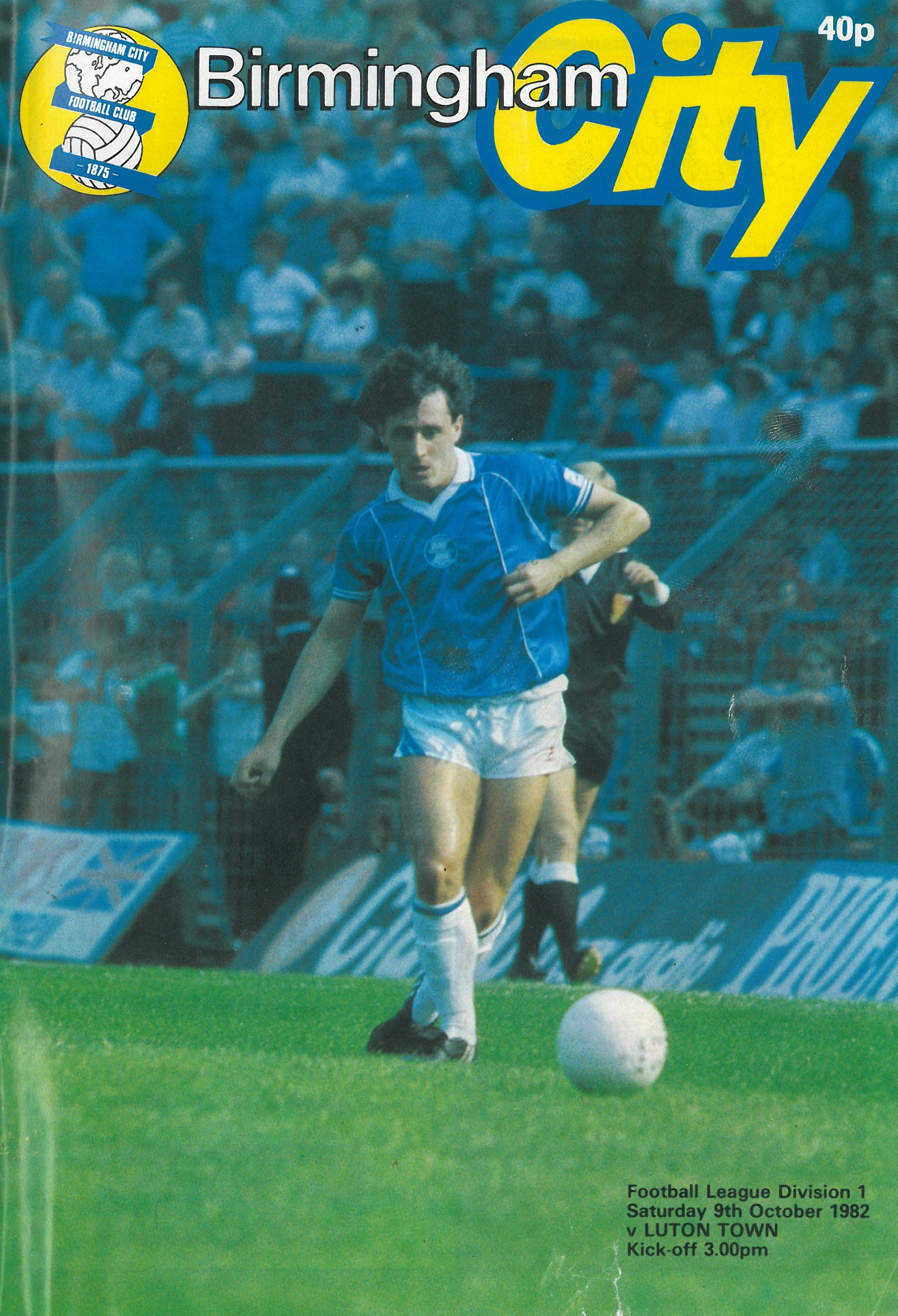


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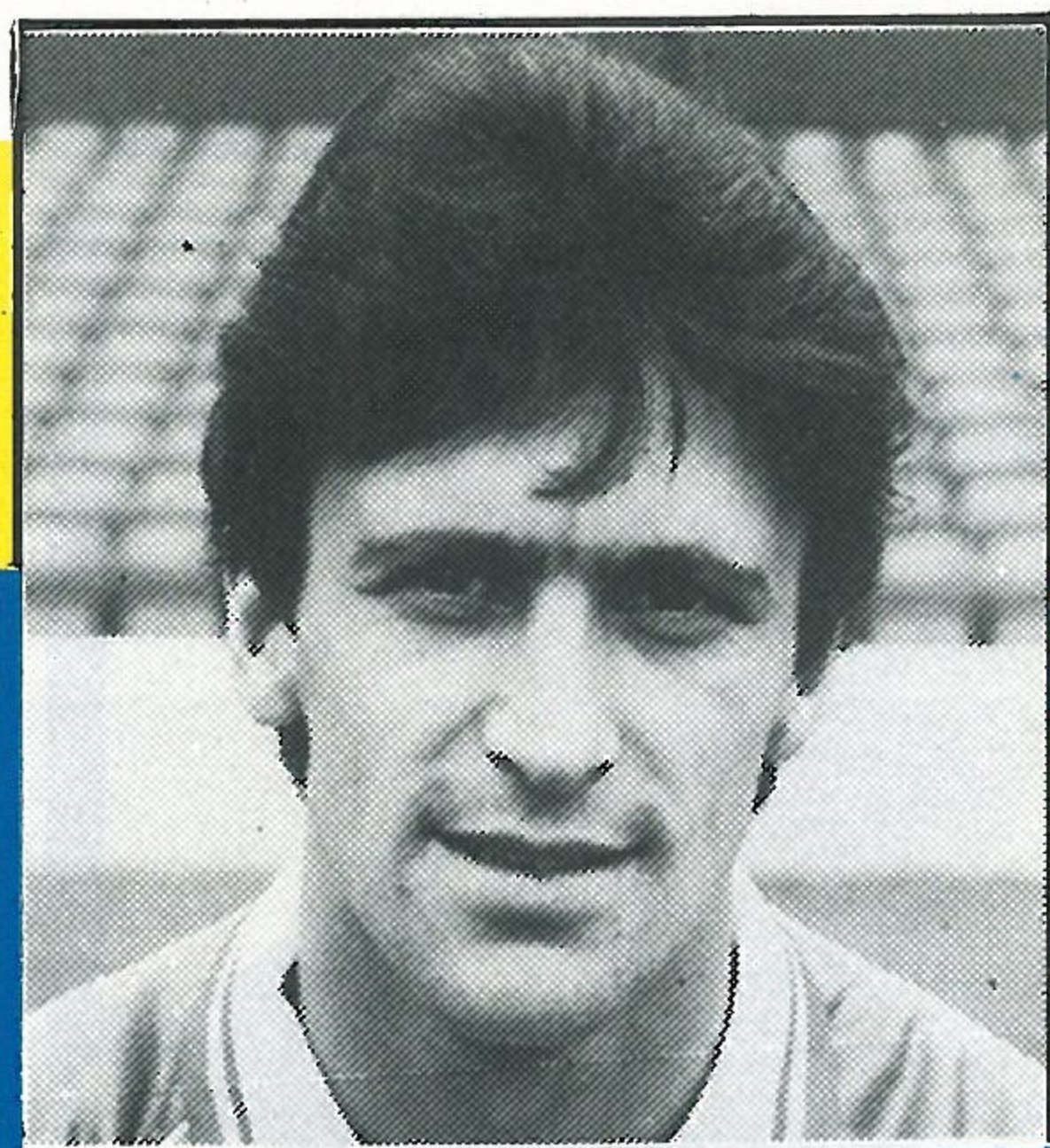


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Face...

BYRON STEVENSON

HE'S MADE THE DEFENCE MORE SECURE

Looking back to the early days after Ron Saunders took over as manager of Blues last February it could truly be said that Byron Stevenson did not have the simplest of baptisms.

The fact was that he moved to St. Andrew's from Leeds in exchange of Frank Worthington who had been a popular figure among fans for his undoubted skills and the super goals he had scored for the club.

In the circumstances Byron had plenty to prove.

It was only when the manager captured Mick Harford on deadline day from Bristol City via Newcastle that the gap left by Worthington was filled.

Until his unfortunate injury this season Harford was more than making up for the loss of Worthington but, by now Stevenson was himself battling for fitness!

His value to the club finally came clearly through when he recovered and paired up in the centre of the defence alongside

another new signing Noel Blake.

Welshman Stevenson from Llanelli and the Jamaican-born Brummie from Villa Park produced visibly-heard sighs of relief all round when they kept the Coventry City scoresheet blank three weeks ago.

The 1-0 win that day came after the awful spell of 14 goals against in three matches and, since then only two goals have been conceded in the League, in a 1-0 defeat at Brighton and the 1-1 home draw with Watford.

Stevenson has brought his experience gained for Wales and Leeds into the centre of the defence which, in consequence, has been considerably tighter.

What his career needs most of all is a good, long stable run as first choice in a set position so that he can establish himself on a more permanent footing than ever before.

To date his progress seems always to have been set back by a spell out of the team for one reason or another.

Another "problem" is that he is sufficiently versatile to play in defence or midfield making it always a possibility that he will be switched to suit the needs of the team.

Consequently it is a shade more difficult for Stevenson to settle down in a permanent specialist role.

However he is the battling type of hard working player who appeals to manager Saunders since he gives a wholehearted contribution.

Stevenson can tackle, he's fearless in the air, his positional sense is sound and, helped by his experience in midfield, his distribution is controlled.

Fitness permitting he has what it takes to establish himself now as a set part of Saunders' plans. However the signing of Colin Brazier, a fairly similar type of player increases the challenge for places which in turn should increase all-round determination from every player.

APPEARANCES, GOALS

	74/75	75/76	76/77	77/78	78/79	79/80	80/81	81/82	82/83	TOTAL
LEAGUE	1	0+1s	10	3+2s	14+1s	25+1s	17+1s	30+1s	3	102+7s
F.A. CUP	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	2	—	5
LEAGUE CUP	—	—	—	—	4	2(1)	—	1+1s	—	7+1s(1)
EURO COMPS.	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
WALES	—	—	—	1	6	2+1s	—	5	—	14+1s
WALES U-21	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	3

Goals in brackets

...to Face

RICKY HILL:

HIS TALENTS TAKE HIM TO THE TOP

Luton Town's determination, under enlightened manager David Pleat, to play aggressive attacking football giving players freedom to express themselves has had a dramatic effect on a number of individuals.

Among these is Ricky Hill, whose progress has taken him to a full England cap this season when he went on the field as substitute against Denmark in the European Championship match in Copenhagen.

