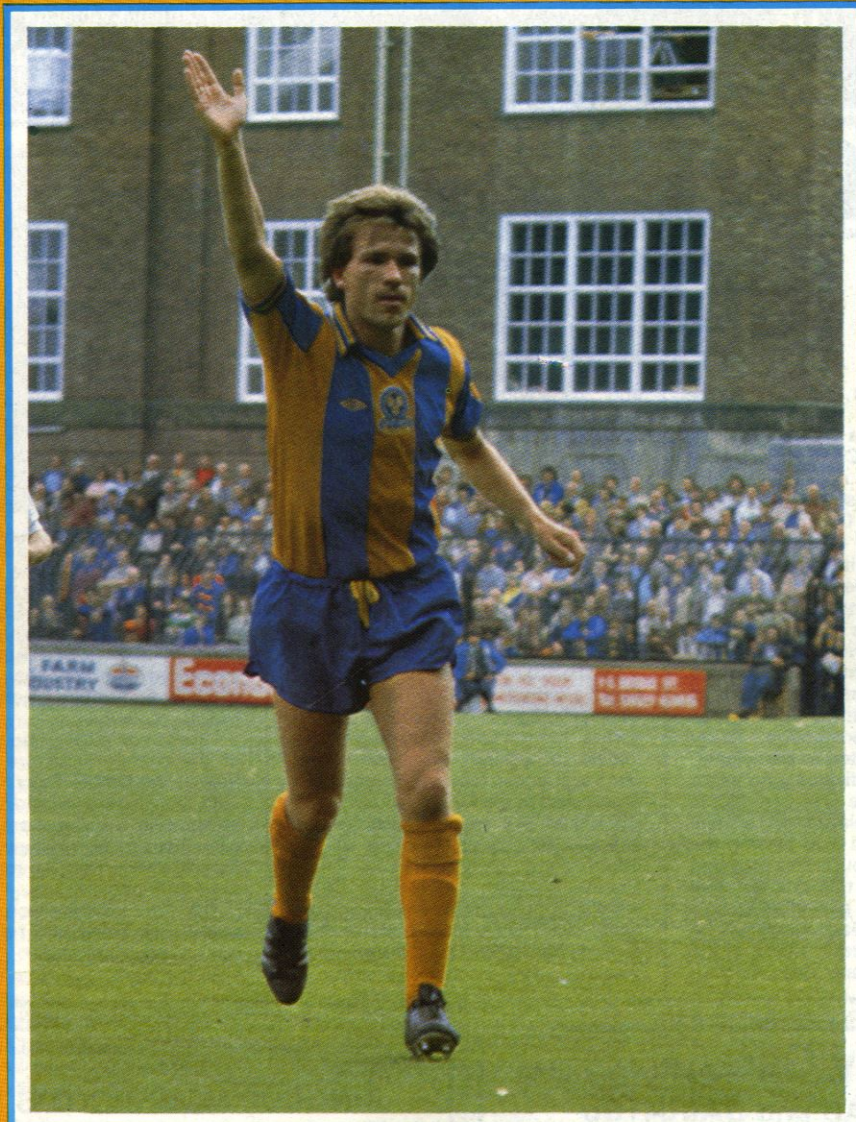


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SECRETARY'S NOTES

On 9th December, we have a very interesting away game against Bradford City in the Quarter Final of the Group Cup Competition. For supporters who are not aware of the Group Cup, it was started to replace the Anglo Scottish Cup competition. The idea of the Anglo Scottish competition, when it originated, was to give teams competitive pre season matches instead of the usual practice match games which did not have the same keenness. Unfortunately the Anglo Scottish competition lost its attraction for supporters either side of the border and so there was formed the Group Cup competition. Thirty two clubs were invited to participate. These were then divided into eight groups of four. The first part of the competition was played on a mini league format, each club playing the other three in its group. This provided eight winners for the quarter final stage which will be played as stated, on 9th December. Semi Finals will be played on 20th January, 1982 and the Final on 17th February, 1982. As from

and including the quarter final, matches will be played on a knock out basis. If the scores are level at the end of ninety minutes, an extra half hour will be played. If the score is still level after extra time, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty spot in accordance with the Laws of the Game. The Quarter Final matches are: Burnley v. Watford; Newport C. v. Grimsby; Bradford v. Shrewsbury; Peterborough v. Wimbledon.

In the Third Round of the Welsh Cup we played our local rivals Oswestry Town. These are always games that the League teams are on a 'hiding to nothing', but if we played our usual home form we should have progressed to the Fourth Round.

I would like to apologise for the lateness of the cancellation of the Intermediate games versus Derby County on 28th November. Derby were struggling to field a team and the game was finally called off at 2.00 p.m. Friday when they informed us that they were unable to get eleven fit



players. This was after the dead line for the Shropshire Star. It was recorded on the club's information number, 8040, and I hope that this prevented the majority of people making a fruitless journey to the M.E.B. ground.

Would you please also make a note of the change in fixture versus Port Vale in the Umbro Floodlit League on 16th December. Instead of Port Vale at home in the Cup competition, we play them in an outstanding League fixture, away. The Cup match has still to be arranged.

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RESULTS:

Aug 22	Bournemouth	H	0-0
24	Accrington	A	2-2
29	Port Vale	A	3-0
31	Accrington	H	5-0
Sept 5	Norwich	H	1-3
9	Reading	A	3-2
12	Brentford	A	1-2
14	Reading	H	3-2
19	Colchester	H	4-1
23	Southampton	A	3-6
26	Southend	A	1-2
28	Southampton	H	1-1
Oct 3	Mansfield	H	6-3
5	Halifax	A	2-1
10	Newport	H	6-2
17	Chesterfield	A	2-2
24	Swindon	H	3-0
31	Tranmere	A	3-3
Nov 7	Coventry	H	3-2
21	Q.P.R.	H	1-1
28	Grimsby	A	1-2
Dec 12	York	H	4-0
19	Bournemouth	A	2-2
26	Bury	H	0-2
28	Bury	A	1-2
Jan 2	Port Vale	H	2-1
23	Brentford	H	1-1
30	Wrexham	H	3-2
Feb 6	Colchester	A	2-3
13	Southend	H	1-3
20	Mansfield	A	0-1
27	Newport	A	3-1
March 5	Chesterfield	H	2-4
12	Swindon	A	2-4
15	Bradford C.	A	3-2
19	Grimsby	H	5-2
26	Coventry	A	1-1
30	Norwich	A	1-1
April 2	Bradford C.	H	3-0
9	Q.P.R.	A	1-1
16	Tranmere	H	0-0
18	Barnsley	H	2-2
19	Barnsley	A	0-0
23	Wrexham	A	1-1
25	Halifax	H	2-2
30	York	A	1-0
F.A. CUP			
Nov 14	Rd 1 Peterborough	A	3-4

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	46	26	9	11	106	75	61
Norwich C.	46	24	11	11	82	54	59
Shrewsbury T.	46	18	16	12	97	75	52
Coventry C.	46	21	10	15	78	63	52
Grimsby T.	46	18	16	12	87	70	52
Brentford	46	21	9	16	78	61	51
Bury	46	21	9	16	64	51	51
Q.P.R.	46	18	13	15	73	54	49
Colchester U.	46	18	11	17	83	74	47
Bournemouth	46	17	13	16	72	72	47
Reading	46	18	10	18	84	77	46
Southend U.	46	19	8	19	76	74	46
Newport Co.	46	20	6	20	80	79	46
Port Vale	46	19	8	19	80	79	46
Halifax T.	46	18	10	18	70	72	46
Swindon T.	46	19	8	19	69	78	46
Barnsley	46	15	14	17	65	66	44
Chesterfield	46	18	7	21	71	84	43
Bradford C.	46	15	12	19	66	74	42
Tranmere R.	46	14	13	19	72	75	41
York C.	46	13	12	21	57	73	38
Mansfield T.	46	15	6	25	81	112	36
Wrexham	46	14	8	24	68	101	36
Accrington S.	46	11	5	30	57	123	27

APPEARANCES.

Ambler R.	13	Ireland J.	38	Russell R.	6
Cornfield A.	2	Jones M.	1	Skeech G.	38
Crossley R.	1	Mahoney J.	14	Starkey M.	39
Edgley R.	41	Miller P.	16	Tucker K.	1
Harley A.	24	Pountney D.	30	Wallace J.	42
Hobson N.	46	Price J.	5	Walters G.	33
Humphreys A.	29	Rowley A.	41	Whitaker C.	45

GOALSCORERS:

Rowley 32, Whitaker 19, Starkey 19, Edgley 7, Ambler 6, Ireland 4, Russell 3, Harley 2, Wallace 2, Pountney 1, own goals 2.

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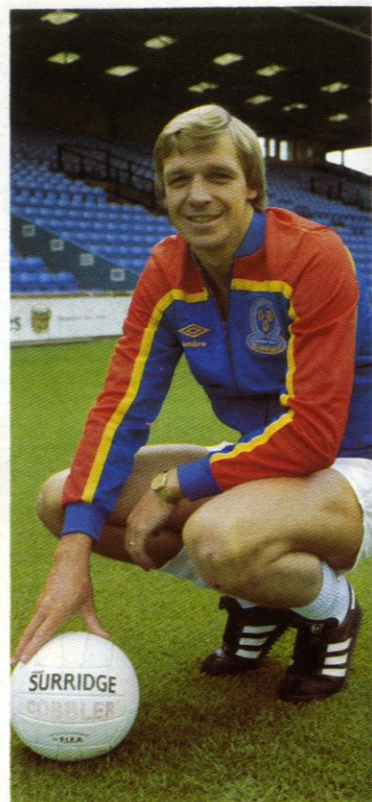
Good afternoon and welcome to what should be a very attractive game against league leaders, Luton Town. They have had a tremendous start to the season particularly away from home where their record is — played 8, won 6, drawn 1 and lost 1, scoring 15 goals and conceding 7. Certainly a record worthy of potential champions and bearing in mind that they have beaten us on their last two visits here, we will be out to prevent their further progress towards Division I and get revenge for these two previous defeats.

