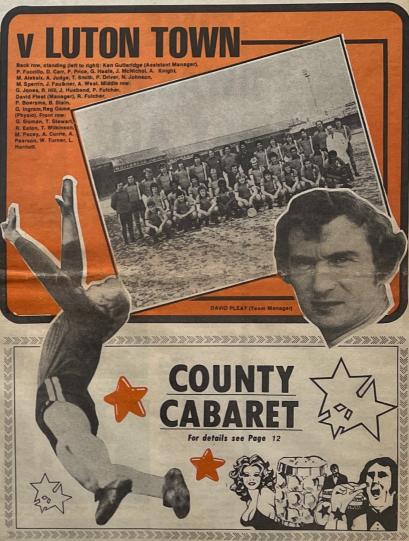


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AND A GOOD

ONE of the highlights of Les Bradd's Testimonial year was the banquet held in his honour recently at the Albany Hotel. Everyone (almost) who is anyone in local football circles was there, together with a host of familiar faces from the world of football past and present.

The pictures feature some of the many guests who gathered to salute Les's long-term loyalty to

From the cricket world was our old friend Basharat Hassan Invariably to be seen at our home games, "Basher" is himself due for a tes timonial next season.

From the Rugby world, Notts, Rugby Club President George Hannah.

From the hockey world there was Notts. vice-president Peter Gray, who is also a County 75 committee member

Ex-Notts players attendance ance included "Tanner" Allen, Tony Don Masson, David Needham and Bill Brindley. The latter of course is now assisting Graham Bradbury at

County 75. Graham was there and the last I heard of him on the night was his spirit(influenced?)ed bidding for an autog-raphed Elton John LP in the auction.

Excellent speeches were given by the County Information Officer - and "our" man on Radio Nottingham - Colin Slater, ex-Blackpool and England player Stan Mortenson: Magpies manager Jimmy Sirrel and club chairman Jack

The speeches were climaxed by Les Bradd's thanks to all concerned with helping him in his testimonial year and a very funny closing by Cardew "The Cad" Robinson who never

fails to amuse.

The evenings entertainment was ably compered by Magpie's
"Running Bear", Claude

All in all a most enjoyable evening and with due respect to all the



time





Les pictured with, from left to right, Supporters' Club vice chairman and MC. for the evening, Claude Bishop, club commercial manager Stuart Burgan, Radio Nottingham's Colin Stater, Evening Post Sports reporter, Terry Bowles.



Les with, from left to right, Arthur Mann, trainer Jack Wheeler, Basher Hassan, Ray



Les pictured with, left to right, Jimmy Sirrel, Stan Mortenson and Centenary Associa-tion chairman, John Mounteney.



IT SEEMS when I spoke in a recent article in "Magple" which involved Ray O'Brien's choice of Second Division Select X1, about how opinion varied, I hit the nail right on the head.

Your response to my poser of what your own particular representative side would be (excluding Notts County players) was most encouraging, and as a result each of the following five letter-writers will be awarded a Radio Trent L.P. which they can collect from the souvenir shop just behind the main

Geoffrey Spurr of 19 Prospect Road, Carlton, Nottingham, thought very much along the same lines as I would have done in selecting his side. In goal he picked Barry Siddall of Sunderland; a back four of Peter Daniel (Hull City), Peter Jones (Bolton), Paul Futcher (Luton), and Ken Sansom (Crystal Palace); in midfield he went for Glenn Hoddle (Spurs), Steve Williams (Southampton) and Peter Reid (Bolton); with a front three of John Chiedozie (Orient), Steve Taylor (Oldham) and John Duncan (Spurs). His substitute was Charlton's Dick Tydeman.

lan B. Juniper, who comes from 103/105, Wateroo Crescent, Hyson Green, Nottingham, went into detailed account why his best team would be: Jim McDonagh (Bolton); Kevin Bird (Mansfield), Paul Futcher (Luton), Dave Roberts (Hull), Ken Sansom (Crystal Palace),; Glenn Hoddle (Spurs), Neil

McNab (Spurs); John Chiedozie (Orient), Steve Kindon (Burnley), Ted McDougall (Southampton), Peter Saver (Cardiff), Substitute Phil Dwyer (Car-

Twelve year old Paul Swift of 22 Leamington Drive, Chilwell, also got among the prizes with the following side which did go against the rules a little in including a Notts County player, but I'm sure we will all excuse his choice of Ray O'Brien at left

Paul's side would be; Barry Siddall (Sunderland); Terry Naylor (Spurs), Paul Jones (Bolton), Paul Futcher (Luton), Ray O'Brien (Notts County); Glenn Hoddle (Spurs), Steve Williams (Southampton), Billy Ronson (Blackpool); John Duncan (Spurs), Mike Flanagan (Charlton) and Peter Taylor (Spurs). Substitute Steve Perryman (Spurs).

It was especially nice that a young lady would take the trouble to write, and Linda Flewitt of 31 Waterdown Road, Clifton, who signs herself " 'E' Black Magpie" picked the following team: Jim McDonagh (Bolton); Paul Hinshlewood (Crystal Palace), Paul Jones (Bolton), Paul Futcher (Luton), David Peach (Southampton); Glenn Hoddle (Spurs), Steve Perryman (Spurs), Willie Morgan (Bolton); Bob Hatton (Blackpool), Neil Whatmore (Bolton), Peter Taylor (Spurs). Subsitute Howard Kendall (Stoke)

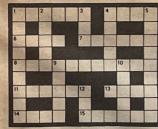
David M. Greenwood was another who gave the matter quite a bit of thought and in a wellconstucted reply picked his team as: Jim McDonagh (Bolton); Peter Daniel (Hull), Paul Jones (Bolton), Sam Allardyce (Bolton) John Bailey (Blackburn): Brian Horton (Brighton), Steve Wil liams (Southamoton). Steve Waddington (Stoke): Steve Kindon (Burnley), John Duncan (Spurs) Peter Ward (Brighton). Substitute Paul Hart (Blackpool)

As it's so very hard to resist the temptation amidst all this team selecting, I've come up with a side of my own which on reflection is not basically too different from those of our winning letter

It would be: Barry Daines (Spurs); Terry Naylor (Spurs), Paul Jones (Bolton), Paul Futcher (Luton), Ken Sansom (Crystal Palace); Brian Horton (Brighton), Glenn Hoddle (Spurs), Steve Williams (Bolton); John Chiedozie (Orient), John Duncan (Spurs), Bob Hatton (Blackpool). Substitute Peter Reid (Bolton.

