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| 1.45 pm to 2.50 pm | SELECTIONS BY THE BAND OF THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT (by permission of the Commanding Officer) Under the Direction of W.O.I. (BM) P. E. Hills, F.L.C.M. |
| 2.50 pm | PRESENTATION OF THE TEAMS TO SIR MATT BUSBY, C.B.E Vice-President, The Football League |
| | THE NATIONAL ANTHEM |
| 3.00 pm | KICK-OFF |
| 3.45 pm | HALF-TIME MARCHING DISPLAY BY THE BAND |
| 4.45 pm | END OF MATCH |
| | PRESENTATION OF THE CUP AND TROPHIES BY SIR MATT BUSBY, C.B.E. |



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RESULTS OF PREVIOUS LEAGUE CUP FINALS

| Season | Winners | Division | Opponents | Division | Result | Final Leg (1st 2nd) |
|---------|-------------------|----------|---|----------|--------|------------------------|
| 1960-61 | Aston Villa | 1 | Rotherham United | 2 | 3-2 | (0-2 : 3-0) |
| 1961-62 | Norwich City | 2 | Rochdale | 4 | 4-0 | (3-0 : 1-0) |
| 1962-63 | Birmingham City | 1 | Aston Villa | 1 | 3-1 | (3-1 : 0-0) |
| 1963-64 | Leicester City | 1 | Stoke City | 1 | 4-3 | (1-1 : 3-2) |
| 1964-65 | Chelsea | 1 | Leicester City | 1 | 3-2 | (3-2 : 0-0) |
| 1965-66 | West Bromwich A. | 1 | West Ham United | 1 | 5-3 | (1-2 : 4-1) |
| 1966-67 | Queen's Park R. | 3 | West Bromwich A. | 1 | 3-2 | (Wembley) |
| 1967-68 | Leeds United | 1 | Arsenal | 1 | 1-0 | (Wembley) |
| 1968-69 | Swindon Town | 3 | Arsenal | 1 | 3-1 | A.E.T. (Wembley) |
| 1969-70 | Manchester City | 1 | West Bromwich A. | 1 | 2-1 | (Wembley) |
| 1970-71 | Tottenham Hotspur | 1 | Aston Villa | 3 | 2-0 | (Wembley) |
| 1971-72 | Stoke City | 1 | Chelsea | 1 | 2-1 | (Wembley) |
| 1972-73 | Tottenham Hotspur | 1 | Norwich City | 1 | 1-0 | (Wembley) |
| 1973-74 | Wolverhampton W. | 1 | Manchester City | 1 | 2-1 | (Wembley) |
| 1974-75 | Aston Villa | 2 | Norwich City | 2 | 1-0 | (Wembley) |
| 1975-76 | Manchester City | 1 | Newcastle United | 1 | 2-1 | (Wembley) |
| 1976-77 | Aston Villa | 1 | Everton | 1 | 0-0 | A.E.T. (Wembley) |
| 1977-78 | Nottingham Forest | 1 | After two replays Aston Villa won 3-2 at Old Trafford. | | | (Wembley) |
| | | | Liverpool | 1 | 0-0 | |
| | | | After a replay Nottingham Forest won 1-0 at Old Trafford. | | | |
| 1978-79 | Nottingham Forest | 1 | Southampton | 1 | 3-2 | (Wembley) |
| 1979-80 | Wolverhampton W. | 1 | Nottingham Forest | 1 | 1-0 | (Wembley) |
| 1980-81 | Liverpool | 1 | West Ham United | 2 | 1-1 | (Wembley) |
| | | | After replay Liverpool won 2-1 at Villa Park | | | |

Welcome to The Final

—Jack Rollin previews the Big Match



When Graeme Souness and Steve Perryman were members of the same Tottenham Hotspur team that successfully battled through a marathon Football Association Youth Cup Final with Coventry City in 1970 they could scarcely have envisaged today's encounter on opposite sides in vastly different circumstances.

The career of Souness has since embraced Middlesbrough, the Scottish national team and now he captains Liverpool. Perryman has remained at White Hart Lane, the senior professional and one of the best uncapped players in the country.

When Liverpool and Spurs reached this year's League Cup Final they were arguably the two most in-form teams in the country. Indeed throughout the two decades of the competition, no final pairing has quite captured the ideal ending that this has contrived to do.

Apart from their peak performances building up to negotiation of the semi-final stage, both Liverpool and Tottenham have earned justifiable reputations in knock-out competitions of recent vintage. The Anfield club are also defending their League Cup title won last season against another London side West Ham United, though not before being taken to a replay at Villa Park for this their initial honour in the tournament.

Liverpool's other successes have been in the broader horizon of Europe with a trio of European Champions Cup trophies in 1977, 1978 and 1981 following UEFA Cup victories in 1973 and 1976 as well as the Super Cup in 1977.

Even Tottenham can claim to have had pioneering achievement in Europe as their Cup Winners Cup win in 1963 was the first such honour for an English side. In 1972 Spurs added the UEFA Cup to their titles.

However it is in the domestic cup field that the White Hart Lane side have really covered themselves with glory. Six FA Cup final appearances and six wins including the one at Wembley last year which made them the present holders, plus two League Cup successes in 1971 and 1973.

Victory for Liverpool today would end this unique record for Tottenham which dates back to just after the turn of the century, when their initial 1901 FA Cup triumph came while they were still a non-league club.

Sixty years on from that beginning came the Glory, Glory days of vocal encouragement and response on the pitch for Spurs, who in a space of two seasons won the FA Cup twice and became champions of the Football League.



Ray Clemence — a League Cup Winner's medal with Liverpool last year. Will Ray win a second today against his old club?

The League Cup was making its first tentative steps in what appeared to be a generally hostile environment to its emergence, but down the years it has become an accepted entry in the soccer calendar and one much prized by competitors.

Even in recession and economic crisis-ridden 1982 the present tournament has had a good reception when you consider that today's finalists have been watched by close on half a million spectators on their paths to Wembley.

Thus the two sides with their contrasting styles will be adding the revenue from the capacity crowd today for the furtherance of much needed income for all the clubs in the competition, not merely the fortunate finalists.

And while Liverpool's skipper Souness can point to his prior knowledge of the set-up at Tottenham, there is a more up-to-date version for Spurs in their one-time Liverpool goalkeeper Ray Clemence, only recruited this season.

Clemence's successor at Anfield is the Zimbabwe international Bruce Grobbelaar for whom this has been a difficult settling in season, though he had a previous spell in the Football League with Crewe Alexandra a couple of seasons back.

In fact much of Liverpool's recent resurgence as a force in the country has come from one of their periodic revivals with one or two new faces finally establishing themselves on Merseyside.

In recent months centre-forward Ian Rush, a Welsh international snapped up from Chester, has become the goalscoring spearhead that Anfield were lacking for some while.

Irishman Ronnie Whelan has quickly become one of the favourites of the Anfield Kop with his confidence and ability and a fellow international with the Republic of Ireland team in Mark Lawrenson has earned praise from manager Bob Paisley.

"He has possibly been my most consistent player," said Paisley. "I've played him everywhere without a murmur from him."

And dating from their Tokyo defeat in December against Brazil's Flamengo, Liverpool have certainly benefited from the performances of Rush, Whelan and Lawrenson in particular who have given the rest of the team renewed ambition.

But if Liverpool's improvement can be judged from one point and several new faces, Tottenham have revealed a deeper dimension of talent behind their best form in the present season.

"We've a top quality collection of 16-17 players," said manager Keith Burkinshaw. "We can bring in other men and it doesn't affect us."

