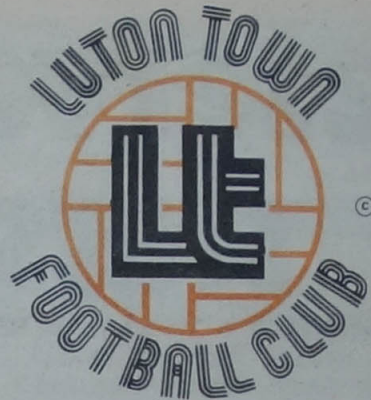


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There is no doubt in Ron Futchers' and Peter Anderson's minds that Peter's tremendous header went over the line, but the camera does not lie, Hatter photographer Gareth Owen was right on the spot and we have to say "Sorry lads . . ." However we were already two goals up and making Portsmouth look very mediocre indeed.

Even without captain Alan West and John Aston at Fratton Park, the Hatters still looked a good bet for promotion. Portsmouth star George Graham said after the game; "They must go up, they taught us a lesson in football and provided they keep it up I can't see anyone stopping them". Although we realise there is still a very long way to go, put your money on us while the odds are good.

Featured this week Bolton Wanderers ~ Notts County

Reserves bring Hammers stars down to earth

LUTON RESERVES 5 v. WEST HAM RESERVES 0

Team: Horn, Pollock, Thomson, Russell, Carr, Malcolm, Simon, Husband, Seasman, Fuccillo, Hindson. Sub: Smith. Scorers: Husband 2, Seasman 2, Russell.

THIS was a first class game from our point of view as we "hammered" the visitors with composed, skilful football. Quicker on the ball and always attempting to be constructive, we held the upper hand throughout.

Husband scored the first from close range after Russell had cleverly beaten a defender and hit a fine shot past Ferguson on to the bar.

Just before half time, Seasman hit a left foot drive home after Hindson had cleverly beaten Coleman and got to the bye line. Players with experience like Coleman, Ferguson, McGiven, Gould, Ayris and Curbishley were completely overshadowed as our young side powered forward. Seasman scored a third after some brilliant play by Malcolm pushing forward and Husband hit a great drive to score his second.

Smith, another 16 year old apprentice, came on for Seasman when he injured his knee and, with his second touch, brought the crowd to its feet with a blistering drive which Ferguson brilliantly saved. In the last minutes Russell wrapped up the game with a ground shot.

The crowd gave the lads a standing ovation; a tremendous compliment. It was a fine team performance and no individual could be singled out.

Jimmy Husband. Two goals against the Hammers and one against Southampton indicates that Jimmy really means business, his knocking on the first team door gets louder and louder.



Osgood subdued

Luton Town Res 2 v. Southampton Res. 2

Team: Horn, Pollock, Thomson, Chambers, Carr, Malcolm, Jim Ryan, Spiring, Seasman, Husband, Hindson. Sub: Simon. Scorers: Husband, Spiring.

Southampton took an early lead when Gilchrist received a ball from the left and resisted Malcolm's challenge. As Thomson came across, Gilchrist took the ball round Horn and picked his spot.

Our attempts to get back into the game floundered against some strong tackling and a well organised defence with nine men getting behind the ball as soon as possession was lost.

In Southampton attacks,

FOOTBALL COMBINATION TABLE										
(Up to and including Saturday, September 6).										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Birmingham City	6	4	2	0	8	3	10			
LUTON TOWN	6	3	3	0	13	6	9			
Oxford United	6	4	0	2	9	6	8			
West Ham United	6	4	0	2	11	8	8			
Ipswich Town	6	3	1	2	10	6	7			
Bristol City	6	3	1	2	11	7	7			
Chelsea	6	2	3	1	11	9	7			
Southampton	6	3	1	2	9	9	7			
Swindon Town	6	2	2	2	8	7	6			
Leicester City	6	3	0	3	10	10	6			
Cardiff City	6	1	3	2	9	8	5			
Arsenal	6	1	3	2	7	7	5			
Bournemouth	6	1	3	2	7	7	5			
Plymouth Argyle	5	2	1	2	5	5	5			
Bristol Rovers	6	2	1	3	11	17	5			
Tottenham Hotspur	5	1	2	2	11	17	4			
Fulham	5	0	4	1	3	4	4			
Reading	3	2	0	1	5	7	4			
Norwich City	6	1	2	3	4	7	4			
Crystal Palace	6	1	1	4	10	17	3			
Orient	6	0	3	3	5	12	3			
Queen's Park Rangers	4	0	0	4	1	10	0			

Peter Osgood showed his ability in the air at the far post and the game developed into an exciting struggle.

H-T. 0-1

However, we took the game by the scruff of the neck in the second half and attacked with far more purpose, using the width well.

The equaliser came when Pollock, forward on an overlap, carefully picked out Husband who directed his header into the corner of the net.

We began to play some good football and the second goal came after Malcolm ran through brilliantly and screwed a great cross towards the far post where Spiring scored with a fine glancing header.

