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BY L. S. HAWKINS, *PRESIDENT and CHAIRMAN.*

Once again, I am happy to be able to say that the Club is still growing in membership, completely flourishing and has again made a substantial contribution to the parent football club.

For the second consecutive year, we have been able to donate £4,000, which I know only too well, in any other capacity as a member of the Board of the Town F. C., goes a long way towards easing the strain during the summer months when general income is relatively low and nothing is coming in through the turnstiles.

This brings the total handed over in the last four years to £19,500 and there is no doubt that the football club has come to depend on us for a valuable and regular source of income.

It is calculated that the total that has been handed over in hard cash through the years is near to £50,000 and that does not take into account the far-reaching improvements that were made to the ground under the guidance of the former President, the late Mr. Philip Wright.

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Subscription must be accompanied with application for membership. If applicant is not elected, money is refunded.

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Membership of the Bobbers' Club is still on the increase, but, naturally, we should like to see more join us. New members are always welcome for the very moderate annual outlay of 1/2d., while life membership can be secured for only £1 : 1s.

Activities within the club have been markedly on the increase, and there is no doubt that the most successful of our recent ventures has been the Football Queen contest which reached a new high in popularity this year when the Bobbers' Club was crammed to the doors for the judging.

For this success, a good deal of credit is due to Frank Shephard and Ken Emmerton, and to our Pools Organiser, Ted Payne, for his tremendous efforts in securing prizes for the raffle which yielded a handsome profit of £60. Our warm thanks go to those who so willingly donated prizes.

So popular has this event become, that serious thought will have to be given to the advisability of finding larger premises to accommodate it. We do not want to take it away from the club, but we are finding the available accommodation there squeezed to the absolute limit.

In the various social events we have organised, I would pay tribute to the whole-hearted support we have received from the Directors and officials of the football club, which is a clear indication of the warm friendliness and co-operation that exists between the two bodies.

There is a lively indoor games section, as is instanced by the fact that our dominoes team won the "Champions of Champions" Cup in the Luton Clubs' League and the League Championship, and we provided both the finalists for the League singles championship.

That the club will never be short of recruits from the younger ranks is evidenced by the strength of the youth section, which, for the fourth year, made its "Player of the Year" award of which Graham French was the recipient on this occasion.

At nearly every away match, the regular following, invariably led by Frank Shephard and his wife and Ken Emmerton, contains a large number of members of the youth section.

To help foster the spirit here, we are trying to arrange for Saturday evenings after home matches, film shows of past Cup Finals and Internationals.

Finally, I am fortunate in having the backing of a hard-working committee and two highly efficient officials in Jim MacVay, the hon. secretary, and Arthur Wright who is vice-chairman, as well as hon. treasurer.

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We have high hopes this year of achieving what we narrowly missed doing in the season before last and gaining promotion.

All the planning which took place in the latter end of the last campaign and during the summer, has been aimed at this objective and I am confident that Manager Allan Brown has got together a team good enough to gain the prize.

Even though, in terms of numbers, the playing staff is small, we feel that each position is adequately covered and, if we have a reasonable free run so far as injuries are concerned, then we should certainly prosper.

The crunch will probably come in the opening phase in which seven of the first eleven matches are due to be played away and this will provide a firm indication of whether the form on opponents' grounds is going to be better than it was last season.

Then, at home, our record compared favourably with most, but away, there seemed to be a lack of confidence and determination which led to a distinct fear about the prospect of having to apply for re-election at one time.

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Happily, this was avoided with something to spare at the end and there were indications of better things on opponents' grounds towards the end of the campaign.

In planning for the future, the Manager had something of a clear-out, leaving himself with rather less than a complete team.

With patience and much hard work, he has secured what the early practice matches have proved to be adequate and experienced replacements and, perhaps, his biggest success was in persuading Rodney Green to join us from Charlton Athletic.

He is the free scoring type of centre-forward we have lacked since the departure of John O'Rourke to Middlesbrough, a move that was forced upon us and our goal-scoring record should be much better as a result.

