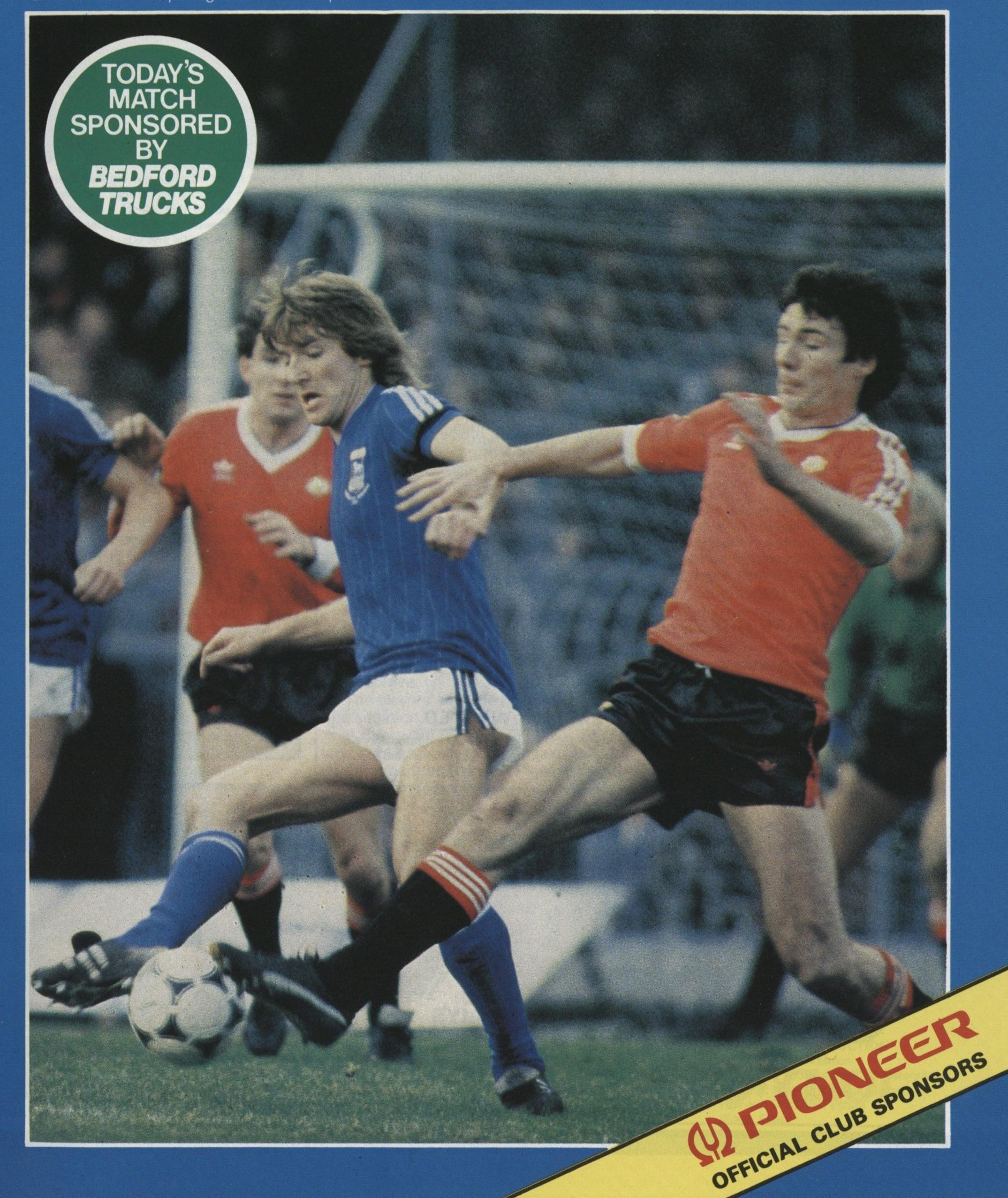
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ALBION TICKETS

Seats for our next away league match at West Bromwich Albion on March 12 will be on sale from the main ticket office at Portman Road next Saturday when we are at home to Birmingham City. They cost £4.50 each.

TOWN TRAVEL

Travel Club coaches for the game at West Bromwich Albion on March 12 will leave Portman Road at 9.00 a.m. and return tickets - £5.80 for adults and £4.00 for accompanied children - are available now from the Portman Shop.

British Rail have reserved seats available for Travel Club members on the 9.25 train from Ipswich and return tickets costing £8.00 are available from Ipswich station

JOHN'S DAY OFF

Enjoying a rare day off and spending it at Portman Road is BBC "Match of the Day" commentator John Motson who has been looking up his many friends in the area during a mid-season break in Suffolk. We're delighted to welcome John and his wife, Anne, who is paying her firstever visit to Portman Road.

JASON'S DOUBLE DOUBLE!

Town schoolboy signing Jason Dozzell has been among the goals recently. He hit two at Leeds last week to help Ipswich and South Suffolk draw 3-3 in the quarter-final of the English Schools Trophy and another two at Portman Road on Tuesday when Suffolk trounced Cambridgeshire 9-0 in the qualifying stages of the British Home Stores/London Cup competition. The Chantry High School pupil will be hoping to help overcome Leeds in next Saturday's replay at Cranes and book a semifinal clash against Sunderland. Kick-off time next week is 10.30 a.m.

INTERNATIONAL TICKETS

A reminder that there is still time to book tickets for England's European Championship qualifying match against Hungary at Wembley on April 27 through the club. Seats cost £15, £12.50, £10.50 and £7, while standing tickets are £4. The closing date for applications, which must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope and the correct remittance, is March 9.

() PIONEER



Further rounds of the Pioneer Penalty Prize competition will take place before today's game, starting at around 1.30 p.m. Here are today's ties, together with the team line-ups: -

Brookside Oakhillians (Martin McDonath, Paul Ford, Jonathan McLoughlin)

Brookside Saints (Gary Smy, Liam Buckley, Paul Reynolds) 12.14

Brookside Harlequins (Allan Gibbs, Nicky Barker, Malcolm Howell)

Heathside Rebels (Jonathan Ixer, Roger Moles,

Gipping Gliders (Mark Scarf, Patrick Fisher, Dale Fellingham)

Gipping Rovers (Kevin Andrews, Carl Sharman, Shaun Andrews)

Gipping Hawks (Shaun Farrow, Graham Rosher Nicky Lennard)

Brookside Spartans (Nigel Gillespie, Jason Abbott, Christopher Winter)

Gipping Saints (Julian Woodward, Michael Sutton, Danny Blackman)

Brookside Rangers (Garry Clarke, Barry Thompson, Carl Wicks)

Heathside Hornets (Mark Gardner, Gary Wright Steven Lewis)

Orwell Heathens (Paul Culley, Kevin Leggett, Terry Mrowiec)

PEN-PALS WANTED

Alison Pead is a 14-year-old Brighton fan who also follows the fortunes of Ipswich and Arsenal

and should would like a pen-pal, male or female, aged between 14 and 16, who supports Town. Her address is 65 Fletching Road, Whitehawk, Brighton, East Sussex.

Paul McNelly is 17 and would like a female pen-pal who supports Town. His other interests include pop music and travelling and his address is 12A Deri Avenue, Rainham, Essex, RM13 9LX.

John McArdle is a Celtic supporter keen to swop scarves with Town fans. He is trying to collect scarves from all the English clubs who have played Celtic and he can be contacted at 41 Quarryknowe, Rutherglen, Glasgow G73 2RN.

