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BACK FIRST TIME!



Left to right. Back row: Inset: John Ryan, Alan West (capt.), Jim Ryan, John Aston, Peter Anderson, Brian Chambers.
Second row: Gordon Hindson, Ron Futchner, John Faulkner, Keith Barber, Graham Horn, Steve Buckley, Paul Price, Reg Game (Trainer).
Third row: Bobby Thomson, Paul Futchner, Roy McCrohan (Chief Coach), Harry Haslam (Manager), Steve Litt, Adrian Alston.
Front row: Peter Spiring, "Lilly" Fuccillo, Andy King, Matt Pollock, John Seaman, Jimmy Husband.

"OBVIOUSLY our aim is to get back to the First Division at the first attempt!" So says Hatters' boss Harry Haslam as he put the finishing touches to his plans this week. "We have a wonderful spirit among the players and, somehow, you can sense that everyone at the club believes we really can get back on the top."

"I'm not going to stick my neck out by saying we *will* get back. No one in football can make that sort of promise. What I do say is that we have the right players, the right spirit and the right approach to achieve our objective."

"After all, if Manchester United and Norwich could gain immediate promotion last season, why shouldn't we do it this time?"

"Our performances during the later stages of last season were far above relegation form. If we can get away to a good start, I firmly believe we will keep going all the way."

It is still a comparatively rare feat to regain First Division status immediately after relegation. There have been only 28 cases since promotion and relegation started in the last century. Yet the feeling at Kenilworth Road is that the Hatters can add their name to the exclusive list of clubs who have achieved just that—this season!

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THE OAK ROAD ENDERS REPORT

by Dusty, Nobby and Clank.

ME and my mates will be giving you the rundown throughout the season, 'cos we've got style. We'll be watching the football and a few other things and we'll be tellin' 'Arry 'Aslam how to do 'is job every week like everybody else does.

We'll be standin' at the Oak Road End, smilin' at the coppers, and 'elping old ladies over the crash-barriers, and confiscating toilet-rolls and other offensive weapons. And we'll be bringing you up-to-the-minute news about Westy's 'air style. We'll be wavin' cheerily at the opposition on the Kenilworth Road Terrace; (lordin' it a bit, 'cos they don't pay as much as us),

and we'll be chantin' slogans of a very polite nature as is becoming of a Luton Town fan.

Nobby, my mate, will be puttin' in his two-pennorth on occasions, 'cos he's very knowledgeable, owing to the fact that 'is dad's been a substitute linesman for the Southern League on many occasions. Nobby has also met a lot of the stars of the

game, the really big names. He just stands outside this psychiatrist's place in Harley Street and gets all their autographs. (He's got three Napoleons and four Henry the Eights so far . . .) His big ambition is to carry Roger Duckworth's biro for him.

My other mate, Clank, won't say much. He don't like football. He only comes along to cast aspersions, whatever they are. He doesn't know a thing about the game, so we listen to what he has to say after a match, and we don't need to watch Jimmy Hill or read the Daily Mail. He's got dad ideas about football. He thinks it

would be much better if you did away with defensive walls for free-kicks, and just had the goal keeper standing on the goal line with his shorts off. That way, the free kick taker would be falling about laughing so much, it'd put him off.

Anyway, that's us, and you can read what we have to say only in **The Hatter**. And we ain't going to be biased either. Just 'cos Luton Town is the best football team in Britain, it don't cut no ice with us. Just 'cos we was robbed last season and 'ad 50 or so lucky goals scored against us don't mean nothing. Anyway, we only went into Division 1 to sniff around a bit and get the lie of the land. We came to the conclusion we're a bit above it all, so we came down to Division 2 'cos some of our Division 2 mates were missing us. So, we'll just nose around a bit for a couple of dozen matches; give 'em the benefit of our scintillatin' power play, then go back up in '76.

And we'll probably win the F.A. Cup too, just for afters.

Aunt Ada in Dunkirk

Gettin' blotto on the Channel ferry ain't our scene, although Clank's pretty well gone on 'alf-a-bitter, so we gave the Town's Continental Tour a miss. But luckily, Nobby's got an Aunt Ada who runs a cockle stall in the common market just outside Brussels, and she agreed to keep us informed because she's a staunch Luton fan, and still has a crush on Bob Morton.

She saw Luton's match against Cercle Bruges, stand-

ing on 'er cockle stall and peerin' over a fence. She thought Luton was a much better team than when she saw 'em 20 years ago; and considering it was their first competitive match after the summer break she thought they played well. She missed the last 10 minutes of the game 'cos 'er cockle stall collapsed owing to the fact that 'alf of Bruges were standing on it wiv 'er. (Can you wonder at two quid a fling).

Aunt Ada kept in touch with the team while they kicked their heels waitin' for some other brave team to take them on, and she puffed her way behind the players as they sprinted about keeping fit. She suggested they should slip across the border for a couple of days and do some hod carrying for some of those unfinished Spanish hotels. But 'Arry 'Aslam went and 'ad a birthday which 'e was conveniently tryin' to forget.

Aunt Ada did notice a few interesting little things about the players, even though she didn't get a glimpse of Bob Morton. Steve Buckle speaks French with a Burton accent, and Ron Fletcher don't speak French and that's why he waves his arms about and does a bit of stamping in front of the ref. It was nice to see Westy get a goal against Racing Mechelen who we trounced 4-2. Westy don't like scoring goals much 'cos 'e gets his 'air ruffled. Aunt Ada also noticed a charmin' little scene on the beaches of Dunkirk while she was lookin' for unexploded bums—as is her

'abit. She found one in the shape of Dick Wassal, the Club's assistant groundsman. He'd been collecting sand for next winter's goal mouths and centre circle, when he fell asleep. He lay, blistered and burnt-up till the Town party came along and trod on 'im.

As I said earlier: gettin' blotto on the Channel ferry ain't our scene, and if it's the truth you want, it ain't the scene of most of us Oak Roaders. O'k, so me and Nobby and Clank ain't no angels. I've chucked the odd toilet roll now and again, but I soon gave it up when I 'ad to use the Evenin' Post as substitute. The print's never dry. And Nobby pinched a coper's 'elmet one time, 'cos his mum wanted something to put 'er Dahlias in. But we've grown out of all that. It ain't worth the 'ammer. So we was pretty peeved when Aunt Ada told us 'ow the Oak Roaders 'ad been let down a bit in Dunkirk. It started from a small incident involving an 'andful of twits, and of course it looks worse to a news reporter with panoramic vision, and dreams of front page glory. But I bet if Luton won the Cup and the 2nd Division Championship, and 'alf the team was playing for England, and Harry 'Aslam got an OBE, the local newspapers wouldn't give a quarter of the column inches they gave to that 'andful of twits in France. What's the bettin'?

See yers.

P.S. Nobby's not goin' to carry Rogers pen.



WELCOME to "The Hatter" our very own newspaper of which as Manager of Luton Town Football Club I am proud to be associated with. I will be writing for you in each edition and contributing where ever necessary.

In preparation for the season starting this week we took a squad of 18 players over to Belgium and arranged games which we felt were necessary to bring out the better talents in the players.

The weather I don't need to talk about because you experienced the same conditions and I can assure you that the players suffered with a smile during the hot weather and training sessions where Roy McCrohan has done excellent work and I am sure we will see the benefits of it during the coming months.

Unfortunately the Dutch Government who control the sports grounds deemed it necessary to cancel all matches because of clubs watering the pitches in advance of playing. We hope this is something we never see in Britain. As a result the majority of first team players will have had a run out at Chelmsford to play a friendly match with them to make up for the lost fixtures in Belgium.

Whilst we were away in Belgium David Pleat and Danny Bergara have done a splendid job with the players that remained which included first team players such as Peter Anderson and Gordon Hindson as well as all the apprentices. As you can see

from this edition of *The Hatter* the results obtained by the squad left at Luton are extremely pleasing. The reports I have received from both David and Danny were that effort and skill were first class and it now only remains for us to put both of these together and go for promotion back to Division One.

During the close season the Board of Directors have made several administrative changes and we are pleased to have around us some new faces both on the Board and on the staff. I would like to take this opportunity of wishing them every success. The changes that were made are all geared to advance the outlook and future of Luton Town Football Club. We have also made several changes in the stadium. The apprentices and ground staff have worked tremendously hard. There is a coat of new paint everywhere or should I say almost everywhere, the pitch is in great condition and we are almost ready to go.

Unfortunately, I have to finish my first column in *The Hatter* on a very distasteful point and that is the behaviour of a handful of supporters who travelled to Dunkirk. Being there and obviously being busy and concerned with the game I saw no

trouble but on talking to supporters outside the ground afterwards who reported to me on several minor scuffles and incidents I was very perturbed and concerned for the safety of the individuals involved. I spoke by telephone to Mr. John Simpson of Travel House the following Monday who assured me that all the people injured had arrived home safely.

Believe it or not, a supporter posted me a copy of the "Evening Post" in which I saw people suffering with their injuries depicted in photographs taken in broad daylight, and as supporters returned from Dunkirk on the mid-night ferry and travelled back in the hours of darkness, these pictures were obviously taken during the trip to Dunkirk on Saturday afternoon prior to the game. This is very misleading to everyone who reads the newspaper and in my opinion there is no excuse for this type of mis-interpretation. However, that aside, I must say that in no way do I condone the behaviour of the handful of silly people who got involved in brawls with the French supporters and feel that it tarnished the trip for the genuine well behaved supporters who travelled with them and unfortunately the good

PETER ANDERSON Now Fully Fit



Peter Anderson seen here in action against Middlesboro last season.

people get tarred with the same brush. I firmly believe that the trouble makers have no thought for the club, the players or anyone at Luton Town Football Club. They have certainly no thought for their country when they travel abroad and behave like hooligans. Unfortunately, we read the word hooligan far too often and I for one feel very sad when it is written about our own supporters.

