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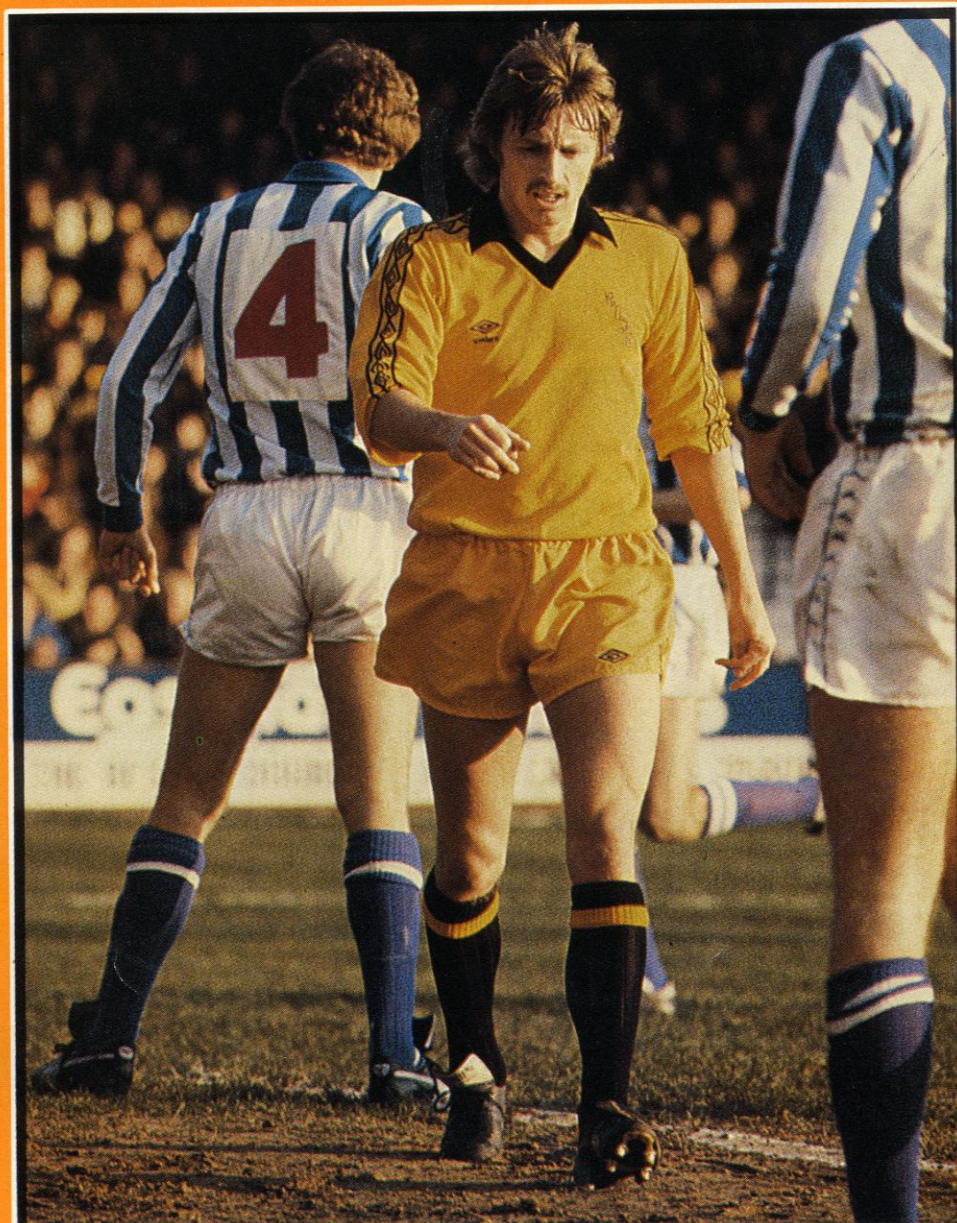
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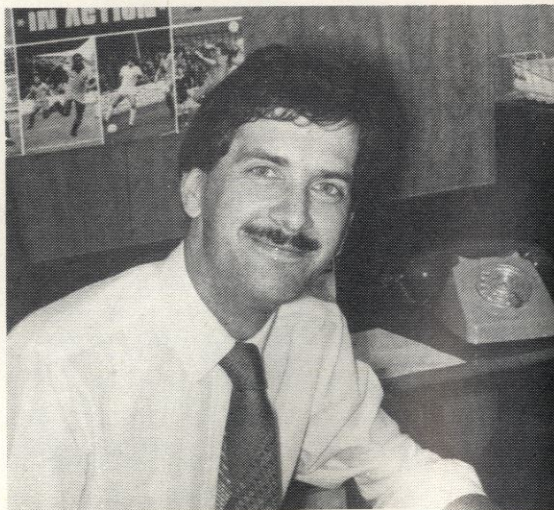
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A warm welcome this afternoon to the current League leaders and for my money the most attractive footballing side in Division II. David Pleat's team have been on the threshold of promotion for a couple of seasons now and look like reaching their goal this year.

Luton, like Watford, have had the good fortune to keep a settled side both having used 15 or 16 players all season. Stability is so important at this level where one is looking for consistency of team play and individual performance. Talking to Ken Brown after last week's local Derby I was interested to find that Norwich, like ourselves had used 23 players this campaign and had only recently been able to put together a run of any significance.

Injury wise our problems have mounted somewhat in recent weeks with Physio, Peter Melville, the busiest member of the backroom staff. The volume of injuries has given the younger element at the club an opportunity to join the first team squad and one or two an actual experience of second division football. They have acquitted themselves very well and look to have promising futures.

We have been given prominence recently in the media in the light of current financial problems within the game. I am asked continually as to how we can survive on the low income from the gates. This quite obviously does cause problems and we are therefore especially grateful to the loyal hard core of supporters who continue to back us.

Thank you very much.



John Docherty.

the secretary says

Following our home match on Saturday last, it has been drawn to my attention that a number of spectators are bringing camera equipment inside the ground and taking pictures during the match.

This is a breach of the ground regulations which are displayed at the entrances to the stadium. The only persons authorised to take pictures are the official photographers who are in possession of a pass issued by this office. Therefore any person

possessing a camera on matchdays will have to deposit it at the main office for collection at full-time.

Forthcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 14th April, M.W.L. v Charlton Athletic
K.O. 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 15th April, Cambs F.A. Invitation Cup
- March v Wisbech, K.O. 7.45 p.m.

1969/70

At the beginning of the 1969-70 season it was generally felt that United needed to win for the second successive season or go very close to winning the Southern League Championship, if they were going to enhance their case for election to the Football League. Anything less and United knew they could say farewell temporarily at least to their claim for League status.

A 2-0 pre-season friendly win at Wigan in front of 3,000 people promised much, but in contrast a 2-0 defeat in the return at the Abbey was enough evidence for some critics to state that United had reached their peak during the previous season. It was followed by a shock 2-1 home defeat by Wemouth in United's first League match of the season; it also represented Weymouth's first win in nine visits to the Abbey.

That defeat was soon put behind United and they bounced back to beat Southern League runners-up Hillingdon at home 1-0 in the Challenge Cup and thereby completed the

LOOKING BACK

Grandslam of the Southern League. It joined the Championship Trophy and League Cup in the Abbey's much acclaimed boardroom.

