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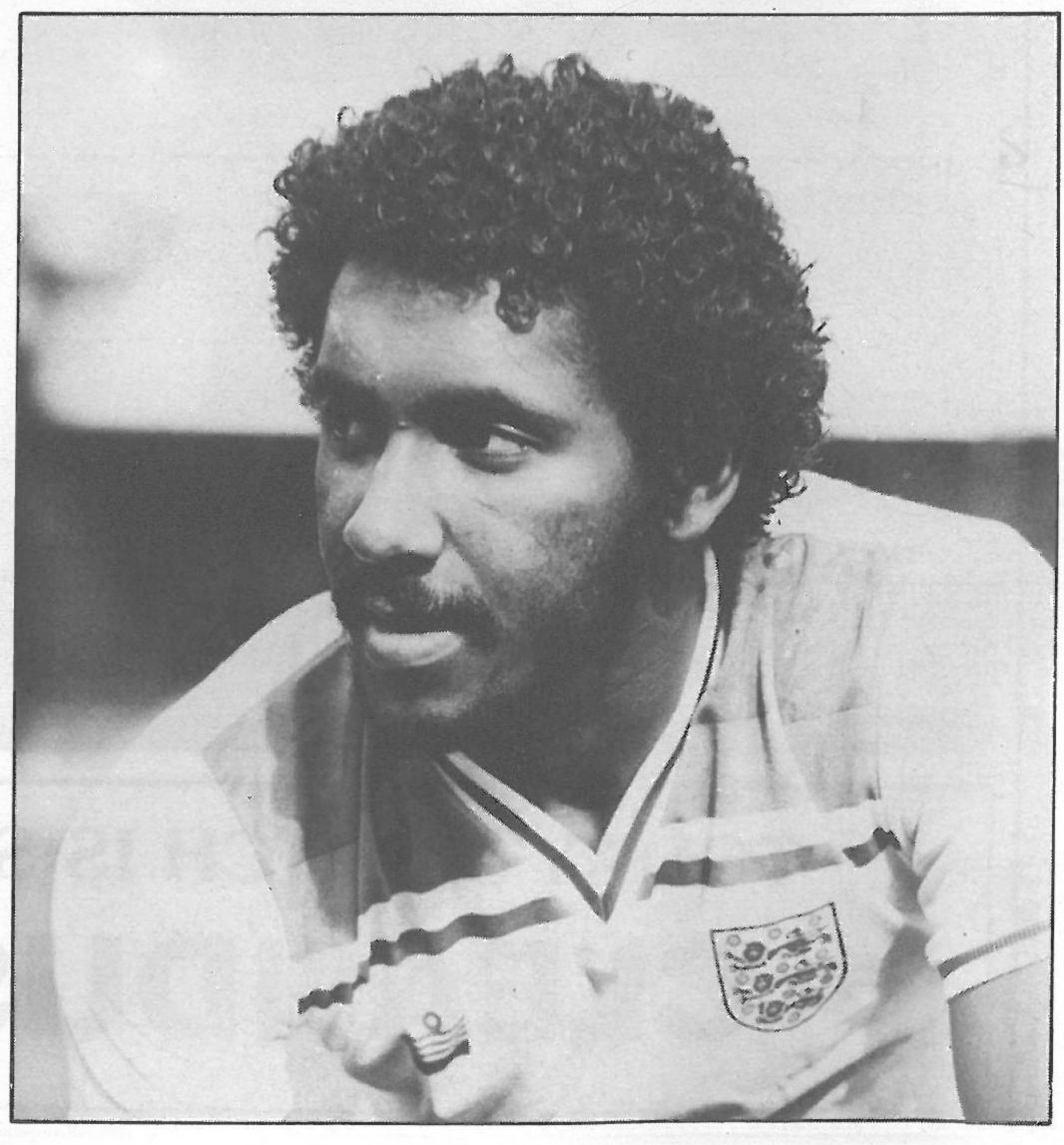


Everyone connected with the club must have been delighted with the news that Ricky Hill had been chosen as Evening Post-Echo sports personality for 1982. Ricky joined us as a schoolboy in May 1975 and scored on his League debut against Bristol Rovers in April 1976.

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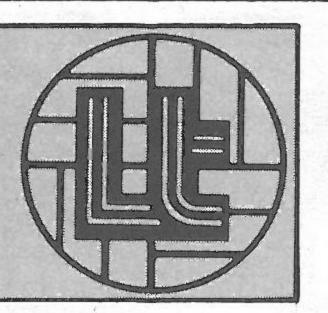
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Ricky is pictured at the Evening Post-Echo's Hemel Hempstead office with sports editor Malcolm Nugent, runner-up Dick Coogan and Neil Foster who was third.



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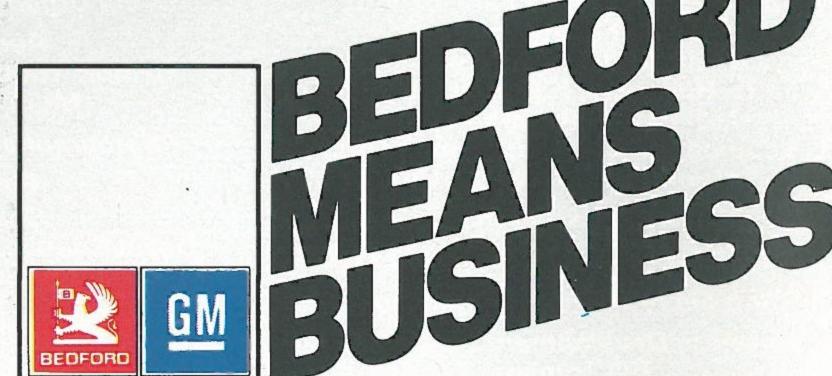
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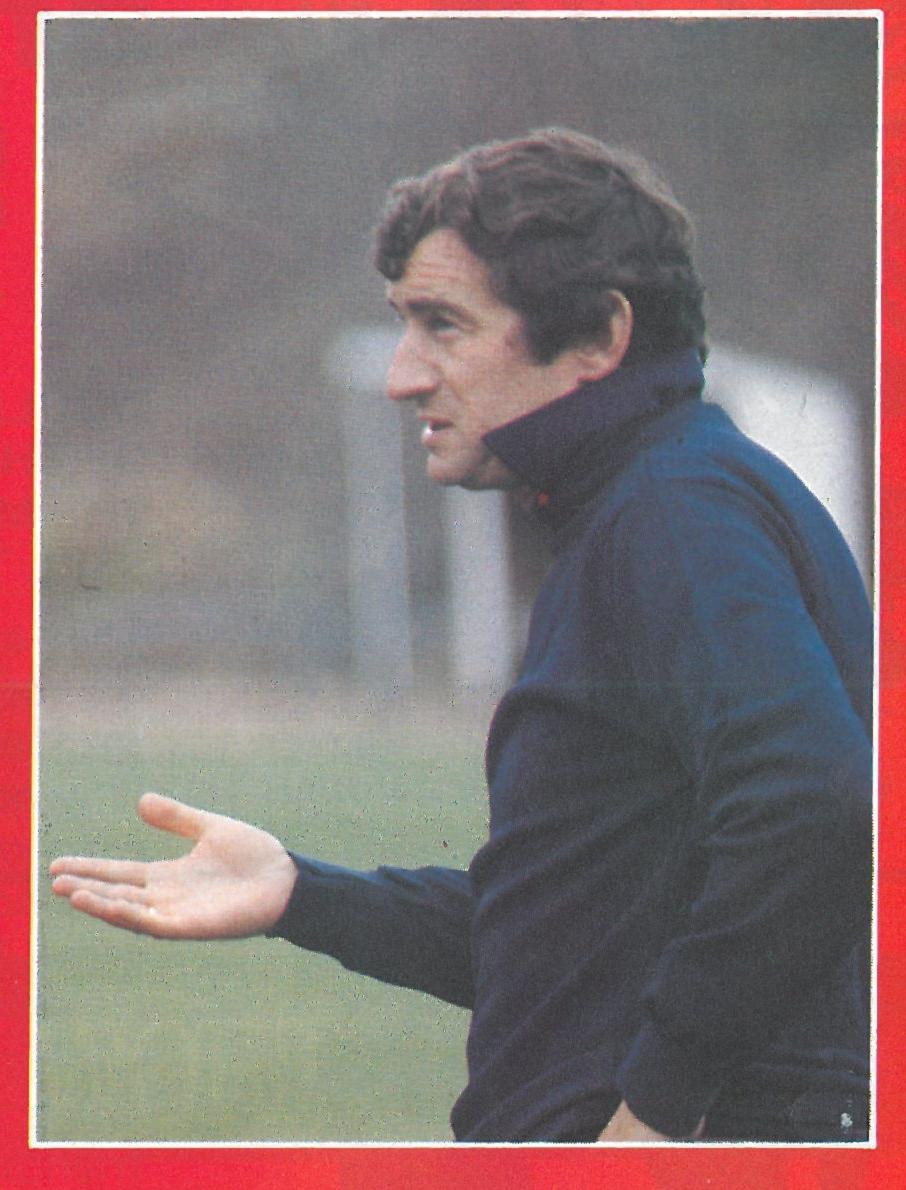
If the game is half as exciting as our three previous games with Birmingham, we should be in for a cracker. One goal has divided the side on each occasion. At Birmingham this season, we gained a valuable 3-2 win.

Since then, Birmingham have signed Mick Ferguson from Everton and Howard Gayle from Liverpool, and their results have taken an upward swing. They have talented players, and have shown great determination which is a hallmark of their experienced manager, Ron Saunders.

In Birmingham's promotion season, they punctured our Second Division hopes with two victories, 3-2 and 1-0. Recently, Birmingham collected valuable prize money and considerable and you will be watching our players of publicity when they won the Atari in- the future. Many of you will have door tournament.

outside our football season. Our finals.

