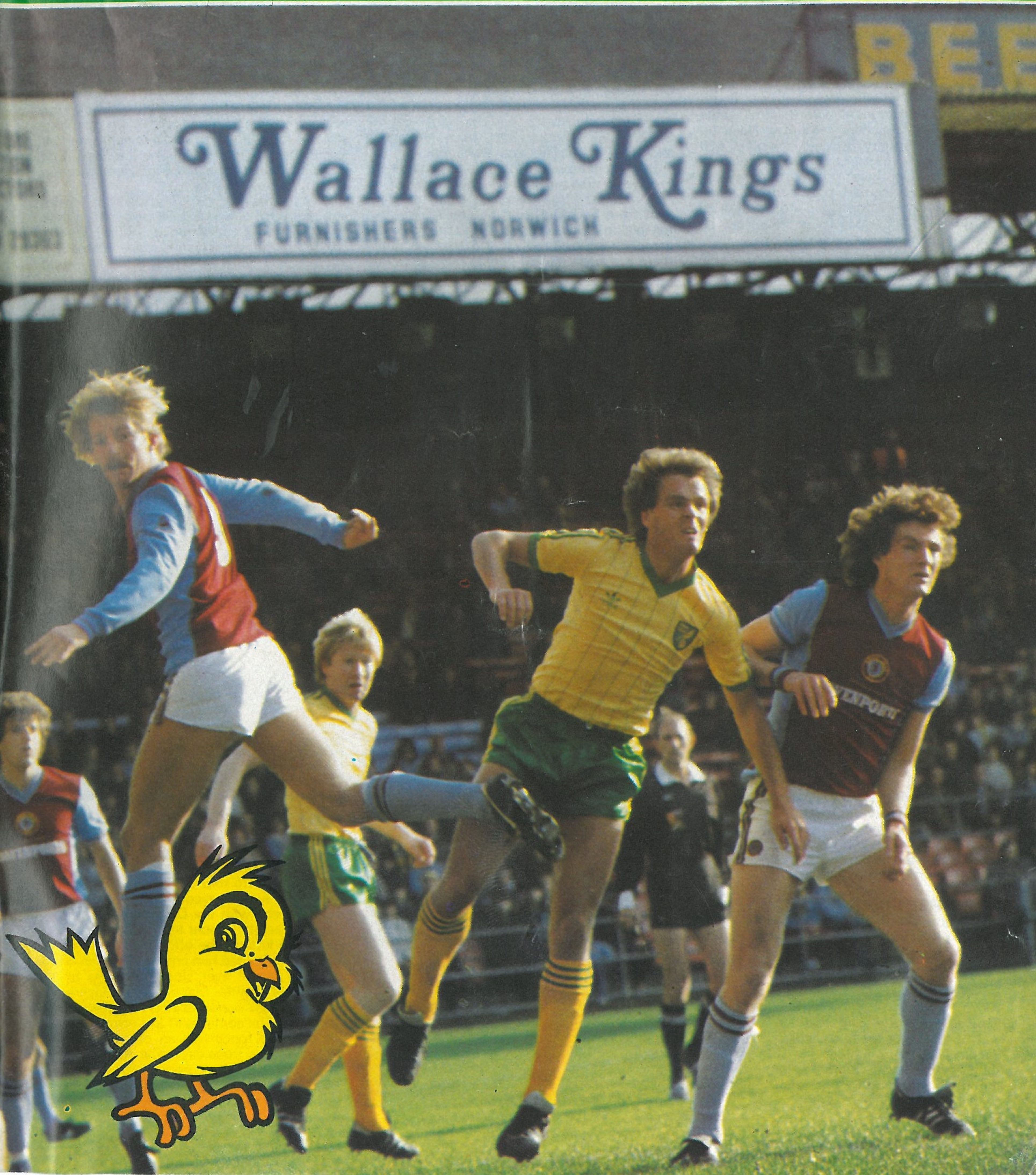


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CARROW CHATTER



COVER ACTION — Striker John Deehan causes some consternation in the Villa defence during our victory over the European Champions.

BOX OFFICE

Next Monday afternoon we entertain Swansea City in the First Division, kick-off 3.00 p.m. Casual match tickets are available now from the Carrow Road box office. The following Saturday, January 8th, Swansea City will be back again in the F.A. Cup Third Round, at 3.00 p.m.

YOUTH TEAM

Before the cup tie with Swansea, our Youth Team are in cup action with a home game against Aston Villa here at Carrow Road on Wednesday, January 5th. The kick-off is 7.30 p.m. Villa won the trophy in 1980 and with both teams going great guns in their respective leagues, it should prove to be some game. If this game finishes in a draw after 90 minutes, the replay will be at Villa Park on Saturday, January 8th, at 2.00 p.m.

Having had a run of home South East Counties games at the start of the season, the boys now have a series of away games. Their next home league game is on Saturday, February 5th, with Fulham.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

On Thursday evening, the Reserves are at home in a re-arranged fixture with Chelsea. They start at 7.30 p.m. Please note that this game has been brought forward from the following Wednesday to facilitate the F.A. Youth Cup match with Villa. Advance notice — our Football Combination game with Ipswich Town at Carrow Road on February 9th has been postponed as our neighbours are involved in a tournament in Italy that week. The game has yet to be re-scheduled.

SANTA — WINNERS

We welcome to Carrow Road this evening the following winners of our Santa Who? competition. They are: Andrew Adams, of Fakenham; P. Durrant of Eye in Suffolk; Joanne Barton of Walpole, St. Andrews; Miss C. Starling from Great Witchingham and K. Childs of Thurton. Their tickets for tonight's game came to them by courtesy of MAGIC PRODUCTS of Norwich, the competition's sponsors.

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BOX OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the box office will be closed all day on Saturday the 1st and Sunday the 2nd of January.

CONGRATS LADS!

As you will see in Ken Brown's column, Mark Crowe, Tony Spearing and Louie Donowa were selected for the England Youth team last week. The only snag for the lads was that they had to miss our staff party the day before. . . Hard luck lads, your meal was lovely!

PROGRAMMES

Most of this season's Norwich City home and away programmes are available from the box office. The latest additions being the Football League Trophy game with LINCOLN CITY, BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION and Yesterday's game at IPSWICH TOWN.

FANSAY

Our roving reporter has been at it again talking to our supporters and this time he stumbled on two charming lady's; BARBARA SCHINDLER (pictured left), from Arminghall and JUNE CARLOW from Aylsham.

Barbara has been following the Canaries for forty years now and has even been laid out for her troubles: "Yes I was knocked out by a shot from Ted McDougall," she recalls, but for the life of her Barbara can't remember the game. "I have stood on the terraces when there has been 43,000 people here for a cup match," she says proudly.

"I love my football but it has been very frustrating this season watching the lads get so close, and then losing. But what a marvelous win against Liverpool, that was a great tonic."

"I would like to see Martin O'Neill take over as captain on a permanent basis because we seem to play better when he is in charge."

"But I have seen some changes. There were no substitutes when I first started watching and I've seen them play with eight, but I think the thing that strikes me the most is the deterioration of the standard of refereeing . . . they are getting worse and worse. I think there ought to be a system where incidents can be replayed on the scoreboard so that justice can be done."

Barbara was sitting in the seat of June's daughter, Gwineth Brady, on this occasion as Gwineth missed her first home game of the season to give birth to a daughter. June herself has been an avid Canaries supporter for ten years. "We moved from the River End stand to the North stand because it was too cold up there," she says.

"I am enjoying the football this season although I think we have tended to be a little too defensive in our attitude . . . It is a difficult job though for Ken Brown and we all wish him lots of luck, but on a personal note I would like to see Greg Downs back in the side."

Both June and Barbara are members of Club Canary and follow us on our ventures away, but as a parting shot Barbara couldn't resist the quip: "The only ground we don't like is Ipswich."



DRAT THAT CAT!

Pictured on the front of the programme for our Milk Cup game at Liverpool is the Trophy itself being guarded by a contented looking moggy. We are told by the Anfield staff that he is their lucky mascot and is called Moglet! He has been with the Club for six years now having been left under the Anfield gate when he was a kitten. The office staff at Liverpool promptly adopted him and he has been on the Anfield payroll ever since. Judging by the number of trophies that have gone Liverpool's way in recent years, he's certainly earning his Whiskas! The admin staff at Carrow Road tell us that they once had an office cat but he vanished after three days. The only kitty in the Norwich Box Office now is the one which pays for the coffee and at the last count had about 17½ pence in it!

There is no two ways about it we have to win tonight's game against Luton Town or else we will find ourselves in serious trouble at the bottom of the First Division table.

That defeat by Nottingham Forest dented what was beginning to shape as a nice home run. You didn't even have time to blink before Forest scored what proved to be the only goal of the match — in fact I hadn't even got to my seat.

But still it cost us three valuable points and at the end I was so very disappointed that we did not retrieve the situation after having most of the play. The longer the game went on the more frustrated our players became and the more careless and in the end it was the brilliance of goalkeeper Chris Woods that saved us from a heavier defeat.

With England manager Bobby Robson here at the match it must have done young Chris' England prospects a lot of good.

The pattern of events this season are very similar to those of last year. Again we have been hounded by injuries to first team players and consequently struggled to achieve the rhythm that only comes from fielding a settled side. But if the trend follows on in the same vein as last term then we are all in for a very exciting and exhilarating second half.

Despite the situation we currently find ourselves in we are not dispondent. Far from it. The thing is we are continually creating chances and as long as we do that we will always have a chance. The real problems come when you are not creating openings.

Also the injury problems look to have eased and for this Christmas programme we are hopeful of having Mark Barham, Peter Mendham and Dave Bennett fit for selection.

Yesterday we played at Ipswich in our big local derby tussle, and that is



KEN BROWN

always a game to get the adrenalin pumping. And tonight we have another cup-tie atmosphere special against Luton who we also regard as neighbours — in a footballing sense. There is certainly always that extra edge in games between our respective teams.

It is a tradition of English football to play twice over the festive season and I see no harm in it. Christmas is still business to the football world and two games in two days is not over taxing for the players. The only difficulties arise if you get injuries in the first game because there is little time to recover, and for teams with small

first team squads that can cause problems.

You probably remember Luton coming here last Christmas and sweeping us out of the game with three goals in the first 20 minutes. We will make sure that doesn't happen again.

David Pleat has enjoyed a lot of success with Luton and it would be nice to see both of our clubs holding their own in the First Division, I'm sure we can.

They have also had injuries and will be without star striker Brian Stein tonight although they have managed to sign David Geddis on loan. As you know I tried to persuade him to join us but he preferred to go to Luton as he had been with them on loan before and it is nearer his home. Well he will be making his second appearance here this season, the last being with Aston Villa in October. We won that one and we intend once more to send David home without a win bonus!