Many thanks to all who entered this piece of fun once again - and to those who didn't I'm sure it provoked a bit of discussion on just who are the best 12 players from a very talented Second Divi-

CROSSWORD



CLUES - Across

- 1 Sheffield United's previous manager (6)
- —— Bates, Shrewsbury striker (4)
 Winners of North America's Soccer Bowl 77 (6)
- 8 Regular choice for Ajax and Holland (4)
 9 Victims of Wimbledon's first League victory (11)
- 12 St. Mirren Park is also known as -
- 13 Royalty of the Rovers in Bristol (6)
- 14 Famous Swedish international Gunnar played League soccer at the age of 50 (4)

- 1 Clubs generally prefer this to be at home in a European trophy tournament (6, 3)
 2 Long-serving president of FIFA who fathered the
- 3 & 15ac. Queen of the South acquisition from
- Carlisle this summer (3, 6)
 5 His team-mates include Hoolickin, Holt and 6 Manchester City man once nicknamed Nijinsky
- 10 Former Manchester City man with a 'plan
- named after him (5)

 11 Gillingham striker, Ken ———— (5)

 13 Title given by some clubs to their own pressmen

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What the papers sav

by Paul Richardson

COUNTY heart break! The headline in the SUNDAY MIR-ROR summed it all up. But all the sympathy in the world and there was plenty of that from the Millwall press box won't make that Cup defeat

The Cup is of course something o a legend for the controversies it throws up. Last week was no differ-ent from previous rounds and pre-vious years... Wrexham's last gasp equaliser . . . against County. Millwall's penalty

any easier to swallow.

But before it is buried in the his-tory books, let us examine what the Press said about the incident in particular and the game in general.

Bernard Joy, as highly respected as a writer as he was as a centre half for Arsenal and England, thought the ball struck Sammy Chapman on he arm and was "an accident."

off County's outraged protests and Brian Chambers took the spot kick.

"Goalkeeper Eric McManus had the ball covered all the way — and let it run under his arms into the net. He just lay beating the ground

"A brilliant goal by Walker put Millwall further ahead after 53 bers breaking forward, raced ahead to collect the through pass,

Programmes

wanted

I am a keen collector of Crystal Palace programmes, having just over 2,000 dif-ferent home and away to date. I am now trying to fill in the few gaps of missing Palace, programmes, for

Palace programmes for games played since games played since 1945-1946.

If at all possible I should be grateful if you could try and help me trace these missing programmes by perhaps placing a request

in one of your programmes and/or passing this on to your supporters club, or in

your supporters club, or in any other way you think might be of help. I shall pay good prices for any programme I require and promise to reply to every letter I receive. Program-mes for matches between Palace and your club which are missing from my collec-tion are as follows.

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Notts County v C. Palace

All League

I am also interested in any reserves, junior, minor cup games, Friendlies etc., plus any war time and pre war programmes of games between the clubs at any levels.

I thank you for reading this letter and hope that you will be able to help me.

3 Tansley Close, Newton, West Kirby, Wirral, Merseyside,

IAN RUNHAM

1949-1950

slipped by Pedro Richards, and hit a low shot under McManus. It was only his second goal of the season but what a goal!

"It looked all over. Mick Vinter, who scored all four goals in the pre-vious Cup wins over Charlton and Brighton was safely policed by Tony Hazell and the attack had lost finishing power.

"Both Jon Moore and Seasman had chances to increase the lead but after 61 minutes Chapman pulled one back with a header from a corner by Steve Carter. It was his first goal for County after moving from neighbours Forest.

"Instead of cruising comfortably, Millwall now had a nail-biting cliff-hanger on their hands. Hooks had a shot blocked by Donaldson, Vinter went close with a cross shot after eluding Hazell – for once – and Nicky Johns saved at the feet of Hooks."

Tony Stenson, in the SUNDAY MIRROR, obviously thought the Magpies were unlucky to lose. He

a display of great determination and deserved a replay, if only for their second-half fightback. The action had a typical Cup

flavour.
"It was fast, furious — but with

but when Millwall pushed forward it always seemed they would score

"But the element of doubt about their first goal, took the gilt off their fast-emerging command. Pearson fast-emerging command. Pearson broke clear on the half hour and his cross hit, rather than was stopped, by Chapman on the arm. But referee Robinson had no hesitation in pointing to the spot.

"Millwall's element of luck still held when Brian Chambers hit his first penalty for the club and the ball bobbled under the diving body

Sam Bartram, in the SUNDAY PEOPLE, agreed with County manager Jimmy Sirrel that up to the penalty incident there had been only one side in it — Notts!

Bartram wrote: "Arthur Mann was the more obvious danger but Steve Carter, who seemed able to keep his feet better than anyone, caused headaches.
"Only the confident handling of

Nick Jones helped settle Millwall's

Monday's DAILY MIRROR quoted Alan Birchenall as saying: "They say you get what you deserve in this game — today proved that's not true."

And finally, Terry Bowles, in Monday's EVENING POST com-mented: "It was impossible to imagine a more depressing scene than the aptly-named Coldblow Lane after the brutal shattering of County's FA Cup ambitions.

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nall) competing.
The contest follows the usual format and the winners will go through to a later stage of the competition. Referee is Mr. Tom Whitehadd (Notts: FA) and the whole competition is controlled by the combined Schools Football Associations of Nottingham, Nottingham, Nottingham, Notton and South Nots, under the auspicies of the ESFA.

FIXTURES PILING UP

Oute a lot of games are now the subject of re-arrangements following the postponements through bad weather; four reserve games (Mansfield, Hallfax, Middlas-brough and Rotherham) two youth matches (Bristol City and Aston Villa) and a first team fixture (Fulham at Meadow

dates for these — especially the home games in this bunch (Fulham, Mansfield and Bristol City) — It does make life a little difficult in a football sense for everyone, players, administrators and supporters, when fixtures get behind

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

PLEASE NOTE

May we remind all Season Ticket holders for both seat-ing and standing areas on the ground that we shall not be advising you of 1978/1979 prices by post this year.

Instead prices will be advertised in the Nottingham Even-ng Post on three successive Saturdays during the close eason in a display advert on the inside of the back page.

This will be the only time the prices will be advertised.