Our Youth team are in action against our best will do. Leicester City on Monday. This game promises to be a cracker, and a place day. in the semi-finals of the FA Youth Cup is at stake. We anticipate a good crowd

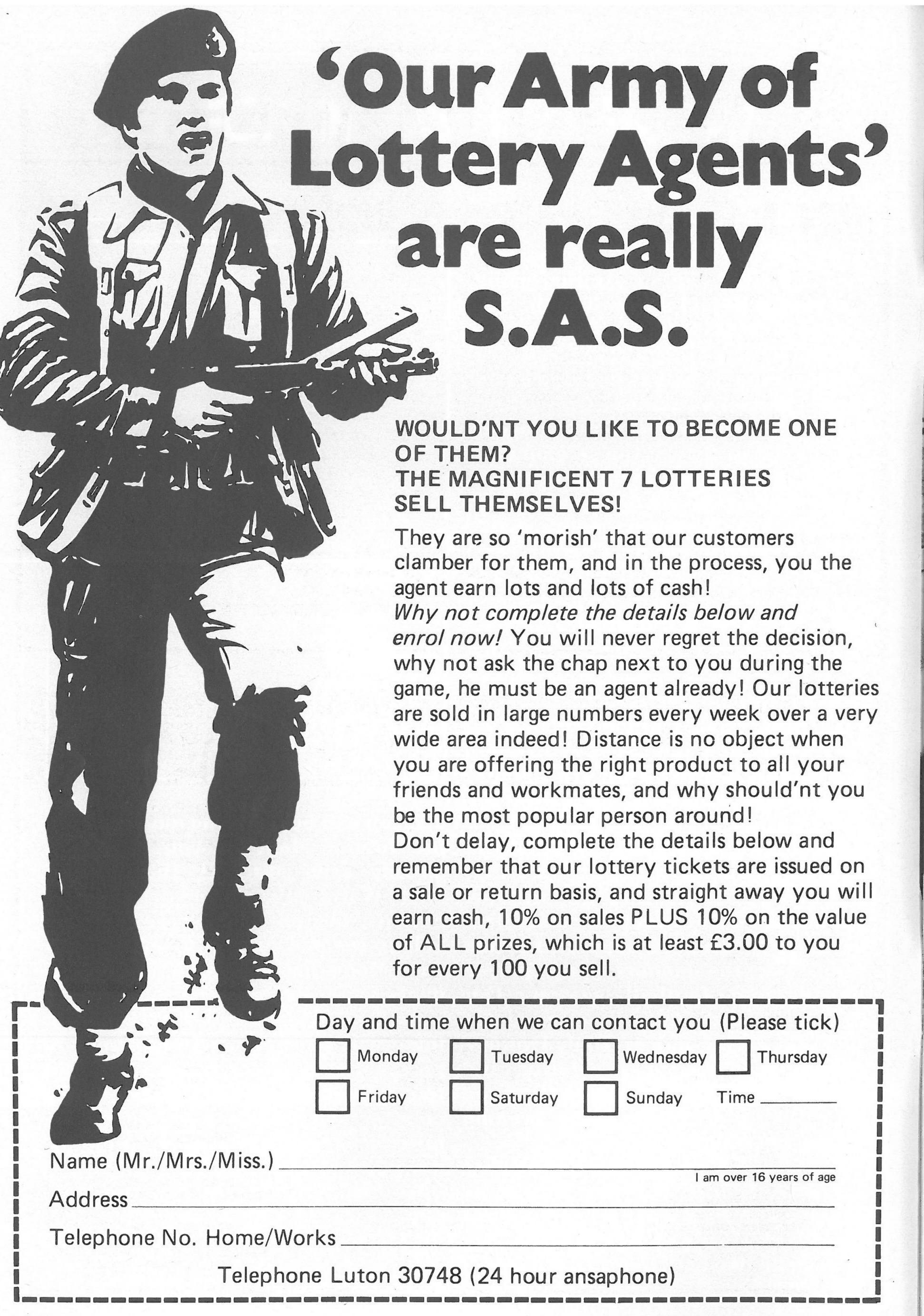


already seen Mitchell Thomas and Although I believe this type of game Mark Watts enjoy isolated first team could be an attraction and gain outings, but on Monday we shall be valuable commercial support, I would able to see and support the side which rather see the indoors game played John Moore has steered to the quarter-

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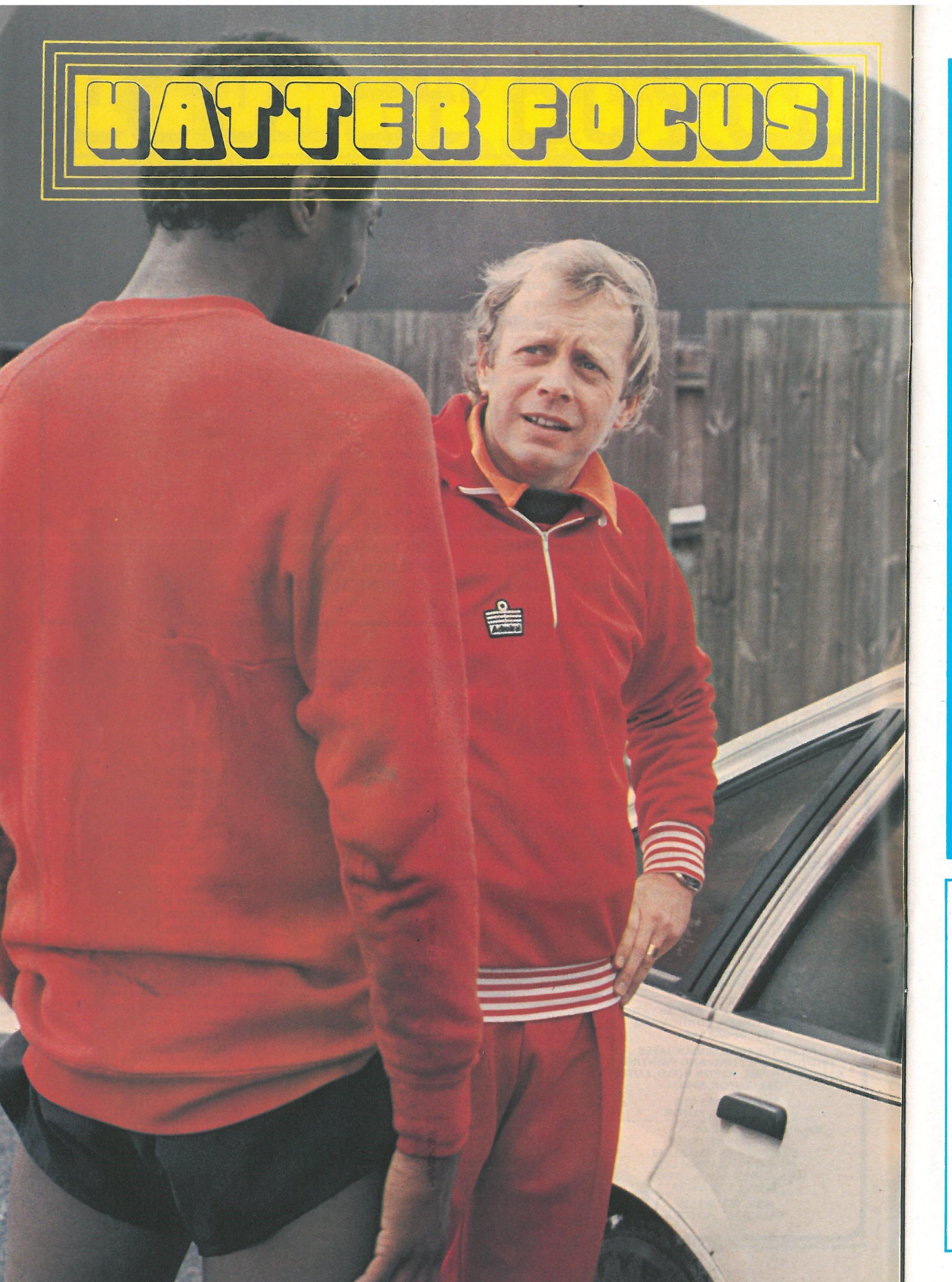
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Birthdate: 16.3.47 Height: 5ft 7½in Weight: 11st 4lb Married: Yes, to Julie

Children: Lee age 12 & Dean age 9

Previous clubs: West Ham Utd, AFC Bournemouth

Car: Vauxhall Cavalier

Best stadium played in: Singapore National Stadium

Favourite player: Pele

Favourite newspaper: Daily Mail

Players for the future: Hopefully, some of the

youngsters with Luton Town Friendliest away fans: Liverpool Other sports: Tennis & golf

Favourite other team: Luton Reserves when they win Favourite food/drink: Chinese, Indian and Indonesian

food/White wine, Bacardi & Coke

Favourite TV shows: Sports programmes, some

documentaries and films

Other sports person you most admire: Bjorn Borg

Your best ever all time XI: Brazil 1970

Most memorable match: League debut for West Ham

Utd v West Bromwich Albion

If not a player, what job would you do: Antique

dealer or write poetry

Favourite actor/actress: Laurence Olivier/Doris Day

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TIME TO GIVE LIVERPOOL THE TROPHY

Liverpool's 3-1 win at Kenilworth Road, coupled with Manchester United's dropped points at Ipswich, put the Anfield men 12 points clear at the top of the table and, although there are voices saying the race is not yet over, most critics believe Bob Paisley should now take delivery of the Championship trophy.

In essence, the Reds must now lose at least five of their remaining 15 games. As they have so far suffered only three League defeats, it would need the mightiest crash in soccer history for them to let the title slip from their grasp now. Indeed, Liverpool could probably afford to lose seven or eight games and still finish top.

Before last week's game against lpswich, Liverpool were unbeaten at home for 27 games, of which 25 were won with a goals record of 69-15.

The last visiting team to win at Anfield was Brighton. Their 1-0 win at Anfield last March also happens to be its last away victory in the League.

Today Liverpool face Brighton at Anfield in the fifth round of the FA Cup and Brighton manager Jimmy Melia, a former Liverpool player, is hoping that history will repeat itself.

Recent results have really shaken things up in the relegation zone. Birmingham's 3-0 victory over West Ham was one of the biggest surprises. Goals from Mick Harford and Mike Ferguson put the Blues into a comfortable position soon after the interval and Howard Gayle, a recent £75,000 signing from Liverpool, scored his first goal for the club to make it 3-0 in the last minute.

Birmingham have fielded more players (27) in their League XI than any other First Division club. But it is a fact that clubs relying on smaller squads tend to get better results.

Liverpool, the runaway leaders, have fielded only 16 players — fewer than any other First Division side. Of these, David Fairclough and the now-departed Terry McDermott have appeared only as substitute. And Scottish Under-21 player Steve Nicol has played only twice to fill in for injuries.

So Liverpool have, in essence, risen to their present position using only 13 players.

