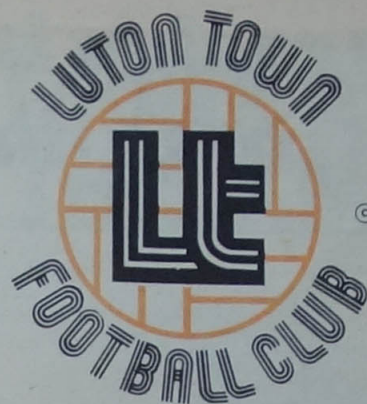


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THE FIGHT IS ON



The fight is on. The Hatters are fighting for survival, Harry says the socks and sleeves will be rolled up and there is only one way were going, and it's not down and out. Everyone at Kenilworth Road is in a very tenacious mood and were not letting go of our Football League franchise. As one member of the staff put it we ain't goin' no where but up.

We need everyone to come and support us in whatever way they feel is possible. We want you to support us on match days, we need you as pools agents. If you like a pint make The Hatters club your local, make sure your mates buy The Hatter and the programme and most of all believe in us, with your support we can go places and provide you with a really good football team.

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Hull**

Ron makes it 8 goals in 10 days



Ron Fletcher.

Cambridge make a better go of it than the score suggests

Thursday, November 27th
Chiltern Premier League
Cambridge City 2
Luton Town 8

Team: Roberts, Morgan, McHugh, Hill, Abrahams, Jones, Simon, Russell, Ron Fletcher, Ingram, Whitbread. Subs: Johnson, Draper. Scorers: Fletcher R. 5, Ingram 2, Johnson.

Although the final score might indicate that this was a one sided game, it actually wasn't. After taking the lead in the third minute through Ron Fletcher we were put under pressure by Cambridge for 10 to 15 minutes, during which time they equalised following a bad mistake by keeper Andy Roberts. City kept at us for another five minutes and could have taken the lead when a good ball from the left went

across our goal but there was no one on hand to put it in the net. Following this period of pressure, Ron Fletcher scored his and the Hatters' second goal after 21 minutes. Three minutes later Ron scored again to complete his hat trick. Not content with this, he added another in the 26th minute. With seven minutes of the first half remaining, Ingram scored a good goal, making the position even clearer.

In the second half we still kept going, although we began to lose the discipline by some players attempting to do things their own way, but we still managed to add a further three goals to our tally—another from Ron Fletcher, Ingram scoring his second and one from substitute, Johnson. We also had a brilliant goal by Russell disallowed for offside.

Saturday, December 6th
Friendly

Romford 0 Luton Town 4
Team: Knight, Mead, Malcolm, Russell, Carr, Jones, Simon, Morgan, Ron Fletcher, Seaman, Fuccillo. Sub: Donnelly. Scorers: R. Fletcher 3, Seaman.

As we had neither a Combination nor Chiltern Premier League fixture on Saturday we were invited to play at Romford against the top club of the Southern Premier League. The Hatters gave a magnificent display and the game proved to be very profitable in assessing the value of our youngsters. Tony Knight, in goal, did very well. The back four were full of confidence, never giving anything away. Malcolm had a very good game and in mid-field they all did well. Up front the scoring ability of Ron Fletcher was clearly in evidence: he scored three and formed a good partnership with John Seaman, well accompanied by Sandor Simon.

SEASMAN & DONNELLY ON TARGET

Tuesday, November 25th

Midweek Football League

Brentford 1 Luton Town 2

Team: Roberts, Morgan, Malcolm, Ryan Jim, Carr, Jones, Simon, Russell, Seaman, Hill, Donnelly. Subs: Coyne, McHugh. Scorers: Seaman, Donnelly.

The Hatters fielded a very young side at Brentford, with the exception of the experienced Jimmy Ryan.

After only three minutes Seaman scored following a mistake by the Brentford goalkeeper Cox. Throughout the first half we were the better

side although Brentford were dangerous at times in counter attacks. As a result of one of these moves, a cross from the left found French at the far post who scored the equaliser after 15 minutes. However, a minute later, the Hatters took the lead again after a well taken free kick by Jimmy Ryan found Ian Donnelly who headed past Cox.

From then on we were well in command and played some very good football at times. Even so, the result does not give a true account of what happened: we could have won by a much larger score, as

Jimmy Ryan missed a penalty and we had a goal disallowed.

Roberts, in goal, seemed to have learned his lesson from the 7-0 defeat by Arsenal in the Youth Cup and in the last two games has only conceded one goal. The back four did well and Steve Russell showed his skills again in midfield although he still must persevere with changing of the pace. Ricky Hill did a very good job and Jimmy Ryan had control of the middle of the pitch. Up front, Seaman and Simon had fair games and Ian Donnelly confirmed his latest improvements with a good performance and a good goal.

Ian Donnelly. We increased our lead in the 84th minute when Seaman scored our second goal.