Clearly the defence has become far less a vulnerable department of the team which has been amply confirmed in the League Cup alone as Spurs arrived for the final having not conceded one goal on the way to Wembley.

In midfield the contrasting skills of Glenn Hoddle and Ossie Ardiles have formed the basis of Spurs attractiveness as a side to watch, not simply from a visual viewpoint, but as a successful operation as well.

Hoddle who has often reserved the big occasion for his outstanding performances can be majestic in his midfield manipulations, while Ardiles scurrying purposefully and with



Flashback to 1981 — Alan Kennedy shoots Liverpool into the lead at Wembley, but the match ended 1-1 after extra time.

a complete unselfishness presents the most admirable partner.

Both sides have a first-class finisher in their attacks: Kenny Dalglish for Liverpool and Garth Crooks for Spurs. Each player has overcome problems this season and is back at his sharpest; Dalglish after an addition to the family and Crooks finding form and fitness after his lengthy injury.

Thus the scene is set. It remains for the contestants to play it out in what should be an entertaining and keenly fought encounter in the highest tradition of two leading clubs of the moment.



Kenny Dalglish (left) and Ian Rush — the new goalscoring spearhead and architects of Liverpool's dramatic resurgence.

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Team Manager: Bob Paisley

Asst. to Manager: Joe Fagan

First Team Coach: Ronnie Moran

General Secretary: P.B. Robinson

Year Formed: 1892

Turned Professional: 1892

Limited Company: 1892

Football League Record:

1893 Elected to Division 2

1894-95 Division 1

1895-96 Division 2

1896-1904 Division 1

1904-05 Division 2

1905-54 Division 1

1954-62 Division 2

1962- Division 1

Honours: Football League:

Division 1, Champions: 1900-01, 1905-06,

1921-22, 1922-23, 1946-47, 1963-64, 1965-66,

1972-73, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1978-79, 1979-80

(record). Runners-up: 1898-99, 1909-10, 1968-69,

1973-74, 1974-75, 1977-78. Division 2,

Champions: 1893-94, 1895-96, 1904-05, 1961-62.

F.A. Cup, Winners: 1965, 1974.

Runners-up: 1914, 1950, 1971, 1977. Football

League Cup, Winners 1980-81. Runners-up

1977-78.

European Competitions: European Cup:

1964-65, 1966-67, 1973-74, 1976-77 (winners),

1977-78 (winners), 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81

(winners). European Cup Winners' Cup: 1965-66

(Runners-up) 1971-72, 1974-75. European Fairs

Cup: 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71. UEFA
Cup: 1972-73 (winners), 1975-76 (winners). Super
Cup: 1977 (winners), 1978.

Record Victory: 11-0 v Strömsgodset, European
Cup-Winners' Cup, Sept. 17th, 1974.

Record Defeat: 1-9 v Birmingham C. Division 2,
Dec. 11th, 1954.

Most League Points: 68, Division 1, 1978-79.
(First Division record).

Most League Goals: 106, Division
2, 1895-96.

Highest League Scorer in Season:
Roger Hunt, 41, Division 2, 1961-62.

**Most League Goals in Total
Aggregate:** Roger Hunt, 245,
1959-69.

Most Capped Player: Emlyn
Hughes, 59 (62) England.

Most League Appearances: Ian
Callaghan, 640, 1960-78.

Record Transfer Fee Received:
£500,000 from Hamburg SV for
Kevin Keegan, June 1977.

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £900,000, to Brighton
& Hove Albion for Mark Lawrenson, Aug. 1981.

Managers Since the War: George Kay, Don
Welsh, Phil Taylor, Bill Shankly.

Address of Supporters Club: 212 Lower Breck
Road. **Ground:** Anfield Road, Liverpool 4.
Telephone 051-263 2361.

Ground capacity: 50,130.

Record attendance: 61,905 v Wolverhampton
W., FA Cup 4th Rd., February 2, 1952.

Record receipts: £154,000 Wales v Scotland,
World Cup qualifying tie, October 12, 1977.

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SECOND ROUND

First Leg: Wednesday 7th October — ANFIELD

LIVERPOOL 5 EXETER CITY 0 (h-t 3-0) 11,478

Rush 2, McDermott, Dalglish, Whelan.

Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Lawrenson, Whelan, Dalglish, Lee, Rush, McDermott, Souness.

Second Leg: Wednesday 28th October — ST. JAMES PARK

EXETER CITY 0 LIVERPOOL 6 (h-t 0-3) 11,740

Rush 2, Dalglish, Neal, Sheedy, Mather o.g.

Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hanson, Dalglish, Whelan, Rush, McDermott, Sheedy.

THIRD ROUND

Tuesday 10th November — ANFIELD

LIVERPOOL 4 MIDDLESBROUGH 1 (h-t 1-0) 16,145

Sheedy, Rush, Johnson 2

Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Thompson, Sheedy, Hansen, Dalglish, Johnson, Rush, McDermott (sub. Johnston), Souness.

FOURTH ROUND

Tuesday 1st December — Highbury

ARSENAL 0 LIVERPOOL 0 (h-t 0-0) 37,917

Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Whelan, Rush (sub. Johnson), McDermott, Souness.

Replay: Tuesday 8th December — ANFIELD

LIVERPOOL 3 ARSENAL 0 (h-t 0-0) a.e.t. 21,375

Johnston, McDermott pen., Dalglish

Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Kennedy (A), Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Lee (sub. Johnston), Rush, McDermott, Souness.

QUARTER-FINAL

Tuesday 12th January — ANFIELD

LIVERPOOL 0 BARNSEY 0 (h-t 0-0) 33,707

Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Thompson, Whelan, Hansen, Dalglish, Kennedy (A), Rush, McDermott, Souness.

Replay: Tuesday 19th January — OAKWELL

BARNSEY 1 LIVERPOOL 3 (h-t 1-1) 29,639

Souness, Johnson, Dalglish

Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Thompson, (sub. Johnson), Whelan, Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Rush, McDermott, Souness.

SEMI-FINAL

First Leg: Tuesday 2nd February — PORTMAN ROAD

IPSWICH TOWN 0 LIVERPOOL 2 (h-t 0-0) 26,690

McDermott, Rush

Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Kennedy (A), Whelan, Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Rush, McDermott, Souness.

Second Leg: Tuesday 9th February — ANFIELD

LIVERPOOL 2 IPSWICH TOWN 2 (h-t 1-0) 34,933

Rush, Dalglish

Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Kennedy (A), Whelan, Hansen, Dalglish, Lee (sub. Johnson), Rush, McDermott, Souness.

Recharging the Anfield batteries...



A poster pinned up in the Liverpool manager's office bears the words: "It isn't easy to stay on top." At 62, Bob Paisley has done that better than any manager in the history of English football, for since he succeeded Bill Shankly in charge at Anfield on July 26, 1974, Liverpool have won FIFTEEN major prizes — four League Championships, three European Cups, one success in each of the F.A. Cup, UEFA Cup and Super Cup competitions and five F.A. Charity Shields (four of them won outright, the other shared).

Until a year ago, the one elusive trophy was the League Cup. Now they aim to emulate the feat Nottingham Forest achieved in winning it in successive years (1978 and 1979). In every season since 1964-65 (18 in a row) Liverpool have qualified for Europe, and since Bill Shankly brought them out of the Second Division twenty years ago, they have been League Champions seven times and have never finished lower than eighth. They have won the First Division a record twelve times — four more than the next club, Arsenal, on that particular roll of honour.

