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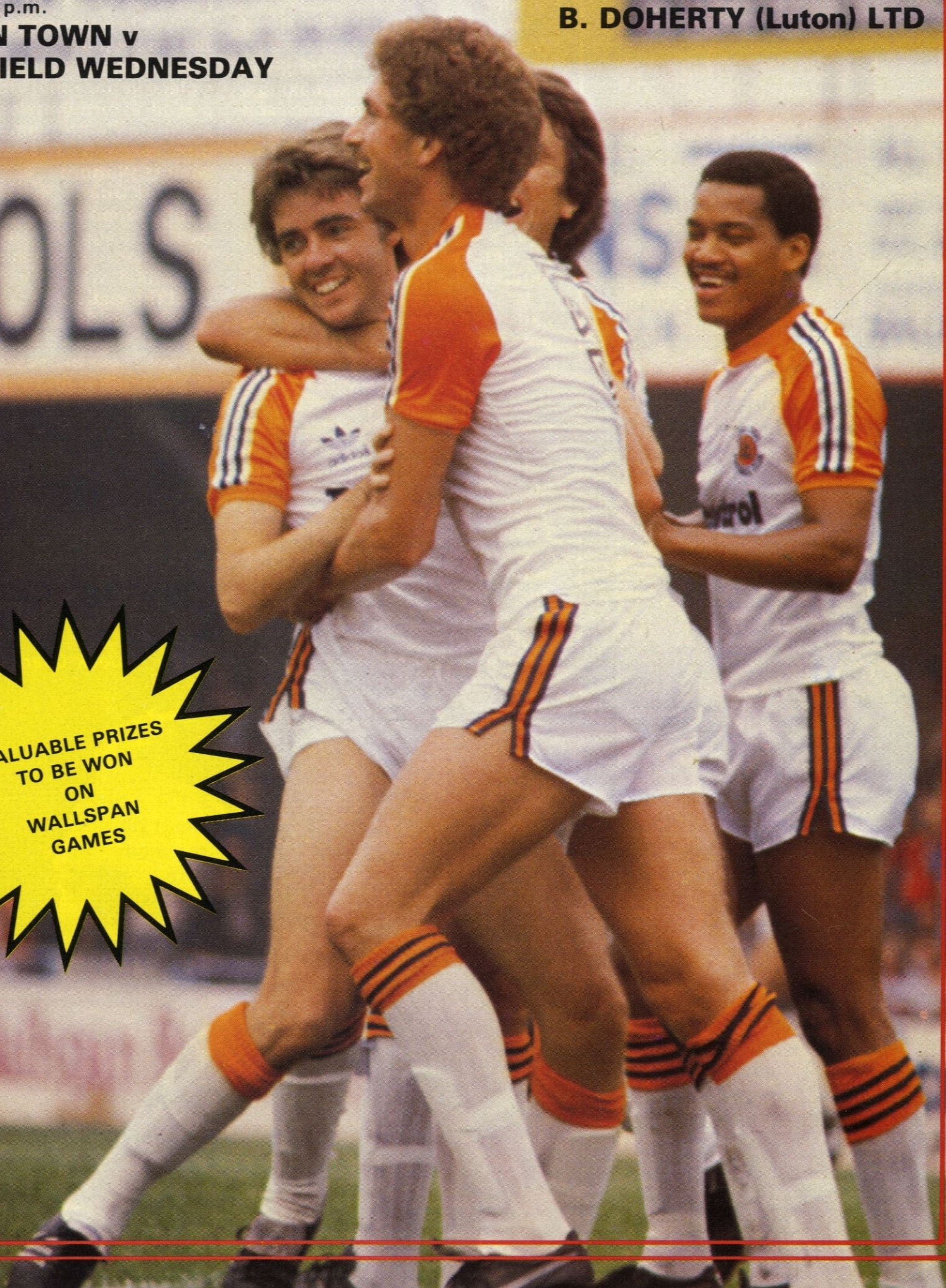
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MATCH PREVIEW

Welcome to another Second Division game at Kenilworth Road.

Today's visitors, Sheffield Wednesday, are accompanied by the colourful Jack Charlton, the club's manager, who is making a name for himself on television when the big soccer series and matches are screened.

We also welcome the BBC television crew who are here to record highlights of this afternoon's game for screening later tonight. We hope we can provide entertaining viewing.

In addition to the match, you can also amuse yourself with the pre-game festivities where you can win a big prize.

We hope our visitors don't think they're in the wrong ground when they see today's entertainment start with cricket.

The game taking place before kick-off is the second semi-final of the Luton Town FC Six-a-Side Championship and, if it matches the excitement of the match here two weeks ago, it will be well worth watching.

Today's battle is between

Luton Pakistanis and Five Star Luton, who were among 15 teams from the Luton Midweek Cricket League who entered the 1981 tournament.

The prize for today's winners is a place in the Final, which will be played a fortnight today as the pre-match entertainment before our Second Division game against Watford.

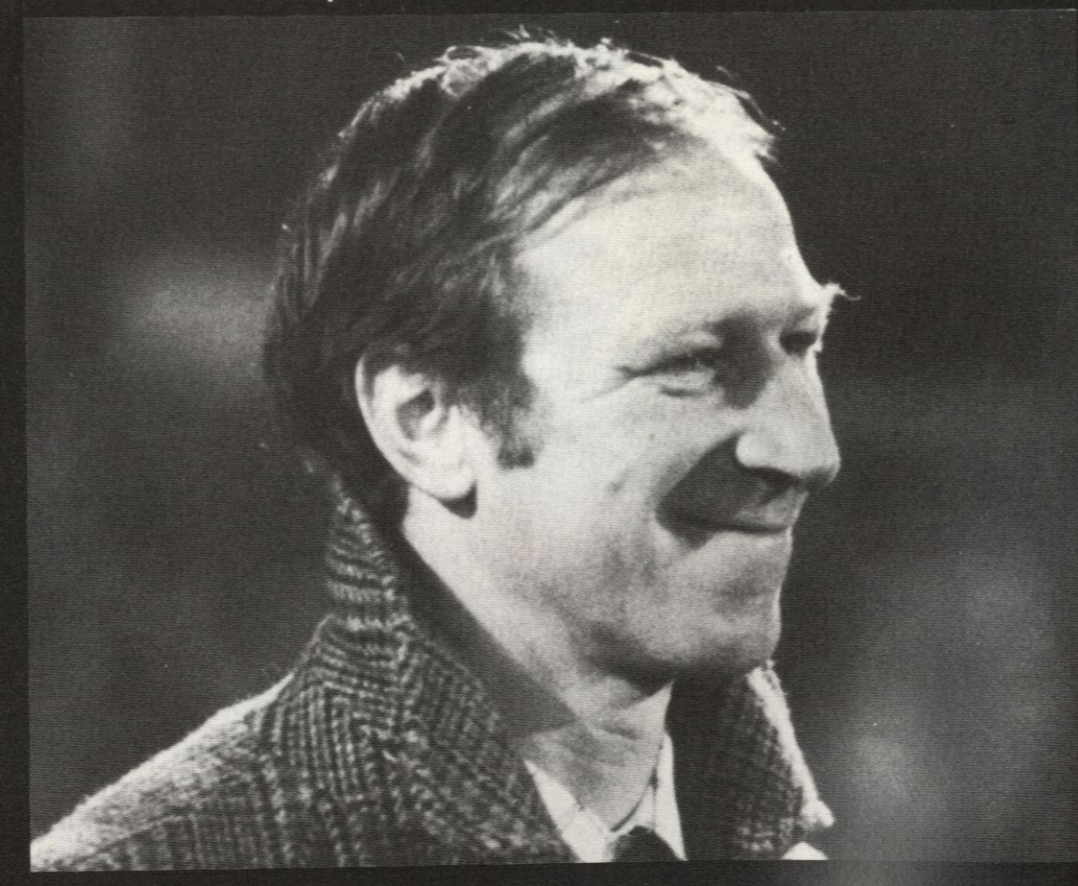
Luton United, winners of the trophy when it was inaugurated two years ago, put out last year's Champions, Luton Indians, in a semi-final which was in doubt until the last over.

Needing 84 to win, United made it with two balls to spare.

Runs can be scored quickly — the pitch is matting, and a hit to the boundary wall is worth four. It's a six if the ball goes into the crowd, and eight runs are awarded if a batsman is good enough to hit a straight drive past the bowler into the goalnets.

Each player except the wicket keeper has to bowl two overs unless the opposition is bowled out in under 10 overs.

Sheffield Wednesday's colourful manager — Jack Charlton



PERSONALITY PROFILE



A series on some of the men and women from the Luton area who have reached the top in sport.

By BRIAN SWAIN

THIRTEEN years ago, the Luton News carried a report about three lads from Luton, students of the Sixth Form College, who had been prepared to slog their way round a mud-bound cross-country course in the English Junior Cross-Country Championships.

A skinny 18-year-old who had just become Bedfordshire Junior Champion finished 18th out of a field of 500. It hardly rated a mention, but it was the start of a great career.

The fair-haired student who ran for fun was Ian Thompson, a model club athlete but never one of the real experts at his chosen distance, the 10,000 metres.

But five years later the big boys had to take notice: Thompson decided to try his luck at the most gruelling long distance race of all, the marathon.

And to everyone's surprise, including his own, his first-ever marathon run saw him win the AAA Championship. The unknown had become an overnight star — after years of dedicated training and perseverance.

And in February 1974 the whole town joined the celebrations as Thompson pounded his way to the gold medal in the British Commonwealth Games in Christchurch, New Zealand.

That was only the second marathon race of his life, and it was the second fastest in history — 2 hours, 9 minutes and 12.2 seconds to cover a distance of over 26 miles.

His family in Nunnery Lane followed the race commentary

on the radio, and by the time it was over the neighbours and the Mayor of Luton were planning a right royal reception for the hero when he got home.

He added the European Marathon Championship and became a celebrity. He was in demand for all sorts of functions, and if he couldn't accept every invitation he made a point of doing what he could to help organisations concerned with

getting youngsters involved in sport.

I particularly remember the night he went to a club to hand out the prizes to its top performers. The marathon man who had got used to winning made sure the also-rans got the biggest encouragement — 'Winners should always remember that they're nothing without losers. If you're a loser this time, don't worry, just make sure you enjoy yourself.'

