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Above: Paul Walsh, Trevor Aylott and Ricky Hill are involved in an attack which, in this case, brought no reward.

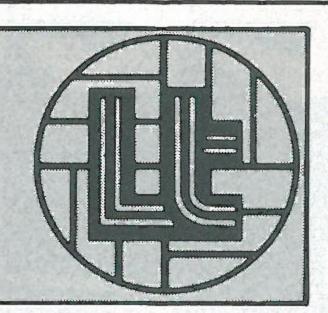
Right: Paul Walsh finds two legs are too much to cope with as he attempts to break through.

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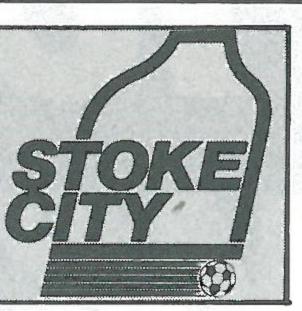


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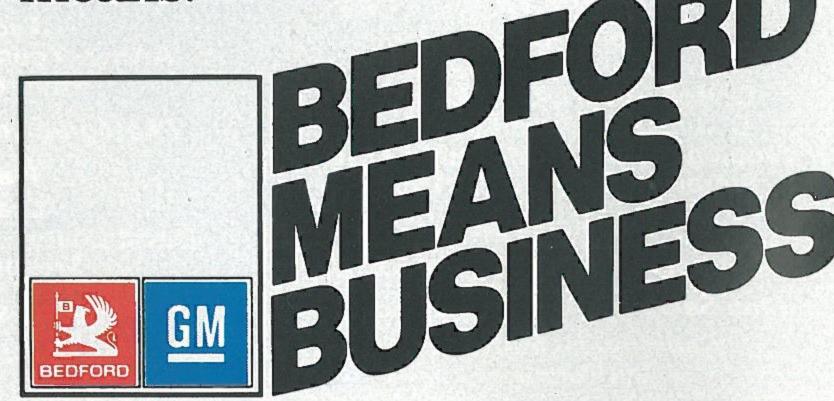
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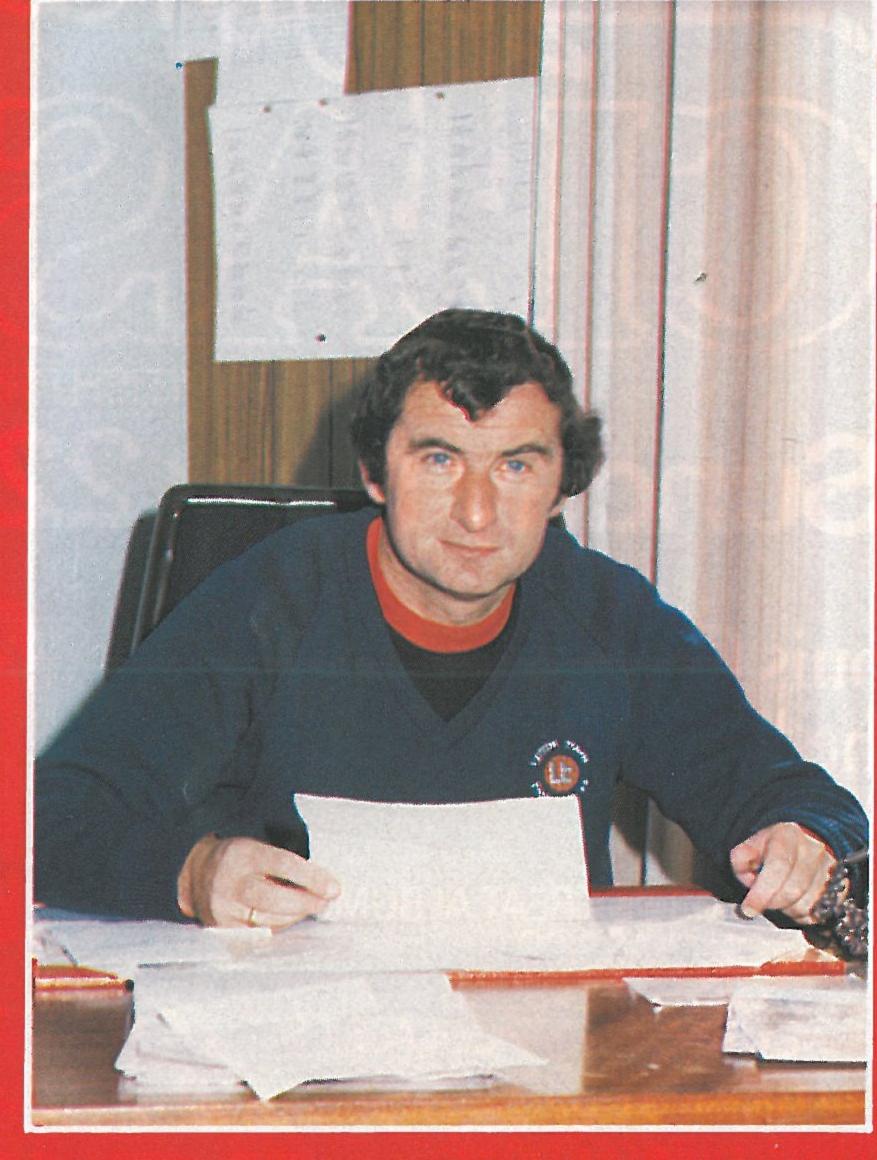


Welcome to Stoke City, and particularly to Richie Barker and Bill Asprey who have done such a tremendous job in difficult circumstances. Last season, they had a traumatic fight to stay out of the relegation area. This time, they have built on the lessons learnt. With careful buying — particularly with Mickey Thomas and Mark Chamberlain — they are now transformed into European contenders.

Our role hasn't changed. We have enjoyed every minute in the best League, and we are hopeful that a win today can help along the road to safety.

Our supporters have been tremendous in recent weeks. They have unconsciously, with their cheers, helped us to get over the barrier of awful home form to win three vital games. Last season, I believe we spoilt everyone with our success and many expected big things too quickly.

I consider our progress has been par for the course. We have signed three players — Paul Elliott, Trevor Aylott and Paul Walsh - and they have all shown the reasons why we made these moves. In other directions, we moved on Steve White, Godfrey Ingram, Mark Aizlewood, Pasquel Fuccillo, Michael Small, Billy Kellock, whilst Alan Judge and Mike Saxby have been loaned out. It has been hectic. We have all been delighted with the progress of our youth players, but we all know the difference between playing First Division football and youth football is considerable.



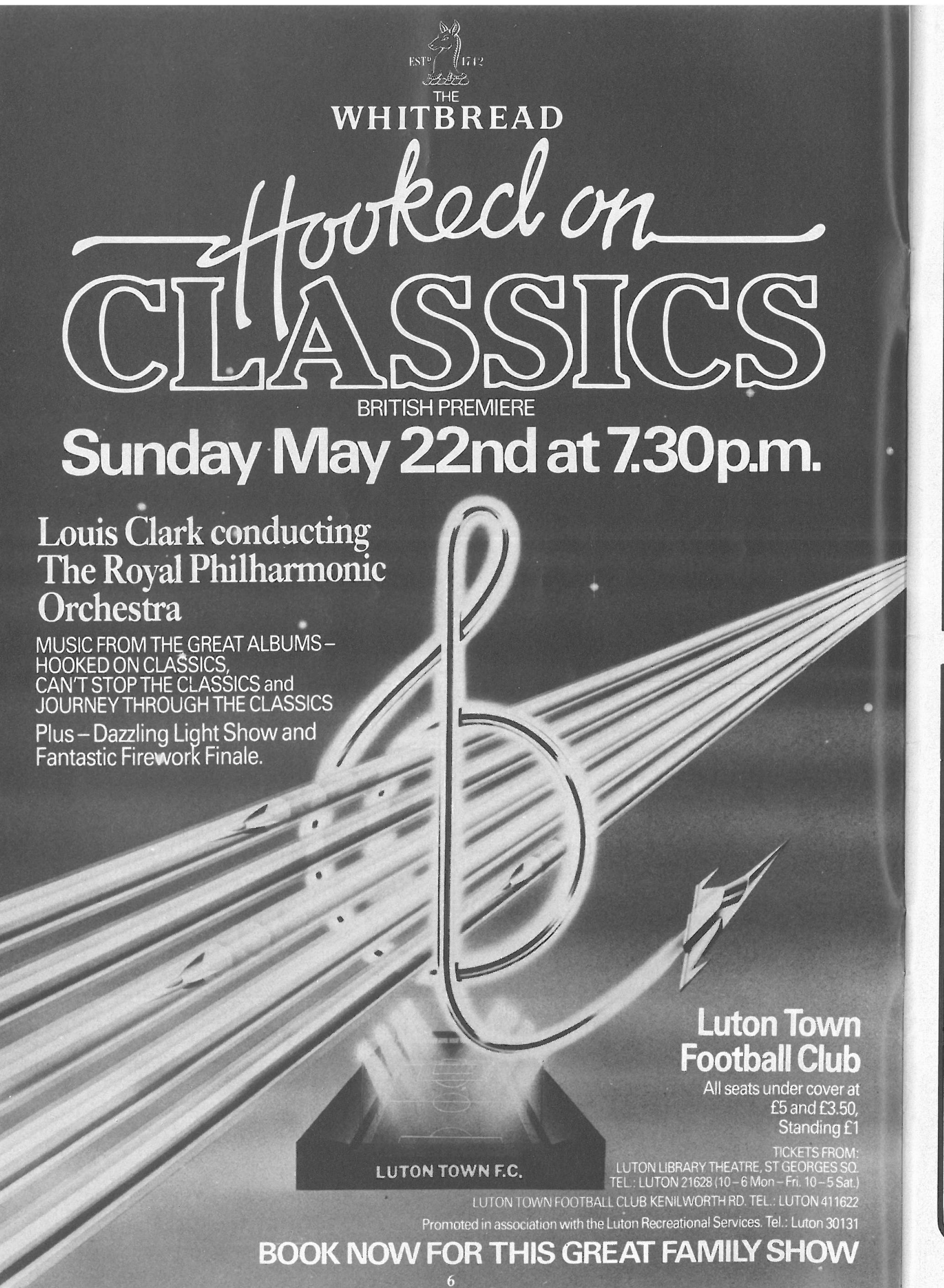
On 19th May the youth team leave for the Amsterdam Blauw Witt tournament and then move on to Tilborg. This type of competition against the best of European players accelerates their progress.

