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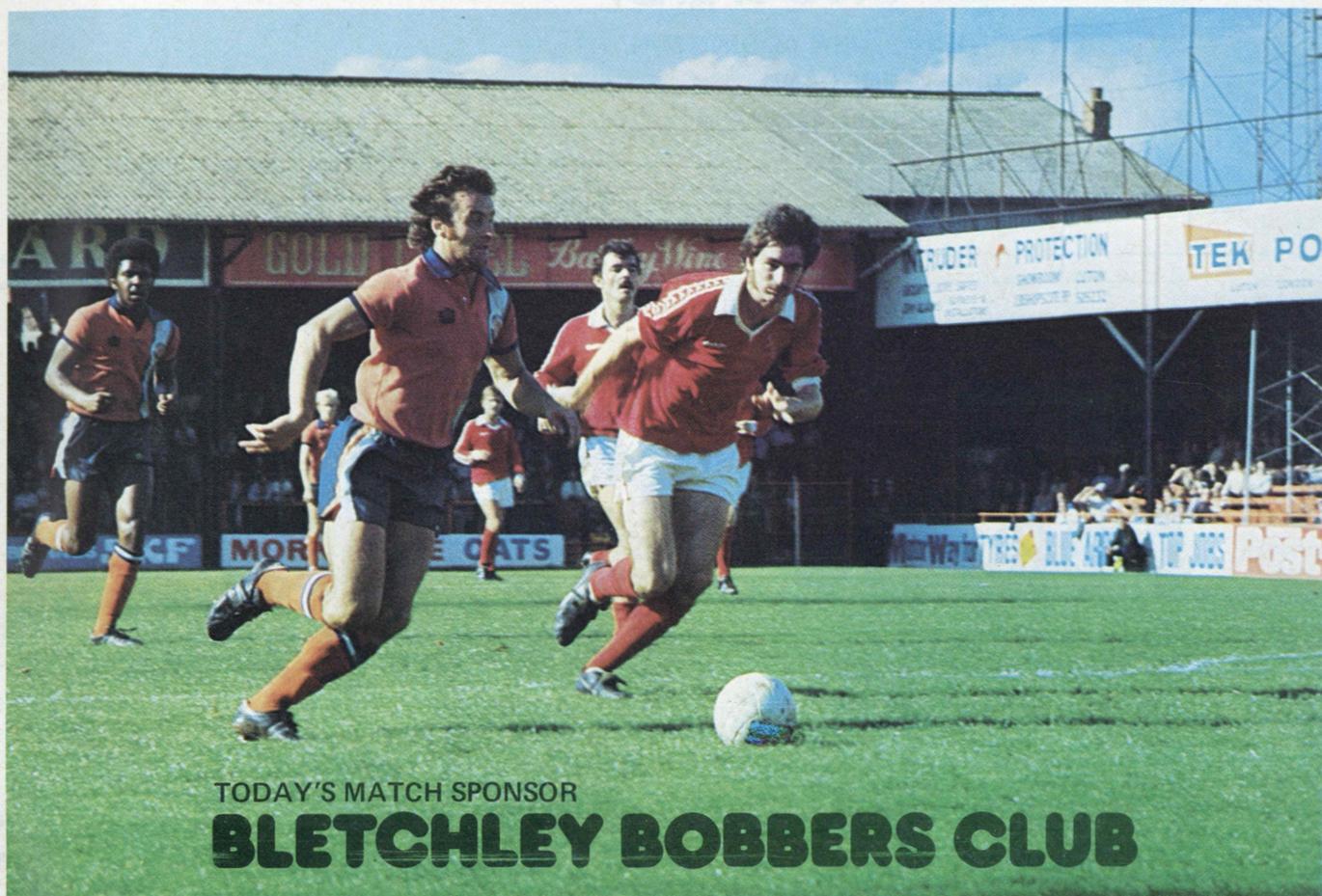
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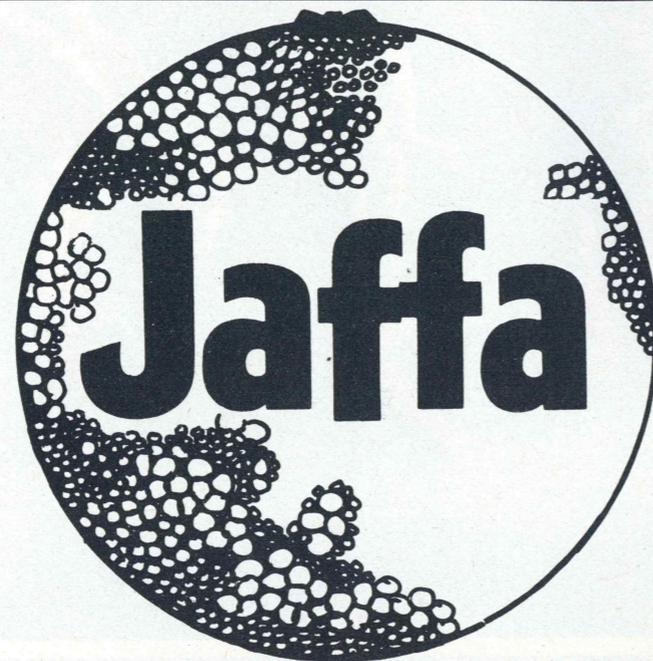
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I CAN imagine the feelings of those of you who turned up at Mansfield last Saturday only to see us play badly and lose. I'm not complaining about the result because on the day we were never in the game. Mansfield deserved to win, and good luck to them.

