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AFTER LAST SATURDAY'S CONTROVERSIAL DEFEAT
AT BOLTON, OUR FANS INSIST THAT . . .

MAC HOLDS THE KEY

Honest, I won't shoot . . .



WHO in creation is this character at our Raynesway Training Ground, wearing a stetson and totin' a six gun? Any why? You'll find the answers on the back page.

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ROY GETS A BELATED HONOUR

REPRESENTATIVES from the popular soccer magazine *Match Weekly* will present Roy McFarland with a £100 cheque and a memento before today's game. The award will take place on the pitch at approximately 2.45. It marks McFarland's selection by the magazine's readers as the Second Division player of the month during December. Turn to page 4 for the *Ram* Player of the Month voting coupon for January.

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RAMS FANS HAVE FEW DOUBTS. Despite last Saturday's defeat at Bolton they still see promotion as there for the taking AS LONG AS ROY McFARLAND (1) STAYS FIT, AND (2), KEEPS OUT OF TROUBLE WITH REFEREES.

His booking at Burnden Park edges him dangerously near the 20-point penalty total which would earn him a two, or even a three-match suspension.

That has been the theme of countless letters this week. And nobody puts the case better than far-away fanatic Derry Cox of 37 Tudor Crescent, Cosham, Portsmouth, whose letter sums up most of the points which poured in:

●Leave out last Saturday's nasty taste in the mouth, the opening day farce at Cambridge, and the non-event at Orient, and Roy Mac has played in and completed only NINE games this season. SIX were won, THREE drawn and NONE lost.

●TWICE, in addition, Roy has had to leave the field during a game. Says Mr.Cox, pointedly: "The team collapsed at Swansea, virtually from the moment he began limping. And then they surrendered a home point to Watford, who had hardly seen the ball before he hobbled off".

Like scores of our readers Mr.Cox insists the team is transformed when Roy Mac is on the pitch. And he offers two more facts to prove it.

FACT ONE: Complaints about Rams' alleged inability to perform well at the Baseball Ground ignore the reality that the team is unbeaten here in any of the 13 matches Roy has managed since he recovered from his operation last February.

FACT TWO: Since his latest come-back, against West Ham here in November, the Rams had been beaten only twice before last Saturday. They were the two games Roy missed ... the return at West Ham and at Bristol City in the FA Cup replay.

RAM OPINION

A.T.V. WRITE US OFF . . .

(Thank goodness for the BBC)

I thought they were very unlucky to be relegated last season. I saw them a couple of times late on and thought if they had been playing as well as they were then throughout the season they would have been well away from the relegation zone.

ACCORDING TO GARY NEWBON ON ATV A FORTNIGHT AGO ONLY WEST HAM IN THE SECOND DIVISION CAN LOOK FORWARD TO ANYTHING BUT A ROUGH TIME IN THE TOP FLIGHT NEXT SEASON IF THEY WIN PROMOTION.

Let's be fair. Some of our own fans think Rams would struggle if they go up. The lads, nine of them still in the squad, who pulled us almost back from the dead in Division One last season, think they'd be more fluent in the First Division. They admit Division Two inhibits their football, and their style.

At the head of this column we extract a quote from Bolton manager Stan Anderson in last Saturday's *Burnden Park* programme, "You pays yer money and you makes yer choice from the contrasting opinions."

But we'd like to know, how would ATV and Gary Newbon know whether Rams are good enough? How often has he seen Rams live this season? Once, as far as we know. How often has anyone from the ATV team called in to the Baseball Ground to talk with Derby County personalities this season? Once.

There isn't much meat on their bone of opinion.

●WHEN Roy McFarland, one of the best centre backs ever to wear an England shirt, recovered from yet another injury breakdown last November, they only just managed a line about it in their Friday night sports review.

BBC MIDLANDS TV CAME TO INTERVIEW HIM.

●When Kevin Hector, one of the finest players anywhere in the Midlands over the last decade broke the club's all-time appearance record, ATV put his picture on the screen and just announced the bald facts.

BBC MIDLANDS TV CAME TO INTERVIEW HIM.

Considering Rams are right in the midst of the promotion race the attention paid to them by ATV is skimpy, indeed. True, Second Division clubs cannot expect the coverage given to their more illustrious counterparts.

Consider this. BBC TV *Match of the Day* has the whole country to cover, compared with ATV's modest Midlands area. Yet *Match of the Day* is winning by two visits to one.

FOOTNOTE: Let's hope ATV's opinions are as adrift as their facts. Did you notice, that same Saturday, that Granada's Manchester-based commentator Gerald Sindstadt said the Middlesbrough team at Maine Road were without suspended players, including a certain "Alan Ramage".

We could excuse an error like that from Granada, but did our Birmingham-based heroes spot the enormous error as they screened it? They did not. Or, if they did, they didn't bother to correct it.

FINAL COMMENT: Thank goodness for the BBC!



That, says Mr. Cox, and scores of others, is just how vital Roy McFarland's fitness and presence is to the immediate future of Derby County.

THERE IS another popular view to the McFarland situation, though. Nobody puts it better than Mr.P.Chatfield of 45, Westlands Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.

"What a difference without McFarland. His absence leaves the rest like a ship without a rudder. But if one man makes such a difference, and he does, then it's about time the club found the money to get a real replacement. Without one we'd get some real First Division tankings!"

Arthur Coxon of Kings Street, Belper, speaks for another body of opinion: "There were snide comments about wages from the Press earlier this season. It seems only Roy Mac is capable of guiding this team to promotion. If he does that then this fine club servant will be cheap at any price!"

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Secretary Talking



Michael Dunford



AS THE RECESSION deepens to hit us all Derby County are making a determined effort to help all our fans who are concerned about how they might pay for their favourite football pastime next season.

All those who pass through a turnstile for the Luton match will be given a savings card into which can be affixed £1 or £2 savings stamps, which will go on sale at the Baseball Ground ticket office, and at the Ramtigue in Osmaston Road, as from next Monday (February 2).

The main purpose behind the idea is to help people save towards the cost of next year's season tickets, but the scheme is not restricted to that. Stamps will be redeemable at the ticket office for tickets to any of this season's games, and they will also be accepted by the Ramtigue towards any purchases you may make there.

If you do not get a savings card at this weekend's match you can pick one up at any time, at either the Baseball Ground ticket office or at the Ramtigue.

The scheme is designed to help our supporters in times which can only be described as 'difficult'. We hope it does.

WITH IMMEDIATE effect Derby County are also starting a scheme which will help schools, youth clubs, scouts and Boys Brigades to organise visits to the Baseball Ground at decidedly advantageous rates.

We are often asked to accommodate such parties, but many have been taken aback rather at the cost. From next Saturday we will admit into Ley Stand seats a party of ten for £10 as long as one person in the party is an adult, 20 for £20 as long as two people are adults, and 30 for £30, if three of the party are adults.

We do insist that each party is supervised by an adequate number of adults in order that no nuisance is caused to our season ticket holders in the stand. That's vital.

WE ALL NEED HELP IN THE RECESSION

Organisations or groups interested in the scheme should contact me on the telephone, or by post. It is available from now to the end of the season.

A RESOLUTION to be heard at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Football League on February 9 is that a maximum of six matches should be permitted by the Management Committee to be played during the weekend at another time other than Saturday afternoon, as long as the change is approved by the visiting club.

This has been translated by some of the media to mean a switch to Sunday football in these games, but that is not necessarily so. Matches could be switched to Friday evenings or, indeed, Saturday mornings.

I can state that Derby County will be backing the resolution purely because we feel it is only right that

clubs should be able to play their home games at the time they feel they will get the best support during any particular weekend. But that does not mean Derby would apply to play at any other time but Saturday afternoons.

We want to stage our games when the majority of our fans want us to. And up to now there has been almost no support at all from supporters for a switch. But, if the choice is given to us, we shall study all the pros and cons very carefully.

ONE OF the more important of the other proposals which will be discussed is the resolution to extend points awarded for a win to three from the start of next season.

Leicester have come up with a counter-proposal seeking two points for a result in the first half, two for a win in the second half, and a further two for an overall win.

My view on that one is that it would confuse the League tables to the point where calculators would be needed to unravel them... and simplicity is the beauty of a football league table as opposed to the complexity of the county cricket championship table, for example.

What I personally would like to see is three points awarded for away wins, and away wins only. It is the visiting team which so often closes down a game in search of one point. An extra two points dangled in front of their noses for a win could well provide the incentive to attack instead. Three points for a win is far more attractive than a single one for a draw. We'll see...

There is also a suggestion to be discussed that the half time interval next season should be extended to 15 minutes.

Transfer Fees will slump if a resolution insisting that 50% of the amount is paid at once is passed, with the balance within 12 months. Some payments at the moment last over four years.

Start next season
MANY of our supporters are anxious to know the starting date of the new Football season so that they can arrange their holidays to avoid "Curtain Up."
From reliable information I have received, but I must stress not officially confirmed, it seems that the 1981-82 League season will not start until as late as Saturday, August 29. The aim of the authorities is a longer close season, an avoidance of the peak holiday season, and a stimulation of interest at the end of the summer. If it is an August 29 start, then I'm sure most football supporters will be delighted at the later date which, this season, was August 16.

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PLAYER'S PLATFORM

Continuing the series where the lads frankly answer readers' questions

'Roy Mac tells me I've got to work on my pace ...'

SAYS 17 YEARS OLD TONY REID

EVEN THOUGH he isn't 18 until next May 9, and despite the fact that he's talked about as Derby County's most significant home-grown product in years, Tony Reid hasn't let his feet leave the ground.

"I've got a hell of a lot to learn", he stresses, "and I'm working hard on lots of different things. Especially my speed. Roy Mac keeps telling me I'm too slow, and when a player like that talks, any young bloke listens if he has any sense. So I'm getting in a lot of speed training".

Tony was answering a query from F. J. Talbot, Grange Road, Alvaston, who wanted to know: What do you think are your best assets. And where do you think you have most work to do to continue your amazing advance into League football?

"I pinpoint my speed, but there is a lot to do", Tony stresses. "Mind, I think my main asset is my ability to distribute the ball accurately over both short and long ranges. It comes naturally, and I also have a natural vision on the pitch. I am hoping both these natural assets will stand me in good stead as my experience widens. Mind, these are my opinions. The staff who coach me might well have different views."