A few years ago our supporters won the "John White Award" for good behaviour which we were very proud to hold and until recently I believe we deserved it.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the well behaved supporters who travelled to Dunkirk. Sorry we didn't have longer to spend with you after the game but thank you for coming and we hope you will all come again.

One last word which you should all bear in mind, please accept the fact that Luton can win, loose or draw, and like us you will have to accept the result and behave yourselves. you can tow the line and you will have to if you wish to continue supporting Luton Town because I for one don't want you here if you have any other ideas.

BELGIUM TOUR RESULTS

Cercle Burges 1 v. Luton Town 0
Team: Barber, John Ryan, Buckley, King, Faulkner, Paul Fletcher, Jim Ryan, Husband, Alston, West, Aston. Subs: Knight, Thomson, Chambers, Spring, Litt.

Dunkirk 2 v. Luton Town 2
Team: Barber, Thomson, Buckley, Chambers, Litt, P. Fletcher, King, Spring, R. Fletcher, Fuccillo, Alston. Subs: Knight, West, Aston. Scorer: Chambers.

Mons 0 v. Luton Town 1
Team: Barber, Thomson, Buckley, Jim Ryan, Faulkner, Litt, Fuccillo, Husband, R. Fletcher, Thomson, Chambers, Faulkner, Litt, Husband, R. Fletcher.

Melins 2 v. Luton Town 4
Team: Barber, John Ryan, Thomson, Chambers, Faulkner, Litt, Husband, R. Fletcher.

John Aston to star in Man. Utd. European Cup side

Following a request from the Mike Summerbee Testimonial Committee, Harry has agreed for John Aston to play in the Manchester United European Cup winning side which beat

Benfica in 1968. The game will take place on September 2 at Maine Road and a gate of 50,000 is expected.

Harry is to ask permission for Luton's video camera unit to attend the game to enable members of the Bobbers Stand and Supporters Club to watch the whole 90 minutes of the game in the comfort of their own Club Room. Further information regarding the showing will be published in the next edition of *The Hatter*.

1975/76 DIVISION II FIXTURE LIST

August 16	Hull City	H
August 20	League Cup 1	
August 23	West Bromwich Albion	A
August 30	Chelsea	H
September 6	Portsmouth	A
September 10	League Cup 2	
September 13	Bolton Wanderers	H
September 20	Notts County	A
September 24	Plymouth Argyle	H
September 27	Blackburn Rovers	H
October 4	Blackpool	A
October 8	League Cup 3	
October 11	Carlisle United	A
October 18	Fulham	H
October 22	Nottingham Forest	A
October 25	Sunderland	A
November 1	Bristol City	H
November 4	York City	H
November 8	Southampton	A
November 12	League Cup 4	
November 15	Oldham Athletic	H
November 22	Fulham (1)	A
November 29	Orient	H
December 3	League Cup 5	
December 3	Charlton Athletic	A
December 13	West Bromwich Albion (2) H	

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURE LIST

August 16	Chelsea	A
August 20	Orient	H
August 23	Arsenal	H
August 30	Bournemouth	A
September 2	Southampton	H
September 6	West Ham United	H
September 13	Norwich City	A
September 20	Birmingham City	H
September 27	Plymouth Argyle	A
October 1	Tottenham Hotspur	H
October 4	Oxford United	H
October 11	Swindon Town	H
October 18	Leicester City	A
October 22	Tottenham Hotspur	A
October 25	Bristol City	H
November 1	Queens Park Rangers	A
November 8	Crystal Palace	H
November 15	Fulham	A
November 22	Leicester City	H
December 3	Ipswich Town	H
December 10	Reading	A

December 20	Hull City	A
December 26	Oxford United	H
December 27	Bristol Rovers	A
January 3	F.A. Cup 3	
January 10	Bolton Wanderers	A
January 14	League Cup S.F.	
January 17	Portsmouth	H
January 21	League Cup S.F.	
January 24	F.A. Cup 4	
January 31	Nottingham Forest	H
February 7	York City	A
February 14	Southampton (5)	H
February 21	Oldham Athletic	A
February 24	Plymouth Argyle	A
February 28	Sunderland (L.C.F.)	H
March 6	Bristol City (6)	A
March 13	Carlisle United	H
March 20	Orient	A
March 27	Charlton Athletic	H
April 3	Blackburn Rovers (S.F.)	A
April 10	Notts County	H
April 16	Chelsea	A
April 17	Oxford United	A
April 19	Bristol Rovers	H
April 24	Blackpool	H
May 1	F.A. Cup Final	

CHILTERN PREMIER FOOTBALL LEAGUE

September 13	Cambridge City	H
September 20	Cheshunt	A
September 27	Wealdstone	H
October 4	Chelmsford City	A
October 18	Stevenage Athletic L.C.1.	H
November 1	Chelmsford City	H
November 15	Cheshunt	H
November 29th	League Cup 2nd Round	
	Luton or Stevenage v Cheshunt or Cambridge United	
December 6	Vauxhall Motors	A
December 13	Hertford Town	H
January 3	Dunstable Town	A
January 17	Stevenage Athletic	H
January 31	Cambridge United	A
February 14	Vauxhall Motors	H
February 28	Dunstable Town	H
March 13	Hoddesdon Town	H
March 27	Cambridge United	H
April 3	Wealdstone	A

To be arranged: Cambridge City (A); Hertford Town (A); Hoddesdon Town (A); Stevenage Athletic (A).

MID-WEEK FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURE LIST

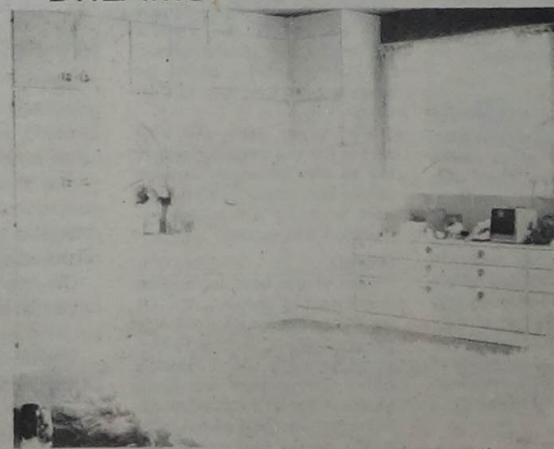
August 25	Northampton Town	H
September 9	Millwall	A
September 15	Portsmouth	H
September 23	Colchester United	A
September 29	Brentford	H
October 6	Brighton & Hove Albion	H
October 13	Charlton Athletic	H
October 21	Brighton & Hove Albion	A
November 5	Peterborough United	A
November 10	Peterborough United L.C.1	H
November 19	Southend United	A
November 25	Brentford	A
December 1	Watford	H
December 9	Northampton Town	A
January 5	Millwall	H
January 12	Cambridge United	A
January 19	Gillingham	H
January 28	Portsmouth	A
February 2	Cambridge United	H
February 11	Watford	A
February 16	Colchester United	H
March 3	Orient	A
March 10	Gillingham	A
March 15	Southend United	H
March 29	Peterborough United	H
April 13	Charlton Athletic	A
April 28	Orient	H

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second division scene

by Tony Pullein

WHO'S GOING UP WITH THE 'HATTER'S'

COMPETITION is likely to be exceedingly keen this season. The Second Division has many outstanding teams, all due to visit Kenilworth Road during the coming nine months. Who will be our most serious challengers? Here we have a brief round up of the clubs, summarising their strengths and weaknesses.

BLACKBURN ROVERS

Back in Division Two, following a four year stint in the Third, Rovers' chief aim this season is to consolidate. When manager Gordon Lee left for Newcastle, Rovers swiftly appointed Jim Smith to look after team affairs. This former Lincoln player has met with remarkable success as a manager. He led non league Boston from obscurity to the Northern Premier League Championship. Colchester were bottom of Division Four when he took over but he led them to promotion in his first full season. Now he has stepped up to Division Two, with the First Division his objective! Rovers defeated star studded Manchester City (1-0) in the Anglo Scottish Cup. Expect to see them in mid table.

BLACKPOOL

Blackpool, whose promotion challenge has narrowly failed in the past two years, will be with the leaders again. But expect to see them keep their heads by packing their defence. Away from home, the Tangerines pack eight men in defence. They've made no major signings so Harry Potts' team will defend like mad again this term. One man likely to give light relief is Mike Walsh, top scorer with 13 goals last season.

BOLTON

The Trotters looked quite impressive last season, but lacked consistency. Manager Ian Greaves is likely to rely more on younger players this term, now that John Byrom and Roy Greaves (midfield), Tony Dunne (defence) and Peter Thompson (attack) are approaching the veteran stage.

Watch for their brilliant young striker Neil Whatmore to make a name for himself this term. And goalkeeper Barry Siddall could make Don Revie sit up and take note. A top half team.

BRISTOL CITY

City were the only side to beat Manchester United twice last season but they couldn't quite put it together against lesser opponents. Don't expect much improvement, as they've made no new signings, but City should once again finish in the top six.