Keep the roar going. Someone reminded me the other day that Luton have been involved in far more goals for and against in our first season in the First Division than any other side.

I hope the goals go in today to the expense of our friends from Stoke. But most important — I hope we see a tiptop game.

Enjoy it.

DAVID PLEAT



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Previous clubs: None

Car: None

Best stadium played in: Portman Road, Ipswich

Favourite newspaper: Daily Mirror Job or trade before turning pro: None Favourite other sport: Every one

Favourite other team: Manchester United Favourite food/drink: Steak/Lemonade Favourite TV shows: All games programmes Other sports person you most admire: Bjorn Borg

Most memorable match: Beating Norwich in 1980 in the Final of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup

If not a player, what job would you do:

Coaching

Favourite actor: Charles Bronson Favourite activity on day off: Resting Favourite holiday area: Holland

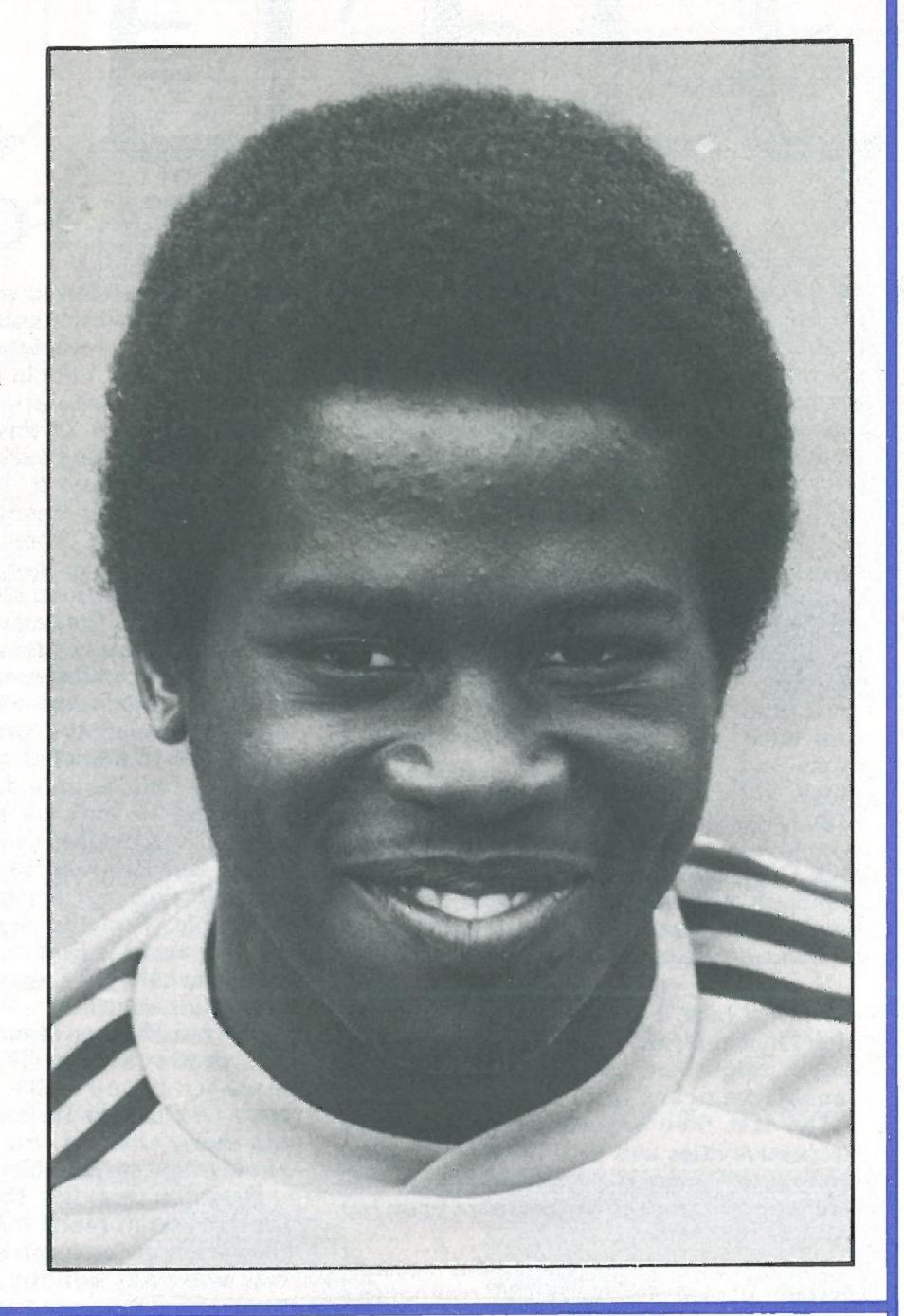
Biggest influence on career: Coaches at Luton

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Personal ambition: To be successful

Biggest disappointment: Not beating Norwich City in the Final of this season's FA Youth Cup

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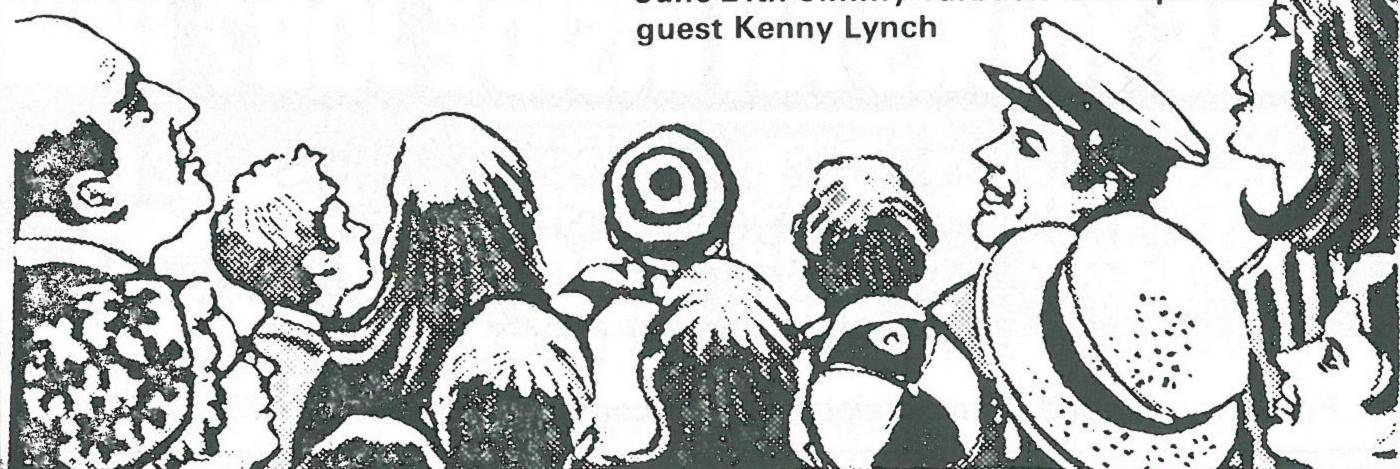
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BOB PAISLEY'S FOURTH DOUBLE

Now Liverpool have taken the League Championship for a record-breaking 14th time, Bob Paisley can sit back and savour the many successes he enjoyed in nine seasons as Liverpool's manager. During that time he has taken 14 trophies back to Anfield and this is the fourth time his Liverpool side has accomplished a 'double'.

This season it was the Championship and the Milk Cup, just as they did last season. In 1980-81 they won the European Cup and the League Cup (as the Milk Cup was then known) whilst in 1976-77 it was the European Cup and the League Championship. Under Mr Paisley, Liverpool won the European Cup three times, the UEFA Cup once, the League Championship six times and the Milk Cup three successive times. They also won the European Super Cup. Liverpool, of course, are the only club ever to win a hat-trick of successes in the Milk Cup Final but they never did manage to pull off three successive League titles. Mr Paisley's teams won it twice in succession on three occasions.

If anything, this merely underlines how difficult a task it is to finish on top of the First Division. And to do it three successive times might be beyond the physical capabilities of any team in modern times.

The last time any club recorded three successive titles was in 1935 when Arsenal completed their hat-trick. And it's interesting to compare the pressure upon top clubs in those days.

During their three successful seasons Arsenal played a total of 135 competitive matches whereas, at the end of this season, Liverpool will have played 182 competitive games. In essence Liverpool have actually squeezed in a complete extra season. These are the figures of the two clubs:

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Arsenal 135 79 29 27 315 160
(1932-331934-35)

Liverpool *177 106 44 27 358 141 (1980-81-1982-83)

* Five games to play at time of writing

With the title chase now over the spotlight focuses particularly upon the end of the table where we are involved. One side which seemed to have pulled completely clear was Norwich City, home victory over Sunderland was their second successive win and their seventh game without defeat. John Deehan scored twice for the second

game in succession to take his tally for the season to 18 which equalled his personal best total for a completed season. Deehan hit 18 for Aston Villa in 1976-77.

Sunderland, who at one time seemed to have completed a fine recovery, found themselves slipping back into trouble. They were held at home to 1-1 by bottom club Brighton and that meant they had collected only two points from five games. But, unless they were to lose all their remaining matches, Sunderland should still have sufficient points in the bag to ensure their safety. Everyone was watching Manchester City who were rapidly running out of games. Though a 2-0 home win over West Ham slightly relaxed the pressure, the Maine Road club remained in some danger.

As the holiday period approached it was beginning to look as if Swansea, Birmingham and Brighton would be the unlucky clubs. But Brighton were one club which was certainly not accepting relegation as inevitable. And the one 'distinction' they want to avoid is that of becoming the only club to win the FA Cup and suffer relegation in the same season.

'We have beaten Manchester United here and drawn at Old Trafford,' points out manager Jimmy Melia. 'Indeed, we should have won at Old Trafford, too, but missed too many chances. So we believe we can beat United at Wembley.'

Brighton are the third club from the south coast to reach the FA Cup Final and they are drawing inspiration from the other two who both won the trophy for the first time when they went to Wembley to face overwhelming favourites.

Portsmouth were in a similar position to Brighton in 1939 but they just managed to pull clear of relegation before travelling to Wembley to meet Major Frank Buckley's Wolves, who were second in the table. Wolves were one of the hottest favourites in FA Cup history. But Portsmouth whacked them 4-1.