Yet less than three months ago, rumour had



The League Cup goes to Anfield for the first time as Alan Hansen soars high above West Ham's Alvin Martin, to head the winning goal.

it that Liverpool were in decline. December had ended with two consecutive defeats. They were destroyed three-nil in twenty minutes by Flamengo, of Brazil, in the World Club Championship in Tokyo, and lost their next match 3-1 at home to Manchester City.

That was Liverpool's sixth defeat in 1981 at Anfield, where previously they had been inviolate for three years. To find them in the Championship table, you had to go down to twelfth place. Everyone outside Anfield was asking what had gone wrong.

But by the end of January, the Kop was singing a new song: "We're going to win the lot." Their heroes had burst back into form with an unbeaten run of eight matches, seven of them won and five of those away. In a matter of weeks, the side had been transformed. Twenty-year-old Ronnie Whelan did more than restore pace and movement in midfield; his arrival put new spring in older legs.

Mark Lawrenson ("possibly our most consistent player", says Bob Paisley) and Alan Hansen became a powerful centre-back partnership that benefited new goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar more than anyone; up front, Ian Rush struck a prodigious scoring rate; the name of Kenny Dalglish appeared on the scoresheet with some of its old frequency.

New Year started with Graeme Souness taking over the captaincy from Phil Thompson and today, three months on, he leads out Liverpool against the club with whom he began his career amid more than a little disappointment.

But what happened in London a month ago showed that Liverpool are not yet super-human. As Chelsea manager John Neal assessed his team's fifth round F.A. Cup opponents, his observations ran along these lines: "Kenny Dalglish — world-class; Alan Hansen — majestic; Ian Rush — a marvellous youngster; Terry McDermott — great grafter; Graeme Souness — a midfield master who is so suited to captaincy; and Bob Paisley — the manager who has had the rest of us guessing for a long time. We all know exactly how Liverpool play, but how many of us know how to beat them?"

Come the day, Second Division Chelsea *did* beat the Champions of Europe. Then it was Bob Paisley's turn to analyse his side: "When we knock the ball about and move quickly, we



Is there really any room left in the Liverpool trophy cabinet? Back at Wembley today as League Cup holders, the 'Reds' are also, of course, current Champions of Europe.

are the best team in the world . . . but when we knock it about and stand still, we can get caught out."

Departures and other absentees over the last seven months tell the story of the latest Liverpool transformation as much as the newcomers to the team do. In August, goalkeeper Ray Clemence decided that after 14 seasons at Anfield, he needed a new challenge and found it with Spurs. Jimmy Case also moved South, to Brighton, and Ray Kennedy joined the Liverpool contingent at Swansea. Besides the transferred Clemence and Kennedy, other England men Phil Thompson and David Johnson were out of the side.

Bill Shankly, who made Liverpool a force, died in September. Bob Paisley, his long-time assistant and friend, who went to Anfield as a player 43 years ago, has made the club even more formidable, and the beloved "Shanks" would have been proud of the way youth has recharged the team's batteries in the past few months.

Compared with last year's League Cup-winning side Clemence, Ray Kennedy and Case have moved on. It's a new-look Liverpool playing with the fluency of the Liverpool of old.

So, for the second year running, Liverpool plays London for the League Cup. But there is no yardstick of 1981-82 form by which to measure today's rivals, for these clubs have yet to meet in the First Division this season.

In an age when football's "teachers" have

much to answer for in the way that boldness and enterprise have been stifled, it is worth mention that while Liverpool's backroom staff are light on coaching certificates, the Anfield sideboard has grown heavy with silverware.

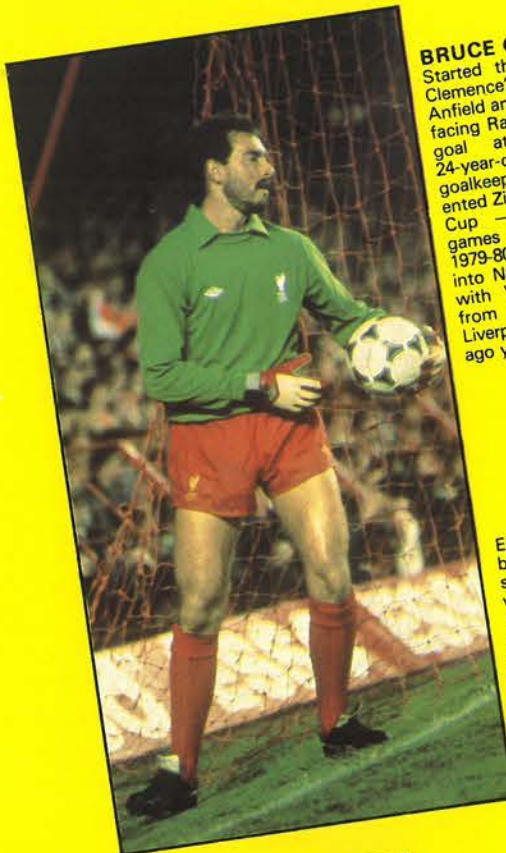
Like Joe Fagan and Ronnie Moran, another key man in the background is chief scout Geoff Twentyman. His playing days over, he was taken back to Anfield by Bill Shankly some fifteen years ago with this simple briefing: "Recommend good players — keep the bad ones away."

As Ian Rush soared to the top of the Liverpool scoring list this season, Geoff recalled the build-up to the youngster's £300,000 transfer: "I watched him play five times in home matches for Chester, studied him in away games, too."

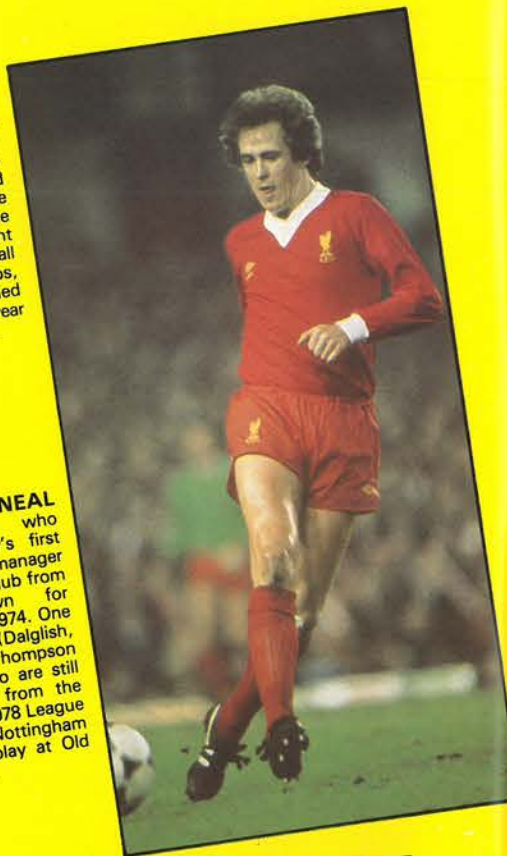
"I never went near the directors' box. To do that would have declared Liverpool's interest. We wanted to keep things low-key, so I followed Ian from the terraces or a place in the paddock until I felt it was time to tell Bob Paisley we had to sign the lad."

"Paying £300,000 for a teenage striker was still putting my head on the block, but I was convinced he had the makings of a player — a Liverpool player." Among Rush's rich haul this season, six League Cup goals on Liverpool's path to Wembley have more than confirmed that opinion.