Obviously we were all disappointed, but in some ways I wasn't surprised. You may

have noticed that last week Manchester City, who have hopes of winning the First Division championship, lost at home to Leeds. Perhaps City and Luton Town both had reasons, if not excuses, for poor league performances.

The lads knew that they hadn't played well at Mansfield. We didn't put our game together while Mansfield worked at theirs. Certainly we weren't anywhere near our form in the Football League cup games with Manchester City. We won a lot of praise and respect, and the lads well deserved it at Old Trafford.

Probably the league defeat was part of the price. In three weeks we had played seven games: four in Lancashire, including two against City, one in Nottinghamshire and only two at home — and one of those two was against Manchester City.

Our priority now is to get cracking in the league again, starting with today's game against Stoke.

This morning's league table bears out what I said earlier in the season: the fight for promotion is wide open, and I still think teams nearly half-way down the table could be there or thereabouts when the season ends.

The funny thing is that while we have had a poor run of league results recently we are still nicely placed for a challenge on the top three places. All clubs have had patches, and with the Manchester City games out of our system we have the feeling that we might now be ready to get back on a consistent run in the league.

Considering the fact that we haven't got a lot of players in the first team pool, I don't think we have done too badly. I was particularly nice to see Gary Heale score twice at Old Trafford after taking some stick for missing a chance in the previous game. And Brian Stein slotted into the side well for a debut that must have been a bit awe-inspiring.

The cup defeat was a disappointment, and probably the performance at Mansfield was partly due to reaction. But now we've got that out of our system. The great thing about football is that you start with a clean slate for each game.

We give a warm welcome to Stoke City this afternoon, and to their new signing Viv Busby, but they'll have to watch out: the only thing on our minds is to take the points and push ourselves nearer to the promotion race.

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STOKE

BRIAN BITHELL A utility defender who has played at full-back and in midfield. Manchester born he joined Stoke in 1972. Made his debut last season but failed to gain a regular place in the side.

ALAN BLOOR The senior professional on Stoke's books. He joined the club in 1959 and made his debut in 1961.

IAN BOWERS He joined City in 1972. Has played mostly at full-back but also in midfield since making his debut in 1975.

TERRY CONROY Eire International who commands the respect of defenders everywhere. Terry is a tireless worker who also has the flair to make 'something' out of 'nothing'. Has had injury problems in the past but has still been a regular in the team since making his debut in 1967.

GARTH CROOKS Another local product from Stoke-on-Trent he signed for the club in 1973 before making his debut in 1976. Earned a regular spot last season. Finished up as top goalscorer.

ALAN DODD Yet another local born player. He made his debut in 1973 and has progressed into one of the best defenders in the game earning several under-23 caps. Plays at full-back or in the centre of the defence.

DAVID GOODWIN Joined the club in 1972 and made his debut in the following year against West Ham when he scored.

DAVID GREGORY Joined Stoke from Peterborough during the close season for a reputed £55,000. Has been in League Football three years.

PAUL JOHNSON Made his debut last season after four years with the club. Tenacious tackler and makes up for his lack of inches with his enthusiasm.

ROGER JONES Arrived at the Victoria Ground last season after a career starting at Portsmouth and including stays at Bournemouth, Blackburn Rovers and finally Newcastle United.

JOHN MAHONEY Cardiff born. John joined City from Crewe Alexander ten years ago during which time he has become the most capped player in the club.

JOHN MARSH Has spent all his playing career with Stoke. A reliable and consistent performer on his day. He failed to gain a regular spot last season.

PAUL RICHARDSON Another close season signing. He cost the club £50,000 from Chester and was George Eastham's first buy for the club. He spent five years with Notts. Forest where he impressed as a player with skill and vision.

GEOFF SALMONS Joined Stoke in 1974 from Sheffield United for £150,000. Possesses undoubted skill but has failed to consistently produce it enough to warrant the fee paid.

KEVIN SHELDON Kevin is a product of Stoke's youth scheme. Showed immense promise last season. Made his debut in April 1976 and had gained a regular spot last year before suffering a broken leg at Leeds in November.

DENIS SMITH Made his debut in 1968 and is known as the 'iron-man' of the side. Skipper of the side he has been a regular for many seasons.

STEVE WADDINGTON Steve joined the club in 1972. Made his debut in October 1976.

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LUTON LATEST

TODAY we extend a warm welcome to the Directors, Manager, Players and Officials of Stoke City. The last meeting between our two clubs was on 22nd February 1975 when neither side managed to score at Kenilworth Road in contrast to the fixture earlier in the season at Stoke which produced six goals. Our two scorers on that occasion were Peter Anderson now with Royal Antwerp and Alan Garner who is playing a significant part in Watford's success this season.

WE ARE also very pleased to welcome the Committee and Members of the Bletchley Branch of the Bobbers Stand and Supporters Club who are sponsoring today's match and we thank them once again for the considerable efforts which they put in year after year to raise money for our Club. We congratulate the Finalists in today's Penalty Competition whose names appear on Page 15 of the programme and we hope that they will all enjoy the occasion and take away with them pleasant memories of the day when they viewed Kenilworth Road from a very different standpoint.