Solid

The first points of the season were earned in a 1-0 win at Gloucester when **Mel Slack** scored the only goal five minutes from time. It was an uninspiring match, one in which United looked solid but unspectacular. Until the end of January that just about summed up United's overall performance which ensured they just kept in touch with the leading group in the Championship race. In contrast however, their F.A. Cup form was marvellous. A five-nil thrashing of Wellingborough was followed by a 10-0 annihilation of Potton and a further 6-0 win over Newmarket. The run ended with an unlucky 3-2 defeat by Cheltenham.

Sensational

February was an extremely disappointing month for United as they picked up just three points from four matches. Their only victory coming in a sensational 8-0 win over Crawley. Amazingly it was followed by defeat at Wimbledon which ended United's grip on the Southern League Cup and was followed by two more League defeats. Indeed at 4.40 p.m. on 28th February after losing 4-1 at Weymouth, United's Championship chances were

looking bleak. By 5.00 p.m. confidence was restored when it was discovered that some of their serious challengers had surprisingly lost.

On March 1st the League picture was as follows:-

Pos		Played	Pts
1st	Wimbledon	30	37
2nd	Yeovil	31	37
3rd	Weymouth	29	34
4th	Hillingdon	28	34
5th	Chelmsford	27	33
6th	Cambridge United	26	32

Decisive

On March 7th the all important home clash with Yeovil was called off by referee **Jack Cooke** (now of course a United Director) due to the accumulation of snow on the pitch. It was put off until the end of the season when it was considered it would have a decisive bearing on the Championship. As March progressed so the League Championship seemed to drift away from United; they lost

another match at Barnet, while Yeovil won 3 successive matches to set the pace at the top of the table.

(to be continued)

Five Years Ago

The Easter Weekend of 1977 was very successful for United, who gained maximum points from their two games.

On Easter Saturday, Aldershot visited the Abbey and before a crowd of 4,502 were beaten 4-1. All the goals were scored in the first half with United's goals coming from **Graham Watson (penalty)**, **Steve Fallon** and **Alan Biley (2)**. The game also saw **Tommy O'Neill** make his full league debut for United.

United's team: **Webster, Batson, Harper, Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Seddon, Hall, O'Neill, Biley.**

Three days later, on April 12th, United travelled to Huddersfield for a game that attracted the largest Division 4 goals in the first half with efforts from **Alan Biley** and **Tom Finney** to give United a 2-1 victory.

United: **Webster, Batson, Harper, Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Spriggs, Hall, Finney, Biley.**

with the YOUTH AND RESERVES

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE JUNIOR DIVISION
Saturday 20th March, 1982
CAMBRIDGE UNITED v READING

Our progress towards the League Championship continued but not without a fight as we found ourselves behind briefly for only the second time this season.

After a quiet opening it was **Kevin Smith** who opened the scoring when he swept in after **Steven Clarke** had angled down a header from the left.

Play was even with few chances being created until a burst of four goals in just eight minutes. First the visitors punished a square defence and before we had settled had taken the lead within seconds.

The reverse had the wrong effect as far as our visitors were concerned, as just a few minutes later **Kevin Smith** drove home, then almost immediately slammed in a penalty for his third after **Andy Sinton** had been fouled, to see us regain the lead to go in at half time 3-2 up.

With the second period just a few minutes old a **Paul Jeffrey** through ball found **Andy Sinton** who put us firmly in control. We enjoyed most of the play, and following a long run forward, **Wayne Simmonds** scored to make it 5-2.

With ten minutes remaining **Andy Sinton** lobbed the keeper to round off the scoring although the visitors were then awarded a penalty for hands which **Dean Greygoose** saved well, then recovered to beat out the second attempt from the rebound.

Result: Cambridge United 6 Reading 2
Scorers: **K. Smith 3, Sinton 2, Simmonds.**

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE JUNIOR DIVISION
Saturday 27th March 1982

SOUTHEND UNITED v CAMBRIDGE UNITED

On a pitch that has prompted an official complaint, we took a little time to settle, but once we had mastered the conditions there was never any doubt about the outcome. **Andy Sinton** opened our account after twenty minutes pouncing onto a back pass to score from an impossible angle.

Kevin Smith hit our second and **Kevin Massey** headed our third both making use of the excellent service from **Steven Clarke** out on the right.

Andy Sinton rounded off the first half scoring, crashing home a drive from close in. The second half was played almost entirely in our opponents half when we produced some unstoppable football. **Andy Sinton** put us 5-0 up when he went through onto a pass from **Graham Heward** to record his hat trick.

Kevin Smith then fired in a penalty after having been brought down, before **Andy Sinton** scored after a move which involved five players, with the home defence in chaos.

Further goals from **Smith** (two) which included a second penalty and one more from **Sinton** rounded off the scoring and set a record for the Club at this level.

Result: Southend 0 Cambridge United 10

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE JUNIOR DIVISION

Saturday 3rd April, 1982

Swindon Town v Cambridge United

A very lively ball and ultra defensive opponents saw to it that this would be no classic, but the dour slog that it was.

Although our goalscoring reputation has now reached all parts, we were very surprised indeed to see the home side line up with five defenders across the back.

As it was, it took us sometime to settle and perhaps the best chance fell to Swindon on a rare break, with only a last gasp tackle by **Paul Jeffreys** saving the day.

In the second half, **Ray Nicholls** who returned to the side following his four match run in the senior side was causing problems though being very tightly marked, and it was he who saw the deadlock was broken.

Following a mazy run he crossed a perfect ball and **Stephen Clarke** ran to slot it home.

Our lead was short lived however and in Town's next attack they hit the equalizer after a long throw had caught us out.

Play continued evenly balanced until the end with defences well on top. An off the ball incident not seen by the referee left **Andy Sinton** on the ground a victim of an elbow in the face, and **Kevin Smith** was cautioned in the following few minutes when play became a little unsavoury.

Result: Swindon Town 1 Cambridge United 1

We offer congratulations, and our best wishes go with our young keeper **Dean Greygoose**, who left immediately after this game to travel to Cannes for a tournament with an England Youth Squad.

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With Joe Mayo, George Reilly, Floyd Streete and Derrick Christie all injured it was clear that there was a shortage of strikers at United's disposal against Norwich City last Saturday. The defeat came as a surprise yet if it had not been for a magnificent 35 yard shot which turned the balance of the game in Norwich's favour, then United could well have finished with the points.

But *what might have been* counts for nothing in this game and the harsh reality is that for the first time at this stage of the season, United are

SINCE WE LAST SAW YOU

involved in the nine club dog-fight. At the time of press United were in the most favourable position of the nine clubs who had become adrift from the rest of the sides in the Division, but midweek results including United's at Chelsea might well have changed that situation.

Minimum

Based on last year's League table 48 points would be enough to avoid relegation; it looks like being about the mark again this season. Therefore in the final ten matches, United need to find a minimum of twelve points.

We must hope that the injury crisis which also affected **Steve Spriggs** last Saturday, clears up and that United can record their first ever League victory against Luton Town this afternoon. In the seven previous League encounters Luton have won three and drawn four and their record here at the Abbey is, to say the least, outstanding. They drew here in 1978/79 but won 2-1 in 1979/80 and again 3-1 last season. Last month a **Brian Horton** shot from 30 yards produced the only goal of the game to give Luton another deserved victory.



Steve Spriggs affected in last week's injury crisis.

Crucial

On Easter Monday United travel to Orient for the first of two crucial matches against our North London rivals. Both games will be virtual *six-pointers*, so we hope that many United supporters will make the trip to spur on the team.

Finally we make a request of all supporters to behave themselves today and to get behind their respective sides. In particular to United supporters we ask for a little more volume for in last week's match we were outshouted by the visitors!

