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We Must Find the Net More Often

says Harry



ANDY KING waltzes around a West Brom defender at The Hawthorns last Saturday. The Hatters were desperately unlucky to lose. Harry Haslam said "I thought we took the first half from them easily and we should have taken at least a point.

However, it's no good moaning about lost points if we are not hitting the back of the net. Our attacking policy means that a goal against us is always on the cards, we must make sure we are one step ahead. We are determined to go all out against Chelsea.

This Week's Edition Features CHELSEA

Reserves Off To A Good Start

DAVID Pleat's Combination side are really setting the pace. In their first three games, all against London clubs, they have taken five points out of a total of six and with youngsters like apprentice Sandor Simon scoring both goals in the 2-2 draw at Stamford Bridge, things are really looking bright.

These players are obviously intent on obtaining a first team place. Andy King has shown that the step up to the Second Division has not caused him any concern. Who's going to be next?

Harry has intimated that players doing well in the reserves will get their chance.

HATTERS CRUSH ARSENAL

Saturday, August 23.
Football Combination
Luton Town Reserves 2 v.
Arsenal Reserves 0.

Team: Horn, Thomson, Mead, Chambers, Carr, Malcolm, Husband, Spiring, Seaman, Fuccillo, Hindson. Sub: Simon. Scorers: Hindson (pen), Chambers.

It was a big day for the Combination side on Saturday against Arsenal. Arsenal, included Alan Ball, deposed club and England skipper, and a gate of nearly 1,500 people turned out to watch.

The game started off at a brisk pace and for the first 10 minutes was confined to midfield, both teams sharing the honours. Ball and Storey immediately stamped their authority on the game and,

with Matthews, combined very well together to prove formidable obstacles for the Reserve forward line.

Before the Hatters really got involved, Arsenal had had three good chances but Horn coped with them adequately. John Seaman got Luton into the game with some good play and hard running from the right, forcing a corner. From Peter Spiring's well flighted ball, Seaman cleverly flicked on to Husband who narrowly missed the post with a great volley. Chambers cleverly intercepted a midfield pass from Alan Ball and sent Jimmy Husband away with a decisive pass through the Arsenal defence. Husband cleverly chipped the ball to Spiring who hit the right angle with a

tremendous shot on the volley. Arsenal fought back hard and, with Storey feeding Alan Ball, they were beginning to put it together in midfield.

From the centre circle; Alan Ball set up a chance for Rix who escaped the attentions of David Carr, found himself with only Horn to beat and hit a great shot towards the right hand corner. Horn made a miraculous save, pushing the ball over for a corner.

In the 30th minute Gary Goodchild needlessly handled in the area and full credit here to the referee for seeing the incident. From the penalty spot Hindson sent Arsenal's expensive new signing, Parker, the wrong way. H.T. 1-0.

The Hatters started the second half as they had left



John Seaman, reserve centre forward seen here jubilant after scoring in the friendly against Dunkirk. He followed this with another in the 6-2 trouncing of the Frenchmen.

off with some good attacking football. Brian Chambers giving Alan Ball no room to manoeuvre. But the forwards could not get a grip on Storey and Matthews who were holding together the Arsenal defence, often against the laws of the game. Matthews seems to have more brawn than brains.

Following Arsenal pressure,

Alan Ball cleverly set up a goal chance but from the end of the box he shot well wide with only Horn to beat.

A fabulous move in the 70th minute put the Hatters 2-0 ahead. Chambers, tackling hard, relieved Storey of the ball and passed to Fuccillo on the right. Fuccillo cleverly evaded a tackle from Ball, waiting until Chambers had taken up his position in the box before placing a precision pass completely through the Arsenal wall. Chambers jinked his way past two defenders before giving Parker no chance.

Alan Ball tried desperately to put Arsenal back in the game and set up Aveyard with a marvellous chip pass to the left of the box with only Horn to beat. But Graham pulled off the save of the match to keep Arsenal's score sheet blank. On the final whistle the Hatters were well in command and had earned another valuable two points against a strong Arsenal side. Players like Carr, Mead, Hindson and Horn came out with honours, not forgetting Brian Chambers who was always in command in midfield.

A POINT LOST

Saturday, August 2.
Chelsea 2 v. Luton Town 2
Team: Horn, Pollock, Carr, Malcolm, Thomson, Chambers, Fuccillo, Hindson, Simon, Husband, Seaman. Sub: Mead. Scorers: Simon (2).

This was a point lost rather than a point gained against last season's Combination winners. We dictated the game for long periods with some fine football from midfield but failed badly in front of goal. To be fair, Richardson the Chelsea 'keeper had an inspired game, saving brilliantly from Fuccillo, Chambers, Seaman and Hindson. However, some of our shooting was rather weak to say the least and if we are to be serious contenders

for the league we must improve. Simon took his goals well and for Chelsea, Lewington and Briley scored both from set pieces.

Despite being outplayed for most of the game, Chelsea's youngsters stuck to their task well and always kept playing open football. In the end luck was on their side, but if we can keep playing this type of football we shall win more than we lose provided we can brush up our shooting. Carr and Hindson continued their good form with excellent performances, whilst Fuccillo played well and 17 year old Simon showed the more experienced members of the side how to shoot.

Easy Win Against Os.

Wednesday, August 20.
Luton Town Res. 2 v. Orient Res. 0

Team: Horn, Pollock, Carr, Malcolm, Mead, Chambers, Hindson, Fuccillo, Simon, Husband, Spiring. Sub: Russell. Scorers: Chambers, Carr.

A smooth performance should have resulted in a far more decisive victory. However, the result was rarely in doubt as we played the ball out of defence with neat inter-passing and made progress with the quick breaks of Husband and Spiring up front and Chambers from midfield.

After a tremendous early save by Smeulders, the Orient

'keeper, from a well-worked free kick, we took the lead when Chambers hit a fine drive after evading two defenders. Soon after, a well-rehearsed corner left Carr powering in for a fine second goal with a bullet header from Hindson's good cross. When Spiring was brought down just before half time, Hindson had his penalty saved and the Orient 'keeper saved the follow up shot, too.

The second half was much the same pattern, but although our general play was impressive at times, several players were guilty of lack of composure in the vital penalty area.



Have cards will travel



Harry looks on a little puzzled. Is Keith Barber dealing from the bottom of the pack? Picture by "Hatters" photographer Gareth Owen who travelled with the lads to West Brom.

Congratulations to Danny Bergara

ONE of the happiest men around Kenilworth Road last week was Youth Team Coach, Danny Bergara. He had just learned that he had been successful in gaining his full English F.A. Coaching Certificate—and at the first attempt.

Almost 60 potential coaches take the difficult course at Lille-shall each summer and the pass rate is usually no more than 25%. The course is concentrated into two weeks of intensive work, consisting of lectures, demonstrations, functional practices and training ideas. During the fortnight, each coach has to put on four sessions on a given topic, where his coaching ability is assessed. There is also a

written paper to test one's understanding of making progressions in coaching work, and an assessment is made of your own ability. This really means: "Is one capable of carrying out the instructions that one is given?" Needless to say, Danny had no trouble with the demonstrations.

We have heard that a few coaches went back to their clubs practising some of Danny's dribbling tricks!

Two New Boys

TWO young Irish boys, Alan Currie and Raymond Blair, have put the troubles of Belfast behind them and are having a fortnight training with us. Both boys, although not yet 16, have signed forms for the Club. In Currie's case, Everton were most disappointed that our Irish scout, Bill Smyth,

had snapped up the youngster first.

During the fortnight, they will be carefully assessed and we hope that this time next season we will consider that the boys have progressed sufficiently to be considered for apprentice professionals.

We wish them well.

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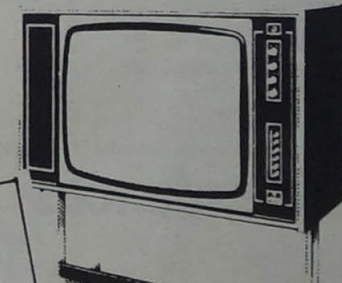
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THE OAK ROAD ENDERS REPORT

by Dusty, Nobby and Clank.

WASN'T our piece a knockout last week? It really took the biscuit. Me and Nobby and Clank didn't realise what a strong command we 'ad of the Queen's English. I mean some of our stuff what got printed raised the whole quality of The Hatter. Mind you, we don't want to take anything away from the other contributors. They almost reached our 'igh standard. But when the three of us can boast one-and-a-half GCE's between us, we'd naturally take some beatin'.