It may be remembered that Gerald Mortimer paid Tony a great tribute in his report of the Bristol Rovers match in the Derby Evening Telegraph.

Tony Reid found Emson with a marvellous 40-yard pass. That is the type of skill which cannot be taught and any player who can hit a ball like that at the age of 17 is a rare prospect.

WHO DO YOU THINK HAS HELPED YOU MOST IN YOUR CAREER? AND WHO ELSE HAS BEEN IMPORTANT IN YOUR PROGRESS? Charles Gibbin of Grantham Avenue, Breadsall.

"My father has encouraged me from my earliest playing days, and still does. All of the management and staff at the club have helped enormously, but I must pay a special mention to Ron Webster and Gordon Guthrie. They've been tremendous."

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ARE YOU TOO YOUNG TO BE SUPERSTITIOUS? IF NOT, WHAT DO YOU DO?" Asks R.T.S., Ley Stand (Name/address withheld on request).

"No, I haven't any superstitions. After all, they are usually believed in to bring you luck. I would never complain at my good luck so far."

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Ron Roberts, Main Road, Leabrooks wants to know: HAVE YOU ANY HOBBIES OR INTERESTS OUTSIDE SPORT?

"Not really", I love all sports and they are my life. I play a little golf, but they haven't invented a handicap big enough for me yet! Football is my first love though. If we

aren't playing on a Saturday or especially on a Sunday, I walk to any park or fields where there is a game going on just to watch. It doesn't matter what the standard is, I love the game. When I do relax, though, I like to listen to my record player. I like WINGS and TIN LIZZIE."

TONY REID writes: I'd like to thank all Rams fans for the way they have encouraged me at all Baseball Ground levels. It's so helpful to a young player. My immediate ambitions are to win a regular place in the first team and to get a place in England's international youth team. I have been called up to Willeshall training sessions and hope I am in the selector's eyes. My big interest is to go to watch my 12 year old younger brother Chris playing whenever I can."

HOW DO YOU SPEND SATURDAYS BEFORE A HOME GAME? WHAT DO YOU EAT BEFORE A GAME? AND DO YOU GET BUTTERFLIES? Asks D.J. Redfern, Ewe Lamb Lane, Bramcote:



A new picture of TONY REID.

"I get up as late as possible on Saturday mornings and have a light breakfast of cornflakes and toast, with coffee. I have to leave home about 11.30 to get to the Midland Hotel for 12.00 when we all meet before home games. I usually have a steak for lunch, and then watch TV until it's time to leave for the ground."

"I do suffer from butterflies in the stomach, very badly. Right from the dressing room out on to the pitch. And they don't go then. I've got to do something really good as soon as I can to get over them. Then it's plain sailing."

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Asks Rachel Rouse (Mrs) address withheld on request: WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER AND DO YOU READ MUCH?

"I don't read a lot, I don't seem to have time. My father always got the Sun, so I've been brought up on it. After all, there's usually some good sports articles in it."

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HOW DID OUR FORMER ASSISTANT MANAGER DARIO GRADI, NEW MANAGER OF CRYSTAL PALACE THIS WEEK, PERSUADE YOU TO SIGN FOR DERBY COUNTY?

It wasn't Dario really that persuaded me to sign. Most of the credit, if that's what it is, should go to our former chief scout Bert Johnson and to Peter Daniel. They saw me while I was playing for Clifton All-Whites in a Nottingham league. Bert came up to me after a game and asked me to sign schoolboy forms. I was 14 then. I later came to Derby for a couple of trials, and you know the rest."

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WHAT ARE THE FULL DETAILS OF YOUR SHORT CAREER TO DATE FROM SCHOOL BOY TO NOW? Asks K.R.C. of Pinfold Lane, Gilbrook.

"I went to Bucko's old school, Holgate Comprehensive. I played for the school, and also for a South Notts team. As I said before, I signed schoolboy forms at 14 and later as an apprentice."

"I made my first appearance for the Reserves in my first year at Derby. It was in the October against Stoke. I didn't play again for the Reserves until the April of the following year and that was against Forest. My first First team appearance was the one at Chelsea this season."

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IF YOU HADN'T BEEN A FOOTBALLER WHAT JOB MIGHT YOU HAVE DONE? Asks R. Healy, Kelmour Road, Alvaston.

"I don't know really. I would have stayed on at school to complete my education, and would probably have tried to become a P.E. teacher."

YOU HAVE MADE THE GRADE QUICKLY. WHAT IS THE BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SECOND DIVISION AND THE CENTRAL LEAGUE? IS THE GAP SMALLER THAN IT WAS BETWEEN THE "A" TEAM AND THE RESERVES? Asks Malcolm Hall, Stenson Road, Derby.

"I enjoy it very much in the Second Division. You seem to get more time to play the ball than you do in the Reserves. But the pressure is on you more. If you make a mistake someone is always there to capitalise on it. I don't really think there is a great deal of difference between the 'A' team and the Reserves. The final step-up is much harder."

GREAT THRILL AT CHELSEA



Tony Reid (white shirt, right) scores with his first touch in the 3-1 win at Stamford Bridge.

Asks K. Gerrard (Mrs) of Haston Drive, Somercoates:

WAS SCORING ALMOST AS SOON AS YOU CAME ON FOR YOUR LEAGUE

DEBUT AT CHELSEA YOUR MOST EXCITING MOMENT TO DATE?

"Yes, it was a dream debut for me. I couldn't

have wished for a better start and, of course, it game me so much confidence. But the whole team performance that night was good. It was great to be a part of it."

NEXT ON PLATFORM: OUR JUGOSLAV KEEPER JAKA BANOVIC

How many League grounds have you been on?

HOW MANY of the Football League's 92 grounds have you been on to watch your football? The question is especially relevant in view of next Saturday's visit to the Baseball Ground by the *Ninety Two Club*, whose 116 members who have been on the lot.

The club was formed in June 1978, to recognise the achievement of anyone connected with soccer who has visited all 92 grounds to watch first team football matches.

Of special interest to Rams fans is their honorary member, none other than former Derby County favourite Alan Durban, now the manager of Stoke City. He was honoured by the Ninety Two Club, and was delighted to be so, because he has played on all 92 during his playing career with Cardiff, Derby and Shrewsbury.

Writes the club's Founder/Organiser, Gordon Pearce of 104 Gilda Crescent, Whit-

church, Bristol BS14 9LD.

"We have 116 full members and 44 associates, who have been on at last 70 grounds for first team matches. But none from Derby County, and we know of none of your supporters who has qualified, not even for associate membership".

We too, know of none who has been on all 92. But we have a sneaking feeling there might well prove to be at least one. And we do know several who have been on 70 and more.

We hope they will write to Mr. Pearce this week and arrange to meet him and his members at the Baseball Ground next Saturday. A stamped, addressed envelope to him will ensure full details for return of admission for prospective members.

Meanwhile, back to Mr.

Pearce. He tells us: "Apart from providing members with distinctive ties, badges, membership cards and certificates, we maintain a national members' list to further the involvement between supporters, who truly enjoy their football anywhere and everywhere."

"We also try to meet several times each season, and at the same time see all four divisions play a match, selected from different areas of the country."

"Our 16th such meeting will be at Derby's home game against Grimsby Town next Saturday (February 7). My present information is that among the small group of supporters attending will be those from York, Carlisle, Bradford, Cleethorpes, Peterborough, Newbury and the Bristol area, as well as several from the Midlands.

"I hope our visit might lead to at least one member and some associates from your area, as currently we do not have any Derby County supporters as members. Neither do we know of anyone who has ever completed his 92 tour at the Baseball Ground."

HARRY BROWN WRITES: It all made me wonder how many grounds I had watched football on in 30 years on newspapers, as PRO at the Football League, and with Derby County. It tots up to a grand total of 79, still 13 short of a "Grand Slam".

For the record my missing 13 are: Div One: Southampton; Div Two: Cardiff and Bristol Rovers; Div Three: Portsmouth, Fulham, Exeter and (shame) Chesterfield; Div Four: Bradford City, Wimbledon, Wigan, Bournemouth, Torquay and Hereford. It shows me, at least, what a gigantic task that "Grand Slam" really is!



Alan Durban as a Rams player with the League championship trophy at the Baseball Ground in 1972 along with Kevin Hector, still doing so well for Rams. Alan, now Stoke City manager, is an Honorary member of the Ninety Two Club. This story tells you when.

WHO'S YOUR PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Once again Chris Smith, principal of the New Look Codnor Glass Company is offering a solid silver tankard, inscribed with the winner's name, for the man YOU vote as the Ram's player of the month for January 1981.

We were delighted at the response to our first Ram competition last month, won by Alan Ramage. All you have to do is to fill in the form below, and get it to us by next Wednesday, so that we can announce the winner in next Saturday's Ram for the visit of Grimsby Town.

All entries nominating the

eventual winner will be placed into a hat, and the one drawn out will receive a special award from the New Look Codnor Glass Company.

The winning player will also be taken out to a special dinner by the New Look Codnor Glass Company together with his wife, or a friend.

news & views desk

TWO RAMS STRIKERS: MILESTONES, AND ROTHMAN'S FOOTBALL YEAR BOOK

ROTHMAN'S Football Year Book has become the acknowledged "Wisden" of the sport... the Handbook for all those who love to trot out facts and figures. It's beloved by sports quiz question masters.

But in many places its "facts" are at variance with those who actually know what happened. It stands to reason that it's an impossible task to get every item among thousands of facts correct. Fellow members of the Association of Football Statisticians have found numerous errors in its pages over the last couple of years. I pointed out, in the Ram four years ago that Rothman's record of Kevin Hector's League goals total varies with mine, and that of Gerald Mortimer of the Derby Evening Telegraph. So, I wonder why they haven't corrected then?

When new players are signed by Derby County I have long had to rely on figures quoted by the Year Book. But, as their statistical expert Tony Pullein points out to me, it is impossible to personally attend more than one match each Saturday, and that for the rest he has to rely on the press for his records.

Which is why, I suppose, papers and people who rely on Rothman's suggested that Alan Biley's second goal against Oldham on Boxing Day was the 100th he had scored in first class football... whereas both the Ram and the Derby Telegraph said the 100th was the one he notched against Bristol Rovers here

three weeks ago in our last home match.