Before finishing I must congratulate Louie Donowa, Mark Crowe and Tony Spearing who represented England in the under-18 youth team against the Public Schools XI last week. Well done lads, let's hope this is the first of many honours.

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It was hats off to the Hatters when they so gloriously clinched the Second Division championship last season. Luton had thrilled fans the length and breadth of the country with their enterprising and skilful football.

Manager David Pleat had no hesitation in throwing down the gauntlet on arrival in the First Division either, and where better to do it than at White Hart Lane. On the opening day of the League season Spurs cruised into a two goal lead in the early stages but Luton were not to be overawed and hit back to earn a fine 2-2 draw.

After that came a defeat at home to West Ham United (0-2) and doubts were raised about their ability to play First Division football. The response was dramatic and exciting with 45 goals flowing in the opening nine fixtures — an average of five a game — and 24 of them were for the Hatters.

But then things began to get harder and following the 3-2 win at Birmingham City on October 9 — their only away success of the season — Luton have won only one of their last ten games.

But manager Pleat keeps on smiling and says: "The players have now had visual evidence of the standard of the First Division and there is no reason to be pesemistic. For the realism is that in all our games we have had close fought battles and we have held our own against very good teams."

One of those teams was Liverpool at Anfield, where the Hatters forced a 3-3 draw and were unlucky not to take all three points after twice taking the lead.

It was quite an eventful game at Stoke also, when City's goalkeeper Peter Fox was sent-off in the first-half for handling the ball. With the score standing at 4-4 Luton were awarded a penalty in the dying minutes, but David Moss hit the post from the spot-kick and the chance of an away victory was gone.

After a run of eight games without a win the pressure began to build. Mr Pleat felt it was time to shake things up and so he took the unusual step of giving the players Friday off and cancelling the usual pre-match meal, prior to their last home game, against Manchester City. Whether it was coincidence or not we shall never know, but Luton won convincingly 3-1.

However an injury to star striker Brian Stein has caused some concern. The team will be without his services



MAL DONAGHY



BRIAN STEIN

for some weeks and Pleat has signed Aston Villa striker David Geddis on loan as a stand-in.

But you can't replace fluent goalscorers that easy and Stein who was developed through the youth ranks has been the Hatters' top marksman for the past two seasons, with 40 goals.

He had struck up a fine partnership with young Paul Walsh, who was valued at £330,000 when he was signed from Charlton in the summer, in a deal which took Steve White the other way.

That change is the major one from last season's line-up. Like most clubs these days Luton have had to cut their cloth to suite their purse and cannot carry a large playing staff.

Thus the team has remained reasonably settled with JAKE FINDLAY in goal and KIRK STEPHENS and RICHARD MONEY in the two full-back positions.

In the centre of defence 21-year-old CLIVE GOODYEAR has proved a promising prospect although he is said to be not mean enough. But together with the experienced MAL DONAGHY they make a useful pair.

RICKY HILL, BRIAN HORTON and WAYNE TURNER provide an interesting combination in midfield. Hill, now an England player, is an exceptional talent capable of creating havoc in the most organised defences, while the experienced Horton has proved the ideal captain. He is a natural leader and squeezes the best out of his colleagues.

Turner has shared the role with RADDY ANTIC, a Yugoslav international who joined Luton from Spanish club Zaragoza in 1980. His



PAUL WALSH



THE MAN IN CHARGE — DAVID PLEAT — A qualified FA Coach and respected as one of the deep thinkers in the game, David has quietly established himself as one of Britain's most promising managers

When he was promoted to the managers chair in the spring of 1978, many sceptics thought that Luton were taking a big risk with a man who had never managed a League side before. He had inherited a team on the slide and although in those early days they were very close to relegation at times, within two years he had pulled the club round.

And after being on the fringe of the Second Division promotion race for two seasons, they won the Second Division Championship in style last season.

"Management is all about common sense and being able to reason things out," says Pleat. "I think a manager should be open with his players and make them understand the reasons for things. Sometimes it can get you into trouble, but that is my style."

technique is superb and he was the first choice until injury interrupted his progress in October.

Another possibility in midfield is former Canary BILLY KELLOCK. His career has taken many strange twists. He did not make the first team at Villa and did not make his debut until moving to Cardiff, in 1971. In 1973, we signed him for £25,000, but Billy only made a few brief appearances and was released at the end of the season. From Carrow Road he moved to Millwall, then Kettering Town and Peterborough before joining Luton last summer.

That just leaves DAVID MOSS, the third forward who likes to play wide on the left. He is the expert penalty

David joined Nottingham Forest his home town club, straight from school in 1960. He played for England at schools and youth level and was transferred to Luton in 1963. A constructive winger, he struggled after breaking his leg and after three seasons and three managers he left Kenilworth Road for Exeter.

"I enjoyed the atmosphere there and had a really good time," he reflects. From there he moved to Peterborough United where his playing days were terminated by a back injury. His last game was home to Cambridge United on April 17, 1971.

In 1972, he became player-manager at Nuneaton where he stayed for three seasons, before returning to Luton in 1975 as reserve team coach.

In all David made 185 Football League appearances, scoring 27 goals — 14 of them for Exeter in 69 outings. For Luton his playing career registered 70 League matches and 9 goals.

taker and is always amongst the goals.

The main difference Luton have found in the First Division says Pleat is, "the power and strength which players have in their legs, and bodies. And they get that by playing year after year in the top grade.

"At the moment we are still like sixth formers."

Be that as it may, Norwich are still smarting from Luton's dramatic visit here this time last season when they crashed three goals past us in the opening phase of the game . . . Luton were walking tall then, it could be a much different story today.



RICKY HILL

HATTER'S LEAGUE FORM GUIDE

Opponents	F	A	Scorers
Tottenham Hotspur	2	2	Stein, o.g.
WEST HAM UNITED	0	2	
NOTTS COUNTY	5	3	Walsh (3), Hill, Moss
Aston Villa	1	4	Moss
Liverpool	3	3	Stein (2), Moss
BRIGHTON	5	0	Stein (3), Moss, Turner
Stoke City	4	4	Stein (2), Walsh, Donaghy
MANCHESTER UNITED	1	1	Hill
Birmingham	3	2	Stein, Walsh, Moss
IPSWICH TOWN	1	1	Stein
West Bromwich	0	1	
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	0	2	
ARSENAL	2	2	Walsh, Moss
Sunderland	1	1	Moss
Coventry	2	4	Stein, Horton
SOUTHAMPTON	3	3	Stein, Hill, Goodyear
Swansea City	0	2	
MANCHESTER CITY	3	1	Stein (2), Walsh
Everton			

Scorers: STEIN 14; WALSH 7; MOSS 7; HILL 3; TURNER; GOODYEAR; DONAGHY; HORTON.

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AAGE HAREIDE	Go Continental Travel Limited	Go Continental Travel Limited	Go Continental Travel Limited	Go Continental Travel Limited
STEVE WALFORD	Club Canary (Sunderland trip)	La Rouen Public House, Norwich	La Rouen Public House, Norwich	Lowestoft Supporters Club
DAVE WATSON	Langley's Toys	Langley's Toys	Langley's Toys	Langley's Toys
CHRIS WOODS	Spelman's Auctioneers	Spelman's Auctioneers	Spelman's Auctioneers	Spelman's Auctioneers
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1. Dave Watson celebrates his second goal.
2. John Deehan slots home City's 3rd goal.
3. Mark Barham went very close with this fine effort.
4. Manchester United v Norwich City, Keith Bertschin challenges Gary Bailey.





Northern Ireland skipper, Martin O'Neill, has taken time out to thank you, Canaries for the big success of the Colman's of Norwich, Norwich City player of the month awards scheme. Said Martin, "The supporters have been really marvellous in their response to the award — and we appreciate that. I know most of their votes are based on home performances but that is inevitable. It is still obviously the fairest and democratic way of voting.

"It's good for the supporters and good for the players, a nice incentive for us.

"I know we all look forward to seeing who has won the award at the end of every month.

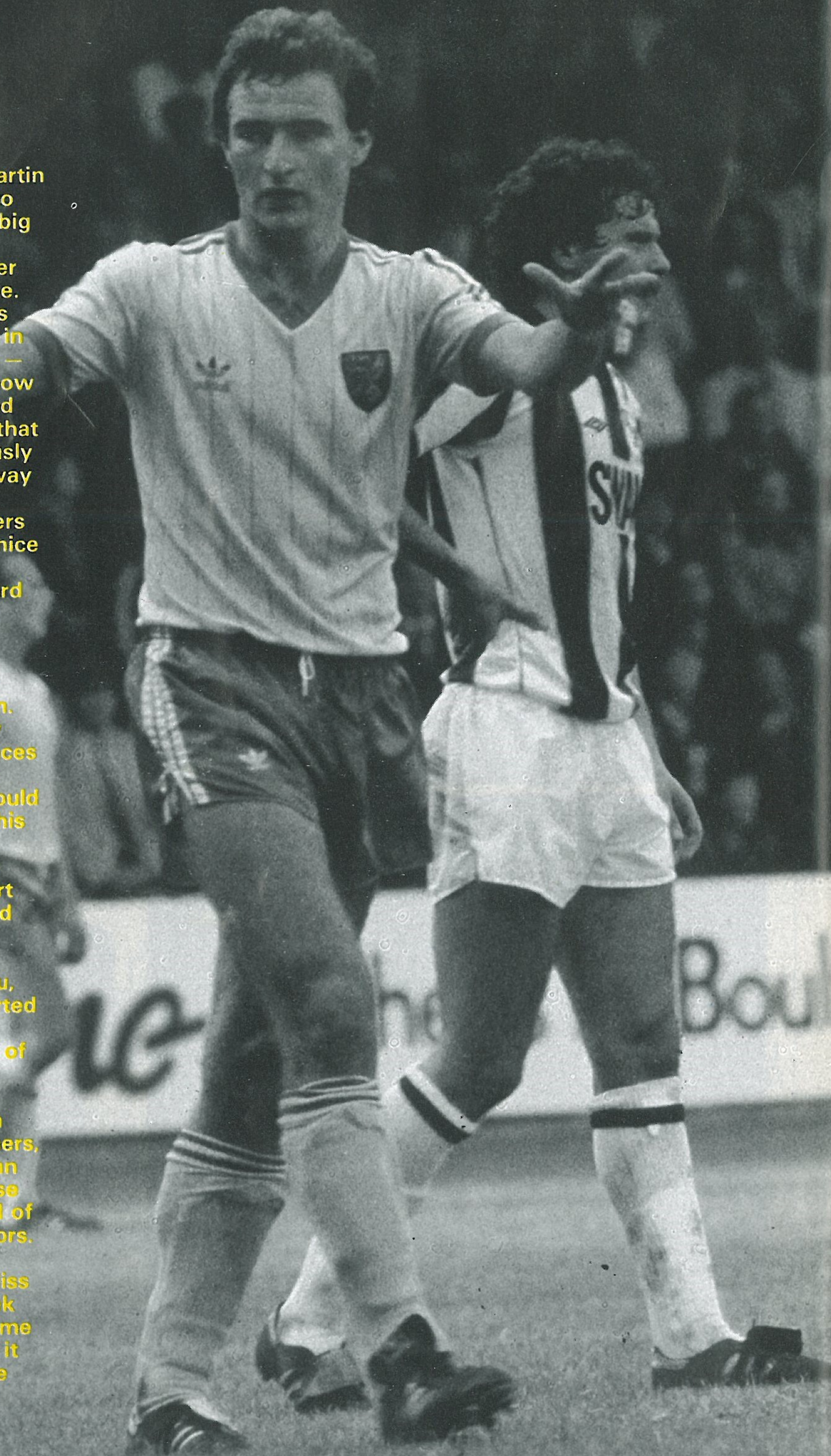
"I must try and get a few votes myself," smiled Martin.