It's prediction time round about now with the start of the season and everything, and all the pundits start tellin' us who's goin' up and who's goin' down and who's goin' to stay where they are, and whether Jackie Charlton's gonna continue with a 8-1-1 formation, or whether Chelsea are ever gonna fill their new stand. (They could always fill it with ex-managers). Well me and Nobby and Clank 'ad a little thing. Due to the fact that 'is mother is a fortune-teller and 'is dad is a geologist, Clank's got a crystal ball—so we got down to it and came up with these predictions: Meadowbank will get into Europe; Brian Moore will fall off Luton's scaffolding; at least one

a nice salute, and Gerry and The Pacemakers gave us the old lump-in-the-throat stuff again. Anglia TV was there, showin' us up a bit because the cameras faced the Bobbers Stand which just about 'ad enough people in it for a reserve match. But the stay-at-homes wouldn't be spoilin' anything, 'cos as soon as Hull risked comin' out to face us and the game started, things started to tick. The first 'alf even 'ad Clank jumpin' up and down. All 22 players were running about and givin' us a treat—Luton, sellin' dummies and crackin' in shots from all angles, and Hull lookin' for somewhere to hide. Johnny Aston did a Stanley Matthews on 'em and Steve Buckley got in on the act with 'is tank runs and 'is thunderbolts. Great stuff. Keith Barber could've gone and 'ad a cup of tea any time. All the players were polite to each other, and Nobby and Clank 'ad a little dance with Hull's Wagstaff at one point. We only 'ad to wait 20 minutes for the first goal from Ronnie Fletcher. He 'ad

Hell for Hull

A nice day for it; the opening match of the season. The ground looked like Wimbledon, and we 'alf expected to see Virginia Wade prancing out to 'ave a tantrum. But Westy led the boys out and gave us

second division scene

by Tony Pullein

Own goal debut!

MICK Horswill, one of the stars of Sunderlands historic F.A. Cup victory over Leeds in 1973, made an unhappy start with his new club, Plymouth Argyle. He put through his own goal in his first match and Argyle struggled to a 0-2 defeat at Nottingham Forest.

Mick joined Argyle for £30,000 during the summer after an unhappy 18 months at Manchester City. He left Sunderland the season following their cup success, being valued at £100,000 at the time.

Second Division bow for Geoff

When Geoff Hurst made his first appearance for West Bromwich Albion against Chelsea last week, it was the first time he had played in the second division in 17 seasons as a top professional. All his previous 518 games had been in first division soccer for West Ham and Stoke. Geoff is one of a golden bunch of men to claim more than 200 goals in first division soccer, his tally of 210 including one famous six goal hit for West Ham against Sunderland.

With 24 goals in 49 games for England, he stands fifth in the post war scoring lists behind great names like Bobby Charlton (49), Greaves (44), Tom Finney and Nat Lofthouse (30 each). Geoff is of course, the only player ever to score a World Cup Final hat-trick. Though starting as a wing half, Geoff later topped West Ham's scoring list on seven occasions and only twice in 13 seasons as a first division striker did he fail to reach double figures in league games.

His experience is going to be a valuable asset to West Bromwich who signed him from Stoke for £20,000.

Penalty Boob

Nottingham Forest lost their 100% record, due to a missed penalty. Forest controlled the game at Portsmouth and did more than enough to win. Ian Bowyer gave them a 14th minute lead with a neat header, then they had a golden chance to clinch both points when Ellis fouled Anderson in the penalty area.

But their penalty king, George Lyall, made an awful hash of the kick, sending it high and wide into the crowd. After losing Irish international centre back, Liam O'Kane, with a damaged ankle in the 70th minute, Forest found themselves on the defensive and Pompey defender Paul Went snatched an equaliser with a fine headed goal four minutes from time.

Watch Oxford!

Oxford United are another club who could turn out to be one of the big surprises of the season. Unlucky to lose a point at Carlisle, through a penalty, they defeated Bolton far more convincingly than the 2-0 scoreline suggests.

Manager, Gerry Summers, launched one of his toughest pre-season training sessions as this had particularly benefitted striker Derek Clarke who looks sharper than he has done for years. When Andy McCullough recovers from his cartilage operation, Oxford could well find the answer to last season's goal famine.

New signing Roger Gibbins, a free transfer from Spurs where he never got a first team game, is a big and dangerous co-striker. Quick thinking gave him one superb goal against Bolton, he had another disallowed and another shot hit the bar.

All this must have pleased the man who nurtured him at Tottenham—Bill Nicholson who was watching from the stands.

A key figure in Oxford's perky team is former Chelsea winger Peter Houseman, now playing in midfield. Some of his beautifully timed and measured passes presented heaven-made opportunities for the two young chasers, Gibbins and Brian Heron.

Oxford were a little lucky last Saturday to equalise against Sunderland with an injury time goal from Derek Clarke, but they look a very promising side all the same.

Could it be Forest's year?

It is far too early yet to start making serious assessments about the Second Division's promotion race. At the same time, one or two clubs have given us some pointers. Fulham, after a disappointing goal less opener with Blackpool have been showing last season's cup form, and Oxford United have looked good in their early matches. But the real dark horse could be Nottingham Forest.

A big disappointment last season, Forest are now beginning to play the Brian Clough way. Preferring a 4-4-2 formation, with Ian Bowyer and John O'Hare the sole strikers, Forest pursue this usually defensive policy to its full potential, using it as a base for attacking play.

A big responsibility is placed on the four middle men, Paul Richardson, John Robertson, George Lyall and John McGovern, who are required to attack and defend in numbers. With right back Viv Anderson, so superb on the overlap, Forest often attack with seven men and have shown, in their opening matches, a pleasing desire to make their play as entertaining as possible.

Clough admits he still has a lot of work to do on details. But he has got his side drilled into a basic style of play that is both pleasing to the eye and potentially successful.

Next week's game, Portsmouth

Warning for the Hatters as they prepare for next week's game at Portsmouth is—ignore

Pompey's disappointing results so far! Manager, Ian St. John, who gave his team a real roasting after they had lost 1-2 at York on the opening day, sighed after last week's inept display against Forest: "at least I have the consolation of knowing that, after reaching this low, we can only get better." Portsmouth were lucky to snatch an 86th minute equaliser, through Paul Went, after being out-played for most of the game. Indeed, their only other worthwhile shot came from another defender Peter Ellis during the closing 20 minutes when Portsmouth began to open out a bit.

Nothing much wrong with the Pompey defence, though. Phil Roberts, Paul Went, Eoin Hand and Peter Ellis absorbed tremendous pressure for most of the game, but gave away only the one goal—to Ian Bowyer following a corner—and a couple of other half chances. But they were disappointing in midfield where only Norman Piper showed much initiative. Up front, the much vaunted Peter Marinello was completely obliterated by Forest's exciting young full back prospect Viv Anderson. With Bobby McGuinness (later on replaced by Richard Reynolds) and George Graham—he seemed wasted as a striker—well held, Pompey rarely threatened in attack. On form it should be two points for the Hatters but don't count on it. As Ian St. John says: "My team have got to start playing some time."

Top Scorers

The goals men	League	League cup	Total
Jones (Oldham)	—	3	4
Bannister (Bristol Rovers)	1	1	2
Beamish (Blackburn)	2	—	2
Bowman (Charlton)	1	1	2
Channon (Southampton)	2	—	2
Clarke D (Oxford)	2	—	2
Greenwood (Hull City)	2	—	2
Mann (Bristol City)	2	—	2
Maybank (Chelsea)	2	—	2
Probert (Notts County)	2	—	2

Attendances

	Aggregate	Average
1. Sunderland	28,689	28,689
2. Chelsea	19,165	19,165
3. West Bromwich Albion	31,889	15,945
4. Southampton	15,246	15,246
5. Plymouth	14,201	14,201
6. Notts. Forest	13,083	13,083
7. Blackburn	12,688	12,688
8. Bristol City	23,709	11,855
9. Portsmouth	10,655	10,655
10. LUTON TOWN	10,389	10,389
11. Charlton	9,612	9,612
12. Bolton Wanderers	8,786	8,786
13. Carlisle	8,505	8,505
14. Notts. County	8,495	8,485
15. Fulham	16,307	8,154
16. Bristol Rovers	8,142	8,142
17. Oxford United	14,346	7,173
18. Oldham	6,993	6,993
19. Blackpool	6,626	6,626
20. Orient	11,277	5,639
21. Hull City	10,380	5,190
22. York City	4,602	4,602

GOOD START AGAINST HULL

Saturday, August 16.
Luton Town 2 v. Hull City 0.
Team: Barber, Ryan John, Buckley, Anderson, Faulkner, Litt, King, Alston, Futcher Ron, West, Aston. Sub: Spiring.
Scorers: Ron Futcher, Andy King.

Fouls against 14 13
Corners 10 3
Offside 5 14
Attendance: 10,389.
Referee: R. C. Challis.
What a good start, everything was right. The weather,

the pitch and most of all the result. The Hatters came out showing their impatience to get back to Division One.

The football was fast and aggressive and we were one up after 21 minutes, John Aston crossing beautifully to "Aussie" who nodded the ball down for Ronnie Futcher to give Wealands no chance with a hard drive in-off the post.

The second goal came from a similar move which left the Hull City defence at sixes and

sevens. Futcher hit the post leaving Andy King to coolly push the ball over the line.

