

# THE HATTER

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## Seasman goal takes a point from Carlisle



Following some decisive play from Brian Chambers and Peter Anderson, John Seasman made no mistake with a fine drive at Carlisle to make it 1-0 after eleven minutes. John continued to give the Cumbrian's defence problems throughout the game at Brunton Park. The point earned was a good one, and if lady luck had been with Jim Ryan it would have been two.

The team is now looking forward to Fulham and Alec Stock, with tough away games at Forest and Sunderland, they will be after both points from The Hatters ex boss. Not forgetting Messrs Slough and Busby, everyone will be doing their utmost to prevent either Alan or Viv getting on the scoresheet, whatever the outcome, we are promised some great football.

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# FABULOUS AWAY WIN FOR YOUNGSTERS

Chiltern Premier League  
Hoddesdon Town 0 v  
Luton Town 6

Team: Roberts, McHugh, Moroney, Morgan, Fielding, Jones, Simon, Smith, Ingram, Hill, Donnelly. Subs: Turner (Moroney, h.t.), Howson (Simon, h.t.). Scorers: Morgan, Simon, Smith, Jones, Donnelly, Howson.

Three goals in five minutes was a tremendous start to a brilliant first half, our main priority being to play the simple ball and maintain one-to-two touch football that tore our opponents apart.

In the second half we made

a couple of changes, Howson replacing Simon and Turner coming on for Moroney. With a 5-0 lead the lads got a bit complacent, some being too casual, some trying to play their own game, carrying the ball too long and then losing the discipline of the side. Even though we only scored one in the second half, we missed three or four good chances. If they had been put away, the final score could well have reached 10 or 11-0.

So far as points and players are concerned, we are doing very, very well, our main priority being to be seen players for the future first team.

## GREAT PERFORMANCE AGAINST SPURS STARS

Football Combination  
Wednesday, October 1.  
Luton Town Reserves 2 v  
Tottenham Hotspur 1

This was a very pleasing performance with the young players showing scant regard for the reputations of some of the Spurs players. We got hold of the game early on with the three midfield players dictating some good attacking moves. Spurs goalkeeper,

Cranston, made several last gasp saves before finally being beaten by Adrian Alston after a brilliant move involving Brian Chambers and Andy King.

Alston was unable to continue in the second half after suffering a kick on the ankle. Andy King went up front and did a fine job, showing pace and aggression. When Spurs did go forward, Graham Horn always handled well. Spurs got

## Young Godfrey gets on the score sheet

Midweek League  
Monday, September 29.  
Luton Town Reserves 2 v  
Brentford Reserves 2

After a very good start in the first half-hour, although we went 1-0 down after four minutes, we managed to come back to draw 2-2. "Lilly" pulled one back in the 15th minute.

In the second half we started rather shakily and Pool scored for Brentford but Godfrey Ingram equalised. Godfrey, a 15 year old England international school boy player gave a very interesting performance and proved that with dedication he can become a very good player.

When he came on for Donnelly in the second half Sandor Simon confirmed once again that he is good material for the very near future. Wayne Morgan, whose tackling showed both courage and determination, was magnificent in the back four and Bobby Thomson's experience was of great assistance to the young lads and showed that he can still play at any level.

a slightly undeserved equaliser when Chivers scored in the 60th minute, but when Chambers dictating from midfield and completely overshadowing Coates, we kept going forward and it was Chambers himself who scored the second and decisive goal fifteen minutes from time.

Everyone played with determination and effort and the standard of play shown, if continued, could mean we will be challenging for honours in the Football Combination this season.

## 2 POINT REWARD FOR LONG JOURNEY

Football Combination  
Saturday, September 27  
Plymouth Argyle Res 2 v  
Luton Town Res 3

Team: Knight, Mead, Thomson, Pollock, Carr, Jones, Russell, Chambers, Spiring, Alston, Simon. Sub: Malcolm.

This was a first class performance in difficult conditions but the gusty wind was handled brilliantly with man to man on the deck football. With two 16 year old apprentices, Knight and Jones making their debuts, we began with the wind in our favour and Alston hit two tremendous drives which the veteran Furnell managed to block. Although we held the upper hand, it was Plymouth who took the lead when Megson shot into the corner. However, the Hatters fought back to take the lead just after half time with goals from Spiring and Simon, although another good effort by Plymouth, against the run of play, levelled the scores. Alston replied for the Hatters with two minutes remaining, after good work by Spiring.

Every player gave a good account of himself and we were complimented as the best side seen at Home Park this season. The understanding between the players, and the teamwork, was excellent. This type of performance brought credit to the club.

They'd fallen asleep. They gave us a real rousing finale. Mind you, me and Nobby and Clank 'ad a little boo and a slow-handclap as well. But we were a bit shamefaced afterwards, walkin' down the Oak Road. Felt a bit sorry for the lads like. I wonder if the season ticket 'olders felt a bit apologetic... (That's a good work, Clank). Thing is, as we see it, we just ain't use to so much indecision from the Town, so it's a bit of a shock when they do everything wrong. And for five minutes, we forgot the good stuff they've served up for the last couple of seasons. One gulp don't make a winter—(think about that one).

We made gatekeeper number 6 our man of the match with Jimmy 'Usband a close second.

**Captain Hair Blower**  
Westy—our blow-wave 'ero returned against Blackburn, and although one man don't make a team, Town looked a bit more ship shape. The front runners improved a bit too, though Ronnie Fletcher is still playin' wiv his 'ead down. Paul is still full of 'is neat, cool touches, but he tends to stop, after makin' an idiot of an opponent, and take a bow or wait 'til the applause dies down. 'E'll 'ave to stop that. Nobby still thinks Darlington 'ave got a lot to answer for, and Town are still playin' as if they think they're not as good as they are. It showed at times against Blackburn—but they also turned it on; especially just after 'alf time and the Northerners were reelin'.

O.K. so we've gone through a bad patch, and let's 'ope it's over, but we've picked up points as well regardless. That says a lot.

We should never 'ave dropped a point against Blackburn, but then, we should never 'ave done a lot of things recently.

Incidentally, Clank went through the turnstiles and got

frisked by a copper. Then 'e went up to another corner and asked 'im to do it again, 'cos 'e enjoyed it. We're a bit worried about Clank.

**Takin' Stock of Fulham**  
We're gonna do a little series of run-downs of visitin' teams. We want to make visitin' supporters feel at 'ome, see? 'Alf of Fulham Football Club will feel at 'ome anyway. Stockie'll probably go into the wrong dressin' room at 'alf time and give Town a team talk.

Anyway, we're very pleased to welcome you to Kenilworth Road, Fulham, and we 'ope you get stuffer... We Oak Roaders of course'll 'ave a special little cheer for Miss Vivien Busby and Mr. Alan Slough, and we'll try and recognise that great 'alf back who's played so many times for England and is a legend in 'is own time. Can't remember 'is name off hand. (In the list of Players Particulars sent by Fulham, they give the age of every players except this one. Why's that then?)

Then of course, there's Alan Mullery, footballer of the year in 1974/75. Alan, strange as it may seem, never played for Luton.

Not did mid-fielder John Lacy. If he plays today, watch 'im close, 'cos he's brainy, 'aving got a science degree. If we're lucky, he might give us a quick flash of 'is bunsen burner.

Watch for defender John Cutbush too. He was born in Malta, so he'll 'ave George

## RESERVES MISS TOP PLACE AFTER LOSING TO SWINDON

Football Combination Table  
(Up to and including Saturday, October 11th.)

	Pd	Wn	Dwn	Lat	For	Agst	Pts
Birmingham City	11	7	3	1	15	5	17
Ipswich Town	11	7	2	2	19	10	16
West Ham United	11	7	1	3	30	16	15
LUTON TOWN	11	6	3	2	21	13	15
Chelsea	13	5	5	3	23	15	15
Bristol City	12	6	2	4	20	12	14
Oxford United	10	5	2	3	14	13	12
Bournemouth	13	3	6	4	18	17	12
Swindon Town	12	5	2	5	13	20	12
Cardiff City	11	5	1	5	16	18	11
Leicester City	12	4	2	6	18	19	10
Fulham	11	1	8	2	10	11	10
Tottenham Hotspur	11	3	3	5	19	18	9
Norwich City	12	3	3	6	14	15	9
Arsenal	11	5	4	2	12	13	9
Plymouth Argyle	11	3	3	5	12	18	9
Reading	8	3	3	2	8	13	9
Orient	10	7	4	1	11	19	7
Crystal Palace	11	3	1	7	17	29	7
Bristol Rovers	12	3	1	8	17	35	7
Queens Park Rangers	10	2	2	6	10	18	6

## Three wonderful goals sink Oxford

Football Combination  
Saturday, October 4.  
Luton Town Reserves 3 v  
Oxford United 0

Team: Horn, Mead, Thomson, Pollock, Carr, Malcolm, Simon, Russell, Fletcher R, King, Fucillo, Sub: Morgan (for Pollock)

With Chambers and Alston promoted to the first team squad, we fielded nine players aged under 20 in the side.

