24, Northwood End Road, Haynes and we offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Bennett in her sad loss.

A LETTER

ANOTHER supporter has written to us seeking our help with his collection of Luton Town programmes. It is obviously not possible to print all letters of this type but we try to do what we can to assist the loyal supporters.

Dear Sir,

I am an ardent supporter of Luton Town (rarely miss a game) and I have built up a large collection of Luton programmes. However, I am missing some issues, and I would be much obliged if you were able to print this letter in your programme. I can be contacted on the telephone, Aylesbury 5112 or at the address below.

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*Thanking you in advance
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NEWS FROM THE POOLS

IT JUST goes to show that if you buy "HATTERS BINGO" tickets on the park on match days as well as from your regular agent, you can double your chances of winning some of the major prizes. (You will notice that now it is up to £1200 each week). For instance, Mr. Osbourne of 14, Hillcrest Avenue, Luton, and Mr. R. W. Prior of 55, Ware Road, Hertford each won £75.00. That can't be bad for a total investment of just 10p.

The answer must surely be "Come and see the team win too, at the same time, win yourself a big prize and.

Our "new Boss", David Pleat has quickly made his presence felt regarding furthering the whole Pools set-up. With his early experiences gained at Nuneaton Borough in the Southern League, he was reminded of a "mini-scheme" which he helped to create there and which we are about to turn into a really massive fund raising exercise, the like of which we at Luton, have never known before! Actual details will be released during the next few weeks, hopefully in the Tottenham programme on February 18th.

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COMPETITION

The answers to our last competition were as follows:

1. Luton Town were founded in 1885.
2. Luton Town reached the F.A. Cup Final in 1959.
3. Malcolm Macdonald was transferred in 1971 to Newcastle United.
4. Kenilworth Road is the Club's ground.
5. The Club's colours are, Shirts: Orange with White and Navy vertical stripe down left side, Shorts: Navy Blue, Stockings: Orange.
6. Harry Haslam.

The first all correct entry picked out on Friday 20th January was member 75, Mark Kitchener from 16 Moss, Hitchin in Hertfordshire.

THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION IS:

Which three clubs in the Football League play their home matches on grounds whose names end in 'Moor'?

Send your entries to competition, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton. The first correct entry picked out on Friday 10th February will receive a scarf.

MASCOT

Our Team Mascot this afternoon is Andrew Garratt of 29, Bellway, Woburn Sands. Andrew who is twelve years old is a member of the Junior Hatters Club and his favourite player is Milija Aleksic.

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PLAYER PROFILE



FULL NAME – Paul Price
HEIGHT – 5' 11½"
WEIGHT – 12st. 4lb.
BIRTHPLACE – St. Albans
BIRTHDAY – 23rd. March
STAR SIGN – Aries
FIRST SIGNED AS PRO – 1971
PREVIOUS CLUBS – None
FAMILY – Mum, Dad, 2 Brothers and a Sister
HOBBIES – Golf, Squash
FAVOURITE FOODS – Steak
CAR – Avenger
FAVOURITE RECORDING ARTIST – Queen, 10cc, The Who
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT – Newquay, Cornwall
MOST ADMIRED PLAYERS – Pele, Beckenbauer

GREATEST FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE – Debut for Luton
AMBITION – To play at Wembley and in First Division with Luton
LEAGUE DEBUT – At York
BEST COUNTRIES VISITED – Germany, U.S.A.
BEST TEAM PLAYED AGAINST – Manchester City
FAVOURITE TEAM APART FROM LUTON – Welwyn Garden City Reserves (My Brother Dave's Team)

Signature

BEHIND THE SCENES From the Secretaries Office

IF I was able to write about all the happenings at the club during the last two weeks I would need all the space in this programme. As everyone knows by now, Harry Haslam has left us to take over the manager's seat at Sheffield United. I don't intend to write about the happenings that led up to his decision but about the man himself. I for one have a lot to thank him for as it was Harry who was able to offer me a full time job in football and to get out of factory life. We had a few happy years at the corner of Oak Road in what then was the Luton Town Sports Shop before he moved over to the main office to become Chief Scout. It was a short time later when he managed to get me over as well to join the administration staff. I have yet to meet anyone who has more friends in and out of the game as he has. From the lady who makes the tea at Portsmouth to the top man at the F.A. everyone knows 'H'. Every ground we visited whether we were playing there or not, within two minutes of his arrival a cup of tea was placed in his hand without him

