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## LUTON TOWN 2 CARDIFF 2

*Top right:* GOAL! Cardiff keeper Ron Healey is left helpless as Brian Stein watches Price's header roll over the line.

*Bottom right:* Hatters celebrate after Paul Price claims the very important equaliser.

*Above:* Brian Stein 'laughs off' a collision in the closing minutes.



# A C T I O N . . A C T I O N

**CONGRATULATIONS . . . CONGRATULATIONS . . .**

Before the kick-off this afternoon, there is a very pleasant and thoroughly deserved ceremony to be performed on the pitch — the presentation of the Bell's Scotch Whisky Division Two Manager of the Month Award to David Pleat.

David was named for this award by the Football League as the manager who did most for his club during December. His award is a gallon bottle of scotch and it will be presented by Bell's representative, David Leppard.

We are sure every Luton supporter will want to say "cheers" to David — and Luton Town — and wish them further success.

David won the award for the first time after Luton took nine points from five matches in the Second Division during December, a record which put the Town on the fringe of the promotion race.

It is a fully justified award and we can't help feeling it is long overdue, particularly after David did so much to lift Luton to such a high position in Division Two last season.

Cheers, David. What about another award later in the season?

**TAKE A BOW**

Manager David Pleat and his players have always willingly accepted the opportunity of attending fetes and other functions to help spread the gospel of Luton Town FC.

Some requests, however, have to be declined through pressure of matches and training although we do try and fit as many in as possible.

It was particularly pleasing for our chairman, Denis Mortimer, to receive a letter from the secretary of the Northampton Sunday League after David Moss and physiotherapist John Sheridan attended a course organised by the league for their managers.

The secretary wrote: "I would like to convey our sincere thanks to them for the time and effort they put in to the evening and the way in which they approached the engagement.

"Too often, the unpleasant side of professional football is seen by the public while the work, attitude and professionalism of David and John go unmentioned.

"Although they work in different areas on Saturday, they showed a thorough and mutual respect for each other and they displayed an attitude of belonging to one team.

"The esteem of your club was greatly enhanced by them and we were extremely grateful for the help they gave us."

Take a bow boys.

**FLASHBACK . . . FLASHBACK . . . FLASHBACK . . .**

Ten years ago this weekend, Luton were involved in a Second Division match at Blackburn Rovers. Hopes had been high that the Town were capable of winning promotion because, at the halfway stage of the season, we were in second place, tucked in behind Leicester City.

But Luton slipped at Blackburn where a 71st minute

goal from Russell was enough to give the home side the points. For those Luton fans who like to recall names from the past, our team on duty that day was:

Read, John Ryan, Bannister, Hoy (Busby), Nicholl, Slough, Jim Ryan, Court, Macdonald, Keen, Givens.

**AWAYDAY . . . AWAYDAY . . . AWAYDAY . . .**

Our next away Second Division game is at Derby County two weeks today. Seat tickets are available from the Baseball Ground priced at £2.50, £3 and £3.50 — applications should be accompanied by the correct money and a s.a.e. There are eight car parks within half a mile of the ground in addition to street parking.

**LET'S HEAR FROM YOU**

Have you any comment on your match day magazine? Perhaps you would like to see a particular item included. Perhaps you have some constructive criticism to make.

We want to hear your views on Luton Town Football Club and will welcome your letters which should be sent to: The Programme Editor, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road, Luton.

**BRIAN'S NAP HAND**

Brian Stein could not have wished for a better time to receive an award from a soccer magazine than before our game against Chelsea on Boxing Day.



*Match Weekly* made Brian Matchman of the Month for November — an award which won him a plaque and a cheque for £100.

It must have given Brian food for thought because, immediately after receiving his award from *Match Weekly's* Trevor Haylett, he went on to score two goals against Chelsea for the first of our holiday victories.

If that wasn't enough, Brian went one better the following day at Bristol Rovers when he knocked in another three. You can't beat a nap hand.

DAVID'S  
DIARY

One of the most pleasing factors about last week's draw with Cardiff was the enthusiasm from the terraces. Frank Taylor, of the *Mirror*, described the 9,000 as cheering like 90,000. Keep up the cheers.

In view of next week's Cup draw today's game may be considered to take on extra significance. However from mine and the team's points of view whatever the result today, next week we start again and it is literally "another ball game". When we visited St. James's Park earlier on this season Bill McGarry had just left the club and their players were determined to regain disenchanted terrace support. They have now a settled look with the aid of the cheque book and I am sure Arthur Cox knows exactly his ambitions and aims for the club.

Let us hope this afternoon's game has all the ingredients to whet the appetites for next week's Cup-tie, and it can influence many more of our supporters to make the long journey to back our players.