BRISTOL ROVERS

Rovers found the going tough in their first season of Second Division soccer for 12 years. They will have learned a few lessons, though it is unlikely that Don Megson's side will create many surprises. Rovers like to attack, Alan Warboys scored 14 goals last season, but twin striker Bruce Bannister (8) failed to strike his old form. If he finds it this time, Rovers could finish in the top half. Otherwise it looks like another relegation struggle for the Eastville side.

CARLISLE

Chris Balderstone and Hugh McLinoye have left, otherwise the Cumbrians are relying upon the players who gave a good account in the First Division last season, in spite of suffering relegation. Carlisle, who shocked everyone in gaining promotion 15 months ago, could do it again, though the odds are probably against their doing so. Manager Alan Ashman has signed former Newcastle and Darlington goalkeeper Martin Burleigh as stand-in for former Luton 'keeper Alan Ross who last season created a club record of 392 League appearances.

CHARLTON

Manager Andy Nelson will be happy to see Charlton keep clear of the bottom three places this season. They won promotion playing exciting, attacking football, former Luton player Derek Hales finishing top scorer with 19 goals. But they suffered severe jitters when the pressure was on, they won only two of their last eight games, and their defence is likely to be exposed by the Second Division's more polished attacking teams.

CHELSEA

Chelsea desperately need to get back to Division One at the first attempt. Otherwise they face financial ruin. New manager Eddie McCreadie has taken a huge gamble in giving young players their fling. Fine players like John Hollins (sold

to Q.P.R.), Steve Kember (Leicester) and Peter Houseman (Oxford) have gone. And Welsh international goalkeeper John Phillips will miss the opening weeks through injury. Chelsea did not impress in their pre-season games and will probably struggle to avoid relegation.

FULHAM

F.A. Cup finalists Fulham should claim one of the three promotion spots this season. Manager Alec Stock could have cleared the club's debts by accepting huge offers for some of his stars, but he turned them down flat. "Fulham's aim is the First Division, so we won't sell!" he declared. With those two great ex-England players in key positions, Bobby Moore (defence), Alan Mullery (midfield), Fulham have found a perfect blend. Striker John Mitchell, who only regained his place shortly before last season's Cup final, has already been on target in pre-season games. And ex-Luton striker Viv Busby (top scorer with 18 goals) will certainly score a few more this term.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Brian Clough, having had time to settle at the City Ground, will have the team playing his way this season. Unpredictable Clough surprisingly allowed free transfers to his top scorer Neil Martin (now at Brighton) and Irish international midfielder man Tommy Jackson (Manchester United). And centre back David Jones was poised to join Norwich for £80,000 this week. So it will be a new look Forest side, once again fired by the terrier like George Lyall from midfield. Clough has high hopes for his young goalkeeper John Middleton, too. Forest could be a dark horse in the promotion chase.

NOTTS COUNTY

Notts play the game simply, but effectively. No new faces at Meadow Lane so we can expect Ian Scanlon (14 goals) and Kevin Randall (9) again playing as twin strikers. Randall had a poor season by his own high standards and we could find him chasing the 20 goal mark this time. Goalkeeper Roy Brown was released, leaving the way clear for Eric McManus and former Liverpool man Frank Lane, but the defence will have to show a big improvement on its end of season form (18 goals conceded in nine matches) if the grey spectre of relegation is not to hover over Meadow Lane.

OLDHAM

Oldham, back in Division Two last season after a 20 year absence, endured a long fight against relegation. But manager Jimmy Frizzell can hope for at least a small improvement now that some of his young players, Graham Bell (midfield), Alex Young (striker) and Chris Ogden (goalkeeper) in particular, have gained more experience. Much travelled winger Alan Groves was slapped on the transfer list on the eve of the season but Oldham have plenty of other experienced men in their side.

The Latics were the only side in the top two divisions to fail to win an away League game last season. They will have to make a big improvement on that record.

ORIENT

One of the best footballing teams in the division, the Os team is packed with outstanding youngsters, Bobby Fisher, Tony Greally, Glenn Roder, Laurie Cunningham and Dean Mooney are all in their teens. Manager George Petchey sold striker Barrie Fairbrother and midfielder Terry Brisley to Millwall in exchange for midfielder Doug Alder. Orient will have to improve in attack, they were the division's lowest scoring team with only 28 goals, if they are to improve upon last season's 12th position.

tion. Orient fare well against the better footballing sides but probably need a little more steel before they develop into a promotion winning team.

OXFORD

Manager Gerry Summers had similar problems to Orient's George Petchey. His team played some excellent football, but couldn't score goals. Now he has signed the experienced Chelsea winger Peter Houseman for Derek Clarke and Andy McCulloch to put away. McCulloch misses the opening games due to a cartilage operation.

Oxford should be having some say in the promotion debate.

PLYMOUTH

Plymouth, one of last season's Third Division promotion winners, could prove the big shock side. They could even make the First Division at the first attempt! Manager Tony Waiters insists on playing football and Argyle have proved themselves against several top teams in recent cup ties. If strikers Bill Rafferty (26 goals) and Paul Mariner (21) can find their way through Second Division defences early on, Argyle could go right to the top.

PORTSMOUTH

All change at Fratton Park where manager Ian St. John released goalkeeper David Best, defender Alan Stephenson, midfielder man Brian Lewis and strikers Ray Hiron and Ken Fogg. With winger Peter Marinello also wanting to leave, it is not clear how Pompey will shape. But Mr. St. John is a determined and ambitious manager and we can be sure of a good showing from his team, however it may line up.

SOUTHAMPTON

The Saints, a bitter disappointment last season, can scarcely fail to improve upon their 13th position. Much depends upon whether England striker Mike Channon (23 goals) can be persuaded to withdraw his transfer request. For there is no doubt that Channon and Peter Osgood are the classiest striking duo in the division. Goalkeeper Eric Martin has been freed so former Grimsby man Ian Turner is now their number one. The Saints have some good young outfield players too, defenders Manny Andrzejewski and Steve Mills, midfielder Nicky Holmes and winger Stephen Crabbe, so, with the older men like Mel

Blyth, Jim McCalliog and Jim Steele to guide them, Southampton could be in for a good season.

SUNDERLAND

Sunderland looked First Division material all last season and were desperately unlucky to fail on their last game. Then manager Bob Stokoe found his team crumbling away, England centre back went to Manchester City and Scotland striker Billy Hughes demanded a transfer. It remains to be seen if these upsets have taken their toll on the team's all round performance. They still have top goals man Bryan Robson (21), of course. And Bobby Moncur will once again hold the defence together. They have a new striker in Mel Holden, from Preston, but can Jeff Clarke, signed from Manchester City, replace Watson? And will Trevor Swinburne, having waited so long in the reserves, be a suitable successor to long serving goalkeeper Jim Montgomery now that his reign must be nearing its close?

These are the big question marks against Sunderland.

WEST BROMWICH

With new player manager Johnny Giles joining Len Cantello in midfield, Albion seem to have completed the missing link to their promotion puzzle. Albion finished strongly once Tony Brown had regained his scoring form. With Joe Mayo and David Shaw giving Brown better support now, and with a very sound defence, Giles' presence in the midfield could swing things for Albion this term. The Throstles must now be a very sound bet to regain their First Division place this season. Their defeat against Leicester last Saturday has left their immediate problems with Cantello suffering from an old thigh injury and John Giles coming off with a torn hamstring.

YORK CITY

York made a good start to their first ever campaign of Second Division football but fell away when manager Tom Johnston moved to Huddersfield. Now Wif McGinness, the former Manchester United manager, is in charge but he is likely to face a very tough time this season. And he could be forced to go into the market for a defender and midfield players if relegation is to be avoided. York look good up front where Jimmy Seal (18) and Chris Jones (12) did a good job.

WHERE THEY PLAY TODAY

Bristol C. v. Bolton W.
Carlisle U. v. Oxford U.
Charlton Ath. v. Notts Co.
Fulham v. Blackpool.
Luton Town v. Hull City.
Nott. For. v. Plymouth A.
Oldham Ath. v. Bristol R.
Orient v. Blackburn R.
Southampton v. W.B.A.
Sunderland v. Chelsea.
York City v. Portsmouth.

Good Old Days

These clubs all won immediate promotion prior to the last war.

	Rele-	Promo-
	gated	ted
Birmingham	1904	1905
Bolton	1899	1900
Bolton	1908	1909
Bolton	1910	1911
Bolton	1914	1915
Derby	1930	1931
Leeds	1927	1928
Leeds	1931	1932
Manchester City	1902	1903
Manchester City	1909	1910
Manchester Utd	1937	1938
Middlesbrough	1928	1929
Nottm. Forest	1906	1907
Notts County	1913	1914
Preston	1912	1913
Preston	1914	1915
Sheffield Wed.	1889	1900
Tottenham	1919	1920
W.B.A.	1901	1902

50% BACK IN 5 YEARS

ALMOST half the clubs relegated from the First Division since the war have returned within five years. Excluding last season, there have been 57 relegations. Of these, 27 returned within five years.

On the other hand 19 have never won their way back!

These unfortunates include Brentford (relegated in 1947) and Grimsby (1948) who have been trying in vain for more than a quarter of a century.

Most frustrated of all clubs, however, is Bristol City. They came down in 1911 and have yet to return.