However anyone living outside the circulation area of the paper can quickly ascertain the prices by ringing the club. on Nottingham 888-494 during the same period: The club staff will be more than pleased to give any information that nay be required.

Can we therefore remind you of three this

No letters will be sent to individual ticket holders this year. The onus will be on the holder to check the Evening Post during the close season* (or ring the club

their seat (or standing ticket) is as printed in the cur-rent ticket... Saturday, Noon, June 10th. Tickets not renewed by that date may be re-allocated to those

wanting a change in seat or new applicants.

Ticket holders who renew by the closing date automatically qualify to go into the draw for 1979 FA Cup Final

It is hoped the club will be in a position to be able to announce the dates on which the advertising will appear before the season ends. The dates will be announced in MAGPIE.

THIS has not been a good week for Notts supporters.
Just as many of them were of a season of F.A. Cup glory the Magpies were ousted from the competi tion in the fifth round match at Millwall. The dreams created at Charlton and sustained at Brighton were shattered.

open the dossier today not to examine the injus lament in the light of Monday's quarter-final draw on what might have been or to examine the hardship of three successive away draws. My pur-pose is to enter the ring of argument surrounding manager Jimmy Sirrel's resurrection of the prop-osal that ALL F.A. Cup ties hould be played on a two-leg basis It is clearly an idea

which divides people inside the game, let alone those outside it. Had the Notte match with Fulham been played a couple of weeks ago you would have found the centre pages of this newspaper occupied with a considered raspberry for Jimmy's plea from none other than Notts secretary Dennis Mar-shall. His views were, in fact, printed as a signed article in the "Nottingham

on this) that other football administrators will have similar views, and in those c cumstances and because it seems to take a very long time to achieve any change in the world of football I guess it's highly unlikely we shall see two leg F.A. Cup ties.

Evening Post", so you will be familiar with them. I dare say (although I contradictory

Having said that, let me add that more's the pity, It

is an idea which appeals to three basic

First of all there is no competition so glamorous and appealing to suppor-ters the length and breadth of the land than the F.A. Cup. Every single fan thirsts for as many exciting Cup matches and as many upsets as he can possibly have.
Secondly, there's hardly

a club in the country not in need of extra money and extra Cup matches are a sure-fire way to bring

Thirdly I cannot see that two-leg ties would in any way diminish the basic appeal and attraction of the competition. I confess that these

thoughts raced through my mind in the aftermath of the Millwall knock-out. Set against the first two principles given above le me suggest to you that if last Saturday's fifth round match had been played first at The Den and then at Meadow I are on Tuesday evening it wouldn't have prevented just the same number of Notts suppor ters travelling to London last Saturday — and thousands of Millwall fans

coming here for the return It then goes without say-ing that both clubs would have gained very much more money from the tie miserable 12.000 attendance.

You can stretch that point further without departing from truthful-ness. If the third and fourth rounds had ALSO been two-leg affairs then I am sure that, irrespective of Notts having been ahead from visits to Chariton and Brighton, there would have been far biggerthan-average gates at Meadow Lane to see County clinch their place in the next round . . . or

unexpectedly go under.
Put it another way: If Forest and Queen's Park Rangers had been forced to replay, irrespective of Martin O'Neill's late level ler at Shepherd's Bush don't you think there would have been just the same size of gate at the City Ground as, in any event there will be on

So, Jimmy, more power to you. Don't give up the fight too soon or too easily to get this new and exciting concept introduced. It's hardly revolutionary, but it's impact would be tremendous.

Another man who wants to see changes to soccer the old England and Blackpool centre forward star Stan Mortensen. was a tremendous lov for me to sit next to him at the Les Bradd testimonia dinner a couple of weeks ago — a really splendid occasion when one met so many old friends and one which did justice to Les who thoroughly deserves a great result to his tes-

onial year Stan bubbles over with ideas and clearly relishes the opportunity to keep well in touch with the game which his membership of the Pools Panel affords He wants to see the sort of changes which would bring back more attacking football, with wingers charging down the touchlines and centre forwards belting their centres past hapless

Such thoughts are perhaps predictable from a man who supplied goals by feeding off Stan Matth-ews and Tom Finney for England and Stan Matthews and Bill Perry for Blackpool, never to better effect than in the Coronation Cup final when Mortensen's hat-trick gave Matthews his Cup medal

More revolutionary is Stan's idea that offside should be confined only to the penalty area, so that the game could flow better and teams could not rely on springing off-side traps from near the half-way line. And then Stan would down by giving a goal start again to ensure open, attacking football

It's a thought which, as we close the dossier, seem to bring us back to the point at which we opened it. If Notts had a goal start at Millwall they wouldn't be out of the Cup. Two-leg ties or not there have been Meadow Lane replay. And, surely, we would be preparing for a home tie in the

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LUTON TOWN THROUGH THE YEARS

Luton were members of the old division Three (South) in their early years some startling results from time to time, particularly in Christmas games. On Christmas Day 1926, they beat Milwall 6-0 only to lose 7-0 in the return game 24 hours later.

A year later, on Boxing Day 1927, they lost 6-5 at 5-0 at half time

Easter Monday 1936, Joe Payne, a reserve wing-half, tried at centre forward in the first team to meet an emergency, netted 10 times in a 13-0 win over Bristol

Though they have spent a fair amount of time outside Division One, Luton Town have made their mark on the international scene. In October 1921 they set up a record that still stands of supplying three players to a

It was the season of Easter home international match
that brought the greatest with Alan Mathieson and Luis Bookman forming the Ireland left wing and Ernie Simms leading the England

In the space of six seasons between 1950 and 1956 Luton supplied two Eng-land goalkeepers, Bernard Streten and Ron Baynham.

In 1946/47 Luton's team several times contained Player-Manager Dally Duncan and coach Frank Soo and yet they were captained by Horace Gager.

It was the self-same Dally Duncan, a former Derby winger who resigned early in 1958/59, leaving Luton to reach the F.A. Cup Final at had shared in a remarkable fifth round F.A. Cup-Tie, being held to a 5-5 draw by a time when they were with-

Another strange aspect of that Wembley appearance was that they beat Third Division Norwich after a semi-final replay and ther played a record number of league games (14) between the semi-final and the final They ultimately lost 2-1 to

When relegated to Division Four in 1965 Luton became the first former First Division club to play in Division Four.