In the past two months several of our younger players have left the club to non-League pastures and to have the opportunity of getting a job outside the game. No one likes to see players who one has introduced to professional football with high hopes of success, leave with their hopes unfulfilled. Today's football climate has made this movement of fringe players a necessity both for the player's future and the immediate needs of the clubs. We wish well Leslie Harriott and Andy Pearson who have joined Wealstone and Hitchin respectively; Leslie Smith who may rejoin Tooting; John Woodward who left for Hendon; apprentices Robert Walker and David Patterson and Michael Small who remains with us but has been loaned to Hitchin.

I was quietly pleased to be nominated as the Bells' Manager of the Month. It has been brought to my attention that there may have been other occasions when I missed out. These awards must be very difficult to select. Any managers gaining this recognition must give full credit to the players and staff who have worked hard, trained well and won games to gain this award. The manager is the leader of the team but, without the backing of the players, staff, Board and supporters, he has no chance of winning such awards.

As the Second Division promotion race gains impetus we cannot ignore that we have by our recent victories become reluctant contenders. Of course we want promotion but we have now become subjects of discussion and consideration. We would prefer to slip in the back door with no-one noticing or having that extra incentive to beat us. Also we find that good team performances project and highlight individuals and as a consequence players can become the subject, sometimes misinformed of Press gossip. The maxim "you're only as good as your last game" holds good and it is up to our players to continue in the style and consistency they have shown recently. If all the players show the determination and skill they are capable of, they can achieve what we are all striving for and for which there is no substitute — success.



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# John's Journal

I make no apologies for quoting part of the club notes from a programme dated 16th November 1957.

"Once again it is our pleasure to welcome to Kenilworth Road our friends from Tyneside, Newcastle United. United are a team with a high reputation for playing fine soccer and this match is one eagerly awaited as each new season approaches. The 'Magpies' have always proved a big crowd-puller at Luton and we hope their lowly League position will not adversely effect today's gate, for they are an attractive side to watch. At Luton they can always be certain of a warm welcome, for amongst our cosmopolitan population there are many who hail from the North East and who will, no doubt, have divided loyalties this afternoon.

"Today Newcastle visit us with only 11 points from 16 games and

lying 20th in the League chart. The Newcastle directors have diagnosed their trouble as failure of the forwards, a complaint so often heard these days from teams in the relegation area.

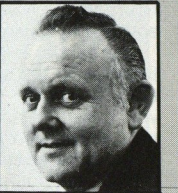
"It is surprising to find Newcastle in this situation for they have a wealth of talent on their books and one cannot help but feel that this is just a passing phase and that the team will 'click' into gear sooner or later. Whatever their current League position we can expect Newcastle to be on top form when Cup tie time comes round. Renowned throughout the soccer world for their splendid Cup record, United have appeared in the final on no less than ten occasions, winning the Cup six times.

"We must not underestimate their strength here this afternoon for with players like Jimmy Scoular, Ron Simpson and Bobby

Mitchell, they have the experience to turn the present gloom which hangs over St. James's Park into the brightest sunshine! . . ."

The result of this match was a 3-0 victory to Newcastle, and some interesting names in their team were: Simpson, Keith, McMichael, Scoular, Stokol, Franks, Hughes, Eastham, White, Bell, Mitchell. The Town side was Baynam, Dunne, Jones, Morton, Owen, Pearce, Adam, Turner, Brown, Cummins, McLeod.

White scored two goals and Bell the other. Let's hope we can get a reverse result this afternoon to get us in good heart for our FA Cup tie at St. James's Park next week.



JOHN WILKINSON Secretary

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# JUNIOR HATTERS



## FOLLOW THE TOWN AT DERBY COUNTY

First, let me begin by offering congratulations from all Junior Hatters members to David Pleat for winning the Second Division Manager of the Month award. It was a well deserved achievement and we hope David will figure in the awards again before the end of the season.

A reminder to all members who participated in the sponsored run around the Kenilworth Road pitch — have you collected all your money yet? If not, please let me have it as soon as possible to enable me to publish the results of your great efforts towards the provision of a new Junior Hatters clubroom.

In my notes for the Preston match magazine, I mentioned the possibility of a second trip to Wembley Stadium. The response was not good enough to warrant the trip and instead, I have turned my attention to a new request — an awayday trip — a chance to see the Town in action away from home at the Baseball Ground, on Saturday 31st January, when we play Derby County. The officials at Derby have been very helpful, and I have made the following arrangements: A coach has been booked to take our party of Junior Hatters and accompanying grown-ups for an all-in cost — coach fare and seat to watch the game — of Junior Hatters — £2 and adults £5.

This coach will leave the Maple Road Car Park at the top of Oak Road at 9.45 a.m. Saturday 31st January and there is space for cars to be parked for those of you making your way to our ground by car. A chance to tour the dressing rooms at the Baseball

Ground before the match has been arranged and there will be a lounge available for our use before the game for the sale of soft drinks. Bring a packed lunch with you.

I feel this will be a popular trip, so if you would like to be an Awayday Hatter with an opportunity to cheer the team, please contact me at the club offices, Kenilworth Road, (415978/411622) as soon as possible in order to avoid disappointment.

### OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next Junior Hatters meeting, which will be a talent spotting competition, will take place in the Hatters Club on Friday 30th January at 7.30 p.m. — note the day and time — FRIDAY, 7.30 p.m., the day before the Derby game.

Mums and Dads are cordially invited to come along and enjoy our "homespun" entertainment, and help us spot talented Junior Hatters, so please make sure they know about it. A reminder to, to our "artists" about the rehearsal, which will take place next Tuesday 20th January in the Hatters Club at 6.30 p.m.

### FOOTBALL TRAINING

For those of you who are keen on football training, the following may be of interest, Football Training for 7 to 14 year olds at Luton Regional Sports Centre, St. Thomas Road, Stopsley, for the next six weeks, starts on Friday 23rd January 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is £2.40 and the coach is ex-Luton Town player, Robin Wainwright. For more details, contact the

Regional Sports Centre on Luton 416772.

There are also vacancies in both Under-14 and Under-16 teams for a Five-a-Side competition, which is about to take place at Putteridge Recreation Centre. More details are available from Paul Dove at the Centre, Luton 31664.

### JUNIOR SUPERSTARS

Finally, I would like to bring the following to your notice. Barratts, the Builders, are sponsoring a Junior Superstars Competition for boys and girls in two age groups — Under-11 and Under-16. The competition covers six sports events, and will be held at the Regional Sports Centre, St. Thomas Road, Stopsley, on Wednesday 18th February.

Trials take place each Saturday between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, and if you are interested, you can obtain more information, application forms from the Regional Sports Centre at Stopsley. These must be completed and returned by Saturday 31st January. Sounds good, why not follow it up? Telephone Luton 416772.

Birthday greetings go to the following: Gerard Flaherty, 21 Bagswicks Close, Marsh Farm, Luton, 15th Jan, 11 years; Denis Kerrigan, 27 Rondini Ave, Luton, 15th Jan, 9 years; Kieran Gallagher, 4 Mayfield Rd, Luton, 16th Jan, 10 years; Jerome Anderson, 249 Turnpike Drive, Luton, 17th Jan, 10 years; Nicholas Anderson, 249 Turnpike Drive, Luton, 17th Jan, 7 years; Stuart Fairall, 1 The Square, Lybury Lane, Redbourn, Herts, 18th Jan, 9 years; Kay Fletcher, 69 Lyneham Rd, Luton, 18th Jan, 13 years; Stephen Hay, 49 Hallmead, Letchworth, Herts, 19th Jan, 15 years; Timothy Humphrey, 53 Warren Road, Luton, 19th Jan, 12 years.

Kim Waddell, 77 Hollybush Rd, Luton, 19th Jan, 13 years; Darren Clarke, 53 Brickley Rd, Luton, 20th Jan, 14 years; Ian Saunders, 3 Kingsbourne Close, Harpenden, Herts, 20th Jan, 14 years; Barry Hogwood, 7 Sudbury Rd, Leagrave, Luton, 21st Jan, 8 years.

COLIN BALL

Youth Development Officer

## TODAY'S MASCOT



The Mascot for today's game is Ian Schilling, of 15 Preston Gardens, Luton. Ian is a pupil at Stopsley Junior School. He plays football for his school and Cub teams. He also enjoys cricket, and is interested in pets, and his favourite players are David Moss and Kirk Stephens. Today is Ian's 10th birthday, and we send him special birthday greetings, and hope he enjoys his day.

ACTION PACKED ADVENTURE WITH THE HATTER'S OWN HERO!

# WHICH SIDE WAS HE ON?

EPISODE SIXTEEN by Ray Aspden

THE STORY SO FAR... YOUNG "BOBBIN" DINO, LEATOWN'S NEW FOREIGN SIGNING, WAS IN DEEP WITH A TERRORIST GANG FROM HIS HOMETOWN. IN A DOCKSIDE WAREHOUSE HIDEOUT, VORGEE ACCUSES HIM OF BETRAYING THE GANG TO SQUID OF M.I.6...



I FIX YOU BOY, THEN DUMP YOUR BODY IN THE DOCK!



BOBBIN EXPLODED INTO ACTION IN A FIGHT FOR HIS SURVIVAL!

OoMph!

EAT BOOT STUDS VORGEE!



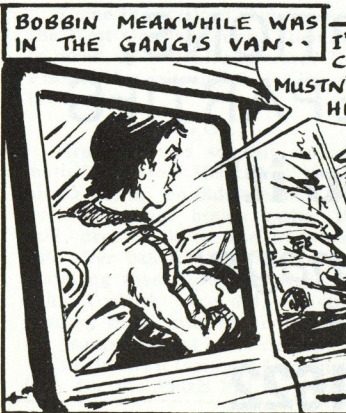
BOBBIN BROKE FREE AND GRABBED THE VAN'S IGNITION KEY!