PLAYER'S PORTRAIT

"BANK on Luton for promotion!" That's the confident forecast of skipper Alan West as he eagerly awaits Saturday's big kick off. "Relegation has been put firmly behind us and the players all agree that, if we can play as we did in the second half of last season, we can regain our place. There's a special determination and feeling here. We all desperately want to get back into the First Division and we're determined to try and do it at the first attempt."

"Someone told me the other day that Luton are quoted at 7-1 to win the division. Now, I've never been a betting man—but I'm sticking a tenner on us to do it. That's how confident I am."

Alan, who took over as captain mid-way through last season, can't wait to get going again. "I thrive on the extra responsibility of being captain," he explained. "It has helped my own game a lot and I hope I can continue to bring the best out of my colleagues."

In his more serious moments Alan likes to reflect upon his decision to make a fresh start to his career at Kenilworth Road almost two years ago. "I had hit a bad patch at Turf Moor—I was unable to get into the first-team—and then I had that Sunderland fiasco."

Sunderland fiasco

"I went up to Roker Park to inspect the set-up and I had actually signed the transfer forms, subject to a medical check-up. As I had never suffered any complaints all my life, I didn't anticipate any problems. It was just a formality. Or so I thought."

"I was just getting used to the idea of playing for Sunderland when they dropped that bombshell. X-rays showed that at some time in the distant past I had suffered an injury to my back. I can't remember doing anything to it. Yet, when they had studied the report, Sunderland decided I would be too big a risk and they backed out of the deal."

"When that sort of thing happens to a professional footballer it comes as a big shock. After all, you have to be absolutely 100% fit to play this game. Of course, all sorts of things began to go through my mind."

"Anyhow Luton knew all about that business so you can imagine what a big boost it was to my morale when Harry Haslam came along and said he had no qualms about signing me."

"Looking back now, I can't understand why Sunderland felt I would be a health risk. Since signing for Luton I've played in every game and never felt a twinge! Saturday's game against Hull will be my 90th in succession for the Hatters."

Record fee

The £80,000 fee we paid for Alan was a club record at the time. "I was over the moon to feel that any club should think I was worth a record fee," confesses Alan. "But I never let it worry me. It didn't affect my game in any way for I've been in the game long enough to appreciate that you've got to keep your feet on the ground. I've seen too many good young players spoiled when they have allowed their heads to float into the clouds."

"The hard facts are that you've got to work hard to make a success of a footballing career."

When Alan signed on the dotted line for Luton in October 1973, his life changed in many ways.

"From the start I found Luton a much happier club. Here you're allowed to express yourself individually both as a player and a person," says Alan. "It's difficult to explain, but at Burnley we somehow had to live more by the rule book—there was a certain way of doing things and everything had to be done just so."

"I was a bit worried at first how I would settle down personally to living in the south. Some people had told me southerners were snooty and that I would find difficulty making friends. But it didn't turn out that way for us."

Football fanatic

When Alan and his wife Cathie moved into their semi detached house in Limbury Mead they rapidly built a new circle of friends. "We had our football friends at the club, of course, but once we settled in we found we made many friends outside the game."

Though Cathie is a football fanatic too, "she didn't miss a game last season", the Wests like to relax away from soccer.

"I play a bit of squash, Cathie enjoys tennis and she's also a Cub leader. For my part one of my greatest enjoyments is listening to soul music. I've got a large collection of records and tapes. Most are of coloured singers though I can't say I have

any particular favourites."

Luton is now very much home for Alan and Cathie West. "We live a pretty full life," says Alan. "We haven't any family at the moment but we are fully occupied with football and our other interests."

Alan acknowledges the big part luck plays in any player's career. "Every time you play a match you face the possibility that you could suffer a serious injury. But, apart from that, luck affects so many other facets of your life."

Rejected Man. Utd.

"For instance, right at the beginning of my career I took a vital decision which could have made or broken me. I turned down the chance to join Man. United! At the time I suppose United were the most famous club in the world and I had to do a lot of heart-searching before I made my decision."

Alan was only 14 at the time. His schoolteacher, who always felt he had potential, phoned the local club, Burnley, suggesting he would be worth a trial. Harry Potts, then manager of the Turf Moor club, invited him for a week's trial and, at the end of it, asked him to sign.

"Mr. Potts came round to my house one evening with the forms but I decided to sleep on the offer. Then, first thing next morning I had a call from a Manchester United scout!"

"I talked the whole thing over with my family and my teacher. In the end I thought I would stand more chance with Burnley because they are a club which is forced by circumstances to produced their own players."

"I think I made the best decision."

Under 23 cap

Alan made his League debut for Burnley on Good Friday 1970 against Stoke

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Alan West's statistics

Football League

England Under 23

	71/2
Wales	1
	1

Texaco Cup

	74/5
Orient	1
Southampton	1
West Ham	1
	3

F.A. Cup

	70/1	71/2	72/3	73/4	74/5	75/6	Total
Birmingham				1	1		2
Bradford City			1		1		2
Huddersfield		1			1		2
Leicester			1		1		2
Oxford	1						1
Port Vale		1		2			3
	1	1		4	1		7

League Cup

	71/2	72/3	73/4	74/5	75/6	Total
Bristol Rovers			1			1
Bury			2(1)			2(1)
Coventry	1					1
Grimsby		1				1
Man. United	2					2
Millwall			1			1
Sheffield Utd			1			1
	3		4(1)	2		9(1)

	69/70	70/1	71/2	72/3	73/4	74/5	75/6	Total
Arsenal					2			2
Aston Villa								2
Birmingham					2			2
Blackpool	1		2					3
Bolton				2				2
Bristol City		2		1				3
Burnley					2			2
Cardiff		2		2				4
Carlisle		1	s	1	2			4+s
Charlton		1						1
Chelsea						2		2
Coventry	1					2		3
C. Palace	1							2
Derby				1				1
Everton					2			2
Fulham	1		1					2
Huddersfield		1(1)						1(1)
Hull			2		2(1)			4(1)
Ipswich						2		2
Leeds						2		2
Leicester						2		2
Liverpool	1							3
Luton		1						1
Man. City	s					2		2+s
Middlesb'gh		1			2			3
Millwall		1(1)						3(1)
Newcastle	1				2			3
Norwich		2						2
nottm For.	1			1				2
Notts County				1				1
Orient		2	s	2				4+s
Oxford		2		2				4
Portsmouth		1		1				2
Preston		1		2				3
Q.P.R.		2						2
Sheffield Utd.					2			2
Sheffield Wed.			1(1)		2			3(1)
Southampton	1							1
Stoke	1	1				2		4
Sunderland			1		1			2
Swindon			1					1
Tottenham	1					2(1)		3(1)
W.B.A.					2			2
West Ham	1					2		3
Wolves						2		2
	1	12+s	28	2s	33	42		116+s
		(1)	(2)		(1)	(1)		3s

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.

- What have the following famous Continental players in common and for which country did they play?
(a) Herkenrath
(b) Carbajal
(c) Beara

Improve Your Soccer Skills with Luton's Uruguayan Star

LUTON Town have adopted a youth team policy that in the years ahead could make them one of the most envied and exciting teams in Gt. Britain. Few people know the name of Danny Bergara outside football circles, but he is the man who could work wonders for the town, and now all young Luton footballers who read The Hatter will be able to share the same knowledge that Luton's youth team will be given.

Harry Haslam, Luton's manager has long realised a basic fault in most English young players, the fact that at school and indeed in local youth divisions they are incessantly taught all about 4-3-3 and playing as part of a team—and this tends to hinder young players development and individual skills, and Harry believes that young English players should be taught and encouraged to develop techniques and individual football skills, very much like the South American teams such as Brazil, Argentina, Mexico and Uruguay.

What a stroke of luck when Uruguayan International football star, Danny Bergara came to Luton in 1973.

Danny had been playing football since the age of 10 for Racing Club of Montevideo. By the age of 16 he was playing in their first team and he was capped for the full Uruguayan Youth International team three times.

Here the emphasis on training was different, and players were encouraged to develop

individual techniques and skills. "In England," says Danny, "schoolboys have their football period at school and more often than not this means playing a game."

However, in South America, schoolboys would have two hours practicing skills first and then play a game, the result, ball players like Pele.

Danny left Uruguay, and played for nearly 10 years in the Spanish first division for Majorca and Seville. In Spain he met and married an English girl and moved to England. He was snapped up by Harry Haslam to take over as Youth Team Coach and help young players to develop.

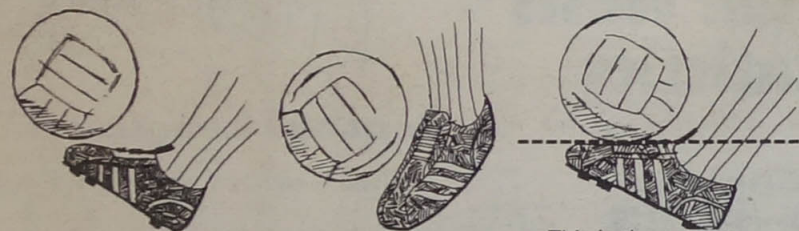
In June of this year Danny gave a lecture to all the registered coaches (big names like Malcolm Allison, Don Howe etc.) on the differences between South American, Spanish and English football. I'm told this lecture went down like a bomb and now many clubs are looking for people like Danny.