having to ask for it. I attended many functions with him, the last being at Wrexham just before Xmas, and although his jokes were sometimes repetitive as far as I was concerned (I think he used to practice on the office staff) he always had the audience in stitches. Anyone who has been to a function where Harry was the guest speaker knows what I am talking about. He did however have another side and I am glad to say that I only saw it twice in the 10 years we were together. If anyone upset him badly and that was very hard to do, they had to watch out. I remember one of our local newspaper men did just that one day with some article he had written in the paper. He didn't know what had hit him and he heard words that day that he didn't even know existed. Now all that is behind us, I and many others will miss him, but the football must go on and we have a new man in the driving seat. David will get the same loyalty from the staff as we gave Harry and we are 100% behind him. He has a tough job to do, but I for one feel sure he can make a

go of it. The events of the past weeks are now behind us and now we hope to carry on with the job in hand and the main objective being Division 1.
 I wonder how many people sitting in the stand at last Wednesday's match against the Italians glanced at the director's box and saw the famous names in there, Ron Greenwood the England top man, Eddie Bailey the former Spurs inside forward and now at West Ham. Terry Venables now manager at Crystal Palace. Keith Burkinshaw, now the boss at Tottenham. Our former coach Roy McCrohan and Gordon Clarke now looking for players for the States. Mr. Allan Odell from the Football Association and Paddy Sowden now at Cambridge United. Luton Town were pleased to welcome these people and we feel proud that the Italian Football Association should think enough of us to offer us an attractive fixture like that one. It was a pity that some of the people in Luton didn't think the same way.
 Enjoy the match!
 John Wilkinson

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PERSONALITY SPOTLIGHT

ONE OR TWO names have been in the news from Kenilworth Road in the last week or so. Through it all, the normal activities of the club have proceeded normally even if the background events have been a little unreal.

It's not all been sombre news either, and our pictures are reminders of how some things change, and others don't.

On the left, the happiest sight most of us have seen for a long time was captured by this shot of Paul Fitcher as he returned to our first team, with twin brother Ron at his shoulder. We feared for his very life at one time, and the message from all of us is simple: "Welcome back Paul. Your smile was no broader than ours at the end of your battle to get back".

Centre, John Faulkner, the man who seems to be a permanent part of the Kenilworth Road scene, poses with wife Anne and four year old daughter Suzanne with the silver tray presented to him at the last home game to mark his 200th league appearance for us. He joined us from Leeds in March 1972, and the £6,000 transfer fee must be one of the best investments Luton Town have ever made.

On the right, we show new Manager David Pleat, track-suited and at work with a training session. While we say farewell and good luck to Harry Haslam, we also look forward to another long and happy period of stable management under David. We know he'll do well, and help keep Luton Town on the right course.

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A look back at Luton Town a decade ago.

By BRIAN SWAIN, Sports Editor, Luton News.

THE FRENCH have a saying about the more things change, the more they are the same, and a look back on the Kenilworth Road soccer scene ten years ago seems to bear it out.

Then, as now, the big talking points and headlines were about behind-the-scenes activities, and rumours were rife about the Town's then brightest star, Bruce Rioch.

As the Town went into 1968 challenging for promotion from the Fourth Division, Rioch's shooting power and spectacular goals were drawing scouts from all over the country. Fleet Street had a field day, reporting bids from almost every club in the First Division. But there was a firm approach in January 1968, from Nottingham Forest manager Johnny Carey. He was said to be ready to pay around £50,000 after seeing the player for himself.

Club Chairman Tom Hodgson answered with the traditional reply: "This player is not for sale. We want promotion and we do not want to sell any of our good players. In fact, we are in the process of building up our playing strength".

Even in those days a lot of us were cynical about Luton Town's tradition of letting good players go, and I am afraid I was one of those who stood on the Kenilworth Road terraces expecting every game to be Rioch's last for Luton. (We didn't know as much as we thought we did - we even used to chant 'Rioch for England...').

But at least the Nottingham Forest bid was turned down flat, and in the event Rioch stayed with the Town for another 18 months, and did indeed help them to promotion.

And the chairman's promise about recruiting new talent was also kept. Allan Brown snapped up right winger Peter Denton, 22, from Second Division Coventry City for a bargain fee of £3,000.

He made his debut at Kenilworth Road on January 20, 1968, in front of a crowd of 10,992. Unfortunately, Newport County, struggling to get away from the re-election zone, ended the Town's 100 per cent home record with a 1-1 draw. They played tight at the back, and attacked quickly on the break, concentrating on marking Rioch out of the game.