ACTION v NORWICH CITY

Martin Goldsmith making his first full League appearance for nearly six months had a fine match against Norwich. Unfortunately several enforced changes was a severe handicap for United who lost their third match against Norwich City.



Tom Finney in the 'thick of things' early in the match.



Recent signing Les Cartwright attracts the attention of three Norwich players as he tries to get another attack on the move.

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PROFILE



Joe Mayo

JOE MAYO

Story by Colin Benson

The well-built 6ft 2½ins frame of Joe Mayo has proved more than a handful to many a defence as he exploits his power in the air to full advantage . . . as a teenager he found it a great embarrassment.

Explains Joe: "I was only about 5ft 8ins when I left school at 16, and within two years I had shot up to six foot. I did not like it one bit. My clothes were all too small and I began to stick out like a bean pole. I just did not want to be that big but my legs kept sprouting, leaving my body behind. Obviously in retrospect it has been a great advantage to me as a footballer and I am now thankful for my size, but as an impressionable teenager it was not a bit funny."

Joe, who has three brothers and two sisters, was born in Tipton, Staffordshire. He is the only one of the family to have shown any prowess as a top line sportsman and says: "My dad's only sporting interests were darts and dominoes. He never came to watch me play much but I am thankful to him for my build."

"At school I was only average build and played right-back from where I captained the area under-18 team. When I did sprout a bit they moved me to centre-half and I even had a spell in goal until they were short of a centre-forward and put me in there."

"That is really when scouts started taking notice of me, but I didn't mind where I played as long as I got a game. From the age of 15 I was playing in over age teams with men and when I left school played for Dudley Town in the West Midland Premier League."

At the time Joe was working as a wages clerk with the West Bromwich Council and then spent 2½ years training to be an accountant, but the only sums which really mattered to him were the number of goals he scored on a Saturday afternoon.

"All the time I was hoping I could become a professional footballer," he says. "I had a Wolves scout trailing me around, home and away, for nearly two years. It was like having a constant shadow, but he never did anything, and it got so frustrating I felt like throwing the ball at him."

"Kenny Hodgkinson our player manager had always said I was doing the right thing staying with Dudley. Then he got the sack and told me I could do much better and should get myself a League Club."

Joe had experienced the confusing morals of the pro game. However he was given a two week trial with Oxford United, who then asked him to stay for a further month: "They did not seem to realise that you can't just walk out on a job on the off chance that you might be given a contract by them when they are ready," explains Joe. "So on the Friday night I packed and left. The next day Ken Hodgkinson was round to tear me off a strip and Oxford signed Hugh Curran. He told me they would

have taken me, but you can't live on ifs and buts and they gave me no definite assurances.

"The next thing was Dudley Town knocking on the door. I said no and within half-an-hour was very pleased I had done. Walsall came on the line and asked if I would like to play for their Reserves. They told me it would be good experience and that if another team came along with an offer they would not stand in my way.

"I played one game against Wolves and managed to score twice. Walsall asked me to sign pro forms immediately, but I had to give notice at work and so could not sign for a couple of weeks. In the meantime I found myself unexpectedly sitting on the subs bench for the first team. The match against Notts County was being televised and I was pushed on for the final 12 minutes, which was great, but it became almost unbelievable when I scored the equaliser.

"The next game was a repeat and then I signed on and did not get a hint of first team football for three months. That brought me down to earth thinking I was the bees knees."

When he did make the Walsall senior side it was as a centre-half where he was so impressive that his manager, Bill Smith, exclaimed: "If you keep playing like that I will have no problems selling you." Joe somewhat confused said he did not realise that he wanted to sell him, but he knew what he meant.

However, as he trudged off Blundell Park with Grimsby's 6-3 victory ringing in his ears, Joe had little thoughts of the big time. But that, his seventh outing for Walsall, was to prove his last in the Saddlers colours. After just five months with them he had been bought by West Bromwich Albion — the team he had supported as a lad.

When he got home that night he told his mother that he had signed for

the Albion, but as Joe was always teasing her and playing practical jokes she laughed it off as another prank. You can imagine her surprise when she read about it in the morning papers.

At first Joe felt a bit like a fish out of water! "It was a complete contrast to the homely atmosphere at Walsall," he says. "At West Brom you were left a lot to your own devices and had to pick things up yourself. The lads were very good to me, people like Astle, Hope and Tony Brown who I had idolised from the terraces."

"As I walked in the door Don Howe told me he had bought me as a striker and that is where I played for 4½ really good years. It was fantastic. We won promotion from the Second Division under Johnny Giles and then did better than people expected in our first year back in the First Division.

"I shall never forget my first day in the First Division. We were at Elland Road with 40,000 people filling the stadium. It was overwhelming I couldn't take the atmosphere in and within ten minutes was completely shattered. Giles realised what had happened and ran over to talk me through and settle me down."

"Those were really happy days as indeed they were down at Orient where I experienced the other side of the coin, with desperate battles against relegation. We also had our moments like reaching the semi-final of the Cup, and if I had gone anywhere else I could not have enjoyed it more."

"I was beginning to get a bit stale when the opportunity to come to Cambridge arose in September. The lads here are terrific, you could not find a better set anywhere."

"Basically I am a homely sort of fellow and like the atmosphere and if a small club can achieve success you feel ten times more elated than doing it with a team like West Brom, where it is expected. I don't think we are far away from being a promotion side. We can always look back and say we should have won this game or that game. Now when the youngsters who have been introduced settle down and we start to get that consistency I think you will see us up near the top."

"I might not be able to help the cause myself this afternoon because of my ankle injury but I am sure we will overcome our present difficulties."

DOC'S DIAGNOSIS' "I bought Joe for his experience in the hope that he could help knit the front line together. He has done far more than that and is currently the leading scorer, having notched seven goals in his first ten games for us. His strength in the air is obvious but I think his strongest point is his ability to hold the ball up. A great professional he has been a little unlucky in not finding accommodation and with his injury but when he gets it all sorted out we will see the best of him again."

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FAIR PLAY

by COLIN BENSON

Cambridge United boss John Docherty walked into the post match press conference following another important Second Division victory — his winners smile laced with a certain degree of sadness.

The reason was a deep and sincere concern for the game of football and the way it is drifting back into the hands of the unscrupulous. Claimed Docherty: "There is a good deal of evidence to show that off-the-ball incidents are creeping back into the game."

The former Sheffield United, Reading and Brentford player is worried that the game is deteriorating morally and condemns players who follow in with a physical challenge after their opponent has cleared the ball, or recklessly pull down people from behind.

"In most cases it is nothing severe" says Docherty "just a succession of niggly little things designed to intimidate, upset and rile the opposition and generally put people off their stroke. It is more naughty than anything."

Nonetheless such tactics can cause severe provocation and when the bubble does burst in the heat of the game it is usually the sinned against rather than the sinner who evokes the wrath of the referee following an impulsive flash of retaliation.

"I don't blame the referee" says the Doc "I think he has a most difficult job because he has to watch the ball and therefore does not see most of what goes on but there is a case for the linesman furthest away from the ball to pay more attention to what happens after the ball has been cleared and then bring any fouls to the notice of the referee."

CLEVER

"People like myself who have played the game at League level have an advantage because we know what to look for and what to expect and can spot what might be termed professional fouls."

Is there then a case for changing the system and making it possible for some ex-players to take up the whistle?

"Some players would make excellent referees" agrees Docherty but cautions "the great worry then is that they would see too much and the game would be continually punctuated with stoppages which does not help the entertainment."