The game had many pleasing features and although the second half was goalless and Hull missed a couple of chances but they were never really in it.

Manager John Kaye looked a worried man at 4.40 p.m. If there was a disappointing aspect it was the attendance of only 10,389. If we are to gain promotion we need more of you at Kenilworth Road.



Andy King jubilant after scoring his first league goal against Hull.



Peter Anderson and Ron Futcher give Dave Roberts and Jeff Wealands problems during a Luton attack against Hull.

DAVID PLEAT'S QUIZ CORNER WIN TWO CUP FINAL TICKETS!

In each edition, our Assistant Coach will test your soccer knowledge with three questions. You are invited to send in your answers each week and at the end of the season the person with the most correct answers will receive two tickets for the 1976 F.A. Cup Final. Please enclose the voucher with your answers.

The weekly winner will receive two centre stand tickets.

1. Which non league clubs play at (a) Manor Park?
- (b) Underhill?
- (c) New Whittle Street?

2. Who was the Scotland Team Manager who resigned during the 1954 World Cup Finals and what position within the game does he now hold?

3. Almost eight weeks ago Iceland gained a notable victory over East Germany. Who is their Manager/Coach?

Answers to Issue One questions.

1. (a) Germany. (b) Mexico. (c) Yugoslavia. All goalkeepers.
2. Yes. Wimbledon in the 1962/63 Amateur Cup Final.
3. Guernsey and Jersey play for the Muratti Vase annually.

PLAYER'S PORTRAIT

PAUL Futcher has been tipped as a future England star, his commanding performances in the Hatters' defence earning high praise from knowledgeable critics and from several well-known strikers he has subdued. At the still tender age of 18, and with considerable experience already behind him, Paul has everything going for him. Yet he has never allowed all the praise to go to his head.

"Ambitious? Of course I'm ambitious," smiled Paul, while steadfastly refusing to reveal precisely just what his hopes embrace.

"I just go on playing football. I spend every possible moment at it, practising and playing. I love the game and I want to keep on improving. I get a lot of help and advice here at Luton and I try to pick up all the tips I can.

the papers but it just doesn't really mean very much. But when he said someone wanted to pay £100,000 for ME, it made me sit up and think a bit. It took a lot of getting used to."

Paul recovered his composure.

"I had never even thought about a transfer. I was delighted to have won a place in the Chester first team and I was only concerned with holding my place. I had no idea any other club had shown any interest in me. Luton's bid came right out of the blue as far as I was concerned."

Paul's transfer to Luton was tied up with that of his identical twin brother Ron. Even after more than a year at the club, many of the players and training staff still confuse the two.

Moving down South

Moving away from home for the first time was, of course, a major step for the

digs in Shaftesbury Road where they enjoy the home comforts so necessary to the peace of mind, and well being, of young professional footballers.

Football is my life

"I don't have any hobbies, because I give my life to football," explains Paul.

"I try to get home to Chester about every third weekend if I can so that I can see my girlfriend Colett Jones. We met about three-and-a-half years ago and going home to see her is something to look forward to."

Paul has another, older brother Graham. "And it was really because of him that my own career got going," says Paul. "Graham became a Chester professional in 1971 and I think it was partly because of him that Ron and I were invited to join the club."

"I had captained



Paul, in action against Liverpool last season.

"I would feel embarrassed to say exactly what my ambitions are. People might get the wrong idea and think I'm too big for my boots, or something. Let's just say I would like to play a little bit better in every game and, if in the end I am lucky enough to win some honours, then I'll be very pleased."

£100,000

Modest Paul still can't get over the £100,000 fee he commanded when he signed him from Chester during the 1974 close season.

"When Mr. Roberts, the Chester manager, told me that Luton had offered £100,000 to sign me I just couldn't believe it. Think of it—£100,000. It's the sort of figure you read in

brothers who found digs in the town. But what digs!! Listen to Paul—with expletives deleted!

"Our landlady was so bad," chuckled Paul, launching into a tirade which would have done justice to Les Dawson entering a discussion on one of his seaside landladies.

"She was so awful," went on Paul that we just had to go. "We felt homesick already, without having to put up with someone like her. There was only one thing for it—we left and booked in at a hotel."

"We paid the bill ourselves, and it was quite expensive. But it was worth it to get a bit of peace and quiet!"

Now the brothers are happily at home in new

Cheshire Boys XI and had gone on a tour to Germany. Word got around and Graham must have said something at Sealand Road. Eventually Ron and I were invited to sign as apprentices."

Paul, whose splendid build and amazingly sharp reflexes enabled him to shine even in men's football, lost no time in forcing his claims at Sealand Road.

By the time he was 16 he had made his Leauge debut!

That red letter day for him was March 24, 1973.

"We played Cambridge," he recalled. "We lost 0-1 but it was a memorable day for me, of course."

After playing one more game, against Northamp-



Paul Futcher's statistics

Football League

ton Town, Paul had to wait for the following season when he got a good run in the team.

Timed it right

We were not the only club to hear about him, of course. Unknown to Paul, there were probably a dozen or twenty clubs who had followed up tips. And, thought it could be argued that £100,000 is a huge fee to pay for a comparatively untried 17 year old, we realised that if we didn't step in before he had made too big a name, the fee would probably doubled.

Subsequent events have proved what good value we received for our money.

We hope the critics are right and that one day big Paul will play for England. With normal luck it's a target he can achieve even though, pushed once again for his own comments, all he would permit was:

"I'm a patient person. I'm prepared to wait and see what turns up!"

	72/3	73/4	74/5	75/6	Total
Arsenal	—	1	—	—	1
Barnsley	—	—	—	—	—
Bradford City	—	1	—	—	1
Brentford	—	2	—	—	2
Burnley	—	—	1	—	1
Bury	—	2	—	—	2
Cambridge United	1	—	—	—	1
Carlisle	—	—	1	—	1
Chelsea	—	2	—	—	2
Colchester	—	—	1	—	1
Coventry	—	—	2	—	2
Derby	—	—	1	—	1
Doncaster	—	1	—	—	1
Everton	—	—	1	—	1
Ipswich	—	—	1	—	1
Leeds	—	—	1	—	1
Liverpool	—	—	1	—	1
Newcastle	—	—	1	—	1
Northampton	—	—	—	1	1
Queen's Park Rangers	—	—	1	—	1
Reading	—	2	—	—	2
Rotherham	—	1	—	—	1
Scunthorpe	—	—	1	—	1
Sheffield United	—	—	1	—	1
Stockport	—	2	—	—	2
Stoke	—	—	1	—	1
Torquay	—	2	—	—	2
Tottenham Hotspur	—	—	1	—	1
Wolverhampton W.	—	—	2	—	2
Workington	—	1	—	—	1
	2	18	19	—	39

F.A. Cup

	72/3	73/4	74/5	75/6	Total
Birmingham	—	—	1	—	1
Telford	1	—	—	—	1
	1	1	—	—	2

Texaco Cup

	74/5
South'pton s	—
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IMPROVE YOUR GAME WITH DANNY AND DAVE

LAST week on this page we introduced you to Danny Bergara, Luton's Youth Team Coach and Dave Pleat who coaches Luton's Reserve Side. Both Danny and Dave have years of experience in the sport and you can improve your game by taking note of what they say.

If you can't pass . . .
... you can't play

In my column this week I want to talk about passing. Let's get one thing straight right from the beginning—if you can't pass you can't play. Although this week I want to teach you the techniques of passing, and I want you to practice and keep on practicing. I must stress that passing is not just something you do with your feet. The brain is more important. Think before you pass. Also get out there and practice with one or two of your mates, practice makes perfect. In the strip below is illustrated the five principles of good passing. Purpose the main point and the four things that stem from this; accuracy, weight, time and disguise. When you've got all five right, then you will have improved your game tremendously. As a general rule it is always better to pass forward, however there are times when a square pass or even a pass backwards are needed, but more of that next edition.



Food and the Footballer

A SENSIBLE well balanced diet is essential for any footballer (or indeed, any athlete) who is engaged in strenuous physical activity. Muscles require carbohydrates (sugar and starch) and fat to supply energy. For sustained hard work, large quantities of carbohydrate are required. Therefore, in the two days prior to a game, it is necessary to fill the muscle stores with foods such as milk, cheese, bread and cereals.

Many footballers in the past have known to favour a pre match meal such as steak. This habit has no benefit whatsoever as the time required to digest steak properly and to provide energy is over 12 hours so the benefit would not be gained until after the match.

Believe it or not, you can actually lose energy by eating a pre match steak as it requires body energy for digestion!

Any meal should be taken not more than 2½ hours before the game and should consist mainly of carbohydrate and also be easily digested. Cereal, toast and honey, and tinned fruit, with a cup of tea is as acceptable a pre match meal as anything else. A little chocolate can also be beneficial. The point must be made that even the correct foods cannot ensure success—that is down to hard work and skill—but a sensible approach to eating will certainly help, not hinder, pre match preparations and the progress of younger players.