Southampton had failed in their Second Division promotion quest in 1976 when they faced a Manchester United side that had clinched third place in the First Division. No-one gave the Saints a chance. But a late goal from Bobby Stokes gave them the Cup. 'Any team which can go to Liverpool and win must have a chance against anyone'. says Mr Melia. 'In fact, we also won at Anfield in the League last season and our performances against top clubs has proved to me that my team is good enough to win if it hits form on the day.'

Brighton drew further inspiration from their coastal rivals Southampton who ended Liverpool's run of 19 League games without defeat when beating the Reds 3-2 at The Dell. After taking a second minute lead from a Steve Moran penalty, Southampton found themselves trailing 1-2. Then two goals from Nicky Holmes gave Southampton victory. Holmes, who this weekend hopes to celebrate his 400th senior game for the Saints, is the last survivor of their 1976 FA Cup final victory still at The Dell.

'It's just another omen in our favour,' added Mr Melia.

Even if Brighton do win the Cup, the odds against their missing relegation were growing larger. Although no side has previously won the FA Cup and gone down, two losing Cup finalists have suffered relegation — Manchester City in 1926 and Leicester City in 1969.

There, has, however, been one case on record of the FA Cup winners being forced to apply for re-election. When West Bromwich crushed Aston Villa 3-0 in the final of 1892 they finished third from bottom of the First Division. As there was no Second Division they were required to apply for re-election. But it was decided before the meeting that Albion would be automatically re-elected in honour of their achievement in the FA Cup final.

Swansea City, incidentally, could also find themselves in the ludicrous situation of winning their national Cup and going down at the same time. The Swans face Third Division Wrexham in the two-legged Welsh Cup final, hoping to record their seventh success in that tournament. Victory would carry with it a place in next season's European Cup-Winners' Cup but manager John Toshack would happily relinquish that right if he could exchange it for First Division survival.

There have been several cases of clubs making a good impression during their first season in Division One but later fading. So maybe it's worth mentioning Notts County who, in an unspectacular way, have established themselves back at the top level.

This is the Meadow Lane club's second campaign back in this division and there has rarely been any threat of relegation. Notts, a team of no big stars, have coped with all the pressures and, even if they don't seem cut out for any immediate honours, they give the impression that they will be staying in the First Division for some while.

By TONY PULLEIN

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Yesterday, our Under-12s five-a-side soccer teams continued their League action at Marsh House, Luton. This formed part of the 'Fun Day' organised by the Luton Recreation Services Playschemes. Hopefully, it was more successful than our first venture held in the Hatters Club during the Easter school holidays, for this was very poorly attended.

All outstanding five-a-side League games both at Under-12 and 12s and over will now be played off in the canteen at the Bedford Truck factory, Dunstable. Teams are required to be prepared to play tomorrow evening starting at 6.15 p.m. Failure to turn up may result in loss of points. If all the League matches are completed during this week, the League Championships and runners-up will be decided in time for the presentations of awards to take place on the pitch before our last home match this season against Everton next Saturday.

On Saturday 14th May the Town take on City at Maine Road, Manchester, for their last match of the current season. There will be a Junior Hatters trip to Maine Road for this match and I hope this will help compensate for the disappointment at not being able to go to Old Trafford when our match against United was postponed because of bad weather last February.

Costs have yet to be finalised, but the cost of the coach will be £3.50 per head and seats will be available at £1.60 (juniors), £2.20 (adults).

Junior Hatters, parents and friends interested in making the trip should contact Pam Gray in the Junior Hatters Family Enclosure today or on Luton 391574, as soon as possible as seats on the coach are limited.

Everyone was given a Junior Hatters' renewal form with our newsheet as they entered the ground today so remember to complete it and either bring or send it, with your £1 annual subscription, to Colin Ball, Junior Hatters, Luton Town FC 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton. Keep up with the Town by being a Junior Hatter.

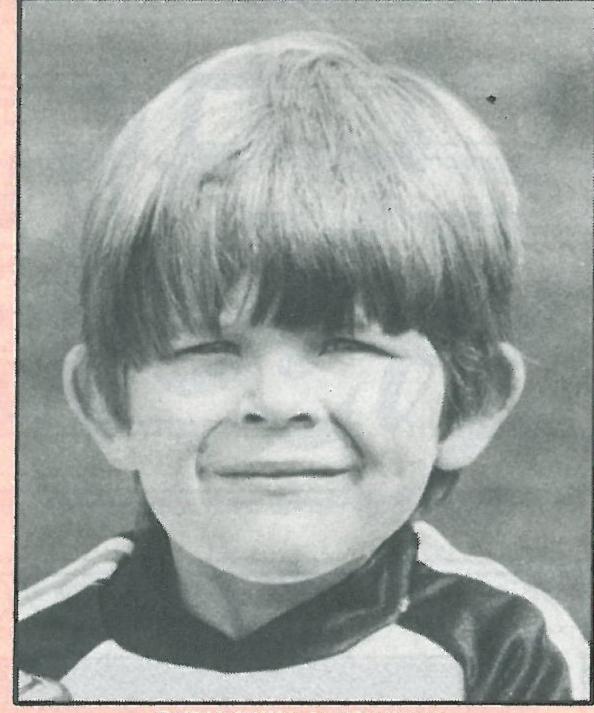
Good luck to our Mascot/Escort team today and

let's hope they bring us luck too! They are ...
MASCOT: Quinnton Stephens of St Nicholas Park,
Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Quinnton is the son of
'Town' favourite Kirk Stephens and is a chip off the
old block! He is five and attends St Nicholas Park
Infants School. He loves watching Luton Town play
and he also enjoys swimming and boxing.

ESCORTS: Julie Devane of Butlin Road, Luton is a pupil at Cardinal Newman School and is 12. She is a member of the school hockey team and enjoys swimming and football as well.

Michelle Ready of Langford Drive, Luton, is 11, and

THE MASCOT . . .



QUINNTON STEPHENS

also a pupil at Cardinal Newman School, Luton. Michelle is a keen Town supporter and her interests include football, swimming and playing music.

Caroline Oates of Connaught Road, Luton completes our hat-trick of girls for today's game. Caroline is 11 and a pupil at St Joseph's Junior School in Luton. She loves watching Luton Town and enjoys football generally and likes playing records.

Peter Hercock of Cowper Road, Mark Yate, St Albans, Herts. Peter is only five and recently started school in Mark Yate Infants. He likes football and train spotting.

COLIN BALL Youth Development Officer

... AND THE ESCORTS



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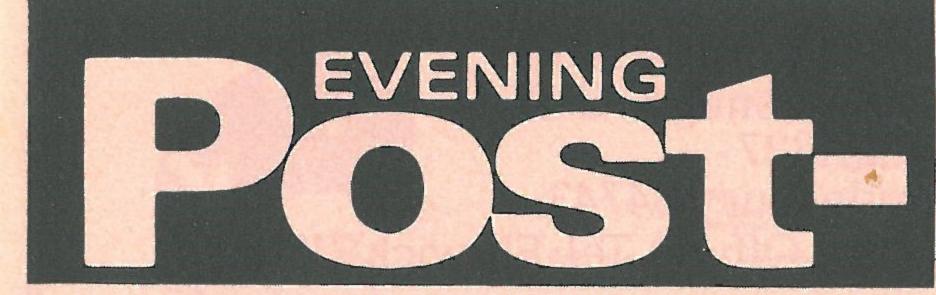
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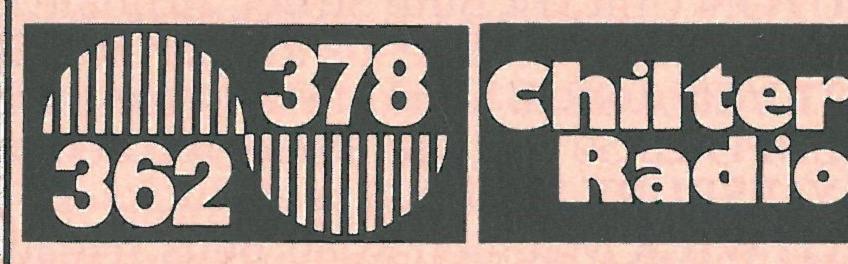
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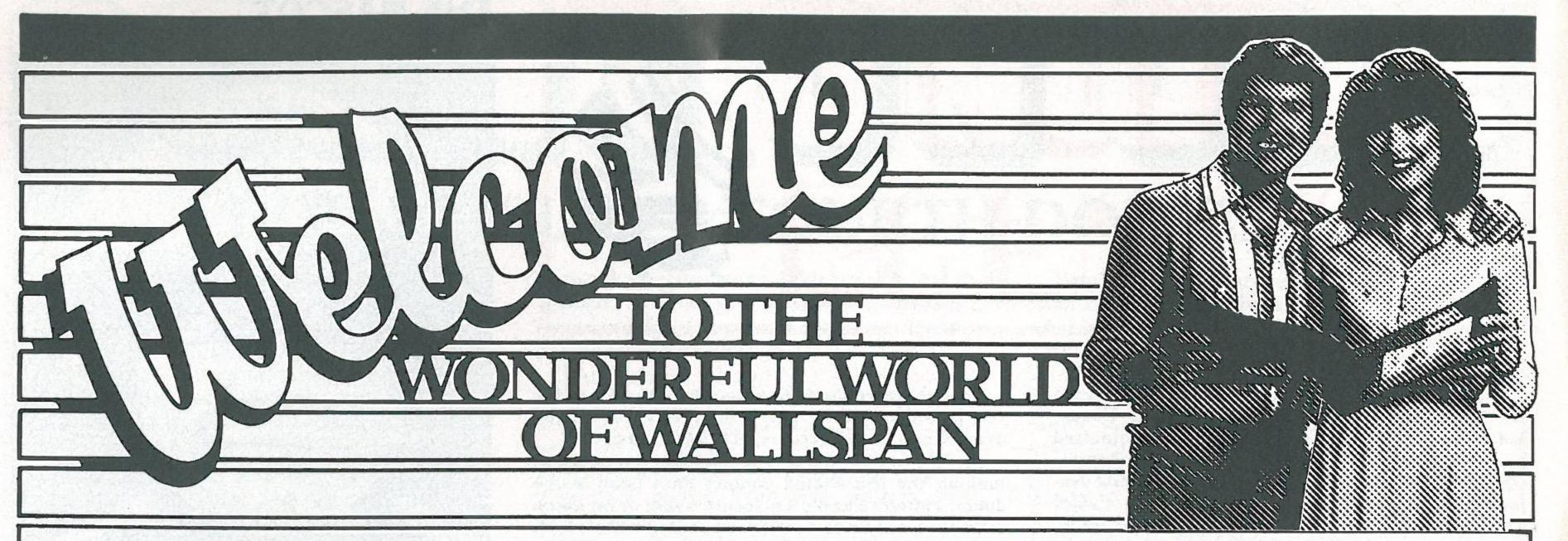
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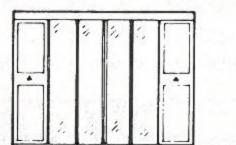
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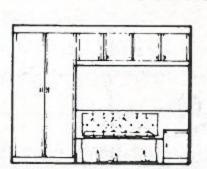
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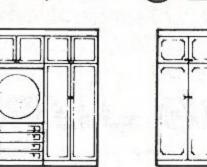
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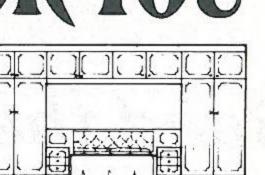
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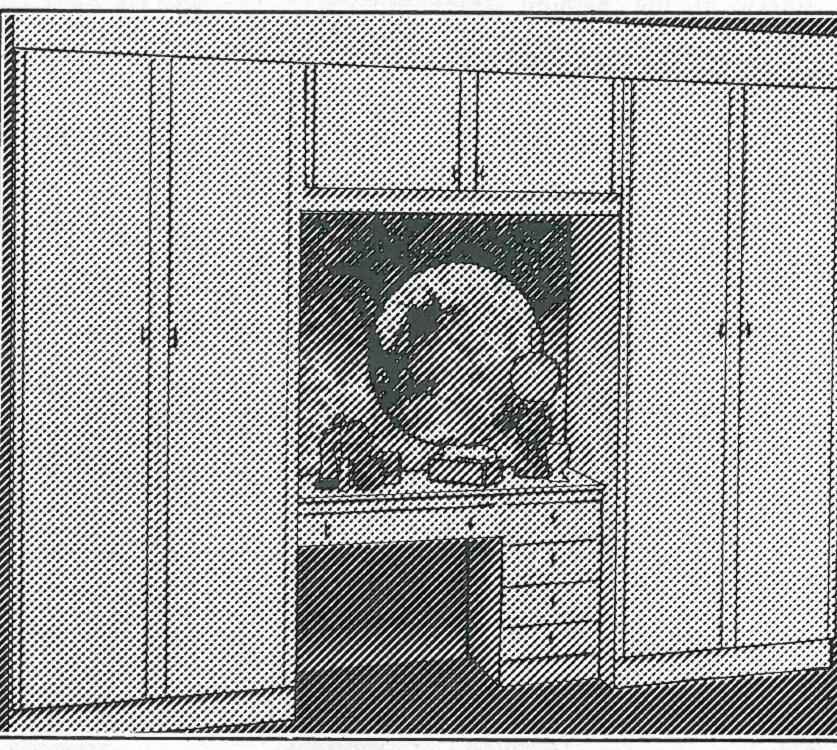
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The long awaited semi-final and final of the Luton Open Dribble, Shoot and Save Knockout takes place before today's match.