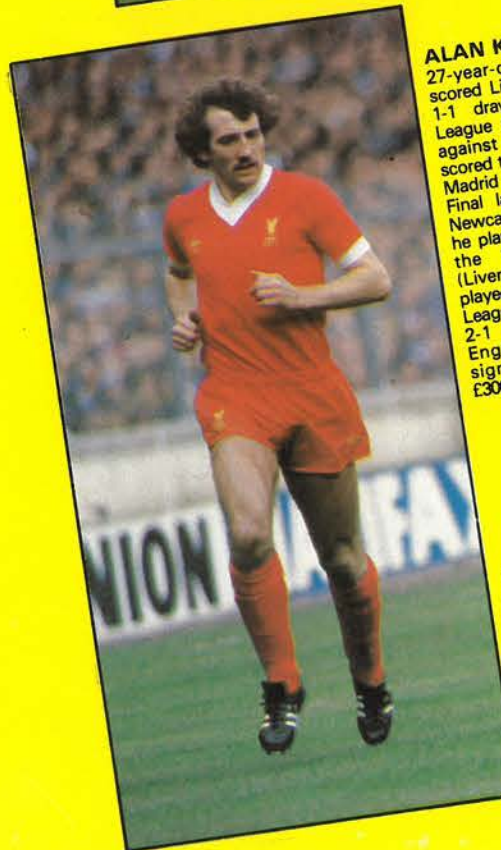
ALBERT SEWELL



BRUCE GROBBELAAR
Started the season as Ray Clemence's successor at Anfield and now finds himself facing Ray from the opposite goal at Wembley. The 24-year-old Rhodesian-born goalkeeper — he has represented Zimbabwe in the World Cup — played 24 League games for Crewe in the 1979-80 season, then went into North American football with Vancouver Whitecaps, from whom he joined Liverpool for £250,000, a year ago yesterday (March 12).



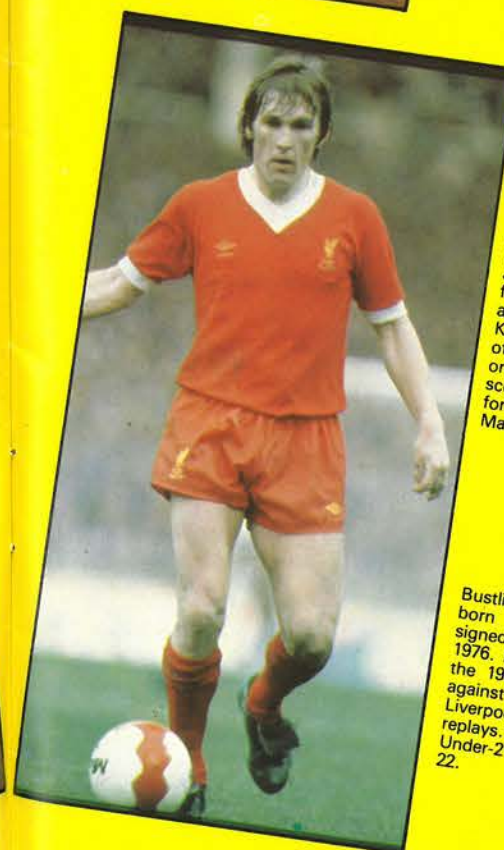
PHIL NEAL
England right-back who became Bob Paisley's first signing as Liverpool manager when he joined the club from Northampton Town for £60,000 in October 1974. One of four players (Dalglish, McDermott and Thompson are the others) who are still Liverpool regulars from the side that lost the 1978 League Cup Final against Nottingham Forest, in the replay at Old Trafford. Age 31.



ALAN KENNEDY
27-year-old left-back who scored Liverpool's goal in the 1-1 draw in last season's League Cup Final first match against West Ham. Also scored the winner against Real Madrid in the European Cup Final last May. Began with Newcastle United, for whom he played against Liverpool in the 1974 FA Cup Final (Liverpool won 3-0). Also played in Newcastle's 1976 League Cup Final side beaten 2-1 by Manchester City. England 'B' international signed by Liverpool for £300,000 in August 1978.



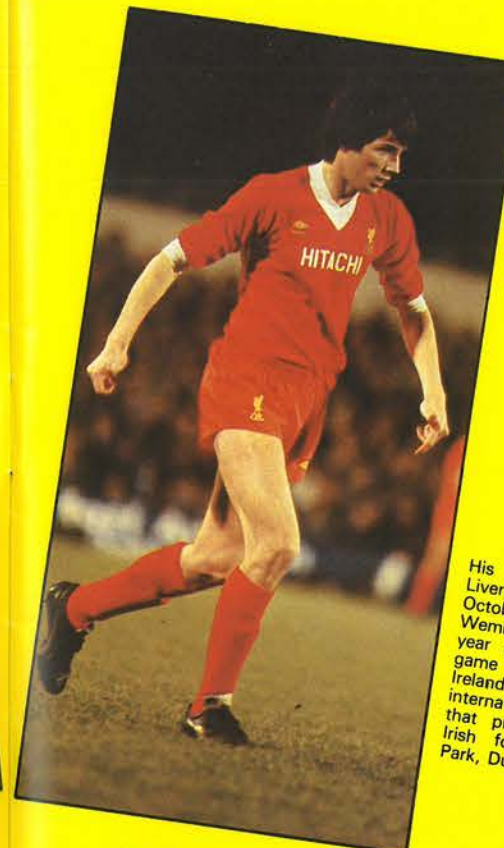
MARK LAWRENSON
Republic of Ireland defender (16 caps) who has established himself at centre-back alongside Hansen after signing from sea-siders Brighton and Hove Albion for £900,000 last August. That is Liverpool's record fee. Began with his home-town club, Preston North End, and joined Brighton for £100,000 in June 1977. Age 24.



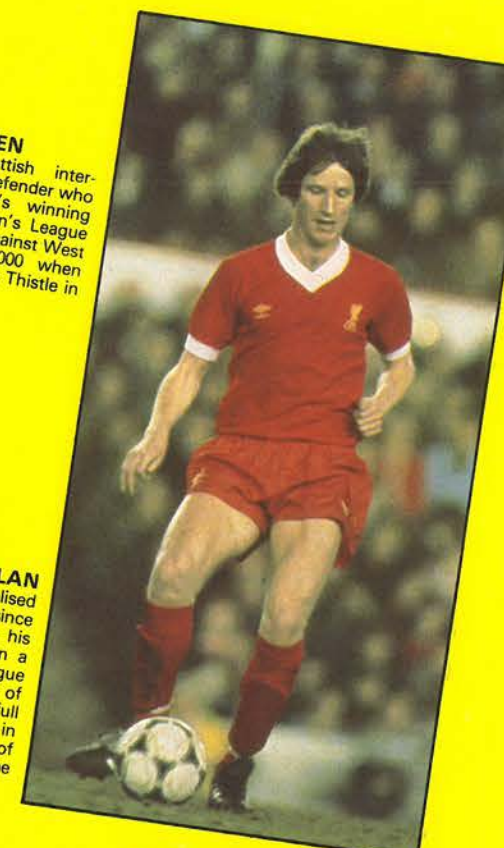
KENNY DALGLISH
Scored in every round of Liverpool's League Cup success last season including the Final replay against West Ham. Has five goals in the competition this season (only Ian Rush has scored more). Joined Liverpool from Celtic for £440,000 in August 1977 as replacement for Kevin Keegan. Has record number of Scottish caps — 80 — and only Denis Law (30) has scored more than his 24 goals for Scotland. Was 31 on March 4.