Ten years earlier Luton

Leicester at Vicarage Roa

It was while in Division One in 1956/57 that Gordon Turner so monopolised the goalscoring as to score 32 of Luton's 58 goals







AROUND the SCHO

NOTTINGHAM SCHOOLS

UNDER 13

UNDER 12 'D'

City boys succeed

where big clubs fail

the last minute, Nottingham Under 11's went ahead and played and both they and their visitors,

East London served up a display of skill which was

SECONDARY LEAGUES

CUP ROUND-UP

The second half of the schools' season, as in the professional game, is the time for Cup competitions. Some schools seem to make a speciality of these and pride of place within Nottinghamshire must go to Valley Comprehensive from Worksop. Last season, besides winning the County Under 12 Cup, they also reached two semi finals as well as gaining successes in their Area

Cups.

This year they seem to be aiming higher, as they have already become joint holders of the Hawkins' Cup, the County's Under 16 tournament, as result of their 2-2 draw with Mundella (Nottingham) before Christmas. Last week, their Under 15 team met Ashfield School (Kirkby) and by their single goal victory reached the final of the County Cup at this level, while their Under 12's will be attempting to make it a hat-trick when they meet Hart-

land, also of Worksop, in their semi final.

Roland Green School from Wilford are another with a Roland Green School from Willrod are anomer white fine record of Cup successes. Their Under 15 side, who as Under 14's won the County Chaplin Cup last season, play Queen Elizabeth's (Mansfield) for the right to meet Valley and will be hoping to complete a "treble" of County Cup, City Cup and City Under 15 League (which

they have already won).

At Primary level (Under 11), form is less predictable but Henry Whipple School from Bestwood have reached both County and City semi finals. In the former, they seem likely to meet last season's joint winners, Samuel Barlow Junior (Clipstone).

> COUNTY CUPS UNDER 15 FINAL

Valley v Roland Green or Queen Elizabeth's. UNDER 14 (Chaplin) CUP

ton); Queen Elizabeth's or Arnold Hill v Quarrydale (Sutton).

UNDER 13 (Notts County Shield) FINAL Grove (Newark v Bramcote Grammar or Padstow (Not-

CITY CUPS

UNDER 16 SEMI FINALS

Padstow v Fairham; Player v Greenwood. UNDER 14 FINAL

UNDER 13 FINAL

Cottesmore v Alderman Derbyshlre (March 15th, Mill Margaret Glen Bott v Fairham (March 15th, Mill Street). UNDER 11 SEMI FINALS Bulwell St. Mary's or Greenwood v Henry Whipple;

SOUTH NOTTS CUPS

UNDER 16 SEMI FINALS Bramcote G.S. v Bingham; Dayncourt v West Bridg-

LOCAL LADS MAKE GOOD

the Magpies and their neighbours across the neighbours across the neighbours across the Since both left scho Trent, plus Forest's League performances, have focussed more football than for many

the national press has come to notice is that Nottingham sides pos-sess two of the most telented, yet consistent, young full backs in the country, Pedro Richards and Viv Anderson.

These two have more in common than their position. Both are local the professional game. Viv was a member of both the City and County

Under 15 sides in 1970-71, Pedro in the fol-

before the raising of the school leaving age, they served longer appren-ticeships than the present day school leaver, signed professional forms at 18 and within a year were established first team players. It would be nice to think that this steady progress could continue so that both could achieve honours at the highest level.

Even if this does not happen, both players have been a credit to their profession. Their sportsmanship is a fine reflection on themselves and their early training

UNDER 15 North Player

"Just turn up," was the reply.
We turned up and what did we find? The East London lads were already out, running around on a snow covered pitch, made playable by just a couple of hours of sunlight. We cannot thank Clifton All Whites enough for the use of their pitch and facilities for what turned out to be an excep-

East London proved to a East London proved to a very attractive side and they took a first half lead. Not-ingham dominated the second half territorially but missed chances regularly. Eventually, however, a break on the right produced a cross which the goal-keeper dropped (not surpsiss in siew of the cold).

a credit to Primary School football.

With snow still on the ground, a morning of freezing fog made itseem certain that no game would take place. The problem was that East London were on tour and already in Nottingham and already in Nottingham "It can't game that game being with the ground of the ground in the ground i

and already in Nottingham and officials were determined to put on a game of mined to put on a game of some sortevent it had to be an indoor six a side contest. The morning was playable pitch. Phone calls a playable pitch. Phone calls mere "Is it still on, sir" "lust turn up," was the record to date is very long to the property of th

W. Blood Cup) drew'd.

(lost on penalties), v. East

London drew 1-1.

The following squad has
represented Nottingham in
these games Mark Kilcline
(St. Margaret Clitherow);
Michael Baxter (Walter
Halls); Mark Greenhalgh
St. Patrick's), Darren Davis
Millord); Richael Drew
Millord); Richael Drew
Craland (Whitemoor);
Michael Archer
(Whitemoor); Darren Koral

(Southglade); Warren Til (Southglade); Mic Dosanih (Edna G Olds): Paul Dosanjh (Edna G. Olds); Pau Duffy (Henry Whipple); Richard Brown (Henry Whipple); Harry Willis (Whitegate); Derek Moore (Trent Bridge); Barry Pyne Flanagan (St. Augustine's)

PRIMARY LEAGUES

ON A DAY when the 'Big Match' was called off at

Steven Sensecall and in the battle of the "giants", Ossie Grant of the Notts. Schools' Under 19 squad S-2. Both now go forward to have again been selected the quarter finals. for trial for the England Schools' Under 18 team after creditable mances in the first trial last

Queen School (Mansfield), Notts. E.S.F.A. Under 19 competition won their first round game 3-0 but went down 3-2 to South Yorkshire champions, Thorne Grammar School in round

Nottingham's run in the English Schools' Trophy came to an end in a replay at Solihull (West Midlands) 2-0 after a 0-0 draw in Not-

strength in round six with a 5-2 win over Sheffield while

This year's County Primary Cup Final will be bet-ween East Nottingham and Dukeries, with the latter at home in the first "leg."
Elizabeth's Dukeries prevented an all lield), Notts. Nottingham final with a 3-0 win against West Nottingham while Fast heat North Nottingham in a thrilling game of seven goals and three penalties

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South Notts qualified for the final of the Cobbin Cup for the third successive year with a 4-0 win over Newark.

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Mr. George Brown of Mansfield, a founder member of the Notts. still an active supporter of schools' football until very



Arthur Mann tussles for the ball



Sammy Chapman is congratulated after scoring our only goal of the match.

