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IN CHARGE TODAY

Referee: **K. BAKER**, Rugby
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R. PELLATT (Red Flag)

Kenneth Baker commenced refereeing in 1959. Was appointed to the Football League line in 1967 and has been on the full list for several years. Linesman in the Northern Ireland v Wales match (1975), also the Fulham v Birmingham City FA Cup semi-final replay. In 1977 was linesman for the Charity Shield match between Manchester United and Liverpool and refereed the FA Trophy Final in 1980. Married, with four children, he is Security and Services Executive at the National Exhibition Centre. For 12 years he served with the Metropolitan and Warwickshire Police Forces rising to a Detective Inspector. Is President of the Rugby and District Referees' Association.



PERSONALITY PROFILE



One fan's personal view of some of the men he has admired at Kenilworth Road. By BRIAN SWAIN

The stars on the pitch tend to catch the eye and live longest in the memory for most of us who watch and support one club. We remember the fabulous goals, the glorious hat-tricks, the marvellous saves, and occasionally the cruel tackles and outrageous referee's decisions which go against our side.

And it has been a comparatively recent development for supporters to look upon another set of personalities as an essential part of football — the managers.

When I was a small boy, I knew Dally Duncan was manager of Luton Town. But I really only thought of him as a player. And although I was football-daft, I doubt if I knew the names of half a

dozen other managers, nor cared.

Today, managers have their own hall of fame, and quite right too. At Luton we seem to have had more than our fair share of good ones. Since the last war we have had George Martin, Dally Duncan, Syd Owen, Sam Bartram, Bill Harvey, Allan Brown, Alec Stock, Harry Haslam and now David Pleat.

We can argue for a long time as to who was the best and who the worst, but Mr Pleat must surely be heading for a very special place in the affections of Luton Town supporters.

This column will devote time and space to that subject, but before we forget the rest I want to pick out two who might have some claim to having had a say in the success of Luton Town — Alec Stock and Harry Haslam.

I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Stock well — he resigned just before I got the job which now enables me to watch every Luton Town match from a comfortable seat instead of from the terraces.

But he and Haslam, different in character though they were, had one important achievement in common — they helped Luton Town survive through rocky passages, and if they had failed we wouldn't be able to enjoy today's success.

Stock is a football thinker, highly experienced, and a thorough gentleman. I still remember being absolutely delighted when I first heard he was coming to Kenilworth Road, in late 1968. Luton Town were a Third Division club, struggling to emerge from a frightening spell off the field, and generally in a sorry state.

Big money had been poured into the club to help win the Fourth Division Championship, but things went sour later. Stock, one of the most expert managers in football, got us back on the road to stability. He also saw Luton Town back up into the Second Division before the

sheer physical effort of his work here persuaded him to give up.

I've met him a few times since then, and have always been struck by the obvious honesty and integrity of the man, qualities not always appreciated completely in football.

I remember 10 years ago thinking that any manager who followed Stock would be hard put to continue the same tradition and expertise.

My good fortune was to get much closer to Luton Town than I had been as a supporter at the time when Harry Haslam was making his mark.

In many ways, he was an unlikely manager. For a start he laughed a lot, and his cheerful attitude to life in general, and soccer in particular, was easily misunderstood by those who looked for faults.

You can debate the rights and wrongs of things any manager does, and Haslam made no claims to being perfect. Yet when serious business had to be done, he could buckle down and go through with duties which sometimes worried him deeply.

Enforced transfers were a case in point, and perhaps the beginning of the end of his Luton managerial career came in the dreadful single season we had in the First Division in the mid-seventies. Haslam was accused of smiling through adversity by some, as though that were a sin.

And to come back to the point about managers who laid important foundations for Luton Town, Haslam was the man given the job of selling Peter Anderson at short notice to keep the club afloat in the financial crisis of 1975.

Whatever you think of his teams or style of management, it was very important for Luton Town that happy Harry should get that job done. The price of failure would have been too shocking to even think about.

HARRY HASLAM



DAVID'S DIARY

What a wonderful evening we experienced against Shrewsbury when we won promotion. It was an occasion no one can ever forget and everyone is very proud to be associated with a First Division club. I was working at Luton in the previous promotion season but cannot recall the same excitement. This time we must learn our lessons and work hard in all aspects of the club to compete at the top.

Tonight we welcome and warmly applaud FA Cup Finalists QPR. They are a club with vision and very progressive attitudes towards success on and off the pitch. Their Chairman, Mr Gregory, predicted we would be one of the teams to beat them this season when he entertained our Chairman, Executive Director John Smith, and I after the public opening of their new pitch he was wary of the opening fixture when we justified his doubts with an outstanding game at Loftus Road in September. If the majority of matches contained the same entertainment value as that game we would have no fears of falling attendances. Whatever the outcome of tonight's game, we give our sincere best wishes to Terry Venables and his players to lift the FA Cup as representatives of this season's Second Division. Hopefully, tonight, we can have a game between two sides who place emphasis on skill and maximising individuals' assets. We have appreciated the terrace support during the run in to promotion but I would like again to advise supporters who station themselves to the right of the directors box to consider their behaviour.



Please do not run onto the pitch during the match and do not consider that the game is a side attraction to any confrontation between supporters. Our good name is at stake and next season everyone will judge all aspects of the club more critically. We want to be considered a good footballing side, a hospitable club with supporters who can understand losing in addition to appreciating winning.

The youth team had an excellent victory over Spurs recently in the South East Counties League while the reserves have beaten Combination leaders Southampton 2-1 and Chelsea 2-1. It is now vitally important that our young players realise what promotion really means. Overnight, their abilities will be considered at a higher level and this means greater work and application.

Finally, a huge 'thank you' from the players for that wonderful reception after the Shrewsbury game and for the hundreds of congratulatory cards and telegrams. Keep up the support.



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ODD HAPPENINGS

There are many questionable decisions by referees, most of them because of varying interpretations of the laws such as those relating to off-side and unfair tackling. Rarely, however, are such decisions flagrantly in contradiction of the laws of the game.

Huddersfield Town supporters of 30 years standing will not, however, need reminding of the remarkable incident at White Hart Lane on 2nd April 1952 when Huddersfield were fighting hard to avoid relegation from Division One and were holding Spurs to a goalless draw.

Late in the game Spurs were awarded a corner. Eddie Baily shaped to take the kick left-footed, but was stopped in his tracks when the referee indicated that the ball was not within the quadrant. The Spurs player duly moved the ball inside the quadrant and took the kick quickly with his right foot.

The referee was still running towards the goal area when the ball, not rising high from what was Eddie's weaker foot, struck him on the back. Down he fell and the crowd laughed, sensing that the incident, though accidental, seemed poetic justice after what

had appeared to them to be punctiliousness on the referee's part over the placing of the ball.

The ball meanwhile bounced back to Baily who crossed with his left foot this time for Len Duquemin to score. Clearly Baily had contravened Law 17 by playing the ball twice without another player touching it. Whether the referee was still shaken by the impact of the ball and his judgement affected no-one can say, but he stuck to his decision despite protests.

A few weeks later Huddersfield went down to Division Two. The margin of their relegation was three clear points, but it was felt by many people at the time that the encouragement of a point at Tottenham might have spurred them on to pick up a few more points in the remaining games.