We were right, Rothman's were wrong. That goal was Alan's 19th for Derby County, all of which have been scored in the League. So it doesn't need a genius to work out that he left Cambridge United with 81 goals to his credit.

But when I traced the Biley record at Cambridge through Rothman's I found they had given him one extra goal for the 1978-9 season, when he scored 19. They said 20, crediting him with one scored by team mate John Cozens. These figures were confirmed for me by the Cambridge based statistician to the Association, and shows how errors can creep in. You'll find Alan's full scoring record for the 100 on page 9.

AS FAR AS KEVIN HECTOR is concerned his next goal in the Football League will be his 150th for Derby County, and his 195th for the club in all competitions.

Despite my pointing out to them four years ago their factual error about Kev's record Rothman's have made no corrections. Indeed, they have compounded yet another mistake since. The last time Rothman's total and mine balanced was at the end of the 72-73 season when Kevin had scored 102 League goals for Derby County. Since then

Hector's record reads:

Brought forward	My record	Rothmans	
(a) 1973-4	19	102	102
74-5		102	18 120
(b) 75-6	19	121	13 133
(c) 76-7	13	134	7 140
77-8	9	143	4 144
	3	146	1 145
	1	147	



Overall there is a two-goal deficit in Rothman's total, who at the end of 77-8 gave him 258 goals after adding the 113 he scored for Bradford Park Avenue. This is where their mistakes appear:

(a) 1973-74: In the home fixture with Liverpool a goal scored by Kevin is shown as an Emlyn Hughes own goal.

(b) 1975-76: In the home fixture with Burnley, Francis Lee is shown as scoring two goals, but Kevin got the final touch to one of his shots. In the away fixture with Arsenal, which the Rams won 1-0, the goal is incorrectly credited to Charlie George.

(c) 1976-77: In the home fixture with Liverpool, which the Rams lost 3-2, the goal credited to Kevin should read "Phil Neal own goal".

Do the two missing goals really matter? you may add they do, especially to a player in the veteran stage like Zak who is approaching such a vital career milestone.

He is the only current League player to have scored a century of goals for two League clubs, the now defunct Bradford PA and Derby. His next goal, his 150th for us, will leave him just five short of a double century in all competitions for the club, a feat so far performed only by the great Steve Bloomer. Those two "missing" goals in football's alleged 'bible' could in the end deprive Hector of a great feat as far as history is concerned.

Footnote facts: Kev's other two goals were scored this season, at Preston and here against Watford on the day he equalled Ron Webster's record all-time 535 appearances; he has scored in all seven competitions in which he has played for Rams, a unique record; against Bristol City in the FA Cup this season he played his 100th game for the club outside the Football League. Another tremendous feat.

Alan Biley's 100: see page nine.

BY MIKE WILSON

CHARITABLE

Four of our players — Dave Swindlehurst, Alan Biley, Alan Ramage and Barry Powell caused a great stir in a Kenilworth club last week at a Pile-of-Pennies knockdown charity affair.

Voting form

My nomination for the Rams' Player of the Month for January 1981 is

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EASY PARKING



ILLNESS KAYOES A RAMS REGULAR AFTER 13 YEARS

HEARTFELT Good wishes today today to 45 years old Stanley Farnsworth who misses only his second Rams match since as far back as 1968.

The chances are that Stanley won't be able to see the team again this season. He suffered a heart attack last week, and, though allowed home from Nottingham's Queen's Hospital this week, he has been warned to keep away from the Baseball Ground because a match gets him too excited.

"I admit it, I do get worked up", Stanley of 12 Beauvale, Newthorpe, near Eastwood, Notts, told us on the phone. "But I reckon I get as agitated listening to the radio". He did, listening to Graham Richards from Bolton on *Radio Derby* last Saturday.

"It was the first match I'd missed since 1968, and I was frustrated at being so far away".

Stanley is a season ticket holder in the front row of the Paddock (Seat 17), and sends his neighbours his best wishes. He says he is a ref and linesman "baiter".

"In fact, a few weeks ago I told my neighbours in a loud voice that I remembered the linesman in front of us. He turned round and said, "And I remember you, too mate."

Ah well. Stanley was a Class Two referee for six years, so he doesn't yell out of ignorance, even if he does admit bias.

Get well soon Stan... you'll be missed.

Can you help

CAN ANYONE help 16 years old Gail Staples of 1 Moncrief Crescent, Chaddesden, Derby?

She writes: "A great number of Derby County functions are held week in and week out, but I can't get to them simply because I have no-one to go with. So I wonder if anyone who attends regularly would allow me to go along with them? I want to start belonging, and I'd be delighted if someone would get in touch."

Gail doesn't want a flood of letters from young bloods seeking a date. She wants to hear from responsible adults, who will hold her hand and introduce her to the social round. Anyone listening in the Supporters Clubs, please?

HOW DID YOU BECOME A RAMS SUPPORTER?

HOW DID YOU COME TO BE A RAMS' SUPPORTER?

If you were born in Derbyshire then it's nothing but an accident of birth, perhaps? But among our more long-range followers there

R.I.P.

WE REGRET to record the sudden death of lifelong Derby County fanatic, season ticket holder and shareholder, 57 years old farmer Mr Neville Wright from Dunston, near Stafford.

It's not so long ago we featured a letter from Neville in Letter Box, and we offer special sympathy to his wife Beryl, daughter Penny, and son Jeremy.

He was a long-time special friend of Derby County's secretary Michael Dunford's family, especially his father, Neville made lifetime friends of so many Baseball Ground regulars and he will be sadly missed. R.I.P.

This year our popular Miss Derby County contest will be given its own night, separate from Awards Night. It will be at Bertie's on Monday, April 6. Full details later.

Our ever-popular Awards Night will be at Romeo & Juliet's on Tuesday, April 21. Don't miss it. Full details later.

The Derby County Gala Night will be held at the Pennine Hotel, Derby, on Tuesday May 5.

WE HEAR that a former Rams favourite has been rash enough (or canny enough?) to offer 5-1 in tenners against the Rams going up this season. The bet is with a big Sportsman's Club regular.

WE'D LIKE to mention the newsagents who do a great job for us selling not only the *Ram*, but our lottery tickets too. And we'd like to hear from supporters about newsagents who are especially helpful to them with our Derby County products. It's time we did something to thank them for their efforts, we're sure you'd agree.



MEET THE LADY (above) who won first prize at season ticket holder Roy Crisp's Manor Hotel Fancy Dress competition at South Wingfield last Friday. She went as the Ram's Page Three Horror Girl, and you won't be surprised to learn that she was Shirley Brown, wife of the *Ram* editor. He won a prize, too, as "The Ruin that Crispy Knocked about a bit", but we won't show you a picture as he threatens to go in a very similar costume to the HQ branch Fancy Dress at the Sportsman's Club next Saturday.

Bully for Claire . . .

RAMS FAN Claire Kent is delighted to have won a staff appointment at the Nyakkingo Haramble School at Bondo, near Kisumu, in Kenya. Yet sad she won't be here to see the Rams win promotion. So her father is offering her the next best thing . . . he's taken out a subscription to the *Ram* to keep her in touch. Best wishes in the sun, Claire . . . and bully for you!

First-class postage

ALL CORRESPONDENTS are reminded that first class postage is now 14 pence. And it simply isn't possible any longer to answer letters in which a stamped, addressed envelope is not enclosed.

One young man recently wrote from Scotland asking for a copy of our programme, saying he was doing a special school survey of English second division club programmes. No s.a.e.

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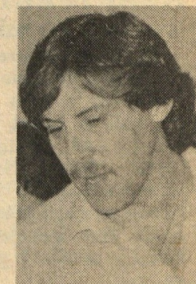
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LETTER BOX STARTS OFF WITH A LECTURE TO THE PLAYERS ABOUT THEIR BEHAVIOUR

Biley shows 'em how to stay cool



Alan Ramage



Swindles



Bi-Bi at a fancy dress party.

AT A DEPRESSING time of a vital season, when two of our best players David Swindlehurst and Alan Ramage are out of team through suspension, and a third (Roy McFarland) must be getting near 20 penalty points, it's about time somebody praised the good conduct and real sportsmanship of Alan Biley.

the offences we have seen players booked for, there can be no excuse at all for professionals chatting back at referees. Dissent, or arguing with the boss on the pitch, is nothing but stupid. Perhaps Alan Biley could give a team talk about how to keep your cool?

James Hartley, The Hall, Repton School, Derbyshire.

It is vitally necessary to point out that at the moment Alan is on zero. In fact he has been booked only TWICE in his whole career, and neither time was when he was with Derby County.

■ Since James wrote his letter Alan has been booked, at Bolton last Saturday. Which only goes to show just how angry he must have been to argue so volubly with the referee. See Centre pages.

I only wish (all Rams fans must fervently wish too), that all our other players would follow his fine example and cut out misconduct on the pitch ... especially dissent.

HERE WE ARE meeting fellow promotion contenders Luton Town today without two of our best players, Alan Ramage and Dave Swindlehurst, both suspended. It's all so needless. The big stick should be applied by the management. Roy Spence, Chadwick Ave., Allenton. • It has.

While it seems impossible to understand some of

What about the others, asks dad

AS A regular Ram reader I am beginning to wonder if there is any other branch who does anything for Junior Rams in the Supporters Clubs, other than Ilkeston? From reading the Junior Rams page you'd never think so, but I know that's wrong.

I am a father of children who are Junior Rams, and I know there are many other branches putting in a great deal of hard work for the nippers. Twice I have read about Ilkeston boys getting special soccer training from Geoff Worth at Raynesway, and this must be disappointing to other branches. Could we read about others in the Ram please?

Mr. Regular Reader and father, Derby. (name and address withheld on request).

■ If other branches inform us of their Junior Rams activities we will cover them if requested to do so. But in no way can we be everywhere, especially not on spec.

A MISTER

I'M A KEEN Ram reader, and never miss one. So I was disappointed to read in the list of main stand sponsors for the Bristol Rovers match that I was listed as Mrs S. P. Doughty. Please rectify this.

Mr. S. P. Doughty, 12 Truro Crescent, Derby DE2 4LL.

P.S.: Despite this, the Ram is the best programme in the country.