We have now increased our Board to eight by the inclusion of Mr. A. T. Hunt and Mr. R. I. Burr. The club looks forward to a happy association with these two new members for many years to come.

So, I feel that we have every right to view the coming months with confidence and in the knowledge that we have the resources available to strengthen any position that would seem in need of attention in the light of the experience of the early matches.

The future looks bright and I would emphasise that promotion to the Third Division is merely our first aim. The ultimate must be to restore the club to its former glory of a few years ago and no effort will be spared to do so.

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Dear Supporters,

I feel being asked back to manage the club I once played for was an honour in itself, you feel that somewhere along the line, the Directors felt you have done a good job.

The thought of coming to a Fourth Division club, second from the bottom, must have raised a few comments from the general public, such as, "He must be mad" I know, I heard some of the remarks that went about.

Once you have been with a club, knowing the set-up when we were in the First Division, you know the potentials are there to start with, the only challenge then is to get a winning team to get the support back, which a town of this size desires.

When I first arrived, my main objection was to help the club clear of the bottom four, I knew we would not be voted out of the League but it does not look nice on our record, "Luton had to be re-elected." So this I set out to do and in the end we were well clear of the bottom four, but after our poor Easter games things really looked bad.

I had to go along with the staff that was already there, as money was not available at that time.

Looking back over last season, our home record was equal to any of the teams that were promoted, but oh dear! that away record was non-existent, only one win all season was a rather feeble effort.

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When the season was over, I had to get the broom out to give the place a clean sweep, — this I did. I let eight players go free, changed our trainer, this was to give me breathing space to find the men I wanted.

The first signing I had in mind was a big stopper type centre-half this I have found in Terry Branston, from Northampton, only 28 years old, plenty of experience, from the First, Second and Third Divisions, good in the air, strong on the ground, — what more could a Manager ask for?

Near the end of the last season, Alan Slough had to have a cartilage removed, a replacement had to be found. Billy McDerment, a very industrious type, always looking for work, wanting to be in the game, has played centre-half, centre-forward, wing half and full-back, what an asset to any club a player like this can be when clubs like ours have to exist on a small staff.

Having many contacts in the game is a big advantage, this is how I signed Tommy Hare from Southampton. He was recommended to me by a friend of mine who has a good knowledge of the game. This started the ball rolling, I made no fewer than six more contacts to find out, if they could fault the boy, but none could so Tommy Hare was then signed.

Playing in the reserves last season, we came up against Millwall Res. I was so impressed with Mick Brown that I jotted him down in my little black book for future reference. I was amazed when I knew he was to be freed, he was a must, for I knew he can play in any forward position.

A big centre-forward is still on the cards. I feel in the Fourth Division there is a lot of kick and rush football unless you have a big one up the middle to challenge. Defences, their life is made too easy, also when teams are away from home, they operate defensive tactics which I feel are ruining the game, but are very hard to break down and being a forward in my playing career, it was hard enough to score without bringing any more players back to defend.

A goalkeeper is coming down for a trial period, with a good playing record. I feel we must have two 'keepers with experience if we want to get back to a higher Division, this, I can tell you is what we are all striving hard to do — to put Luton back in the First Division — where we belong.

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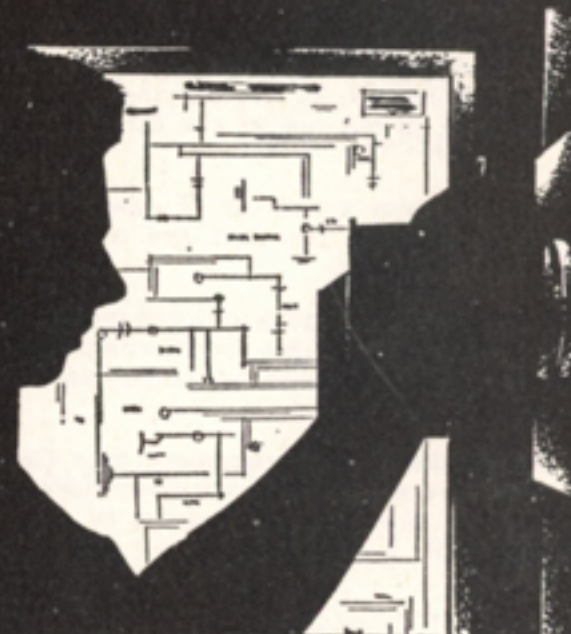
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FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR 1966/67. Graham French (second from left) is seen here being presented with his Trophy by Michael Ogden, the Chairman of the Junior Supporters' Club, who make this Annual choice.