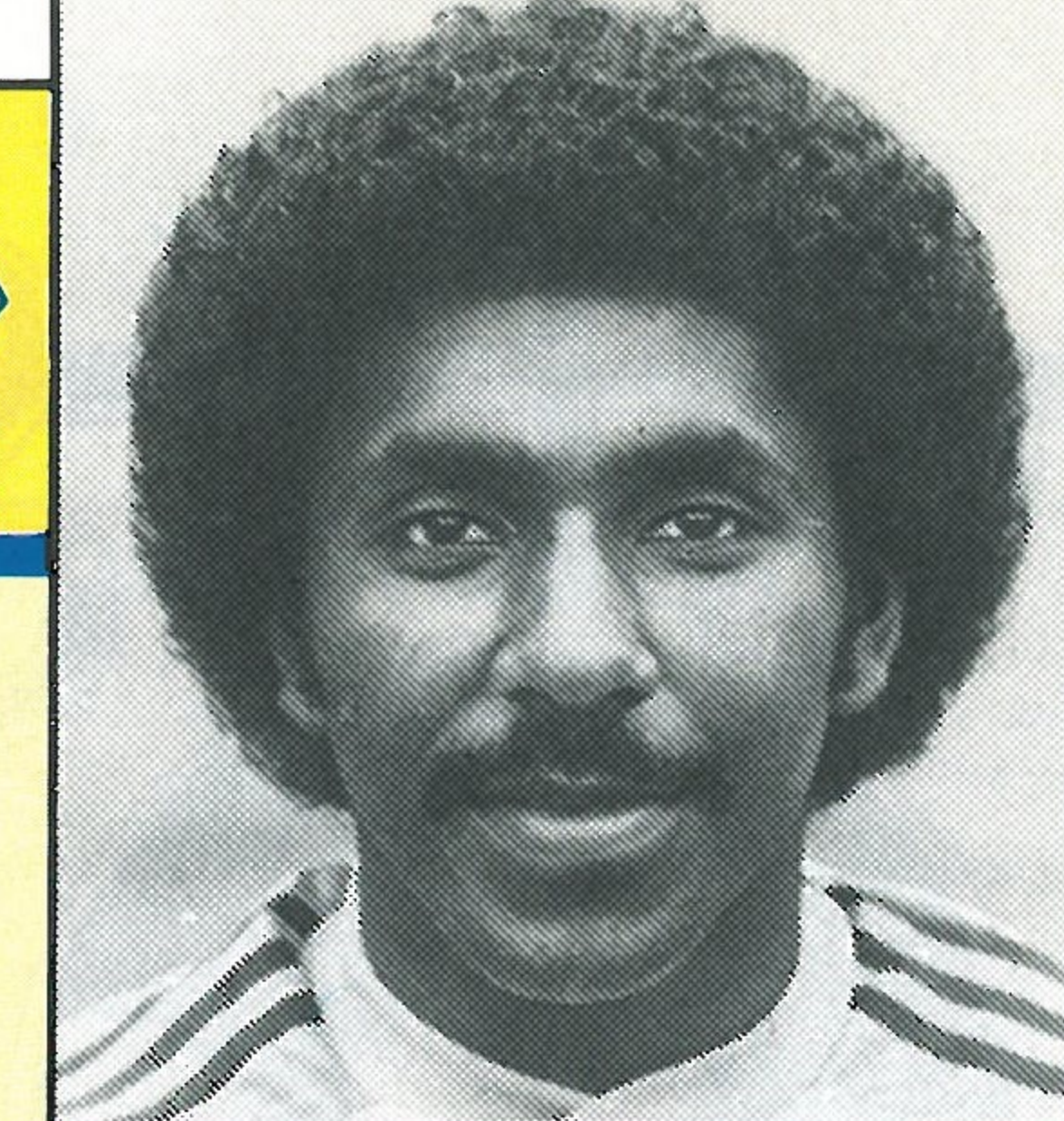
Hill is the darting, exciting sort of player who was bound to catch the eye at international level and who consistently destroyed teams in Division II.

He always looked a natural for First Division football and so it has proved since the Bedfordshire side so worthily won promotion.

In fact, in that promotion year, he was voted by supporters as the Hatters' Player of the season.

Hill's elevation to senior international level came as a result of manager Pleat urging former England boss Ron Greenwood to keep his eyes on him and Bobby Robson has followed the theme through.

North Londoner Hill was closely under scrutiny by West Ham and others as a schoolboy but Luton won the race for his signature giving him a League debut at the



age of 17.

This was in 1976 a debut which he marked with a goal, a scoring habit which has never deserted him for long.

Hill has the rare ability to make chances and to score them, skills which make him a most valuable asset to his club as they pursue their brave policy to play open football home and away.

Televiewers took massive enjoyment from Luton's entertaining 4-4 draw with Stoke City two weeks ago and last Saturday it was a goal by Hill which earned his club a 1-1 home draw with Manchester United.



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LEAGUE	1+1s (1)	9+2s (4)	37+3s (5)	38 (3)	40 (6)	42 (7)	38 (5)	8 (2)	213+6s (33)
F.A. CUP	—	—	3	1	1	2	2	—	9
LEAGUE CUP	—	1	4	3(1)	2	3	2	—	15(1)
ENGLAND	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0+1s	0+1s

Goals in brackets

IN DEPTH REPORT ON TWO RIVAL SQUAD PLAYERS

CITY SCENE



DENNIS SHAW

CAN WE LEARN FROM THE ITALIAN CONNEXION?

Anyone who keeps an eye on the scraps of news which filter to this country from Italian football will be left with little doubt that success at international level and the influx of big star names stimulates the public appetite for the game.

Whilst over here we agonise about declining interest and falling gates, the top clubs in Italy are cramming the crowds in at the start of their season in direct contrast to us.

Their experience gives us food for thought, too.

Italian football is enjoying a massive upsurge at the top end of its market... yet their recession is worse than ours, their admission charges are approximately double over here, they are the World's experts at what we call dull, negative football.

Italy are the cynical defence experts of the game, with goals a rare, precious commodity yet for the big attraction matches they're locking the doors on capacity gates.

And right there in the middle of the action (until injury chopped him down) was St. Andrew's old boy Trevor Francis.

Those thousands of Blues fans who, like the club, regretted his departure three or four years ago must have noticed that neither Forest nor Manchester City could hold him for the smallest fraction of the time he spent here.



DON'T BE SMALL, KEV

On the subject of stars it was good to see Kevin Keegan had hit four for Newcastle last Saturday.

The Geordies badly need some return on their investment whilst the game as a whole needs, excitement, colour goals.

But why, oh why does little Kev keep on about not playing for England any more, because the England boss left him out of his first team?

Keegan's not too big to be left out of any side and if he truly is a sportsman with a patriotic streak he will leap at the chance of putting on the white shirt of England once again, should Bobby Robson ever decide to send for him.

Any less of a response would brand him as being petulant and childish. Surely a guy who has given so much out on the field for England and for his various clubs can't REALLY be that small-minded?

Now Trevor is with Sampdoria of Genoa, newly promoted to the top division of the Italian League. They were expected to get very little from their toughest possible League opening in the shape of a trio of matches against the giant of Juventus, Inter Milan and Roma.

In fact they won all three, Juventus and Roma in Genoa and Inter in the famous San Siro Stadium of Milan, sprinting away to a six-out-of-six super start. In between, of course, Francis scored both goals for England in the 2-2 draw in Denmark.

And what an occasion that opening game with Juventus was for Francis and Liam Brady, the ex-Arsenal Irish international whom Sampdoria signed from Juventus in the summer before they captured Francis from Manchester City.

When they arrived at the ground two hours before the Sunday afternoon kick off the Stadium was already packed with a 53,000 full house, who paid prices ranging from five pounds to £15.

Something of a contrast to the situation in this country especially when you consider that Italy have total saturation of T.V. coverage with every First Division goal being shown on Sunday evenings.

Why the difference? One can only assume that their World Cup win and the fact that all of the top clubs have two big foreign stars in their ranks — Platini, Boniek, Francis, Brady, Falcao, all of these and many more are in the Italian League — catches the imagination of the flamboyant Latins, who truly love their stars.

Either that or they simply like their football more than we do!

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COSMOPOLITAN CITY

It's inevitable, I guess, that a staff of professional footballers come from all points of the compass but there seems to be an exceptionally wide variety of birthplaces on the St. Andrew's players' records just now.

If they all went "home" at the same time for any particular reason we really would be far-flung Blues?

Apart from having players from a variety of places in England we also have members of the playing staff born in seven other countries, namely:

Jamaica: Noel Blake. **Holland:** Toine van Mierlo and Bud Brocken. **Southern Ireland:** Dave Langan. **Northern Ireland:** Jim Hagan. **Scotland:** Jim Blyth. **Wales:** Byron Stevenson. **Belgium:** Pat van den Hauwe.

Interesting to note also that to keep the local lads in the picture, too, manager Ron Saunders has signed two "Brummies" in Geoff Scott and Colin Brazier whilst Kevin Summerfield was born close at hand, namely in neighbouring Walsall.

To complete the picture of a truly cosmopolitan club there's Kevan Broadhurst from **Yorkshire**, Frank Carrodus (near **Manchester**), Tony Evans and Neil Whatmore (**Liverpool**), Kevan Dillon, Mick Harford, Ian Handysides (**North East**) and the London "brigade" of Mark Dennis, Carl Francis, Alan Curbishley and Les Phillips.

Anybody need an interpreter?

Milk Cup 2nd round 2nd leg Blues v Shrewsbury Town Tuesday 26th October, 1982 (Kick-off 7.30 p.m.)

Seat tickets are available for the return leg. Blues having drawn 1-1 in the first leg at Shrewsbury last Tuesday.

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St Andrews AtoZ



SPOTLIGHT ON A PLAYER — AND A MEMBER OF THE TEAM BEHIND THE TEAM

Front Line BLUES

DENNIS — MARK

Born: Streatham.

Position: Left back.

Signed: Apprentice Professional, June 1977.

Blues Debut: v Norwich, away, Sept. 1978.

League Appearances: 108

Internationals: England Under-21.

Comments: Mark Dennis undoubtedly has the ability and determination to be the best left back in the country.

Unfortunately his progress has been marred by injuries and his temperament on the field which has caused him disciplinary problems.

When he can put these setbacks behind him under the leadership of Ron Saunders he will become one of the most exciting defenders in the game.



Backroom BLUES

DEVEY — RAY

Duties: In charge of playing equipment.

Comments: Ray is the club's longest serving "True Blue" having joined the club as a player 45 years ago.

Birmingham born and bred.

Ray's career at St. Andrew's was interrupted by a move to Mansfield and the war years but since then he has been trainer and coach for several managers before settling down exclusively to looking after the kit.

This may sound a simple job but, in fact, keeping up to forty players kitted out with the requirements of training, friendly matches and the multitude of competitive fixtures keeps Ray constantly on his toes.

Ray is still an active sportsman. He loves his round of golf and has been seen in countless charity soccer matches over the years.



Blues 1
Watford 1
Saturday
October 2

1. Kevin Summerfield who came on as sub ... and equalised.
2. A cluster of Watford attackers threaten Blues goal ... but it's Noel Blake who wins.
3. Watford 'keeper John Sherwood has to be at full stretch to beat Frank Carrodus.

Pictures 2 and 3: Birmingham Post and Mail.



Action
Flashback

Action Flashback

Blues 1
Watford 1
Saturday
October 2

- Frank Carrodus was called upon to play up front in the absence of a recognised striker. Here are three Carrodus attempts.
4. 'Keeper John Sherwood just gets there first.
 5. Two defenders are beaten as he forces his way through.
 6. In full flight.



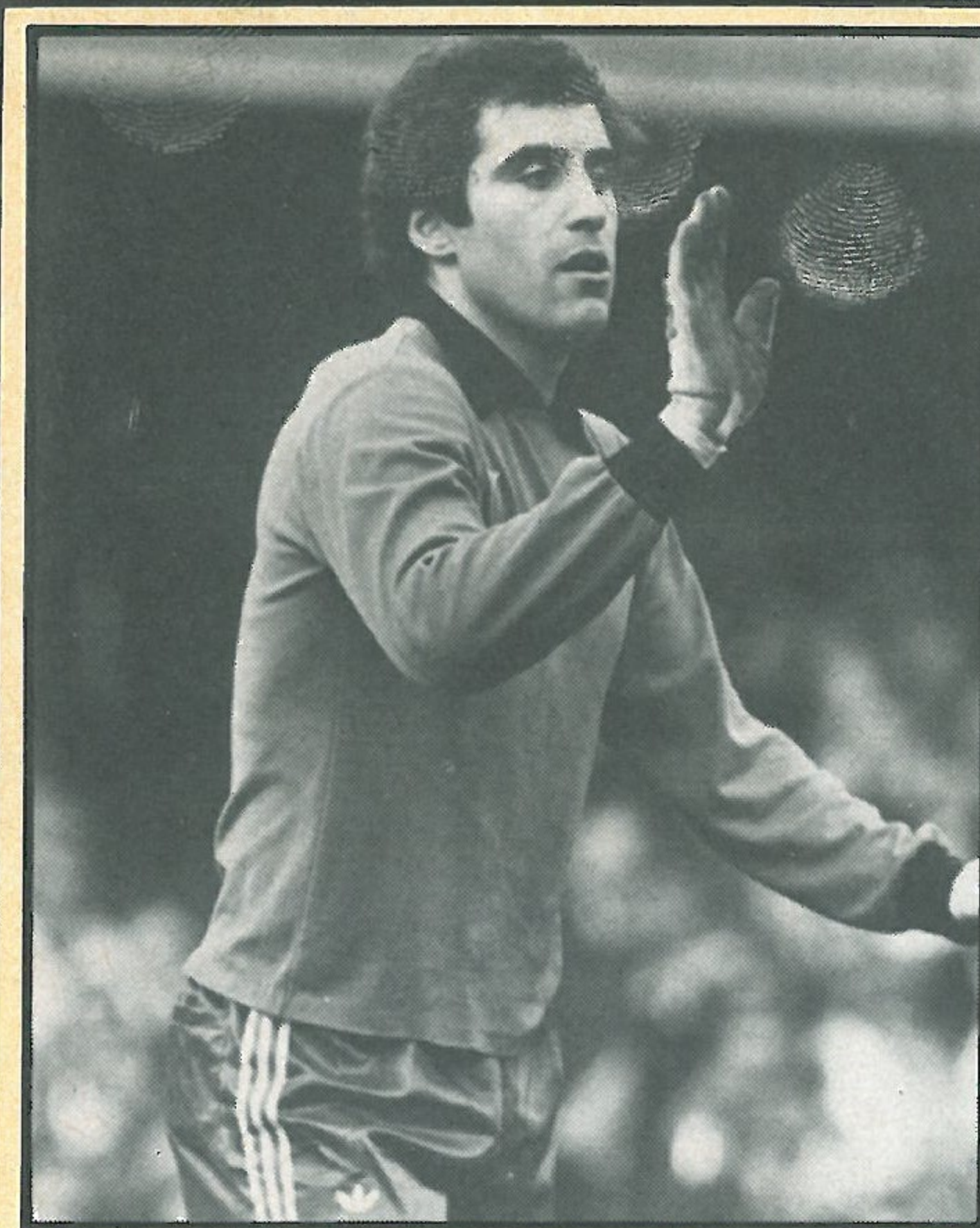
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PETER SHILTON