After some of his typically consistent recent performances that seems pretty likely and while we are writing, we would like to congratulate him on his inspiring performance for Northern Ireland against the West Germans. A team effort that probably even surpassed their thrilling World Cup appearances.

And congratulations to you, the fans, for your wholehearted co-operation in making the Colman's of Norwich player of the month scheme such a success.

It is appreciated, as Martin said and our first three winners, Keith Bertschin, John Deehan and Chris Woods will endorse this, as will the sponsor, and of course, our winning spectators.

Our first three winning spectators, Mrs Iris Dack, Miss Cheryl Streeter and Mr Derek Davies, have all been long time Canaries fans; which makes it even more satisfying to have them as our guests.



A QUESTION OF JUSTICE

The great escape

LEEDS found yesterday that Football Association punishments can come gift-wrapped.

They were ordered to close their terraces for the next two home games—but could actually make extra revenue from the verdict.

For when they face QPR on December 4 and Shrewsbury on December 18 at Elland Road, all their 20,000 seats will be available to fans who usually pay terrace prices.

An average Elland Road gate concentrated solely in the seated areas would realise approximately £8,000 above the normal take with the terraces open.

Censured

Leeds' Great Escape came at the end of an FA Disciplinary Commission into crowd incidents during their match against Newcastle on October 30.

Newcastle were severely censured and both clubs were asked to pay half the commission costs.

The verdict reached, under the chairmanship of Bert Millichip, came after six



That Keegan outrage

hours of deliberation at Elland Road and a further 90 minutes discussion at the FA yesterday.

During the game missiles from the terraces hit Newcastle players Kevin Keegan and John Anderson. The players were taken off the pitch by Stoke referee Malcolm Heath.

Leeds chairman Manny

Incredible, Leeds can actually profit from the latest FA rap!

By STEVE CURRY

worse things could happen." But a Leeds "profit" from the punishment could follow. And Cussins admitted: "We are just hoping fans will decide to take seats. It won't affect the club a great deal financially, though." Holmes insisted: "We have not been treated leniently. But the FA are on the same side of the fence as most of us in accepting this is a social problem. We have spent over £200,000 trying to avoid this trouble."

Cut-price

Neither Leeds director, however, denies that the club are now likely to offer attractive cut-price seats to make sure their gate receipts do not suffer against QPR or Shrewsbury.

And that smacks of a very lop-sided kind of justice.

Cussins said afterwards: "I feel we had a very fair hearing. I think the FA realise we have done all we can to prevent misconduct at Elland Road."

Leeds director Maxwell Holmes, who also attended yesterday's hearing, said: "The FA have put the onus on the spectators to behave themselves. If they don't

FA secretary Ted Croker confirmed that Leeds previous record had been taken into consideration. In fact, the Leeds ground was closed in 1971 after a pitch invasion.

Clearly this was a less serious offence. But it could still leave Leeds in profit financially. And that, to me, is wrong.

Deserted terraces can provide more revenue.

The reaction of the media to the Football Association's ruling on Leeds United, following crowd disturbances during their home game with Newcastle United, proved a little difficult to digest.

An FA Disciplinary Commission, investigating outbreaks of hooliganism, during which the players were pelted with missiles from the terraces, one of which struck Kevin Keegan and prevented him playing for several weeks, ordered Leeds United to close the terraces at Elland Road for two matches.

What incensed the leader writers evidently was the suggestion that the punishment would in fact boost the Leeds coffers for the subject games against Queens Park Rangers and Shrewsbury Town. For although they could anticipate a drop in the attendance, the extra charge for seating would offset this and in fact produce even more revenue than is usual.

The general feeling was that it is wrong for the club to come out of the ordeal in profit, as was the outcome when Sheffield Wednesday were handed a similar sentence on a previous occasion.

But what might I ask is so immoral about that? Was it Leeds United who perpetrated the crimes?

Of course not and like any football club in the country they are powerless to overcome the mindless hooliganism that is the product of our present society. Combat it they can, to some extent, with very expensive safety fencing and extra policing, but as to overcoming the disease, that can only be achieved by government intervention.

So to suggest that Leeds United or any other club for that matter, have got away with it lightly is simply a distortion of the facts. It is not the morality of Leeds United that is in question but that of a small section of the public who continue to louse up our great sport with their unsocial and unacceptable behaviour.

Clearly the verdict reached under the chairmanship of Bert Millichip, after nearly eight hours of deliberation, was sympathetic to the plight that faces football as a whole. It is extremely difficult to administer justice when the criminals are not answerable to the charge.

However FA Secretary Ted Croker believes that some clubs might be tempted to close their terraces voluntarily in an attempt to curb the violence, particularly in the light of the fact that an overall smaller audience but seated provides more revenue.

The thinking is that club costs would be cut because fewer gatemen and stewards would be necessary as well as less policemen.

In real terms what it means is dearer football for the man on the terrace and that would no doubt add to the declining football supporters trend away from the game.

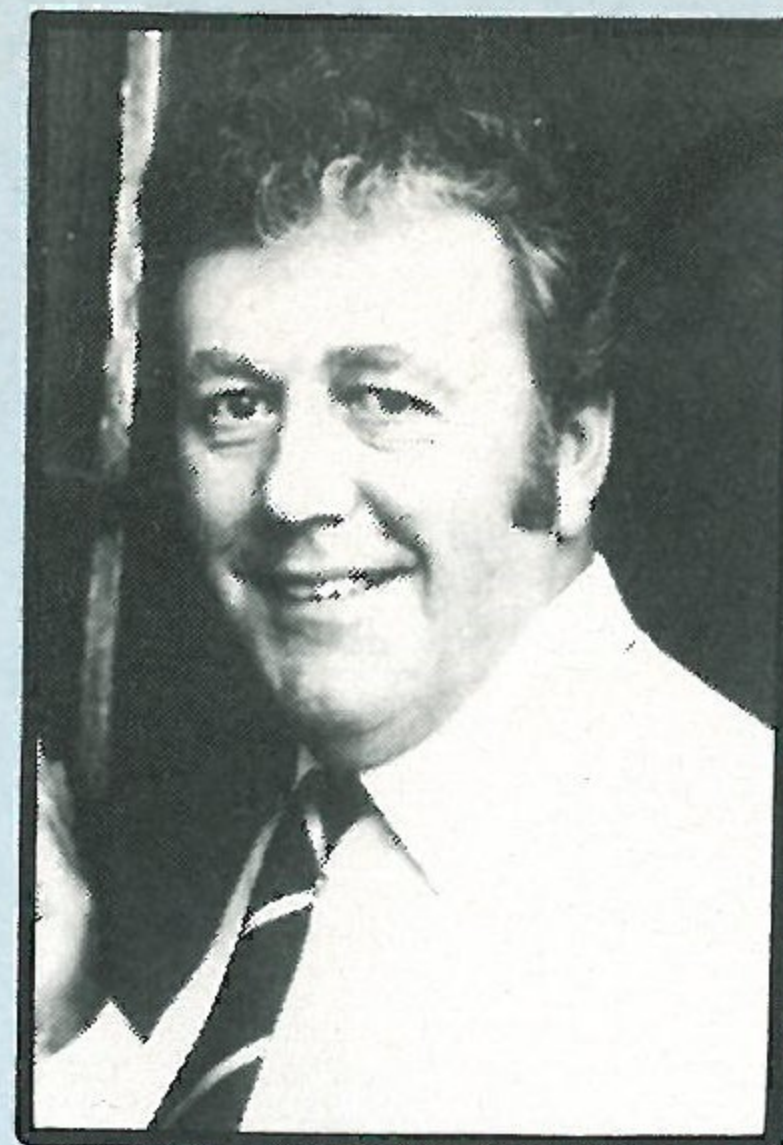
It is also questionable whether a drift to all-seater stadiums would in fact stamp out the thuggery which has haunted the game for more than a decade now. It certainly did not stop a faction of the Leeds crowd rioting in Paris in 1975, during their European Cup Final defeat by Bayern Munich.

But to suggest that Leeds United had a great escape is really laying blame on the wrong doorstep.

JOHN NOLAN

BRADLEY'S BRIEF

Ray Bradley of the 'Sunday Express' writes for you



game for a laugh?

If it's laughter you're after, then forget football. Soccer has become a very serious business. The gates are down: the gags are scarce and the shrinks are being called in to lift morale.

As my favourite comedian George Burns once quipped: "Things are so bad I'm paying the customers to come in. But it's still fun performing to a 'live' audience."

Mr. Burns has been around a long time and knows a thing or two about the entertainment business. His mouth is as straight as a ventriloquist's dummy, as he says, deadpan: "When the audience starts to leave it's time to change the act." He has a valid point.

George, who loves to puff eight-inch Havana cigars ("The doctor who told me to give up smoking is dead") also knows a bit about contracts.

He is 87 and still has 13 years of his contract to run. Says genial George: "That takes me up to 100. After that I have told my agent to negotiate one year at a time."

What a great pity that George Burns does not give after-match Press conferences. It would be nice to hear him sum up things like "pressure".

I can just imagine him standing there reeling off the gags before a captive audience. "Pressure? No I don't feel any

pressure. You only feel pressure when you are lying in an oxygen tent and some guy is standing on the oxygen pipe."

Mind you, there are few managers who appear on match days to give the panting Press papal audience. Not like the good old days when Bill Shankly or The Doc reminded a player for lack of effort. "Look laddie, you are either brilliant or rubbish. What I need at the moment is consistent mediocrity."

Not many managers see the funny side of life and the more serious ones, often unwittingly, come out with the funniest comments.

the problem?" The player stammered: "Well boss, I have just seen the team sheet and I see I am in the reserves again."

Then came the sting. "That's right," replied Docherty. "The third team haven't got a game this weekend!"

Once when he was manager at Derby and results were going badly The Doc reprimanded a player for lack of effort. "Look laddie, you are either brilliant or rubbish. What I need at the moment is consistent mediocrity."