If a young (or old) footballer can select items from each of

the under mentioned groups each day, he will ensure that he is satisfying his nutritional requirements:

1. **Meat, fish and eggs:** these provide protein for growth and repair. Protein can also be provided by beans and nuts.
2. **Milk and cheese:** these provide protein, carbohydrate, fat, minerals and certain vitamins. An energetic young player requires possibly at least two pints of milk a day.
3. **Vegetables and fruits:** these provide the essential vitamins. Salad and fresh fruit plus gently cooked fresh vegetables should be taken daily.
4. **Bread and calories:** these provide the calories and glycogen for muscle activity.

CARE OF THE FEET AND BUYING NEW BOOTS

Discipline during the season

ONE of the most controversial aspects of the professional game during the last three or four seasons has been the F.A.'s Disciplinary Code. This season further changes have been made in an attempt to rid the game of any possible on field troubles and also to try and stop the present system of appeals which has been abused by some clubs.

The new system carries an automatic one match suspension for being ordered from the field of play. Also, a player receiving this punishment will automatically have 12 penalty points recorded against him. If a player accumulates 20 or more penalty points for cautions or sending off offences during a season he will be subject to disciplinary action as decided by the Disciplinary Committee. At the Committee's discretion, the player will either be warned as to his future conduct or suspended for a maximum of three matches. When deciding this punishment, consideration is taken of the nature of the player's offences, his previous record of conduct on the field and any representations made on his behalf.

One of the new points system, there are three offences which carry the minimum of a one point penalty. They are: illegal marking of the pitch (this usually applies to goalkeepers); entering or re-entering the field without the Referee's permission (substitutes beware!); and a most interesting one: seeking to gain an advantage by a player using the shoulders of his own team colleague to assist him in heading the ball.

The most serious offences of tripping, showing dissent, tackling from behind and dangerous play carry four points.

As in previous years, there are bound to be anomalies but it would appear that this charter has every chance of success. It has been agreed as an experiment for one season and the increase in penalty points from 12 to 20 points for cautions on the field will ease the way for less appeals—(there is no provision for a player to contest his accumulation of the points total)—and will be more acceptable to the clubs and players.

South Africans visit Luton

DURING our pre season training we welcomed to our ground a coloured South African coach, Michael Molefe. Michael spent an enjoyable and informative fortnight watching and listening, and at times taking part in our training sessions.

With his Manager, Dr. Tlali also visiting clubs over in this country at the same time, they should be well equipped to coach their side, Hungry Lions (from an area near Bloomfontein), to success in the South African Blacks League First Division. He told us that his players are very, very skilful but a little lazy. Organised training of his players, who are semi professional, is severely hampered by lack of facilities.

Michael was particularly impressed with our functional work and technique practices and was full of praise for our hospitality and the co-operation of the two coaches, David Pleat and Danny Bergara. Needless to say, Michael, his team and his friends are all now firm Luton fans.

Incidentally, back home Michael is a Tax Inspector, but as he points out, apartheid decrees that he deals with "blacks only" and with their wages being what they are he does not have too much to collect!

ALWAYS make sure the boot is a secure fit in bare feet. Once worn the boots will soon "give a little" and stretch. It would be wise to remember the following when selecting boots.

1. Choose a boot made by a reputable boot makers. Be wary of the boots carrying autographed and personal testimonies by international players. Cheap boots are a false economy.
2. Use plenty of soft soap when breaking boots in and remember the ideal time to blood brand new boots is in wet conditions.
3. Never allow boots to dry stiff after a game. Loosen the laces, allow the boots to breathe and wipe studs and leather clean with wire boot brush.
4. Keep the leather supple and soft with either dubbin or boot polish by cleaning after every game.
5. Constantly check studs for tightness, length and for any rough edges that may develop on the stud.
6. Do not allow other players to wear your boots. Remember although boots have become a most expensive item they are the most important equipment of any player, amateur or professional so make sure you get comfortable quality boots.

Feet care

Blisters and "Athletes Foot" are the most common of footballers problems with their feet. Much of the inconvenience suffered could be avoided if the following precautions are taken.

1. Break new training shoes or new boots in very carefully and avoid long early season running on hard surfaces like road runs.
2. Always dry feet thoroughly, particularly between the toes and use ample foot powder.
3. Bathe feet regularly in a footbath of permanganate of potash crystals in lukewarm water. This helps toughen the skin as well as acting as a deterrent against athletes foot.
4. Never walk barefoot around dressing rooms. "Flip flops" which are both inexpensive and practical should be worn.

CHILTERN YOUTH LEAGUE

SEPTEMBER 7th COUNTDOWN BEGINS

BEDFORDSHIRE based clubs will be making another big challenge for County Cup honours again this season, the League having swept the board last season by taking the 14-18 Cup, Limbury winning 2-1 against Lewsey Athletic. In fact Limbury did the double by winning the League and County Cup, as did Dynamo's in the 14-16 section. In the 12-14 section, front runners must be the Hartfordshire side, Icknield Harts, who also won the County and League Cup.

The season kicks off on Sunday, September 7, at 2.45 p.m. The star match must be at Limbury Boys Club's Alder Crescent ground where they meet Icknield Harts in what is surely the toughest start to a season for both clubs.

Leagrave Rangers secretary, Vic Evelyn, is hoping to have a bright start to his first season in the league, for he is at the present time arranging for a steel band to give the Rangers a musical start. This should certainly liven up Leagrave Park on a Sunday afternoon!

With football already under way, the League is raring to go. In the coming editions of *The Hatter* we will keep you up to date with match reports, results and League tables and, of course, League chat.

The League has requested all clubs to send a photograph in black and white of their

squads because during this season it is planned to include a club profile in *The Hatter*. So come on secretaries, get your team into this great newspaper. Contact League secretary Duncan MacMillan for all the details.

The County and League officers will now be very active, looking for talent for the many representative games that are scheduled to take place during the season. As far as the League is concerned, this is a very important part of the season, for under the guidance of Team Manager, Dougie Orr, the League has had a great deal of success.

With all professional clubs putting their youth policies into action, no one is harder at it than "Our Army". It is an important part of the Town's set-up to have a successful youth policy and this applies not only to the Town but to many other clubs. On Sunday afternoons mysterious men are seen at games enquiring of players names and details. Such is the strength of the League that we hope to see as many lads as possible to get the right breaks.

To all our referees who have given us their services on Sunday afternoons, our most sincere thanks, and to many more who have not as yet committed themselves, let's hear from you for you will get nothing but pleasure from seeing lads get the right start.

CHILTERN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE Divisions 1975-6

12/14 SECTION

Division 1
A.C. Delco
Dynamos B.C.
Harpenden Rovers
Icknield Harts
Limbury B.C.
Luton Boys Club
Meads United
St. Joseph
Warden Hill
Wigmore Athletic

Division 2
Dallow 72
H.G. F.C.
Leagrave Rangers
Leighton Pioneers
Marsh Farm Rockets
Stopsley B.C.
Vale Park United
Warden Hill 'A'
Waterlows

14/16 SECTION

Division 1
A.C. Delco
Bedford Falcons
Dynamos B.C.
Harpenden Rovers
Icknield Harts
Lewsey Centre
Limbury B.C.
Luton Boys Club
Meads United
Park United
St. Joseph
The 61 F.C.

Division 2
A.C. Delco 'A'
Ashfield
Blotchley Youth
Bolton United
Dynamos B.C. 'A'
Icknield Harts 'A'
Leighton Argyle
Linslade Y.C.
St. Vincents
The 61 F.C. 'A'
Warden Hill
Waterlows
Westonington
Wigmore Athletic

14/18 SECTION

Division 1
Barton Rovers
Bedford Falcons
Icknield Harts
Kempston
Letchworth
Limbury B.C.
Luton Boys Club
Sundon Park Y.C.
The 61 F.C.

Division 2
Ashcroft
B.A.C.
Ferndale Youth
Lea Hornets
Limbury B.C. 'A'
Meads United
St. Vincents
Warden Hill

LEIGHTON AND SHILLINGTON DROP OUT

WITH the commencement of the season due on September 7, the League has received two late withdrawals, Leighton Town Youth F.C. and Shillington F.C.

Leighton Town Youth have had to pull out owing to the fact that although last season they had free use of Leighton Town's pitch for training purposes and for staging games, this season the new Committee have stated that it will cost Leighton Town Youth £30 for the use of the pitch for the season. After spending £40 on a new set of shirts, the club felt that they could not raise the necessary money to continue. The League's Management Committee was very perturbed about this state of affairs and felt that this was not in the best interests of youth football; a lot of lads in the Leighton Buzzard area will now be without their Sunday afternoon football.

Such was the feeling of the Management Committee that they did not, as in most cases, fine Leighton Town Youth but, in fact, returned the club's deposit which is held by the League.

The other club to withdraw from the League, Shillington F.C., were unable to get enough players. This matter will be decided by the Management Committee.