Manchester United, second in the table, have used 17 players. But four of these — Martin Buchan, Lou Macari, Scott McGarvey and Paul McGrath — have appeared only as substitute or for the odd

gam

Ron Atkinson, like Bob Paisley, has relied upon a 13-strong squad. And, at the moment, there is no place for England's skipper Ray Wilkins!

Wilkins was injured in a Milk Cup-tie against Bournemouth. His deputy Remi Moses has been performing so well, and results have been so good, that Atkinson wisely refused to change the side.

There can be very few clubs where the England captain would be unable to win a first team place!

United, of course, also claim the new England skipper Bryan Robson and their second team includes international players like Wilkins, Buchan, John Gidman, Ashley Grimes and the Irishmen Tom Sloan and Tom Connell.

But Watford have proved that you don't have to be a giant club to challenge the best. Like United, they have fielded only 17 players in this their debut season as a First Division club.

Now manager Graham Taylor has reduced his choice virtually to 12 players. His only problem seems to be in attack where there is no longer a place — even on the substitute's bench — for Gerry Armstrong, the big star of Ireland's World Cup success.

Mr Taylor is tossing up between the experienced Ross Jenkins and the young Jimmy Gilligan for the centre-forward position. The other 10 players have been picking themselves.

One man who appreciates the value of a settled team is Spurs' boss Keith Burkinshaw. By sticking to a fairly set line-up, Spurs won the FA Cup for the past two seasons and are now striving for the hattrick.

Most of us felt that Spurs might have been a serious contender for the Championship this season, too. And so they might if they had not been devastated by injuries. Even a club as well endowed with talent as Spurs cannot maintain the pressure when they lose players of the calibre of Glenn Hoddle, Tony Galvin, Paul Price, Garth Crooks and Steve Archibald through injury.

Tottenham happen to have an excellent Youth scheme and players like Gary Brooke, Terry Gibson, Alistair Dick, Simon Webster, Giorgio Mazzon, Mark Falco and Gary O'Reilly have all done remarkably well in the circumstances. What they lacked was experience and only time can give that to them. The absence,

until very recently, of Argentine star Ossie Ardiles was another problem Mr Burkinshaw has had to try and overcome.

A couple of weeks ago Ardiles also joined the list of Spurs' crocks and he expects to be out of action for several weeks.

Swansea created a little bit of history when they became the first club to stage a First Division match on a Sunday. The visit of Watford attracted a crowd of 14,461 — about 2,000 more than their previous average.

Although Bob Latchford gave the Swans an interval lead with his 19th goal of the season, his team collapsed after the break. Luther Blissett scored twice and John Barnes added another to give the visitors a 3-1 victory.

It was the first time in Graham Taylor's managerial career that he had won a game in Wales. 'I suppose I'll want to play them all on Sundays from now on,' he joked. Defeat left Swansea bracketed with Brighton, Birmingham and Norwich within three points. And, with Sunderland's revival continuing, it seems to be developing into a battle between these four. Each now has an equal chance of becoming the lucky one to escape the drop and it will become very much of a battle of nerves from now on.

Norwich City showed very little steel at Southampton where they were clouted 4-0 and manager Ken Brown slated his players' attitude. 'It was a very bad performance and so disappointing after our midweek FA Cup victory over Coventry,' he said.

It wasn't a happy return to the Dell for former England striker Mike Channon who enjoyed some of his greatest successes as a Southampton player. He made very little impression and the Saints' goalkeeper, Peter Shilton had one of his quietest days in years. 'I thought he would catch pneumonia,' remarked Ken Brown wryly.

Sunderland extended their unbeaten League run to eight games with a fine 2-1 Roker win over Coventry City. Goals from Stan Cummins and Gary Rowell did the trick with Steve Whitton replying for the Sky Blues.

Coventry had not been beaten in their fourth previous First Division games and were keying themselves up to clinch a place in Europe. But Dave Sexton still feels they can achieve their highest-ever position in the First Division, by going higher than the sixth place they achieved in 1970.

By TONY PULLEIN

Today is an important landmark for our Junior Hatters' Club. It is two-and-a-half years since the Juniors Club was re-vamped, with its new aims, objects and provisions. Each new season has given the opportunity to build the membership, and today the current membership stands at 2,150, with new ones joining every day.

It is appropriate, therefore, to mark the rapid expansion of our club with a celebration, and Junior Hatter number 2,000 for the current season has the honour of being our mascot for today's game. Paul Palmer is the lucky youngster — he and his parents have been invited to be guests of Luton Town Football Club today, and will watch the game from the directors' box.

Paul, like his four schoolmates who are escorts today, is a keen Town supporter. Good luck to Paul and all our Junior Hatters members today, and here's to the next 2,000!

Arranging activities for such a large membership is not easy but our five-a-side soccer Leagues are going well. There are now over 20 teams competing in our two Leagues, (12s and overs and Under-12s) and matches

take place every Tuesday at the Bedford Truck Factory Canteen in Boscombe Road, Dunstable, 6.15 to 7.45 p.m.

Don't forget our Junior Hatters Gala Day on Sunday 17th April. It starts at 10 a.m. at the Bedford Truck Factory, Dunstable.

Details have already appeared in the Junior Hatters Tuesday column in the Evening Post, but for those who haven't seen them, and want to know more about what's on that day, see Pam or Rob Gray now in the kiosk near the entrance for an information/application form. They are also available from the club offices in Kenilworth Road. Get one and come and join in the fun.

Mascot: Paul Palmer of Bloomfield Avenue, Luton, who is aged 11. His main interest is football, but he is also interested in stamp collecting and birds. He plays for Ramridge Junior School.

Escorts: Gary Blaxhill of Saywell Road, Luton, is also aged 11. Apart from snooker, his main interest is football.

John Davison, aged 10, lives in Turners Road North, Luton. Interested in football, he plays for Someries, and also likes chess and THE MASCOT . . .



PAUL PALMER

snooker.

Lee Adams, also 10, lives in Brays Road, Luton. His main interest is football, and he plays for his school team, Ramridge Junior.

Danny Holmes is 10 and lives in Turners Road North, Luton. Listing table tennis and gymnastics as his interests, he plays for his school team and for Limbury Boys Club.

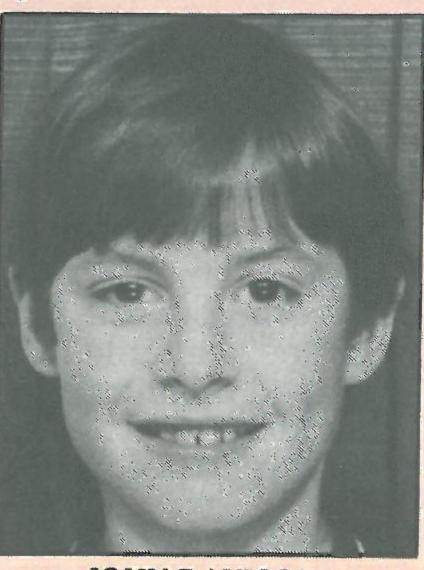
All the boys are pupils at Ramridge Junior School, Luton.

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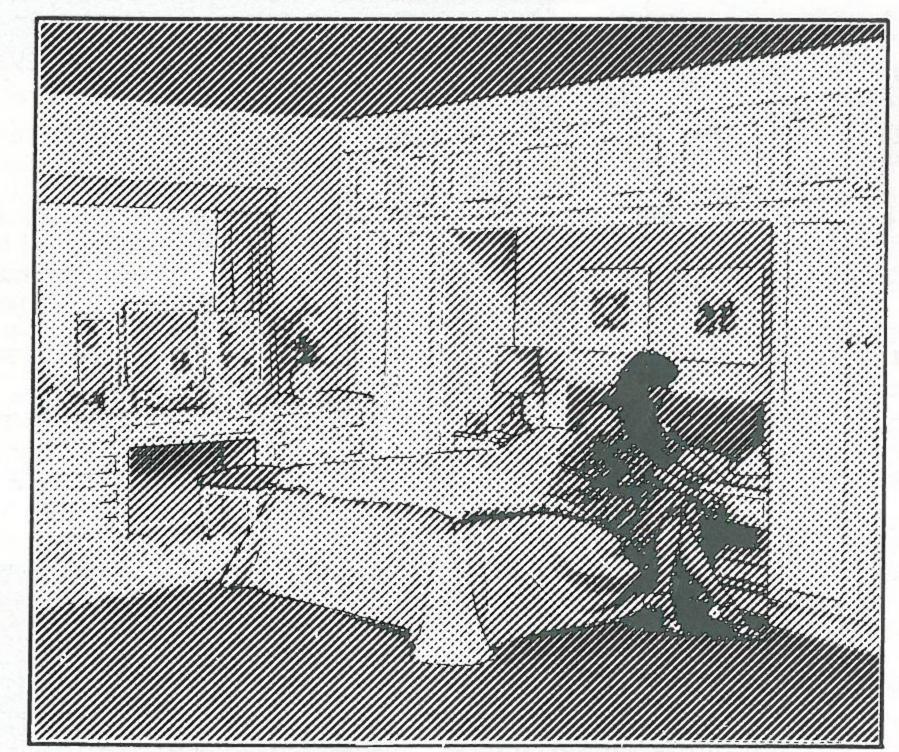
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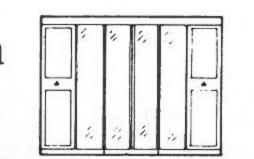
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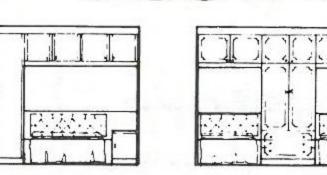
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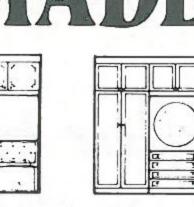
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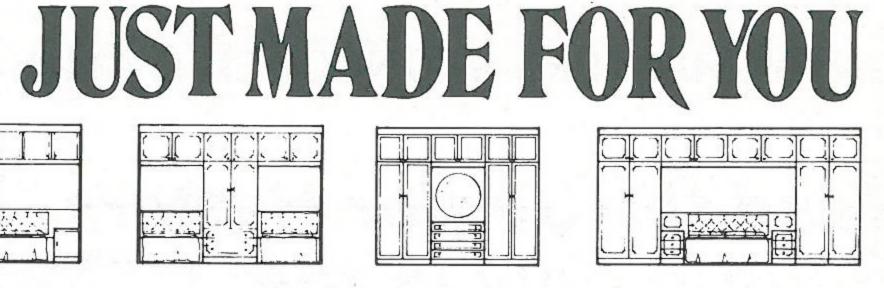
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Dear Mr Pleat, I was fortunate enough to be among the 11,705 people who witnessed your side's 4-2 victory at the Goldstone Ground.