Against Queens Park Rangers your vocal support was very good and went a long way towards helping us defeat a good side. Please continue with that encouragement today. It is appreciated.

Talking of the Q.P.R. match, I was appalled to read in the local press of a spectator receiving facial injury after a bottle of cleaning fluid was thrown into the crowd. Whenever incidents of this kind occur the offender is more often than not, fined. I wonder if the next step is to mug an old lady to get the money to pay the first instalment.

I am by no means familiar with the workings of Magistrates and the Courts, but I do know that society is crying out for some sort of deterrent which would make thugs think twice about performing acts that have the sole intention of causing bodily harm, whether it be to an adult or child is immaterial.

Recently the Chairman of the F.A., Mr. Bert Millichip, proposed a ten point plan to combat hooligans, particularly with the forthcoming World Cup Finals in mind. One of his suggestions was the consideration of re-introducing corporal punishment for certain offences. It is an interesting point from a man with his background and in his position (he is a Solicitor), because almost without exception supporters and indeed people who do not attend matches answer, whenever I have posed the question of dealing with hooliganism, they would bring back corporal punishment. It would be interesting to know just what percentage of the population would be in favour of this measure. I am sure that it would be an overwhelming 'Yes'.



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MEADOW TALK

Bryan Pitchford, Editor

FULL BACK SIGNS

Wayne Williams signed a contract as a full time professional on completing his apprenticeship on his 18th birthday recently. Wayne a former pupil of Charlton School, Telford became an apprentice with Shrewsbury on leaving school in July last year, and has successfully been converted from a forward to a right full back.

JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP DRAW

In the next round of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup competition, Shrewsbury have been drawn away to West Ham. No date has yet been fixed but Shrewsbury have offered three dates to their First Division opposition.

BRACE FOR ATKINS

Shrewsbury collected maximum points in their last home match against high flying Q.P.R.

It was leading goalscorer Ian Atkins who put Town into the lead after only five minutes from the penalty spot when the visitors' goalkeeper John Burrige had brought down John Dungworth.

Mike Flanagan equalised for Rangers after 34 minutes cashing in on a mix-up in the Shrewsbury defence, but with fifteen minutes of the game left Atkins restored Town's lead with a low shot, having been put through by John Dungworth.

Wardle, Maclaren, Griffin, Keay, Johnson, Tong, Bates, McNally, Dungworth, Atkins, Cross, Petts.

REPLAY FOR YOUTH TEAM

Town's F.A. Youth Cup second round match against Leicester at Gay Meadow last week resulted in a goalless draw.

Leicester have their goalkeeper Ian Andrews to thank for keeping them in the competition. For most of the match, play was in the visitors' half of the field and the young 'keeper made several very fine saves, particularly from headers by Martin Sankey and Ken Pritchard.

Shrewsbury's back four always looked solid on the occasions they were called upon.

Pemberton, Williams, Pearson, Foote, McGrath, Mitchell, Pike, Sankey, Cook, Pritchard, Blundell, Sherry.

REPLAY RESULT

Leicester 4 Shrewsbury 1 (Mitchell).

Pemberton, Williams, Pearson, Foote, McGrath, Mitchell, Pike (Sherry), Sankey, Cook, Pritchard, Blundell.

WARDLE TOWN'S HERO

A good all round performance by Shrewsbury earned them their sixth away point of the season at Blackburn. The hero of the hour was without doubt 'keeper Bob Wardle who after making several outstanding saves from Garner, Fazackerley and new £70,000 signing Norman Bell capped it all by saving a 74th minute penalty from Stonehouse.



Although Town were limited in their attacks, their best chance fell to John Dungworth whose glancing header from a David Tong corner kick was wide.

Wardle, Maclaren, Johnson, Cross, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Dungworth, Atkins, McNally, Bates, Petts.

NO POINTS FROM LONDON TRIP

Orient looked a far better side than their lowly league position suggested. Their forwards were sharp and never gave the Shrewsbury defence a chance to settle.

Kevin Godfrey chose this day of all to get on the score sheet with two first half goals. The first coming after 24 minutes with a spectacular overhead kick.

His second a minute before half-time was not so spectacular but even so a well taken goal. Some interpassing between Silkman and Giles resulting in the former's low cross being slid home by the coloured 21-year-old. Shrewsbury came more into the game after the interval but Orient never looked like losing their two goal advantage.

Wardle, Maclaren, Johnson, Cross, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Dungworth (Petts), Atkins, McNally, Bates.

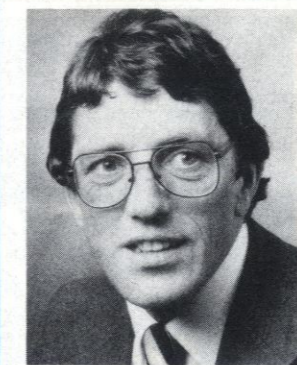
MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE TABLE

Up to and including 21.11.81

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shrewsbury Town	13	9	0	4	33	17	18
Aston Villa	11	8	1	2	28	14	17
Walsall	11	7	2	2	34	15	16
Coventry City	12	8	0	4	20	13	16
Leicester City	12	6	3	3	28	15	15
Derby County	11	7	1	3	19	7	15
Wolverhampton W.	12	7	0	5	17	13	14
Birmingham City	11	4	0	7	11	21	8
West Bromwich A.	12	4	0	8	14	28	8
Notts County	12	3	1	8	16	29	7
Nottingham Forest	11	2	2	8	12	27	6
Stoke City	12	3	0	9	11	26	6
Mansfield Town	12	3	0	9	11	29	6

THE NINETY-TWO CLUB

Dear Sir, I was surprised to see a brief article in last Saturday's



programme stating that you knew of no 'Salop' supporters who have visited 70 League grounds. Although I have visited 71 grounds I consider this a modest total.

The same point was made in your programme 3.9.77 match -v- Exeter City and many indignant replies were received in the programme of 27.9.77 match -v- Rotherham United.

I would also like to point out that the match day magazine of this season is the worst I can remember at this or any other club. I would prefer to read about 'my' team then soccer at other clubs and in other countries.

Yours faithfully,
A.G. Davies (Mr)

Gro Newydd, Llansantffraid, Powys.

Editor's Note:

I should like to point out that the article on the ninety-two club was sent in by a Mr. Pearce of Bristol and implied that to his knowledge no Shrewsbury supporter was known to have visited over 70 grounds, and if any had and were interested in joining the Club, they should contact him.

As regards to remarks on the standard of the Club's programme, Mr. Davies has undoubtedly a very short memory.

Dear Sir,

I am just writing to thank you for a really nice friendly day out when I achieved my ambition and completed the 92 league grounds when you entertained Bolton Wanderers at Gay Meadow. It was a really great day from a few pints of beer in the Crown Hotel to a really funny first own goal. Thank you for a mention in the programme and the P.A. announcements. The only thing that did go wrong was when I arrived home that night and there was a letter from the Club telling me about a complimentary ticket, so if you are wondering why it never got collected, it was just a hiccup in the postal service, but it did not deter me from a day to remember.

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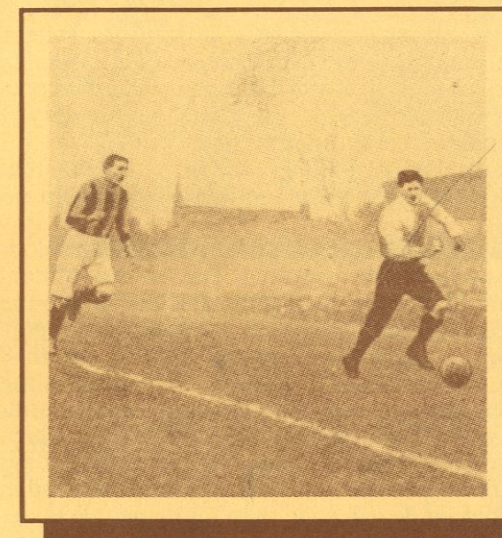
THE MAKING OF A PLAYER

PART I — THE FORWARD GAME

By W. I. BASSETT (the Famous International)

The popularity of a good forward with the spectators—Brains and muscle a useful combination—Nothing new in Villa's up-to-date forward play—The old kick-and-rush style of the Albion explained—Good halves an absolute necessity to good forward play—The qualifications that go to make a fine wing-player—Ground-passing—The pass with the side of the boot—Accuracy in placing the ball the only way to score goals—The value of a hustling game—A last word to the professional.