An appeal against the goal at Tottenham was turned down by the Football League. In fact, Huddersfield climbed back out of Division Two just a year later and stayed up for another three seasons. Maybe that strictly illegal goal did not make so much difference after all.

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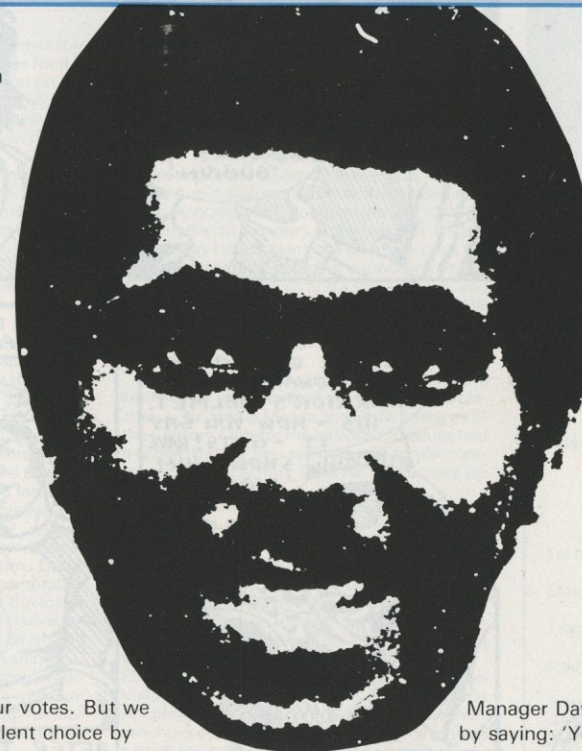
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SPOTLIGHT ON RICKY HILL



SPOTLIGHT

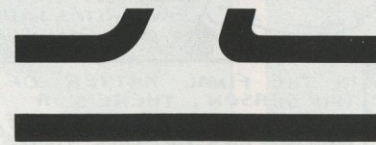
It's been a superb season for Ricky Hill. He's been part of a promotion team and was rewarded for his patience by being included in Ron Greenwood's England Under-21 team. Unfortunately, Ricky was unable to play against Poland in Warsaw because of our own heavy injury list for the game at Barnsley. Then, when he was included in the squad for a second time, he had to withdraw because he was injured. But promotion has more than made up for those two disappointments and he has now collected another reward by being named as the Bobbers Club Player of the Year. Bobbers Club secretary Bob Redhead said: 'It was an extremely tight poll and Ricky shaded the verdict by only four votes. But we have no doubt it was an excellent choice by our members.' There won't be many who disagree with the



choice — the second successive year Ricky has won the trophy. Luton supporters will not need reminding of his skill in midfield which has also produced the bonus of goals since he was signed after being spotted playing in London. His arrival at Kenilworth Road as part of our youth system has been rewarded with a place in the First Division with the rest of his colleagues. And it couldn't have happened to a nicer person. Quiet off the pitch, we hope we don't embarrass Ricky by calling him one of the game's gentlemen. He's also a dedicated clubman, a fact which was emphasised when he missed his first England call by saying: 'I'm disappointed, but club must come before country.' Manager David Pleat went on record recently by saying: 'You take out of football only what you put in.' In Ricky's case, that just about sums him up.

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THE END TO BOBBIN'S ADVENTURE'S WHICH LEATOWN SUPPORTERS WANTED TO SEE -- THEIR LAD, WITH HIS FEET ON HOME TURF, RARING TO GO

HEAD FOR HEIGHTS!

EPISODE TWENTY-TWO by Ray Aspden.

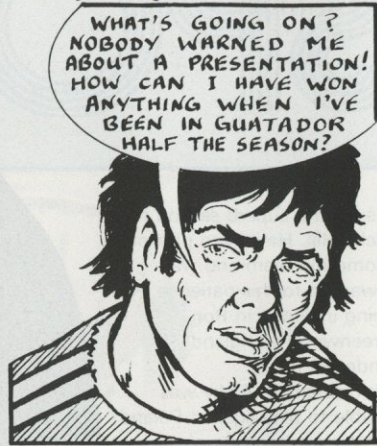


I'M LUCKY TO GET BACK IN THE SIDE, THEY'VE PLAYED SO WELL WHILE I WAS AWAY.



OK EVERYONE! BEFORE KICK OFF, WE'VE GOT AN AWARD TO PRESENT TO YET ANOTHER OF OUR WONDERFUL TEAM!

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BOBBIN HAD TO WEAR THE AWARD FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHS

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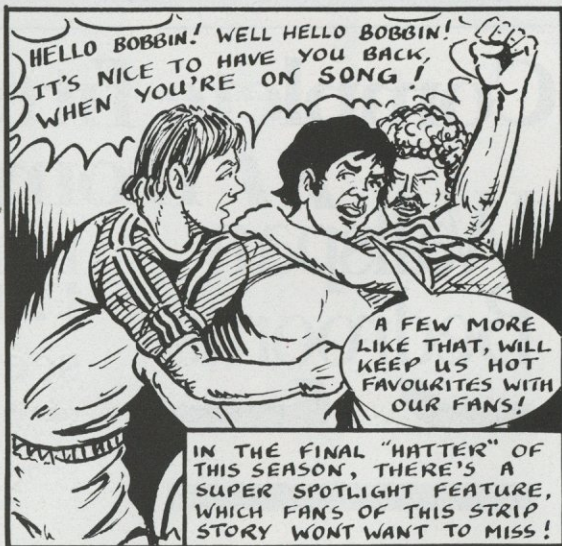
SMILE BOBBIN

AFTER THE BALLYHOO, THE GAME BEGAN IN ERNEST, WITH BOBBIN GOING INTO BATTLE BAKE HEADED ~~~

WHEN IT MATTERED MOST, A WHIPPET-LIKE FIGURE WRIGGLED HIS WAY THROUGH A CROWDED DEFENCE AND MADE CONTACT



YES!



HELLO BOBBIN! WELL HELLO BOBBIN! IT'S NICE TO HAVE YOU BACK WHEN YOU'RE ON SONG!

A FEW MORE LIKE THAT, WILL KEEP US HOT FAVOURITES WITH OUR FANS!

IN THE FINAL "HATTER" OF THIS SEASON, THERE'S A SUPER SPOTLIGHT FEATURE, WHICH FANS OF THIS STRIP WONT WANT TO MISS!

JUNIOR HATTERS



Just one more game and this remarkable season will be over. In my original notes for this match which was to have been played on 9th January, we had already waited nearly six weeks for any League action at Kenilworth Road and here we are now within a few days of the season's end.

Having to write these notes before our games with Shrewsbury and Cardiff City, I can only speculate on the results, and my hope is that the Town are well on course for the Division Two Championship.

I know all our Junior Hatters and the thousands of young visitors who have used the Evening Post-Echo Enclosure during the season have enjoyed themselves. Our final meeting on Thursday last in the Hatters' Club was evidence of that. So, too, was the atmosphere among our party of Junior Hatters at Millmoor when we met the 'Millers' United' at five-a-side football and 'It's a Knock-out', especially as we won the handsome 'Ellen Andrews Trophy', given by the sponsors of the match and presented to our successful team on the pitch by Paul Shane of Hi-De-Hi' fame.