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Paul Hooks wins the ball and starts another Notts attack.



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WHEN people speak of basic ball skills today the minds of soccer fans whose experience dates to the forties and fifties inevita-bly turn to Wilf Mannion. the diminutive fair-haired inside forward who was one of the outstanding inside forwards of his own

or any other era.

A native of Tyneside he Joined Middlesbrough as a boy and established himself in their First Division team in the three seasons before the Second World War. Like several outstanding players of his day he was desperately unlucky in that the war took six years when he would almost certainly have been at his peak.

Wilf Mannion

They gave the game colour

bled those of Mannion in the other inside forward position.

Will deepite his lack of height (a mere 65 inches) also had great finishing power as he proved when netting a hat-trick in England's 7-2 win in Belfast in his first international game in 1946.

first post-war season he had starred in the Great Britain side's 6-1 win over the rest of Europe and had

netted 18 goals for Middlesbrough. Never again did he

score goals so freely, con-centrating more on plying his wingers and front runners with accurate pas-ses, but he remained a magnificent player.
It was sad that a dispute

with Middlesbrough led to Before the end of that him missing over half of rst post-war season he the 1948/9 season and losing his England place. 'he was back again a vear later and played regularly

until suffering a broken cheek bone in the game against Scotland in April

ALLMAN PAGE

This proved to be his last international, but he continued to give good service to Middlesbrough until 1954. As has happened with a number of star players his last season with his club coincided with their going down to Division Two.

Will tried his hand with Hull City for a season. Later he was playermanager of Cambridge

City, but he had not the same flair as an adminis-trator as he had previously hown as a player.

Sadly he has since often had difficulty in finding many people today who darting here there and seemingly everywhere on the field and winning the admiration of opposing fans as well as those of Middlesbrough and Eng-land, for whom he played

Despite the years lost to the war he scored exactly a hundred league goals -and this was only a sub-

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

WF lost our third game in a row, 3-1, at Leeds on February 21, 1953. We were unlucky in the early stages when a McPher son header found the net only to be ruled offside and though we seemed to be holding our own in the first half with Leon Leuty keeping a firm grip on John Charles we were

rocked back just before half-time when a shot from wing-half Tommy Burden whistled past Jimmy Linton. Iggledon and McCall added

further goals for Leeds in

the second half with Edwards getting a consolation goal for us. The

THE GEOFF

During the war he

played in both the Middle

East and Italy and when "normal" football was

resumed in 1946 he looked

lished player than he had

His splendid ball control, accurate distribution and

tremendous burst of

speed were as familiar as

his distinctive fair hair and

Middlesbrough at that

time were splendidly

served also by George

Dews, another fair haired

player whose style as well

as his annearance resem-

done in 1939.

LEEDS UNITED: Scott; Dunn, Langley, Kerloot, McCabe, Burden, Meek, McCall, Charles, Iggledon, Tyrer. NOTTS COUNTY: Linker, Southwell, Deans, Adamson, Leuty, Johnston, McCormack, Jackson, McPherson, Edwards, Crookes.

We were now just below halfway in Division Two with Leeds just in the top half of the table. Meanwhile Sheffield United increased their lead at the top to three points by winning 2-1 at Blackburn ting his hundredth league goal. This increased their lead over second placed Hudders-field to three points after the latter's 1-0 defeat at

with Jimmy Hagan get-

Nottingham Forest. At the bottom Hull and Barnsley who shared the

four goals at Boothferry Meanwhile in Division One both leading clubs won away from home, Burnley 3-1 at Derby and Wolves 3-0 at Old Trafwon since before the

war. Oddly enough this was one place where gates were lower than they are today, only just In Division Three (South) over 38,000 watching this

There were two scoring games in this Division, Peter Harris getting a hat-trick in Portsmouth's 5-2 win over Sunderland and Cardiff hammering wooden spoonists Man chester City 6-0, in a considering that Cardiff had not scored at all in their previous eight league games.

Bristol Rovers' 5-2 win over fourth place Cardiff left them nine points ahead of their nearest rivals, Bristol City and Northampton. The latter now shared second place after City's 2-0 win at Northampton. In one of the day's liveliest games in this Division, Norwich beat Millwall 3-2 fore over 22,000 at The Den, while the day's lowest gate, just over 6,000

Walsall drop a home point in a goalless draw with Aldershot.

Finally in Division Three (North) Oldham and Grimsby, the two leading clubs, were pegged back by defeats at Rochdale and Workington respec-tively, both the latter teams being involved in the struggle to keep away from the re-election zone where Accrington were still in bottom place despite a 1-0 win over

THE recent controversy surrounding the flare-up at Highbury that ended in Wolves defender Bob Hazell being sent off by referee Clive Thomas, who main-tained his reputation for controversy by neither con-sulting a linesman who was right up with the incident nor even displaying a red card as he manhandled the coloured teenager towards the touchline, illuminates the problems faced by the increasing

number of coloured players coming into the game.

For, as most people will have read in the ensuing controversy, the claim was made by Hazell that a racialist remark was passed to him before he hit out

Be that as it may there was no disputing the evidence of television cameras that he was kicked by the opponent whom he ultimately struck an incident which referee Thomas claimed not to have seen.

Another remark attributed to Thomas to the effect that he did not know which Arsenal player was involved in the incident points immediately to a problem of identity that coloured players may suffer from even more than the familiar red hair that has got players like Billy Bremner and Alan Ball into rouble over the years while other less readily identifiable players have escaped

PROVOCATION

Be that has it may, there seems to be abundant evidence that coloured players are suffering more than their share of verbal abuse from opponents in the hope that in the heat of the moment they will act in such a way that a referee will penalise.

Soccer law, unlike the law of the land, has little time for a plea of extenuating circumstances and so as things are at present the coloured player who runs on rather a short fuse is particularly vulnerable

POINT OF

This is evidence of provocation

Those were the days of Roy Brown the versatile coloured player who gave excellent service to both The breadth of the problem is underlined by the fact that when Hazell was out of the Wolves team as a result of suspension incurred by the Highbury incident his deputy was another coloured player

named George Berry.