■ For making a missus out of a mister we deserve a kick in the pants.

DOES CASH DICTATE?

I WAS INCENSED by the letter from AB and DW Alfreton in your last issue in which they claimed that the 200 who went to West Ham the Saturday before Christmas are the real hard-core Rams supporters. What a load of bull!

I'd go to every Rams match anywhere if I could afford it, but as it happens I'm married, and so it's impossible for me to follow the team everywhere. I have others to consider.

This attitude that only those who can afford it are the hard-core fans is short-sighted. Like many others I come to all home games, even friendlies, and to as many away matches as I can. But I can't do it at the expense of my family.

I will always be a loyal, hard-core Derby supporter in good times and the bad. People like these two from Alfreton

should remember that loyal supporters are not just those who never miss a game, but also those who are there whenever it is possible for them to be, moneywise. I will be a Derby County supporter as long as there is a Derby County to support.

Stephen Young (aged 20), 2 Mountford Avenue, Wirksworth, Derbyshire.

■ Stephen has stressed a point that surely needed to be stressed. There must be many like him to whom everyone at the Baseball Ground will always be indebted. Thanks, Stephen.

LEICESTER LIFT?

I HAVE supported Derby since I was five, despite living in Leicester. I come to as many home games as I can but have difficulty in finding transport, as service buses leave here for Derby at the right time, but the last bus home is at 3.10, would you believe!

I am hoping there might be some Rams fans who travel to Derby from this area by car who would be prepared to give me a lift if I share the petrol costs?

Andrew Millard (aged 15), 60 Faire Road, Glenfield, Leicester LE3 8ED.

*We understand fans do share cars from the Leicester district Andrew, as we have put several in touch in the past. We hope they will see this, and get in touch with you.

PAUL EMSON FAN

I'M A great fan of our young winger Paul Emson, and would like to know more about him, but I've been through all the Rams of the last two seasons and can find nothing. Please, please ... put the omission right — Margaret Vaughan, 149 Salisbury Drive, Midway, Burton-on-Trent.

• Paul was featured on Player's Platform in the West Ham issue on November 26, 1980. Vol 9 Number 10. Write to our Subscription dept for a back issue.

Programme points

I HAVE reluctantly decided to dispose of my collection of Derby home and away programmes which I have built up over a number of years. The collection consists of approximately 1450 issues ranging from 1912 to 1981 and includes the 1946 Cup Final, the 1948 semi final, several year books, brochures and other items. I will sell either as a collection or individually. D. Heeley, 9 Clover Close, Spondon, Derby.

IN ORDER to continue my collection of Derby County home and away programmes which stretches back almost 20 years I require this season's away at Cambridge. I have failed to get one through several channels. I am hoping a Ram reader can help?

Has anyone a Ram Number one of the 1972/3 season for the friendly against Den Haag on August 5, 1972 or number 8 of volume three 1973-4. — Alun Owen, 8 Queensway, Park Wall Estate, Gwersyllt, Wrexham, Clwyd, North Wales LL11 4RY.

ARE RAMS GOOD ENOUGH?

IN MY OPINION the side that Derby County have now is just about good enough for promotion this time.

This is mainly due to the fact that the clubs around us are just bad as we are in dropping silly points. But if we go up to the First Division, where will that leave us? Will we be good enough to survive with this present side?

Print this letter please, as I am fed up of reading all the "nice" letters praising the club and the players. I would like to see what other supporters really feel about the future. P. Chatfield (Popular side season ticket holder), 45 Westlands Road, Uttoxeter.

■ We have drastically cut Mr. Chatfield's letter, part of which also appears on the front page. Why? Because much of it was a criticism of individual players. We must stress again that, while we will always give space to general criticism as above, we will not discuss individuals. While we are the club's official newspaper, we do not forget our obligations to the fans. We are ever ready to promote your complaints and observations, but there is no room in our columns for personality attackers ... there are many other organs available for that. Here, we are determined to be constructive rather than destructive. Wisdom without responsibility is accessible to everyone.

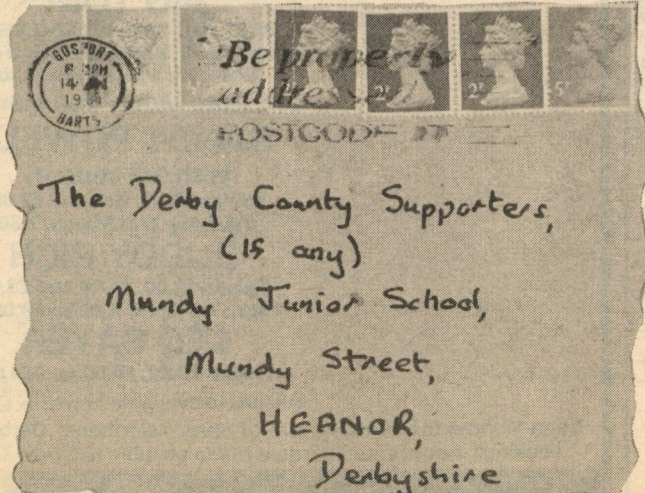
THE DAY THE 'TIMES' LAID IT ON THICK

WE HAVE connections with the Grange Primary School in Franklin Road, Rowner, Gosport, and how they chortled when they saw this bit in the "Times" about our Cup defeat at Bristol City.

A much longer journey, and undoubtedly less profitably, will be Bristol City's reward for beating Derby County 2-0 in a replay at Ashton Gate.

"Bring back Clough or McFarland, or both", they wrote. And what about the way they addressed their envelope to us?

I. O. Ottewell, Mundy C. E. Junior School, Mundy St., Heanor.



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IF IT'S A REALLY FINE GOAL . . .

Why shouldn't neutrals cheer if the visitors score on our ground?

IT IS OFTEN said that football has a language of its own. That has been very obvious at the Baseball Ground some Saturday afternoons this season.

When those language barriers are broken it can be rather embarrassing sometimes, but it can also make you appreciate what the game should really be about, and that's entertainment. The embarrassment comes when you are kindly invited by Derby County to witness the Second Division action of some of their matches and then people you bring leap to their feet with sheer joy to applaud a goal from the opposition.

I remember one such event quite clearly, a superb goal, which proved rather costly for Derby, hit from the edge of the penalty area and curling beyond the goalkeeper to give Wrexham victory at the Baseball Ground on September 20 last.

It was a goal BBC's Match of the Day, who were here, raved about.

The line of ten people who all rose and warmed their hands frantically in appreciation of the power, skill and excitement of the goal hadn't made the trip up from Wales to celebrate Wrexham's first away win for some time. They didn't even know where Wrexham was.

Their reaction would have been exactly the same if Derby had scored, the main difference being that their joy would have been shared by another near 17,000 people. At that time, however, all eyes seemed to turn and glare at the cheek of these people standing to cheer a goal from the visitors. Embarrassing.

That group of men with me

were Vietnamese Boat People, with hardly a dozen words of English between them. North Vietnam must be the only country in the world where the names Manchester United and Liverpool haven't yet penetrated. But you don't have to talk about teams to these people, you just say football, and they'll watch or play. If what they see is good they say so, whichever side produces the skill.

This is where our supporters leave a lot to be desired; skill from the opposition is often met with stony silence at best. Some blast abuse at the helpless goalkeeper or defender. There are also outbursts of violent tantrums by fanatical supporters who can indulge in physical 'combat'.

I would prefer to be embarrass-

WOULD YOU BLAME THE BOAT PEOPLE FOR DOING JUST THAT?

assed by the impartiality of the Vietnamese Boat People, providing it doesn't provoke retaliation. Not that I'm saying it would at Derby, but the reputation of football supporters nationally does tend to leave one a little jittery.

Personally, I wish football supporters were not so blinded by their loyalty to one team.

They would then appreciate the game more. It's the same with life in general, though. If we didn't have so many prejudices, fears, jealousies and dislikes we would find much more satisfaction from the simple things of life.

Defeat for your own team in a big match is lousy, but, and I hope I don't sound too much like a preacher, there is good to be found from bad. The abuse which pours from mouths at soccer grounds is the same as that aimed at ethnic minority groups who might be in the community, or that between people of opposing political groups.

We don't want to understand or appreciate the good that the other side can present, or the reason for other people's hardships. I work for the Vietnamese Boat People whom Derby County have kindly allowed to attend some matches. Often I experience the animosity shown towards them.

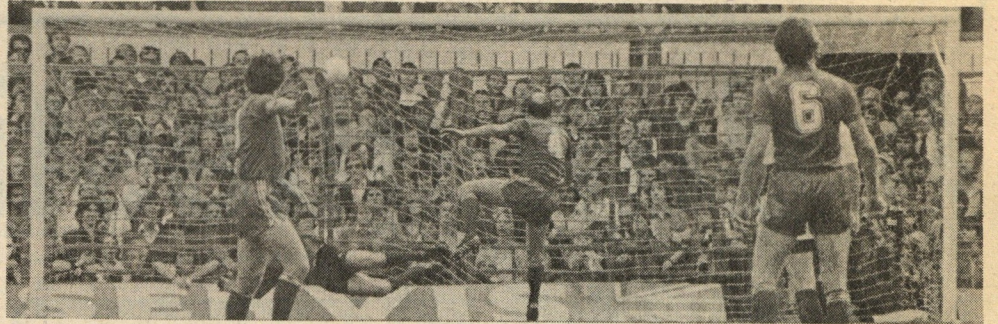
It is, of course, rather ironic that many Christian people cried "shame" when the Boat People were drowning on the North China Sea, or being stranded in overcrowded refugee camps. There were massive appeals for funds to aid them, and it seemed the whole world was sympathetic. Indeed they were, while they were on the other side of the world. It was different when they arrived in England and needed somewhere to live, wanted jobs, and when they couldn't get them needed Social Security in order to live.

Suddenly, the Vietnamese Boat People have no right to a house, shouldn't take a job when so many English people are unemployed, and certainly shouldn't be drawing Social Security. What the alternative is, people do not say. But it can only be a suggestion that they should have drowned on the North China Sea, or stayed in North Vietnam, where they would have been persecuted and probably killed because they were ethnic Chinese. It's a wonderful choice.

The comparison with football still exists: you can appreciate the skill of Liverpool on the television when they are playing someone else, but if they hammer your own team the language is not so complimentary.