This was a good result with an impressive performance from a very young side—the

only experienced players were Thomson at the back, Jim Ryan in midfield, and Peter Spiring up front. Both Jones and Malcolm had great games and all the youngsters showed improvements.

Veterans just not good enough

Thursday, December 4th

Midweek Football League

Luton Town 2 Watford 0

Team: Knight, Morgan, Thomson, Jim Ryan, Jones, Malcolm, Simon, Russell, Spiring, Fuccillo, Donnelly. Subs: Seaman, Coyne. Scorers: Donnelly, Seaman.

Owing to the waterlogged state of the Kenilworth Road pitch, this game was transferred to the Laporte Sports ground.

Although Watford included some very experienced players, our youngsters gave a very good display throughout the game.

In the first half we had a goal disallowed for offside and didn't get the ball in the net again until the second half when, in the 59th minute, a well taken free kick by Fuccillo was converted into goal by

Monday, December 1st
Football Combination

Luton Town 0

Ipswich Town 1

Team: Knight, Mead, Thomson, Jim Ryan, Carr, Price, Russell, Spiring, Ron Fletcher, Seaman, Fuccillo. Sub: Simon.

The game was played in aquatic conditions and considering the driving rain, the wind and the ankle deep mud the standard of play was very good and fast.

Ipswich looked the more compact team in the first half, although we created the two most clear cut chances. The only goal of the game was scored by Turner when he received the ball on the edge of the box and cleverly held off Carr and Mead.

After half time we put

Ipswich under pressure but whenever we came within shooting range the ball either stuck in the mud or our forwards took the ball one step too far.

With 25 minutes to go, Simon came on for Russell and we continued to have the upper hand with Knight almost a spectator. When he was called upon, he made a tremendous save to keep out a Turner header. At the other end, Sivell kept his goal intact with some fine handling and although everyone gave every ounce of effort we just could not manage to put the ball in the net.

In these difficult conditions we proved our fitness. Fuccillo and Mead continued their improved form but no one could be criticised on this display.



I AM taking the opportunity during a brief quiet spell in the Esso Hotel, Belgium, where I have just spent one of the most nerve racking weekends of my football life. I came over to sell Peter Anderson and arrived to hear the news of our problems reverberating across the Continent and around the world of football.

It is difficult to believe the consequences and the results of our financial dilemmas. I was telephoned by almost every newspaper and television company in the country and told that unless "Andy" signed the club would find itself in an irretrievable position as the creditors had only given us 28 day's grace. It was a terrible position to be in. I was in danger of losing my bargaining power regarding the deal with Antwerp. It was in the Belgian press and they knew full well our situation. When Roger Duckworth from the Evening Post caught up with us in Antwerp and informed me of the position regarding the shareholders and creditors' meetings it was like a nightmare.

We really spent the weekend on hot coals. We went to two games on Saturday, Antwerp reserves in the afternoon and the first team against Charlerois in the evening, during which time Peter was being constantly chatted up by Antwerp's directors.

It was rather an invidious position to be in. I had to be non-committal whilst negotiating both for Peter and for Luton. When interviewed by the Belgian TV company, I had to try and make light of it. "Would Peter sign?", they asked. "It all depends on the weather," I told them. "The weather?" they said. "Yes", I said, "whether or not he wants to!"

I know it seems flippant to laugh at a time like this but I felt that a blase attitude at this time could save the day. I had to play it by ear. It is difficult to conceive the situation in which we find ourselves when you take into consideration that the last football club to fold was Accrington Stanley in 1962 and, believe me, whilst you think it can never happen to you, it has certainly been brought home to us

this week. It is an inconceivable thought. I can assure you on behalf of players, staff and myself that we are going to fight; we are going to pull up our socks and have a go.

There is talk, I understand, of the club issuing a new block of 100,000 £1 shares. Please buy some. Become part of the club. I have always told you that Malcolm Macdonald would do anything for Luton Town—and for me. Well, when he heard of the shares, he was on the phone offering to buy some if it would help.

So come on, follow Mac. For a couple of quid you may help save a great football club. Let's get the show on the road again.

I just hope we can carry on our good form and beat West Brom. It's not been an easy time for the players. They are big enough to take it, and they are big enough to push us back to the top of Division Two. Come with us!

I would like to finish by saying thank you to all those who turned up to make Monday a great night for Alan Slough's benefit. It was quite a night.

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TESTIMONIAL A GREAT SUCCESS

Alan Slough All Stars 2
Frank Worthington 1, Chris Nicholl 1.

All Stars team: Bob Wilson, John Cutbush, David Nish, Bruce Rich, Chris Nicholl, Colin Todd, Alfie Conn, Brian Talbot (Derek Gates), Malcolm Macdonald, Howard Kendall, Frank Worthington.

Luton 4
Andy King 2, Colin Todd 1 own goal. Jimmy Husband 1.