The time has now gone therefore when a coloured player was almost as much a rarity on the field as a player in a cap or one in spectacles, both of which the present writer witnessed in his early days of

forward. Roy was almost alone as a full-coloured player in those days though there were others like Frank Neary normally described as half-cast because their skin was "off white" rather than Frank played for several London clubs in the for-

Stoke and Watford both at centre half and centre

ties and fifties and had his share of trouble with referees though one felt that Frank's own temperment had much to do with this and was not really connected with his colour.

In more recent years West Ham were probably the first team to field two coloured players when defender John Charles (no connection with the Welsh international of that name) and Clyde Best were

both in their team during the sixties.

For a short time Clyde looked a real world beater, but then seemed to lose mobility as his physical stature increased and neither he nor Ade Coker a diminutive coloured winger, also on West Ham's books fulfilled their early promise.

Leeds winger Albert Johannesson was a splen-didly lithe athlete who had several good seasons with them though unfucky in being injured before their most successful years of the late 60's and early

One heard little of provocation in those days. Maybe it was not as venemous. Maybe the players were more tolerant.

Happily it may disappear when the first coloured player wears a full England shirt and stars at this level. With players like Cyrille Regis, Laurie Cunningham and even Bob Hazell around this may not long

Running Bear savs . . .

Services on the M5 to make a telephone call to Radio Cardiff resulted in the unhappy news that the game was off.

Once again the timing of the pitch inspection was too late to prevent us travel-

However, a further tele-phone call to Radio Bir-mingham produced the news that B.B.C.'s Match of the Day, Coventry v Liverpool, was still on and a hurried use of the democratic system on our coach resulted in a popu-lar vote to attend this

A few supporters in their disappointment said it was like looking for Tenerife and finishing up at Yarmouth. Rather a nice compliment to Cardiff and Notts County in a

way, but I know exactly how they felt.

There is nothing like watch-

One note for your diary, Monday, March 13th, at the Town Arms, Trent Bridge, I shall be meeting up with three old mates from my showbiz days—and well worth seeing, the recent sensation on "New Faces", just see his John Wayne and Ronnie Corbett impressions, also Corbett impressions, also Dick Pleasant and Tanny Godfrey, both comedians well worth the entrance

ing your favourites. Nevertheless, it was a Nevertheless, it was a very good game at Coven-try in the conditions, but, after some of those Liver-pool misses, the Notts strikers should never-hang their heads again.

manager in a completely new role, or is this the real Graham we are going to

I attended Les Bradd's tes-

attended Les Bradd's tes-timonial dinner at the Albany Hotel, a wonder-ful informal occasion with expenses including Car-dew Robinson. Stan Mor-tensen, Colin Slater and our own Jimmy Sirrel, who probably told the concerning a little "birda". Many were the tributes paid to Les and the presence of so many popularity.

Amongst our old boys pres-ent were Don Masson, David Needham, Ron Fenton and Eric Probert.

wall, only to have their hopes dashed by an extremely harsh penalty decision from which our team, despite a gallan fight back, never really recovered.

And so back to the bread and butter of League fare but congratulations to the lads for an exciting cup run where they never had Lady Luck on their side in

Que, cera, cera. To those who were alarmed at the fighting behind one goal at Millwall, to my know-ledge, there were no Notts supporters involved, apparently it was family squabbles between home supporters, as one Mill-wall fan explained to me, a traditional Cockney cus

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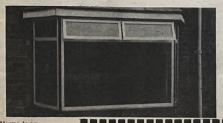
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MILIJA ALEKSIC:

Luton paid £20,000 to Plymouth in January 1977 for Aleksic's services, and the fee turned out to be a bargain. Aged 24, he was unsettled at Plymouth, and the move to Luton turned out to be the turning point in his career. Son of Yugoslav parents, but born in the North of Eng-land, 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 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 Eng-

land 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 ar made such rapid strides that after only one year he was upgraded to junior profes-sional, and could soon be competing for a place in the league squad.

PAUL PRICElis 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

break it again. He battled back again, and his perfor-mances at right back have made him Luton's firstchoice at right back ever David Pleat was well pre-pared to step up into the top JOHN FAULKNER uton's senior pro and vice

coaching appointment.

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 cente half in the Sutton United team that played Leeds, Don Revie signed him on, buf a broken that the service of leg interrupted his career at Elland Road. Strong in the air and a no-nonsence tack-

ler, he has been a regular member of the Luton defence for five years. PAUL FUTCHER

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 clubs to persuade him to 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

capped by England at under-21 level

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

BRIAN STEIN

Signed as a professional on 19th October 1977 and in less than three weeks had made his debut at Old Traf-ford in the League Cup replay against Manchester

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 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 Brent ford in the 1950's.

DAVID PLEAT: (Team manager). After gaining considerable experience as a player, the soccer wheel of fortune turned full circle for David when Luton Town appointed him Team Manager in January 1978. He had been one of their star players a decade previously.

Born and brought up in Nottingham, just across the River Trent from the City Ground, young David was an outstanding schoolboy footballer, and was capped by England at schoolboy and youth level. He joined Nottingham Forest straight from school, and moved to Luton for £8,000 in 1965.

He was transferred to Eveter, and while he was there he won his full FA coaching he won his full FA coaching badge. He moved on to Peterborough and then became player-manager of Nuneaton Borough in the Southern League, where his playing career was ended by a back injury.

But his three years of mana-

him as coach to the Kenilworth Road reserve team, and when Luton lost chief coach Roy McCrohan to American club Detroit Express at Christmas 1977

DAVID CARR 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

JIM MCNICHOL

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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 brave, he made rapid strides through Luton's lower teams, and made his league debut at the age of 17. Origi-nally played as a back four defender, he has also sam-pled league soccer in mid-field, and seems equally at

Son of Italian parents who set-tled at Bedford, midfield dynamo Fucillo — "Lif" to his friends and the Luton fans — joined Luton as a 16 year old apprentice in the summer of 1973.