Each week in *The Hatter*, Danny will write a column to

try and help young players to improve. Every player can be made better by practice and being correctly taught, says Danny. "I will be teaching techniques. Techniques are an isolated part of the game, that is you learn techniques without having to have an opposition. However, when you use these techniques in a game then they become skills. This week I am starting off with something very simple, practicing kicking the ball up with your feet without it bouncing on the ground. If you can practice this and master it, you will be able to control the ball better. Over the season we shall be looking closely at passing, chipping, heading, ball control, tackling, volleying and trapping. I will be telling you in my column exactly the same things as I tell the Youth team players of Luton. So get out in the back yard, get a ball out and practice whenever you get a spare moment by yourself, juggle about with a football. With hard work, bad players, become better, but good players become great!"

Techniques

Ball control. The simple technique of keeping the ball in the air by kicking with alternate feet and stopping the ball from bouncing on the ground.



Lets start from the beginning. Do not kick the ball with the toe of the boot pointing upwards.

Do not at this stage try kicking the ball with the inside or outside of the boot.

This is the correct position of the boot and ball at the moment of impact. Note the top of the boot is parallel to the floor.



The object of this technique is to practice ball control. Do not kick the ball several feet in the air, or obviously you are going to have difficulty controlling it when it comes down. Keep the ball moving one to two feet from the ground.



This player is practicing correctly. Note the top half of the body is leaning slightly forward, his arms out to give balance. The kicking foot held semi-rigid and then moved into contact with the ball. You practice—you'll be surprised how it can improve your game.



Danny pictured with Luton's 10 young apprentices—Tomorrow's Town

From left to right: Wayne Morgan, Ian Donnelly, Andy Roberts, Simon Sandor, Danny (coach, standing), Graham Jones, Tony Knights, Barry McHugh, Ian Stewart, Tim Smith, Steve Russell.

Warming Up with Dave Pleat

THE importance and benefit of an organised warm up before any game of football should not be underestimated. The aim of a thorough warm up is to reduce the possibility of strains and partial tears in the main muscle groups which we use.

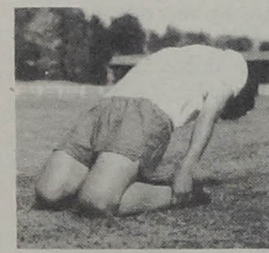
A brief but relative exercise routine which will help the main muscle groups can be selected. The main muscle groups are: (a) quadriceps (kicking muscles); (b) hamstrings (knee flexors); (c) adductors (groin) and (d) calf muscles. The following routine is useful;



1. Groins. All body weight on bent left leg with right leg out to side at 45 deg. Hold this position for 30 seconds. Reverse this with body weight on right leg and stretch the left groin.



2. Hamstring. Kneel on the left knee and place the right leg on the ground straight in front of your body. Keep your right heel on the ground, hold your right ankle and place your head onto your right knee. At no time must you bend your knee towards your head. Hold this position for 30 seconds and then reverse with the other leg.



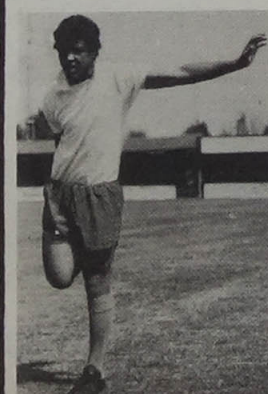
4. Calf. Kneel on floor. Press both knees to floor. Sit back on heels, open ankle joints. Place hands as far back as possible keeping knees on floor. Then back to an upright position. Repeat 10 times.



6. Quadriceps. Straight forward step ups. 12 with 6 with right leg leading. 20 seconds rest. 12 with 6 with left leg leading. 20 seconds rest. 8 with 4 with left leg leading. 20 seconds rest. 8 with 4 with right leg leading. The height covered by the step up should be at least 18 inches.

This last exercise will particularly increase pulse rate, which increases circulation and blood supply to the muscles. After this work out muscles will contract and relax more readily as the body temperature is increased, and the supply of oxygen and glycogen (muscle sugar) to muscles is improved as more blood is pumped to them.

This exercise routine can be comfortably carried out in the dressing room before going out onto the pitch to begin short sprints etc. prior to the kick off.



3. Quadriceps. Standing position. Grasp left ankle with left hand and pull up behind your back in slow firm stretch. Take foot back as high as possible. Repeat 10 times. Then repeat with opposite leg also 10 times.



5. Hamstrings. Standing position. Cross legs over. Put hands together and place palm of hands in front of crossed over feet. Return to upright position and repeat 10 times.

CHILTERN YOUTH LEAGUE

The Rewards and Heartbreaks of Youth Football

AS many parents will tell you, especially those who have stood in all weathers on Stockingstone Park, Barnfield College and many other of the Chiltern Youth grounds, watching their sons giving their all every Sunday, it can be both rewarding and heart breaking being involved with youth football.

The rewards are obvious. They take the form of a glowing pride in your son, his team and their honest to goodness effort and, on many occasions, a large amount of unexpected skill which projects from the boys.

The heartbreaks are not so obvious. With virtually no money they become involved in tremendous effort to get teams to grounds on time, picking lads up from street corners and one man even making four trips last season from the town centre to Stockingstone, picking up four of his team as pillion passengers on his motorbike. Individually of course! There is the heartbreak of seeing your lads well beaten every week by the more successful sides and with limited resources and players finding it very difficult to keep the side together, but still they persevere. The few enthusiastic parents involved need your support; if your son is a Chiltern Youth player, get involved. Soccer as we know it in this country will have a very lean time if these people did not support and encourage organised youth soccer.

The big kick-off this season is Sunday, September 7. This season will produce some of the best football seen for a long time and it is with baited breath that we wait for the young stars to emerge. Who will be this season's Bruce Rioch or Alan Slough? We already have Godfrey Ingram, an England Schoolboy International who has received many accolades from the national press.

Referees

One particular problem which will occur this season will be that of shortage of Referees, particularly in the Hitchin area. It is, of course, extremely vital that these

youngsters are given the correct guidance and discipline from the "man in the middle". Referees interested in participating in the Chiltern Youth League should contact Secretary, Peter Brown of 1 Kinmore Close, Luton. Telephone: Luton 55070.

New Clubs

We would like to welcome this season 13 new clubs to the league. The League Committee are particularly pleased that Leagrave Rangers F.C. have joined the 12-14 Division and to them and all the other new entrants we would like to wish you every success this season. The most important point which should be made to all of you joining the Chiltern Youth League is that the days of the kick around in the park are over. You are now expected to "play the game" and abide by the rules and regulations of the Football Association of which you are now a member. Don't forget, however trying it may seem, with hard work and a good will the rewards can be immense. After all, you never know who is watching!

Coaching

In each issue of *The Hatter*, Luton's coaches, Roy McCrohan, David Pleat and Danny Bergara will be providing you with coaching tips and as much information as is possible. It is very important that you take notice of the points they make because these people are the professionals; they know what the game is all about. If you observe carefully and follow the instructions you will find your game gradually improving. Should you have any particular problems or queries, write to David or Danny at Luton Town.

Will it be a Thousand?

LAST season, 974 boys were registered with the League, competing in 71 teams, run in the main by very dedicated men and women. The example which these people set should be followed by many other mums and dads. Let us all hope that support for all Clubs will increase and please don't be afraid to offer your assistance to Club organisers. We can assure you it will be most welcome.

Who's going to topple Dynamos?

LAST season Dynamo's Boys Club swept the board. In fact last year was their best since their commencement in 1967.

They won the 14-16 Chiltern Youth League, 14-16 League Cup, County Cup and also the champions of Bedfordshire Trophy. The 14-16 Reserve team finished as runners-up in the Chiltern Youth League Division Two and at one time during last season they had eight of their boys on schoolboy forms for Luton Town. Barry McHugh has now signed Apprentice forms for the "Hatters" and has already played four games in their pre-season warm-ups.

The President of the Club, Alan Slough, rates

their chances very highly for this season, but those of us looking on are sure that there will be several teams out to steal honours. Clubs like Icknield Harts can always be counted on to provide strong opposition. St. Joseph's can be a force to be reckoned with when in form. This is a team which can be guaranteed to give every team a hard game.

However, Dynamo's are not going to give up any of the previously won trophies easily and this season will provide some excellent entertainment.

Godfrey Ingram who was an immense success last year with Dynamos and was capped for the England schoolboys. Godfrey is one of several outstanding boys playing in local junior football. Says Harry Haslam of Godfrey: "Godfrey who has signed up for Luton on schoolboy forms has outstanding ability. If he can work hard and fit in well with other players, he can be successful".



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TIGERS AFTER GOOD START

"GIVE us a good start and we'll be in with a chance of promotion!" That's the view of Hull manager John Kaye who revitalised the Tigers after taking charge of the team last season. When the campaign reached its closing stages, Hull were one of the Second Division's most successful teams—they lost only one of their final seven games.

They surrendered so much ground early on, though, that there was never any chance of their grabbing one of the top three places. Due largely to defensive problems, Hull made a disastrous start. They conceded six goals at Villa, four at Forest and by mid-September they were almost bottom with only one win in 10 matches.

And John Kaye, within weeks of succeeding Terry Neill, must have wondered what he had let himself in for! Never a quitter, Mr. Kaye knuckled down to the considerable task of re-shaping his team. The experienced Frank Banks, who had lost his place, was re-instated at right back but Mr. Kaye's master stroke really came later on when he signed Welsh international defender Dave Roberts from Oxford for £70,000.

After Roberts' arrival, Hull conceded only six goals in 12 games whereas they had let in 47 in their previous 30 League outings!