During further pressure, Turner saved brilliantly from Ryan, and Seasman had a header cleared off the line. With only two minutes remaining, Osgood won a far post cross and the ball dropped for Gilchrist to score his second.

Went to see the Town play Portsmouth and we went in Clank's car agains, so maybe we should say a bit about this unroadworthy wreck and 'ow Clank comes to be drivin' it. It so 'appens, Clank passed 'is test first time a couple of months ago—but 'e took 'is lessons and passed 'is test in a motor which turned right when you turned the steering wheel right, and stopped when you put the brakes on. Clank's car does none of these things. It only stops if you put the brake on about half a mile before hand, and it'll only go round corners if we all lean to one side. But Clank's very proud of the fact that 'as an electric screenwash. Trouble is, it misses the screen altogether and sprays the roof. The safety belts are OK though. They clunk click a treat. But they don't unclunk and unclick, so once you strap yourself in you can't get out.

Otherwise, it's not a bad car, all things considered. It's got a wheel at each corner, and a spare wheel in the back seat area (the back seat is in the boot). Mind you it's a 10 year old motor, so you can't expect too much, and, without giving too much away, it was made locally so, all in all, it ought to be sort of reliable. It is. Sort of.

Anyway, it got us to Portsmouth.

Portsmouth's not a bad sort of dump, once you get down to the sea front. We 'ad time to look around before the match, but we were a bit uncomfortable most of the day, 'cos Clank put the motor through a car wash when we arrived and 'e left the windows open. (Truth is, they won't shut.) So we spent a couple of hours sittin' in deck chairs on the prom, dryin' out and vtachin' the snails whiz by. We got a few dirty looks from a few passin' sailors but we think it was 'cos of our Luton colours. Yer never know...

'Arry 'Aslam won't like us sayin' it 'cos 'e's had a got at the press about it before now, but Portsmouth didn't look a

Steve Litt on loan to Gunners

Good luck "Tiny"

Steve Litt, "Tiny" to his friends, went on a months trial last week to Arsenal and played in their Combination Side on Saturday. We wish Steve all the luck in the world, whilst we don't really want to see him go.



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ARRY'S talk-in

THE HEADACHES ARE SLOWLY DISAPPEARING

THINGS are looking up, we've now played four, won three and lost one. The lads have chalked up seven goals and conceded only one, we have played some great football and if we can maintain this style and killer instinct I shall throw away the Aspro's (I don't like them any way).

Looking back at the headline in the last edition of *The Hatter*: I said "We must find the net more often," and we certainly have, in particular the Football Combination team who trounced West Ham Reserves, who included such names as Bobby Ferguson, Mick McGiven, Johnny Ayris and Bobby Gould, 5-0 here at Kenilworth Road on Saturday. Seasman and Husband netted two goals apiece, Russell bringing the total to five. I understand that the crowd gave the lads a standing ovation at the end of the game, showing their appreciation of a marvellous entertaining game. This result has gained the lads second position in the Football Combination, one point behind Birmingham City.

The first team also had a great day at Fratton Park on Saturday, beating Portsmouth 2-0 in a very attractive game. Andy King and Adrian Alston providing the goals. Even the Pompey fans showed their approval at the fine football by cheering the lads. As I have said before, crowd encouragement really does lift the lads and provides a tremendous atmosphere.

If we can keep these kind of results up then we are setting the theme for Luton's future which, believe me, does not come easy—it takes time. But I think I can safely say as far as football is concerned the future is well and truly set.

Many of you will have heard that Steve Litt has joined Arsenal. Arsenal, in fact, requested the opportunity to have Steve down for one month's training and playing with a view to him joining them. Although a few supporters may be surprised that I have let Steve move, there is no doubt in my mind that I will have to do this on occasions in order to cope with the club's financial situation. However, with young players at the back like David Carr and Paul Price, we still have adequate cover should Steve come through with the Gunners. But if Steve does return to Kenilworth Road then we shall be stronger than ever.

Whilst talking about transfers, this is one of the reasons that I appeal to you to support us financially by buying *The Hatter* as obviously this will help us towards our aim of buying players

rather than selling. Believe me, it is true that "every little helps".

Now on to the Bolton game. I am very pleased to welcome my great friend Ian Greaves the Bolton manager. Ian is a very likeable character who enjoys his football and whilst he is able to see the funny side of life, he does take the game very seriously. Ian seems to have done well at Burden Park, "The Trotters" being worthy of their Second Division status. But however great a friend Ian is, I am looking forward to beating his side today—that is when a friendship ends and begins again!

On the home front, the lads are providing some good, entertaining football and all the staff at the club have one aim in mind: to provide a comfortable

ground for our present fans which will, in turn, attract more people along to Kenilworth Road. If we can combine these two factors then I am sure we are in for a tremendous season.