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Bearing this in mind, and also the team's poor record on other grounds compared with their home record, it is gratifying to report that we were able to run a Coach to all but one of the Saturday away games

Nevertheless, the old faithfuls, plus a number of new members enjoyed these trips. Miles and miles were travelled and our reward came with the two points at Notts County.

We again visited many supporters' Clubs and were entertained by them. Our thanks to Yeovil, Newport, Wigan, Scarborough, Blackpool and others. The latter being visited when we combined a trip to see the lights with our game at Southport.

A new innovation was the weekend at Scarborough over Easter. Those who came on this journey have expressed a wish for more such weekends. Seeing that Workington are now in Division IV. I hope to fix something up for this venue.

Hooliganism...

We saw one or two incidents of this, and on one occasion, our younger supporters were being provoked by a group of hooligans who had no interest in the game. They were from two other clubs in the same division.

It is with great pride that I can report that our juniors refused to become involved and on this — and on other occasions throughout the season — they have been a credit to our club. As the song goes, WE ARE THE BEST BEHAVED SUPPORTERS IN THE LAND!

My thanks to my assistant organiser Ken, for his help at the Luton end and a big vote of thanks from all our travellers to our drivers, who did a wonderful job in getting us safely to and from far away grounds.

Plans are on hand for the new season and we hope that promotion is on. We must get out of this division.

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BY Mr. E. PAYNE,

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FINAL TABLE — 1966-67

	P	Home				Goals		Away				Goals		Pts
		W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F	A		
Stockport	46	16	5	2	41	18		10	7	6	28	24		64
Southport	46	19	2	2	47	15		4	11	8	22	27		59
Barrow	46	12	8	3	35	18		12	3	8	41	36		59
Tranmere	46	14	6	3	42	20		8	8	7	24	23		58
Crewe	46	14	5	4	42	26		7	7	9	28	29		54
Southend	46	15	5	3	44	12		7	4	12	26	37		53
Wrexham	46	11	12	0	46	20		5	8	10	30	42		52
Hartlepool	46	15	3	5	44	29		7	4	12	22	35		51
Brentford	46	13	7	3	36	19		5	6	12	22	37		49
Aldershot	46	14	4	5	48	19		4	8	11	24	38		48
Bradford City	46	13	4	6	48	31		6	6	11	26	31		48
Halifax	46	10	11	2	37	27		5	3	15	22	41		44
Port Vale	46	9	7	7	33	27		5	8	10	22	31		43
Exeter	46	11	6	6	30	24		3	9	11	20	36		43
Chesterfield	46	13	6	4	33	16		4	2	17	27	47		42
Barnsley	46	8	7	8	30	28		5	8	10	30	36		41
Luton Town	46	15	5	3	47	23		1	4	18	12	50		41
Newport	46	9	9	5	35	23		3	7	13	21	40		40
Chester	46	8	5	10	24	32		7	5	11	30	46		40
Notts County	46	10	7	6	31	25		4	4	15	22	47		37
Rochdale	46	10	4	9	30	27		3	7	13	23	48		37
York City	46	11	5	7	45	31		1	6	16	20	48		35
Bradford	46	7	6	10	30	34		4	7	12	22	45		35
Lincoln City	46	7	8	8	39	39		2	5	16	19	33		31