In football, as indeed in most pastimes, every member of the side has his own particular function, and a brilliant man in any position is sure to catch the eye of the spectator. But in football there are certain positions which in themselves bring a man into prominence whether that prominence is creditable or otherwise. By this I mean that a man who plays a bad game in certain positions is more likely to attract attention than a player who gives merely an ordinary exhibition in other positions. Take, for instance, the goalkeeper. If he plays badly he is at once an object of derision, or worse, just as he may be referred to as the saviour of his side if, in the face of great odds, he acquits himself creditably. In my opinion, the goalkeeper has more than anyone on the field a chance of catching the eye of the spectator. I should not like it to be thought from that, however, that I regard the position of custodian as the most important on the field, although the responsibility resting upon the man between the posts is undeniable. My opinion has always been that the men upon whom the greatest responsibility devolves are the members of the intermediate division. Their duties are more multifarious than those of any other members of the side. They have to be both attackers and defenders. When the defence is sorely pressed the halves have to lie moderately near goal to be of



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assistance when they can, and when their side is attacking no one can estimate the service which judicious, fast, and cunning halves can render to the forwards.

But next to that of the goalkeeper the position which lends itself naturally to prominence is that

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of the forward, and as a side's success is gauged by the number of goals scored, it is easy to imagine that a brilliant forward has a far better time with the crowd than most of the members of the side. I am not one of those who think that forward play has improved in the same ratio as that of other positions. Of course, defenders, particularly the goalkeeper, have a much happier time now than they had years ago, and there has been in recent years a great levelling up in this department of the game. When I first played football good goalkeepers were the exception rather than the rule. In first-class football today there are few exceptions to prove the rule. All the leading clubs have excellent custodians. In the days when pluck and daring counted as much and perhaps even more than ability, there were few goalkeepers of outstanding brilliance. I do not want to say too much about goalkeepers, however, for the province of this article is to deal with forward play. I merely wished to make it clear that the forward who possesses real merit has an exceptional opportunity of becoming the idol of the public.

Brains, and the ability to use them, are essential in all positions on the football field, but in no position are they more essential than in the forward rank. One is amazed at the lack of common-sense occasionally displayed. The secret of all success in the playing field is the aptitude which the contestants manifest to take advantage of opportunities. I remember very well that at the time when the Albion were credited, if credited is the proper word to use, with playing "a kick-and-rush game," we had a system of passing which was so styled because many people in those days did not understand it. There was more method in that kick-and-rush style than many people imagined. I notice that the very system of passing which we utilised in those old days is the one which Aston Villa have perfected today; and one can trace the recent success of the famous Birmingham team to the adoption of methods which were rather derided by the scientific sides of a decade ago. In those early days the short passing game was believed to be the beginning and end of all success on the football field. Mind, I am not saying anything derogatory to the short passing game. It has its uses today as much as ever it had, and when the attacking side are close in goal there

is nothing more effective than a short pass, or a series of short passes, always provided, of course, that the defenders are in such a position that such a style is warranted. But the one-style team is not the successful one. The team which is successful today is the one which manifests most resource. Certain methods only suit certain conditions, and if forwards cannot adapt themselves to all conditions they are not likely to be permanently successful.

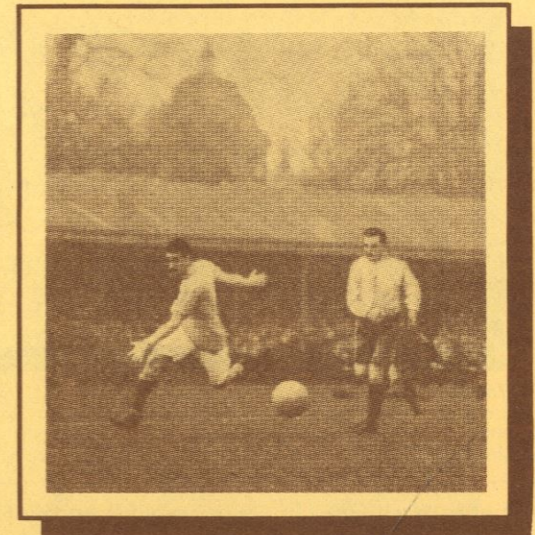
The kick-and-rush game for which the Albion were famous was, in reality, a system of passing from the inside-left to the outside right, and from the inside-right to the outside-left. The Albion forwards knew that style; they were prepared for it. Few teams understood it at all, and consequently it became known as a kick-and-rush style. Because it was little understood it was successful; and it is because it has not been universally adopted that Aston Villa found it successful in their Cup-tie games last season. I am not going to say that Aston Villa copied it from West Bromwich Albion. I do not suppose for one moment that they did. They merely discovered that it is a paying style, and all credit to them for making the most of it. We made the most of it when we discovered it, and many of the triumphs of the Albion are due to it. But it is merely one move in the great game of football. Adopted as a basis for all play, I dare say it would be no more successful than, say, dribbling or short passing, but when combined with other methods it is distinctly useful. It all resolves itself into a question of common-sense. A player without brains, no matter what his natural ability so far as pace and stamina are concerned may be, will never become brilliant.

Speaking of forward play generally, I should assert, without fear of contradiction, that no front line can be wholly successful unless they have a good trio of halves behind them. And in this connection I might mention that not a few good half-backs received their early training in the forward line. W. Groves of Aston Villa, Abbott and Taylor of Everton, and the great James Crabtree might be instanced. I believe generally in the principle of the inside men being left to get the goals — indeed, I have always been an advocate of the advantage of playing to the inside. The three

inside men are naturally better placed as a rule than the wing men. It is the duty of the three inside men to draw the opposing halves on to them. When they have succeeded in this, they can pass out to the wings, and the wing men, having a clear course, can make ground unhampered, and, gradually getting close into goal, will find the inside men well up in front of the goalkeeper ready to receive the final pass at the most opportune moment. One thing a forward should always remember, and that is never to lose the ball unless he can do so to advantage. A spasmodic kick never did any good. A colleague may get it accidentally, but the ball is far more likely to be met by an opponent who is waiting than by a comrade who has no idea where it is going. Another thing an inside man should always bear in mind is that when he has beaten the half and drawn the back on himself, it is often more advantageous to pass to another inside man, or, indeed, to try himself to beat the back than to pass out to the wings. By passing out to the corner flag much valuable time is often wasted, and when the outside man gets in his centre practically all the defenders are up. The time when a centre could be turned to advantage by a long rush which would end in the ball and the goalkeeper being bundled into the net together has gone by. Much of Bloomer's success has been due to his skill in beating the back single-handed, and then carrying the ball so near goal that it is an easy matter to trick the goalkeeper with a neat touch which is more like a pass than a shot, although the objective, of course, is that part of the aperture which is unguarded by the custodian. And, although Bloomer does so much individual work, he cannot be described as a selfish player. He is one of those men who are quick to see an opening, and, what is more important still, to act quickly. He plays the game with his head as well as his feet, and his style is one which present-day forwards would do well to copy.

Possibly I know more of the functions of the outside man than of any player on the field. The first essential for an outside wing player is, of course, speed, and the faster a man the better it is for his club. The next essential, I should say, is the ability of a player to gather the ball while on the run. If a wing player would only consider that if

he has to lose a second in getting control over the ball, even the slowest opponent can run five or six yards in that brief period, while a really fast half can run nearly twice that distance before the forward is away, he would soon see the advantage of this.



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A CHARACTERISTIC RUN BY THE RIGHT WING
This photograph shows Meredith, of Manchester City, sweeping down the field in the Cup-tie Final of 1904 between Manchester City and Bolton Wanderers at the Crystal Palace.

Then the outside man should always be able to centre while on the run. If a man has to slacken his pace before he can get rid of the ball, it almost invariably happens that the back gets up and intercepts the pass. Of course, precision is necessary, and in my playing days I never went a week without devoting some time to practising sharp runs along the wing and quick centres into the goal mouth. Many young players figuring on the wing today make the mistake of shooting hard at goal from acute angles. I wonder whether they ever stop to consider how remote is the possibility of scoring? Would it not be far more advantageous if, instead of driving hard at goal, the player gently dropped the ball either to a comrade whom he sees is well placed, or among the