On Sunday, September 14, the first team squad will be playing against slightly different opposition from usual—the Play-boy Club XI. This match is part of the Grand Medieval Gala Day which is to be held at Knebworth Park in aid of *Shelter*. The fun, which includes such attractions as a jousting tournament, a yard of ale contest and medieval sports, commences at 11 a.m. and goes on through the day until 11 p.m. Admission is 70p for adults and 30p for children. So why not treat the family to what promises to be a marvellous day out.



Aussie causes headaches for Pompey 'keeper' Lloyd.

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THE OAK ROAD ENDERS REPORT

by Dusty, Nobby and Clank.

We got an invite to the commentary box the other week. For those who don't know, it's a coffin shaped place at the back of the Main Stand where John Buttle tells you you left your engine runnin' or asks you to move away from the entrances, or asks you to straighten your tie for the video camera. The place is full of telephones and microphones and TV monitors and all it needs is a few pin-ups of Robin Day. Tony Reid was in there doin' a commentary to the hospital and there were a few girls sittin' about to brighten the place up.

Of babies and victory

The Kenilworth Road Terrace was packed with babies when we licked Chelsea—did yer notice? 'Cos, we Oak Roaders could afford to ignore 'em, which we did when they escaped from their prams five minutes from the end and performed a nappy rush. But the newspapers like a good baby show, and babies like a lot of attention, so put the two together and it sells newspapers but makes the rest of us puke. To think that me and Nobby and Clank used to run out on football pitches like that—and we only did it so we could get a collective mention in those trashy national rags. Take it from me, that's the

only reason any of 'em do it. And I bet the local rags—and I haven't seen one at the time of writing—will really churn out all the baby show much. A lot of dummies writing about dummies.

Well, me and Nobby and Clank ain't posh, scandal mongering journalists—and we ain't goin' to give football spoilers another syllable of free publicity in *The Hatter* from this moment on. We've only done it now to make a point.

Can we 'ave our 'alf dozen balls back, Chelsea? To be honest, the match didn't seem to be any sort of contest, and the Town might not have it so easy again. Nobby thought Chelsea's defence was fifth division class and only luck kept the score below double figures. Ron Harris doubted 'em up a bit, but by then it was too late. This was Town, showin' a bumper crowd what it's likely to serve up every week if they'll drag themselves away from Dickie Davis and wave an orange scarf. John Ryan, Paul Fletcher and John Faulkner did some great stuff out-of-defence, in little football

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

TEAM formations have been given an unwarranted amount of publicity since the 1966 World Cup which England won playing a successful 4-3-3 pattern.

The importance of systems has become over exaggerated, for make no mistake, W-M, 4-3-3, 4-4-2 or 4-2-4 will not make bad players good players or average players appreciable better players. Slavish emphasis on systems rather than skills has caused many misplaced ideas and intentions particularly at schoolboy and amateur level. One of the side effects of our obsession with systems had been the slow disappearance of the raiding winger. There are a few still about but there is a dearth of players who can hug the touchlines with skill and speed, please spectators and prove match winners. Many who, if encouraged, could play as wingers are probably to be found fiddling about as the third unit of an already congested midfield.

I believe the cycle is slowly turning a full circle and that boys are going to be made aware of practising harder at the skills and be allowed to play open football. I do not think that players before the age of 18 or 19 should be discussing and utilising team tactics such as set formations.

It is during these teenage years that players develop physically and acquire their skills. Being able to apply their techniques in competitive match situations needs total concentration. Burdened with too much tactical information

their game suffers. Provided the young players know what is expected of them within the team, then this is sufficient.

Young players then in my opinion should be allowed to develop naturally, but let me make it quite clear that once players have fully developed they should be encouraged to produce their abilities within the team pattern.

How many teams choose a system without regard for the strength of their players? Players should always be the first consideration.

The secret is to assess the strengths of players and then to be able to co-ordinate them into an idea which uses these strengths to the full. Always exploit your own player's strengths rather than get them bogged down in rigid ways of playing that might suit "Chipping Sodbury Rovers" but not necessarily your side. A team that can select something new always has chances of being successful.

Consider the case of Ipswich Town as they stormed to the Second Division and First Division championships in successive seasons under Alf Ramsey. Ipswich played with a deep lying outside left who despite being almost forty years of age (Jimmy Leadbetter) had the ability to play accurate passes into space behind the opposition full back for his front players, Crawford and Phillips.

Remember, too, how Manchester City utilised the brains and skills of Don Revie's footballing ability. He played

a deep lying centre forward game which had the opposition centre half scratching his head as he pondered the question: "How far do I go and commit myself?" or: "Do I stay put and allow Revie the freedom of the field?" All problems which have been countered and solved successfully thousands of times since but initially it was something new which brought success.

Middlesbrough last season also went very close to honours after winning the Second Division so convincingly the previous season. Their style was simple but most effective. Using a strong runner who had the knack of timing his runs well (Foggon), they constantly probed to get him running into spaces created by their front players (Mills and Hickton), splitting into wide positions. Balls played accurately into these spaces could be played with confidence by good strikers of the ball such as Murdoch, Souness and Craggs. Once again, exploiting the strength of your players.