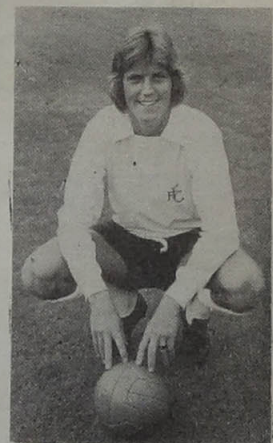
The opening exchanges were rather scrappy with neither side putting the passes together. However, Ron Fletcher soon made the game alive by hitting a tremendous drive with his left foot past the startled Milkins. This signalled some good attacks and

Fletcher, King and Simon all had goal bound attempts turned aside. A well rehearsed free kick by King and Fucillo enabled the latter player to hit a brilliant 'bender' into the near corner and, soon after, Pollock got on the end of some good play by King. In the 15 minutes before half time we played some fine football with Simon prominent.

However, we were disappointed in the second half as attacks floundered against the aggressive Oxford side who, prior to this game, were above Luton in the table.

This third win in succession gives the youngsters 15 points out of 20, a very creditable start.

Cross stamped on 'is adductor or something. And with a bit of luck, Peter Mellor, the goalkeeper who made non-stick gloves famous, will do something acrobatic. Might even do a double somersault for a back pass.



Fulham Spy

Finally, Fulham spy, John Mitchell, the striker who lives just down the road a bit, and who can be seen hiding in hedges around Laportes when Luton are trainin', and sends coded reports back to Stockie. Little does Stockie know, Mr. Mitchell is a double agent—and in a certain document known as The 'Aslam Memorandum, we've even got that bit of missin' information concerning that famous 'alf back's age.

See yours...

## THE HATTER

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"WELCOME back, Alec!" I am sure all our supporters will echo those sentiments, not only to Alec but, of course, to Viv Busby and Alan Slough. It is nice to see them all doing so well at Fulham and I am sure that we are going to see a very exciting game as this is also one of our big "derbies". Although we look on them in a friendly manner, I can assure you that we are not giving any points away because of our good relationship!

So far this season we have had a bad run, but nobody can make excuses—we have given points away. However, looking at the League tables it is amazing to see that although we are only two points off the bottom, we are six points away from the second! It is interesting to note that Aston Villa were in exactly this position at the same time last season and look where they are now!



Carlisle keeper Burleigh just grasps a Chambers cross to prevent Alston scoring.

So although it has been very bleak over the last few weeks I see no reason to take a defensive attitude. I honestly believe that we have run through a bad patch that other clubs may have to face later in the season and that Jimmy Ryan's penalty miss at Carlisle on Saturday heralded the death-knell of this bad run.

We have had a lot of injuries—Jimmy Ryan, Alan West, John Aston—a change at full back and the front three have been altered on many occasions. All these things do not exactly ease the situation, but looking at the league tables does make me more confident.

Our biggest disappointments were losing at home to Bolton and throwing away a point with Blackburn. We really should have made sure of these two. In the first half at Blackpool we gave 100% but we let it slip in the second half. At Carlisle we played far better than most reports gave us credit for but we missed chances, although their goal-

keeper played extremely well. At the end of the game we very unluckily missed a penalty but this was just one of many missed chances that should have been put away.

I hope the crowd will bear with us until we put the balance and rhythm back into the side for which we are all aiming.

Unfortunately, the Football Combination side also had a bad day on Saturday, losing 1-0 at home to Swindon. A win in this game could have put them in second place in their League but this was again a story of missed chances. The reserves are doing a tremendous job as each week the team is altered—players returning from injury, players out through injury, young players coming in—but David Plett is getting a fine team together.

The Midweek League side is about half-way up the table. This team is also changed repeatedly but Danny is doing a grand job in bringing the youngsters through, some of whom also play on Saturday mornings in the Chiltern Premier League team who are currently in first position.

So we have a long hard week ahead of us. On Saturday we entertain Fulham, we have a trip to Nottingham Forest on Tuesday and then we face the long journey up to Sunderland on the following Saturday. A very hard week but let us hope that it will be a good one too.

## The Evening Post

In our first edition we published certain comments which might have been taken to infer that an Evening Post photographer, Mr. J. O'Reilly, who covered the Luton match in Dunkirk, had falsified pictures of fans injured in the fighting and that the Editor of the Evening Post published them in order to mislead the public.

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## THE MAN HIMSELF

AGED 31, born and bred in Luton and has always been football minded. Has played competitive football since the age of six for junior schools and during the following years captained Luton Schoolboys Under 13's, 14's and 15's. He also represented his county at both junior and senior level and has represented the F.A. in representative games.

He joined Luton Town as a 15 year old and played for the youth team and the then "A" teams and Colts. He also then joined the senior amateur ranks of Hitchin Town but due to the pressure of "night life" and work he gave up any idea of taking football seriously.

After serving an engineering apprenticeship with a local Luton company he then, at the age of 22, ventured into the business world and started an engineering company using a converted pig-sty in a farmhouse near Tring.

From then he rapidly progressed and expanded his engineering concern to the present headquarters of the Yates Group at Dallow Road, Luton where he has a 30,000 sq. ft. factory.

Among the other concerns of the Yates Group of which he is Joint Chairman and Managing Director along with his co-partner and brother Robert, are property, building, salvage, hotels and restaurants.

Only these past two years through delegation to an excellent staff has Jim had time to



J. R. YATES

divulge in his favourite sport—football. And he only recently realised on of his ambitions—to become a Football Club Director of "The Hatters", becoming Luton's youngest

Director ever. And he still feels that with youth on his side he certainly can offer a tremendous amount of help and effort in the forthcoming years.



## THE OAK ROAD ENDERS REPORT

by Dusty, Nobby and Clank.

THERE are times in every self-respectin' football fan's life, when the chips are down and there ain't no justice no more. An 'orrible dilemma 'as cropped up and me and Nobby and Clank 'ave got a problem. It'd be 'ardly worth a mention if it weren't for the fact that it spoils our image amongst the Oak Road Enders.

Nobby's in love. With a girl.

I suppose I'd better spell it out otherwise you might think me and Clank 'ad something to do with it. The thing is, we went into Tesco's the other Saturday to buy some Brillo-pads for Clank's mum. (She uses 'em to rub 'er corns). When we got to the check out, Nobby stops dead in 'is tracks stannin' at this bit in the queue. She was all jeans and earrings and at first glance looked like a bloke. But when we got a better look we

could just make out that it was a girl. Anyway, me and Clank weren't takin' that much notice 'cos we was arguin' about whether Brian Chambers should be in the first team or not, and wonderin' if Adrian Alston 'ad a pouch. Next thing we know, old ear-rings drops 'er basket and all 'er baked beans and corn flakes land in a heap at Nobby's feet. So me and Clank start to titter and make a few 'ighly amusin' remarks—but Nobby goes down on 'is hands and knees pickin' everything up for 'er. She was all flustered, and 'er ear-rings were wavin' about and Nobby 'ad an armful of Biological washing powder and fish fingers. Then when 'e tried to get up, he couldn't. He was strugglin' away, but 'e couldn't get off his knees. Me and Clank felt about 'is 'cos we noticed he was kneelin' on both ends of 'is Town scarf.

Anyway, when he finally got up and gave the girl 'er stuff back, quite a little crowd of old biddies 'ad congregated and were sayin' typical things like:

"So you see what I mean. We'll keep you informed."

**Plymouth Sound**

Nice to 'ere from the season ticket 'olders when we played Plymouth. We began to think



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## Chelsea sunk by Saints



An elated John Seaman after scoring at Carlisle

## FRUSTRATED FULHAM DROP ANOTHER HOME POINT

Fulham 0 Nottm. Forest 0

Frustrated Fulham dropped another home point to struggling Forest who ended a run of four consecutive defeats. It was a niggly match in which neither side produced the form of which they are capable. Four players were booked—Cutbush, Strong and Mullery (Fulham) and Curran (Forest)—and visiting skipper Bob Chapman was sent off for a foul.