It was a theme he was to return to many times, and perhaps today's superstars might do well to remember that they will become tomorrow's hasbeens.

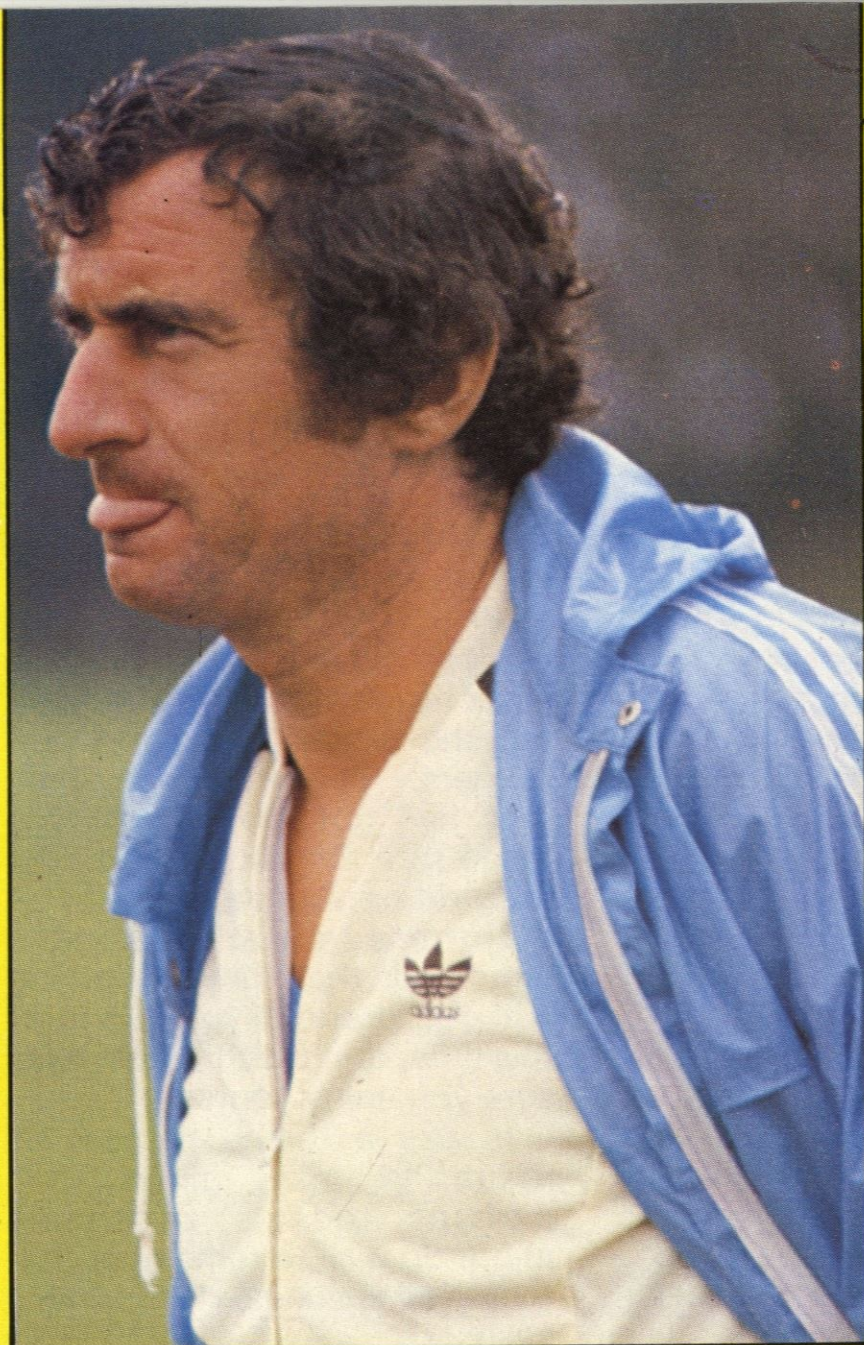
Sadly, it happened even for the brilliant Ian Thompson. He reached the peak of his abilities at the wrong time to make it to the Olympic Games. He was the top marathon man in the world in 1975. In 1976, when the British team for the Montreal Olympics was being chosen, the AAA insisted that Thompson should run in a trial.

It interfered with his detailed training schedule and a lot of us thought it was an insult to insist. Thompson finished seventh, and the first three were selected. Two people in Luton started a protest petition and got more than 3,600 signatures on it. It was wasted effort, and for the record the British marathon men failed in Canada.

We shall never know what might have been if the AAA had been less rigid in their determination to follow their own ideas. But very many people will remember Ian Thompson and the glory he brought to Luton United Athletic Club and to his home town for a long time to come.



IAN THOMPSON



DAVID'S DIARY

"Our results against Charlton and QPR have given us great heart for the season"

Early season trends show attendances slightly down, teams playing positively and various sponsorships being offered for entertaining football and the scoring of goals.

Perhaps the message is now getting through to some clubs that only teams prepared to attack and be bold will attract support, honours and, more important, please the paying customers. After all, if managers are sacked as regularly as the statistics show, they might as well enjoy their time in the hot seat, attacking and entertaining the crowd and themselves.

The experience at QPR was interesting but we will reserve judgement. Players not only need skill, they need conviction. It is difficult twisting, and turning the ball past defenders for forwards to chase, is 'not on'. When you fall, you feel it. It can be slippery too. These are early observations.

The ambition of Rangers has to be applauded. The surface for making passes and hitting shots is beautiful and true. I believe Rangers will be very successful at home this season as their opponents will need time to adjust.

Our results against Charlton and QPR have given us great heart for the season. The reserve side began with two wins, as did the youth team.

It is a splendid recommendation for our coaching staff who have worked in pre-season to get all the players mentally and physically fit for competitive games.

The Junior Hatters 'Open Day' was a great success. I feel we are now seeing signs that our intentions of making Luton a club with good young children and family support, is bearing fruit.

We welcome Jack Charlton and Sheffield Wednesday, knowing full well we must not underestimate them. During the summer, I phoned Jack about one of his players and was told that if I rang 20 times, I would get the same answer, as the player was under contract and not available, or words to that effect!

There are signs that one or two 'big' players at First Division clubs should be reminded that contracts should be honoured. When they expire, they can have freedom of choice.

It is difficult enough, as it is, to try and run a club knowing you may lose your better players when contracts run out.

Enjoy the game, and get behind the side. It is the second successive season when 'Match of the Day' cameras have televised this game. Here's hoping for some great football.

DAVID PLEAT

COLOUR SHOT

It all looks nice and relaxing doesn't it. Manager David Pleat, coach David Coates, physiotherapist John Sheridan and our new skipper Brian Horton are pictured in the dressing room. But action behind the scenes at Kenilworth Road during the week is just as hectic as it is on a matchday.

There's no break for anyone — and that includes everyone on the staff. In fact, John Sheridan is kept equally as busy in his medical room as he is in the dug-out on a Saturday afternoon.



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LUTON LEISURE

Last Thursday evening the C and A League Cup for the Hatters Junior League was played. *The Evening Post-Echo* League matches produced some sporting and entertaining matches. The winners are:

Winners Under-13 League - Comets Senior; Runners-up: Eagles; Winners Under-11 League: Phoenix; Runners-up: Falcons.

Tomorrow is the start of the Leader's 13 week angling course at Marsh House commencing at 9 a.m. Float making and a special trip to the riverside for some fishing will also be included in the course.

There are still some places and if you would like a go, please come along tomorrow. The course is priced attractively at only £5 for all 13 weeks.

A special *Evening Post-Echo* Health and Beauty Course (Movement) has been organised for mums and young ones. The course starts on Monday for 12 weeks. The instructor is Mrs Judy

Holpin, a fully qualified teacher in the League of Health and Beauty, and is also trained in the art of movement.

The venue is the Hatters Club, Maple Road, and there are two sessions available from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. and from 8.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. The course programme will include items such as: how to relax, how to reduce aches and pains in relaxation, how to have a better posture, and how to keep fit, trim and slim.

There will also be the famous crazy 10 minute slim-in. So why not adopt the Health and Beauty Bug and keep fit! come along on Monday evenings and enjoy yourself. The course is only £6 for the 12 weeks.

After the success of the *Evening Post-Echo* School of Football, another special *Evening Post-Echo* three day indoor coaching course has been arranged for Christmas. Commencing on Monday December 21 and finishing on Wednesday December 23, from

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. each day. The Bedfordshire Football Coaches (who are fully qualified FA Coaches) will give expert coaching for seven to 14 year old boys. The course will take place at the Regional Sports Centre, St. Thomas Road, Stopsley, Putteridge Recreation Centre, Stopsley and Lea Manor Recreational Centre, Northwell Drive, Luton. The price of the course is only £4 for all three days, and there are only places for the first 40 at each centre.

Details of a special Cricket Coaching Course, the Luton Town Five-a-side Tournament, the Luton Sporting Cup and other tournaments and courses will be issued soon.

If you wish application forms for any of the courses mentioned forwarded to you, or if you have any ideas for activities to be organised, please contact me for further details.

