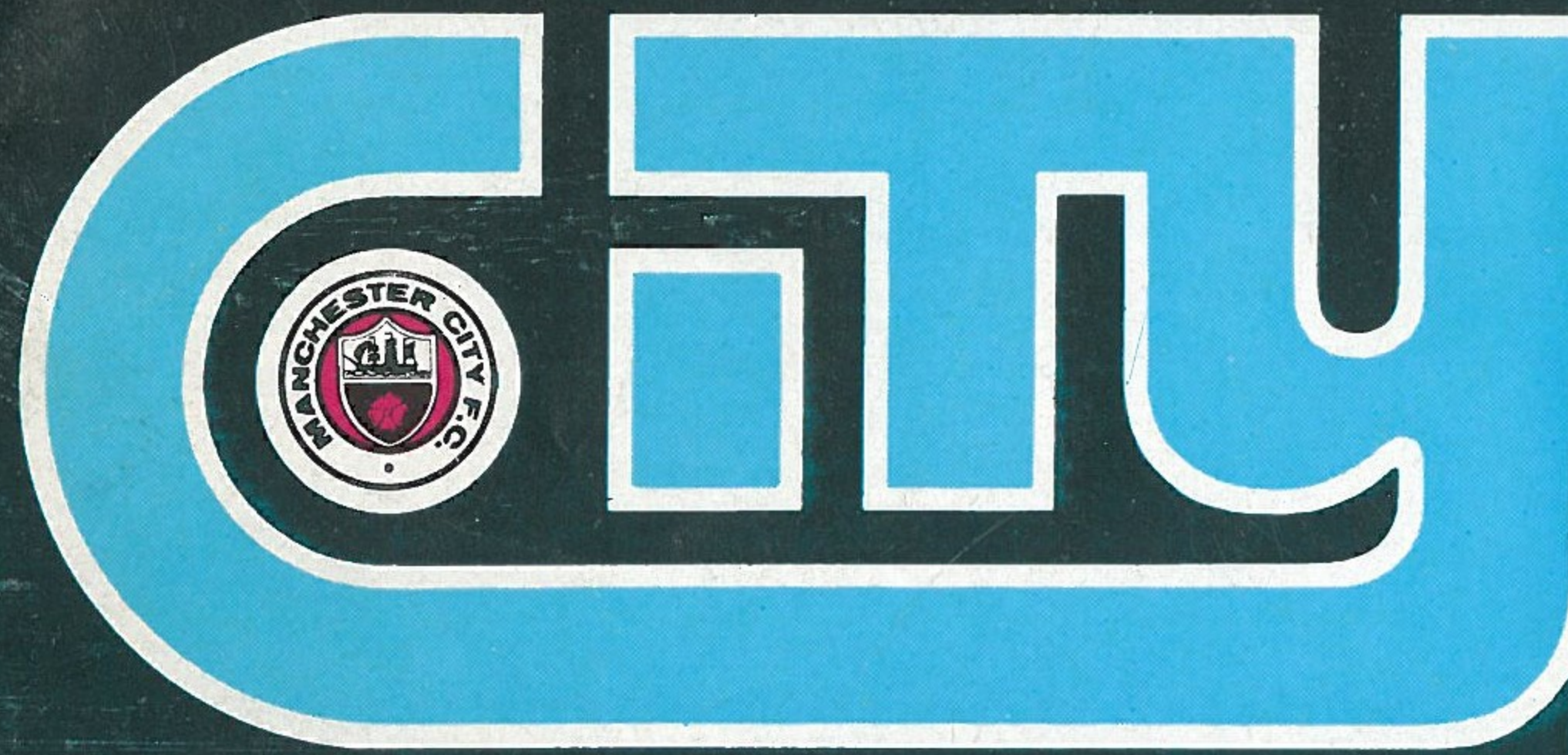


MANCHESTER



LUTON TOWN

30p



SAAB
& CITY

MATCH
MAGAZINE

Come On You
BLUES!

SATURDAY, MAY 14th 1983

KICK-OFF 3-00 p.m. AT MAINE ROAD, MANCHESTER.

TODAY'S MATCH SPONSOR IS GREENALL WHITLEY



MANCHESTER CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

Ground Capacity: 52,600 (26,500 seats).

Founded: August 23rd, 1887 (as Ardwick F.C.)

Maine Road, Moss Side,
Manchester M14 7WN.
Telephone: 061-226 1191

CITY HONOURS

European Cup Winners' Cup:

1970—City 2 Gornik Zabrze (Poland) 0 : in Vienna

First Division Championship:

1937—Pld 42, Won 22, Drew 13, Lost 7, For 107, Against 61, Pts 57.

1968—Pld 42, Won 26, Drew 6, Lost 10, For 86, Against 43, Pts 58.

First Division Runners-Up:

1904—Pld 34, Won 19, Drew 6, Lost 9, For 71, Against 45, Pts 44.

1921—Pld 42, Won 24, Drew 6, Lost 12, For 70, Against 50, Pts 54.

1977—Pld 42, Won 21, Drew 14, Lost 7, For 60, Against 34, Pts 56.

Second Division Championship:

1899—Pld 34, Won 23, Drew 5, Lost 6, For 92, Against 35, Pts 52.

1903—Pld 34, Won 25, Drew 4, Lost 5, For 95, Against 29, Pts 54.

1910—Pld 38, Won 23, Drew 8, Lost 7, For 81, Against 40, Pts 54.

1928—Pld 42, Won 25; Drew 9, Lost 8, For 100, Against 59, Pts 59.

1947—Pld 42, Won 26, Drew 10, Lost 6, For 78, Against 35, Pts 62.

1966—Pld 42, Won 22, Drew 15, Lost 5, For 76, Against 44, Pts 59.

Second Division Runners-Up:

1896—Pld 30, Won 21, Drew 4, Lost 5, For 63, Against 38, Pts 46.

1951—Pld 42, Won 19, Drew 14, Lost 9, For 89, Against 61, Pts 52.

F.A. Cup Winners:

1904—City 1 Bolton Wanderers 0 : at Crystal Palace

1934—City 2 Portsmouth 1 : at Wembley

1956—City 3 Birmingham City 1 : at Wembley

1969—City 1 Leicester City 0 : at Wembley

F.A. Cup Finalists:

1926—City 0 Bolton Wanderers 1 : at Wembley

1933—City 0 Everton 3 : at Wembley

1955—City 1 Newcastle United 3 : at Wembley

1981—City 1 Tottenham Hotspur 1 : at Wembley

City 2 Tottenham Hotspur 3 : Replay at Wembley

League Cup Winners:

1970—City 2 West Bromwich Albion 1 : at Wembley

1976—City 2 Newcastle United 1 : at Wembley

League Cup Finalists:

1974—City 1 Wolverhampton Wanderers 2 : at Wembley

F.A. Charity Shield Winners:

1937—City 2 Sunderland 0

1968—City 6 West Bromwich Albion 1

1972—City 1 Aston Villa 0

F.A. Charity Shield Finalists:

1934—City 0 Arsenal 4

1956—City 0 Manchester United 1

1969—City 1 Leeds United 2

1973—City 0 Burnley 1

Chairman: **PETER SWALES**

Executive President: **SIMON CUSSONS F.C.A. C.C.**

Directors:

IAN NIVEN **CHRIS MUIR**

MICHAEL HORWICH **BILL ADAMS**

FRED SELLORS **ANDREW THOMAS**

Honorary Presidents:

ERIC ALEXANDER M.S.A.I.D.

SIDNEY ROSE F.R.C.S.

Vice Presidents:

ROBERT HARRIS **FRED PYE**

BRIAN TURNBULL **GERRY DOYLE**

TONY MILES

Secretary: **BERNARD HALFORD**

Commercial Manager: **PHIL CRITCHLEY**

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Team Manager: **JOHN BENSON**

Assistant Manager: **TONY BOOK**

Reserve Team Coach: **GLYN PARDOE**

Youth Team Coach: **JOHN RYAN**

Physiotherapist: **ROY BAILEY**

Chief Scout: **KEN BARNES**

FACTS ABOUT CITY

Record League Appearances:

Alan Oakes (1959-76) with 565 games

Record League Goals:

Tommy Johnson (1919-1930) with 158 goals

Record Capped Player in City colours:

Colin Bell (1968-75) with 48 caps

Record Transfer Fee Paid: Steve Daley (Sept 1979)
for £1,437,500 (incl. VAT) from Wolves

Record Transfer Fee Received: Peter Barnes (July 1979)
for £748,000 (incl. VAT) to West Brom

Record Victory: 11-3 against Lincoln City
(Second Division) on March 23rd, 1895

Record Defeat: 1-9 against Everton (First Division)
on September 3rd 1906

Record Attendance: 84,569 against Stoke City (F.A. Cup
6th round) on March 3rd, 1934—British record for any
game outside London or Glasgow.

Record Receipts: £165,000 for
Liverpool v Manchester United (F.A. Cup semi-final)
on March 31st, 1979

Most League Points: 62 (Second Division) in 1946-47

Most League Goals: 108 (Second Division) in 1926-27

Most League Goals in a Season:

Tommy Johnson (1928-29) with 38 in the First Division

Previous Grounds: 1880-81 at Clowes Street;

1881-82 at Kirkmanshulme Cricket Club;

1882-84 at Queens Road; 1884-87 at Pink Bank Lane;

1887-94 at Hyde Road; 1923 at Maine Road.

Pitch Measurements: 119 yards x 79 yards

Limited Company: 1894

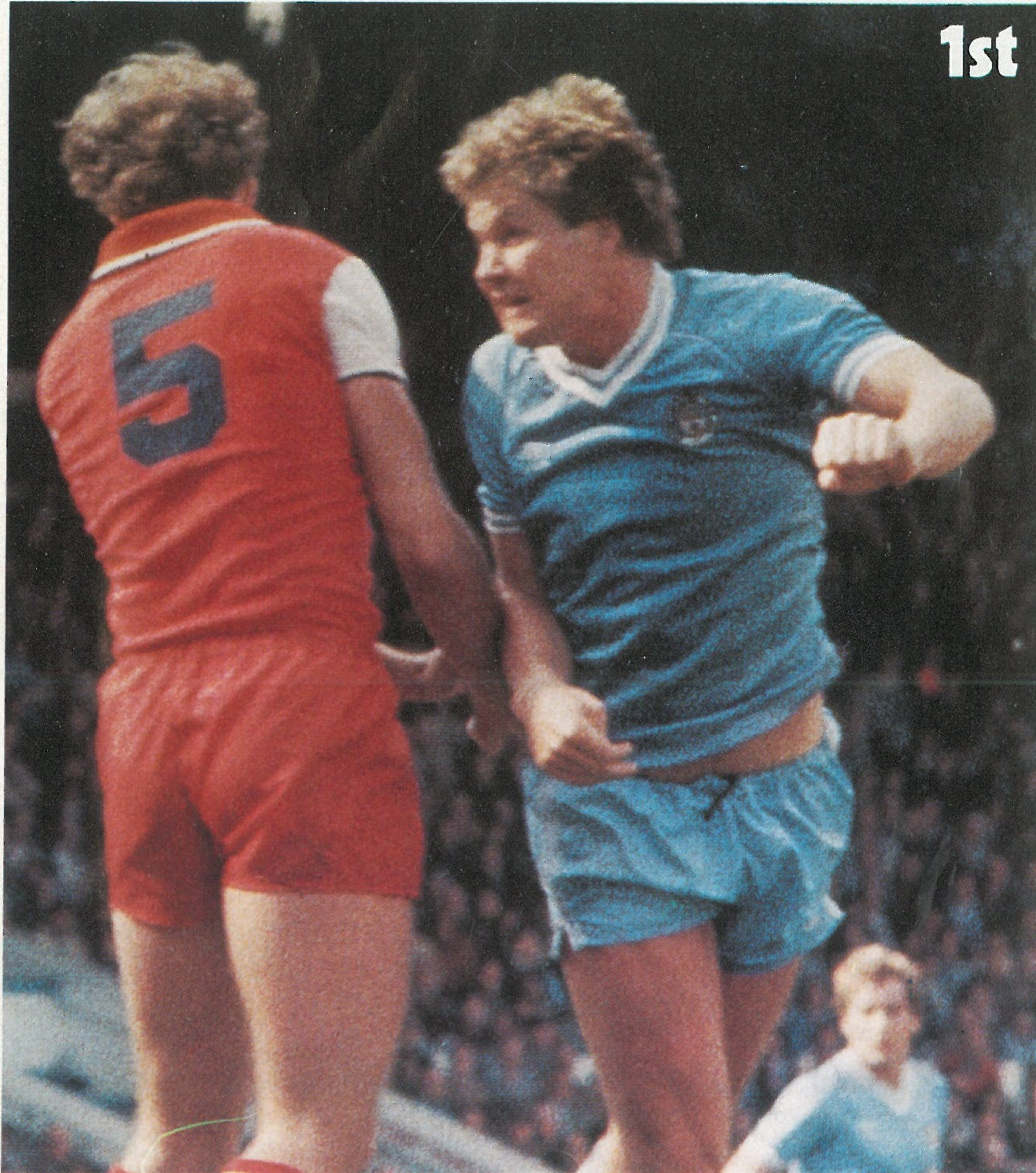
Turned Professional:

1887 as Ardwick F.C.—in 1895 as Manchester City F.C.

Post-War Managers:

Wilf Wild, Sam Cowan, Jock Thomson, Les McDowall,
George Poyser, Joe Mercer, Malcolm Allison, John Hart,
Ron Saunders, Tony Book, John Bond, John Benson.

CITY'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR: '82-83



1st

KEVIN BOND



2nd

TOMMY CATON



3rd

ASA HARTFORD

CITY'S YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR '82-83



1st

ANDY MAY



2nd

STEVE KINSEY



3rd

ALEX WILLIAMS

IT WON'T BE OVER TILL THE FINAL WHISTLE

. . . as history has proved!

To think that on May 14th, 1981—exactly two years ago—the Blues were striding out boldly at Wembley in a bid for F.A. Cup glory in a Thursday night replay against Tottenham Hotspur. SEVEN of the City players on duty on that memorable occasion will step out today against Luton Town for a match that should be viewed as having much more significance . . . the battle for survival in the First Division.

Certainly the outcome will have more influence on the City club's future as the team give their final performance of the 1982-83 season in a bid to retain City's 17-year association with the First Division.

Fates will be decided when the final whistle blows this afternoon. The vanquished could well be the victims for the chop (along with Brighton and Swansea who were relegated last week-end) though the result from Birmingham's visit to Southampton will be monitored most anxiously.

Three teams are seriously scrapping for survival today and this match at Maine Road between 19th-placed City (47 points and -22 goal difference) and 20th-placed Luton (46 points and -20 goal difference) will be the most critical to the relegation issue.

Here's how the bottom of the table looks before today's action:

	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Goal Diff.
BIRMINGHAM CITY	41	11	14	16	39	55	47	-16
MANCHESTER CITY	41	13	8	20	47	69	47	-22
LUTON TOWN	41	11	13	17	64	84	46	-20
SWANSEA CITY	41	10	11	20	51	66	41	-15
BRIGHTON & H.A.	41	9	13	19	37	66	40	-29

It's City's lowest League status since the start of the John Bond managerial era when within 3 weeks he had lifted the Blues from the bottom of the table by early November 1980.

Wembley for the Blues in May 1980, top of the First Division table on January 1st, 1982 and League leaders again on September 4th, 1982. The decline since the F.A. Cup 4th round defeat at Brighton last January 29th has been desperate. In the space of 15 weeks City have skidded into the present troubles—a run of 16 League games since the Cup k.o. and only the third victory of this period achieved in the vital match at Brighton last Saturday. Two of the games have ended in draws.

Luton have lived with these kind of problems for most of this season, their first back in the top-flight since promotion as clear-cut Second Division champions just 12 months ago. Despite a barrage of goals over the opening weeks in new surroundings they have crashed into trouble and it's a fear which has haunted them since last October when they started a run of 9 League games without a win.

The barren spell, which dumped them down the table—they were in 8th place, their highest position of the season, before the slump started—was ended

with a 3-1 victory. Their victims: Manchester City, on December 11th at Kenilworth Road.