Give sympathy and aid when other people a long distance away are helping the Vietnamese, "but not when they are on our own doorstep."

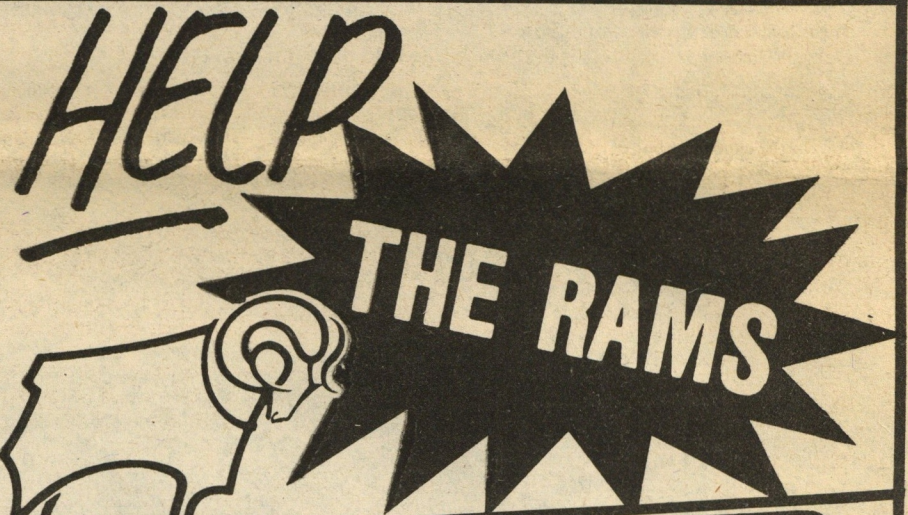
Well, taking politics out of it, the Vietnamese Boat People do enjoy their football. And it doesn't matter who produces the skill. If nothing else, we could perhaps consider that...



One wouldn't have expected neutrals to cheer Howard Kendall's penalty that put Blackburn ahead here last September (above) ... but why blame them for cheering Wrexham's wonderful winning goal here on September 20,

IT'S NOT OFTEN that football offers us the opportunity to examine our bigotries and prejudices towards other than rival fans. But this special article draws an analogy between what the Vietnamese Boat people have sometimes experienced at the hands of our fans at the Baseball Ground, and the suspicion and antagonism they have had to face outside since they came as homeless and helpless refugees to this country.

If the article stops to make you think, I'll be delighted. It's written by RICHARD BECHER of the Save the Children Resettlement Centre, The Cedars, Breadsall, Derby (Tel: 831273), who invite anyone who would like to help the Boat People to make contact for more details — EDITOR



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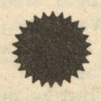
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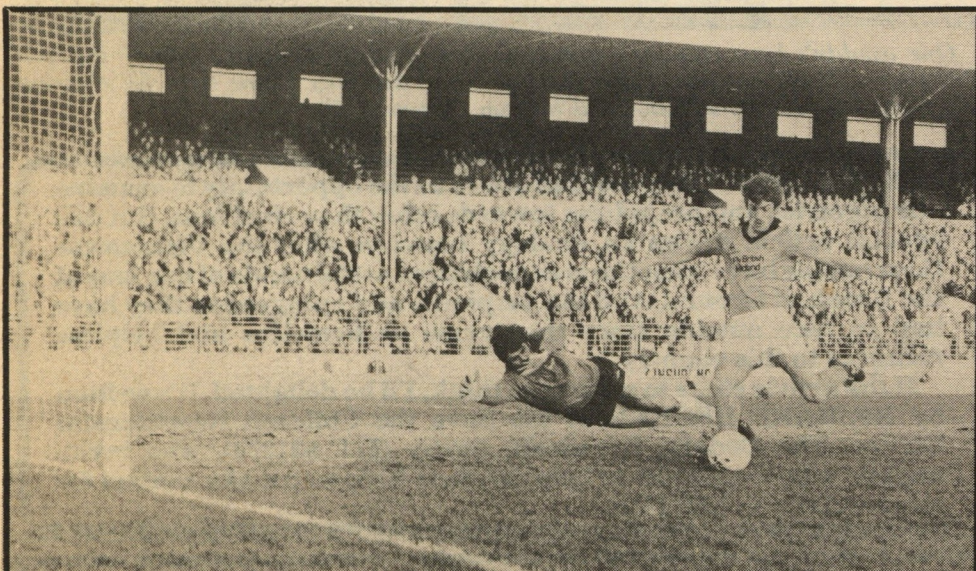
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POSTSCRIPT TO THE BOLTON DEBACLE IN LAST MONDAY'S EDITION OF THE DERBY EVENING TELEGRAPH

DEFEAT — the question IS PROMOTIC WISHFUL TH

A daft question? Then prov



When Bolton keeper Peacock failed to hold Steve Buckley's free kick . . . Kevin Wilson was on hand to poach Derby the lead in only 2 minutes.



BOLTON WANDERERS 3 RAMS 1

DON'T MISUNDERSTAND OUR HEADLINE. We are not saying that the question asked by Gerald Mortimer was anything but justified and pertinent in the wake of last Saturday's Derby County debacle at Bolton.

Especially as the match was there to be won against a home side that appeared confused and vulnerable from the moment Kevin Wilson grabbed a second minute lead.

Had they not allowed themselves to become angry and frustrated at the error compounded by referee Colin Seel of Carlisle, which led to Alan Gowling's 13th minute equaliser, they must almost certainly have gone on to notch yet another away win.

It's not unfair to state that an alarming lack of subsequent professionalism in the Rams' Ranks gave Bolton two points they could scarcely have expected. It all began when Gowling latched on to a through pass, knocking the ball down with his chest and undoubtedly used his upper arm (not his shoulder) to control it in the process.

- The defence stopped in anticipation of the whistle.
- Roger Jones made little effort to stop Gowling's shot as it went into his net.
- The whistle never came. The goal stood. The referee's decision is final.

In the next four minutes three Rams' players went into the book, two for dissent for which they have since been fined by the management. One for a flagrant foul.

For a long, long time until Bolton went two up after 35 minutes, Rams visibly showed their anger and their frustrations. Victims of many peculiar decisions this season, they nevertheless must appreciate that they are not victims alone. It happens to others, too. Referees are only human.

AND WHEN RAMS DICTATED PLAY FOR LONG PERIODS IN THE SECOND HALF THE ANGER WAS STILL BUBBLING NOT FAR BELOW THE SURFACE. AND CHANCES, GOOD CHANCES, WERE THUS LOST BEFORE THE HOME SIDE CLINCHED IT WITH A THIRD GOAL THREE MINUTES BEFORE THE END FOR A COMPLETELY UNNECESSARY REVERSE.

So why do we say in our heading that it is up to the lads now to prove that the question asked by the *Telegraph* is totally unnecessary? This defeat was only the second in the

League since Cambridge beat us here on November 15. Since then, Derby have as good a record as West Ham, as the table at the foot of the page shows.

Despite not playing convincingly, and with a defence still leaking too many goals, the side has still managed to gather in the points. It's perhaps no coincidence that last week's lapse occurred in the first match missed by the suspended two, David Swindlehurst and Alan Ramage.

We have often bemoaned the injury jinx which has decimated the management's chances of fielding unchanged sides, yet this time the line-up had to be changed because of the players' own fault, and the team has paid dearly.

All that notwithstanding, the records of the leading promotion contenders since November 15, when Derby finally seemed to absorb the new lessons and demands of Division Two, show that Rams have the ability and the talent to firmly strike out suggestions that the promotion challenge is wishful thinking.

POINTS ARE THE CURRENT PRIORITY, NOT STYLE. BUT A MODICUM OF FLAIR MIGHT STRENGTHEN A FEW OF THE FAINTER HEARTS!

The current form table shows immediately what two hard home games are in prospect, today and next Saturday. Luton were going great guns until they were surprisingly beaten at home by Newcastle a fortnight ago, a defeat that was repeated by the Geordies at home in the Cup last Saturday.

Luton, who had previously won three games on the trot, will be anxious to get back on the winning path today. While Grimsby Town are currently the undoubted form team of the division. Next week will be no sinecure.

Three from the bottom on November 15, they have clawed up the table with only one defeat since, and

are now in a false ninth place. They'll be no push-overs.

Now is the time of real test for Rams. These two exacting home games are followed by another tough away match in Lancashire, at Blackburn, now seemingly recovering from their recent faltering run which saw them drop from their position as early pacemakers.

If ever the squad is going to prove they really are serious promotion contenders there never was a better time to do it than in the next fortnight! — H.B.

We can handle



RAM'S players should not have been too distressed at Gowling getting away with handling the ball . . . but should have played to the whistle, as this Watford defender did at the Baseball Ground in mid-December, when Dave Swindlehurst used his hand to control the ball (above). And got away with it! Unfortunately, a goal did not result.

RESERVES COME GOOD AND EVEN GIVE LIVERPOOL A BIG FRIGHT

THE WHOLE of the management back-room staff is delighted with the progress now very apparent right through the Reserve and junior ranks, says John Newman:

"We are making advances, and that is very heartening for the future remembering our hesitant performances at first team level, and the fact that money for team strengthening is practically none-existent at the moment".

People like Wayne Richards, Frank Sheridan and Glenn Skivington are confirming that their first team promise when given their chances was no flash in the pan, keeper Jaka Banovic continues to improve all the time, youngsters like Paul Halford, David King and John Clayton positively shine with potential.

The last three games played by the Reserves have

demonstrated their emerging power now that the first team injury crisis has eased, and they can settle as a formation.

First they drew with a strong Manchester City side 2-2 at Maine road, and deserved to do so, and then went to the all-conquering Liverpool's Anfield ground to come away with a narrow 3-2 defeat.

Indeed, they scared the pants off a home outfit in the last quarter that included England international David Johnson, Jimmy Case and Davie Fairclough, to mention only three.

"It's not the team results that one is mainly concerned about," coach Richie Norman told us. "Our accent is on in-

dividuals who can respond to the team's demands, and in this respect we are developing some jewels.

"At this stage of the season, when all clubs are expected to have to make staff cuts at the end of the season, I'm naming no names. But we are richly blessed at the moment. Monday's Youth Cup game with Man United was one of the best I've ever seen."