Bemused Fulham chief Alec Stock remarked after the game that, previously this season, Fulham had fielded 43 teams (1st, 2nd and "A" teams) with only one caution against them. "Today we had three. I can't understand it," he shrugged.

week, they were back to all their old faults in this game—the fourth successive League game without a goal. Rovers were quite happy to settle for a point to maintain their set average of a point-per-match from five away trips.

## BOLTON WIN AGAIN

Plymouth 2 Bolton 3

Bolton extended their unbeaten League run to nine games, and confirmed themselves as serious promotion challengers, with a magnificent late rally. Plymouth coasted along with a 1-0 lead given to them with a Brian Johnson penalty in the 29th minute and, with only 10 minutes left, it seemed that would be sufficient to give them both points.

Then Neil Whatmore struck with two goals in a minute to put Bolton ahead. Peter Reid, with his first ever League goal, put the issue beyond doubt with a third for the Trotters in the last minute. But gallant Plymouth refused, even then, to give up and almost straight from the kick off Johnson scored again. Then time ran out on them.

### LEADING GOAL SCORERS

	League	Lge. Cup	Total
Cheesley (Bristol City)	8	1	9
Channon (Southampton)	8	—	8
Jones (Oldham)	4	3	7
Walsh (Blackpool)	7	—	7
Greenwood (Hull)	3	3	6
Bannister (Bristol Rovers)	4	1	5
Bradd (Notts County)	4	1	5
Bowyer (Nottm Forest)	2	3	5
Clarke, D. (Oxford)	5	—	5
Hales (Charlton)	2	3	5
Mann (Bristol City)	5	—	5
Robson (Sunderland)	5	—	5
Towers (Sunderland)	5	—	5
Whatmore (Bolton)	5	—	5

Up to and including last Saturday

Southampton 4 Chelsea 1

Southampton once again produced their powerful home form which exposed an awful lot of flaws in the young Chelsea side—even though most of the scoring was left until the later stages. A 20th minute Mike Channon penalty was all the crowd had to celebrate until the last quarter of an hour. Then Bobby Stokes and Nick Holmes slipped in two quickies and Channon, being watched by England manager Don Revie, hit a fourth in the closing moments. The game was drifting into injury time when Butch Wilkins slapped in a consolation for sad Chelsea.

## 2nd Division Attendances

	Aggregate	Average
1. Sunderland (1)	186,951	26,507
2. Chelsea (2)	96,013	19,203
3. Southampton (3)	101,895	16,983
4. Plymouth (4)	72,793	14,559
5. Nottm. Forest (5)	66,394	13,279
6. West Bromwich (7)	64,221	12,844
7. Bristol City (8)	74,942	12,490
8. Fulham (11)	70,803	11,801
9. LUTON TOWN (6)	58,314	11,663
10. Blackburn (9)	69,953	11,659
11. Portsmouth (10)	57,811	11,562
12. Notts County (13)	50,217	10,043
13. Bolton (12)	38,087	9,522
14. Charlton (14)	37,855	9,464
15. Oldham (18)	50,267	8,378
16. Blackpool (15)	41,257	8,251
17. Bristol Rovers (17)	39,764	7,953
18. Carlisle (16)	37,750	7,550
19. Hull City (20)	44,097	6,299
20. Oxford (19)	31,301	6,260
21. Orient (21)	30,611	5,102
22. York City (22)	19,738	4,935

Up to and including last Saturday. Figures in brackets denote position in last chart.

## Very good away point by Pompey

Blackpool 0 Portsmouth 0

Portsmouth packed their defence in a bid for a point and the tactic paid off—even though luck was on their side. Blackpool made all the running, created most of the chances. Terry Alcock dribbled round the visiting goalkeeper but then shot wide. A Kevin Moore inswinging corner kick beat Lloyd in goal but Eoin Hand headed off the line. Add to this a series of fine saves by Graham Lloyd in the Pompey goal and Blackpool's frustration was complete.

Said Blackpool manager, Harry Potts after the game: "We scored seven goals in our previous two home games but today we had more chances than in both these games put together. Somehow our forward just couldn't snap them up."

Portsmouth manager Ian St. John's bid to sign his former Liverpool colleague Chris Lawler fell down during the week. The clubs agreed terms but the player decided against a move south.

## Charlton cave-in again

Bristol City 4 Charlton 0

Bristol City have not scored more goals in 12 League games than they did in their opening 25 matches last season! Reason for their increased tally—25—so far—is the extra shooting practice being put in by the strikers, Normal Whitehead and Paul Cheesley. Each has been firing in at least 200 rapid shots per day, including Sundays. Cheesley, who scored twice again at Charlton, is now the Second Division's leading scorer with nine goals. Whitehead opened the scoring in the 25th minute and

Gerry Gow converted a penalty before Cheesley popped up with his brace.

For Charlton it was the second heavy League defeat in eight days and made absolute nonsense of their mid week form when they held Q.P.R. to 1-1 at Shepherd's Bush—indeed, Charlton deserved to win—in the League Cup. Yet while Rangers followed with a cracking 5-0 success over Everton, Charlton failed at Ashton Gate. The previous Saturday they were beaten 0-5 at Bolton.

## How they stand

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderland	12	7	0	0	18	4	1	2	2	2	5	18
Bristol City	12	5	1	0	3	5	2	2	2	10	11	17
Fulham	11	3	2	1	9	2	3	1	1	8	6	15
Bolton	11	2	2	0	11	3	4	1	2	11	9	15
Notts County	11	2	2	1	3	2	4	1	1	8	7	15
Southampton	10	6	0	0	17	3	0	2	2	3	7	14
Oldham	10	5	0	1	12	7	0	3	1	4	7	13
Blackpool	11	3	2	0	9	6	1	2	3	3	6	12
Bristol R	10	2	2	1	8	6	1	3	1	3	3	11
Hull	11	3	2	2	6	5	1	0	3	2	5	10
LUTON	10	2	2	1	7	4	1	1	3	5	6	9
Chelsea	12	2	3	0	7	3	0	2	5	4	14	9
Charlton	10	2	1	1	5	4	1	2	3	3	12	9
Plymouth	10	3	1	1	7	5	0	1	4	3	8	8
Orient	11	2	3	1	4	3	0	1	4	3	8	8
Oxford	11	2	1	2	6	6	1	1	4	5	12	8
W.B.A.	10	1	4	0	5	4	0	2	3	1	10	8
Blackburn	10	1	1	4	5	7	1	2	1	4	4	7
York	10	2	0	2	6	5	0	3	3	4	8	7
Nottm For	10	1	0	4	5	7	1	3	1	4	5	7
Carlisle	11	1	3	1	5	5	1	0	5	5	12	7
Portsmouth	10	0	4	1	3	5	1	1	3	3	8	7

## OXFORD PLEASE THEIR NEW MANAGER

Notts County 0 Oxford United 1

This was the biggest shock of the day. Notts County, unbeaten at home and conquerors of mighty Leeds in mid week, fell to a struggling Oxford side that had failed to win any of its previous 26 away games! The Nottingham air must do something for Oxford for their last away success—way back in August 1974—was just over the way on Forest's around.

The game was settled by a diving Derek Clarke header just before half time and, for all Notts' efforts, they could not break down a stubborn Oxford defence. It was a pity because Notts, who have been making a desperate appeal for support to help cut their massive overdraft, were playing before their best crowd of the season: 11,742.

So Oxford's new manager Mick Brown maintained his 100% record—four points from two games—since succeeding Gerry Summers. But his joy was counter balanced by the fact that striker Brian Heron broke a leg and will be out for several weeks.

## ALBION CAN'T FIND THE NET

Blackburn 0 W.B.A. 0

A draw was a predictable result for two teams who have now failed to win in seven League outings. Warning to Rovers, who started so well but have since slipped, was the size of the crowd—9,973

was their smallest of the season. Albion player-manager, Johnny Giles, is beginning to appreciate the size of his task, which could be made even greater if the club accepts Arsenal's £150,000 bid for mid-field star Len Cantello.



Peter Spiring brushes aside Carlisle right back Carr.

## WHO'S GOING TO STOP THE ROKERITES

Sunderland 3 Orient 1

This was Sunderland's seventh home win on the trot but they were made to fight hard for it. A Tony Tower's penalty was equalised by Gerry Queen on the hour and it was

only in the last 20 minutes that Sunderland struck their true form. Billy Hughes and Bryan Robson both scored to keep the Rokerites a point clear at the top of the table.



# PLAYER'S PORTRAIT

"FULHAM are the team we want to beat more than anyone else! It's going to be as tense as any local derby and I think we can expect a few sparks to fly before the final whistle blows." So said Hatters' goalkeeper Keith Barber this week as he prepared for the big match.

