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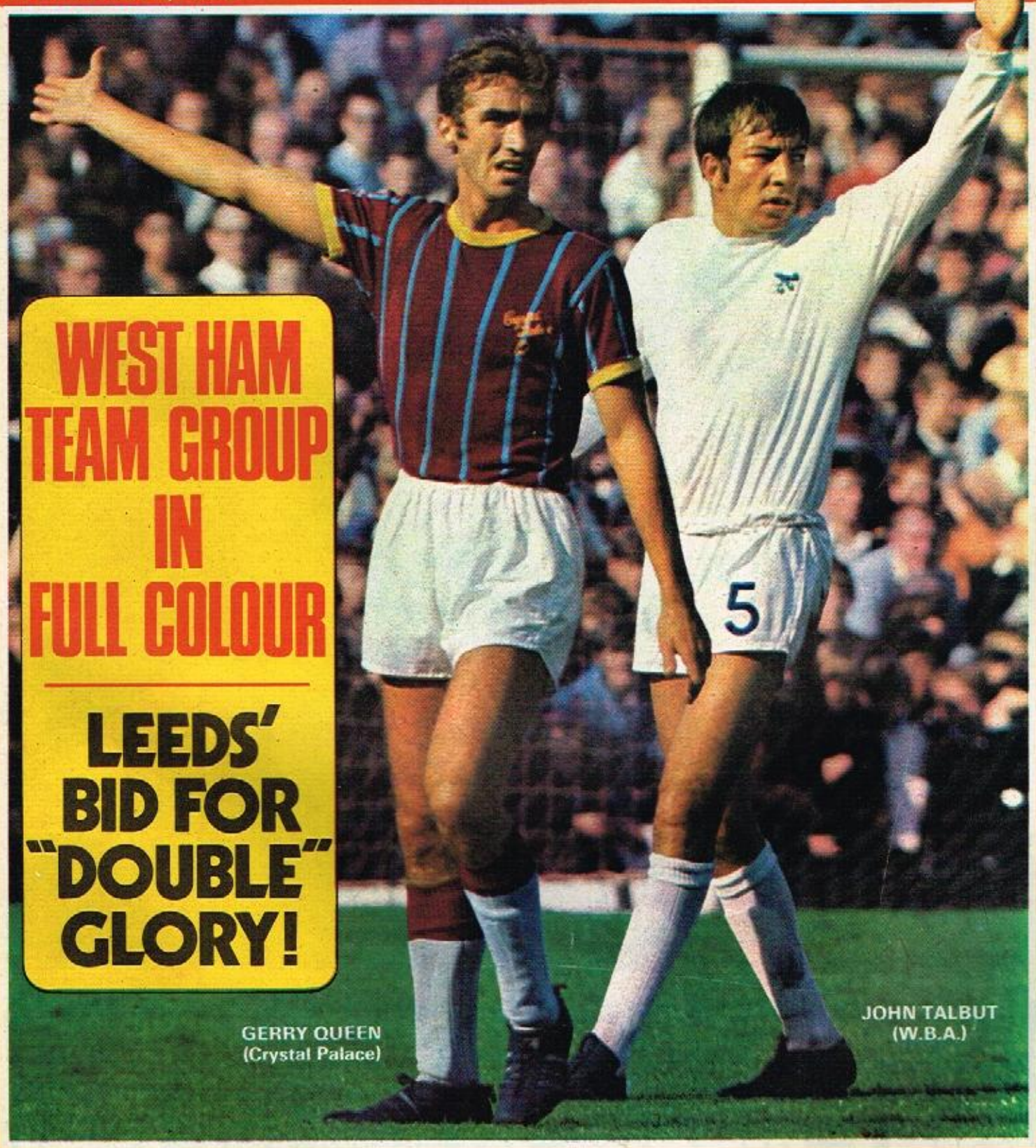

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LEEDS' BID FOR "DOUBLE" GLORY!

GERRY QUEEN
(Crystal Palace)

JOHN TALBUT
(W.B.A.)

What's in a nick-name?

THE answer's "a great deal — when it's the nickname of a football club".

For a nickname can often give a clue to the team's colours, the time in which they were formed, and even the local industry.

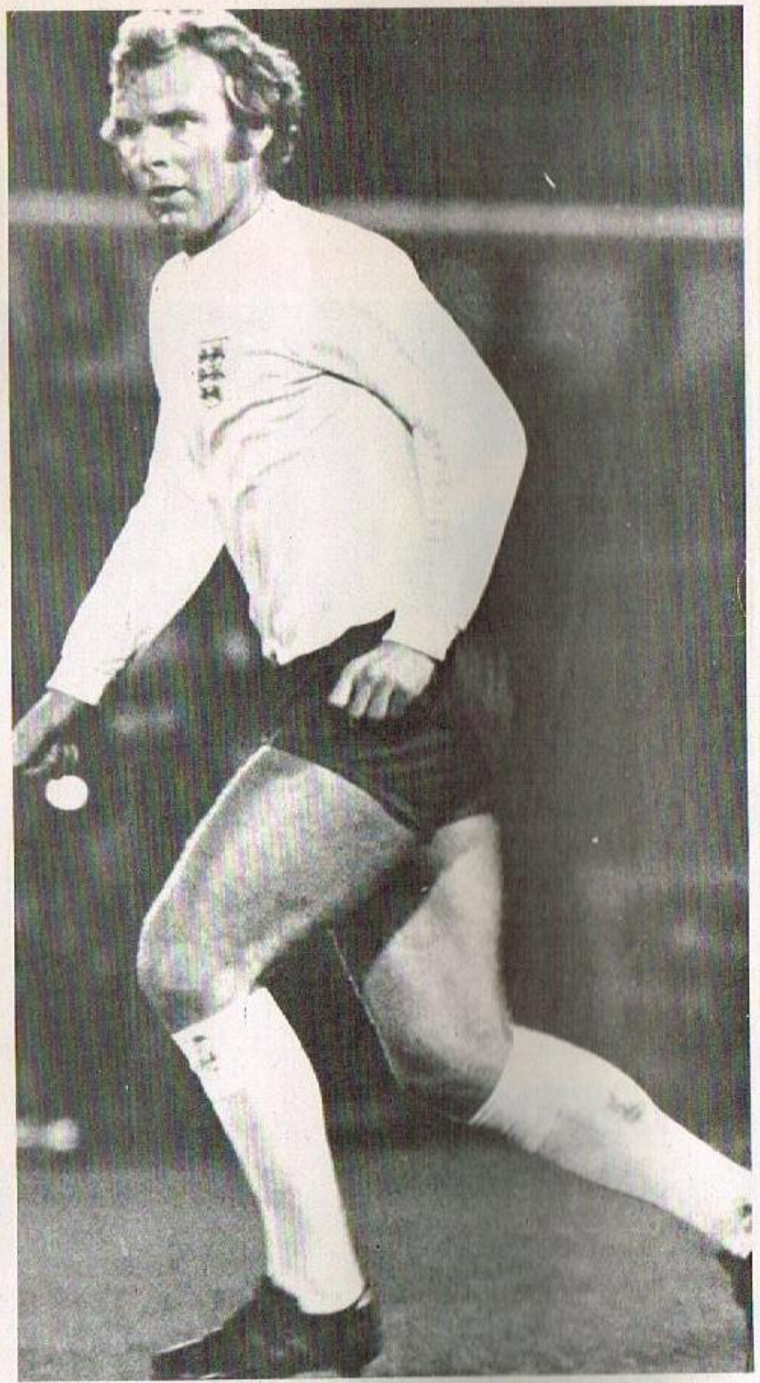
Many a club has a nickname that is now out of date, but that die-hard fans refuse to let drop. For instance, Second Division Charlton Athletic, determined to reshape their image, have rechristened themselves "The Valiants" — but still many veteran supporters utter the old Valley battlecry of "Up the Addicks!"

Things get really confusing when two clubs enjoy the same name — such as Swindon and Crewe, who are both called "The Railwaymen" — and Luton and Stockport, both titled "The Hatters".

Yes, nicknames are very interesting — and you can learn more about them on pages 20 and 21.

But don't be too disappointed if lack of space has prevented us from including your favourite team's nickname. Remember, there are 129 League Clubs in England, Scotland and Wales.

The Editor



BOBBY MOORE writes for you!



'Alex Stepney has returned to form'

'A DEFEAT NOW COULD BRING VICTORY FOR ENGLAND IN MEXICO 1970'

THE WORLD Cup is still six months away . . . but to me it seems to be getting suddenly very near. Perhaps the feeling has been brought on by the recent start to our international season against Holland, which we won 1-0. Whatever it is, I'd like to say this: Don't expect too much from England in the "warm-up" matches that started in Amsterdam and continue against Portugal at Wembley (December 10).

Don't get me wrong. We aim to win all these games — including the Home Championship in April — but Sir Alf Ramsey will obviously be experimenting . . . sorting out in his own mind what will be the best team. And let's face it, we'd rather lose one of these matches than any in Mexico, where one wrong result could cost us the World Cup.

One thing is certain — Sir Alf will be using those two substitutes allowed in Mexico. He made this clear during team talks before our match with Holland. He wants to find how best to use the extra players — and before the competition starts. He asked us to accept this fact and to stand by him during the experiment.

FIVE MONTH BREAK

Against Holland, he sent on only one substitute — Peter Thompson for Francis Lee for the last five minutes. Sir Alf didn't think he could improve things by making an earlier switch. Understandable, because it was essential we had time to find our form after not playing together for five months!

No doubt about it, the biggest success individually was goalkeeper Peter Bonetti. He was great. It was the first time since the end of last season he had played on a wet surface and his handling of the greasy ball was fantastic.

Getting the breaks at the right time is so important. And Peter's recall to the side — and his brilliant performance — couldn't have come at a better time for him. With Gordon Banks and Peter Shilton ruled out, Chelsea's "Cat" got his chance. And by his display in Holland, he did all he could have done to help book his place in Mexico.

Another 'keeper some thought was a "forgotten man" on the international scene also received a boost on this trip. Alex Stepney started the season in and out of the Manchester United team. But he returned to form . . . and was with us in Holland.

INTERNATIONAL DEBUT

It's also been suggested that Bobby Charlton's international future was in the balance. But he certainly didn't look an "out-of-form" player against the Dutch. "Big brother" Jackie was also impressive — he'd been recalled, you'll remember, because Brian Labone was injured.

Liverpool's Emlyn Hughes won his first cap in the same match. Emlyn impressed me a lot, he has a great deal of confidence. He was never frightened to hold the ball or play himself out of trouble.

Yes, the competition for places in England's next World Cup side is certainly hotting up! But one definite starter could be Colin Bell, our match-winner against Holland.

Football will not take up all our thinking and training

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'Colin Bell was our match-winner against Holland'

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time when Sir Alf calls up the party of 30 players before the Portugal match. Besides blood tests we shall be having our teeth inspected. That's how thorough our preparations for Mexico will be. Once we get there we can't afford to have players going down with toothache — as Everton's Tommy Wright did during the last summer tour.

It will be great to play against Portugal again — and, of course, Eusebio. I'm disapponted they have not qualified for Mexico because I'm sure the competition will miss their skills.

BRILLIANT EUSEBIO

Portugal always set out to play attractive football and that generally means an enjoyable game — for players and spectators alike.

I remember seeing Portugal at Wembley eight years ago in a qualifying match for the 1962 World Cup in Chile. Watching from the stand I was astonished at their skill. And especially by a young man called Eusebio.

In those days Eusebio was unknown outside Portugal, but not long afterwards Benfica started to dominate the European soccer scene and the reputation of players like Eusebio — "The Black Panther" — went round the world.

He was brilliant during the last World Cup, and top scorer in the competition with nine goals.

The last time England and Portugal met, the stakes



were sky-high. The prize was a place in the World Cup Final. And what a tussle it was!

We went ahead when goalkeeper Pereira could not hold a shot from Roger Hunt and Bobby Charlton scored. After the interval Bobby hit a terrific shot to make it 2-0.

But Portugal weren't finished. Jackie Charlton, in sheer desperation, handled in the goalmouth to prevent that giant centre-forward Torres heading a goal. Up stepped Eusebio and gave Gordon Banks no chance from the spot.

VITAL SAVE

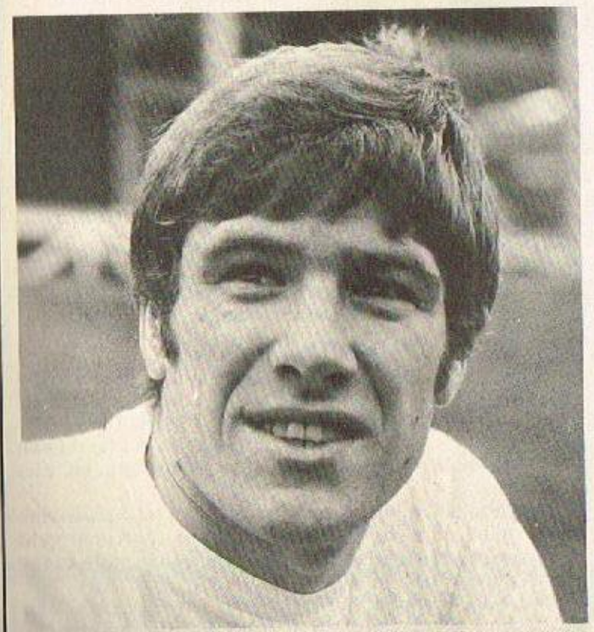
There were ten minutes left and the tension was terrific. I'll admit we lost our composure a little. We had come so close to the Final, yet now we had to stop Portugal scoring again. During those closing minutes I thought Coluna was sure to equalise when he hit a great shot, but "Banksy" made a fantastic save — I still rate it his most important of the whole competition!

That night Nobby Stiles became the first defender in the 1966 World Cup to contain Eusebio.

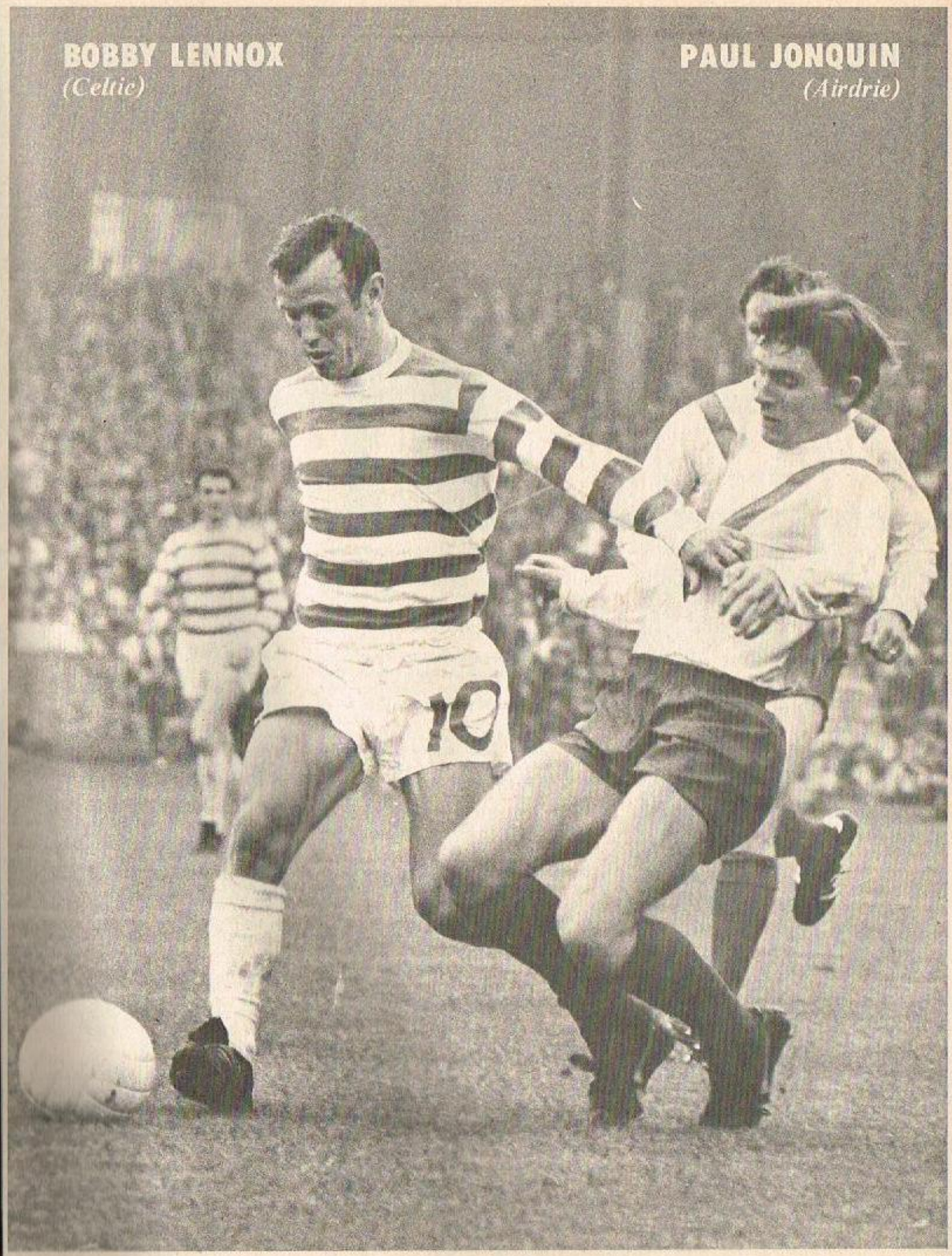
Nobby is still fighting to get fit after a bad knee injury. So he will not be playing this time and the task of blotting out Eusebio, one of the most exciting strikers in the world, will go to someone else.