The form which brought them 18 goals from 6 games played in September, has completely evaporated. But the most devastating result must have been last Saturday when visitors Everton crushed them 5-1 and plunged Luton back into the mire from which they had been patiently extricating themselves. And one of their remaining life-lines vanished at Manchester United last Monday night when they surrendered 0-3, a game that was vital to win to give them any worthwhile hope.

So the scene is set on the final day of the League season for a test of nerve, a nail-biting finale.

The winners will unquestionably be safe: if Luton lose they will go through the trap-door into the Second Division: if City fail only a mathematical miracle could save their agony since goal difference favours Birmingham. A drawn match will still save City . . . it cannot rescue Luton.

Amazing Finish v Luton: 1957

But it's worth remembering that nothing is over till the last kick of the game. And City have evidence in their archives that a few loyalist Luton fans may well remember. The match between the teams at Maine Road on October 26th, 1957 . . . a League meeting that must rank as providing one of the most dramatic finishes in which a Blues team has been involved.

City were in rampant home form at the time. Six teams had visited Maine Road and each had crept away with their tails between the legs, a total of 20 goals blasted through them while the Blues conceded only 7.

Luton arrived with a determination to change things. Goals by Gordon Turner and Reg Pearce—the latter following a 40-yard dribble—gave them a

TOMORROW IS . . . CITY'S MOTOR MARKET

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Kippax Street Car Park at the rear of the Maine Road ground. For £9 you can put your car in the Market to sell it. Prospective customers are given **FREE** admission—and there's no problem with parking.

Make a date tomorrow . . . Sunday, May 15th.

deserved 2-0 lead. Even when Luton lost full back **Seamus Dunne** through injury with 35 minutes to go, the City attack could not get functioning against the 10 men (there were no substitutes in those days) and many fans among the 30,633 attendance began to drift away despondently.

There were 60 seconds to go, a 0-2 deficit to face, and City pulled off an amazing rescue act. In the 89th minute striker **Billy McAdams**, the Northern Ireland international, reduced the arrears and within one minute **Colin Barlow** slipped in the equaliser with the last kick of the game.

About 50% of the crowd had already left, though after the roar greeted McAdams goal some of them started filtering back.

The memory is still quite vivid with City's winger and point-earner, Colin Barlow, who was at Maine Road earlier this month re-living the dramatic moments—and spreading hope with the story. Though he was the first to admit that such drama in October of a season would not make the stress demands on the heart that a similar situation today would bring.

City's team that remarkable day against Luton was: **Trautmann; Leivers, Sear; Barnes, Ewing, Warhurst; Barlow, Hayes, Johnstone, McAdams, Fidler.**

Wing half that day, Ken Barnes, is nowadays on the City staff as chief scout.

Results in City's Favour

The form book will not provide a guide today. But recent history tends to favour City. When Luton were last in the First Division (1974-75) the Blues clinched a 1-0 home win through **Mike Summerbee's** goal. And, by irony, played a relegation match at Kenilworth Road on the closing Saturday of that season in which victory by an overwhelming margin might have saved Luton.

City finished that season in 8th place.

The game ended 1-1, City's early goal from **Dennis Tueart** being equalised in the second half by **Jim Ryan**, leaving Luton with a season's record of 33 points from their 42 games (in the days of 2 points for a win). The Hatters were dependent on Tottenham losing their final game of the campaign 48 hours later against Leeds, but a 4-2 win for the Londoners gave them a life-line and they ended with 34 points and a better goal average. So Luton disappeared into the Second Division for a stay of 7 more seasons. Indeed, until promotion last May.

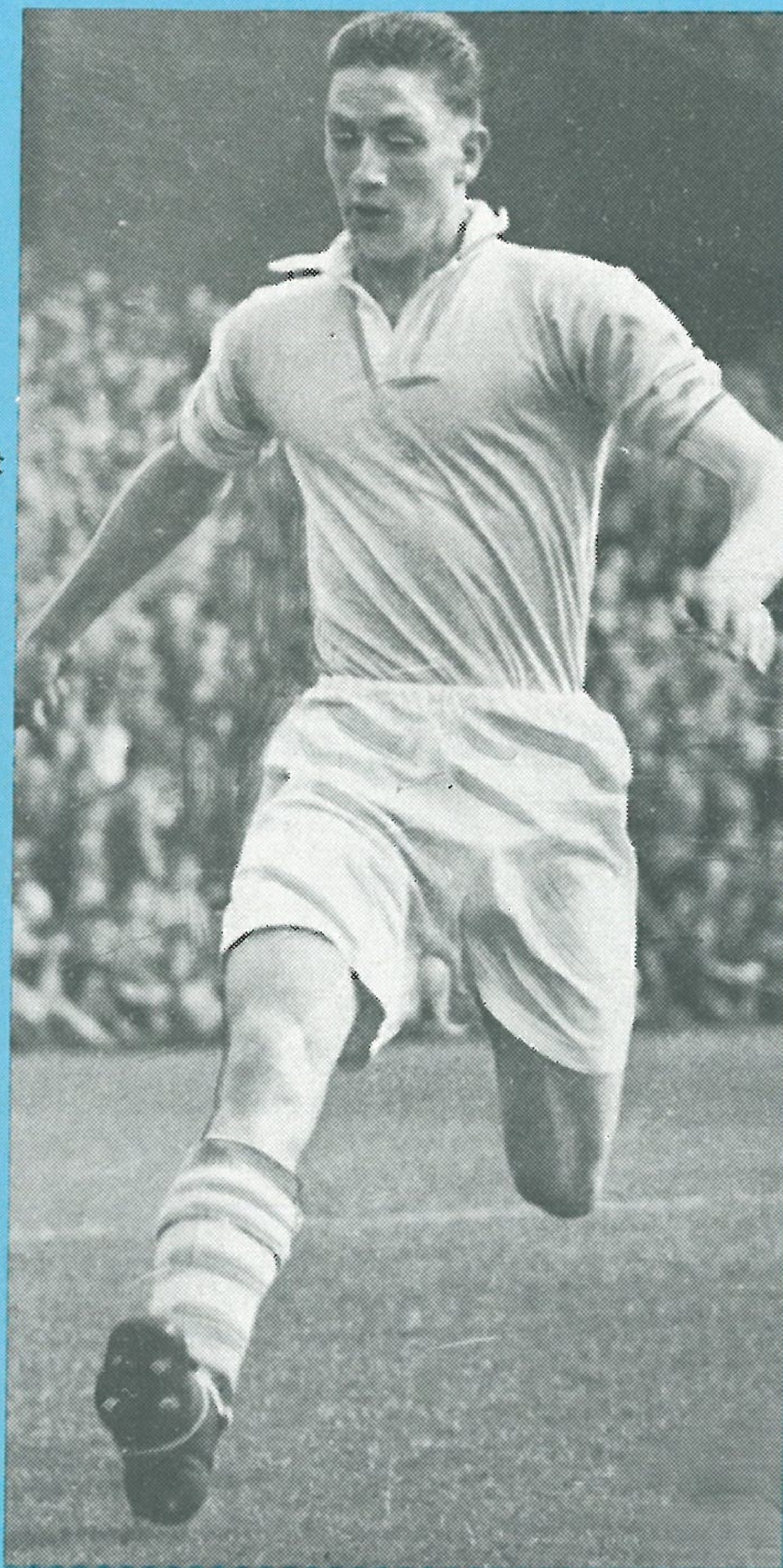
In the League Cup, too, City have had the edge. In the 1977-78 season there were 3 meetings between the teams in the 3rd round, the opening game at Kenilworth Road ending 1-1 with **Peter Barnes** providing the Blues goal in the second half with **Ron Futch** scoring for Luton in the same period. Ron later played, albeit briefly, for City.

The first replay, at Maine Road, ended scoreless and the third clash—at Old Trafford—went in the Blues favour in extra time. **Gary Heale** had given Luton a 2-1 interval lead in a competitive match, but **Mike Channon** and **Brian Kidd** added to the earlier penalty from **Dennis Tueart** to give City a 3-2 verdict and a place in the 4th round.

The next League Cup meeting was also in the 3rd round, on September 23rd, 1980 with Luton having the home advantage. **Dave Bennett** and **Tony Henry** netted the City efforts while **Raddy Antic** scored for Luton, who went down 1-2.

The most recent meeting between the teams was last December 11th in the League at Kenilworth Road when goals from **Paul Walsh** (55th min.), **Brian Stein** (70th min.) and **Asa Hartford** own goal (86th min.) overpowered the Blues, who scored a consolation through **David Cross** (66th min.)

But today it matters more than ever for both clubs!



BILLY McADAMS



COLIN BARLOW

ANNIVERSARY NOTE: Survivors in today's City line-up from the F.A. Cup Final team of two years ago: Ray Ranson, Bobby McDonald, Nicky Reid, Tommy Caton, Paul Power, Kevin Reeves and substitute Dennis Tueart. City lost the Final replay 2-3.

HISTORY REPEATS . . .

If Luton have the feeling that this is a familiar predicament in which they find themselves on the final day of the 1982-83 season they'd not be very far off the mark. Except the circumstances are possibly even more critical than the state in which they found themselves for the final match of the 1974-75 campaign—when relegation from the First Division stared at them just as bleakly.

Luton had been promoted from the Second Division as runners-up in 1973-74 . . . and at the end of their first season in the top-flight they were in an uphill battle



DENNIS TUEART

. . . scored on the last occasion when the Blues met Luton on the closing day of the season. It was April 26th, 1975 at Kenilworth Road. The game ended 1-1.

AND LUTON WERE FINALLY CONDEMNED TO THE SECOND DIVISION!!!

against relegation. Just like their situation is now.

Luton were third from bottom of the table with just one game to go. Like their plight is today.

And on April 26th, 1975 they desperately needed victory in their closing game to have any chance of escape. Their opponents: Manchester City. It's almost history repeating itself.

The difference is that Luton played hosts on the last occasion and our Blues were not in the same kind of distress. In fact, the Blues were comfortable in mid-table (they finished the season in 8th spot) and were playing more for pride and reputation when they visited Kenilworth Road. Luton were playing for their lives.

The Luton team under tension that day was: **Barber; John Ryan, Buckley; Anderson, Faulkner, Litt; Jim Ryan, Husband, Alston, West, Aston.** Sub: **King.**

City paraded plenty of stars: **Corrigan; Hammond, Donachie; Doyle, Booth, Oakes; Hartford, Bell, Marsh, Daniels, Tueart.** Sub: **Keegan.**

And there were 20,768 packed inside the 25,000-capacity ground (the limit in those days), most of them hoping that Luton's revival of three successive victories (at the expense of Everton, Leicester and Birmingham over the previous 17 days) would continue.

But **Dennis Tueart**, one of the two survivors from that match who appears today, spoiled home hopes. In the 13th minute he sized up an ill-judged back-pass from **Jim Ryan**, rounded **Steve Buckley** and calmly slotted a shot wide of 'keeper **Keith Barber**.

Luton started their salvage operation. And 18 minutes from time the 'guilty' **Jim Ryan** snatched the equaliser. They might have been level a little earlier when **Joe Corrigan** palmed a **John Aston** centre into his own net while under pressure, but referee **Dave Wallace** disallowed the effort adjudging a foul on City's 'keeper.

It ended 1-1 and Luton crept into 19th place with all their fixtures played. At the end of that final League Saturday, Carlisle United were doomed following a draw at Derby, and so were Chelsea, who drew at home to Everton. The other booby prize was to go to Luton . . . or Tottenham Hotspur, who had lost at Arsenal and had one match left to play. Spurs

were at home to Leeds United some 48 hours later.

It was a nightmare week-end for the Luton club and their fans. Rescue hopes were finally wiped out when Tottenham put up one of their better displays of the season and beat Leeds by 4-2 . . . condemning Luton to relegation.

Luton didn't have many grounds for complaint that victory eluded them against City. The Blues showed the better ability to play the ball about and it took the fight and will out of the nervous Luton side.

The home fans booed the decision to replace **Steve Litt** with bouncy newcomer **Andy King**, the substitute who was having his first taste of League football. King, of course, was to go on to a fair measure of success with current club Everton and with West Brom, as well as a spell at Q.P.R.

Rodney Marsh also suffered the indignity of removal from the action with just 5 minutes to go, replaced by **Ged Keegan**. Typical Marsh reaction was to shun a seat on the trainer's bench and to sit among the fans in front of the terracing near to the dressing room entrance.

However, it caused confusion when a throw-in was awarded at the spot where Marsh was sitting signing autographs and the referee 'ordered him off'.

In extrovert fashion Marsh responded by taking off his blue City shirt, which had caused the problem, and sat out the match bare-chested—and impish.

"The referee told me I was distracting the players. I told him it was the first time I had managed to do that all afternoon."

But it did lead to discipline problems back at Maine Road. "I was very hurt at being substituted" said Marsh later, "I felt it was a token gesture and meant very little so late in the last match of the season. I don't know why I was pulled off but there are probably politics involved" he complained. "I can say no more."

City boss **Tony Book** explained: "I wasn't happy with what Rodney did. I shall be speaking to him about it. I pulled him off for tactical reasons."

Luton stumbled back into the Second Division for a stay that was to last 7 seasons. Until their promotion as champions only last May. And here they are again, the final day of the season, and history could well repeat itself.

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL Kidd 15	(1) 1	TOTTENHAM	(0) 0	43,752
BURNLEY	(0) 0	STOKE	(0) 0	19,191
CHELSEA Wilkins 63	(0) 1	EVERTON Latchford 70	(0) 1	28,432
COVENTRY	(0) 0	MIDDLESBORO Foggan 41 Hickton 66	(1) 2	17,970
DERBY	(0) 0	CARLISLE *	(0) 0	33,000
IPSWICH Talbot 28 Beattie 37	(1) 4	WEST HAM Hollins 37	(1) 1	31,592
LIVERPOOL Toshack 16 Keegan (pen) 52	(1) 3	Q.P.R. Francis (pen) 63	(0) 1	42,546
LUTON Ryan 72	(0) 1	MAN. CITY Treat 13	(1) 1	20,768
NEWCASTLE Macdonald 43	(1) 1	BIRMINGHAM Kendall 12 Pendrey 23	(2) 2	23,471
SHEFF. UTD. Bradford 4 Currie 38	(3) 4	LEICESTER	(0) 0	28,947
WOLVES Richards 7	(1) 1	LEEDS F. Gray 34	(0) 1	34,675

	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A
Derby	42	14	4	3	41	18	7	7	7	26	31	53
Liverpool	42	14	8	2	44	17	6	6	9	16	22	51
Ipswich	42	17	2	2	47	14	6	3	12	19	30	51
Everton	42	10	9	2	33	19	6	9	6	23	23	50
Stoke	42	12	7	2	40	18	5	8	8	24	30	49
Middlesbro	42	11	7	3	33	14	7	5	9	21	26	48
Sheff. U.	41	12	7	2	35	20	6	5	9	23	31	48
Man. C.	42	16	3	2	40	15	2	7	12	14	39	46
Leeds	41	10	8	3	34	20	6	5	9	21	25	45
Burnley	42	11	6	4	40	29	6	5	10	28	38	45
Q.P.R.	42	10	4	7	25	17	6	6	9	29	37	42
Wolves	42	12	5	4	43	21	2	6	13	14	33	39
Coventry	42	8	9	4	31	27	4	6	11	20	35	39
Newcastle	42	12	4	5	39	23	3	5	13	20	49	39
Arsenal	41	10	6	5	31	16	3	5	12	16	32	37
W Ham	41	9	6	5	37	22	3	7	11	20	37	37
Birmingham	41	10	3	7	34	28	4	5	12	19	33	36
Leicester	42	8	7	8	25	17	4	5	12	21	43	36
Luton	42	8	6	7	27	26	3	5	13	20	39	33
Chelsea	42	4	9	8	22	31	5	6	10	20	41	33
Tottenham	41	7	4	9	25	25	5	4	12	23	36	32
Carlisle	42	8	2	11	22	21	4	3	14	21	38	29

Games played on Saturday, April 26th, 1975.

The difference this time is, of course, that victory is just as vital to our Blues as well.