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SECONDS OUT

Like the First Division manager who was asked by an alert reporter if he had heard who his team had been drawn against in the European UEFA Cup.

"No, tell me," he inquired. "Dukla, Prague," replied the reporter. "Just the draw we prayed for," said the manager, "we love playing those Dutch teams."

Big Jock Wallace had a fair sprinkling of Scottish talent in his side at Leicester and used to love stoking them up for every match. No team that Wallace — now boss of Motherwell — managed was ever allowed to give anything less than 100 per cent effort and were frequently exhorted to give "every drop of blood."

Wallace, a big, hard Scot with a craggy sense of humour showed a touch of the venerated Shankly when he explained: "I want my players to fight to the death for me because I have promised to pay their funeral expenses."

Like many managers Wallace believed that a big heart was worth a multitude of skill and that fitness and aggregate effort would always win the big battle.

Len Ashurst is also a man dedicated to physical fitness. The Cardiff manager set a rigorous pre-season for his team and then accentuated his beliefs by taking his side away for training at the RAF St. Athan centre for 'light relief'.

When they arrived at the centre,

Ashurst was obviously impressed with the facilities — especially the boxing ring which seemed a perfect platform for toughening-up exercises.

He reinforced his addition to the physical side of fitness by donning the gloves in the ring against all comers. His first — and only — opponent was Tarki Micalleff, a short, stocky striker of Greek descent who has been capped at Welsh Under-21 level.

After sparring around for a few minutes Ashurst insisted they make a real fight of it and declared: "For God's sake put some effort into it". Tenacious Tarki let loose with a terrific right hander which dumped Ashurst on the canvas for a worrying 20 seconds.

Sporting Len was left to assess the damage — a beautiful black eye which necessitated dark bins for a week. End of story.

John Bond is a manager who has frequently dropped into the trap of self-publicity — not without humour on occasions when he meets other members of the Baubles, Bangles and Bright Shiny beads fraternity.

Bond's pre-occupation with cornering the pulicity market — Brian Cough accepted — because if Clough Coughs it's news — has a penchant for the superlative and the hyperbole.

As a famous TV panellist he has uttered such pearls as "We have thrown this lad in at the deep end. So he has to climb a mountain." When he arrived at Maine Road, amid a rolling of drums he castigated the ability of Ken Brown — his successor at Norwich — in unprintable terms. Bond has an eye for the camera and the instant quote — some of which need no embellishing by me.

But among his pearls are such beauties as: "He is among several players I am considering. I have several irons in the fire, but I'm keeping it close to my chest." How hot can you get!

BLIND JUSTICE

Malcolm Allison, that outrageous extrovert, is a man who studies the game deeply. But Allison is a manager who dives for the shrinks couch when things go wrong.

At Crystal Palace — the Palace of Varieties — he once admitted: "Sometimes they hold a board meeting to find out if I am in!" Unlucky Big Mal was soon given the sack. He celebrated in typical Champagne style. Somebody else paid!

Some managers indulge in psychology to find the answers to their problems — and I could name a dozen. But my favourite story of the "psychos" concerns Harry Storer — like Harry Haslam — a master of kidology.

Storer was an old-style shrink: a wonderful, humorous man who is still venerated in the Midlands where he is remembered with great esteem as the

manager of Coventry, Birmingham and Derby.

He was a hard man who stood for little nonsense. Once he marched a player down the tunnel on the pitch after an ill-conceived defeat. "Where are you taking me boss?," inquired the puzzled player.

"We're going to look for t'bloody hole you've been hiding in all afternoon," replied a steadfast Storer, a man who believed in honesty.

He once told an old friend of mine when asked to sum up the attributes of his team: "Well, I've got four good 'uns, three triers and three bluddy cowards. An' I'm not sure about the goalkeeper!"

Who says there is no humour in football? Every day I speak to a manager, a coach or a player who can reel off a funny story.

Presence of mind? Well, I suggest Bobby Moore, captain of West Ham and England might always come up with the right answer. When a referee was once laid unconscious after being struck in the face by the ball everything might have got out of control. But Mooro saved the day, picking up the whistle from the poor official and giving an authoritative blast to stop play.

Two years ago I saw Mooro in Bobby's bar at the Cafe Royal on the night of the Football Writers' nosh up.

He stood imperious alongside Big Jack Charlton — his 1966 World Cup team mate.

I was standing with Glenn Roeder Brian Horton and Clive Allen — my guests — when Big Jack turned round sharply and pinned Clive to the wall as he went through all our yesterdays.

Quipped Clive, then a mere £1 million striker: "Well I've been close marked all season, but this is ridiculous!" We really rolled up because it is hard to get two words out of Clive.

Who says it does not pay to have a sense of humour? My mate recently appeared before a disciplinary committee — a body who don't always see the funny side of soccer.

Charlie was sent off during a match on his local recreation ground last season. Now Charlie is not short on getting his own back. He borrowed a dog — out for its Sunday morning walk — grabbed a white corner flag, and went straight up to the referee and quipped: "I think you've lost these, ref!"

Blind justice? Poor old Charlie received a 56-day suspension — twice the normal length.

As my old mate Ron Atkinson would say as he examined his new bracelet: "Magic pal, sheer magic."

As my boss says: "It's all about character. Where are they now?"



Ricky Villa (Spurs) sees the funny side of this incident as he prepares to help Norwich skipper Mick McGuire to his feet.

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A UNITED IRELAND!

By Colin Benson

When Northern Ireland's romantic journey took them to within 90 minutes of a place in the semi-finals of the 1982 World Cup last summer, it was no more than Irish football deserved.

Who could have believed that Billy Bingham's small band of players which featured a kid of 17 — Norman Whiteside (Manchester United), and a striker, Gerry Armstrong, who spent much of the season on Watford's substitutes bench, would even reach the second phase of this prestigious and strenuous competition.

But reach it they did at the expense of the home nation, Spain and the highly rated Yugoslavs and despite their limited resources, it was Northern Ireland who outshone Britain's other participants, England and Scotland.

Of course one could look at the Irish line-up and see weaknesses. It was only to be expected in such exclusive company, and when it came to the final crunch against Austria and France, those deficiencies were exposed and exploited.

The tragedy of it all was the fact that there were Irish players of true international stature, sat at home in the Emerald Isle, unable to lend a boot to the Irish cause, simply because they come from south of the border.

Had Billy Bingham been able to call on the services of Liam Brady, David O'Leary, considered by many to be the best centre-half in Europe, Frank Stapleton, Mark Lawrenson and Chris Hughton, what a side he would have been able to field, and almost certainly one which would have gone even further than the gallant boyos of 82 did.

"I think that is probably very true," agrees the Northern Ireland skipper Martin O'Neill, who reasons: "If we can do it in rugby why shouldn't we have a decent all-Ireland team in football.

"It is extremely difficult to try and take on the world's best when you are a country the size of Yorkshire, so why divide it? Why not try and get a United Ireland team together.

"I think most of the players would probably agree with it although I'm not suggesting that we shall see such a development in my life-time. It is something that has been advocated for some time without any official response.

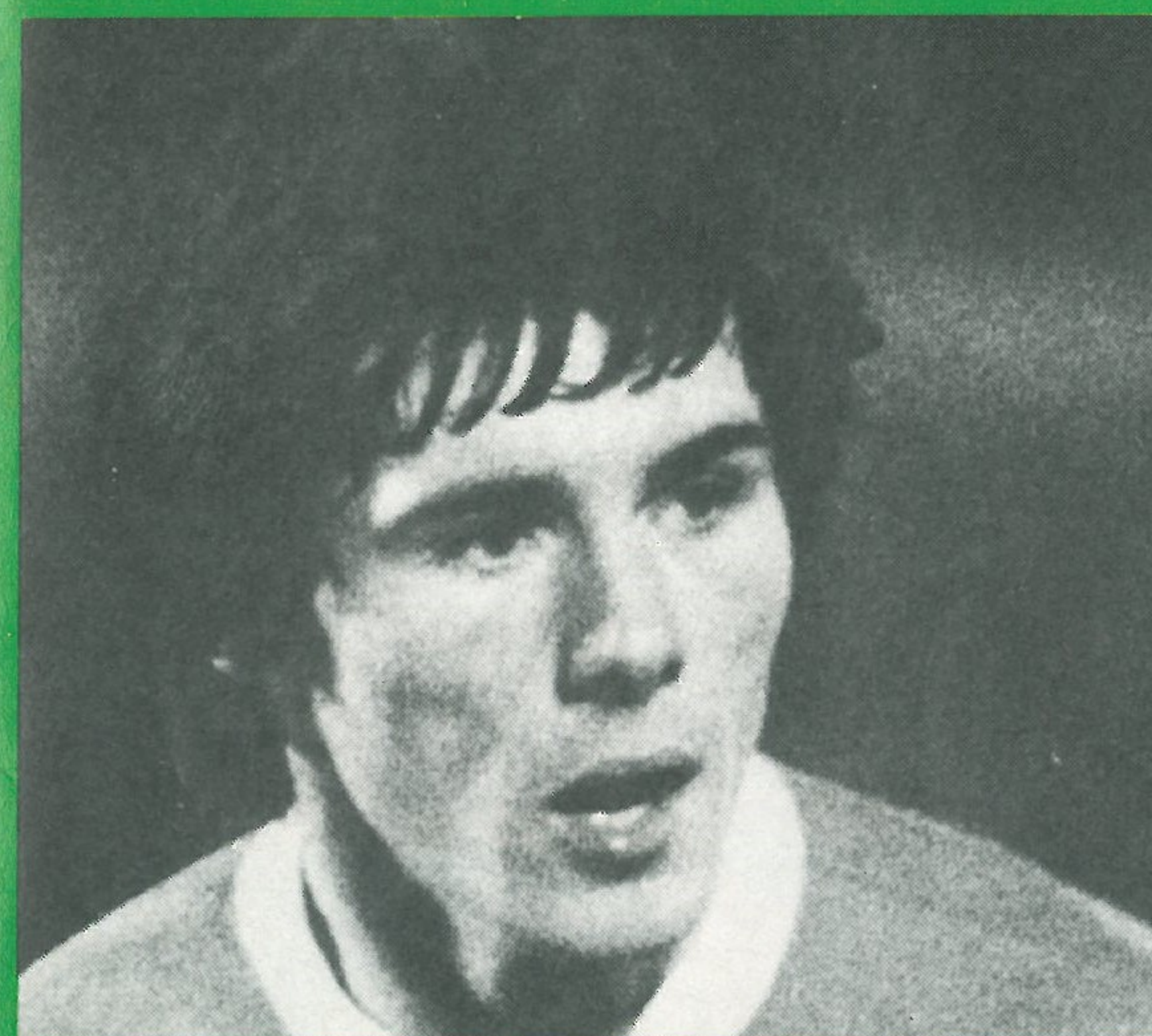
"The closest we ever got to it was way back in 1973 when we played under the guise of a Shamrock Rovers team. But we were really an all-Ireland side and we took on Brazil at Dalymount Park, Dublin before 50,000 people. The game was shown live on TV and we lost 4-3 in an absolutely brilliant game for which I consider myself lucky to be picked.