It's a match England can really look forward to, because if anyone is going to get us in the right mood for Mexico, it will be Portugal.

See you next week,



'Emlyn Hughes has a great deal of confidence'



LEEDS UNITED'S BID FOR DOUBLE GLORY IN 1970...



The driving force behind Leeds, skipper Billy Bremner (right).



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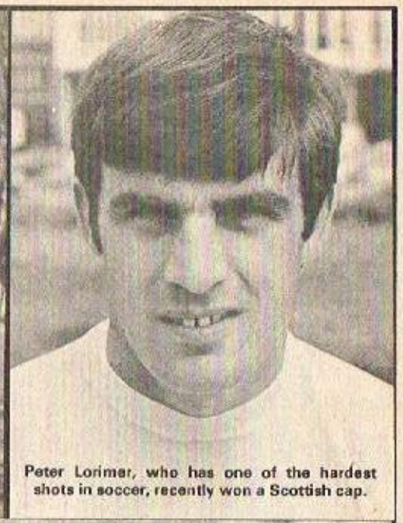
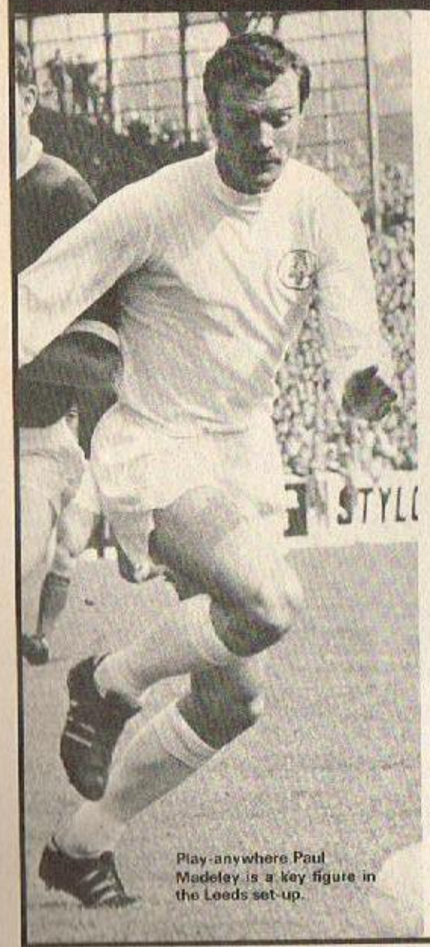


Peter Lorimer, who has one of the hardest shots in soccer, recently won a Scottish cap.

CHAMPIONS OF ENGLAND—AND EUROPE, TOO!



Play-anywhere Paul Madeley is a key figure in the Leeds set-up.

LEEDS United seem to have everything. One of the best grounds in the First Division . . . Allan Clarke, the most costly player in the British Isles at £166,000 . . . they are League Champions . . . Charity Shield holders. And they're favourites for the European Cup!

But they do need supporters! For despite the success of United in recent years, their gates have hardly risen since they won promotion from the Second Division in 1963-64.

The reason for this has baffled everybody, even the Elland Road directors, whose idea of sending a team of investigators around the city to find a solution seems practical.

Certainly in a town with a population of 600,000, last season's average of 36,995 is most disappointing and even for the visit of Ferencvaros in the European Cup the gate did not top 40,000.

Imagine if Manchester United had been playing the Hungarian Champions . . . the ground would have been full!

Manager Don Revie has accepted the fact that Leeds cannot attract the fans like the Old Trafford team . . . but this does not stop him from using Manchester United as a yardstick for his club.

SOUGHT ADVICE

He admits: "I want Leeds United to be as successful as Manchester United. When I was appointed manager of this club I went straight to Sir Matt Busby for advice. Why? Because he was the man I admired and respected most.

"I believe Leeds CAN be as successful as Manchester United. Just watch us."

All who watched Leeds in their victory over Ferencvaros at Elland Road will agree that they deserve far better support. That night Leeds were magnificent and, as Don Revie said: "No team would have lived with us, especially in the first-half."

Admittedly, the heavy ground suite Leeds far more than the Hungarians, bu there's no denying that on their showi against Ferencvaros. United deserve to b favourites for the competition.

Don Revie makes no secret of his futur ambitions for Leeds: Champions of Englan AND Europe, 1970!

As this article is written, Everton hold solid lead at the top of the First Division an have the advantage of NOT being involve in a European tournament. European Cu matches could bring a pile-up of fixtures f Leeds.

So Everton could be rejoicing that the did not qualify for this season's Fairs Cup!

VITAL MATCH

Don Revie says: "If Everton hold a four six point lead at the end of the year the they will take some catching.

"But don't forget, they visit Leeds for t last match of 1969 and if we win this gam the race will be wide open.

"We're not forgetting Liverpool, course, but Everton must pose the bigge threat."

It was Everton, in fact, who put an end Leeds' record-breaking run of 34 gam without defeat. Yet United's spirit is su that after being 0-3 down they fought ba to lose narrowly by 2-3.

Although they are not topping the Fi Division, Leeds have done extremely w this season. They have found that bei Champions makes opponents keener th ever to beat them . . . and a spate injuries to top players tested Unite reserve strength to its limits.

It was then Leeds showed why they League Champions, with some crushing v tories both at home and away. Consider that the same team could rarely be field for two consecutive matches, United can



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ustly proud of their fine performances.

Main concerns were the injuries to Allan larke, who arrived this season for a record 166,000 from Leicester City, and full-back erry Cooper.

But the younger stars who were drafted to action have proved that Leeds do not ave a first TEAM, but a first-team SQUAD.

VERSATILE STAR

The revelation of the season has been lick Bates, who took his chance to show hat he cannot really be considered a reserve".

Another important factor is that Leeds ave probably the most versatile player in ritain . . . Paul Madeley. What a man to ave in your side! Regardless of the position e plays, Paul looks the part . . . no wonder Don Revie wouldn't sell him "at any price."

Paul modestly says in return: "I don't care where I play — as long as I play."

The driving force behind Leeds is, of course, skipper Billy Bremner. Now playing better than ever, he is typical of United's never-say-die spirit.

In defence Jack Charlton is still a solid rock in the middle and with Norman Hunter forms a strong partnership.

Hunter, himself, has been pressing his claim for a regular England place with some outstanding performances.

Paul Reaney and Terry Cooper could easily be England's full-backs in Mexico next year, and in goal Gary Sprake is as dependable as ever.

PENALTY KING

Johnny Giles, the penalty king, is an inspiring midfield general, scoring some vital goals as well as making them.

Young Eddie Gray on the left-wing has gained a lot of confidence since winning his first Scottish cap earlier this year.

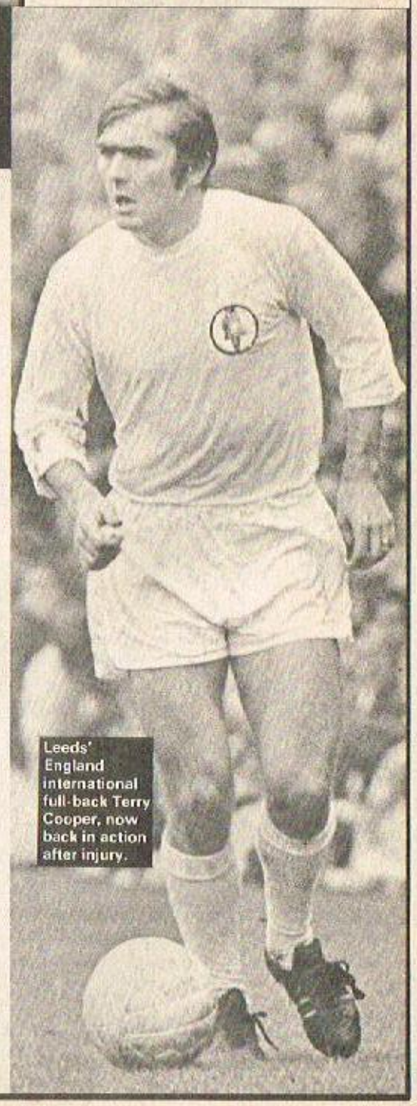
Mick Jones, who has proved that he and Allan Clarke CAN work together, continued to shine without his expensive partner. His work rate is tremendous.

Two more full internationals were added to Leeds' impressive list this season . . . Peter Lorimer (Scotland) and Terry Yorath (Wales).

Leeds have some of the finest players in the League and their double Championship bid for next year could well be successful.

Perhaps then the fans will flock to Elland Road — or have we got to wait until Leeds are World Champions and play Mars in the Inter-Planetary Cup before United get the support they deserve!

CHRIS DAVIES



Leeds' England international full-back Terry Cooper, now back in action after injury.

SHOOT'S PHOTO SPECIAL



Everton on the attack . . . Jimmy Husband (left) and team-mate Joe Royle join forces to beat the West Brom defence. However, John Talbut and Graham Williams (right), clear the danger for Albion.



Take that? John Angus of Burnley tangles with his goalkeeper Peter Mellor, trying to stop a shot from a Stoke City forward.



Southampton's David Walker (left), fails to stop Ian Bowyer of Manchester City from getting his shot in . . . but it went wide.



George Curtis (left), and Mick Coop of Coventry City team up to tackle Manchester United's John Aston. Despite the efforts of City's determinded defenders, United came out on top, winning 2-1.



Joy and despair . . . joy again, as George Armstrong (right), of Arsenal scores his club's fourth goal against Derby. White-shirted Alan Durban and goalkeeper Les Green share their despair.

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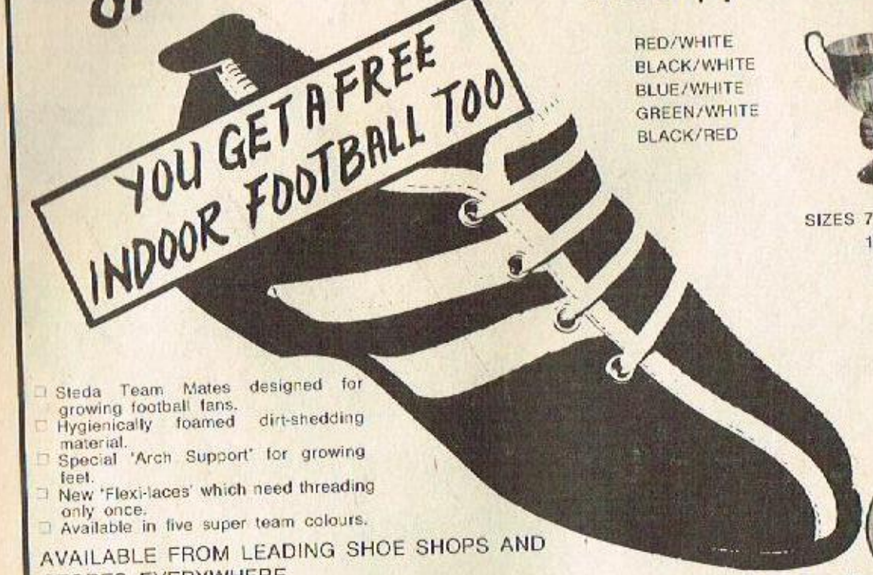

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Jim Montgomery.

The first in a fascinating new SHOOT series in which we invite stars to name players they admire. This week JIM MONTGOMERY, Sunderland's goalkeeper, makes his choice:

'JIMMY GREAVES - He's my kind of player'

SUNDERLAND goalkeeper Jim Montgomery knows the face and feet of every top striker in football. He ought to. At 26, he's put on his club's green jersey more than 300 times.

A lot of appearances — and a lot of fine saves which have taken Jim within inches of a full England cap.

But there is one goal-poacher whom he respects more than the rest. One who sets the danger signals flashing faster than ever when he gets the ball in the penalty area. And that's Jimmy Greaves.

Earlier this season Sunderland pulled off a surprise 1-0 win at White Hart Lane. Last year it was 0-0 at Roker Park, but Spurs romped home 5-1 in the return, with Greaves hitting three goals.

"I've played against Jimmy Greaves ten or eleven times, but the hat-trick goals were the first I can remember him putting past me," says Montgomery.

"I'm a bit surprised he's not scored more. You try to cover him when he's in the box but it's almost impossible.

CHEEKY GOALS

"He is so quick with the half-chance. And he's very deceptive, too. You think he's going to do one thing and he does just the opposite.

"You can see goalkeepers anticipating a blasting shot and he just toes it in and takes them by surprise. He's very cheeky that way. And he's one of those chaps who never seems to do the same thing twice."

These two Jimmies aren't a couple of pals who spend their time patting one another on the back. They've hardly ever done more than shake hands at the end of a match.

After matches at Spurs or Sunderland the visiting Jimmy has always had to dash off and catch a train with a brief "Cheerio". They've never played in the same side and they've never even been in the same international squad.

Says Montgomery: "It amazes me that a forward like Jimmy hasn't played more times for England. There's no doubt that he's a world-class player.

"I think he's as good as George Best, whom everyone agrees is a great player. And when it comes down to snapping up chances in the box, I think Jimmy is better.

ONE WEAKNESS

"It's true that his game has changed a bit lately and that he doesn't fetch and carry as much as he used to. But he's stepped up his work rate in the penalty-area and that's where it really counts.

"I suppose he is not as fast as he was over a long distance, but this doesn't matter. He's as nippy as ever over the first ten or fifteen vital yards."

Has Greaves the great any weaknesses?

"I'm not sure that he has," says Jimmy Montgomery. "The only one I can think of is that he doesn't like really tight-marking.

"You can upset him this way. It is possible to crowd him out of the game."

The two Jims will be facing each other again on January 17 at Roker Park. The match, of course, will just be listed as Sunderland versus Spurs. But afterwards try to work out the result of the mini-match — and decide whether Jimmy the Stop got the better of Jimmy the Shot.



Raised arm . . . wide grin . . . yes, "Greavesey" has scored again. This time Celtic were the unlucky team.

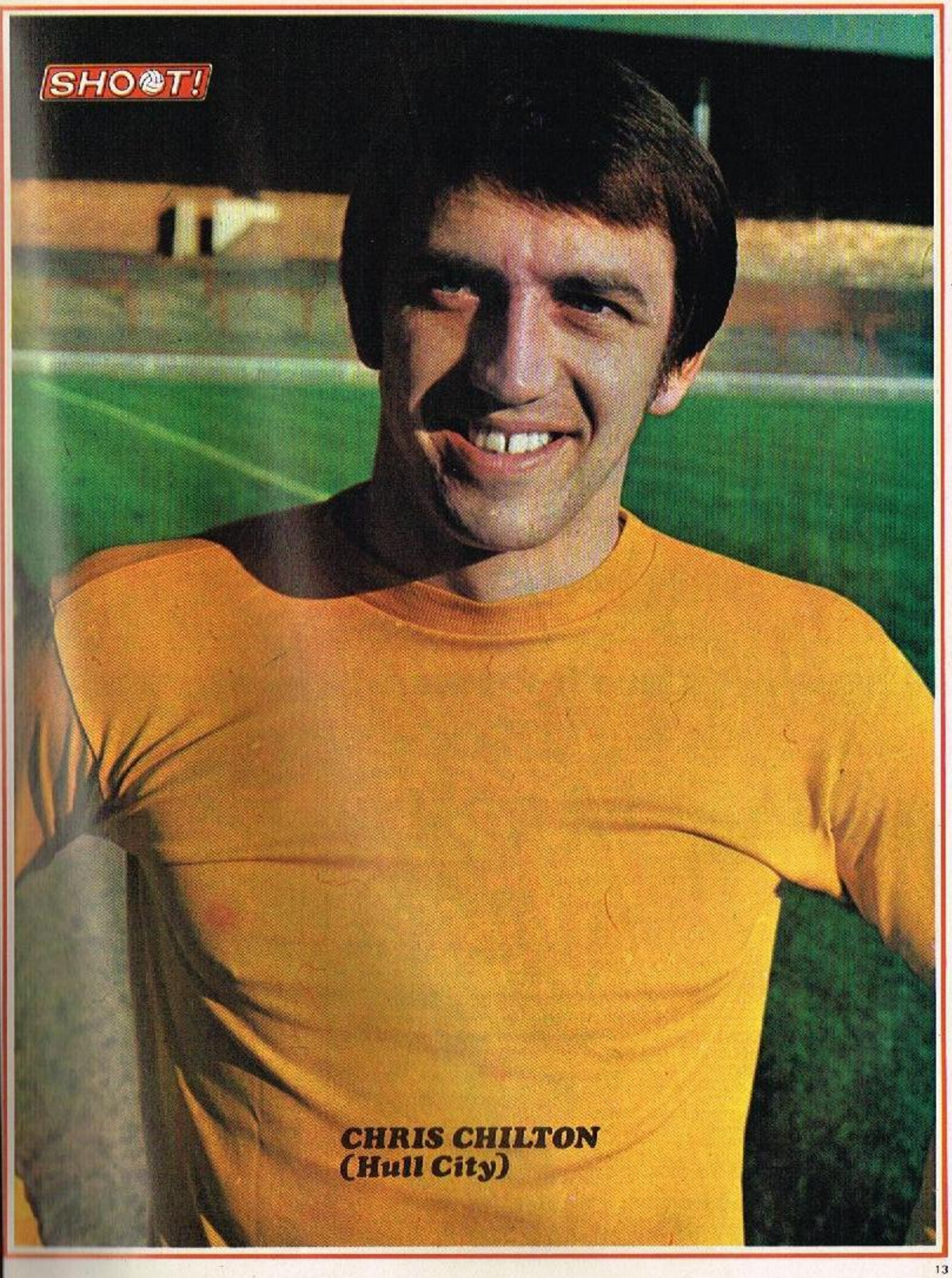


Pat Jennings of Spurs is the luckiest goalkeeper in the First Division . . . he's the only one who doesn't have to face Jimmy Greaves (above)!