The first semi-final is between Michael Brennan and Neil Flint, with the victor meeting the winners of the other semi-final between Kevin Folland and Paul Quarman.

Each player has five shots at goal, but before shooting they must dribble through cones in 15 seconds. Each player is also his own goalkeeper.

The very popular Evening Post School of Football will once again be held this year from 15th to 19th August from 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. each day. Fully qualified FA coaches will coach youngsters aged from eight to 14 in all aspects of football at Leagrave Park, Luton. The cost for all five days is £12 and only the first 100 are accepted on a first come first served basis. Early application is advisable.

With Wimbledon due to commence soon, many young people who have never played tennis, or those who wish to improve, wonder where they can obtain coaching. The Lawn Tennis Association and Prudential have an excellent coaching scheme for boys and girls aged from eight to 16 years where, for only £4, six hours of instruction is given from a LTA approved instructor.

A LTA/Prudential scheme is running at Luton Regional Sports Centre, St. Thomas Road, Luton on a weekly basis. If you want more information, contact Mr J. Kearney, 10 Marlborough Road, Luton (31388).

Another place to obtain coaching is at Vauxhall Motors Tennis Club, where they have excellent facilities. Vauxhall Tennis Club, who have gone open, have junior coaching classes for boys and girls aged from seven to 12 years, on Saturday from 9.30 to 10.30 a.m. and Monday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. Adult coaching is also available on Thursdays from 6.15 to 7.15 p.m. Further information can be obtained by contacting the club secretary, Mr B. S. Turner, 32 Ringwood Road, Luton (599036) or pop along to one of their club nights every Tuesday and Thursday.

Also expanding is the Flint Tennis Club, who are rebuilding their club and refurbishing the courts at Lancaster Avenue, Warden Hills, Luton. The club will welcome new members, adult and junior. For details, contact Mrs Janet Lowden on Luton 841990.

There are still places available for the Luton News Four day cricket coaching course to be held at Luton Regional Sports Centre. Commencing Tuesday 31st May to Friday 3rd June, young boys aged from seven to 16 years can be coached by fully qualified National Cricket Association coaches and are members of the Bedfordshire Association of Cricket Clubs.

For seven to 11-year-olds coaching is from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. for the 12 to 16-year-olds. Cost is £6.50 for all four days and equipment will be supplied. Phone Marsh House for an application form (Luton 56879).

Finally, and if you have not heard, the adventure playground for youngsters at Marsh House has opened for the summer. The newly constructed and exciting playground, built by the Youth Opportunities Scheme has plenty of items to keep the young fully occupied for hours, under the supervision of the experienced adventure playground leader, Dave Noble, and park ranger Bill Laurence.

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1965-66

Appearances: Edwards, R. 14(2); French, G. 32; Fry, B. 6; Gibson, J. 15(1); Harber, W. 13; Jardine, F. 34; Long, C. 1; McKechnie, T. 8(2); Moore, J. 43; O'Rourke, J. 40; Ramage, G. 7; Pleat, D. 3; Read, A. 31(2); Reid, J. 43; Riddick, G. 29; Rioch, B. 19(1); Rivers, A. 14(3); Slough, A. 8(1); Stark, W. 8(2); Thompson, R. 31; Tinsley, C. 33; Whittaker, R. 40; Woods, M. 34. Scorers: O'Rourke 32; Whittaker 15; Read 12; Riddick 6; Moore 5; French 4;

1966-67

Reid 4; Stark 4; Rioch 3; McKechnie 2; Edwards 1; Jardine 1; Opponents 1.

Appearances. Adamson, T. 2; Allen, K. 14; Conboy, F. 19; Dougan, M. 26; French, G. 36; Jardine, F. 45; Johnson, B. 8; Kevan, D. 10; King, G. 22(1); Lunnis, R. 1; Moore, J. 43(1); Pleat, D. 27(3); Read, J. 35(1); Riddick, G. 30(1): Rioch, B. 37; Rivers, A. 11(2); Slough, A. 29(1); Swan, R. 14; Thompson, R. 43; Thear, A. 12(1); Whittaker, R. 41; Yardley, —(1).

Scorers: Rioch 10; Whittaker 9; Allen 6; Thear 5; French 4; Kevan 4; King 4; Pleat 4; Riddick 4; Moore 2; Slough 2; Conboy 1; Jardine 1; Rivers 1; Opponents 2.

1967-68

Appearances: Allen, K. 45; Beaven, K. 1; Branston, T. 46; Brown, M. J. 8(4); Buxton, I. 36; Denton, P. 3(1); Dougan, M. 41(1); French, G. 31; Green, H. 9(2); Hare, T. 12; Jardine, F. 41; Johnson, B. 1(1); McLeish, 1; McDerment, W. 13(6); Moore, J. 45; Potter, G. 3(2); Read, J. 41(1); Rioch, B. 44; Ryan, J. 11; Slough, A. 32(3); Taylor, W. 3; Tinsley, G. 1; Walker, —(1); Whittaker, R. 38. Scorers: Rioch 24; Allen 14; Buxton 13; Whittaker 10; Slough 6; Branston 5; French 5; Moore 4; Green 3; Brown 2; Ryan 1.

1968-69

Appearances: Allen, K. 37(3); Bannister, J. 30; Branston, T. 35; Brown, M. J. 1(1); Buxton, I. 10(1); Davies, A. 27; Denton, F. 1; Dougan, M. 43; French, G. 35(1); Harrison, M. 18(1); Jardine, F. 23(1); Keen, M. 14; Lewis, B. 43(2); McDerment, W. 14(6); Moore, J. 30(4); Potter, G. —(2); Read, J. 16; Rioch, B. 37; Ryan, J. 7(1); Sheffield, L. 28; Slough, A. 46; Stevenson, M. 1; Sweeney, —(1); Taylor, W. 3; Whittaker, R. 7(1).

Scorers: Lewis 22; Sheffield 12; Rioch 10; Allen 9; Slough 5; Branston 4; French 3; Harrison 2; Jardine 2; Buxton 1; Keen 1; McDerment 1; Moore 1; Opponents

1969-70

Appearances: Allen, K. 32(6); Bannister, J. 40; Branston, T. 19(1); Busby, V. 9; Collins, J. 39(1); Davie, A. 31; Dougan, M. 7; French, G. 37(1); Harrison, M. 11(2), Jardine, F. 9(1); Keen, M. 45(1); Lewis, B. 2(3); Moore, J. 21(1); Macdonald, M. 46; Nicholl, C. 27; Phillips, P. 2(3); Read, J. 9; Ryan, J. 36; Sheffield, L. 3(3); Slough, A. 45; Starling, A. 6; Tees, M. 30(2).

Scorers: Macdonald 25; Tees 11; Collins 10; Allen 7; Busby 4; French 4; Har-

rison 4; Slough 4; Keen 3; Nicholl 2; Ryan 2; Opponents 1.