One of that team, Paul Halford, scored twice on his Central League debut last Saturday in the 2-1 win against Sheffield Wednesday Reserves. "Wednesday came back at us after we had controlled the first half", Richie said, "but we defended so well and showed character. A lot of hard work now seems to be paying big dividends for us and it opens up a very bright future".

Division Two: Current fo

LOOK at the records of the leading cl inclusive (when Cambridge beat up he Rams have done extremely well. The tab are (present League positions in bracket the Second Division chart.

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that again must be asked, N CHALLENGE NKING?

West Ham	27	16	7	4	45	23	39
Swansea	27	11	10	6	41	30	32
Notts Co	25	10	12	4	29	25	32
Chelsea	27	11	9	7	38	25	31
Derby Co	27	11	9	7	41	36	31
Sheff Wed	25	12	6	7	34	27	30
Blackburn	26	10	10	6	28	21	30

he it lads!



ABOVE: another keeping error leaves Alan Biley free but, unfortunately, facing the wrong way. And though he scampered frantically for it, the chance was lost.



LEFT: Biley tries to back-heel the ball through but the well-covered Peacock manages to dive on it. Two of the more excusable misses . . .

the ball too, you know



Was it really Bi-Bi's 100th goal?

YES, HE INSISTS, DESPITE TEASING FROM THE LADS

Derby County 2 Bristol Rovers 1

ANY PLAYER's one hundredth goal in first class football is a memorable occasion, and so it was for Alan Biley, especially as it came on the first anniversary week-end of his transfer to Derby from Cambridge United.

Snag is that at best, he couldn't have notched a less convincing goal. At worst, there was a question mark over it: was it his goal? After the game his team mates teased Bi-Bi unmercifully. "It was mine", he insisted. "I don't claim goals I don't score". And that's true.

Peter Clarke's wonderful set of pictures of the incident hardly clarify the situation. Picture two shows the ball going from the grounded Biley past Stuart Barrowclough (number eight), who was behind him in picture one. Did he touch the ball? "I could see it going towards the line in an almighty scramble", said Barrowclough. "It might have come off me, I don't know". Said Rovers' keeper Phil Kite: "I think the ball was diverted. Biley certainly got behind it." Former Ram Aiden McCaffery (centre of picture two) agreed. Said Biley: "It might have touched someone, but it was going in anyway."

At the bottom of the page Rovers full back Don Gillies slides a perfect Paul Emson cross into his own net in trying to keep it away from Alan Biley, thundering in behind him, for the first goal.

Outstanding in a poor match were the oldest man on the field, Rovers' player manager Terry Cooper, former Leeds and England star, and the youngest 17 years old Rams midfielder Tony Reid.

Goals details: Gillies (own goal) 90 seconds, Rams 1-0; Lee 49 mins, 1-1; Biley 78 mins (2-1).



1 Emson's corner is headed on by Swindlehurst, hidden at the far post. Biley is in front of Barrowclough, number 8.



2 Biley slides it under Number 8 as the rest of Rover's defence is caught flat footed.



3 As the keeper snaps the ball behind the line is Barrowclough's anguish caused by missing the ball . . . or because he scored in the wrong net?



4 Whatever he thinks, Alan Biley has no doubts. It's his 100th first class goal and he's excitedly running off to tell anyone who cares to listen.

ALAN BILEY'S CENTURY OF GOALS: WHERE THEY WERE SCORED

ALAN BILEY has played against all but ten of the present 92 League clubs in a career which started in early 1976. One of the clubs he has never played against are Derby County.

The others are: Division One: West Brom and Wolves; Division Three: Blackpool, Hull and Reading; Division Four: Mansfield, Wigan, Wimbledon and York.

(Note: He has played against Everton in the F.A. Cup, but not in the League).

Biley's 100 goals include 93 in the League, four in the FA Cup and three in the League Cup. Altogether he has made 203 League appearances, (five as sub) eight in the FA Cup and 14 in the League Cup — a total of 225.

Bi-Bi has scored against 48 of the League clubs he has played against. His full record is as follows (teams are numbered according to the sequence of his first appearance against them.) Number of appearances first, goals scored in brackets. The list covers all appearances from season 1975-6 to last Saturday, Alan's division by division appearances are as follows: Div Four 1975-6 and 76-7; Division Three 77-8; Div Two 1979-80 (all with Cambridge); Derby: Div One 79-80, Div. Two 80-81.

NOTE: He also played and scored against Barrow and Workington, both of whom have since lost their League status. This is why his total of clubs reaches 84. Only 82 of them are present Football League members.

1. Doncaster Rovers 4 (1); 2. Bradford C. 5 (1); 3. Scunthorpe 3 (2); 4. Northampton 1 (0); 5. Hartlepool 3 (1); 6. Rochdale 3 (0); 7. Watford 5 (1); 8. Bournemouth 3 (0); 9. Southport 3 (2); 10. Barnsley 4 (0); 11. Newport 3 (1); 12. Colchester 3 (2); 13. Exeter 4 (1); 14. Crewe 2 (1); 15. Workington 2 (1); 16. Southend 2 (0); 17. Halifax 2 (0); 18. Torquay 2 (1); 19. Huddersfield 2 (2); 20. Brentford 2 (0); 21. Stockport 2 (1); 22. Swansea C. 2 (1); 23. Darlington 2 (2); 24. Aldershot 2 (2); 25. Gillingham 2 (0); 26. Chester 2 (0); 27. Tranmere 2 (2); 28. Shrewsbury 3 (3); 29. Plymouth 2 (0); 30. Rotherham 1 (1); 31. Swindon 2 (1); 32. Preston 3 (1); 33. Wrexham 3 (1); 34. Carlisle 2 (0); 35. Hereford U. 2 (0); 36. Oxford 2 (1); 37. Peterbro 2 (1); 38. Bury 2 (2); 39. Lincoln 2 (1); 40. Chesterfield 2 (1); 41. Sheff. Weds. 3 (3); 42. Port Vale 2 (1);

43. Portsmouth 2 (2); 44. Walsall 2 (1); 45. Stoke C. 3 (2); 46. Brighton 3 (2); 47. Leicester 3 (1); 48. Newcastle 4 (0); 49. Cardiff 4 (3); 50. Charlton 2 (2); 51. Luton 5 (3); 52. Bristol Rov. 5 (3); 53. Blackburn 3 (2); 54. Notts C. 3 (1); 55. Orient 4 (2); 56. Burnley 3 (3); 57. West Ham 5 (2); 58. Oldham 4 (4); 59. Sunderland 3 (0); 60. Palace 3 (2); 61. Fulham 3 (4); 62. Sheff. U. 2 (2); 63. Millwall 2 (1); 64. Chelsea 3 (1); 65. Birmingham 1 (0); 66. QPR 1 (0); 67. Bolton 3 (1); 68. Arsenal 1 (0); 69. Man. Utd. 1 (0); 70. Mid'sbro 1 (0); 71. Southampton 1 (1); 72. Spurs 1 (1); 73. Villa 1 (0); 74. Coventry 1 (0); 77. Liverpool 1 (0); 78. Forest 1 (0); 79. Leeds 1 (0); 80. Man. C. 1 (1); 81. Norwich 1 (1); 82. Cambridge Utd. 2 (0);

DEFINITELY AN OWN GOAL



DON GILLIES in the process of diverting Paul Emson's low cross (he's behind the far post), into his own net. Paul had run an exciting 65 yards or so with the ball at his feet . . .

- F.A. CUP: 76-77 Charlton 2 (1); 77-78 Lowestoft 1 (2); Plymouth

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Supporters Club's chat by Ernie Hallam

OH, WHAT A WASTE OF MONEY!

Hello Colleagues,

The weather made fools of quite a few of us two Saturdays ago, didn't it? Funny, but I had a feeling that original date at Bolton was going to be off, and all I wished for was that any postponement news would come through before supporters started to travel and get involved in needless expense.

I got to Derby from my Belper home early in the morning, and was working on getting a few of the necessary details sorted out when the "It's off" news came through. I immediately tried to get in touch with the Kinch Bus Company who provide our Roadriders, but unfortunately we were not on the phone soon enough. The coaches had left for

Derby. A pity, and an expense.

While I'm speaking of Kinch's I should add that we have a very good understanding with them. Their aims and ideals are high, and their drivers likeable and very co-operative, with a pride in their jobs and in their coaches. This suits Derby County Promotions very well, as their sole aim is to provide transport to away matches for the well-intentioned average fan who not only wants to see the Rams but also wants to steer clear of any trouble.

Anyway, back to that abortive Bolton trip. Quite a few of our fans had completed Stage One of their journey, and were arriving in Derby as I arrived at the bus station with a board to display on the departure platform announcing the game was off.

And who do you think extended his co-operative hand, and kept an eye on the situation as well as returning the board to the *Ram* at the end of our vigil? None other than Eric Kitchen, who drove the Derby County team around everywhere for very many years.

There's not much about getting to any ground in the country that Eric couldn't tell you about the drop of a hat.

IT IS MY pleasure to be able to say, in response to many requests that the "Ernie's Competition Night" will be held again this year. It's for the Ivan Cox Memorial Trophy and Vitrev Packaging are again sponsoring the event to provide individual prizes for members of the winning team.

Who is it going to be this year? Do you remember who won it last time? The directors' B team, led by former Rams' Vice Chairman Bob Innes.

I shall be giving more details and a few rules or guidelines later, but I can assure you that all sections of the club and its supporters will be invited to take part.

It is already booked. Believe it or not, the date is April 1, again. What kind of fool, am I? Honestly, friends, it's pure coincidence. The venue this year will be Bertie's, and that is the only date they were able to come up with.

Plea for Amateurs

THE DONINGTON Trophy inter branch sports quiz is hotting up. At Alfreton recently I watched a wonderfully hard and well-fought contest end in a narrow win for visitors Heanor.

But there was even more to a great night. Question was who could demolish most of the huge piles of roast spuds, mushy peas and faggots? (I believe). Everyone joined in with a vengeance and that was the real meaning of the night... social enjoyment for Rams' fans.

A small, but important thank-you to the Ladies' section for this part of the evening.