Luton Town team: Keith Barber (Tony Knight), John Ryan, Steve Buckley, Brian Chambers, John Faulkner, Paul Fletcher, Jimmy Husband, Andy King, Ron Fletcher, Alan West, Jimmy Ryan.

9,400 supporters turned up to say thank you to Alan Slough on Monday last. Harry did a great job in assembling the stars when Georgie Best and Rodney Marsh 'cried off'.

Harry quickly telephoned Alfie Conn and Frank Worthington who stood in.

It was a very good game. The stars looked as though they always played together and served up some great football.

The Town not to be out done, showed that they could also entertain and but for Bob Wilson (a little fatter) but still in great form they would have been three up in the first half.

One very pleasing feature of the night was the second half display of youth goalkeeper Tony Knight, he made two good saves from Mac, and looked very competent indeed.

On behalf of Alan the, the Editor says a very big thank you to everyone concerned directly, Harry, the players, staff, and most of all you the supporters.



Jim helps Bob Wilson up after Andy King had scored.



Alan signs for his fans.



Pre match chat, Mac with the All Stars mascot.



THE OAK ROAD ENDERS REPORT

by Dusty, Nobby and Clank.

DESPITE the fact that the Town are still capable of givin' any team a good thrashin', they're up against it 'cos they owe a few bob 'ere and there. Lots of ideas for raisin' money 'ave been put forward but me and Nobby and Clank 'ave put our 'eads together and come up wiv some sure fire ways of puttin' the Town in the black.

1. We could hire out Westy's 'airstyle to people like Burnley's Peter Noble. That'd be worth a couple of thousand quid.
2. Our very snazzy stewards could double up as Avon Reps

in their spare time and donate their earnings to the Town. That'd be worth a few 'undred.
3. Our friendly local football reporter, Roger Duckpond, who's hobby is pot-holing and tramping over moors and

climbing mountains, could run outings to Ben Nevis and places like that, and give demonstrations of 'ow he gets in and out of 'oles.

4. Percy Thrower could do one of his gardening programmes from Luton Town football pitch and show everybody 'ow to grow a nice lawn—with the 'elp of our Groundsmen (who could be 'ired out to mark penalty areas and centre circles in people's front gardens. Mr. Thrower could also mention the long word for grass,

which'd be very interestin'.
5 Our vice president, Mr. Eric Morcambe could make an LP backed by the players, of The Best of Des O'Connor's flops.
6 We could sell framed, Limited Edition photographs of 'Arry 'Aslam without a smile on 'is face. Very rare they'd be. Worth a couple of 'undred a piece.

7. We could sell our articles somewhere. They'd go down a bomb in Iceland bein' as 'ow we write a load of cods.

8. Luton Town could put themselves forward for Nationalisation. Barbara Castle's pretty good wiv 'er 'ead, and Michael Foot's an orthodox left winger.
9. The Hatter could run competitions with big money prizes; only difference being that the winners pay us.

10. The best thing would be for the Town to keep on playing that pretty, stylish football that they've served up pretty often—then the gloaters, sorry, we mean floaters would maybe start supporting Town in earnest.

CHARLIE ATHLETIC

We took a leisurely two points against the O's the other Saturday in a patchy game, but Jimmy 'Usband's finding the net regular, and 'e's full of bustle and stuff. Clank thinks 'e's the best forward on our books, but I still go for Johnny Aston. Nobby's still in live, so he ain't got no opinions. (We'll tell yer about his first

date with ear-rings in the next Hatter). Matt Pollock 'ad a nice debut, but we can just imagine the Evenin' Post's mis-printed 'headline if he's ever dropped.

When Town went to Charlton the other Wednesday night Athletic probably thought we'd be a pushover, what wiv all the backroom troubles we're plagued wiv. (That's a nice bit of English mate). But when we came out in the second 'alf and trounced 'em good and proper, they must 'ave felt like a lot of Charlies. Pity we might not be seeing "Andy" again, but thanks for a couple of great goals. Needless to say, Jimmy 'Usband got a couple as well, and Lobber Chambers kept 'is hand in.

That ought to boost the gate today, 'Arry?

'ALLOW W.B.A.

O.K. so you ain't doin' to bad just lately, but that's may-

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BOLTON LOOKING GOOD

Chelsea 0 Bolton 1
Bolton, whose unbeaten run of 16 League matches had been ended a week earlier when only one short of a club record, were back to top form at Stamford Bridge. Both sides played the ball around well, producing an exciting spectacle for the fans, but Bolton always looked the more balanced and better all round side.

Former England wing star Peter Thompson was again at his scintillating best on the left and it was his free kick in the 15th minute which set up the goal. Thompson rolled the ball square to Alan Waldron whose full blooded 25 yard drive beat Bonetti and hit the base of a post. Roy Greaves, running in for the rebound, smashed the ball home.