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Jake Findlay pictured here in training with former Town favourite Bob Hatton



SPOTLIGHT

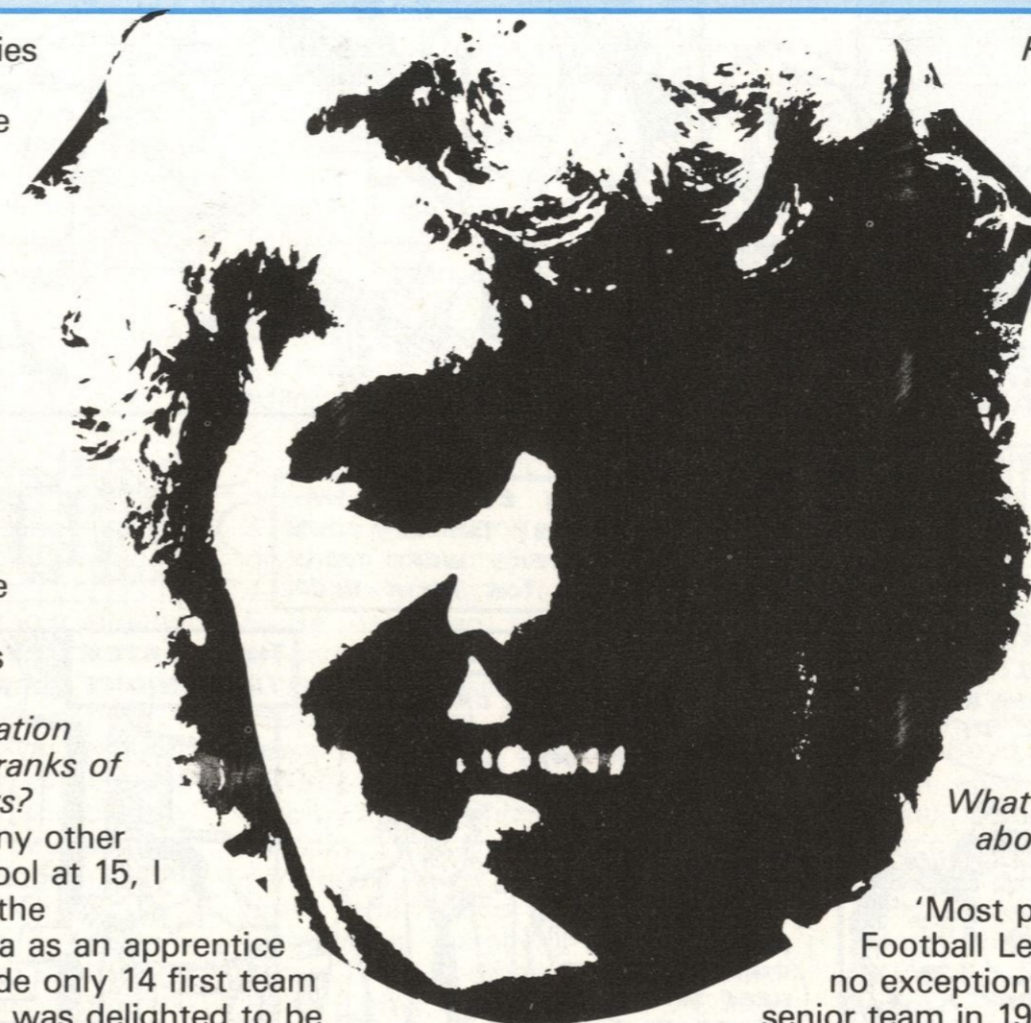
The second of our series where we place the spotlight on one of the Luton Town players. This week, keeper Jake Findlay, who joined us from Aston Villa for £100,000, comes under the microscope. Jake, possibly one of the most unluckiest players not to win Scottish international honours, has been in tremendous form since arriving at Kenilworth Road and answers this week's questions.

What was your occupation before you joined the ranks of the professional players?

'I have never known any other trade. When I left school at 15, I immediately accepted the opportunity to join Villa as an apprentice professional. But I made only 14 first team appearances there and was delighted to be given the chance of regular first team football at Luton.'

Are you a handy man around the house?

'Perhaps my wife should really answer that question! But seriously, I do attempt to solve the simple jobs and can turn my hand at painting, tiling and gardening.'



How do you relax before a match?

'I like to have a quiet Saturday morning and, like many other professionals, I don't get up until 11 a.m. When we are playing at home, I train for 30 minutes and leave with the rest of the lads for a pre-match meal. After the game, I like a drink with my friends and wife.'

Who has been the biggest influence on your professional career?

'Frank Upton.'

What do you remember most about your Football League debut?

'Most players never forget their Football League debut — and I am no exception. I first played for Villa's senior team in 1974 in a 2-2 draw against Sunderland. The thrill of playing in front of thousands of fans after playing for the reserves is an experience I will never forget.'

Who is the best player you have played with or against?
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THE OPENING MATCH OF THE SEASON AT LEATOWN, WITH "BOBBIN" DINO SPEARHEADING THE ATTACK.

HEAD FOR HEIGHTS!

EPISODE TWO

by Ray Aspden

THEY HAVEN'T PICKED UP THE MAN SPARE ON THE FAK POST!

THE FOREIGN YOUNGSTER HAD THE OPPOSITION DEFENCE ON THE RACK

WHAT A GIFT! IT'S LIKE IT WAS MY BIRTHDAY!

THIS BOBBIN'S GOT SPRINGS IN HIS BOOTS!

BUT NOT EVERYONE WAS CHEERING; TWO LEATOWN SUPPORTERS WERE VERY WORRIED FOR THEIR HERO.

THAT FOREIGN LOOKING BLOKE'S BEEN TAKING A LOT OF NOTICE OF BOBBIN!

I RECKON HE'S UP TO NO GOOD. BOBBS IS IN DANGER!

AFTER THE MATCH...

I WILL CATCH UP WITH THE BOY AT HIS HOME

LET'S GET OUR COATS AND KEEP GUARD ON BOBBIN'S FLAT TONIGHT.

THEN LATER THAT NIGHT

HERE'S BOBBS AND THE MAN IS GOING FOR HIM!

WE MUST GO AND HELP HIM WHATEVER THE RISK!

WITH THE BATTLE CRY OF THE TERRACES, THE LAD RUSHED TO THE RESCUE... COME ON THE TOW-AW-N!

HANG ON, WHILE I TIE HIS HANDS AND FEET WITH OUR SCARVES!

HEY! WHAT'S THIS? ALL AT ONCE THERE'S AGGRO!

GOTCHA!

NEXT EPISODE: THE STRANGER UNMASKED

JUNIOR HATTERS



Young visitors to our *Evening Post-Echo* Juniors' Enclosure for the opening game against Charlton Athletic saw a great start to the season with a 3-0 win, and we welcome more visitors here today, both Junior Hatters and young visitors arriving as organised parties under our sponsorship scheme provided by the *Evening Post-Echo*.

A word to the organised parties: PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO CLIMB OR SIT ON THE BARRIERS OR CLIMB UP THE BARS IN THE FENCES, — this can be dangerous and lead to a fall which means you get hurt. Would all adults, especially those supervising parties, make sure their charges follow this request please.

Our newly-opened clubroom, situated beneath the stand, on the right at the foot of the steps as you come into the ground, is proving to be very popular. If you haven't paid it a visit yet, why not pop in? Refreshments are available and you will find our souvenir and old programme bar. It has already been admired by many adults visiting the room for the first time.

Special thanks are due to many generous helpers, including Marley Tiles and Barrett Developments, who collaborated over the provision of excellent floor covering — Dulux Paints who provided the paint for the walls, and to our own Luton Town Century Club, who helped us financially, as well as many very supportive Junior Hatter parents, who give in all sorts of ways.

Thanks too, to mothers who so generously provided such lovely eats for our recent Camera Day. It's good to have such wonderful support.

Which reminds me to remind you about our 'Camera Day' competition. FOUR best photographs suitably mounted should reach me by FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 25th. I am looking forward to loads of good snaps of our Luton Team squad.

NEW COMPETITION

This week sees a new style competition for Junior Hatters. It appeared in last Tuesday's *Evening Post-Echo* Junior Hatters column, but here it is again for the benefit of those who didn't see it.

Here are SIX important qualities which are valuable to any professional footballer:

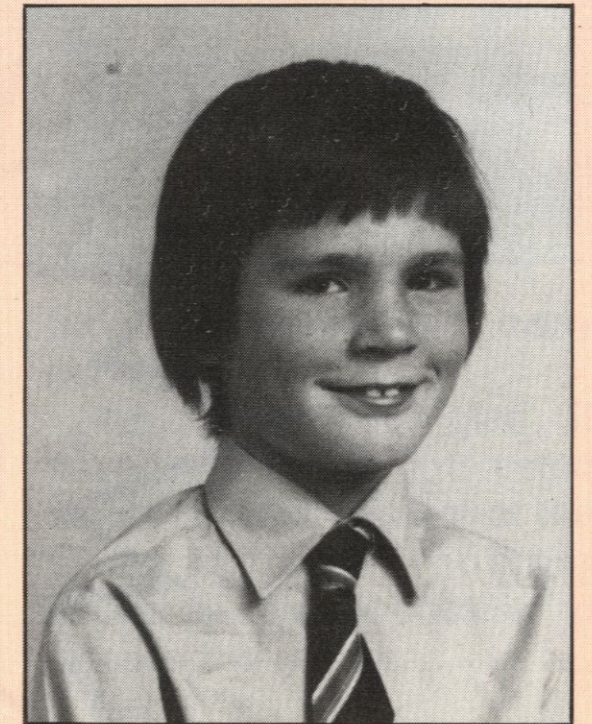
1. To be able to work well with a team
2. Possess the basic skills and techniques of football
3. Be a good sportsman, and accept decisions without dissent
4. Have a strong belief in yourself
5. Be dedicated to the game, and prepared to work hard
6. Be an ambassador for the game.

Our President, Ricky Hill, checked these SIX qualities, and then put them in *his* order of priority. What *you* have to do is to try and get them in the same order as Ricky, 1 to 6, and send your entry, one per Junior Hatter, with your name, address and Junior Hatters 1981-82 membership number, to Colin Ball, Luton Town Football Club, Kenilworth Road, Luton, marked 'Ricky's Comp.' Closing date, FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18th.

Prizes of a cash voucher for our souvenir shop, and ADIDAS Luton Town shirts will be awarded to the first three correct entries. All other correct entries will win free tickets to watch Luton from the *Evening Post-Echo* Junior enclosure.

Look out for Junior Hatters birthdays every Tuesday in the *Evening Post-Echo*. This season, Junior Hatters are invited to be guests of our club for a game near to their birthdays, so make sure you have renewed your membership for 1981-82 so that you can come along as a guest

THE MASCOT . . .



STACY SULLIVAN

AND be included in our Mascot and Escort draws.

Mascot and Escorts for today's game are: MASCOT: Stacy Sullivan of 72 Montrose Avenue, Luton. Aged 10 — pupil at William Austin Junior School, Luton. ESCORTS: Andrew Waller, 34 Park Road, Toddington, aged 12. Pupil at Bury Lawn School, Woburn Sands. Paula Boyd, 6 St Winifreds Avenue, Luton, aged 13. Pupil at Denbigh High School, Luton. David Albon, 3 Rickyard Meadow, Redbourn, aged 11. Pupil at Redbourn Junior School, Redbourn, Herts. Mark Vizard, St Margarets School House, Rotheram Avenue, Luton, aged 9. Pupil at St Margarets of Scotland, Luton.