The one fact that must be stated is that clubs were warned well in advance and on many occasions that they must make certain that they have sufficient players and officials to run a team or teams. By Leighton Town Youth and Shillington withdrawing from the League, the 14-18 Division 2 now composes of nine clubs.

Double two

Whilst *The Hatters* may boast, and rightly so, of the Fletcher twins, two clubs in the Chiltern Youth League can also field twins. 61 F.C. have Robert and Ronald Freeman, whilst James and Simon Hewlett turn out for Bolton United.

Player shortage

St. Vincents Youth F.C. have taken the opportunity of using *The Hatter* as a means of advertising for players in the 14-16 age group in the

Dunstable and Houghton Regis area. The club's home ground is on the Tythe Farm recreation ground and transport can be provided for away games. Any lads interested should contact Eddie Stevenson at 27 Dunstable Road, Houghton Regis, Beds. Telephone: Dunstable 604174.

League's Full Meeting

The Full Council Meeting of all Chiltern Youth League clubs will take place on August 27 at the Luton Boys Club Headquarters, Dunstable Road, Luton, commencing at 7.30 p.m. This is an important event for the clubs as the league cup draw is made during the evening and all up to date information is handed out to the clubs. A full report will be given in the next issue of *The Hatter*.

Friendly matches

If you take a look round the local parks, you will see that our football is well under way. Clubs are now playing friendly matches, giving them the opportunity to sort out their squads for the new season, so if you

keep a sharp look out you can get an early taste of the youth scene. Just one word of warning to clubs who wish to play friendly games: you must have permission from the County Association before playing.

Opinion

Aggro, hooliganism, call what you may, but it's a sad fact that a football club can receive more headlines and coverage by the trouble caused by "fans" than by the football they play. How many fans keep themselves and their family away from football because of this minority of trouble makers? A great many, I am certain. But whilst everyone lays the blame on the clubs, surely the problem lies nearer the home and the parents these people come from. It's time that everyone got down to the source before the trouble and damage has been done. Mums and dads, youth clubs and youth organisations must help to make Luton Town supporters a credit to themselves, the club and the league. It's football we want, not punch ups!

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New Bedford Road, Luton 21171

SIX FULL DAYS FOR BARGAINS

Introducing this week's visitors - Chelsea

Chelsea hope for a Change of Luck

CHELSEA currently face the gravest crisis in their 70 year history for if they do not make a serious bid for promotion the future of the Club could be in jeopardy.

One of the most progressive clubs in the country, Chelsea are in the process of building a super stadium for the 80's—an all seated, all covered dream of a home which would surpass any other ground in England, including Wembley.

Indeed, they have already completed one luxury stand and to keep up the interest payments and to break even, they must have at least 25,000 at Stamford Bridge for every home game. If they keep close to the top of the table they will probably hit that target. But if they don't... then what?

That is the nagging worry that over rides all other thoughts at Chelsea for when the Stamford Bridge face lift was planned, no one could have seriously considered that the club would so soon be playing in the Second Division.

Why, it's scarcely four years since Chelsea won the European Cup Winners Cup. In 1970 they also won the F.A. Cup. Two years later they were League Cup finalists. They were one of Europe's

most successful clubs. Anyone who had suggested that within three years Chelsea would be in the Second Division would have been laughed out of court.

Yet fate has a habit of striking rapidly and painfully in football. Did not Manchester United suffer relegation only six years after winning the most coveted trophy of all, the European Cup? Indeed, many of our readers still recall how the Hatters dropped from the First to the Fourth Division in five frighteningly short years.

Chelsea were beset with many internal problems last season, quite apart from the worry of their new ground. Manager, Dave Sexton, left to be replaced by Ron Stuart, before the season was out—but too late, in all honesty, to retrieve the situation—the responsibility was passed on to Eddie McCreadie.

He boldly proclaimed that he would place his survival hopes upon his up and coming youngsters. Fine young players like the Wilkins brothers, Graham and Ray, John Sparrow, Teddy Maybank and Steve Finnieston were all thrust into the side. Alas, these bold moves failed.

Chelsea, needing to win their

last game to have any hope of survival drew 1-1 with Everton at Stamford Bridge, thus returning to Division Two after a 12 year run in top circles.

Brave Mr. McCreadie still kept his faith in youth and he agree to release some of the Club's older and most famous players—Peter Bonetti was given a free transfer, Steve Kember was sold to Leicester, John Hollins moved across to Q.P.R. and Peter Houseman joined Oxford.

So, though Chelsea return the experience of men like Charlie Cooke and Davie Hay, it is basically a young and probably unknown team that we are likely to see at Kenilworth Road.

Even before a ball was kicked this season, Mr. McCreadie was faced with another problem: Welsh International goalkeeper, John Philips was seriously injured in training. Young Steve Sherwood was given another chance but after only one game he too was injured in training and it was thought that the inexperienced Derek Richardson would receive a surprise call up.

When your luck is out everything seems to go wrong—Chelsea will willingly vouch for that!



Back row. Left to right: J. Dempsey, M. Droy, D. Richardson, S. Sherwood, W. Garner, I. Hutchinson. Centre: R. Harris, M. Hinton, G. Stanley, K. Swain, G. Locke, J. Sparrow, T. Langley, E. Maybank. Seated: I. Britton, C. Cooke, G. Wilkins, R. Wilkins, S. Finnieston, B. Bason and S. Wicks.

Eddie McCreadie Manager

EDDIE McCreadie was truly thrown in at the deep end of soccer management. Chelsea gave him full command last season when with three games to play they were engulfed in a raging relegation battle with Spurs and the Hatters.

Though Mr. McCreadie took the courageous step of playing several of his best young players, Chelsea lost the vital game at Tottenham and only managed to draw their last two games.

Mr. McCreadie's playing career was ended by injuries last year. Indeed, he had suffered injury problems for several seasons, causing him to miss most of the 1970/71 and 1971/72 campaigns.

In spite of these misfortunes, Mr. McCreadie turned out to be one of Chelsea's best bargain buys. They secured his

transfer from East Stirling for a mere £6,000 in 1962. He went straight into the first team remaining until injuries dogged him.

Originally, he was a wing half and he won his first Under 23 Scottish cap in that position in 1965. He was a member of the Chelsea side which won the League Cup in 1965 and the F.A. Cup in 1970 but he missed the 1972 League Cup Final and the 1971 European Cup Winners Cup because of injury.

CHELSEA RECORD

Founded: 1905.
Elected to Football League: 1905.
European Cup Winners Cup
Winners: 1971
League Champions: 1955.
F.A. Cup Winners: 1970.
F.A. Cup Runners-up: 1915, 1967.
League Cup Winners: 1965.
League Cup Runners-up: 1972.
Second Division Runners-up: 1907, 1912, 1930, 1963.
Record Win: 13-0 v. Jeunesse Hautcharge (European Cup Winners Cup, September 1971).
Worst Defeat: 1-8 v. Wolves (Division One, September 1963).

BACK CHECK

Complete list of past League results against Chelsea.

	Home	Away
1955/56	2-2	0-0
1956/57	0-4	1-4
1957/58	0-2	3-1
1958/59	2-1	3-3
1959/60	1-2	0-3
1974/75	1-1	0-2

Summary:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	6	1	2	3	6	12	4
Away	6	1	2	3	7	7	4
	12	2	4	6	13	19	8

Players Pen Pictures

Probable line up

LOCKE	DROY	DEMPSEY	HARRIS
		(Richardson)	(Sparrow)
BRITTON	HAY	WILKINS R.	COOKE
	GARNER	HUTCHINSON	
		(Maybank)	



GOALKEEPERS

Steve Sherwood. Steve had an SOS to make his Chelsea debut over Christmas 1971 when Peter Bonetti was injured but his hectic dash from the north failed—he arrived minutes after the kick off and Dave Webb had to go in goal! But Steve got his chance a few days later at Derby. Bonetti recovered so Steve later got only occasional opportunities and when Chelsea's Welsh International, John Philips arrived and Steve was relegated to third choice, Chelsea last season loaned him to Brentford where he appeared in every match. With Bonetti being freed and Philips breaking a leg in training, Steve was recalled for the opening game of this season but he damaged his back in training. **League record: Chelsea 6 apps. Millwall (loan) 1 app. Brentford (loan) 62 apps.**



DEFENDERS

Gary Locke. Gary was a member of England's winning team in the 1972 UEFA Youth Tournament. His performances precipitated his elevation to Chelsea's league team. He made his First Division debut in September of the same year at Coventry. He remained for several games and the following season he made the right back position his own. Last season he missed only one match. **League record: Chelsea 89 (1) apps. 1 goal.**

Derek Richardson. Hackney born Derek who is 19, suddenly found himself the centre of attention last week when Sherwood was injured and manager, Eddie McCreadie warned him to stand by for his League debut. Though Derek had only played seven reserve games, Mr. McCreadie was confident: "He will do a good job for us." In fact Sherwood recovered sufficiently to play. **League record: Chelsea nil.**