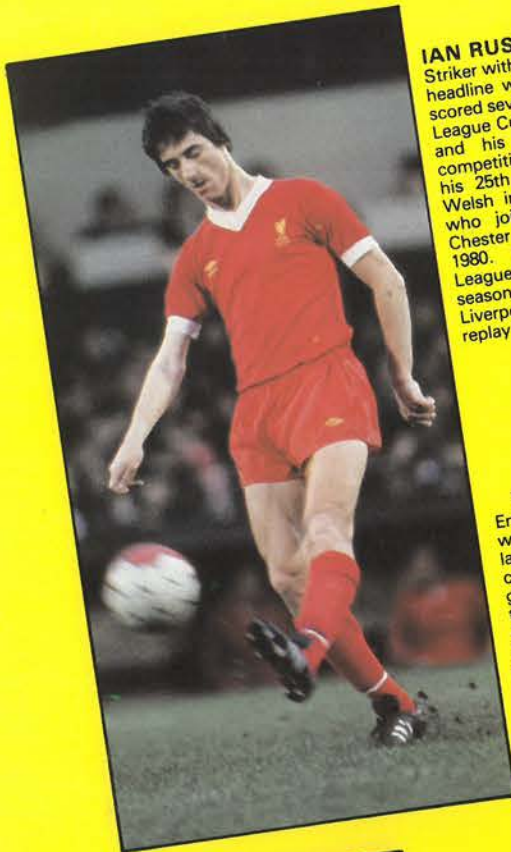
SAMMY LEE
Bustling 5ft 5in Liverpool-born midfielder player who signed professional in April 1976. Rose to prominence in the 1980 FA Cup semi-final against Arsenal, which Liverpool lost after three replays. England Youth and Under-21 international. Age 22.



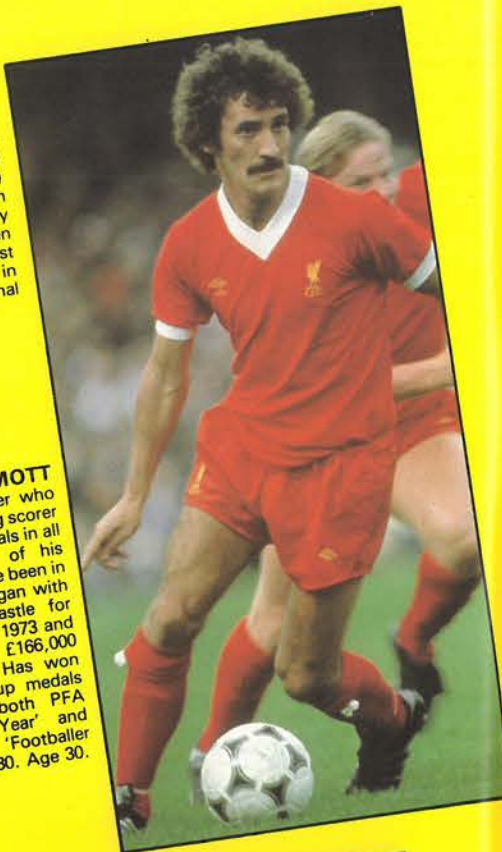
ALAN HANSEN
26-year-old Scottish international central defender who scored Liverpool's winning goal in last season's League Cup Final replay against West Ham. Cost £100,000 when signed from Partick Thistle in May 1977.



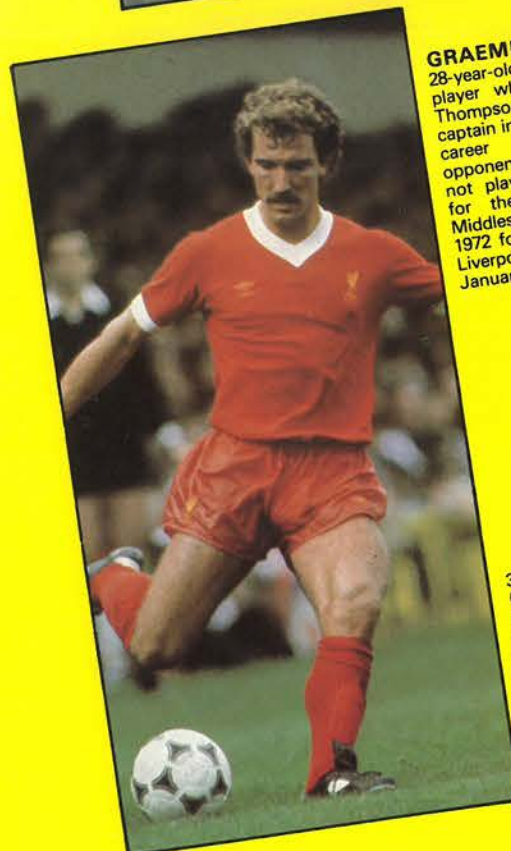
RONNIE WHELAN
His pace has revitalised Liverpool in midfield since October, and he makes his Wembley debut less than a year after his first League game last April. Republic of Ireland Under-21 and full international. Developed in that productive nursery of Irish footballers — Home Park, Dublin. Age 20.



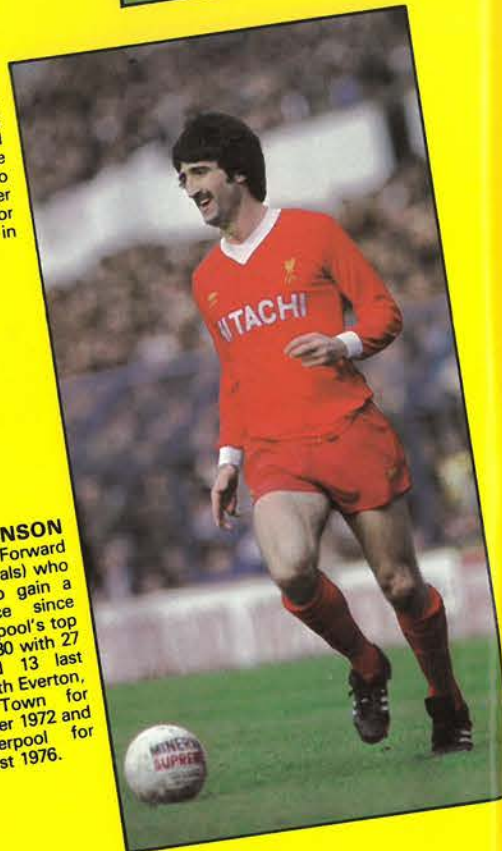
IAN RUSH
Striker with a name that is the headline writer's dream. Has scored seven of Liverpool's 25 League Cup goals this season and his 20th goal in all competitions arrived in only his 25th match. 20-year-old Welsh international (5 caps) who joined Liverpool from Chester for £300,000 in May 1980. Made only seven League appearances last season, but played in Liverpool's League Cup Final replay victory.



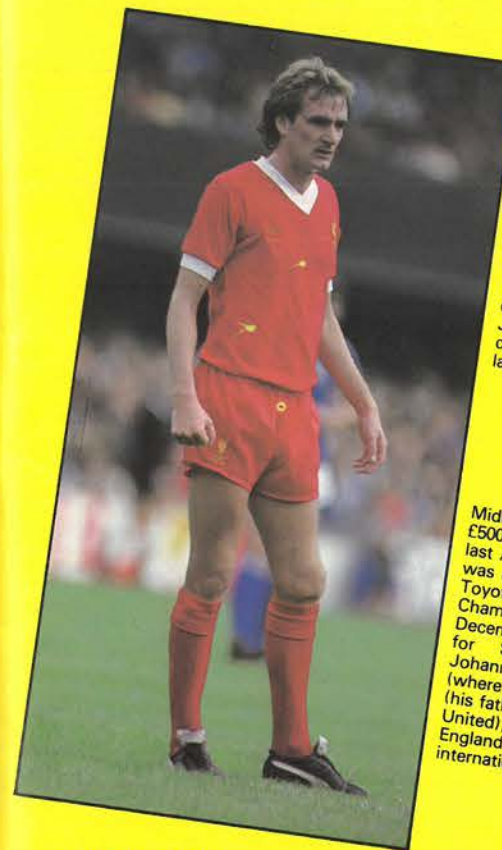
TERRY McDERMOTT
England midfield player who was Liverpool's leading scorer last season with 22 goals in all competitions. Three of his goals this season have been in the League Cup. Began with Bury, joined Newcastle for £25,000 in February 1973 and Liverpool for £166,000 (November 1974). Has won three European Cup medals and was voted both PFA 'Player of the Year' and Football Writer's 'Footballer of the Year' in 1980. Age 30.