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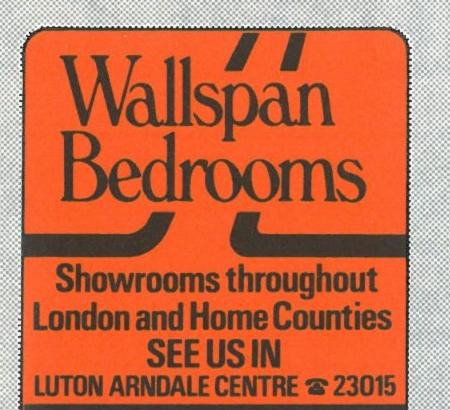
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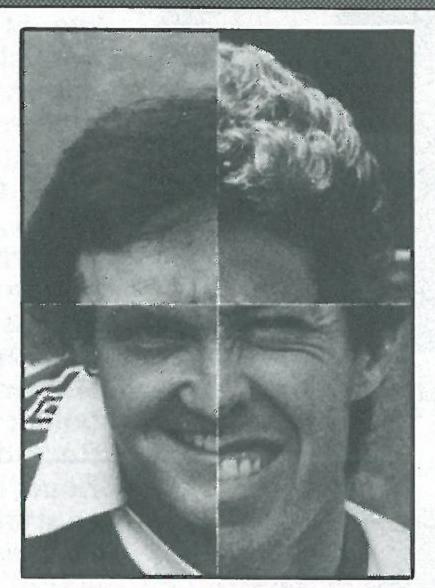
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WE WELCOME OUR YOUNG FRIENDS

We continuously receive requests from many parties and organisations who want to take the opportunity of meeting the players and looking behind the scenes at our facilities.

It isn't always possible considering hectic training schedules. But we do like to oblige when it is possible and we were pleased to welcome a group of youngsters from the Lady Zia Wernher School in Stopsley, Luton.

The youngsters had a great time meeting the players and are pictured





with David Moss and Trevor Aylott willingly signing their autograph books.

CENTURY CLUB

We thank all our friends and members who bought and sold tickets for our annual raffle. We take this opportunity of publishing the full list of winners.

Weekend for two in Holland: Mr S. F. King, Century Club; Weekend for two at Crest Hotel: Mrs Palser, c/o Connells, Dunstable; Bottle whisky: Potton Timber Co, Century Club; Video tape: D. Knapp, 62 Marina Drive, Dunstable; Parker pen: Miss C. Ball, Century Club; Record: A. F. Dean, 2 Laburnham Avenue, Wilstead; Bottle Italian wine: P. Webb, Potton Timber Co, Century Club.

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Our final game is away to Man-

chester City. If you wish to travel on our executive coach and do not have your name on the list, see Catherine Ball today.

STOKE CITY THROUGH THE YEARS

Tom Brittleton was signed on a free transfer from Sheffield Wednesday in 1920 at the age of 41. He stayed with Stoke long enough to qualify for a benefit.

Stoke City are still playing on the same Victoria Ground as they were in 1888 as founder-members of the Football League.

● Between 1912 and 1926 Stoke played in five different Leagues — the First and Second Divisions of the Southern League and Divisions One, Two and Three (North) of the Football League.

In March 1932, Stanley Matthews made his debut for Stoke. Over 31 years later he played his last game for them.

• Frank Soo became the first Chinese player to appear in the Football League when making his debut for Stoke.

● Bob McGrory (who managed Stoke from 1935 to 1952) played in all 42 Football League games in 1934-35 at the age of 43.

Tim Coleman hit seven goals in a game against Leicester on 23rd February 1957.

Stoke played a total of 66 games in 1971-72 in League, League Cup, FA

Cup and Texaco Cup games.

• Stoke played throughout the 1895-96 season without drawing a single game.

• John Ritchie was sent off in Stoke's game at Kaiserslautern (West Germany) in a UEFA Cup game in 1972 within 30 seconds of going on as substitute.

IN RETROSPECT
Luton Town v Stoke City
Division Two: 1953-54 — 0-1 (h) 1-1
(a); 1954-55 — 3-1 (h) 1-2 (a); 1960-61
— 4-1 (h) 0-3 (a); 1961-62 — 0-0 (h)

1-2 (a); 1962-63 — 0-0 (h) 1-0 (a).
Division One: 1974-75 — Luton
Town 0 Stoke City 0; Stoke City 4
(Hudson, Greenhoff, Robertson 2)
Luton 2 (Anderson, Garner).

Division Two: 1977-78 — Luton Town 1 (Buckley) Stoke City 2 (Kendall, Crooks); Stoke City 0 Luton Town 0. 1978-79 — Luton Town 0 Stoke City 0; Stoke City 0 Luton Town 0.

Division One: 1982-83 — Stoke City 4 (Berry 2, Bracewell, O'Callaghan) Luton Town 4 (Walsh 2, Stein, Donaghy).

Teams for last game here, 6th February 1978 . . . LUTON: Lawson, Stephens, Carr, Donaghy, Turner C, Price, West, Hill,

Taylor, Hatton, Moss. STOKE: Jones, Dodd, Scott (Busby), Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Randall, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Richard-

Attendance: 6,462.

HERE ON SATURDAY

We complete our home fixtures for the current season with a game against Everton here on Saturday before finishing the campaign with matches

at Manchester United and Manchester City.

Tickets for next Saturday's clash are available NOW from our Kenilworth Road commercial offices.

APOLOGIES ALL ROUND

Secretary John Wilkinson offers his sincere apologies to supporters who may have made arrangements to watch our recent Football Combination game against Swindon Town at Barnfield College.

The match was switched to the college pitch when we found our Kenilworth Road surface was waterlogged. To our horror, the Barnfield pitch was also saturated and, at the last minute, we were fortunate to play at Blundell Road recreation ground.

There was no time to postpone the game because Swindon had almost arrived at Luton. We apologise to those supporters who made a fruitless journey.

TODAY'S REFEREE

From refereeing in local Sussex Leagues and the Sussex County League, Allan Gunn of Burgess Hill, Sussex, has progressed via the Football Combination to the Football League Line and, later, the Referees' List. He has officiated in three Sussex County FA Senior Finals, and was linesman at the England v Scotland Youth Amateur International in 1974. He refereed the FA Vase semi-final in 1976, the FA Youth Cup Final in 1980, an FA Trophy semi-final in 1981, and linesman for France v Brazil in 1978.

He is married with two daughters, and is a purchasing manager for a precision measurements manufacturing company, and his interests include playing squash and swimming.

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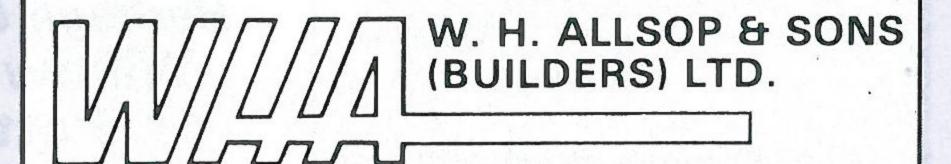


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It is intended as light hearted fun and should not prove to be too difficult for supporters with good memories.

Study the two pictures shown on this page. We want to know what our players are doing with the FA Cup in the Luton dressing room.

That's for starters because the other picture shows our groundsman Dick Wassall holding the coveted trophy. We want supporters to provide an amusing caption for the picture.

When you have found the answer to the first question and completed your caption for the second picture, send your entries to: Mike Beevor, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road, Luton.

The first correct answer accompanied by — in Mike's opinion — the most amusing caption, will win the sender his copy of the video.

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It is little wonder that our lottery tickets sell in such large numbers. Everyone in the area buys the Evening Post-Echo regularly and knows that, once a month, we publish the names and addresses of people who have won at least £10.

There wouldn't be enough space to list every winner since there are 70,000 every month!

Do you want your name included on the winners' list? The only way to do that is to buy tickets from us. People don't mind losing if they know who wins.

That's why we invited you to try your luck for a mere 25p. It could put your name on the list.

MIKE HARDWICKE Promotions Manager

The first name which comes to mind when everyone speaks of today's visitors is that of Sir Stanley Matthews who gave many years service to City on the right-wing.

Arguments still rage as to who was the better player — Matthews or Tom Finney — and it is one argument I don't wish to go into as I saw them both give excellent performances for club

and country.

It was often said Stan didn't like playing at Kenilworth Road because it was a very small ground and the few times he did play here he was always marked by at least two players throughout the game.

He was later transferred to Blackpool for a ridiculous figure for a player of his class and, when he decided to leave the playing side of

League football in his late forties he tried his hand at management with Port Vale but that didn't last too long.

I believe he still plays the occasional match in Malta where he now resides. I personally feel we will never see another player like him again on the field and feel honoured to see him play and have the pleasure of meeting him.