"I don't fancy the idea now being adopted in American indoor football either, where they are using a second referee on the sidelines. There is always a danger of the second official wanting to assert his authority on the match and that would lead to too much interference. But then if teams and groups of players are going to persist with these unethical practices we will seriously have to consider forfeiting the continuity of a game in the interests of fair play."

The frightening undertone behind Mr. Docherty's plea for sanity is the inference that many of the unsavoury ploys used out

there on the field are instigated and encouraged by some coaches and managers whose only code is winning. . . "When it is done well it is clever" says Docherty "but I would not accuse people of coaching devious tactics because I have no proof that they do."

OPEN

The main evidence can be seen out there on a Saturday afternoon when players with no chance of winning the ball in the air lock their elbows, arms or fists over their opponents shoulders, or jump early to hold the other man down. Some would argue it is all part of the craft but in effect it is brawn over skill and heaven knows our game suffers enough from that disease.

At a time when the public are becoming more discerning about where and what they spend their money on the sport can not afford to let the cheats prosper. . . Ordinary players are receiving star money and contributing nothing more than hard work and endeavour. Quality is sadly short on the ground and to compensate spoiling tactics are the answer.

One player leaving the field after a game in which he had used his mouth more than his feet was asked why he had been bleating so much and he replied; "If we don't appeal for everything and moan then we get a rollocking from our manager."

Such attitudes do not enhance the games image even though they are very much in the minority. The professional game is tough, it always has been and always will be but some people interpret the word professional to mean the passport to bending the rules which of course it is not.

Part of the atmosphere is created by outside pressures as John Docherty explains: "If you have a group of players with skill and control who are not getting results they are publicly chastised through the media, accused of lacking commitment. You have to marry the two facets together and if you are not winning the ball enough you ask your players for more aggression, more commitment and if that is taken too literally you can get the wrong reaction from the players."

"And if you have players who are not naturally aggressive they do things badly like tackling from the wrong angle and so on. They need more coaching in terms of how to do it fairly, and it is our responsibility to do that."

The Cambridge boss is not suggesting that we should cut out the hard stuff, the very nature of the sport means that fouls are inevitable, and as long as the sins are up front for all to see there is no harm. It is the sinister, often niggling, off the ball incidents that he decries, the unseen knudge, dig or kick that can cancel out a flash of skill.



MARK SMITH

PLANS TO BE ENGLAND'S NUMBER FIVE!

While the big guns battle it out to see who will wear the number five shirt for England in Spain, a young Yorkshireman quietly sets about his daily training stint with his eyes set on a more distant target... That of the World Cup Finals of 1986, which are scheduled to be staged in South America.

Mark Smith is the name, a sturdy six footer who has had a towering influence on Sheffield Wednesday's rise from the ashes. The curly haired handsome stopper has good reason to look forward to that series because he is the pivot in the current England Under-21 side where he has acquitted himself well to the demands of international football.

It is not beyond the bounds of possibility that Mark could be considered for the 1982 World Cup squad although he admits "I am not aiming for an England place yet, because I think I am a little too young, although if the opportunity did come along I would jump at it of course."

The youngster is still learning his trade and although he has already completed over 130 League games for Wednesday, explains: "I have only had two and a half years in the professional game and things have all happened pretty quickly. At the moment my games against top level opposition have been restricted to FA Cup and Football League Cup ties, I have never played in the First Division or owt like that."

TAUGHT BY THE MASTER

Mind you his education in the Third and Second Division's has done him proud and he agrees that he did not have much difficulty breaching the gap when he played against Hungary and Switzerland at Under-21 level. "I did not find it much different to tell the truth so I think I could hold my own.

"I have done well in all my representative appearances and have the confidence to play at that level, but as I say my career seems to have gone in leaps and bounds and everything has happened so very quickly."

While the young hopeful takes time out to breathe he has the added bonus of working for Jack Charlton, one of England's greatest and most effective centre-halves: "That's right and he helps me a lot. The boss is always pulling me to one side and giving me little tips and pieces of advice."

Naturally strong in the air, Mark who was first spotted playing for the Sheffield boys team, is also good on the ground and it is his ability to be constructive that lifted him into the international forum. It also prompted Jack Charlton to use him in midfield for a period although Mark insists "it was only to help him out, not a long term solution and as soon as the problem position was sorted out I moved back, I don't want anything to stop my progress as a central defender."

COMPENSATED

In January 1978 Mark became a full professional after joining Wednesday as an apprentice and made two League appearances. The following season he added another 20 games to the list and by the season of 1979-80 had established himself as a regular member of the Hillsborough line-up, and indeed missed only one game last season, his first in the Second Division.

This season Jack Charlton's youngsters have experienced an indifferent campaign as Mark reveals: "Yes we started off great it was unbelievable but then we started to lose a few games although we were always in touch with the leaders and I think we can make it to the First Division.

"We have a bad habit of losing to poor sides then picking ourselves up to win the next game and we have obviously got to overcome this inconsistency.

"Our strength is pace-up-front. We have caught a lot of teams out. At the beginning of the season we strung a run together because Garry Bannister and Terry Curran are so quick and when we are on song no one can live with us in this division."

Although the sharpness of the front runners is decisive, Sheffield Wednesday's defensive record is also impressive, they don't concede many goals.

"We are very strong at the back and did not concede a goal in our first four games, and that is because we are well organised. Jack Charlton is a brilliant coach, he analyses everything and shows you what is wrong. He has done it all before, played in a World Cup final — and you can't do better than that — and I hope to be able to emulate him in 1986. But first I must get myself established.

"I am not the fastest player and that first 10-15 yards is very important, especially against quick strikers who turn sharply and go. I have compensated for this by dropping off a little and anticipating their move which helps me. It gives me a chance whereas if I go tight and they dart off I am beaten by the pace.

"At the moment promotion is the only thing. It is very important for me to play in the First Division if I want to extend my career at international level. I must play regularly against the best and of course ideally I would love to do it with my home club Sheffield Wednesday.

"I am a Sheffield lad and it was great when we came up from the Third Division, but to make it back to the top would be absolutely magnificent."

It would certainly suite Mark who is already enjoying the greater opportunity to play football in the Second Division. "The Third Division was like a succession of 90 minute battles" he recalls, but it taught him how to hold his own. Now England's brightest young hope wants to continue his footballing education in the university of the First Division.



Famous Clubs

You won't see Mansfield Town's name engraved on any major silverware, the football club from this small South Midland coal mining town has only had fleeting brushes with fame during its 77 year existence. But even a nibble is enough to encourage one to reach out and fight for a bigger slice of the cake and who is to say that success won't one day be theirs.

And in the present climate of unemployment and diminishing cash flows it is a fight . . . a fight for existence more than anything else as they struggle along in Division Four on average gates of just 2,800 people. But it is important to football that club's such as Mansfield continue to build on their heritage, for it is they who have formed the backbone of the Football League system.

The present Mansfield Town football club claims its origins from

1905, although Football Association records make mention of a club called Mansfield as far back as 1870. They played on Parr's cricket field but as to whether they were the forerunners of the present club remains shrouded in uncertainty. What is known however is that Mansfield Town first entered the Notts and District League in 1905 and within 15 years had established itself as the premier club.

In 1920 they won the Central Alliance Championship and continued on a winning vein for some years to come. Five times the Nottinghamshire Senior Cup was won, three times the Midland League Championship and twice the Derbyshire Senior League Championship — all between 1922 and 1932.