"It's all a matter of pride," explains Keith. "There are so many ties between the clubs. Ex manager Alec Stock will

obviously be hoping to return to Kenilworth Road to win, while our boss Harry Haslam will be equally as determined that we shall succeed. There's some obvious rivalry here.

"Fulham, of course, have two former Hatters' players—Alan Slough and Viv Busby—while their striker John Mitchell now lives in Luton. Our John Ryan is a former Fulham player, coach Roy McCrohan was once with the Cottagers. Everything's all very tangled up and I expect the game to become quite emotional."

Keith hopes the outcome will see him keep a proud personal record against the Cottagers. "Fulham have never managed to score a goal past me yet," he smiled.

For all the friendly rivalry that will bubble up on Saturday, Keith maintains a high professional regard for Fulham. "They're a very good side. In fact, from what I've seen I'd say they are one of only five real footballing sides in the Second Division this year.

"I don't think there's a better side than ourselves—and I say that in all honesty. I think we're as good as Sunderland. Apart from those three—Fulham, Luton and Sunderland—I rate only Southampton and Bristol City in the same class. If the eventual lucky three comes from those five, then I think justice will have been done.

"In spite of some poor results recently, I am still quite convinced that we will go up. If we can put one or two things right—silly little things, really—then we shall really start to go. The position is so close at the moment that we are ideally placed to make a serious challenge. A couple of wins would lift us six or seven places in the table."

Like any player, I do get up tight when supporters home or away begin to jeer when things aren't going well. It can be very upsetting when I'm standing in the goal and the lads up front are playing their hearts out to hear certain sections of the crowd having a go at us, after all, when we go out on the park we go out to win, it's always been like that at Luton but it is obvious that things don't always go the way you want them to.

Please don't miss understand me. I realise that that's what the game is about. Every supporter is entitled to his own opinion but I would like them to understand we are doing our best and will con-

## Keith Barber



tinue to do so. We went to get back into the First Division.

## Luton.. Luton!

"Sometimes I wonder, though, what it must be like for a team like Liverpool who get such tremendous backing from their fans—particularly when they are struggling. I should think if you are out there sweating away, when

things will just not go right, how great it would be to hear the crowd roar L U T O N . . . L U T O N !

"I think that sort of backing could really lift the gloom and give the team a new determination and incentive. It seems to have that effect on Liverpool."

Keith, who is now fast approaching his 100th League appearance for the Hatters, came into the professional game quite late in life. "I was 23 when I signed pro. for Luton," he recalls.

"I had been playing in local football in London, playing for Wandsworth on Saturdays and Sundays. It was funny how I came to end up at Luton, really. I had expected that, if I did turn pro., it would be with Southampton.

I was having trials with the Saints and then, out of the blue, they signed Sandy Davey from Luton. The very next day I received a letter from Harry Haslam, then Luton's coach, to come up for a trial.

## Debut

"I played a few games in the Midweek League but, before the club would offer me a contract, they sent me to play for Dunstable for about four months. Then one day in April 1971 I got a quite unexpected call to return to Luton and sign a professional contract. A few days later I was picked for my League debut against Sheffield Wednesday. That's a day I shall never forget. We drew 2-2."

Keith cannot recall why or how he became a goal keeper. "I just always seemed to be a goal keeper," he says. "Most

boys at school wanted to be centre forward and score goals. I just seemed to be the mug who volunteered to play in goal. I liked playing there."

He was still only 10 years old when he won his first representative honour! He was picked for South London 'Schoolboys' Under 11s. Later he was picked for the older age groups.

## Avid Hatter Fan

Keith, who married almost three years ago, lives in a comfortable semi detached house in Turnpike Drive, overlooking the South Beds. Golf Course. His wife Annette, though a Burnley girl, is now one of the Hatters' most ardent fans.

"Annette watches most of our matches," said Keith. "She's a good fan. And you know the big thing about her? She knows when to speak, and when not to speak, after a game!"

For a goalkeeper, it must be a big comfort to have such an understanding wife.

As Keith joined the other lads for a stiff training session, he reaffirmed his belief that the Hatters will gain promotion. But who were the players he most feared could kill those dreams?

## They're all Swines

"There are a lot of good strikers in the Second Division," he remarked. "There's no one in particular who stands out, though."

Then, perhaps with the typical philosophy of a goalkeeper, added: "They're all swines when they score!"



Keith stands firm against Gardiner at Wolves last season.

## Keith Barber's statistics

### Football League

	70/1	71/2	72/3	73/4	74/5	75/6	Total
Arsenal							
Aston Villa			2				
Birmingham		1(1)		2(4)			
Blackburn							
Blackpool		1(4)	1(2)				
Bolton				1(1)			
Brighton			2(3)				
Bristol City		1					
Burnley		1	1(3)				
Cardiff		1(1)	1(2)				
Carlisle		1(2)	2(3)				
Charlton		1(2)					
Chelsea							
Coveley							
Derby							
Everton							
Fulham		1					
Huddersfield		2(1)	2(2)				
Hull		2(1)	2(6)	1(2)			
Ipswich							
Leeds							
Leicester							
Manchester City							
Middlesbrough		1	2(1)	1(2)			
Millwall							
Newcastle							
Norwich		1(3)					
Nottm. Forest			2	1(4)			
Notts County							
Orient		1(1)	2(1)	1(2)			
Oxford		1(2)	1(1)				
Plymouth							
Portsmouth		1	2(4)				
Preston			2(2)				
Q.P.R.		1(1)	2(4)				

	70/1	71/2	72/3	73/4	74/5	75/6	Total
Sheff. Utd.					1(1)		1(1)
Sheff. Wed.		1(2)	1(1)	2(4)			4(7)
Stoke					1(4)		1(4)
Sunderland				1			1
Swindon			2(2)	1(1)			3(3)
Tottenham					2(3)		2(3)
Watford							1
West Bromwich			1				1(1)
West Ham							1
Wolves					1(5)		1(5)
		3(5)	18(18)	33(41)	5(11)	26(43)	9(9)
							94(127)

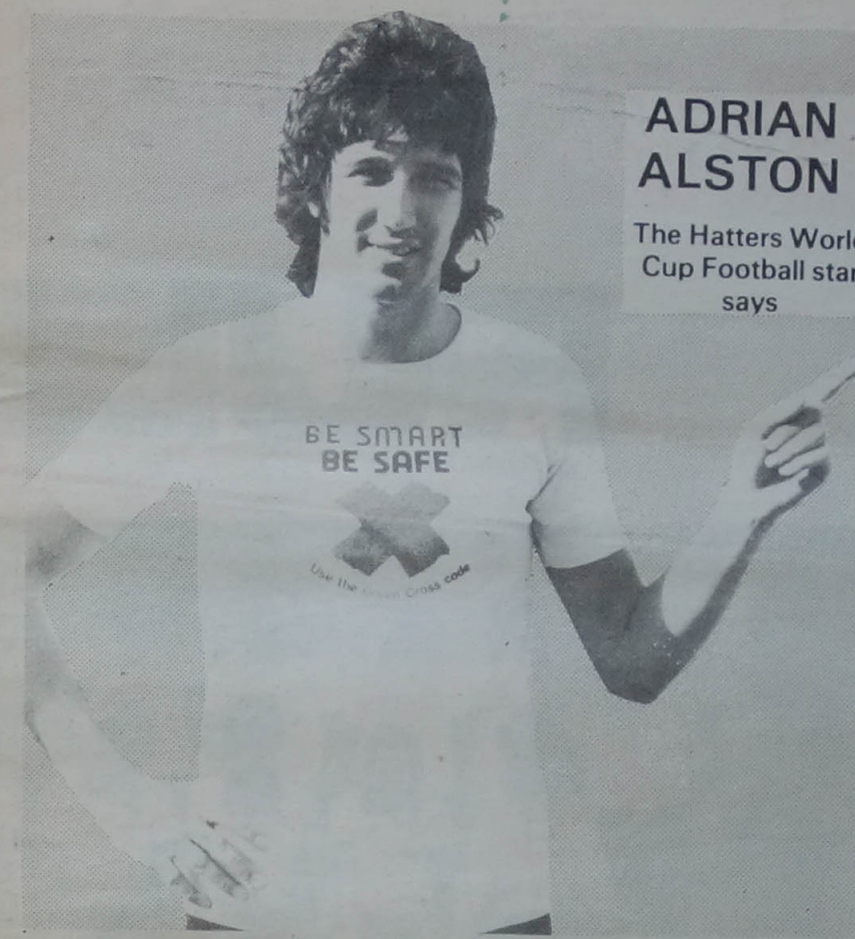
### F.A. Cup

	72/3	73/4	74/5	75/6	Total
Crew					
Newcastle		1			1
Sunderland		1(2)			1(2)
		3(2)			3(2)

### League Cup

	72/3	73/4	74/5	75/6	Total
Birmingham					
Bristol Rovers					
Bury		2(2)			2(2)
Darlington				1(2)	1(2)
Grimsby		1			1
Sheff. Utd.			1(2)		1(2)
	3(3)	3(2)	2(2)	1(2)	9(9)

N.B. Figures show number of appearances against each club each season. Figures in brackets denote goals conceded.