"There were the likes of Johnny Giles, Derek Dougan and big Pat Jennings. Players from North and South playing in the one side and it was an incredibly marvellous experience. I couldn't see why they did not develop the whole of Irish international football on those lines and give the idea a go after that resounding success."

As both the Irish rugby and hockey teams are selected on an all-Ireland basis what is stopping the football team following the same formula.

"It is a deep rooted problem which many people see as insurmountable," explains the Norwich City

Martin O'Neill
the Captain
of
Northern Ireland



The Republic's star striker Frank Stapleton (Manchester United) lends his support to an all-Ireland side.

midfielder: "It concerns the governing bodies. There are two Football Associations and if there is to be a united team then somewhere along the way one of those bodies has to take control which means some officials losing their power and position."

The Irish Football Association was founded in November 1880 and they staged their very first international match, against England, in Belfast on February 18, 1882. Just for the record England won 13-0 but international football had got off the ground and competition between Ireland and the home countries continued to flourish.

Even so it was not until March 17, 1900 that the Irish F.A. staged their first home game in Dublin. Again the opposition was provided by England who recorded a modest 2-0 victory. England were to appear only once more in the Southern capital — in 1912 against an all-Ireland team, when a hat-trick from Fleming spearheaded a 6-1 win for the visitors.

In 1904, 1906, 1908 and 1913, Dublin was again used by the Irish F.A. for the visits of Scotland, but that 1-2 defeat by Scotland on March 15th 1913 was to prove the last time that an Ireland side played in Dublin. Out of 49 home internationals, Belfast had staged 43 of them.

An unprecedented outburst in an Irish Cup semi-final between Glentoran and Belfast Celtic in the season of 1919-20, which resulted in both teams being removed from the competition, and the cup being awarded to Shelbourne without a Final being played, was to later lead to a rupture, which had political implications and resulted in the establishment of two associations.

The Irish Football Association Ltd., and the Football Association of Ireland, which later became the Football Association of the Irish Free State and is now known as the Republic of Ireland.

So after forty years the north and the south were split in terms of football and when civil war erupted and Southern Ireland broke away from the rest of the British Isles and eventually became a Republic the split was irreversible.

Both associations are completely autonomous bodies and there would seem little likelihood of them pooling their resources even just for international matches. For such games generate the main source of income, and the Northern Ireland F.A. would be loathe to share any of the spoils from their lucrative

annual fixture with England, not to mention the estimated £750,000 profit they made from the World Cup, with their poorer brethren in the south.

Political issues aside it seems ridiculous that such a small nation should compete on two different fronts in the same international arena. Dublin born Manchester United striker Frank Stapleton puts it in perspective when he says: "It seems ridiculous that we play in the same competitions, as two sides. In the last European Championships we had both Irish teams drawn in the same qualifying group with England, which was crazy. We took points off each other and as it happens on that occasion England qualified but it could have worked against us all.

"I would like to see a united Irish team just as a test to see what it would be like. Unfortunately it would probably upset a few folk and on each side there is bound to be disagreements about selection.

"But for the good of football if nothing else I think it would be an excellent move, and I'm sure I am speaking for most of the players when I say we should be all together.

"Football at international level is very well supported in Ireland even though league gates over there, in both parts are not too good. With a united team we could really give them something to shout about."

Martin O'Neill positively enthuses at the prospects however remote they might be: "Although we are one of the smallest nations, at this particular point in time we have the potential to become one of the best international sides in Europe," he insists. "Particularly with the North doing so exceptionally well recently and getting results, both in the World Cup and more recently against West Germany in the European Championship.

"If only we could pool our resources and use the best from both worlds. There are players like Brady, Stapleton, O'Leary, Lawrenson — for heavens sake the list is endless. If we joined up with them it would be a privilege to be in the side.

"There are political issues in Ireland which could create problems but this does not affect the rugby code in any way. To be quite honest I'm not exactly sure why it doesn't, but since I have been in football I can not recall any serious or concerted efforts being made to join us on the football field."

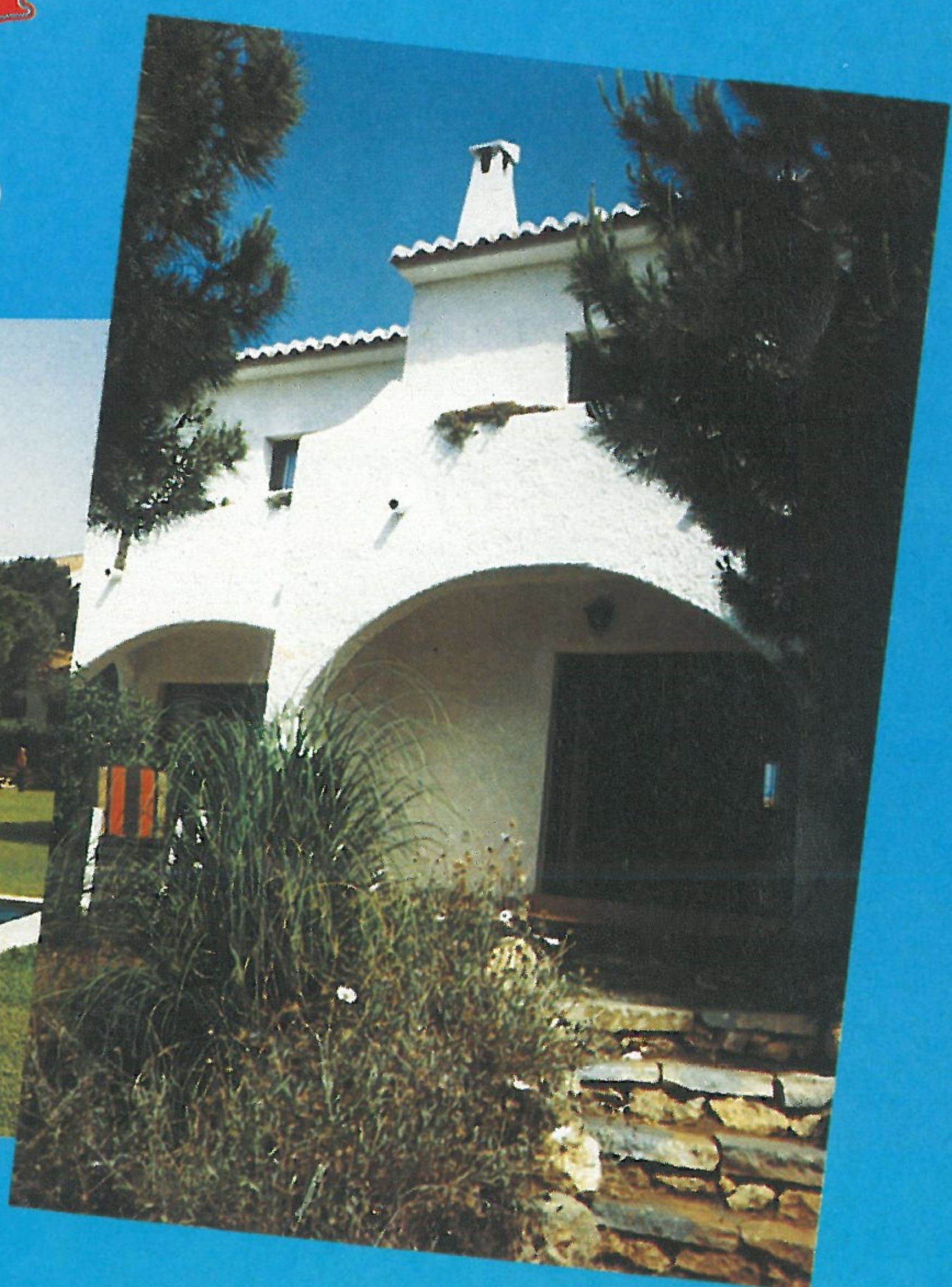
Things being what they are with prejudices, be they political or personal, presenting a seemingly impregnable barrier, it is doubtful whether we shall see a united-Ireland team in the foreseeable future.

It seems such a waste at a time which could prove the most successful in the history of Irish football. Success at international level can do wonders for the domestic game and one would think it possible for both football associations to maintain their independence at local level while at the same time forming a combined international selection panel to cover international matches.

Already in this current European Championship the Republic have found life difficult, and their home draw with Spain would seem to edge them out of a realistic chance of qualifying for the finals. But just think of the potential of a team such as this: Jennings; Nicholl, O'Leary, Lawrenson, Hughton; McIlroy, O'Neill, Brady; Armstrong, Stapleton, Whiteside. And what is even more important is that this team could be supplemented by many class players which would give Ireland quality in depth.

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Taking the Crunch out of Soccer



By John Nolan

Thankfully the Association of Referees and Linesmen endorsed their policy to clean up the game when they held a special meeting in Coventry at the end of November.

With a record 123 players already sent for an early bath in League and Cup games the pressure was on to curb the campaign and institute a more lenient attitude towards football offenders. But despite the complaints John Goggins, the secretary of the Referees Association, claimed that the war on soccer's henchmen was having the desired effect.

"We have no evidence that anyone is asking us to go soft," he said. "We believe the fans are behind us in our bid to do something about the deliberate cheating in the game."

From my observations of crowd reactions this season I would endorse that statement. The soccer going public have thrilled at the skills of the more talented players who now have licence to exercise their ability without the fear of being whacked from behind. The new referees charter has certainly taken the crunch out of the game and left us with more snap crackle and pop, but many observers have questioned the validity of dismissing players for deliberate handball.

The sending off of goalkeepers for example has seemed severely harsh and not in line with overall policy which is to make the game more entertaining for the spectator.

The dismissal for instance of the Stoke City goalkeeper Peter Fox in the first-half of the First Division game against Luton Town could hardly be described as a positive contribution towards the betterment of the game.

THE PRICE TO PAY

Fox had made an instinctive dive just outside the penalty area and was punished accordingly. Stoke were left to battle on with ten men, a far from satisfactory outcome for the paying customers.

Fox himself was so distressed he threatened to give up the game and another Stoke City player, Micky Thomas, has also expressed vehement fears that players will pack up football unless referees take a softer line.

Thomas' outburst was provoked by the sending off at Southampton of Stoke's England Under-21 defender Paul Bracewell: "Bracewell's sending off was disgraceful," roared the Welsh international, "It showed that players can no longer challenge for 50-50 balls."

The divide between a legitimate tackle and a foul is a very thin one in a game of physical contact and although everyone wants to see the cynical foul outlawed and punished severely, it must be remembered that tackling is a skill in its own right and is a perfectly legitimate action.