LONDON MID-WEEK LEAGUE

FINAL TABLE OF RESULTS — SEASON 1966-67

	P	W	D	L	Goals		Pts
					F	A	
Millwall	32	24	5	3	105	37	53
Queens Park Rangers	32	21	7	4	83	30	49
Charlton Athletic	32	19	8	5	74	31	46
Colchester United	32	15	7	10	60	71	37
Aldershot	32	11	6	15	67	80	28
Watford	32	11	3	18	52	69	25
Southend United	32	8	4	20	55	79	20
Leyton Orient	32	6	4	22	32	79	16
Luton Town	32	5	4	23	37	89	14

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION IV.

				Results	
				F.	A
1967		Opponents	Ground		
Sat.	Aug.	19 — Wrexham	A		
Sat.	"	26 — Barnsley	H		
Sat.	Sept.	2 — Swansea Town	A		
Mon.	"	4 — Southend United	A		
Sat.	"	9 — Hartlepool United	H		
Sat.	"	16 — Newport County	A		
Sat.	"	23 — York City	H		
Wed.	"	27 — Southend United	H		
Sat.	"	30 — Rochdale	A		
Tues.	Oct.	3 — Doncaster Rovers	A		
Sat.	"	7 — Chester	A		
Sat.	"	14 — Chesterfield	H		
Sat.	"	21 — Exeter City	A		
Wed.	"	25 — Doncaster Rovers	H		
Sat.	"	28 — Darlington	H		
Sat.	Nov.	4 — Aldershot	A		
Sat.	"	11 — Workington	H		
Wed.	"	15 — Swansea Town	H		
Sat.	"	18 — Lincoln City	A		
Sat.	"	25 — Halifax Town	H		
Sat.	Dec.	2 — Bradford City	A		
Sat.	"	9 — F. A. Cup — Round 1			
Sat.	"	16 — Wrexham	H		
Sat.	"	23 — Barnsley	A		
Tues.	"	26 — Bradford	H		
Sat.	"	30 — Bradford	A		
1968					
Sat.	Jan.	6 — F. A. Cup — Round 2			
Sat.	"	13 — Hartlepool United	A		
Sat.	"	20 — Newport County	H		
Sat.	"	27 — Port Vale (3)	A		
Sat.	Feb.	3 — York City	A		
Sat.	"	10 — Rochdale	H		
Sat.	"	17 — Brentford (4)	A		
Sat.	"	24 — Lincoln City	H		
Sat.	Mar.	2 — Chesterfield	A		
Sat.	"	9 — Port Vale (5)	H		
Sat.	"	16 — Exeter City	H		
Sat.	"	23 — Darlington	A		
Sat.	"	30 — Aldershot (6)	H		

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1968			Opponents	Ground	Results	
					F.	A.
Sat.	Apr.	6	—	Workington	A	
Fri.	"	12	—	Notts County	H	
Sat.	"	13	—	Chester	H	
Mon.	"	15	—	Notts County	A	
Sat.	"	20	—	Halifax Town	A	
Wed.	"	24	—	Crewe Alexandra	H	
Sat.	"	27	—	Bradford City (S.F.)	H	
Sat.	May	4	—	Crewe Alexandra	A	
Sat.	"	11	—	Brentford	H	
Sat.	"	18	—	F. A. Cup Final		