The Football League have tried desperately hard this season to make League soccer a top rate entertainment. The new interpretation of the laws was specifically designed to increase the skill factor and keep the game moving and in all honesty it must be declared that to some extent the experiment has worked.

The clamp down on the 'professional foul' probably needs tidying up a little but in general referees have adapted well to the more liberal rulings concerning offside with the result that games are allowed to flow and develop into goalmouth incidents, which is what it is all about.

The stricter enforcement of the rules at throw-ins has also made a vast improvement. Players no longer hold on to the ball so that they can steal another few yards, so the ball is thrown in quickly without fuss and this maintains the continuity.

However, there is one area which I feel has detracted from the spectacle and that is the interpretation of the laws relating to goalkeepers. The idea behind the thinking was to eliminate time wasting by 'keepers, but the rigid four step rule and the fact that they cannot roll the ball or kick it and pick it up again without another player touching it first has diminished the skill factor in the game.

Our goalkeepers have simply become automatons, picking up the ball and kicking it as far as possible down the other end of the field. It is almost as if they are afraid to handle it and the nervous uncomfortable feeling is evident from Rochdale to Liverpool.

It is a pity because it had taken decades for English goalkeepers to establish the habit of throwing to outfield players instead of thumping long high balls upfield, which the majority of the time are swallowed up by beefy defenders.

If football is to become a better form of entertainment then accuracy rather than lottery is the name of the game. One of the outstanding qualities of goalkeepers like Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence is their ability to assess situations and start dangerous counter attacks by decisive distribution. Shilts and Clem have engineered many a goal through their quick wittedness and accurate execution, but there is a danger that the new system will smother this art.

England number one Peter Shilton patted his head with disbelief when he was pulled up for taking more than four steps earlier this season at Carrow Road. "I couldn't believe that I had stepped over the mark," said the man who is as professional as they come.

"The new rule is not a good one," explained Shilton. "It prevents a goalkeeper making a good distribution of the ball. You can't throw a ball comfortably if you are only two yards off your own touchline, it is impossible.

"A goalkeeper like an outfield player needs space. If you can run out quickly and throw the ball accurately to a player out on the wing then you are being constructive and that must be better for the game."

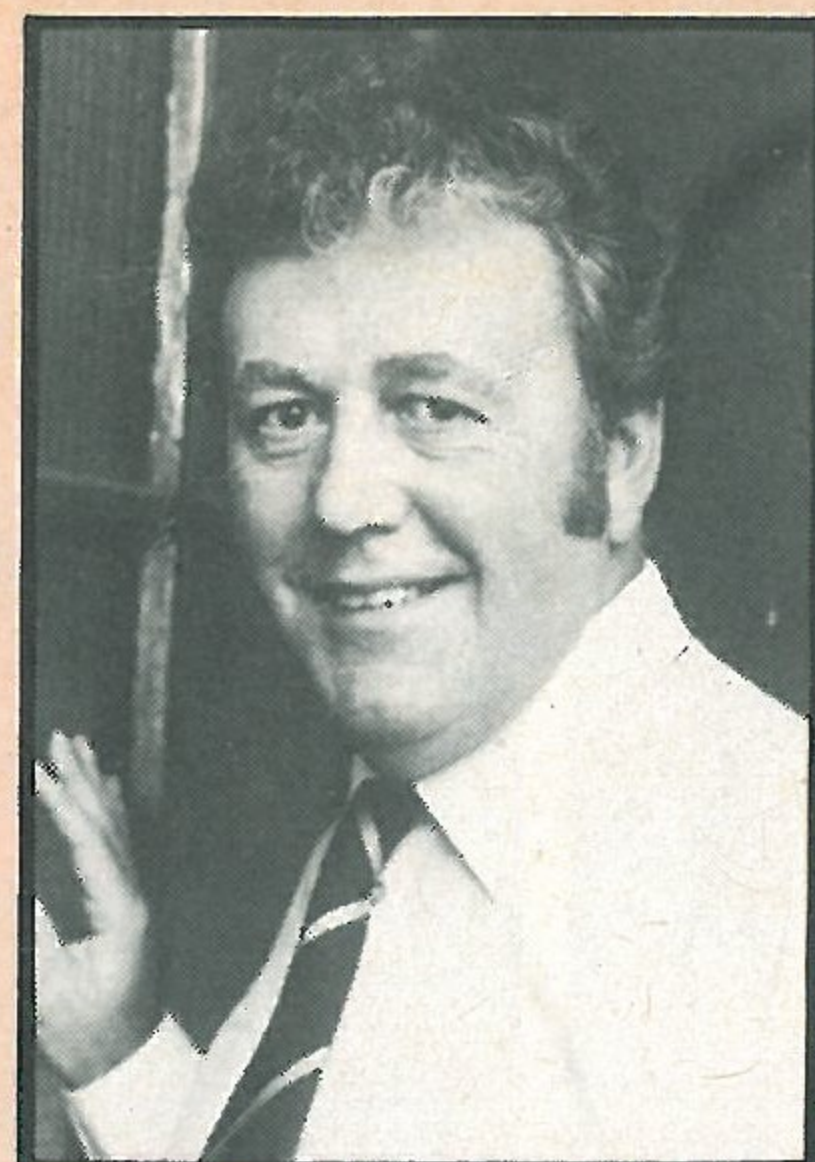
GIVE 'KEEPERS' BACK THEIR FREEDOM



RAY CLEMENCE

BRADLEY'S BRIEF

Ray Bradley of the 'Sunday Express' writes for you



Watford and Luton have brought a breath of fresh air to the stifling First Division front at a time when the troops are still tripping over the ball and managers trip over their tongue as they evoke a florid language on the shape of things to come.

Watford's success has been built on a simple formula — two enterprising wingers and an old-fashioned strike force that bear down on goal like hungry predators every time the ball is pumped into the opposing area.

Southampton have already felt their sting and their bold attacking formation will strike fear into the hearts of many more teams before the season is out.

Luton's commitment to entertain is encapsulated in the words of manager David Pleat who pledged: "Our aim is to finish the season winning a lot of friends. I want my players to feel pride in their performances against the best teams in the country."

A laudable ambition that I hope will not be strangled if things go wrong as they have at Villa and Arsenal.

I can understand the anxiety at Highbury. They have invested £2 million in strikers Tony Woodcock and Lee Chapman to appease the wrath of supporters and have been scantily rewarded for their enterprise.

Last season they were described as boring and defensive, yet their collective efficiency reaped rich rewards in terms of successful results.

Now, after a struggling start to a new campaign, there must be doubts about their ability to draw the customers so desperately needed at Highbury.

Coach Don Howe, one of the most articulate in the business, must now wrestle with the problem of getting the Gunners back on the right trail again.

Arsenal and manager Terry Neill are lucky to have such a pillar to lean on in times of trouble. Howe is a man whose commitment to the game is total.

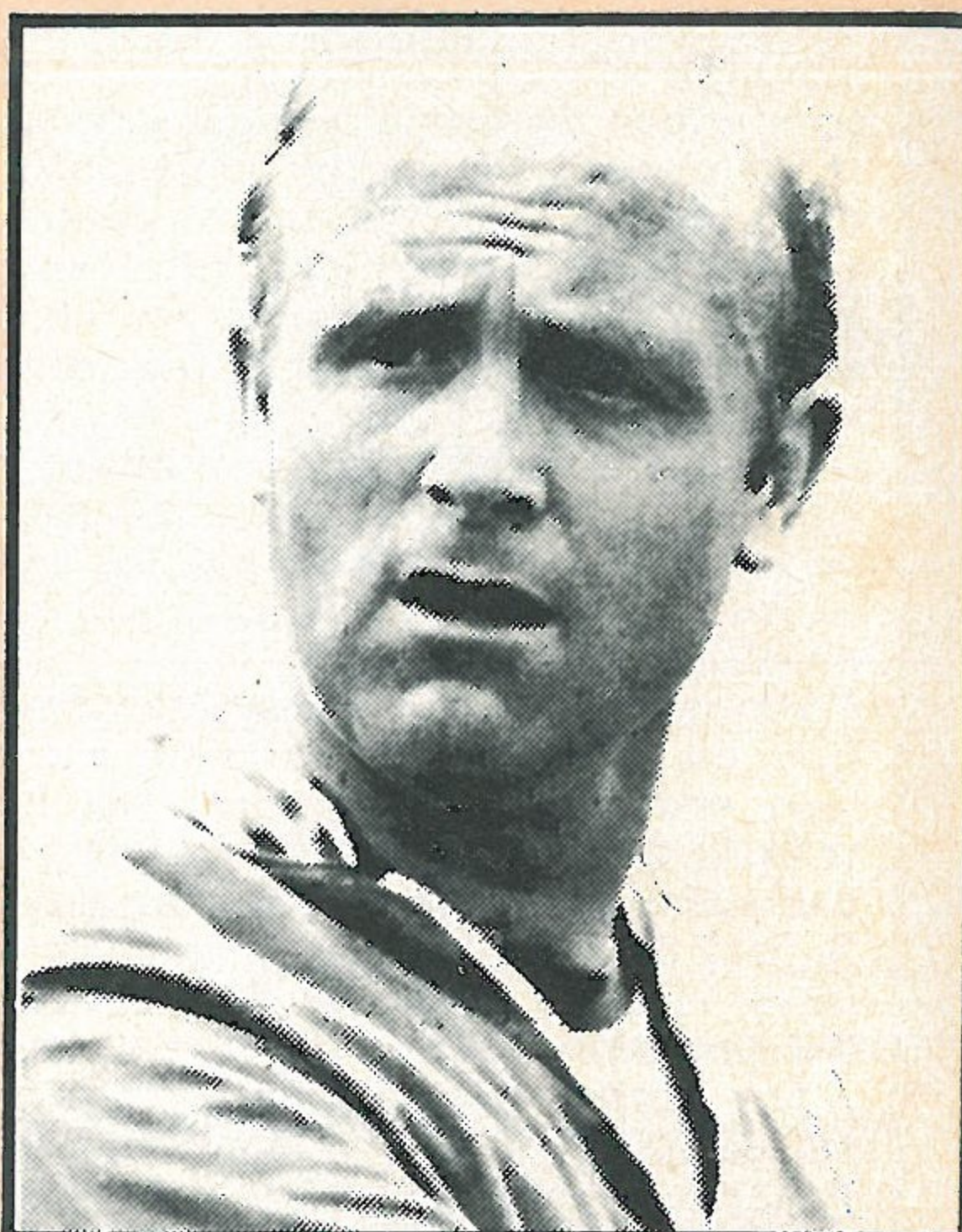
He emerged as the strong man of England as chief lieutenant under Ron Greenwood and there has never been any doubts about his ability to motivate at Highbury.