BOBBY AIMS TO TOP THE TON

NINETY - SIX down . . . and ten to go! We're talking about English international caps and the player, of course, is Manchester United's Bobby Charlton. Last month he collected his 96th cap when he played against Holland and now the big question is: can Bobby beat Billy Wright's record of 105 caps? SHOOT believes that he can — and will — and soccer fans EVERYWHERE will be pleased to see the quiet genius in boots chalk up yet another milestone in his memorable career. Bobby can help both Manchester United and England to further glory . . . there's a lot of football left in him. At the end of the season, Bobby (seen here at Arsenal, where United wore their second strip) could easily have topped the ton, making him England's second "centurion" of caps!



CHRIS CHILTON
(Hull City)

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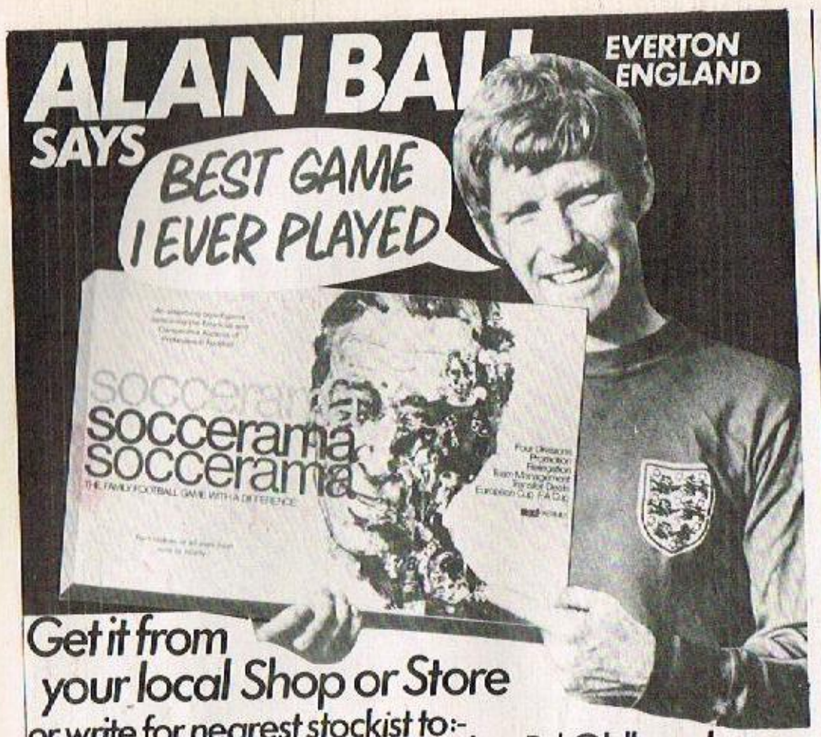

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FULHAM'S JIMMY CONWAY— GOAL-MAKER TURNED GOAL-TAKER



REMEMBER the Tommy Trinder joke a season or two ago about the Fulham players doing a lap of honour every time they won a corner? It's not funny any more because it's just not true.

After years of scraping for goals, Fulham have been banging them in this season. And the ace striker who is showing them the way was under their noses all the time. He's Jimmy Conway.

Last year Jimmy played all over the place. In midfield, at outside-right, centre-forward and even full-back.

Now all the switching is over. Instead of being a goal-maker, he's a goal-taker. He notched 13 in Fulham's first 14 League matches, with a couple in the League Cup for good luck. Five of that total were penalties, but they all count.

Once he used to make openings for others — now he's heading the goalscorers' list!

Jubilant Jimmy Conway! the smile means "I've just scored". This season Jimmy is Fulham's top scorer in the League! ▶

ACE STRIKER

Conway told manager Bill Dodgin at the start of the season that he was fed up with wearing so many different shirts. So Jimmy played at outside-right in a pre-season friendly and was there to stay . . . scoring goals.

"I've always had a flair for goals," he says. "When I was playing as a schoolboy back in Ireland, I got 40 in one season.

"I scored about 30 from midfield in the couple of seasons I was with my Dublin club, Bohemians. But I came to Fulham as a midfield player and they've only just turned me back into a striker."

Jimmy, who is 23, was converted into a defender soon after joining Fulham more than three years ago. World Cup star George Cohen was injured and Jimmy took on the full-back's job for 11 weeks.

But he wasn't too happy about it. And he finds that even being a striker can have its drawbacks.

"I like to be in the match a lot," he says. "I can't bear to be left out of things. But if you're playing at outside-right you sometimes don't see the ball for ten minutes. And when you do get it, the fans expect you to do something great."



White-shirted Jimmy shows his speed and ball control.

TEAM EFFORT

What's the secret of whipping in goals? "Certainly not size," says Jimmy, who is 5 ft. 6½ in. and weighs 10 st. 5 lb.

"First, you need speed. I can do 50 yards in five seconds dead, but that's not really the important thing. It's speed over the first ten or even five yards that counts. Once you're away they're not likely to catch you.

"The other main thing is anticipation and positional sense. I scored one goal this season from a cross from the other wing. Before it came I couldn't see the ball or the winger. I just sensed where it was going to go."

Jimmy reckons that his best goal of the season was the one against Orient in the League Cup. "It was a team effort and that gave it something special. We'd rehearsed a simple one-two to beat a defensive wall. And it worked."

Already Jimmy has nine full caps for the Republic of Ireland besides those he won at Schoolboy, Youth and Amateur levels. But when he crosses the water to play for his country, he changes roles again.

Ireland play 4-3-3 in defence, switching to 4-2-4 when they attack. And Jimmy is one of the link-men.

He loves playing for Eire, but feels they never do as well as they should. "We should have qualified for Mexico," he says. "And that's not joking. Take our match against Denmark. We were all over them for the whole match. Then they go and get a penalty near the end and equalise!"

Apart from Ireland's troubles, Jimmy's biggest disappointment has been Fulham's fall from the First to the Third Division.

"I was really upset about the drop to the Third," he says. "My big ambition now is for us to win promotion so that we can soon get back to playing First Division football."

And if Jimmy Conway keeps up his golden touch, Fulham shouldn't have to wait too long.

SHOOT reveals a baffling situation in Scotland –

The MYSTERY of the VANISHING CROWDS!

ONE would imagine that clubs chasing top honours and holding on to good positions in the League table would be whistling merrily to the clicking of turnstiles. Supporters naturally like success . . . or the possibility . . . and teams around the top of the table generally pack 'em in.

Not so in Scotland. Celtic and Rangers are obviously the exception to the rule. At all times the "Big Two" can rely on a home support of about 35,000, good weather or bad, top of the table or not.

EMPTY TERRACES

This season several clubs can be seen to be making a real effort to break the monopoly and from the start of the League programme the League top has had an unfamiliar look. It's a welcome sight, but the big mystery is: "Where are all the supporters?"

Teams like Hibs, Dunfermline, Dundee United and Motherwell are stacking away some very useful results.

Yet, for all the statistics which report an increase in attendances in general, the above clubs are maintaining their challenge in front of vast empty terraces.

Take Hibs for instance. At present they are the pin-up boys of Edinburgh, a city populated by well over 250,000 people.

New manager Willie McFarlane has quickly proved himself to be a character to be reckoned with and his success in fixing Peter Cormack up on a lengthy new contract is a tremendous boost to the Easter Road club's glory chances.

And he has followed up by pushing Hibs into an excellent position in the League.

Result? No noticeable increase in attendances. In recent weeks the rejuvenated Hibs have been turning out at home in front of crowds well below 10,000 . . . in a stadium equipped to hold well over 50,000.

QUIET SEASON

Manager McFarlane has stressed concern at the lack of interest and he points out clubs have no alternative but to sell big stars if finances are not boosted through the gates.

Near neighbours Hearts, although having a quiet season, are no worse and no better than their in-form rivals. Crowds of around 6,000 are commonplace at Tynecastle this season which brings Edinburgh's total football following to around the 14,000 mark. Somehow around 30,000 fans have just "disappeared" in recent years!

Another city puzzled at the vanishing football supporters is Dundee . . . population and drawing potential around 100,000.

Dundee United gained a Fairs Cup place this season and faced the mighty Newcastle United in round one. A glamour tie if ever there was one.

But Tannadice was half-empty with only 15,000 there to welcome the Cup holders.

FRINGE OF SUCCESS

Just 100 yards away at Dens Park, city rivals Dundee are having a less impressive season than United yet they can claim to be as well off for fans as United!

United boss Jerry Kerr is baffled. "Topping the table makes no real difference to us," he says. "In fact I would say crowds would possibly improve if we were fighting for survival in the relegation zone!"

Clubs like Dunfermline and Kilmarnock have consistently proved themselves to be sides on the fringe of success yet the fans stay away.

The more enterprising clubs will simply have to keep plugging away, chasing success, and hope curiosity will prompt those missing fans to return. Once this is achieved a great deal more will have to be done OFF the field to keep them.

One feels that public relations campaigns between games could go a long way towards filling those empty spaces.

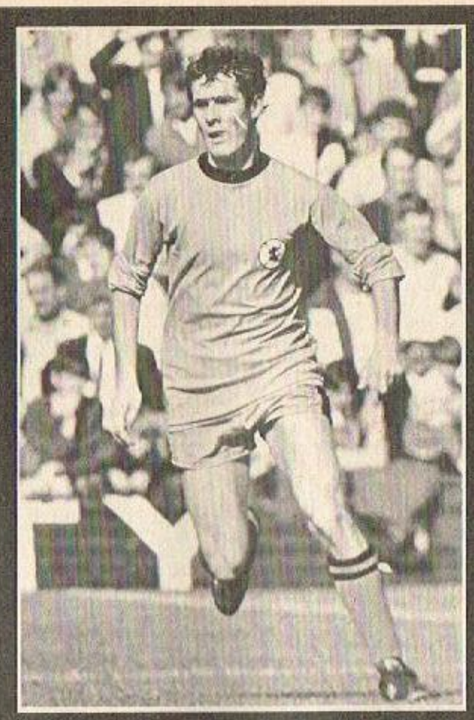




Pat Gardner, the strong-running Dunfermline striker who signed from Raith Rovers two years ago. But he has been scoring in front of empty terraces.



Above: Where have all the fans gone? That's what pacesetters Hibs are asking . . . as are many clubs. Here you can see the thinly-populated terraces as Peter Marinello (dark shirt), races for goal watched by Clyde's Billy Beattie. Left: A bigger crowd, but still hardly befitting a team that is chasing for the Championship. Joe McBride (right) slides in to score for Hibs against Partick Thistle.



Dundee United forward Dave Hogg . . . although United have been topping the First Division their attendances have been disappointing in a town of over 100,000 people.



Dave Stewart, the Ayr United goalkeeper. Predictably, when Celtic visited Ayr the attendance was far higher than usual.

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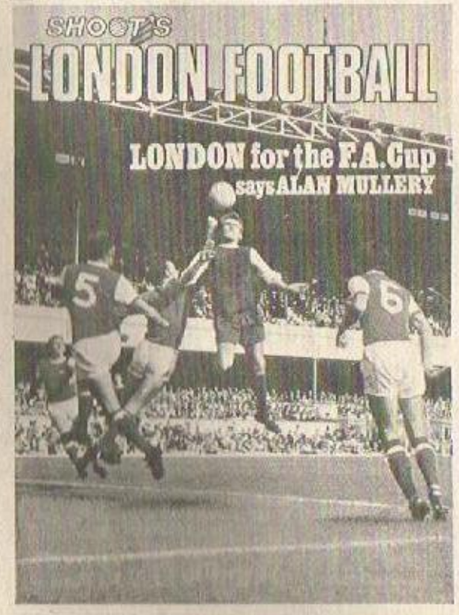

At last, here is SHOOT'S exciting colour guide to the capital of the football world—the soccer centre where competition is the fiercest. With a spectacular line-up of 12 Football League clubs, the Southern League sides and the Amateurs!

* Alan Mullery on London's chances for the F.A. Cup
* Bobby Moore by Bobby Charlton
* George Best on why he loves playing in London
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TOP TWENTY

What do you know about the soccer scene? Tackle the twenty questions in this quiz and see if you are on the ball!

1. Who is the only British player to win more than 100 full international caps? Is it (a) Bobby Moore, (b) Billy Wright, or (c) Bobby Charlton?

2. Which of these four nations — El Salvador, Scotland, Morocco, and Portugal — have qualified for the World Cup in Mexico?

3. Fifteen Football League clubs begin with the letter "B". How many can you think of — without looking at the tables! — inside one minute flat?

4. (a) Ron Davies and (b) Wyn Davies, are both famous current Welsh internationals. For which English First Division clubs do they score their goals?

5. Last year the Argentinian club Estudiantes beat Manchester United in the unofficial World Club Championship — but this year they were themselves defeated. By which European club?

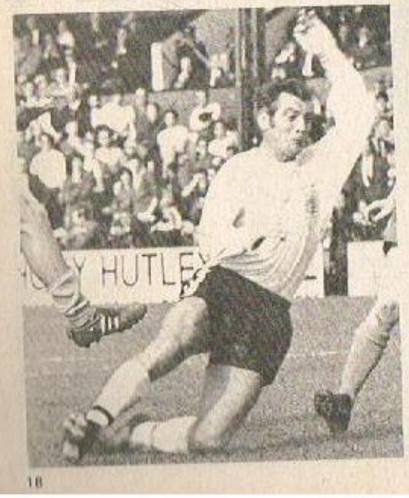
6. Which club have twice been Engish Second Division Champions in the past ten years?

7. Everton's Howard Kendall is the youngest player (a) to play in First Division football, (b) to play for Everton, or (c) to play in an F.A. Cup Final?

8. Which three English cities have two or more clubs in the First Division today?

9. Two goalkeepers named Phil Parkes play for two very near neighbour clubs in the Midlands. Which clubs?

10. Which famous player from a London club scored 100 goals in League football before his 21st birthday — was it (a) Jimmy Greaves, (b) Geoff Hurst, or (c) Johnny Haynes (below)?



11. Football League clubs in East Anglia play at (a) Carrow Road, (b) Portman Road, and (c) Lyer Road. Whose grounds are they?

12. Of which English clubs are these men the manager—(a) Frank O'Farrell and (b) Ron Greenwood?

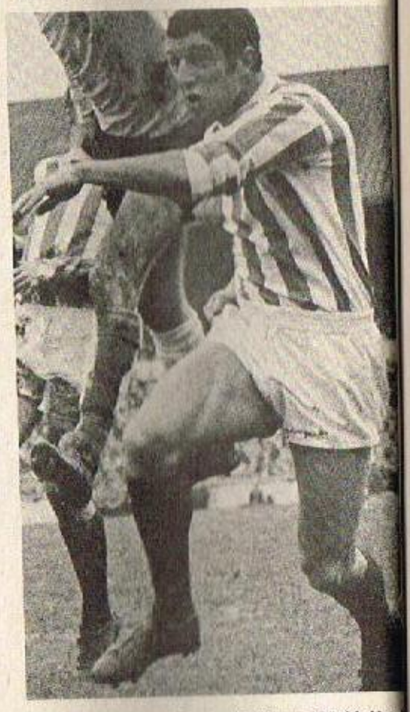
13. The full name of two English Second Division clubs comprises three words. Can you name them?