The following week, the Town again failed to show their pre-Christmas strike power in a drab 0-0 draw at Port Vale, and on February 3, 1968 they struggled in a 1-1 draw at York City. Ross put York ahead, and netted again later but had his effort disallowed for offside, and the ever-dependable Keith Allen robbed York of a victory they deserved with a 73rd-minute equaliser.

And the transfer rumours still abounded. Ten years ago today manager Brown disclosed that he had made an enquiry for former Town favourite John O'Rourke, who had just been transfer-listed by Middlesbrough. In fact, he didn't return to Luton, to the disappointment of many of us.

YOUTH

By George Rogers

AFTER the Youth team's poor showing at Peterborough in the F.A. Youth Cup when they lost 4-1 it was back to league duty on Saturday 14th. January. On this day they were scheduled to play Vauxhall Motors at Chrysler ground at Houghton Regis but unfortunately the ground was declared unfit. After consultation with the Vauxhall officials and referee and a few phone calls, the game was transferred to Vauxhall ground - the game getting under way at 11.20 a.m. I am sure if it were possible to play more of our games on such excellent surfaces the boys would progress quicker. The surface allowed their style of play to develop and they finished winning 6-0 our goals being scored by M. Pacey, A. Pearson, M. Conquest and N. Madden. Team: - A. Judge, A. Currie, T. Wilson, T. Wilkinson, T. Broom, R. Eaton, A. Pearson, P. Champkin, M. Pacey, M. Conquest, N. Madden, J. Woodward and L. Sayer.

Following the departure of Danny Bergara to Sheffield Utd., the Youth players are ready to welcome the new coach. New ideas, different techniques and a new man's enthusiasm will not go begging, as most of the Youth players are keen to learn. A small gift in appreciation of his work was presented to Danny by the Youth players before he left.

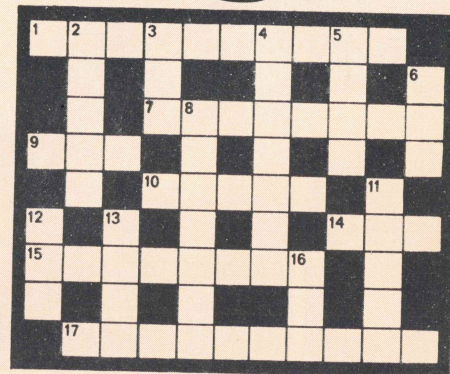
Just recently, the latest disciplinary report from the Bedfordshire F.A. has been issued and the number of schoolboy and youth players involved is alarming. On my visits around the local parks, I believe that a lot of the trouble stems from the mums and dads and in some cases the officials of the clubs. These people encourage the players to commit offences and these same people blame the referee when he takes action. With most leagues now using 2 substitutes, would it not be an advantage to everyone if the member in charge notices any boy stepping out of line substituting him. No good player likes being substituted and perhaps this check on his waywardness would prevent the referee from having to do his duty and report the offender to the appropriate authority. This would perhaps also keep his name as well as his club off any disciplinary reports.

I received the fixtures of next month's games in the Chiltern Youth league and I notice that at Shepalbury Park, Stevenage on Sunday 12th. February Fairlands v Leighton Pioneers, the game will be refereed by Miss J. Offord. We admire the courage of this young lady and hope that her efforts will enable boys to enjoy a game of football, also we hope she has the backing of officials, players and spectators. Perhaps this will also help in reducing the number of names in the County disciplinary report.



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- 10 Scunthorpe winger, a summer signing from Oxford (5)
- 14 See 12dn.
- 15 Favours (8)
- 17 Liverpool striker (10)
- 5 Nickname of Shelbourne (4)
- 6 See 9ac.
- 8 First club of the Futchers twins (7)
- 11 He followed McGarry as manager at Molineux (5)
- 12 & 14ac. "We Champions!" (3,3)
- 13 Continent whose World Cup representative will be Iran (4)
- 16 Frank ..., old Stoke and Leicester defender and former Scunthorpe manager (3)