ADRIAN ALSTON

The Hatters World Cup Football star says

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# Welcome to our friends from Craven Cottage

## Alec Stock

ALEC Stock is now the longest serving manager in professional football, having withstood the strains and the tensions of soccer's most difficult job for well over 25 years.

Alec Stock, the manager, first hit the headlines in 1948 when he steered Sothern League Yeovil Town to astonishing Cup victories over Bury and Sunderland. They eventually went down 8-0 at Manchester United but Stock and Yeovil had made their mark and those great feats

are still remembered vividly by many thousands of people all over the world.

In August 1949 he was appointed manager of Leyton Orient and he built the side which won promotion to Division II in 1956. He moved to Arsenal as assistant manager in 1956 but he was greatly disillusioned by conditions on the coaching side at Highbury so he returned to Orient within a couple of months. The challenge of Italian soccer was laid before him and he took control of Roma F.C. but he

once again returned to Leyton Orient when they were in trouble.

Alec Stock finally severed his connections with Orient in March 1959 and three months later became manager of Queen's Park Rangers, whose success under his able command was phenomenal.

In 1967 Rangers became the first Third Division side ever to reach a Wembley final when they met W.B.A. winning 3-2. They also won promotion to the Second Division.

A year later they equalled Charlton's then unique feat of the 'thirties by rising from the Third to the First Division in successive seasons. Yet, having achieved all that his reward was—the sack!

Within months he was re-installed at Luton, fresh out of the Fourth Division. But it wasn't long before his Midas touch materialised again as the Hatters moved up to Division Two.

Having completed his job at Kenilworth Road, he left to take a rest but only days later he was approached to take over at Fulham and the thrill of yet another challenge was too exciting to turn down.

Again, he got down to work swiftly, making several important signings. Overnight, he had assembled a team which looked good enough to earn promotion.

Though he has yet to achieve that objective, we all know how he led Fulham to Wembley for this year's F.A. Cup final for the first time in club's history.



Alec Stock

# FULHAM



Fulham photos by Ken Cotton.

Back row: Alec Stock (Manager), Barry Lloyd, John Marjorison, Viv Busby, John Dowie, John Lacy, Peter Mellor, Ernie Howe, Alan Slough, Steve Camp, John Mitchell, Barry Friend, Ron Woolnough (Physiotherapist). Front row: Bill Taylor (Chief Coach), Les Barrett, Les Strong, Bobby Moore, Alan Mullery, Jimmy Conway, John Fraser, John Cutbush, Terry Medwin (Coach).

## PLAYERS PEN PORTRAITS



Alan Mullery

soon after his 17th birthday and he played 18 times for the England Youth XI during his early days at Upton Park. He made the logical progression into the Under 23 team and won his first full cap in Peru in 1962.

His last international was against Italy at Wembley in November 1973. A few months later he was to play his last match for West Ham. He decided he needed a fresh challenge for the twilight of his playing career and the Club who threw down the gauntlet was Fulham.

It was his superb timing, his iron hard tackles and his great ability to read the game which made Bobby Moore one of the most accomplished captains English football has ever produced.

He retains many of his qualities and he was of course a big influence in guiding Fulham to Wembley last season.

THE wheel of Alan Mullery's career turned a full circle when he returned to Fulham in 1972. Through all his days at Tottenham and during the full span of his England career, he always retained a high regard for the Club which gave him his big chance as a professional.

As a boy Alan was wanted by Brentford, Queen's Park Rangers, West Ham and Fulham but it was the personal approach of Fulham which clinched it. He made his League debut in 1959 and, later, in his first game as skipper he created an unwanted record by putting through his own goal in the first minute.

In 1964 Tottenham paid £72,500 for his transfer and it wasn't long before he won his first England cap, against Holland.

One of his main rivals for his particular position was Nobby Stiles whose own career at that time was still in its ascendancy so it was two years before Alan got another cap.

Then he was in the side for keeps and, though Stiles was to win further caps, Alan established himself as the number one choice. His play resembled Stiles' in several aspects. He is a determined

ball winner but he probably excelled Stiles in his more intelligent use of the ball.

Whereas Stiles had been one of the big successes of the 1966 World Cup competition Alan reached his peak in the 1970 Mexico games. He opened England's scoring in the match in which we led West Germany 2-0 before collapsing to that sensational 2-3 defeat.

The pressures of the all year round football with a successful club, and for his country eventually caught up with him, however. He was in the Spurs side which won the F.A. Cup in 1967 and the League Cup in 1971.

After playing for England in his 35th international against Switzerland in November 1971 he later told Sir Alf Ramsey that, through exhaustion, he would prefer to be left out of England's summer tour.

In March 1972 he agreed to help Fulham out on a month's loan but at the end of that season the Cottagers completed his transfer back to Craven Cottage for £65,000 fee.

He captained Fulham in last season's F.A. Cup Final and now his big ambition is to lead them back into the First Division.

ALAN SLOUGH left Luton for Fulham at around the same time as Viv Busby and he also commanded a £35,000 fee. He has earned himself a reputation as a versatile player at Craven Cottage for, after distinguishing himself at left back in his earlier months with them, he later settled into his present position in midfield.

Alan came through the Luton junior teams during the reign of manager Allan Brown who carefully eased him into the side during the 1965/66 campaign. We were pushing hard for promotion from the fourth division then but were to face many disappointments before we finally made it.

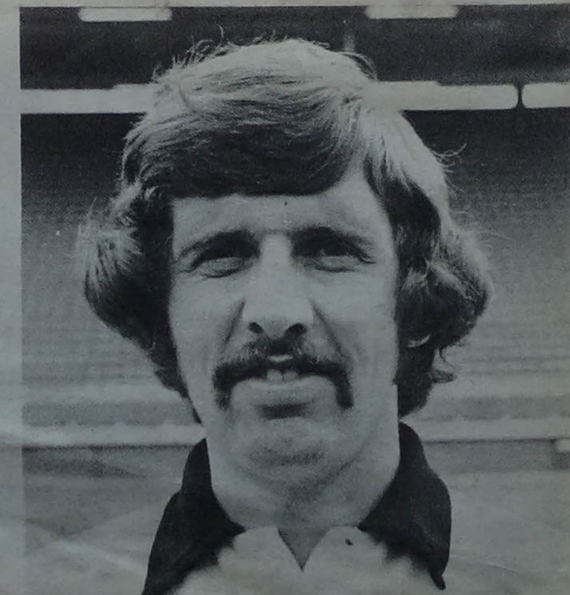
Now Alan is proving every bit as consistent for Fulham as they set their sights on the First Division. Alan's mum will be at Kenilworth Road today. Mrs. Slough can be seen on page 6 with Luton apprentices, Graham Jones and Tony Knight who she looks after as though they were her sons.

When we did succeed in 1968 Alan was in his second season

as a regular first teamer and he was amongst the select 11 players who won fourth division championship medals. The following season he was ever present when we so narrowly missed further promotion.

Consistent Alan was absent for only one game when we took runners-up spot to gain promotion to the Second Division in 1970 when he was going through a spell when he missed only one game in four years.

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Alan Slough



Viv Busby

VIV BUSBY'S big ambition is to score against Luton. Says four goal Busby, now Fulham's top scorer: "It would be great to pop one or two in against my old Club. The only previous time when I returned, in December 1973 I couldn't find a way through the defence. We drew 1-1."

A Luton discovery, Viv signed professional for the Hatters in January 1970 and made a few appearances in our first team before the end of that season. He looked a good prospect, his distribution intelligent and he was difficult to knock off the ball, but Alec Stock then Luton's manager didn't rush him.

Viv opened 1970/71 season in the first team but later found himself often named as substitute. The turning point really came

in March, when he was called on against Charlton and scored the equaliser.

After that he held his place. He got a magnificent goal against Hull, then he struck twice against Birmingham to end their unbeaten run of 14 games. He finished the season with eight goals.

The following season he had that upsetting loan period at Newcastle when, after several outstanding games in their senior side, he had expected to join the First Division club on a full transfer. But at the last minute the Magpies inexplicably pulled out of the deal.