14. If you rang the bell at No. 22 Lancaster Gate, London, W. 2., upon whom would you be calling?

15. Can you name any two of the Fourth Division clubs which had to apply for re-election last season?



16. For how many League clubs has David Sadler of Manchester United (above), played?



17. If you saw George Eastham, David Herd (above), and Harry Burrows on the field together . . . which club would you be watching?

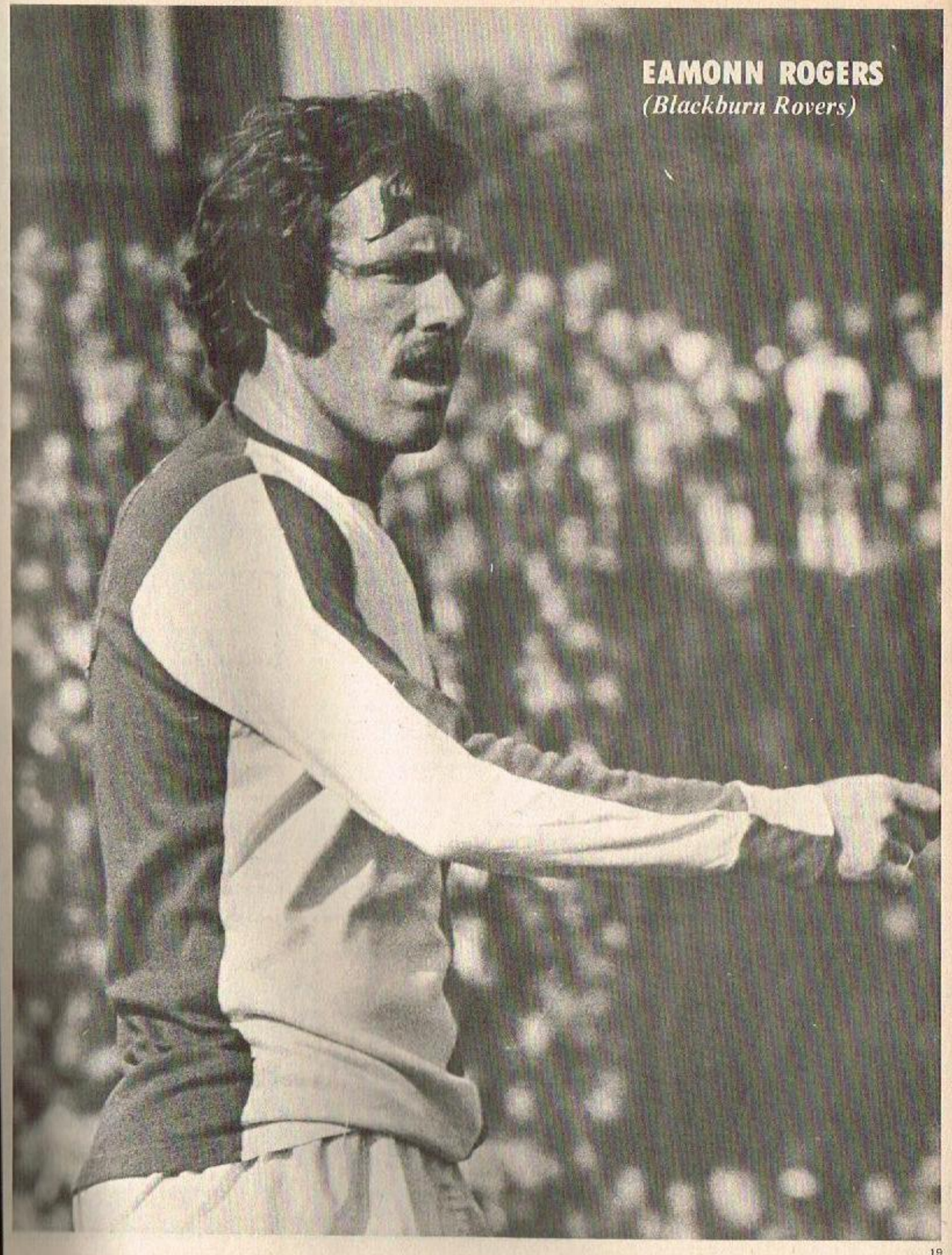
18. How many Lancashire clubs have won the F.A. Cup in the last ten seasons? Can you name them?

19. What would Alan Ball be doing at Halifax's ground on a Saturday afternoon?

20. Which London club finished highest in the First Division last season?

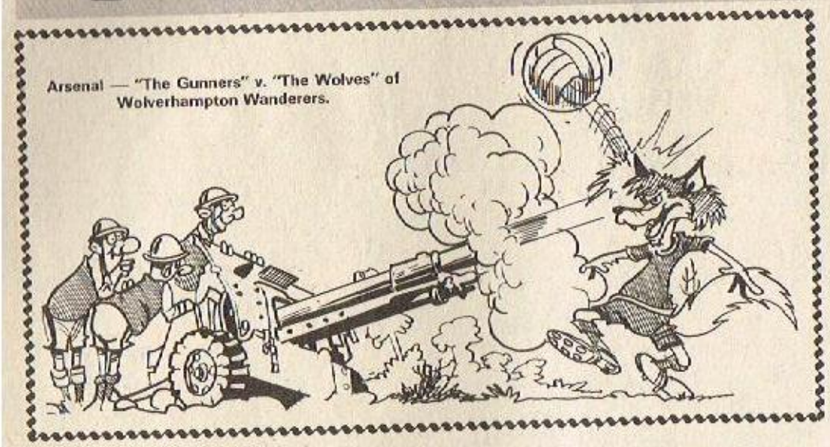
How well did you score, fans? Check the answers below and see if you are a hit or miss. If you got every one correct, you can consider yourself a soccer expert. 15-19 is good going. 10-14 average, and nine and under — well perhaps you'll do better next week!

1. (b) Billy Wright of Wolves, who had won 105 England caps when he retired in 1959. 2. El Salvador and Morocco. Scotland and Portugal have already been knocked-out. 3. Barnsley, Barrow, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bournemouth, Bradford City, Brentford, Brighton, Bristol City, Bristol Rovers, Burnley and Bury. 4. (a) Southampton (b) Newcastle. 5. A.C. Milan, of Italy. 6. Ipswich, in 1960-61 and 1967-68. (In between, they were relegated in 1963-64). 7. (c) He played for Preston against West Ham in the 1963-64 Final, three weeks before his 18th birthday. 8. LONDON (Arsenal, Chelsea, Crystal Palace, Spurs, and West Ham); LIVERPOOL (Liverpool and Everton). MANCHESTER (City and United). 9. Wolves and Walsall. 10. (a) Jimmy Greaves. 11. (a) Norwich; (b) Ipswich; (c) Colchester. 12. (a) Leicester City and (b) West Ham. 13. Preston North End and Queen's Park Rangers. 14. It's the headquarters of the Football Association. 15. York, Newport, Grimsby and Bradford. 16. Manchester United are his only League club. 17. Stoke City. 18. Four — Manchester United (1962-63), Liverpool (1964-65), Everton (1965-66), Manchester City (1968-69). 19. Managing the local club! There are TWO Alan Balls, and the England star's father is teamboss of Halifax. 20. Arsenal (4th) closely followed by Chelsea (5th). Spurs (6th) and West Ham (8th).



EAMONN ROGERS
(Blackburn Rovers)

FANS LIKE TO CALL THEIR CLUBS NAMES!



Arsenal — "The Gunners" v. "The Wolves" of Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Swindon Town are known as "The Railwaymen" — *and* "The Robins", *and* "The Moonrakers". This is just one of the fascinating facts in SHOOT's special feature on nicknames.



"The Ironsides" — Newport County v. Peterborough — "The Posh".

"COME on, *the Villains!*" Probably a lone voice from the past at Villa Park started it. The nickname caught on, and Aston Villa have been stuck with it ever since!

It isn't until you try to change your club's image, as Chelsea and Charlton Athletic have tried to do in recent years, that you realise how firmly a nickname sticks.

Most clubs bear perfectly logical, and reasonable nicknames. For example: Wolverhampton Wanderers — the **Wolves;** Manchester City — the **Citizens;** West Ham United — the **Hammers;** Swansea Town — the **Swans.** Then we have the **Bees** (Brentford), the **O's** (Orient) and the **R's** (Queen's Park Rangers).

Many nicknames have been suggested by club colours — Blackpool are the **Tangerines,** Cardiff City the **Bluebirds,** Norwich City the **Canaries,** while Newcastle United, in their famous black and white stripes, are known as the **Magpies.**

Coventry City, founded by employees of Singers (the cycle manufacturers) and originally known as Singers F.C., have rejoiced in such nicknames as the **Bantams,** and the **Peeping Toms** — from local legend — but were successfully transformed in the 1960s to the **Sky Blues.**

It's quite common to take your name from a well-known local trade: like Grimsby Town (the **Mariners,** or **Fishermen**), Northampton Town (the **Cobblers**), Reading (the **Biscuitmen**), Rotherham United (the **Merry Millers**) and Sheffield United (the **Blades**). Watford used to be called the **Saddlers** and the **Brewers.**

Both Luton Town and Stockport County are the **Hatters,** while Middlesbrough and Newport share the name **Ironsides.**

Some clubs have more than one nickname, like Swindon Town who have a choice between the **Railwaymen** (shared with Crewe), the **Robins** (from their red shirts) and the **Moonrakers** (after local legend).

No need to ask why Aldershot are known as the **Shot,** nor as the **Soldiers.** Their base is the home of the British army. Arsenal remain the **Gunners** because the club was originally formed by workers in the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich. Portsmouth have always been known as **Pompey** because that's what sailors of the Roya Navy call their home port — but no on knows exactly why: it's an old naval custom

Derby County, formed as a branch Derbyshire County Cricket Club, who playe their first matches on the local racecours and now play on the Baseball Ground, a known as the **Rams.** Their home is, course, in sheep farming country.

Several clubs take their nicknames fro the grounds at which they play — th **Filberts** are Leicester City who play at Filbe Street; the **Turfites** are Burnley who play Turf Moor; the **Paraders** are Bradford Ci who play at Valley Parade; the **Rokerites** are Sunderland who play at Roker Park; and the **Cottagers** are, of course, Fulham who play at Craven Cottage.

Incidentally it was in the cottage itself, still preserved within the Fulham ground, that Bulwer-Lytton wrote: "The Last Days of Pompeii" in 1834!

Stamford Bridge recalls a battle in which King Harold was victorious against the Vikings before his defeat at Hastings, but it is also the home of Chelsea who took that colourfully dressed old soldier the Chelsea Pensioner as their first emblem.

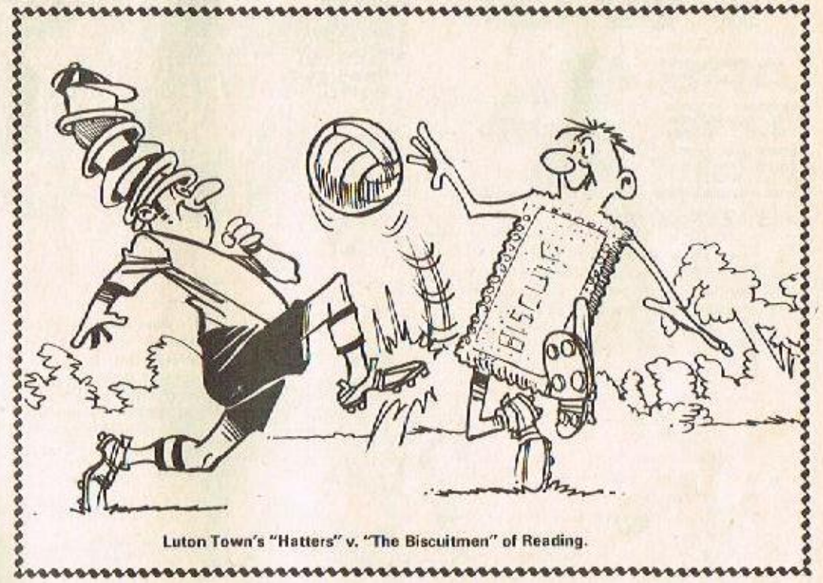
But in 1953 Chelsea adopted a brave new badge — a blue lion rampant regardant (looking back), holding in its paws a golden crosier — and with its help they've been trying to lose their old name for years. Somehow however, "The Lions" just doesn't fit the team we all know affectionately as the **Pensioners,** does it?

West Bromwich Albion's emblem is a thrush perched on a football, originally on a crossbar. Hence the name **Throstles.**

Southampton were founded in 1885 by



Southampton are known as "The Saints", while Manchester United's nickname is "The Red Devils".



Luton Town's "Hatters" v. "The Biscuitmen" of Reading.

ung men of St. Mary's Church. Hence the ints.

But why Sheffield **Wednesday?** This famous football club was an offshoot of a Wednesday cricket team which wanted a game to keep members together during the winter months.

Why the **Posh?** Peterborough United are so called after their club mascot who dresses in top hat and tails.

Spurs? — now there's a hot one. Obviously an abbreviation of Tottenham Hotspur — but why **Hotspur?** This arose simply from the suggestion of one of the founding members who happened to be a Shakespeare fan and a particular admirer of the exploits of Henry Percy, son of the Earl of Northumberland, known to his friends and enemies as "Hotspur".

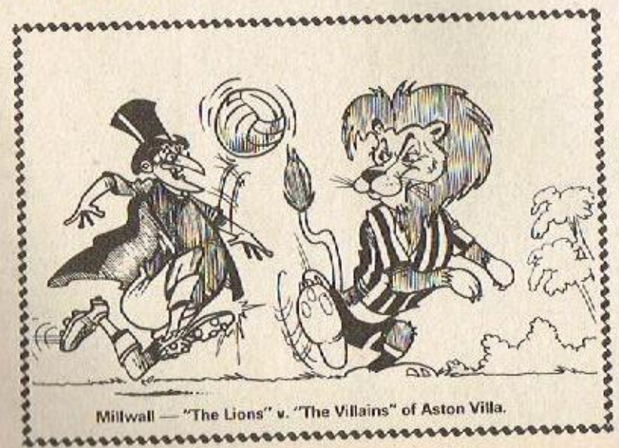
It should also be mentioned that The Hotspur was formed at a meeting under a gas-lamp in Northumberland Avenue; also that traditionally, Spurs are attached to the heels of the fighting cock. This rough, battling bird was adopted by Spurs as their emblem.

But perhaps the most puzzling nickname of all is the **Haddicks,** deliberately misspelt, a name by which Charlton Athletic remain well known though they now want us to call them the **Valiants.** Some say that the name arose from the Cockney pronunciation of a pre-match fish dish — Haddocks — served at a nearby hotel to Charlton players of the 1920s. It's more than likely. After all, most of us know one current Charlton director as "Kipper" — the England cricket captain, Colin Cowdrey.

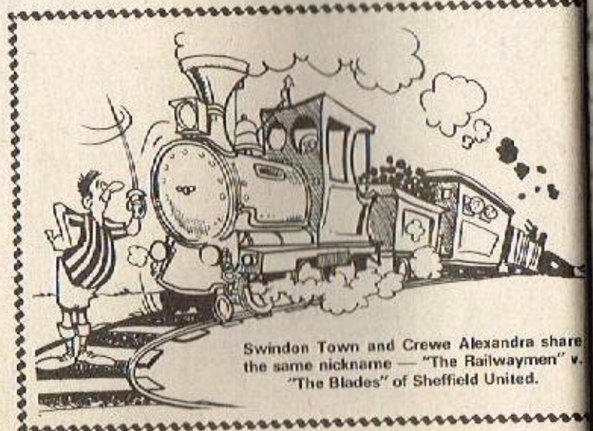
Only one club claims the right to the nickname — **Hatchetmen.** The Irish club Crusaders say they earned the right because of some tough guys they had in the past. And just so the name won't be forgotten, the Supporters' Club badge uses a hatchet to make the point.



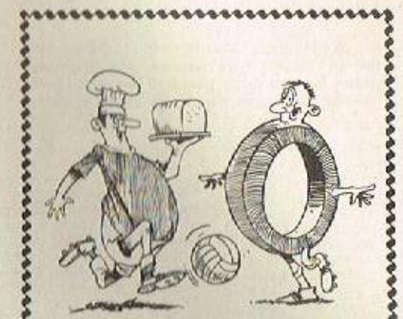
West Ham — "The Hammers" v Stoke City — "The Potters".



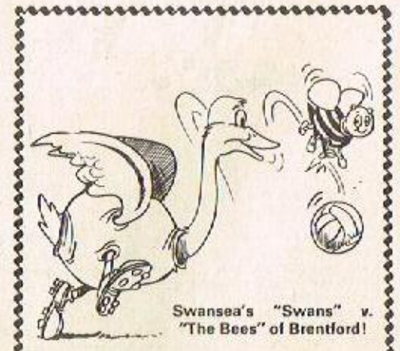
Millwall — "The Lions" v. "The Villains" of Aston Villa.