Amid all the exciting happenings this season, and there have been so many, our 'getting together' with the juniors from other League clubs, such as Rotherham, Blackburn, Derby County, has for me, been both memorable, refreshing and encouraging. I recall the lovely cake specially baked by the kind ladies of Rotherham United and which we all shared with our young counterparts in Yorkshire.

It was decorated in icing with the simple motto 'Don't Fight - Unite!' - surely a most apt message to put across to all young football fans. We certainly enjoyed ourselves at Millmoor.

In the final magazine for next Saturday's match, I shall be looking back over some of the super events of the 1981-82 season - but for now I feel it is important for me to put on record the debt of gratitude owed to all the very kind people in football who are endeavouring to bring about a better attitude in our young football supporters.

To all the many thoughtful adults, both in our club and in many other clubs who give their time unstintingly to help young people watch and enjoy live football a very sincere thank you - you are fabulous!

To those members who have not yet renewed their membership for the new season, can I ask you to fill in the coupon on this page and send it to me, at the club offices as soon as possible. And don't forget to enclose the annual subscription of £1. Please do this and help save on running expenses, such as reminder letters which are so costly these days.

The five-a-side competitions have been successfully completed, but at the time of writing I am unable to announce the section Champions. May I thank everyone who took part, the players, managers, referees, supporting mums and dads and grandads and a special thank you to Alistair Hearn for the use of Warden Hill School, to Ron Fulbrook for the use of the facilities at Marsh House and to John Smylie for being the organiser.

The thanks of all the Junior Hatters go to the kind people who donated the trophies and plaques - to Jimmy Meade and Eddie Edwards of the Century Club for the individual plaques and trophies for the two winners and to the committee of the Century Club for the runners-up awards.

MASCOTS AND ESCORTS

Our mascot and escorts have waited a long time for this evening - but here they are:

MASCOT: David Hewitt of Grays Close, Barton, aged eight. David attends Ramsey School, Barton. As well as football, he is interested in trains and space travel. He plays for Barton Cubs, Eagle Pack.

ESCORTS: Lorraine Mulholland of Eaton Valley Road, Luton. Lorraine is 12, and attends Ashcroft High School. Her interests are netball, hockey, and sport generally, and she plays netball for Ashcroft and Ramridge teams.

David Norman of Harding Close, Luton is 11. He attends Lea Manor High School, and played football for his junior school, Wauluds. His main interest apart from football is astronomy.

Paul Quarman of Fairgreen Road, Caddington. Paul is 10, and attends Five Oaks School, Caddington. Swimming and football are his main interests, and he plays for his school and Harpenden Rovers.

James Boag, aged 10, from Icknield Way, Luton. He attends Warden Hill Junior School, and his main interests are football and athletics. He plays for his school team, his Cub team, and

THE MASCOT . . .



DAVID HEWITT

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the Junior Hatters five-a-side team.

Finally, may I express the gratitude of our Junior Hatters' Club to Tom Hunt and the members of the Luton Excelsior Travel Club for the second donation to our funds of £50. This makes a total of £150 which has come our way as a result of all the goals the Town have scored so far this season. Well done Tom and well done Town!

COLIN BALL
Youth Development Officer

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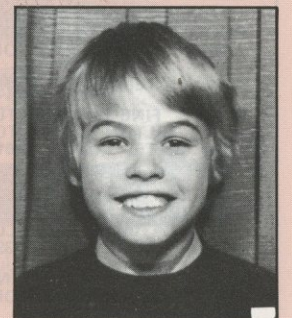
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TRAVEL TIME

Sadly, our away travel for this season has ended, but already, we are looking to next season, with your couriers and I meeting to discuss this season and to look at ideas and suggestions to improve and extend our services.

One addition we hope to include is an in service from the Tring area.

I have not yet worked out any statistics on numbers travelling home and away, but I have no doubt it will make interesting reading, especially as the Luton Town Travel Club has been a new venture this year. Our membership has grown steadily, and enquiries continue to come in regarding this, so we have a good foundation to build on.

Some of your couriers have taken part in other activities for the club, and a notable instance was the Milton Keynes day on Saturday 13th March, when much interest was shown in our Travel Club, and the services we provide. Pictured are Carl Beasley, Graham Snookes, Catherine Ball, John Laherty and Malcolm Anderton, resplendant in our Luton Town kit.



Catherine Ball, Travel Organiser.

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FLASHBACK

A look at Luton Town a decade ago.

By BRIAN SWAIN
Sports Editor, Luton News

A colourless season was fading into welcome obscurity for Luton Town 10 years ago this week — until a bombshell dropped off the pitch.

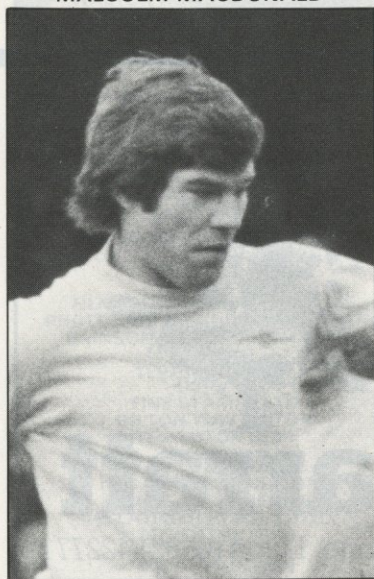
The Town were on their way to the final game, at Cardiff, when it was disclosed that Alec Stock had resigned as manager, and had turned down pleas from the directors to make him change his mind.

Stock had intended to see out the season at Ninian Park and then announce his departure, but the story leaked out in advance, so he stepped down a couple of days earlier than intended.

Chief scout Harry Haslam was put in charge of the team for the trip to Ninian Park, and the chorus throughout football was 'Harry Who?'

It was a question that would be answered happily and dramatically

MALCOLM MACDONALD



within a short time, but in Luton supporters were more concerned with other questions.

The biggest was why Stock had decided to go, and the answers he gave included an honest assessment of Luton Town's most obvious failing over the years.

When Luton found staff players, it seemed that every one was converted into cash, and Stock believed that was unfair to the team and to its supporters.

He had been manager for nearly four years, and confessed: 'I was beginning to feel more than a little worn out.'

He lived at Epsom, and the 120-mile round trip meant that most days he left home at 7 a.m. and didn't get back until midnight. And on top of the normal pressures football managers have to take, Stock had extra problems at Luton through the constant battle to make ends meet financially.

He never forgot the week when Luton Town knew that their annual meeting was about to disclose a huge financial loss, with the result that Malcolm Macdonald was sold to Newcastle to make the figures more palatable to the bankers and accountants.

His farewell column in the *Luton News* spoke of his own disappointment, and added an obvious suggestion for any club with real ambitions: 'When you have good players, you should hang on to them. What worried me as manager of Luton was the constant breaking of faith with the supporters.'

'The football world has always known that Luton would sell players. The first thing to be done is to kick that right in the teeth.'

Stock's reign as manager had seen £250,000 spent on transfers, and £430,000 received on players sold. And that profit had all been

swallowed up to keep the club solvent.

He left Kenilworth Road with the respect and admiration of many, players, directors and supporters, and on his desk when he finally sorted out his belongings was a five-year contract. Unsigned.

He left with a wish that the new Luton manager could continue the tradition of finding talented players — and then hang on to them.

Harry Haslam, as caretaker manager, began his career as top man at Kenilworth Road with a draw in the last game of the season on a waterlogged pitch at Ninian Park.