Before the season started he confessed after a training session at London Colney that Arsenal were now better equipped to challenge for honours this term than at any time in this his second spell with the Gunners.

He is a man who believes in being positive even if that seems to conflict with the negative tactics Arsenal have often used to achieve results in the past. But Howe is a realist who recognises that a team is only as good as the players it depends on to achieve success.

Reflecting on last season he said simply: "We achieved as much as we possibly could with the players at our disposal."

"In the end everything is down to the players. If they respond and show the right competitive spirit you have a good chance of being successful."



DON HOWE

"A good run can bring a surge of confidence. A bad one means that you have to rethink the whole

situation and come up with the right answers to the problems that confront you.

"I now find that football completely dominates my life. At times it can swamp you. It becomes the only thing in life."

"When I was a player I had other interests when training was over. Now I find myself probing more and more into the strategies of the game. I want to find all the answers for my players."

"Even when I go out shopping with my wife I will usually end up around the bookstall — looking for any new books on soccer, athletics, training methods or anything that covers sport."

"When I drive back to Wolverhampton from London Colney I re-run the day's training in my mind; go over the problems that a coach is frequently confronted with on a variety of issues."

"You never stop learning in this game. A coach must search every avenue to improve his knowledge. You will find that all the best ones — like Dave Sexton — are introverts. They are deep thinkers who have an insatiable appetite for more knowledge."

Being with England has only intensified my ambition to be successful. The World Cup in Spain was a wonderful experience. It really stimulated me because every game was a new battle of wits; every match a new challenge.

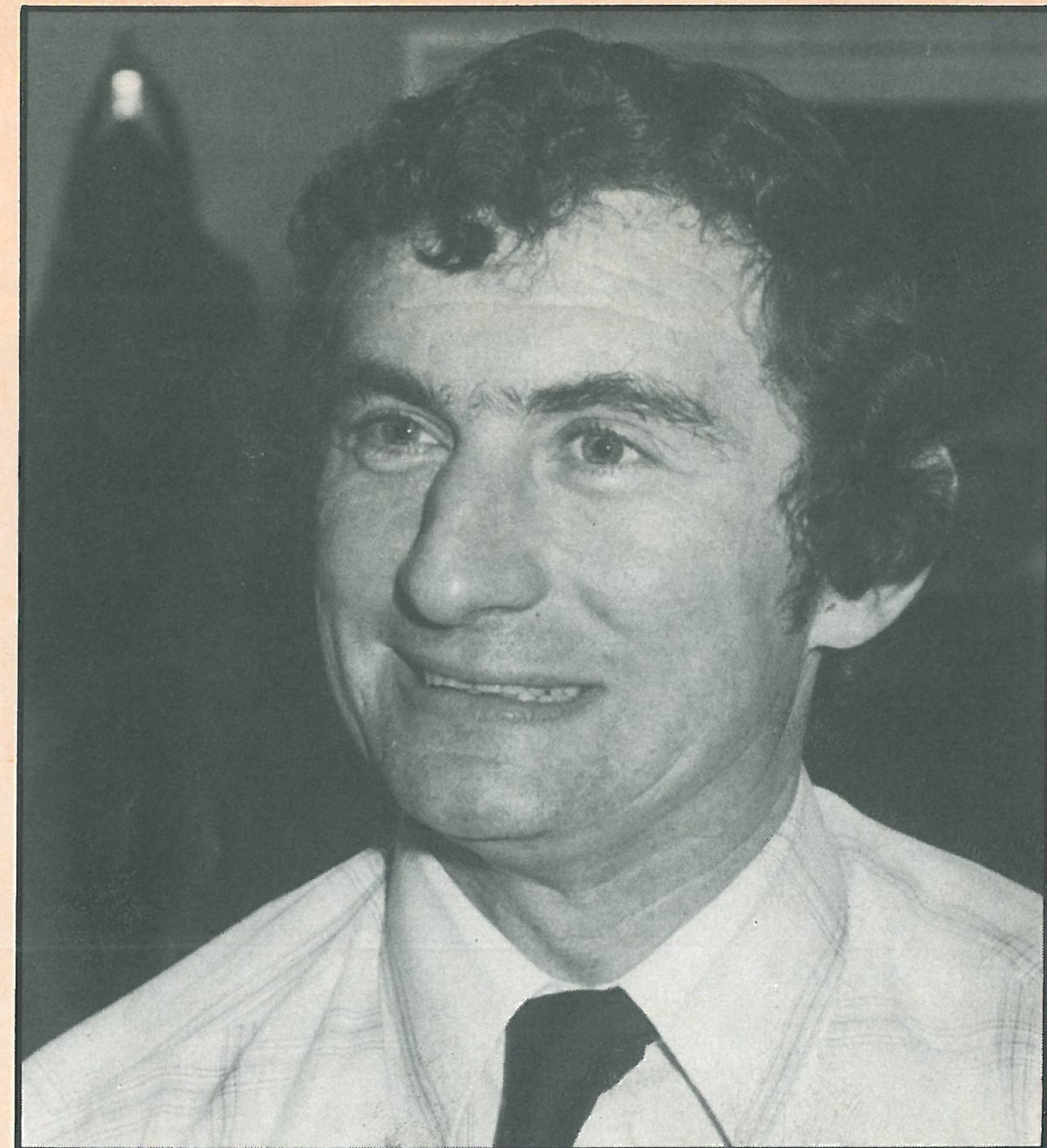
"I was fascinated by the French side. They were so fluid in midfield with players like Giresse, Platini and Tigana. Not even Brazil could equal their fluidity of movement in this department."

"I wanted to know how the French think about this vital area of the field. I want to know how the West Germans are always so tight at the back, so organised and so disciplined."

"I want to try and understand their utter belief in man-to-man marking."

"Brazil? Well how can anyone play like them? Their skills and touch play is supreme. They look brilliant even when they are standing still. They are compulsive viewing for any coach."

The thoughts of Howe — if you



DAVID PLEAT

will pardon the pun — are fascinating listening for any reporter. They encompass a whole range of philosophy on sport and life.

But, alas, all too often their beautiful theories are slayed by ugly facts. Their success is always determined by results. Too often the players they are appealing to fail to respond positively or are suffering from mental malnutrition.

Coaches strive for new techniques that only serve to expose serious flaws. Their thoughts leave little room for improvisation in a game that is still dominated by collective commitment.

You can't sell dogma to those who refuse to digest. As the legendary Bill Shankly used to say: "Coaching is for the kids. All good professionals need is coaxing and if they don't respond you have to get rid of them."

In the end all their theories have to be put to the test. And

frequently will dominates skill in the League jungle.

Johan Cruyff, the Dutch midfield maestro, once pin-pointed the difference between English and Continental philosophy at Portman Road after his team had suffered a humiliating UEFA Cup defeat.

Barcelona had been well beaten by an Ipswich side full of spirit and invention. Cruyff was lavish in his praise of Ipswich, but laconically added: "We will still win the replay in Barcelona."

"We have learned a lot about Ipswich tonight. We gave Muhren too much room. We underestimated Wark and Gates. But it will be so different in the return game."

"When you play in front of 65,000 fans you have to earn your money . . . yes? We shall win and we will do it in style, because we cannot afford to lose or we will be out of Europe."

Barcelona duly won to prove his point. And Ipswich were left to ponder on what went wrong.

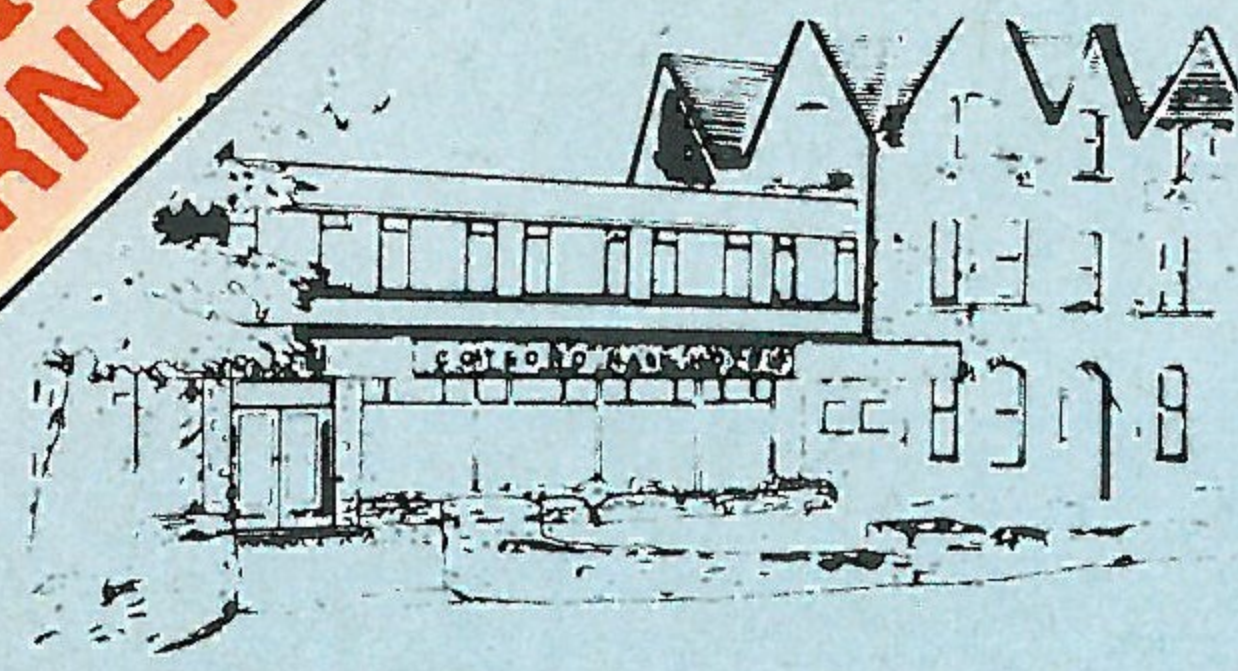
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ALAN'S STILL ON THE BALL



In the words of that popular pop song of the early sixties; "Like a rubber ball he keeps bouncing back." The rubber ball in question is none other than Alan Ball, the phenomenal little dynamo who is still the inspiration behind Lawrie McMenemy's re-building plans at First Division Southampton.

When the Saints crashed 6-0 at White Hart Lane in September, it was to the diminutive little midfield general that Southampton's young starlets looked for guidance and inspiration, and 'Bally' was not slow to respond.

For a player who has been around as long as Alan and has sampled the very very sweet taste of success it is hard to come to terms with mediocrity. Now at the Dell he finds himself caught in the web of uncertainty as McMenemy's team, which was developing so interestingly, was ripped apart last summer when certain key players got on their bikes.

"Obviously it is a frustrating experience," exclaims Ball, "but it is no good looking at the past. What has happened has happened, it is no good sitting and moping about it.

"It takes a lot away from you, it has certainly taken a lot away from me. But we have a lot of kids here who need help and encouragement and need to be taught, and that is what I will do for as long as I can.

"We were not too despondent after that game at Tottenham. Every team gets thrashed occasionally. It has happened to Liverpool, and Aston Villa. It is what you do in the next game that is vitally important.

"The gaffer and I have discussed the problems and we know what we have to do."

The fact that Ball himself is instrumental in what happens on the pitch to Southampton speaks for itself. The tenacious spirit that was such a telling factor in England's famous World Cup Final triumph over West Germany in 1966, is still there in abundance, but how at the age of 37 does he keep it up?

"It's just my love of the game that keeps me going," is Ball's instant response, and yet there is far more to his game than just passion and verve. Surely, Alan must be able to account for his seemingly timeless career by confiding that he has undertaken special fitness exercises, or lived on an exclusive vitamin packed diet?