Chelsea came more into the game after the interval, maintaining constant pressure on the visitor's defence. But with Paul Jones in utter command in the centre and Barry Siddall once again showing his agility in goal, Bolton rarely looked like conceding a goal. Siddall made two stupendous second half saves, one an acrobatic one to touch Ian Hutchinson's crafty shot over the bar and another—three minutes from time—to stop Ray Wilkins' penalty.

Just before the penalty incident, Neil Whatmore almost made absolutely sure for Bolton but his header hit the inside of a post. Gary Jones missed another great chance in the last minute for Bolton who looked First Division material on this performance.

2nd Division Attendances

	Aggregate	Average
1. Sunderland (1)	306,092	27,827
2. Chelsea (2)	172,158	19,129
3. Southampton (3)	171,124	17,112
4. Plymouth (4)	143,342	14,334
5. Bolton (6)	123,240	13,693
6. Bristol City (5)	132,301	13,230
7. West Bromwich (8)	117,070	13,008
8. Nottm. For. (7)	127,946	12,795
9. Blackburn (9)	133,532	12,139
10. Fulham (11)	117,750	11,775
11. Charlton (10)	93,483	11,685
12. LUTON TOWN (12)	107,962	10,796
13. Bristol Rovers (15)	107,378	10,738
14. Notts. Co. (14)	103,199	10,320
15. Portsmouth (13)	102,456	10,246
16. Oldham (16)	97,680	8,880
17. Blackpool (17)	79,096	7,910
18. Carlisle (18)	71,647	7,165
19. Hull City (19)	70,201	6,383
20. York City (20)	54,047	6,005
21. Oxford (21)	57,923	5,792
22. Orient (22)	51,748	5,175

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

Fulham Snatch Valuable Point...

Oldham 2 Fulham 2
Oldham striker David Shaw gave his team's moral a tremendous boost with a magnificent individualistic goal in the eighth minute, taking the ball from the half way line and beating four defenders before planting it into the net. It wasn't until after the interval that Fulham got back into the game, centre back Ernie Howe equalising with a diving header from a corner. It was his sixth goal of the season.

LEADING GOAL SCORERS			
	League	Lge Cup	Total
Hales (Charlton)	10	3	13
Cheesley (Bristol City)	11	1	12
Bradd (Notts Co.)	7	3	10
Channon (Southampton)	10	—	10
Bannister (Bristol Rovers)	8	1	9
Greenwood (Hull)	6	3	9
Ritchie (Bristol City)	9	—	9
Robson (Sunderland)	9	—	9
Bowyer (Nottm. For.)	5	3	8
Jones (Oldham)	5	3	8
Jones, G. (Bolton)	8	—	8
Mariner (Plymouth)	7	1	8
Tait (Oxford)	8	—	8



Did Blackburn miss Geordie?

Notts Co 3 Blackburn 0
Notts County came out of their shell to fire home three goals before the interval. After a string of below average League displays, and the disappointment of League Cup defeat at Newcastle in mid week, Notts stormed into attack. Ian Bolton opened the scoring in the seventh minute, top scorer Les Bradd eased them further ahead with his 10th goal of the season and

Jimmy Husband lets fly to score against Orient.

lan Scanlon registered a third just before the interval. Blackburn, who went to Meadow Lane unbeaten in 10 games, closed things up at the back after the break. But they were too far behind to salvage a point and they were quite happy to keep the score down to that three goal margin.
Did they miss "Geordie" Hindson who returned to Kenilworth Road on Friday after two months loan.

SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

Southampton 4 Sunderland 0
It all happened in the second half at The Dell where Peter Osgood scored at home for the first time this season. Osgood drove Saints into the lead shortly after half time. After Nick Holmes had headed a second, Osgood made it 3-0 when picking up a rebound from goalkeeper Jim Montgomery. David Peach made it 4-0 but, if England striker Mike Channon has been as sharp with his finishing as with his creative work, it could have been seven! Channon had a penalty saved, saw a glancing header hit a post and then completely missed the ball in front of an open goal!

LUCKY FOREST

Orient 1 Nottm For 1
Orient coasted along happily after Laurie Cunningham had given them a 20th minute lead, Forest offering little resistance. One man determined to make his mark, however was former Orient forward Ian Bowyer who made his point with a 65th minute equaliser, Orient were unlucky when Phil Hoadley's free kick was deflected onto the bar by a Forest defender.

John Aston,
gets in a header
against Orient



TIGERS RUB IT IN

York 1 Hull City 2
Goals from Peter Fletcher and Roy Greenwood knocked further nails in York's coffin. Though Jimmy Seal sandwiched one in between for York this was their 10th defeat in 11 matches.

Plymouth suffering

Plymouth 1 Blackpool 2
Two goals by Mike Walsh secured Blackpool's third away win of the season to ease their relegation worries. Walsh, now the club's top scorer with 11 goals, hit his first in the 21st minute. Argyle seemed assured of a point when Paul Mariner equalised 10 minutes from the end but Walsh popped up with the winner three minutes from time.