CAN YOU HELP?

We have heard from 22-year-old Jeff Overall, a keen Town fan living in Australia, who wonders if he could obtain the help of a Suffolk-based supporter in researching the club's league results during the 1940s, 50s and 60s. He can be contacted at 15/28 Gosport Street, Cronulla 2230, Sydney, Australia.

Another supporter based Down Under is Andrew McNabb and he is keen to obtain information on exiled Town fans in Australia or New Zealand. He says: "We could maybe start a branch of the supporters' club!" Andrew's address is c/o The Angliss Group, 213-219 Miller Street, North Sydney, NSW 2060, Australia.

NORWICH AGAIN!

After the first team's FA Cup knockout at Norwich last week, the Town youths returned to Carrow Road on Monday for a South East Counties League fixture which the young Canaries, league leaders and undefeated this season, won 3-0.

The Town reserves were hoping for better luck there on Wednesday in a rearranged Football Combination fixture. An own goal put Town ahead against Arsenal at Portman Road on Saturday but the Gunners hit back near the end

Our front cover features action from our last home game against Manchester United as Russell Osman and Frank Stapleton challenge for the ball just in front of the United goal.

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AFTER the disappointment of our FA Cup knockout at Norwich last week we are only too aware of the fact that we owe our supporters a good result this afternoon against Luton.

We must treat every game like a Cuptie between now and the end of the season if we are to climb the league table and qualify for Europe. To some that may seem a tall order but I believe we have the players to achieve it.

Norwich is history now and we must look ahead. We know we were the better side at Carrow Road but our finishing let us down and we have only ourselves to blame for the fact that our Wembley dream is over for another year.

Our commitment in the game could not be faulted, however, and a similar attitude will be required in the weeks ahead if we are to reach our target. Perhaps one or two players could be a bit hungrier in their quest for success and this concerns me. They will have to satisfy me where it matters most, on the field, or I may be forced to make changes.

We are talking of Europe as a

TOWN . F.C

possibility but in our current league position we cannot afford to ignore the fact that we are a little too close for comfort to the relegation zone and a run of bad results would soon see us sucked into the danger area.

It is now that we need your support, perhaps more than at any time in the last ten years or so. We must congratulate every last one of you who travelled to Norwich last week because we received marvellous backing and we know we let vou all down.

There can be no doubt that the fans lifted the players at Carrow Road and it is for this reason, perhaps more than any other, that we want to make amends as soon as possible, which means today against Luton.

I would love the atmosphere at Portman Road for every one of our home games to be like it was at Norwich last week. I'm not sure if supporters really ever appreciate the part they play but I can assure you that the players respond to the roars of encouragement and hate to let you down.

It is so often the case in football that a team plays well and loses 1-0 while another plays badly and wins and while it is extremely difficult to accept you simply have to try to forget it and concentrate on your next game.

I repeat what I said earlier - the Ipswich players are good enough to take the club into the top six and we must go out and win games with or without the atmosphere.

The players' attitude holds the key to the situation. They must prove to me that they want this club to be successful and solvent. With the huge financial commitment on the new Pioneer Stand,

CLUB DIRECTORY

it is obvious that we must achieve that success on the field and as quickly as

It must have been a frustrating season for our supporters, just as it has for everyone connected with the club, particularly myself and the players. But I remain hopeful that we can turn the corner during the remaining weeks of the season.

Europe is our target but we know it is not going to be easy. Our opponents today, for example, are in urgent need of points themselves and with their reputation for scoring goals away from home will be doing their best to make life difficult for us.

There is a chance that Eric Gates will be available for selection today. He had recovered sufficiently from his broken toe to train during the early part of the week and I was hoping he would be fit enough to play in the reserve fixture at Norwich on Wednesday.

The news of George Burley, unfortunately, is not quite so encouraging. He is still following the specialist's orders in resting his shin injury and we can only hope that this does the trick. Following his recent operation, to release what was diagnosed as a trapped nerve, George was disappointed to find that it had failed to overcome the problem. He has now been missing for two and a half months and it would be a terrific boost if he was available again.

But back to today and what I hope will be the type of performance to wipe out last week's disappointment and at the same time prove we have what it takes to reach our target of a European

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Junior Blues

MEET OUR MASCOT

Our mascot for today's game against Luton Town is 11-year-old James Porter of Moorea, Gorsehill Road, Virginia Water, Surrey. James, whose favourite Town player is striker Eric Gates, attends Scaitcliffe School and will be wearing the special adidas replica kit of shirt, shorts and stockings which he will keep as a souvenir of his special day.



COMPETITION SPOT

Here's your chance to win one of two attractive prizes — a super adidas 'T' shirt or a giant colour team poster signed by all the Town players. All you have to do is solve our puzzle. Each answer has five letters, the first one fits into the top line and you have to decide where the rest must go



- Kilmore of Grimsby
 Ward of Brighton
 Burns of Leeds
- 4. Leicester City boss.

When you've solved the puzzle, send your entries on a postcard to: Junior Blues, Ipswich Town F.C., Portman Road, Ipswich. And don't forget your name, address and membership number. The prizes will be awarded to the senders of the first two all-correct entries picked out on Friday. March 4, the closing date.

Winners last time were David Lloyd, 16 Norbury Road, Ipswich (adidas 'T' shirt) and Damian Pearte, 31 Whitby Road, Bury St. Edmunds (signed team poster).

LUTON MASCOT

Our visitors this afternoon, Luton Town, have their very own mascot in the shape of 12-year-old **Brian Barnard** who lives at **Henley Road, Ipswich**, and is a member of the Junior Hatters Club at Kenilworth Road. A pupil at Westbourne High School, today's game is almost a home fixture for Brian and we hope he will enjoy the occassion — but not too much!



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Cards signed by all the Town players will be sent to the following members.

Marcus Barker, Lareth Barton, Tracy Blenkinsop, Samuel Chapman, Darren Darling, James Dawkins, David Farrow, Damian Gallagher, Justine Gooderham, Ross Henderson, Martin Herbert, Christopher Holmes, Gerard Hutchinson, Mark Jackaman, Louise James, Malcolm Kennedy, Stuart Levett, David Lloyd, Morag Mackie, Andrew Martin, Elaine Martin, Robert Manning, Jason Mills, Robert Mittell, Graeme Oxborrow, Carl Page, Jonathan Powell, Bruce Rolls, Dean Rusher, Andrew Sale, Gavin Smith, Paul Snell, Tony Stimson, Spencer Stott, Justin Terry, Peter Viney, Andrea White, Paul Williamson and Sarah Woodcock.



Our mascot at the last home game against Manchester United, 13-year-old Teresa Newstead of Hawthorn Cottage, Middleton, Saxmundham, is pictured before the kick-off with her favourite Town player, Dutch midfield star Frans Thijssen.

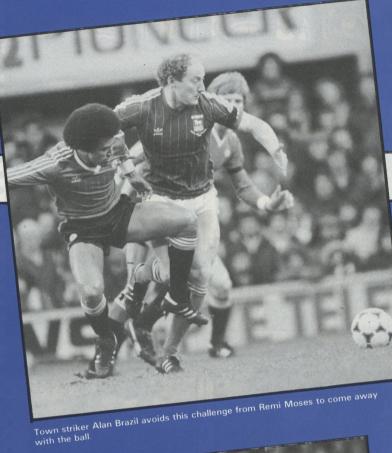
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United striker Frank Stapleton comes off second best as Town pair Russell
Osman and Frans Thijssen beat him to



Crunch! England winger Steve Coppell feels the full force of a sliding tackle from Russell Osman.