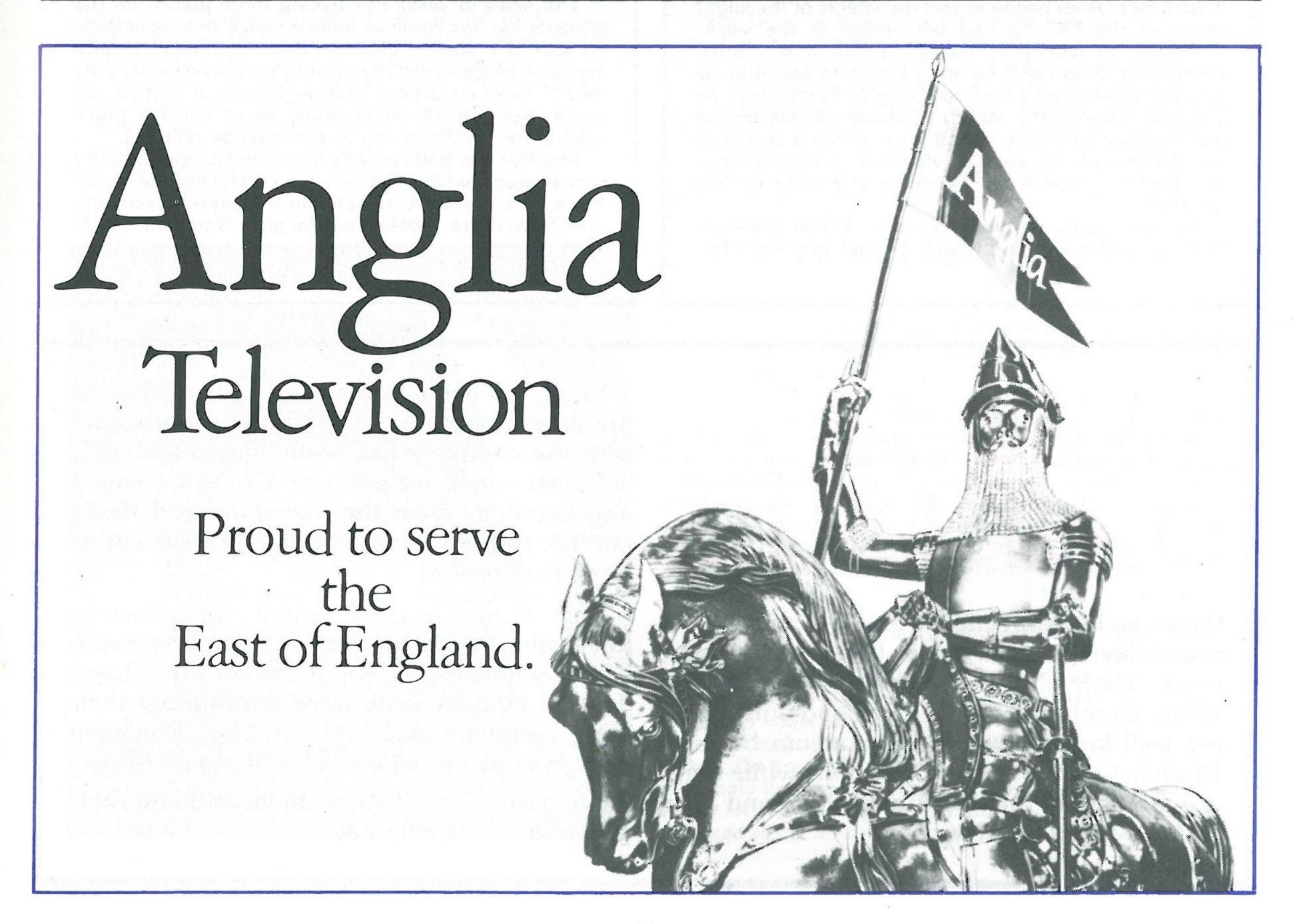
Possibly one of the last times he played against us was in his second spell at Stoke. That was on the 18th May 1963 at Stoke when he scored one of the goals which enabled them to beat us 2-0. The other scorer was Jackie Mudie.

The two teams were: STOKE CITY: O'Neil, Asprey, Allen, Clamp, Stuart, Skeels, Mat-

thews, Viollet, Mudie, McIlroy, Ratcliffe. LUTON TOWN: Baynham, McNally, Bramwell, Morton, Kelly, Groves, McKechnie, Turner, Davies, McGuffie, Jardine. Attendance 33,644.

JOHN WILKINSON
Secretary





Elsewhere in today's matchday magazine, you will read secretary John Wilkinson's recollections of one great Stoke City player — Stan Matthews.

In Memory Stretcher today, we turn back the clock 29 years to a meeting between Luton and Stoke at Kenilworth Road which ended in a 3-1 victory to us.

We have taken the opportunity of reproducing the teams to give our older supporters a touch of nostalgia. The notes are taken from the same programme.

CLUB NOTES

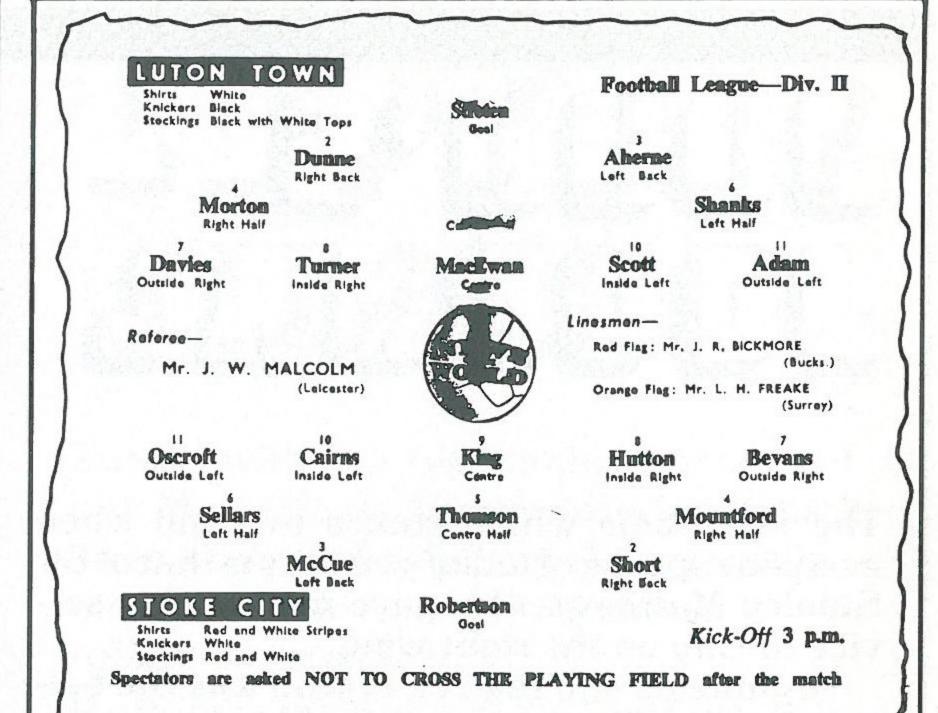
After a very hard struggle last Wednesday night here we obtained maximum points against Lincoln City to obtain our first 'double' of the season and to place us nicely in the table.

Our lads played much better football the previous Wednesday against this team at Lincoln, for at Kenilworth Road there were few of those swift passing movements which the spectators love to see.

Of course we had General Pye missing from our ranks for the match here and undoubtedly his experience and ball control would have made a big difference to the way this game was played, particularly when Lincoln resorted to 'offside' tactics.

Also Sid Owen began to feel the effects of the slight touch of the Flu' he had felt earlier in the week. Although he felt better for the match it is a most weakening illness and he soon began to feel that he was not as strong as he had thought. Fortunately he was able later in the match to shake off this feeling and finished on a very strong note, which was just as well for towards the end Lincoln threw in everything in an effort to get at least their very first point on this ground.

The two goals scored by Gordon Turner were extremely well taken and it was a great pity his effec-



tiveness was so reduced by a nasty knock on the head he received early in the second half. Roy Davies recovered much quicker than seemed possible from the knock he received at Middlesbrough, and both he and Jimmy Adam had a good match, particularly the latter who with any luck at all would have had at least two goals to his name.

Peter MacEwan tried very hard on his First Team appearance this season but he was up against a very strong centre half in Tony Emery, and although he did not let the side down, was not able to show the fine form recently displayed in the Reserve side. A little more experience and undoubtedly we have here a centre foward who is going to make a name for himself.

The news of Jesse Pye asking to be placed on the transfer list has come as quite a shock to a lot of fans, as indeed it was to us when first mentioned. Health however plays a very important part in everybody's life and if local conditions only aggravate a certain ailment then we all try to move on to another place where the condition can at the least be relieved.

Mrs Pye has had recently a very nasty operation for sinus trouble which has been successful but the conditions here are not conducive to a complete recovery. She finds much relief when she goes North for a holiday.

We extend an especially warm welcome to our matchday sponsors today, Cleandustrial Services. Their chairman, Brian Cole, and his fellow directors Peter Cooper and John Hall, are well known around the stadium because Brian is one of our vice-presidents while Peter is a member of the Kenilworth Suite and John belongs to the Century Club.

Since Cleandustrial's first sponsorship of the Wrexham game in 1980, our relationship with the company has really blossomed and, only last week, we enjoyed a relaxing social day together when the players joined Brian and his staff for a day's golfing at Brickenden Grange, Hertford.

This is the second match Cleandustrial have sponsored this season, the first being Birmingham when we featured the Cleandustrial Hatters Crossword and among their many guests today will be Alan Robinson from Kempston, winner of that competition.

We wish Cleandustrial, their staff and their guests an enjoyable day.

BUMMERCIAL SCENE

GET IN TUNE WITH THE RPO

Who? . . . The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Where? . . . Kenilworth Road, Luton.

When? . . . Sunday 22nd May 1983, at 7.30.

We are delighted to welcome this world famous orchestra to our stadium for the British premier of their latest album, Hooked on Classics.

It is an exciting prospect for all lovers of good music and has been made possible by Whitbread's sponsorship.

As a progressive club, we realise the importance of the orchestra's appearance in the town and take this opportunity of informing you of some of their history.

The orchestra will be conducted by Louis Clark, and the concert's finale involves a dazzling light show and fantastic firework display. Tickets, priced at £5, £3.50 and £1 are available from our Kenilworth Road offices and Luton Library Theatre's box office.

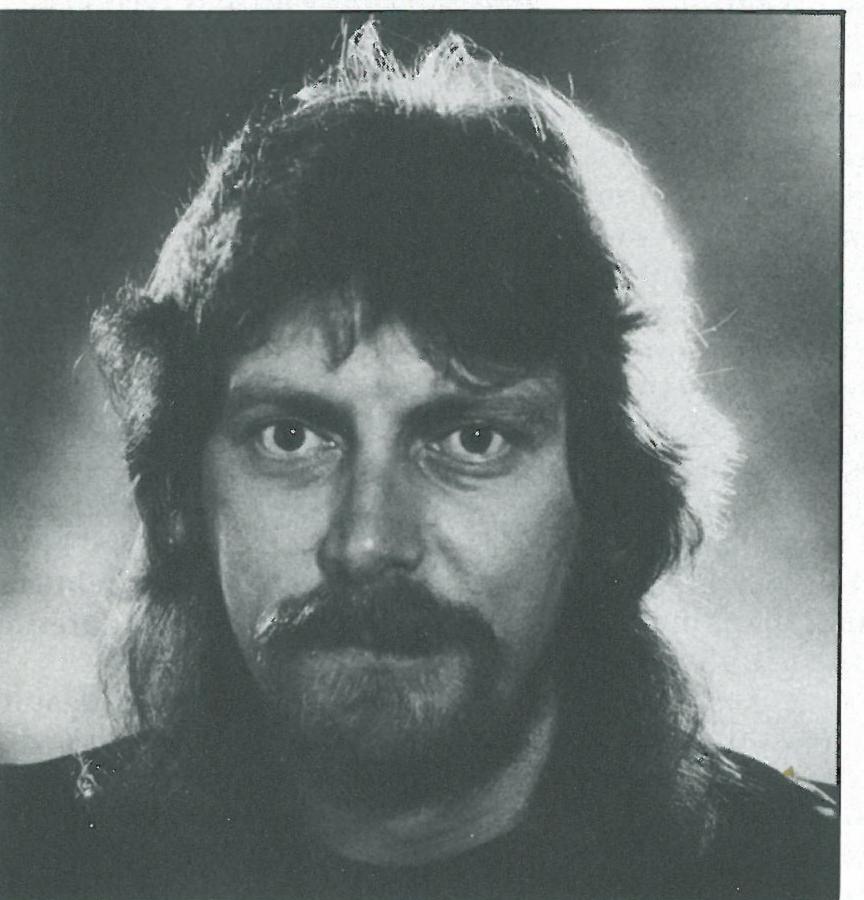
Founded by the doyen of 20th-century British musicians, Sir Thomas Beecham, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra gave its first concert on 15th September 1946.