WE HAVE been overwhelmed by the number of messages of sympathy and requests for news of our popular defender Paul Futchter since his tragic accident on the 7th November. Letters and phone calls have been received from Clubs and individuals all over the Country and we are delighted to report that Paul is making splendid progress. He is out of the intensive care unit and is able to take the occasional short walk already. We are also delighted to

report that his fiancée, Miss Collette Jones has been discharged from hospital and we would like to take this opportunity of wishing Collette and Paul a very speedy recovery to full health. Paul has asked us to thank all those kind people who have sent goodwill messages and expressed their concern for his well being. Nor must we forget the magnificent efforts of the Surgeons, Doctors, Nurses and other staff at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital including our own Club Doctor, Peter Burrows who was involved in Paul's treatment virtually from the moment he was admitted to the hospital. Paul's absence from our team at this stage of the season is obviously a matter of concern but I am sure that he would have been the first to congratulate Jimmy McNichol on his magnificent display at Old Trafford. In fact the whole team performed heroically and those of us fortunate enough to have seen this match and the two earlier cup encounters with City will not easily forget the experience.

LAST SATURDAY we met two old friends when having our pre-match lunch at the Post House, Sandiacre. Peter Mead and Steve Litt were in the Northampton Town party en route for Doncaster. The Cobblers suffered a similar fate to ourselves later in the day when they conceded two early goals and ended up losing 4-2 to Rovers. AFTER THEIR tremendous away 3-1 victory over a very good Orient side in the F.A. Youth Cup our lads are eagerly awaiting to see who they will

be paired with in the next round. If we have the good fortune to be drawn at home it would be very encouraging for them to have your support and these matches are invariably exciting contests of high entertainment value. Godfrey Ingram again scored two typical goals, one a cannonball free kick and the other an intercepted back pass which looked harmless until Godfrey took off on one of his Olympic type sprints.

We often hear of former supporters who have ceased to visit Kenilworth Road for a variety of reasons. These include the fear of hooliganism, prices of admission and defensive football although no-one can accuse the Town of that crime these days. If these are genuine reasons and I am sure that they are in some cases, I would strongly commend the individuals concerned to try one visit when either the Reserve or Youth Team is playing. This season we have enjoyed some splendid football at both levels and for 30p a Combination fixture can be viewed from the Centre Stand. Parking is no problem and no charge is made in the Maple Road Car Park. Bring the children for a cost of only 15p per seat and watch the First Team Stars of the future. After all nine of the team that played at Old Trafford have come up through the Youth or Reserve sides and in many cases as recently as this season. Mention of Old Trafford reminds me of a comment made by the Secretary of Manchester United when discussing our 'gate' the other evening. He said that they were staging

a Youth match on their ground in a few days time and were anticipating an attendance of 15,000. It certainly makes you think!

Incidentally the Youth team is still involved in the Eastern Junior Cup and the Chiltern Cup in addition to the F.A. Youth Cup so hopefully there will be plenty of opportunity to see them unless we are out of luck completely with the draw.

WE HAVE received the following letter from the London, South & West Branch of the Stoke City Supporters Club which we are happy to publish and at the same time to join with them in looking forward to an excellent game today.

74 Mulberry Crescent,
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Dear sir,
I am writing to enquire if it would be possible for 'Stoke City Supporters Club, London South and West' to advertise in your match programme when you play Stoke City on November 19.

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I hope the game on the 19th is a good one and thank you in anticipation.

Yours Sincerely,
Nigel Jukes
(Press & Publicity Officer).

WE HAVE been disappointed by the response to David Pleat's Quiz Ball feature and the one appearing today will probably be the last unless we hear that more people find it entertaining than is indicated by the number of answers we receive. It is possible that quite a number of supporters tackle the questions but do not bother to send in their solutions because up to now our only regular contributor is Mr. Tom Hunt whose accuracy has ensured such a commanding lead that it would appear impossible for him to be overhauled.

For those of you who like to while away the long hours of travel to away fixtures I can suggest one problem which occupied four of us on our journey to Old Trafford the other day. We set out to name the Clubs who had been elected to membership of the League since 1946 and to name those who had quit to make room for them. One piece of information to start you on your way is that the number of clubs in the league was increased by four at the end of season 1949/50 so that your total of new Clubs should exceed by four the number of teams who have either

resigned or have failed to secure re-election. I can tell you that one team gave us a great deal of trouble and although one of our quartet got it right the others refused to accept his answer until the record books had been consulted.

Many Happy Returns to apprentice Andrew Pearson, who is 17 today.

News from The Pools Office

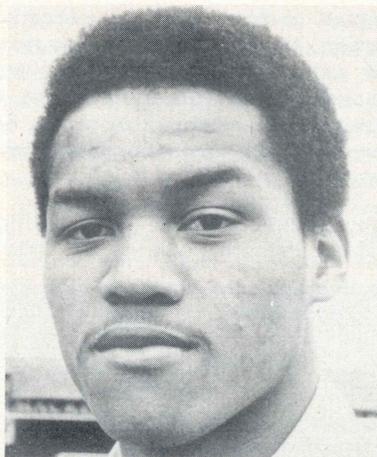
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Harry Haslam will be making the draw on Wednesday, 21st December at the "Pools Office" and his smile will be even broader (if that is possible) should our Raffle Drum be chock a block with counterfoils. Once again your efforts are much needed.