Mr. Kaye boosted his attack by paying a club record £75,000 to Millwall for striker Alf Wood who had enjoyed such a successful spell with the London club. Though Wood's goals record for Hull so far has been disappointing, his career history shows him to be a slow starter with new clubs. Once he gets going—look out!

The manager felt so pleased with the way his side shaped up at the end of last season that he decided not to make any major signings during the summer.

His confidence was justified by Hull's performance in their opening match in the Anglo-Scottish Cup—they held all-star First Division opponents Leicester City to a 1-1 draw at Boothferry Park.

The Tigers' line-up for the Leicester match was more or less as it had been at the close of last season, except that Peter Fletcher replaced John Hawley in attack. Unless injuries force changes, the Tiger's team at Kenilworth Road (with possible alterations in brackets) should be:

HULL RECORD

Founded: 1904.
Elected to Football League: 1905.
Division Three champions: 1966.
Division Three runners-up: 1969.
Division Three (North) champions: 1933, 1949.
F.A. Cup semi-finalists: 1930.
Record win: 11-1 v. Carlisle (Div. 3 North, January 1939).
Worst defeat: 0-8 v. Wolves (Div. 2 November 1911).

BACK CHECK

Complete list of past League games against Hull City.

	Home	Away
1949/50	0-3	1-1
1950/51	1-2	3-5
1951/52	1-1	2-1
1952/53	3-2	2-0
1953/54	3-1	2-1
1954/55	1-1	4-0
1963/64	2-1	0-2
1964/65	1-3	1-3
1970/71	3-1	2-0
1971/72	0-1	0-0
1972/73	1-2	0-4
1973/74	2-2	3-1
1975/76		

Summary:	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	12	4	3	5	18	20	11
Away	12	6	2	4	20	18	14
	24	10	5	9	38	25	

MEET THE TIGERS



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

JOHN KAYE Manager

FATE played John Kaye a cruel blow over Christmas 1973. A Hull player in those days, he was carried off, during Hull's Boxing Day game at Sheffield Wednesday, with an injury so severe it was to end his playing days.

Yet, though there can never really be any aspect of soccer so enjoyable as actually playing the game, sport does have its compensations, as John Kaye will readily testify.

After that injury, Hull gave him a position as coach. And he made such a big impression that when Terry Neill moved on to Tottenham last season, the directors had no hesitation in asking him to take over as club manager.

In a matter of weeks he had got his team chasing promotion with the chance of gaining a place in the First Division for the first time in their history.

They didn't quite make it, but we can expect them to make another brave bid this term.

During his playing days, John Kaye made a gradual regression from striker, to midfield and finished up as a defender. He was a striker when he made his League debut for Scunthorpe, then a Second Division club, in 1960/61.

Two years later he was their top scorer and West Bromwich Albion paid £45,000 for him.

His most successful season as a striker was 1965/66 when he came second highest marksman with 23 goals, including one which helped defeat West Ham in the League Cup final. It was in September that season that he scored his only hat-trick in League football, against Stoke City.

John later played in the 1967 and 1970 League Cup finals for Albion but was on the losing side each time. But he was a member of their F.A. Cup winning

side in 1968. By then he reverted to his defensive role.

When Hull were struggling near the foot of the table at the beginning of the 1971/72 season, manager Terry Neill knew he needed experienced men around him to deal with the trouble. One of the players he signed in this category was John Kaye who had taken over the responsibility of team captain at West Bromwich Albion. The fee was modest by today's standards (£28,000) but the investment paid quick dividends.

Mr. Kaye quickly settled in with other new players, Jimmy McGill and Billy Baxter among them, and Hull began to show signs of the improvement which took them well away from the trouble area.

When injury ended his career, he looked back on a total of 433 League appearances for this three clubs and a tally of 77 goals.

PLAYERS PEN PICTURE

Probable line up

WEALANDS			
BANKS	DEERE	ROBERTS	DeVRIES
	(Croft)		(Daniel)
GRIMES	MCGILL	LORD	
FLETCHER	WOOD	GREENWOOD	
(Hawley)			



GOALKEEPERS

Jeff Wealands. Jeff has been Hull's senior goal-keeper for the past three seasons, when he took over from Ian McKechie, another consistent Tiger's favourite. Jeff's career has taken some strange turns since he first set out to make his name with Wolverhampton Wanderers. With both Phil Parkes and John Oldfield ahead of him on the priority list at Molineux, his hopes of making the first team were pretty slim. Even when he was loaned out to Northampton Town in 1970 he didn't make their senior eleven. Things really started to move for him after transferring to Darlington in 1971. He went straight into the Shakers' League eleven and before the 1971/72 campaign was over he was transferred to Hull for £10,000. League record: Wolves nil, Northampton nil, Darlington 28 aps. Hull 105 aps.

Eddie Blackburn. Eddie first joined Hull as an apprentice professional in May 1973 and, though his first team experience is as yet quite limited,



DEFENDERS

Frank Banks. Consistent Frank has missed only a handful of matches since taking over the right-back position eight years ago. Last season opened on a disappointing note for him as he found himself in the reserves. But it wasn't many weeks before he had played himself back into the side. Frank started his career with Southend United in the Third Division but he didn't often play in the Shrimpers' senior eleven. Even after moving to Hull in 1966 he had to wait for a year before getting his breakthrough.

League record: Southend 4 aps. Hull 266(4) aps. 6 gls. Dave Roberts. Dave is acknowledged as one of the most accomplished centre-backs in the Second Division, his out-

standing performances for Oxford United, until his transfer, and the Tigers earning him a place in the Welsh national team. His game against Norwich Ireland in this year's British Championship brought his cap total to eight. How Fulham have come to regret letting this fine defender slip from their grasp! Dave made only a few first-team appearances for the Cottagers who agreed to let him move on to Oxford for a small fee in 1971. He was an immediate hit at The Manor and two years later he was chosen for his first cap against Poland in a vital World Cup tie. Oxford had no wish to lose him and it was only because of their perilous financial position that they agreed to sell him to Hull for £70,000 last February. League record: Fulham 21(1) aps. Oxford 160(1) aps. 8 gls. Hull 13 aps.

Stuart Croft. Stuart is one of several home produced players to prove himself in Hull's League team. It was only last season that he got an extended run at centre-back after making several appearances as substitute in the early games. Stuart made his League bow at Cardiff in the final match of 1972/73 but then had to wait 16 months for another chance. League record: Hull 19(3) aps. 1 gl.

Peter Daniel. Another of the new breed of young Tigers, Peter took over at left-back during the later stages of last season. He's already proved himself quite a versatile player for, though he usually plays on the left now, he made his League bow at West Bromwich last September, on the opposite flank. League record: Hull 19 aps.

Roger de Vries. Though he has been the regular left-back for most of the past five seasons, Roger found himself under pressure from some of the younger players last season and, indeed, he lost his place during the second half of the campaign. It was in August 1970 that he got his initial chance in the Tigers' League XI against Swindon. Since then he has totted up well over 100 appearances. League record: Hull 139(4) aps.

Steve Deere. Another Tiger who closed last season fighting for his first-team place following a magnificent run in which he made exactly 100 consecutive League appearances for Hull and his previous club, Scunthorpe. Originally, Steve was an amateur with Norwich City but it was Scunthorpe who gave him his break in the

professional game. He won a place in their team during the 1967/68 campaign and during six seasons he completed an ever present appearance record on three occasions. Hull signed him in 1973 and he maintained a 100% record in his first season. League record: Scunthorpe 232(6) aps. 21 gls. Hull 65(1) aps. 2 gls.

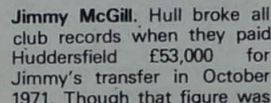


MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Malcolm Lord. A first teamer since 1967, Malcolm is now one of the club's longest serving players. At first he made only a few appearances but by 1970/71 he was well established and last season he reached an important milestone with his 200th League appearance for the club. League record: Hull 205(24) aps. 16 gls.

Chris Galvin. Chris has known life at the very top for he was a Leeds United player for several seasons. While at Elland Road, he won England youth honours but because of the big names around he didn't get many opportunities to show what he could do in the

First Division. Hull's then manager Terry Neill was very impressed with him, however, and readily paid Leeds £40,000 for his transfer in 1973. Last season was his best so far; he held his place in the Tigers' Second Division side from an early stage. League record: Leeds 7(1) aps. Hull 47(2) aps. 2 gls.



STRIKERS

Ken Wagstaff. One of the great goalscorers of the past decade, Ken now has 268 League goals to his credit, a figure surpassed only by Ron Davies among current professionals. Over 15 years in the competition, Ken has averaged just about a goal for every two matches, a phenomenal achievement against modern defences. Sadly, he must now be approaching the end of his career and Hull, obviously, have had to consider the possibility that he may now have to be phased out of the team in favour of their new young brigade. Nevertheless, Ken still has much to offer the game. He earned his scoring reputation with Mansfield Town, Hull signing him in 1964 for £40,000. He topped their scoring list in his first five seasons, on two occasions crashing four goals in League matches. Last season he was again their

Vincent Grimes. When Hull manager John Kaye decided to give youth its fling last season, Vincent was one of the juniors to get his chance to shine in Second Division football. He had made a few appearances

the previous season but he accepted that new opportunity with both hands and ended the season as one of the established midfield trio. League record: Hull 33(2) aps. 3 gls.



leading marksman with 11 goals in 24 League and Cup games—still, you will notice, keeping close to his fantastic one goal in two games average. League record: Mansfield 181 aps. 96 gls. Hull 365(3) aps. 172 gls.