**GOOD BEER
& NO BULL**

Greenall's
LOCAL
BITTER



Soccer's planners could hardly have dreamed up a more dramatic or gripping finale to the season if they had programmed the fixture computer themselves!

The First Division relegation issue has had more twists and turns than an Agatha Christie novel and the outcome is that a handful of clubs are still deeply involved as to who eventually goes down with Swansea and Brighton.

We are in the thick of that dogfight . . . so are today's Maine Road visitors, Luton Town. It amounts to our own personal Cup final—except the prize is a place in the top-flight next term. I have always maintained that the fight would go right through to the last kick of the campaign. Yet I never seriously expected it to be as close as this.

There was a stage when I felt a couple of victories would be sufficient for us to stay up. We achieved those by beating West Brom at the Hawthorns on Easter Saturday and then we defeated West Ham. It gave us 44 points at that stage and it seemed that would be sufficient bearing in mind that last season Leeds United, who finished third from bottom, were relegated with 42 points.

But it seems 50 points might have to be the safety target, although three points for a win, launched initially last season, has still to level itself out. I believe it will take as long as six more seasons, before a fair average of what it needs to stay up can be obtained.

Meantime, it looks as though a half century has got to be the aim at the outset of a season. And that's a sizeable task. It means a club has to win 17 games, almost half the 42, to reach that target.

After defeats at Arsenal and home to Nottingham Forest, we were left with a two-game cliff-hanger to wind up our programme. Both fixtures had to provide us with maximum points to have a realistic chance of remaining a First Division team.

Three were obtained at Brighton in a magnificent all-round team performance where resilience and commitment were at a peak. I have looked on this week as 'half time'—second period faces us this afternoon against Luton.

By a further quirk of fixture planning, the Hatters wound up their season with two visits to Manchester this week. And that has been a daunting prospect for them. We all know what happened when they faced United at Old Trafford on Monday . . . now for the crunch this afternoon.

Most traumatic time of my life

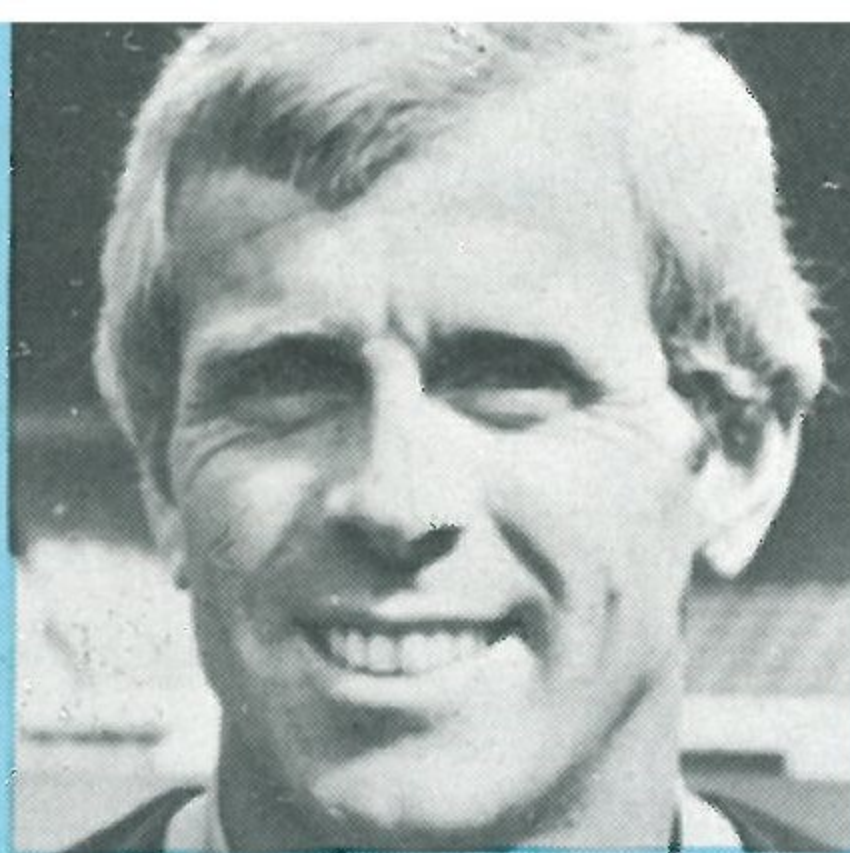
Our destiny remains firmly in our own hands. The players know that victory will get us out of trouble and we shall be presenting First Division football for you once again next August.

If we apply ourselves in the manner of last Saturday at the Goldstone Ground there will be no doubts about our ability to remain among the elite. All the players applied themselves magnificently against the F.A. Cup Finalists who had scalped us on their way to Wembley in the fourth round at the end of January.

It was a week after that disastrous defeat that I took over as manager and the four months since have seemed like four years! It has been the most traumatic period of my time in football.

That is why victory at Brighton was personally satisfying for the team proved they can do a job when the chips are down.

I have said it was a brilliant team effort that saw us to victory, but I don't think the players will mind if I single out



JOHN BENSON

Manchester City Manager

**T
A
L
K
I
N
G
T
O**

PETER GARDNER
City correspondent for the
Manchester Evening News

Kevin Reeves for special mention. He was naturally the hero of the afternoon on the strength of his match-winning goal from a **Bobby McDonald** cross in the 74th minute. But his attitude was that shown by others in recent weeks in playing when clearly not 100 per cent fit.

Kevin has taken a lot of criticism from the media because he is not a prolific goal-scorer yet has a £1m price tag hung round his neck. But his colleagues at Maine Road have tremendous respect for him as a first class professional. That's probably the highest acclaim any footballer can receive.

His goal in the victory at Brighton was certainly the most vital he has scored in the three years he has been at Maine Road. I would like to think he finishes the season with at least one more this afternoon . . . maybe the winner, even!

However, no matter what happens against Luton today, the real work starts in earnest next week preparing for a new season. The summer months are vital. It is a time for recruiting new faces and I can assure you there will be new faces by the time we kick off again.

We already have one newcomer earmarked in the shape of **Ian Thompson**, a 24-year-old schoolteacher from the West Country. At this stage we must regard him as purely one for the future. Joining us from the ranks of non-league football, some work will have to be done to smooth off possible rough edges.

What I am aiming for is a happy blend of mature experience and eager youth which, we sincerely hope, will give you fans a little more to cheer about next term. At least, we have kept you on your toes this season with all our ups and downs! Lack of consistency has always been our main problem. It has been difficult to gauge how the team will perform from one game to the next.

But I thank you for your support, an accolade that is echoed by the players. And while on the 'thank you' subject, I would like to pay tribute to the hard working backroom staff who have helped me considerably in the recent months of uncertainty.

Tony Book has been a guiding light in his capacity of assistant manager with **Glyn Pardoe** and **John Ryan** doing sterling work on the coaching side, too. Our future remains in extremely capable hands so long as **Ken Barnes** remains chief scout and in the medical room, **Roy Bailey** does an invaluable job along with **Doctor Norman Luft**, our 'resident' G.P. Thank you for your 100 per cent backing and support at all times.

And to you fans, have a good summer . . . see you all next season.

Cover Caption

Challenging times for City defenders Tommy Caton and the sandwiched Kevin Bond during the recent League match at home to West Ham.

The best supporters in the land

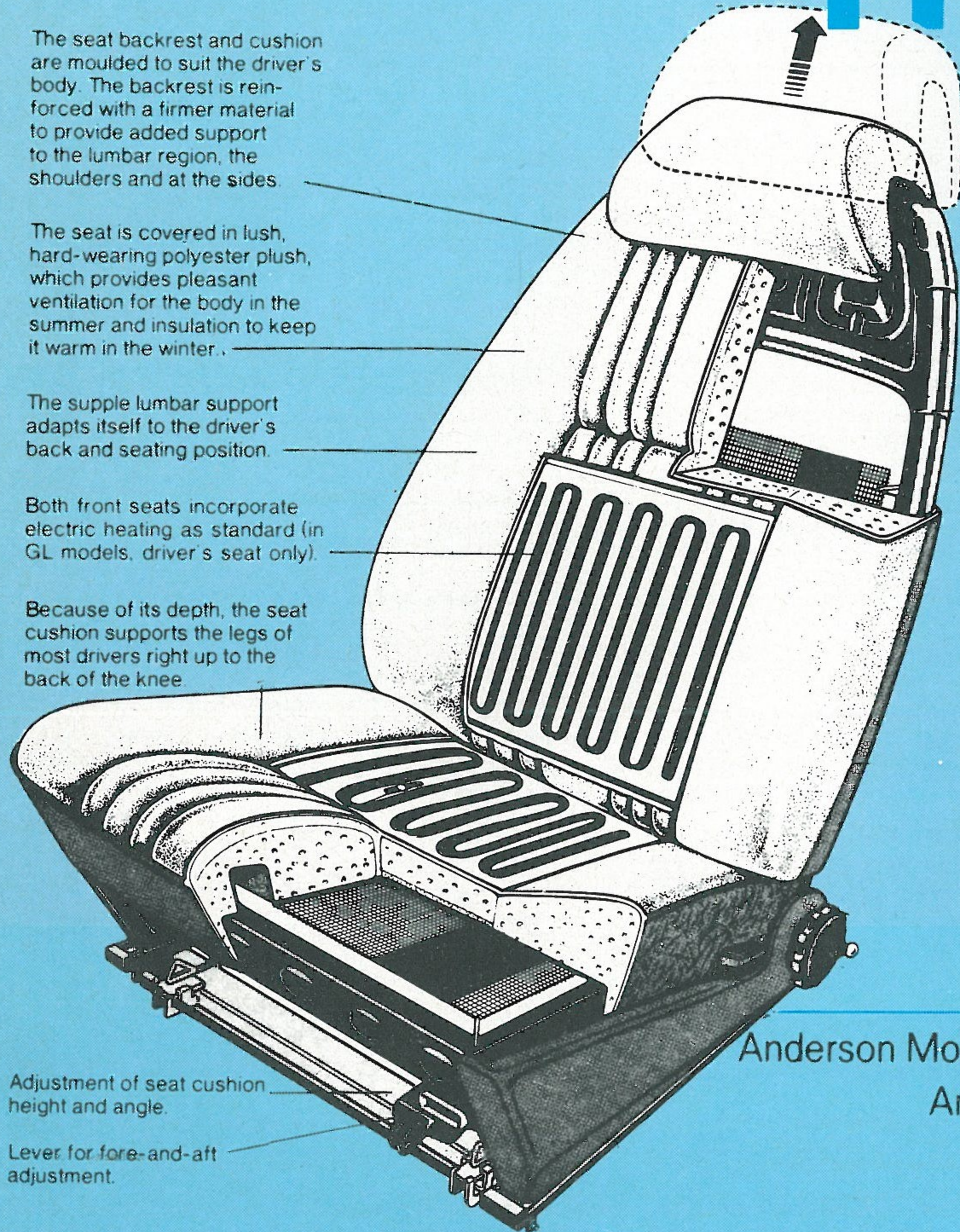
The seat backrest and cushion are moulded to suit the driver's body. The backrest is reinforced with a firmer material to provide added support to the lumbar region, the shoulders and at the sides.

The seat is covered in lush, hard-wearing polyester plush, which provides pleasant ventilation for the body in the summer and insulation to keep it warm in the winter.

The supple lumbar support adapts itself to the driver's back and seating position.

Both front seats incorporate electric heating as standard (in GL models, driver's seat only).

Because of its depth, the seat cushion supports the legs of most drivers right up to the back of the knee.



Adjustment of seat cushion height and angle.

Lever for fore-and-aft adjustment.

"It has probably the best seats available anywhere today..."

The front seat of the Saab is one of the world's most comfortable car seats, particularly on long journeys. The dishing of the seat and backrest and the elastic lumbar pad provide very effective support for the whole of the occupant's body. The design counteracts fatigue of the thighs, back and neck.

The Saab seat satisfies all general demands on high seating comfort. And it can also accommodate highly individual requirements, due to the wide scope for adjustments.

We were the world's first car manufacturer to introduce an electrically heated driver's seat

as standard. We did not do this for medical reasons only. Safety was another consideration, since a warm driver is a better and safer driver than one who is cold and shivery.

Behind every successful team there's a driving force!

**SAAB
& CITY**

Anderson Motors Ltd. 31-33 Buxton Road, Hazel Grove, Nr. Stockport. (061) 483 6271/81

Anderson Motors (Hale) Ltd. Bancroft Road, Hale, Altrincham. (061) 980 8004

Woolfold Motor Company Ltd. Mill Lane, Woolford, Bury. (061) 764 8191

Saab (Manchester) Ltd. Water Street, M3 4JU. (061) 832 6566

INSTALMENT PLAN FOR CITY FANS

THE final game of the season at Maine Road this afternoon provides the last opportunity to remind City fans about their season ticket renewals and to outline details of the Instalment Plan for ticket purchases in 1983-84, a scheme introduced at the start of this month.

Existing seat holders are reminded that they have a little over a fortnight in which to claim their ticket for the next campaign. After Tuesday, May 31st, which is the closing date for renewals, all unbooked seats will go on general sale.

We hope that even more fans will respond to the Instalment scheme, which is proving almost as popular as the earlier Discount Offer. This latest opportunity for ticket-buying enables supporters to obtain a match book for 1983-84 and to spread the payments throughout the close-season.

The table at the foot of this page shows that it's an easy way to obtain a season ticket book without having to make the 'one-off' payment. And it guarantees a place at Maine Road for the next campaign.

Each section of the ground is itemised below and you can enrol in the scheme by posting an application or calling at the Ticket Office on the Maine Road forecourt (at the North Stand end of the ground) during normal office hours.

The Instalment payments are broken down into four stages, detailed below, and upon completion of your payment a ticket will be issued in good time for the start of the new season. Instalment cards will be issued to all purchasers and will show the balance until the season ticket is paid for.

Remember, too, that any parent wishing to book a season ticket for 'H' Outer Section along with the Junior Blues member of the family will be able to make a seat purchase for £40. It means a parent can obtain a ticket with a £30 saving . . . if the book is bought **before MAY 31st.**

Among the other offers for fans, reduced prices are available in areas of the Main Stand for **Junior Blues** members, **Senior Citizens** and **Children.**

Study the details below. And make your decision:

BLOCKS	Price 1983-84	Instalment Scheme Price	Payment on or before May 14th	Payment on or before June 14th	Payment on or before July 14th	Payment on or before August 14th
B,C, E, F & H Centre	£90	£95	£24	£24	£24	£23
B, C, E, F & H Centre children/OAP	£50	£53	£14	£13	£13	£13
D, G, I, H Outer	£70	£73	£19	£18	£18	£18
A	£55	£58	£15	£15	£14	£14
A, D, G, I, H Outer Children/OAP	£40	£42	£11	£11	£10	£10
H Outer Junior Blues	£23	£24	£ 6	£ 6	£ 6	£ 6
H Outer J.B. Parents		£42	£11	£11	£10	£10
North Stand Adult	£55	£58	£15	£15	£14	£14
North Stand Junior/OAP	£32	£34	£ 9	£ 9	£ 9	£ 8
Platt Lane Adult	£36	£38	£10	£10	£ 9	£ 9
Platt Lane Junior/OAP	£22	£24	£ 6	£ 6	£ 6	£ 6
Platt Lane Junior Blues ONLY M7 and Y5	£14	£15	£ 4	£ 4	£ 4	£ 3
Kippax Street Adult	£25	£27	£ 7	£ 7	£ 7	£ 6
Kippax Street Junior/OAP	£15	£16	£ 4	£ 4	£ 4	£ 4

■ There's a Gala Day for City fans tomorrow (**Sunday, May 15th**) which starts at 11.00 a.m. at the Platt Lane Complex in Rusholme and has been organised by the Supporters' Club in collaboration with SAAB, the main club sponsors.

The 6-a-side football Finals will be staged along with a celebrity tournament. The preliminary rounds for the competition have been held on the previous 3 Sundays.

Branches of the S.C. from as far away as Dublin and Leicester/Rugby will be competing in the morning events. Kicking off at 2.00 p.m. will be the celebrity tournament and teams will be fielded by Piccadilly Radio, SAAB Select, Junior Blues Staff and the M.C.F.C. staff (Group A) as well as Radio Manchester, Roy Clarke Select, M.C.F.C. Coaching Staff and the winners of the senior section Final of the 6-a-sides.