Vic Halom hit the post early on, Alan Warboys headed Cardiff into the lead in the 40th minute and Robin Wainwright equalised three minutes later from a cross by Alan Slough.

It was the Town's 10th draw of the season, and left them in 13th place in the Second Division table, five points clear of relegated Charlton Athletic. Watford were bottom with only 19 points, holding the unhappy distinction of being the only club in the whole of the Football League without a single away win all season.

Norwich City were promoted as Champions, with 57 points, and Birmingham went up with them, with 56. Oddly, Millwall would also have gone up if the three-up three-down system had been in operation.

Tonight's visitors concluded their 1971-72 season a few days after Luton — by beating Cardiff 3-0 at Loftus Road. Ferguson, O'Rourke and Leach were the scorers, and Rangers, managed by Gordon Jago, finished in fourth place, just two points below a promotion spot.

Elsewhere the Third Division threw up two clubs who won promotion as the first leg to greater things: Aston Villa and Brighton.



SEASON TICKETS 1982-83



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL EXISTING SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

Season tickets for the Hatters season back in the First Division will go on sale on Monday 17th May 1982.

Details are as follows:

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Blocks A, B and C.....£70
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Seating — Bobbers

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Kenilworth Road Wing.....£65

The cost for Juveniles, Senior Citizens and Students will be £32.50 except for Blocks A, B, C where there will be no reduced rates.

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Adults.....£45
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and Students.....£32.50

Please note that the Standing Season Tickets will be for the Enclosure only.

Entry to the Oak Road and Kenilworth Road ends will be cash admission only.

Existing Season Ticket Holders have until 12 noon on Saturday 12th June 1982 to claim their tickets. Renewals by post will be accepted but should be clearly marked 'Season Ticket Renewal' and accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

Any tickets not claimed will go on general sale on Wednesday 16th June 1982.

The Ticket Office is open Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., but will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 31st May 1982.

Any further information can be obtained from the Box Office on Luton 30748.

CROSSWORD

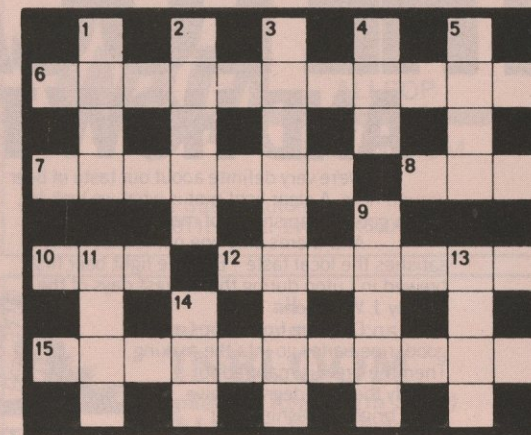
CLUES — Across

6. Orient acquired this ex-England man from Spurs around the middle of last season (5,6); 7. Antonin _____ (of Rapid Vienna this season) has long been a regular Czech international — it was his free-kick against Wales which led to Dai Davies' own goal in the World Cup (7); 8. The colour seen at Crewe (3); 10. This Briton is a Scot! (3); 12. He played 600 games for Portsmouth, Newcastle, Bradford and Scotland and managed Cardiff and Newport (7); 15. Midfielder/defender whose career clubs have included Chelsea, Everton and Swansea (4,7).

CLUES — Down

1. Cup collected by Ipswich in 1981 (4); 2. Showers, say (5); 3. The second-oldest club in the League (5,4); 4. England keeper whose three FA Cup-winners' medals in the 1920s were largely due to his record of clean sheets in all three finals (3); 5. Where the Goldstone Ground is (4); 9. International who spent several years at Old Trafford, had a brief stay at the Dell, and has passed the last few seasons at Deepdale (5); 11. Dwyer or Devonshire (4); 13. Penalty (4); 14. Former Stockport chairman Freddie _____ took up the same role with Wigan last season (3).

• The solutions to this Crossword are published on page 20.



AROUND THE TOWN

WE'RE THE TOPS

Our matchday magazine has been voted the best in the Second Division by the Wirral Programme Club.

And we received a further accolade by being placed seventh overall in the Football League.

The judges considered a number of factors including price and value for money. Obviously, like the team on the pitch, we couldn't be beaten.

We plan to go out in a blaze of glory for our last game of the season on Saturday when Barnsley are our visitors.

A special end-of-season bumper magazine is being published. But this is something special and will contain a mammoth 56 pages. And it's not going to cost you any more.

Don't miss this special souvenir edition.

AN ANSWER TO THE RIDDLE

The magazine for our recent home game against Chelsea when we asked for the date of a meeting several years ago between the two teams produced a bumper post bag for our editor.

A. Folbigg, who lives in New Bedford Road, wrote to say the match was played on October 18th 1958 when Luton won 2-1 with goals from Alan Brown and George Cummings.

Mr Folbigg also said that the result of the friendly Luton were involved in against touring Brazilian side Bela Vista ended in an 8-1 victory for the Town.

He has been supporting the club since 1953 and has seen 964 Luton matches on 93 different Football League grounds.

Mrs S. Robinson, who lives in Meyrick Avenue, also wrote because she found the original programme in her collection. She said that, at that stage of the season, Luton were fifth in the First Division.

Mrs Robinson boosted our ego by adding: 'Thank you for a well produced, comprehensive matchday magazine.'

From Ashgrove Gardens, Aylesbury, M. Walker wrote with a full list of all our friendly games against foreign opposition and says we have lost only three.

JUNIOR HATTERS

On the Junior Hatters pages you will read about their day out at Rotherham recently and the excellent hospitality they received from the Millers.



Our youth organisation is probably the best in the Football League, and our youngsters are pictured before the match taking part in one of the many games which were organised.



TIME FOR REFLECTIONS

The game's over and it's time to sit down and reflect on the 90 minutes which gave us a 2-2 draw at Rotherham — thanks to an injury time save from Alan Judge after Clive Goodyear was harshly judged to have handled the ball by a linesman.

Clive doesn't look too happy with life — despite the result — in the dressing room with Richard Money, who scored our equaliser.

PEN PAL WANTED

We've heard from Trevor Wilkin, who lives at 146 Roegreave Road, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 2QF. Trevor is looking for a female pen pal and supports Sheffield Wednesday. He says he became attached to Luton when Wednesday played us at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season.

OUR FOREIGN FRIENDS

We were surprised — but delighted — to learn that we have a supporters club in Kalmar, Sweden, who follow the progress of the team throughout the season.



Mr T. Bjorklund wrote with details of his colleagues and their delight with the way the team has played this season.

He even sent us a picture which shows them drinking to our success, but didn't explain how their interest in Luton started. We are pleased to reproduce the picture and will send them an issue of this evening's magazine.

WELL DONE MAL

'A brilliant performance by right back Mal Donaghy' was how the *Daily Mail* reported his recent international appearance for Northern Ireland against Scotland in their 1-1 draw.

It's not often we hear of defenders grabbing the limelight, nor opposing managers — especially a Scotsman and an Irishman — agreeing on the Man of the Match.

Yet Jock Stein and Billy Bingham agreed that Mal was their 'man of the match'. A tremendous performance by the likeable and modest Irishman who has played a major part in the success of our team this year!