How they stand

DIVISION II										
Sundld	20	13	3	4	34	17	29			
Botlon	20	10	7	3	35	20	27			
Bristol C	20	10	6	4	35	19	26			
Notts C	20	9	6	5	20	16	24			
W Brom	20	8	8	4	20	19	24			
Fulham	19	8	6	5	25	16	22			
Bristol R	20	6	10	4	24	19	22			
Oldham	20	8	6	6	29	30	22			
Nottm F	20	7	7	6	23	18	21			
Chelsea	20	7	7	6	24	23	21			
Southmptn	19	9	2	8	34	27	20			
Hull	20	8	4	8	22	21	20			
LUTON	20	7	5	8	26	21	19			
Orient	19	6	7	6	16	16	19			
Blackburn	20	5	9	6	18	19	19			
Blackpool	20	7	5	8	20	25	19			
Plymouthn	20	6	5	9	22	28	17			
Charlton	19	6	5	8	22	32	17			
Carlisle	20	5	6	9	16	26	16			
Oxford	20	5	5	10	20	29	15			
York	20	3	3	14	16	38	9			
Portsmth	20	1	6	13	11	33	8			

ALBION KEEP IT UP

W.B.A. 3 Portsmouth 1
Another disaster for crisis club Portsmouth. Following this ninth successive defeat, a

Carlisle Fight On!

Bristol City 0 Carlisle 0
Bristol City's revival, following two consecutive victories was blunted by a determined Carlisle side which held on for a vital point which keeps them marginally out of the relegation

frustrated manager Ian St. John sighed: "I don't think our unlucky run is ever going to end."

Ally Brown scored twice for Albion, with Tony Brown adding a disputed penalty. The score might have been heavier but for good goalkeeping by Graham Lloyd and it wasn't until the last minute that Peter Marinello scored Pompey's consolation goal.

region. Now City's home form is causing worries for manager Alan Hicks: "These are the sort of games we should win if we are to maintain our challenge," he said. Bristol City have won only one of their last four home matches.

PLAYER'S PORTRAIT

STEVE BUCKLEY had to roll out the barrel to find success in football! When a stroke of misfortune dashed his hopes of joining Nottingham Forest he took a job on a beer lorry. "That was one of several jobs I tried," smiled Steve. "I was a labourer and tried my hand at all sorts of things when I thought I had lost my chance in football."

Steve was all lined up to join Forest as an apprentice but a couple of days before he was due to sign, manager Johnny Carey got the sack and the new manager didn't want him. "That was a big disappointment for me," admits Steve. "But I had to face fact so I went out and got myself an ordinary job."

Born in Brinsley, near Nottingham, Steve represented South Notts Boys and Nottingham Boys. On alternate Saturdays he and his brother Alan, now a Walsall professional, would stand behind the goal at the City Ground to cheer Forest.

"I have always lived for

bion. While with them I scored a lot of goals and I learned that several league clubs had been to see me play."

Steve had always played outside left until he came to Luton. "I liked it out there and I liked scoring goals but I always had a secret wish to play in defence."

Luton boss Harry Haslam took a look at Steve in action on the wing for Burton and lost no time in signing him.

"It was a big day for me when that happened. It meant the realisation of my dream—or, at least, the beginning of it. I realised that I would have to work hard at it if I was to achieve the success I was after."

"I remember my first game. It was for the reserves at Bristol. I played on the left wing. But our left back was injured and I volunteered to wear the number three shirt for the next game. I liked the position well, and have never thought of returning to the wing."



Steve Buckley makes no mistake with his penalty to make it 2-0 against Chelsea.

football. Even at school, I put football first and lessons next. And, of course, I took every opportunity to watch professional football, dreaming that one day I might become a pro."

Steve thought he had lost his chance when Forest rejected him, but signed brother Alan. "I always believed I was good enough for the professional game but, of course, luck plays such a big part. If Mr. Carey had not been sacked until after I had signed I might well have been a success with Forest."

"I was pleased for Alan that he did well there, before his transfer to Walsall two seasons ago. But I thought I would be left to play in non-league football when I signed for Ilkeston Town."

"They were in the Southern League at the time but, after one season, I left to join Burton Al-

"Having been a winger myself, it helped me to try and read what my opponent would do," said Steve.

Steve settled so well into his new position that he was quickly lined up for a first team spot. When Bobby Thomson was injured, Steve was promoted for his league debut at Leicester in October 1974.



Steve Buckley's drive, from John Aston's indirect free kick causes panic in the Wolves defence. Everyone at Wolves, except ref Pat Partridge thought it went in the net.

STEVE BUCKLEY



scoring list from time to time. He converted a penalty at Chelsea to notch his first League goal this season.

"I have always taken penalties for as long as I remember," says Steve. "I used to take them in junior football and for Burton Albion. I was pleased to be able to start my League goals tally by successfully putting that one away against Chelsea."

Does he ever have a yearning to return to the attack, particularly if things aren't going so well for him in the back four?