Their dominance in local football had encouraged the club to seek wider horizons and in 1925 an

STUART BOAM



application for entry into the Third Division (N) of the Football League was made. They polled 13 votes, which was not sufficient and Nelson were elected. Three more attempts were also unsuccessful although by 1930 they had gained the backing of 15 votes, no doubt on the strength of their FA Cup run of 1929 when Mansfield became the first "unknown" to reach the fourth round by beating Wolves at Molineux, before losing at Arsenal 2-0 in front of 45,000 fans.

They then tried the Southern Section in 1931 and with 25 votes were admitted to the Third Division (S) together with Cardiff City and Reading. Out went Newport County, while Walsall transferred to the Northern section.

The Stags lined up for that very first season of League football — 1931-32 — with some familiar names such as Coventry City, Brighton, Southend United and Swindon alongside them, as well as Thames and Clapton Orient who have long since departed from the League stage.

NORTH — SOUTH

Mansfield's opening fixture was at Norwich, where they held the Canaries 1-1 on August 31, 1931. The second game was also away, at Clapton where they lost 4-0 but in their inaugural home League game, Mansfield recorded their first win — beating Watford 3-2 on September 7th.

They finished the season 20th having won 11 and drawn 10 of their 42 fixtures and next season were transferred to the Northern Section where they completed the 1932-33 season in 16th place.

Five seasons were spent in that section, the best being 1934-35 and 1936-37 when they finished eighth, but for the following season it was back to the Southern section, where they stayed until 1946-7 when re-election had to be sought. On keeping their place they were once more obliged to play in the Northern group until joining the new Third Division in 1958.

Alas by the end of the 1959-60

MANSFIELD TOWN



season Mansfield were on their way to Division Four where they lingered until 1963. Demotion again in 1972 was answered with the club's first championship success when they took the Fourth Division title in 1975, under the direction of manager Dave Smith . . . six points clear of second placed Shrewsbury Town and nine points ahead of Rotherham in third place.

A year later and Dave Smith was on his bike after internal differences and Peter Morris was appointed as player manager. The team had finished in eleventh place in the Third Division following a run of 19 games undefeated and the average home attendance had been increased from 7,203 during that championship season to 7,344 . . . Mansfield's fortunes were on the up in every sense.

DIVISION TWO

Peter Morris found himself in control of a team that was determined to go places and they opened the 1976-77 season with an emphatic 3-1 victory over Preston North End. By the middle of September, the Field Mill team were topping the Third Division and optimism was at its highest, although a month later those aspirations were tinged with doubt as the team slumped to eleventh.

Morris reacted quickly, investing a club record £18,000 for Peterborough striker Ernie Moss in December. A month later he matched that spending spree to bring midfielder Bill McEwan from Chesterfield, the money for these two deals coming from the previous summer sale of striker Ray Clarke, who moved to Sparta Rotterdam for a club record fee of £80,000.

Kevin Randall successfully took over the mantle of goalscorer and the two new signings provided the missing pieces of the jigsaw. By the end of January Mansfield had clawed their way back to second place, and after drawing 1-1 with Chester on March 26th went back to first place. Then came the crunch away to Brighton the club that had led for most of the season. The seaisiders won 3-1 . . .

Mansfield dropped to third and Brighton re-established themselves as firm favourites.

But on the final run-in the Stags proved better stayers than the Dolphins. Brighton won only two of their last seven fixtures, Mansfield lost but one. The Third Division championship belonged to Mansfield, second placed Brighton were a clear three points adrift. Undefeated at Field Mill, the final statistics read: P46 W28 D8 L10 F78 A42 Pts 64. The team of Rod Arnold; Kevin Bird, Barry Foster; Bill McEwan, Ian MacKenzie, Colin Foster; Peter Morris, Ernie Moss, Kevin Randall, Gordon Hodgson and Ian McDonald had become immortalized in the annals of Mansfield Town.

It was their brightest hour, the scent of success filled the mining villages and all was set to enjoy life in the Second Division. Alas it proved too stringent a test as Mansfield became embroiled in a fight for survival, a struggle which was not enhanced by the departure of Morris in February 1978 — when he decided to join Newcastle. Billy Bingham was asked to help out but even his Irish blarney could not stem the tide . . . Mansfield were relegated after just one season!

There were no signs of an immediate return as Mansfield slumped to 18th in the Third Division the following season and by July 1979 Bingham was on his way. Mick Jones who had led Kettering Town to many trophies took over, but he found it tough going and could only manage 23rd place . . . Mansfield dropped down to Division Four.

For most of last season it looked as if the Nottinghamshire club would bounce straight back up, that was until the last fifteen games which produced just three victories. They finished seventh and in May parted company with Mick Jones, Stuart Boam taking over as player manager last summer. His is an uphill struggle, a challenge to check the famine and lead the Stags back to the promised land of the Second Division.

Year formed: 1905
Turned Professional: 1905

STAG'S ROLE OF HONOUR

Third Division Champions — 1976-77
Fourth Division Champions — 1974-75
Third Division (N) Runners-up — 1950-51

Top League Scorers

1976-77 Kevin Randall 17
1977-78 David Syrett 16
1978-79 Bob Curtis 6*
1979-80 Terry Austin 19
1980-81 Russell Allen 9
*Bob Curtis was a right-back turned wing-half who scored five of his goals from the penalty spot — the first against Brentford on Dec 9th.

Managers since the War

Roy Goodall, Freddie Steele, Stan Mercer, Charlie Mitten, Sam Weaver, Raich Carter, Tommy Cummings, Tommy Eggleston, Jock Basford, Danny Williams, David Smith, Peter Morris, Billy Bingham, Mick Jones and Stuart Boam.

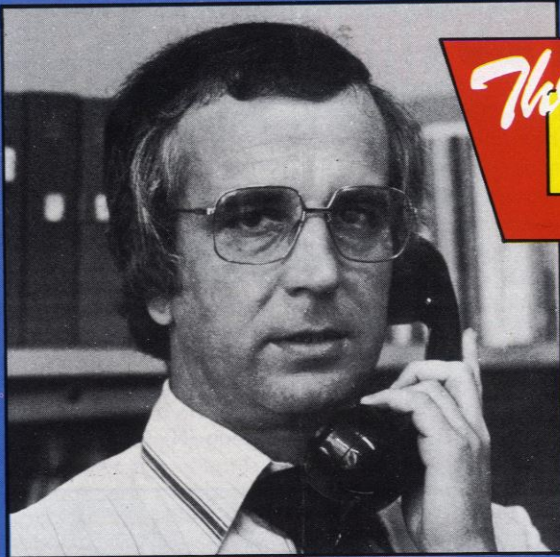
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THE TEAM BUILDERS

Lawrie McMeremy, Southampton's Manager, put into words what most of us had been thinking. "Nottingham Forest are not the side they used to be" he commented after his own side had dealt another blow to any faint lingering hopes, that Forest might still have some say, in this years League Championship.

A mid-table position, exits from both the F.A. and the Football League Cups and non-participation in a European scene that they had dominated for two years, has made this anything but a memorable season for Forest, and their charismatic managerial team of Brian Clough and Peter Taylor.

The Forest story since Clough and Taylor joined together again at the City Ground in 1976 has been one exciting catalogue of achievement, and while most Club's and managers, would be relatively happy to offer team building as an excuse for their less than successful season, that is not the style of Forest, Clough and Taylor.

It is worth taking a brief look at what Forest did achieve in the initial season's under England's most talked about club leadership.

From being a side close to the depths of the Second Division, they were transformed into a team which earned promotion in an incredible late run of success in the 1976-77 season.