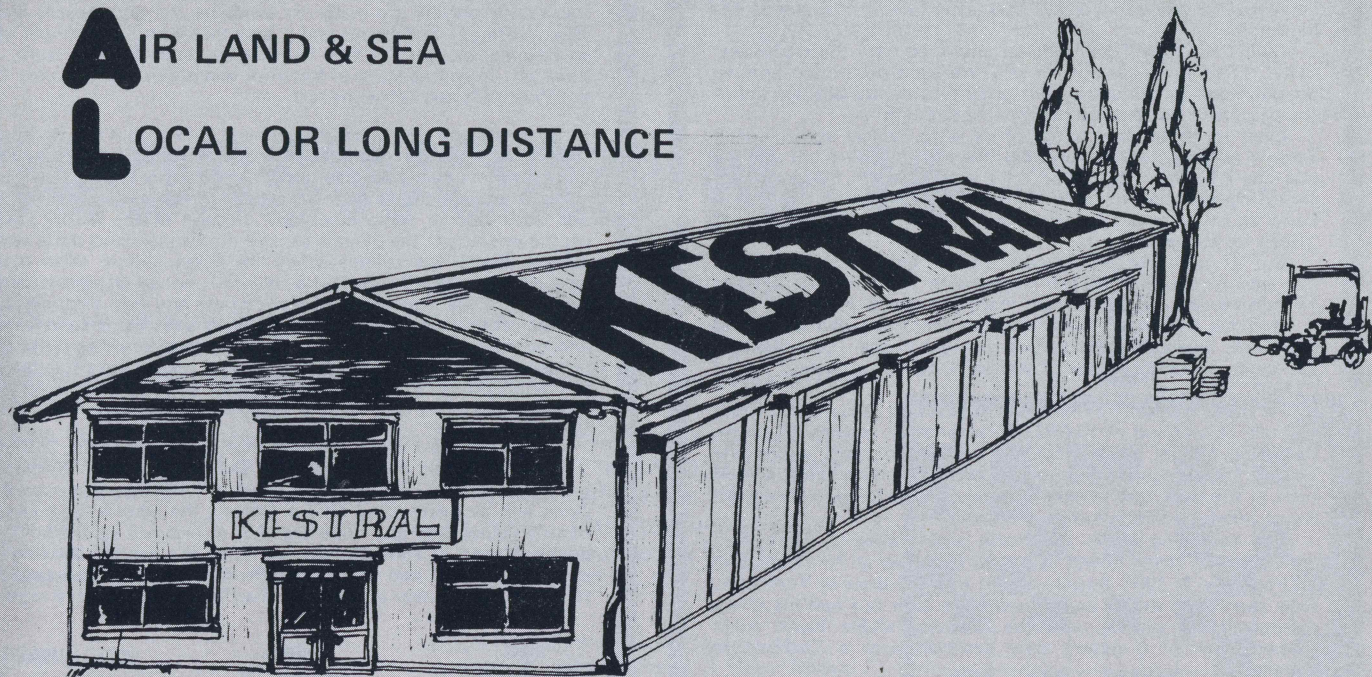
CLUES - DOWN

- 2 ... Berlin (East Germany) (5)
- 3 ... Park is the residence of Reading (3)
- 4 Raise a club's status (7)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD No.15.

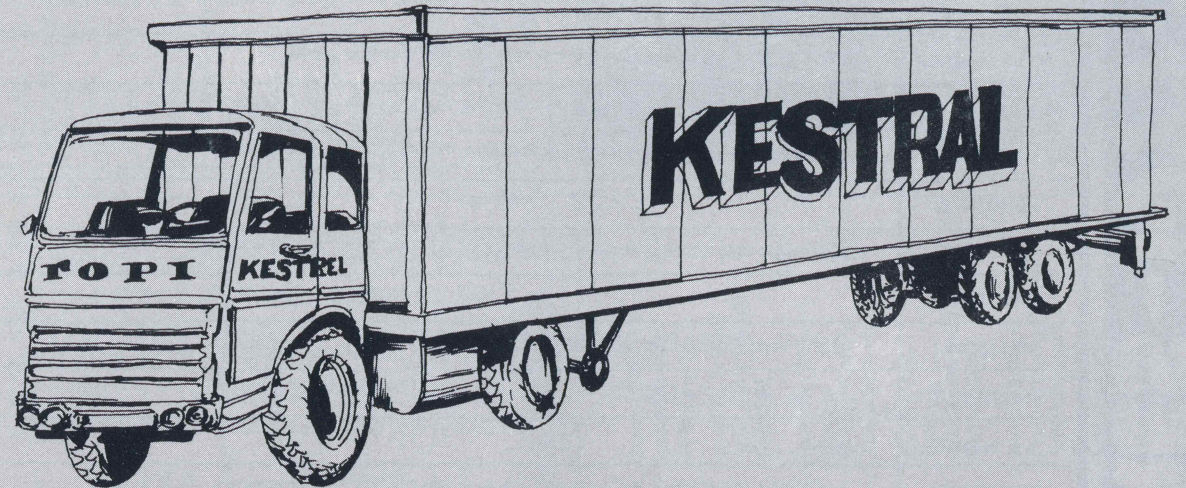
Across - 1. seven, 4. Tunku, 7. Roger Davies, 8. That's, 12. ever-present, 14. Swift, 15. squad, Down - 1. Shrimpers, 2. Vigo, 3. North, 4. tea, 5. Neil, 6. unsighted, 9. The O's, 10 & 1ac. semi, 11. Peru, 13. Pat.