In 1973 he went to Fulham on a £35,000 transfer and he has been their top scorer for the past two seasons. Viv still lives in Bedfordshire, at Wilstead, his loyalties will probably be divided today.

Peter Mellor: Fulham paid Burnley £25,000 for Peter in February 1972. Burnley spotted him playing for non League Witton Albion and he made his first appearance in the first team in 1969/70. Peter had a short period on loan to Chesterfield four seasons ago and last season made his 100th League appearance for Fulham. He was once a Manchester City junior. League record: Burnley 69 apts. Chesterfield 4 apts. Fulham 144 apts.

### JOHN MITCHELL

IT will be just like playing at home for Fulham striker John Mitchell when he faces Luton at Kenilworth Road. Soon after getting married last season he set up home in Luton, a fact that has earned him the nickname "Spy" by Hatters players.

John is now in the fourth season at Fulham where he made a sensational start to his League career with a series of vital goals. At the end of his first season (1972/73) he was second highest scorer with 11 goals.

John Dowie: John made his debut at Sunderland in March 1974 but had to wait almost a year for a further chance. He responded by scoring a couple of goals, one of which enabled Fulham to earn a replay with Nottingham Forest in the fourth round of the F.A. Cup. Unfortunately, he lost his place shortly before Fulham reached the final. League record: Fulham 18(2) apts. 2 goals.

Ernie Howe: Ernie got his chance to establish himself in the side this season when John Lacy was injured. Ernie came in at centre back for the opening game of the season against Blackpool and has since held his place. He made his initial first team appearance two seasons ago but had been only a stand in until this term. With five goals this season, he is one of the club's leading scorers. League record: Fulham 17 apts. 5 goals.

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Les Strong: Les was with Crystal Palace as a junior, but was never in contention for a first team place at Selhurst Park. After joining Fulham he rose to their senior team three seasons ago and, after taking over from Alan Slough mid way through the following season, Les has been the regular left back. League record: Fulham 84(3) apts. 2 goals.

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on 16 occasions, Jim joined Fulham from Bohemians in 1956 shortly before winning his first international cap. League record: Fulham 270(4) apts. 63 goals.

John Cutbush: John joined Fulham from Spurs during the 1972 close season after being a member of Spurs' reserve team for a couple of years. He has enjoyed three outstanding seasons in League football for Fulham. League record: Fulham 102(2) apts. 3 goals.

### FULHAM RECORD

Founded: 1880  
Elected to Football League: 1907  
F.A. Cup finalists: 1975  
Division Two Champions: 1949  
Division Two Runners up: 1959  
Division Three (South) Champions: 1932  
Division Three Runners up: 1971  
Record win: 10-1 vs Ipswich (Division One, December 1963)  
Worst defeat: 0-9 vs Wolves (Division One, September 1959)

### BACK CHECK

	Home	Away
1928/29	13	24
1929/30	4	1
1930/31	5	12
1931/32	13	23
1932/33	4	14
1933/34	2	12
1934/35	2	12
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1936/37	1	14
1937/38	2	0
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Summary	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	17	11	1	5	35	18	23
Away	17	2	2	13	19	42	6
	34	13	3	18	54	60	29

### PROBABLE TEAM LINE UP

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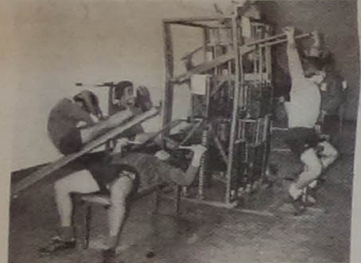


# A Day in the life of an Apprentice

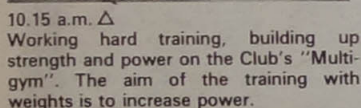
IF a boy has outstanding ability as a schoolboy footballer, his progress is carefully watched and he might be asked to sign schoolboy forms. At 16, when he leaves school, he may be given a golden opportunity to join a professional club as an apprentice. However, there are many everyday jobs to carry out as well as the strenuous training and the chance of playing for the Club's reserve sides.



9.00 a.m.  $\Delta$  The apprentices arrive at 9 a.m. and immediately change into their training kit and begin the job of sorting out each player's kit.



9.30 a.m.  $\triangleright$  Before the professionals arrive, boots may have to be either cleaned or studs adjusted. Each player has a pair of studded boots, rubber boots and training boots or pimsolls. Also, all balls must be pumped daily.



10.15 a.m.  $\Delta$  Working hard training, building up strength and power on the Club's "Multi-gym". The aim of the training with weights is to increase power.



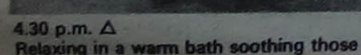
12.15 p.m.  $\triangleleft$  After training, the sweaty kit is taken to the wash room and the professional's track suits and sweat tops are hung up in the drying room.



1.15 p.m.  $\triangleright$  The young lads get together for a mid day snack under the shadow of the first team players they hope to emulate.



2.15 p.m.  $\triangleleft$  Warming up with Danny Bergara, prior to a skill practise session.



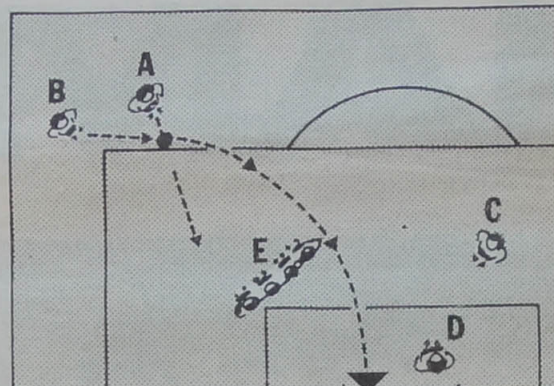
4.00 p.m.  $\triangleright$  Now the tidying up begins, cleaning and mopping the dressing rooms, putting the kit away and brushing out the boot room.

4.30 p.m.  $\Delta$  Relaxing in a warm bath soothing those aches and pains away and perhaps singing a song.

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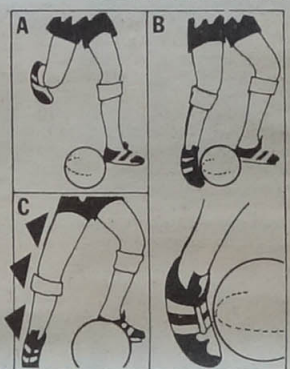
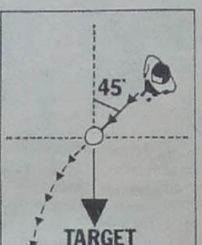
This week I want to talk about swerving the ball, in this issue I will outline the method for swerving the ball, kicking with the inside of the boot, and follow it up in the next issue with swerving the ball with outside of the boot.

A good example of the skill we are covering this week, was "Lilly" Fuccillo's goal against Oxford. Player A makes a run to chip the ball to Player C over the wall. Goal-keeper has to cover C at far post. A runs over the ball, leaving Fuccillo (B) clear to swerve the ball past the wall, and score on the near post.

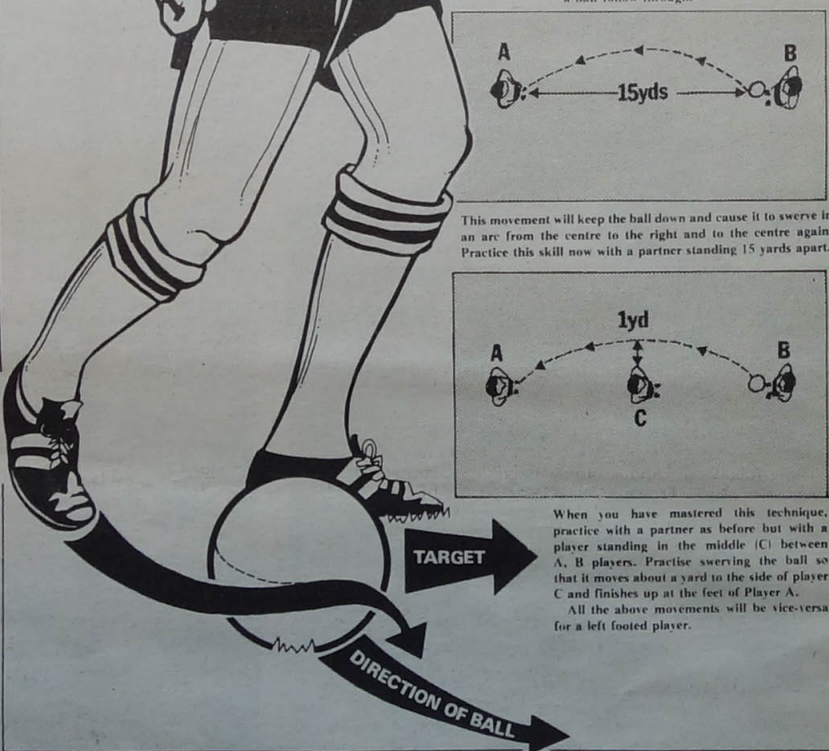


## SWERVING THE BALL

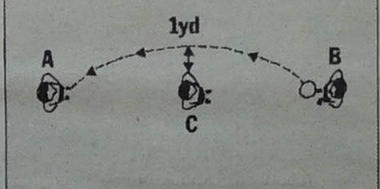
Approach the ball at an angle of 45 degrees to the target, with non-kicking foot left about 1 ft. to the left of the ball and slightly behind.