Strong personalities can also have a major "say" in the way a side plays. Arsenal's game has changed since the "double" side to suit a system which revolves around the bubbling Alan Ball. As a consequence the past two seasons they have been playing more of a short ball game, arguably, with less success. If Malcolm McDonald were to be transferred the club he signs for would adapt to suit his game. It is not often that a player has such gifts of strength of

personality that this happens, but it can arise with players such as McDonald and Ball.

Systems, therefore, can be effective.

The majority of the public, through the medium of the press, have condemned certain ways of playing as being defensively minded. 4-3-3 and 4-4-2 have always been regarded by the Press as a negative form of hiding deficiencies. Any system can be made defensive it is true, but, by the same token, can be made attack conscious and positive. A typical example may be a side that lines up in a 4-4-2 formation with the two outside men in the midfield four breaking into wide positions, as wingers, whenever possession is gained. This can

be most positive but many people would condone a 4-4-2 system as defensive. It need not be.

The effect of playing a sweeper (usually a central defender) whose job is to cover his back players is regarded as a defensive gesture. This, once again, is misplaced thinking. The most successful club and international sides in the world at present play this way. Using a spare player at the back releases the back four players to push forward into supporting positions when attacking. The sweeper then picks up tight the opposition forward whose defending marker has moved into attack.

Sounds complicated? Well, not really, but it does prove that for young players learning

to play parts within systems is not that easy. Far easier to encourage the youngsters to show their abilities and practise their techniques as opposed to trying to fit into some system which they find difficult to understand anyway.

This article was written by the Assistant Coach, David Pleat, these new views are shed by the coaching staff and The Boss. However, he feels that there might be many readers who may have their own views and opinions on this subject and we will carefully scrutinise and publish any letters which we may receive which David feels are worthy of publication. Any published letters will receive a stand ticket for the next home game.

CHILTERN YOUTH LEAGUE

Limbury hit Harts for six.

Limbury B.C. 6 Icknield Harts 0

BOTH teams lined up with several new faces, Limbury having K. Brehemy in at no. 5 and Larry Austin in goal. The game started fairly evenly with end to end play. After 15 minutes Limbury were awarded a penalty for handball which John Mullen converted.

Limbury were shooting from long range and the Icknield keeper, Steve Crouch, was finding it difficult to hold these. In the 35th minute he failed to hold a shot from Alan Hannan and Brian Tompkins had an easy task to push the rebound over the

line to make it two goals to nil at half time.

In the second half, Icknield moved Arthur Lamb up into the forward line but this tended to show gaps at the back and it was no surprise when from a clearance by Austin John Dearman headed over the advancing keeper without being touched by an Icknield player.

Then the later stages, some of the Icknield players stood and watched as Limbury scored further goals by Eric Martinez (2) and Brian Tompkins. The referee, Colin Chapman, again was well in command of a sporting game.

who will be a lad to take note of.

Dallow 72 7 Marsh Farm Rockets 2 Dallow's win over Marsh Farm Rockets saw Alan Menzies hit four goals.

Stopsley B.C. 10 Warden Hill "A" 0 Another player in scoring form was Roger Ingleden who hit a hat trick for Stopsley B.C.

CHILTERN PREMIER LEAGUE

The first season for the new league is now upon us. The standard of youth football in this venture is very high and many interesting matches will come forth as the season progresses.

During the week, Cambridge United met Cambridge City in the F.A. Youth Cup and were hammered 6-2, the Southern League club completely outpacing United's defence. Whilst one must expect Luton Town to be extremely strong contenders for the league honours, they will be meeting clubs who have been working very hard during the close season and who have been running youth teams 'or some time. The dark horse to upset a few teams must be Dunstable Town who have the strength of Limbury Boys' Club at hand.

One interesting note: Cambridge City meet Chiltern Youth side, Letchworth Town in the next round of the F.A. Youth Cup, so one could say that we are keeping it in the family!

Opinion

Retaliation. How many times have we seen players who hit back both physically and verbally when on the receiving end? They always have to pay the price for that brief moment of stupidity—sometimes at a very high cost—but one wonders what the reaction would be if the referee when provoked, took the same action. Readers should take special note at matches and on television of the amount of verbal and threatening gestures from both players and spectators directed at the man in the middle, and ask themselves: "How would I react?"

Spotlight on Limbury Old Boys.

LIMBURY Old Boys are now in their 23rd season as members of the Chiltern Youth Football League. Although they were founder members of the league in 1953, their records can be traced back to 1946 when, playing as Limbury Baptist Old Boys in the Luton and District Youth League, they were runners up in both the league and Bedfordshire Youth Cup. Pictured is their team of yesteryear.



Limbury Baptist Old Boys 1946-47. From left to right. Back row: Maurice Gazeley, Gordon Cook, Vic Worsley. Middle row: Ken Owen, John Spavins, John Warren. Front row: Cecil Lovett, Gos Allen, Fred Humphries, Maudwin Jones, Ken Burgess.