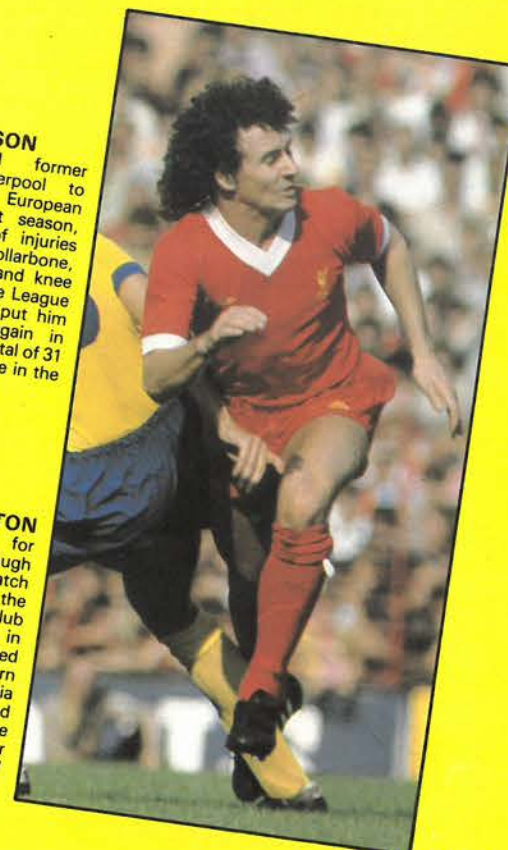
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28-year-old Scotland midfielder who succeeded Phil Thompson as Liverpool captain in January. Began his career with today's opponents Spurs, but did not play a first-team game for them and moved to Middlesbrough in December 1972 for £30,000. Signed for Liverpool for £352,000 in January 1978.



DAVID JOHNSON
30-year-old England Forward (eight caps — six goals) who has been unable to gain a regular club place since October. Was Liverpool's top marksman in 1979-80 with 27 goals and scored 13 last season. Started with Everton, joined Ipswich Town for £125,000 in October 1972 and moved to Liverpool for £200,000 in August 1976.



PHIL THOMPSON
The 28-year-old former captain led Liverpool to League Cup and European Cup triumphs last season, despite a series of injuries (including broken collarbone, torn thigh muscle and knee trouble). Injury in the League Cup tie at Barnsley put him out of the side again in January, but with a total of 31 caps, he kept his place in the latest England squad.



CRAIG JOHNSTON
Midfield player signed for £500,000 from Middlesbrough last April. His first full match was against Flamengo in the Toyota sponsored World Club Championship, in Tokyo in December. Could have played for South Africa (born Johannesburg), Australia (where he grew up), Scotland (his father played for Dundee United), but opted instead for England and is an under-21 international. Age 21.

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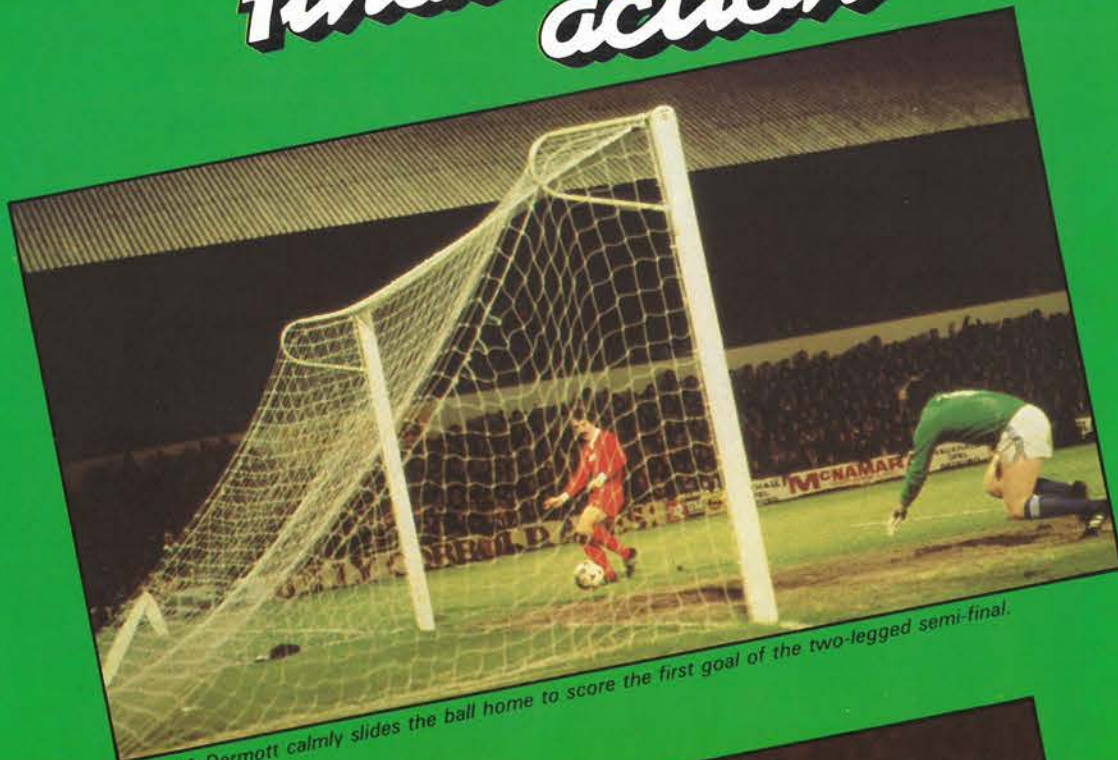
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Alan Kennedy, Ronnie Moran (Chief Coach).
Front Row: Craig Johnston, Graeme Souness, Kenny Dalglish, Bob Paisley (Manager), Phil Thompson, Terry McDermott, Sammy Lee.



Semi Final action



Terry McDermott calmly slides the ball home to score the first goal of the two-legged semi-final.



It's frustration at Portman Road, as Phil Neal is denied a goal and everyone present is obliged to acknowledge a great save by Ipswich Town's Paul Cooper.