It's expected that the day's activities will run up to 6.00 p.m. Fingers crossed that the event is blessed with similar weather to last year when it was a real scorcher.

It should prove a very successful family day, offering plenty of interest for parents as well as the younger members of the family. There will be games and races for the juniors and a chance to inspect a police patrol car and motor bike. Stalls will be selling goods, too.

To create the right atmosphere for the occasion it's stressed that **NO ALCOHOL** will be allowed onto the Complex during the day.

★ There's plenty of end-of-season activity scheduled by City and one of the first dates for your diary should be next **Tuesday night, May 17th** at the Social Club when the club sponsors SAAB stage their QUIZ competition (starts at 8.00 p.m.). A team of 3 City players will pit their wits against a celebrity panel selected by SAAB, the motor manufacturers and dealers.

On the following night, **Wednesday, May 18th**, City are staging a Player of the Year dinner at the Valley Lodge Hotel in Wilmslow. It's a mixed function and all the City players will be guests to see the Supporters' Club choice, **Kevin Bond**, receive his trophy after a clear-cut success in the annual competition.

The dinner looks like being a sell-out and the few remaining tickets, priced at £15, are available from the club's commercial manager, **Phil Critchley**, who is based at the ground.

◆ **Kevin Bond** is choice of the fans as City's Player of the Year for 1982-83, and it's a tribute to the character of the 25 year old central defender that he's had a runaway win in the popularity stakes a little over 12 months after unfairly being the target from a section of very vocal critics.



Bond's determination to stay to face and fight those 'knockers' has been evident in his displays for the Blues during the current campaign. He's had the first team's star rating on 9 occasions from the 48 senior games completed (and Kevin has missed two of these matches) and has certainly proved his resilience in the recent period when the chips have been down for the City team fighting relegation. Five of those man-of-the-match acknowledgements have been claimed by him over the last 12 games!

Kevin polled 58 percent of the Supporters' Club ballot and his nearest rival was runner-up **Tommy Caton** (last year's winner) who achieved a 21-percent poll. In third position is midfielder **Asa Hartford**, who gained 7 percent of the vote.

The turn-round in Kevin's fortunes is not a new experience. When his father, **John**, managed Norwich City he was subjected to abuse from the terraces after establishing in the first team and had to weather that storm, too. He did so quite effectively. At the end of the 1979-80 season he'd clearly turned round public opinion by carrying off three of the Norwich club's Player of the Year awards—the one given by the players and staff, an award from a Supporters' Club and finally, from a local garage sponsor. He followed up by getting the Norwich team captaincy as successor to **Martin Peters**, the former England international.

Although it was felt by some observers that the size of a similar problem at Maine Road would be far more difficult to overcome, Kevin has proved it can be done. Next month, when he celebrates his 26th birthday on June 22nd, he will be starting his 11th year in football—a career which began at Bournemouth, again, under his father's management.

Kevin joins an illustrious list of names on the trophy. The competition was introduced by the Supporters' Club in 1966-67 and the list of winners is: 1966-67—**Tony Book**; 1967-68—**Colin Bell**; 1968-69—**Glyn Pardoe**; 1969-70—**Francis Lee**; 1970-71—**Mike Doyle**; 1971-72—**Mike Summerbee**; 1972-73—**Mike Summerbee**; 1973-74—**Mike Doyle**; 1974-75—**Alan Oakes**; 1975-76—**Joe Corrigan**; 1976-77—**Dave Watson**; 1977-78—**Joe Corrigan**; 1978-79—**Asa Hartford**; 1979-80—**Joe Corrigan**; 1980-81—**Paul Power**; 1981-82—**Tommy Caton**; 1982-83—**Kevin Bond**.

The Young Player of the Year award for 1982-83 has been presented to the versatile Andy May, who had his 19th birthday last February. Andy, 8 times on first team duty this season (4 games as sub) made his senior debut for City as a sub at Ipswich Town on April 17th, 1982, but has had only limited opportunities since then.



This season he's made more Central League appearances than any other player (25 in all) and has operated mainly as a central defender, though he's given valuable performances at full back and in midfield. He was back on duty with the senior squad last Saturday as sub at Brighton.

Second place in the poll went to **Steve Kinsey**, winner in the previous two seasons, while goalkeeper **Alex Williams** took third place.

BUY a CAR or SELL a CAR

It can be done tomorrow, Sunday, May 15th at

CITY'S MOTOR MARKET

on the Kippax Street Car Park (open 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.). Only £9 charged to bring your car along and sell it in the Market. **INTERESTED?** No problems with parking at Maine Road and admission for prospective purchasers is **FREE**.

C
I
T
Y

D
E
F
E
N
D
S
K

STAFF and OFFICIALS

Manager: DAVID PLEAT
(appointed January 1978)

First Team Coach: DAVID COATES

Reserve Team Coach: TREVOR HARTLEY

Youth Team Coach: JOHN MOORE

Part-Time Scouts: HARRY HASLAM JIMMY FRIZZELL
BILL SMYTHE and TOM McKECHNIE

Physiotherapist: JOHN SHERIDAN

Managing Director: John Smith

Chairman: Dennis Mortimer

Directors: Richards Banks, David Evans
Ed Pearson, Roger Smith.

General Secretary: Graham Mackrell F.C.C.A.

Club Secretary: John Wilkinson

Commercial Manager: Mike Hardwicke

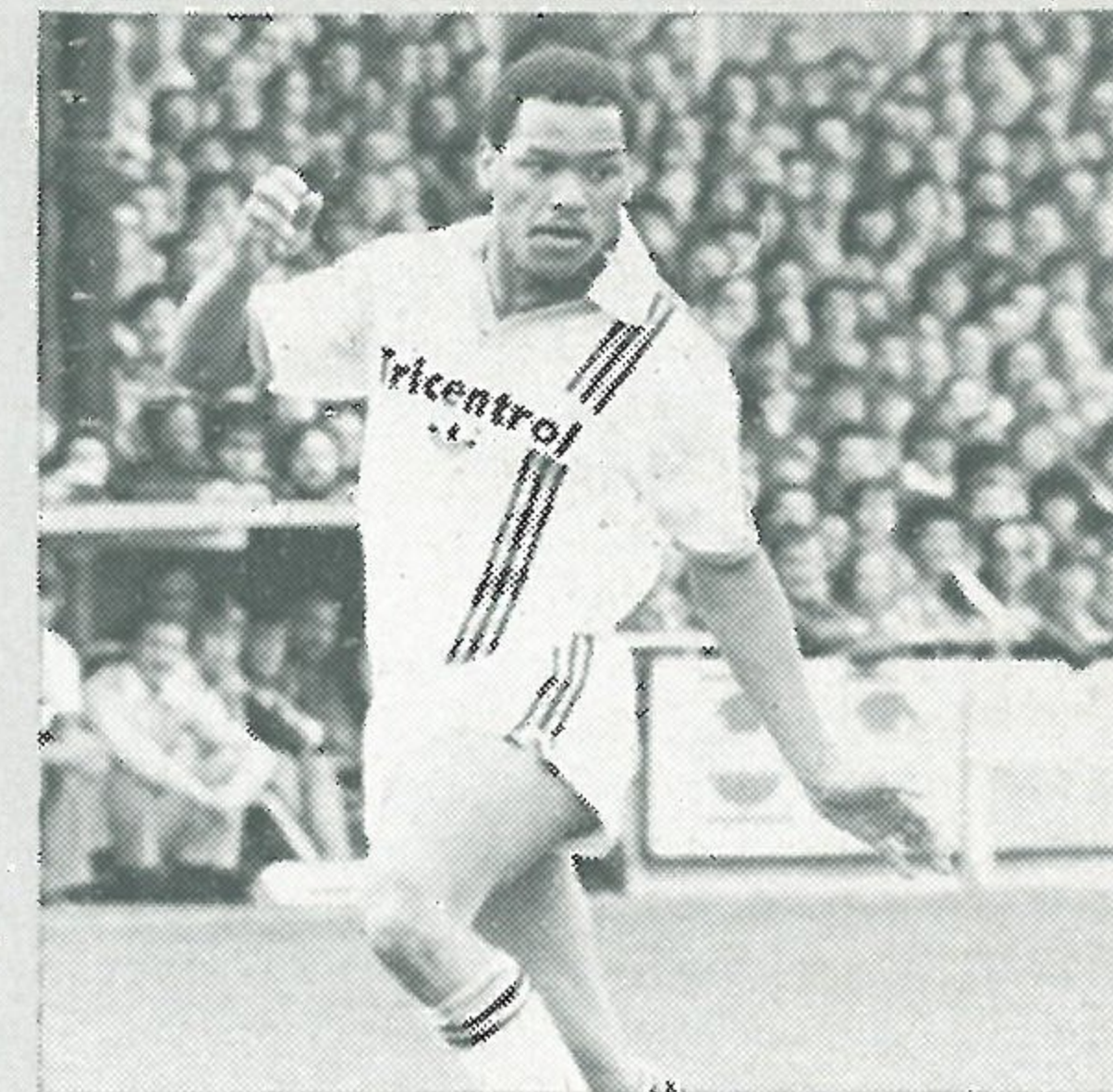
APPEARANCES '82-83

	League			F.A. Cup			Milk Cup		
	Pld.	Sub.	Gls.	Pld.	Sub.	Gls.	Pld.	Sub.	Gls.
Jake Findlay	26	—	—	2	—	—	3	—	—
Alan Judge	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Tony Godden	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kirk Stephens	39	—	—	2	—	—	3	—	—
Richard Money	31	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	—
Mitchell Thomas	4	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
Clive Goodyear	33	1	3	2	—	—	4	—	—
Paul Elliott	12	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mal Donaghy	39	—	3	2	—	—	4	—	—
Brian Horton	39	—	4	2	—	1	4	—	—
Wayne Turner	28	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—
Raddy Antic	10	12	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Ricky Hill	41	—	9	2	—	1	3	—	—
Gary Parker	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mark Watts	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Frankie Bunn	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	1
Brian Stein	19	1	14	1	—	—	4	—	1
Paul Walsh	41	—	13	2	—	1	4	—	—
Trevor Aylott	11	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ray Daniel	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
David Moss	39	—	9	1	—	—	4	—	1
TRANSFERRED									
Lil Fuccillo	8	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
(to Tulsa Roughnecks, U.S.A.)									
Billy Kellock	2	5	—	—	1	—	1	—	2
(to Wolves)									
Steve White	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
(to Charlton Athletic)									
RELEASED									
David Geddis	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(to Aston Villa)									

OWN GOALS: Lacy (Tottenham) on 28.8.82 (League);
Stevens and Case (Brighton) on 22.1.83 (League).
Details are up to and including Friday, May 13th, 1983.

BRIAN STEIN

Luton Town's Player of the Year 1981-82



STILL the club's leading scorer though he's only played 11 minutes as a substitute since being injured against Manchester City—a broken bone in his foot—last December 11th. His opening 22 games of this season produced 15 goals and his absence for 5 months has obviously been an important factor in the team's struggle in their first season back in the First Division.

If he ends this term as the leading scorer it will be for the third successive season he's been the club's top marksman. The 25 year old striker was ever-present in the Luton team that won the Second Division championship in 1981-82 when he scored 21 of their 86 goals. That team total was more than any other club in the top two Divisions.

South African born, he emigrated with his family to London in 1967, leaving in a hurry because his father, Isiah, had outspoken views on apartheid and was frequently under arrest.

Brian, a Cape coloured like the famous Test cricketer, Basil d'Oliviera, began playing his soccer for several unknown teams—like North Paddington Boys' Club, Crouch End Vampires, Sudbury Court and Edgeware Town.

The holder of 8 'O' level and 'A' level certificates in history and sociology he began working as a clerical officer for the local health authority while playing for Edgeware in the Athenian League. That's when he was spotted by a Luton scout and persuaded to sign at Kenilworth Road in October 1977. Though he was 19 years old at the time and felt he might be too old to start in soccer.

He was called into the first team the following month as a substitute at Mansfield Town (1-3 defeat), replacing Gary Heale. That was on November 12th, 1977, and he also came on as sub in the following match.

His first full game was at Crystal Palace on Boxing Day 1977 a 3-1 win, and the following day, at home to Sheffield United, he scored for the first time in the Second Division—two goals in a 4-0 win. He scored once more that season when he completed 24 games, 6 of them as a sub.

The following term, 1978-79, he hit 10 League goals from 34 matches (3 as sub) and scored a further 4 in the League Cup. And as an ever-present in 1979-80 he netted 8 times.

His partner and tutor in those early years was the well-travelled striker Bob Hatton . . . "I owe such a lot to Bob" admits Brian.

When Luton finished 5th in the Second Division in 1980-81, just two points adrift of a promotion place, he contributed 18 goals, again as an ever-present. And last season he figured in every match and improved his scoring haul—21 goals.

It looked certain that he would set up further records in this campaign when he blitzed into 1982-83 with 8 goals in his first 7 matches. But the serious injury blow happened against Manchester City last December 11th when he broke the bone in his foot—his worst set-back since a ligaments injury side-lined him in 1978-79. He attempted a come-back as a sub in the April 12th League match at home to Birmingham City, but jarred the ankle injury and has not been seen in senior action since then.

Brian tips his younger brother, Mark, as a likely success in soccer.

IT'S WIN or bust this afternoon for Luton. DEFEAT (they've already had 17 of those in the League) will get them relegated.

A DRAW (there have been 13 of those) will also send them back from whence they came last May as impressive title-winners of the Second Division.

"We are not only going to need a tremendous effort, but we need every player at the top of his form. It's not original . . . but anything can happen in football. We beat Manchester City at Luton only last December, so we are capable" said Hatters boss David Pleat this week—though he must be acutely aware that Luton have won only 4 of their 20 League visits this term.

The crisis has been hovering for most of this season. It hasn't been helped by the 5-month absence of top scorer Brian Stein through injury (a fractured foot) sustained in the 3-1 win over our Blues last December 11th.

Suddenly the fears have taken a frightening shape. It is the disastrous home result last Saturday, a 1-5 defeat by Everton, that is responsible for the acuteness of their anxiety. That shocker, with last Monday's 0-3 defeat at Manchester United to add to the agony, leaves only one escape route. They have to win.

"Last season when I was awarded the Manager of the Year prize for the Second Division I attempted to remain calm about it and take the fuss about our promotion in my stride. I'm trying to remain calm about our current situation. But I am unbelievably fragile at the moment. Inside me I'm bitterly disappointed that we are in these difficulties". continued the Luton manager.

It's something of a surprise that a team capable of scoring 64 goals should be bogged down in such deep despair. But there have got to be reasons, apart from Stein's absence.

"Yes, a lack of strength in depth when injuries and loss of form have occurred" answered David. "And a certain naivety in our approach. When we have been behind in a game, rather than sit back and be patient we have gone forward looking to get back on terms. We've been too eager to retaliate and left ourselves wide open to the opposition. We've paid the penalty for it" he went on ruefully.

That naivety was obvious against Everton. The Merseysiders piled 5 goals past Luton last December and repeated the dose last Saturday. Yet the deficit was only 1-2 at half-time . . . and then the push to salvage the match, featuring adventurous full back raids, cost them dearly, they were hammered. It was a costly match in many respects. They also lost the services of their flying winger David Moss with a painful rib injury.

But at least there will be the return of £150,000 defender Paul Elliott, signed from Charlton at the start

LAST SEASON'S RECORD

Second Division: 1st Position (Second Division Champions)

Pld.	Home					Away					Pts.	Goal Difference
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
42	16	3	2	48	19	9	10	2	38	27	88	+40

Average Home League attendance: 11,880 (1980-81 average: 10,291)

Top League Scorer: Brian Stein 21 (2 penalties).

F.A. Cup: K.O'd in the 4th round by 0-3 at home to Ipswich Town.

League Cup: K.O'd in the 2nd round on 1-2 aggregate against Wrexham. They lost 0-2 in the first leg, at home, and won the second leg at Wrexham by 1-0.

of March. He's finished a two-match suspension and the England Youth star should return to make the defence more resolute, possibly wearing the number 3 shirt in place of former Liverpool reserve Richard Money. Clive Goodyear, a 22 year old has been holding his own at the heart of the defence, a successful recommend from one of the manager's former playing colleagues.