If that was a good round of the quiz then the next was absolutely superb. South East Derbyshire successfully played hosts to Belper at their new headquarters. I have no axe to grind, and I offer the following remarks on the

competition as a result of my close involvement in which has enabled me to hear most discussions, praise and criticisms. So the following comments are meant, constructively:

Had the two matches I have referred to, both second round games, had easier questions to answer I believe they would have lost a lot both in interest and excitement. The standard of a few of the teams has risen considerably, they really are astonishingly good.

Nevertheless, it must always be remembered that the competition was organised as an inter-branch activity to promote interest, fellowship and goodwill among the participants, including Derby County players, management and directors whose entries add spice to the gingerbread.

All things considered, I can only conclude that the competition would lose something if any of the branches dropped out. A point put to me, which I endorse, is that the difficulty of the questions should be lowered for the first round only.

The same teams would still get through, while those whose bent it is not to swot up but to go up there for a bit of fun, would enjoy themselves even more. They want to take part as "amateurs" without fear of humiliation, which is not always the case now.

It is the intention of the Castle Donington organisers to meet all branches for their views before next season's competition starts, and I can think of nothing constructive to add to what I have just said.

BEWARE APRIL, colleagues, when you come to arrange branch functions during that month. Many functions are already booked in addition to my Surprise Quiz on April 1.

Derby County Promotions are holding a Miss Derby County Night, also at Bernie's (probably on the 6th, but the date not yet finalised) while the DCFC Awards Night will be at Romeo and Juliet's on April 21. There is also a Gala Night booked at the Pennine Hotel on May 5. All these, plus your branch functions, so please check the diary before booking.

DIARY

MON Feb 2 Belper branch, Social evening, Bull's Head, Openwoodgate, 8pm.

Thurs Feb 5: HQ branch: Junior Rams meeting (hopefully including film show). Sportsman's Club, Baseball Ground, (7-9pm).

Sat Feb 7: HQ and International branch fancy dress, buffet disco, Sportsman's Club, Baseball Ground (8-12). Admission £2. Fancy dress optional. Tickets from Cliff Bright, 24 Old Hall Ave., Alvaston (Tel: 72546).

Tues. Feb 24: Belper branch, Social evening, New Inn, Milford (8pm).

Sat Feb 28: South Peak branch, away coach trip to Wrexham. Members £3.50, non-members £4.50. Leave Bakewell Road car park, Matlock 11 am. Bookings, with full payment please, to Stephanie Brownson.

NOTE: Will secretaries please ensure receipt of all items for Diary seven days before date of issue.

SOUTH PEAK REACH

THEIR HIGH PEAK

NEXT SATURDAY when Grimsby Town are our visitors 12 lucky members of the high-flying South Peak branch will be watching the match from the luxury of an executive box at the back of Ley Stand.

This is another first for South Peak, who are hard at work aiming to sell the branch to all Rams' supporters in the Matlock area ... from all walks of life.

Their very successful darts sports quiz competition is well under way. The first team to reach the semi-finals are the Bull's Head, Kirk Hallam, who narrowly beat The Fishpond, Matlock Bath, in a closely contested match last Sunday. Future dates: Feb 1: Castle (Bakewell) v White Lion (Starkholmes); Feb 8: Three Stags "A" (Darley Bridge) v Three Stags "B".

*Branch President PAUL EMSON was special guest at RIPLEY'S New Year Junior Rams' party, where the youngsters were also able to view the European Cup, kindly loaned by Nottingham Forest. A good time, I am assured, was had by all.

*There are literally hundreds of youngsters registered with our Junior Rams football league teams. There are many more not lucky enough to win a place, or are either too old or too young to be included. To cater for these ILKESTON branch are organising coaching sessions which go towards the FA Super Skills Awards, at the end of which the youngsters will receive badges and certificates according to the standard they have attained.

*I note that DAVID SWINDLEHURST is coaching HEADQUARTERS' youngsters. He is yet another Rams player passing on his know-how to our up-and-coming football fanatics. KEVIN WILSON at ASHBOURNE and STEVE BUCKLEY at ILKESTON are others deeply involved with teams in our football leagues.

Ernie's Night

LAST YEAR Ernie Hallam's "Surprise" quiz night — involving all sorts of questions unconnected with sport — proved one of the highlights of the season. More than 30 teams from the club, the staff, the Ram and supporters clubs all entered.

Almost without exception it was rated the best night for years, writes Harry Brown. Now Ernie has arranged another Surprise Night, at Bernie's Cabaret Club on April 1.

He invites entries from anyone and everyone. The Supporters Clubs and Derby County FC will be there in force. In teams of four. If you, the fans, would like to set up a team, then send your entry to Ernie Hallam, c/o the Baseball Ground. There is no entry fee, and it's guaranteed great fun.

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JUNIOR RAMS PAGE

HATS OFF TO THE JUNIOR HATTERS

Give them a FANtastic welcome

IT'S A SAD THING to have to acknowledge, but most of you are too young to remember football in the 'good old days' which older-folk are fond of talking about.

Now, don't run away with the idea that I'm ready to draw my pension. I've a long way to go before that. But I'm talking about the days when following football was a pleasure and a relaxation, rather than the anxious ordeal it can often be today.

NO doubt you read Ernie Hallam's account of an eventful visit to Newcastle, when a couple of mates and I ended up in a Black Maria to prevent us from sampling some northern hospitality spelt H-O-S-T-I-L-I-T-Y!

It was an experience that made me determined to keep two special New Year's resolutions. Firstly to diet, and prevent Mr. H's constant references to my frame and therefore force him to look elsewhere for the content of half his column! Secondly, and most seriously, to develop further our links with the clubs with organised activities for youngsters such as we provide through the Junior Rams.

I want to see a return to the days when you could wear a scarf or a favour openly, home or away, rather than the situation we have today where they are stuffed out of sight in the street.

It's not too long ago you

could get a drink and a bite to eat in a pub close to any football ground. Now, if they're not shuttered like all the houses close by, they have some gent filling the doorframe and closely vetting allcomers. It's not too long ago you could have a good conversation with opposing fans, and they would know as much about your team as they did their own.

Now, if you're spoken to it's more likely to determine your accent, and their only knowledge of opposing players is limited to that required for a barrage of abuse.

The match used to finish with a handshake, and we never needed to be herded by police escort to and from our transport.

I don't want to suggest that football grounds are "no-go" areas for decent people. I travel home and away, and the vast majority are perfectly safe, but there are always these precautions against violence that tars everyone with the same brush because of the irresponsible behaviour of a few.

The main aim of the Junior Rams Club is to provide events and activities for young Derby County fans, but equally important is the development of links with other clubs in an attack on hooliganism at



By Junior Rams' Co-Ordinator STEVE STONE

football matches. Last year we developed links with a number of clubs in the First Division.

Some had established clubs for youngsters, but some had not. They asked, and we were delighted to supply, details of our Junior Rams Club. We are proud of our range of activities, and the close involvement of all sections of the football club. But we don't jealously guard our ideas.

We were first in the field and I believe we still lead the way.

We are most anxious to provide the best for young Rams fans, but we are very conscious of our wider obligations to this great game of ours. This year we continue to develop such links in the Second Division.

Today we will be welcoming a party of 100 Junior Hatters from Luton. On behalf of Derby County FC I welcome them to the Baseball Ground. We hope they enjoy the pre-match tour, meeting a few of our members, and the game.

I look forward to meeting officials of the Junior Hatters, and to have a jolly good chin-wag about youngsters, and what we feel we can do for them.

Such visits can only work towards achieving our common goal, to bring the game back to the family. We're looking forward to promoting similar visits from Derby County. I know you will all do your part and give them a FANtastic, warm, Derby welcome here today.

MASCOTS



Pictured above is 7 years old MARTIN GUEST, from Alfreton Junior Rams mascot at the Bristol Rovers game.

Today's mascot is Garry Sims of Chaddesden, a member of Headquarters Branch. His replica kit is provided by Derby & Burton Co-op

Birthdays

Birthday Greetings go out to: Darryl Clarke, Christopher Hall, Rachel Dowding, Nigel Martin on the 24th; Mark Wooley, Lester Earp, Alan Warriner, Lynn Pemberton (25th); Alan Ford, Darren Shepherd (26th); Jason Bowmar, Andrew Buxton, Ian Maddison, Jerry Booth (27th); Caroline Smith, Andrew Highly, Surjit Olk (28th); Paul Grounsel, Timothy Evans, Paul Ozols, Jane Hawley, Mandeep Singh Gill, Allen Wright, Brian Mathers (29th); Stephen Woodruff, Darren Syson (30th); Marcus Carratu, Sally Ann Harrison and Paul Dean (31st).

OUR SOCCER LEAGUES

Ripley Under 12 remain the only unbeaten team in either league, with a 5-0 trouncing of last year's champions Ilkeston. Heanor and Belper fought out a nail-biting game, and finished with a point apiece. Which helps Ripley's challenge for the Championship with two games in hand.

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Tweed's Topic

Town's three international keepers

YEARS AGO, when diving boots and baggy pants were the accepted dress of our soccer heroes, clubs possessing good goalkeepers were confined mainly to the upper divisions.

Those parading an International 'keeper were indeed fortunate, while the few with two representative-class 'Number One's' were in the luxury category.

Nowadays managers scour the country for a top-class keeper, as the role becomes more adaptable to the technique of a team. Modern coaches really have a hang-up about the position, and seem to collect goalkeepers like trading-stamps and full-frontal posters.

Everton's Gordon Lee, for example, started the season with three top-class keepers on his staff, while Tottenham, albeit from necessity, are forever ringing the changes. Even Ron Greenwood can't really make up his mind.

Today's visitors, Luton Town, however, enjoyed the sheer luxury of having three star goalkeepers on their books at the same time in the 1950's.

In 1950 BERNARD STRETON was the man in possession. A former amateur International, and R.A.F. officer, he was immaculate on and off the field. England capped him that season against Northern Ireland, where he replaced the injured Bert Williams of Wolves. Although England won 9-2, Williams returned for the next game.

In Luton's reserve side was a lad by the name of IOWERTH HUGHES. After playing only a handful of first team games, he became the regular Welsh 'keeper for two seasons in 1951 and 52.

Waiting in the wings was a kid called RON BAYNHAM, with hardly a hope of a first team place at the time. On Stretton's early retirement in 1953, Hughes and Baynham contested the first-choice place, and young Ron won.