PLAYER PROFILE



FULL NAME – *Brian Stein*
HEIGHT – *5' 9"*
WEIGHT – *11st.*
BIRTHPLACE – *Cape Town, S.A.*
BIRTHDAY – *19th October*
STAR SIGN – *Libra*
SIGNED AS PRO – *20th October 1977*
PREVIOUS CLUB – *Edgware Town*
FAMILY – *Mum & Dad, 6 Brothers, 1 Sister*
HOBBIES – *Fiancee Yvonne, Snooker, Listening to Records*
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FAVOURITE FOODS – *Hamburgers, Roast Beef & Chinese Cuisine*

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AMBITION – *To be successful and win promotion with Luton.*

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BEHIND THE SCENES From the Secretary's Office

OUR RECENT visits up the motorway to Manchester have been an experience not only for the players but also for us on the administration side. It gave us the opportunity of having a look behind the scenes of these two famous clubs. The spacious offices, the number of staff employed to run everything from tickets to the restaurants. The item which took my eye was the computer used in the ticket office at Old Trafford. Not only do United print their own tickets from it, they can also, by pushing a couple of buttons tell any season ticket holder which available seat is vacant nearest to his seat. In fact while we were there, someone called and asked that question and the answer was given to them within six seconds. It makes you realise that the gap between

them and the poorer relations is quite large, but I wonder how many of them would like to count tickets like we do, still each to his own. Perhaps one day when we come up on the pools we might have some more seats then we too might have a computer.

The hospitality of both clubs was tremendous and although we didn't win the cup we certainly made many friends in that area. When you get people like Sir Matt Busby praising the skill of some of our young players, you know you must be on a winner. It must have been a pleasant occasion for Harry to return to Old Trafford again and the way he and Sir Matt were talking in the Boardroom after the game makes one think that if the coach hadn't been coming back to Luton that night, they

would have been there still. At this point I would like to thank those fans who made both journeys for their support and especially those at Old Trafford. There weren't many of you there but you certainly made yourselves heard.

The name of Stoke City straight away brings famous names to mind. Stanley Matthews, Frank Soo, Gordon Banks just to name a few. Frank in my opinion was the best wing half ever to have worn the Luton shirt. I can remember as a youngster being amazed at some of the things he could do with a tennis ball let alone a football. I still regard it as a privilege to have been coached by one of the all time greats.

Enjoy the match.
John Wilkinson

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WE DIDN'T quite make it at Old Trafford against the high-priced stars of Manchester City. But the Maine Road team, with hopes of winning the Football League championship this season, were given another hard battle before scraping through with an extra-time winner.

And though we felt aggrieved at the two penalty decisions that went against us — the first put City back in the game after we had gone 2-0 up in 25 minutes — there was some consolation in the tributes and congratulations we received from many quarters for our fighting display.

Every member of the team played his part in making it a memorable match, with two in particular grabbing the headlines. The picture at the top shows one of the moments that Gary Heale will never forget. He had taken some stick in the Press the previous week for missing a chance at Maine Road, and the picture shows the moment when he silenced all critics: City's defence has left Joe Corrigan to stand alone against the Town's attack, and Heale is seen blasting in his second goal. Below left is the study in concentration as Heale hits the first. Bottom right: England goalkeeper Joe Corrigan congratulates Milija Aleksic, who crowned an incredible night's work with a super-save in extra time to Dennis Tueart's second penalty.



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ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

A look back at Luton Town a decade ago.
By BRIAN SWAIN, Sports Editor, Luton News.

THERE WAS a lovely feeling of optimism and confidence around Kenilworth Road ten years ago today. The Town had just notched their seventh consecutive league win, and forced themselves into the top four of the Fourth Division, an anniversary present for Allan Brown, who had just completed 12 months as manager.

And for the first time, supporters who had been dead chuffed to realise that here was a side capable of winning promotion were being even more hopeful: it had dawned on a lot of us that the Town could easily be champions.

The previous Wednesday 14,973 had turned up at Kenilworth Road to see Swansea beaten 4-0, taking the Town's goal tally to 18 scored in the last four games.

Other clubs were sitting up and taking notice, with Bruce Rioch, Alan Slough and Keith Allen generally reckoned to be the major targets for the scouts. Billy Nicholson of Spurs, John Harris of Sheffield United and Alan Dicks of Bristol City were all in the stands to see the game.

But at half-time, the Town had failed to break through, and as Swansea settled down to defend hard in the second half the 100 per cent home record was looking rocky. But 14 minutes from time Graham French broke the deadlock, and there followed an amazing burst in which the score was transformed to 4-0 in the next seven minutes. Ian Buxton got the second, Rioch slammed in the third and Buxton completed the rout.

Swansea manager Billy Lucas complained that the first goal was offside and that the second had followed a foul by a Town player. But for us, it was another win to celebrate, and the team set off for Lincoln in high good humour.

Twelve months earlier we had been humiliated at Sincil Bank, crushed 8-1 in a performance that still lives in my memory as the worst I have ever seen from a Town side.