The man responsible for forming the club shortly after the war was Ray Knights whose hard work and dedication has seen the club grow from a one team outfit on the local park to a club with its own premises in Solway Road.

Former Luton Town half back, Dave Pacey, started his playing career at Alder Crescent and today his sons, David and Mick, can be seen there wearing the Limbury colours.

Much of the success of Limbury Old Boys can be attributed to their organisation. Many of their former players hang up their boots to manage teams for the club, a spirit which has existed over the years and one that shows appreciation.

The present committee consists mainly of past players;

Chief coach Ron Wells and Secretary John McGowan, having played for the club during the mid-sixties. John has come up through the ranks as a manager and in 1972 took on the role of secretary.

The many hours John puts in behind the scenes in an administrative capacity are rewarded by the success of his teams on the field of play.

This season has seen an amalgamation with their parent

club, Limbury Boys Club, but although a strange name to some, the old spirit is still there and at the end of the season one can be sure that Limbury B.C. will be contesting the honours.

TECHNIQUES WITH DANNY BERGARA

In my strip this week I want to teach young players to chip the ball correctly. There are many different types of chip shots. We are going to deal with chipping short distances from a dead ball situation. In a game this could be used, for instance, where you want to chip over a defensive wall. Like all techniques it wants practicing until you get it right.

CHIPPING THE BALL

Get yourself completely square facing the ball, when you run up to chip the ball take small steps. The non kicking foot is alongside of the ball and the kicking foot is raised as shown in the illustration to about 9 o'clock. Kick the ball with a short stabbing movement. If the ball is kicked properly the studs at the toe end of the boot should scuff up the grass. There is no follow through with the kicking foot. It's just a downward stab to putt back spin on the ball.



This technique needs practising. Start off by chipping the ball to a mate, and he to you, standing about 10 yards away from each other. When you feel you're mastering the chip, move fifteen yards apart and get another player to stand in the middle—see if you can chip it over his head without him intercepting.

ABDOMINALS

Perhaps the most important muscle group which requires constant attention are the stomach muscles. Good strong stomach muscles give us the power to kick, to run and to work. Attention to strengthening stomach muscles (known as abdominals) must be continual. Here is a group of variations on stomach muscle exercises which all out players carry out once or twice daily.



1. Lying on back, head back and arms outstretched on grass, raise both feet six inches off the ground. Keeping the left leg six inches from the ground slowly raise the right leg to 45 deg. Lower slowly, keeping the left leg six inches from the ground. Always point



the toes and straighten the legs. Then raise the left leg to 45 deg, keeping the right leg six inches from the ground. Repeat this movement eight times with each leg.



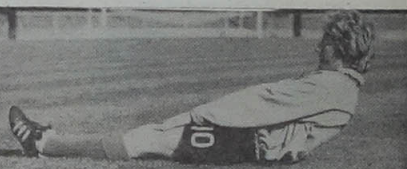
2. Lying on back, head back and arms outstretched on grass, raise both feet six inches off the ground. Slowly raise both legs to 45 deg. Then take legs out



wide from this raised position. Draw them in slowly and lower to six inches above ground. Repeat the movement, up—out—together—down, 12 times.



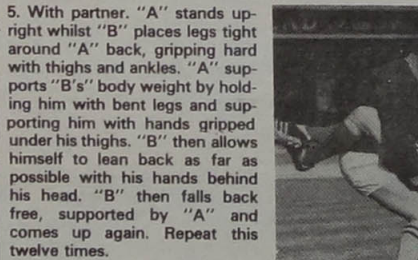
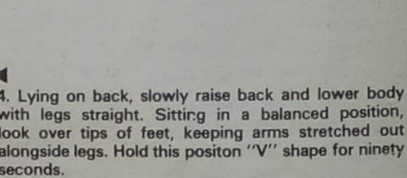
3. Lying on back, slide hands down thighs to top of knee caps as you come up slowly, raising back



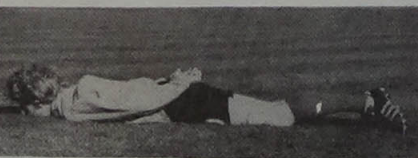
slightly. Slide hands back slowly and lower back to lying position in controlled fashion. Repeat fifteen times.



4. Lying on back, slowly raise back and lower body with legs straight. Sitting in a balanced position, look over tips of feet, keeping arms stretched out alongside legs. Hold this position "V" shape for ninety seconds.



5. With partner. "A" stands upright whilst "B" places legs tight around "A" back, gripping hard with thighs and ankles. "A" supports "B's" body weight by holding him with bent legs and supporting him with hands gripped under his thighs. "B" then allows himself to lean back as far as possible with his hands behind his head. "B" then falls back free, supported by "A" and comes up again. Repeat this twelve times.