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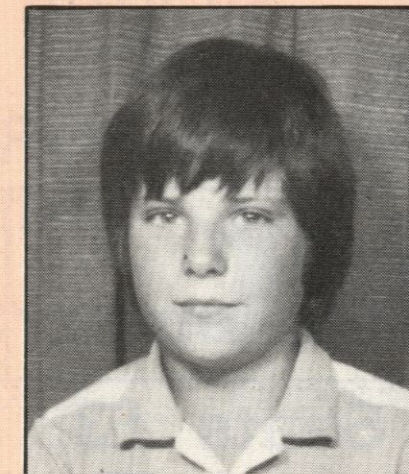
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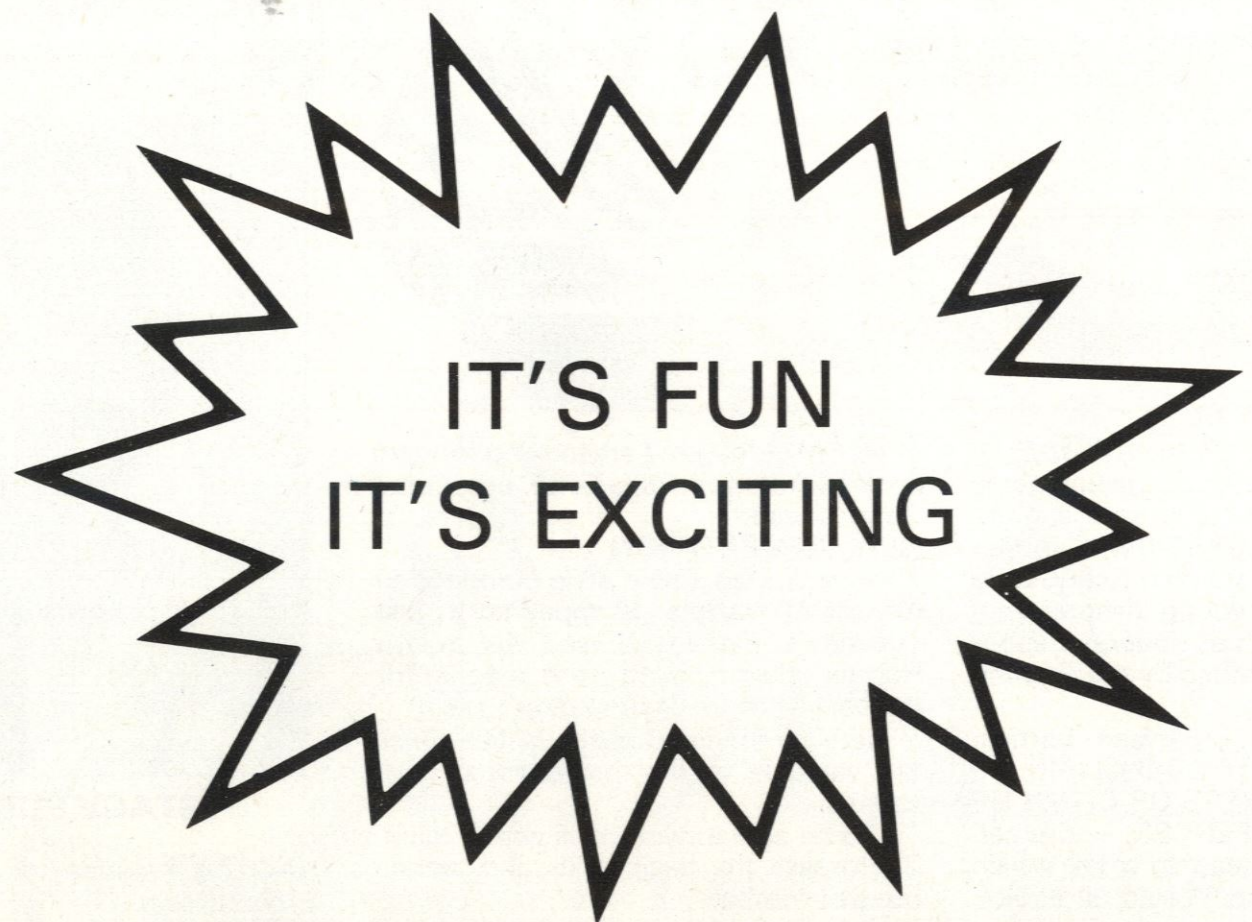
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At the time of writing these notes, it is too early to report on the response to our Travel Time in the Charlton programme, but we are hoping for a good response. Assuming this, our next away coach will travel to Leicester on Saturday 19th September.

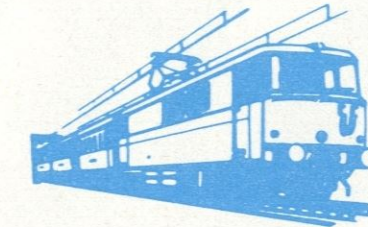


Coaches will leave Maple Road car park at 11.30 a.m. and will return after the game as soon as all passengers have boarded.



The cost will be: Adults £2.75. Juveniles (up to and including 15 years of age) £1.80.

Supporters wishing to travel to Leicester, should telephone Mrs Ball on Luton 411622 extension 27, preferably Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. We consider these prices to be very competitive, and with the high cost of petrol and difficulty with parking at some grounds, this offer should appeal to our loyal fans, and encourage others to join us, so why not 'Follow the Town Away?'



To ensure our organisation runs as smoothly as possible, we are looking for supporters who would be willing to act as couriers on the coaches

for home travel and away games.

We would be glad if anyone who is interested would contact Mrs Ball at the Club Offices, (number above) as soon as possible to discuss the matter.



Don't forget, our new service is provided for you, our supporters, and it is only **your** support which will make it successful. Please contact Mrs Ball if you are going to be a regular home or away, or both, and the area you will be travelling from for home matches.

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FLASHBACK

The Luton Town Scene a decade ago By BRIAN SWAIN Sports Editor, Luton News

"PUT them 'down for a draw" was the invariable advice to pools punters when people looked at Luton Town ten years ago this week.

Struggling to find sharpness in attack, the Town went into their sixth Second Division game of the season on September 11, 1971 with a record of four draws and one defeat.

Birmingham City were the opposition that afternoon, and the names on the team-sheets make interesting reading. For the Town supporters among the gate of 14,678 the most interesting name of the lot was Vic Halom.

We had been moaning for months about the failure to replace Malcolm Macdonald. Teenager midfielder Robin Wainwright had been shoved into the number nine shirt, and hard though he worked was not the answer to the problems of a shot-shy attack.

Viv Busby was half the player he had been alongside SuperMac, and we all hoped Alec Stock had made another inspired signing when he announced that he was buying Halom from Fulham for £30,000.

We were desperate for goals. Preston had pinched a 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road in the second home League game of the season in which Wainwright and full-back Don Shanks made their debuts. Peter Anderson hit the Town's late equaliser, and Don Givens popped one in to save a point in a 1-1 draw at Oxford.

We went to Orient and drew 0-0 against a team managed by George Petchey. Jimmy Bloomfield, who left Orient for the second time a couple of weeks ago, had just left for the first time to become boss at Leicester City.

We had been to Selhurst Park to play Crystal Palace in the first round of the Football League Cup, and Palace, then a First Division outfit, had won 2-0.



Vic Halom



So the signing of Halom just over ten years ago was not a minute too soon for Town supporters. Unlucky Wainwright, full of skill and artistry, but not a centre-forward in the Macdonald mould, was dropped and we hoped against hope that Halom who had played for Orient and Charlton before Fulham, could get the goals flowing.

Alas for high hopes. Halom looked busy and promising, but neither side threatened to run riot and the game finished in a 0-0 draw.

And I don't suppose many of us noticed the youthful talent in the Birmingham side. Their centre-forward was Bob Latchford, and although Chris Nicholl and John Moore kept him in check he was to end the season with 23 League goals.

Bob Hatton joined Birmingham a month after that game to form a potent strike force but the real emerging star in the Blues' side that day was a striker named Trevor Francis.

We would never have believed he would grow up to be worth a million — Shanks, his friend in the England youth squad, played him right out of the game.



Yes, it's fun and excitement all the way with our new games, as Eric Morecambe found out in the opening Take your Pick competition at the Charlton match. Eric had a choice of six boxes and Mystery Box 13. He settled on Box 13, and to our amusement and his horror, found himself with an autographed picture of his old pal — DES O'CONNOR. "I will treasure this, I really will," said Eric tossing the picture over his shoulder.

Today sees six contestants taking part in Take your Pick, in with a chance of winning the SUPER GARELLI KA310 MOTOR CYCLE.

At the time of going to print we have the names of only three of the contestants. They are Mrs Owen of Aston Clinton, Aylesbury; Andrew Ormiston of Barton and Mrs Stenhouse of Dunstable. We wish them every success today as we do to every programme holder who can participate in Bingo and Take your Pick through the HATTERS SCOREBOARD GAMES CARD which will be inserted in all programmes throughout the season. The winning prize today for ONE LINE ACROSS on TOP HOUSE is a PORTABLE TV while the winner of ONE LINE ACROSS on BOTTOM HOUSE will receive a £10 voucher to spend in our Souvenir Shop.

Bingo will take place at 2.30 p.m. at every home game and 7.15 p.m. on evening games, so make sure you arrive early. More super prizes at our CARDIFF match on 22nd September, and especially for our match against WATFORD on 26th September — we are playing for a FULL HOUSE for a prize of £400 Voucher for a holiday of your choice with SILVAIR HOLIDAYS, King Street, Luton.

Finally, to all of you who are not successful in winning a prize today, don't despair as we are working on a competition for non-winners to take place at our final home game of the season for a super prize.