But revenge was exacted on November 18, 1967, with Terry Branton again controlling a solid Town rearguard.

Ray Whittaker put the Town ahead with a penalty in the 19th minute, and although Pilgrim shot an equaliser Keith Allen made it 2-1 to the Town a minute before the interval.

Lincoln City threw everything into desperate attack in the second half, but Graham French scored at the end of a quick break after 73 minutes, and although Corner pulled one back four minutes later the Town held out for their third consecutive away win.

It put them fourth in the Division Four table, with 26 points from 17 games, only two points behind leaders Chesterfield, and with two games in hand. Small wonder we were beginning to dream about the prospects of seeing the Town win a divisional championship for the first time since before the war.

Today's visitors, Stoke City, were then in the First Division, and chalked up a good win ten years ago: they beat Wolves 4-3 at Molineux with goals by Mahoney, Palmer, Burrows and Bloor. Holsgrove and Knowles got the Wolves goals.

YOUTH

By George Rogers

ON TUESDAY 8th November the Youth Team started out in their bid for the Football Association Youth Cup, visiting Orient in the 1st. round and winning 3 goals to 1. Previous preliminary rounds have been held with most of the local Youth Clubs being eliminated. The Orient side included John Chiedozie a regular 1st. team player and many others who are holding a regular place in the reserves. The town youngsters were on the receiving end from these in the early stages of the game. After 22 minutes Orient went 1 up when Alan Judge failed to hold a cross and Mark Blackhall was on hand to tap the ball home. The Town came more into the game with short inter-change of passes and following a free kick, Godfrey Ingram made the scores level. After the interval Orient continued to be the stronger, Alan Judge bringing off some fine saves. Substitute Tom Stewart came on in the 60th minute going into the middle of the back four, Gary Sisman moving to left back and Richard Eaton going into Midfield in place of Philip Driver. In the 75th minute Godfrey Ingram intercepted a bad pass by Orient and rounded a defender and the goalkeeper to put Luton in front. With 8 minutes to go and following a corner by Wayne Turner, Les Harriott rose above the rest to score No. 3.

In the League, Luton Youth visited Stevenage to play Stevenage Borough, winning by 4 goals to 1. I am sure the efforts of the Stevenage Officials to get over their ground problems will soon enable them to restore football to the Town again. In the Luton side was a new boy from Leighton Buzzard, Martin Conquest, who showed excellent promise, scoring 2 goals, the other goals being scored by Richard Eaton and Mick Pacey.

It was a pity that very few people turned out for the English Schools' district trials, held on Monday 7th. November. However most of the League Clubs had representatives in attendance and I am sure they pencilled in a few names for future reference. After the game, the boys were entertained by the Luton Town Century Sporting Club in their headquarters at the rear of the stand. Under the Chairmanship of Mr. Ken Ball and Secretary Mr. Derick Ludlow this private club, as well as helping Luton Town, has helped the Schools F.A. by donations and this last gesture was well received by members of the English Schools F.A. who were in attendance.

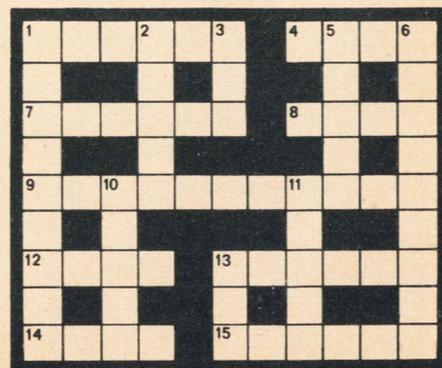
Know your Youth player:—

This week we focus on Wayne Turner. Wayne was born in Luton and attended Chalney High School. He will be 17 on 9th. March next year. Last season he played for his school and Lewsey Centre, represented the County at schoolboy level and the County F.A. at Under 16. His strong midfield play prompted Luton to offer him an apprenticeship when he left school last summer. He has made a big impact with his enthusiasm. Likes to do woodworking in his spare time as well as playing golf and tennis.



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- See 3 dn
- home in a European trophy tournament (6,3)
- 3 & 15ac. Queen of the South acquisition from Carlisle this summer (3,6)
- 5 His team-mates include Hoolickin, Holt and Hicks (5)
- 6 Manchester City man once nicknamed Nijinsky (5,4)
- 10 Former Manchester City man with a 'plan' named after him (5)
- 11 Gillingham striker, Ken ... (5)
- 13 Title given by some clubs to their own pressman (1,1,1)

Solutions to Crossword No. 8

Across — 1 Sunderland 7 See 6dn 8 Five 9 Beer
14 Riva 15 Saul 16 Knee 17 Dave Syrett
Down — 2 Upton 3 Derby 4 Rokerites 5 Neil
6 & 7ac. Red Star 10 (Joe) Baker 11 Trent
12 USA (Gerry B.) 13 Cuba

CLUES — Down

- Clubs generally prefer this to be at

COMBINATION

THE DAVID PLEAT PAGE

MANY PEOPLE ask me "what do you look for in a player". It is very difficult and time consuming to discuss all the assets which we consider. Speed, skill, bravery, ability to read a game, shooting, strength, team qualities, heading, etc. etc. — the list goes on and on. I always summarise briefly by telling them to look for something special, anything out of the ordinary. Never mind his faults, are his strengths exceptional?