Swindon Town and Crewe Alexandra share the same nickname — "The Railwaymen" v. "The Blades" of Sheffield United.



Rotherham United — "The Merry Millers" v. The "O's" of Orient.



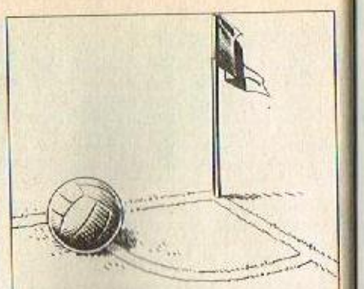
Swansea's "Swans" v. "The Bees" of Brentford!

YOU ARE THE REF!

ANSWERS BELOW

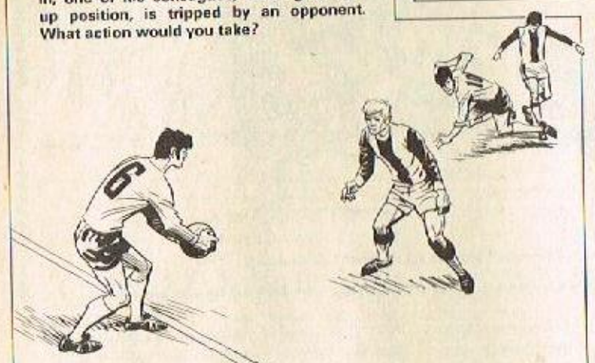
1. A team play with ten men throughout the first-half because the other player and reserve have been delayed. When you take the field for the second-half you find that the missing player has turned up and is on the pitch. Would you allow this?



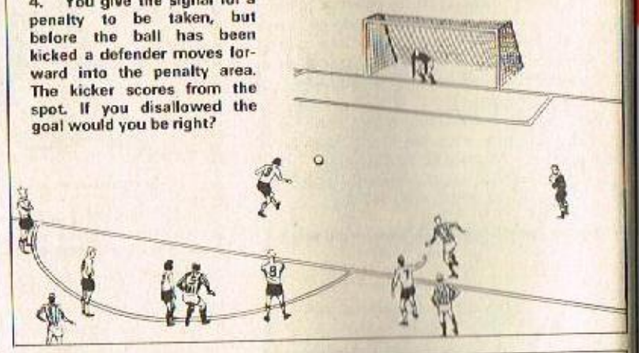


2. Would you allow a player to place a ball in this position for a corner-kick? Look at it closely.

3. As a player prepares to take a throw-in, one of his colleagues, running to take up position, is tripped by an opponent. What action would you take?



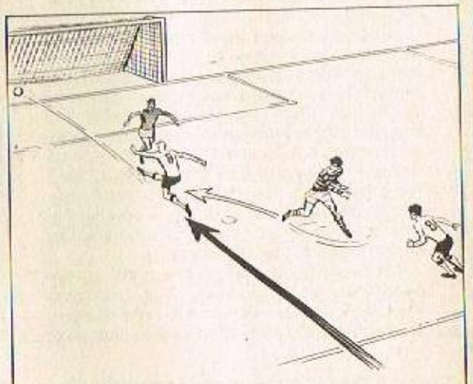
4. You give the signal for a penalty to be taken, but before the ball has been kicked a defender moves forward into the penalty area. The kicker scores from the spot. If you disallowed the goal would you be right?



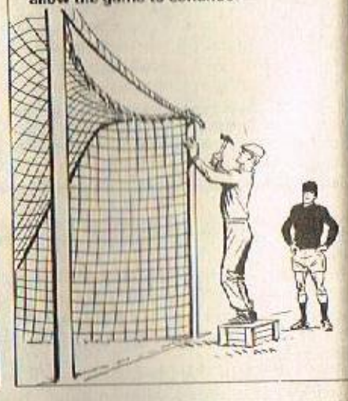
5. Is this a fair shoulder charge — if not, what would your decision be, and why?



6. A full-back passes back to his goalie, but the kick is not hard enough. The opposing centre-forward races past him into an offside position and scores. Would you award a goal?



7. In a minor league match the cross-bar is smashed. It cannot be repaired so a groundsman nails a length of strong rope across the goal-posts to act as a substitute crossbar. Would you allow the game to continue?



1. The "eleventh" player would be entitled to join his team, providing he reports to you. The laws state: "The game shall be played by two teams consisting of not more than eleven players . . ." 2. Yes although the ball appears to be outside the corner quadrant, it is partly obscuring one of the lines when seen from above and a ball must be **completely** clear of the line before it is illegal. 3. You could not award a free-kick as the foul was committed while the ball was out of play. You would, however, caution or send off the guilty player before signalling for the throw-in to be taken. 4. You would be wrong. It is against the laws for any player to move into the penalty area until the ball has been kicked from the spot, but if it was a defender who broke the law you would hold your decision until you saw what happened to the penalty. If the ball entered the net you would award a goal. If it was saved, or missed the goal, the kick would be re-taken. 5. It is NOT a fair shoulder charge, even though the shoulders are touching and both men are attempting to play the ball. The player on the right is deliberately using his arm to impede his opponent. So it's a foul — and a direct free-kick. 6. It's a goal. As the ball was last played by a defender the centre-forward could not be offside. 7. Listen to the law concerning the crossbar. "A rope is not considered a satisfactory substitute for a crossbar." Only in an unimportant friendly game would a "rope-bar" be allowed, but certainly not in any league or cup match, not even in junior football.

The last time Portugal met England was in the Semi-Final of the 1966 World Cup, when England won 2-1. This Wednesday the teams face each other at Wembley, and . . .

PORTUGAL PLAN REVENGE!



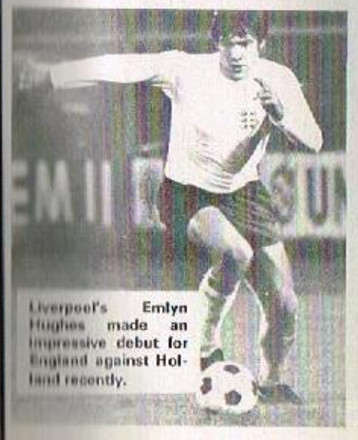
The World Cup Semi-Final in 1966. England's goalkeeper Banks repels a Portugal attack.



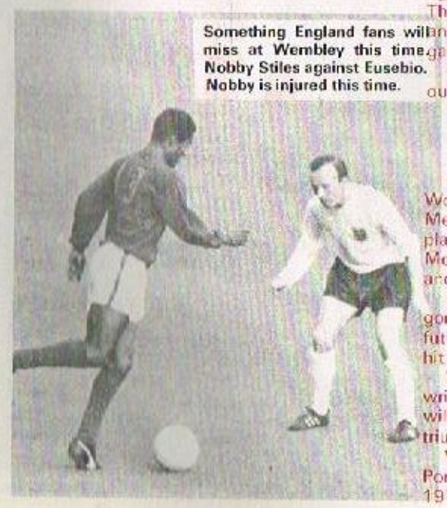
England have beaten Portugal in the World Cup Semi-Final and Eusebio congratulates Bobby Charlton. Portugal aim to reverse that result this time.



Man. City's Colin Bell is in dynamic form and could prove a match-winner on Wednesday.



Liverpool's Emlyn Hughes made an impressive debut for England against Holland recently.



Something England fans will miss at Wembley this time. Nobby Stiles against Eusebio. Nobby is injured this time.

"ENG-LAND! Eng-land! Eng-land!" Remember the famous Wembley chant that cheered the World Champions to their famous 1966 victory? England manager Sir Alf Ramsey is hoping that the fans will be in their best singing form on Wednesday as Bobby Moore and company face Portugal in Wembley's first international of this testing World Cup season.

It promises to be quite a night as England hope to repeat their World Cup Semi-Final success of three years ago.

Add, too, the fact that Portugal land Eusebio will be absent from Mexico next year and the match becomes even more interesting.

Few supporters would doubt that the Semi-Final of the last World Cup was England's best performance as two Bobby Charlton specials proved too much for the sporting Portuguese, who could only reply with a Eusebio penalty.

And there's no doubting also that Eusebio — the "Black Panther" of Benfica — has thousands of admirers in England.

Forget England's disappointing display against Holland, even though they won 1-0. This was their first match for five months and like any team they need one or two games to be at their peak.

Portugal are just the opposition to bring out the best in England.

GLAMOUR SIDES

Unfortunately, the much-criticised zonal World Cup groupings seem to have robbed Mexico of many glamour sides and top players. Countries like El Salvador and Morocco will be there . . . while Portugal and others will be absent.

Since the last World Cup England have gone from strength to strength and face the future with confidence. But Portugal have hit a bad spell and must now plan for 1974!

Who Sir Alf will select is, as this is written, unknown, but it is probable that he will use the nucleus of the side which triumphed over Holland.

Which should be good enough to beat Portugal and send the Champions into the 1970 World Cup year in grand style.

SHOOT! Presents WEST HAM-THE HAMMERS OF UPTON PARK



Back row:
(left to right)
Billy Bonds
Paul Heffer
Alan Stephenson
Roger Cross
Clyde Best
Bobby Moore
John Cushley

Middle row:
(left to right)
Martin Peters
John Charles
Peter Grotier
Stephen Death
(at present on
loan to Reading)
Bobby Ferguson
Frank Lampard
Trevor Brooking

Front row:
(left to right)
Harry Redknapp
Ronnie Boyce
Geoff Hurst
Jimmy Lindsay
Bobby Howe
John Sissons

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SHOOT US A LINE

Has anyone noticed how many players with "B" as their initial tter have played for West Ham in recent years? These include ond, Burkett, Bovington, Brown, Brabrook, Byrne, Boyce, Brookg, Bennett, Bonds and Best. The same also applies to Chelsea, ly this time the letter is "H". Of the present players in the st-team squad are Harris, Hinton, Hollins, Houseman, Houston, ughes and Hudson. Can any other SHOOT readers find similar stances?

JOHN CROWLEY,
BANSTEAD,
SURREY.

ght, SHOOT readers, can anyone better John's list? — Ed.

I think that it is a sorry state of affairs when, at the end of a uropean Cup-tie between two teams whose aggregate scores e level, a toss of a coin should decide who progresses in the mpetition! Wouldn't it be fairer if penalties were awarded to ch side in sequence in a "do or die" effort to find the winning ub? The team that misses from the spot first is automatically iminated.

DAVID PRICE,
LYDNEY,
GLOUCESTER.

recent seasons a new law has been introduced, to try and ombat the need for a toss-up. The law states that AWAY goals unt double in the event of a drawn match! — Ed.

I think that the present World Cup qualifying groups system ould be scrapped and a new one introduced. Surely the World up final-stages should comprise the BEST 16 nations in the orld? On the present system such good teams as Spain, ugoslavia, Portugal, Scotland and Argentina have not qualified r the Finals in Mexico, and nations like El Salvador and lorocco will be there.

D. SIMS,
ENFIELD,
MIDDLESEX.

his has already been discussed by F.I.F.A., and it seems that the ystem may well be altered in time for the 1974 World Cup. — d.

In the past it has been suggested by the Welsh, Irish and cottish Football Associations that obstruction in the penalty area ould warrant a penalty — not an indirect free-kick!

However, as the English F.A. are against the idea, it has not had fficient majority to be carried. Surely, it is time for this bstruction rule to be changed, as it leads to more argument than ll the other laws put together — and it is one of the hardest for feferees to interpret?

JACK DEVLIN,
ST. ANNES,
LANCS.

hot one this, Jack. There are convincing arguments both for and gainst a change in the law.

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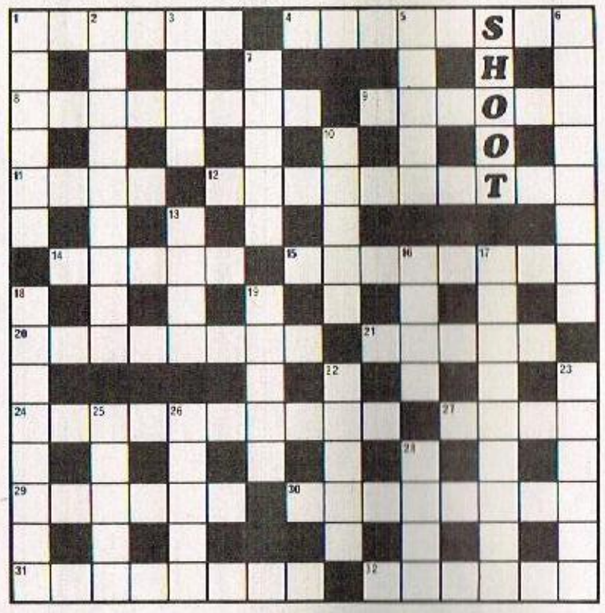

ACROSS

1. Swindon Town half-back Joe . . .
4. North Eastern Second Division club
8. Sunderland play on this
9. Liverpool utility player Geoff . . .
11. Level scores
12. Colin . . . Oxford United forward
14. Stoke City international full-back Alex . . .
15. Potteries team (4 and 4)
20. West Ham winger Harry . . .
21. Known as "The Rams"
24. Derby County captain (4 and 6)
27. West Bromwich Albion half-back John . . .
29. Empty
30. . . . and Hove Albion
31. Dried up
32. To let down
13. Leicester City forward Rodney . . .
16. Luton Town striker Matt . . .
17. Barnsley goalkeeper Brian . . .
18. Crewe Alexandra forward Alan . . .
19. Flavour
22. Q.P.R. forward . . . Bridges
23. Leeds United full-back Paul . . .
25. Manservant
26. Bobby . . . West Ham captain
28. Monster

DOWN

1. Manchester City forward Ian . . .
2. International players are very much this
3. Comfort
5. Known as the "Hatters" . . . Town
6. He can work on engines
7. Perfect
10. Mistake

ANSWER ON PAGE 29

TABLE TEASER

ANY GOOD AT GUESSWORK?

This table shows how the First Division finished some years ago. Was the season 1947-48, 1948-49 or 1949-50?

	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts.
Portsmouth	42	22	9	11	74-38	53
Wolverhampton	42	20	13	9	76-49	53
Sunderland	42	21	10	11	83-62	52
Manchester United	42	18	14	10	69-44	50
Newcastle United	42	19	12	11	77-55	50
Arsenal	42	19	11	12	79-55	49
Blackpool	42	17	15	10	46-35	49
Liverpool	42	17	14	11	64-54	48
Middlesbrough	42	20	7	15	59-48	47
Burnley	42	16	13	13	48-40	45
Derby County	42	17	10	15	69-61	44
Aston Villa	42	15	12	15	61-61	42
Chelsea	42	12	16	14	58-55	40
West Bromwich A	42	14	12	16	47-53	40
Huddersfield Town	42	14	9	19	52-73	37
Bolton Wanderers	42	10	14	18	45-59	34
Fulham	42	10	14	18	41-54	34
Everton	42	10	14	18	42-66	34
Stoke City	42	11	12	19	45-75	34
Charlton Athletic	42	13	6	23	53-85	32
Manchester City	42	8	13	21	36-68	29
Birmingham City	42	7	14	21	31-67	28

Answer on page 29

FOCUS on GLYN PARDOE Manchester City



GLYN PARDOE says that he wants to win "everything" with Manchester City. Well, he's certainly going the right way about it! In the past four seasons he's earned a Second Division Championship medal, a League Championship medal and an F.A. Cup winners' medal. Throw in Under-23 honours and, more recently, a victory in the National five-a-side competition and there seems to be little left. Not so . . . because City have their sights set on Europe. At last they have thrown off the "living in Manchester United's shadows" image and are now accepted as one of the most attractive sides in the land. Their fluent, goal-hungry approach has not only won them honours, but also many new fans. Why, even United supporters have been known to sing their praises! It's City's attack that usually receives the glory yet it's no use scoring goals if you're letting them in. City ARE scoring, but they're NOT letting many in these days. In a defence marshalled superbly by skipper Tony Book, Glyn Pardoe plays a major role as one of the classiest full-backs in the country. He prefers to play the ball out of his penalty area rather than boot it hopefully upfield. Come the end of the season Glyn could easily be closer to winning "everything"!

FULL NAME: Glyn Pardoe
BIRTHPLACE: Winsford
BIRTHDATE: June 1st, 1946
HEIGHT: 5ft 10 ins
WEIGHT: 13st
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: Yes
CHILDREN: None
CAR: Cortina 1600E
FAMOUS RELATIONS: Alan Oakes, our left-half, is my cousin
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pele
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Wolves
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: George Best
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Last season's F.A. Cup Final
BIGGEST THRILL: Beating Leicester City 1-0 in the above
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: A few years ago when we lost to Everton in the Quarter-Finals of the F.A. Cup, when we were in the Second Division
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: U.S.A.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak, scampi
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Golfing, gardening, driving
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Shopping, dancing
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: The Big Three (Golf)
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Dusty Springfield, Andy Williams, Elvis Presley
FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESSES: Clint Eastwood, Peter Sellers, Natalie Wood
BEST FRIEND: I have many good friends
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Our coach, Malcolm Allison
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Waiting for planes, trains, etc.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Schoolboy and Under-23
PERSONAL AMBITION: To play for England and to win everything with City
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: As above
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE?: Sorry . . . not a clue!
WHAT PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?: Nobody in particular

TALL TALENTED AND TERRIFIC!