Luton's club captain and a brill liant midfield man West is one of the many stars to emerge from the "produc-tion line" of Burnley, An England under-23 interna-tional, 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. BICKA HILL

midfield player who has excited attention all over the country, Hill had a fairy-tale start to his league caree 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 leve

JIM HUSHAND

oined 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 pro a front runner, and has pro-vided 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

It was the end of a patient search for talent by Luton boss Harry Haslam signed striker Boersma from Middlesbrough in July 1977.
Three years previously Has-lam had tried to persuade Liverpool to part with the player He failed, and later went to Middlesbrough, and Haslam finally got his man

GODFREY INGRAM-A local product of Luton's youth teams, Ingram has been tipped for high hon-ours since his outstanding midfield and attacking tal-ents took him into Luton's reserve team when he was still only 16. Luton signed

and he played for Englan

In his first season as a profes-sional after serving his apprenticeship. He is one of

sional 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 with the servine side and season, did with the servine side and season as a professional after serving his apprenticeship. Formed a good partnership with lingram in the reserve and properties of the season as a professional after serving his apprenticeship. Formed a good partnership with lingram in the reserve and a good partnership with lingram in the reserve and youngsteen and sa shaws looking for goals. He also comes from Wellym Garden City. RON FUTCHER: Twin brother of Paul and identical in looks. When Luton paid E25,000 for him it was thought that he had been considered the season with the self-season with season with reserved the season with reserved the season with the cibble stern beason with the cibble stern season with the cibble

'Gates' — some facts and figures

TEN years ago in 1967/68, we were in the Fourth Division of the Football League and not surprisingly our attendances were very low. Currently we are in the Second Division - having made the climb from the Fourth in a quietly effective manner - but still the overall gate figures are not high.

season began; that is to say, up to the end of the 1976/77 season, we had played 222 League games at Meadow Lane and these produced aggregate of 2,163,538 attending.

This latter figure includes all categories, i.e. adults, juveniles, OAP's, all season ticket holders, match day ticket purchasers, and other sundry admissions. In fact everyone who passed through the turnstiles on the day.

Dividing 2,163,538 by 222 gives the average for this number of games as

LOW POINT

The low point was in 1968/69 when only 109,902 attended the 23 home league games for the average of 4,778. The high was 1971/72 when 320,014 attended for an average of 13,913. In 1968/69 we were still in the Fourth Division. The were attained in the

perhaps we did not gain promotion in that season - yet the figures were the best recorded in the Promotion came in the season (1972/73) when the aggregate was 246,255 for an average of 10.706.

One would have thought that re-entry into the Second Division (after an absence of 15 years) would have con-tributed to far higher figures than they did. Yet in the season we were playing Division Two football for the first time for so many years, we had 250,029 spectators for an average of 11,906.

Two years ago, in 1975/76 we had 260,461 for an average of 12,902; for an average of 11 301 Just for the record . with 13 League games played ... 1977/78 sees us 120,020 (average

MERIT

Facts and figures and statistics can, with man-ipulation, be made to prove almost anything one wants them to. You have to take each season on merit, look at the strength of the opposi-tion, the type of attractive play it is capable of at the time and what famous or well-known players it has in its

anks.
Then one has to bear in Halifax Town, where you, or Brentford, 4486 mind – where you, or they, are in the League table at the time you they. 4476; Luton Town, 1966, 1976,

Before the present meet them; the type of weather on the day, what kind of competition for support was in the area. as well as the time of k.o., etc., etc.

> It therefore becomes very difficult to look closely and objectively at each set of figures and make definite conclu-

> We know there are any number of supporters close interest in statis tics and for them and anyone else interested we have set out below the seasons under review without comment.

> Except perhaps, to point out that in the 1967/68 and 1968/69 seaons, we had no single League attendance at Meadow Lane that reached or broke the five figure mark. In the folonly once did we get over five figures (v Chester-field, 15,346).

HIGHEST

Another interesting Third (and didn't gain promotion at the first attempt after being promoted from the Fourth)

only in the last three home games did we get less than five figures! Our highest in the nine seasons we are looking at was 34,208 v Aston Villa in 1971/72. The lowest. 2,456 v Northampton in 1969/70; a season later this same fixture

Since our return to the Second Division the lowest attendance date is the 6,972 v Bristol City in 1973/74 and the highest 32,518 v Forest last season

NOTE: It has to be pointed out that in Division Three and Four we played 23 home League games whereas in Diviion Two it is only 21. Also last season we played Burnley twice at home — the first game was abandoned at halftime — so there are actu-ally 22 attendances to

Division 4 Chester, 6599; Exeter, 3741; Port Vale, 4338; Aldershot, 4451; Lincoln City, 6138; Crewe Alexandra, 5550; Bradford, 7355 Rochdale, 5832 Newport County, 4472; Swansea Town, 5180; Wrexham, 4878; Chesterfield, 9990; Bradford City, 7404; Darlington, 4426; Workington, 5259.



7920; Barnsley, 8674; Doncaster Roys., Southend Utd., 3848 Aggregate (23 games) 129 741 Average 5640 League position, 17th.

Division 4 Southend Utd., 5227: Halifax Town, 4980 Aldershot, 5311; New Swansea Town 4167 Port Vale, 4127; Brentford, 4173; Chester, 3089 York City, 3295; Exeter Peterborough Utd., 5740; Doncaster Rovs., 6587;

Lincoln City, 5870; Scun-thorpe Utd., 3311; Bradford, 3629; Wrexham, 5325; Grimsby Town, 6307; Workington, 4305; Darlington, 4444; Rochdale, 3678; Colchester Utd., 3576. Aggregate (23 games), 109,902. Average, 4778. League position

Division 4

Oldham Athletic, 6584: Colchester Utd., 4901; Grimsby Town, 4991; Lincoln City, 6479; Exe-ter City, 6358; York City, 5883; Brentford, 4664; Newport County, 4394: Swansea Town, 5604 Scunthorpe Utd., 3497; Chester, 4231; Peterborough Utd., Aldershot, 4854: terfield, 15,346; ham, 6742; Darlington,

5828; Hartlepool, 5313; Bradford, 8897, Crewe Alexandra, 7014; Port Vale, 5070; Workington, Northampton Town, 2456. Aggregate games) 152 927 Average, 5779. League 1970/71

Division 4 Barrow, 5826; Crewe

Alexandra, 6463; Southend Utd., 9025; Brentford, 10281; Newport County, 8445; Workingon, 7474; York City, 7690; Darlington, 6285: Oldham Athletic, 10,028; Northampton Town, 21,012: Lincoln City. 11.711: Cambridge Utd. Hartlepool, 11.540 Utd., 9440; Chester, 10,545; Scunthorpe Utd., Chester, 10,750; Southport, 11,182; Stockport County, 10,704; Aldershot, 8747; chester Utd., 14,084; Grimsby Town, 12,182; Exeter City, 18,002. Aggregate (23 games), 247,414. Average, 10,757.