"Not really," he said, thoughtfully. "As I said before, I had for a long while wanted the chance to play in defence. After all, I've only had just over a year in this position so it's probably a bit early to be wishing for a return to the wing. I may feel differently later. Who knows?"

Steve has now played some three dozen first team games for the Hatters and is currently working hard to try and win his way back into the side.

"Obviously, we all want to play in the first team," he said. "But, even in the reserves, I am enjoying life as a professional footballer—the thing I've always wanted to do."

"It's far better than going out to work!"

Steve Buckley's Statistics

Football League				
	74/5	75/6	Total	
Arsenal			1	1
Birmingham	1		1	1
Blackburn		1	1	1
Blackpool		1	1	1
Bolton		1	1	1
Burnley	1		1	1
Carlisle	1		1	1
Chelsea	2	1(1)	3	3(1)
Coventry	1		1	1
Derby	2		2	2
Everton	2		2	2
Hull City		1	1	1
Ipswich	1		1	1
Leeds	1		1	1
Leicester	2		2	2
Liverpool	1		1	1
Manchester City	1		1	1
Newcastle	1		1	1
Notts. County		1	1	1
Plymouth		1	1	1
Portsmouth		1	1	1
Q.P.R.	1		1	1
Sheffield United	1		1	1
Stoke	1		1	1
Tottenham	1		1	1
W.B.A.		1	1	1
Wolves	2		2	2
	24	9(1)	33	33(1)

F.A. Cup		
	74/5	
Birmingham	1	
	1	

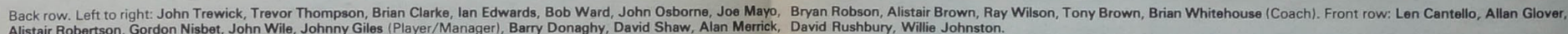
League Cup			
	74/5	75/5	Total
Sheffield United	1		1
Darlington		1	1
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West Brom make a fine recovery

More than 20 players were tried before the team began to produce the sort of results Mr. Giles had been seeking. Now the team is looking more settled.

clubs to appear in successive League Cup finals . . . for 84 years they have held the record for the biggest victory in Division 1. For some reason, though, we have never bracketed West Bromwich

Last season they opened strongly but slipped in mid season. But they recovered to finish sixth, eight points short of the promotion requirement.



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 Second Division Runners up: 1930,
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POSITIONAL PRIORITIES

THIS series will deal with the general requirements of different positions and will give younger players an understanding of the basic principles. Simple practices will be shown which will help players develop these requirements and improve their game.

The first hint will be on wing play.

1. Wingers

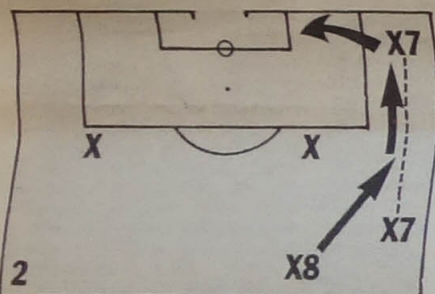
The abilities required for success in this position are as follows:-



a) Crossing the Ball

Never be content to just cross the ball into the goalmouth area. The best balls for incoming forwards and the most difficult for the goalkeeper to contend with are balls played to either the near post or beyond the far post. (Diagram 1.)

Any ball crossed without thought into the six yard box should be the goalkeeper's. The ball played into the near post causes problems for the defenders running back towards their own goal and pressurized by onrushing forwards.



2

Practice

(Diagram 2.) A server X8 slides the ball into the path of X7 who controls the ball and takes into his stride. From a deep position the ball is crossed alternately to either near or far post. If goalkeeper gathers the ball, thrown out swiftly to X8 who sets the winger in motion again. Positions can be reversed so that everyone is getting ample time practising the cross.

Hints

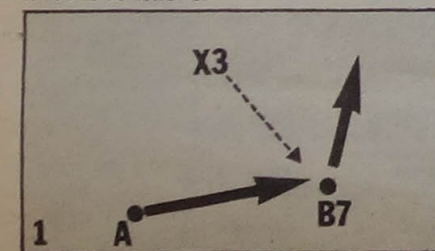
- Always follow through with the cross.
- Select your target then concentrate on the ball.
- Foot under the ball to form a wedge.
- Lean back to gain height.

B) Ball Control

All wingers need the ability to control the ball instantly so they can turn, if need be, and face opponents quickly. Always, when dribbling or running with the ball, the ball should never be more than 18 inches away from your feet. By a constant devotion to running with a ball under close control will improve this necessary skill.