So successful was he, that in 1956, he won three full England caps and played for Town in the 1959 Cup Final.

That achievement would not be quite so remarkable today. But it was then. Consider, too, that none of the trio cost a penny piece and each was coached to International class over a period of six years. That achievement might even satisfy a modern manager.

A big welcome to promotion rivals Luton Town

WILL THE 'SPOILERS' DO IT AGAIN?



TWO WINS and a draw in their last three away games have lifted Luton Town right back up among the promotion challengers in this their sixth successive season in Division Two. Their fans are hoping that the latter part of this season will be in striking contrast to the last campaign when after being in the top three at the turn of the year, they won only five more games and ended up in sixth place. writes PHIL TWEED.

This is the fourth time since losing their First Division place in 1975 that they have looked capable of returning. If they do manage to go back up again they will be hoping for a longer spell than their two previous samples, which lasted five seasons and one season respectively.

They are managed by David Pleat, a Nottingham Forest player in his early days, and now in his third season in control. He also played for them in the sixties.

Last Saturday they made the long journey to Newcastle where they went out of the FA Cup 2-1 to the team who beat them at home in the League the previous Saturday, but today they will be aiming to revenge our 2-1 win at Kenilworth Road in August.

Notts County and Newcastle are the only other clubs to have won there this season, while on their travels they kicked off with a fine 2-1 win at now high-flying West Ham and have since won at Cambridge, Watford, Shrewsbury and Bristol Rovers.

Whether former director J.E. Bartholew, M.B.E. has really projected the image of "The Hatters" with his constant references to them, or whether Luton have played "the straight man" to raise a laugh in the brilliant scripts written for that same man (better known as Eric Morecambe) is left for you to decide.

A definite factor, however, is that the Bedfordshire club, in common with many of their rivals, are now rapidly experiencing the financial pressures currently common to most industries.

The recent transfer-listing of 30-year-old Yugoslav International midfielder

Raddy Antic, who was signed only six months ago from the Spanish club Zaragosa, is surely a sign of the times.

Founded in 1895, Luton were elected to the Second Division of 'The League' in 1897, maintaining that status for three seasons, until surprisingly, failing to gain re-election in 1900.

Twenty years of Non-League football then had to be endured until the club gained re-admission to the newly-formed Third Division. The following season, when Regionalisation took place, Luton joined the Southern section.

Their progress was somewhat monotonous, as they continued at that level until 1937, when, by taking the Third Division title, promotion came for the first time.

Although the war years interrupted their progress, it didn't hinder the Kenilworth Road club's ambitions. In 1955, as runners-up to Birmingham City, Hatters made their First Division debut.

It was a hesitant encounter with the leading clubs, and although their League positions were quite respectable, Luton were already on the decline, when, in 1959, they reached their only F.A.Cup Final, while finishing that season in 17th position in the League table.

Their 2-1 Wembley defeat at the hands of Nottingham Forest in an unpredictable final still divides many followers as to whether it was the most exciting, or most boring, played at the Stadium.

This appearance proved to be a prelude to one of football's most rapid declines. Six years later Town found themselves dumped in the Fourth Division, and hardly anyone

outside of the county noticed.

But in 1968 came the advent of the reversal of the misfortunes. By 1975 First Division football returned to bring The Hatters' disillusioned supporters flocking back to Kenilworth Road.

Although 42 matches later, Luton were again back in the Second Division, respectability was to remain and "The Spoilers" were back in business.

Since that demotion, Hatters have generally concluded the seasons which followed, in a prominent position. None more so than the last campaign, when they occupied one of the three promotional places until the final "run-in".

If Luton Town F.C. were to turn to the football world and ask, "What do you think of it so far," the usual reply would be unfair.

Five promotional successes, added to their F.A.Cup Final appearance can hardly be summed-up as 'Rubbish'. Consider also their reputation as

"Spoilers". History shows very clearly that "The Hatters" have thwarted the aspirations of many a trophy-winning pretender, and it can be generally agreed that nothing can be taken for granted against them.

Luton will obviously be looking for a return to winning League form today, continuing their successful run of 13 points from a possible 16, so unexpectedly interrupted two weeks ago with the 1-0 home defeat by Newcastle.

As they are following closely on the heels of Rams, we can expect no quarter to be asked today, nor given by the Bedford boys.

Will they go true to their tradition, and spoil our chances of promotion? We would be wise to be prepared, but by 4.45 p.m. perhaps they will have given us 'a little sunshine'.

Lucky Luton

Luton's ability and good fortune to field a remarkably settled side last season was borne out in their consistent League position. Very few clubs could boast their season's record, which — to a slightly lesser extent — has

LUTON TOWN FC: Back Row: Andy Pearson, Rob Johnson, Les Harriott, Michael Small, Robert Walker, Herbie Smith, Clive Goodyear, Wayne Turner, Shamus Heath; Third Row: David Coates (Coach), Steve White, Mark Aizelwood, Jake Findlay, Mike Saxby, Raddy Antic, Alan Judge, Mal Donaghy, Godfrey Ingram, John Moore (Coach).

Second Row: Kirk Stevens, Alan West, Tony Grealish, Brian Stein, David Pleat (Manager), Pat Price, John Smith (Chief Executive), David Moss, Pasquale Fuccillo; Ricky Hill, John Sheridan (Physiotherapist); Sitting: Ray Brammer, Alan Cosby, Andy Foote, Brian Phelps, Neil Madden, John Woodward, Andrew Beasley, Frank Bunn, John Cole, David Patterson.

continued into 1981.

During the 1979-80 campaign they drew upon only 21 players. Of those three made the maximum 42 appearances, two played in 41 games, four in 40, while two managed 39 games. The remainder totalled 16 matches between them.

Looking Back

HATTERS HAVE SCORED HERE ONLY ONCE

LUTON'S PATH has rarely crossed with Derby County's, and they have only played at the Baseball Ground four times in the last 20 years. Not once have they avoided defeat, and only once have they scored a goal. The first three games were all in Division Two.

On October 15, 1960, Rams beat them 4-1 with goals from Curry (2), Hutchinson and Barrowcliffe (penalty). Ashworth replied for the Hatters.

RAMS: Adlington, Barrowcliffe, Conwell, Parry, Young, Upton, Swallow, Hall, Curry, Hutchinson, Powell (T).

LUTON: Collier, Dunne, Bramwell, Brown, Groves, Pacey, Tracey, Spencer, Turner, Ashworth, Noake.

On August 23, 1961, Rams won by two goals to nil, their goals coming from Currie and Hutchinson.

RAMS: Oxford, Barrowcliffe, Conwell, Parry, Young, Davies, Roby, Hall, Curry, Hutchinson, Swallow.

LUTON: Baynham, McNally, Bramwell, Morton, Cope, Groves, Walden, Turner, Lornie, Ashworth, Fleming.

Two years later, on March 23, 1963, came the closest match yet between the clubs with Rams winning by the only goal, scored by Hutchinson.

RAMS: Matthews, Barrowcliffe, Ferguson, Young, Moore, Parry, Roby, Hopkinson, Curry, Hutchinson, Cann.

The last time the clubs met was in our second First Division Championship year, on March 29, 1975 — the Easter Saturday that will always belong to Roger Davies, who scored all five goals in a 5-nil win.

RAMS: Boulton, Thomas, Nish, Rioch, Daniel, Todd, Powell (S), Gemmill, Davies, Hector, Hinton.

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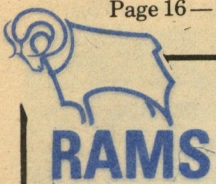
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PAUL EMSON

Working hard on that final pass.

JON CLARK

Still on the fringes of the side. Working hard to achieve consistency.

REFEREE: D.B.Allison (Lancaster).

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JAKE FINDLAY

A bargain buy from Villa in 1978, after nine years at Villa Park, mostly in the Reserves.

ALAN WEST

Former Burnley midfielder. Almost 300 games for Town.

MAL DONAGHY

Eire cap, from Larne. Not yet 21.

TONY GREALISH

Another Eire international, signed from Orient summer, 1979.

MIKE SAXBY

A £200,000 buy from Mansfield 18 months ago. Still only 22.

PAUL PRICE

Welsh international, Luton's longest serving player. Has sustained two broken legs.

RICKY HILL

London-born, made debut when only 17 four years ago.

BRIAN STEIN

South African-born goalscorer, signed from Edgware Town in 1977.

GODFREY INGHAM

Former apprentice and an England schoolboy international.

MARK AIZLEWOOD

Signed from Newport last season.

DAVID MOSS

Last season's leading scorer (24). Signed from Swindon in 1978.

LINESMEN: J.Ball (Kirby Muxloe, Leics), red flag; A.Rhodes (Walsall), yellow flag.

It's Dead-Eyed Rammo!



YES, it's Alan Ramage... currently under suspension, and raring to get back. He's bought a stetson which he always wears now to training sessions, and he's borrowed a six-gun.

"I'm not aiming to shoot anyone, just determined to get back into the team for the promotion run in, and equally determined to keep out of the ref's notebook", says the Yorkshire fast bowler, determinedly. No more bodyline bowling for Rammo

ROY MAC

● From front

But there is a voluble section that is critical. Typical of their comment is this from H. B. Lane, Birchover Way, Allestree: "Roy McFarland will cost us promotion if he carries on acting like a wild man. He might have been sent off for his foul last Saturday, rather than just being booked, and in the match before against Bristol Rovers here he was equally as lucky."

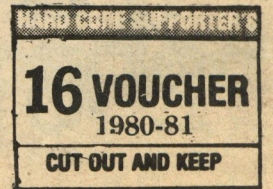
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Half time scores

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| B CHELSEA SHREWSBURY | G WREXHAM GRIMSBY |
| C SHEFF. WEDS. NOTTS. COUNTY | H VILLA MAN.CITY FOREST |
| D SWANSEA QPR | J EVERTON LIVERPOOL LEICESTER |
| E WATFORD CAMBRIDGE | |

HE'S IN CHARGE

DAVID ALLISON began refereeing in local football in 1966 and reached the League list via the Lancashire Combination. Married, with two daughters, he is a schoolmaster, interested in drama and playing cricket. Is secretary of his local Referees' Society and holds an F.A. Coaching certificate.



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