Mickey Droy. At 6' 4", Mickey is one of the tallest players in the professional game and he certainly puts his height to good use, dominating the penalty box in the air. He was first drafted into the League XI at Wolves in February 1971 when Ron Harris was injured. For the past two seasons he had been a fixture in the back four, developing confidently into a fine all round defender. **League record: Chelsea 74 (5) apps. 3 goals.**

John Dempsey. John is relishing his come back chance after floundering for much of the past three years in the reserves. Chelsea signed him from Fulham in 1969 and he played in their winning teams in the F.A. Cup Final (1970) and the European Cup Winners Cup Final (1971). John has played for the Republic of Ireland on 18 occasions. **League record: Fulham 150 apps. 4 goals. Chelsea 139 (4) apps. 4 goals.**

Graham Wilkins. Graham is the brother of Chelsea skipper "Butch" Wilkins, though he has not yet gained quite so much League experience even though he made his debut first. Graham made his debut at Ipswich on Boxing Day 1972. **League record: Chelsea 8 apps.**

Marvin Hinton. Marvin must now be approaching the close of a long and successful playing career which began at Charlton in the 50's. He made his League debut during 1957/58 but it took him a couple more years to gain a regular place. His cool and cultured play in the middle of defence earned him three England Under 23 caps. Chelsea paid £30,000 for him in August 1963 and he later switched to full back. But he eventually reverted to his old role and on the now quite rare occasions he is seen in the Chelsea team, it is usually in the number six shirt. **League record: Charlton 130 apps. 2 goals. Chelsea 256 (8) apps. 3 goals.**

Ron Harris. "Chopper" Harris, as he is affectionately known at Stamford Bridge, could this season smash the record for League appearances (495) held by Peter Bonetti. The former England Youth and England Under 23 International Ron, has been in the first team since his debut in 1962. At one time he was team captain and when he led Chelsea out at Wembley in 1967 he was the youngest F.A. Cup Final skipper in the competitions history (22 years 6 months). Ron has on four occasions been ever present, something

he cannot equal this season as a suspension kept him out of the early games. **League record: Chelsea 460 apps. 10 goals.**

John Sparrow. John is another of several young players to be given his head this season. He comes under the scrutiny of Eddie McCreadie, for left back is the position that the manager filled with such distinction for Chelsea over so many years. John's first big chance came against Burnley in March 1973 where he remained for the closing of the season. Last season he enjoyed a late run and this term he opened at left back when Ron Harris was suspended. **League record: Chelsea 22 apps. 1 goal.**



MIDFIELD

Ray Wilkins. "Butch" has been appointed captain of this new look Chelsea side even though he has played only a couple of dozen first team games.

His leadership and authority is respected by the older members of the team who play under him. Ray made his League debut for Chelsea against Norwich in October 1973 when he came on as substitute to join brother, Graham, who was the left back. His first full League game was at Tottenham towards the end of the same season. **League record: Chelsea 26 (3) apps. 2 goals.**

Davie Hay. Injury kept Davie out of the early games and his recovery has been eagerly awaited for his experience is greatly needed to guide the young Chelsea side. A versatile player who can play equally as well in midfield as at full back. Davie joined Chelsea in 1974 shortly after appearing for Scotland in the World Cup Finals. He now has 27 Scottish caps. Celtic introduced him to their senior team in 1969/70 and he helped them to many League and cup triumphs. **League record: Celtic 111 (1) apps. 8 goals. Chelsea 35 apps.**

Ian Britton. Ian has been busily establishing himself in the Chelsea side for the past two seasons. He has not yet played in more than half of any season's fixtures but he could well get that opportunity this

season. His first League game was against Derby in December 1972. **League record: Chelsea 44 (4) apps. 3 goals.**

Charlie Cooke. A Scottish International on 16 occasions, Charlie is a big favourite at Stamford Bridge. When he chooses to turn it on, he can be one of the greatest dribblers and ball jugglers in the business and although he is approaching the veteran stage in his career he remains one of football's top entertainers. His senior career began with Aberdeen in 1959 but in 1964 he went to Dundee for £40,000. Two years later he signed for Chelsea in a £72,500 deal and his first spell at "The Bridge" lasted for six years. Then Chelsea sold him to Crystal Palace for £85,000—then struck one of the greatest bargains of all times a year later when buying him back again for £17,000! **League record: Aberdeen 125 apps. 27 goals. Dundee 44 apps. 11 goals. Chelsea 204 (8) apps. 15 goals. Crystal Palace 42 (2) apps. Chelsea 57 (1) apps. 6 goals.**

Garry Stanley. Garry is the latest Chelsea youngster to be given his chance in the first team. His big day was the opening of the season when

playing at Sunderland and he held his place for the following game. **League record: Chelsea 2 apps.**



STRIKERS

Bill Garner. Bill is one of those old fashioned centre forwards who likes to take the shortest route to goal. He was quick to open his account this season with Chelsea's goal at Sunderland. Chelsea signed Bill from Southend for £100,000 in 1972, having noted his form in 1971/72 when he was the Shrimpers' top scorer with 26 goals. He was once a Notts. County professional, making two League appearances for the Meadow Lane club in 1966/67 but when he was released he went into the Southern League with Bedford. Southend game him a come back chance in 1969. **League record: Notts. County 2 apps. Southend 101 (1) apps. 41 goals. Chelsea 54 (4) apps. 20 goals.**

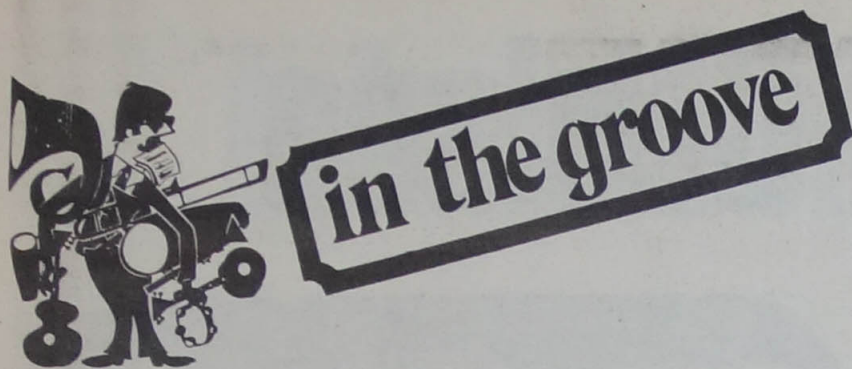
Ian Hutchinson. Unlucky "Hutch" has been plagued with injuries down the years

and on two occasions his career was threatened by serious leg injuries, but he is a brave fighter and each time he was pronounced finished he bounced back again. After gaining England Under 23 honours, early in his career, he was denied many club and international honours by injury but he did play in the 1970 Cup Final, scoring a Wembley goal in the 2-2 draw with Leeds and he also played in the replay when Chelsea lifted the Cup. **League record: Chelsea 90 (8) apps. 40 goals.**

Teddy Maybank. Teddy came into the side for the closing three games last season when manager, McCreadie gave youth its fling and his contribution into the relegation game against Sheffield United may have saved Chelsea from the drop, if only they had won their last game. **League record: Chelsea 5 apps. 1 goal.**



N.B. Statistics are for League games only and are up to and including Saturday, August 30, 1975. Figures in brackets denote substitute.



a review of recent releases by Mick Woodward

FOLLOWING some suggestions received since the last column, we shall be including more charts on this page in the future. This week we kick off with the top ten U.S. disco imports in Luton. These records are not heard on Radio One, but visit any good disco and these are the records you will be dancing to. Although not issued here they can be obtained at any specialised dealer.

Starting next issue, we will have a section devoted to entertainment in the area. If you are putting on a group, disco or any event, write to us and we will publicise it in this section. Let us know the place, group, date, time etc. and entry cost if any. We aim to make this the comprehensive local entertainment guide around.

Single Reviews

Showaddywaddy.
Heartbeat (Bell)

Groups like Showaddywaddy and Mud can get by when performing songs in the style of rock and roll classics, but when they try actual copies then they can come unstuck.

Mud dropped a clanger by covering Elvis' "One Night" recently, and I'm afraid Showaddywaddy have done the same by taking on a giant like Buddy Holly. When compared to the original this falls flat on its face.

Leo Sayer.
Moonlighting (Chrysalis)

A change of style for

Leo after his last few singles. Co-written with Frank Farrell the song bears a strong resemblance to Bruce Springsteen's style of writing.

It concerns a couple who met at the Mexican discotheque; "she gave him French kisses, he gave her French cigarettes", and decided to elope, leaving friends and family behind.

The story is decorated by a Latin rhythm and Spanish guitars, and should be a huge hit if given the airplays.

Fatback Band.

Yum, Yum. (Polydor)

At last one of our big import sellers has been released in this country. The Fatback Band have made a string of good funky records, perfect for discos and this is no exception. Picked from their latest album this track features a strong dance beat with almost chanting vocals.