I'VE GOT THE LEGS ON YOU ALL!



AS HE LAY ON THE FLOOR, VORGEE SUDDENLY SAW THE ELECTRONIC TELL-TALE ON THE STOLEN TAPE!

MIG HAVE US BUGGED! WE MUST GET OUT AT ONCE!



BOBBIN MEANWHILE WAS IN THE GANG'S VAN...

IT'S SQUID'S CAR! HE MUSTN'T SEE ME HERE!

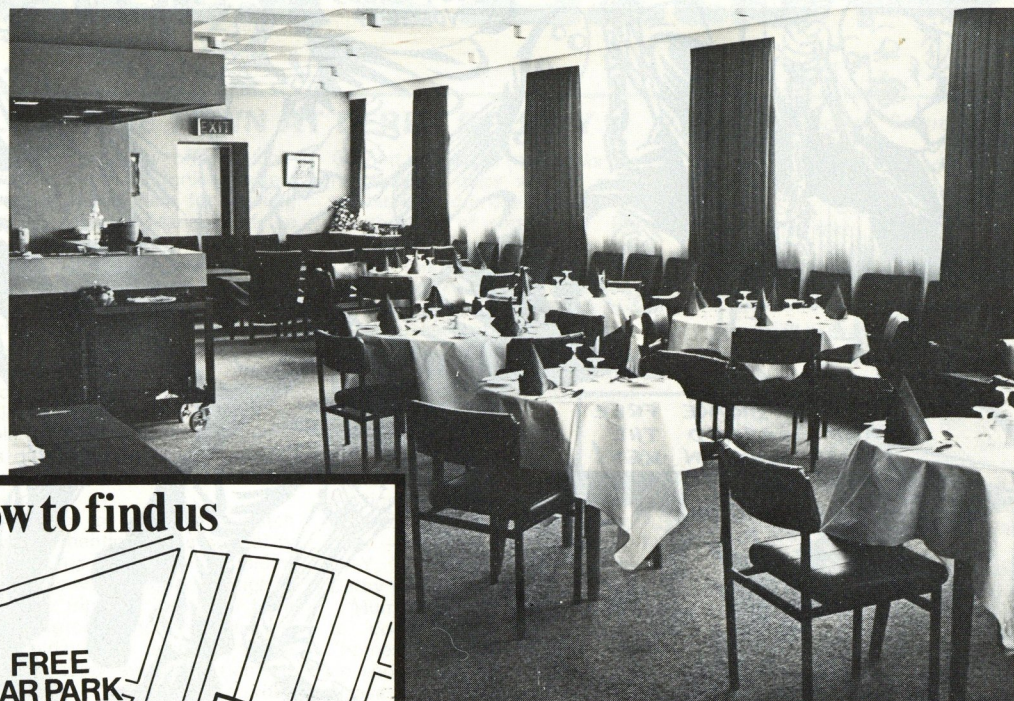
BUT BOOT STUDS SLIPPED ON THE PEDALS AND BOBBIN ONCE AGAIN HEADED FOR A WATERY GRAVE!

YEOW! I'VE LOST CONTROL!

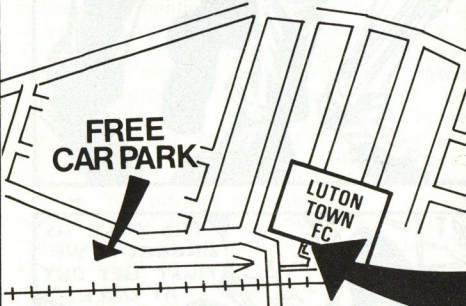
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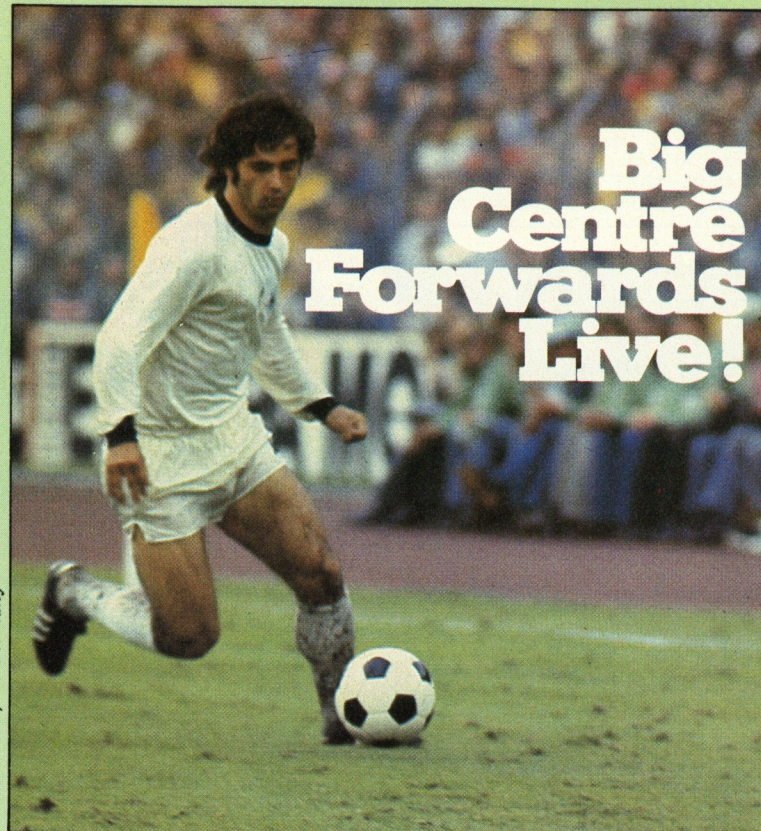
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### BY ROBERT WALKER