As a 'neutral' supporter, I thoroughly enjoyed a highly entertaining game and you and your team deserve the highest praise for the manner in which your victory was achieved.

It is one thing to preach an attacking style of soccer away from home when things are going well, but to continue to do so in the face of some heavy defeats is most praiseworthy.

As a Liverpool supporter I am eagerly anticipating my first visit to Kenilworth Road on 5th February and would be happy to settle for another 3-3 draw like the game at Anfield!

Good luck for the rest of the season, and may your attacking play continue to pay dividends certainly football is a winner.

C. T. O'Donnell, The Prebendal School Chichester, Sussex.

THANKS STOCKWOOD RUC

Dear Sir, On our way to the recent Cup-tie at Luton, our minibus broke down when we were within two miles of the ground. We made it to the match but afterwards we had nowhere to go while we waited for the RAC to arrive.

As we had broken down at the Stockwood Park Rugby Union Club, we successfully gained admission after our story had been told and were made to feel very welcome.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the club for thier hospitality and also for the food they provided. The RAC finally arrived and towed the mini-bus 300 miles home.

Thanks again to the Stockwood Park Rugby Union Club.

John Wallbank, Moor End, Holmrook, Cumbria.

CALLING GEORGE DUKE

Dear Sir, I'm writing to you to see if you could help me trace a friend of mine, a lad called George Duke who played for Luton Town back in 1946. He was a very good goalkeeper. I first met George Duke when we played together for HQ Company Uldenburgh in Germany at the end of the war.

George arranged for me to have trials with Luton Town who, at the time, were managed by Dally Duncan and the secretary was Phil Caley.

But through an accident while playing, I broke my leg which unfortunately finished my first class playing career which meant I came home to Liverpool.

Last week, while looking

through some old papers, I came across an old photograph of George which tempted me to write to you to see if you could help me to try and get in touch with him once again.

I would be very grateful if you could see your way clear to help me. Hoping you have the best of luck this season.

T. Mulholland, Hawksmoor Road, Fazakerley, Liverpool L10 7NA.

LET'S HEAR YOUR VIEWS

Have you a point concerning Luton Town you may wish to air? We are always keen to hear from our supporters, and will publish their letters and enquiries on this page. Send your letters to the Matchday Magazine Editor, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road, Luton.

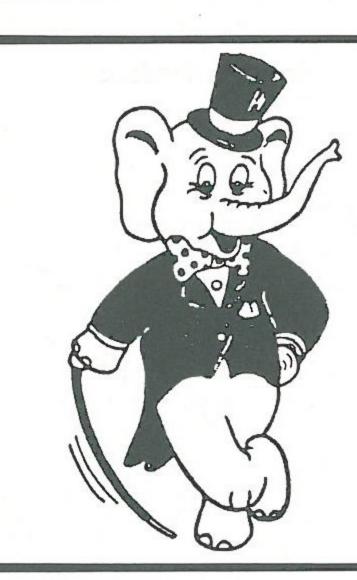
A GAME TO REMEMBER

Dear Sir, I feel I must thank you and your team for the splendid match against Liverpool, it was a joy to watch and one I shall remember for a long time.

I would have liked to have seen Luton win, but even when they did not I was absolutely thrilled with their play.

It was very exciting. So whether you win or lose if you always play such a good game, what more could one ask.

Phyllis Tibbetts, Ashley Gardens, Grays, Essex.



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PART 18 - By TONY PULLEIN

APPENDIX 'A' (continued) **Football League Results** Division Three (South)

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Scorers: Thompson, J. W. 18; Reid 17; Woods 9; Thomson, N. 5; Dennis 5; Pointon 4; Graham 3; Black 2; Panther 2; Millar 1; Clark 1; Rennie 1.

1927-28

Appearances: Abbott, H. 33; Banks, J. 14; Black, J. R. 35; Briggs, H. 2; Davies, A. S. 2; Dennis, G. T. 32; Fraser, C. R. 23; Fulton, J. 20; Galloway, R. 3; Gordon, J. 3; Graham, R. C. 33; Harkins, J. 4; Kingham, R. 21; Lumsden, R. 1; Millar, R. 17; Muir, J. 9; Nunn, A. S. 14; Panther, FR. 2; Pointon, J. 32; Ramage, J. 9; Reid, S. 14; Rennie, A. 37; Reynolds, J. W. 2; Richards, D. 21; Tills, J. 9; Woods, H. 32; Yardley, J. 38. Scorers: Rennie 24; Yardley 23; Reid 11; Dennis 8; Pointon 8; Woods 8; Harkins, 3; Nunn 3; Banks 2; Black 1; Fraser 1; Galloway 1; Panther 1.

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Appearances: Abbott, H. 23; Banes, C. S. 19; Bedford, L. 36; Black, J. R. 28; Boylen, R. 2; Clark, A. 15; Curwen, W. 1; Daly, J. 40; Dennis, G. T. 13; Forbes, A. 1; Fraser, C. R. 7; Fulton, J. 36; Graham, R. C. 12; Harris, B. 19; Kingham, R. 27; Millar, R. 31; Rennie, A. 41; Richards, D. 27; Roe, T. W. 17; Vaughan, W. 3; Walters, A. V. 1; Woods, H. 23; Yardley, J. 40.

Scorers: Rennie 43; Yardley 17; Bedford 11; Roe 7; Woods 3; Vaughan 2; Dennis 1; Millar 1; Black 1; Daly 1; Boylen 1; Clark 1. 1929-30

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Appearances: Black, J. R. 1; Bryce, R. S. 9; Chapman, J. R. 1; Cupitt, W. W. 8; Fraser, C. R. 40; Gale, E. W. H. 1; Hale, A. 5; Harford, G. 1; Heslop, A. 9; Hodgson, T. 35; Imrie, J. 41; Jones, V. 3; Kean, F. 40; Kingham, R. 39; Loasby, H. 15; McGinnigle, H. 36; Millar, R. 3; M'Nestry, G. 28; Rennie, A. 40; Rowe, D. 2; Slicer, J. 19; Tait, T. 41; Turner, G. 15; Wales, A. 3; Wilson, G. 7; Yardley, J. 20. Scorers: Tait 25; Rennie 17; Loasby 14; Yardley 11; M'Nestry 9; Bryce 5; Slicer 5; Turner 4; Heslop 2; Cupitt 1; Kean 1; opponent 1. In part 19 we shall deal with seasons 1932-33 up to 1936-37 when we won the Third Division (South) Championship.

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NAME THE FACES

The lucky winner of the Name The Faces competition from the Liverpool magazine was Darren Lee from Harpenden. He correctly spotted Nigel Spink (Aston Villa), Billy Wright (Everton) and Chris Woods (Norwich). Darren will receive one of our super videos.

The winner of our competition in the Manchester United magazine was Andrew Smith from Harpenden who correctly named Kevin Hird (Leeds) Martin Buchan (Man. Utd.) and Jim Melrose (Coventry). Andrew will also receive one of our super videos.

Here's a new phototeazer with again a prize of a super commemorative video. The photo caption shows three players' heads mixed up. All you have to do is name the three players and their current clubs. Send your entries to: Luton Town Football Club, Matchday Magazine, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton.



TONY WOODCOCK

NAME THE STAR

The Name The Star competition from our Manchester United and Liverpool magazines has been won by A. Burgess from Dunstable — a super prize is on its way.

A new Name The Star competition starts today. As we are sure you all know we add a small proportion of the body of a famous player inviting you to guess the player's identity. Send your entries to: Luton Town FC, Matchday Magazine, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton.



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PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Foul language at our matches is not something we are prepared to tolerate. Here, Luton Town's general secretary Graham Mackrell issues a tough warning to our supporters.

In my 15 months at Kenilworth Road I have received hundreds of letters on numerous subjects. It disturbs me to receive recently a large number of complaints of foul and abusive language being used.

'What is even more disturbing is that these complaints refer to all parts of the ground and not just the terraces.

'It has long been the policy of Luton Town FC to promote League football to young people via the Junior Hatters and by way of reduced rate admission.

'This policy however, is being circumvented by the actions of a very small minority. Parents have indicated that they will no longer allow their children to attend because of the foul language, and who can blame them?

Without these youngsters, however, where are our supporters of tomorrow?

'The other problem that has again raised its ugly head is that of the booing and baiting of opposition coloured players. I find this quite incomprehensible considering the number of coloured players who play for Luton Town. Imagine, also, how these players must feel when they hear our own supporters behaving in such a manner.

'I would appeal to the vast majority of our own supporters to use their influence on these mindless minorities and help stamp out this sickening behaviour in its infancy.

'I can assure you that I will take whatever action, however drastic, to ensure that these problems are eradicated.'

here then. The friendly arm of the law

takes firm command again during our last home match against Liverpool when play was held up by an inconsiderate labrador who decided to inspect the pitch at close quarters.

The dog eluded capture until it ran to the Kenilworth Road end where a friendly policeman arrested it and removed it to the sanctuary of the local police station to wait for its owner.

HATTER'S WIN HELPS LUTON

Those three great goals from Paul Walsh at West Ham in January produced more than three welcome League points - it brought an inexpected bonus for Luton Boys Club soccer team.

A panel of the game's top managers, chaired by England's Bobby Robson, decided that Luton's 3-2 victory should win the Fiat Performance of The Week Award.

Each winning club nominates a local boys club to receive the Fiat award which consists of a cheque for £250 and a complete set of new football

Today, it's the turn of the Luton Boys Club to be presented with the award on the Hatter's pitch before the kick-off.

Making the presentation are Luton manager David Pleat - also one of the Fiat judges - and Gerry Blackaby from Blackaby and Pearce (Luton) Ltd, local Fiat dealers.

Fiat, who are closely associated with Italian club Juventus believe strongly in close links between football clubs and their local communities.

'This particular promotion achieves that objective very effectively,' said Peter Quaglia, managing director of Fiat Auto (UK) Ltd.

ANOTHER ARREST

Hello, hello... what's going on



THE LOCALTAS AND HOW TO SATISFY IT

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

And there's only one name that really satisfies the local taste – BB. The light beer first brewed in Luton during the darkest days of the War by J. W. Green.

Only the finest hops and good, ripe barley go into the making. Then the brew is matured to exactly the right degree to give you a bright refreshing pint with a sound, full flavour.