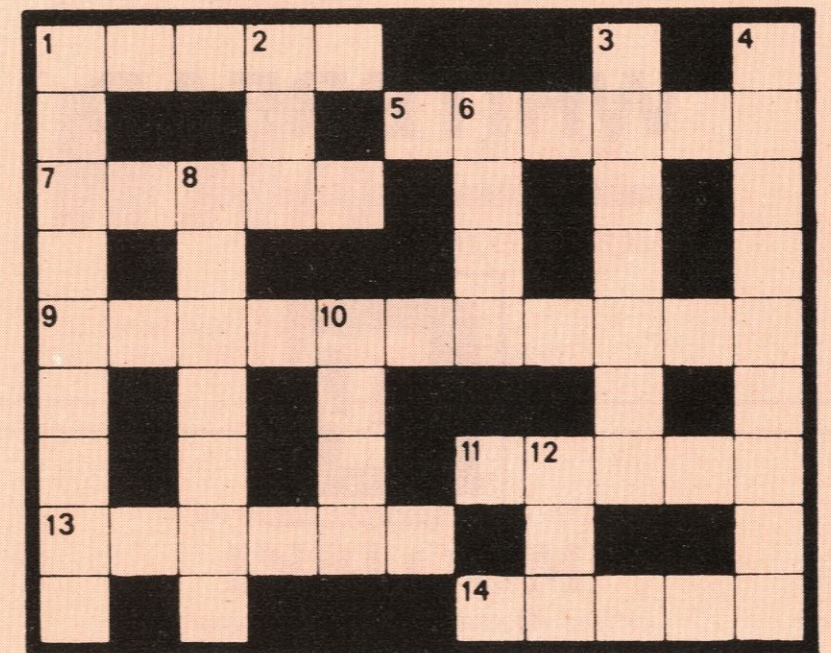
What do you think of it so far? Eric with his 'valuable' prize.

CROSSWORD

CLUES — Across: 1. May, maybe (5); 5. Defender who sounds as if he should have been with the Lions but was actually with the Tigers until he joined the Wolves! (6); 7. Maybank, maybe (5); 9. One of the famous Glasgow grounds (7, 4); 11. — — — Jankovic (ex-Middlesbrough and Yugoslavia) (5); 13. Defender who made around a century of appearances for Orient then switched to QPR in 1978 and did the same for them (6); 14. Equalise (5).

CLUES — Down: 1. One of Swansea's close-season signings (9); 2. It would make a change for Colchester (3); 3. Nickname of England's latest European Cup contenders (7); 4. In 1971 this club was in Division One, in 1981 . . . Division Four (9); 6. One of the Buckley brothers (4); 8. Former Fulham, Chelsea, Philadelphia Fury and Eire defender who became player-manager of Maidenhead in 1981 (7); 10. One of 1 down's goalkeeping brothers (4); 12. The number of times Arsenal have actually won promotion (3).

• Check your answers with the solutions on Statics page.



AROUND THE TOWN

WE HELPED TO MAKE HISTORY

Our visit to QPR just after the start of the season was indeed a historical event.

Although we wouldn't pretend that the three points we took from our 2-1 victory was worth nothing more than a sideways glance, we were pleased to be one of two teams playing on an artificial surface for the first time in the history of the Football League.

Much had been written and said about the supposed disadvantages of playing on an artificial strip. But our manager David was the first to disagree.

And our supporters certainly didn't have any complaints. If anything, the surface will be best suited to the teams who play attractive football with skill — and that's where Luton Town came off best at Loftus Road.

All the top brass from the Football League and Football Association took the opportunity of watching us in action. So did some other



JOHN SMITH

managers from Second Division clubs — and we must have given them food for thought about their future meetings against us.

Luton's chief executive John Smith said: 'Everyone had previously looked on the game as an experiment. We came out of it very well and I think artificial surfaces will, in future, be given more serious thought.'

BOX OFFICE . . . BOX OFFICE

First a word about our visit to QPR. Although we asked for as many tickets as possible, we received only 200 which were sold in 24 hours.

We then pleaded for more and suggested we were willing to drive to London to collect them, but because of the interest in the first game on Rangers' new pitch, we were unable to obtain any more tickets.

We received many complaints on the morning after the game because supporters were unable to gain admission to the game. Similarly, QPR received many calls regarding this problem and, apparently, the turnstiles were closed on instruction from the police although to my knowledge there were plenty of seats available in the Ellerslie Road Stand.

We understand QPR are holding an enquiry into the matter and, if we hear of any details, we will give them in a future matchday magazine.

The ticket office will be open after today's game for the sale of tickets for future games in addition to tickets for next Saturday's match at Leicester City. Tickets for the Leicester game are priced £3.50 and £3 each.

Although we do not have tickets available until approximately two weeks before each game, we will still accept postal applications for future games providing they are accompanied with the correct remittance and a stamped addressed envelope. This is worth

bearing in mind for the Chelsea game on 12th December, and the Boxing Day game against Cambridge United which kicks-off at 11.30.

Another date to look out for is Thursday 17th September, when the draw is made for the second round of the League Cup. This is a two legged affair and we will announce ticket arrangements later. You will find the draw in the local press. Any telephone enquiries should be made on Luton 33010. This is an answerphone service which is kept as up-to-date as possible.

Bill Butler Assistant Secretary

WHERE TO FIND THE ACTION

After this afternoon's game, Luton make the short trip to Leicester a week today. The following Tuesday 22nd September, we are at home to Cardiff City before facing Watford at Kenilworth four days later.

The reserves are at home to QPR in a Football Combination match a week today before their next home game, on 3rd October, against Bristol City.

EDITOR'S POSTBAG

We are always pleased to hear from our supporters and this letter came from W. Tyler, of Culverhouse Road, Luton.

'This season will be the 60th my father, F. W. Tyler, has been a regular supporter of Luton Town.

'This year he has again taken advantage of your generous season ticket offer for senior citizens, and with myself and my son, has a seat in the Bobbers Stand.

'He has watched and loved Luton Town Football Club through all the ups and downs,

and first took me in 1949 when I was five.

'His love of football has rubbed off on me, because as well as watching Luton from Carlisle to Exeter, I have also become a Class I referee and referees match secretary of the North Home Counties Sunday Football League.

My son, (who is nine) is also following in his footsteps and has already planned the away games we are going to watch next year.

'The purpose of this letter is that I am sure he would be delighted to see a surprise mention in one of your programmes.'

Thank you Mr Tyler. If any other reader has anything to say, he should write to the programme editor, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road, Luton.

A PAT ON THE BACK

The following letter was received from staff nurse Rob Cooper at the Bromham Hospital.

'Dear Mr Pleat; I am writing to thank you for your support and assistance for our 'Bed Push' from Luton to Bedford. I would like to say thank you especially to Mr Findlay who, I understand, had returned from Scotland only the previous evening.

'As far as the day itself went, we raised £181.80 through the street collection. We also have a further £150-£200 to come in through sponsorship.

The bed stood up to the journey very well, in fact it went until half a mile from the end before a wheel broke, however this was easily overcome.

Our eventual triumphant return to Bedford took place at 7.15 p.m., some nine and three-quarter hours after leaving Mr Findlay in Luton. I should point out however that there were three stops for "Liquid refreshment".

'I thank you once again for your help.'

A SEVERE WARNING TO OUR SUPPORTERS

WE HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE EMBARRASSING POSITION OF BEING ORDERED BY THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TO POST WARNING NOTICES.

THE IRRESPONSIBLE ACTION BY THOSE PERSONS WHO RUN ON THE PITCH REFLECT BADLY ON THE CLUB AND ITS PLAYERS BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY, DESTROYING MUCH OF THE GOODWILL WE ARE TRYING DESPERATELY TO ESTABLISH.

TO ASSIST THE CLUB IN ITS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A HIGHER STATUS, THESE PERSONS SAY THEY SUPPORT THE CLUB AND YET, BY THEIR OWN ACTIONS, PREVENT THE GROWTH AND INTEREST THAT THEY ACTUALLY WANT TO SEE AND PREVENT THE CLUB FROM PROSPERING.

WE WILL NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. WE MUST WARN THOSE PERSONS THAT, RUNNING ONTO THE PITCH WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND, IN SUPPORT OF THIS, WE HAVE INSTRUCTED POLICE AND OUR STEWARDS TO APPREHEND ANY CULPRIT SO WE CAN TAKE FURTHER REMEDIAL ACTION.

OUR DESIRE IS NOT TO DEAL WITH OUR SUPPORTERS IN THIS WAY. WE WANT THE CO-OPERATION OF YOU ALL TO: (A) ENSURE NO PERSON ENCROACHES ONTO THE PLAYING AREA AND (B) CREATE AND FOSTER GOODWILL SO THAT YOUR CLUB CAN CONTINUE TO BUILD AND ENCOURAGE ON THE BASIS OF COMMUNITY GOODWILL.

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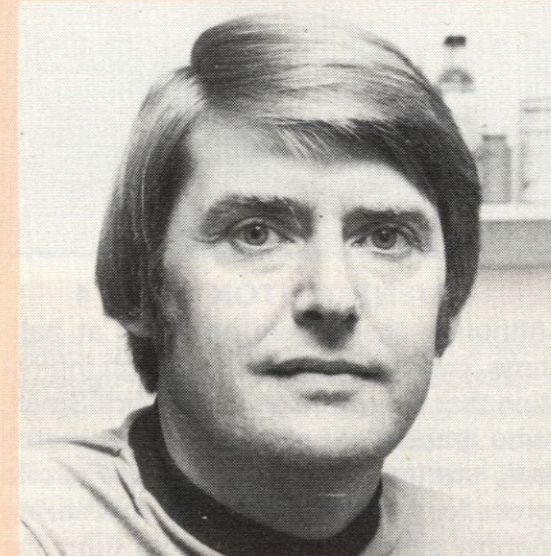


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MEDICAL TOPICS

with
JOHN SHERIDAN



An occasional series by our physiotherapist John Sheridan who takes you behind the scenes in the medical room.

An injury I see almost every week is the direct contusion to the thigh, it is usually called the 'dead leg' or in America the 'charlie horse'.

Anyone who has played football at any level has experienced this type of injury and it can be very painful and disabling. If treated correctly from the start, it will usually present no problems and should not cause the player to miss any games.

Over the past few years, I have seen a few of these injuries totally abused, this is when problems arise and players can miss games.

This injury usually occurs when two players tackle for the ball and one of them makes contact with the other player's thigh. If the injured player continues to play and the leg starts to stiffen up, he should leave the field as soon as possible and not, as in some cases, try to run it off, as it will only make the injury worse.

There are two types of this injury and, below, is a brief description of them:

Type one is called an Inter Haematoma. Here, damage to small blood vessels and the Haematoma (a collection of blood) is housed between the muscles, this type will usually respond to treatment quickly.