No self respecting disco should be without this one. This week's disco pick.

5,000 Volts.

I'm on fire. (Philips)

With a pounding disco-beat and the attractive hoarse vocals of Tina Charles this U.K. produced record really moves. Perfect for discos and is already bubbling under the national charts.

Executive Suites.

When the fuel runs out.

(Polydor)

Keen soul fans will certainly remember that this single was released once before on another label, but from the general public's point of view, was completely lost. This is, in fact, a smooth soul number with very clever lyrics, and a tremendously catchy tune. If given the plays it could be a big hit, and is still a good disco record.

L.P. Reviews

Susan Cadogan.

Doing it her way. (Magnet).

After her two hit singles this album comes as a let down. She performs as well as can be expected, but is let down by the choice of material. Apart from the two hits, most of

Disco King in Town.



Saturday, August 30, is a date to remember, as Hamilton Bohannon (pictured above) is appearing live at the California Ballroom, Dunstable. Hamilton started off his professional career appearing with Gorgeous George and Jimi Hendrix. He then joined the Motown stable, his first job there being as Stevie Wonder's drummer. Five years later he emerged from Motown with some very impressive credentials. Today, Hamilton Bohannon, artist, composer, lyricist, producer, arranger, is receiving very favourable national acclaim from both critics and album collectors. Among more recent hits are Keep on Dancing and South African Man. Bohannon's sound has infiltrated discotheques across the country already so if you want to get into an exciting new sound, come along to the California this Saturday.

the tracks are pop standards like Imagine, Let me try again, Swinging on a star, Something etc. These are good songs granted, but are not really suited to a reggae album, and I feel anyone buying this on the strength of her singles will be disappointed.

Salsa! (Island)

Salsa is Spanish for "sauce" and its also the name of a new kind of Latin music coming from New York's east side.

Blending traditional Latin music with contemporary rock and soul, Salsa

is having a big effect on New York's disco scene.

This album is a sampler of some of the best exponents of this style, including names that may be already familiar to those of you that follow the U.S. soul charts.

Selling at only £1.75 and including tracks from the *Fania All Stars*, *Joe Bataan*, *Mongo Santamaria* and others, this should interest those who are looking for something a little bit different.

Fatback Band.

Yum, Yum. (Polydor)

Another good album



MOTOR SPORT



Marshall Clinches Title

WITHIN the last two weeks Gerry Marshall, driving a Vauxhall Firenza Holden, has clinched the Tricentrol Super Saloon Championships.

When I wrote my last article just two weeks ago there were three more races to go in this 10 race championship. Now there is only one (September 20, at Oulton Park), but Marshall with two thrilling victories at Mallory Park and Thruxton has put himself into an unassailable lead. The last of these victories at Mallory Park yesterday (Sunday, August 24), was a real thriller, when Marshall just pipped Mick Hill by 0.6 of a second.

Hill driving the Adlard V8 Capri (which incidentally he used to own and drive and is pictured top left on this page) chased Marshall all the way, first one being in the lead then the other. Things were made even dicer by the fact that Arthur Collier's Skoda left streaks of oil on the track.

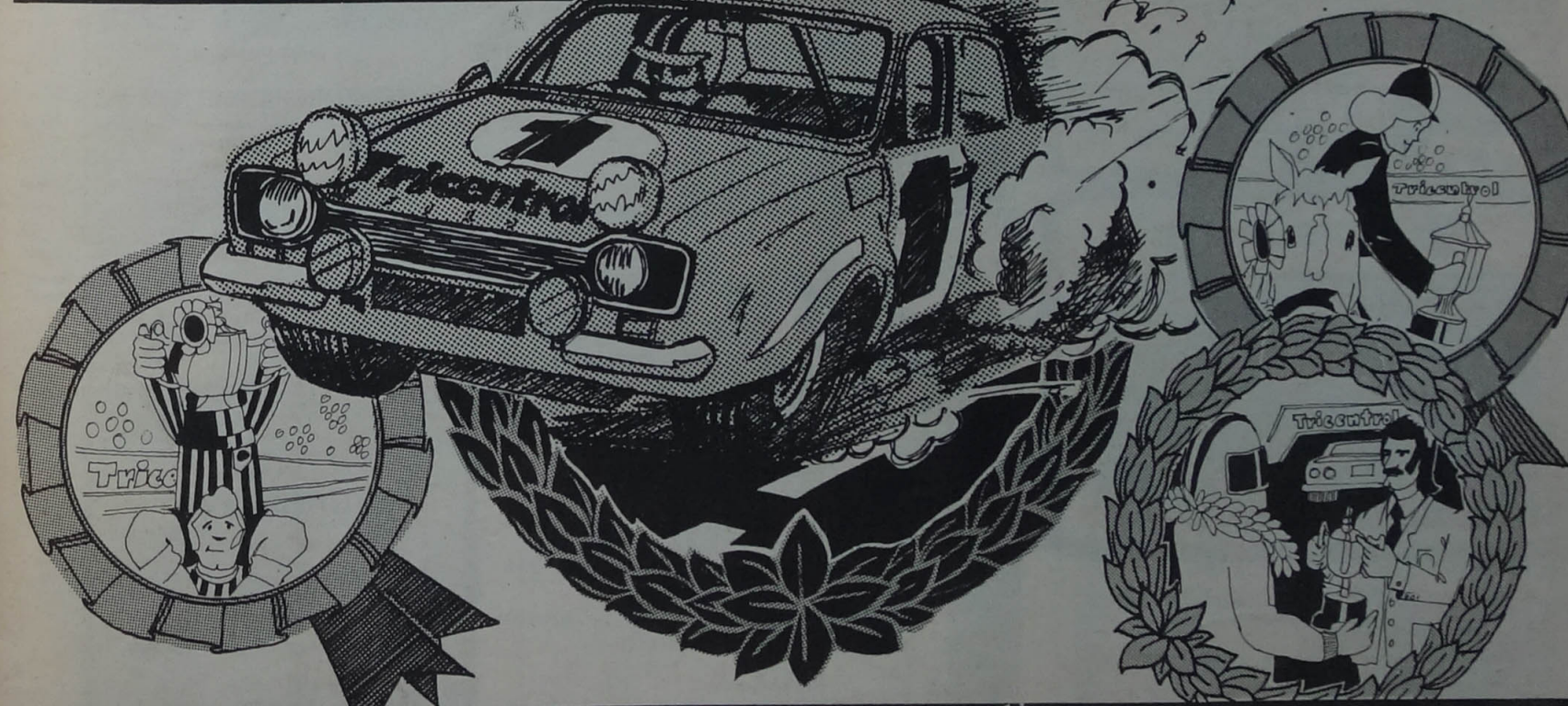
Finally Marshall edged himself in front and held on till the end. Alec Poole finished fourth in his Skoda Cosworth to tie up the 2.5 litre cup.

So just one more round to go at Oulton, and although the championship is decided this is likely to be the best race yet with everybody going out for an all or nothing last race.

Three of the cars line up earlier on in the year at Silverstone for Round 7 of the Tricentrol Championship. From left to right: Alec Poole, Skoda; Ian Richardson, Chevrolet Corvair; and Gerry Marshall in the Vauxhall Repco.



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RETIRING last year after being a director of Luton Town Football Club for many years was John Bain. Taking Mr. Bain's position on the board was local businessman Jim Yates.

To mark his election to the board and to thank John Bain for sponsoring him, Jim Yates presented Mr. Bain with a golden "Hatter" keyring. John Bain has served the club faithfully for many years and on reaching his 70th birthday, he retired, although as vice-president of the club he still follows every move with interest.



Last week's lottery winners

WEEK 29, Tuesday, August 19, 1975.
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Clophill. Week 38. "The United Counties" Bus Garage, Aylesbury, 11 a.m. Week 39 "The Royal Hotel", Mill Street, Luton. Week 40 this could be your draw!! Just ring Luton 30748 and book this date November 4.

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 3. 08633 Set Mr. E. C. Webb, 48 Ferndale Road, Luton.
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 8. 17887 Set AIC Deborah Koeher R.A.F. Chicksands, 9, 0051 Green Mr. B. W. Meakins, 26 St. Michaels Avenue, Houghton Regis.
 9. 07173 Set Mr. E. Lancaster, as un-claimed.
 11. 07864 Set R. Dr. E. Lancaster, 38 Kenneth Road, Luton.

12 12091 Set 1.
 13 5797 Set 5 Mr. T. Rust, 10 Millards Close, Cranfield.
 14 4200 Set 7 Master S. Swain, 37 Ravenbank Road, Stoveley.
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Next Second Division Game at Kenilworth Road
Saturday, September 13. Kick off 3.00 p.m.