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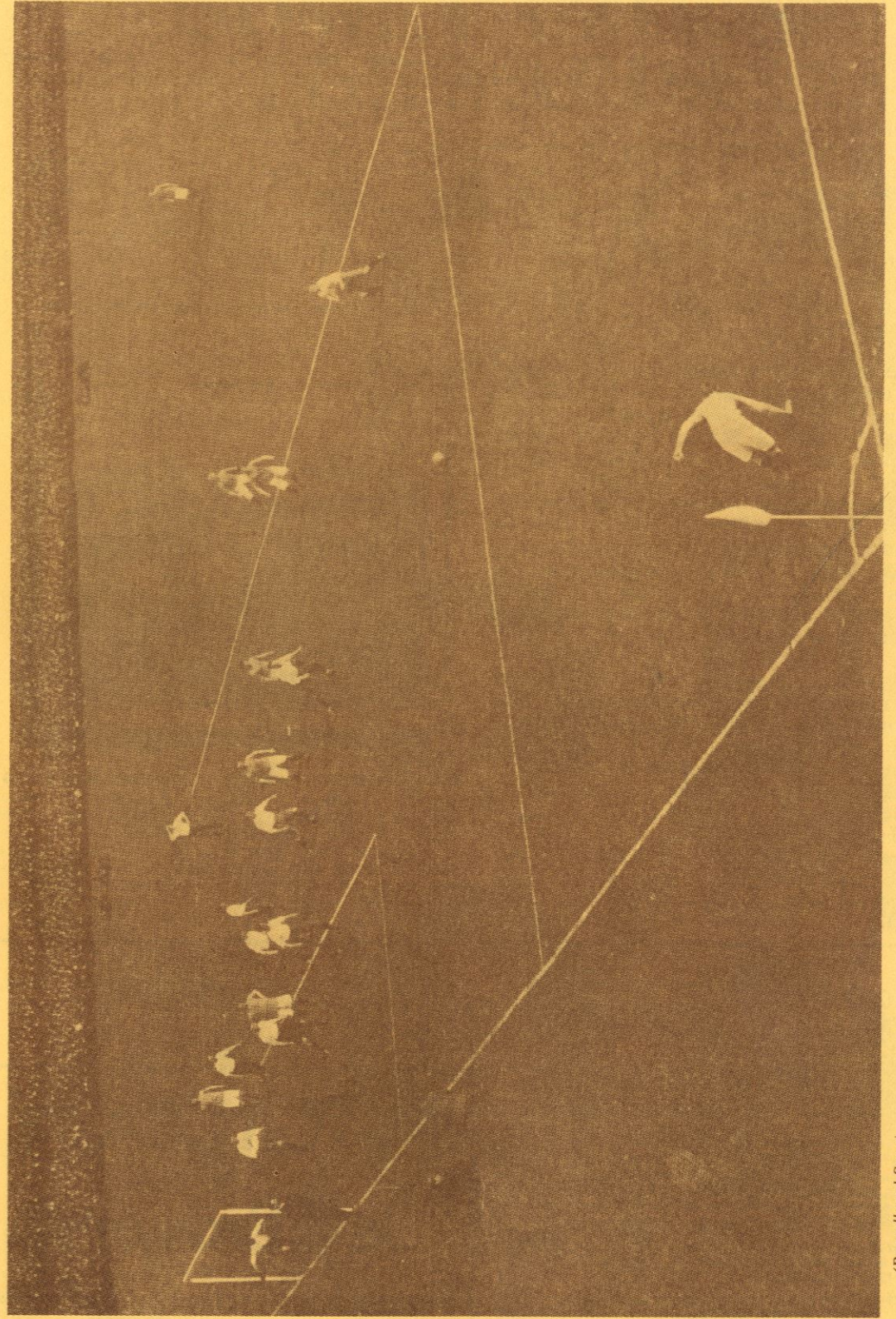
forward going straight into the hands of the goalkeeper. The match was between Tottenham Hotspur and Millwall.

ruck of men who are clustering round the goal? If the forwards know their business, they will have taken advantage of the time occupied by the wing man in making his run to place themselves in good positions for shooting, so that by the time the ball comes across to them the only advantage the defenders can possibly have is that special one which the goalkeeper has over all other players on the field. I commend this suggestion to all young wing players. I know a good deal of satisfaction is derived from the scoring of a goal, but the paramount duty of every footballer is to subordinate his own ambition to the best interests of his side. I should like to point out that it is well to remember that wherever the ball is there you will find a crowd of players. Obviously, then, if a side is to be successful, it is the duty of the forwards on the other side of the field to that where the scrimmaging is taking place to lose no time in getting into the best possible position. How often do you see players waiting, sometimes in an off-side position, and sometimes in an equally hopeless position, either near the half-way line or on the extreme wing? If these men would have some confidence in their comrades, and get right into goal, they would at least be in a position to meet the ball should their colleague succeed in beating the man by whom he has been tackled. Another point which should not be lost sight of is that it is far more advantageous for a forward to pass sharply along the ground than to lift the ball. The reason is obvious. Of course, there are times when it is essential that the ball should be lifted well over the heads of the opposing defenders; but, unless it is necessary, a forward should always remember that space is saved and speed is gained by passing

on the ground. Nine times out of ten the short, sharp pass along the turf is better than lifting the ball into the air, though perhaps the point I am driving at is so patent that there is no need to labour it.

One of the most surprising things to me, as an old footballer, is the poor use forwards make today of the pass with the side of the foot. It has become almost a lost art; and yet if players would only stop to consider for a moment, they would see very clearly that it is much easier to make an accurate pass with the broad side of the foot than it is with a narrow toe. When passing with the toe, one is also far more apt to lift the ball than when hitting it with the side of the boot. At first blush it may seem a small matter. Let the forward devote some attention to the practice of this kick; he will not think it is a small matter when he has perfected the touch. In dribbling it is essential; it is a great advantage at all times.

It is not the province of this article to deal with training methods, but a few hints are never out of place. Apart from the practice which I have advocated for the wing men, there are many other little things which the forwards could do, and from which they would derive considerable advantage. The whole line could practise forward movements; forward and back passes between the outside and inside men, with occasional touches to the halves; long swings from the inside men to the extreme wingers on the opposite side of the field, and a hundred and one other movements, all of which would prove useful in actual strife. There cannot be too perfect an understanding between the members of the attack. The whole secret of success on the field is the ability which the players



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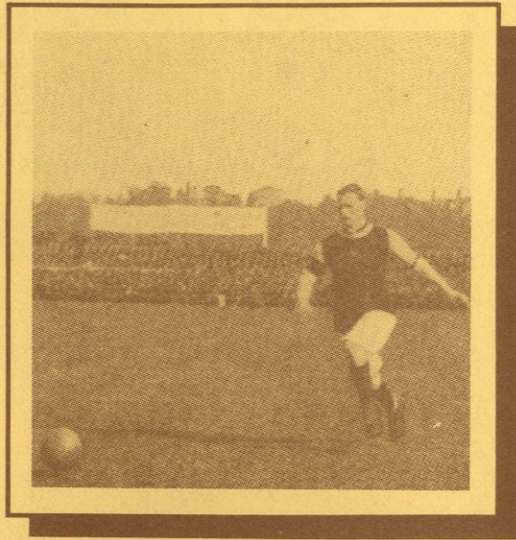
A CORNER KICK. CUP FINAL.—MANCHESTER CITY v BOLTON WANDERERS—AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE IN APRIL, 1904

One of the most essential qualifications of a wing forward is the ability to middle accurately, and by his fine judgment in kicking from the corner flag he may very often win a match for his side.

have to divine a comrade's intentions. Players ought to know precisely what each will do under certain conditions, and if they do know that — well, it is unnecessary for me to point to the advantage. But of all the functions of the forward in which either lack of ability or, worse still, lack of common-sense is manifested, I think it will be universally agreed that shooting stands pre-eminent. How many really good shots are there in first-class football today? Some of the most brilliant forwards I know often rouse the ire of the crowd simply because they throw all their good work away by indifferent shooting. A forward for whose shooting prowess I always had great admiration was McLuckie, late of Aston Villa. He was an awkward man on his legs — so awkward, in fact, that I have heard it humorously suggested that he used to trip up sometimes over a blade of grass, or fall over his own shadow; yet McLuckie was one of the neatest goal-scorers I ever saw. You rarely heard of McLuckie getting past the backs and then failing to score. What was the secret of his success? Why, McLuckie used his head. He saw at once that being out by himself he had a tremendous advantage, and he made the most of it. He might have shot the moment he saw he had no one to beat but the goalkeeper, but McLuckie always recognised that it would be much easier to score if he ran a few feet nearer to goal, and he always ran those few feet. If the goalkeeper came out to meet him, the Villa centre would gently touch the ball in the direction of the goal a moment before the custodian reached him. A second later he would probably be picking himself up, but that mattered little, for the ball was then in the net. If the goalkeeper did not leave his charge, the result would be precisely the same; for McLuckie, taking in the position at a glance, would see where there was most room, and there he would drop the ball. One seldom saw McLuckie shoot hard. His object was to shoot straight, and although everyone likes to see a good hard drive, is it not far better to gently touch the

ball into the corner of the net than to make the upright quiver with the force of the shot, or to send the ball flashing at a great pace a few inches wide of the mark? John Goodall was another man who always placed his shots well; and if Bloomer sometimes puts a good deal of strength behind his shots, it is only because he has confidence in the accuracy of his aim.

Forwards should always try to hit the ball forward while on the run; they cannot afford to steady themselves to trap the ball. My advice is, always hit the ball; it keeps the defenders on the move. If the forwards do not keep it more than a fraction of a second, the defender has no one to



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THE POINTS THAT MAKE A GOOD WING FORWARD

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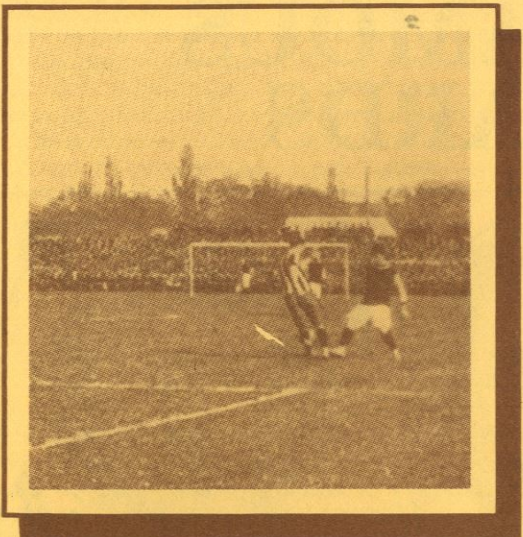
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FORWARD versus HALF-BACK

"The men upon whom the greatest responsibility devolves are the members of the intermediate division. Their duties are more multifarious than those of any other members of the side. They have to be both attackers and defenders. When the defence is sorely pressed the halves have to lie moderately near goal to be of assistance when they can, and when their side is attacking no one can estimate the service which judicious, fast, and cunning halves can render to the forwards."

tackle. He is running aimlessly from one player to another, while the forwards all the time are making ground. Of course, it is not always pos-

sible to take the ball right into the mouth of goal, and those are the occasions when a good hard shot, with sufficient strength to reach its mark before the goalkeeper can get to it, is advisable. But there are very few forwards who can drive straight as well as hard. Men can scarcely have too much shooting practice, and when they are being coached in this regard they should be taught to discriminate. I can scarcely recall a game in which opportunities of scoring have not been thrown away through sheer carelessness. The long shots which are necessary will often fail through faulty aim, but a failure of that kind is not nearly so galling to the spectators as one such as we often see where the forward apparently tries to burst the net at the back of the goal when all that is required is a simple touch out of the way of the goalkeeper. How often do we see it recorded that "So-and-so failed ignominiously when the most difficult thing seemed to be for him to miss scoring"? We have seen the position ourselves, and it is very aggravating. Let footballers take to heart some of the points I have raised; but above all, I should like the young footballer to remember that it is his duty to take as intelligent an interest in his football as he would be expected to do in his work in other spheres. After all, professional footballers have adopted the game as their calling in life, and those who employ them have a right to expect that their servants shall make themselves as proficient as their intelligence and natural endowments in other directions will allow.