THAT SUMS UP SOCCER'S SIX-FOOTERS

A GOOD big 'un should always beat a good little 'un." That's what they on in boxing circles. But in football nds and inches have never been really statistics.

xtra inches can be a help in specialist tions like goalkeeper, centre-half and re-forward. And at this time of the year, muddy or snow-covered pitches, a ager likes to be able to call on a little weight and strength. But what still its most, as ever, is the ability to score out of ten for timing, balance, speed, ility and ball control, and in these skills ig man is often at a disadvantage.

his makes young Stuart Taylor, locally centre-half of Bristol Rovers, an excep- in more ways than one. 6 ft. 4 ins. tall, ghing 14 stone, he's the biggest fellow ing down a regular **outfield** spot in gue football today. He is also highly ted, the target of many bigger clubs m Bristol Rovers are getting tired of g: "Sorry, we're not selling. We're ling for promotion." And Stuart looks a foundation on which to build.

Bristol seem to specialise in raising out-size centre-halves. Stuart's predecessor at Eastville was 6 ft. 2 in., 12 st. 4 lb. Larry Lloyd who was transferred to Liverpool for £50,000 last April.

LIVERPOOL STAR

As for Larry, he's being groomed eventually to replace mighty Ron Yeats, the 6 ft. 2 in., 14 st. 5 lb. Liverpool skipper who has proved such a tower of strength during the last decade.

Obviously, centre-half is one position where you need a big fellow to keep the other team's big strikers in check. Another is goalkeeper where height, at least, is an advantage. Six-feet goalies are the rule rather than the exception.

Joe Mercer did the next - best - thing to boarding up his goal at Manchester City when he signed goalkeeper Joe Corrigan from his own hometown of Ellesmere Port. At 6 ft. 4½ ins., and weighing 15 st. 11 lb., Joe Corrigan is the biggest man in big football today — no wonder City fans have



Jack Charlton shows the style that has made him a Leeds and England star . . . a great performer in defence and in attack.



biggest of the home international strikers is ves' Derek Dougan. Derek uses his 6 ft. 3 in. to good effect for Northern Ireland.



Chelsea's Peter Osgood's ground skill is exceptional for someone so tall. Peter's height obviously gives him a "head" start in the air!

affectionately christened him 'Frankenstein', and 'The Monster'!

He's actually 1½ inches taller than Willie Foulke, the heftiest footballer in history, but carries rather less weight. When Foulke played for England before the First World War he weighed 22 st. 3 lb. By the time he represented Bradford towards the end of his career his weight had risen to 26 stone! But Foulke was a great goalkeeper, with tremendous agility despite his bulk. Joe Corrigan will do well to emulate him in performance, but might also consider joining Weight-Watchers Anonymous before it's too late!

Barely 12 per cent of the 2,500-odd professionals with 92 English League clubs today scale six feet or more. With a fair amount of positional juggling, West Ham United and Gillingham could field eight six-footers, and Leicester City and Tranmere Rovers seven each. The Hammers' eight, incidentally, includes Bobby Moore and Martin Peters, but not Geoff Hurst, who has half - an - inch to find before he can join the skyscrapers club.

BACK IN ACTION

Two wingers in the "beanpole" category are Mike Stringfellow of Leicester City, recently returned to action after a long spell on the injured list, and Colin Harrington of Oxford United. 6 ft. 2 in., 12 st. 4 lb. Colin specialises in scoring spectacular goals with his long-range power drives, and can also boast remarkably neat footwork for such a big man.

Biggest of the international strikers is the 6 ft. 3 in., 12 st. 6 lb. Derek Dougan, of Wolves and Northern Ireland, one of only 22 current League players scaling over 6 ft. 2 in. John Toshack is 6 ft. 2 in., Tony Hateley 6 ft. 1½ in.

Among those six-footers who show exceptional skill in midfield as well as in the goalmouth are Peter Osgood (Chelsea), Rodney Marsh and Mick Leach (Queen's Park Rangers), Alan Gilzean (Spurs) and Graham Moore (Charlton). Manchester City have a towering trio in Neil Young, Mick Doyle and Alan Oakes.

KING JOHN

But the King of all the Big Fellows is mighty John Charles of Leeds United, Juventus and Wales, still turning on the magic for Hereford in the Southern League from time to time — though on December 27 next he is due to celebrate his 38th birthday.

At one time everybody wanted King Charles in his "Ideal" Team — the only argument was caused by having to decide his best position, since he played magnificently anywhere. At 18, the youngest-ever to represent Wales, he was as popular in Italy as "Il Gigante Buono" as he was at home as "The Gentle Giant."

This big man never threw his weight about, never lost his temper, and always played the ball.

We could do with more big fellows like him. Men with big hearts, but never a big head.

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TABLE TEASER ANSWER

1949-50 — Portsmouth the Champions for the second year running, a magnificent performance by a fine side. What a battle it was. Only 4 points separated the top 7 teams but Pompey pipped Wolves on goal average. They picked up 17 points from their last 11 games. Their strong-man in defence was Jimmy Scoular, the Scot, who now manages Cardiff City. It was a sad season for Birmingham City who remained bottom for nearly the whole season. Spurs and Sheffield Wednesday were promoted that season, in place of Manchester City and Birmingham, and Arsenal won the Cup by beating Liverpool 2-0.

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I would like to know who was the youngest player ever to play for England. My Dad says Stanley Matthews, (below) and I say Bobby Charlton. Will you please settle the argument for us?

**JOHN TAYLOR,
COLCHESTER,
ESSEX.**

Duncan Edwards of Manchester United was only 18 years and 183 days old when he first played for England. He had won 18 full caps up to the time of his tragic death in the Munich air crash of February 1958 — and, had he lived, this great young player would have won dozens more. Manchester United, incidentally, seem to specialise in young internationals. Jimmy Nicholson (now with Huddersfield) played for Northern Ireland in a full international at 17 years 256 days. Jonny Giles (now with Leeds) played for Eire at 18 years 361 days. Denis Law was Scotland's youngest ever player at 18 years 236 days, though he was then still a Huddersfield starlet.



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I am from Australia, and I don't understand what offside means. Could you explain this?

**PAUL RICHARDSON,
NEW BARNET,
HERTFORDSHIRE.**

It's quite straightforward really, Paul, although this Law seems to cause more bother than almost any other. A player is offside if he's nearer his opponents' goal-line than the ball at the moment it is played — UNLESS (a) he's in his own half of the field; (b) there are at least two of his opponents nearer to their own goal-line than he is; (c) the ball last touched an opponent, or was last played by him (played on); (d) he receives the ball direct from a goal-kick, a corner-kick, a throw-in, or after the referee has given a "dropped ball".

But this is important. A player in an offside position is NOT penalised — by an indirect free-kick, that is — unless the referee considers he is interfering with play, or with an opponent, or is seeking to gain an advantage from being in an offside position.

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Please could you tell me what U.E.F.A. stands for?

**PETER MASON,
BRIGG,
LINCS.**

Short for the Union of European Football Associations — the controlling body of the game for Europe — Peter.

* * * * * *

I say that Chelsea have never won the League, and my Dad says they have. Please can you tell me who is right?

**ALEC GOLDMAN,
GOMSHALL,
SURREY.**

Just proves that Dad knows best, Alec — so buy him a present out of your pound! Chelsea were League Champions in 1954-55.

* * * * * *

My Dad says that a few seasons ago Luton Town had England's goalkeeper in the first team, and Wales' goalkeeper in the reserves. Is he right?

**KERRIE GRAY,
BALDOCK,
HERTS.**

Perhaps your Dad is thinking of the time when Luton had Bernard Streten and Ron Baynham on their books at the same time, Kerrie. Streten kept goal for England against Northern Ireland in 1949-50; Baynham was England's 'keeper several times some years later.

* * * * * *

How long has the Footballer of the Year trophy been in existence? I think it's 15 years but my brother is sure it's 20. Also can you tell me who was the first player to win it?

**TERESA MOORE,
WELLING,
KENT.**

Afraid your brother's a bit nearer, Teresa. The first Footballer of the Year award was made at the end of the 1947-48 season — so this season's will be the twenty-third. The very first winner was Stanley (now Sir Stanley) Matthews, while playing for Blackpool. Then this great player won it in 1962-63 — after returning to his first club, Stoke City.

Please could you tell me who was Leicester City's captain when they lost the F.A. Cup Final in April, 1969?

**PAUL FREESTONE,
BLABY,
LEICESTERSHIRE.**

David Nish (seen below), was the sad skipper of the Filberts that day, Paul.



* * * * * *

Could you please tell me what year Rochdale were founded, and which teams did they defeat on their way to the League Cup Final in 1962 against Norwich City?

**DAVID PERRYMAN,
ROCHDALE,
LANCS.**

Rochdale were founded in 1900. To reach that League Cup Final — in the second year of the competition — the club beat Southampton, Doncaster, Charlton, York, and Blackburn . . . in that order. Then, as you know, they went down to Norwich.

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LANCASHIRE'S LIKELY LADS!

In this soccer-crazy county there are four Second Division clubs — and the chances are that one will get promotion!

A GOALKEEPER with a strong arm could almost throw a football from one Football League ground to another in the soccer crazy county of Lancashire. From Oldham in the Fourth Division to Manchester United in the First; from Rochdale to Maine Road; from Southport to Goodison — the distance in miles is negligible.

But, in terms of success, there are light years between the clubs. And why? Simple! At Old Trafford fans would queue to watch the grass grow in the centre circle. If George Best catches cold a few thousand fans break out in sympathetic sweat.

But the little clubs, struggling for their very existence 'neath the shadow of their richer brethren, fight out their battles before a small, but hard-core, set of fans.

The difference in support, and success, is amazing.

For, in this complex soccer county, where Championship-winning sides rub elbows with teams fighting relegation and re-election, the gap is accepted.

LAND OF COTTON

Yet, between top and bottom, rich and poor, there are teams in this land of cotton who once trod the pathways to fame. These particular clubs were once great!

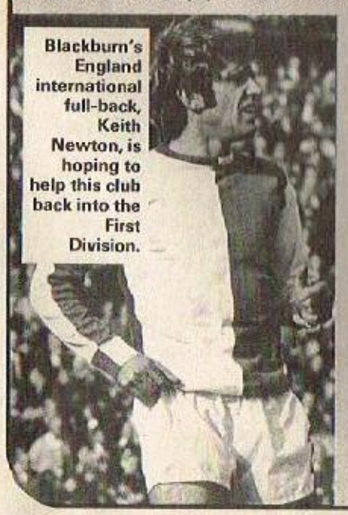
Bolton Wanderers, Preston North End, Blackpool and Blackburn Rovers — ask anyone over voting age and they will remember the First Division days of these clubs, and the great names that went with them . . .

Bolton and Nat Lofthouse; Preston and Tom Finney; Blackpool and Stan Matthews; Blackburn and Bryan Douglas. Longer memories will throw up names equally as big.

The stars shone, the clubs prospered. No longer. The former top class have become the middle class, and with Bolton finishing 18th in the Second Division last season, nearly lower class.

Their big Burnden Park stadium was, on some Saturdays last season, almost like a graveyard. Where once crowds approaching 70,000 had gathered to cheer "The Trotters", gates of less than 10,000 were becoming accepted.

The crowd's shouts echoed round the vastness of the empty stands to add to the sadness which has overtaken this once wonderful football club. The fate of Bolton Wanderers, who lost their First Division label in 1964, is indeed sorry.



Blackburn's England international full-back, Keith Newton, is hoping to help this club back into the First Division.

But this state of affairs could be temporary. Their manager is a former hero of Lancashire, and a man who led the England attack on many occasions, Nat Lofthouse. He took over in the middle of a very sticky patch but, given a little time and patience, he could put Bolton back in the top twenty-two.

One of the Lancashire "middle-class" clubs look capable of making the trip back to join their loftier brethren in double-quick time. The name is Blackburn Rovers, who are now making a fantastic effort to rejoin the top division they left in 1966.

Eddie Quigley, himself one of the neatest players to grace the Lancashire scene, has moulded his side, which includes England men Keith Newton and John Connelly, into one of the best Rovers have fielded for some years . . . yet last season they were almost relegated.

If Blackburn can add consistency to their ability, it will take a super team to top them this season.

And so to Preston, who fell from the First Division before Blackpool, Bolton or Blackburn, but who were also the last of the four to be seen at Wembley.



Action at Deepdale, the scene of many past soccer triumphs. Here, Preston's 'keeper Kelly clears the danger following a Q.P.R. attack.

In 1964 they were not thought capable of giving the glittering West Ham side more than a training canter. The score was 3-2 in the London side's favour, but Preston played their part in giving the 100,000 fans a magnificent show.

But the memory is fast forgotten by today's spectators demanding bread-and-butter success. In charge of that operation at Deepdale is Bobby Seith, who probably yearns for a Finney to bring back the crowds and pile up the points.

But Tom, claimed by many to be the finest winger England has produced, now sits in the Press Box and writes about the game. Matthews, Lofthouse and Quigley too, are no longer players. No more can they inspire their teams out on the pitch.

It would be easy for these once strong clubs, so close in location, so close in memories, to live in the past, to say all their tomorrows were yesterday. It would be easy, and it would be foolish.

Tomorrow is always the most important date on soccer's calendar. For the Lancashire teams of Blackburn and Bolton, Preston and Blackpool, a tomorrow cannot come too soon that puts them back on more than nodding terms with the four Lancashire glamour clubs of today, who live at Goodison, Anfield, Maine Road and Old Trafford.

Football FUNNIES



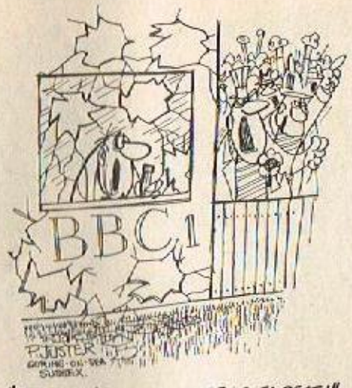
"OKAY, REF-I'LL PLAY WITH THE TIDE!"



"KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN, MEN-THERE'S A SPY AMONGST US"



"KEEP STILL, SON-WE'RE COMING TO THE TURNSTILE"



"RANGERS' SHOOTING ISN'T AT ITS BEST!"



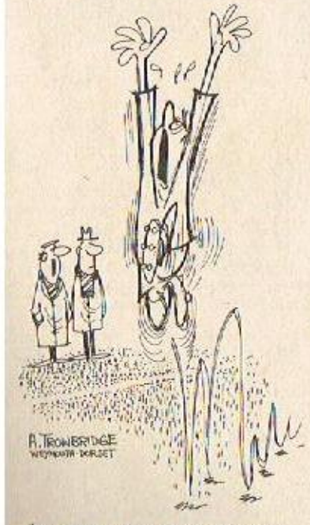
"NO, IT'S NOT THE CLUB TEAM-THEY'RE THIS YEAR'S MANAGERS"



"THEY FORGOT TO TAKE MY BOOT OFF"



"TUCK YER SHIRT IN, FRED!" "I CAN'T-I FORGOT ME SHORTS!"



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Kaj in his football "suit" . . . but he's also a pretty smart businessman.

KAJ JOHANSEN
RANGERS' GREAT DANE

KAJ JOHANSEN is his name and football is his business — but only just.

For this dapper Dane, who plays right-back for Glasgow Rangers, is every bit as sharp a businessman as left-wingers find him during a game.

When it comes to business Kaj (pronounce it Kiel, a Danish international, could show even Manchester United's George Best a thing or two.

At the moment his money-making interests outside the game are a busy public house in Glasgow, and a lucrative lobster exporting business.

The list has been whittled down a mite since he sold his luxury restaurant-cum-lounge in the centre of Glasgow.

"But I hope to make up for that soon," says 28-year-old Kaj. "I have plans to open a modern hotel in the North of Scotland."

Not bad when you consider he has worked all these enterprises up since he came to Britain five years ago to play first of all for Greenock Morton.

But when Kaj, (sometimes spelt Kai), says he is the luckiest guy in the world he's not talking about his step-up transfer to Rangers or his remarkable success in business.

He means the time he missed death when ten Danish Under-23 players were killed in a plane crash in 1960.

"But for a twist of fate I would have been killed with my mates in that terrible tragedy," he says. "I still come out in a cold sweat thinking about it.