Versatile Wayner Turner is likely to be back, too, after dropping out last Monday night at Old Trafford due to a problem with conjunctivitis. Turner, on loan at Lincoln City last season, has been on the club's books

"FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS IN MANCHESTER ARE A LUCKY LOT. UNITED ARE AT WEMBLEY IN THE F.A. CUP FINAL NEXT WEEK. AND ALL OF A SUDDEN CITY ARE IN A CUP FINAL OF THEIR OWN".

a philosophical view expressed this week by Luton Manager David Pleat.

since April 1978 but has still only totalled 39 League games . . . and 28 of them have been in this campaign, for him a real test of adjustment.

The lack of experience for the top grade has helped take its toll. Only skipper Brian Horton had any previous First Division knowledge before the kick-off last August and though he's unquestionably been as dependable as ever—he missed one game in '81-82 and only 2 games this term—his inspirational moments have been fewer. And he's now aged 34, carrying a heavy responsibility for legs that have battled bravely for well over 600 games.

Ricky Hill has missed only one match this term (in the Milk Cup) and merits mention as the team's most consistent player. His contributions have been recognised by a wider audience over the past 12 months. He was not only the club's Player of the Year in the promotion season but has since picked up two full

England caps. Impressive stuff.

Looking likely to gain England attention is striker Paul Walsh, ever-present and second leading scorer with three League hat-tricks in his tally. A lively bundle of energy with clever control and pace, he was one of the players under the scrutiny of England manager Bobby Robson at Manchester United last Monday.

Partnering Walsh in attack is the bulldozer built Trevor Aylott, a prodigious worker and surprisingly neat with his distribution for a man of such size. He was bought before the March transfer deadline from Millwall and has netted twice in 11 matches.

Success in the Youth Cup has speeded the development of the club's youngsters and there have been opportunities—albeit very tough ones—for teenagers like winger Ray Daniel, who endured his first full League match at Old Trafford last Monday and Gary Parker, who was probably bewildered in the same match which marked his first League chance.

Tony Godden is on loan from West Brom and occupying the goalkeeping job in the absence of Jake Findlay, who fractured his thumb in a 1-4 defeat at Arsenal last March 19th and was ruled out for the rest of the season. Godden has found plenty to do.

Mal Donaghy returned from a very rewarding campaign with the Northern Ireland team in Spain last summer where they did so well in the World Cup, but as a member in all but two of the team's games this season he must have wondered at times what has been hitting him.

Kirk Stephens and Richard Money have been the full back partnership more often than not, forming the pairing since Money's arrival from Liverpool in March 1982 at a cost of £100,000. They've both adopted a bold approach and while it can be successful it can also prove a strain for the defence. Luton have conceded 84 goals, room for plenty of questions to be asked.

Still, boldness may have to be their friend this afternoon.

LUTONTOWN

**A ASSOCIATED
ATS TYRE
SPECIALISTS**

Britain's No.1 Tyre Service.

*TYRES
BATTERIES
WHEEL ALIGNMENT & BALANCING*

54 Branches in the North West

*PLUS 5 in the **CITY***

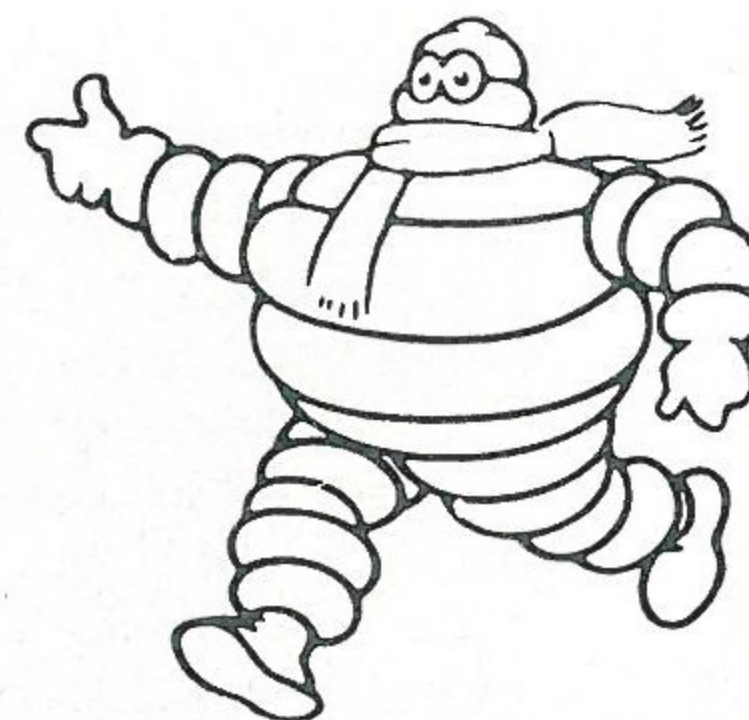
20-28, Waterloo Road.

85, Liverpool Road.

677, Eccles New Road, Salford.

Warren Road, Trafford Park.

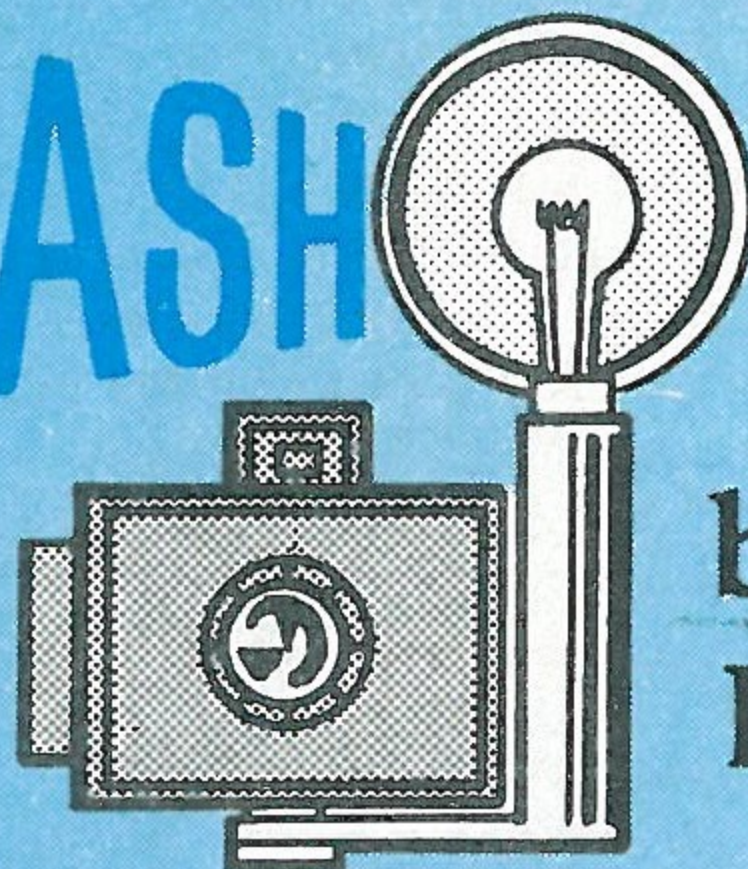
Nearest depot 98, Wilmslow Road, Rusholme.



For longer life Switch to Michelin



FLASHBACK



by
ERIC TODD



● Between 1947—58 he was the Manchester Evening Chronicle sportswriter covering the Blues at home and away and from 1958—73 was Northern soccer and cricket writer for The Guardian.

● Nowadays he takes freelance assignments, still living in his adopted city of Manchester.

QUEEN MARY reckoned that when she died and was opened, they'd find "Calais" lying on her heart. Whether they ever did is a matter for the historians. When the time comes to open up Manchester City, it's a fair bet that they'll find, among other things, the name "Luton Town".

The few League matches I watched between City and Luton in the 1950's were uneventful, that is if you exclude one of Roy Paul's infrequent goals.

City had been relegated in 1950, but they got off to a flying start the following season and it was not until the October, a fortnight after the Luton game at Maine Road, that they had their first defeat. Peter Doherty destroyed them almost single handed at Doncaster in spite of George Smith's hat trick.

George scored both City's goals when they went to Kenilworth Road the following February.

The next four meetings ended 3-2 each team winning on its own ground.

In the F.A. Cup there were some rum goings on. City already had beaten Luton home and away shortly before the War, so the Bedfordshire men had a bit of ground to make up. Their chance came in the fourth round in 1953, and having beaten Blackburn Rovers 6-1 in the previous round, they had plenty of confidence at Maine Road where they earned a draw 1-1, Ivor Broadis scoring for City and Jesse Pye, late of Wolverhampton Wanderers, for Luton.

City never had a look in in the replay although Broadis had the satisfaction of scoring again. Gordon Turner helped himself to three of Luton's five goals, and "Dos" Little added to the tally with an own goal.

Bolton Wandereers did better than City winning 1-0 at Luton in the next round, and Luton must have been sick of the sight of Lancashire opponents because they met Blackpool four times before going out in the third round the following season.

But it was a short respite. In the fifth round in 1955, City played in a blizzard at Kenilworth Road where a fine display by Don Revie, and a goal in each half by Roy Clarke put City still farther on the way to Wembley where Newcastle United beat them.

NIGHTMARE TRIP

But the Cup-tie to end all Cup-ties came in the fourth round in 1961, and a few City players of that era to say nothing of their supporters must still have nightmares of that trip to Kenilworth Road.

It was a dreadful day of torrential rain, and most people expected the game to be called off. But Ken Tuck, the referee, decided to make a start. Alec Ashworth put Luton two up after eighteen minutes before Denis Law scored a hat trick. He repeated that feat between the 56th and 66th minutes, but with twenty minutes to go and with the floods rising, Mr. Tuck abandoned the match.

"I'll bet you never got six before" remarked one of the locals to Denis later. "Well" replied Denis "you've lost your bet. I once scored six in a replay at school and they all bloomin' well counted".

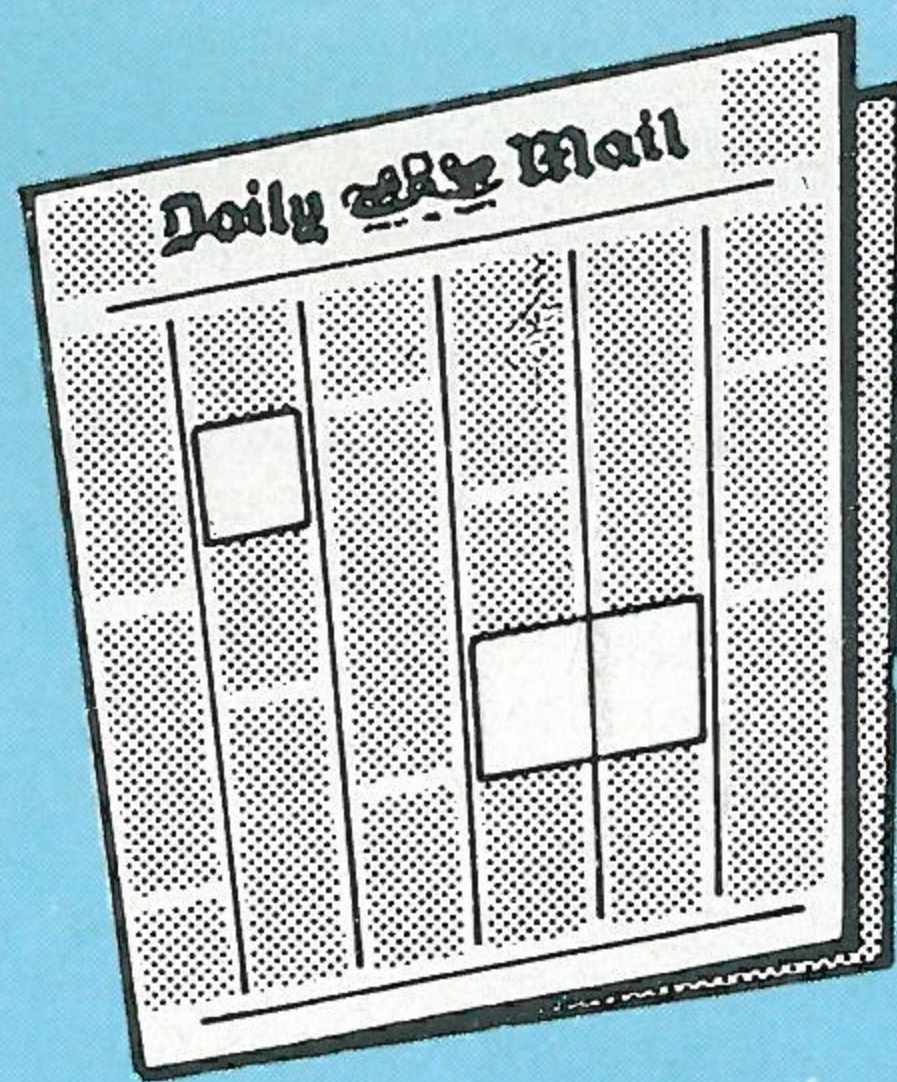
A few days later City went back to Luton with the same side. There was a hint of blue sky although the pitch still showed signs of the punishment it had taken. Now it was City's turn to be on the receiving end, and an injury to Ken Barnes midway through the first half just about killed their chances. Ashworth again scored twice and Jim Fleming once for the home team, and Law, inevitably, replied for City.

Eight years later Luton were drawn to play at Maine Road in the fifth round, but my nerves couldn't stand the prospect, so I watched Liverpool of the First Division fight hard to beat Doncaster Rovers of the Fourth at Anfield. City won 1-0 that day, and unlike 1955, they went on and won the Cup.

Since then they have not met Luton in this competition, and I don't suppose they mind very much!

Before you get involved
in after-match
discussions, read what
Peter Gardner
has to say in the
PINK FINAL

Full reports on all City's matches



THE MAIL MAN'S MESSAGE

JOHN
ROBERTS

DAVID PLEAT is entitled to feel a sense of injustice as he reflects on the vagaries of a season that draws to a close with his Luton team struggling with Manchester City for First Division survival.

At the nub of almost every proposal designed to safeguard the future of football—from the second virtually discarded Chester Report to the protracted wrangle over television contracts—is the fundamental need for more entertaining play. And while others merely have talked about it, Pleat has made a practical contribution . . . for which he may be about to pay dearly.

If City win this afternoon's match, or even secure the one single point that will save them from relegation, Luton will be dispatched to the Second Division, from whence they came with high ideals a year ago. Pleat did not view his club's promotion simply as a means of making up the numbers mid-table in the First Division. He demanded of his players the attacking style that was the hallmark of their surge through Division Two.

He returned from watching the World Cup finals in Spain determined that his team would endeavour to enhance the game in this country. But, as the League table shows, he who dares does not always win.

Luton have had their moments, among them the spectacular entertainment value of a 3-3 draw with Liverpool at Anfield. But they have not been blessed either with consistency or good fortune.

Success has come to others with less romantic notions: Queen's Park Rangers, for example. **Terry Venables**—last seen at Maine Road in charge of Crystal Palace, 'the team of the 80's'—will be returning to the First Division next season as the boss (perhaps literally) of Q.P.R. because points count more than praise.

Whatever they may have achieved with flair on their artificial pitch at Loftus Road, some of QPR's results away from home—and I remember with particular dismay their match at Leeds—have been gained by the use of blatant offside tactics. Their deployment of a defence little more than a yard from the half-way line is known,

euphemistically, as 'attacking the ball'.