Left: Town striker Alan Brazil makes an appeal as his colleague John Wark clashes with United midfield man Remi Moses.

February 5, 1983 IPSWICH TOWN 1 (Wark 41) **MANCHESTER UNITED 1** (Stapleton 47) Crowd – 23,531

Pics by BOB THOMAS SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY





SECOND DIVISION. We have spent three separate spells as a Second Division club, completing a total of nine seasons at that level. After a solitary campaign in 1954/55 we returned in 1957 to remain for four seasons until gaining promotion to Division One. Following relegation in 1964 we spent another four seasons before re-claiming our First Division place.

SHARKEY, Pat. Pat was a midfield player whom we signed from Portadown. Though he never really established himself as a first-team player here, he had the distinction of playing for Northern Ireland against Scotland at Hampden Park in May, 1976. After a loan spell with Millwall, he moved on to Mansfield for £10,000 in 1977 and later played for Colchester and Peterborough.



PAT SHARKEY

League record: IPSWICH:	Α	G
1975/76	12(1)	1
1976/77	5	
MILLWALL (loan):		
1976/77	7	
MANSFIELD:		
1977/78	31(1)	5
COLCHESTER:		
1978/79	5(1)	_
PETERBOROUGH:		
1978/79	11	
1979/80	4	
1980/81	_	-0
	75(3)	6

SIVELL, Laurie. Lowestoft-born Laurie is one of the smallest goalkeepers in the game but his height has never been any handicap for him. He made his League debut for us at Anfield during the 1969/70 season and he has on several occasions taken over as first-choice goalkeeper.

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League record:		
IPSWICH:	Α	G
1969/70	1	
1970/71	24	
1971/72	15	
1972/73	2	
1973/74	19	
1974/75	40	
1975/76	2	
1976/77	8	
1977/78	1	
1978/79	1	
LINCOLN (loan):		
1978/79	2	
IPSWICH:	-	
1979/80	2	
1980/81	4	
1981/82	9	
1982/83	7	
1902/03		
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STEGGLES, Kevin. Kevin made his League debut against Manchester United at Old Trafford in March, 1981, at a time when we were hit by injuries. He held the right-back spot for much of the remainder of the season and last season he was recalled for a long spell in the middle of the defence. This season he returned in the right-back position, although he prefers a central defensive

League record:		
IPSWICH:	Α	G
1980/81	6	_
1981/82	18	1
1982/83	6	
	30	1

TALBOT, Brian. Brian was a local lad who made it right to the top. He made his League debut at Burnley in February, 1974, and immediately won himself a regular place. He won his first full England cap when he was called on as substitute against Northern Ireland at Windsor Park in May, 1977, and he won four more caps while he was at Portman Road. He now has six caps. Brian was a member of our F.A. Cup winning team against Arsenal in 1978 and, following a £450,000 transfer, he played in the next two finals for Arsenal.

League record.		
IPSWICH:	Α	G
1973/74	15	3
1974/75	40	8
1975/76	19	2
1976/77	42	5
. 1977/78	40	4
1978/79	21	3
ARSENAL:		
1978/79	20	_
1979/80	42	1
1980/81	40	7
1981/82	42	7
1982/83	24	4
	345	44
	343	44

• In part 17 of our A-Z we shall be featuring FRANS THIJSSEN and looking at some big victories. Don't miss it!



GEORGE BURLEY TESTIMONIAL

First of all, a reminder of the next two dances in air of the George Burley Testimonial. Elmswell are holding theirs at the Beyton Middle School on Saturday, March 5, and this very popular event is always well attended. If there are any tickets left they can be obtained from committee members, price £3.00. A fornight later, on March 19, the Long Melford branch have their dance at North Street School, Sudbury. Tickets, priced at £2.50 including buffet, can be bought from Rob Gardner. Finally, I hear that George's own committee are organising a dinner dance at the Ipswich Moat House, formerly the Copdock Hotel, on Saturday, April 16. Tickets will cost £10 each and will be available within the next two or three weeks.

DARTS

The Inter-Branch League is now entering its final couple of weeks and the remaining fixtures are on February 28 when Woodbridge play Colne Valley and the two teams without a win, Ipswich and the Staff, clash in their wooden spoon encounter. The final fixtures on March 7 are Witham against Lowestoft and Clacton against Newmarket. Recent matches saw Colne Valley defeat Bury, the committee and auxiliary workers team beat the staff and Mildenhall win the Anglo-American branch clash with Woodbridge. I should soon be able to tell you who will be contesting the league play-off on March 21 and publish the final tables. The month of March will see the Centre Spot dartboards taking a real pounding - and maybe the walls as well on March 14 when the ladies hold their knockout tournament. Sorry, girls, it's just a joke and I didn't really mean it! The season ends with the popular pairs competition on March 28 for which each branch is invited to enter two pairs.

ANY OLD HANDBOOKS

I've had a letter from Alan Benedick of Edgeware, 'Middlesex, who is trying to build up a comprehensive library of statistics of Ipswich Town, mainly by using the old Supporters' Club handbooks. However, he still requires the 1961-62, 1965-66 and 1967-68 issues, together with those before 1956-57, to complete his collection. He wants to know if anyone has copies which they would be willing to sell. If anyone can help, please let me know and I'll put you in touch with Mr Benedick.

MORE PRAISE!

We've received a letter from Frank Mitchell of Grimsby praising the club and its supporters for making the Humberside fans so welcome for the recent FA Cup match and also for arranging for our Hospital Radio broadcast to be relayed to Grimsby. It was also nice to hear that the Grantham Services remained open late a couple of weeks ago to accommodate fans returning from Liverpool. When asked why, the manager said: "Because Ipswich are the best set of supporters we see." Keep it up, everybody!

INTER-BRANCH QUIZ

The Colne Valley branch have kindly agreed to repeat the very popular Inter-Branch Quiz which was such a success last year. No date has been fixed as yet but we're hoping for mid-April at the Centre Spot. More details will follow soon but in the meantime all would-be contestants can start studying the reference books!

GET WELL SOON . . .

Sorry to hear about recent illnesses of main committee vice-chairman Bob Nunn and former Mildenhall branch chairman Jim Lavigne and on behalf of you all I would like to wish both these true supporters a very speedy recovery.

BLUSH FOR RUSS!

Finally, a funny story with Russell Osman the victim and I know he won't mind me repeating it because he laughed as much as the rest of us (well almost!). A group of us meet up for a lighthearted quiz in a local hostelry on a Sunday evening and the other week we were gathered in our usual position around the bar, probably making a fair amount of noise, when a young lady approached Russell and in all innocence asked him: "What are you lot, some kind of Sunday afternoon football team?"

BRYAN KNIGHTS

Commercial COLUMN



Centre Spot manager Rex Osman is pictured greeting recent VIP winners, Mr George Stennett and his wife Joan of Lux Farm, Playford, and Mr John Wilson and his son Chris.

GOLDEN GOAL

The winning times against Manchester United were 41.02 and 47.07 and the lucky winners will be named in a future issue of the match day magazine. In the meantime, here are some of the successful Golden Goal customers who have won consolation prizes: –

Wrist watch - Mr D. Whall, Norwich.

£10 shop vouchers - Mrs A. Carter, Worlington, and Mrs M. Walmsley, Ipswich.

£5 - Mr G. Phillips, Lowestoft.