Type two is called an Intra Haematoma. Here, the Haematoma is in the muscle and will usually respond to treatment less quickly than type one.

Treatment will start as soon as the player gets into the dressing room. He will have a quick shower then a cold compress is applied for 15-20 minutes, then a compression bandage applied made up of alternate layers of cottonwool and 6in crepe bandages, always making

sure that it's not too tight, to stop the blood circulation.

This bandage will support the injured structure and control the internal bleeding. The player will then go home to rest and elevate the leg. The next day, the bandage will be changed and ice applied in 15 minute periods throughout the day. It is important to note that no form of heat is applied for 48 hours after the injury.

After 48 hours the injury is assessed, making sure it has settled down. Remedial exercises are then given to the player to restore mobility and to redevelop muscles with slow extensibility exercises, this will ensure muscles do not shorten.

Gradually the exercises are increased and joint mobility exercises are included.

During this stage the injury is continually being assessed to make sure it has settled down.

The player will start jogging with a light strapping, this helps to restore confidence. From then on progressive kicking and back into training with the rest of the squad. If this type of injury is not progressing after 10 days players must be X-rayed as a condition called Myositis Ossificans can occur, this is where the Haematoma can turn to bone. In all cases of doubt regarding any types of injury, a doctor's advise must be sought.





ORIENT 0 LUTON TOWN 4

Although there were no goals at half-time, our lads had given enough indication that they were on song. Mick Small, who grabbed a hat-trick and the match ball, started by heading a high Fuccillo cross for the first goal; made an amazing dribble along the goal-line to punt the ball in for the second and Frank Bunn provided a glorious pass for Mick to smash in his third.

Mick repaid the compliment for Frank to score our fourth and final goal — it was a nice way to start our Football Combination season.

Teams: Beasley, Mitchell, Thomas, Heath, Breaker, Goodyear, Owen, Mad-den, Keys, Bunn, Small, Fuccillo. Sub: Brammer.

LUTON TOWN 1 TOTTENHAM 0

Our Combination team took on a strange and young look and getting the ball forward proved difficult. Cahil McConville, a youngster from Luton, provided a promising first display but it was left to the

experienced Lil Fuccillo to hit our goal from a penalty to give the reserves maximum points from their first two games.

To beat Spurs, so often Combination champions, should give our lads the confidence to do well.

Team: Beasley, Mitchell, Thomas, Heath, Turner, Goodyear, Owen, Mad-den, Keys, McConville, Fuccillo, Brammer. Sub: Daniel.

PETERBOROUGH 1 LUTON TOWN 3

On a bone hard pitch and on one of the hottest afternoons of the summer, we made progress in the Midland Youth League Cup although we made a terrible start when a bad back pass was intercepted to put us one down after only a minute. Fortunately, we were able to strike back almost immediately when Frank Bunn equalised. The rest of the half was played at a frantic pace and, not surprisingly, it slowed in the second period under the hot sun.

But we never looked in danger and added further goals from Frank Bunn and

Ray Brammer.

Team: Beasley, Beaumont, Mitchell, Thomas, Lane, North, Owen, Breaker, Mark Thomas, Bunn, Daniel, Brammer. Sub: Popplewell.

LUTON TOWN 4 SOUTHEND 2

Southend seemed to settle better and deservedly went in front after a corner had been only partially cleared. This seemed to set us alight and we hit back immediately with a lovely move to equalise. If we had any fault from that period until half-time, it was that we didn't take the chances we created.

We hit Southend with an early second-half goal and added a third before they hit back. They were pressing for the equaliser when we caught them on the break to knock in the fourth with only seconds left.

Team: North (M), John, Petts, North (S), Beaumont, Ashton, Mark Thomas, McConville, Daniel, Popplewell.

Our scorers were Popplewell (2), Mark Thomas and Daniel.



Like other Football League Club secretaries, I am always glad to get the first League match of the season under my belt. You plan ahead during the summer break, and hope that things go well on the day, but problems always crop up, and this time was no exception. Hopefully, we shall have everything ironed out for the people concerned by today but I shall still be keeping my fingers crossed.

A lot of work has been done in the stadium during the close season, and the majority of it seems to be working well. New tea bars have been completed underneath the Kenilworth Road terrace, which should please the supporters who use that end of the ground. There are also tea bars at the Oak Road end.

The director's entrance has also been changed, and caused slight confusion at the last match, but hopefully, the people who use that area now know where they have to go.

It was nice to see our former centre-half, Terry Kelly, here against Charlton. Terry was a guest of the Matchday Sponsor, and I caught up with him just as they were going on a tour of the dressing rooms area.

I can imagine that the memories came flooding back to him once he was in the dressing room, although they have changed a bit since he was playing here, and that the urge to 'put the boots on again' became very strong.

As supporters will know, Terry was here at the same time as Syd Owen, so his first team appearances were limited. However, when he did get in the side, he always gave his best.

Also at the match was former wing-half, Charlie Watkins. Charlie is a regular at Kenilworth Road, and still loves his football — in fact up to the end of last season, he was still turning out on a Sunday morning.

A date for supporters to put in their diary is Tuesday 15th September, Our

youth side will be at home to Peterborough United (7.30) in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup. I have said before that these games are well worth watching, so why not come along and give the boys a cheer.

In the first round of the Eastern Junior Cup, of which they are the holders, they have an away tie against Ipswich Town. That should be some match, and it is to be played by 31st October. Should they win this one, then they should get through to the final again.

Welcome today to the cameras of BBC Television, who are filming for tonight's 'Match of the Day'. We usually do quite well when they are here, not like the other channel! Anyway, it's 'all in the mind' — so I have been told!

John Wilkinson
Secretary



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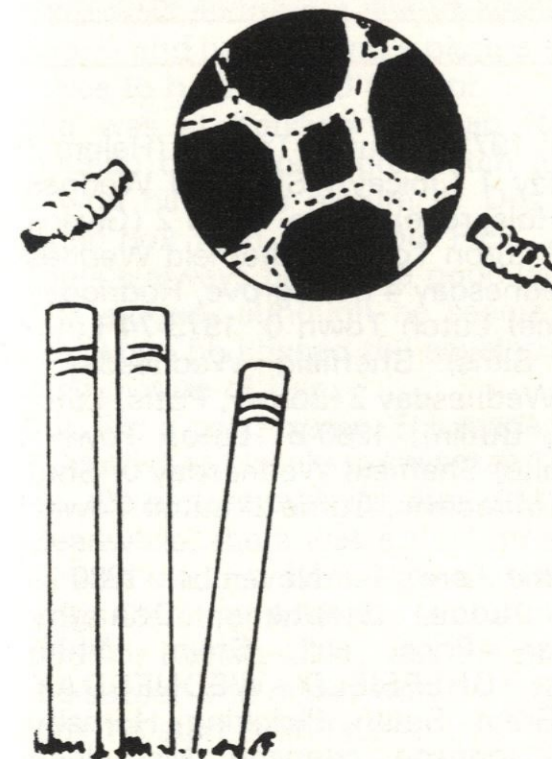
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CENTURY CLUB

What a flying start to the season with a 3-0 win at our first game. Well done and best wishes for this afternoon's game against Sheffield Wednesday.

Our guests from Charlton thoroughly enjoyed their visit to our Century Club, and were very impressed with the club and facilities. Unfortunately, this goes to press before I know whether we have guests today, but a warm welcome to any who come.

It will be an interesting experience for our team to

have been the first to play on the 'New Turf' at Queens Park Rangers. How well they adapted is shown by the result, and it proved a most interesting game for those of us who went to Brisbane Road to watch.

We also began the season well — Chairman Ken Ball presented a cheque for £2,000 to the Football Club Chairman Denis Mortimer after the Charlton game — first evidence of our practical help this year.

More disappointing was our evening function, a welcome party to greet players and staff. All members had notice in advance, (by letter with renewal tickets and documents) but few stayed on. We do appreciate the efforts made by those who stayed, and whose wives came along to join them, and our special thanks to those players and their wives who gave us the pleasure of their company.

We would remind you that our next social function is a Car Rally on 18th September. If you have not already given in your names, Catherine Ball must have them today.

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Today we have much pleasure in welcoming as match sponsors Messrs B. Doherty (Luton) Ltd, who decided to sponsor today's match after having been guests at J. F. Meade's sponsored match last season.

Having seen at first hand the benefits of such sponsorship, Bernard Doherty, a Century Club member, and all his family who are all avid Luton Town supporters and follow our team

to all away matches as well as attending all home games, wasted no time in ensuring that they sponsored a match early in the new season.

The company of B. Doherty (Luton) Ltd, was formed in 1957 by Bernard Doherty. Originally it was concerned more with the building side of the industry, but during the 24 years it has been running it has progressed into Plant Hire, Haulage and Earthmoving, and has a modern fleet of eight-wheeler and six-wheeler tipper lorries.

Also, just recently, the company has expanded into the Skip Hire business. This is aimed mainly at the private householder and small building companies who require this skip hire service.

The latest acquisition of B. Doherty (Luton) Ltd, has been a sand and ballast pit at Hitchin, which has opened another phase in the expansion of this go ahead local company.

The sons of the owner of the company are actively engaged in many different sporting activities, including golf, tennis and participating in football in the local South Beds Sunday League, where they represent the Holy Ghost Football Club.

IN RETROSPECT

LUTON TOWN v SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Division Two: 1899-1900 0-1 (h), 0-6 (a); 1937-38 2-2 (h), 0-4 (a); 1938-39 1-5 (h), 1-4 (a); 1946-47 4-1 (h), 1-1 (a); 1947-48 1-1 (h), 0-1 (a); 1948-49 2-1 (h), 0-0 (a); 1949-50 0-0 (h), 1-1 (a); 1951-52 5-3 (h), 0-4 (a).

Division One: 1956-57 2-0 (h), 0-3 (a); 1957-58 2-0 (h), 1-2 (a); 1959-60 0-1 (h), 0-2 (a).