Bring the right foot down with the toe pointing outwards and the foot pointing slightly inwards (A). Strike the ball in the centre with the inside of the boot (B), ankle rigid at contact. Then smartly move leg outwards to the right (C) with a half follow through.



This movement will keep the ball down and cause it to swerve in an arc from the centre to the right and to the centre again. Practice this skill now with a partner standing 15 yards apart.



When you have mastered this technique, practice with a partner as before but with a player standing in the middle (C) between A, B players. Practice swerving the ball so that it moves about a yard to the side of player C and finishes up at the feet of Player A. All the above movements will be vice-versa for a left footed player.



5.15 p.m.  $\triangleleft$

All the baths and shower areas have to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected ready for the following day.



6.30 p.m.  $\triangleright$  Having a tasty evening meal in the comfort of their homely digs.

## Schoolboy Soccer in Bedfordshire

### Bedfordshire County Schools Football Association

The Bedfordshire County Schools Football Association runs four teams at County level—Under 14, Under 15, Under 16 and Under 19.

**Team Managers Under 14**  
The Manager of the Under 14 side is Peter Watson of Ashcroft High School. He is also a player himself and turns out regularly for Bishops Stortford in the Rothman's Isthmian League and has been getting amongst the goals lately.

**Under 15**  
Dave Morton, also of Ashcroft High School, is in charge of the Under 15 team and he also manages one of the Luton Schools teams.

**Under 16**  
The Under 16 team is managed by Tim Seward of Mark Rutherford School, Bedford. Tim plays in goal for Letchworth Town and is enjoying a grand season.

**Under 19**  
Welshman, Tudor Lewis, of Northfields Upper School, Dunstable, is the manager of the Under 19 side. Tudor played for Swansea Schoolboys and was capped for Wales at Schoolboy level. He was County Secretary until the beginning of this year and the Secretaryship has now been taken over by Peter Griffiths from Ashcroft.

Last year the County entered the Festival of Soccer which takes place annually at Skegness. This is for teams at Under 19 level and we propose to enter this Competition again at Easter 1976.

The Under 19 team is also playing in the regionalised County competition at national level. We are in Region 3 and our opponents include Bucks., Herts., and Northants.

The Under 16 team will be involved in the South East England Schools F.A. Competition and their opponents include Kent, Surrey, Middlesex and the Inner London Education Authority.

Herts., Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Essex will be facing the Under 15 side who will be participating in the London Cup which is held under the auspices of the South East England Schools F.A.

The Under 14 team's opponents in the Knowles Cup will be Cambridgeshire, Essex and Suffolk.

As you will see, this is a very comprehensive programme and we wish all the boys competing the best of luck.

**DURING the season the Association will be fully involved in schoolboy football at all levels.**

The activities under the control of the Association are as follows: Junior Schools Leagues played in four sections from September to April. High School Leagues played in five age groups from January to April.

The following knock-out cups: Seaward Trophy for Under 10's, Hunt Cup for Under 14's, 16 knock-out Cup.

All Luton schools also take part in the Wix Trophy which is for schools in Hertfordshire and Luton. A small number of Luton High Schools also enter the London Schools knock-out Cups at Under 12, Under 13, Under 14, Under 15 and Under 16 level.

At representative level the Association runs five teams, Under 11, Under 13, Under 14, Under 15, Under 16, all of which take part in various knock-out cups and friendly games. From these teams, boys go forwards to represent Bedfordshire and possibly London and England.

We would like to feature our Under 15 XI in this edition.

### LUTON SCHOOLS UNDER 15

**Manager:** Dave Morton  
**Captain:** Tony Trowsdale

Dave Morton is understandably proud to be associated with this fine team. Since their formation two years ago they have reached the quarter and semi finals of their respective Under 13, and Under 14 London Schools Competitions, only to be knocked out on both occasions by the eventual winners. This season they are confident that they can go at least one stage further and perhaps bring the Corinthian Shield to Luton for the first time.

They have made an impressive start to the season, winning their first four games as follows:

**Luton 3 Dunstable 0** (Dixon, Hylton, Mawhinney).  
**Luton 5 Northampton 3** (Dixon, Hylton, Pacey, Jarvis, Few).

**Harrow 0 Luton 10** (Dixon 5, Mawhinney 2, Pacey, Few, Wilkinson).

**Bedford 0 Luton 8** (Dixon 5, Harriott, Anderson, Jarvis).

**Full Squad.**  
Mick Pacey, Les Harriott, Wayne Turner, Graham Evans, Kerry Dixon, Jeremy Hylton, Mark Challis (Challney).

Tony Trowsdale, Michael Hale, Nigel Anderson (Icknield).  
Robbie Few, Mark Davie, Robert Booth (Rotherham).

John Mawhinney, Chris Jarvis (Lea Manor).

Tony Wilkinson (Halvard).

Peter Gleasure (Cardinal Newman).

Tony Weymouth (Lealands).

Stewart Howard (Ashcroft).

**Forthcoming matches**  
Saturday, October 11th. Lea Valley (away) ESFA Trophy.

Saturday, October 25th. Hackney (away). Corinthian Shield.

### Warden Hill return to their old form

#### Wigmore Ath 1 Warden Hill 2

After the frustration of last weeks 1-0 defeat at the hands of Icknield Harts, Warden Hill returned to their old form.

In an exciting game marred by the wind Warden took some time to settle down and conceded a goal in the 23rd minute despite playing into the air at times against a fierce wind Warden gained composure and their passing improved they got back on terms just 10 minutes later as a result of a Keith Haslam angled drive. They then contained Wigmore attack.

In the second half Warden spent most of the time on the attack and with good work from Chris Jarvis, Phillip Allingham and forwards John May and Peter Revell causing Wigmore all manner of problems. In the 71st minutes Keith Haslam got his second goal to seal

Wigmore's fate. The officials of both clubs were full of praise for referee Ian Strafford's control of the game. As a matter of interest it's good to see one of the Haslam family has the goal power.

One fact all ready given plenty of coverage is the shortage of referees of which the league is suffering. But a new course is starting on Monday, October 27th at 7.30 p.m. at the Luton Brewery Recreation Club, Park Street, Luton. An administration fee of £1 for the course which is of six weeks duration is required on the initial attendance. Further details can be got from Mr. F. S. G. Moore, Bedfordshire Football Association Referees and Cup Draws Secretary, 81 Hookers Court, Luton or phone luton 57085. We hope that many will attend as we so need new blood to give our lads the right start.

## CHILTERN YOUTH LEAGUE

### SPOTLIGHT ON DYNAMO'S B.C.



Back row, left to right: John Dennis, Bruce Wright, Michael Scrivens, Kevin Leaney, Richard Smith, Michael Robinson, John Neill, Mr. E. Godby (manager).  
Front row, Sotiris Georgeou, Michael Kent, Gary Kennedy, Graham Ingram, John McNamee, Kevin Paton, Dave Collins, Phillip Champken.

#### Dynamo B.C. 1 Park Utd 0

Despite a late shock that Godfrey Ingram was not available due to a Luton Town F.C. commitment on Monday, Dynamos were under constant pressure from Park, who were always on the attack, but in the 25th minute Ray Richardson from a 30 yard free kick scored a brilliant goal.

In the second half it was at a terrific pace, end to end stuff, and

Alan Ratcliffe in the Dynamos goal had to use all of his experience to keep them ahead. This was considered one of the best games so far, and Dynamos were lucky to keep their impressive record still intact.

Dynamo's after losing against a strong St. Joseph's team, are now starting to play some very good

football with three victories against Luton Boys Club, Wigmore Ath and Harpenden Rovers. They are captained by Graham Ingram who is following in his brothers' footsteps, Godfrey Ingram, a very intelligent player, very quick on the ball, and a good tackler. Dynamo's seem to get very good goalkeepers, Kevin Leaney who is his second season with the club is no exception, very good for the high ball

and quick thinking, we have another good player in the making. Centre forward Bruce Wright who is a good opportunist at putting the half chances away.