But no! Alan's secret is that he "enjoys life" to the full. "I enjoy my racing, I enjoy having a drink with friends, I am not a saint (if you will excuse the pun) by any means," he says. "But I work hard at

the right times and enjoy myself at the right times. There is no secret and if you are looking for what drives me on then it is just simply my fanatical love for playing the game."

"I love challenges and I love playing and I know that it will all come to an end. I know that and I try to stave off the fateful day for as long as I can."

Alan started his career at Blackpool, the team which lived on the exploits of one of his most famous peers, Stanley Mathews. The 'Wizard of the dribble' eventually ended up at Stoke City where he played in the League side at the ripe old age of 50, but Ball has no designs on emulating the legend.

"No," he says, "I would not like to go on like him you know, playing just a few odd games a season.

"The hardest part for me at the moment is being patient with myself and the team. After all the things that have happened to me and all the successes I have had and the great teams I have played in, it is now a matter of remaining patient and trying to come to terms with the fact that I can't do the things that I used to be able to do.

"I also have to accept that the players around me at Southampton are not equipped to do the things that some of the great players that I have played with in the past were capable of, so that is hard.

"But I haven't lost any of my skill, just the ability to carry it out as quickly as before. My reactions are not so sharp and the muscles do not respond so willingly. Situations develop in a game which tempt you to try certain things that you used to do, it is an instinctive urge and one I have to fight to curb. I have to accept that the legs are getting older.

"It is all a matter of common sense. I have learned to cut the pitch down and conserve my running. I rely more on my head than my legs now."

Alan Ball's career has been incredible. Just two years ago his life at the top seemed finished when after a glorious career spanning League games with Blackpool, Everton, Arsenal and Southampton, he returned to Bloomfield Road as player-manager. "It is the beginning of the rest of my life," was the way he described it at the time. That second life lasted just 10 months and culminated in the sack . . . But Ball's greatest admirer, Lawrie McMenemy, had no second thoughts in welcoming him back with open arms.

Quick tempered and highly emotive as he is, this Saint has surely earned himself recognition as a player of exceptional qualities, and a place in the annals of soccer history.

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The law changes implemented by the Football Association this year and also incorporating FIFA's changes have made the task of referees at all levels of the game considerably harder. The referee now has to try to be on the spot for fouls which might in his opinion result in goals; for throw-ins taken from the wrong spot and for goal keepers taking too many paces with the ball under their control. This will all mean a change in the system of control employed by referees in general which usually follows a diagonal system on a moveable axis in conjunction with the linesmen. As more work is thrust upon the now hard pressed referee he is less likely to be able to keep up a good level of consistency or to cover all the incidents which occur. For that reason an extended trial should firstly be considered, and secondly be implemented of the "two-referee" system. In this system there is one referee in each half of the field as in the game of ice hockey and since each referee would have to cover only 50% of the ground they now patrol it leaves much more time for greater efficiency and control. The system could only be applied in Professional football since there is so great a shortage of referees on junior leagues that there are not enough referees to go round now with one referee, let alone two. Furthermore, in professional soccer it would still be essential to retain the linesmen to perform numerous vital functions.

Although being more costly this suggested system would not be any more administratively difficult to manage and it would certainly give a greater incentive to all those referees who just cannot manage at the moment to get on the Football League during their careers. Too frequently, referees biding their requited time believe it is a system of waiting to step into dead men's shoes and many referees give up trying, because they think they will never reach Football League status. The two referee system thus employs more referees and would tend to cut out wastage.

Basically, the system involves the two referees, each with a whistle, having equality of control but only being able to exercise it when the ball enters the half of the field in which they are officiating. As a result of this system anticipating the pattern of play and where it is to develop is obviously easier and the referee can always keep play on one side of him and thus broaden his complete vision, by working near to one of the touch lines, with the linesman covering the opposite side. With good self control each referee learns to refrain from blowing the whistle or interfering with play in the other referee's half of the field especially where advantage is being played. Good refereeing team work can be built up between the referees and with the linesmen who of course still act as touch judges. The only really major problem is where an incident occurs on the halfway line or as the ball crosses it. In those circumstances, the referees have to carefully work out beforehand what is to happen. It would seem the sensible arrangement is for play to be stopped in the case of a foul where the incident occurs which may well be in the half from which the ball has recently travelled. Another alternative is to allow a moment of advantage until the ball has crossed the halfway line to see if indeed there is any real advantage. Either way however, the referee is given a fraction longer to consider the incident very much in the way that a cricket umpire takes his time on deciding on an l.b.w. decision.

Clearly the referees would have to be temperamentally suited to one another otherwise the consistency of punishment might suffer but with the new Football Association and Football League edicts that players shall more readily be sent off where either (a) they are guilty of a cynical foul (sometimes erroneously called a professional foul) or (b) stop or deny an opponent a probable goalscoring opportunity by physical action or handball, the guidelines are so much clearer that there will now be little room for referees to do their "own thing".

Some experiments but of a very limited nature have taken place and Ken Salmon a Football League referee once had to adopt the procedure in an emergency and liked it. Why not therefore give the system an extended trial in one of the minor Leagues; much as offside was only permissible inside a line drawn level with the penalty area, for one season in two or three competitions. In this way the players, spectators, administrators and most of all the referees could try it out, get used to it and if it proved successful, implement it for the good of the game. In a period when our football is going through great change and the Committee headed by Jimmy Hill and Sir Matt Busby almost forced through wholesale changes, this one would be small beer compared to what has just come into force, or what was proposed by that Committee.

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BENNO at large

When UEFA lifted the ban on shirt advertising for all three European tournaments — apart from the finals — this season, it stirred up a hornets nest of controversy between our major clubs and the television authorities.

The crux of the disenchantment surrounds a clause in the contract the Football League and the Football Association have with the BBC and ITV, which forbids shirt advertising in televised matches. It is unlikely that, as has been suggested in some quarters, this will result in a TV blackout of our European involvement this season, because the clubs who have entered shirt sponsorship deals have already negotiated on the basis of no TV exposure, but clearly British television's hypocritical stance is now proving rather irksome.

The whole contract involving TV coverage of our domestic game comes up for renewal next year when no doubt this new development will be discussed. It is almost certain that the clubs will insist that any new agreement will give them the right to wear sponsored shirts in front of the cameras in line with the rest of the world.

And yet television's bosses continue to adopt their antiquated attitude towards this issue. John Bromley, the head of ITV Sport says: "There are two principles involved here. What we are guarding against is making a football ground into an advertising fairground. If they have shirt advertising on the front, then they will wear it on their back and then on their shorts. . . . In the end they will be wearing hats with advertising on it, so we have to be careful in that area."

So, Mr. Bromley sees himself as football's moral advisor does he! That is quite ironical, for TV more than any other media has ridden on the back of other peoples money for years.

The TV companies can't have it both ways. They get hundreds of hours of very cheap transmission time as a result of screening sport. Snooker, darts, athletics, cricket, bowls, motor racing and horse racing all provide cheap television and yet all these activities are heavily sponsored. Is it not true then that they would not have this cheap form of entertainment were it not for sponsorship!

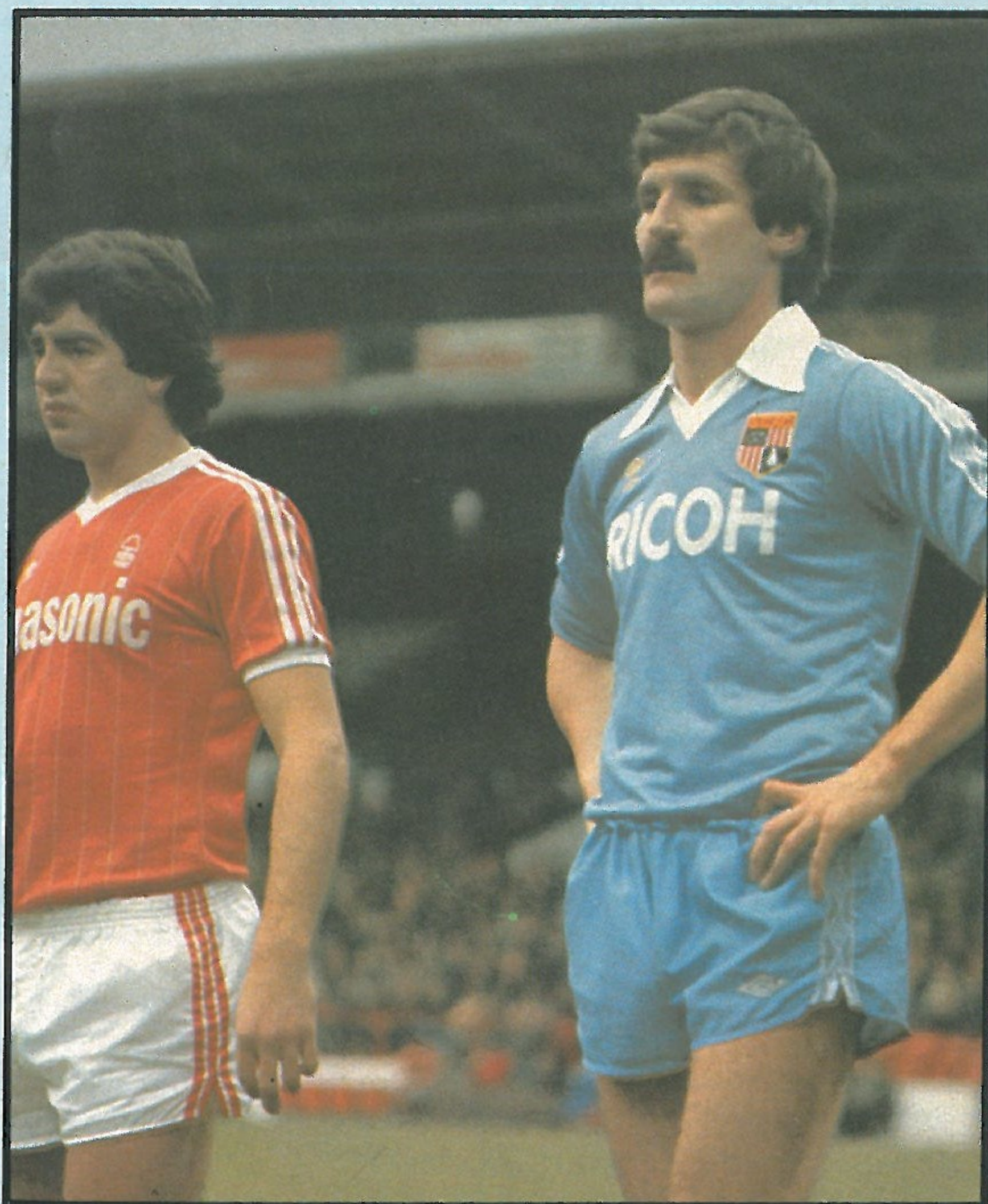
David Rose the secretary of Ipswich Town, who won the UEFA Cup the season before last, claims: "We are just being victimised." Mr. Rose cites athletics as a prime example and says: "They have no objections to showing athletes head on running for the tape with 'British Meat', 'Phillips' or some

other sponsor's name blazoned across their chests."

It is not totally a question of whether sponsorship is more important to football clubs than the fees they receive from TV. Clubs being screened in European games can negotiate quite lucrative terms ranging from £10,000 for an early round tie to up to £50,000 for a semi-final. And then there are always the extras for clips shown on Saturday previews and so on. So it would need quite an enormous sponsorship deal to compensate for that loss.

But that only concerns the few privileged clubs involved in Europe. For the vast majority the concern is the bread and butter competition of the League. Threats from the TV companies that clubs would lose a lot of ground advertising revenue if they forfeited the visits of the cameras is a lot of eye wash. The TV moguls themselves have a lot more to lose than football and they should not remain oblivious to the growing feeling within the game that TV saturation is partly responsible for declining attendances.

When negotiations open this November football should take a stand and tell Mr. Bromley and his colleagues to stuff their morals up their shirts.