ONE EMPTY SEAT

"I was in the army at the time. My country was naming a pool of players for the Rome Olympics, and to do this they had arranged for the Under-23's to play the full Danish side at a ground near my home-town of Odense.

"As we were stationed in Copenhagen I asked for a couple of days' leave, but it was turned down. Then the day before we were due to fly out my Captain told me I could meet the team at the ground.

"That saved my life. There were 11 seats on the team plane. Only one seat was empty — mine. Ten of the team were killed. The only survivor was the pilot and he lost both legs."

It took Kaj a long time to get over that disaster. At one time he thought seriously of giving up the game, then set about achieving his ambition of playing professional soccer. Football in Denmark is, of course, solely amateur.

"At one time I thought I was going to Italy to play for Genoa. But that fell through. Anyway I was recommended to Morton. They invited me over and I signed professional for them."

He fitted into the Scottish game like a glove. His courage, decisiveness and turn of speed had the Morton fans cheering and rival managers thinking in terms of a transfer deal.

And it was at the end of his first season he got the move that changed his life. He signed for Rangers.

He says: "Right away I knew my wages from football would increase a lot. But it was also an honour to be playing for such a great club."

It was when he had settled in at Ibrox that Kaj began to devote a lot of his time to business.

Last year Kaj and left-winger Orjan Persson, another of Rangers' Scandinavians, got the idea to export lobsters to Denmark and Sweden. They now have a thriving business.

Right now he has no thoughts of retiring. He intends to stay with Rangers long enough to add to the Scottish Cup-winners' medal he won with them three years ago.

It would be more accurate to say the medal he won FOR them. It was his goal in the Cup Final replay against Celtic which gave Rangers the Cup.

LUXURY HOME

"That's a great memory," says Kaj. "But then so many of my memories of Scotland are great. I look on it as my home now."

He was one of the first Rangers players to own a Jaguar. He wears hand-cut clothes and lives in a luxury home just outside the Glasgow boundary.

Even on top of his football and business interests he can find time to play golf (handicap 24), go shooting — his favourite sport — and process films for showing to friends.

His film collection contains what must be one of the most comprehensive private football libraries in existence. He has had film taken of almost every game he has played in both as a Danish international and with Glasgow Rangers.

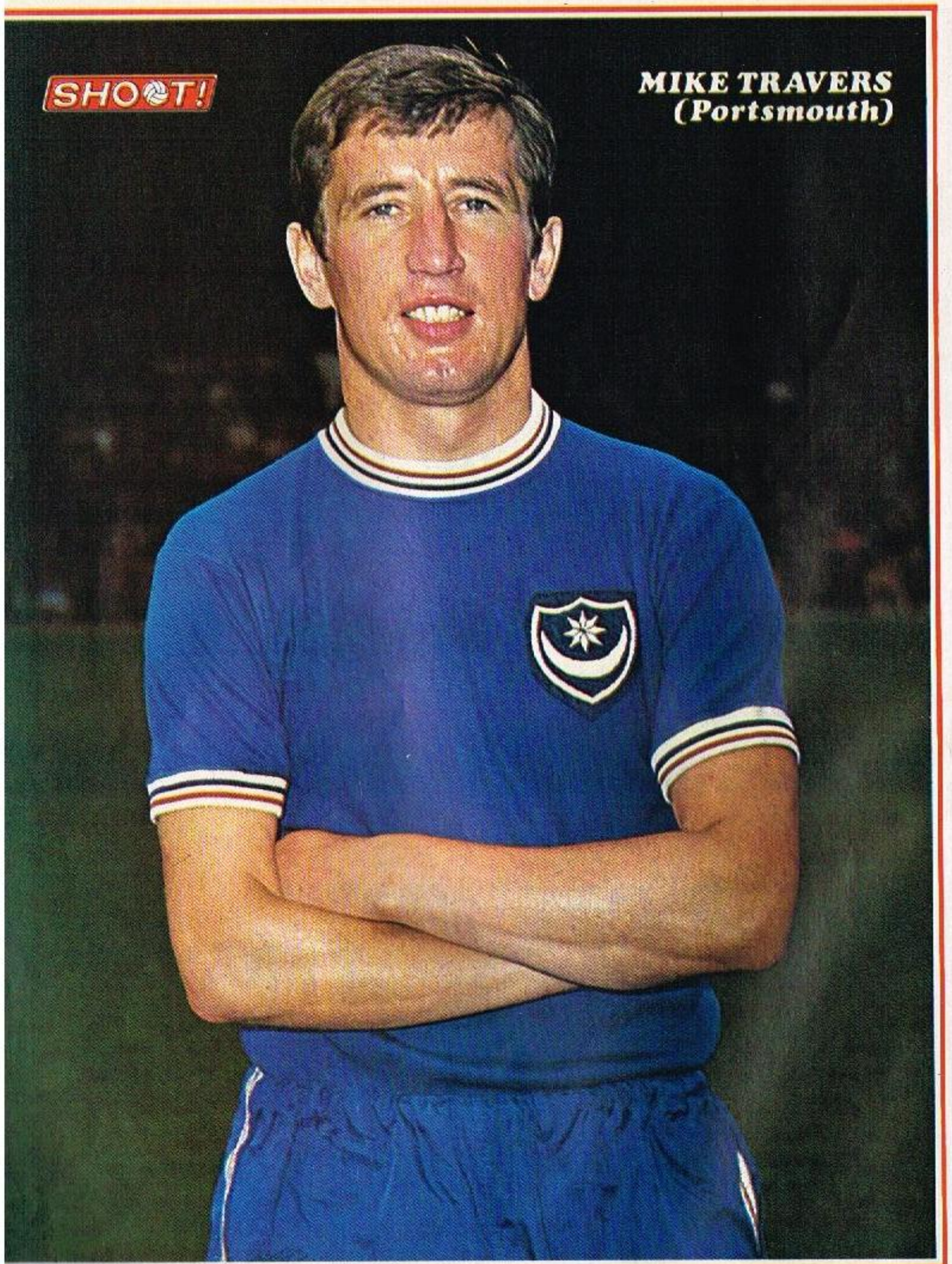
"Life couldn't be better," says Kaj summing it all up. "Long may it continue."



Kaj leaps high to clear the danger while team-mate Ronnie McKinnon looks on.



Kaj's business partner, fellow Scandinavian Orjan Persson, the Rangers' winger.



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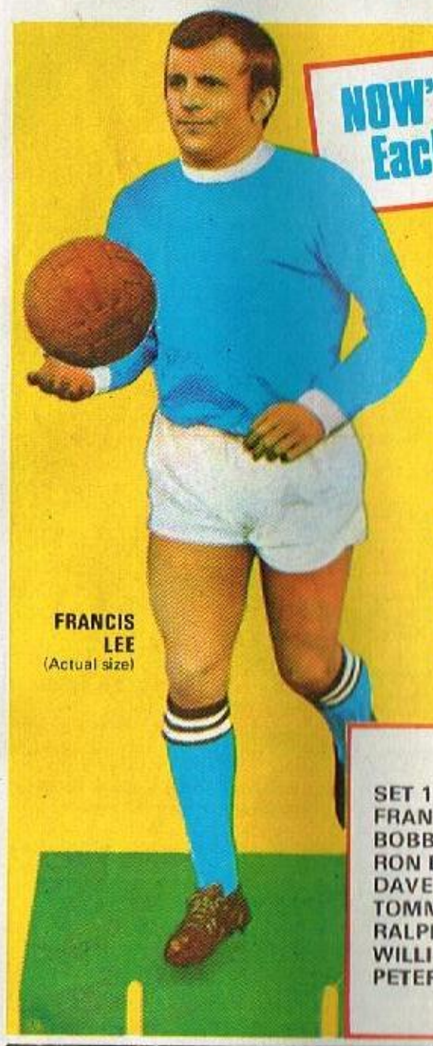

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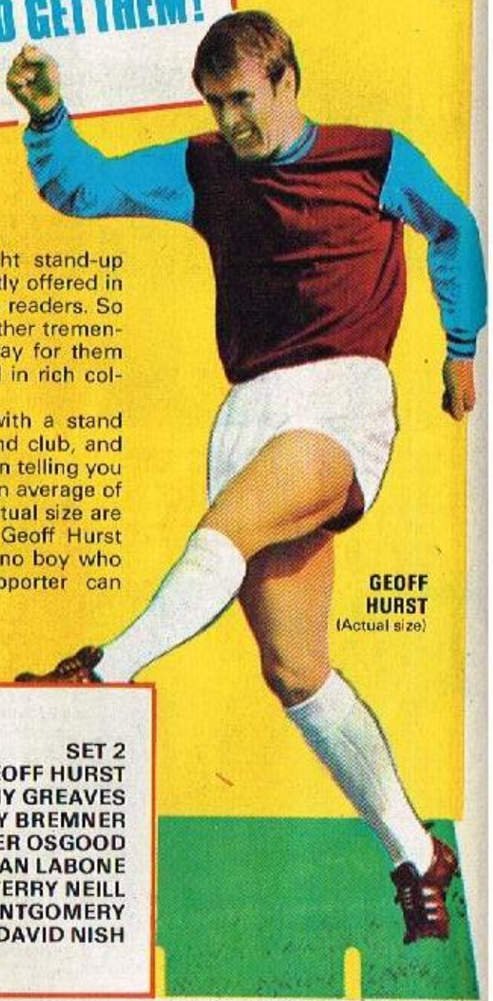

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ANOTHER VICTORY FOR LEICESTER?



Cardiff's full-back Allistair Murray could prove a formidable barrier for the Leicester forwards on Saturday.

John Sjoberg, Leicester's centre-half, will be facing Cardiff's John Toshack at Filbert Street. Stand by for action!



THE BATTLE for Second Division honours is hotting up into one of the most exciting for years, with at least a dozen teams in the promotion race. Two of the "hopefuls" will meet next Saturday at Filbert Street — Leicester City and Cardiff City, former First Division rivals.

The last time they met was in the top section in the 1961-62 season. A tragic season for the Welsh Bluebirds. Leicester beat them twice, 3-0 at Filbert Street and 4-0 at Ninian Park, and Cardiff were relegated. Now Leicester have joined them in the Second Division so they meet again for the first time since 1962.

It seems a far cry to the days when Cardiff City were one of the finest teams in the game, F.A. Cup winners and First Division runners-up in the 20s. Since then their fortunes have been mixed for they spent a spell in the Third Division, but under manager Jimmy Scoular the Bluebirds are bidding for a return to the senior section.

NEXT WEEK'S MATCH TO WATCH

Yet they cannot view next Saturday's match with any real pleasure. As you can see by the results table below, they have not won a game at Leicester since the war and have only two points to show from eight visits. Filbert Street is one of their bogey grounds — or so it would seem.

Not that Jimmy Scoular is likely to be worried about what happened in the past, in the days before he became Cardiff's manager.

It is interesting to look back at the last League meetings between Leicester and Cardiff. In that 1961-62 season two of the top stars at Filbert Street were Gordon Banks and Frank McLintock. The "Gay Gordon" had not then made his first appearance for England. Hugh McIlmoyle was among their goalscorers and Graham Cross and John Sjoberg were then striving to make a place for themselves in the first team.

Peter Shilton was only 11-years-old at that time, and Peter Rodrigues was playing for — guess who? Cardiff City, although not in the first-team. He's made lots of progress since then and he'll be keen to prove it when his old club visit Filbert Street next weekend.

Leicester City's record in League games against Cardiff City since the war.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
At Leicester	8	6	2	0	17	5	14
At Cardiff	8	2	2	4	13	16	6
Total	16	8	4	4	30	21	20



Leicester's Peter Shilton is one of the best young goalkeepers in the country.

David Carver, the Welsh side's defender, hopes to keep the Leicester attack quiet.



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"THE CAT" leaps towards MEXICO

CHELSEA and England goalkeeper Peter Bonetti looks Mexico-bound in June with England's World Cup squad. Known throughout the football world as "The Cat", because of his amazing agility, Peter almost certainly booked his seat on the jet for Guadalajara, after his fantastic display against Holland recently. Following that match, the Press and football public alike acclaimed him as one of England's greatest goalkeepers — and when you think of the rest of the opposition, Peter Shilton (Leicester City), Alex Stepney (Manchester United) and Jim Montgomery (Sunderland), to name just three — that's some tribute.

Born in Putney, Bonetti has always been a one-club man, joining the Stamford Bridge club straight from school. He signed pro-forms with Chelsea Juniors in April, 1959. As deputy to the great Reg Matthews a former England 'keeper, "The Cat" soon learned his trade, and he made his first-team debut against Manchester City in April, 1960.

Peter was a member of England's World Cup squad in 1966, but failed to get a game in the final stages. Apart from full England honours, Peter has played for the Under-23 and Football League teams. One of his proudest possessions is the World XI cap he gained in 1967 when he represented F.I.F.A. against Spain in Madrid.



*. . . And talking of goalkeepers, one unique fact binds the four men fighting for the No. 1 team-spot in England's World Cup squad. Gordon Banks and Peter Shilton were **both** team-mates at Leicester City, before Gordon moved to Stoke. And Peter Bonetti and Alex Stepney were **both** team-mates for Chelsea, before Manchester United nipped in and signed the latter.*

SHOOTING AROUND

F.A. Cup winners Manchester City added another handsome trophy to their long honours list recently, when they won the National Five - a - Side competition. The tournament, organised by a leading daily newspaper, was held at the Empire Pool, Wembley, and seventeen clubs took part, including Celtic, Rangers, Arsenal, Chelsea and West Ham. In a thrilling Final, City beat Swindon Town by two goals to one, scored by Colin Bell and Neil Young. Don Rogers replied for Swindon. Pictured here are the triumphant City squad. Back row: Colin Bell, Alan Oakes, Joe Corrigan. Front row: Neil Young, Glyn Pardoe and Tony Book.



SUCCESS story of the year — the rise of Rochdale. Manager Len Richley's side were promoted from the Fourth Division last season, and already this campaign they have topped the Third Division table. If they can win promotion in April, it will be the first time they have ever played in the Second Division.

IF . . .

. . . Joe Royle becomes the First Division's top goal-scorer this season, he will be the first Everton player to do so since the great Tommy Lawton!

. . . Port Vale become Champions of the Fourth Division next year they will be only the second club in the Division's history to take this Championship on two separate occasions! Doncaster Rovers, winning the League last season, were the first club to set the record.

. . . Roger Hunt (right), scores a goal against Derby County on February 28, when Liverpool play the "Rams" at Anfield, he will set up a unique record. Roger will have scored goals against every single First Division side, currently playing in the top League. . . .

. . . Queen's Park Rangers are promoted to the First Division in April, it will complete a series of four seasons of "ups and downs". In season 1966-67 they were promoted to the Second Division from the Third; in 1967-68 they were promoted from the Second Division to the First; in 1968-69 they were relegated from the First Division . . .



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AYR UNITED'S CATTLE DRIVE



THE outcome of an ambitious fund-raising campaign by a group of Ayrshire businessmen could provide the people of Ayr with night football next season. It is hoped that £12,000 can be raised for the installation of floodlights at Somerset Park, home of Ayr United, who are the only First Division club in Scotland without lights.

Cash is expected to be drawn from all sources, but the most interesting idea could turn out to be the most profitable! The local farmers have agreed to make gifts of livestock which would be sold at the cattle market. Ayrshire cattle is the best stock, so it is here that the enterprising businessmen hope to make a substantial part of the sum needed. It is intriguing to think that the management and supporters of Ayr United are orgainising their own cattle drive!

The other local traders in the area have promised to make similar offers, and the personal donations from the ordinary man on the terracing, will undoubtedly be a considerable amount. All this proves just how determined the people of Ayr are to put their team at the forefront of Scottish soccer.

The management have realised the great potential of the present team, and they have promised the fans there will be great efforts made to keep the side together in their bid for a permanent spot in the First Division.

If success can be gained by the wholehearted efforts of the fans, Ayr United will certainly go places. The team have given a hint of how good they can be, they have shocked all the big guns in the top league and have gained the respect of everyone in Scottish Football.

George bows out with ten-goal salute!

HOW often do you see 17 goals in a match? Very seldom . . . unless you were lucky enough to be at George Cohen's testimonial game recently, when a World Cup XI defeated an International XI by 10-7. George, whose career with Fulham and England was cut short by a knee injury, still had his problems that night . . . a bad cold kept him out of the World Cup team. Even so, Bobby Moore and company delighted the 18,000 plus fans with some wonderful goals. Biggest cheers were for a Nobby Stiles "special" and a Gordon Banks penalty! Sir Alf Ramsey presented George with a silver tea service before the game, a fitting gesture to this fine player. Football will miss George Cohen, but he could well be staying in the game as a coach or manager.



European Cup holders bid for England's centre-forward!

ITALY are the first holders of the Women's European Cup. They beat Denmark recently in the Turin Final by 3 goals to 1.