Then, as the soccer world stood back and waited for the big slump, Forest galloped away with the First Division title one year later. And as if to prove that was no fluke, they also went to Wembley and won the Football League Cup, by beating Southampton in the Final.

The League Cup became something of a Forest speciality. A year later they won the trophy again, in a replay against Liverpool — and made a third successive visit in 1980, when they were beaten by a solitary Andy Gray goal against Wolves.

The real achievements, however, were gained on the wider footballing fronts of Europe. Forest, with no experience of this tough and exciting competition swept all before them to beat Malmo in the European Cup Final. And a year later in 1980 they were back in the Final again, this time beating Kevin Keegan and Hamburg in a final that was only enjoyed by those really committed to Forest's success.

Yet, through this remarkable four year run of success, Clough and Taylor had never been afraid to alter their side if it was a question of improvement — or, in the odd case of clamping down on indiscipline. Look, however, at the side that won them those early successes — the League Championship and the Football League Cup — and see how many of the players still remain at Forest.

Goalkeeper, Peter Shilton was bought as the key member of their initial League Championship success. He was not eligible to play for Forest in the League Cup Final against Southampton, the goalkeeper jersey going to teenager, Chris Woods.

Woods subsequently moved to Queens Park Rangers and is now with Norwich, but under-21 International recognition is the proof of the esteem in which this young man is held. Viv Anderson has come through it all with Forest, and his selection for the England side against Northern Ireland recently suggests that he is playing as well as ever. His full back partner in those giddy days was Frank Clark, released by Forest to allow him to step into management with Ken Knighton at Sunderland, and they are now teaming up together, reviving the fortunes of Orient in East London.

Arguably the most inspirational piece of management was the acquisition of Kenny Burns, from Birmingham. At Birmingham he had been a successful, though controversial goal scorer. At Forest he was switched to the defence to such effect that the Football Writers Association made him their Footballer of the Year. Burns moved out of Forest early this season to Leeds United and another link with the early Forest glory days had been severed.

Big Larry Lloyd was Burns partner in the central defensive role. The former Liverpool and Coventry player occasionally had his disagreements with Clough and Taylor, but his form earned him a recall by England. Now Lloyd, too, has moved into management — with immediate success at Wigan.

Captain of the side was John McGovern, a frail looking Scotsman who had followed Clough from Derby to his brief and unhappy 44 day spell as manager of Leeds. McGovern was a Clough man to the core and the decision to place him on the transfer list recently was a further indication of the length Forest are prepared to go to re-build their side.

Archie Gemmill was the play maker in midfield, an inspirational little Scot, whose departure to Birmingham was subsequently described as premature by the Forest Management.

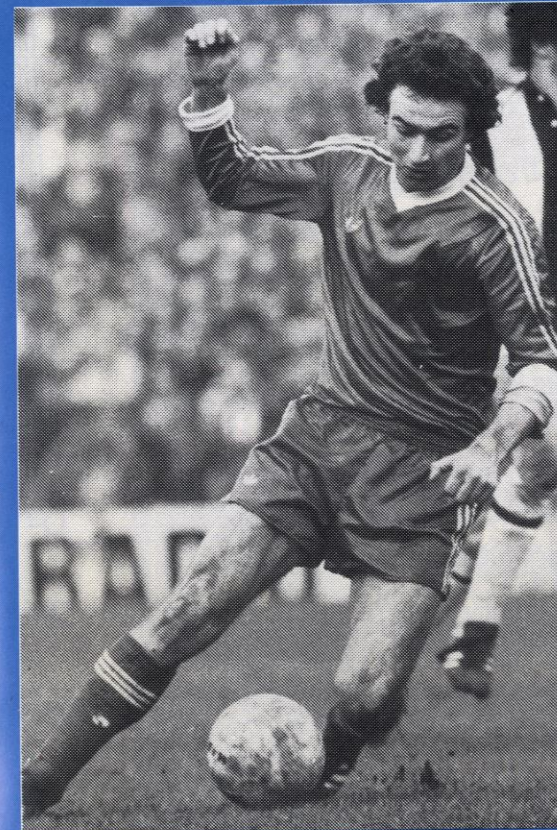
Playing alongside in mid-field was Northern Ireland Inter-

national, Martin O'Neill, who departed from the City Ground last year and now seems to have settled in well at the rapidly improving Norwich.

Strikers, Tony Woodcock and Peter Withe moved on — Woodcock to F.C. Cologne and Withe to League Championship success with Aston Villa and a sudden thrust into the International limelight.

On the left wing was John Robertson, considered by many as the most influential of all Forest's team of many talents. A skilful winger who tormented First Division full backs and who has been a regular in the Scottish International squads ever since. Robertson remains at Forest, despite a sometimes love/hate relationship with Clough and Taylor.

In between times, Forest have involved themselves spectacularly in the transfer market. Trevor Francis became the first £1 million English footballer, scored the winning goal in the first of their Cup successes and then was moved out for £1 million to Manchester City.



Garry Birtles, signed from Non-League Long Eaton for a bargain fee and replaced Withe as centre forward, before falling out with Forest and being transferred to Manchester United in another £1 million deal.

Left back, Frank Gray has made a round trip from Leeds United, Ian Bowyer went to Sunderland and has now returned to Forest. Swiss International Raimondo Ponte had a less than successful stay and then two more £1 million strikers, Ian Wallace and Justin Fashanu were up for sale.

Peter Ward from Brighton, Norwegian Einar Aas and West German Jurgen Rober have all arrived as Forest strive to rekindle the missing fires that burned so brightly across the Football League and beyond. Willie Young joined from Arsenal and within weeks was appointed Captain.

Clough and Taylor's style of management is unique in English Football, and they will go on building, pulling down and re-building for as long as it takes to put Forest back at the top.

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Today's Mascot

Today's mascot is Nicholas Turpin, who lives in Walpole Road. He attends Netherhall School and is a keen fan of all sports but especially of Cambridge United. His father is a policeman and we hope that Nicholas' influence will help us to arrest Luton Town's progress today.

kid's stuff

CHERRY HINTON BAWL

Today's guest school is Netherhall School from the East of Cambridge not far from Cherry Hinton Hall. This is an important comprehensive school, which we hope will be making its presence felt today with a lot of cheering for Cambridge United. The school is acquiring a distinguished academic record and has had some outstanding successes at Cambridge University. It also had an outstanding success at Cambridge United last winter in getting the pitch clear of snow, and today's match is partly a reward for the help given by the boys to our groundsman during the big freeze.

HATTER CHATTER

In anticipation of today's match we asked the scholars of Netherhall to say a few words each on Luton Town, Cambridge United, or any other aspect of football. Here are some of the things they said:

Last time I went to Luton, their fans were singing, 'Who do we appreciate?' This is ungrammatical, as it should be, 'Whom do we appreciate?' **Julian Ellis** It's a good job Luton has an airport, as they will be brought down to earth against Cambridge.

Robert E. Lee

Whipsnade Zoo is near Luton, and Town hope to be making monkeys of Manchester United and Liverpool next season.

J. Kennedy

Luton are fighters but most of the Cambridge players are good if they get more praise from the crowd.

Arthur Matthews

I think we are lucky to have a second division team like Cambridge in our town. **Martin Butler**

I do not think that girls have a fair say in football.

In my old school the boys' football team played the girls' netball team at netball, but the girls never played the boys at football.

Nina Smith

I think the League should cut the teams in the League to 76 and have 18 in the first and second division and have 20 in the third and fourth.