However apart from these obvious misgivings the Players Union has thrown its weight solidly behind the referees and the PFA chairman, Steve Coppell, says: "If this is the price we have to pay to make the game more entertaining, then it must be paid."

The Manchester United and England forward has always been a player of exemplary attitude himself and

The Chairman of the PFA Steve Coppell

emphasises that he understands what a difficult job referees face in controlling a match.

ENCOURAGING

"I am on their side," he says "although I can see that there are problems in certain areas, but I have been encouraged by the fact that referees seem to be using their discretionary powers to better effect.

"I was involved in an incident during our match at Old Trafford against Spurs, when Glenn Hoddle made an illegal tackle on me. It was obviously an error of judgement rather than a deliberate attempt to injure or intimidate me and although the crowd wanted him off, the referee — quite correctly to my mind — used his discretion and was content to book him."

The PFA are naturally concerned about the number of players sent off this season but as Coppell intimates, they can not do anything about altering the rules at this stage of the season: "We do not make the rules. It is our job to play within them," he points out.

It is quite clear that the stricter interpretation of the laws has helped produce more entertaining football this season but surprisingly of the 123 offenders dismissed in the opening three months, only 39 were guilty of committing professional fouls. The remainder were just dealt with in the traditional way for violation of the rules.

All concerned are obviously aware that the system is not perfect but this is mainly due to that age old problem of inconsistency by officials. However in the main all parties seem to agree that the controversial clean up campaign is gradually sweeping the cynicism out of the professional game... And that can't be bad.

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BENNO AT LARGE

FANS FIRST AND FOREMOST

The realisation that soccer's mass following is in decline has alerted clubs to try and do everything in their power to make sure that they halt the slide.

Football has at last realised that the fans of the eighties need looking after and in this respect many clubs such as Tottenham, Manchester United and Sheffield United have spent millions constructing modern comfortable stands to house their supporters.

But it does not end with bricks and mortar ask Swansea City Chairman Malcolm Struel and he will tell you: "The first people we think about at this club are the fans."

It is good to hear. Swansea, now enjoying their second season in the First Division have evolved a scheme with the local transport authority which provides cheap travel and reduced admission to



Swansea manager John Toshack

matches. From the outskirts of the city special tickets are available only from bus drivers. There are adult tickets and family tickets, the latter saving up to £1.20.

Mr Tom Phillips, Swansea's vice chairman, says "The scheme is aimed mainly at encouraging family support and nothing would please us more than to find that we eventually have to extend our special family enclosure".

The theme is echoed by new Derby director and former Secretary Stuart Webb. "We all need a distinct injection of the old family atmosphere, the sort we fostered at the Baseball Ground several years ago".

So Derby are embarking on a registration plan to keep the "unwanted" out of their family seating area.

The first rule is: No adults unless accompanied by children!

Fans young and old are uppermost in the thinking of Gordon Dimbleby, who recently joined Chelsea's administrative staff.

There are almost permanent reservations at Stamford Bridge for a group of Chelsea Pensioners and for the home match against Shrewsbury Chelsea invited 100 guests from the local Senior Citizens Club.

Meanwhile, Dimbleby, tongue by no means in cheek, has inaugurated for the Under-12's "Gordon'll Fix It" programme so that "The youngsters can have their dreams realised". Those who want to skipper Chelsea may have to wait a while!

Carlisle, who are to make an award to the best behaved visiting supporters this season, are to honour their own fans with a supporter's "Top 10" nominated by the fans themselves.

Says Managing Director Colin Hutchinson, "We want the fans to tell us about the supporters they feel deserve recognition, like the fan who hasn't missed an away match for years, or something totally different like a supporter who makes a contribution to improving the image of football fans."

"An independent panel will decide on the awards at the end of the season. We want to show the bright side of committed football supporters".

MORE WATCHING THE BOX

League football is attracting bigger TV audiences. The Broadcasters Audience Research Bureau report an increase of seven per cent on weekend viewing which so far this season has consisted entirely of League matches.

"I'm not surprised", says Brian Moore of ITV whose figures are up a staggering 57 per cent since switching to Saturday night transmission.

Moore, presenter of 'The Big Match', pays League football a fulsome tribute. "The game has never been more exciting in any of the 14 seasons I've been involved with the programme."

"We've been able to show a number of tremendous matches, with plenty of goals, and I can't help but compliment the managers, coaches and, above all, the players."

"I'm not surprised that more people are returning to the game. Everywhere I've been people have gone out of their way to say how exciting matches have become."

Moore, a director of Third Division Gillingham, adds: "The message from the pitch is that football is very far from dead".

The increase in viewing figures does not surprise Graham Kelly, Secretary of The Football League. "The reason is simple", he says. "The game this season has been better, and more entertaining. Those people who have been staying away from games have missed some magnificent football."

"The trend is very encouraging" adds Mr. Kelly. "The overall increase in TV audiences is probably well in excess of seven per cent when mid-week viewing of Milk Cup and international matches is taken into account."

"I agree with Brian Moore. There has been a dramatic change on the pitch. We all have our own theories on the reasons why, but it is obvious that the players are enjoying the game more and more and that enjoyment is communicating itself to the spectators."

PERSONAL FILE

The page specially written for you by the stars themselves. This evening young reserve team striker JOHN FASHANU takes up the pen.

In the next few games I'm hoping that I shall be given the opportunity to show my races in the 1st team. I have had a couple of chances already this season but I suffered from an inferiority complex - being on the same field as the likes of Cyrille, Rogie my idol - and was very disappointing. But I have worked very hard since then in my sprinting and weights and have shaped up considerably. Football is all about confidence and if you don't have it then no one else will have any for you. But I do extra weight training three days a week to build up my body and have expanded from a 36" chest to 44" so you can see I've gone through a lot of pain. But defenders won't be able to knock my about much now because my body and legs are stronger. But I'm still learning my trade. What I know would fill a book what I don't know would fill a library but it's an honour to be in the company of the likes of Martin O'Neill and Micky McGuire.

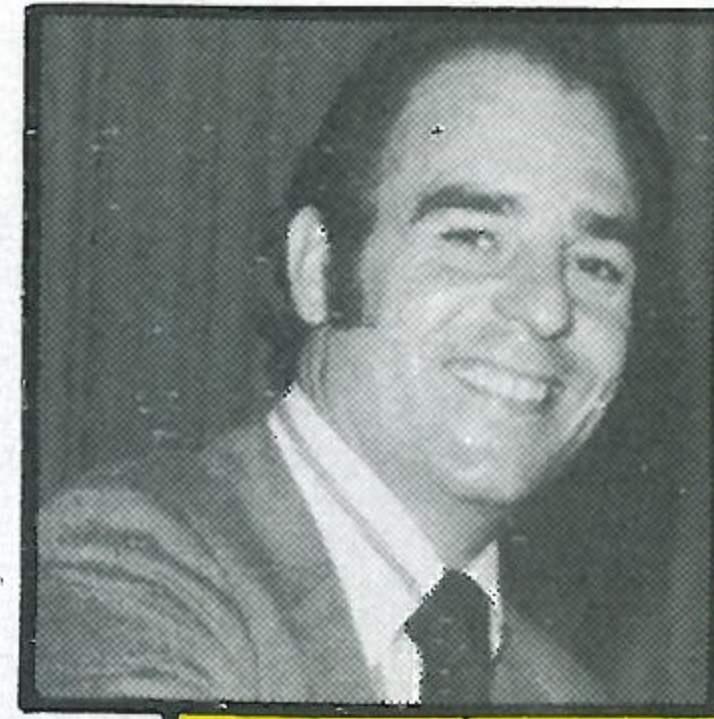


CLUB CANARY

With Duncan Forbes

The Club Canary operation has proved particularly successful this year and the number of people travelling with us have been going up week by week. One of the services which supporters may not be so well acquainted with is the Club Canary home travel service. The service works like this, on the Saturday of every home game a Club Canary coach leaves the lorry park at Kings Lynn at mid-day and makes a round the towns trip to Carrow Road, and the prize for the return journey is only £1.50. After leaving Kings Lynn the coach makes its way to the Kings Head, Old Market Place, Wisbech, departing from there at 12.30 (fare — £2.00 per head) and makes for the Clock Tower at Downham Market, leaving Downham Market at 12.50 (fare — £1.70 per head), it goes to the main gates at RAF Marham, leaving there at 1.10pm (fare — £1.50 per head), before making its final pick-up at the Swaffham Public Toilets block at 1.20pm (fare — £1.20 per head). It drops off all its passengers at Carrow Road and then collects shortly after the game is finished to return, everyone to their pick-up points. It is a worthwhile service, it provides cheap transport into Carrow Road, and you don't need to book ahead, just be at anyone of the pick-up points to meet the coach. Remember its for every Saturday match and not evening games.

After all that turkey and stuffing it is nice to get back to a good healthy game of football. One young man who hasn't missed a Norwich City first team game home or away for two



MAC'S SCENE

years is Kevin Drake who was 20 on December 11th. I have just heard about it Kevin so accept my apologies for the lateness in sending you greetings.

We shall be off on our travels again to Stoke next week so come and join us. The details are at the bottom of this column.

It can be great fun. On our way down to Brighton we stopped at the Suffolk Punch for some light refreshment and the lads put their coats down and played a game of football. It ended in a 7-7 draw. I watched from inside the cafe, more worried about the poor mans window than the game, but I needn't have worried some of our lads have good skill.

On the way back David Baker — a true man of Norfolk — was challenged in a pub to a game of pool, by an Ipswich supporter. Needless to say our man came out on top . . . by 3-0.

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THE RADIO NORFOLK CONNECTION

I was sorry to learn that our good friend, Ian Masters, will no longer be hosting the Saturday Show on our local radio. We have got to know Ian very well over the past months, our Golden Nugget £1,000 Draw being a regular feature of the Saturday morning show. We'll all miss Ian, after 2½ years on the programme but wish him well for the future. There is some good news, however, and that is that Wally Webb is staying with the show and will continue to join our own Ray Cossey in giving away £1,000 cheques to the fortunate winners of the top prize on Golden Nugget.



HAIR TODAY

Our roving Canary photographer captured four of the Norwich City squad recently at Chris Chapman Hair Designs of Prince of Wales Road, Norwich.

Pictured above are Keith Bertschin, Peter Mountford, Dave Watson and Ross Jack all receiving skilled attention to those stylish locks.

Chris Chapman himself has picked up a wealth of international hair styling awards ranging from International Competitive Diplomas in Paris of 1975, Amsterdam, 1976, the Paris Grand Prix, 1978. Chris was also a member of the Men's British World Cup Team in Dusseldorf in 1978 and of the Men's British European Cup Team in Vienna in 1977 and Athens in 1979.

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4. Against what team did Joe Royle make his last league appearance.
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6. What is the name of the lottery ticket only sold on match-days at the ground and how much does it cost.