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October 2

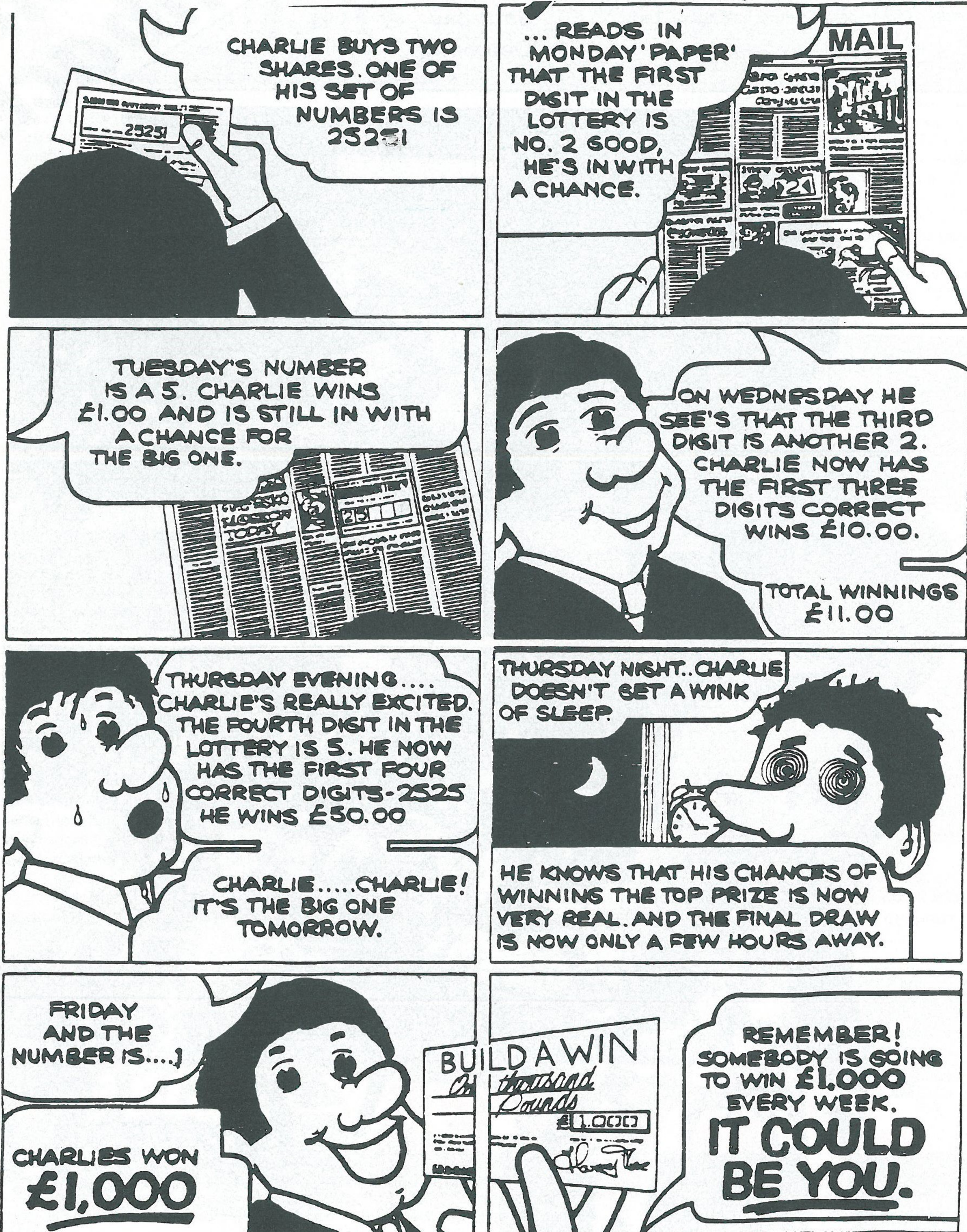
7. New Signing Colin Brazier who came to the club as a defender or midfielder but kicked off as an emergency striker.
8. Brazier beats centre half Steve Terry in the air.
9. Noel Blake joins the attack.



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Ian Handysides SECOND CHANCE

It must have been a blow to Ian Handysides when his name appeared at the start of the season among a number of players whom manager Ron Saunders was prepared to sell.

Handysides arrived at the club from his native North East with the reputation of being a highly promising young player with a big future.

At youth and reserve level he always looked a lad who could score plenty of goals because of his readiness to shoot from any distance and any angle.

However this has not quite been confirmed by his actual achievements but he is an all-action, industrious player who could still make it.

Manager Saunders has given him a further chance despite making him available for transfer. Can Ian still make it at St. Andrew's? He scored his first senior goal to earn a 1-1 draw in the Milk Cup on Tuesday night. He is certainly pulling out all the stops in this colour action study by photographer Bill Goulden.



Luton Town



BACK ROW: (from left to right) Robert Johnson, Wayne Turner, Stacey North, Mitchell Thomas, Clive Goodyear, Frankie Bunn, Billy Kellock, Paul Walsh.
MIDDLE ROW: John Moore (Coach), Richard Money, Mike Saxby, Andy Beasley, Jake Findlay, Alan Judge, Mark Aizlewood, Pasquale Fuccillo, Trevor Hartley (Coach).
FRONT ROW: David Coates (Team Coach), Ricky Hill, Mal Donaghy, Kirk Stephens, Brian Horton (Captain), David Pleat (Manager), David Moss, Brian Stien, Raddy Antic, John Sheirdan (Physiotherapist).

with Cardiff City in 1971/72. In 1973 he was transferred to Norwich for £25,000 but he was freed at the end of the season and then signed for Millwall.

The Lions didn't even give him one first-team outing so he went into non-League soccer and it was while he was playing for Kettering that Peterborough invested £33,000 in his transfer in 1979. He topped the Posh's scoring list with 23 in his first season and totalled 48 goals in his three seasons at London Road.

Mal Donaghy and **Clive Goodyear** have been playing in the middle of the defence.

Donaghy, who was signed from Larne Town for £20,000 in 1978, was a member of N. Ireland's World Cup team in Spain and he now has 16 full caps. Mal has been an ever-present member of the Luton team for the past three

seasons.

Goodyear came through from the youth team, made his League debut in 1980 but really took his chance last season after Paul Price had moved on to Tottenham.

Kirk Stephens and **Richard Money** are the full-backs.

Stephens joined Luton from Nuneaton and has been on permanent first-team duty since making his senior bow in 1978.

Money started his League career with Scunthorpe in 1973 and was originally a mid-field player. Fulham paid £50,000 for him in 1977 and he established himself as a defender with them. Liverpool invested £350,000 in his transfer in 1980 but he made only a dozen or so First Division appearances for the Anfield club. Luton signed him for £100,000 last season, after a successful loan period.

Goalkeeper **Jake Findlay** was injured

in the Liverpool match and that gave **Alan Judge** another chance to show his skills at League level. He is a Luton discovery who was first blooded in the senior side in 1979/80.

Findlay became a professional with Aston Villa in 1972 but got only 14 games in their League eleven. A £100,000 move to Luton in 1978 saw him go straight into the first-team — and stay there.

This is the third time Luton have enjoyed a run in First Division football. It was back in 1955 when they first reached the top and they remained for five seasons. During that spell they reached their only F.A. Cup final, losing to Nottingham Forest in 1959.

The Hatters returned to Division One in 1974 but on that occasion suffered immediate relegation.

This time they hope to make it a more permanent stay.

Luton Town, runaway champions of the Second Division last season, are realistic enough to appreciate they are unlikely to win the League Championship just yet. So manager **David Pleat** has pledged his team to play the sort of rip-roaring attacking football that sends the fans home happy.

The Hatters' first seven League games produced 38 goals — very nearly six per game! This included a 5-3 home win over Notts. County and a 5-0 thrashing of Brighton, whilst their eighth match brought them a 1-1 home draw with Manchester United.

Though the purists might flinch at the fact that Luton have scored ten goals in four away games — but have yet to win — Mr Pleat argues that football should be fun and that winning is not the only joy the sport has to offer.

Luton's away results so far are: Tottenham (2-2), Aston Villa (1-4), Liverpool (3-3) and Stoke (4-4).

Luton were twice in the lead at Anfield and, in the game in which Stoke lost goalkeeper Peter Fox in the first-

half for a professional foul, they seemed assured of their first away win when they were awarded a penalty in the last minute. **David Moss**, always such a dead-eye from the spot, beat stand-in goalkeeper Derek Parkin — only to see the ball hit a post.

The bulk of Luton's goals have been scored by their joint strikers **Brian Stein** and **Paul Walsh**.

Stein has been the Hatters' leading

scorer for the past two seasons, hitting 19 in 1980/81 and 21 towards their Second Division promotion effort last season. Brian scored a hat-trick against Brighton and his goal at Stoke took his total this season to seven. Brian developed in the club's junior sides and made his League debut during 1977/78. He is now fast approaching his 200th League appearance.

Walsh was valued at £330,000 when he was signed from Charlton this summer in a deal that saw Steve White go to The Valley as part of the arrangement. A former England youth international, Paul was included in the U-21 party for the recent trip to Denmark.

He made his first League appearance for Charlton in 1979/80 and the following season he scored 18 goals. Last season he was Charlton's leading scorer with 13. Paul opened his Luton account with a hat-trick against Brighton and then added two more at Stoke.

Moss, the third forward, converted 12 penalties last season and had already been successful with one spot-kick this term before his miss at Stoke.

After making over 250 appearances for Swindon, David joined Luton for £90,000 in 1978. He scored 13 times in his first season, 24 in 1979/80, 19 the following season and 16 last term. David scored four times in the opening seven League games this season.

Ricky Hill, Brian Horton and Raddy

Antic had been forming the Hatters' midfield until an injury to the latter brought **Wayne Turner** back into the side.

Hill had the thrill of winning his first England cap when brought on as substitute against Denmark last month and is clearly going to play a part in new manager Bobby Robson's long-term planning.

Ricky originally joined Luton as a schoolboy in 1975 then after a period as an amateur, he completed his apprenticeship. He made his League debut in 1976.

Horton is one of those inspirational midfield players who can bring the best out of his colleagues. He started his League career in the modest colours of Port Vale in 1970/71 and was transferred to Brighton in 1976 for £30,000. Brian played an important part in that club's rise to the First Division and Luton signed him for £100,000 in the 1981 close-season.

Antic is a Yugoslav international who joined Luton from Spanish club Zaragoza in 1980. Turner developed in the junior teams and has been making the occasional first-team appearance over the past four seasons. Last season he was loaned to Lincoln but hastily recalled when Luton faced injury problems.

Another possibility in midfield is **Billy Kellock** who was signed from Peterborough for £25,000 this summer. Billy enjoyed his first League soccer



LUTON TOWN'S 5-YEAR RATING: 30th

Football League record:

Season	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Posn
1977/78	2	42	14	10	18	54	52	38	35th
1978/79	2	42	13	10	19	60	57	36	40th
1979/80	2	42	16	17	9	66	45	49	28th
1980/81	2	42	18	12	12	61	46	48	27th
1981/82	2	42	25	13	4	86	46	88	23rd

(Average position 30.6)

The next

BIG MATCH

October has been a hectic month for first team games at St. Andrew's but many will regard the next as potentially the top one.

Ipswich Town are the visitors in two week's time and if the fixture is anything like previous meetings between the two clubs it will be one not to miss.

The departure of Bobby Robson to take over Ron Greenwood's England job must have been an unsettling experience, as evidenced by the poor early results of such a talented side.

Bobby Ferguson had the difficult job of stepping out of the background at Portman Road into the limelight of the Manager's office, not an easy transition by any standards.

However it took him merely a few matches to start getting things better and results improved.

It was not, of course, merely the departure of manager Robson that took its toll but also the loss of Dutchman Arnold Muhren to Manchester United.

Fortunately for Ipswich they are still well-blessed with talent ... Paul Mariner, John Wark, Alan Brazil, Franz Thijssen and the rest and they are a good bet to climb the table.

Last Saturday they inflicted a rare defeat on mighty Liverpool via Mich d'Avray goal at Portman Road helping them to a more respectable position.

It's sure to be a superb match here on October 23.



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If you would like to be included then send me a postcard listing your personal 5 all-time favourite records, the address as usual is:

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DO YOU REMEMBER 1972

The year Blues lost 3-0 to Leeds in the semi-final of the F.A. Cup.