In addition, **Mr A. Lenain** of Baylham and **Mr R. Scopes** of Ipswich won VIP days out at Portman Road and this entitles them to enjoy a pre-match lunch in the Centre Spot and then watch the action from the best seats in the company of a friend.

TALKING SHOP

A new addition to our extensive range this month is a new-style sweatshirt exclusively designed for the club $-\, \pounds 9.25$ for adults, $\pounds 8.50$ for children. We also have a new giant flag at $\pounds 2.75$. other flags at £1.95. a huge selection of hats and scarves. plus a very popular range of 'T' shirts and pullovers. Why not call in today at the Portman Shop and see for yourself the fabulous choice of official club merchandise or take advantage of our swift mail order service. Just send a stamped addressed envelope for your free price list.

MONEYMAKER

The men seem to be having it all their own way as far as the Moneymaker jackpot prize of £1.000 has been concerned recently. After a spate of lady winners the men have hit back and all three most recent winners were of the opposite sex. Our picture shows **Mr Craig Tournay-Godfrey**, **37 Belstead Road**, **Ipswich**, receiving his cash from Town striker Alan Brazil while his wife Delia looks on. And completing a hat-trick of £1.000 male winners are **Albert Richer**, **George Inn**, **Hintlesham**, and **Jack Harding**, **8 Turnpike Road**, **Freckenham**. Here's a list of some other lucky Moneymaker winners: —



£100 - Mrs P.B. Lee, 19 Holman Road, Halstead. £50 - Mrs R. Cuckow, Ipswich; Mrs A. Mitchell, Colchester; Mr R. Dines, Woodbridge; Mrs J. Warren, Haverhill; Mr J. Southgate, Ipswich; Miss D. Read, Felixstowe; Mr R. Littlewood, Ipswich; Mrs J. Watson, Colchester; Mrs S. Mitchell, Stowmarket.

£25 - Mr B. Chisnall, Mrs Z. Hines, Mrs A. Roberts, Mrs E. Dodds, Mr C. Staniforth, all Ipswich; Mr B. Mills, Felixstowe.

There's a special new look Moneymaker ticket. pictured here, which is proving extremely popular - and no wonder! Not only is there still in excess of £4,000 paid out in prize money every week but also a £200 holiday voucher AS WELL. The voucher can be used towards the cost of a Pontin's holiday in this country or a Holiday Club International sunshine break in a number of super foreign locations.



The first £200 voucher has been won by **Mr M. Gooding** of **24 Upton Close, Ipswich**, while the following five runners-up in the draw will all be receiving a couple of complimentary seats for a big match at Portman Road:

Miss J. Smith, 31 Goldsmith Road; Mr C. Smith, 13 London Road; Miss J. Read, 131 Lindbergh Road; Miss J. Shanks, 7 Tuddenham Avenue: all Inswich: and Mr P. Hollis, 42 Tower Hill. Beccles.

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IT seems strange, considering his scoring record in recent years, to recall that John Wark's introduction to first team football was as a central defender.

His career has been transformed since that memorable March evening eight years ago when, as a 17-year-old apprentice, he was suddenly drafted in to replace the injured Kevin Beattle in an FA Cup quarter-final third replay against Leeds United.

John's arrival in that epic marathon coincided with Town finally breaking the deadlock at Filbert Street, Leicester, and booking a first-ever place in the semi-final.

And when the other member of Town's defensive double act, Allan Hunter, was ruled out of the semi-final replay against West Ham United it was to John that Bobby Robson turned once again to fill the gap.

There followed a number of first team appearances in the number five or six shir until a couple of years later when John earned a chance in midfield. And, as the saying ones he has never looked back.

PROLIFIC

Still four months short of his 26th birthday and with well over 300 senior games



A spectacular overhead volley by John is on its way into the Manchester United net at Portman Road three weeks ago for what he considers to be probably his best-ever goal for the club.

Pic by Roger Lings

marksmen in Europe with a goalscoring record the envy of many strikers.

Even during the present campaign, while something of a disappointment for Towi the Scottish international has weighed in with 15 goals — and only one from the expert.

He says: "Normally you can count on half a dozen or so penalties in a season but this year we've only had one. But in a way I'm quite pleased because at least no on can say I'm relying on them to make up my total."

John's single spot-kick success was in the FA Cup third round tie at Charlton Athletic and just when that game looked like going to a replay he popped up again in the driving records to yellow the winner.

Modest as ever, he adds: "The goalscoring isn't something I can explain very easily, except to say that we're a team who make a lot of chances and my own role allows me to get in the box guite a lot.

months I can recall so many missed chances that it might easily have been 25.

Orderings the universite between scoring and missing is in reading the student It's a question of knowing when to go on a run. If you go too early or too late the chance is usually gone."

EXCEPTIONS

But there are exceptions, as John explains: "That goal against Manchester United three weeks ago was probably my best for the club," he says, "but in a way I had no right to score it.

"I had timed my run that fraction of a second early and Paul Mariner's back-header actually dropped behind me. I had no choice but to adjust my stride and try the overhead kick. It was a terrific feeling to land on my back and see the ball sailing into the net."

down John's priority list. "My first job is to sit in front of the back four and tighten the defence," he says. "It's only when we've got things sorted out that I start making runs into the box.

"My game has changed a lot over the years. When I first came into the side as a midfield player I scored most of my goals from the edge of the area. We played with a winger in these days and also hit a lot of early balls to the front players, Trevor Whymark and Paul Mariner. It was when they knocked the ball down that I usually

"But the arrival of Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen changed all that. They were so good at pushing wide that I had time to make runs into the box and often get on the end of their crosses myself. Before I knew it the goals really started to flow."

John hit 36 goals during the 1980-81 season as Town chased a hat-trick of major honours, eventually landing the UEFA Cup, And last season, thanks mainly to the

He adds: "I suppose I set myself a target these days of 20 a season. Anything less wouldn't look too clever, would it? I think I should reach that number this year but I seed any to excited should it.



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"I'd have swopped all my goals for success for the club in just one competition. I really had a feeling we could win the FA Cup because I believe we're a match for an side on the day.

supporters to finish the season on a high note because they've been terrific all the way through. All the lads felt especially sick for the fans at Norwich last week."

OPPICIAL CLUB SPONSORS



KEVIN O'Callaghan celebrated his longest run at first team level by winning the Robinson's Barley Water Young Player of the Month Regional Award.

When Kevin lined up at Anfield a fortnight ago it was the first time in three years as an Ipswich player that he had clocked up three consecutive appearances.

Kevin received the news as he watched BBC's lunchtime soccer preview show Football Focus at the team hotel. He was chosen by former Spurs boss Bill Nicholson as his London (North) and East Andlia selection.

Nicholson, now in charge of Spurs' scouting system, said in his assessment of Kevin: "Nicely built for a winger and has all the skill required for the position.

"Very good pace, a natural ability for throwing dummies with the body and the feet, a natural crosser of the ball with both feet and a powerful and accurate shot with his left foot.

"Can also play well on the right but the left is his most effective side. A pity Alan Brazil is also at his best in the Ipswich team wide on the left."

England manager Bobby Robson is chairman of the panel of judges, whose other members include Ron Greenwood, Mike England, Joe Mercer, Jackie Milburn, Bobby Collins and Stan

The overall winner for January was Wolves full-back John Humphrey who recieves an inscribed silver salver and a cheque for £250 to be passed on to his nominated charity.