HELLO CHATTERBOX '83

many of our supporters will have visited the successful Mother Goose pantomime which is running at the Theatre Royal at the moment. But there is a bright and breezy little variety show to be staged there on Sunday, 9th January, 1983 at 2.30 p.m. entitled Hello Chatterbox and compered by Christine Webber of Anglia Television. The show is in support of "Chatterbox" the speaking newspaper to the blind. Tickets for the show are £2.25 or £1.60 for OAP's and children and all seats are bookable from the Theatre Royal Box Office. There's a wide range of artists appearing from vocals to comedy, the Vintage Hot Orchestra and even a demonstration of Seikukan Kendo from members of one of the local clubs. It looks like being a nice afternoon's entertainment and if you can get along the money raised will help Chatterbox continue their service to the Blind people of Norwich.

EXECUTIVE BOX LOTTERY

I am sure that by now most of you will know that Norwich City Football Club have given the Hospital Commentary Service Executive Box No. 20 as a prize in a lottery which they are running to raise those most needed funds to continue their service to hospital beds around the county.

If any of you would like to be agents for this lottery on a short-term basis would you let me have your name and address in the Promotions Office or telephone 615011. We don't need large numbers of people, but two or three able helpers could do much to make this lottery the success it needs to be to raise those much needed funds. As an agent you will receive a useful commission of £1 a book and a free match ticket to every Norwich City home game, for every book you sell.



We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas. No doubt many of you received a new Norwich City strip amongst your presents, we would be pleased to publish photographs of you in your kit if you care to send them in to the Club.

We are arranging a film morning in the 101 Club one Sunday in January. With the many videos now available it should be possible to have a very interesting and enjoyable session. Watch this column for details of date.

Tomorrow another large party of members of their families will travel down to Wembley Stadium for a conducted tour behind the scenes. Following this tour we shall travel on into London's West End to see the Christmas lights. There may be some last minute availability on this trip if you telephone Norwich 411601 between 10 and 10.30 this evening.



Our MATCH MASCOT this evening is Darren Rice of 154, Beloe Avenue, Bowthorpe, Norwich. Membership no. 336. Today is Darren's eighth birthday and we hope that being our Mascot will make his day complete.

Apart from watching Norwich City, Darren lists swimming as his other favourite pastime. Sponsorship this evening has been provided by South Terrington Dev. Ltd. Building and Heating Contractors. Norwich 745696. "Fledgling"

MARK'S A REAL CRACKER

Our photograph shows a smiling Mark Barham surrounded by the ladies who make the crackers at Tom Smith & Co. Ltd., Salhouse Road, Norwich. The girls, and the one fella, are holding their match tickets for the game against Nottingham Forest which were their prizes in the staff raffle. Tom Smith sponsored the Forest game and the three giant crackers you see here were the ones which the firm gave to the Childrens Homes, before the match. A special note for the older fans. The lady leaning on Mark's right shoulder is Mrs Terry Ryder, wife of the ex City player. With Mark on the right wing and Terry on the left, what a fine duo they would make today.

MIKE ON THE MIKE

Taking over from Ian Masters, as the Saturday Show anchor man, is another friend of ours, Mike Souter. I am delighted to tell you that the £1,000 Golden Nugget prize draw will continue to be a feature of your Saturday morning listening on Radio Norfolk for a long time to come. Who knows? One of these Saturday mornings it could be your door Ray and Wally knock on to present you with a cheque for £1,000!



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

We are all looking forward to tonight's game against Luton Town, one of the most attractive teams in the First Division. And the fact that they never shrink from their beliefs to play entertaining, attacking football is a tribute to their young manager David Pleat.

Now I don't really know Mr Pleat very well but he strikes me as being one of the best young managers in the business today. It is alright adopting an attacking style when things are going well for you but to maintain those beliefs when results are not good takes some courage.

But regardless of what position they are in Luton still go out to entertain and it is only a pity that teams like them do not get the support to maintain a First Division team. . . . It must be frustrating and it makes you wonder just how much a manager can do.

I am sure that if Norwich City had walked away with the Second Division title as convincingly as Luton did last season, and started this season in the First Division as well as they did then we would

pull in the crowds at Carrow Road. Let's face it even now in the predicament we are in we are getting better gates than Luton.

And yet we are not attracting enough fans to warrant us having any spare cash to use on the transfer market and Luton are in the same boat. But working with minimum resources, David Pleat has managed to get the best out of his players. He is another example of a man who never hit the heights as a player and yet is proving his quality as a manager.

The trouble is the fans want results before entertainment. All they are concerned about is winning, which is fair enough to some extent, but there is far more to football than just cold statistics.

But I have to admit that the reactions of some people make you think that they would rather see you playing Bradford City and winning, than Liverpool and losing . . . somewhere along the line priorities seem to have become twisted.

However there is no doubt about the fact that we must win tonight's game against the Hatters. This one is virtually a six pointer and after the disappointment of losing to Nottingham Forest there is no room for further errors.

Forest stunned us before we had started and after that it was an uphill battle. The conditions underfoot were very difficult and probably dictated the pattern of play but I felt we started getting over anxious and because of this we were hitting desperate long balls to the front, which is not really our style.

Even so most of the game was played in the Forest half and we still created many more chances than the visitors and if we had scored one I think we would have got two.

Again this has been the story. In the last few games particularly we have created more chances than our opponents and yet failed to capitalise on our breaks. We all realise that we can't keep on letting games slip away like this and so from now on every game becomes that much more crucial as far as results are concerned.

However we remain confident. It is still a case of stringing three wins together and at home we have to be confident no matter who we play because we always create opportunities. . . . Now we must buckle down and take them.

BEHIND THE SCENES



DICK CANN, DICK CHAPPLE and DAVE WATSON — not THE Dave Watson, this one's a schoolteacher — are three very special people behind the scenes at Carrow Road. They look after and organise the ball-boys, or girls as has been the case, who so efficiently operate at every game staged here at Carrow Road.

"We arrive here an hour before the game and the ball boys get here at 2.15," explains Dick Cann, a self employed plasterer. "They are then kitted out in our tracksuits and we give them a quick briefing about their duties.

"Normally we have eight boys. They are told where to operate and to get the ball back to the players as quickly as possible. Of course they have to work that little bit harder for Reserve and Youth team matches because with the ground being empty they have to sometimes climb over and retrieve the ball from the terraces or the South stand."

The age range is usually between nine and 15 and the boys are supplied by local schools and clubs. The system is that they send six candidates and the other two are senior boys from the Hewett School, who are always in attendance as stand-bys should a group fail to turn up.

"We are on duty hail, rain or shine," smiles Dick Chapple, who is a credit controller with the Norwich Brewery. "We enjoy it, it is just great to be involved with the club. The lads are no trouble and we keep the instructions simple. Obviously a lot of them would like to kick the ball, so we have to point that out beforehand. We ask them to throw the ball under-arm, unless they have a long distance to cover, but it is mainly just a matter of common sense."

Of course there have been one or two little incidents that have upset the apple cart. Like the young man who sat rooted on his stool as the ball rolled past, and made no attempt to collect it for the player. When questioned about it on returning to the stand he replied indignantly: "I hadn't finished by Mars Bar."

Needless to say the eating of chocolate bars is now banned out on the

pitch. But there is no such simple answer for the poor lad who went sprawling when he tripped over a trainers bucket as he went in hot pursuit of a loose ball.

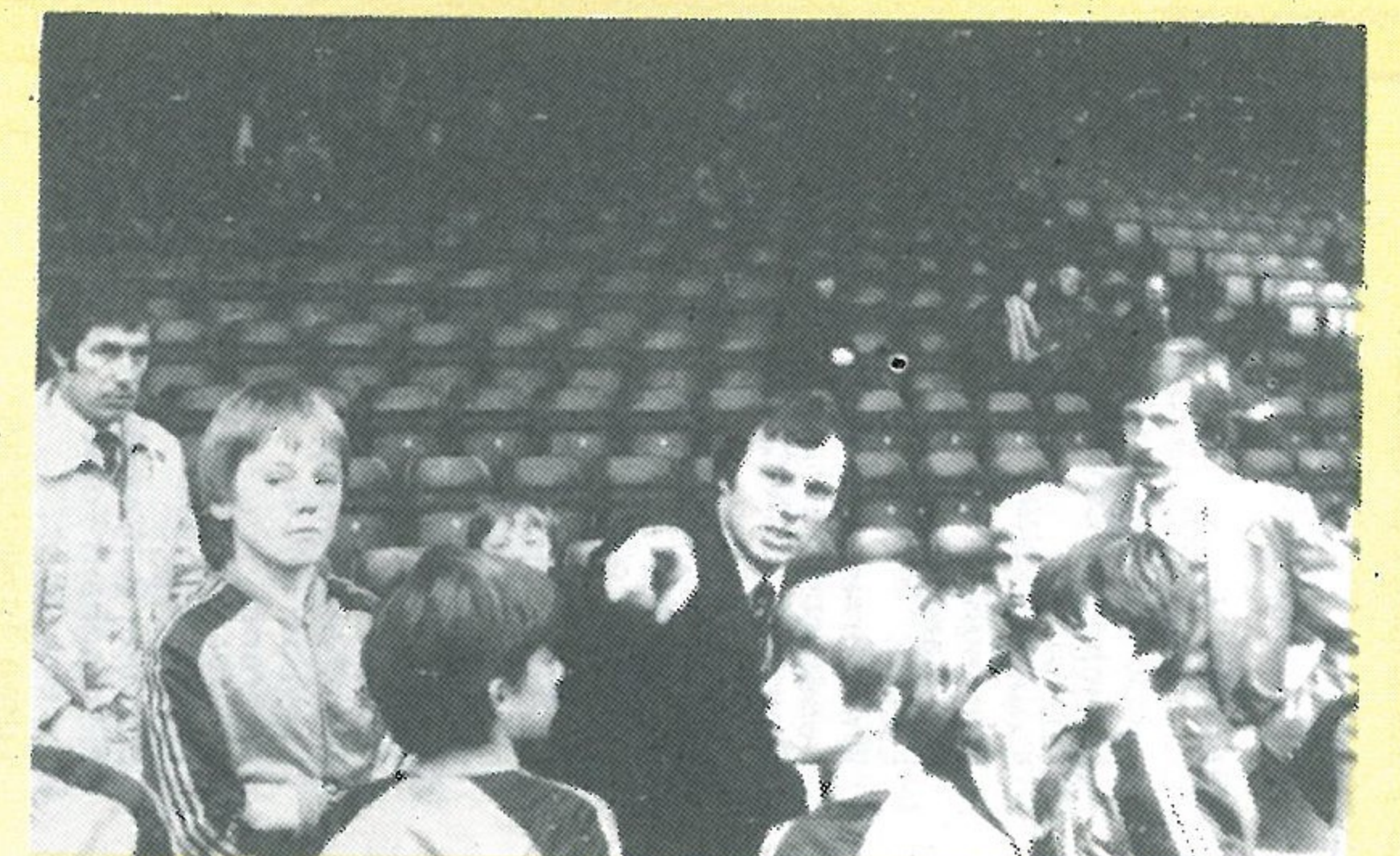
In addition to organising the ball-boys the two Dick's and Dave conduct guided tours of the ground.