They used to call James Braddock, that unlikely heavyweight champion of the world, the Cinderella Man. Such an appellation might equally apply to Horst Hrubesch, West Germany's hero of the 1980 European Nations Cup Final, scorer of both goals against the Belgians; a stinging angled shot into the right hand corner, a forceful if unopposed header from that late left wing corner.

Yet a couple of years earlier Hrubesch, then already 27, was just a West German Second Division player, who would apparently serve out his career in decent obscurity. Gunter Netzer, Hamburg's general manager, and not long ago the inspiration of the West German midfield, saw him, was impressed, and signed him. Almost at once, Hrubesch proved an admirable foil to Kevin Keegan. Hamburg won the Bundesliga and, the following season, fought their way into the Final of the European Cup in Madrid.

Who knows what might have happened had Hrubesch been truly fit? Alas, he wasn't, and when he came on in the second half against Nottingham Forest, he could only limp about, showing none of that power in the air which had led the Real Madrid goalkeeper to quit the field in terror in the Volksparkstadion, where Hamburg wiped out their earlier defeat on this same ground in Madrid.

Came the Nations Cup finals, and the West Germans found themselves in need of a centre-forward, Klaus Fischer, the reigning choice, having a broken leg.

#### BIG OX

Hrubesch was scarcely an automatic successor. His critics thought him a big ox, an old fashioned buster, relying on brawn rather than skill, capable, it is true of winning ball after ball in the air, sometimes knocking them down to Keegan as John Toshack once did, sometimes heading them into the net, but on the ground, he was quite clumsy.

So the West Germans took him to Italy for the Finals but they started

the tournament without him; dismally. I saw that opening game in Rome where their attack, against the modest but well organised Czechs, was a mere blunt instrument. I also saw their next game against Holland in Naples when Hrubesch played and, in the opening minutes, had already transformed his team. His bulk, his strength, his sheer, eager aggression sowed alarm in the Dutch defence. Twice, with foot and head, he almost scored in the early stages, and though in the event Klaus Allofs got all three of the West German goals in a 3-2 win, there was no doubt in my mind which had been the decisive forward.

In the Final, there was Hrubesch

again to show his enormous value. West German teams, in fact, traditionally like to play, perhaps even need to play, with a classical centre-forward. There was, for many years, Uwe Seeler, that squat, infinitely determined little figure, of whom Jimmy McIlroy the Northern Ireland and Burnley star once said to me, "If the ball was on the other side of this wall, he'd run through it and get it."

Then, in a somewhat different vein, there was that master opportunist, Gerd Muller, scorer of over 60 goals in international football including the winner in the 1974 World Cup Final, an inspired loiterer with intent.

#### LOVE A FIGHTER

In the 1972 European Nations Cup finals, West Germany, playing Yugoslavia in the semis in Belgrade, suddenly threw on as their substitute the burly Dieter Muller of Cologne, who had never been capped before, and who promptly responded with a hat trick. "Germans," the former Bayern and Munchengladbach manager, Udo Lattek, said to me during the 74 World Cup, "love a fighter, and Muller is not a fighter." But he was still a great centre-forward, of a kind that even the Germans had in the end to appreciate. Meanwhile, the innate need for a centre-forward seems, in West German football, to persist. Nor is it unknown elsewhere.

The "battering ram" centre-forward, the Target Man, call him what you wish, is generally assumed to have been a phenomenon of the 1930s, the inter-war period when the invention of the Third Back game, with its concomitant W formation, necessitated a big, strong centre-forward, left to do battle with the ever attendant policeman, or third back, centre-half fighting much of the time for high balls down the middle.

#### EFFECTIVE

He wasn't the most scientific or technically gifted of players, but he was often exceedingly effective, and when it came to the likes of those two superb Everton centre-forwards, Dixie Dean and Tommy Lawton, he had a lot more to offer than mere physique. Both these players were deadly in the air, and Lawton, in particular, was exceedingly skilled and alert on the ground. I would place in the same category John Charles, the Welsh giant, who began with Leeds as a boy wonder centre-half, then was transformed into a centre-forward capable of immense success, even hero worship, in Italy where he played for Juventus of Turin.