SKIPPER Paul Mariner has ended the Scottish monopoly of the White Horse Whisky Merit Awards.

After a "Double Scotch" triumph for John Wark and George Burley earlier in the season, Paul came up trumps as the latest winner of a gallon of whisky.

These three are automatically front-runners in the race to find the overall winner who will receive a trophy, a cheque for £100 and yet another gallon of the hard stuff.

The awards are based on points awarded by Evening Star soccer writer Neal Manning and the next gallon is scheduled to be handed over before next month's home clash with Nottingham Forest.

A bottle of whisky goes to Neal's choice as Town's best player in each

A bottle of whisky goes to Neal's choice as Town's best player in each home game – and a gallon to the player who accumulates most points over a three-game period.

White Horse representative Alan Peek is pictured handing over the gallon of whisky to Paul, while Town assistant PRO Debbie Noye looks on.

STAR CHOICE!

THE hotel used by the Town party on the eve of the game at Anfield a fortnight ago is a popular choice with football clubs.

Liverpool were booked into the same hotel last week before their FA Cup-tie against Brighton.

TOWN'S SNOOKER STARS BOOST LOCAL CHARITY

SNOOKER is now out on its own as the Town players' second favourite sport and they recently put their love of the game to good use.

Town stars Paul Mariner, John Wark, Frans Thijssen, Kevin O'Callaghan, Mich D'Avray, Trevor Putney, Russell Osman and Irvin Gernon led a Portman Road squad into battle against the East Anglian Daily Times.

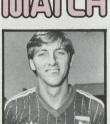
Also representing the club were Commercial Manager Tommy Parker, his assistant Basil Acres and ground staff members Winston Chapman and Kevin Preston.

At the end of an entertaining and enjoyable night's snooker, honours were even and the proceeds went to the lpswich and District Association for the Residentially Mentally Handicapped.

Town, however, did have the night's only individual winner, Trevor Putney collecting a bottle of whisky for the highest break.

Full marks to organiser lan Vernau and a big thank-you to Teresa Wright, Debbie Morriss and Nicky Brooks who plundered the profits from an appreciative audience.





TOWN full-back Irvin Gernon collected his first-ever Man of the Match award three weeks ago against Manchester United.

It was quite an achievement for the 20-year-old defender in his 20th first team appearance when he had to contend with England winger Steve Coppell.

Irvin's prize is dinner for two at one of the area's top restaurants - The Pier at Harwich - and he'll be enjoying a night out there with his girl-friend in the near future.

The Pier is the venue where all Town's

The Pier is the venue where all Town's star men in league games are entertained, while the Man of the Match in a Cup-tie receives the VIP treatment at another top eating place, Le Talbooth at Dedham.

Supporters wishing to sample the excellent fare at either restaurant should ring Harwich 3363 or Colchester 323108 to make a reservation.

GEORGE IS STILL A TOWN FAN

FORMER Town goalkeeper George McMillan made the long trip south of the border to cheer us on at Anfield recently.

George was recruited from Scottish junior football in 1953 and in five years at Portman Road played a total of 54 first team games.

He is looking forward to seeing several of his former colleagues when he returns to Ipswich in April for the annual players' reunion dinner.

NOT A FAIR EXCHANGE

TOWN secretary David Rose was involved in a swop deal he would have rather avoided at Anfield a fortnight ago.

David arrived back at Portman Road just before midnight to discover he had collected the wrong sheepskin coat from the Liverpool boardroom.

A Monday morning telephone call to his opposite number, Peter Robinson, confirmed that David's coat had been taken by a visitor from the Isle of Man.

Fortunately, however, he had noticed his mistake before setting off for home!



PIONEER WINNERS

WE could hardly have chosen a more suitable winner of the star prize when Pioneer, our official sponsors, put some of their excellent products on offer to coincide with the official opening of the Pioneer Stand three weeks ago.

Alfred Beecroft attended his first game at Portman Road back in 1923 and his reward for 60 years of loyal support was a super Pioneer stereo radio cassette recorder.

Mr Beecroft, who lives at 48 Heath Lane, Kesgrave, said: "It was a terrific surprise. I didn't realise I had the lucky programme until half-time because I couldn't find the page where the number was printed."

Seven other Town fans came forward to claim Pioneer prizes of stereo headphones and blank cassettes and four of them are pictured with Mr Beecroft, together with Mr Bill Budge (left), General Marketing Manager of Pioneer, and Mr Alan Sexton, General Sales Manager of Pioneer, who made the presentations.

ARNOLD BACK TO SUPPORT TOWN

THE postponement of Manchester United's scheduled home league match against Luton Town meant that lpswich had some additional support at Anfield a fortnight ago.

Arnold Muhren, accompanied by United 'keeper Gary Bailey, came along to cheer his ex-colleagues and was one of many onlookers who felt Town deserved a draw.

I couldn't resist reminding Gary of his failure to answer what appeared to be an easy question on BBC TV's A Question Of Sport earlier that week.

Shame on you, Gary, with your lpswich connections, for not knowing Town were the last English club to win the UEFA Cup!

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

IT'S been a busy time for birthdays at Portman Road over the last couple of weeks.

First of all, Russell Osman and Mick Stockwell were 24 and 18 respectively on St. Valentine's Day, then Mich D'Avray was 21 last Saturday. It was physiotherapist

Tommy Eggleston's turn on Monday . . . but his exact age is a closely guarded secret!

adidas 👙 QUIZ

HERE'S the first adidas soccer quiz with the promise of one in every issue of the match day magazine between now and the end of the season

There's a super adidas sports bag on offer and all you have to do is correctly answer the following question: —

Which player holds the England international scoring record and with how many goals?

Send your entries – postcards only please – to: adidas Soccer Quiz, Ipswich Town F.C., Portman Road, Ipswich. Closing date is Friday, March 4, and the first all-correct entry picked out on that day will win the prize.

Look out for another adidas soccer quiz next week.

IS RICHARD OUR YOUNGEST READER?



LITTLE Richard Smith is only eight months old – but already shows definite signs of following in father's footsteps!

Dad is Daily Mirror sportswriter Terry Smith and the youngster has been quick to show his appreciation of the written word.

Not, I hasten to add, one of Terry's match reports, but a copy of the Town match day magazine and manager Bobby Ferguson's column in particular!

Terry takes up the story. "I came back from a game at Portman Road a few weeks ago and Richard was a bit grumpy," he said.

"He likes playing with coloured paper so I threw him a copy of the programme. Amazingly, he shut up and opened the programme as if he was actually reading it."

Fortunately, a friend had a camera handy and we're able to reproduce the evidence. Terry and his wife Eileen, who live at Kelvedon Hatch, near Brentwood, reckon Richard must be our youngest reader.

Or do you know differently . . .

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BRIEFLY . . . EMPLOYERS of Spanish First Division side Espanol had to summon the Barcelona police to the Sarria Stadium during a recent training session. Four youths were arrested and charged with trying to break open a fridge

in the players' bar.

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DESPITE rumours that he wanted to leave. Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has agreed to extend his contract with Bayern Munich. His new deal guarantees him £300.000 per year!

INSTEAD of saving money, IFC Nuremburg came close to having to play Hamburger SV. Take-off was set for 12.30, just three hours before kick-off, and although there was a lot of fog about the plane took off on time. But now club officials are putting pressure on the chairman, who took the decision to fly, not to take the same risk again!