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FIXTURES, 1967-68

LONDON MID-WEEK LEAGUE

1967			Opponents	Ground	Results	
					F	A
Wed.	Aug.	30	—	Colchester United	A	
Wed.	Sept.	6	—	Colchester United	H	
Wed.	"	20	—	Watford	H	
Wed.	Oct.	11	—	Millwall Athletic	A	
Wed.	"	18	—	Charlton Athletic	H	
Wed.	Nov.	1	—	Aldershot	H	
Tues.	"	7	—	Charlton Athletic	A	
Wed.	"	22	—	Southend United	H	
Tues.	"	28	—	Watford	A	
Wed.	Dec.	6	—	Queens Park Rangers	H	
Wed.	"	13	—	Southend United	A	
Tues.	"	19	—	Queens Park Rangers	A	
1968						
Wed.	Jan.	3	—	Millwall Athletic	H	
Wed.	"	10	—	Aldershot	A	
Wed.	"	17	—	Colchester United	A	
Wed.	"	24	—	Aldershot	H	
Wed.	"	31	—	Colchester United	H	
Wed.	Feb.	7	—	Millwall Athletic	A	
Wed.	"	14	—	Queens Park Rangers	H	
Tues.	"	20	—	Charlton Athletic	A	
Wed.	"	28	—	Charlton Athletic	H	
Tues.	Mar.	5	—	Queens Park Rangers	A	
Wed.	"	13	—	Watford	H	
Wed.	"	20	—	Aldershot	A	
Wed.	"	27	—	Southend United	H	
Wed.	Apr.	3	—	Southend United	A	
Wed.	"	10	—	Millwall Athletic	H	
Tues.	"	30	—	Watford	A	

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On Ground. (Left to Right) Apprentices Peter Mooney, Neil Rioch, Ken Beaven, Robin Wainwright.

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Pen Portraits - Season 1967-68

KEITH ALLEN (*Inside Forward*) Joined this club from Stockport, in exchange for Derek Kevan in March 1967. Quickly became a favourite here, he previously played for Grimsby and Portsmouth. A native of the Isle of Wight.

KEN BEAVEN (*Winger*) On our apprentice staff. A local boy who we feel sure has a bright future.

TERRY BRANSTON (*Centre Half*) Signed in June from Northampton Town for whom he played regularly and has appeared in all four divisions of the Football League. He was born at Rugby.

MICKY BROWN (*Forward*) Was born at Slough and made his League debut for Fulham where he spent five seasons, followed by two seasons at Millwall and joined Luton July 1967.

MAX DOUGAN (*Half Back*) Cost Luton a sizeable transfer fee in December 1966. His two previous clubs were Queens Park (Scotland) and Leicester City. Gained five Amateur International Caps whilst with the former.

GRAHAM FRENCH (*Winger*) Born at Wolverhampton. Has previously played for Shrewsbury, Swindon, Watford and Wellington before joining Luton in October 1965. Has several Youth International Caps for England.

TOMMY HARE (*Full Back*) Signed from Southampton in July 1967. A Scot whose birthplace is Motherwell.

FREDDIE JARDINE (*Full Back*) Another Scot, from Edinburgh, he played for Dundee before coming South to Luton in 1961. Although originally an outside left, he has now settled into the left back position.

BRIAN JOHNSON (*Winger*) Born at Newcastle. Played for Sunderland before coming to Luton in July 1966. Only 19 years of age, he has already made appearances in the first team

PETER MOONEY (*Winger*) A Luton boy on our staff as an apprentice. Already has made his mark in our reserve side, although still eligible for youth football.

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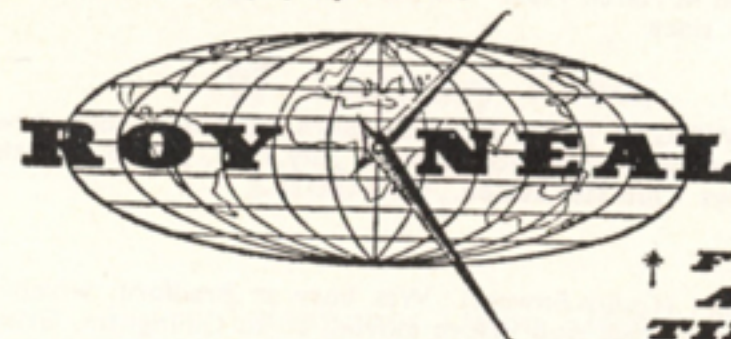
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BILLY McDERMENT (*Wing Half*) Born at Paisley, was transferred from Leicester City in July 1967 and comes with a reputation as being a rugged type of player.