They are all working and training very hard to make this their season. They are managed by Mr. Eric Godby who installs the very good team spirit and discipline into the team for whom they work so well and hoping this can be their season.

## RESULTS AND FIXTURES

### 14-18 Division 1

Kempston 6 Sundon Park Y.C. 0  
Icknield Harts 2 The 61 F.C. 3  
Limbury B.C. 4 Luton B.C. 2  
Barton Rovers 1 Letchworth T. 2

### 14-18 Division 2

Meads United 5 Warden Hill 1  
Lea Hornets 2 Limbury B.C. "A" 1  
St. Vincents 3 Ferndale 1

### 14-16 Division 1

The 61 F.C. 0 Harpenden Rovers 4  
Luton B.C. 2 A.C. Delco 1  
Dynamos B.C. 1 Park United 0

### 14-16 Division 2

St. Josephs 3 Limbury B.C. 1  
Lewsey Centre 3 Bedford Falcons 9  
Meads United 1 Icknield Harts 9

### 12-14 Division 1

Luton B.C. 5 St. Josephs 1  
Limbury B.C. 3 Icknield Harts 6  
Harpenden Rovers 1 Dynamos 5

### 12-14 Division 2

Marsh Farm Rockets 3 Lewsey C 8  
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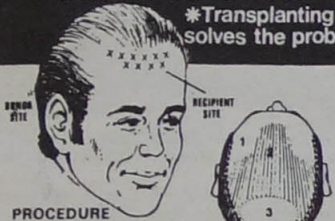
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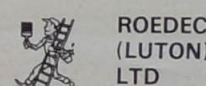
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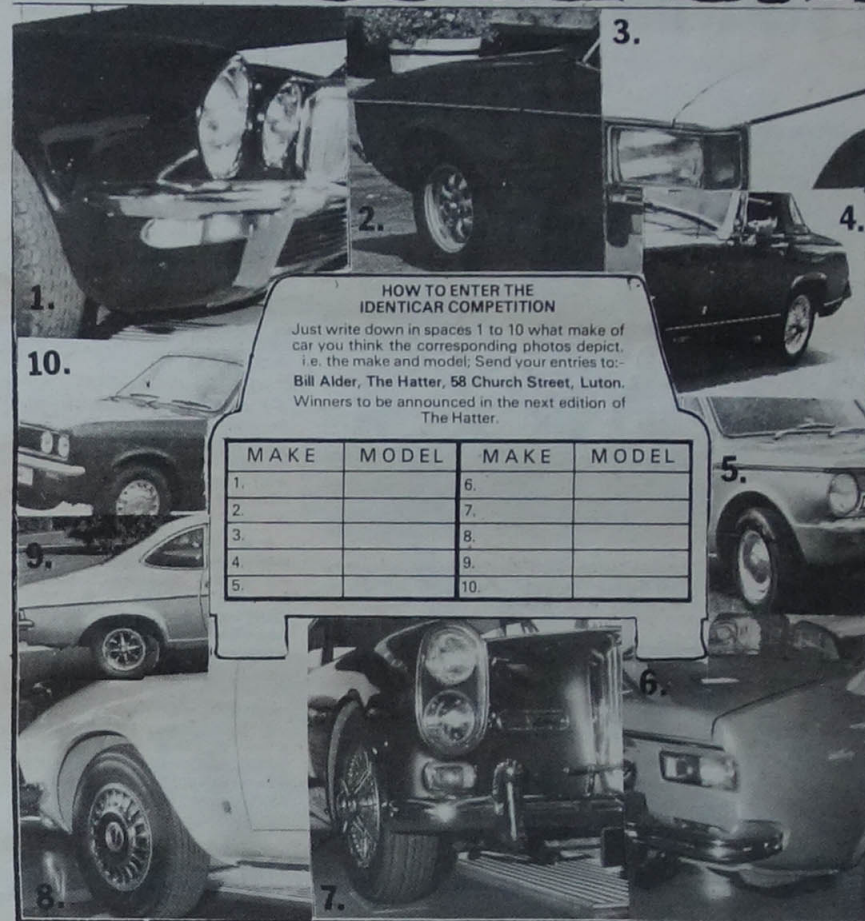
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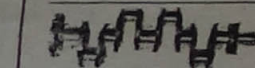
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## Sunderland near invincible at home



Sunderland won their first seven home games with ease,—Chelsea (2-1), Fulham (2-0), Blackpool (2-0), West Bromwich (2-0), Carlisle (3-2) Notts. Co. (4-0) and Orient (3-1)—and, with regular crowds of almost

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# BRIAN NOW SETTLED

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## Forest collapse may force Clough to buy



Bryn Gunn, who recently turned professional on his 17th birthday, came in at left back but he has also played on the right. Normally the right back is another outstanding youngster, Viv Anderson, coloured lad of great talent.

When Liam O'Kane was injured John Cottam was restored at the centre of the back four where

Home defeats by Notts. County (0-1), Hull (1-2), Charlton (1-2) and Bolton (1-2) have sent crowds topping from over 13,000 down to the 10,000 mark.

Having used most of his 16 first team squad in various combinations Clough's only alternative now unless results show a sharp improvement is to go out and buy another midfield man or a striker.



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# UNLUCKY JIM

WITH 90 seconds to go, Jim Ryan was presented with the task of taking a penalty which would have enabled us to take both points away from Carlisle. Having cleverly sent the goalkeeper the wrong way, he looked on in horror as the ball struck the post.

This was Jim's first ever penalty miss apart from the Bolton game two seasons ago when Barry Siddall saved. However, on that occasion the ball rebounded back to Jim who, thankfully, put it in the next from the second chance.

Whilst placing the ball for the spot-kick, Jim was confronted by Andy King who said: "Are you nervous, Jim? Let me take it." To which Jim replied "Go away" or something like that. On reflection, Andy's eagerness may have proved fruitful on this occasion.

One cannot complain about a point at Carlisle. It has never been an easy ground for Luton to take points from and, frankly, on the showing in the first half and the chances created, the lads were unlucky not to go in at half time with three goals to their credit, and had it not been for good performances by Carlisle centre half, Bill Green and left

back, Gorman, the final score-line would have been vastly different, in Luton's favour. Bobby Thomson's comeback was very satisfactory, his experience and class gave ex-Manchester City player, Bobby Owen, no chance.

On a sad note: referee, Lowe of Sheffield, found it necessary to book Peter Anderson.

This was a good result for the Hatters and we can look forward with enthusiasm to the games against Fulham, Nottingham Forest and Sunderland.

## Comment

The Sunday People sent a gentleman called Arnold Howe to Carlisle on Saturday to report on our game there, and on reading the results of his

endeavours on Sunday it was decided at Kenilworth Road that he should have carried on driving north, perhaps as far as Pitlochry and hung on there until the Highland Games! His headline, "Luton looked like a bunch of navies" and his banal references to our game were completely uncalled for.

We have no objection to any sports writer being constructive in his criticism whilst getting the facts right but felt that whilst dreaming up facetious comments about our strip he did not pay enough attention to the job he was sent to do. Had he attempted it with a little more dedication he would have noted, in fact, that it was Paul Fitcher who headed off the line and not John Faulkner, and Seasman's goal came from a pass from Anderson and not a clearance.

So there you are, Mr. Howe. Give a little more thought to the job and hand and less time trying to be funny.

Jim looks shattered as his penalty rebounds off the post. ▶



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## IS IT FAIR?

IT is said that everyone gets ones just deserts, but at the moment the Football Club is beginning to doubt the wisdom of this old cliché.

On Saturday, August 30th, supporters of Chelsea F.C. invaded our pitch and ran riot in the town, causing substantial damage to property.

Since that time all connected

with the Club have been under heavy pressure from the Press for information (quite rightly), from the town, the Council and the Police. And we have attended several meetings with the relevant authorities.

In addition, the Club has faced a full F.A. Enquiry, the outcome of which is not yet known.

The result of all this is that:

1. We have upset and alienated influential support in the town, particularly amongst some officials.
2. We have almost certainly suffered a substantial loss of support at the ground.
3. We are being asked to bear very heavy increased Police costs at a time when the Club can ill afford additional or any extra costs.
4. As a result of this outrage by Chelsea supporters, it is possible that we will incur a large financial burden.

And all this time, Chelsea F.C. whose supporters caused the trouble have been silent—not a word, not an apology, either to the Club or to the town.

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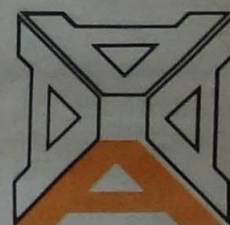
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