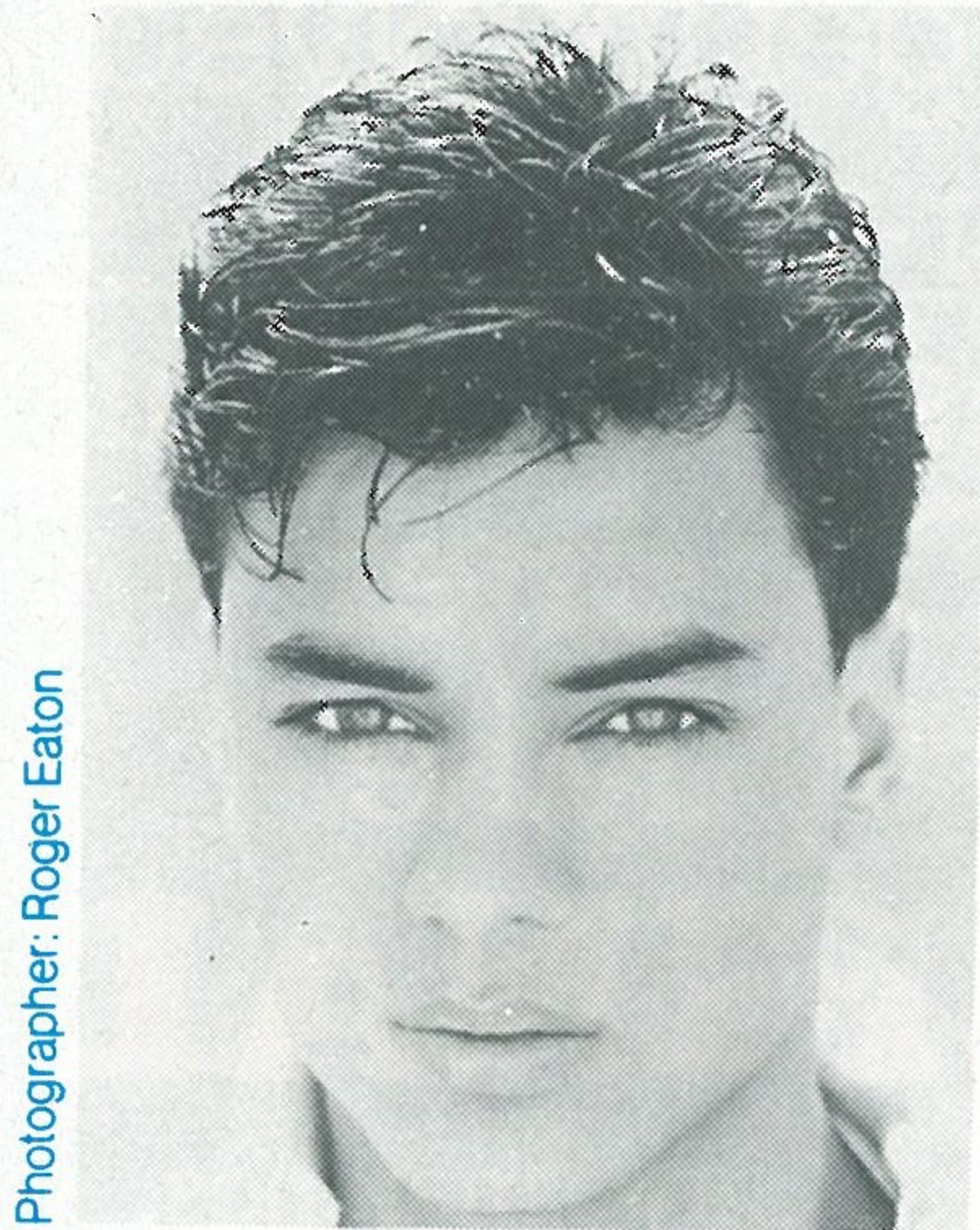
When Luton were beaten at Old Trafford last Monday night, **Ron Atkinson**, the Manchester United manager, credited them with playing the most enterprising football of all the sides at the bottom of the table. And City's **John Benson** described them as one of the most attractive and courageous teams in the First Division.

But, as Pleat would be the first to acknowledge, teams are not relegated by accident.

The more senior of City's supporters are still awe-struck when recounting how, in 1937-38, the Blues went down with guns blazing—having scored 80 goals, three more than the champions, Arsenal. The problem was that City conceded 77.

Luton's predicament is lamentable because their boldness has failed at a crucial time, not merely for the club themselves but for all those entrusted with the health of the sport. We must hope that Pleat does not lose his nerve—likewise Luton's directors—and abandon his policies for a safer, less interesting style, with the emphasis on caution and the cutting of losses.

It always has been difficult for clubs of limited financial resources—the vast majority nowadays—to keep pace with their ambitions. Some people in the game may consider Pleat's methods naive. But if more followed his example then a sizeable proportion of those who have deserted the grounds might just be tempted back.



Photographer: Roger Eaton

Thatch of the day.

The best scissors movement in town – from only £9.

How to keep ahead **VIDAL SASSOON**

Barbers Shop, 19/21 King Street, Manchester 061-833 0681

Social Club

Saturday, May 14th:
The A1 Dean Show

Tuesday, May 17th:
SAAB-CITY present "A QUESTION OF SPORT"
with well known International Star Personalities. Tickets available from the Social Club.

Wednesday, May 18th:
Radio Manchester—Knockout Sports Quiz
Sports Team Challenge Final
Recording starts at 8 p.m.—admission by ticket only
Tickets available from the Social Club

Sunday, May 29th:
Radio Piccadilly Charity Marathon— 3 p.m.
We need helpers—call at the Social Club for further information.
There will be a meeting of all personnel on Monday, 16th May in the Social Club at 8 p.m.

Any Member or Supporter celebrating a
WEDDING ● ENGAGEMENT ● BIRTHDAY
contact the Social Club for full particulars.

There is Cabaret every week-end throughout the Summer.
Continue to support City by visiting us during the Closed Season.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE 1983/84 MEMBERSHIP NOW DUE.

DRIVE IN . . . TO CITY'S MOTOR MARKET

It's open again tomorrow, Sunday, May 15th, on the Kippax Street Car Park at the rear of the Maine Road ground.

Admission is **FREE**. And it's only £9 to bring your car along and sell it at the Market.

Starts 10 a.m. till 3-00 p.m.

JUNIOR BLUES NEWS

Tomorrow is a big day for all Junior Blue members. The final meeting of the season is in the morning at the City Social Club (at 10-15 a.m.); in the afternoon there's a chance to give the vocal chords an airing by supporting the J.B. team in a soccer tournament at the Platt Lane complex.

The event has been organised by the Supporters' Club with the help of our sponsors SAAB.

In the last article we announced the good news that Tommy Caton has taken over from Joe Corrigan as Junior Blues President. As some of you will be aware, Alex Williams—City's young goalkeeper—has now agreed to act as Vice-President.

Explains Junior Blues Chairman Tony Miles: "We are delighted that Alex has agreed to back Tommy up. This is a new position and one which Alex will personally enjoy. He is a regular visitor to meetings and a very popular one with all our members."

Finally, a word of thanks to all J.B. members for their support during the monthly meetings. Together with all the helpers there have been some marvellous moments in the City Social Club.

Sunday mornings won't be the same in the Summer—but September will soon be here and that special unique atmosphere associated with the Junior Blues will be back.



New Junior Blues President **Tommy Caton** is being congratulated on his appointment by City director **Ian Niven** and J.B. Chairman **Tony Miles** at last month's meeting. Tommy was later named by the J.B.'s as their joint-top Player of the Year for 1982-83, sharing the honour with **Kevin Bond**.

Commercial Corner

Thanks for YOUR Support!

AT THE end of what has been a frustrating season for all City fans, we would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our growing commercial activities throughout the past year. A tremendous relationship has been developed with Saab, the major club sponsor and the forthcoming Saab/City Festival will complete what has been a most successful first year of joint promotions and events.

On the match sponsorship front, every game has been sponsored and companies large and small have taken advantage of our first class facilities for advertising and entertainment. These companies have supported City and we hope City fans will recognise their contribution to the Club by choosing their products or services wherever possible.

Our lotteries have paid thousands of prizes every week and the Quicksilver Bingo scheme celebrated its fifth birthday last month, having now paid over two hundred and sixty jackpot prizes of £1,000 and donating hundreds of thousands of pounds for the development of Maine Road. The response of our Agents, who sell tickets each week to friends, family and workmates, has been magnificent and many of these same fans have also found time to support our Christmas Hamper Club, which was launched last December.

The additional income that these activities have brought to the Club has been absolutely vital and we thank all the companies and every City fan for their support during the season.

NEW SUMMERTIME BINGO

While to-day sees the end of the League season, it also marks the beginning of a new promotion from our Development Association who are to launch a special Summertime Bingo ticket later this month. The new ticket will incorporate many of the favourite games from the existing Quicksilver scheme but there are several new ideas just for the summer.

Thanks to the Quicksilver ticket, one City supporter who is looking forward to the Summer holidays is Valerie Patterson from Walker Street in Middleton. Val buys tickets every week from her brother-in-law, Bill Patterson, at their regular family get-togethers each Sunday and last month, she checked her ticket and found it was a £1,000 winner. Not believing what she saw, Val insisted on checking the ticket two or three times before she told the rest of the family and then it was time for celebration!

Val and her husband, Harry have supported City for many years, naming their first child after former Maine Road favourite Colin Bell and their second son was christened Paul in honour of the current City skipper Paul Power. Now they plan to spend their prize on a super family holiday and Val's joy was complete when she met Paul Power to receive her £1,000 cheque.

City fans everywhere can help the Club during the Summer months by acting as an Agent for our Summertime Bingo ticket and for further details, phone us on 226-3143 or contact the Development Association at the ground.

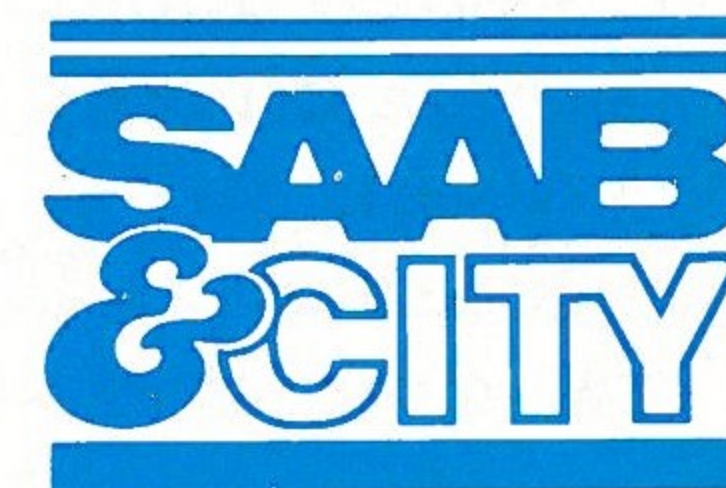


A day to remember for Valerie Patterson from Middleton as she receives a £1,000 Quicksilver cheque from Paul Power.

MANCHESTER CITY WOULD LIKE TO THANK

SAAB

**FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT
THROUGHOUT THE SEASON**



'82-83 LINE-UPS

• Substitute ★ Star man D Debut x Booked player
 § Player sent off ○ Injured player "Withdrawn
 Home games in BOLD CAPS Scorers in Bold letters

1982	Opponents	Result	Pos.	Attend.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Substitute
Aug. 28	Norwich City	2-1	—	22,638	Corrigan	Ranson	McDonald x	Baker D	Bond★	Caton x	Hareide	Reeves	Cross D1	Hartford	Power 1	Tueart
Sept. 1	STOKE CITY	1-0	3	27,847	Corrigan	Ranson	McDonald	Baker	Bond	Caton	Hareide★	Reeves	Cross 1	Hartford	Power	Tueart
Sept. 4	WATFORD	1-0	1	29,617	Corrigan○	Ranson	McDonald★	Baker	Bond	Caton	Hareide	Reeves	Cross	Hartford	Power	Tueart •1 (3 mins.)
Sept. 7	Notts County	0-1	3	9,376	Williams	Ranson	McDonald x	Baker	Bond	Caton★x	Hareide	Reeves	Cross○	Hartford	Power	Tueart • (72 mins.)
Sept. 11	Tottenham Hotspur	2-1	3	32,483	Williams★	Ranson	McDonald	Baker2	Bond	Caton	Hareide	Reeves	Jones D"x	Hartford	Power	Tueart • (67 mins.)
Sept. 18	ASTON VILLA	0-1	5	28,650	Williams★	Ranson	McDonald○	Baker	Bond	Caton	Hareide	Reeves	Jones	Hartford	Power	Tueart • (64 mins.)
Sept. 25	West Ham United	1-4	9	23,883	Williams★	Ranson x	McDonald"	Baker x	Bond x§	Caton	Hareide	Reeves	Boyer 1	Hartford x§	Power	Tueart • (69 mins.)
Oct. 2	COVENTRY CITY	3-2	6	25,105	Williams	Ranson	Power	Baker 1★	Bond	Caton 1	Tueart	Reeves	Cross 1	Hartford	Simpson D	Boyer
Oct. 5	Wigan Ath. (MC2—1st leg)	1-1	—	12,194	Williams	Ranson	Power	Baker	Bond★	Caton x	Tueart 1	Reeves	Cross	Hartford	Boyer	Reid
Oct. 9	Everton	1-2	7	25,158	Williams	Ranson x	Power	Reid	Baker	Caton★x	Tueart	Reeves	Cross 1	Hareide x	Jones"	Simpson • (80th min.)
Oct. 16	SUNDERLAND	2-2	8	25,053	Corrigan	Ranson	Davies D	Reid x	Power	Caton	Tueart	Reeves 1	Cross 1x	Hartford★	Kinsey"	Simpson • (60th min.)
Oct. 23	Manchester United	2-2	9	57,334	Corrigan★	Ranson	McDonald	Bond	Power	Caton	Tueart 1	Reeves	Cross 1	Hartford x	Baker	Reid
Oct. 27	WIGAN ATH. (MC2—2nd leg) (Won 3-1 on aggregate)	2-0	—	16,083	Corrigan	Ranson	McDonald	Bond	Power 2	Caton★	Tueart	Reeves	Cross	Hartford x	Baker	Reid
Oct. 30	SWANSEA CITY	2-1	6	25,021	Corrigan	Ranson	McDonald x	Bond★	Power	Caton	Tueart 1x	Reeves	Cross	Hartford 1	Baker	Reid
Nov. 6	SOUTHAMPTON	2-0	2	25,115	Corrigan	Ranson	McDonald 1	Bond x	Power	Caton	Tueart	Reeves 1★	Cross	Hartford x	Baker	Reid
Nov. 10	SOUTHAMPTON (MC3)	1-1	—	17,463	Corrigan	Ranson	McDonald	Bond	Power	Caton★	Tueart 1 (pen)	Reeves	Cross	Hartford	Baker	Reid
Nov. 13	Ipswich Town	0-1	6	19,523	Corrigan	Ranson	McDonald	Bond	Power	Caton★	Tueart	Reeves	Cross	Hartford	Baker"	Reid • (70th min.)
Nov. 20	BIRMINGHAM CITY	0-0	7	23,174	Corrigan	Ranson	McDonald	Bond x	Power	Caton	Tueart	Reeves	Cross	Hartford★	Baker	Reid
Nov. 24	Southampton (MC3 replay)	0-4	—	13,298	Corrigan	Ranson	McDonald	Reid x	Power	Caton	Bond x	Reeves	Cross	Hartford	Baker	Tueart
Nov. 27	Nottingham Forest	0-3	9	18,845	Corrigan	Ranson	McDonald	Reid	Power	Caton★	Tueart	Reeves	Cross	May	Bond	Lomax
Dec. 4	ARSENAL	2-1	9	23,057	Corrigan	Ranson	McDonald	Bond	Power	Caton 2★	Tueart	Reeves	Cross	Hartford	Baker	Reid
Dec. 11	Luton Town	1-3	10	11,013	Corrigan	Ranson★	McDonald x	Reid	Power	Caton	Tueart	Reeves	Cross 1	Hartford x	Bond	May
Dec. 18	BRIGHTON & H.A.	1-1	9	20,615	Corrigan★	Ranson	McDonald	Bond 1	Power	Caton	Tueart	Reeves	Cross○	Hartford	Bodak D	May • (10th min.)
Dec. 27	Liverpool	2-5	9	44,664	Corrigan	Ranson	McDonald x	Bond	Power	Caton 1x★	Tueart	Reeves	Cross 1	Hartford	Bodak	May
Dec. 28	WEST BROM. ALBION	2-1	9	25,172	Corrigan	Ranson	McDonald	Reid	Kinsey 1	Bond	Tueart	Reeves	Cross	Hartford★	Bodak	Lomax
1983																
Jan. 1	Birmingham City	2-2	9	16,362	Corrigan	Ranson x	McDonald x	Reid	Kinsey★	Bond 1	Tueart	Reeves	Cross	Hartford	Bodak 1	Power
Jan. 3	Watford	0-2	10	20,049	Corrigan	Ranson	McDonald x	Reid x	Power	Bond★	Tueart	Reeves	Kinsey	Hartford	Bodak x	Lomax
Jan. 8	Sunderland (FAC3)	0-0	—	21,518	Corrigan	Ranson	Bond	Reid	Power	Caton★	Bodak	Reeves	Cross○	Hartford	Kinsey	Tueart • (80th min.)
Jan. 12	SUNDERLAND (FAC3 replay)	2-1	—	22,356	Corrigan	Ranson	Bond	Reid	Power x	Kinsey x	Tueart	Reeves	Cross 1	Hartford 1★	Bodak"	McDonald • (85th min.)
Jan. 15	NORWICH CITY	4-1	8	22,000	Corrigan	Ranson	Bond 1	Reid	Power	Kinsey	Tueart	Reeves	Cross 2★	Hartford 1	Bodak	McDonald
Jan. 22	Aston Villa	1-1	10	20,415	Corrigan	Ranson	Bond	Reid	Power	Caton	Tueart	Reeves x	Cross	Hartford 1★	Kinsey	Bodak
Jan. 29	Brighton H.A. (FAC4)	0-4	—	16,804	Corrigan	Ranson	Bond	Reid x★	Power○	Caton	Tueart	Reeves	Cross	Hartford	Kinsey	Bodak • (31st min.)
Feb. 5	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	2-2	10	26,357	Corrigan x	Ranson★	McDonald	Reid x	Bond	Caton	Tueart 1 (pen)	Reeves	Cross 1	Hartford	Bodak	May
Feb. 12	Coventry City	0-4	11	9,527	Williams	Ranson	McDonald"	Reid	Bond	Caton★	May	Reeves	Cross x	Hartford	Bodak	Park D • (65th min.)
Feb. 19	NOTTS. COUNTY	0-1	12	21,199	Corrigan	Ranson x	May x★	Davies	Bond	Caton	Tueart	Reeves	Cross	Hartford	Bodak"	Park • (82nd min.)
Feb. 26	Sunderland	2-3	15	15,1244	Corrigan	Ranson x	McDonald x	Bond	May	Caton 1	Tueart x	Reeves 1	Baker★	Hartford	Bodak x§	Hildersley
Mar. 2	EVERTON	0-0	14	22,253	Corrigan	Ranson	McDonald x	Reid	Bond★	Caton	Tueart	Reeves	Baker	Hartford	Bodak	Cross
Mar. 5	MANCHESTER UNITED	1-2	16	45,400	Corrigan	Ranson	McDonald	Reid	Bond★	Caton	Tueart	Reeves 1	Cross x	Hartford x	Baker"	Bodak • (81st min.)
Mar. 12	Swansea City	1-4	17	9,884	Corrigan	Golac D	McDonald 1	Reid	Bond	Caton	Tueart	Reeves★	Cross	Hildersley Dx"	Baker	May • (54th min.)
Mar. 19	Southampton	1-4	17	17,201	Williams	Golac○	Lomax D	Reid	Bond x	Caton	Tueart	Reeves 1★	Cross	Power	Baker	May • (43rd min.)
Mar. 26	IPSWICH TOWN	0-1	17	21,845	Williams	Ranson	Power	Reid	Bond★	Caton	Bodak"	Reeves	Cross	Hartford	Baker	Tueart • (79th min.)
April 2	West Bromwich Albion	2-0	16	13,654	Williams	Ranson	Power	Reid	Bond	Caton x	Kinsey	Reeves 1★	Cross 1	Hartford	Baker	May
April 4	LIVERPOOL	0-4	17	35,647	Williams★	Ranson	Power x	Reid	Bond	Caton	Kinsey	Reeves	Cross	Hartford	Baker"	May • (64th min.)
April 9	Stoke City	0-1	17	15,372	Williams	Ranson	McDonald x	Reid	Bond★	Caton	Kinsey	Reeves	Cross	Hartford	Power	Tueart
April 16	WEST HAM UNITED	2-0	17	23,015	Williams	Ranson	McDonald 1	Reid	Bond★	Caton	Tueart 1 (pen)	Reeves	Kinsey	Hartford	Power	Bodak
April 23	Arsenal	0-3	19	16,810	Williams	Ranson"	McDonald	Reid	Bond	Caton★	Tueart	Baker	Kinsey	Hartford	Power	Bodak • (68th min.)
April 30	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	1-2	19	23,563	Williams	Ranson	McDonald	Reid	Bond	Caton	Tueart	Baker 1	Kinsey	Hartford★	Power	Hildersley
May 7	Brighton & H.A.	1-0	19	17,794	Williams	Ranson x	McDonald	Reid	Bond	Caton★	Tueart x	Reeves 1	Baker	Hartford x	Power	May
May 14	LUTON TOWN	H			*Alistair Robertson (West Brom) own goal on 28.12.82											