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FACTS & FIGURES ~ 1977-78

Bold figures indicate scorers (Aston played first 2 games at No. 11)	Attendance	F.A.	ALEKSIC	JONES	BUCKLEY	CARR	FAULKNER	FUTCHER P.	HUSBAND	SMITH	BOERSMA	FUCILLO	INGRAM	HILL	McNICHOL	PRICE	FUTCHER R.	WEST	HEALE	STEIN B.	KNIGHT
Aug 20 Orient	8,061	1-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		12	6	2	11	9			
Aug 27 Oldham Athletic	7,579	0-1	1	12	3	4	5	6	7	7	9	10		8		2	9	10			
Aug 30 Wolves (LC2)	14,682	3-1	1		3	12	5	6	7	7	9	10		8		2	9	10	11		
Sept 3 Charlton Athletic	9,061	2-1	1		3	12	5	6	7	7	9	10		8		2	9	10			
Sept 10 Bristol Rovers	5,940	2-1	1		3	12	5	6	7	7	9	10		8		2	9	10			
Sept 17 Blackburn Rovers	9,149	0-0	1		3	12	5	6	7	7	9	10		8		2	9	10			
Sept 24 Tottenham	32,700	0-2	1	12	3	4	5	6	7	7	9	10		8		2	9	10			
Sept 27 Brighton	25,132	2-3	1	12	3	4	5	6	7	7	9	10		8		2	9	10			
Oct 1 Notts County	7,593	2-0	1		3	12	5	6	7	7	9	10		8		2	9	10			
Oct 4 Millwall	9,119	1-0	1		3	12	5	6	7	7	9	10		8		2	9	10			
Oct 8 Cardiff City	8,369	4-1	1		3	12	5	6	7	7	9	10		8		2	9	10			
Oct 15 Fulham	12,736	1-0	1		3	12	5	6	7	7	9	10		8		2	9	10			
Oct 22 Blackpool	12,167	1-2	1		3	12	5	6	7	7	9	10		8		2	9	10			
Oct 25 Man. City (LC3)	16,443	1-1	1		3	12	5	6	7	7	9	10		8		2	9	10			
Oct 29 Bolton Wanderers	20,113	1-2	1		3	12	5	6	7	7	9	10		8		2	9	10			
Nov 1 Man. City (LC3R)	28,254	0-0	1	12																	
Nov 5 Hull City	8,936	1-1	1			12															
Nov 8 Man. City (LC3R2)	13,024	2-3	1																		
Nov 12 Mansfield Town	7,522	1-3	1																		
Nov 19 Stoke City	9,384	1-2	1																		
Nov 26 Sunderland (1)	26,915	1-1	1																		
Dec 3 Burnley	6,921	1-2	1																		
Dec 10 Southampton	19,909	1-0	1																		
Dec 17 Mansfield Town (2)	6,401	1-1	1	6																	
Dec 26 Crystal Palace	22,027	3-3	1	6																	
Dec 27 Sheffield United	10,885	4-0	1	6																	
Dec 31 Brighton	13,200	1-0	1	6																	
Jan 2 Orient	9,270	0-0	1	6																	
Jan 7 Oldham (FAC 3)	9,851	1-1	1	6																	
Jan 10 Oldham (FAC3R)	13,802	2-1	1	6																	
Jan 14 Oldham Athletic	7,792	0-1	1	6																	
Jan 21 Charlton Athletic	8,267	0-0	1	6																	
Jan 31 Millwall (FAC4)	8,763	0-4	1	6																	
Feb 4 Bristol Rovers																					
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Feb 11 Blackburn Rovers																					
Feb 15 League Cup SF																					
Feb 18 Tottenham (5)																					
Feb 25 Notts County																					
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Apr 15 Stoke City																					
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Apr 26 Millwall																					
Apr 29 Burnley																					
May 6 F.A. Cup Final																					