Division Two: 1970-71 Luton Town 2 (Anderson, Givens) Sheffield Wednesday 2 (Sinclair, Sunley), Sheffield Wednesday 1 (Sinclair) Luton Town 5 (Mac-

donald 3, Givens 2); 1971-72 Luton Town 3 (Halom 3) Sheffield Wednesday 1 (Joicey), Sheffield Wednesday 2 (Craig pen, Holsgrove) Luton Town 2 (Givens, Anderson); 1972-73 Luton Town 0 Sheffield Wednesday 0, Sheffield Wednesday 4 (Holsgrove, Rodrigues, Prendergast, Eustace) Luton Town 0; 1973-74 Luton Town 2 (Aston, Sims) Sheffield Wednesday 1 (Joicey), Sheffield Wednesday 2 (Joicey, Potts) Luton Town 2 (Husband, Butlin); 1980-81 Luton Town 3 (Moss 2, 1 pen, White) Sheffield Wednesday 0, Sheffield Wednesday 3 (Mirocevic, Currie 2) Luton Town 1 (Ingram).

Teams for last game here, 1st November 1980 — LUTON TOWN: Judge, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Goodyear, Price, Hill, Stein, White, Aizlewood, Moss. SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Pickering, Hornsby, Taylor (Mirocevic), Johnson, Sterland, McCulloch, Curran. Attendance: 12,092.



IN FOCUS



What's this then . . . Eric Morecambe with a moustache. Yes folks, it's your favourite Luton Town comic sporting a line of hair above his top lip — and he's holding a picture of the guy he loves to hate, Des O'Connor.

Eric was at Kenilworth Road for the introduction of our new pre-match games fun and won himself a picture of Des from the dreaded box 13 in Take Your Pick.

There's always time for a good laugh when Eric is around, although he seemed lost for words when he opened the envelope containing the picture of Des.

But, like a good comic, Eric managed to ad-lib: 'Just what I've always wanted.' And then threw the picture over his shoulder!

Meanwhile, there was a thrill for young Ian Selkirk at our first home game of the season against Charlton Athletic. Ian, a member of the Junior Hatters Club, was the first mascot of the season and posed with the two skippers before the start of the game.

Read today's Junior Hatters news on page 11.



PROGRAMME CORNER

By JOHN FARMER

Many collectors are interested in big-match programmes, and issues most in demand from both current and past seasons are those of FA Cup finals.

Nowadays, many more programmes are printed than will actually be sold at Wembley since it is well known that television viewers, as well as collectors up and down the country, will want to buy their own copy.

be almost as elusive as the proverbial needle in the haystack and may be almost literally worth their weight in gold.

Copies of the 1923 FA Cup Final, the first to be played at Wembley, have changed hands at over £100 each. It is interesting to recall that, on the day of the final, many must have failed to obtain a programme since it is estimated that around 150,000 milled into the ground, either through the turnstiles or over the wall.

There has, incidentally, been a recent facsimile reprint of this 1923 final and though it does not have souvenir value it is well worth the 50p being charged for its reading matter.

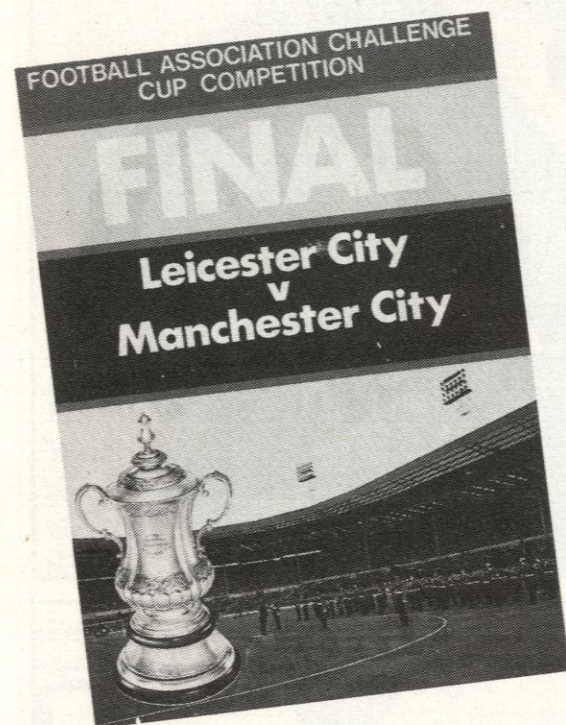
There are of course just a few FA Cup final programmes in existence dating back to before the opening of Wembley. The earliest in the writer's possession is of the 1921 final between Spurs and Wolves at Stamford Bridge.

It is a substantial 16-page issue with many of the same

sort of details as in this year's issue. The path of each club to the final is traced.

Pen-pictures and photographs of the teams are given. It is the advertisements, however, which show the most striking contrasts to those in programmes today.

Alongside those for footballs, football boots etc. is a full-page spread exhorting spectators to



Consequently it is comparatively easy to buy FA Cup Final programmes from the past ten seasons or so at around a pound per copy since there are still large numbers in circulation.

Earlier issues, of course, cost much more since the original printing was intended to cater just for the people attending on the day plus, perhaps, a few more which were put on sale in the home towns of the finalists.

Certain issues from the 60s may well cost around the £3 mark in the second-hand market while pre-war issues can



drink a particular kind of stout and another appealing for donations to the Royal Hospital, Putney.

One other interesting sidelight is that, according to the pen-pictures, the tallest Wolves player is Val Gregory at 5ft 10in and half the players on each side were 5ft 8in or under.

Both goalkeepers were 5ft 9in. Just a reminder that in general people today are taller than they were early this century.

Yes, football programmes are not just chronicles of the game itself. They tell us something of the life of the time.



SHOP WINDOW



If you want bargains — we've got them. And they're on the doorstep in our pools office and souvenir kiosks.

This week, we are making the first of a special offer which will, from time to time, appear in your matchday magazine.

This afternoon, we offer you one of our attractive sweatshirts — reduced from £6.99 to £5.25 — and you won't find better value than that anywhere.

The fabric is 75 per cent cotton, 13 per cent viscose and 12 per cent polyester. And if those fibres don't mean anything to you, don't worry because there is no doubt this product is the best value on the market.

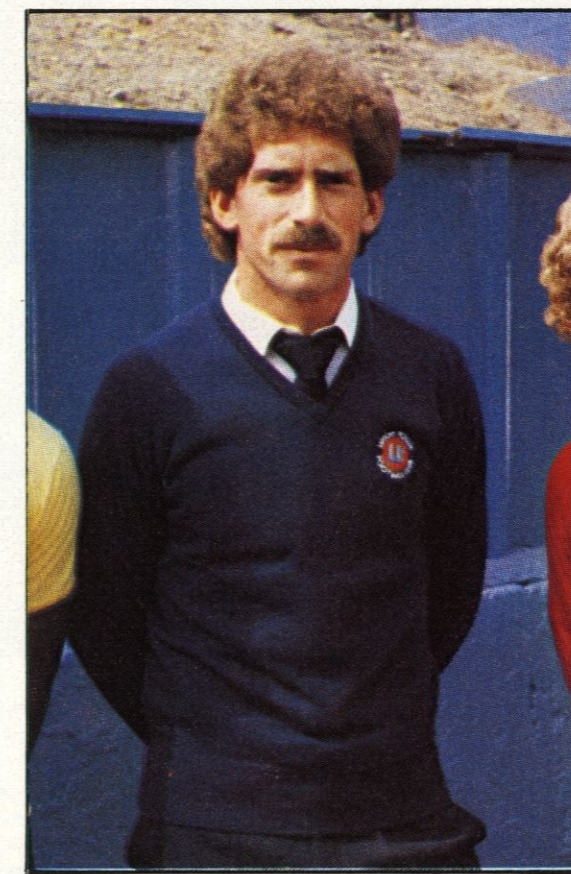
The colour range is red, navy and white. Fancy one? You'd better get

in quick while stocks last.

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ACTION



QPR 1 LUTON TOWN 2

What a tremendous start to the season with nine points from our first three games against Charlton at Kenilworth Road, QPR in London, and away at Bolton. Rangers' new Omniturf didn't pose any problems to us once our lads had settled and, although former Luton player, Andy King, put the home side in front during the first-half, we hit back to take the points with goals from Mark Aizlewood and Ricky Hill.

Aizlewood leans back to toe-end the ball over keeper John Burridge for our first goal.

'Well done, mate,' says Steve White who prepares to congratulate Aizlewood.

Brian Stein can't hide his delight after watching Hill (right) smash in the winner.



VISITORS

There were some Sheffield Wednesday fans who thought they were hearing things when manager Jack Charlton boldly announced last season that he wasn't bothered if he failed to lift the club into the First Division.

Charlton may well have reasoned that Wednesday were not ready for the top flight — and their final position in the table reflected his views.

Wednesday finished almost halfway down with 42 points from the same number of games after their away form finally killed any hopes

that fans had of seeing their team back in Division One.

At home, Sheffield won 14, drew four and lost only three. But, on their travels, Wednesday were a different proposition when they won three, drew four — and lost 14!

That was nowhere near good enough and Charlton perhaps realised that his team were not good enough to even think about playing in the First Division.

This time, however, things could be vastly different. During the summer, Charlton persuaded

Coventry City's Scottish international defender Jim Holton to move to Hillsborough.

Holton has a string of former clubs and started his professional career with West Brom before moving down the scale to Shrewsbury Town. But his ability resulted in a move to Old Trafford before, 63 games later, he was on his travels again. This time he moved to the north-east with Sunderland.

But he played only 15 games for them before another move to Coventry, who allowed him to move to Sheffield on a



Back row (left to right): A. McCulloch, I. Mellor, D. Redfern, R. Bolder, B. Cox, J. Pearson, D. Grant.
 Middle row: F. Blunstone, M. Setters (Coaches), J. Holton, M. Smith, G. Megson, G. Oliver, M. Sterland, T. Matthewson, R. Blackhall,
 * Peter Shirtliff, T. Toms (Coach), J. Honey (Physio).
 Front row: K. Taylor, G. Owen, T. Curran, B. Hornsby, A. Mirocevic, J. Charlton (Manager), D. Leman, C. Williamson, Paul Shirtliff,
 J. King, G. Bannister.

LINE-UP

free transfer.

Young Coventry player Gary Bannister also decided to join Wednesday when Charlton agreed to pay £100,000 for his transfer and, with two newcomers in his squad, the Sheffield manager may now be inclined to think the time is ripe for an assault on Division One.

Wednesday had only climbed from the Third Division 12 months earlier and, realistically, their halfway position could be seen as a state of consolidation.