American servicemen in local wartime bases declared that BB, chilled, was the nearest taste to Stateside draught.

It went down well when Syd Owen ruled the Hatters.

And it's been going down well ever since. Because BB is brewed with a proper respect for quality. To keep up the traditions we value round here.



WHITBREAD

LUTON TOWN BIRMINGHAM CITY

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE • TUESDAY 12th APRIL 1983

DAVID PLEAT

Welcome to Birmingham City. I am sure that, like ourselves, they will be anxious to obtain the necessary results over the next few weeks to ensure First Division survival.

Ron Saunders has made many changes during his spell in charge since leaving Aston Villa. His major moves have been to secure Gayle (Liverpool), Harford (Bristol City) and Ferguson (Everton) to, in effect, reshape his front line.

Even with these players, he has been forced to use over 25 this season. We are in the same position, and there can be no doubt there is a direct relationship between players used and League position.

Last season, we were fortunate to receive no serious injuries apart from Mike Saxby. This season we have rarely been able to field the same side in consecutive games.

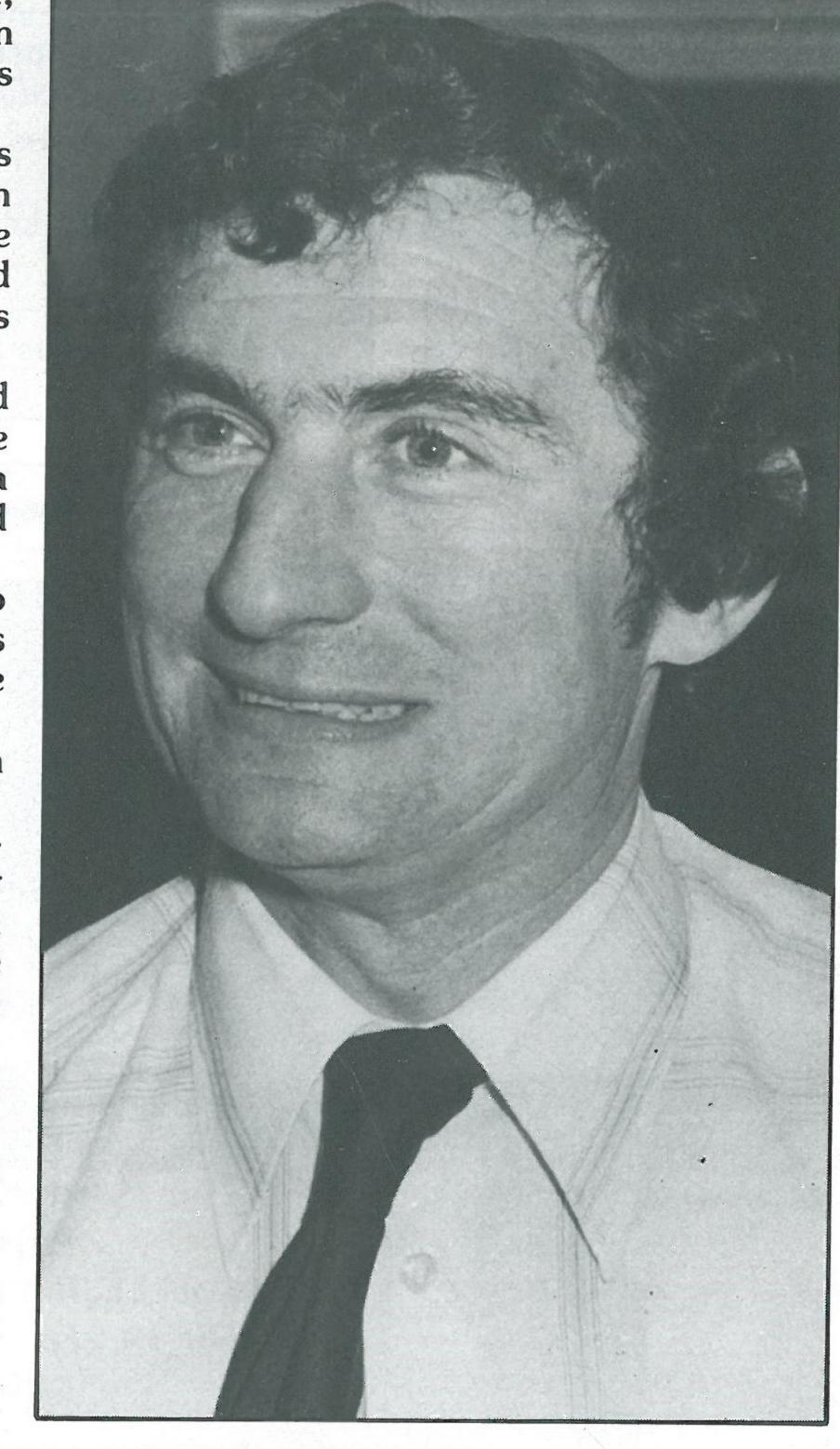
I hope that, for this evening's game, Brian Stein will be fit to play.

Our Easter wasn't the most happy. We failed to prise Norwich's defence in depth after they took the lead and then went under in rather strange circumstances at Watford. The support at Watford was tremendous. It is in adversity that you judge people.

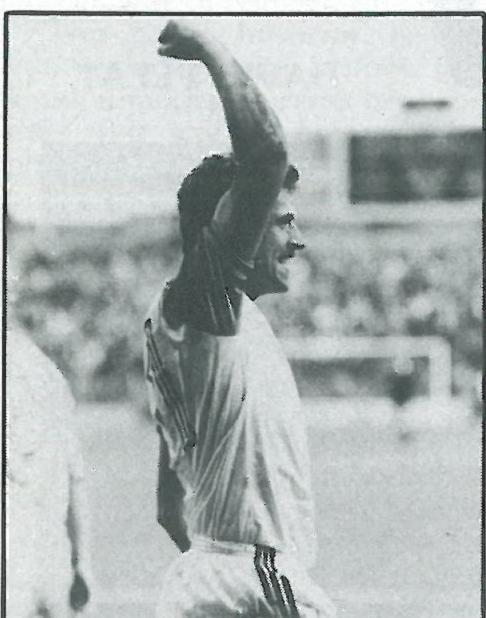
Despite having to surrender to our local rivals for the first time in eight meetings, our terrace supporters gave the players the feeling that we can expect a tremendous backing for the run in.

Only our best will do. Tonight we expect a tough game. Nothing less than 110 per cent will be good enough.

Enjoy the game.







ACTION . . . ACTION . . . ACTION **LUTON TOWN 2 ASTON VILLA 1**

At last! Sweet victory over Aston Villa gave us a tremendous boost for tonight's vital match against Birmingham City.

Above: Its there! Trevor Aylott turns after his opening firsthalf goal.

Below: Villa's keeper, Nigel Spinks, can't believe David Moss's goal.

Left: That's it — David Moss has every reason to be pleased with his last minute winner.



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Swansea City are the next visitors to Kenilworth Road for a First Division match a week on Saturday. Tickets for the match are available from the commercial offices.

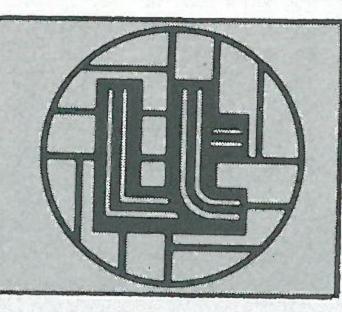
SCORECHECK

DIVISION ONE
Coventry v Liverpool
DIVISION THREE

v Bristol R v Sheffield Utd **DIVISION FOUR**

Colchester v Port Vale Darlington v Blackpool

TONIGHT'S TEAMS



- 1 TONY GODDEN
- 2 KIRK STEPHENS
- 3 RICHARD MONEY
- 4 RADDY ANTIC HORTON
- 5 PAUL ELLIOTT
- 6 MAL DONAGHY
- 7 RICKY HILL
- 8 TREVOR AYLOTT
- 9 PAUL WALSH
- 10 WAYNE TURNER AUTIC
- 11 DAVID MOSS
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BIRMINGHAM



- 1 TONY COTON
- 2 KEVAN BROADHURST
- 3 JIM HAGAN
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- 5 NOEL BLAKE
- 6 PAT VAN DEN HAUWE
- 7 TAN HANDYSIDES GAYLE
- 8 MICK FERGUSON
- 9 MICK HARFORD
- 10 MICK HALSALL
- 11 ROBERT HOPKINS
- 12 PHILLIPS

Referee: A. GREY, Gt. Yarmouth Linesmen: C. GRADY (Red Flag), E. GRIFFITH (Yellow Flag)

YOUR MATCHDAY MAGAZINE

Supporters will have noticed that we have been forced to retain the matchday magazine for tonight's game which was printed when the match should have been played on 19th February.

The decision to postpone the game because of an icebound pitch came on the afternoon before the match when, unfortunately, the magazine had already been printed.

In these days of difficult economic times, we found it impossible to scrap the cost of printing the magazine and producing a completely new one for Birmingham's visit this evening.

In fact, the majority of Football League clubs adopt the same course of action when they are faced with postponed matches.

We have, however, updated this issue by including a fourpage insert at our expense in an attempt to provide current details.

We hope supporters will appreciate our situation and the fact we have been involved in circumstances beyond our control.

HATTERS TRAVEL

Travelling to Notts County to watch the first team on Saturday? For those who are, may we suggest you take advantage of the luxury coaches used by the re-vamped Hatters Travel Club.

You can travel in style for £4.50p — and have the benefit of leaving your car in the Maple Road car park during your journey. Interested? Tickets are now on sale at the commercial offices in Kenilworth Road.

RESERVES IN ACTION

Some of our promising youngsters will be on view in the Reserve side which entertains Swindon Town here next Monday (7.30 p.m.). A week on Thursday, we meet Norwich City at Football Combination level at Kenilworth Road.

The Norwich game will kick-off at 2 p.m. to give groundsman Dick Wassell a few extra hours to prepare the pitch for the match against Swansea City two days later.

'We are proud to be part of it and very pleased David Pleat agreed to be one of our judges.'

The judges, in addition to Bobby Robson and David Pleat, are Ron Atkinson of Manchester United, Keith Burkinshaw of Tottenham, Emlyn Hughes of Rotherham and Dave Webb formerly with Bournemouth.