1972 TOP TEN No 1s

1. Take Me Back Ome Slade
2. Telegram Sam T. Rex
3. I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing New Seekers
4. Puppy Love Donny Osmond
5. Schools Out Alice Cooper
6. Son Of My Father Chicory Tip
7. Vincent Don McLean
8. My Ding A Ling Chuck Berry
9. You Wear It Well Rod Stewart
10. Without You Nilsson

PLAYERS CHOICE

This week the 5 favourite records of Ire international David Langan.

1. When You Were Sweet Sixteen The Fureys
2. Missed Again Phil Collins
3. Young Hearts Run Free Candi Staton
4. Woman John Lennon
5. Last Train To London E.L.O.

NEW RELEASES

Due to be released soon is the eagerly awaited new single from talented duo DARYL HALL and JOHN OATES entitled "Maneater" (RCA) this powerful mid rock number should make the top ten, no trouble.

"Love On The Terraces" (Upright) is a new single from a band I know nothing about, called SERIOUS DRINKING a football song that is commercial enough to make it...

Pop cult figure BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN releases a track from his latest album called simply "Atlantic City" (CBS) this cut will undoubtedly please the many Springsteen fans, however with them buying the album, I cannot see chart success for the single.

DR FEELGOOD; (remember the brilliant "Milk and Alcohol"), surprise me with their best single for some considerable time "Trying To Live My Life Without You" (Chiswick) a superb R+B, R+R crossover.

60s favourite DIONNE WARWICK offers "Heartbreaker" (Arista) as her new single, and what a brilliant effort it is. Written and produced by the Gibb Brothers this should make the Top 5, and, if there is any justice in the Pop World, could even end up at the coveted No. 1 spot. I guarantee that if you give it a couple of listens you'll feel the same.

"Life In Tokyo" (Hansa) is released yet again by JAPAN's ex-record label Arista, this time however it has been remixed and is well worth a listen.

Former LED ZEPPELIN superstar ROBERT PLANT releases his first solo single "Burning Down One Side" (Svan Song) powerful stuff from this keen Wolves fan, however I won't hold that against this talented likeable rocker. I'm sure it will chart, but how successful it is depends on how much airplay it gets.

Hearrob JULIO IGLESIAS will make all the grannies swoon with his latest offering "Amor" (CBS). These misguided females will no doubt ensure chart success for Senor Iglesias.

"Loves Comin' At Ya" (EMI), already a smash hit in the clubs and discos, should see a top twenty hit for the gorgeous MELBA MOORE.

Also a nightclub hit is "She's so Divine" (Arista) by THE LIMIT. A super release from a band I intend to find out more about. Give it a listen.

A record that I played at half time in the game against Watford has produced lots of complimentary words for RENEE and RENATO's debut single "Save Your Love". Renato is a well known Blues fanatic, who incidentally sings a super version of "Keep Right On"; "Save Your Love" has had a lot of airplay from B.R.M.B. although nothing from Radio 1 as yet could just make it.

RUDY THOMAS and SUSAN CADOGAN release a gorgeous reggae smoocher "Make Me Feel Good" (Hawkeye) could follow Musical Youth to the number 1 spot if the radio stations give it airplay an absolute stunner.

"Love Me Do" (Parlaphone) the 1st hit for THE BEATLES is re-released as a 20 year tribute to the greatest group ever. I would not be surprised if it was not a bigger hit than it was in 1962.

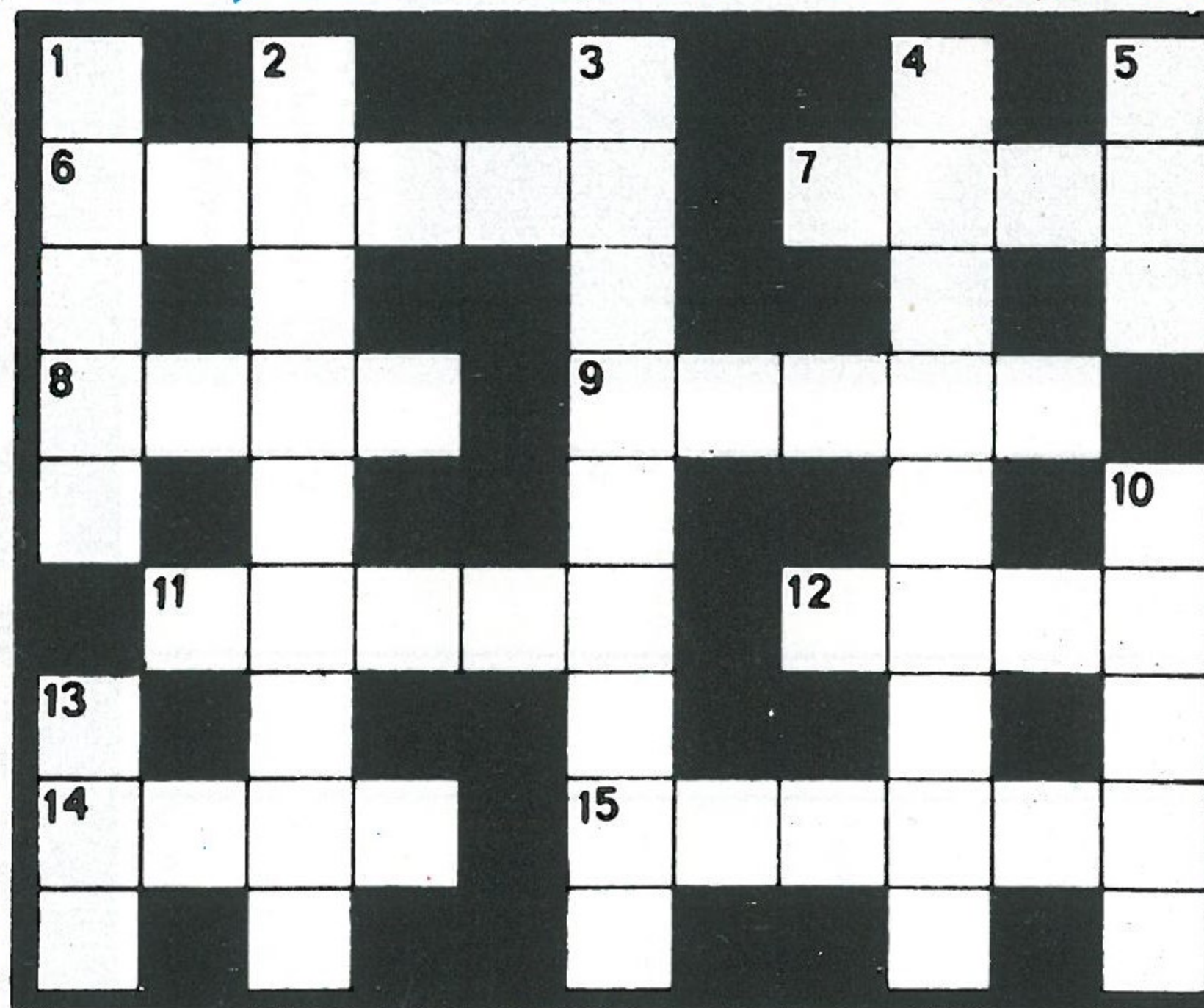
L.P. OF THE WEEK

Birmingham band THE BEAT return from the dead with a knockout album. "Special Beat Service" (Go Feet). As refreshing a sound as I have heard for some time, with my favourite tracks being "Sole Salvation" and "Sorry".

A lot of people wrote off the beat after "Whappen" particularly the London, sorry I mean National Music Press.

One of the few Birmingham bands who haven't forgotten their roots, The Beat deserve to succeed with this super album.

PUZZLE corner



Across

6. The Oxford Dictionary says it's a 'Group of sports clubs who play each other for championship' (6)
7. Fraser of Froggatt (4)
8. Striker --- Green began his career with Scunthorpe in the 1970s and returned there after spells with Chesterfield and Notts County (4)
- 9 & 5 dn. Glossop --- were the only club not to resume League football after a war (5,3)
11. Keeper Tony's career began with a soccer ABC --- Arsenal, Brighton and Charlton, and after a spell in South Africa, he played it out with Palace and Plymouth (5)
12. Milan's old Swedish stars Gren, Nordahl and Leidholm were dubbed "The Gre-no-li" --- (4)
14. --- Massie, famous old Scottish international who played for and later managed Aston Villa (4)
15. Derek Dougan wrote a book called "---!" (6)

Down

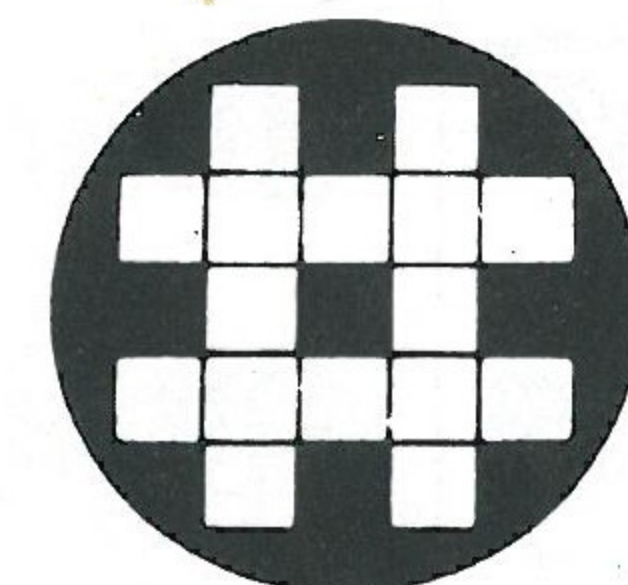
1. Aberdeen custodian who was Scotland's usual keeper in the early 1970s (5)
2. Where the Whitecaps are (9)
3. The usual night for European competitions — as it was when ... (9)
4. ... Aston Villa won the European Cup here (9)
5. See 9 across
10. On top of his 200 games shared between Aberdeen, Dundee and Palace, he played 300 for Chelsea (5)
13. The first name of an England man who collected his 50th cap during the 1982 World Cup finals (3)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD IN LAST PROGRAMME

Across: 1. Mark Rhodes, 7 & 8 dn. Alain Giresse, 8. Green, 9. Gerry, 12. Italy, 13. Svarc, 14. goalkeeper. Down: 2 & 3. Alan Kennedy (Liverpool, 1981), 4. drew, 5. sandwich, 6. handling, 8. See 7 across, 10. Jara, 11. Dave.

QUICK QUIZ No. 5

1. Can you say which club is missing from this list — Exeter, Halifax, Oxford and Wrexham?
2. Which was the first club to score ten goals in a European Cup match?
3. Only one country failed to score in the last World Cup finals — which one?
4. They were "The Brewers" ... but what are they now?
5. Who was the top scorer in Division One in 1981/82?