In Italy, where the final stages of this nations' competition took place, ladies' football has really captured the imagination of the public, and there are several League clubs in existence.

And it's not only the Italian men who are ready with cheque books for a quick transfer when talent comes on to the scene. England's centre-forward Sue Lopez has just been offered terms with Real Turino Ladies' Club. The team have guaranteed Sue a job, free board and lodgings, and given her an annual contract with a retainer fee to go with it.

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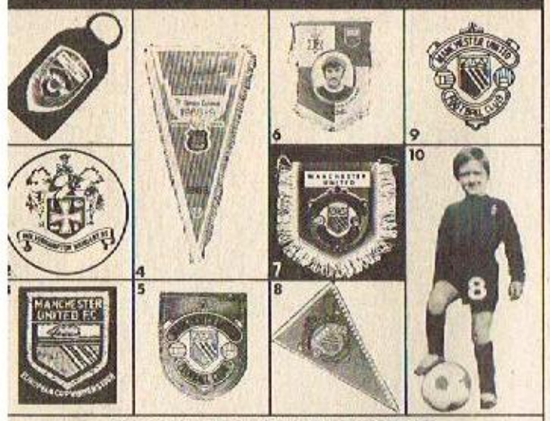

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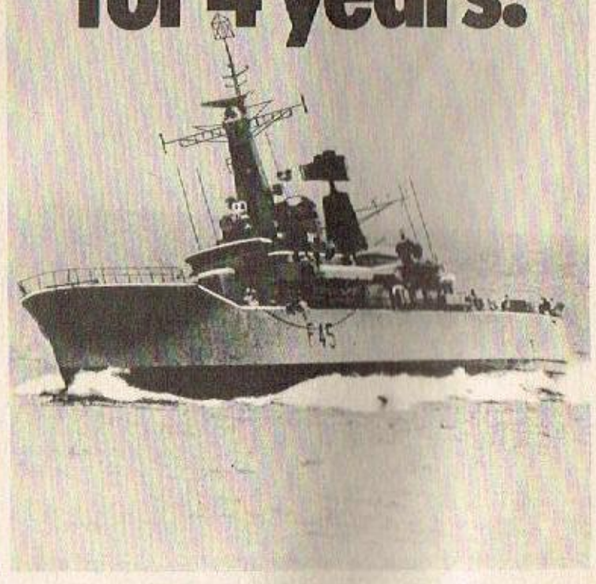

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"Extra time" can mean a difficult time for the referee

by Stan Lover — Chairman of the London Referees' Society.

WHEN SOMEONE calls "Time's up!" the command is generally greeted with groans, because something enjoyable has to stop.

But "Time!" called in soccer can spark off a quite different reaction, for when Keith Walker, the Maidstone referee, blew the final whistle at the West Bromwich Albion v Liverpool match this season he was promptly set upon by irate fans who thought he had given them too much football!

LATE EQUALISER

West Brom had held a strong Liverpool side and were in sight of victory, with the score at 2-1, when in "extra time" Liverpool equalised. Home fans blamed the referee for allowing the visitors breathing space to score again.

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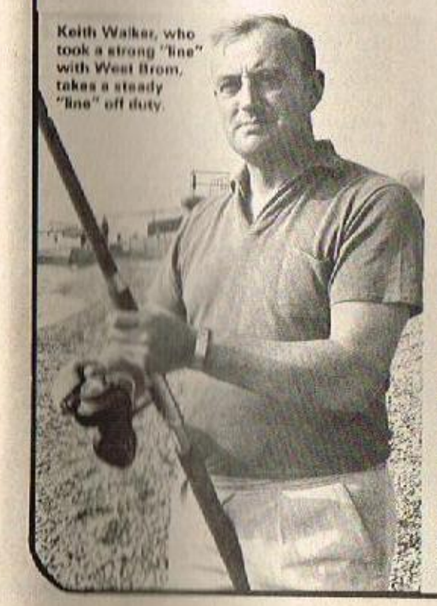
The Laws of the Game are quite simple in telling the referee his duty. Law 7 says:

"The duration of the game shall be two equal periods of 45 minutes . . . subject to the following—

"(a) Allowance shall be made in either period for all time lost through accident or other cause, the amount of which shall be a matter for the discretion of the Referee."

In the case of the West Brom v Liverpool match, referee Walker allowed 3½ minutes to the end of the second half. Liverpool equalised in the third minute!

Keith Walker was of the opinion that these extra minutes were fair compensation for time lost during visits by trainers to attend injured players, delays due to fans invading the pitch and a limited amount of gamesmanship.



Keith Walker, who took a strong "line" with West Brom, takes a steady "line" off duty.

SIX WATCHES

The assessment of actual playing time is not as it may seem. In every match stoppages occur for many correct reasons: e.g., ball going out of play at throw-ins, goal-kicks, corner-kicks, free-kicks and goals etc. Precious minutes are lost which referees do not normally add. It has been proved by analysing many Football League matches that such stoppages can total between 50 and 100.

If the referee stopped his watch every time play came to a temporary halt, matches would still be in progress two hours after starting! Referees generally look for abnormal stoppages such as treatment of injuries, which can take two to three minutes, or deliberate attempts to waste time by a team in the lead or content in playing for a draw.

In League matches there are usually six neutral watches in use, two each carried by the referee and his linesmen. The three officials operate a code of signals to cross-check the last few minutes of each half but the referee makes the final decision.

Why not have a separate timekeeper, as is used successfully in ice hockey.

Maybe, but the two sports are not directly comparable. In football about 98 per cent of matches are played at junior level where it would not be practical to appoint an additional official to act as timekeeper.

The strength of the existing 17 laws is **simplicity,** which ensures universal application wherever football is played and at all levels. Great pains are taken to avoid having one set of laws for professional football and another for the amateur game. It is therefore unlikely that an exception would be made for the special timing of professional matches.

When the referee says, "TIME GENTLEMEN, PLEASE," he's given **both** teams 90 minutes in which to demonstrate their skills.

"And that," as the TV commentator said, "is what the game is all about!"

Manchester United's George Best and referee Kirkpatrick have a "discussion" . . . "Don't do it again, George," says the ref!

DIFFERENT CLUBS-SAME GROUND!

First Division Nottingham Forest and Fourth Division Notts County have some amazing stories to tell!



Nottingham Forest's tower in defence is centre-half and captain, Terry Hennessey. Welsh international Terry joined the club from Birmingham City in 1965 for £55,000.

NOTTS COUNTY — founded in 1862 — are proudly proclaimed by the football authorities as the oldest League club in the world.

County, alas, are not going as strong as in happier days, and they only narrowly missed the indignity of having to apply for re-election to the Fourth Division at the end of last season.

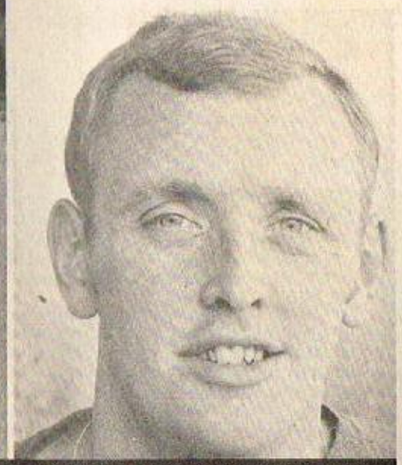
Yet they've twice appeared in an F.A. Cup Final — winning the trophy in 1893-94 — have three times been Second Division Champions, and have twice finished third in the First.

Nowadays, though, it's neighbouring Forest — founded three years later than County — who catch the eye around Nottingham way.

GRANDSTAND FIRE

This season so far may not have been one of their best by any means — but it is still they and not County who, as First Division-ers and F.A. Cup-winners as recently as 1958-59, have the privilege of playing host at their ground to the "big boys" from Manchester, Merseyside and Leeds.

Not that Forest really "set 'em alight" last season, either — unless you count the misfortune of their £110,000 grandstand being burnt out in a fire during an early home match with Leeds, which forced them to share County's ground until a new stand was built.



Born in New Barnet, Notts County's brilliant goalkeeper Mike Rose joined the club from Second Division Charlton Athletic. A versatile 'keeper, Rose is very agile in the air.

Short of a "plum" Cup draw, struggling County — just across the river — have to play clubs like Bradford and Newport before an average gate of not much above 4,000-odd in a ground which can, and has, held twelve times as many.

SOCCER SEE-SAW

Possibly none other of the 92 clubs in the League has seen such a see-saw existence as County.

In their many ups-and-downs between First and Fourth Divisions, they've been relegated no less than nine times — and promoted on six occasions.

Up to a dozen seasons ago, though, County's home was more usually in the Second Division. Then a sad and rapid decline set in.

But Forest, too, have had both their triumphs and setbacks since the war — having appeared in each Division bar the Fourth — despite now being able to boast that they're one of only ten clubs to remain in the First for eleven or more successive seasons.

Yet in 1948-49 — even though it was only a two-season stay — proud Forest sank right down to the Third Division (South).

A far cry from that were the days of their 12-0 victory over Leicester in 1908-09 — which still, more than half a century later, shares the record with Aston Villa and West Bromwich for the highest-ever score in a First Division game.

FIRST WHISTLE

Forest can point to another "record", too. t was on their ground — back in 1878 — hat a trend-setting Victorian referee, unable o make himself heard with the then usual shouted orders, decided to be "daring" and experiment with a whistle instead.

The idea worked like a charm — and refs have been grateful to him for it ever since!

Yet another claim to the unusual: Forest are the only club in the whole League which are not, in the official term, a Limited company.

Which means they are also the only one without any of that much-criticised (sometimes unfairly) band of men — Club Directors. Instead Forest, alone of the ninety-two, are run by an elected committee.





Above: Ian Storey-Moore leads his Forest team-mate Henry Newton out of the players' tunnel. Both Moore and Newton joined the club straight from school. Right: Notts County half-back Dennis Oakes was formerly a Coventry City player. Dennis is a superb midfield player who has a flair for scoring goals as well as making them.

And Forest can claim, too, to have "chosen" Arsenal's famous colours of red-and-white for the London club. Not that Arsenal really had much choice.

When they were founded in 1886, the club were so poor that they couldn't afford a set of jerseys. Then a Nottingham-born member had the brainwave of asking Forest if they had an old set to spare.

Forest had, and did. Arsenal gratefully accepted — and, to this day play in red-and-white.

STARTLING COLOURS

But Forest have always been rather more orthodox in colours than their neighbours. County's first jerseys were bright amber, which they later changed to a startling shade of purple, and then to chocolate-and-pale blue.

Before long, though, they switched again to their famous strip of black-and-white stripes — a design which brought about their nickname of "Magpies".

But, though County's days of greatness were mainly in the past, it doesn't mean they can't look to the future with a vigorous policy of encouraging youth.

Amidst all their struggles of recent years, they've never lost hope of climbing back to glory — one day.

Like so many clubs in the Fourth Division, though, their problems are double-edged. They can't spend much to strengthen the team without bigger gates — and yet they can't hope for much bigger gates without a strong team capable of challenging hard for promotion.

For the moment at any rate, the days when they could buy the services of one of England's best-ever centre-forwards in Tommy Lawton — which they did shortly after the war — seem to be over.

And the best of their own young discoveries may again have to be transferred to make ends meet!

This is what happened in the past to stars like Birmingham's Ron Wylie and Tony Hateley, who both left County for Aston Villa — Ron in 1958, and Tony in 1963.

Same again with Jeff Astle — transferred to West Bromwich in 1964.

Big names start, but these days can't stay long, at Fourth Division County.

Which is where more powerful Forest have the local advantage. Their team is laced with big names like Bob McKinlay, Terry Hennessey, and Henry Newton — as staunch a midfield trio as you would find almost anywhere — and attackers like Ronnie Rees, Ian Storey-Moore and Barry Lyons.

LOYAL CLUB-SERVANT

And in these days of temperamental stars demanding transfers at the drop of a hat . . . spare a very special word of praise for a super-loyal club-servant like Bob McKinlay.

Bob joined Forest from a Scottish junior side in 1959, won an F.A. Cup-winners' medal with them the same year, and has now worn their colours in well over 600 first-team games — including six seasons without missing a single match.

As Forest manager Matt Gillies rightly suggests: "Short of men like Bob McKinlay — the solid rocks upon which clubs are built — football would be a VERY much poorer game."

RECORD OF BOTH NOTTINGHAM CLUBS

NOTTS COUNTY
- F.A. Cup Winners 1893-94
- F.A. Cup Finalists 1890-91
- F.A. Cup Semi-Finalists four times
- Second Division Champions 1896-97
- Second Division Champions 1913-14
- Second Division Champions 1922-23
- Second Division runners-up 1894-95
- Third Division (South) Champions 1930-31
- Third Division (South) Champions 1949-50
- Third Division (South) runners-up 1936-37
- Fourth Division runners-up 1959-60

NOTTM FOREST
- F.A. Cup Winners 1897-98
- F.A. Cup Winners 1958-59
- F.A. Cup Semi-Finalists 10 times
- First Division runners-up 1966-67
- Second Division Champions 1906-07
- Second Division Champions 1921-22
- Second Division runners-up 1956-57
- Third Division (South) Champions 1950-51

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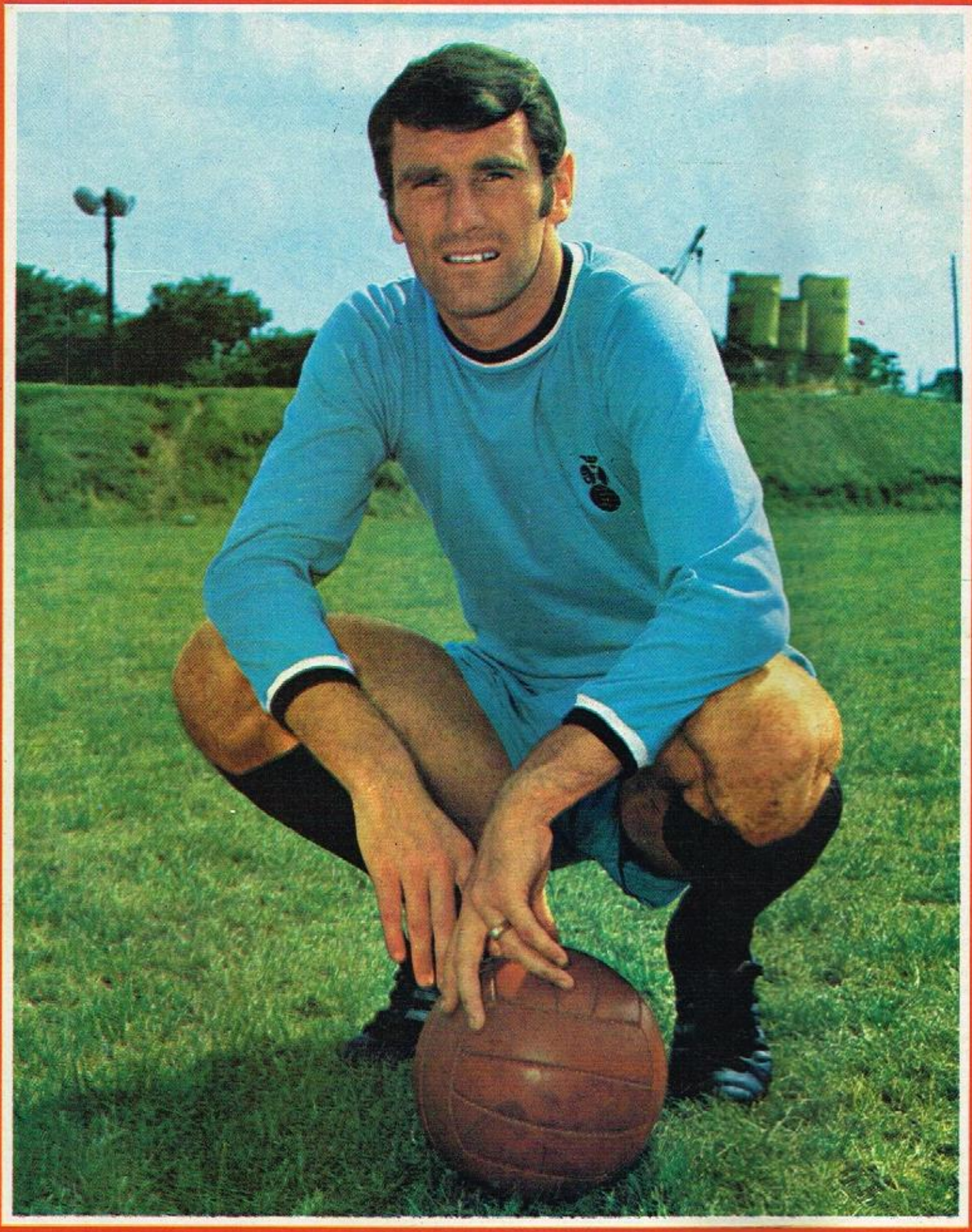

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