Since the scheme started in January, other winners have been Wolves (3-1 at Fulham), Huddersfield (4-3 at Exeter), Brighton (4-0 against Manchester City) and Crewe (3-0 against Swindon Town).

At the end of the season the panel will nominate the Fiat Performance of The Year Award which will bring £1,000 to the National Association of Boys Clubs for soccer scholarships.

GETTING AHEAD!

If you want to get ahead, you've got to get a hat — and we discovered a secret craze of Liverpool keeper Bruce Grobbelaar's when he visited Kenilworth Road with his colleagues for our last home game.

The Zimbabwe-born keeper collects hats - any sort - and when our own keeper Jake Findlay found out, he pro-



mptly presented Bruce with one of ours.

Hats off to Bruce?

YOUNG WINNERS

On page 23 you can read about the exciting day children of Vauxhall Motors and Bedford Trucks employees had when they watched our game against



Liverpool after playing in a five-a-side TODAY'S REFEREE tournament. They are pictured here receiving their prizes from our manager David Pleat.

HATTERS TRAVEL

Our travelling supporters may have read in the local Press of the changes involving our travel section. There is an important announcement contained in page seven this afternoon about travel arrangements for the rest of the season.

CENTURY CLUB

The Century Club annual quiz between a team from the members represented by Reg Carrott, Bob Freeman and Richard Combes pitted their sporting knowledge against Mike Saxby, Paul Walsh and Frankie Bunn last week in the Century Club.

In an even contest, punctuated by some friendly banter from both sides, the players were eventually worthy winners.

Most of the questions were of a sporting nature which gave the players an advantage, but they were also equally at home with general knowledge.

The attendance of about 50 keen and dedicated supporters was good, considering the frosty conditions outside, but the audience soon warmed to the friendly atmosphere in the club and were appreciative of the efforts of both teams.

'A nice way to spend an evening,' was how chairman Ken Ball described the event when he thanked the teams and audience for attending and supporting what is always a worthwhile venture in pleasant surroundings. Thanks again to all who helped and supported.

Alfred W. Grey of Great Yarmouth commenced refereeing in Norfolk in 1960 and via the Football Combination qualified for the Football League Full List in 1972. Acted as linesman in the 1976 FA Cup and European Cup semi-final 1972, and was an FA Amateur Cup official in 1972. Refereed the FA Youth Cup Final in 1977 and the FA Trophy Final in 1978. Appointed to the FIFA panel in 1977.

A married man, with two sons, he is Production Superintendent for a frozen food company. Apart from interests in gardening, tennis and cricket, collects coins and is chorister in his local parish church. He is past President of the Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen, and Vice-President of the Great Yarmouth Referees' Association.



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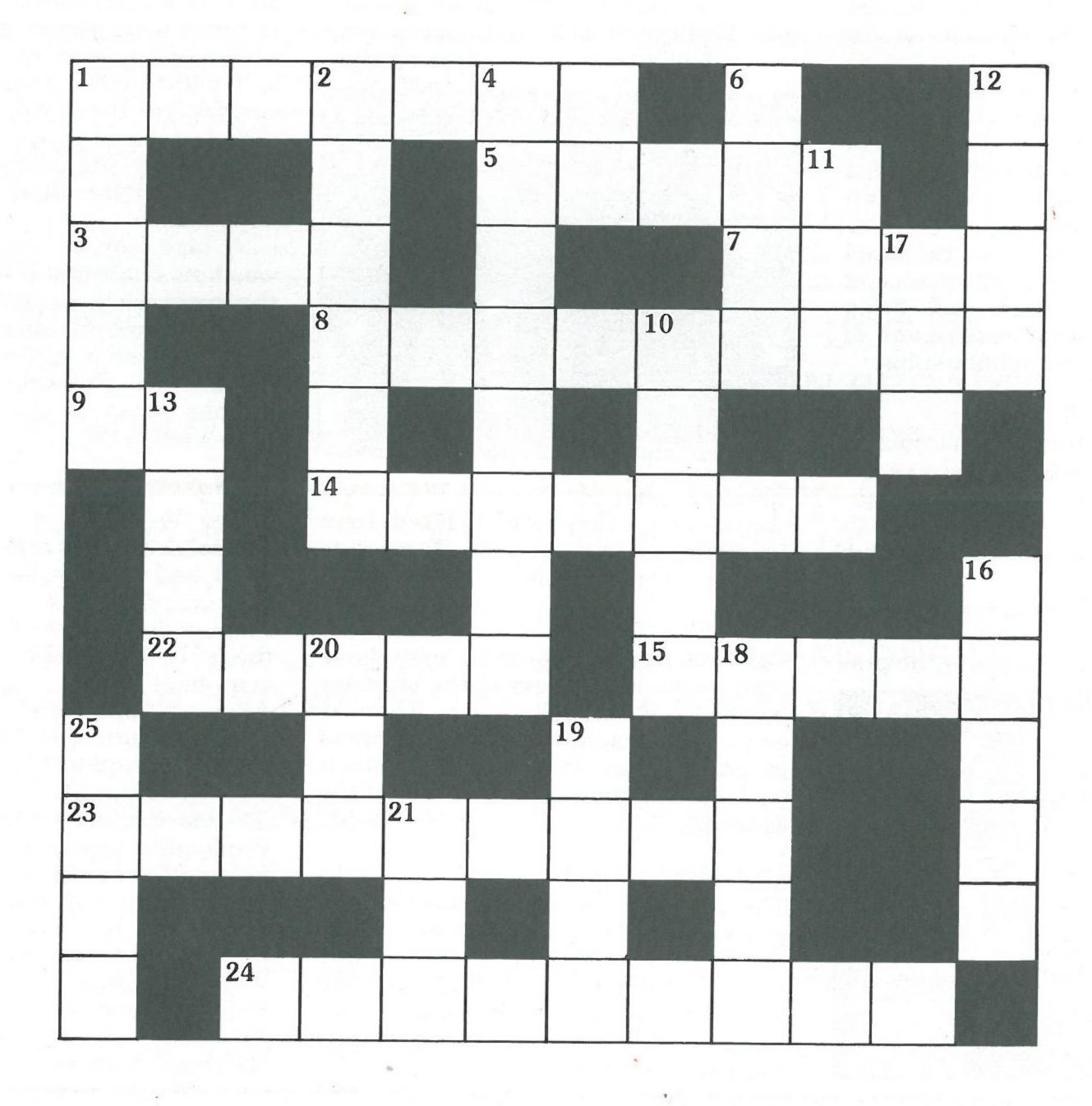
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CLUES ACROSS: 1. A goalkeeper who did not 'keep' very well in Luton's top office. 3. A manager who left Luton to coach Leeds. 5. Where Mal spent part of the summer. 7. How we left last season from Division 2. (Anagram from answer). 8. A team which attracts stars including our best known. 9. Note well (abbreviation). 14. Our keeper who was capped for England in a match at Maine Road. 15. A connection between our catering manager and centre back. 22. A name that's popular in our top brass. 23. A team that with a marriage gave birth to form our present club. 24. The partner to Clue 23.

CLUES DOWN: 1. The manager who pulled us from our decline but was not honoured. 2. Mark Watts favourite other sport. 4. The man who stopped Denis Law's joy! 5. What John Carlisle is for Luton Town. 6. Something David Coates is always giving to the players. 10. Our much travelled international. 11. Somewhere 'Jake' spends most of his time in. 12. Player Mark Watts would like to meet. 13. Something our players do not suffer from. 16. Under this chairman his talent for spotting talent meant many sales to other clubs. 17. A popular beverage for most fans. 18. Original club for our only World Cup player. 19. A favourite drink for Sheridan/Goodyear/Beasley/Antic and Horton. 20. John Sheridan needs this for all the swellings. 21. Christian name for Mr Shackleton. 25. 'Nickname' for Andrew Beasley.

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A LOOK AT THE LUTON LEISURE SCENE

day.

One popular activity is the Evening Post/Echo football coaching scheme. In conjunction with Luton Recreation Services and Bedfordshire Football Coaches Association, an Easter football coaching course is being organised at Luton's Regional Sports. Centre's playing field in St Thomas Road, Stopsley, Luton and at Leagrave Park, Luton.

It is open for boys aged from 7 to 14 years and the course lasts two days. It starts on and St Josephs School the Under 12 cham-Thursday 7th April and concludes on Friday pions. 8th April, times from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. on both days.

All coaches are qualified Football Association officials and belong to the Bedfordshire Football Coaches Association. The course costs £4.60 for the two days, and applications are limited to the first 60 boys at Leagrave the tournament is open to all teams, schools, and 40 at the Regional Sports Centre on a clubs, community or street teams. There are first come first served basis.

Brengreen (Holdings) Junior Seven-a-side before 31st August 1982, Under 14 on or Cricket Championships will be taking place before 31st August 1982, Under 16 on or again this Easter, organised in conjunction before 31st August 1982. with the Luton News.

before 31st August 1982.

Swansea match.

Kenilworth Road on the 7th May before the Bramingham Road, Leagrave, Luton.

With many youngsters' half term holiday just Everton match. The winners and runners-up over, some of them, and their parents, will be of the Under 16's championship will also be thinking of activities during the Easter holi- invited to receive their medals and trophies at Kenilworth Road on 7th May. In addition the winners of the Under 12's will be invited to represent Luton in the Sports Council 'Champions All' competition at Colchester on Sunday 22nd May.

> Equipment will be supplied, and it is important each team must have an adult manager, who can be male or female. Entrance fee is £3.20 per team of eight players. Harpenden Town are the current Under 14 champions

For the girls there is an Annual T.S.B. Easter junior netball tournament at Lea Manor Recreation Centre, Northwell Drive, Marsh Farm Estate, Luton on Wednesday 6th April 1983. Organised in conjunction with the Luton, Dunstable and District Netball League, four age groups which are: Under 11 on or For those who prefer cricket, the third before 31st August 1982, Under 12 on or

Matches for the Under 11's and 12's start at The championships are open to all teams, 10 a.m. and the Under 14's and 16's comscratch, school, club, community or street mence at 2 p.m. Winning teams will receive teams (e.g. seven friends may form a team their trophies and plaques as well as the and enter). There are three age groups: Under runners-up. As in cricket, it is important that 16 on or before 31st August 1982, Under 14 each team must have an adult manager, who on or before 31st August 1982, Under 12 on or may manage more than one team. Entrance fee per team is £2.80, per team of eight The venue for the championships is the players. Also the winners of the Under 12's, Luton Regional Sports Centre and the dates 14's and 16's will be invited to represent Luton are Under 12's Tuesday 5th April, Under 14's in the 'Champions All' competition. Further Thursday 7th April and Under 16's Friday 8th information on Easter and Spring activities April. The final of the Under 12's champion- wil be given in the future magazines. Applicaships will take place on the pitch at tions forms for all Easter and Spring activities Kenilworth Road on the 23rd April before the are available at all Luton Sports Centres, Community Centres, Library, Luton Town FC The Under 14's final will also take place at or by writing to Mike Iacono at: March House,

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During my recent holiday in New South Wales, I had sufficient time to take in various sports administrations, soccer, cricket, rugby league (Australian rules) and tennis.