All these were much better footballers than Hrubesch, which makes it the more interesting that at this supposedly advanced, refined and sophisticated moment in the history of the game, years after the invention of Total Football, a player of his kind should still be so outstandingly successful.

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# **NEWCASTLE**

A change of manager has given Newcastle renewed hope after Arthur Cox left Chesterfield to take over from Bill McGarry shortly after the start of the season.

Luton were one of the first clubs to feel the backlash that when, in September, we lost 2-1 at St. James's Park after contributing much to an entertaining game.

The start of the season was a dismal one — three League games without a win and a disastrous League Cup exit to Fourth Division strugglers Bury.

Goal scoring seems to have been the club's main problem. The departure of Peter Withe to Aston Villa for £500,000 robbed the front line of a natural leader.

Ray Clarke — once a target for former Bristol City manager Alan Dicks — is the player bought to replace Withe. He cost the club £180,000 in the summer from First Division Brighton.

Clarke started his career with Tottenham Hotspur but made only one appearance, as a substitute against Leicester City, before moving to Swindon Town in May 1973 for £8,000.

A little more than a year later he joined Mansfield Town for a £6,000 fee and it was with them that he built a goal scoring reputation. He netted 52 League goals in only 91 games before he was transferred to Sparta of Rotterdam in a £70,000 deal in July 1976. He later played for Ajax of Amsterdam and Bruges in Belgium before joining Brighton for a £200,000 fee in 1979.

The goalkeeping spot has been shared between Kevin Carr and Steve Hardwick this season.

Carr is an Ashington-born player

who joined the club in July 1976 and made his League debut in December 1977.

In January full-back Peter Kelly was advised to retire from the game because of a recurring injury. But he ignored the advice and recently regained his place in the side. A Scot, he first played for the club against Derby County in March 1975.

Steve Carney hit the headlines on the opening day of the season when he was sent off in the 2-0 defeat at Sheffield Wednesday. The young defender joined the club from non-Leagueurs Blyth Spartans in October 1979 for a £5,000 fee.

Ian Davies was born in Bristol but served his apprenticeship along with former City favourite Paul Cheesley, at Norwich City. He was still an apprentice when he made his Football League debut at Leicester in April 1974. He joined Newcastle in June 1979 for a £175,000 fee.

Kenny Mitchell first joined the club in September 1973 as an apprentice. He became a full contract professional in April 1975 but did not play in his first League game — against Manchester City — until February 1977.

Stuart Boam played 320 League games in the heart of the Middlesbrough defence before his £150,000 transfer to Newcastle in August last year. He cost Boro £50,000 when they signed him from Mansfield Town in June 1971 and did not miss a game in the club's Division Two Championship winning season 1973-74.

Nigel Walker has been with the club since he was a schoolboy, signing as a professional in July 1977. Four mon-

ths later he made his Football League debut, in a 1-1 home draw with Bristol City.

Bill McGarry's last signing before leaving the club was that of Dutch Under-21 skipper Frans Koenen. He spent a trial period with the club before McGarry agreed to pay £80,000 to his former side — Nijmegen.

Alan Shoulder burst onto the Newcastle scene in December 1978 when he joined the club from Blyth Spartans for £20,000. He was the leading scorer last season with 21 League and Cup goals.

It is 15 seasons since Terry Hibbert made his Football League debut with Leeds United. He won a Fairs Cup medal in 1968 and played 12 games in the Division One Championship winning season of 1968-69. He left Elland Road in August 1971, joining Newcastle United for a £30,000 fee.

Record signing Bobby Shinton has been out of the side recently. He cost £200,000 when he moved from Manchester City in March. Originally a Walsall player, he moved to Cambridge United in March 1974 for a £30,000 fee on then to Wrexham in July 1976. Manchester paid £300,000 for Shinton in March 1980 but he played only five games for the club.

By contrast to the record fee paid for Bobby Shinton, Peter Cartwright cost a mere £1,000 when he was signed from North Shield in June 1979. He made his League debut two months later at Charlton.

Cox has recently transferred striker Billy Rafferty to Portsmouth for £80,000 after Luton boss David Pleat showed a brief interest in the player last season.



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# Reserve Report

### Luton Town 2 Tottenham 2

In a fiercely contested battle, Godfrey Ingram and Raddy Antic came desperately close to breaking the deadlock in a scoreless first half in this Football Combination match.

With the Town producing some good interpassing movements, Lilly Fuccillo prised open the Spurs defence for Ingram to hammer his shot against former Luton keeper Milija Aleksic. He collected the rebound and knocked it to Andy Harrow who jubilantly scored his first goal for the club since signing from Raith Rovers.

Within a minute, Spurs had equalised from a free kick and, a few minutes later, went in front. The Town, who had created a number of chances for Godfrey Ingram during this period, showed tremendous fighting qualities and, when all seemed lost, good play by Alan West led to Fuccillo hammering a right footed shot into the far corner of the net for a well deserved equaliser.