DIVISION TWO

Table of Results - As at 31.1.78

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	26	11	1	1	27	12	6	3	4	18	12	38
Tottenham	26	9	4	0	35	8	5	5	3	19	17	37
Southampton	26	10	2	1	24	8	5	4	4	16	16	36
Brighton	26	7	5	1	27	15	5	3	5	12	11	32
Blackburn	25	9	2	1	21	8	3	6	4	14	21	32
Oldham	26	7	5	1	20	11	4	3	6	13	18	30
Luton	26	7	3	3	21	8	3	4	6	16	19	27
Sunderland	27	7	3	3	26	13	8	4	2	1	30	27
Crystal Palace	26	5	4	4	21	17	4	5	4	16	16	27
Blackpool	26	5	4	4	20	14	5	2	6	17	19	26
Sheffield United	26	8	3	2	23	16	2	3	8	17	33	26
Fulham	25	6	5	2	25	13	3	1	8	10	17	24
Charlton	25	8	2	2	27	16	1	4	8	10	28	24
Orient	26	5	6	2	20	16	1	5	7	8	15	23
Bristol Rovers	26	7	5	2	24	12	0	4	8	13	35	23
Stoke	25	7	2	3	20	11	1	4	8	6	18	22
Notts C.	26	6	6	2	24	15	1	2	10	11	29	22
Cardiff	26	7	5	2	23	18	0	2	10	11	34	21
Hull	26	4	5	4	12	11	2	1	10	10	31	18
Burnley	26	4	2	7	18	22	1	5	7	14	27	17
Mansfield	26	4	2	7	18	22	1	5	7	14	27	17
Millwall	25	2	6	4	9	14	1	4	8	11	21	16

COMBINATION

Table of Results - As at 31.1.78

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	23	15	2	6	49	22	32
West Ham	23	13	5	5	44	20	31
Chelsea	27	12	7	8	46	24	31
Tottenham	25	10	11	4	44	28	31
Norwich City	26	11	9	6	33	29	31
Ipswich Town	23	13	4	6	42	21	30
Crystal Palace	25	11	7	7	35	27	29
Leicester City	27	12	5	10	38	34	29
O.P.R.	23	11	6	6	38	20	28
Hereford United	24	12	4	8	41	34	28
Arsenal	25	9	8	8	32	25	26
Plymouth A.	23	11	4	8	32	26	26
Fulham	22	7	8	8	28	30	22
Bristol City	23	6	9	7	33	35	21
Birmingham C.	25	5	11	9	22	27	21
Bristol R.	21	7	6	8	26	35	20
Luton Town	26	7	5	14	38	54	19
Oxford United	27	6	6	15	26	45	18
Orient	23	4	7	12	16	36	15
Cardiff City	25	4	7	14	24	50	15
Swindon Town	20	5	4	11	20	48	14
Reading	22	4	3	15	18	53	11

GOALSCORERS - League/Cup


Futcher R. 9 Heale 3
Husband 8 Price 2
Buckley 4 Stein B. 2
Boersma 7 Carr 1
Hill 4 Faulkner 1
Fucillo 3

Football Combination

Ingram 10 Carr 2
Stein B. 4 Sperrin 4
Heale 3 Turner 3
Bowen 2 Johnson 3
Smith 2 Hill 1
Boersma 2 West 1

Chiltern Youth League/Cups

Pacey 17 Madden 1
Ingram 16 Currie 1
Johnson 14 Beach 1
Pearson 11 Rowland 1
Stewart 7 Champkan 1
Conquest 7 Williams 1
Turner 5 Dool 1
Eaton 3 Sisman 1
Harriott 2 Wilkinson 1



Football Combination Fixtures

	Aug	24	Wed	5-1	Reading	Dec	3	Sat	1-4	Queens Park Rangers
Aug	27	Sat	1-1	West Ham	United	Dec	10	Sat	1-3	Leicester City
						Dec	20	Tues	3-4	Bristol City
Sept	3	Sat	P	Orient		Jan	2	Mon	3-5	Ipswich Town
Sept	5	Mon	3-1	Ipswich Town						

LUTON V ITALY UNDER 21

The pictures below taken by Gareth Owen of Sportswide Photography capture two exciting moments from an interesting game which finished with honours even at 1-1. In the first picture Ron Futcher is shown giving Luton the lead in spectacular fashion despite the desperate efforts of the Italian keeper and their No. 5.

In the other, our visitors seem to have matters under control although midfielder Graham Jones is in close attendance to capitalise on any errors on the keeper's part.



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Linesmen: Mr. K. J. Emsden (Red Flag); Mr. N. L. Wilson (Yellow Flag).