"The tour lasts about an hour," says Dick Cann. "We take them into the medical room, the changing room, the Board Room and across to the Executive Suite and into a Private Box as well as up onto the TV gantry.

"Any organisation can apply in fact one group were called, Snap, Crackle and Pop. They come from all over the county and we cater for groups between ten and forty people.

"For groups of youngsters we do insist that they are accompanied by a responsible adult."

The tours are conducted prior to Reserve team games and Youth matches and are rounded off nicely by a seat in the stand to watch the game. If any organisation is interested in availing itself of this service then write to Graham Wren, c/o Norwich City Football Club. He is our liaison officer and will place your application with the appropriate organisers.



DICK CANN (centre) points out some details to a group of ball boys. DICK CHAPPLE (left) and DAVE WATSON are interested bystanders.



Main fixture list table with columns for DATE, Opponents, SCORE, ATT, and player names. Includes dates from Aug 28 to May 21 and various team names like Manchester City, Arsenal, etc.

All home First Division games kick off at 3.00 p.m. on Saturdays and Bank Holidays; mid-week matches at 7.30 p.m.

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*PLAYER SENT OFF
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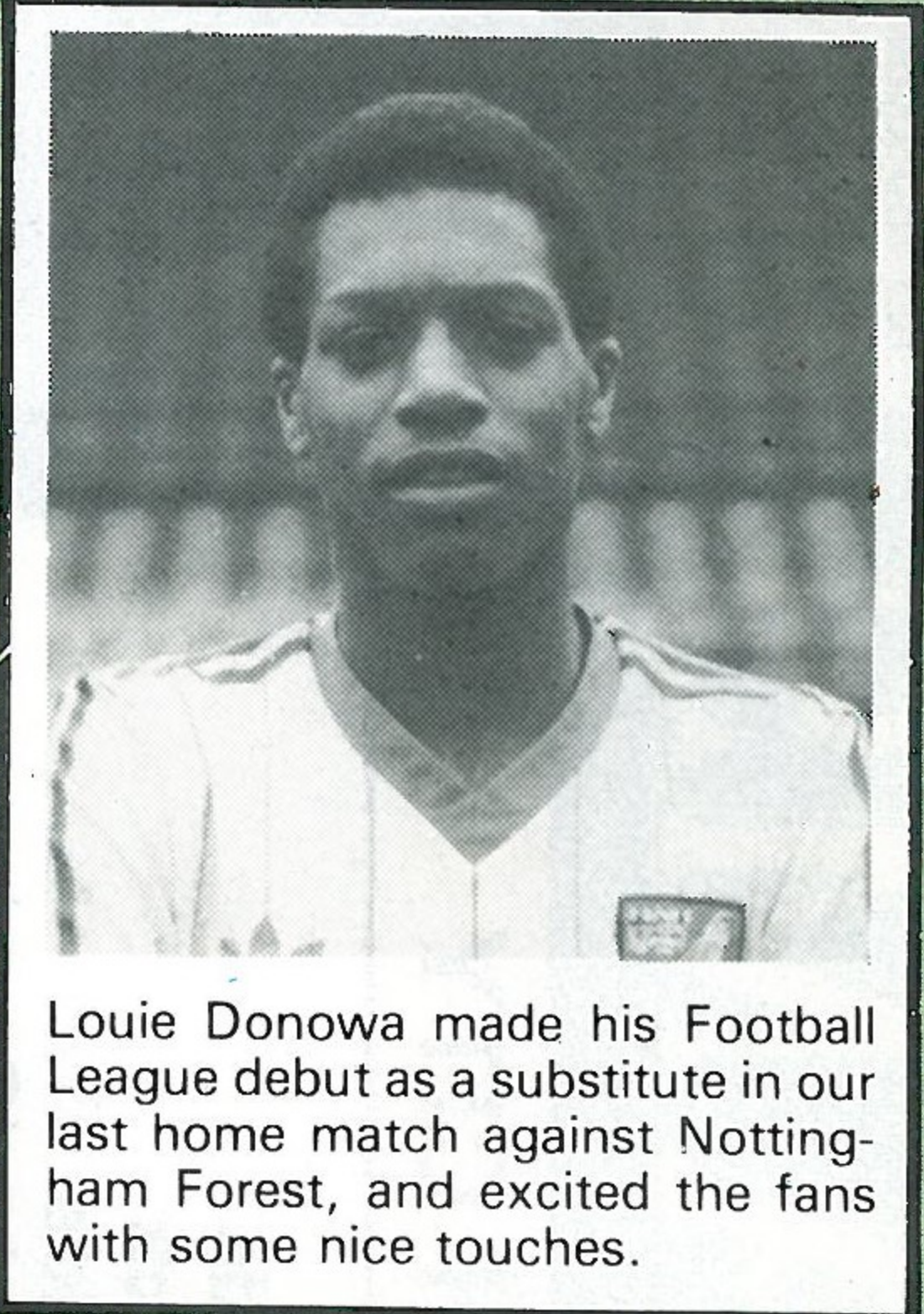
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FIRST DIVISION (As at 18th December, 1982) table with columns for P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES SENIOR LEAGUE Saturday, 11th December, 1982 table with columns for P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION (Up to and including Tuesday, 14th December, 1982) table with columns for P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts.



Louie Donowa made his Football League debut as a substitute in our last home match against Nottingham Forest, and excited the fans with some nice touches.

FORTHCOMING GAMES AT CARROW ROAD
Thursday, 30th December, Football Combination vs Chelsea
Kick Off: 7.30 p.m.
Monday, 3rd January, Division 1 vs Swansea City
Kick Off: 3.00 p.m.

TEAMS

DID YOU KNOW! The last time we met Luton at Carrow Road was 28th December last year, in the Second Division. John Deehan scored on his debut for the Canaries but could not prevent the Hatters winning 3-1. The attendance was 19,348 and our team was: Woods, Symonds, Downs, McGuire, Walford, Watson, Barham, Muzinic (Mendham), Deehan, Bertschin, Bennett.

NORWICH CITY

1. Chris Woods
2. Paul Haylock
3. ~~Aage Hareide~~ DOWNS
4. ~~Mick McGuire (Capt.)~~ MENDHAM
5. Steve Walford
6. Dave Watson
7. Mark Barham
8. Martin O'Neill
9. ~~Ross Jack~~ CHANNON
10. Keith Bertschin
11. Dennis Van Wyke
12. McGuire

LUTON TOWN

1. Jake Findlay
2. Kirk Stephens
3. Richard Money
4. Brian Horton (Capt.)
5. Clive Goodyear
6. ~~Mal Donaghy~~ TURNER
7. Rick Hill
8. David Geddis
9. Paul Walsh
10. ~~Wayne Turner~~ FUCILLO
11. David Moss
12. Antic

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Linesmen: T. P. Healy (Tiptree, Essex) Red Flag
A. Ward (Sleaford, Lincs) Yellow Flag
Reserve Official: J. A. Erwin (Norwich)

ABC OF LUTON

JAKE FINDLAY (Goalkeeper). Born at Blairgowrie, a few miles north-west of Dundee. Crossed the border as a youngster to sign for Aston Villa as an apprentice, and was upgraded to full professional at Villa Park in June, 1972. Made 14 League appearances for Villa and in November, 1978 was transferred to Luton.

KIRK STEPHENS (Defender). Has been a full contract professional with Luton since June, 1978. Went straight into their League team for the opening match of the following season, at home to Oldham Athletic, and has since established himself as a regular member of the side. Born in Coventry.

RICHARD MONEY (Defender). Signed by Luton Town from Liverpool on a temporary transfer in March of this year, and in the following month the full deal was completed. Born at Lowestoft and started his League career with Scunthorpe United. Made 173 League appearances before moving from Scunthorpe to Fulham in 1977. Joined Liverpool in May, 1980.

BRIAN HORTON (Midfield). Transferred to Luton from Brighton and Hove Albion in August, 1981. Born at Hednesford and played for Hednesford Town after an unproductive spell as an apprentice with Walsall. Signed for Port Vale, and made his name with the Potteries club. Left Vale for Brighton in March, 1976.

CLIVE GOODYEAR (Defender). Born in Lincoln and has been a full contract professional with Luton since October, 1978. Made his League debut with the Hatters in the No. 5 shirt in a Second Division match at home to Wrexham in April, 1980. Fully established himself as a first-teamer last season.

MAL DONAGHY (Defender). A regular member of the Northern Ireland international team, and played for them in the World Cup Finals in Spain. Born in Belfast and joined Luton from Larne, the Irish League club, in June, 1978. Made his first appearance on the opening day of the following season in Luton's home match against Oldham. His full name is Malachy.

RICKY HILL (Midfield). Has forced his way into the England international reckoning, and played as substitute against Denmark in September. Born in Paddington and spotted in a junior match at Hitchin by David Pleat, the Luton manager. Upgraded from apprentice to full pro at Luton in May, 1976. Had already made his League debut as a substitute at home to Bristol Rovers in the preceding month, and celebrated the occasion with a goal in a 3-1 win.

PAUL WALSH (Midfield). An England Under-21 player who was in the team against Greece in Athens. Born in Plumstead and attended Woolwich Polytechnic. Played for both Blackheath and London Boys, and was spotted by Charlton Athletic when playing for Londinium. Transferred from Charlton to Luton for a big fee last July. Made ten appearances in the England Youth team.

WAYNE TURNER (Defender). Born in Luton and played for both the Luton district and Bedfordshire County Boys' teams. At 15 he was a ball boy at Wembley for an international match and his ambition now is to go there in a more important capacity! Joined Luton as a schoolboy, and later developed through their apprentice ranks. Had a spell on loan to Lincoln City last season.

DAVID MOSS (Forward). Started his career with Swindon Town in July, 1969 and after making 230 League appearances for the Wiltshire club, moved to Luton in May, 1978. On the opening day of the following season, he scored twice at home to Oldham in a 6-1 win. Born at Witney.

RADDY ANTIC (Midfield). A Yugoslavian international who was born in that country, but played for Zaragoza, the Spanish club, before signing for Luton in July, 1980. Went straight into Luton's League team for their away match with West Ham United on the opening day of season 1980-81. His full first name is Radomir.

DAVID GEDDIS (Forward). Signed on loan from Aston Villa last week. A former Ipswich striker he moved to Villa for £300,000 in September, 1979. Has won England Youth and 'B' caps and won an FA Cup Winners medal with Ipswich and League and European Championship medals with Villa.

TODAY'S MATCH BALL
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