A couple of months ago I read that Dunstable had been beaten by Edgware Town in a preliminary F.A. Cup round and a player named Stein had scored a hat trick. I contacted Dunstable's Player/Manager John Moore who assured me that, collectively Edgware were a young and useful side. I felt they were worth a visit and fortunately Borehamwood were playing against them in a mid-week cup replay a few weeks ago. By half-time I had convinced myself that the No. 8 had that something extra, an indefinable quality and that the No. 11 also looked sharp and direct with good potential. During the interval I made contact with the journalist from the local Edgware paper and he gave me their names and ages and also the place where I could contact their Chairman and Secretary.

Edgware, two goals up at half-time lost the game 4-2, outpowered physically and suffering from second half injuries. Danny Bergara was also at the game and he confirmed my view when we met afterwards. We had gone to the match independently of one another.

The following morning the Boss confirmed his faith in us when I told him about Martin Sperrin and Brian Stein and he asked me to put a price on them. This was not easy but the Manager's experience solved that problem.

Thankfully all the negotiations went smoothly and the players are now full professionals at the ripe old age of 20. This proves it's never too late to be spotted but both boys will have to adapt to full time play and the higher standards. They must believe in themselves and show 100% dedication if they are to become regular first team players. No-one will get more pleasure out of seeing them do well than myself. They have already shown that they are gifted and skilful players in the reserve games. We all wish them good luck and plenty of goals.

COMBINATION REPORT

Saturday Nov. 5th 1977

Norwich City 0 Luton Town 2

Scorers for Luton, Brian Stein and Wayne Turner.

Team Knight, Jones, Sisman, Smith, Harriott, McNichol, Turner, E. Stein, Johnson, Sperrin, B. Stein. Sub. Pearson.

LUTON'S youngsters gained merited reward for a fine team performance against an experienced home side. They began by defending in the face of some lively front running by ex Luton player Viv Busby and Evans but slowly asserted themselves. In the end their skill and speed on the break were giving Duncan Forbes and his fellow defenders severe problems.

McGuire gave Mendham a chance but he shot weakly. Knight made a great save from a header and Busby was crowded out by sheer weight of numbers after a fine run. When Luton attacked Baker saved Turner's header. Brian Stein and Martin Sperrin were lively attackers and the former set up two chances. Luton funnelled back quickly and Knight dealt comfortably with crosses aimed for Busby's head.

Luton took the lead 5 minutes after half-time with a picture goal. Sperrin controlled the ball well, slipped a fine pass to Brian Stein and his acute angle shot flew past a startled Baker.

Norwich pushed forward for an equaliser but the aggressive mid-field trio, Turner, Smith and Edwin Stein held firm. Knight made a great save from Davies and repeated this feat from a full blooded Evan's drive.

The game developed into an extremely hard fought affair and local lads Turner and Harriott both needed attention after tough challenges. Sperrin had a fine shot deflected past a post following clever play by Johnson and Brian Stein. In the 80th minute Luton scored a superb second goal. A fine move fed the ball through to Brian Stein who completely bamboozled three defenders as he cut through along the bye-line. His fine pass was volleyed home brilliantly by Wayne Turner to give Luton an excellent win.

DAVID PLEAT'S QUIZ BALL No. 7

1. Name the English County with 3 League Clubs all of whose managers left and were replaced last season?
2. Name a German playing for New York Cosmos.
3. Which English Club plays its home games in another Town?

ANSWERS TO QUIZ BALL No. 6

1. Both played at full back in the Aston Villa team which won the League Cup Final in 1960/61 Season.
2. (a) Mackay
(b) J. Charlton
3. (a) Piazza (b) Cruyff (c) Keegan

QUIZ VOUCHER NO.7

THE BLETCHLEY BRANCH OF THE LUTON BOBBERS STAND AND SUPPORTERS CLUB.

THIS AFTERNOON, as part of their match sponsorship, The Bletchley Branch of the Bobbers Stand and Supporters Club are holding the final of their fifth annual Penalty Prize Competition.

Schools and Clubs in the Bletchley area are invited to send two representatives between the ages of 11 and 15 to an eliminating competition from which the six boys who score the highest number of goals qualify for today's final. Each boy will take six penalty kicks (split into two sessions of three kicks) and the one who scores the most goals will be declared the winner.

If it works out that two or more boys score the same number of goals then a "sudden death" play-off will result. The winner will receive a trophy which is held for 12 months and a commemorative plaque. The Bletchley committee are very grateful to the Football Club for their help in the behind-the-scenes assistance with the competition.

Good luck to each of the boys and also to the competition referee Mr. B. Rogers to whom the committee would also like to extend grateful thanks.

In order of kicking the boys are: **BARRY WITHERS** — White "Leeds Style" Shirt, Blue Shorts.

Barry is no stranger to penalty competitions having had some success

in a similar contest last season. He plays as a striker for his school and also represents Water Eaton Youth Club.

His ambition is to play for England. **PETER BYLES** — Blue/Black Striped Shirt, Blue Shorts.

Peter is a school friend of Barry at Lakes Middle School, Bletchley. He represents the school and also Water Eaton Youth Club who at the moment are enjoying a successful run in the Chiltern Youth League Subsidiary Cup.