6. In between any of these exercises, it is advisable to stretch on the stomach lying face down and try to push the upper part of the body upwards, keeping the lower back and legs anchored on the



deck. Clasp your hands behind your back. Attention to the work done to strengthen stomach muscles will considerably help your fitness programme.

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Sundon Park Y.C. 0 Kempston R. 4
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Fenale Douth 2 St. Joseph 8
14-16 Division 1
Harpenden R. 2 Limbury B.C. 1
14-16 Division 2
Westoning 5 Ashfield 3
Waterlows 3 Dynamos B.C. 'A' 2
Bolton Utd 5 Leighton Argyle 0
Warden Hill 5 Linslade Y.C. 1
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Icknield Harts 1 Wymore Ath 0
Dynamos B.C. 1 St. Josephs 4
12-14 Division 2
Leagrave R. 1 Vale Park Utd 3
Stopsley B.C. 10 Warden Hill 'A' 0
Dallow 72 7 Marsh Farm Rockets 2

Fixtures for Sunday, September 14.
14-18 Division 1
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Limbury B.C. v Kempston Rovers
at Alder Crescent. Luton B.C. v Icknield Harts at Chaul end. Sundon Park Y.C. v Letchworth Town at Leagrave Park.
14-18 Division 2
At St. Thomas's Fenale v Lea Hornets. At Barnfield Warden Hill v Limbury B.C. 'A'. At Icknield Park St. Josephs v Meads Utd. St. Vincents v B.A.C.
14-16 Division 1
At Gardenia Avenue St. Josephs v The 61 F.C. Icknield Harts v Lewsey Centre. Bedford Falcons v Park Utd. Dynamos B.C. v Meads Utd.
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Introducing this week's visitors ~ BOLTON....

Bolton need to convert more of their chances up front.

BOLTON, who at one stage last season had an outside chance of promotion, haven't been showing the same confidence this term. Defensively they have looked quite sound but they have been sadly lacking up front where Scottish international striker Hugh Curran has been unable to hit top note and Gary Jones has taken over as the Trotters' chief marksman.

Unlucky to lose to a twice taken penalty at Bristol City on the opening day, Bolton lacked power when losing 0-2 at Oxford. Though taking the lead at home to Fulham, they allowed the visitors to creep 2-1 ahead and salvaged a point only with a late John Byrom goal.

At York—where they scored their first victory a fortnight ago, Bolton recovered from a 0-1 interval deficit to win 2-1, Gary Jones and Paul Jones getting the goals.

Bolton have been playing 4-3-3 with former England wing Peter Thomson operating on the left wing where he continues to be a continual source of danger. His long shots retain all his old power and accuracy, though his telling centres have not this season been gobbled up so well by twin strikers Hugh Curran and Gary Jones.

In midfield Bolton have the

experience of Roy Greaves and John Byrom, plus the skilful young Peter Reid, a player who has matured remarkably since given his chance last season. Byrom lurks deep these days, ever ready to advance with his favourite move—carrying the ball up to the penalty box for a pop shot at goal.

When things are not running so well for his team, Byrom will often play well forward, hoping to snatch a goal with his lethal right foot.

In defence, Bolton have John Ritson and Tony Dunne on the flanks with Paul Jones and Sam Allardyce buttoning things up in the centre.

The Trotters' goalkeeper is Barry Siddall.

It is now 11 years since Bolton left the First Division and the intervening period saw them spend a couple of seasons in Division Three. They forced their way back into the Second Division in 1973 and now their long-term aim is to jump back into the top section.

Bolton became original members of the Football League in 1888 and spent a total of 58 seasons in Division 1.

It's in the F.A. Cup that Bolton have won most of their fame—winners four times (1923, 1926, 1929 and 1958),

runners up on three occasions (1894, 1904 and 1953). They appeared in 12 semi-finals. Yet the Football League Cup they have never improved upon their first effort, in 1960/61, when they reached the 1/16th finals.

Their highest League positions were third in Division 1 in 1892, 1921 and 1925. In 1909 they were Second Division champions and they finished runners up in 1900, 1905, 1911 and 1935.

Back Check

	Home	Away
1899/1900	0-2	0-3
1905/06	0-0	0-4
1906/07	1-0	2-2
1907/08	1-0	2-1
1908/09	0-0	2-4
1909/10	0-0	2-2
1910/11	2-0	2-4
1911/12	2-1	0-1

Summary:	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	8	4	3	1	6	3	11
Away	8	1	2	5	10	21	4
	16	5	5	6	16	24	15



Left to right. Back row: Alan Waldron, Neil Whatmore, Barry Siddall, Gary Jones, Roy Greaves. Middle row: Mike Walsh, Paul Jones, John Byrom, Sam Allardyce, Peter Nicholson, Hugh Curran. Front row: Stuart Lee, Peter Thompson, John Ritson, Peter Reid and Tony Dunne.

IAN GREAVES Manager

JIMMY Armfield's departure to Leeds at the commencement of last season presented a speedy return to management for Ian Greaves, one of football's honest men and one of its most respected coaches. This new opening came only weeks after he had relinquished his post at Huddersfield and had been appointed assistant manager at Bolton.