Roy Greenwood. Roy graduated through the Hull juniors to take his place in the senior team in 1972. Initially, he was played in as a fairly regular substitute but for the past two seasons he has been on permanent duty, usually raiding down the left flank. His best scoring season was 1973/74 when he hit 11 goals. Last season's tally was five. League record: Hull 94(8) aps. 18 gls.

Alf Wood. Hull paid a club record £75,000 for Alf last season, a few months after he had come runner-up in the Second Division scoring list with 24 goals for Millwall. A one time England youth international, Alf began his career with Manchester City where he made his League debut in 1962/63. Ironically, though he was later to make his name as a prolific scorer, Alf never managed to get the ball into the net in some two dozen senior games for City. It took him some while to get going at Shrewsbury, following his

1966 transfer, but in 1971/72 he smashed the club record with 39 goals, a feat which prompted Millwall to pay £40,000 for him. Though he scored only five goals for Hull last season, don't be misled into thinking Alf has lost his edge. He always has been a slow starter! League record: Man. City 24(1) aps. Shrewsbury 257(1) aps. 64 gls. Millwall 99(1) aps. 38 gls. Hull 22 aps. 5 gls.

Peter Fletcher. Peter is not yet a regular League performer though this season could well see him make his breakthrough. He had the big advantage of having done his groundwork with Manchester United who possess one of the finest youth set-ups in Europe. The Reds gave him a few runs in their first-team and, when he moved to Hull last summer as part of the £200,000 deal which took Stuart Pearson to Old Trafford, Peter was valued at £30,000. He made 12 League and Cup appearances last season, scoring two goals. League record: Man. Utd. 3(4) aps. Hull 6(3) aps. 1 gl.

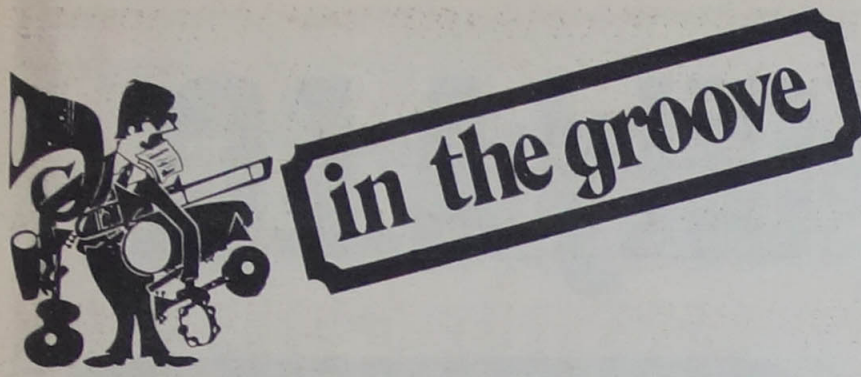
John Hawley. The new season promises much for young John who is hoping he can hold down a regular place. Yet another example of the quality

of a player being turned out from the club's nursery, John came into the side for a couple of games during 1972/73 and last season played in well over half their fixtures, finishing second highest scorer with seven goals. League record: Hull 50(2) aps. 10 gls.

Gordon Staniforth. Gordon may have to wait a little longer before he can contemplate a run in Hull's senior team though this season might well see his big chance arise. So far he has been blooded in only occasional games to give him the feel of the atmosphere. League record: Hull 2(1) aps. 1 gl.

Jeff Hemmerman. Another young Hull player who hopes for much during this new season. Jeff has enjoyed quite a few League outings—indeed, last season he opened the campaign as their first choice centre-forward—and is now well prepared for the time when he is offered another chance to establish himself. League record: Hull 13(5) aps. 1 gl.

N.B. Statistics are for Football League games only. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute.



a review of recent releases by Mick Woodward

HI, my name is Mick Woodward of Fred Moore's record shop in Dunstable Road, over the last few years we have had close links with Luton Town Football Club, and because of this I was pleased when asked to contribute this pop page to The Hatter paper.

In this and subsequent issues, I will review recent records and will carry details of group appearances in the area.

To help me make this a good local pop page though, I shall need the help of you the reader. If you have any information on local events or suggestions to improve this line, please drop me a line, care of this paper or the shop.

As well as new records I will from time to time include a section dealing with Golden Oldies, all of which will be available from Fred Moore's record shop.

Rod Stewart. Atlantic Crossing (Warners)

Another superb album from Rod and one which at last sees the emergence of Rod Stewart the singer.

Instead of relying on his hoarse shouting style as before. On this album he really makes his bid for the title of Britain's best solo singer (as he most certainly will become if as predicted from several quarters, the Faces break up soon).

The album is split squarely down the centre (or should I say edge), side one containing the rockers and the other side the ballads.

Recorded in America with production by Tom Dowd. Rod is assisted by the cream of their session men including the M.G.'s and the Memphis Horns on five of his own numbers and five by some of the best song writers around.

Yes Rod, you've got a real winner here!

Bob Dylan and the Band. The Basement Tapes. (CBS)

Cut in the basement of Big Pink, where The Band cut their first LP, these 1967 tapes have floated around for years in boot-leg form and have become near legendary since word of them leaked out.

This album features remixed versions of 24 songs that have been recorded by others since, but never heard properly in their original form.

Dylan handles lead on some, various members of The Band on others, and while the material may not be as professional sounding as a planned studio set, the raw talent of Dylan and the group shines through. Of special interest are the excellent Dylan vocals and the superb guitar work of Robbie Robertson.

Coming as it does from the period when Dylan was at his most creative, this album is a must for his many fans.

Detroit Spinners. Pick of the Litter. (Atlantic)

One of America's superb soul groups, returns to the more uptempo sound it used so well before they slowed things down on the last LP and come up with the familiar trademark that so many have tried to copy.

A few ballads work well, but the majority of the cuts contain the intricate lead vocals with harmonies acting as a separate lead that have characterised most of their hits. With backing from the MFSB orchestra and fine pro-

duction from Thom Bell, it goes without saying that the whole album has a fine disco feeling. Highly recommended to soul or disco fans.

UFO. Force It. (Chrysalis)

Produced by ex-Ten Years After member Leo Lyons, this British hard rock group revolve their sound around the thundering lead guitar of Michael Schenker and the shouting vocals of Phil Mogg.

Its double take sleeve design is a real eye catcher and matches the originality of the contents. Anyone into the heavy end of pop music should give this a listen.

Ray Thomas. From Mighty Oaks. (Threshold).

This is the second album to come our way since the Moody Blues decided to call it a day as a group and concentrate on solo projects. (The first was the highly successful Blue Jays album by Justin Hayward and John Lodge.)

Thomas flautist and composer with the group presents a very respectable first solo album, the blend of classical and rock with several other musical elements is close to perfection.

Not relying strictly on on his groups past merits, Thomas has by collaborating with Nicky James on the composing side, prevented the album from sounding too much like a Moody Blues copy.

The cover art and production are both of the high standard we have come to expect from the Moodies camp. Highly recommended.

Super Stylistics in Dunstable



The Stylistics, enjoyed an enormous reception when appearing recently in Dunstable. Come back again soon boys!

Chiltern Premier Football League

CORRESPONDING with the birth of The Hatter is the launching of the new "Chiltern Premier Football League".

The new league is the conception of Vic Folbigg of Stevenage Athletic who felt that many extremely good youth players were disappearing from the scene before their full potential was realised. Following negotiations with the Chiltern Youth Football League, it was jointly decided to proceed with all haste, the result being the formation of the new league which will comprise of the following teams:

Cambridge City, Cambridge United, Chelmsford City, Cheshunt Youth, Dunstable Town, Hertford Town, Hoddesdon

Town, Luton Town, Stevenage Athletic, Vauxhall Motors, Wealdstone.

It is obvious from this list of teams that the competition and standard of football will be very high indeed. All the clubs involved are extremely enthusiastic about the coming season and, without exception, each of them have contributed a tremendous amount of hard work.

At a meeting held last week, the knock out cup competition draw was made which was as follows:

1st Round.
Luton Town v. Stevenage Athletic. Cheshunt v. Cambridge United. Vauxhall Motors v. Hertford Town.

2nd Round
Vauxhall or Hertford v. Chelmsford. Luton v. Cheshunt. Stevenage v. Cambridge United. Hoddesdon v. Dunstable Town. Wealdstone v. Cambridge City.

The fixture that stands out a mile here is Luton v. Stevenage, which should prove to be quite a game. With Luton's new youth policy, Harry Haslam is placing the club's future at the feet of its youngsters and he has chosen this year's squad very carefully. However, Stevenage will be no push-over and we can expect a very close score line.

League fixtures, kick-off times and venues will be published in the next issue of The Hatter which will, of course, cover the matches, giving you first hand reports.

Player's Portrait

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City and he played fairly regularly in their senior side over the following couple of years.

Then Lady Luck stepped in once again. When Burnley played at Queen's Park Rangers, Sir Alf Ramsey went along to cast his eye over goalkeeper Phil Parkes and winger Dave Thomas, one of Alan's former Burnley clubmates. On that afternoon Alan turned on all his magic and, as a result, he was picked for the England under 23 side against Wales.

After that, luck turned the other way. He didn't get into the Burnley side at the beginning of the 1972/73 season when they got off to such a magnificent start that manager Jimmy Adamson couldn't change it. Burnley went on

to win promotion but all Alan could contribute to the effort was a couple of appearances as substitute.