Had I visited Australia last year, for example, I would have completely misread the current commercial scheme. Apart from national sponsors who still invest huge sums of money into the sport, particularly when the event is being televised, each club was supplied with a lot of money from the licenced club affiliated to their particular club.

Their profits are very high indeed because each complex is very extensive and usually housed on three floors including a large auditorium with international artists like Cilla Black, Glen Cambell, Vera Lynn, Max Bygraves, Frank Sinatra and Shirley Bassey supplying the entertainment.

On the second floor, there are rows and rows of poker machines (one armed bandits) possibly 250 to 500 machines operating all day, every day.

The ground floor houses licenced bars, staffed 22 hours a day, plus an excellent restaurant.

Just before Christmas, the state drinking and driving laws were changed and put into operation overnight with a maximum of .05 alcohol level, which is equal to 1½ pints of beer, all motorists have to blow into the breathalizer, and the licenced clubs literally ground to a halt.

Most people don't visit the clubs and prefer to drink at home to avoid the penalties imposed.

MIKE HARDWICKE Commercial Manager

Like many football supporters I was watching television some two weeks ago on the anniversary of the Munich air crash when eight players and club officials of Manchester United were killed when their plane failed to get off the runway on that snowy night of 6th February 1958.

I remember vividly the following Saturday afternoon when we were at home to Sunderland, standing next to Jack Crompton — our trainer, who kept goal for United for many seasons, and seeing the tears running down his face during the two minute silence.

That really brought it home as to what a tragedy it was. It wasn't too long afterwards when Jack left us to rejoin United to help build the club again. Watching those old films really set the heart pounding.

Bobby Charlton, Roger Byrne, Duncan Ed-

wards, David Pegg, Dennis Viollet and, in later years, George Best and Denis Law were all brilliant players who helped to make the club what it is today.

Our visitors today were involved in the Football League Cup-tie against us which went to three matches before the blues finally won 1-0. The first match at St Andrews, was a 1-1 draw when Peter Anderson scored for us after nine minutes with Bob Latchford equalising in the 54th minute.

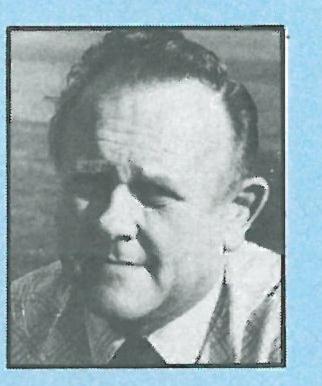
The replay at Kenilworth Road was watched by 13,806 spectators and again the result, after extratime, was 1-1 with John Aston scoring after 65 minutes only for Campbell to equalise three minutes from the end of 90 minutes.

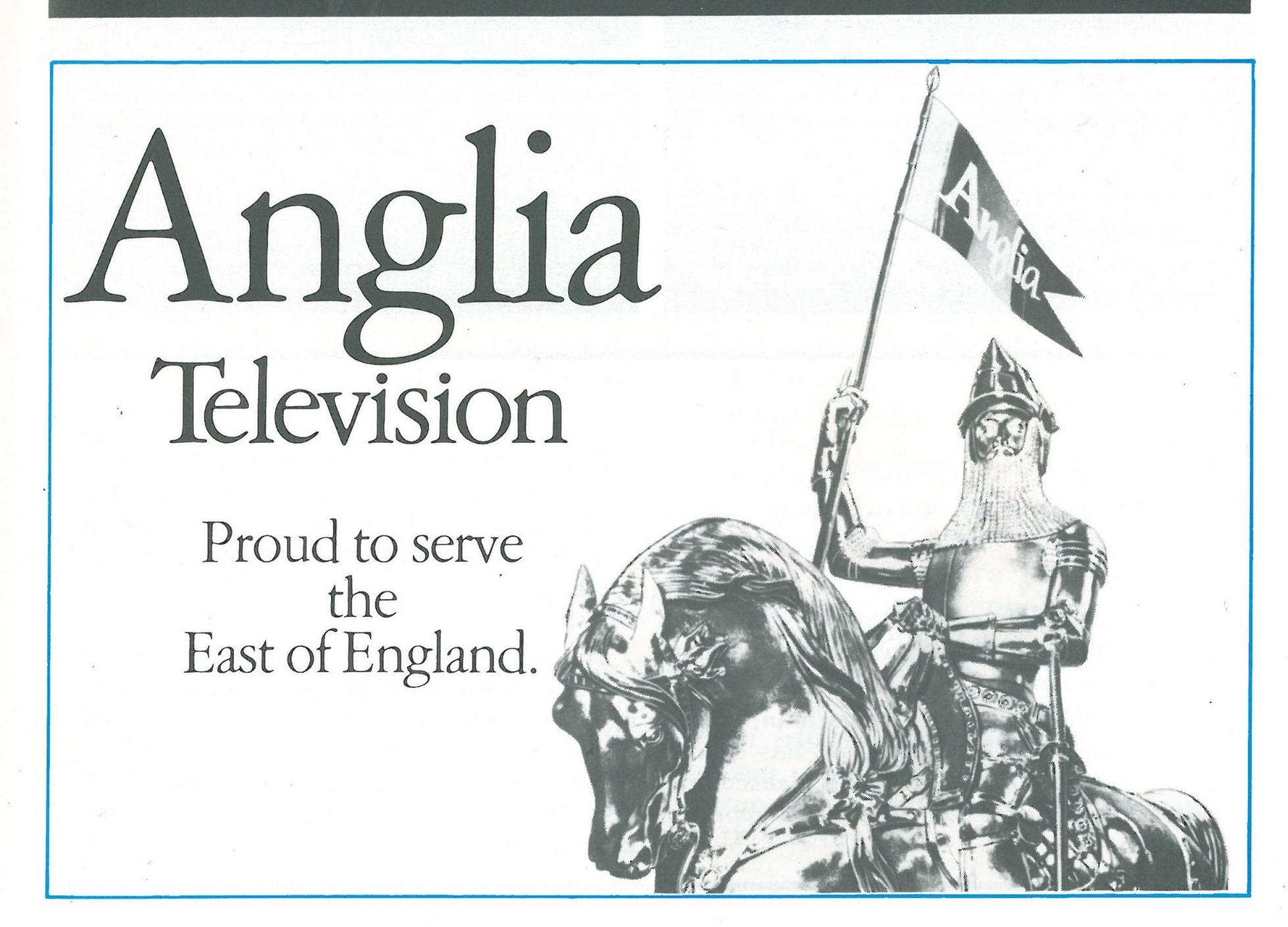
The second replay was at Northampton Town and 11,451 saw Trevor Francis score the only goal after 73 minutes. The two teams for the last match were

Birmingham: D. Latchford, Carroll, Pendrey, Campbell, Hynd, Page, Burns, Francis, B. Latchford, Hope, Hatton.

Luton Town: Barber, John Ryan, Thomson, Anderson, Faulkner, Garner, Jimmy Ryan, Fern, Busby, Halom, Aston.

JOHN WILKINSON Secretary





Oxford United 0 Luton Town 3

After a shaky start in this FA Youth Cup replay, we had the good fortune to score the first goal after 10 minutes through Mitchell Thomas. However, instead of making us relax and play better, it seemed to act as a spur to Oxford who came storming back in search of an equaliser.

During this spell Mark North made two excellent saves and Tim Breaker cleared one off the line. We also had two or three isolated chances, but failed to capitalise on any and went

in leading at half-time.

At the start of the second half we started to string more passes together and seemed to be more in control of our destiny. As the half wore on Oxford came more into it, but we did not seem in any real danger until we conceded a fruitless penalty.

This proved to be the turning point of the game and, after introducing our substitute. Stein went on to score two more goals in the last ten minutes. Over the two games we deserved our victory, but there were a few scares along the way although the strong wind in both games, did nothing to help constructive foot-

Team: North (N), Breacker, Petts, Thomas (M), North (S), Shearer, Parker, Cadette, McConville, Daniel, Watts, Stein (M).

Luton Town 3 Spurs 3

This was one of the best South East Counties games of the season, contested in good spirit throughout and with never more than one goal between the teams at any time.

The football played was the type we like to be associated with and Spurs played their part in

an entertaining game.

We took the lead, but Spurs came back to equalise before we went in front from a clever free kick on the edge of the box, to go on 2-1 up at half time.

Not long after the interval, Spurs grabbed an equaliser. The game then see-sawed, before we snatch the lead again.

To Spurs' credit they never gave up and, in the last minute, equalised again as we failed to clear the ball from a corner.

Team: Banks, Thomas, Jon, Petts, North (M), Tansley, Shearer, Parker, Butler, St Clair, Coppin, Ellisdon. Subs: McConville, Stein.

Luton Town 2 West Ham 3

The team was much changed from the previous week and was made up of 10 schoolboys and one apprentice goalkeeper. We started nervously and soon fell a goal behind and with five changes from the previous week, our team play suffered. The goal spurred West Ham on and they started to put it together and soon increased their lead to reward their good approach play.

We fought back to pull one back with an own goal before equalising. In the second half, it was almost all West Ham apart from the odd breakaway and it was no surprise when they got a third which proved to be the winner.

All credit to our defenders who battled on against great odds to keep the score at a respectable level.

Team: North (M), Thomas (J), Petts, Bambrick, Burker, Plummer, Conneely, Butler, Coppin, Thorpe, Ellisdon. Subs: Hamilton, Tansley.

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the club.

Brian said: 'The most memorable occasion was having our sponsorship of the Barnsley match last season when we were presented with the Championship Cup. No sponsor now can achieve greater things, until we are First Division Champions.'

The company, official cleaning contractors to Luton Town, has reported a steady growth Brian Cole, the company chairman, as well in all its services throughout the United as a Luton Town vice-president, has been a Kingdom. It operates from Truro to Aberdeen Luton supporter all his life and is pleased that through a network of 10 service centres. It his staff and guests can share his support for also has an overseas company in the Middle East country of Qatar.