John Merry

When you have finished using your football boots after a game, you should clean all the mud off the studs. You should change the laces when they begin to fray.

Kevin Binks

On Saturday afternoon once every two weeks I go and watch the Us — it's very cheap. I go along along and have a cheer, And make it very clear, That we're the U's, That hardly ever lose.

M. Simpson

I think Cambridge United is a great football club. My thoughts on the Manager, **John Docherty**, are that he is a fantastic manager with good tactics for each match. If we go a goal down, the supporters should cheer the team on all the more to get a goal back.

Wouldn't it be pleasing if Cambridge got 250 plus supporters at every away match. This would encourage the team to get better results away from home.

I would love to see Cambridge United go up to the First Division, and I think they are capable of this within the next few years. Larger support will ensure promotion.

Paul Sawtell



ACTION

v NORWICH CITY



Roger Gibbins back bolstering the defence during a Norwich corner kick.



Martin O'Neill comes under pressure as Les Cartwright gets in a good crisp tackle.

TODAY'S AWAY TEAM

LUTON TOWN

Having been in contention for promotion from Division Two on several occasions in recent years the 'Hatters' have surprisingly fallen away towards the end of these campaigns. There will surely be no such mistake this time for as leaders of the Division, a position they have occupied for virtually the entire season, Luton should go up in Championship winning style.

During last summer, manager David Pleat made one of the most important signings when he acquired the services of Brian Horton from Brighton. As well as being an outstanding midfielder player, Horton is also an exceptionally influential skipper. His skill and determination have earned him the respect of fellow professionals up and down the country.

The whole Luton side is outstanding; with players like South African Brian Stein, David Moss and Steve White they have a tremendous strike-force. Along with midfield players like Horton, and the highly gifted Ricky Hull and Fucillo it is clear that Luton are highly geared to attack. Even the fullbacks get in on the scoring act like Eire International Mal Donaghy, who scored five goals in eight matches earlier in the season; four of which came from set pieces taken by David Moss. As well as possessing the killer instincts in front of goal in defence Luton are equally well equipped to stifle the opposition attack.

Expenses

Yet despite their envious League record and position, this season has not entirely been a bed of roses. Like most clubs they made a financial working loss last season and in Luton's case it amounted to £200,000. During the close season they listed seven players in a bid to prune their staff and expenses and surprisingly, Steve White, who has been so deadly in front of goal this season, was one of those seven players transferred listed due to a fairly lean goalscoring 18 months at Kenilworth Road after signing from Bristol Rovers for £175,000. In addition they sold the talented Eire International Tony Grealish to Brighton for £100,000, lost Alan West to Millwall and later sold centreback Paul Price to Spurs. It helped to balance the books especially as the only substantial outlay was for the services of Horton,

but it also reduced the number of players at Luton and consequently the amount of cover in the eventuality of injury.

Recall

That problem came to light when they were forced to recall Milija Aleksic, who was then on loan at Tottenham, when regular keeper Jake Findlay became injured, and just recently Richard Money was taken on loan from Liverpool to cover for injury to the unlucky Mike Saxby (a £200,000 signing from Mansfield in 1979), who is out of action for the remainder of the season. On the positive side, Pasquale Fucillo who had been riddled by injury for the past two seasons, at last regained full fitness and has been of key importance in Luton's exciting promotion bid.

Luton's last spell in the top flight was not a happy one; after going up as runners-up in 1973-74 they dropped straight back down. This time they intend to go up and stay up and who can argue when the combined talents of their present squad are compared to those at current first division clubs.

Promotion and a healthy position in Division One next season will be a compliment to the management skills of David Pleat and to the policy of the Luton Board who appointed David Pleat in Spring 1978 when he was an unknown in the managerial world and also at a time when the side was on the slide. It took him two years to complete the necessary rebuilding in the playing staff and in that period the club came close to relegation. During the redeveloping period it could have been so easy for the board to have become frustrated with the situation, however with a long term plan intended they wisely stuck to their policy and now it is clearly paying dividend.

Strengthen

Next season, in Division One, Luton may have more financial problems, since they will surely have to strengthen and increase the size of their squad despite only being able to rely on an average attendance of around 150,000. However with an impressive scouting system and a highly inventive and successful backroom staff Luton will be going up with a lot more confidence than they did in 1973. To Luton and David Pleat who has been associated with the club for most of the time since the mid-sixties we wish them and him the very best of fortune.

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AWAY TEAM HISTORY

Doubtful

When they were residing in Division 4 in the mid-sixties it is doubtful if anybody at Luton realistically contemplated first division football. The fact that despite only moderate attendances they are soon to embark on their second spell in Division One within the past ten years says an awful lot for their organisation. It is also so very different from the situation a few years ago, when because of financial problems they were very near to closure.

Professional Links

There have been several professional footballers who have played for both Luton Town and Cambridge United in the football league. In the

early seventies Jack Bannister, Alan Guild, John Collins and Peter Phillips turned out for United after earlier spells with Luton. Alan Guild is still making sporting news in the area — but at cricket, and John Collins is part of the coaching staff at Brighton and Hove Albion.

Two of United's current players were also on Luton's playing staff; they are Chris Turner and Tom Finney.

Tom has scored 60 league goals for United, a total surpassed by just one other player. He is of course, Alan Biley who is now on loan with Stoke City. Alan scored 74 league goals for United however he was released by Luton before given the chance to play any league matches Derby signed him from United for over £400,000.



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 Aizelwood, Pasquale Fucillo, 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.

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29 Crystal Palace	1-2	11201	1			2	5		8	12	11	3		7	6	9+			10	4					
September																									
1 Derby County	1-2	5071	1			2	5		8	10	11	3		10	6	12			7	4	4		9+	9	
5 Rotherham United	3-0	4358	1			2	5		8	12	11	3		10	6	12			7	4	4		9		
12 Newcastle United	0-1	14699	1			2	5		8	12	11	3		10	6	12			7	4	4		9		
16 League Cup 1 (2)																									
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3 Chelsea	1-0	8806	1				5	2	8		11	3		10	6	12			7	4	12		9		
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10 Grimsby Town	2-1	7450	1			2	5	7	8		6	3		10	12	11			9	1	4		11	11	
17 Watford	1-2	7239	1			2	5	7	8	12		3		10	6	12			9	1	4		11	11	
24 Bolton Wanderers	4-3	5651	1			2	5	7	8		3	3		10	12	11			7	4	4	6	11	9	
27 Colchester U. F.L.2 (2)	3-2	4672	1			2	5	11	8		3	3		10	6	12			7	4	4	6	11	9	
31 Cardiff City	2-1	4041	1			2	5	7	8		3	3		10	6	12			11	4	4		9	12	
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7 Shrewsbury Town	2-0	3815	1			2	5		8		7	3		10	6	12			12	11	4+		9	2	
11 League Cup 3																									
14 Norwich City	1-2	14467	1				5	1	8		7	3		11	6	12			12	4	2	10		9	
21 Sheffield Wednesday	1-2	6461	1				5	4	8		7+	3		11	6	12			12	10	10		9		
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December																									
2 League Cup 4																									
5 Wrexham	2-3	3127	1		6	2	5	4	8			3		11					7	10	1		9		
1982																									
January																									
2 Doncaster Rovers F.A. Cup (3)	1-2	6741	1	12	2		5	4+	8		11	3							7	6	10		9		
23 Charlton Athletic	0-0	4766	1	6	2		5		8		7	3							10	4			12		
26 Crystal Palace	0-0	3505	1	4	2		5		8		3	3							7	10			12		
30 Barnsley	0-0	13114	1	4	2		5		8	12		3							11	6	10		12		
February																									
6 Newcastle United	1-0	5092	1	4	2		5		8	12		3							11	6	10		12		
9 Queens Park Rangers	1-0	4822	1	4	2		5		8	12		3							11	10			12		
13 Rotherham United	0-1	7312	1	4	2		5		8	12		3							11	10			12		
20 Oldham Athletic	0-0	3408	1	4	2	12	5		8		3	3							11	6	10		12		
27 Grimsby Town	2-2	3542	1	4	2	6	5		8		3	3							7	10	12		11		
March																									
2 Luton Town	0-1	10597	1	4	2	12	5		8		3	3								10	6		11		
6 Watford	0-0	11804	1	4	2	7	5		8		3	3								10	12		11		
13 Bolton Wanderers	2-1	3430	1	4	2	7	5		8		3	3								10	10		11		
20 Cardiff City	4-5	3242	1	4	2	7	5		8		3	3								11	10	12		11	
27 Shrewsbury Town	0-1	3159	1	4	2	7	5		8		12	3								11	10		12		
April																									
3 Norwich City (SF)	1-2	7035	1	4	2	7	5		8+	10		3										12+	11		
7 Chelsea																									
10 Luton Town																									
12 Orient																									
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17 Sheffield Wednesday																									
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24 Leicester City																									
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1 Wrexham																									
4 Blackburn Rovers																									
8 Charlton Athletic																									
15 Queens Park Rangers																									
22 F.A. Cup Final																									