PAUL SHEEHY — Blue Shirt, Blue Shorts.

Paul plays for his school, Denbeigh, Water Eaton Youth Club and has also represented the District team besides taking part in County Trials for Buckinghamshire. Paul played for the Carlton Club in two tournaments in Sweden and at the second attempt in 1976 the club won a gold trophy.

TREVOR STONE — Gold Shirt, Black Shorts.

Trevor won this competition last season when he put 5 goals past Tony Read. He represents the 1st Bletchley Boys Brigade today for whom he plays as well as his school team and Newport Pagnell Minors. Trevor was joint top scorer in the qualifying round with David Hewitt, both scored 6 out of 6. **DAVID LAVENDER** — Red/White Shirt, Black Shorts.

David is the youngest of today's finalists and scored 5 goals out of 6 to reach today's final. He is captain of Water Eaton Youth Club and also represents his school team Saints Middle.

DAVID HEWITT — White (England Style) Shirt, Blue Shorts.

David is a previous finalist in this competition and like Paul Sheehy attends Denbeigh School. He was also a member of the successful Carlton Club team in the tournament in Sweden and has captained the Bucks Under-14's team. David is also interested in Cricket and plays for Bletchley Town 2nd XI.

REFEREE — Mr. B. Rogers — now a Class 1 referee who qualified 5 years ago and officiates in the North Bucks League, South Midlands League and Milton Keynes Sunday League.

This is the second successive season that the Bletchley Branch have sponsored a home fixture and have now donated over £1000 to the Football Club during their six years of existence. The committee were very pleased to see the formation of another Branch of the Bobbers Club at Chicksands and they hope that the new Branch will join the Darts/Dominoes competition which has been successfully held between Bletchley and Luton over the last three seasons. The supporters in the Bletchley area welcome the chance to meet Players and Officials during an informal evening when good relationships can be further strengthened.

To all people who have purchased Autumn Draw tickets we hope to have the winning numbers announced at the end of today's game and also issued in the next home programme. Thank you very much for your support.

FACTS & FIGURES ~ 1977-78

	Attendance	FA	ALEKSIC	JONES	BUCKLEY	CARR	FAULKNER	FUTCHER P.	HUSBAND	SMITH	BOERSMA	FUCILLO	ASTON	HILL	McNICHOL	PRICE	FUTCHER R.	WEST	HEALE	STEIN B.	SPERRIN
Aug 20 Orient	8,061	1-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6	2	11	9			
Aug 27 Oldham Athletic	7,579	0-1	1	12	3	4	5	6	7			10	11	12		2	11	10			
Aug 30 Wolves (LC2)	14,682	3-1	1	3	3	12	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Sept 3 Charlton Athletic	9,061	7-1	1	3	3	12	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Sept 10 Bristol Rovers	5,940	2-1	1	3	3	12	5	6	7	12	11	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Sept 17 Blackburn Rovers	9,149	0-0	1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Sept 24 Tottenham	32,700	0-2	1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Sept 27 Brighton	25,132	2-3	1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Oct 1 Notts County	7,593	2-0	1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Oct 4 Millwall	9,119	1-0	1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Oct 8 Cardiff City	8,369	4-1	1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Oct 15 Fulham	12,736	1-0	1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Oct 22 Blackpool	12,167	1-2	1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Oct 25 Man. City (LC3)	16,443	1-1	1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Oct 29 Bolton Wanderers	20,113	1-2	1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Nov 1 Man. City (LC3R)	28,254	0-0	1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Nov 5 Hull City	8,936	1-1	1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Nov 8 Man. City (LC3R2)	13,024	2-3	1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Nov 12 Mansfield Town	17,522	1-3	1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Nov 19 Stoke City			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Nov 26 Sunderland (1)			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Nov 30 League Cup 4			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Dec 3 Burnley			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Dec 10 Southampton			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Dec 17 Mansfield Town (2)			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Dec 22 Crystal Palace			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Dec 26 Crystal Palace			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Dec 27 Sheffield United			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Dec 31 Brighton			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Jan 2 Orient			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Jan 7 F.A. Cup 3			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Jan 14 Oldham Athletic			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Jan 18 League Cup 5			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Jan 21 Charlton Athletic			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Jan 28 F.A. Cup 4			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Feb 4 Bristol Rovers			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Feb 8 League Cup SF			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Feb 11 Blackburn Rovers			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Feb 15 League Cup SF			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Feb 18 Tottenham (5)			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Feb 25 Notts County			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Mar 4 Cardiff City			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Mar 11 Fulham (6)			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Mar 18 Blackpool (LCF)			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Mar 21 Bolton Wanderers			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Mar 25 Sheffield United			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Mar 27 Crystal Palace			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Apr 1 Hull City			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Apr 8 Sunderland (SF)			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Apr 15 Stoke City			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Apr 22 Southampton			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Apr 26 Millwall			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
Apr 29 Burnley			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			
May 6 F.A. Cup Final			1	12	3	4	5	6	7		9	10	11	8		2	9	10			

Bold figures indicate scorers

MATCH BALL SPONSOR

Bletchley branch of the Luton Bobbers Stand and Supporters Club.