*Team:* Judge, Johnson, Turner, West, Goodyear, Harriott, Antic, Ingram, Harrow, Fuccillo, Heath. *Sub:* Madden.

### Luton Town 0 Norwich City 2

Luton began promisingly in this Football Combination game and good efforts from Frank Bunn and a disallowed goal by Andy Pearson kept City's defence on edge. However, three minutes from the interval, Norwich opened the scoring after Luton failed to clear a free kick.

Norwich gradually took control and frequently used the offside-trap to counter the Town's attacks. After 60 minutes, Norwich added a second when they gave Alan Judge no chance. Although Luton played with great spirit,

that was not enough against an experienced Norwich side led by Duncan Forbes.

*Team:* Judge, Johnson, Turner, West, Goodyear, Harriott, Cosby, Bunn, Harrow, Madden, Pearson. *Sub:* Heath.

### Luton 1 Swindon Town 2

The reserves gave one of their worst displays of the season when Swindon left Kenilworth Road with two Football Combination points following a 2-1 victory.

The Town, fielding a strong side including Raddy Antic, Lilly Fuccillo, Mike Saxby and Andy Harrow went in front after only six minutes.

Saxby supplied Harrow with a perfect pass and he knocked the ball wide to Fuccillo. His cross was knocked off the line but Harrow followed up to score.

Luton keeper Alan Judge had to wait ten minutes before he touched the ball — and it almost brought a goal when Blackler forced him to a full length save.

Luton held their lead until half-time and, immediately after the restart, Percy Pearson almost increased it.

He collected a rebound halfway inside Luton's half and ran on strongly to evade two tackles before shooting strongly into the side netting.

Swindon, however, equalised after 55 minutes when Walsh beat Judge after capitalising on a free kick.

Fifteen minutes later, Swindon secured the winning goal when Blackler headed in Abbley's cross.

The introduction of substitute Frank Bunn for Seamus Heath almost reaped a reward when, following a strong run, he shot just wide.

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# LEAGUE TABLES POINTS ATTENDANCES



Home fixtures in **Bold** Luton score first **Att.** Res. Pts. Pos. **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **7** **8** **9** **10** **11** **12** \* Own Goal

Date	Fixture	Att.	Res.	Pts.	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 16	West Ham United	27,933	2-1	4	1	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	White +	Antic	Moss <sup>2</sup>	West
Aug. 19	Watford	13,887	1-0	4	4	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	White	Antic	Moss	West
Aug. 23	Derby County	11,025	1-2	4	6	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Bunn	Antic	Moss	Aizlewood
Aug. 27	Reading (LC 2-1st Leg)	5,778	2-1	4	4	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Bunn	Antic	Moss	White
Aug. 30	Newcastle United	13,164	1-2	4	12	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby +	Aizlewood	Hill	Stein	White	Antic	Moss	Aizlewood
Sept. 2	Reading (LC 2-2nd Leg)	5,707	1-1	4	11	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Bunn	Antic	Moss	Ingram
Sept. 6	Wrexham	8,244	1-1	5	18	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Ingram	West	Moss	White
Sept. 13	Blackburn Rovers	9,076	0-3	7	10	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	West	Antic	Moss	White
Sept. 20	Orient	8,506	0-3	7	10	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	West	Antic	Moss	White
Sept. 23	Manchester City (LC 3)	10,265	1-2	7	10	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	West	Antic	Moss	White
Sept. 27	Grimsey Town	9,044	0-0	8	12	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Oct. 4	Notts County	8,736	0-1	8	13	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Oct. 7	Notts County	7,014	1-2	8	16	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Oct. 11	Preston North End	5,620	0-1	8	19	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Oct. 18	Shrewsbury Town	8,014	1-1	9	19	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Oct. 21	Swansea City	8,402	2-2	10	16	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Oct. 25	Cambridge United	7,219	3-1	12	14	Judge	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Nov. 8	Sheffield Wednesday	12,082	2-0	14	14	Judge	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Nov. 8	Queens Park Rangers	10,082	3-0	14	14	Judge	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Nov. 11	Watford	16,959	1-0	16	10	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Nov. 15	West Ham United	17,031	3-2	18	11	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Nov. 22	Cardiff City (1)	6,064	1-0	18	11	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Nov. 29	Bolton Wanderers	8,300	2-2	19	11	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Dec. 6	Oldham Athletic	4,720	0-0	20	11	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Dec. 13	Preston North End (2)	7,874	4-2	22	10	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Dec. 20	Shrewsbury Town	4,521	1-0	24	10	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Dec. 26	Chelsea	16,006	2-0	26	9	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Dec. 27	Bristol Rovers	7,010	4-2	28	6	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Jan. 3	Orient FA Cup 3	9,891	3-1	29	6	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Jan. 10	Cardiff City	9,013	2-2	29	6	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Greathish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	Antic	Moss	White
Jan. 17	Newcastle United																
Jan. 24	Newcastle United FA Cup 4																
Jan. 31	Derby County																
Feb. 7	Blackburn Rovers																
Feb. 14	Wrexham (5)																
Feb. 21	Grimsey Town																
Feb. 28	Orient																
Mar. 7	Notts County (6)																
Mar. 14	Bristol City (LCF)																
Mar. 21	Swansea City																
Mar. 28	Cambridge United																
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May 9	F.A. Cup Final																