So Charlton was probably right because his young squad, although they did reasonably well in their first season back in Division Two, were obviously being nursed for better things through the time process and the manager's two close season signings will be seen as proof that, this season, he intends to 'have a go'.

Charlton has plenty of experience at his disposal including right-back Ray Blackhall who joined the club from Newcastle United in 1978. Bob Bolder, who held the keeper's spot in the first team last season, joined

Wednesday from non-League soccer with Dover and has made 112 League appearances.

Striker Terry Curran was a goalscorer with Doncaster, Nottingham Forest, Bury, Derby and Southampton before moving to Sheffield.

Brian Hornsby is another with experience. He was with Arsenal for six years before moving on to Wednesday. So is Gary Megson who joined Plymouth from school before trying his luck with Everton. He is a former member of the England Under-21 squad.

Forward Ian Mellor has seen various parts of the country with Manchester City, Norwich, Brighton and Chester before moving to link with Charlton.



DENNIS LEMAN



He has made 56 League appearances.

Ante Mirocevic joined the growing list of Yugoslavian players making the switch to the Football League. Like our own Raddy Antic, Mirocevic is an international, making 25 appearances last season and scoring five goals.

Andy McCulloch top-scorer last season with 18 goals, while Mike Pickering has a fair amount of experience after spells with Barnsley and Southampton before moving to Yorkshire.

Defender Mark Smith is a home grown product and joined Wednesday from school as an apprentice professional in July 1976. He has been a member of the England Under-21 squad for the last two seasons and has made 109 League appearances.

POINTS ATTENDANCES LEAGUE TABLES

Opponents	Result	Attendance	Points Position	Findlay	Stephens	Aizlewood	Horton	Saxby	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	White	Antic	Ingram	Own Goal
1981															
August															
29 Charlton Athletic	3-0	8,776	3-1	2	3	4	5	6●	7	8	9●	10	11		OG
September															
1 Queens Park Rangers (1L)	2-1	11,000	6-1	2	3●	4	5	6	7●	8	9	10	11		
5 Bolton Wanderers	2-1	6,911	9-1	1	2	3●	4	5	6	7	8●	9	10	11	
12 Sheffield Wednesday															
16 League Cup 1 (2L)															
19 Leicester City															
22 Cardiff City															
26 Watford															
October															
3 Orient															
7 League Cup 2 (1L)															
10 Oldham Athletic															
17 Grimsby Town															
24 Wrexham															
28 League Cup 2 (2L)															
31 Crystal Palace															
November															
7 Derby County															
11 League Cup 3															
14 Blackburn Rovers															
21 Newcastle United (1)															
24 Bolton Wanderers															
28 Rotherham United															
December															
2 League Cup 4															
5 Shrewsbury Town															
12 Chelsea (2)															
19 Barnsley															
26 Cambridge United															
28 Norwich City															
1982															
January															
2 FA Cup 3															
9 Queens Park Rangers															
13 League Cup 5															
16 Charlton Athletic															
23 FA Cup 4															
30 Leicester City															
February															
3 League Cup SF 1															
6 Sheffield Wednesday															
10 League Cup SF 2															
13 Orient (5)															
20 Watford															
27 Oldham Athletic															
March															
6 Grimsby Town (6)															
13 Wrexham (LCF)															
20 Crystal Palace															
27 Derby County															
April															
3 Blackburn Rovers (SF)															
9															
10 Cambridge United															
12 Norwich City															
13															
17 Newcastle United															
24 Rotherham United															
May															
1 Shrewsbury Town															
5 Cardiff City															
8 Chelsea															
15 Barnsley															
22 FA Cup Final															

+ Player replaced by substitute

● Goalscorer

Home fixtures in bold

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CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Across: 1. Larry; 5. Daniel; 7. Teddy; 9. Hampden Park; 11. Bosko; 13. Roeder; 14. level.

Down: 1. Latchford; 2. red; 3. Villans; 4. Blackpool; 6. Alan; 8. Dempsey; 10. Dave; 12. one (1904).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1981-82	F A	DIVISION TWO TABLE 1981-82													DIV 2 APPS & GOALS 1981-82	
Aug. 29 Orient	4-0														App Gls	
Sept. 1 Tottenham Hotspur	—														Aizlewood 3 2	
Sept. 5 Oxford United	2-1														Antic 3 —	
Sept. 12 Leicester City															Donaghy 3 1	
Sept. 14															Findlay 3 —	
Sept. 19 Queens Park Rangers															Hill 3 1	
Sept. 26 Watford															Horton 3 —	
Sept. 30 Norwich City															Ingram 3 —	
Oct. 3 Bristol City															Saxby 3 —	
Oct. 5															Stein 3 1	
Oct. 10 Crystal Palace															Stephens 3 —	
Oct. 17 Swindon Town															White 3 1	
Oct. 24 Ipswich Town															Own Goals — 1	
Oct. 26																
Oct. 24 Plymouth Argyle																
Nov. 7 Arsenal																
Nov. 9																
Nov. 14 Fulham																
Nov. 17 Birmingham City																
Nov. 21 Hereford United																
Nov. 25 Tottenham Hotspur																
Nov. 28 Southampton																
Nov. 30																
Dec. 5 Chelsea																
Dec. 12 West Ham United																
Dec. 19 Bristol Rovers																
Dec. 28 Reading																
Jan. 2																
Jan. 9 Oxford United																
Jan. 11																
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Jan. 23																
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April 12 Reading																
April 17 Hereford United																
April 24 Southampton																
April 27 Chelsea																
May 4 Norwich City																
May 8 West Ham United																
May 15 Bristol Rovers																
May 22																



FINAL FOOTBALL COMBINATION	COMBINATION APPS & GOALS 1981-82								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	App Gls	
Southampton	42	27	7	8	100	45	61	Beasley 2 —	
Tottenham	42	22	13	7	99	56	57	Brammer 1(1) —	
Norwich City	42	23	10	9	77	43	56	Breacker 1(1) —	
Ipswich Town	42	19	16	7	66	38	54	Bunn 2 2	
Plymouth	42	21	12	9	73	54	54	Fuccillo 2 —	
Arsenal	42	20	13	9	68	48	53	Goodyear 2 —	
Birmingham	42	18	14	10	60	41	50	Heath 2 —	
Chelsea	42	21	7	14	80	58	49	Johnson 1 —	
Q.P.R.	42	19	9	14	80	64	47	Keys 2 1	
Leicester City	42	18	9	15	71	58	45	Madden 2 —	
Crystal Palace	42	18	9	15	74	64	45	Owen 2 —	
Luton Town	42	17	10	15	63	55	44	Small 1 3	
West Ham	42	15	10	17	81	63	40	Thomas Mt 2 —	
Bristol Rovers	42	11	12	19	45	63	34		
Fulham	42	10	14	18	33	64	34		
Oxford United	42	11	9	22	47	81	31		
Bristol City	42	12	6	24	37	65	30		
Orient	42	11	8	23	48	78	30		
Reading	42	12	6	24	50	87	30		
Hereford	42	8	12	22	41	91	28		
Swindon	42	11	4	27	44	91	26		
Cardiff City	42	6	12	24	39	69	24		



WEDNESDAY BACKTRACK

a look at our visitors history through the years

- Lack of inches proved no handicap to Wednesday goalkeeper Teddy Davison, who stood just 5ft 7in, but was capped for England against Wales in March 1922.
- Three England captains, Ernie Blenkinsop, Alf Strange and Jimmy Seed, were all with Wednesday between 1927-28 and 1930-31.
- Jack Palethorpe was signed from Preston in December 1934, played in Wednesday's 1935 FA Cup winning team and moved to Aston Villa in November 1935.
- Full-back Norman Curtis took over in goal when Dave McIntosh broke an arm during the game against Preston on 26th August 1953, and saved penalty kicks taken by Ken Foster and Tom Finney.
- The same Norman Curtis was one of three Wednesday players to net own goals in the game against West Brom on 27th December 1952, the others being Curtis and Gannon.
- In the course of the next two seasons, two other Wednesday defenders, McNearney and Butler also netted own goals in games against West Brom.
- Although they already had five professional goalkeepers on their books at the time, Wednesday signed amateur Mike Pinner in time for him to play in goal against Wolves in a First Division game on 13th December 1957.
- When injury ended his career in season 1952-53 Derek Dooley had scored 64 goals in 63 League games for Sheffield Wednesday.
- In 1890, Sheffield Wednesday reached the FA Cup Final whilst still a non-League club, losing 6-1 to Blackburn at Kennington Oval.
- Redfern Froggatt (Sheffield Wednesday) and his cousin Jack Froggatt (Portsmouth) formed the England left-wing against Scotland at Wembley in April 1953.
- In March and April 1972, Trevor Pearson, then with Midland League team Heanor, played four Second Division games for Sheffield Wednesday to meet a crisis when both their goalkeepers, Peter Grummitt and Peter Springett, were out with injury.

TODAYS TEAM CHECK

LUTON TOWN		SHEFFIELD WED.	
JAKE FINDLAY	1	BOB BOLDER	
KIRK STEPHENS	2	RAY BLACKHALL	
MARK AIZLEWOOD	3	CHARLIE WILLIAMSON	
BRIAN HORTON	4	MARK SMITH	
MIKE SAXBY	5	PETER SHIRTLIFF	
MAL DONAGHY	6	KEVIN TAYLOR	
RICKY HILL	7	GARY MEGSON	
BRIAN STEIN	8	ANTE MIROCEVIC	
STEVE WHITE	9	GARY BANNISTER	
RADDY ANTIC	10	ANDY McCULLOCH	
GODFREY INGRAM	11	TERRY CURRAN	
	12		

Referee: M. R. BAKER, Wolverhampton Linesmen: G. BURSFIELD (Red Flag) G. M. McMANUS (Yellow Flag)



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Saturday
12th September 1981
Sheffield Wednesday



IN CHARGE TODAY

BAKER, MORRIS R. (Wolverhampton). Commenced refereeing in Wolverhampton Amateur League, then through West Midland (Regional) to Football League. Has officiated in an England v Scotland (Amateur) International, also a Hungary v Austria match.

A married man with two sons, he is a Director of a toolmaking concern, and his hobbies are tennis, swimming and walking. Serves on a committee to raise money for the welfare of Senior Citizens.