Mr. Greaves spent six years in charge at Huddersfield. In only his second season he led them back into the First Division after a long absence. But after two years, and a spot of trouble with some key players who were released, the club dropped back into Division Two and then made a dive into Division Three.

As a young hopeful, Ian Greaves joined Manchester United in the early 'fifties and won his League debut for them in 1954/55. Being a defender, he found he had a mammoth task on hand to displace internationals of the calibre of Roger Byrne, Duncan Edwards and Bill Foulkes so his first team opportuni-

ties were rare.

The tragic Munich air crash of 1958 provided the unhappy opening for his breakthrough, though he would have wished for it to have occurred in different circumstances. But life has to go on, and Ian Greaves established himself at left back, playing in the 1958 F.A. Cup Final against Bolton.

The following season he missed only eight games but, after finding himself back in reserve football in 1959/60, he moved to Second Division Lincoln City. Twelve months' later he joined Oldham where he spent the last couple of seasons of his League career.

He went into non league football with Altrincham Town and joined Huddersfield as a coach in 1964.

Anyone appointed to manage Huddersfield Town inherited not only the routine problems of finding a winning team but also the burden

of trying to restore some of this famous club's past glamour. Though it is now over 40 years since Herbert Chapman worked his miracle, Town fans still believe their club can one day become one of England's leading teams once again.

Mr. Greaves had one great asset in his favour. He spent seven years as a player under the guidance of Sir Matt Busby, probably the finest manager of all time.

Many of the tips he had picked up from Sir Matt evolved in his own philosophy, particularly his burning desire to produce 'quality teams.

Bolton Record

Founded: 1874.
Entered Football League: 1888 (original member).
F.A. Cup Winners: 1923, 1926, 1929, 1958.
F.A. Cup Runners-up: 1894, 1904, 1953.
Division Two Champions: 1909.
Division Two Runners-up: 1900, 1905, 1911, 1935.
Division Three Champions: 1973.
Record win: 13-0 v. Sheffield Utd. (F.A. Cup, September 1890).
Worst defeat: 0-7 v. Manchester City (Division One, March 1936).

PLAYERS PEN PICTURES

Probable line up

SIDDALL			
RITSON	JONES (P)	ALLARDYCE	DUNNE
GREAVES (Nicholson)			
BYROM			
REID			
CURRAN (Whatmore)	JONES (G)	THOMPSON	

Goalkeeper

Barry Siddall. Barry made his League debut in 1972/73 and at the end of the season he was in the England youth team which won the UEFA Youth tournament. Since the beginning of 1973/74, Barry has not missed a match and he made his hundredth successive first team appearance at York a fortnight ago. **League record: Bolton 92 aps.**



Defenders

John Ritson. John has been a regular member of the Trotters' defence for seven seasons now and he has become one of the Second Division's most consistent defenders. He's also quick on the overlaps when he sees an opportunity to attack. **League record: Bolton 259 (3) aps; 4 goals.**

Mick Walsh. This gigantic blond lad took over for the opening matches this season when Allardyce was injured. Fearson and quick into the tackle, his positional sense as yet could do with some improvement. But he's a good one for the future. Mick made his League bow at Nottingham Forest last February. **League record: Bolton 6 (1) aps.**

Tony Dunne. Tony was capped by the Republic of Ireland on 27 occasions during his Manchester

United days. He joined the Old Trafford club from Shelbourne in 1960 and was a member of the United team which won the European Cup in 1968. He also won two League Championship and an F.A. Cup winners' medal. When United gave him a free transfer in 1973 he moved down the road to Bolton. Since then he has won four more international caps and is still adding to his total. **League record: Man. Utd. 415 aps, 2 goals. Bolton 48 (2) aps.**



Paul Jones. Another consistent defender, Paul has been effectively closing the centre of the Bolton defence for over four years. Another of many local discoveries in the Trotters' side, Paul uses his height to good effect

when moving up for corners and free kicks. He also takes Bolton's penalties and last season he scored six goals, two from the spot. **League record: Bolton 171 (1) aps; 14 goals.**

Sam Allardyce. Sam's solid performances at the middle of the defence enabled Bolton to bank £80,000 last season! Manager Ian Greaves was so impressed with Sam's play that he knew he could sell centre back Don McAllister to Spurs without weakening his back four, Sam, who had deputised the previous season, took over following McAllister's February transfer and has been kept out only by injuries since then. **League record: Bolton 26 (1) apps; 3 goals.**



Midfield Players

Roy Greaves. Roy normally works on the right of Bolton's midfield, bringing all his experience to bear. When he first got into the Bolton side in 1966, he was a striker and in 1967/68 and the following season he was their leading scorer. Then he switched to a midfield role, more defensive by nature, and it is quite rare for him to score a goal these days. **League record: Bolton 306 (6) aps, 45 goals.**