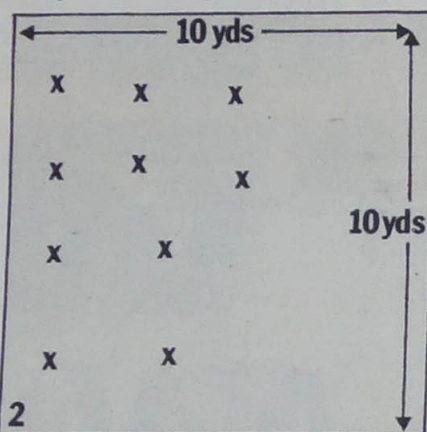
Practice

A good exercise for taking the pass in one movement and getting straight into your stride is as follows:-



'A' chips the ball to 'B' who sweeps the ball forward on the half turn as the ball makes

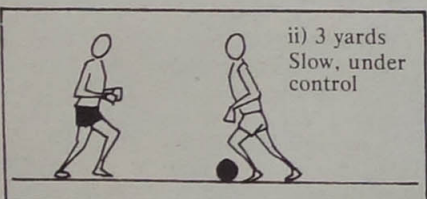
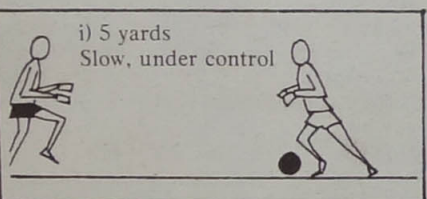
contact with the ground. In this way, 'B' is straight into his stride and the full back doesn't get time to compose himself to contain the winger as he moves in. A fine exponent of this skill is Alan Hinton of Derby County. (Diagram 1.)



In Diagram 2, ten players each have a ball in an area approximately 10yds x 10yds. They must dribble their ball in any direction within this area avoiding the other players and their balls. This will teach you to be constantly looking up from your ball to be aware of what is around you, whilst at the same time 'feeling' the ball along. If a player can learn to keep his head up and be aware of his colleagues then he is winning the battle. The expression 'open the gates' is often used about players who receive possession and just put their heads down and run. The finest example of a player being aware of what is around him was George Best who almost instinctively knew the position of defenders in relation to himself.

c) Speed

Although it is important to be quick off the mark, it is even more important to be able to change your pace. Many times a full back is beaten not by sheer speed but by being lured into a half pace and then a burst of acceleration. Remember: disguise.



Practice

- Short bursts of 20 yard sprints anywhere in between lampposts. Remember: slow, quick, slow.
- Practice ducking the left shoulder at your opponent and sprinting off to the right. Likewise to the left by ducking the right shoulder and feinting to the right.
- Remember the basics of sprinting: head still, looking forward; arms like pistons and legs pumping and driving off the ground.

Next week I shall deal with positional play:-

- When the side is in possession.
- When the side has lost possession and the alternatives of making progress down those vital wings.

IMPROVE YOUR GAME WITH DANNY AND DAVE

This week, we are going to cover the last part of our coaching tuition on Heading the Ball; namely heading the ball backwards. Although this skill can be used both in defence and attack, it is in the 18 yard area that it can be most effective and devastating. The classic example is the corner set piece situation of crossing the ball to the near post, where it is intercepted by the attacking player and back headed across the face of the goal where it can be picked up by his fellow attackers. Quite often in this situation, the goalkeeper is in two minds whether to cover the ball at the near post or wait and see what happens, often with disastrous results.

NEXT WEEK VOLLEYING THE BALL

HEADING THE BALL NUMBER 3



Then the point of contact is as shown in fig. 2, not on the forehead but just behind it on the front part of the top of your head. The only part of your body which you must use to throw your head backwards at impact of the ball, to project the ball backwards. Your arms should be used to help you keep your balance during the movement.

Cost of youth football must increase say league

THE league will soon be setting the returns from their annual Christmas draw and the league's officers are hoping for a good return for with rising costs this is the only way the league can keep youth football free from high rises each season but even if the returns are good the league have intimated that the cost of youth football must be increased next season the critical part being from the start of the season to the half way mark the league are just not getting the income in to cover costs and if the raffle is poor then the league could be in financial difficulty.

The league's 12-14 representative side had a good win over the Aylesbury Junior league by winning 5-1.

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

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

The weekly winner will receive two centre stand tickets.

- Name the club of the following players:
(a) Bourne?
(b) Death?
- Name the right half of the first Football League Cup winners.
- Name the present manager of the following clubs:
(a) Stevenage
(b) Hitchin
(c) Milton Keynes.

IN last edition's quiz, question 1(b) should read: "Darke". Results of Quiz 6 in next edition.

CHILTERN YOUTH LEAGUE

DYNAMO'S B.C. 1975-6 14-16 DIV-1



Left to right. Back row: Mark McCrum, Ray Richardson, Sean Fay, Allan Ratcliffe, Steve Cousins, Dave Males, Mark Thompson. Front row: Paul Targett, Andy Brown, Godfrey Ingram, Allan Gallagher, Colin Earl.