ON THE BALL No. 5

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

McNeill, maybe
--- Stainrod
Signals from the sidelines
Much-capped Scots keeper

ANSWERS TO ON THE BALL No. 4

GERRY, CROSS, HANSI, MEDAL

ANSWERS TO QUICK QUIZ No. 4

1. San Siro (Milan), 2. Moore/Collins /Charlton, 3. Cameroon, 4. Halifax, 5. Alan Brazil.

DATE	OPPONENTS	F-A	GATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 28	Manchester United	0-3	48,673	Blyth	Langan	Hawker	Scott	V'Hauwe	Broadhurst	Van Mierlo	Carrodus	Harford	Curbishley	Francis	Hagan
31	Liverpool	0-0	20,976	Blyth	Langan	Hawker	Scott	V'Hauwe	Broadhurst	Van Mierlo	Carrodus	Harford	Curbishley	Carrodus	Hagan
Sept 4	Stoke City	1-4	14,392	Blyth	Langan	Hawker	Scott	V'Hauwe	Broadhurst	Van Mierlo	Dillon	Harford	Curbishley	Carrodus	Hagan
8	Norwich City	1-5	13,860	Blyth	Langan	Dennis	Scott†	V'Hauwe	Broadhurst	Van Mierlo	Dillon	Harford	Curbishley	Carrodus	Hagan
11	West Ham United	0-5	18,754	Blyth	Langan	Dennis	Scott†	V'Hauwe	Broadhurst	Van Mierlo	Dillon	Harford	Curbishley	Carrodus	Hagan
18	Coventry City	1-0	11,681	Blyth	Langan	Dennis†	Stevenson	Blake	Hagan	Phillips	Carrodus	Evans†	Whatmore	Curbishley	Handysides
25	Brighton & Hove A.	0-1	9,845	Blyth	Langan	Hagan	Stevenson	Blake	Hagan	Phillips	Carrodus	Evans†	Whatmore	Curbishley	Handysides
Oct 2	Watford	1-1	13,870	Blyth	Langan	V'Hauwe	Stevenson	Blake	Broadhurst	Carrodus	Dillon	Brazier	Curbishley	Handysides†	Summerfield
5	Shrewsbury Town MC2 (1L)	1-1	5,003	Blyth	Langan	V'Hauwe	Stevenson	Blake	Broadhurst	Summerfield†	Dillon	Brazier	Curbishley	Handysides	Carrodus
9	Luton Town														
16	Nottingham Forest														
23	Ipswich Town														
26	Shrewsbury T. MC2 (2L)														
30	Arsenal														
Nov 6	West Bromwich A.														
	Milk Cup 3 (2L)														
13	Notts County														
20	Man. City (FA 1)														
27	Sunderland														
	Milk Cup 4														
Dec 4	Everton														
11	Southampton (FA 2)														
18	Tottenham Hotspur														
27	Aston Villa														
29	Swansea City														
1983															
Jan 1	Manchester City														
3	Stoke City														
8	FA Cup 3														
15	Manchester United														
	Milk Cup 5														
22	Liverpool														
29	FA Cup 4														
Feb 5	West Ham United														
	Milk Cup Semi Final 1														
12	Watford														
19	Luton Town (FA 5)														
26	Nottingham Forest														
Mar 5	Ipswich Town														
12	Arsenal (FA 6)														
19	West Bromwich A														
26	Notts County (MC F)														
Apr 2	Swansea City														
4	Aston Villa														
9	Norwich City														
16	Coventry C. (FA SF)														
23	Everton														
30	Sunderland														
May 2	Brighton & Hove A.														
7	Tottenham Hotspur														
14	Southampton														
21	FA Cup Final														

LOOKING BACK SEASON 1971/72



BOB LATCHFORD

Played a vital role, in what was a successful season for Blues. Ever present in the League. 30 League and Cup goals scored. Scorer of the promotion clinching goal at Orient.

League Record — Division Two

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HOME	42	19	18	5	60	31	56
AWAY		15	6	0	46	14	36
Final Position — Runners Up		4	12	5	14	17	20

League Appearances: Bowker 6, Burns 7(1), Campbell 42, Carroll 27, Cooper 12, Francis 30, Harland 19, Hatton 26, Hynd 42, Kelly 19, D. Latchford 11, R. Latchford 42, Martin 14(1), O'Grady 2(1), Page 38(1), Pendrey 40, Phillips 6(1), Robinson 10(2), Smith 22(3), Summerill 7(2), Taylor 27(3), Whitehead 3, Harrison 1. Total players used 23.

League Goalscorers: R. Latchford 23, Hatton 15, Francis 12, Campbell 4, Bowker 2, Hynd 1, Pendrey 1, Taylor 1, Summerill 1.

F.A.C. SEMI FINALISTS

3rd Rd	Jan 15th	Port Vale	Home	Won 3-0	Francis 2, Hynd	32,937
4th Rd	Feb 5th	Ipswich T.	Home	Won 1-0	Latchford	40,709
5th Rd	Feb 26th	Portsmouth	Home	Won 3-1	Latchford 2, Hatton	43,886
6th Rd	Mar 18th	Huddersfield	Home	Won 3-1	Page, Latchford, Hatton	52,500

S/final Hillsboro' Apr 15th Leeds Utd. Lost 0-3 55,000

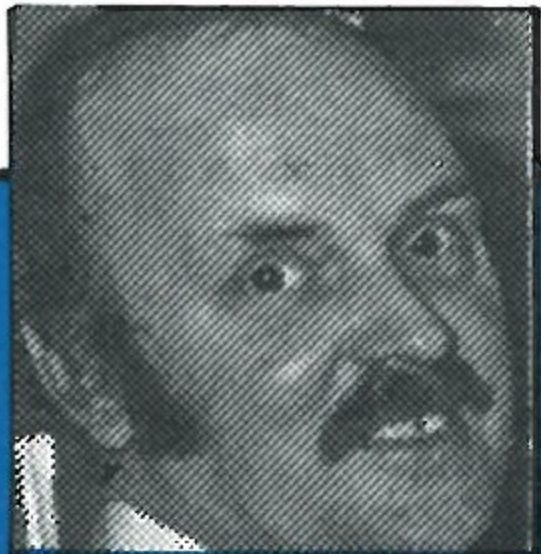
LEAGUE ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Aggregate Home Attendance	669,067
Average Home Attendance	31,860
Highest Home Attendance	45,181 v Blackpool April 4th

For Blues 6 round F.A. Cup tie with Huddersfield Town a St. Andrews crowd of 52,500, paid record ground receipts of £18,506. Well over 200,000, watched Blues in F.A. Cup ties this season. On no fewer than five occasions Blues topped the 40,000 mark for a League match at St. Andrews.

Blues clinched promotion in the last match of the season amid scenes of jubilation they beat Orient 1-0 at Brisbane Road. The only time during the season that Blues moved into the top two.

Blues remained unbeaten at St. Andrews in all competitions, failing to score on only three occasions.



John Garrad's Statistics...

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

1982

Aug 28th	Brighton and Hove Albion	3-1
Sept 8th	Oxford United	1-0
14th	West Ham United	2-4
21st	Crystal Palace	0-1
25th	Leicester City	2-1
28th	Swindon Town	3-0
Oct 9th	Luton Town	A
19th	Millwall	H
23rd	Ipswich Town	A
Nov 2nd	Arsenal	H
9th	Queens Park Rangers	A
16th	Watford	H
23rd	Norwich City	H
30th	Chelsea	A
Dec 7th	Tottenham Hotspur	H
14th	Charlton Athletic	A
21st	Southampton	H
27th	Swansea City	A
1983		
Jan 1st	Bristol Rovers	A
5th	Oxford United	A
11th	Reading	H
15th	Brighton and Hove Albion	A
25th	Crystal Palace	H
Feb 2nd	Norwich City	A
5th	West Ham United	A
15th	Fulham	H
22nd	Luton Town	H
Mar 2nd	Millwall	A
8th	Ipswich Town	H
12th	Arsenal	A
22nd	Queens Park Rangers	H
26th	Watford	A
April 5th	Swansea City	H
13th	Reading	A
19th	Bristol Rovers	H
23rd	Tottenham Hotspur	A
25th	Leicester City	A
30th	Chelsea	H
May 3rd	Swindon Town	A
7th	Southampton	A
17th	Charlton Athletic	H
To be arranged Fulham A		

KICK-OFF TIMES

League Division OneSaturday: 3-00pm—Mid-week: 7-30pm
Football CombinationSaturday: 3-00pm—Mid-week: 2-00pm

Midland Intermediate League

Saturday August 28th 1982

BLUES 1 PORT VALE 2

Scorer: Duce

Team: Coles, McGarr, Tomlinson, Moran, Duce, Baker, Brown, Winterburn, Greenhalgh, Sturridge, Stewart.
Sub: Tunnicliffe N.U.

Saturday September 4th 1982

BLUES 0 LEICESTER CITY 1

Team: Coles, Mumford, Dennis, Moran, Gibson, Kuhl, Brown, McKay, Tunnicliffe, Sturridge, Stewart.
Sub: Baker for Tunnicliffe 75min.

Saturday September 11th 1982

ASTON VILLA 2 BLUES 1

Scorer: Own goal.

Team: Coles, Mumford, Tomlinson, Deehan, Gibson, Kuhl, Hassan M., McKay, Sturridge, Greenhalgh, Baker.
Sub: Clow for McKay 70min.

Saturday September 18th 1982

BLUES 4 COVENTRY CITY 2

Scorers: Stewart 3, Winterburn.

Team: Coton, McGarr, Tomlinson, McKay, Gibson, Kuhl, Brown, Winterburn, Greenhalgh, Stewart, Hassan M.
Sub: Baker N.U.

LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

(Up to and including Saturday 2nd October 1982)

	Home			Goals			Away			Goals			Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Liverpool	8	3	1	0	14	6	2	1	1	5	1	17	
Manchester Utd.	8	3	1	0	8	2	2	1	1	6	4	17	
Watford	8	4	0	0	15	1	1	1	2	5	5	16	
West Ham United	8	2	1	1	11	4	3	0	1	7	4	16	
W.B.A.	8	3	0	1	10	3	2	0	2	6	6	15	
Manchester City	8	3	0	1	5	3	2	0	2	5	7	15	
Tottenham H.	8	2	1	1	13	5	2	0	2	4	6	13	
Stoke City	8	2	1	1	10	9	2	0	2	7	5	13	
Aston Villa	8	3	0	1	11	5	1	0	3	1	7	12	
Nottingham Forest	8	3	0	1	7	3	1	0	3	7	13	12	
Brighton & H.A.	8	3	1	0	6	3	0	1	3	2	16	11	
Luton Town	8	2	1	1	11	6	0	3	1	10	13	10	
Coventry City	8	3	0	1	6	4	0	1	3	4	7	10	
Swansea City	8	3	0	1	8	4	0	1	3	2	8	10	
Sunderland	8	2	1	1	6	3	1	0	3	5	13	10	
Ipswich Town	8	1	1	2	5	6	1	2	1	9	5	9	
Everton	8	2	2	0	11	4	0	0	4	3	9	8	
Arsenal	8	1	1	2	5	6	1	1	2	3	3	8	
Notts County	8	2	1	1	2	6	0	1	3	4	9	8	
Southampton	8	2	0	2	3	5	0	1	3	1	13	7	
Norwich City	8	1	1	2	8	7	0	2	2	3	10	6	
Birmingham City	8	1	2	1									

The Line Up

BIRMINGHAM CITY

(c) 2



Manager: Ron Saunders
Colours: Blue & White

1. Jim Blyth
2. Dave Langan
3. Pat van den Hauwe
4. Byron Stevenson
5. Noel Blake
6. Kevan Broadhurst
7. ~~Kevin Summerfield~~ BREMNER
8. Kevin Dillon
9. Colin Brazier
10. Alan Curbishley
11. Ian Handysides
12. ~~Kevin Bremner~~ HAGAN

LUTON TOWN (c) 3



Manager: David Pleat
Colours: White & Orange

1. Jake Findlay
2. Kirk Stephens
3. Richard Money
4. Brian Horton
5. Clive Goodyear
6. Mal Donaghy
7. Ricky Hill
8. Brian Stein
9. Paul Walsh
10. ~~Wayne Turner~~ FUCCILO
11. David Moss
12. TURNER

Officials

REFEREE:

MR. DAVID SCOTT (Burnley). Commenced refereeing in 1961 in Burnley local leagues and progressed via the West Lancashire League and Lancashire Combination to the Football League List. Has refereed two Lancashire Combination Cup Finals, and in 1981/82 officiated as linesman in a U.E.F.A. Cup match and also refereed the Lancashire F.A. Cup Final.

A married man with two children, he is a Company Secretary/Accountant, and is interested in gardening, motoring and anything connected with sport. Is Treasurer/Referees' Association delegate for Burnley Referees' Society.

LINESMEN:

MR. P. GREEN
(Stafford)
Red Flag
MR. M. IBBOTSON
(Shrewsbury)
Yellow Flag



Scoreboard

- A. BRIGHTON v SWANSEA
- B. EVERTON v. MANCHESTER CITY
- C. IPSWICH T. v. ARSENAL
- D. MANCHESTER UTD. v STOKE
- E. NOTTS C. v ASTON VILLA
- F. SUNDERLAND v SOUTHAMPTON
- G. TOTTENHAM v COVENTRY
- H. WATFORD v NORWICH
- I. W.B.A. v NOTT'M FOREST
- J. WEST HAM UTD. v LIVERPOOL
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