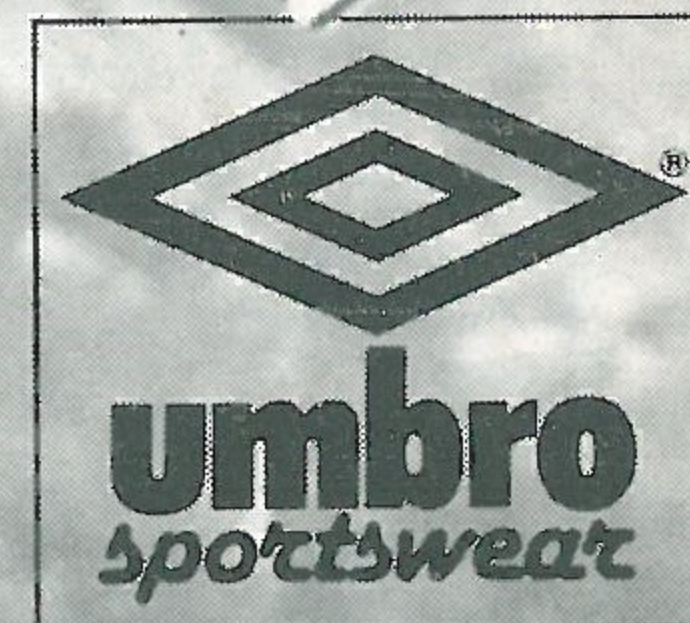
First Division Details 1982-83

League table is up to and including Friday, May 13th, 1983.

	Home					Away					Pts.	Goal Difference	Top League Scorer	Average Home League Attendance		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F				A	this season	last season
Liverpool	41	16	4	1	55	16	8	6	6	31	19	82	+51	Ian Rush 24	34,836	35,060
Manchester United	41	14	7	0	39	10	5	6	9	15	25	70	+19	Frank Stapleton 14	41,573	44,570
Watford	41	15	2	3	47	19	6	3	12	25	37	68	+16	Luther Blissett 26	19,012	14,631
Nottingham Forest	41	12	5	4	34	18	7	4	9	25	32	66	+9	Ian Wallace 10	17,804	19,937
Tottenham Hotspur	41	14	4	2	46	14	5	5	11	15	35	65	+12	Alan Brazil 15 (10 for Ipswich)	30,592	35,099
Aston Villa	41	16	2	2	45	14	4	3	14	15	35	65	+11	Peter Withe 17	23,680	26,875
Everton	41	13	5	2	42	18	5	4	12	23	29	63	+18	Graeme Sharp 14	20,454	24,673
West Ham United	41	13	3	5	41	23	6	1	13	23	37	61	+4	Paul Goddard/Francois van der Elst 9 each	22,772	26,584
Arsenal	41	11	6	4	36	19	5	4	11	21	35	58	+3	Tony Woodcock 14	24,152	25,493
Ipswich Town	41	11	3	7	39	23	4	9	7	24	26	57	+14	John Wark 19	19,676	21,925
Southampton	41	11	5	4	36	21	4	7	10	18	36	57	-3	Danny Wallace 12	18,787	21,835
Stoke City	41	13	4	4	34	21	3	5	12	18	39	57	-8	Mickey Thomas 12	16,645	14,635
West Bromwich Albion	41	11	5	5	35	20	4	6	10	15	28	56	-2	Garry Thompson 10 (4 for Coventry)	15,258	16,785
Norwich City	41	9	6	5	28	17	4	6	11	22	40	51	-7	John Deehan 19	17,546	14,183
Sunderland	41	7	9	4	29	21	5	4	12	18	39	49	-13	Gary Rowell 16	17,402	19,607
Notts County	41	11	4	5	34	23	3	3	15	18	46	49	-17	Justin Fashanu (3 for Southampton) Iain McCulloch 10 each	10,046	11,627
Coventry City	41	10	5	5	27	13	3	4	14	19	42	48	-9	Steve Whitton 11	10,458	13,099
Birmingham City	41	9	7	5	29	24	2	7	11	10	31	47	-16	Mike Ferguson 8	15,593	17,116
MANCHESTER CITY	41	9	5	6	26	22	4	3	14	21	47	47	-22	Kevin Reeves 7	25,985	34,063
Luton Town	41	7	7	7	34	33	4	6	10	30	51	46	-20	Brian Stein 14	13,448	11,880
Swansea City	41	10	4	6	32	26	0	7	14	19	40	41	-15	Bob Latchford 20	11,804	18,225
Brighton & Hove Albion	41	8	7	6	25	22	1	6	13	12	44	40	-29	Michael Robinson 7	14,767	18,244

Keep fit with Umbro

For jogging, training and keeping fit ...
for football, squash, tennis and leisure ...
choose quality. Choose Umbro.
From good sport outfitters everywhere.



	LEAGUE			MILK CUP			F.A. CUP		
	Pld.	Sub	Gls.	Pld.	Sub	Gls.	Pld.	Sub	Gls.
Graham Baker	26 (137)	— (2)	4 (26)	4 (10)	— (1)	— (2)	— (3)	— (1)	— (1)
Peter Bodak	12 (42)	2 (4)	1 (6)	— (6)	— (—)	— (1)	2 (8)	1 (1)	— (—)
Kevin Bond	39 (208)	— (6)	3 (18)	4 (20)	— (—)	— (—)	3 (11)	— (—)	— (3)
Tommy Caton	37 (147)	— (1)	5 (5)	4 (18)	— (—)	— (—)	2 (12)	— (—)	— (—)
Ian Davies	2 (105)	— (4)	— (5)	— (7)	— (—)	— (1)	— (2)	— (—)	— (—)
Asa Hartford.	37 (541)	— (9)	3 (52)	4 (49)	— (—)	— (3)	3 (43)	— (—)	1 (3)
Ron Hildersley	1 (1)	1 (1)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)
Steve Kinsey	12 (26)	— (3)	1 (1)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	3 (3)	— (1)	— (—)
Geoff Lomax	1 (1)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)
Bobby McDonald	31 (289)	— (6)	3 (28)	3 (20)	— (—)	— (2)	— (20)	1 (1)	— (5)
Andy May	4 (7)	4 (8)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)
Terry Park	— (159)	2 (5)	— (15)	— (9)	— (—)	— (2)	— (10)	— (—)	— (7)
Paul Power	32 (242)	— (7)	1 (22)	4 (23)	— (—)	2 (2)	2 (21)	— (—)	— (5)
Ray Ranson	39 (154)	— (1)	— (1)	4 (19)	— (—)	— (—)	3 (12)	— (—)	— (—)
Kevin Reeves	39 (306)	— (5)	7 (90)	4 (27)	— (—)	— (6)	3 (23)	— (—)	— (4)
Nicky Reid	23 (125)	1 (2)	— (—)	1 (12)	— (—)	— (—)	3 (13)	— (—)	— (—)
Paul Simpson	1 (1)	2 (2)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)
Dennis Tueart	29 (388)	6 (16)	5 (132)	3 (27)	— (—)	2 (18)	2 (28)	1 (3)	— (6)
Alex Williams	16 (21)	— (—)	— (—)	1 (1)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)
TRANSFERRED: David Cross (to Vancouver Whitecaps on 19.4.83)	31 (470)	— (12)	12 (180)	4 (46)	— (1)	— (20)	3 (38)	— (—)	1 (10)
TRANSFERRED: Joe Corrigan (to Seattle Sounders, U.S.A. on 25.3.83)	25 (476)	— (—)	— (—)	3 (52)	— (—)	— (—)	3 (37)	— (—)	— (—)
TRANSFERRED: Chris Jones (to Crystal Palace on 25.11.82)	3 (149)	— (15)	— (34)	— (6)	— (—)	— (1)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)
RELEASED: Ivan Golac (On 9.4.83)	2 (154)	— (1)	— (4)	— (13)	— (—)	— (—)	— (13)	— (—)	— (—)
RETIRED: Phil Boyer (On 19.2.83)	1 (518)	— (6)	1 (159)	1 (41)	— (—)	— (14)	— (40)	— (—)	— (14)
ON LOAN: Aage Hareide (to Norwich City on 5.11.82)	8 (400)	— (7)	— (104)	— (—)	— (1)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)

*Figures in parenthesis are career total details in all Competitions. Up to and including Saturday, May 13th, 1983.

MANCHESTER CITY SOUVENIR SHOP

Maine Road • Moss Side • Manchester M14 7WN • Tel: 061-226 4824
SALE! SALE! SALE!

Starting Monday, 16th May, 1983

Sale at Manchester City Souvenir Shop for 1 Week only.

20% off all Goods (Not goods on Special Offer or Programmes)

Football Shirts home or away with or without Saab 22"x24" 26"x28" 30"x32" 34"x36" 38"x40" 42"x44"	from £8.80p
Football Shorts home or away	from £3.85p
Football Socks Boys and Mens home or away	from £1.99p
Rugs	£7.99p
Centenary Sweaters Sky 36" to 46"	£15.95p
Grip and Shoulder Bags	from £3.95p
Scarves, Hats, Caps, Gloves	from 50p
Teddies	from £1.75p
T-Shirts all sizes and styles	from £2.75p
Framed Photos of some Players approx. 10"x8"	£2.50p
Framed Photos of Team approx. 10"x8"	£2.50p
Money Boxes	from £1.25p
Handkerchief Sets with Pen	£1.95p
Ladies Briefs 1 size	£1.20p
Mens Briefs S. M. L.	£1.20p
Lapel Badges and Sew on Patches	from 50p

Many more items call in the shop

Summer Opening Hours from 23rd May to August 25th 1983

Monday to Friday	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

UP TO £15 OFF YOUR 1983 SUMMER HOLIDAY

with Holiday Experience Hotel, Villa and Apartment
Holidays to Ibiza, Formentera, Majorca and Menorca

Each Manchester City FC programme you buy this season will have this 50p voucher printed inside. Collect as many vouchers as you like up to a maximum of 30 per person and they will be accepted as part payment towards your 1983 Holiday Experience holiday booking.