During the first year the orchestra made more than 100 records, many of which are still in the record catalogues, while others are constantly being re-issued.

For many years the RPO occupied the 'pit' at Trienni Glyndebourne Opera and made appearances at most of bridge. the world's leading music festivals.

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LOUIS CLARK



The orchestra has made many overseas tours, including five to the USA, as well as visiting the Far East, Scandinavia, Russia and Europe. They have been invited back to the USA and Spain in 1983, and another major European tour is planned for early 1984 under the orchestra's conductor laureate, Antal Dorati. Later the same year, the RPO plans to undertake another Far East tour — this time to include Japan.

The RPO has given a number of first performances of major works — and the 1982-83 season has seen yet another — a new symphonic work by the young British composer, Nicholas Maw, entitled 'Morning Music'.

The orchestra's 'Hooked on Classics' single record and album — issued in 1981 — has so far sold over six million copies all over the world and gone into the 'Top 10' in both Britain and America. As a result of the record, the orchestra was invited to play in the world-famous 'Orange Bowl' in Miami on New Year's Day.

During the 1982-83 season, the RPO will be promoting some 33 concerts at the Royal Festival Hall and 22 at Fairfield Halls, and will be taking part in many festivals, including Salisbury, Three Choirs, Norfolk and Norwich Triennial, Chichester, Newbury, Brighton and Cambridge

Andre Previn has recently accepted the invitation of the RPO to become the orchestra's Music Director, with effect from June 1985.

Louis Clark's name may not be as familiar to music fans as most who have topped the charts over the past two years. Even so, in such a short space of time, over eight million copies have been sold world-wide of the 'Hooked on Classics' albums, the third of which, 'Hooked on Classics 3 — Journey Through the Classics', has just been released by K-Tel.

Although 36-year-old Clark has been associated with many of rock music's most prominent names, it is his work in the symphony orchestra field that has brought him the widest recognition.

'Hooked on Classics', his first album of contemporary arrangements of classical compositions, recorded with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, was a number one single here and in America, and has become one of the largest selling albums of all time, with world-wide sales in excess of six million.

Louis Clark made his live debut on 4th July last year in Atlantic City, conducting New York's American Symphony Orchestra, and his recent concert (1st January 1983) with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at the Orange Bowl in Miami, was seen by 100,000 live and 80 million on coast-to-coast TV.

He will make his live debut in Britain for this concert. Over the past two years, Louis Clark has become increasingly involved in orchestral work, arranging all the tracks for the 'Hooked on Classics' series of albums. He has been made an honorary life member of the RPO.



By ROBERT HADGRAFT

In the normal circumstances it takes only a few minutes to put the kettle on to make some tea.

But this job has proved rather Town's George Barrett.

So much so, that poor George has had time to watch only one match at Kenilworth Road in the last 29 years because of his teamaking duties!

Sixty-eight-year-old George is in charge of the Luton Town 'tea gang', who supply the matchday beverages for players, officials, staff, guests, reporters and stewards.

Senior member of the gang is 84-year-old Mrs Ida Milemore, who is affectionately known at the ground as 'mum'.

Assisting her are her daughter Mrs Connie Ventriess and her daugher-in-law Mrs Ivy Milemore.

Ida and Connie have been teamaking at the ground since 1963, and they have often been assisted by Ivy, who became a regular helper this season.

The tea-gang have to put their kettles on before half-time and full-time on matchdays, and they have to fill three tea urns and 10 giant tea-pots.

currently at the back of the player's bar, but over the years they have used various different sites at the ground.

They have been moved dozens of times, according to George, and have had spells in a workman's hut and even in the boiler

On a matchday, George usually arrives at the ground around more time consuming for Luton midday to begin sorting out the utensils, scouring the equipment and setting the boilers going.

> The massive supply of tea, milk and sugar has to be sorted out, and the whole process can be very time-consuming.

> The same service used to be provided at reserve games, but nowadays the gang work at full pelt only for first team matches.

> George is a Luton Town fanatic, but he is kept so busy behind the scenes that he is never able to watch the team in action.

The only full game he has watched since 1954 was the 1959 FA Cup Final at Wembley when Town faced Nottingham Forest.

Ida — or should we say 'mum' is also a keen supporter and usually manages to see about 10 minutes of the game by positioning herself in the players tunnel.

George was born in 1914 in Beech Road, Luton, little more than a goal-kick away from the

As soon as he was old enough to understand what was happening he was regularly taking his The tea-gang's headquarters is place on the terraces and cheering the Hatters.

He and his young mates would often make a tidy profit from home games by burrowing underneath the wooden terracing to search of pennies.

At most games a local band

would play to entertain spectators and would then invite the crowd to throw pennies into a tarpaulin to show their appreciation.

Young George and pals soon spotted that many of the coins were missing their target and ending beneath the terracing. The result of the match became of secondary importance as the boys scampered around collecting the cash!

In 1947 George began stewarding for the club on the Kenilworth Road terracing, which in those days would almost always be packed full.

He later became a paid parttime steward who was responsible for the security of the boardroom and dressing room areas. He also looked after the gate keys and had to unlock the gates 10 minutes before the end of each game.

This led to his job of supervising the flow of tea to various areas of the ground, and in this capacity George recalls working with Mrs Florence Cheney, now retired, who supplied tea to the VIPs and boardroom.

The tea-gang regard Secretary John Wilkinson as their boss, although overall responsibility for refreshments is the job of catering manager Clive Hustwitt.

George enjoys his job despite the fact that he hardly ever sees a ball kicked these days. He does, however, always take the opportunity to watch televised soccer, particularly when Luton are on the box.





Stoke City

Stoke City for some strange reason, are rarely mentioned when soccer people discuss the success stories of the season. But the Potters come to Kenilworth Road today seeking points which could help them smash a long-standing club record.

They have never finished higher than fourth in the table — and the last time they achieved that was in 1947 — but, with their softly, softly approach, Stoke have crept upon the leaders almost unnoticed. And we should consider them as, possibly, the most under-rated team in the country.

With their astute signings, and the introduction of one or two young players, manager Richie Barker has transformed last season's relegation threatened side into a team bound for Europe.

The bargain buy of the season just has to be Mark Chamberlain, signed from neighbouring Port Vale for only £150,000. Mark made the jump from the Fourth to the First Division almost effortlessly and, with barely half-adozen First Division games behind him, he was selected for the England squad!

Mark later made a dazzling England debut, as substitute, against Luxembourg, marking the occasion with a fine goal. There will be many more caps to come.

One of Barker's other signings was the highly experienced Welsh international Mickey Thomas who plays on the left-side of the midfield. Mickey, who won his 33rd Welsh cap against England at Wembley, spent his early years with Wrexham, completing over 200 League games before transferring to Manchester United for £300,000 in 1978.

Three years later he joined Everton in a player-exchange plus cash deal and Brighton signed him for £400,000 last season. But his family didn't settle in the south so a £200,000 transfer to Stoke in the close season suited everyone.

The third newcomer this season, centre-back George Berry, is also a Welsh international. George began his professional career with Ipswich but was not in contention for a first team place at Portman Road. After moving

to Wolves, he made his First Division debut in 1976-77 and later won four Welsh caps.

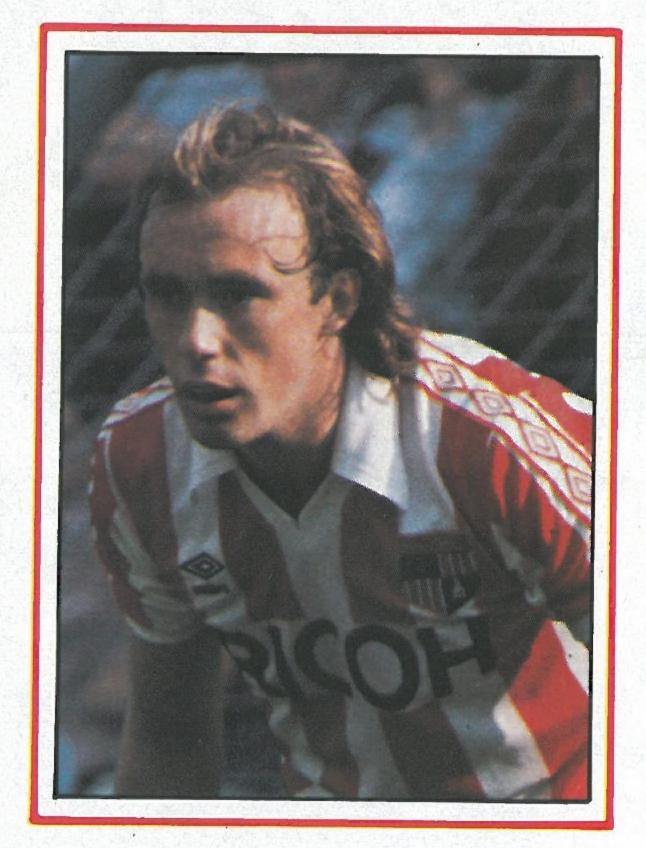
Berry usually plays alongside Dave Watson in the middle of Stoke's defence. Watson's magnificent England career finally drew to a close last season after gaining his 64th cap against Northern Ireland at Wembley. Dave, the only player ever to represent England whilst playing for five different clubs, was originally a striker with Notts County.

After transferring to Rotherham for £7,000 in 1968, he switched to defence and Sunderland invested £100,000 when signing him in 1971. It was while at Roker Park that he became an England player and in 1975 he moved on to Manchester City for £275,000 In 1979 he joined West German side Werder Bremen in a £200,000 deal but he remained with them only a few weeks before coming back to Southampton for a similar fee. Stoke paid £50,000 for him last season.