VIP GUESTS

Pictured with Lil Fuccillo, Brian Stein and Steve White are Daniel Roberts, John Earles and Robin Leadbeater winners of a recent competition we ran in conjunction with the *Milton Keynes Mirror*.

As part of their prize, Daniel, John and Robin spent a day of their Easter holidays at the club, looking around behind the scenes, meeting the players, having lunch in our Kenilworth Suite and all three have been invited along to watch matches as our VIP guests with members of their families.



THE LOCAL TASTE AND HOW TO SATISFY IT

We're very definite about our taste in beer around here. A clear light pint is what we look for, with a good, clean smack of malt and hops.

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LUTON WE U

The launch of our special promotional products 'Luton We Love You' was extremely successful and the interest and support our promotion received from our local Press was excellent.

Once again our success on the field has enabled us, on the commercial side, to receive excellent coverage by Anglia and Granada Television who realised the news value of our story.

The response to our invitations from the local business community of the town was, once again, there to be beheld. Commercially the town and the Chamber of Commerce again supported the club magnificently.

The added privilege of his worship the Mayor, who attended the

announcement and gave his seal of approval to our 'Luton We Love You', promotion was the cherry on the cake to a successful day.

What is 'Luton We Love You'?

It is a promotion mounted by Luton Town Football Club and the local business community to celebrate and acknowledge the area in which we live and work.

The promotion begins with the portfolio of 'Luton We Love You' products shown below. The products are designed to be useful and valuable give aways for local companies which can be specially personalised with any company's name and message.

The football club will directly benefit from the sale of every item and your message can be linked to

the town or the club. Any purchase allows you the title 'Official Sponsor' of Luton Town Football Club. This is just the start of the promotion, how big it grows, how successful it becomes is up to you.

We have a great town.

We have a terrific modern shopping centre.

We have a superb international airport.

We have a healthy industrial and commercial community.

We have a newly promoted First Division team.

Be proud of the town, let your company stand up and say 'Luton We Love You', ensuring direct financial support to your football club.

Executive director John Smith, the Mayor and a representative of the Chamber of Commerce celebrate the launch.



IN RETROSPECT LUTON TOWN v QPR

DIVISION THREE (SOUTH)

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| 1920-21 | 2-1 (h) | 1-4 (a) |
| 1921-22 | 3-1 (h) | 0-1 (a) |
| 1922-23 | 1-0 (h) | 0-4 (a) |
| 1923-24 | 2-0 (h) | 2-0 (a) |
| 1924-25 | 3-0 (h) | 1-2 (a) |
| 1925-26 | 4-0 (h) | 0-1 (a) |
| 1926-27 | 2-0 (h) | 0-1 (a) |
| 1927-28 | 0-1 (h) | 2-3 (a) |
| 1928-29 | 3-2 (h) | 1-1 (a) |
| 1929-30 | 2-1 (h) | 0-1 (a) |
| 1930-31 | 5-1 (h) | 1-3 (a) |
| 1931-32 | 4-1 (h) | 1-3 (a) |
| 1932-33 | 3-1 (h) | 1-3 (a) |
| 1933-34 | 4-2 (h) | 1-2 (a) |
| 1934-35 | 1-1 (h) | 0-3 (a) |
| 1935-36 | 2-0 (h) | 0-0 (a) |
| 1936-37 | 0-1 (h) | 1-2 (a) |

DIVISION TWO

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|---------|---------|---------|
| 1948-49 | 0-0 (h) | 3-0 (a) |
| 1949-50 | 1-2 (h) | 0-3 (a) |
| 1950-51 | 2-0 (h) | 1-1 (a) |
| 1951-52 | 0-1 (h) | 0-0 (a) |

DIVISION THREE

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| 1963-64 | 4-4 (h) | 1-1 (a) |
| 1964-65 | 2-0 (h) | 1-7 (a) |

DIVISION TWO

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| 1970-71 | Luton Town 0 QPR 0 |
| | QPR 0 Luton Town 1 (Keen) |
| 1971-72 | Luton Town 1 (John Ryan) QPR 1 (Francis) |
| | QPR 1 (Leach) Luton Town 0 |
| 1972-73 | Luton Town 2 (Butlin, Halom) QPR 2 (Leach, Bowles) |
| | QPR 2 (Mancini, Givens) Luton Town 0 |

DIVISION ONE

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| 1974-75 | Luton Town 1 (John Ryan) QPR 1 (Bowles pen) |
| | QPR 2 (Givens, Rogers) Luton Town 1 (Alston) |

DIVISION TWO

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|---------|---|
| 1979-80 | Luton Town 1 (Saxby) QPR 1 (Allen) |
| | QPR 2 (Goddard 2) Luton Town 2 (Stein, Hill) |
| 1980-81 | Luton Town 3 (Ingram, Stein, Antic) QPR 0 |
| | QPR 3 (Neal 2, King) Luton Town 2 (Stein, Moss) |
| 1981-82 | QPR 1 (King) Luton Town 2 (Aizlewood, Hill) |

Teams for last game here, April 11th 1981
LUTON TOWN: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, Aizlewood, Antic, Moss.
QPR: Burridge, Shanks, Gillard (Burke), Silkman, Wicks, Roeder, Flanagan, Francis, Sealy, Currie, Waddock.
Attendance: 12,112.

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Across: 6. Peter Taylor; 7. Panenka; 8. Red; 10. Ian; 12. Scouler; 15. Gary Stanley.
Down: 1. UEFA; 2. Derek; 3. Stoke City; 4. Pym (Bolton); 5. Hove; 9. Burns; 11. Alan; 13. area; 14. Eye.

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JOHN'S JOURNAL



The signing of Richard Money two weeks ago gave me a marathon drive and another saga to add to my list. Leaving home at 7.15 a.m. on the Thursday morning, I set out for a 11.30 appointment with Peter Robinson, the Liverpool secretary at Anfield.

I was making good time until I reached junction 17 and 18 on the M6 when I came to a halt. There had been a multi pile-up further up the motorway on a contraflow system in thick fog. I sat in the car for one and a half hours and didn't move. Eventually I did reach the slip road only to have a 7 mile nose to tail drive through the country lanes near Knutsford before rejoining the motorway at 11.45.

I arrived at Anfield at 12.30 only to find that Peter couldn't wait any longer and had left for a Football League meeting in Lytham St Annes. Being pointed in the right direction, I set out again to arrive in Lytham about 1.45 p.m. After the formalities and forms had been signed and registered it was approximately 2.45 when I left for home with only a brief stop to look at the sea and have something to eat, arriving home at 7 p.m.

The total mileage for the day was 445 and spending nearly twelve hours driving is no joke. With Richard scoring the equaliser at Rotherham it made the journey worthwhile.

The last time that I was in

Liverpool was with Harry Haslam when Andy King was transferred to Everton. I remember we couldn't find the ground and had to ask a moped rider the way. His reply was: 'Follow me' and he took us straight to Goodison Park. The same thing happened to me this time. I stopped at some traffic lights and asked another driver the way to Anfield. He took me around all the back streets to the ground. It wasn't the same person but it does show that there are still some good people about.
John Wilkinson
Secretary



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CENTURY CLUB

Looking back at the copy of the original notes for the Queens Park Rangers game we said 'Thank goodness we are back in business after our long lay-off'. But, of course, that date also had to be postponed. However, here we are at last, looking forward to a good evening's entertainment, with the sad thought that we have only one more home game left this season.