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## FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1980-81

Aug. 16	Chelsea	2-1	0-1	2-0	0-1	2-0	0-1	2-0	0-1	2-0	0-1	2-0	0-1	2-0	0-1	2-0	0-1
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14	Blackburn Rovers	1-1															

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## Century Club

An exciting start to the year was the announcement that our manager had won the Manager of the Month award. This was well deserved, and our very hearty congratulations to David Pleat, and our best wishes to him and the team for continuing success.

Today we meet Newcastle again — a long time since our early season first game, and we shall all be cheering the team on to reverse the decision on that occasion, as a warm-up to our Cup game against the same team next Saturday. We shall have the long trip to make then, but are sure there will be a good contingent of supporters travelling north.

We shall shortly arrange our annual Century Club v Players Quiz evening, and require volunteers for the Century Club team. Remember, the players beat us last year!

Don't forget think of your "Player of the Year" — the annual ball is not too far away.

We wish David and the team every success today and next week, and will look forward to our next home game at the beginning of February.



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## Box Office

We don't really mind whether you travel by coach, train or thumb a lift. But one thing is certain — we would like to see as many fans as possible at Newcastle a week today for the FA Cup-tie.

It's a long way for our supporters to travel but coach travel is relatively cheap with Tricentral taking bookings for their coaches which leave at 8.30 a.m. The fare is £6.50 and bookings and enquiries should be made direct to Tricentral Travel, West Side shopping centre, Luton, telephone 25432. We must stress bookings and enquiries cannot be handled by us.

The Bobbers Travel Club are also operating coaches for the trip. Bookings can be made in the Bobbers Club on Wednesday evening between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m.

We have an allocation of seating tickets for the tie at St. James's Park costing £3.50 and £3 and they are available from our ticket office. Seats in the converted stand cost £2.50 with a £1 reduction for senior citizens and juveniles. Standing is available on arrival at the ground for £1.70 and £1 for juveniles and senior citizens.

Our next three games against Blackburn Rovers, Grimsby Town, and Bristol City will be at the special offer price of £3 for seats. Admission to standing areas for juniors and senior citizens is available for £1.

In the event of a replay in the FA Cup, it will be staged at Kenilworth Road a week on Tuesday (7.45).

## QUIZ SPOT



This week's quiz should provide a test for your memories. It's a picture of one of our former youth teams, but close examination will reveal some well known faces.

We want you to identify as many as you can, and the prize for the supporter with most names will be two tickets for one of our future home games.

Your entries should be sent, by first class post, to: John Wilkinson, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road, Luton.

# WHO'S PLAYING



## LUTON TOWN

TEAM CHANGES

- 1 JAKE FINDLAY
- 2 KIRK STEPHENS
- 3 MAL DONAGHY
- 4 TONY GREALISH
- 5 MIKE SAXBY
- 6 PAUL PRICE
- 7 RICKY HILL
- 8 BRIAN STEIN
- 9 GODFREY INGRAM
- 10 MARK AIZLEWOOD
- 11 DAVID MOSS
- 12

## NEWCASTLE

TEAM CHANGES

- 1 KEVIN CARR
- 2 STEVE CARNEY
- 3 PETER JOHNSON
- 4 STUART BOAM
- 5 MICK MARTIN
- 6 BOBBY SHINTON
- 7 BRUCE HALLIDAY
- 8 KEN WHARTON
- 9 JOHN TREWICK
- 10 MICK HARFORD
- 11 CHRIS WADDLE

# HALF-TIME SCORECHECK

Birmingham City v Southampton  
 Coventry v Aston Villa  
 Crystal Palace v Wolves  
 Everton v Ipswich Town  
 Leicester City v Leeds United  
 Manchester City v Middlesbrough  
 Norwich City v Liverpool  
 Stoke City v Nott'm Forest  
 Sunderland v Manchester United  
 Tottenham v Arsenal  
 W.B.A. v Brighton  
 Bolton v Derby County  
 Bristol City v Watford

Cambridge v Swansea  
 Grimsby Town v Bristol Rovers  
 Notts County v West Ham United  
 Oldham v Wrexham  
 Orient v Cardiff City  
 Preston v Sheffield Wednesday  
 Q.P.R. v Chelsea  
 Shrewsbury v Blackburn  
 Blackpool v Reading  
 Brentford v Huddersfield  
 Burnley v Portsmouth  
 Carlisle v Exeter  
 Chesterfield v Charlton



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