THE MAKING OF A PLAYER

PART II—HALF-BACK PLAY

By JAMES W. CRABTREE

The work of the halves—Their duty to attack and defend—The qualifications of a first-class half—The necessity of physical perfection—Good shooting at goal a requisite—Some famous half-backs and their good points—Keeping the game going—Helping the forward line—Great halves in the old days

WHILE it would not be profitable to institute comparisons between the various sections of a football team so far as relative importance goes, one would be justified in frankly stating that no side can hope to do well which does not possess three capable halves. Personally, I have never seen a club achieve distinction without material assistance being derived from the intermediate trio, and all the great teams of various football eras have boasted half-back sections of excep-

tional skill.

Of course, it would be useless for a team to rely upon the most brilliant trio of halves the world had known if that team had not also full-backs who could defend sturdily and forwards who could kick goals. But I should feel justified in saying that, given reasonable ability in all departments, the half-back line is the backbone of a football team.

This is so because the work of the half-back is



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JAMES W. CRABTREE, The famous half-back.

Football has known few better players than he whose portrait appears above these lines. James Crabtree was born at Burnley, stands 5ft. 10in. in height, and weighs 13st. 2lb. He played for Burnley Reserves, Rossendale, and Heywood before signing on for Aston Villa, and also played for Plymouth Argyle. Was given his cap for England four times while with Burnley, and nine times when serving under the Aston Villa claret-and-blue. James Crabtree was equally good at back or half-back, and has shown his amazing versatility by giving satisfaction in the forward line. He has played for England, in all, fourteen times.

more widely distributed than that of any other player. He is always busy. Backs and forwards often have their periods of rest, or, as we term it, idleness; but the intelligent half-back is always at work. He is there to fill a double purpose. You have all of you seen the goalkeeper on a frosty afternoon wildly waving his arms about to keep his blood from freezing in his veins.

Well, you never see a half-back resorting to

such expedients to keep himself warm. He is always on the alert; the ball may come to him at any moment. The full-back is there to defend, and so long as he is reliable at the pinch he has merely to do a little backing-up when his side are on the aggressive, and then no fault will be found with him. His forte is strong and resolute play in an emergency; defence must ever be his primary consideration.

But the halves are privileged persons. It is as much their duty to attack as defend. While they should always have a slight leaning in favour of defence — the robbing of an opponent is a half's primary duty — they are also there to help their side to attack. "Look after the opposing forwards first, and then see what you can do for your own attacking force" would be an excellent maxim for a half-back to stand by.

Give the ball to the man on your own side who is best placed for receiving it, but make it your first duty to prevent a forward on the other side getting off with it. You need not mind kicking out, although I always like to see the ball kept in play, and the crowd have a similar liking. Do what you will, but clear. That is the first essential. Check the dangerous attack; then let the thought of what you can do to get your own side attacking come to you.

But, all the same, a man will never be accepted as a really great half who can only tackle. That is the elementary stage, so to speak; he must be well grounded in that, but he must not be satisfied to remain in a low standard. The halves have not only to check the opposing forwards, and so relieve the backs of a great deal of work, but if they are to be regarded as worth their salt they must have the skill necessary to aid their own forwards in offensive movements.

The halves are the connecting link between the backs and the forwards; they are the most vital part of a piece of complex machinery. If anything goes wrong with them, then the whole mechanism is thrown out of gear. Reverting to what I said concerning the supreme value of a powerful and intelligent half-back line, an illustration of my contention comes to my mind. I have always had a high regard for the Corinthians; any first-class footballer that played against them was bound to respect their prowess. And yet we do not quite recall their famous elevens as we recall the Preston North End team of the late eighties, the Villa of 1897, and Sunderland in an intermediate epoch. This is mainly due, in my opinion, to a slight deficiency at half. They were not so clever or so methodical and sound as the best professional sides were in that department.

I have no hesitation in saying that I have seen Corinthian sides which, had they possessed a half-back line equal to that of North End in the time of Robertson, Russell, and Graham, or Reynolds, Perry, and Groves of West Bromwich Albion, or

Reynolds, Cowan, and Groves of Aston Villa, would have been virtually invincible. Forward they were brilliant in the extreme; they would have been even more brilliant in that department had the forward quintette been fed by three high-class and astute professional halves.

Now, as to the qualifications of a first-class half-back. They are multitudinous. In the first place, he must be a skilful tackler. It is wonderful what a good tackler can do. Forwards learn new tricks, but your astute half seems to tumble to them naturally. He must be acquainted with all the wiles of individual forward play, and he must know what players can do in combination. His judgment must be of the unerring type; he must divine what a forward's intention is before that intention can be translated into action.

He must have the knack of being able to cover a hard-pressed colleague without leaving his own wing — the wing for the checking of which he is primarily responsible — too dangerously open. And when he has robbed his opponent of the ball, and can afford to think of offensive play, he must be able to place the ball to a comrade with never-

failing accuracy.

And not only must he place it to a colleague, but he must give it to the colleague best placed for receiving it. He must do this intuitively; there is no time for him to make a critical survey of the position. He must make up his mind, instantly and instinctively, what is the proper thing to do. He must feel what his duty is. It is that instant realisation of the full possibilities of the position which distinguishes the great half from the general crowd of players.

You know that some men will do the right thing; you feel that they will. But this, while it may look an easy matter to those who watch, is, in effect, the most difficult thing in football. Some men never learn how to act intuitively. I can give you no sovereign specific for the acquiring of the habit. It may be to a large degree a gift; I often think it is. Some men enter upon pastimes with a natural ability which others lack. Perseverance will do much, but perseverance will scarcely make a dull player into a sharp-witted and discriminating one. Practice will improve anyone's game, but there are traits in football and other pastimes



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A THROW-IN—A CUP-TIE MATCH ON THE VILLA GROUND

The duty of throwing-in when the ball has gone into touch at the side of the ground generally falls to the lot of the two wing-

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which are essentially gifts.

A half-back has need to be physically perfect, or he can never expect to last out a hard game. The half-back who is found to be blowing soon after the interval is destined to let his side down badly. During the last season that I played I used to find half-back work very exacting; I could figure at full-back much more comfortably.

It is easy to over-do the practice of following the ball. Ernest Needham used to follow it in a way which some of us would not dare to imitate. I have seen him leave his wing open in a way which I should style highly dangerous. Over and over again I have expected to see some danger accrue as the result of the wing man being neglected. The goal has been invaded, and, just as the ball seemed certain to go into the net, the errant Needham has dropped, apparently from the clouds, and headed away at the crucial moment.

But one needed Needham's supreme ability to play Needham's game; it would not do for every young half to model his play on Needham's style.

A half-back should be a good shot; a half who is a deadly shot at goal is of incalculable benefit to his team. My theory is that few halves shoot as well as they might. You get some wonderful chances, because the ball often comes to you at comparatively short range, and often it comes when the goalkeeper has men between you and himself, and this places him, in one sense, at a disadvantage.

William Groves was a grand shot at goal; in fact, he was grand at whatever he did at one time. Hugh McIntyre, now dead and gone, was, I hear, a wonderfully good shot; he used to place the ball so that it just went out of reach of the goalkeeper. In the seasons when he was at his best, Albert Wilkes of Aston Villa, used to get in some awkward shots; and Abbott, of Everton, has no superior in this art.



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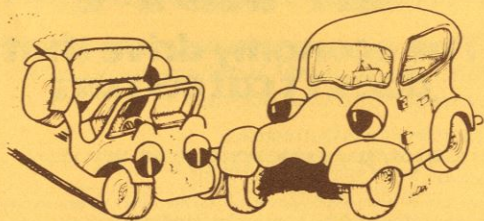
HALF-BACK PLAY—A TUSSE NEAR THE TOUCH-LINE

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There can be no doubt that old forwards make exceptionally good halves. I always attributed some of my success to the fact that I was originally brought up as a forward. Abbott was a forward, and Taylor, the Everton centre-half, used to play in the front line. There are many instances, in

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SOME FAMOUS HALF-BACKS

The collage is framed by a decorative border of leaves and vines. At the top, four circular portraits are arranged horizontally. Below them is a central illustration of a football player in a striped jersey and shorts, running with the ball. To the right of the illustration are two more circular portraits. At the bottom, three more circular portraits are arranged horizontally. Each portrait is accompanied by a name and club in a small, stylized font.