THE WEEKLY LOOK AT THE HATTERS COMMERCIAL SCENE





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ferried from the Ellesmere Port plant with their parents.

Our last home game was significant to to Bedford Trucks plant in Dunstable many when we entertained a Cham- where their children took part in a pion team, Liverpool. But to us in the five-a-side tournament for Under-12s commercial department it was even and Under-16s between teams from more significant as we played host to a Luton, Dunstable and Ellesmere Port

Bedford's sponsorship contained all The youngsters all received a the ingredients of a success story as momento of the occasion presented by they took the opportunity to exploit all our physiotherapist John Sheridan the benefits a match sponsorship can while the two winning teams had the offer. Guests from the transport thrill of sampling the big match atbusiness enjoyed the privilege of being mosphere by receiving their awards entertained in our sponsors lounge, a on the pitch just prior to kick-off from

meeting the players from both teams Our joint approach to the sponsorplus the added bonus of being enter- ship certainly proves its not merely an tained by two humorous speakers in advertising slogan when we say Luton David Yip alias The Chinese Detective Town and Bedford Trucks Together

Our pictures show Luton's executive But Bedford's entertaining was not director John Smith with Bedford restricted to their customers as they Trucks' marketing director Des also took the opportunity to treat 150 Savage (right) and PR director Eric of their employees and their children Fountain, and a party of happy to a super day out. Employees were children in the Luton dressing room



By ROBERT HADGRAFT

A nine-to-five, five day working week is something virtually unheard of at Luton Town.

Just about everybody on the payroll cheerfully puts in lengthy hours — and ticket office manager John Gornall is no exception.

Thirty-nine year old John is often busy six days a week as he fulfils his role as an integral part of the club's effective fund-raising set-up.

John's dedication to his task is fuelled by the fact that he is a long-standing Hatters fan — something that seems to be true of so many of the people behind the scenes at Luton Town.

Some years ago, family man John was part of the fund-raising set-up which saw humble Hitchin Town become one of the wealthiest clubs outside the Football League.

He was an agent selling lottery tickets, working in tandem with Mike Hardwicke — now his boss at Kenilworth Road.

Mike was then a committee member at Hitchin, who had launched fund-raising as a sort of hobby. Aided by people like John, Mike's schemes were so successful he was enticed away by the Littlewoods organisation and then appointed promotions manager by Luton Town.

Like his boss John is a Hitchin man, and the pair have known each other for many years. Several years ago John decided to ring Mike at Kenilworth Road to find out about work — and the

call led to him being recruited to the ticket office staff.

In his relatively short time at the club, John has been part of a fund-raising organisation which has blossomed into one of the best in the Football League — with the Magnificent Seven Lottery scheme playing a major role.

John is closely involved in the operation of the lotteries, and an effective system has been set up involving agents, collectorsalesmen and a list of regular customers.

John carries out his duties in the new ticket office area which was constructed last summer mainly by Luton's maintenance chief Fred Bunyan.

The surroundings for John and his colleagues are now more in line with an ambitious First Division club, and sales of tickets and souvenirs is now a far more effective and smoothly-run operation.

John is also involved in the complex business of match tickets, which go on sale normally two weeks before a game.

Distribution of tickets is no easy job, with a myriad of personal callers, phone applications and postal requests to deal with.

The few hours before a match can be chaotic, and people like John Gornall can find themselves under enormous pressure — but so far he hasn't needed to make any rush visits to the Luton and Dunstable Hospital!

The busy pre-match period is

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inevitably when problems will arise — and a fairly common occurrence is the arrival at the desk of a season ticket holder who has lost his ticket.

Times like these call for patience and diplomacy. Some people will try anything to get a ticket to a big match! However, I must point out that when I lost my season ticket before the Coventry game on New Year's Day, it took John a mere 3.4 seconds to deduce that my case was genuine!

John has supported the Hatters for as long as he can remember, and his earliest recollection is watching Jesse Pye in action in the early fifties.

In his younger days John was a useful utility player for Hitchin Clubland in the North Herts League, a club he managed for two years.

His son Jason, a keen Town fan, is a highly-rated budding young goalkeeper, and the rest of the Gornall household consists of wife Susan and daughter Joanne.

Looking back, John recalls his days in civil engineering, and how he joined Luton Town when the first 25p lottery had just been launched. He is pleased and proud to have been part of the set-up which has pushed Luton towards a more stable future, and away from those dark penniless days of 1975.

Opposite, John is pictured with assistant Wendy Tyler.





BIRMINGHAM CITY

Birmingham's position was beginning to look grave as the weeks passed by with little sign of the sort of improvement needed to pull them clear of the relegation zone — until they sparked to life with a 3-0 victory over West Ham a fortnight ago. Manager Ron Saunders has tried just about every possible permutation and so far has used 27 players in the senior team this season.

The latest is new signing Howard Gayle whose transfer from Liverpool cost the Blues £75,000. Howard had been crowded out by the big names at Anfield and was limited to four outings in the First Division. He went to Fulham on loan in 1979-80 and earlier this season enjoyed a very successful loan spell with Newcastle. Howard's first game for his new club last month was against his old club Liverpool at Anfield.

It could be that Howard will form a striking partnership with Mick Harford, a £100,000 signing from Newcastle last season. Mick began his career with Lincoln, leading their scoring list with 16 goals in 1979-80. He scored

15 during the first-half of the following season and this prompted Newcastle to sign him for £200,000 — a record for a Fourth Division player.

In the summer of 1981 he moved to Bristol City for £150,000. But, when City ran into financial problems last season and could not maintain the repayments, they agreed to sell him to Birmingham. But to enable Newcastle to get their money, a unique transfer had to be arranged. So Mick signed one form to make him a Newcastle player then, minutes later, signed another to register him with Birmingham!

Several players have been used in attack, among them Mick Ferguson, Kevin Summerfield and Les Phillips.

Ferguson made well over 100 First Division appearances for Coventry and moved on to Everton for £280,000 in 1981. He joined Birmingham on loan in November.

Summerfield developed with WBA made his League bow in 1978-79 but got only occasional first team outings. He joined Birmingham last summer but a few weeks ago he was loaned to

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Above: Manager RON SAUNDERS Left: Centre-half NOEL BLAKE Right: Full-back DAVID LANGAN



Walsall. He was recalled when the clubs were drawn together in the FA Cup. Kevin turned out for Birmingham in the replay and scored the goal which ended Walsall's hopes!

Phillips was given his break in First Division football at West Ham last February and made several subsequent appearances.

Tony Evans, top scorer with 16 goals last season, has not been able to get into the side recently. He began his career with Blackpool but it was after joining Cardiff in 1975 that he came into prominence. He was top scorer with 24 and 23 in his first two seasons. Birmingham signed him in 1979.

The choice for midfield will probably be made from Alan Curbishley, Kevan Broadhurst, Kevin Dillon, Ian Handysides and Colin Brazier. Curbishley is an England Youth and Under-21 international who opened his League career with West Ham in 1974-75. Birmingham invested £225,000 in his transfer in 1979.

Broadhurst, Dillon and Handysides all developed in the junior teams. Broadhurst was the first to graduate to first team duty, coming into the side in 1976-77. Dillon came through a year later and is an England Youth and Under-21 international. Handysides took his League bow two seasons ago.

Brazier made his name with Wolves who blooded him in their League XI in 1976-77. He left for Jacksonville Teamen in 1982 and Birmingham signed him at the end of the American summer season. Noel Blake and Byron Stevenson usually play in the middle of the defence.

Blake developed under Ron Saunders' guidance when both were at Aston Villa. Noel was given his early League outings in 1979-80 and last season went to Shrewsbury on loan. Birmingham signed him for £35,000 this season.

Stevenson first played League football with Leeds in 1974-75. He won international recognition whilst at Elland Road and now has 15 Welsh caps. Birmingham signed him in an exchange deal last season.

Right-back Jim Hagan is a former Irish Youth international who left Larne Town to join Coventry for £25,000 in 1978. After a loan spell with Torquay, he was released by the Sky Blues in 1980. He played for Detroit in the USA then Seiko in Hong Kong, before rejoining Coventry in 1981. Birmingham signed him last summer.

David Langan has also played in the number two shirt. Birmingham paid a club record £350,000 fee to sign David from Derby in 1980 and he now has 15 Republic of Ireland caps.

Mark Dennis and Pat Van den Hauwe are in contention for the left-back position. Mark entered League soccer in 1978 and completed 100 games last season. A former England Youth international, he now has three Under-21 caps. Pat is a Belgian but he completed his apprenticeship with Birmingham. He made his League debut four seasons ago.

Goalkeeper Tony Coton saved a penalty in the first minute of his League debut against Sunderland in 1980. A former Blues' junior he spent a loan period in Hereford's Reserves in 1979-80.

Birmingham ended a run of five winless games with an impressive 3-0 home win over West Ham two weeks ago, a performance which prompted manager Ron Saunders to the cautious comment: 'I think the team has the basic qualities to disperse relegation worries.'

Though often described as a disciplinarian, Mr Saunders has a reputation for obtaining results. He led Norwich into the First Division for the first time in their history and to a League Cup Final, and later took Manchester City to the League Cup Final.

After joining Aston Villa, he led them to success in the League Cup Final and promotion to the First Division in his first season. In 1981 Villa won the League Championship for the first time in 71 years.

But events of last season soured him. Though he has no regrets about his decision to leave Villa Park — he is too concerned with his present challenge at St Andrews — he must surely have felt a little sad that his contribution to their triumph was scarcely mentioned when his old team went on to win the European Cup last season.

If anything, that has simply made him more than ever determined to pull Birmingham out of their present predicament.

By TONY PULLEIN



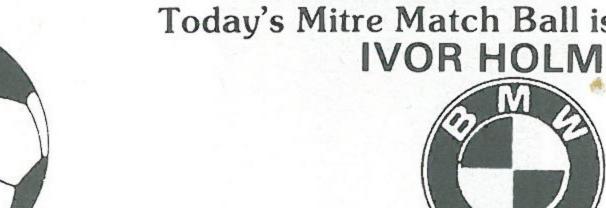
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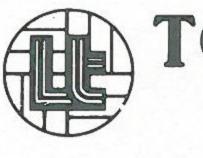
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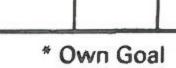
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