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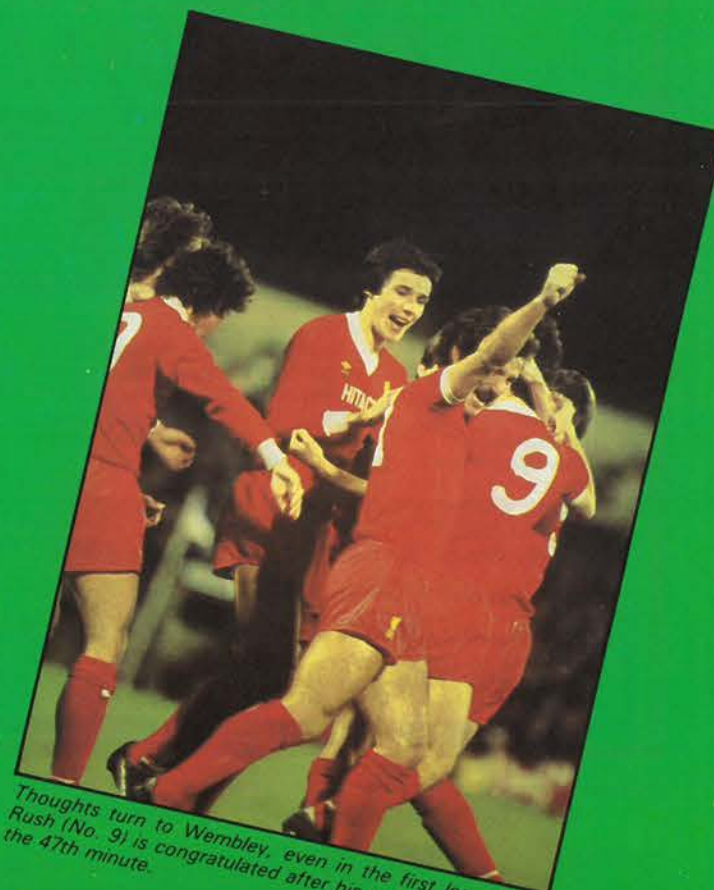
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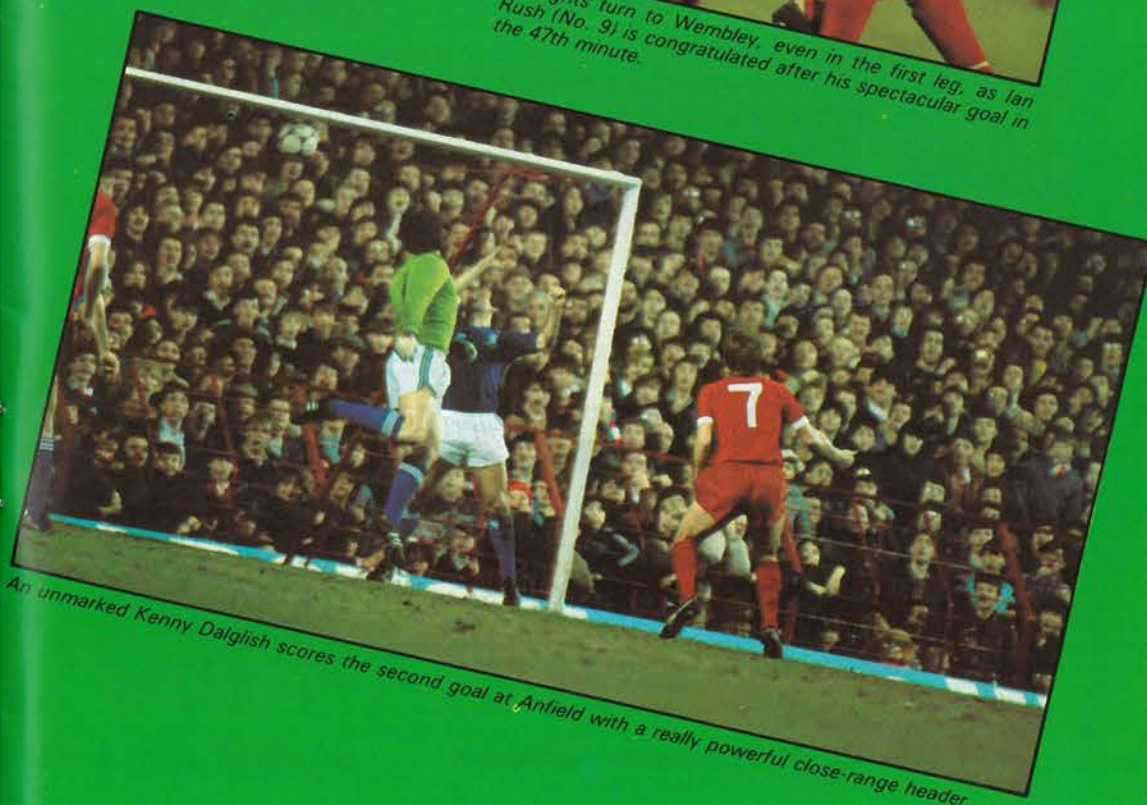
Second Leg

Liverpool 2

Ipswich Town 2



Thoughts turn to Wembley, even in the first leg, as Ian Rush (No. 9) is congratulated after his spectacular goal in the 47th minute.



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Clubs from all four divisions of the Football League have appeared in the final and those from Divisions One, Two and Three have been among the winners. Rochdale were the only side from the Fourth Division to make a final appearance, losing both legs to Norwich City in 1962.

The highest aggregate of goals scored in the two-legged finals came in the year before the move to Wembley. In 1966 West Bromwich Albion defeated West Ham United 5-3 over the two matches, losing the first leg 2-1 but winning the second game 4-1.

Five goals is the highest aggregate at Wembley. Q.P.R. beat West Bromwich 3-2 in 1967. It was equalled in 1979 when Nottingham Forest beat Southampton 3-2. Two years earlier, in the marathon between Everton and Aston Villa, there were two replays before Aston Villa beat the Goodison Park side 3-2 at Old Trafford.

There have been 22 different finalists in the League Cup and 15 different winners. The first twelve finals each produced a new name on the trophy. The thirteenth brought Tottenham's second honour.

Steve Perryman played in both 1971 and 1973 finals for Tottenham and could establish a unique treble if he succeeds in finishing on the winning side today.

Nottingham Forest were unbeaten in 25 League Cup matches which actually involved 17 ties between September 1976 and March 1980. Their run began after losing 3-0 to Coventry City and ended with their final defeat by Wolverhampton Wanderers at Wembley.

Highest score in a Football League Cup game is 9-1 in a match involving two teams no longer members of the competition! In September 1964 Workington beat Barrow 9-1.

Including replays and two legged finals there have been 31 different League Cup final games which have produced 78 goals.

This is the 22nd League Cup Final and the 16th to be held at Wembley when the format of the last stage changed from being played over two legs to a one-off tie. Queen's Park Rangers were Wembley's first winners in the competition.

Aston Villa have been the most successful team in the history of the League Cup, winning it on three occasions: 1961, 1975 and 1977. In addition they were runners-up in 1963 and 1971.

If Liverpool successfully defend the title they won a year ago in beating West Ham United 2-1 after a 1-1 draw, they will equal the achievement of Nottingham Forest in winning the League Cup two seasons in succession.

Forest were actually in three consecutive finals but after beating Liverpool 1-0 following a 0-0 draw and Southampton 3-2, their third appearance in 1980 resulted in Wolverhampton Wanderers beating them by the only goal.

The Wembley League Cup finals and the replays which have been necessary elsewhere as a result of drawn games, have shown the keenness with which they have been contested. Only two finals have not been resolved by the odd goal. Swindon beat Arsenal 3-1 after extra time in 1969 and Tottenham Hotspur defeated Aston Villa by two clear goals in 1971.

Liverpool still have nine of the players who participated in the two matches for last year's final on their staff and five from their 1978 side also played in two games.



Aston Villa are the most successful team in the history of the League Cup (see full table on P.23). Villa's last Wembley appearance was the Charity Shield. Apologies to Spurs fans but this is the moment when the ball slipped from Ray Clemence's hands and Peter Withe (left) is poised to score.

Liverpool are appearing in their third final as are Tottenham. But unlike Spurs who have won on both previous appearances in 1971 and 1973, Liverpool lost on their initial outing to Nottingham Forest in 1978 before winning last year.

Midland clubs have been the most successful in the history of the competition. Ten teams from that area have all won the title.

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A Tradition Of Its Own!