Busy men

Perhaps the busiest men around the ground last week were groundsman, Bob Kent and his assistant, Dick Wassell. The reserve game against Ipswich was played in appalling conditions but despite the waterlogged state of the pitch the game produced some fine football. The next few days though were a groundsman's nightmare, but Bob and Dick did a magnificent job to get the pitch right for Alan Slough's testimonial on Monday evening.

The 1975-76 U16 Div 1 pace-setters, Dynamos B.C. Surely one of the most skillful attacking sides in the Chiltern Youth League with 100 goals for and three against in eight league and two cup matches.

The scoring led by that most lethal finisher G. Ingram with 38 goals in nine games, and A. Ratcliffe who's anticipation and reflexes rates him one of the best young goalkeepers in the game, only being beaten three times this season. In front of him are C. Earl and M. Thompson two hard tackling full backs who are always

looking for the chance to attack as well.

The two central defenders, Captain Sean Fay dominant in the air and D. Males a fast hard tackling sweeper. The mid field trio of S. Cousins, A. Brown and R. Richardson have an abundance of skill, combined with good tackling and accurate passing to feed the goal hungry forwards, although the mid field have scored 26 goals between them!

Supporting G. Ingram up front are two good wingers in A. Gallagher and P. Targett, who beat full backs and cross the ball, as well as scoring

themselves. M. McCrum another goal getter for Dynamo called the quiet man, because he seems to get into goalscoring positions without the opposition seeing or hearing him. C. Tomlin the utility player of the squad can play in the back four or midfield without the team losing any balance.

They are coached and managed by Mr. Frank Taylor, six of the team was selected to play for their county against Essex last Sunday, most of the team have been with us for four seasons.

HATTERS AWAY HULL CITY F.C.



Left to right. Back row: Paul Haigh, Roy Greenwood, Alf Wood, Ken Wagstaff, Dave Roberts, Frankie Banks, Vincent Grimes. Middle row: John Kaye, Roger DeVries, Paul Fletcher, Jeff Wealands, Chris Gavin, Edwin Blackburn, Dave Adams, Steve Deane, Phil Holme. Middle row: Andy Davidson, Malcolm Lord, Pete Daniel, Jeff Hemmerman, Jimmy McGill, Stuart Croft, Stuart Blampey, Gordon Stanforth, Jeff Radcliffe.

INJURIES HIT HULL

INJURIES to their two central defenders—Dave Roberts and Stuart Croft—have hit Hull City hard. Roberts, a Welsh international, is recovering from torn ankle ligaments and could still be doubtful when they play us on December 20th, but Croft, who had a groin strain, should be on duty.

The injuries did give manager John Kaye the chance to try young Paul Haigh who looked quite impressive but when he was really in trouble Mr. Kaye took a gamble by pulling Alf Wood, his centre forward back in defence where he enjoyed one magnificent game.

A long run of adverse results has placed Hull in a dangerous spot close to the bottom of the table. Even at home they have been unable to put things together.

Victory over Portsmouth (1-0) ended a run of six home games without a win—Fulham (1-2), Notts. Co. (0-2), Southampton (0-0), Bristol Rovers (0-0), Bolton (2-2) and Chelsea (1-2). But the Tigers looked a lot more confident when crushing Plymouth 4-0 in the more recent home game.

Veteran striker Ken Wagstaff is still holding his place in attack, usually alongside Alf Wood with Roy Greenwood on the wing. When Wood moved back into defence, John Hawley was drafted into attack.

Greenwood is top scorer with eight goals. Wood has netted four times, Wagstaff twice.

Seventeen year old apprentice Dave Gibson has been blooded in midfield where he has been lining up with Chris Galvin and Vincent Grimes.

The flank full backs are Peter Daniel, or Frank Banks, on the right with Roger de Vries on the opposite side.

Jeff Wealands continues to hold the goalkeeper position. The Tigers' lack of success has led to an alarming decrease in attendances. Only 4,549 turned up for the Portsmouth game, their lowest League crowd for well over 10 years, a sorry reflection upon the fact that, prior to that game, Hull had won only once in 11 League outings.

Mr. Kaye and his squad do possess, however, a grim determination to see an improvement. So we cannot expect any easy game when we go to Boothberry Park, in spite of the club's lowly position.

LUTON v MILLWALL Monday January 5th 1976 Kick off 7.30 p.m.

It all came right down at the Valley



Andy King sets Peter Anderson up for his swan song goal at The Valley.

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As we predicted someone was going to get thrashed, and they did, Charlton. The lads really turned on the magic at The Valley with a four goal second half display that left Charlton wondering what day it was. Peter Anderson did the club proud with two great goals. Jimmy Husband kept up his tally with two more. Brian Chambers completing the demolition job.

It's going to be tough against Albion but we will be trying very hard to break their run.

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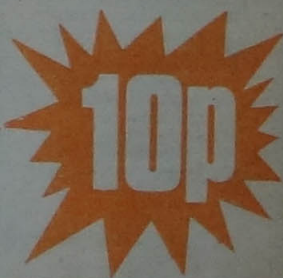
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