GERMAN giants Bayern Munich want to sign Danish midfielder Soren Lerby of Ajax as a replacement for Paul Breitner, who insists he is retiring a the end of the season. The West German club has apparently agreed terms with the 24-year-old Dane who has played 30 times for his country. The fee would be £400,000. In formed sources also said that Bayern, who have been linked with Glenn Hoddle, originally wanted Aberdeen and Scotland star Gordon Strachan but Pittodrie boss Alex Ferguson says his midfield star isn't for sale. Bayern will have a close-up look at Strachar on Wednesday when they meet Aber deen in the Olympic Stadium, Munich in the first leg of their Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final tie.



SOREN LERBY . . . the great Dane of Ajax is wanted by Bayern Munich.

But Aston Villa's European Cup opponents trail AS Roma by six points, fourth behind surprise team Verona and Inter Milan. Against Verona, Boniek was sent off and was suspended for two games. Verona have never been so high in the league – their previous best was ninth in 1976-77.

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BORUSSIA Moenchengladbach,
one of the most successful West



West Germany boss Jupp Derwall and his skipper Karl-Heinz Rummenigge pictured after the defeat of England at Wembley in October. Now Rummenige has signed a new £300,000-a-year deal with Bayern Munich.

JOHAN Cruyff's back injury is keeping him out of the Ajax team but he has promised: "I'll be back to help us clinch the title!"

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AT the beginning of the Italian season everyone was asking: "Who will finish second after Juventus?" The Turin club boast six of Italy's World Cup winners plus Zbigniew Boniek of Poland and Michel Platini of France.

having a poor season. There's a joke doing the rounds in Moenchengladbach which says a man's dog is barking all the time. When asked why, the owner replied that his dog always barked when Borussia lost. "What happens if Borussia win?" "I don't know . . . I've only had him for six months!"

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HERBIN FOR GERMANY?

ROBERT Herbin, sacked last month as manager of French club St. Etienne, has received a "very generous" offer from an unnamed West German

Despite his dismissal, Herbin is still being paid by 'Les Verts' and club officials are to meet this week to decide the terms of his departure after 25 years as player and manager.

It's thought his golden handshake will be in the region of £190,000 and only after the settlement has been finalised will Herbin decide his future.

Speculation about his future comes after a year-long trauma at St. Etienne involving a secret money 'slush fund', boardroom wrangling, officials being charged with fraud, political overtones and a plunge to the depths of the First Division



ROBERT HERBIN . . . the former St. Etienne boss could be heading for West Germany.

There was another blow earlier this month when skipper Jean-François Larios said he was leaving at the end of the season to play in Spain

BOMBS STOP PLAY!

CONTROVERSY, bitterness, dismay and a nasty taste in the mouth at the spine-chilling climax to the Argentine Championship.

With just two matches to play, Independiente were just one point behind Estudiantes, the club managed by controversial Carlos Bilardo, frequently accused of underhand tactics in search of victory at any price.

Estudiantes entertained Velez Sarsfield in their last-but-one fixture and the scoreboard still read 0-0 at half-time.

The Velez players were back in their dressing room when four small bombs exploded, injuring their star midfielder Beto Alonso and two other

The match was abandoned and the matter is now in the hands of the Argentine Disciplinary Commission.

RIVAL BOSSES ALMOST COME TO BLOWS . . .

THERE was almost an undignified punch-up in the tunnel leading to the dressing rooms at the San Mames Stadium after high-riding Athletico Bilbao had surprisingly dropped a home point to tail-enders Valladolid.

Heated words were exchanged between rival players and visiting manager Garcia Traid waded in as well. Home manager Javier Clemente dragged his players away but was heard to remark that Traid was crazv.

At this, the visiting boss invited Clemente to remove his jacket and settle the argument in a manly fashion. A battle of words ensued, with several radio stations recording the exchanges for posterity.

Garcia Traid has been involved in similar incidents before and since taking over struggling Valladolid he's rounded-off practically every match by publicly slating one of his own players, one of the opponents or the referee.

Ipswich fans, meanwhile, may remember that Clemente visited Portman Road less than two years ago to study Town's training and coaching methods.

At that time he was in charge of the Bilbao reserves and now, at 32, is the youngest manager in Spain.

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The Ipswich league record against Luton Town is as follows:-

At Portman Road At Kenilworth Road

RICKY

HILL

JAKE FINDLAY

THOSE managers who constantly remind us that "the game is all about winning" are unlikely to find an ally in David Pleat.

The seeminaly ever-smiling Luton boss firmly believes in football as an entertainment and not even the fact that his club have lost more games than they have won this season is likely to alter his philosophy

High-scoring games at Liverpool, where the Hatters drew 3-3, and at Stoke, where they shared eight goals in a remarkable ding-dong affair, tell all there is to tell about Luton's attitude

Pleat, fast gaining a reputation as a witty afterdinner speaker, has seen his team figure in some amazing matches this season as they fight to stay in the First Division. Just as they beat Brighton 5-0 at home, they lost by the same margin at Everton.

Manchester United knocked them out of the FA Cup last month and like so many clubs in the same position they must now concentrate on collecting points to beat the drop.

It isn't that many years since Luton were so hard up they were close to folding altogether. That they are not only alive and well today, but actually prospering, is due as much to Pleat's on-the-field efforts as those of the directors and senior nembers of staff off it

But survival for Luton is vital. Relegation to the Second Division remains a threat but if it became a reality it would not be good for football. Luton's positive attitude and progressive thinking belong at

Manager Pleat, the club's reserve coach for three years prior to succeeding Harry Haslam in 1978, has done it the hard way. He inherited a team on the slide and with the club in a perilous financial situation there was no money in the kitty with which to provide an instant remedy.

He has proved himself adept at the acquisition of players, assembling the current Luton squad for a very modest outlay and rarely making a wrong decision along the way. And he is entitled to bask in the glory of seeing people like Ricky Hill and Brian Stein progress to England's senior international squad.

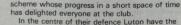
Luton splashed out £100,000 to sign goalkeeper Jake Findlay from Aston Villa, where he spent most of his nine years in the reserves, in 1979 and his arrival at Kenilworth Road had a lot to do with the success enjoyed at the club in recent seasons.

Perhaps Findlay, who has missed only a handful of games this season through injury, will yet realise his ambition to win Scottish international honours now that the legendary Gordon Banks is adding his expertise to coaching sessions at Luton.

Right-back Kirk Stephens, who demanded a transfer earlier in the season after being dropped, followed manager Pleat from Nuneaton to Luton and what must have been regarded as something of a gamble at the time can now be referred to as an unqualified success.

It was following a month's loan last season that Luton decided to enlist left-back Richard Money on a permanent basis from Liverpool at a reported fee of around £50,000. His previous clubs had been Scunthorpe and Fulham and as a schoolboy in his native Lowestoft he attracted the attention of

When Money was absent for four games in January his place went to young Mitchell Thomas. a local lad recruited through a Government training



tried and trusted partnership of Clive Goodyear and Mal Donaghy who have operated together on all but three occasions this season and are one of the most under-rated double acts in the country.

Goodyear was quick to grab his chance when £200,000 buy Mike Saxby was injured in November, 1981, and he has kept the number five shirt ever since. Donaghy cost a mere £20,000 from Larne almost five years ago and has also established himself in the Northern Ireland side

There is quite a battle going on at Luton for midfield places but one player not under threat is Ricky Hill, a product of the club's youth policy whose excellent performances on the right side earned him a place in the England squad this

Hill made his debut as a 17-year-old in 1976 and has now matured into a player whose confidence is apparent as he sweeps past opponents and goes for goal. He was the supporters' Player of the Year

Another regular is captain Brian Horton, signed from Brighton after inspiring the Seagulls during their run from the Third Division to the First. His first club was Port Vale and throughout his career he has been a model of consistency always showing an appetite for the game and never giving less than 100 per cent.