What a season it has been. Writing these notes in advance means the final outcome is still not known. But here's hoping, and good luck to the team today.

You will soon receive your invitation to renew your membership of the Century Club. Please reply by the date given because there is quite a lot of administration work to be done when your replies come in, and we want to make sure everyone receives their membership wallets in good time.

Tomorrow, we shall be enjoying ourselves at the Chiltern Hotel for our annual ball, when the names of the Century Club Player and Supporter of the Year will be revealed. Check the notice board on Saturday to find out who it is if you were not able to attend.

Also on Saturday, the Barry O'Donovan Trophy for the Young Player will be presented at the end of season party, which promises to be an evening of fun.

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May we wish the team every success today and in future games.

QPR THROUGH THE YEARS

● Since their foundation in 1885, QPR have used 12 different grounds. This is their third separate spell at Loftus Road and they have also had two separate spells at the White City.

● The QPR v Plymouth Argyle Southern League game on Christmas Day 1901 attracted 29,786 spectators — a record for the Southern League.

● In the space of six seasons in the thirties QPR were managed by an Englishman (Archie Mitchell), an Irishman (Mike O'Brien), a Scotsman (Billy Birrell) and a Welshman (Ted Vizard).

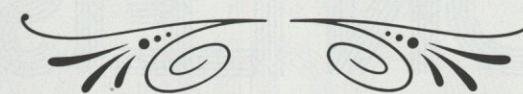
● Full-back Reg Dudley had the bad luck to break an arm and a leg in the same game against Bristol City in November 1947.

● QPR's tally of 111 goals in 1961-62 was a record for Division Three. So was their margin of 12 points over second place Middlesbrough when winning the Third Division Championship in 1966-67.

● Jim Langley became the oldest player to appear in a League Cup Final when turning out for QPR against West Bromwich Albion in 1967, aged 38 years 1 month. He later became the oldest player to turn out in an FA Challenge Trophy final when playing for Hillingdon against Telford in 1971, aged 42 years 3 months.


● Twins Roger and Ian Morgan played for QPR together on many occasions in the sixties.

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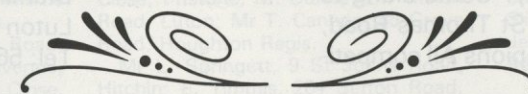


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LUTON LEISURE

Before the start of this evening's match, the final of the Brengreen (Holdings) Junior Seven-a-Side Cricket Championships will be held. Tonight's final is the Under-12s and is between St Josephs School and Harpenden Colts. The teams are:

St Josephs School: R. Scully, M. Clancy, R. Dimmock, G. Walsh, D. McGallagh, J. Andrews, G. Fallen.

Harpenden Colts: R. Cornish, D. Cornish, N. Scott, P. Scott, G. Warren, D. Hales, M. Williams.

It is a 10-over match, and a panel of judges will select the person for the Boy of the Match award. The winners will receive the David Evans Cup as well as representing Luton in the Champions All competition on 16th May, in Luton.

On Saturday, the Under-14s final will take place between Vandyke and Harpenden Town. Come early, the match starts at 2 p.m.

The second Luton Junior Open Casting Championships, sponsored by Dumpleton Sports, at Sundon Park, will take place at War-down Park Lake on Sunday 6th June 1982.

The Championships are open to the first 100 boys or girls under 16 years on a first come, first served basis. Round one will start at 9 a.m. and the finals at 2 p.m. All participants will have 12 casts and the top 20 participants will have a further 20 casts. The targets will be three hoops in different positions, and if you miss you will still be marked by the panel of judges.

There is trophy for the winner plus plaques for the top six. There is also a star prize for the winner along with prizes for the five runners-up and all persons entering. The entrance fee is only 50p, and application forms are available from Marsh House. If you do not wish to enter, then why not come along with your family for the day. Bring a picnic.

Nothing to do next Sunday? Come along to the Regional Sports Centre, St Thomas Road, Luton. The event is the Champions All competi-

tion. Teams from Luton, Norwich, Ipswich and Colchester will be competing for the trophy in the following sports: Five-a-Side Football (three age groups); Petanque (adults/cadets); Netball (two age groups); Seven-a-Side Cricket.

Play starts at 10 a.m. The afternoon will consist of lots of fun and games involving the competitors. The games are: Heave-Ho and Shove; It's a mad world; Mastermind; It's a long way home; Take your corner.

It should be a great day out with much fun. David Pleat and several Luton Town players will be there to join in the games. Why not come along and cheer for Luton!

Vacancies for the *Evening Post-Echo* school of football are filling up fast. It is advisable to apply for an application as soon as possible.

The non residential course is for boys and is to be held at Leagrave Park, Luton. Commencing on Monday 2nd August and finishing on Friday 6th August 1982. Times are 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. The school is open to the first 100 boys aged between eight and 14.

The course programme will include technique work, small sided games, skill work, penalty competitions, individual and group competitions plus a skill test.

Coaches are all FA qualified. The cost for this course is £13 for all five days. Application forms are available from Marsh House.

For the first time in Luton, there will be a hockey school at the Regional Sports Centre, commencing on 31st August to the 3rd September, where there will be expert coaching from top coaches and international players. For further details write to Marsh House.

If you have any ideas for any activities you wish to see, or for further details write to:

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To support this view, we publish this evening our recent £1,000 winners. But although we highlight them, don't forget that every one ticket in five is a winner from 25p to a new car or £1,000.

We hope that, if you have not arrived on the list of winners, you soon will be playing one of our eight lotteries.

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nissett, 86 Dundale Road, Tring; J. Heritage, 21 St Lawrence Avenue, Luton; Mrs P. Spicer, 4 Trigg Terrace, Stevenage; Miss D. Glenister, 121 Hartsfield Road, Luton; Mrs Bates, 45 Milestone Road, Hitchin; Mr G. Murdoch, 224 Hightown Road, Luton.

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MIKE HARDWICKE
Commercial Manager



Celebrations after our victory over Shrewsbury continued well into Saturday morning. On our 'Action' pages this week we reproduce some of the scenes you wouldn't have seen in the papers.

Above: Ricky entertains his 'cousins' in the Joe Payne Lounge.

Below left: Captain Horton starts the bubbly flowing.

Below right: Kirk and 'Dad' Stephens.

Top right: Players pose for the TV cameras.

Bottom right: Family groups — David Coates, John Moore and Trevor Hartley and their families.



VISITORS

QUEENS PARK RANGERS

THE CLUB . . .

This evening, we are proud to entertain one of this season's FA Cup finalists — and their manager Terry Venables — who meet Spurs at Wembley later this month.

But we have our eyes on a double because Luton made Football League history by winning the first game on their artificial surface on 1st September.

Their Omniturf has grabbed its fair share of the headlines. So have Rangers after winning their way to Wembley, but they arrive at Kenilworth Road after appearing to blow their promotion chances after making a serious challenge for the best part of the season.

Venables was appointed manager of Rangers in mid October 1980 and was a schoolboy international before winning a full England cap. He has a proud record because he was the only player to represent England at all five levels.

He joined Chelsea, his first senior club, and played over 200 games, and gained a Football League Cup winners medal in 1965. White Hart Lane is also a familiar ground to Terry. He joined Tottenham Hotspur as a player, from Chelsea in May 1966.