Portraits (top row):
 - Scott and Co. PARRY (Liverpool)
 - Wakefield. PARSONAGE (Brentford)
 - Wilkes. A. LEAKE (Aston Villa)
 - Footman. HULL (Tottenham Hotspur)

Portraits (middle row):
 - Adams. COMBIE (Millwall)
 - Home. G. T. HENDERSON (Middlesbrough)

Portraits (bottom row):
 - Wilkes. PHEASANT (West Bromwich)
 - Moyle. GOLDIE (Fulham)
 - Stuart and Winfield. A. GARDNER (Newcastle United)

fact, on record in which a once capable forward has developed into a high-class half.

One of the chief points in a half-back's duty is to keep the game going. It is wonderful how an attack can be sustained if the halves support their forwards cleverly. One of the best shows of this kind ever given was when Wheldon and Spikesley formed the left wing for England in the International at Glasgow in 1898. They had Needham behind them, and the three made all sorts of triangular exchanges which puzzled the Scottish defence completely, and materially helped to keep England on the attack. Needham was a grand fellow at giving his forwards a lift, but then he could play forward himself as well as most men.

The three Preston North End half-backs were almost the first trio to realise the full importance of helping their forward line. No trio of halves ever did their work better than Robertson, Russell, and Graham. It was axiomatic that when North End were attacking they had eight forwards at work. I do not see how any forward line, however powerful it may be, can hope to break down a sturdy defence often if they have to make all their own openings. I wonder how many times Bloomer has benefited by reason of the perfect placing of the ball to him by Archie Goodall at centre-half? Archie Goodall never quite ranked as high as some halves who were his contemporaries,

but I seriously question if any half-back of his era ever played fewer good games.

David Calderhead, of Notts County, was another centre-half whose form was thoroughly reliable. I never heard of Calderhead playing a poor game. He may have done so, but he was not notorious for quite another kind of football. Then Tom Crawshaw of Sheffield Wednesday was always a sincere worker, and one of the most judicious centre-halves I ever saw was J. R. Auld when captain of Sunderland. Auld was one of the greatest of players, and left his mark both on English and Scottish football.

It would take me a long time to tell you all I know about famous half-back lines I have either seen or have heard of on such authority that I almost seem to know their form personally. I doubt if Robertson, Russell, and Graham have ever been excelled as a trio, and I have referred to the famous lines of West Bromwich Albion and Aston Villa respectively. Hugh Wilson, Auld, and Gibson, of Sunderland, were a good trio, but were not quite so well balanced as some of the sets I have mentioned, although, prior to the abolition of the one-handed throw-in, Hugh Wilson was the most dangerous individual half in football.

I have often thought what invincible half-back lines Scotland might have had if they had lost their prejudice against English professionals sooner.

Hugh Wilson, Cowan, and Groves would have formed a half-back department at least equal to anything ever known. Sheffield United once had a clever half-back line composed of men of small stature. Needham, Morren, and Howell were ultra-skilful footballers, but I am rather prejudiced in favour of men of more substantial build, and I should not think of comparing them with the North End trio.

English forwards much annoyance. So greatly do I esteem the worth of half-backs that I have always considered that the supremacy of the North over the South has been largely a question of superiority in the intermediate line.

There were some great halves in the old days. I never had the pleasure of seeing such stalwarts as N. C. Bailey and J. F. M. Prinsep, but I recall James Forrest and George Howarth, and I have not seen better tacklers and more judicious players all round than they were. One of the most typical halves I recall was J. Keenan of Burnley. His reputation throughout England was not so great as some of the men I have mentioned, but if he were playing today he would be sure of his International cap. His great misfortune was that he was engaged in football at the time that James Forrest was supreme.

I do not think half-back play is so good today as it was ten years ago. It may come again, but England has been short of good halves for some seasons. There is no reason for this. There has been a falling off in the quality of forward play, but, generally speaking, the defence is as good as ever it was, and the time may not be far distant when England will again have a trio of exceptional halves.

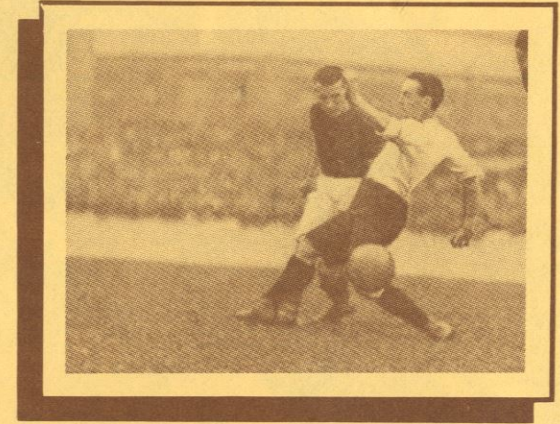


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Everton had a clever set when Wolstenholme, Booth, and Abbott were in their prime, and we have had few better centre-halves than Raisbeck of Liverpool. Andrew Aitken is also a real expert, and when he, Neil Gibson, and Robertson were at their best, Scotland had a trio which caused the



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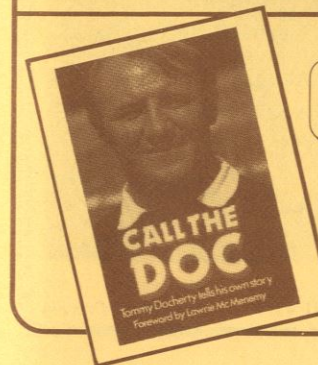
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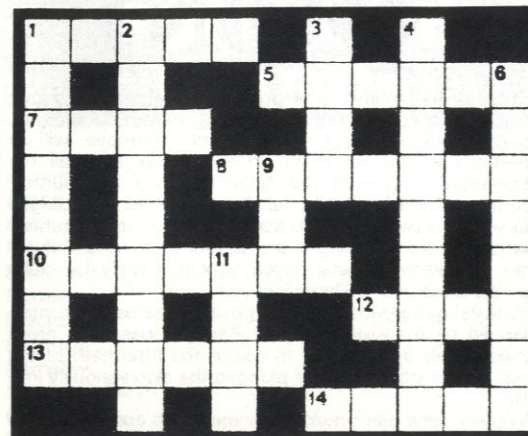


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AN EXCITING MOMENT NEAR GOAL—THE CENTRE-HALF RELIEVES

(by Ernest Prater)

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

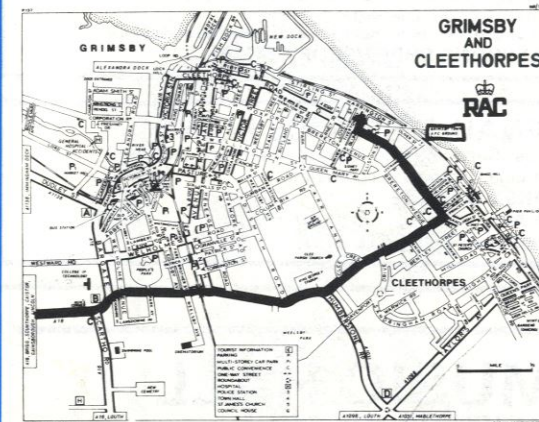
1. Exercises some ball-control (5)
5. Popular, palindromic midfielder whose clubs included Newcastle, Lincoln, Manchester City, Notts County and Bradford City (6)
7. McCulloch, maybe (4)
8. He managed Hereford between Addison and Ford (7)
10. Despite being joint second-highest scorer in the First Division last season, his club was relegated (7)
12. Norman Bell has frequently broken his (4)
13. Benny — managed Morton into the Premier Division (6)
14. See 1 down

DOWN

1. & 14ac. End-of-season circulars which mean bye-bye to players and buy-buy to clubs (8,5)
2. Club for whom Colin Garwood has top scored in the last two seasons (9)
3. — — — Price, a summer signing for Spurs (4)
4. The least-fancied club in a cup match — though, no doubt, "The Terriers" would object to being labelled this! (9)
6. England international who joined Internazionale and carried on being capped (8)
9. McCulloch, maybe (3)
11. Miller or McLeish (4)

Across: 1. traps, 5. Hannah, 7. Andy, 8. Sillert, 10. Fash-anu, 12. nose, 13. Rooney, 14. See 1 down. Down: 1 & 14ac. transfer lists, 2. Aldershot, 3. Paul, 4. underdogs, 6. Hitchens, 9. Ian, 11. Alex.

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The future of Wolves' manager John Barnwell has made so many headlines in the last few weeks that his ultimate destiny, whether it be a new contract or a move, will be something in the nature of an anti-climax after all the speculation. Argument has been matched by counter-argument. The fact that he has taken Wolves to a League Cup win and two F.A. Cup semi-finals has been counter-balanced by the stressing of the fact that the route to these three achievements was paved almost entirely by clubs from the Second and Third Divisions.

Wolves' current lowly league position has been counter-balanced by the argument that Barnwell has been given comparatively little money to use in the aftermath of the massive new stand that has plunged the club seriously into debt.

Wolves' fans can't make their minds up apparently and the team are reported to be similarly divided, but meanwhile better results have been achieved and have thus prolonged the saga into a serial rather than a piece of instant drama.

Last year Malcolm Allison's departure from Maine Road was prefaced by much speculation and brought on finally by Manchester City's continued run of poor results. Maybe Barnwell will have a happier fate if Wolves maintain their current improvement with a team that ironically he has himself declared inadequate for a high place in Division One. It would be one of the strangest turn-ups of all if they succeeded in keeping him in a job by proving that they do not after all need considerable strengthening and that the current squad can carry them through till the promising crop of reserves come through.