TONY READ (*Goalkeeper*) Born at Haydock. His first club was Sheffield Wednesday, later going to Peterborough from whom we secured him in March 1965. Is equally well at home in the centre-forward position.

BRUCE RIOCH (*Inside Forward*) Born at Aldershot. Lived in Luton most of his life. First signed for Luton as an apprentice in 1963. Taking the full-time ticket in September 1964 and is a regular member of the first team.

NEIL RIOCH (*Half Back*) A brother of Bruce. Born at Paddington, joined Luton straight from school in July 1966. A player who shows great promise and is on our apprentice staff

ALAN SLOUGH (*Full Back*) Born at Luton, he has graduated through the ranks of schoolboy, amateur and apprentice before accepting full terms in May 1965. Can also play with distinction at wing half or inside forward.

RAY WHITTAKER (*Winger*) A Londoner from Bow, he played for the Arsenal with whom he gained England Youth International Caps before coming to Luton in March 1964. He has been a regular member of the first team ever since.

ROBIN WAINWRIGHT (*Inside Forward*) Born at Luton, our newest recruit, having signed apprentice forms in July 1967, played four times for England Boys Club last season.

RODNEY GREEN (*Centre Forward*) Was born at Bradford, which was also his first professional club before moving on to Gillingham, Grimsby and Charlton. He transferred to Luton just before this season opened.



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Moore	44	Jardine	3	Slough	2
Thomson	43	Thomson	3	Jardine	2
Whittaker	41	Moore	3	Rivers	3
French	.....	37	Pleat	.....	3	Moore	.....	2
Rioch	.....	37	Riddick	.....	3	Pleat	.....	2
Read	.....	36	Rioch	.....	3	King	.....	2
Riddick	.....	31	Whittaker	.....	3	Riddick	.....	2
Slough	.....	30	Slough	.....	2	Rioch	.....	2
Pleat	.....	30	Conboy	.....	2	Whittaker	.....	2
Dougan	.....	26	Johnson	.....	2	Thomson	.....	1
King	.....	22	King	.....	1	Thear	.....	1
Conboy	.....	19	French	.....	1			
Swan	14	Dougan	1			
Allen	14	Kevan	1			
Thear	13						
Rivers	12						
Kevan	11						
Johnson	8						
Yardley	1						
Lunniss	1						

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GOAL SCORERS - SEASON 1966-67

Football League Div. 4.		F. A. Cup		Football League Cup.	
Rioch	10	Kevan	2	King	1
Whittaker	9	Rioch	1	Whittaker	1
Allen	6	Whittaker	1	Jardine	1
Thear	5	Pleat	1		
King	4				
Pleat	4				
Riddick	4				
Kevan	4				
French	4				
Moore	2				
Slough	2				
Jardine	1				
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LONDON MID-WEEK LEAGUE - RESULTS 1966-67

			Attendance		F	A
1966						
Sept.	8	Queens Park Rangers	395	H	0	6
"	13	Charlton Athletic		A	1	5
"	22	Southend United	287	H	1	5
Oct.	6	Aldershot	344	H	4	1
"	11	Watford		A	0	3
"	26	Leyton Orient		A	0	1
Nov.	3	Colchester United	249	H	1	3
"	10	Millwall Athletic	280	H	1	2
"	14	Millwall Athletic		A	0	2
"	22	Queens Park Rangers		A	1	8
"	30	Southend United		A	1	7
Dec.	14	Aldershot		A	1	2
"	21	Watford	213	H	1	3
1967						
Jan.	12	Leyton Orient	163	H	5	0
"	25	Southend United	321	H	2	0
"	31	Charlton Athletic		A	0	3
Feb.	15	Leyton Orient	296	H	2	2
"	21	Watford		A	2	3
Mar.	1	Aldershot	329	H	3	1
"	7	Queens Park Rangers		A	0	4
"	15	Colchester United	393	H	1	2
"	22	Millwall Athletic		A	0	6
"	29	Queens Park Rangers	337	H	0	2
Apr.	3	Colchester United		A	0	0
"	5	Millwall Athletic	274	H	1	4
"	17	Aldershot		A	1	2
"	19	Charlton Athletic	248	H	0	2
"	25	Southend United		A	0	1
"	27	Charlton Athletic	181	H	3	3
May	1	Leyton Orient		A	1	1
"	3	Colchester United		A	2	4
"	10	Watford	243	H	2	1