Venables was transferred to Queens Park Rangers in the summer of 1969. The fee paid

was £80,000, and what was then a club record. Terry recalls: 'Some people told me I was daft to go in the Second Division, but I was happy with the move to Rangers right from the start.'

He proved himself as a club captain, with skilful play and excellent leadership, which was a major factor, as he led his team to First Division promotion.

GLEN ROEDER



. . . AND THE PLAYERS

Goalkeeper John Burridge started his career with Workington where he made 27 appearances before moving to Blackpool. Another move took him to Aston Villa who sold him to Crystal Palace before he signed for Rangers just before Christmas in 1980.

Ian Gillard joined Rangers straight from school and made his debut in 1968. After winning an England Under-23 cap, he followed that by representing them at full level against West Germany in 1975. Another defender, John Gregory, arrived at Loftus Road from Brighton in June 1981 in exchange for a £300,000 cheque.

Bob Hazell and Ernie Howe have a wealth of experience behind them. So does Glen Roeder, another player who cost Rangers money when they paid Orient £250,000 for his transfer.

Former Luton players Don Shanks, Andy King and Barry Silkman (who was with us on loan) have moved to new clubs as Venables looks for a team capable of taking Rangers back into the First Division.

One of the key players in that plan is Gerry Francis. He was England's skipper in 1975-76 and left Rangers to join Crystal Palace in May 1979 after joining the Loftus Road club as an ap-

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prentice professional in 1968 and made his debut as a 16-year-old against Liverpool the same year.

He was appointed Rangers skipper in 1974 when he took over from Venables. After moving across London to Palace, he made the return trip in February last year.

The power up front is provided by Simon Stainrod who moved south from Lancashire when he was transferred from Oldham in November 1980 for £275,000.

He won an England international youth cap when he was with Sheffield United and made 67 appearances, scoring 27 goals, before moving to Oldham. He was Venables' first signing when he took over as manager and he agreed to pay Oldham another £50,000 if Stainrod wins a full England cap.

Clive Allen raised a few eyebrows when he left Rangers to join Arsenal for a fee over one million pounds. Before the ink had dried on the transfer

forms, he was on the move again, this time to Crystal Palace, where he scored nine goals in 25 appearances. But, before long, he was back at Rangers in an arrangement which took Steve Wicks to Palace.

Mike Flanagan has also had his fair share of travelling. He moved from Charlton by agreeing to a transfer to Crystal Palace at a fee of £650,000 in July 1979. Six months later, he arrived at Rangers and scored on his debut at Bolton.

Back row (left to right): Allan Harris (Assistant Team Manager), Jock Skinner (Kit Manager), Gerry Francis, Ernie Howe, Peter Hucker (Reserve Team Goalkeeper), Bob Hazell, John Burridge (Goalkeeper), Tony Currie, Mike Flanagan, David Butler (Physiotherapist), Terry Venables (Team Manager). Front row: Clive Allen, Andy King, Tony Sealy, Gary Waddock, Glen Roeder (Captain), John Gregory, Simon Stainrod, Ian Muir, Terry Fenwick.