On the left side of midfield Wayne Turner has played the last five games and made a total of 22 first team appearances this season. Born locally, he joined the club straight from school and has had to work hard for his senior chance. He spent last season on loan to Lincoln City but has returned to claim a First Division spot in the face of fierce

This is being provided by the likes of **Billy Kellock**, a Scottish midfield player or striker who
was a surprise £30,000 buy from Peterborough in the summer. He has only managed eight senior outings, five of them as substitute

Yugoslav international Raddy Antic is another midfield player with several games in the number 12 shirt behind him this season but the £50,000 paid to Spanish club Zaragoza is still regarded as a bargain Lil - real name Pasquale - Fuccillo was in the

first team seven years ago at the age of 19 but thanks to twice breaking his leg he has been unabl to claim a regular place. The son of Italian parents he has made ten appearances this season and his only two goals both came in the Milk Cun-tie against Charlton Athletic.

It was from Charlton that Luton made one of the season's best signings in capturing lithesome Paul Walsh and allowing last season's top marksman, Steve White, to join the Londoners in part

Walsh, who has twice hit hat-tricks this season, is a near-certainty to win England honours in the future and his selection for this weekend's Under-21 get-together at Bisham Abbey is a step in the right

Completing Luton's recognised line-up is the fast and tricky David Moss, a £110,000 buy from Swindon town where he had been quietly and efficiently going about his business for nine years He has the knack of making and taking goals, is normally accurate from the penalty spot and Luton fans will have been quite disappointed to read of his intention to guit the club when his contract expires at the end of the season

Two youngsters who have made appearances this season are **Mark Watts**, called up for his debut in the FA Cup-tie against Peterborough when Moss was unfit, and Frank Bunn, a Birmingham lad with an impressive scoring record for the reserves, who was Brian Stein's replacement on four occasions in

Stein, who was elevated to Bobby Robson's senior squad for the midweek international against Wales, missed eight games through injury before returning for last month's FA Cup-tie at home to Manchester United.

A 20-year-old part-timer with Edgware Town when Luton signed him in 1977, he is the club's leading goalscorer this season and it is a position he deserves, even allowing for the fact that he claimed a second goal in the 3-1 home defeat of Manchester City when television proved beyond any doubt that Asa Hartford was the unfortunate







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FORM REPORT

Here are Luton Town's league results so far this season:

OPPONENTS RESU	LTS	SCORERS	CROWDS
Tottenham Hotspur (A)	2-2	Lacy (o.g.), Stein	39,180
West Ham United (H)	0-2	-	13,403
Notts County (H)	5-3	Walsh (3), Hill, Moss	9,071
Aston Villa (A)	1-4	Moss (pen)	18,823
Liverpool (A)	3-3	Stein (2), Moss	33,694
Brighton (H)	5-0	Stein (3), Turner, Moss	11,342
Stoke City (A)	4-4	Walsh, Stein (2), Donaghy	18,475
Manchester United (H)	1-1	Hill	17,009
Birmingham City (A)	3-2	Stein, Walsh, Moss	13,772
Ipswich Town (H)	1-1	Stein (pen)	13,378
West Bromwich Albion (A)	0-1		16,345
Nottingham Forest (H)	0-2		12,158
Arsenal (H)	2-2	Moss, Walsh	16,597
Sunderland (A)	1-1	Moss	14,238
Coventry City (A)	2-4	Horton, Stein	9,644
Southampton (H)	3-3	Hill, Stein, Goodyear	11,196
Swansea City (A)	0-2	A - Comment of the Comment of the Comment	9,556
Manchester City (H)	3-1	Walsh, Stein, Hartford (o.g.)	11,013
Everton (A)	0-5	1 - 10 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	14,982
Watford (H)	1-0	Goodyear	21,145
Norwich City (A)	0-1		21,367
Coventry City (H)	1-2	Donaghy	13,072
West Ham United (A)	3-2	Walsh (3)	21,435
Tottenham Hotspur (H)	1-1	O'Reilly (o.g.)	21,231
Brighton (A)	4-2	Hill (2), Stevens (o.g.), Case (o.g.)	11,785
Liverpool (H)	1-3	Stein	18,434

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IT was a retiral party that Ron Ellis is unlikely ever to forget!

The Town 'memory man' was presented with several gifts by the club to mark his retiral after a working life spanning the past 47 years.

Ron, who celebrated his 62nd birthday last Sunday, left his job with local firm Hunt call his three favourite moments in following

"The first was our FA Cup-tie against Aston Villa in 1939," he said. "We drew at Villa Park which was a tremendous result. Remember Villa were a big First Division club and we were newcomers to the league

Alas, Town lost the Portman Road replay but another game at home to Villa, this time in 1962, was Ron's second nomination. 'Ray Crawford scored both goals and we won 2-0 to clinch the Championship." said Ron who then proceeded to rhyme off both sets of players!

Town's FA Cup triumph of 1978 was Ron's third favourite memory of a lifetime following the club which began in 1935 when he attended his first game at Portman

"It was between Suffolk and Arsenal who had the Compton brothers, Denis and Leslie in their team " he recalled. "I came with a busload of other boys from Earl Soham Central School and it cost sixpence



& Ford the previous Friday with no idea of what lav in store at Portman Road.

Instead of a "small sherry" with some members of staff. Ron found himself quest of honour at a dressing room presentation hosted by Town boss Bobby Ferguson.

Directors, officials, players and staff all contributed towards a selection of gifts for the ever-popular Ron who was quick to reTown players and staff with memory man Ron Ellis after manager Robby Ferguson presented him with a selection of retirement gifts at Portman Road last week

"It was one shilling on the bus and I can even remember the registration number -RT 8035

The following year. Ron left school to join Henry Abbotts of Debenham as a delivery boy. The exact date was Tuesday. September 1, 1936, and three days earlier he was in the crowd at Portman Road as Town were launched as a professional club with a 4-1 defeat of Tunbridge Wells Rangers in a Southern League fixture.

Born at Metfield, near Halesworth, Ron moved to Ipswich in 1950 to join R. Cadisch & Sons, motor factors, as a driver and it was in 1969 that he moved to his employers until last week. Hunt & Ford.

How did he come to immerse himself in soccer facts and figures, I wondered. " always had a good memory," he replied, 'and I was very interested in the results. league tables and scorers which were printed in the newspapers

"But occasionally they would get it wrong and I decided to keep my own statistics. I've been doing so for many years now and have all the records for the club's time as proffessionals

Ron's house at Sherrington Road, lpswich, is a shrine to Town and he's an avid collector of programmes, press cuttings and anything concerned with the club. Indeed, he has every issue of the Football Star since it was printed!

He became closely involved at Portman Road through living near to former Town defender Ken Malcolm. He explained: "I used to give Ken a lift to the station quite a lot and then I started going to meet the team when they came back from their away trips.

"In the old day's every trip was made by train. I'll never forget the night the train was delayed on the way back from Middlesbrough. It didn't arrive until three o'clock on the Sunday morning and I think Alf Ramsey and the players were surprised to find me still waiting for them!"