Peter Reid. Peter served his apprenticeship at Burnley Park and got his big chance in the senior side against Orient in September 1974. A skilful player who can beat an opponent in a confined space, he has quickly established himself in the team. **League record: Bolton 28 (3) aps.**

John Byrom. Though John usually plays in a deeper role these days he continues to figure prominently among the scorers. Two seasons ago he scored 24 times to top the Trotters' scoring list for the fourth time in five years. Last season he netted 10 times and he is already off the mark this term. John likes running from deep positions with the ball, many of his goals coming from well hit longish shots. John originally made his name with Blackburn Rovers, where he won England youth honours. In 1964/65 he scored 27 goals for Rovers Bolton signed him in 1966. **League record: Blackburn Rovers 106(2) aps, 45 goals. Bolton 271(4) aps, 104 goals.**

Peter Nicholson. Peter made a few appearances in Blackpool's first team in 1970/71 when he was a colleague of Jimmy Armfield. When Mr. Armfield left to become Bolton's

manager at the end of that season, one of his first moves was to sign Peter who immediately won a first team place. This season, however, he has often been named as substitute. **League record: Blackpool 3(3) aps. Bolton 145(8) aps, 9 goals.**



Strikers

Hugh Curran. Bolton paid Oxford £50,000 for Hugh last season when he was their top scorer with 11 goals. Once turned down by Sir Matt Busby, Hugh spend several years with such clubs as Shamrock Rovers, Third Lanark and Corby before getting a League come back with Millwall in 1963/64. He later played for Norwich

and Wolves and won five Scottish caps to prove Sir Matt's judgment well and truly wrong for once! Oxford signed him in 1972 and he was leading marksman in both his completed seasons with them. **League record: Man. Utd. 0 aps. Third Lanark 9 aps, 4 goals. Millwall 57 aps, 27 goals. Norwich 112 aps, 46 goals. Wolves 77(5) aps, 40 goals; Oxford 69(1) aps, 26 goals. Bolton 36(3) aps, 11 goals.**

Garry Jones. Garry has regained his place this season after spending most of last term in the reserves. A Bolton discovery, he made his initial League appearances in 1968/69 but it was two years before he won a regular place which he held until last season. **League record: Bolton 143 (2) aps, 29 goals. Sheffield Utd. (loan) 3 aps, 1 goal. Peter Thompson.** One of the most experienced men in the Bolton side, Peter is a former England inter-

national. He opened his career with Preston, joined Liverpool in 1963 and, during a decade at Anfield he won League and Cup winners' medals and gained 16 England caps. Even in his 17th season of League soccer, he is still one of the most dangerous attackers down the left wing, packing a tremendous shot.



League record: Preston 122 aps, 20 goals. Liverpool 317(5) aps, 42 goals. Bolton 69 aps, 1 goal.

Neil Whatmore. Neil made his first senior appearance three seasons ago and has on several occasions enjoyed a spell in the side though he was not in the team for the early games this season. **League record: Bolton 46 (7) aps, 14 goals.**

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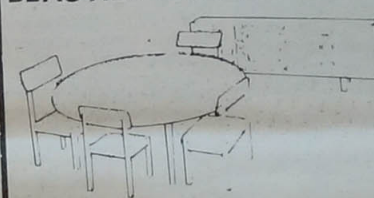
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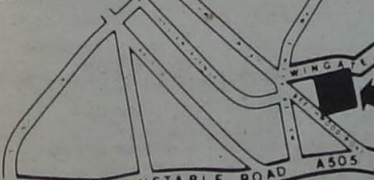
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Against Chelsea under the worst possible conditions they showed everyone that they should still be playing First Division football. The bright young stars from Stamford Bridge were efficiently and skilfully disposed of. Goals from Anderson, Fletcher and a terrific spot kick from Steve Buckley sealed Chelsea's fate and we believe but for the aggravation from the terraces we would possibly have scored five.

At Portsmouth on Saturday the lads continued where they left off. Ian St. John having watched the game against Chelsea set his team the task of man-to-man marking. They started running courageously

and fighting for every ball but once the "Hatters" settled down, playing close possession football, "Pompey" were never in it.

Without both Alan West and John Aston the fluency was still there and the "Hatters" complete mastery had the Portsmouth supporters applauding our play whilst jeering their own team. Unfortunately, Portsmouth as a last resort tried a little rough and tumble which did little to upset the lads.

The Portsmouth "Sports Mail" on Saturday evening described Luton as a team with arrogant composure.

Back home on Saturday the

Reserves responded to the goal rally even better than the First Team, they banged in five against West Ham. However, one set back here is that John Seaman had to retire with suspect torn knee ligaments which could result in a two week lay off. This win was more remarkable for the fact that David Carr came in at centre half for Steve Litt (on loan to Arsenal) and did an unbelievable job on Bobby Gould.

We have said it before and we will say it again, we can only improve. The Reserves' strength being what it is, we are going all out for promotion, it will be back first time.

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