POINTS ATTENDANCES LEAGUE TABLES

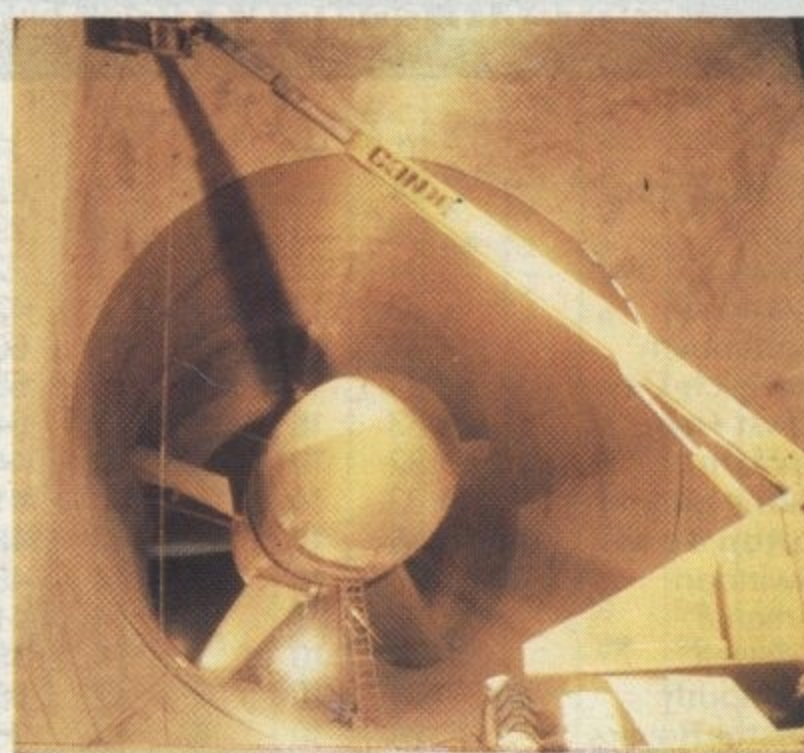
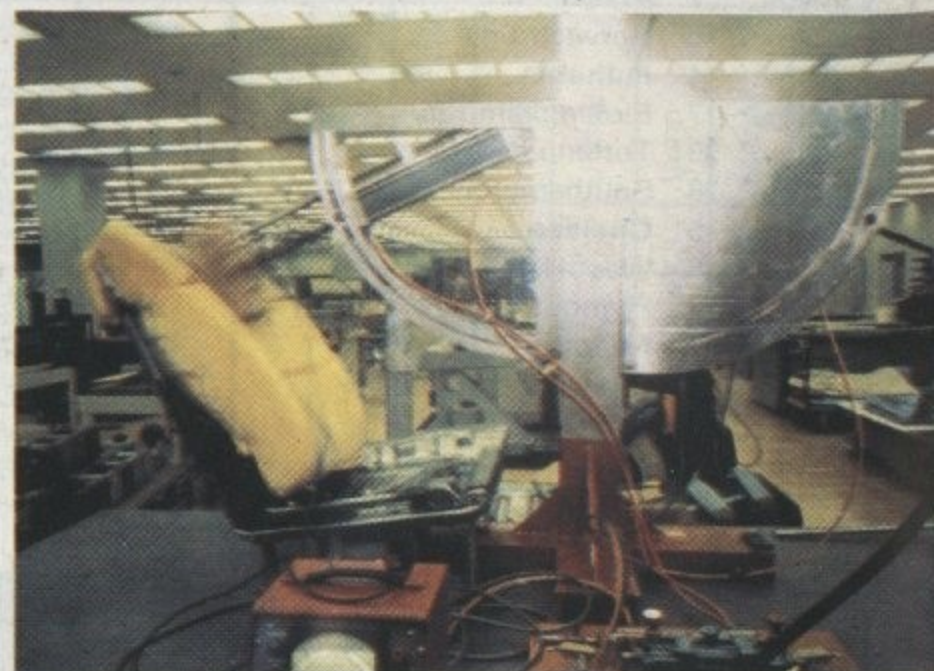
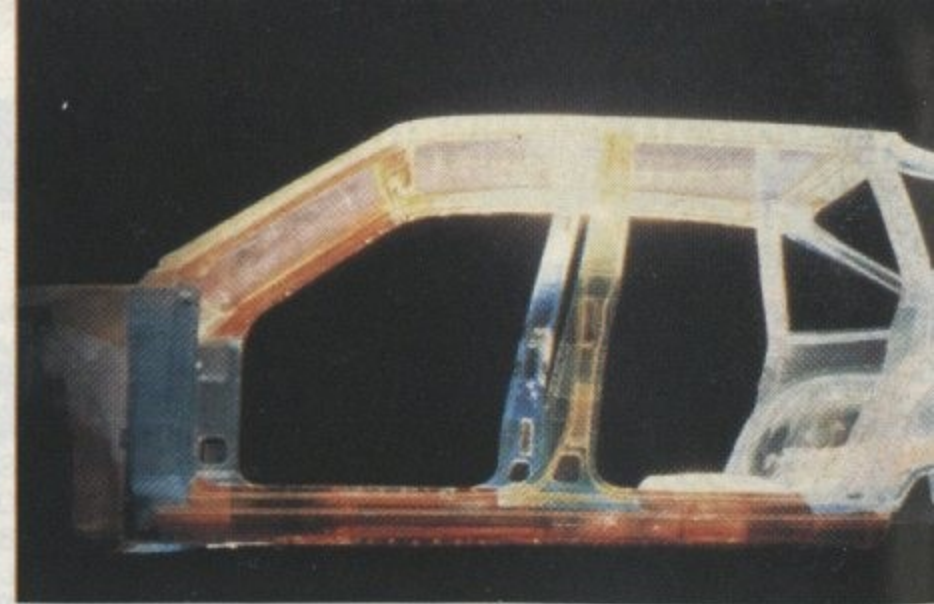
| Opponents | Result | Attendance | Points | Position | Findlay | Stephens | Aislewood | Horton | Saxby | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | White | Antic | Ingram | Turner | Moss | Fuccillo | Goodyear | Small | Aleksic | Judge | Bunn | Money | Jennings |
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| 1981 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| August | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 Charlton Athletic | 3-0 | 8,776 | 3 | -1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Queens Park Rangers | 2-1 | 18,703 | 6 | -1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 Bolton Wanderers | 2-1 | 6,911 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 Sheffield Wednesday | 0-3 | 12,131 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 Leicester City | 2-1 | 14,159 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 Cardiff City | 2-3 | 9,015 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 Watford | 4-1 | 12,839 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 Orient | 3-0 | 5,584 | 18 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 Wrexham (LC2-1L) | 0-2 | 6,146 | -1 | -1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 Oldham Athletic | 1-1 | 8,403 | 19 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 Grimsby Town | 6-0 | 9,090 | 22 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 Wrexham | 2-0 | 4,069 | 25 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 Wrexham LC2-2L) | 1-0 | 3,453 | -1 | -1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 Crystal Palace | 1-0 | 11,712 | 28 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 Derby County | 3-2 | 10,784 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 Blackburn Rovers | 1-0 | 9,862 | 34 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 Newcastle United | 2-3 | 21,031 | 34 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 Bolton Wanderers | 2-0 | 8,889 | 37 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 Rotherham United | 3-1 | 11,061 | 40 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 Shrewsbury Town | 2-2 | 5,259 | 41 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 Norwich City | 3-1 | 19,348 | 44 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| January | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Swindon Town FAC 3 | 2-1 | 9,488 | -1 | -1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 Charlton Athletic | 0-0 | 7,013 | 45 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 Ipswich Town (FAC 4) | 0-3 | 20,188 | -1 | -1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 Leicester City | 2-1 | 11,810 | 46 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 Sheffield Wednesday | 3-3 | 18,012 | 49 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 Watford | 1-1 | 22,580 | 50 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 Oldham Athletic | 2-0 | 11,506 | 53 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Cambridge United | 1-0 | 10,597 | 56 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 Grimsby Town | 0-0 | 7,733 | 57 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 Wrexham (LCF) (Friday) | 0-0 | 10,880 | 58 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 Barnsley | *3-4 | 14,044 | 58 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 Crystal Palace | 3-3 | 12,001 | 59 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 Derby County | 0-0 | 15,836 | 60 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 Orient | 2-0 | 9,716 | 63 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| April | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 Blackburn Rovers | 2-0 | 10,721 | 66 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 Cambridge United | 1-1 | 8,815 | 67 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 Norwich City | 2-0 | 15,061 | 70 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 Newcastle United | 3-2 | 13,041 | 73 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 Chelsea | 2-2 | 16,185 | 74 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 Rotherham United | 2-2 | 11,290 | 75 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 Shrewsbury Town | 4-1 | 14,563 | 78 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 Chelsea | 2-1 | 15,044 | 81 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 Queens Park Rangers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 Barnsley | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 Cardiff City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 FA Cup Final | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

MIDLAND YOUTH LEAGUE

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| W.B.A. | 14 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 22 | 8 | 21 |
| Wolves | 12 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 23 | 12 | 17 |
| Coventry | 14 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 19 | 12 | 17 |
| Leicester City | 15 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 21 | 25 | 17 |
| Luton Town | 13 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 32 | 16 | 16 |
| Peterborough | 14 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 27 | 32 | 10 |
| Bristol City | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 20 | 26 | 10 |
| Birmingham | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 8 | 9 |
| Swindon | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 16 | 21 | 7 |
| Northampton | 13 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 9 | 42 | 2 |

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1981-82

| Date | Home | Away | Result |
|----------|---------------------|------|--------|
| Aug. 29 | Orient | | 4-0 |
| Sept. 1 | Tottenham Hotspur | | 1-0 |
| Sept. 5 | Oxford United | | 2-1 |
| Sept. 12 | Leicester City | | 1-1 |
| Sept. 19 | Queens Park Rangers | | 2-0 |
| Sept. 26 | Watford | | 0-5 |
| Oct. 10 | Crystal Palace | | 4-0 |
| Oct. 17 | Swindon Town | | 0-3 |
| Oct. 24 | Ipswich Town | | 2-3 |
| Nov. 7 | Arsenal | | 1-1 |
| Nov. 10 | Norwich City | | 1-3 |
| Nov. 14 | Fulham | | 2-2 |
| Nov. 17 | Birmingham City | | 1-1 |
| Nov. 25 | Tottenham Hotspur | | 1-2 |
| Nov. 28 | Southampton | | 3-5 |
| Dec. 5 | Chelsea | | 2-1 |
| Jan. 6 | West Ham United | | 1-1 |
| Jan. 23 | Plymouth Argyle | | 1-1 |
| Jan. 26 | Reading | | 4-0 |
| Jan. 30 | Queens Park Rangers | | 0-2 |
| Feb. 6 | Leicester City | | 2-2 |
| Feb. 9 | Orient | | 2-1 |
| Feb. 20 | Watford | | 1-0 |
| Feb. 22 | Bristol Rovers | | 0-1 |
| Feb. 27 | Crystal Palace | | 1-0 |
| Mar. 6 | Swindon Town | | 3-3 |
| Mar. 10 | Oxford United | | 1-2 |
| Mar. 13 | Ipswich Town | | 1-2 |
| Mar. 20 | Plymouth Argyle | | 1-1 |
| Mar. 27 | Arsenal | | 1-0 |
| April 3 | Fulham | | 0-1 |
| April 10 | Birmingham City | | 0-1 |
| April 14 | Reading | | 1-1 |



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