"That's the way things go in football," he philosophises. "One day you're up. Next day you're down. Yet I knew that was the beginning of the end for me at Burnley. It was obvious I would have to make a new start somewhere else."

Came that Sunderland set-back. Then Harry Haslam's gamble that paid off.

Alan played his first game for the Hatters at Orient on October 20, 1973. Since then he has never missed a game.

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(The accompanying chart details Alan's playing career to date, showing his season-by-season appearances against each club in each competition. Goals are shown in brackets, while "s" denotes that he played as substitute. Watch out for another Hatters favourite in the next issue.)

Why we are launching our own NEWSPAPER

YOU are reading today the first edition of The Hatter. We hope you like it. Once again Luton Town lead the field, launching a paper in their town. We will welcome any suggestions or comments you have to make on the paper. Supporters letters and comments will be appreciated and be printed.

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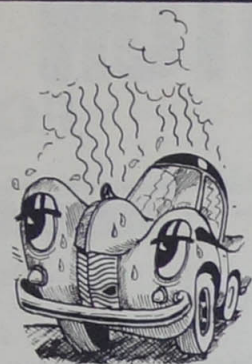
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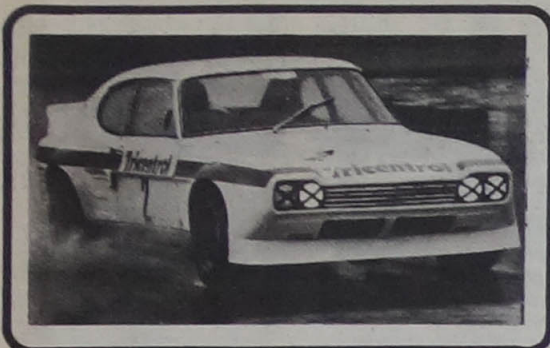
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The magnificent trophy pictured right is the prize for the winner of the Tricentrol Super Saloon Championship, raced for over 10 rounds at all the leading circuits in this country. So far this year seven rounds have been completed with three more events to come on August 17 at Thruxton, August 24 at Mallory Park and September 20 at Oulton Park. If you are interested why not take a trip to these meetings. This Sunday at Thruxton, or take the whole family out for a Bank Holiday treat on Sunday, 24th just up the M1 to Mallory Park, Leicester.

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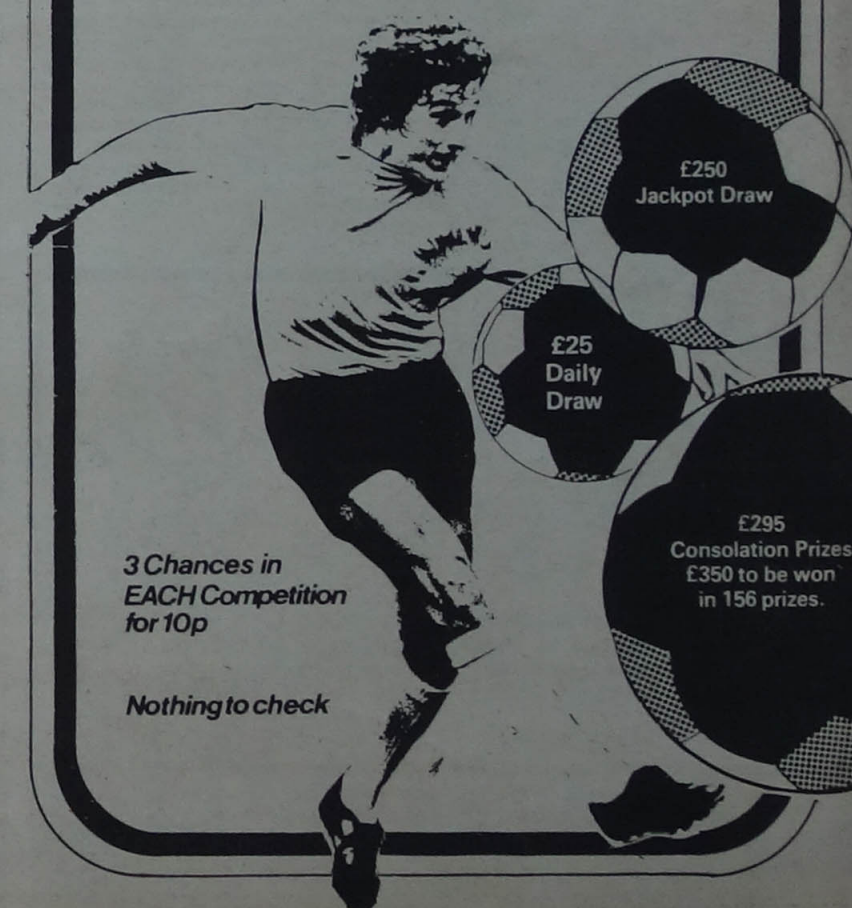
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ANDERSON AND SEASMAN TIE UP HITCHIN

Saturday, August 2.
Hitchin Town 2 v.
Luton Town 1

Team: Roberts, Pollock, Mead, Smith, Jones, Malcolm, Stewart, Russell, Seasman, Anderson, Hindson. Subs: Bergara, McHugh, Morgan.

In tropical conditions our side played a sensible game slowing the pace down and then changing the tempo when

openings were created. We were well in command from the word go and Williams' the Hitchin keeper saved magnificently from Seasman and Anderson. Peter was playing his first game for some time as he is recovering from a stomach strain. His form in this work out suggests he is on his way back to fitness. It was a Mead, Hindson, Anderson move which let Sea-

man heading a superb driven cross from Anderson for the first goal. Poor marking from a throw in led to Hitchin equalising on the stroke of half time. With 20 minutes remaining we substituted Bergara (for Anderson), McHugh (for Mead), Morgan (Stewart) and we continued on top. It was Danny Bergara who deservedly settled the game with close range goal from Pollock's cross.

NOTICE TO SUPPORTERS

IT has been decided by the Board of Directors that during the coming season any person or persons causing problems or behaving in such a manner that places other supporters' safety in jeopardy, will be ejected from the stadium and every effort will be made by everyone concerned at Luton Town to ensure that they will remain barred from the stadium for the rest of the season.

The Board wishes supporters to understand that bad behaviour undermines the efforts of the playing staff; it upsets players considerably to see young children and elderly people getting crushed.

Everyone at Kenilworth Road is determined to stamp out the trouble and provide our genuine well behaved supporters with the entertainment and comfort they deserve. We will offer the Police every assistance in their efforts to prevent trouble and apprehend offenders.

What these silly people do not realise is that every time they bring the Club into disrepute in either the local or national press, they are undoing all the good work of the staff of Luton Town Football Club. We have tried talking to them, we have tried appealing to them in the local press but to no avail. The time has now come when we have to say: "IF YOU ARE TROUBLE, WE DO NOT WANT YOU. STAY AWAY, PLEASE".

Easy win for youngsters

Friday, August 8.
Kingstonian 1 v. Luton Town 3
Team: Horn, Pollock, Carr, Jones, McHugh, Morgan, Bergara, Russell, Stewart, Seasman, Anderson. Subs: Mead, Malcolm, Pleat. Scorers: Anderson, Morgan, Jones.

Playing some fine flowing football and encouraged by an early Anderson goal, Luton held command for most of the game. After Seasman had turned the centre half and hit a stinging drive which the goalkeeper could not hold, Anderson, following up, poached the first. Seasman should have scored a second after good play between himself and Morgan. Defensively, both Carr

and Pollock made timely interceptions in an entertaining first half.

Further goals by Morgan and Jones gave us a deserved commanding lead before Kingstonian hit back with a late goal. All 14 players were used most effectively in the sweltering heat as only a few hours later another fixture was to be played at Bexley.

Point given away

Saturday, August 9.
Bexley 1 v. Luton Town 1
Team: Horn, Pollock, Carr, Malcolm, Mead, Morgan, Russell, Hindson, Holt, Donnelly, Seasman. Sub: Jones. Scorer: Hindson (pen).

We controlled the game from the start and the heavy footed Bexley defenders found great difficulty in containing our quick attacks in which Pollock, Seasman and Hindson figured prominently. Hindson converted an almost inevitable penalty when Seasman was fouled and twice the woodwork saved the home side.

The game lost a little urgency in the second half which was not surprising in the intense heat. Jones replaced the injured Russell and we continued to dictate without penetrating effectively. Donnelly was thwarted brilliantly on three occasions. With 10 minutes remaining, Bexley scored an undeserved equaliser from a corner and were left to reflect on a game we dictated without producing the vital goals.

'GEORDIE' HINDSON SETS EXAMPLE

Thursday, July 31.
Coventry City Reserves 0 v.
Luton Town 0

Team: Horn, Pollock, Mead, Morgan, Carr, Jones, Stewart, Russell, Seasman, Hindson, Simon. Subs: McHugh, Malcolm.

In a close game fought out in humid conditions we contained a hard working Coventry side at the same time looking

the more dangerous side when attacking. The home sides main threat came from centre forward Cross who proved a lively customer. His robust style and strength in the air provided a fine early season test for David Carr and he coped exceptionally well. Morgan is a new apprentice from Hitchin came through his first full game well and 16

year old Graham Jones also did well against this opposition. Gordon Hindson worked hard and encouraged the young players to good effect. Up front John Seasman showed sharpness and control which baffled the Coventry defenders but he was thwarted by goalkeeper Blyth on several occasions. A good work out and a fair result.

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