Ron could count on one hand the number of home games he has missed in the last 40 years or so and he is still a regular on away trips, often adding to the entertainment on the Travel Club coach with his amazing re-

"I missed the games at Coventry and West Ham this season." he said. "You see they were both played in midweek and I had to work. Now that I'm retired, though, there will be no excuse for missing any games!"

Ron plans to spend part of his well-earned retirement researching various statistics in connection with a book we plan to publish in 1986 when Town reach their 50th year as a professional club

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On February 23, 1963, Ipswich lost 3-0 away to Leicester City in a First Division match. The Leicester goalscorers were Gibson, Stringfellow and Riley. LEICESTER CITY — Banks, Sjoberg, Norman, AcLintock, King, Appleton, Riley, Cross, Keyworth,

Gibson and Stringfellow.

IPSWICH TOWN — Bailey, Carberry, Compton,
Baxter, Laurel, Thrower, Stephenson, Blackwood,
Crawford, Phillips and Leadbetter.

REFEREE - Mr J.K. Parr (Blackpool)

CROWD - 31,058.

Town's game at Filbert Street was one of only six in the First Division to beat the weather which caused a number of postponements up and down the country. Leaders Spurs strengthened their position at the top with a 3-2 win in the London derby at Arsenal but thanks to their defeat of Town, Leicester were just behind on the same number of points but with one more game played. Elsewhere, Fulham did their chances of beating the drop no harm with a 3-1 home defeat of Nottingham Forest but were still just one place off the bottom with 18 points from 25 games, the same record as Ipswich. Bottom club Leyton Orient earned a point from a 1-1 home draw with Manchester City and the other Manchester club, United, recorded a similar result in their game against Blackpool at Old Trafford. In the Second Division, thanks to the efforts of their ground staff, Norwich City were at home for the first time in 1963. Sixty tons of sand was used to make the Carrow Road pitch playable and the team responded with a 4-2 defeat of Rotherham, thanks to goals by Allcock (2), Bryceland and



On Saturday, February 24, 1973, Ipswich lost 2-1 away to Liverpool in a First Division match. Goal scorers were Heighway and Keegan for Liverpool and physon for Inswich.

LIVERPOOL - Clemence, Lawler, Lindsay, Smith, Lloyd, Hughes, Keegan, Toshack (sub. Thompson 67 mins), Boersma, Heighway and Callaghan.

IPSWICH TOWN — Best, Mills, Harper, Morris, Hunter, Peddelty, Hamilton, Viljoen, Johnson, Whymark and Lambert. Sub. Collard.

REFEREE - Mr P. Partridge (Durham).

CROWD - 43 875. The game marked John Peddelty's league debut for the club and he was unlucky to finish on the losing side. After a goalless first half, Town were denied what appeared to be a certain penalty after 55 minutes when Whymark, having rounded goalkeeper Clemence, was about to fire the ball into an empty net when he was brought down by both Smith and Lawler. Referee Partridge waved aside Town's penalty claims. Elsewhere in the First Division, Norwich stayed third from bottom after going down 1-0 at home to Newcastle United and Spurs defeated Everton 3-0 at White Hart Lane. It was also FA Cup fifth round day, with the best performance coming from Sunderland, 16th in the Second Division, drawing 2-2 at Manchester City, ninth in the First Division. There was a 1-0 win at Bolton for Luton Town and Chelsea went through by the same margin at Sheffield Wednesday as Arsenal did at Carlisle United – 2-1. In the Second Division promotion race, third-placed Aston Villa were crushed 4-0 at lowly Orient and leaders Burnley were held to a 1-1 draw at home by Bristol City



On Saturday, February 25, 1978, Ipswich won 1-0 at Newcastle in a First Division match. The only goal as scored by Clive Woods.

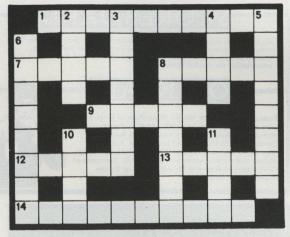
NEWCASTLE UNITED - Mahoney, Nattrass, Barker, Cassidy, Bird, Blackley, Barrowclough, Burns, Larnach, Kennedy and Gowling. Sub.

IPSWICH TOWN — Cooper, Burley, Mills, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Wark, Viljoen, Mariner, Turner and Woods (sub. Osborne 82 mins).

REFEREE - Mr C.N. Seel (Carlisle), CROWD - 22.251

It was Town's first away win of the season, achieved at the expense of a poor Newcastle side under the managerial guidance of Bill McGarry and Peter Morris and looking favourites for the drop into the Second Division.

Town skipper Mick Mills was making his 500th senior appearance for the club and the two points eased the Portman Road relegation worries as Town rose to 15th place in the table. Leaders Nottingham Forest shared six goals with Norwich City in a thriller at Carrow Road, Brian Clough's side having been 3-0 in front after just 24 minutes. Second placed Manchester City kept up the pressure with a 1-0 home defeat of Everton but although Liverpool beat Manchester United 3-1 at Anfield they were still seven points adrift of Forest, Leicester won only their third game of the season 1-0 at home to Wolves, but they were still second from bottom with 16 points from 29 games. In the Second Division there was a surprise at White Hart Lane where Orient held Spurs to a 1-1 draw and in the Third Division a 2-2 home draw against Carlisle United kept Colchester United on the fringe of the promotion race.



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ACROSS: 1. A defensive position (6-4); 7. Regally-named striker who reigned with Coventry, Sheffield United, Newcastle and Stoke (5); 8. Utility player whose career ran from the 50s to the 70s with Southport, Rotherham, Carlisle and Exeter (5); 9.

Harrison holds Walsall's aggregate appearances record (5); 12. Former Villa defender who was ever-present with Halifax last season (5); 13. Cardiff-born brothers David and Paul began their careers at Ninian Park (5); 14. Club for whom Jim Montgomery holds the appearances record (10).

DOWN: 2. Sides usually have their favourite ones! (4); 3. The nickname of Dundee United (7); 4. Celtic dumped this club out of the European Cup this season (4); 5. Club which has reached the last round (8); 6. Target-men . expected to be on it (8); 8. Hans-Peter ____ _, experienced West Germany defender who was a 1982 World Cup 5 down (7); 10. Former Leeds man who was one of the Bristol City 'eight' (he went on to Barnsley) (4): 11. Woollett or Wooler (4).

Half~Time Quiz

TEST your football knowledge with our quick quiz

- 1. Who was Scotland's manager in the 1974 World Cup Finals?
- 2. For which league club did ex-England boss Ron Greenwood play most games? 3. Frank O'Farrell has managed which club on three separate
- occasions? 4. Which club was replaced in the league by Hereford United
- in 1972? 5. In season 1965-66 Liverpool used a total of only 14 players
- in winning the League Championship. Who equalled this feat in recent years?

ANSWERS

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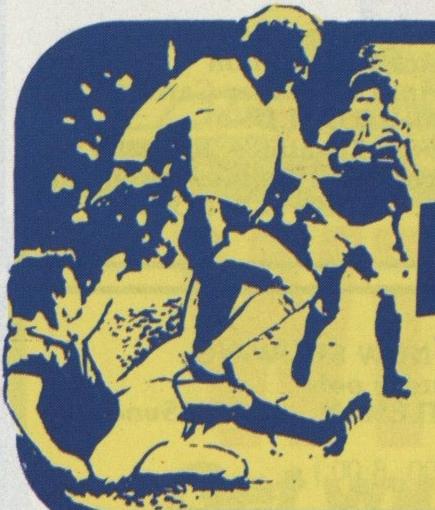
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