Hatters v Bolton Wanderers

Football Combination Fixtures																
Date	Opponents	V	F	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Substitute
Aug 16	Chelsea	A	2-2		Horn	Pollock	Thomson	Chambers	Carr	Malcolm	Simon 2	Husband	Seasman	Fuccillo	Hindson	Mead
20	Orient	H	2-0		Horn	Pollock	Mead	Chambers 1	Carr 1	Malcolm	Simon	Husband	Springs	Fuccillo	Hindson	Russell
23	Arsenal	H	2-0		Horn	Thomson	Mead	Chambers 1	Carr	Malcolm	Husband	Springs	Seasman	Fuccillo	Hindson 1	Simon
30	Bournemouth	A														
Sept 2	Southampton	H														
6	West Ham United	H														
13	Norwich City	A														
20	Birmingham City	H														
27	Plymouth Argyle	A														
Oct 1	Tottenham Hotspur	A														
4	Oxford United	H														
11	Swindon Town	H														
18	Leicester City	A														
22	Tottenham Hotspur	A														
25	Bristol City	H														
Nov 1	Queen's Park Rangers	A														
8	Crystal Palace	H														
15	Fulham	A														
22	Leicester City	H														
Dec 3	Ipswich Town	H														
10	Reading	A														
13	Arsenal	A														
20	Chelsea	A														
27	Cardiff City	H														
Jan 3	Bristol Rovers	A														
10	Norwich City	H														
17	West Ham United	A														
24	Bournemouth	H														
31	Orient	A														
Feb 7	Southampton	A														
14	Crystal Palace	A														
21	Fulham	H														
28	Bristol City	A														
Mar 6	Queen's Park Rangers	H														
13	Swindon Town	A														
30	Ipswich Town	A														
31	Reading	H														
April 3	Plymouth Argyle	H														
10	Birmingham City	A														
17	Bristol Rovers	H														
21	Cardiff City	A														
28	Oxford United	A														

Next Football Combination Game at, Kenilworth Road.
Tuesday evening, September 2. Kick off 7.30.

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		MID-WEEK FIXTURES														
Date	Opponents	V	F	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Substitute
Aug 25	Northampton Town	H	A													
Sept 9	Millwall	A	H													
15	Portsmouth	H	A													
23	Colchester United	A	H													
29	Brentford	H	A													
Oct 6	Brighton & Hove A	H	A													
13	Charlton Athletic	A	H													
21	Brighton & Hove A	A	H													
Nov 5	Peterborough United	A	H													
10	Peterborough U (L.C.1)	H	A													
19	Southend United	A	H													
25	Brentford	A	H													
Dec 1	Watford	H	A													
Jan 9	Northampton Town	A	H													
Jan 5	Millwall	H	A													
12	Cambridge United	A	H													
19	Gillingham	A	H													
28	Portsmouth	A	H													
Feb 2	Cambridge United	A	H													
11	Watford	A	H													
16	Colchester United	A	H													
Mar 3	Orient	A	H													
10	Gillingham	A	H													
15	Southend United	A	H													
29	Peterborough United	H	A													
Apr 13	Charlton Athletic	A	H													
28	Orient	H	A													

Next Mid-Week League Game at Kenilworth Road.

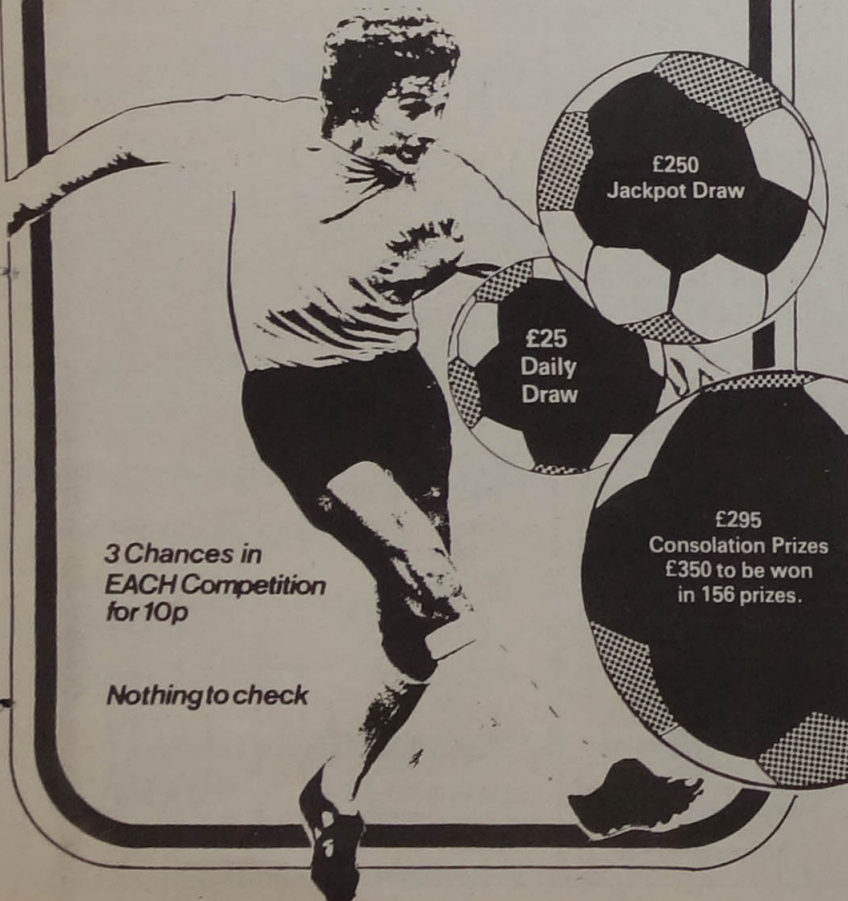
Monday evening, September 15. Kick off 7.30

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POINT NARROWLY MISSED AT HAWTHORNS

IN a rare old tussle at The Hawthorns last Saturday both teams produced some exciting football but at half time neither side had found the net. Albion were looking for their first goal of the season and although producing some good football from midfield, they never really bothered John Faulkner and Co.

Only 22 seconds had passed when Osborne was brought into action. Alan West was quick to seize upon a misunderstanding between Nisbet and Wile, and put Alston clear. Adrian did not waste any time but his hard left foot shot was saved by the diving Osborne.

In the third minute, Albion put on the pressure and launched an attack with Robertson and Hurst, the latter getting Johnston clear, but Faulkner anticipated the danger and headed the ball cleanly away. The game had started at a great pace and, in the fourth minute, Albion wasted an excellent opportunity of going ahead. Wilson beat the offside trap to lay the ball on for Trewick but although completely unmarked, found goal-keeper Keith Barber in good form, and well able to smother the ball.

A great overhead kick by Andy King was well saved in the sixth minute and it was five minutes before any more goal incidents.

Johnston, with complete disregard for the laws of the game, fouled John Ryan and hit a great shot goalbound. Fortunately for the Hatters, Barber was equal to it and made a great save. A few minutes later, a good turn by Adrian Alston took him past Nesbit inside the West Brom area and he narrowly missed the upright with a good shot.

The crown at West Brom was a very encouraging 13,875 and all were in good humour, including very good away support by the Luton fans.

In the 15th minute, Johnston who was having a very good game, shot just wide and Albion piled on the pressure. Their next move involved Johnston and Trewick. John-

ston was quick to see Robertson on the blind side and although his cross reached the youngster his header was well over the bar.

Albion appealed for a penalty for a foul by Faulkner on Hurst but really it was their frustration showing from their unsuccessful attempts to get through the Luton defence. The appeal was turned down.

Both teams were now contributing some wonderful midfield football but neither could take the advantage. The Hatters defenders, including Keith Barber, were totally in command at this stage and with Alan West in midfield the Hatters were creating some very good and precise football. H.T. 0-0.

Within four minutes of the start, the Luton attack put the Albion defenders under a lot of pressure. Andy King raced passed Robertson to get into the penalty area and, but for the bustling of Wile, Luton would have gone ahead.

Albion again appealed for a penalty when Nisbet broke into the Luton box and was roughly tackled by Buckley. But the referee, Hackney, would have none of it but allowed a corner, a little unjustly.

Ron Futchner and Adrian Alston were causing problems for the Albion defence and a very good cross from Futchner was collected narrowly by Osborn with Adrian Alston very unlucky not to connect.

Albion then went on the attack and Brown, finding himself in position 20 yards out, unleashed a tremendous volley only to see it crash against the bar with Keith Barber beaten.

In the 75th minute Trewick

Adrian Alston gives John Osborn a hard time but failed to connect with Alan West's cross.



John Aston takes on John Wile to set up another attack. Harry, Roy and Reg Game look on in anticipation.

broke the deadline. There was a scramble in the Luton penalty area, the ball was beaten out and Trewick with a speculative shot scored from off the post with Barber completely unsighted.

The Hatters had had more

than 50% of the game and were desperately unlucky to find themselves 1-0 down with 15 minutes left. Try as they might, they could not get the point back that they richly deserved.

After the good win against

Hull City, it was disappointing to lose the first away game but if the standard of our football is anything to go by and with the strength in the Reserves, this result will probably prove inconsequential by Christmas.



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