League position, 1st. 1971/72 Division 3

Rochdale, 10, 879; Bolton Wanderers, 15,658; Shrewsbury Town 13,328; Bristol Rovers 13 101 Bournemouth, 13,342; Plymouth Argyle. 11,828; Oldham Athletic, 14,419; Mansfield Town 16,905; Barnsley, 12,639; Walsall, 11,775; Brighton and Hove, 16,401; Blackburn Rovs., 12,375; York City, 12,351; Aston Villa, 34,208; Chesterfield, 14,701; Rotherham Utd. 11,522; Wrexham, 12,060; Swansea City, 14,019, Halifax Town, 14,979; Bradford City, 16,315; Port Vale, 9033; Tranmere Rovs., 9885; Torquay Utd., 8921. Aggregate (23 games), 320,014. Average, 13,913. League

1972/73 Division 3 Bolton Wanderers

3742: Southend Untd. Rochdale 7991: Swansea Blackpool, 10.601: Aston land 15.855. Vork City Bolton Wands. 8196: Forest 20 303: Car diff. 8105: Bristol City 7227; Manchester Utd. 17.320 Aggregate (21 games), 229,468. Average, 10,927. League position, 14th

City, 6118; Brentford,

11.914: Rotherham Utd..

6199; Port Vale, 8544;

Charlton Athletic, 7069:

Oldham Athletic, 7329;

Chesterfield 6891- Wat.

ford, 9282; York City,

Southend

10,068; Plymouth Argyle, 12,889; Grimsby Town.

16.208; Blackburn Rovs.,

15,697; Tranmere, 23,732.

Aggregate (23 games).

246,255. Average, 10,706.

1973/74

Division 2

Sunderland, 15,322; Luton Town, 8509; Swin-

don Town, 9174; Aston Villa, 15,872; Oxford

Preston

12,479; Millwall, 12,243;

Middlesbrough, 16,314; Orient, 11,264; Hull City,

8574; Nottingham Forest,

10,209; Crystal Palace

Blackpool, 11.092: Shef-

field Wed., 9378; W.B.A.,

9672; Bolton Wanderers.

Bristol City, 6972. Aggre-

gate (21 games), 250,029.

Average, 11,906. League

1974/75

Division 2

Fulham, 9468; Oldham Athletic, 9353; South-

Oxford Utd., 8116; Hull

9248; Bristol Rovs., 7628;

Norwich City, 13,977:

14,170; Millwall,

9032

8923

32.310: Carlisle Utd

14.748: Ports

position, 10th

ampton

City, Wed.

Bromwich,

Portsmouth

9927; Fulham,

League position, 2nd.

Bristol Roys.

8903: Halifax

9820; Wrexham.

Shrewsbury

Scunthorpe

6202

7903:

11,938;

Town

Utd., 11,981:

1975/78 Division 2

Southampton, Carlisle Utd. tol City 10.802 Oxford Utd., 11.742: Portsmouth. Plymouth, 9239 Bristol Roys., 10,930; Bolton, 12,964; Blackburn Rovs., 10,252; Charlton Athletic, 10,017; Oldham Athletic, 14,706; York City, 10,136; Chelsea, 14,528; Hull City, 15,293; West Bromwich, 20,032; Blackpool, 10,427; Sunderland, 14,811; Nottingham Forest 29.279 Fulham, 8819; Orient. 7673. Aggregate (21 games), 260,461. Average 12,902. League position,

Division 2 Millwall, 8469; Bolton 9346; Blackpool, 9598; Oldham, 9123; Orient 8192; Carlisle Utd., 8327; Wolves, 14,234; Luton Town, 10,009; Burnley (match abandoned half time), 7534; Hull City, 10,634; Plymouth, 9079; Chelsea, 11,902; Cardiff, 9401; Burnley, 8492; Bristol Rovs 10,058; Blackburn, 9343 Sheffield Utd., 9275 Hereford Utd., 8080; Not tingham Forest, 32,518: Fulham, 14,847; South-ampton, 11,021; Charl-ton, 7845. Aggregate (21 games), 237,327. Average 11,301. League position,

FOOTBALL

empetition is being organised, probably to be run on Anglo-Scottish Cup lines, between branch football teams. Watch out for future advices as to the venues etc of matches so that you can go along and cheer your area



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changed hands when Kevin Keegan moved to Hamburg from Liverpool in June and one can only speculate whether he will command a similar tiqure if and when the cards in the near future) ends an unsettled spell with the German club by moving again.

Such a ligure seems ludicrous even for a player of Keegan's tremendous skill but there seems little chance that a ceiling for fees can ever be imposed. The F.A. attempted to do just this as early as 1899, even suggesting a limit of £10. This never reached the statute book and even when the much larger upper limit of £350 was carried at an F.A. meeting in January 1908 it was rescinded six months later.

In these early days Aston Villa were involved in two transfers that seem to have been a record for the time, signing J. Crabtree from Burnley for £250 in 1895 and F. Wheldon from neighbours Small Heath for £350 a year later.

when he became the first one in player to cost £7,000 when CHARLES he was transferred from brough. Soon afterwards in attempting to buy their way

TRANSFERS

of a season was ended with the passing of a law that no player transferred after March 16th in any season could play for his new club before the end of a season, except by special dispensation of the Football League management committee.

Meanwhile fees con tinued to mount with Warney Cresswell (South Shields to Sunderland) and Syd Puddefoot (West Ham to Falkirk) in 1922 becoming the first to change hands at over £10,000. It was at this stage that the Football League passed a law for-bidding the publication of exact transfer fees and so since then the actual amounts have not been known though whispers 'from the inside' seem to give a fairly good indica-

By 1905 Alf Common was 'novelty' transfers have been arranged such as the BUCHAN'S transfer to Arsenal from Sunderland stipulated that an extra £100 be paid for each goal scored during his first season there.

tain anomalies such as the one in 1932/3 when JIM OAKES actually played for for both sides in the same game, the original Charlton Port Vale fixture being abandoned at half-time and his transfer to the Midland club having taken place before the game was replayed.

player's tranfer and his first game for his new club.

move in Britain for such an

There may be undesirable aspects of the transfer-

ring of players, but they have enabled many clubs

to survive financially and

with inflation at its present

rate it seems that we may

pound player in British

With that type of

We want to keep this

spirit prevalent and plans are underfoot to organise an annual get

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the shows are well worth the admission price and as many Notts County players as possible attend.

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