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			Attendance		F	A
1966						
Aug.	20	Halifax Town	6149	H	2	0
"	27	Brentford	6769	A	0	1
Sept.	3	Newport County	5377	H	3	1
"	6	Rochdale	2472	A	0	3
"	10	Barnsley	2188	A	1	2
"	17	Stockport County	5887	H	0	3
"	24	Aldershot	4471	H	4	0
"	29	Rochdale	6435	H	3	1
Oct.	1	Wrexham	6887	A	0	2
"	8	Southport	4385	A	1	4
"	15	Notts County	5743	H	2	5
"	20	Bradford City	4150	H	0	0
"	22	Chester	5751	A	0	0
"	24	Newport County	3456	A	0	2
"	29	Bradford	4566	H	2	2
Nov.	5	Port Vale	3502	A	0	1
"	12	Crewe Alex.	4785	H	2	1
"	16	Bradford City	3097	A	1	2
"	19	Barrow	5061	A	0	3
"	26	Cup—Exeter City		A	1	1
Dec.	1	Replay—Exeter City	7079	H	2	0
"	3	Lincoln City	3893	A	1	8
"	10	Chesterfield	5096	H	3	2
"	17	Halifax Town	3622	A	1	1
"	26	Tranmere Rovers	6806	A	0	1
"	27	Tranmere Rovers	9123	H	2	0
"	31	Brentford	8531	H	3	0
1967						
Jan.	7	Cup—Bristol Rovers		A	2	3
"	14	Barnsley	8287	H	1	1
"	20	Stockport County	9555	A	0	1
Feb.	4	Aldershot	5375	A	1	4
"	11	Wrexham	6551	H	3	1
"	18	Exeter City	3744	A	1	2
"	25	Southport	6903	H	0	0
Mar.	4	Notts County	3909	A	2	1
"	11	Exeter City	6046	H	4	0
"	18	Chester	6982	H	1	0
"	24	Hartlepool United	8442	A	1	2
"	25	York City	1912	A	1	5
"	27	Hartlepool United	7370	H	0	2
Apr.	1	Port Vale	5413	H	1	1
"	8	Crewe Alex.	5124	A	1	3
"	12	Southend United	4666	H	1	0
"	15	Barrow	5710	H	3	1
"	22	Bradford	3760	A	0	0
"	24	Southend United	7303	A	0	2
"	29	Lincoln City	5382	H	2	1
May.	6	Chesterfield	3787	A	0	0
"	13	York City	5196	H	5	1

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No. 4. How many occasions are there during a match when a player CAN-NOT be offside?

No. 5. A high centre comes across the goal. The centre forward is small, but not lacking in ideas. So, as he jumps, he has his hands on his team-mate's shoulders and thereby outleaps the opposing centre-half to nod the ball into the net. The centre forward had not fouled an opponent, and the opponent was within three yards. Should the referee allow the goal?

No. 6. A forward hammers the ball goalwards. But the goal-keeper leaps up and, as everyone anticipates a goal, pulls down the bar . . . leaving the ball to zoom overhead and into the crowd. What's the referee's verdict?

No. 7. This time a centre-forward whips in a scorch which hits the underside of the bar — then DOES go into the net. But then it is discovered that the ball has burst. Does the shot count as a goal?

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The National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs was founded in 1927 by the Supporters' clubs of Bournemouth, Brentford, Brighton, Charlton, Northampton and Plymouth. Ideas were pooled and, for the first time, supporters were given a lead on how to organise their activities to the best advantage of their parent clubs.