ORIENT F.C. — HOW TO GET THERE
From North and West: Use A604 North Circular Road (S.P. Chelmsford) to Edmonton, then in 2.6m at roundabout take 3rd exit A112 (S.P. Leyton). Pass Leyton Midland Road Station and in 0.5m turn right into Windsor Road, then turn left into Brisbane Road for Orient F.C.
From East: Use A12 (S.P. London then City) to Leytonstone and follow signs Hackney into Grove Road. At Leyton cross main road and forward into Ruckholt Road, then turn right then left into Leyton High Road and in 0.2m turn left into Buckingham Road then right into Brisbane Road for Orient F.C.

SECOND DIVISION TABLE Up to and including 4.4.82.

	Home					Away						
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A		
Luton	32	12	1	2	33	11	7	8	2	30	21	66
Watford	33	10	5	2	36	14	8	3	5	22	21	62
Sheffield Wed.	34	7	7	3	25	20	9	1	7	20	19	56
Newcastle	33	13	3	1	26	7	8	4	9	14	22	55
Rotherham	34	12	2	3	32	12	5	2	10	17	27	55
Blackburn	34	10	2	4	20	9	5	7	6	20	21	54
Barnsley	33	11	3	3	29	12	4	4	8	20	22	52
Leicester	31	10	4	2	24	11	4	5	6	20	22	51
QPR	32	11	3	2	26	6	4	2	10	16	25	50
Norwich	33	10	3	4	30	18	5	2	9	14	26	50
Oldham	34	7	8	3	24	21	5	4	7	17	20	48
Charlton	34	10	3	4	28	17	2	7	8	17	32	46
Chelsea	32	8	4	4	28	22	4	3	9	16	24	43
Cambridge U.	32	8	3	5	22	16	2	3	11	14	26	36
Shrewsbury	32	7	6	3	21	16	1	6	9	8	26	36
Derby												

GAMBRIDGE UNITED

AMBER/BLACK

Richard — Goalkeeper. Ex-Coventry and Exeter. Signed for United three seasons ago. Waited until last season to have a prolonged spell in goal when he made 32 League appearances.

Dave — A past player with Arsenal and Millwall and now the regular right back with United making 37 League appearances last season. Dave is a very sound defender who will be looking for his first League goal this season. Dave is the regular right back for United.

Jamie — Midfield. A player to progress through the League with United, his speed being one of his greatest assets. Ex youth team winger, he is now a very established first team player. League debut in 1976/77, he has since made over 130 League appearances including 40 last season. Scottish born. Ever present this season.

Lindsay — Centre back. Former Colchester player who has also had spells on loan at Millwall and Charlton. Nicknamed "Wolfie" among supporters, he has made over 150 League appearances for United. Supporters Player of the Season 80/81. 39 League appearances last season. Had a spell with Lincoln earlier this season.

Steven — Centre back. One club player Steve has been with United since the old days in Division Four and has made a record of over 275 League appearances, scoring 19 goals. Club Skipper.

Tommy — Midfield. Turned professional after some good displays whilst playing on a part-time basis. Tommy has made over 70 full League appearances for United, including 23 last season. Scottish born. An untiring midfield worker.

Les — Midfield. Previously with Coventry and Wrexham and has played nearly 200 League games. A Welsh International joined United on a month's trial recently. After some outstanding performances was rewarded with a contract.

Steve — Midfield. Former Huddersfield player. Joined United in the 'U's' Division Four days. Steve is only 5ft 2ins tall, but plays with tremendous pace and energy. First team skipper. Over 270 League appearances. Ever present this season.

Roger — Striker on Midfield. Ex-Spurs, Oxford, Norwich and New England Teaman. Preferred this season in attack after playing in midfield last season. Approaching 100 League appearances. Signed 79/80. Seven goals this season.

Tom — Midfield. Ex Luton and Sunderland and a Northern Ireland International. A regular scorer in partnership with Jim Hall and Alan Biley in 76/77. Division 4 Championship success. Tom has now settled into a midfield role. 192 League appearances for United, 55 goals.

Martin — Forward. Signed from non-league soccer last season. Martin made a sensational League debut at Newcastle, scoring within the first 15 minutes. A player for the future.

1. KEY
2. DONALDSON
3. MURRAY
4. SMITH
5. FALLON
6. O'NEILL
7. CARTWRIGHT
8. SPRIGGS
9. GIBBINS
10. FINNEY
11. GOLDSMITH
- 12.

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LUTON TOWN

WHITE/ORANGE

Jake — 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 — 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.

Richard — Has played for Scunthorpe and Fulham and is currently with Liverpool from where he is on loan to Luton Town until the end of the season. This will be his fifth match for Luton Town.

Brian — Luton abandoned their normal policy when they paid a modest fee to Brighton for Horton's signature — he was the first 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.

Clive — Has been with Luton Town for five years and has steadily progressed through the ranks. Has had a regular first team place since last October when he replaced the injured Mike Saxby.

Mal — 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 — 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 — 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 — 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.

Wayne — A place in Luton's league squad was just reward last season for a player who has been brought up through schools and youth football at Kenilworth Road. A local boy who can play in defence or midfield, he is one of several young players coming through to challenge established names for places in the Second Division side.

David — Overnight success took nearly ten years for left-winger Moss. He had been happy playing for his local club, Swindon, for nine seasons, mostly in the Third Division. Luton took him into the second in exchange for a £110,000 cheque and he was an immediate hit. He makes goals and takes them, and has already passed the 100 total in the Football League. Played for Tamba Bay Rowdies last summer.

1. FINDLAY
2. STEPHENS
3. MONEY
4. HORTON
5. GOODYEAR
6. DONAGHY
7. HILL
8. STEIN
9. WHITE
10. TURNER
11. MOSS
- 12.

Referee

Morris R. Baker (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 tool-making concern, and his hobbies are Tennis, Swimming and Walking. Serves on a committee to raise money for the welfare of Senior Citizens.

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P.J. North (Essex) Yellow Flag

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