(Note: Holiday deposits must be paid in full—the value of the vouchers collected will be deducted from the balance of the holiday cost when invoiced). Ask your ABTA travel agent for our brochure

50p
NO. 24
VOUCHER

or contact Holiday Experience at
Warwick House,
Warwick Road,
Stretford, Manchester. M16 0QQ.
Tel: 061-872 0110

ATOL
1003B



THE CENTRAL LEAGUE PAGE

CENTRAL LEAGUE APPEARANCES '82-83

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES

1982		
Sept.	7—	NOTTS COUNTY (Hoyland 2) 2-1
Sept.	14—	SUNDERLAND (Jones) 1-1
Sept.	21—	Derby County 0-5
Sept.	28—	OLDHAM ATHLETIC (Simpson 2, May, Hoyland, Jones, Lomax) 6-1
Oct.	12—	Bradford City (Abbott own goal) 1-0
Oct.	19—	DERBY COUNTY (Boyer 2) 2-0
Nov.	2—	BARNSELY (Reid, Kinsey 2) 3-0
Nov.	11—	CHESTERFIELD 0-1
Nov.	16—	BURNLEY (Wilson penalty) 1-2
Nov.	23—	Preston North End (Booth o.g. Sanderson) 2-3
Nov.	30—	ROTHERHAM UNITED (Ryan 2, May) 3-1
Dec.	8—	Nottingham Forest 0-3
Dec.	14—	BOLTON WANDERERS (Simpson pen.) 1-3
1983		
Jan.	11—	Middlesbrough 0-1
Jan.	25—	Wigan Athletic 0-4
Feb.	1—	Notts County 0-2
Feb.	16—	Chesterfield (Baker) 1-3
Feb.	22—	BRADFORD CITY 0-1
Mar.	1—	Oldham Athletic 0-0
Mar.	9—	Sunderland (Sanderson) 1-0
Mar.	15—	WIGAN ATHLETIC (McDonald, Power 2, Cross) 4-1
Mar.	21—	Port Vale Res. (Hildersley, Wilson pen, Lomax, Park, Hoyland) 5-0
Mar.	29—	PRESTON (Wilson 2 (1 pen), Ridding, Lomax) 4-1
Apr.	5—	Burnley Res. (Davies) 1-1
Apr.	12—	NOTTINGHAM FOR. RES. (Tueart pen., Cross 2, Park) ... 4-1
Apr.	19—	Rotherham United Res. (Jackson, Park) 2-2
Apr.	26—	PORT VALE (Sanderson) 1-1
May	4—	Bolton Wanderers (Jackson) 1-1
May	10—	MIDDLESBROUGH (Davies, Jackson, Wilson, Sanderson 2, Adams 2) 7-0
May	18—	Barnsley A

CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Nottingham Forest	29	21	3	5	62	27	45
Sunderland	30	17	9	4	72	34	43
Bolton Wanderers	29	17	3	9	66	48	37
Burnley	27	13	7	7	42	37	33
MANCHESTER CITY	29	12	6	11	53	40	30
Derby County	27	12	3	12	57	42	27
Bradford City	27	10	6	11	38	45	26
Chesterfield	28	10	5	13	41	40	25
Rotherham	29	8	9	12	29	45	25
Middlesbrough	26	10	3	13	33	41	23
Wigan Athletic	26	9	5	12	38	47	23
Preston North End	28	10	3	15	46	64	23
Notts County	26	9	4	13	41	60	22
Barnsley	25	7	5	13	34	39	19
Port Vale	26	6	6	14	34	52	18
Oldham Athletic	24	7	3	14	27	52	17

League table up to and inc. Wednesday, May 11th, 1983.

Don't forget to
stick this in
your voucher
sheet.

**MANCHESTER
CITY No 40
SEASON 1982-83**

	Pld.	Sub	Gls.
John Blott	8	—	—
Alex Williams	12	—	—
Ian Senior	8	—	—
John Ryan	11	1	2
Andy May	25	—	2
Mike Queenan	11	—	—
Ray Ranson	2	—	—
Bobby McDonald	7	—	1
Neil Aldridge	6	—	—
Ian Davies	20	—	2
John Ridding	4	—	1
Geoff Lomax	24	1	3
Robin Webb	9	—	—
Kevin Bond	2	—	—
Gary Jackson	17	3	3
Nicky Reid	3	—	1
Peter Bell	2	1	—
Paul Jewell	1	—	—
Asa Hartford	1	—	—
Terry Milligan	3	4	—
Clive Wilson	16	—	5
Graham Baker	4	—	1
Jamie Hoyland	14	4	4
Ron Hildersley	18	—	1
Ricky Adams	3	3	2
Terry Park	15	—	3
Steve Kinsey	7	—	2
Peter Bodak	9	—	—
Dennis Tueart	3	—	1
Paul Power	2	—	2
Paul Sanderson	19	1	4
Paul Simpson	10	3	3
ON LOAN			
Aage Hareide	1	—	—
(to Norwich City on 5.11.82)			
TRANSFERRED			
Chris Jones	8	—	2
(to Crystal Palace on 25.11.82)			
Joe Corrigan	1	—	—
(to Seattle Sounders on 25.3.83)			
David Cross	2	—	3
(to Vancouver Whitecaps on 19.4.83)			
RETIRED			
Phil Boyer	8	—	2
(on 19.2.83)			
RELEASED			
Ivan Golac	1	—	—
(on 9.4.83)			
Nicky Stanley	2	—	—
OWN GOALS			
Abbott (Bradford City) on 12.10.82			
Booth (Preston North End) on 23.11.82			

Details are up to and including Friday, May 13th, 1983

Wednesday, May 4th, 1983
Bolton Wanderers Res. 1 . . . City Res. 1

ALTHOUGH chances fell to **Paul Sanderson** and **Gary Jackson** which could have given the Blues an interval lead, the team performance was not impressive and the early period never hit any heights.

City did much better after the break, despite Bolton taking a lead in the early stages.

The point-saver came via a **Peter Bodak** cross which **Gary Jackson** headed in and though the 'keeper got his hands to the effort he couldn't keep it out.

Ricky Adams had an outstanding game at the centre of defence only the youngster's second full match for the reserves though he's appeared 3 times as a sub. **Andy May** also played well alongside him and **Terry Park** had one of his better matches.

Team: Senior; Lomax, Davies; May, Adams, Hildersley* (sub: Hoyland*); Bodak, Park, Sanderson, Jackson, Wilson.

Tuesday, May 10th, 1983
City Res. 7 . . . Middlesbrough Res. 0

AS THE score suggests it was one-way traffic with the Blues having a five-goal advantage at the interval.

The best of the bunch was netted by **Ian Davies**, who had another starring game. In the 3rd minute he crashed a 25-yard right-foot volley which flew into the top corner. **Gary Jackson** scored with a good volley only 7 minutes later and then **Clive Wilson** (14th) **Paul Sanderson** (18th) and **Ricky Adams** (45th) put Middlesbrough on the rack with more goals.

Sanderson notched his second two minutes after the break and then Adams completed his 'double' in the 67th minute.

The team performance was particularly pleasing with Davies and **Clive Wilson** in fine form.

Team: Senior; Lomax, Davies; May, Adams, Wilson; Bodak* (sub: Hoyland*), Park, Sanderson, Jackson, Hildersley.

CITY RESERVES PLAY THEIR FINAL GAME OF THE 1982-83 SEASON NEXT WEDNESDAY, MAY 18th AT BARNESLEY.

YOUNG BLUES

by John Ryan
(Youth Team Coach)

TWO 'A' team games in three days over the Bank Holiday a fortnight ago . . . one win, one defeat . . . one good performance, one not so good.

In our home game against Rochdale Reserves (Saturday, April 30th) there were 9 goals and plenty of incidents in both goalmouths before we ran out worthy 6-3 winners.

Our display in the first half was superb with everybody playing their part. Goals from **Gary Jackson**, **Jamie Hoyland**, an own goal and the best one of the game—a real solo effort from **Martin Bell**—put us into a 4-0 lead. We then relaxed and became a rather sloppy outfit, quickly giving away two goals through silly defensive play.

At half-time a few harsh words restored our energy a little and we increased our lead through **Gary Jackson**. Rochdale pulled another goal back before Gary completed his hat-trick and settled the game a few minutes from the end.

Two days later (Monday, May 2nd) we entertained Barrow Reserves at Platt Lane on a pitch made very heavy by torrential rain.

We were defeated 0-2 and to many of our faults from the Saturday game were again evident. Too many of the young players failed to realise how important their defensive duties are in the game.

Although I preach (what a horrible word!) attacking football there are times when you have to defend, so you may as well be as good at defending as you can be.

Poor marking, failing to run with opponents or close them down are things that can only lead to defeat, no matter how well you play when you have the ball.

Despite this we had a few chances and none better than when **Paul Simpson**, usually so reliable from the spot, missed a penalty just before half-time. Without making excuses we did not have the best of luck around the penalty area and really we had a day when we could have played till night-time and I don't think we would have scored.

As I write these notes we have only one Lancashire League game to complete and, of course, the Lancashire Youth Cup Final against Manchester United at Old Trafford (note: this match was played last night).

Looking back over the season and the way they have performed, the youngsters have been superb ambassadors for City in the way they have promoted the club throughout the year.

MANCHESTER CITY 'A' LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

1982	
Aug. 28—Liverpool 'A'	0-0
Sept. 11— FORMBY RES. (Adams)	1-0
Sept. 18— ALTRINCHAM RES. (Lomax, Simpson)	2-1
Sept. 25— BURNLEY 'A' (Bell, Simpson, Adams, Hoyland) ..	4-2
Sept. 30—Altrincham Res. (Hoyland)	1-4
Oct. 2—Everton 'A' (Beckford, May)	2-3
Oct. 9—Rochdale Res. (Jackson)	1-0
Oct. 16— LIVERPOOL 'A'	0-1
Oct. 23—Formby Res. (Hildersley 2, Simpson 2, Adams 2, Bell)	7-0
Oct. 30—Barrow Res. (Kinsey 2, Sanderson, Milligan, May) ..	5-1
Nov. 6— RUNCORN RES. (Sanderson 2, Bell)	3-2
Nov. 13—Manchester United 'A' (Sanderson 2, Beresford, Adams, Wilson)	5-1
Nov. 20— CHORLEY RES. (Simpson 2, Milligan, Valentine) ..	4-3
Nov. 27— SOUTHPORT RES. (Simpson pen.)	1-1
Dec. 11—Runcorn Res. (Simpson)	1-2
1983	
Jan. 5— CHESTER 'A' (Muirhead)	1-2
Jan. 22— MANCHESTER UNITED 'A' (Hoyland, Webb)	2-2
Feb. 5—Tranmere R. Res. (Hoyland, Muirhead, Peter Bell) ..	3-1
Feb. 26—Chorley Res. (Simpson 2, Sanderson, Hoyland) ...	4-2
Mar. 7—Stockport C. Res. (Peter Bell, Muirhead)	2-1
Mar. 12—Burnley 'A' (Webb, Hoyland, Adams)	3-4
Mar. 19— BOLTON WDRS. 'A'	0-1
Mar. 26—Bolton Wdrs 'A' (Kinsey, Boyd)	2-1
April 2—Southport Res. (Simpson)	1-1
April 14—Chester 'A' (Hoyland)	1-1
April 16— TRANMERE R. RES. (Davies 2, Simpson)	3-2
April 23— STOCKPORT COUNTY RES. (Adams)	1-3
April 30— ROCHDALE RES. (Jackson 3, Hoyland, Bell o.g.) ..	6-3
May 2— BARROW RES.	0-2
LANCASHIRE YOUTH CUP (2nd round)	
Oct. 27—Bolton Wanderers (Bell, Adams, Hildersley)	3-1
Semi-Final	
April 7— BURNLEY YOUTH (Martin Bell 2, Hoyland, Peter Bell, Simpson, Webb)	6-0
F.A. YOUTH CUP (2nd round)	
Nov. 22—Leeds United (Adams, Milligan)	2-3

ALL HOME GAMES ARE PLAYED AT PLATT LANE.

CITY

Sky blue shirts, shorts and stockings with white diamond trim.

1. **ALEX WILLIAMS**
It's his 10th successive senior game today since the departure of Joe Corrigan which means that Alex has established his longest consecutive run of first team games since making his debut here on 14.3.81 v West Brom.
2. **RAY RANSON**
Has missed only two senior games all season, both due to a mid-March suspension. When the teams met at Luton in a 1-3 City defeat last Dec 11th, Ray took our man-of-the-match honours.
3. **BOBBY McDONALD**
Suffered one of his 10 bookings this season in the 1-3 defeat at Luton last Dec 11th, cautioned for a foul on 'keeper Findlay. Today's his 296th League appearance, 6 of them as a sub.
4. **NICKY REID**
Gave a star-man display at left back in the Blues team that went to Luton in the League Cup 3rd round on 23.9.80 to clinch a 2-1 win and this will be his third appearance v the Hatters.
5. **KEVIN BOND**
Voted City's Player of the Year a fortnight ago by an overwhelming majority—58 percent of the Supporters' Club ballot. He also shared with Tommy Caton the Junior Blues award as the club's Top Player.
6. **TOMMY CATON**
Runner-up in City's Player of the Year poll with 21 percent of the Supporters' Club vote after winning the prize last year. The Junior Blues have named him as their joint Player of the Year with Kevin Bond.
7. **DENNIS TUEART**
Scored the goal past Luton that earned the Blues a 1-1 draw in the final game of the '74-75 season for both teams...a result on Apr 26 at Kenilworth Road that made the Hatters favourites to be relegated...which they were.
8. **KEVIN REEVES**
Scored the most vital of his 34 goals for City when he headed the 73rd min. winner in the relegation battle at Brighton last Sat—and was chaired off at the finish by ecstatic City fans.
9. **GRAHAM BAKER**
Snapped up City's consolation goal in the 1-2 home defeat v Nott'm For. a fortnight ago, his first scoring effort in 7 months—though he missed 3 months and 14 senior games with a troublesome ankle injury.
10. **ASA HARTFORD**
Put through his own net at Luton last Dec 11th following a David Moss corner 4 mins. from time, his own goal sealing defeat at 1-3. Also booked following a skirmish with Brian Horton.
11. **PAUL POWER Captain**
It's his 6th City game v Luton, more than any other player in this side. 3 have been drawn and 2 have been wins—all in the League Cup. Making his 250th League appearance for City today, 7 of the games as sub.

Sub: KINSEY



Match Ball donated by Northwest Flooring Contractors Ltd. 672/674 Bolton Road, Swinton.

Referee: **ARNOLD CHALLINOR** (Rotherham)

Linesmen: **Red flag: John Kirkby** (Sheffield)

Orange flag: Des Tweats (Poulton-le-Fylde)

Editor: **Paul Doherty**

Printed by **Engraving Services Ltd.** Moss Side, Manchester.



LUTON TOWN

White shirts with orange sleeves and shoulders with navy stripes, white shorts, orange stockings.



TONY GODDEN

Signed on loan from West Brom at the end of March to replace injured Jake Findlay. The 27 year old has now played 11 times since his debut v Sunderland on Mar 26th. Signed for Albion in '75.

1.

KIRK STEPHENS

Ever-present in the 2nd Div championship team last season, was signed for £5,000 from non-league Nuneaton in the summer of '78. Previously played under manager David Pleat at Nuneaton, where he stayed for 6 years.

2.

PAUL ELLIOTT

Due to return today after a two-match suspension, he's been at Luton since the start of Mar, costing £150,000 from Charlton. Five years earlier the 19 year old England Youth international was turned down by Luton.

3.

BRIAN HORTON Captain

Playing his 535th League game today, starting with 236 of those games for Port Vale and then being sold for £30,000 to Brighton in Mar '76. Had a further 218 League games with Brighton, moved to Luton in Aug '81.

4.

CLIVE GOODYEAR

A 22 year old who has been with Luton since Oct '78 when he was recommended by a former playing colleague of manager David Pleat. Lincoln-born Clive made his debut in '79-80 at centre half v Wrexham.

5.

MAL DONAGHY

One of the 4 ever-presents in Luton's 2nd Div. championship team last season, he's missed 2 games this term. Northern Ireland international, on duty in last summer's thrilling World Cup exploits by his country. Aged 25.

6.

RICKY HILL

Twice-capped by England, his last call-up being v West Germany on Oct 13th. Was Luton's Player of the Year last season. A Londoner, born of Jamaican parents, he signed as a youth from schools soccer.

7.

TREVOR AYLOTT

£55,000 pre-deadline signing from Millwall he's scored twice in his 11 Luton games his debut being at home to Sunderland on Mar 26th. Began at Chelsea where he had 29 League games and a loan spell at Q.P.R.

8.

PAUL WALSH

England under-21 striker born in London, he was a £350,000 buy from Charlton last summer and in his total of 14 Luton goals has notched three hat-tricks. Scored past our Blues last Dec 11th when Luton won 3-1.

9.

WAYNE TURNER

A bout of conjunctivitis prevented him playing at Man Utd last Mon. night when Luton lost 0-3. Groomed through schools and youth soccer at Luton he had a spell on loan with Lincoln from Nov '81 to Mar '82.

10.

RAY DANIEL

An 18 year old local lad who has graduated through the youth ranks and was making his full League debut at Man Utd. last Mon night in the 0-3 defeat—had previously played as sub v Sunderland on Mar 26th.

11.

Sub: ANTIC