After the last war supporters began to play a more prominent part in the game. Before Hitler interrupted our enjoyment, efforts were confined mainly to social activities, running trips to away games and, perhaps a weekly "penny on the ball" raffle. Little money was raised.

Today the accent is on raising cash. Profits are derived mainly from lotteries and pools, bingo and the sale of liquor in clubrooms, through profits on diaries, handbooks, ties, dances etc., all help to swell the coffers.

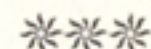
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Supporters' clubs should always be in the background. Those adhering rigidly to the Federation's motto "To help, not to hinder" do not go far wrong. Running a football club is a job for the professional. Managers and Secretaries are appointed to do the job and, however much they may like to think otherwise, supporters are enthusiastic amateurs doing a labour of love in their spare time. Some football clubs invite representatives of a supporters' club to sit on the board and this helps them to see how the other side works.

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Where human beings gather to follow some recreation, perform a task, disagreement on some points is inevitable. This isn't always a bad thing. But when open warfare is declared, threats hurled everywhere and private arguments bandied about in public, it is a bad thing for all concerned.

The Federation believes a more businesslike outlook on the whole question or relationship between parent club and supporters is required and it is at present working on a scheme of any disagreement — and, better still, working arrangements which would provide legal cover for both parties in the event which will drastically reduce the possibility of arguments occurring.

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ANSWERS

No. 1. The three-goal trick. A centre-forward puts the ball through his own goal whilst helping out his own defence; from the resultant kick-off, he boots the ball into his opponents' penalty area, races after the ball — and, before anyone else can play the ball, is brought down . . . scoring No. 2 from the penalty spot. Then, before his opponent can kick-off, it's half-time. Immediately the second half begins, he kicks off and scores goal No. 3 in the same way as he scored the second! Improbable? — Yes, Impossible — No.

No. 2. Goal average: Divide the "goals against" into the "goals for."

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No. 3. The dog and the goalie: The dog must be ruled as 'interfering with play' — so it's no goal. The decision is a "drop ball" at the spot where the ball was when the whistle blew.

No. 4. There are seven occasions during which a player cannot be offside. First, when he is in his own half of the field; second, if — when the ball is last played — there are two or more opponents nearer to their own goal-line than he is; third, when the ball was last touched, or was played by an opponent; fourth, when he receives the ball direct from a goal-kick; fifth, at a corner kick; sixth, at a throw-in; seventh, at a dropped ball.

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No. 5. The centre-forward who jumped and used his teammate as a "ladder". The goal should be disallowed, and the offender could be cautioned for ungentlemanly conduct, with the play being restarted with an indirect free-kick.

No. 6. When the goalie pulled the bar down . . . The referee must be the sole judge — of whether or not the ball would have gone into the net, had the bar not been pulled down. If it would, it's a goal.

Decision No. 8, made by the International Board at the meeting on June 17th 1967 reads as follows —

"In a match played under the rules of a competition, if the cross-bar becomes displaced or broken, play shall be stopped and the match abandoned unless the cross-bar has been repaired and replaced in position or a new one provided without such being a danger to the players. A rope is not considered to be a satisfactory substitute for a cross-bar.

In a friendly match, by mutual consent, play may be resumed without the cross-bar, provided it has been removed and no longer constitutes a danger to the players. In these circumstances, a rope may be used. If a rope is not used and the ball crosses the goal-line at a point which, in the opinion of the referee, is below where the cross-bar should have been, he shall award a goal".

No. 7. When the ball bursts . . . Again the referee must decide if the ball burst when hit by the boot, or after it had hit the underside of the bar and gone into the net.

If the boot did the damage, it's no goal; if the ball burst after hitting the bar, it's a goal. If it's no goal, the referee restarts the game with a dropped ball where HE says the ball ceased to conform with Law 2. — that is, it ceased to be 27 — 28 ins in circumference and 14 — 16 ozs in weight, but in the case of a penalty, the kick must be retaken.

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