Another contender for a place in the middle of the defence is David McAughtrie, who developed in the junior teams and made his League debut against Nottingham Forest in August 1980.

Following an injury to Derek Parkin,

SAMMY McILROY



young Steve Bould has been playing at right-back with Peter Hampton on the opposite flank.

Parkin was a pre-deadline signing from Wolves last season. He opened his League career with Huddersfield in 1964-65 and was transferred to Wolves for £80,000 in 1968. Capped five times by the England Under-23s, Derek became a fixture at Molineux and last season smashed Billy Wright's record of 491 League appearances for Wolves.

Bould, who made his League debut at Middlesbrough in September 1981, is a local lad who has graduated from the Potters' Youth team. He had made mostly substitute appearances before recently coming in at number two.

Hampton found himself overshadowed by international stars at Leeds and was limited to some 70 First Division appearances over an eightyear period. He moved on to Stoke for £200,000 in the 1980 close season.

Goalkeeper Peter Fox has unhappy memories of the Hatters because it was in Stoke's home game against us in September when he became a victim of the new interpretation of the laws. He was sent off for handling outside the penalty area.

Fox completed his apprenticeship with Sheffield Wednesday and served two loan spells with West Ham and Barnsley before joining Stoke in 1978. He has been first choice for almost three years.

Ian Painter, Paul Bracewell, Sammy McIlroy and Mickey Thomas usually fill the midfield positions.

Painter, who stepped into the side when Paul Maguire was injured, has been one of the success stories of the season. Ian made his League debut against Everton on Boxing Day and he has become quite adept at popping in the odd goal or two.

Maguire was signed from Shrewsbury for £260,000 during the 1980 close season but missed a great deal of his first season through injury.

McIlroy, who won his 65th Northern Ireland cap against Turkey in March, was an ever-present member of the heroic Irish World Cup team in Spain. He spent his early years with Manchester United, making his League

SOFTLY, SOFTLY STOKE GO FOR RECORD

debut during 1971-72. He lost his place last season and moved on to Stoke in a £350,000 deal.

Bracewell, a product of the club's Youth team, made his League bow in 1979-80, won a regular place the following term and was ever-present last season. He has been capped three times by the England Under-21s this season.

Mark Chamberlain and Peter Griffiths are the two forward players in a usual 4-4-2 formation.

Griffiths was spotted playing for Bideford Town in the Western League and was introduced to the Potters' League XI two seasons ago. He won a regular place last season but dropped out for a while this season until winning a recall when Bren O'Callaghan was injured.

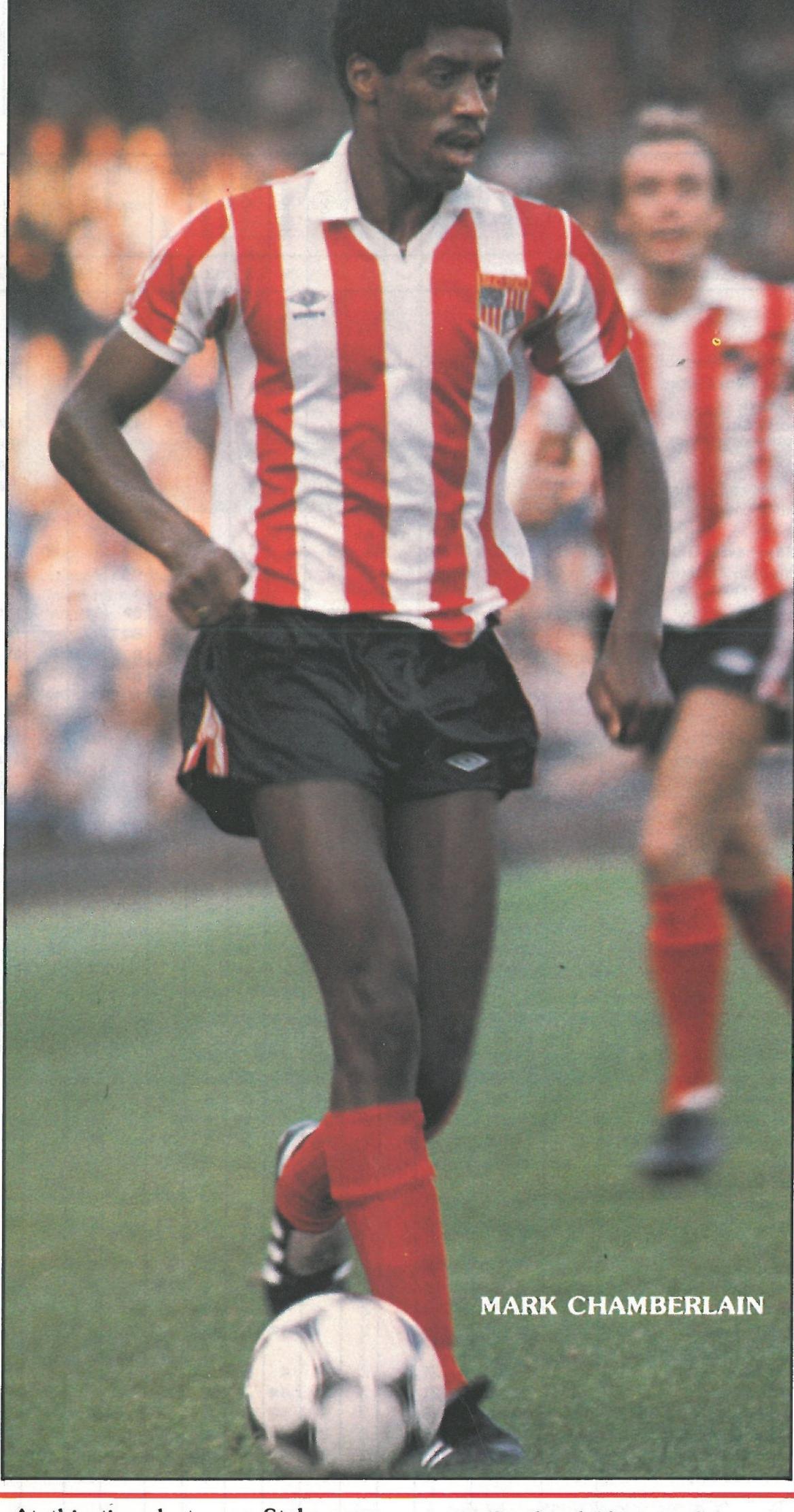
'O'Callaghan made his name as a striker with Doncaster Rovers, hitting 28 goals for them in 1975-76. He maintained his scoring rate and Stoke invested £35,000 in his transfer in 1978. In 1978-79 he led their scoring list with 17 goals but two seasons ago, prior to the signing of Watson last term, he had been used almost exclusively as a defender. Bren has been capped seven times by the Republic of Ireland.

Stoke have attained their lofty position largely due to excellent home performances. Their away form is poorer than most of the other leading clubs. They won at Birmingham (4-1), Ipswich (3-2) and Brighton (2-1) but drew at Sunderland (2-2), WBA (1-1), West Ham (1-1) and Swansea (1-1).

All their other away League games have ended in defeat — at Manchester City (0-1), Nottingham Forest (0-1), Manchester United (0-1), Watford (0-1), Norwich (2-4), Southampton (0-1), Coventry (0-2), Notts County (0-4), Arsenal (0-3), Liverpool (1-5) and Everton (1-3).

Stoke's Milk Cup hopes came to an abrupt end when they went out at the first stage to West Ham. After drawing their home leg 1-1, the Potters went down 1-2 at Upton Park.

In the FA Cup, the Potters defeated Sheffield United 3-2 in a replay but then lost 0-2 at Liverpool.



At this time last year Stoke were struggling desperately against relegation and they went into the last game knowing only a win could save them. They defeated WBA 2-0.

This season their new look team is

aiming for the club's second excursion into European football and it is also looking at that old club record.

By TONY PULLEIN



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DIVISION ONE HOT SHO	19
(including League, FA Cup and Milk (Cup)
lan Rush (Liverpool)	28
Luther Blissett (Watford)	26
Bob Latchford (Swansea)	23
Tony Woodcock (Arsenal)	21
John Wark (Ipswich)	21
John Deehan (Norwich)	20
Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool)	19
Gary Rowell (Sunderland)	18
Peter Withe (Aston Villa)	18
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FIRST DIVISION ATTENDANCES 1982-83

	Highest	Average
Manchester United	57,334	42,268(19)
Liverpool	44,737	34,559(20)
Tottenham	43,462	29,620(18)
Manchester City	45,400	26,095(19)
Arsenal	51,497	24,549(19)
Aston Villa	40,897	23,848(19)
West Ham United	33,383	22,678(19)
Everton	52,741	21,123(18)
Ipswich Town	29,596	19,719(19)
Watford	27,371	19,017(19)
Southampton	25,578	18,606(18)
Nott'm Forest	25,554	17,510(19)
Sunderland	35,041	17,496(18)
Norwich City	23,476	17,260(19)
Stoke City	29,501	16,867(20)
W.B.A.	25,300	15,787(19)
Birmingham City	43,864	15,396(19)
Brighton	27,794	14,813(19)
Luton Town	21,231	13,562(19)
Swansea City	20,332	12,130(18)
Coventry	18,938	10,513(19)
Notts County	23,065	10,188(19)
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DIVISION ONE

Chelsea

Fulham

Swansea City

Norwich City

Southampton

Oxford United

Luton Town

Bristol Rovers

Leicester City

Crystal Palace

Reading

Swindon Town

Birmingham City

Charlton Athletic

Arsenal v Man. Utd. Birmingham v Brighton Everton v Coventry Nott'm Forest v Liverpool Sunderland v Watford WBA v Norwich City

DIVISION TWO

Cadette

Cooke

Daniel

Donaghy

Drew S.

Drew D.

Drisscoll

Goodyear

Halvorsen

Kellock

Barnsley v Newcastle Blackburn v Derby Bolton v Grimsby Charlton v Wolves Chelsea v Sheffield Wed. Middlesbrough v C. Palace QPR v Fulham

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Saxby

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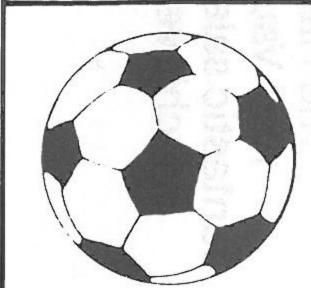
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