MASCOT

Jason Rogers of 82, Whaddon Road, Newton Longville, Bletchley.

Jason is six years old and is the son of the Referee of the Penalty Competition.

DIVISION TWO

Table of Results - As at 17.11.77

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	15	7	1	0	16	7	3	3	1	9	6	24
Tottenham	15	7	0	0	26	4	3	3	2	9	9	23
Brighton	15	6	1	1	17	9	2	2	3	8	8	19
Southampton	15	6	2	0	15	5	2	1	4	8	10	19
Blackburn	15	5	1	1	11	5	2	4	2	8	10	19
Blackpool	15	4	2	1	13	7	2	3	10	11	18	
Luton	15	5	2	0	13	2	2	0	6	11	15	16
Sunderland	15	4	2	2	15	8	1	4	2	10	14	16
Sheff. Utd.	15	6	1	1	15	8	0	4	7	15	16	
C. Palace	15	2	2	4	12	13	3	3	1	11	6	15
Hull	15	4	2	2	11	4	1	3	3	5	8	15
Stoke	14	5	1	0	18	9	0	4	4	7	17	15
Charlton	15	3	3	1	12	11	1	2	5	5	9	13
Mansfield	15	3	2	3	13	11	2	4	7	12	12	
Fulham	15	2	4	1	15	9	1	2	6	5	13	11
Millwall	15	1	5	1	7	7	1	2	5	5	10	11
Notts Co.	15	2	3	1	9	7	1	6	10	21	11	
Oldham	15	3	3	1	9	6	0	2	5	4	17	11
Cardiff	14	3	3	1	9	7	0	2	5	4	18	11
Bristol R.	15	3	4	1	12	6	0	1	6	6	26	11
Burnley	15	2	3	3	8	8	0	0	7	4	21	7

COMBINATION

Table of Results - As at 17.11.77

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham	17	8	5	4	34	20	21
Southampton	14	9	1	4	30	17	19
Chelsea	16	7	4	5	29	13	18
O.P.R.	15	7	4	4	24	11	18
West Ham	15	8	2	5	27	16	18
Arsenal	16	7	4	5	22	14	18
Hereford United	17	8					



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LUTON LATEST

BIRTHDAYS

MANY HAPPY Returns of the day to the following members.

Ricci Jones (19th), Nicola Street (20th), Glenn Ashby (20th), Andrew Smith (23rd), Tony Mutton (28th), and Mark Smith (30th).

COMPETITION

The answers to our last competition were as follows:

- (a) Norman Hunter — BRISTOL CITY
- (b) John Pratt — TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
- (c) Willie Morgan — BOLTON WANDERERS
- (d) Keith Mercer — WATFORD

The first all correct entry picked out on Friday 11th November was member 186, PAUL CLARK, from 11 Heath Close, Harpenden, in Hertfordshire, who receives two tickets for today's match.

THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION IS:

Which Football League Clubs have these nicknames?

"Gunners", "The Villans", "Lions", The Seaside's".

Send your entries to competition, Kenilworth Road, Luton. The first correct entry picked out on Friday 25th November will receive two tickets for our home match against BURNLEY.

As today is the Birthday of member Ricci Jones it would have been our normal procedure to invite him to be our team mascot. However as the match is sponsored by our friends from Bletchley they are providing the mascot but if Ricci would let us know if he is interested in a future game we shall be delighted to fit him in.

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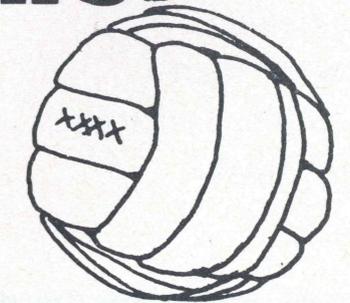
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- 11 GARY HEALE
- 12



STOKE CITY

- ROGER JONES 1
- JOHN MARSH 2
- ALEC LINDSAY 3
- HOWARD KENDALL 4
- DENIS SMITH 5
- ALAN DODD 6
- STEVEN WADDINGTON 7
- IAN BOWERS 8
- DAVID GREGORY 9
- VIV BUSBY 10
- GARTH CROOKS 11
- TERRY CONROY 12

SCORE BOARD

- Ipswich
- Everton
- Leeds
- Nottm. Forest
- Man. Utd.
- Norwich
- Middlesbro.
- Wolves
- Newcastle
- Arsenal
- Blackburn
- Mansfield
- Blackpool
- Millwall
- Bristol R.
- Bolton W.
- Cardiff
- Burnley
- Charlton
- Sheff. Utd.
- Fulham
- Hull
- Notts Co.
- Sunderland
- Oldham
- Southampton
- Orient
- C. Palace
- Tottenham
- Brighton

OFFICIALS

Referee: Mr Jeff Sewell (Leicester) Started refereeing when 16 in local Leicestershire leagues, and progressed via the Central League to the Football League full list. Refereed the 1970 F.A. Sunday Challenge Cup Final and was senior linesman in an Under-23 International - Belgium v. France 1975. A married man, he has a daughter, and is a Technical Sales Engineer. Spends much time instructing and lecturing new referees, but is interested in all sports, generally, and plays squash, tennis and cricket.

Linesmen: Mr R. F. Harris, Mr. B. A. Obroy.