Maybe years ago managers were under the kind of pressure for better results that Barnwell is. If this was the case fans didn't know about it. There was little in the newspapers until an announcement of a change of manager or a new contract. Maybe in such times the game itself was healthier. But it is a situation that one cannot return to for in these days of instant mass communication fans demand to know the news before it is finalised. Moreover whatever they say to the contrary the majority enjoy a running battle between manager and Board and/or players.

Whatever ultimately happens at Molineux football has had massive publicity over the past few weeks ranging from World Cup in Spain to giant-killing in Penarth, stopping off at backroom squabbles at Molineux with a glance too at our own Ian Atkins. Ian incidentally earned us a sixth round replay against Wolves two years ago by converting a late penalty at Molineux.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	76/77	77/78	78/79	79/80	80/81	81/82	Total
Arsenal	1	—	—	1	—	—	2
Aston Villa	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Bolton	—	0+s	—	2	—	1	3+s
Bristol City	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Bristol Rovers	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Burnley	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
Blackburn	—	—	1	—	—	2	3
Brighton	—	—	1	2	—	—	3
Barnsley	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Crystal Palace	—	0+s	0+s	1	—	1	2+2s
Chelsea	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Charlton	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Cardiff City	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Cambridge	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Derby County	—	—	—	2	—	1	3
Everton	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Ipswich Town	1	—	—	1	—	—	2
Leicester City	1	—	1	—	—	—	2
Leeds United	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Liverpool	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Manchester Utd	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Manchester City	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Middlesbrough	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Newcastle	1	—	1	—	—	1	3
Norwich City	—	—	—	1	—	1	2
Nottingham Forest	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Oldham	—	1	1	—	—	1	3
Q.P.R.	1	—	—	—	—	1	2
Rotherham	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Sunderland	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Southampton	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Tottenham H.	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
W.B.A.	1	—	—	2	—	—	3
Wolverhampton W.	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Total	8	3+2s	7+s	25	1	15	59+3s

LEAGUE CUP

	81/82	Total
West Brom. Albion	2	2



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FACTS & FIGURES

Date	Opponents	Res	Att.	Pts.	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO																	
Aug 29	Barnsley	0-4	13,344			Wardle	Leonard	Johnson	Petts	Griffin	Key	Tong +	McNally	Atkins	Bates	Cross	Dungworth
Sept 1	BLACKBURN ROVERS	1-2	4,220			Wardle	Leonard	Johnson	Petts	Griffin	Key	Tong	McNally	Atkins 1	Bates	Dungworth	Maclaren
Sept 5	DERBY COUNTY	4-1	4,373	3	14	Wardle	Leonard	Johnson	Petts	Griffin	Maclaren	Tong 1	McNally	Atkins 2	Biggins +	Bates 1	Gibson
Sept 12	Oldham Athletic	1-1	3,994	4		Wardle	Leonard	Johnson	Petts	Griffin	Maclaren	Tong	McNally	Atkins +	Biggins	Bates	Key
Sept 16	League Cup 1 2L																
Sept 19	CHELSEA	1-0	5,616	7	10	Wardle	Leonard	Johnson	Petts	Griffin	Maclaren	Tong	McNally	Atkins	Biggins 1 +	Bates	Edwards
Sept 23	Newcastle	0-2	13,846	7	13	Wardle	Leonard	Johnson	Petts	Griffin	Maclaren	Tong	McNally	Atkins	Biggins +	Bates	Cross
Sept 26	Crystal Palace	1-0	9,037	10	13	Wardle	Leonard	Johnson	Petts	Griffin	Maclaren	Tong	McNally	Atkins	Biggins	Bates 1	Cross
Oct 3	ROTHERHAM UNITED	2-1	4,646	13	8	Wardle	Leonard	Johnson	Petts	Griffin	Maclaren	Tong +	McNally 1	Atkins	Biggins	Bates	Cross
Oct 6	W.B.A. LC2 (1L)	3-3	9,291	14	10	Wardle	Leonard	Johnson	Petts +	Griffin	Maclaren 1	Tong	McNally	Atkins 1	Biggins 1	Bates	Cross
Oct 10	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	1-1	4,336	14	13	Wardle	Leonard	Johnson	Petts +	Griffin	Maclaren	Tong	McNally	Atkins	Biggins	Bates 1	Cross
Oct 17	Norwich City	1-2	11,979	15	15	Wardle	Leonard	Johnson	Petts 1	Key	Maclaren	Tong	McNally	Atkins +	Biggins	Bates	Cross
Oct 24	Cardiff City	1-1	4,357			Wardle	Leonard	Johnson	Petts	Key	Maclaren	Tong	McNally +	Atkins 1	Cross	Bates	Edwards
Oct 28	W.B.A. LC2 (2L)	1-2	12,598			Wardle	Leonard	Johnson	Petts	Key	Maclaren	Tong	McNally +	Atkins 1	Biggins	Bates	Cross
Oct 31	WATFORD	0-2	5,672	15	16	Wardle	Leonard	Griffin	Petts	Key	Maclaren	Tong	McNally +	Atkins	Biggins	Bates	Edwards
Nov 7	Cambridge United	0-2	3,851	15	18	Wardle	Leonard +	Johnson	Petts	Griffin	Key	Tong	Dungworth	Atkins	Biggins	Bates	Maclaren
Nov 11	League Cup 3																
Nov 14	BOLTON WANDERERS	*2-0	4,062	18	15	Wardle	Maclaren	Johnson	Cross	Griffin	Key	Tong	Dungworth	Atkins 1	Biggins	Bates	McNally
Nov 14	QUEENS PARK RANGERS (1)	2-1	4,765	21	13	Wardle	Maclaren	Johnson	Cross	Griffin	Key	Tong	Dungworth	Atkins 2	McNally	Bates	Petts
Nov 28	Orient	0-0	6,882	22	13	Wardle	Maclaren	Johnson	Cross	Griffin	Key	Tong	Dungworth	Atkins	McNally	Bates	Petts
Dec 2	League Cup 4	0-2	3,327	22	13	Wardle	Maclaren	Johnson	Cross	Griffin	Key	Tong	Dungworth	Atkins	McNally	Bates	Petts
Dec 5	LUTON TOWN																
Dec 12	Grimsby Town (2)																
Dec 19	LEICESTER CITY																
Dec 26	Sheffield Wednesday																
Dec 28	WREXHAM																
1982																	
Jan 2	F.A. Cup 3																
Jan 9	Derby County																
Jan 13	League Cup 5																
Jan 16	BARNSELY																
Jan 23	F.A. Cup 4																
Jan 30	Chelsea																
Feb 3	League Cup S.F.1																
Feb 6	OLDHAM ATHLETIC																
Feb 10	League Cup S.F.2																
Feb 13	Rotherham United (5)																
Feb 20	NEWCASTLE UNITED																
Feb 27	Charlton Athletic																
Mar 6	NORWICH CITY (6)																
Mar 13	CARDIFF CITY																
Mar 20	Watford																
Mar 27	CAMBRIDGE UNITED																
Apr 3	Bolton Wanderers (S.F.)																
Apr 10	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY																
Apr 12	Wrexham																
Apr 17	Queens Park Rangers																
Apr 24	ORIENT																
Apr 30	Luton Town																
May 4	CRYSTAL PALACE																
May 8	GRIMSBY TOWN																
May 15	Leicester City																
May 22	F.A. Cup Final																

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Feb 6	OLDHAM ATHLETIC
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1981		F-A
Sept	8 Wrexham	5-1
	16 Crewe Alexandra	4-0
	23 Chester	4-0
	30 Port Vale	4-1
Oct	7 Wigan Athletic	0-2
	13 Wigan Athletic	2-2
	21 Wrexham	4-2
	27 Crewe Alexandra	2-1
Nov	4 Chester	4-1
	10 Port Vale	
UMBRO FLOODLIT LEAGUE CUP		
Dec	1 Wigan Athletic	
	9 Crewe Alexandra	
	16 Port Vale	
1982		F-A
Jan	5 Wrexham	
	13 Chester	
	20 Chester	
	27 Wigan Athletic	
Feb	3 Crewe Alexandra	
	17 Wrexham	
	23 Port Vale	

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

1981		F-A
Aug 29	W.B.A.	2-0
Sept 5	Mansfield Town	3-0
	12 Derby County	2-1
	19 Leicester City	2-1
	26 Nottingham Forest	2-1
Oct	3 Walsall	2-4
	10 Coventry City	3-0
	17 Notts County	7-2
	24 Wolverhampton W.	0-2
	31 W.B.A.	6-0
Nov	7 Stoke City	3-0
	14 Aston Villa	1-3
	21 Birmingham City	0-3
	28 Derby County	
Dec	5 Mansfield Town	
	12 Stoke City	
	19 Nottingham Forest	
1982		F-A
Jan	9 Leicester City	
	23 Birmingham City	
	30 Walsall	
Feb	6 Notts County	
	13 Coventry City	
	27 Wolverhampton W.	
March	6 Aston Villa	

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H	Rotherham U. v Orient.....
I	Watford v Charlton Ath.....
J	Birmingham C. v Notts C.....
K	Brighton v Sunderland.....
L	Everton v Swansea City.....
M	Manchester C. v Aston Villa.....
N	Middlesbrough v Ipswich Town.....
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P	Southampton v Manchester Utd.....
Q	Stoke City v Leeds Utd.....
R	Tottenham H. v Coventry City.....
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T	West Ham U. v Arsenal.....
U	Chester v Southend U.....
V	Gillingham v Walsall.....
W	Reading v Lincoln City.....
X	Torquay Utd v Bury.....

HOW WE STAND

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton Town	17	13	1	3	39	17	40
Watford	16	10	2	4	25	17	32
Queens Park R.	17	9	3	5	26	16	30
Oldham Athletic	17	8	6	3	25	16	30
Sheffield Wed.	17	9	3	5	21	20	30
Barnsley Town	17	8	3	6	28	20	27
Blackburn Rov.	17	7	4	6	19	17	25
Chelsea	17	7	4	6	23	25	25
Leicester City	16	6	5	5	23	18	23
Newcastle Utd	17	7	2	8	23	19	23
Crystal Palace	16	7	2	7	14	12	23
Norwich City	17	7	2	8	21	27	23
Shrewsbury T.	17	6	4	7	17	22	22
Derby County	17	6	4	7	23	29	22
Cambridge Utd	17	7	0	10	23	26	21
Charlton Ath.	17	6	3	8	25	29	21
Cardiff City	17	6	3	8	21	28	21
Rotherham Utd	16	5	3	8	24	25	18
Orient	17	5	3	9	12	19	18
Grimsby Town	15	4	5	6	16	24	17
Wrexham	17	4	3	10	17	24	15
Bolton Wand.	17	4	1	12	12	27	13

APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 1981-82

	League	Goals	League Cup	Goals	F.A. Cup	Goals
MARK ADAMS	-	-	-	-	-	-
IAN ATKINS	17	7	2	2	-	-
CHICK BATES	17	4	2	-	-	-
STEPHEN BIGGINS	10	1	2	1	-	-
STEPHEN CROSS	6(5)	-	(2)	-	-	-
JOHN DUNGWORTH	6(1)	-	-	-</		



OUR VISITORS TODAY

LUTON TOWN

JAKE FINDLAY. A goalkeeper who had languished in the reserves at Aston Villa for nine years, Findlay's huge hands grasped the chance immediately when David Pleat offered him the green jersey at Luton. And the mystery now so far as Luton supporters are concerned, is why Jock Stein has not taken Pleat's advice to give big Jake a Scottish international cap. Luton paid their highest-ever fee for a goalkeeper when they parted with £100,000 for Findlay in November, 1979.

KIRK STEPHENS. David Pleat took a chance with an unknown player from non-league soccer when he went back to his old club Nuneaton to recruit their young right back. Stephens rapidly switched to full-time soccer, forced his way into Luton's Second Division side in a matter of weeks and is now in his third season as a regular.

MARK AIZLEWOOD. Several clubs had noticed the talent of a young defender playing for Newport County in the Fourth Division when Luton decided to take the plunge. They paid £50,000 for the 18-year-old left back in the summer of 1978 and he has been a regular member of their first team squad ever since. He has been capped by Wales at youth and under-21 levels.

BRIAN HORTON. Luton abandoned their normal policy when they paid a modest fee to Brighton for Horton's signature — he was the First Division player manager David Pleat had signed in three years as boss. The

midfielder was immediately appointed club captain at Luton. He had also been skipper at Brighton in their run from the Third Division to the First. He joined Luton with a well-earned reputation for consistency — he made more than 200 appearances for each of his previous clubs, Brighton and Port Vale.

MAL DONAGHY. One of David Pleat's first deals snatched inexperienced defender Donaghy from Larne, Northern Ireland in the summer of 1978. Now, at 21, he has proved to be a snip at £20,000. He settled into Second Division soccer without fuss, and is happy playing in any back four position or in midfield, and his promotion to the Northern Ireland international team surprised no-one at Luton.

RICKY HILL. Voted player of the year by Luton supporters last season, Hill's talent has moved Luton manager David Pleat to ask Ron Greenwood to consider him for England duty. West Ham fancied him when he was 14 and playing in schoolboy football in North London, but Luton got in first to sign him as a youth. He made his league debut when he was 17, in 1976, marked it with a goal, and has been destroying opposing midfields and scoring regularly ever since.

BRIAN STEIN. For a centre-forward, Brian Stein looks too small and light. But opposing centre-halves have rarely been able to hold him in check as ball skill turns them all ways. He was a 20 year-old part-timer with

Edgware Town when Luton persuaded him to try his luck in October, 1977. He made his league debut within a month, and has never looked like being dropped since.

STEVE WHITE. Luton had more reason than usual to follow up an interest in a 20-year-old striker with Bristol Rovers. They had watched him in his early games at Eastville, and he turned on a two-goal performance which underlined his potential — against Luton in a Second Division match. Luton stepped in to sign him for £175,000 in December, 1979, and although he took time to settle his hustle and bustle and sharp shooting mark him out as an outstanding prospect.

PASQUALE FUCCILLO. Son of Italian parents living in Bedford, midfielder Fuccillo has had to work harder than most to make the grade. He made rapid progress through Luton's junior teams and made his league debut in 1976, when he was 19. Tragedy halted his career twice: he broke his leg in a match at Brighton in December, 1978, started a comeback, then broke it again in a practice game. It took more than a year to regain fitness the second time, but he proved conclusively last season that his injury worries were over. He has a knack of breaking forward to score, and marked his second comeback with a goal in his first match back in the Second Division.



Back Row: Robert Johnson, Wayne Turner, Clive Goodyear, Michael Small, Frankie Bunn, Godfrey Ingram, Seamus Heath, Neil Madden. Third Row: John Moore (Coach), Steve White, Mal Donaghy, Jake Findlay (Goalkeeper), Mike Saxby, Alan Judge (Goalkeeper), Mark Aizlewood, Pasquale Fuccillo, Trevor Hartley (Coach). Second Row: David Coates (Coach), Kirk Stephens, Ricky Hill, Brian Horton, David Pleat (Manager), Raddy Antic, David Moss, Brian Stein, Dr. Berry, John Sheridan (Physiotherapist). First Row: Alan Lane, Barry Popplewell, Tim Breacker, Mitchell Thomas, Paul Keys, Andy Beasley (Goalkeeper), Stacey North, Mark Thomas, David Owen, Raymond Daniel, Raymond Brammer.

STAR VISITOR

DAVID MOSS

A recent run of five goals in successive games has taken David's tally this season to eight and his opportunism and reliability from the penalty spot make him a key factor in the 'Hatters' bold promotion bid.

A native of Witney he linked up with Swindon Town in his teens and graduated via their youth ranks to a first team debut against Hull City in January 1972 when going on as substitute. They were then in Division Two with Dave Mackay in charge in between his spells with Derby first as player then as manager.

By 1973/4 he had won a regular place, playing in a fluid role between midfield and attack. Though Swindon were relegated to Division Three at the end of that season David went from strength to strength. He took over as the side's penalty taker and netted twice from the spot en route to a hat-trick in a game against Colchester in November 1974.

His tally for that season was 16, but two seasons later he proved even more prolific, his 21 league and cup goals helping his side to a fourth round F.A. Cup place in which they took Everton to a replay.

A season later in 1977/8 he got another 20 goals including another hat-trick against Oxford and then in May 1978 came his move to Luton for a 6-figure fee. This landed him back again in Division Two and in an explosive debut he netted twice in a 6-1 win over Oldham.

1979/80 was his most prolific season to date with 24 league and cup goals and when he netted in the 2-2 draw against promotion-seeking Swansea in October 1980 he reached his century of Football League goals. Last season his league and cup tally was 21 and his career figures now read over 130 goals in just under 400 league and cup games.



IN RETROSPECT

SHREWSBURY TOWN v LUTON TOWN

DIVISION THREE

1963/64 Shrewsbury 1 Luton 0

Luton 2 Shrewsbury 0

1964/65 Shrewsbury 0 Luton 2

Luton 2 Shrewsbury 7

1968/69 Shrewsbury 3 Luton 1

Luton 2 Shrewsbury 1

1969/70 Shrewsbury 5 (Andrews, Moir 2, McLaughlin, Harkin) Luton 1 (Harrison)

Luton 2 (Collins, Slough) Shrewsbury 2 (Slough o.g., Roberts)

DIVISION TWO

1979/80 Shrewsbury 1 (Keay) Luton 2 (Stein, Hatton)

Luton 0 Shrewsbury 0

1980/81 Shrewsbury 0 Luton 1 (Ingram)

Luton 1 (White) Shrewsbury 1 (Turner)

Teams for last game here, December 19, 1980:

SHREWSBURY: Wardle; King, Larkin, Petts, Griffin (Biggins), Keay, Tong, Atkins, Bates, Dungworth, Cross.

LUTON: Findlay; Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, West, Hill, Stein, Ingram (Antic), Aizlewood, Moss.

Attendance: 4,521.

TEAM CHECK

Shrewsbury Town

1 Bob Wardle

2 Ross Maclaren

3 Paul Johnson

4 Steve Cross

5 Colin Griffin

6 Jack Keay

7 David Tong

8 John Dungworth

9 Ian Atkins

10 Bernard McNally

11 Chic Bates

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1 Jake Findlay

2 Kirk Stephens

3 Mark Aizlewood

4 Brian Horton

5 Clive Goodyear

6 Mal Donaghy

7 Ricky Hill

8 Brian Stein

9 Steve White

10 Lil Fuccillo

11 David Moss

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December 12th, 1981

Midland Intermediate League

STOKE CITY

(At the MEB Sports Ground)

December 19th, 1981

Football League Division Two

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