By Don Aldridge

Where cups are concerned, many clubs seem to fit into a specific pattern. In the F.A. Cup, for instance, certain clubs are often termed as 'great cup fighters', and this pattern seem to follow the club throughout many long years, despite the fact that whole teams come and go and one team of 'cup fighters' will bear absolutely no nominal resemblance at all to one from the same club in a bygone era.

Tradition? Perhaps. But tradition is built up over many years and, in this respect, League Cup tradition is, possibly, only in the throes of becoming established.

The Football League Cup is a reasonably young competition, this being the 22nd tournament and it would be easy to pinpoint the most successful clubs in those years simply by looking up records to see just which clubs have won the trophy on the most occasions.

But what about consistency? Tradition in this context is made up of some sort of ability to make ones presence felt in as many competitions as possible and thus establish a reputation as 'great League Cup fighters'.

With this thought in mind, I have attempted to give some kind of grading to the top League Cup performers on a points basis, built up over the years and with one thing in mind — consistency.

My points system is quite simple, really. In every season since it's inception in 1960-61, but excluding the current competition, I have awarded the League Cup Winners 5 points, the runners-up 4 points, semi-finalists 3 points, quarter finalists 2 points and those reaching the 4th round 1 point.

Only 26 clubs reached double figures, and only those are thus listed. But it is as well to remember that, in the early days of

the competition, not all clubs deigned to enter. Indeed, in it's inaugural year five clubs — Arsenal, Sheffield Wednesday, Tottenham, W.B.A. and Wolves were conspicuous by their absence.

'More fool them,' you might say. But, nevertheless, it is a point worth quoting.

It is also as well to bear in mind that this system of awarding points will tend to show in good light a club which has shown consistency over the years such as West

Ham, in fourth place, and Arsenal, in sixth place. Neither of whom have actually won the cup, whereas Tottenham, sandwiched between them in fifth place, have two wins to their credit as also do Wolves a few places below. And Nottingham Forest's total of 17 points is mainly the result of three consecutive final appearances in recent seasons when they registered two wins and

one runners-up spot.

However, there can be little doubt that Aston Villa are well qualified to top the table for they have appeared in five finals and won three of them.

Consistency? Tradition? Bunkum? Call it what you will — the results are as follows:

| | Pts |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| 1. Aston Villa | 31 |
| 2. Norwich City | 28 |
| 3. Manchester City | 27 |
| 4. West Ham United | 22 |
| 5. Tottenham Hotspur | 21 |
| 6. Arsenal | 20 |
| 7. Liverpool | 19 |
| 8. Leeds United | 18 |
| 9. Stoke City | 18 |
| 10. W.B.A. | 17 |
| 11. Nottingham Forest | 17 |
| 12. Chelsea | 16 |
| 13. Q.P.R. | 16 |
| 14. Wolverhampton Wanderers | 15 |
| 15. Leicester City | 14 |
| 16. Birmingham City | 14 |
| 17. Burnley | 13 |
| 18. Coventry City | 13 |
| 19. Everton | 13 |
| 20. Manchester United | 12 |
| 21. Swindon Town | 12 |
| 22. Blackpool | 11 |
| 23. Sheffield United | 11 |
| 24. Derby County | 10 |
| 25. Rotherham United | 10 |
| 26. Southampton | 10 |

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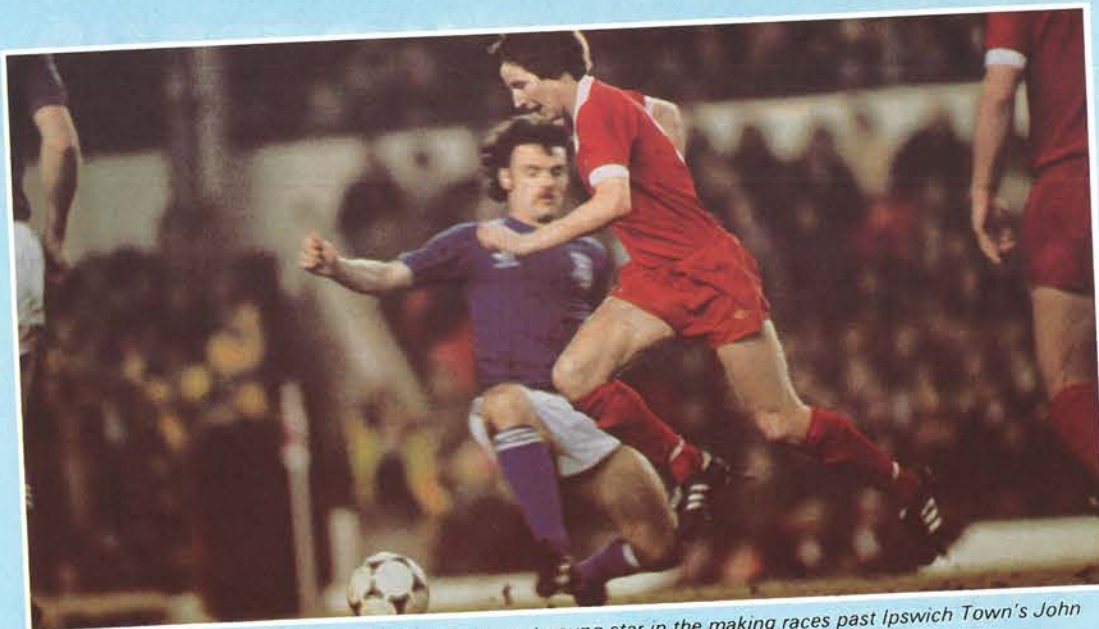
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It is probable that today's teams have the two strongest squads of players in the Country, even discounting Bill Shankly's famous remark that "Merseyside had the two strongest teams in England — Liverpool and Liverpool Reserves". Spurs, despite crippling injuries over the last eight months which have variously seen Archibald, Crooks, Falco, Price and Villa all out for long periods of time, have continued to introduce players at the last moment in the three areas of play, namely defence, midfield and attack, without noticeably weakening their sides; while Liverpool of course would not dream of having less than 20 professionals of first class ability in their squad to call into action whenever required.

Each club has its own method and system of finding, acquiring or developing players to make them fit into a successful pattern and to achieve the most glittering prize in soccer, that of making eleven individuals play as one man, with those players fighting for each other when things are going wrong. That is the kind of combination for which the Spurs sides of the 1960's including the "Double-winning" team and the Liverpool squads of the last two decades have been renowned.

The way the two clubs presently go about achieving their results could not perhaps be further apart. Liverpool seemingly envisage their Youth team as a mere adjunct to, rather than a conveyor belt for, the reserve and first teams. Despite having had as their Youth Team Coach for many years, Tom Saunders, a

highly respected and admired teacher of the game and an F.A. Staff Coach, the Youth side has produced very few players for the first team. Notable exceptions are of course Phil Thompson, Jimmy Case (now Brighton) and Sammy Lee and to a lesser extent perhaps, David Fairclough, Colin Irwin (now Swansea) and Howard Gayle. Rather more surprising is the fact that such a great club as Liverpool have failed to win the F.A. Youth Cup since its inception in 1953, although they were runners up to West Ham in 1963 and Aston Villa in 1972.

Conversely, Liverpool have tried to groom their players in the "Liverpool Way of things" by either swooping for some barely known youngster playing in the lower Divisions or by going out and buying a star player at a relevant point in the club's transition or redevelopment. Some of the most famous Liverpool names in recent years have come from the ability of Bill Shankly or Bob Paisley and their Scouting staff to recognise star material playing in the 3rd or 4th Divisions or a youngster with another club who more than likely will make the grade. They have then stepped in before anyone else realises the potential and signed the lad for a modest fee. That principle brought Ray Clemence and Kevin Keegan from Scunthorpe, Emlyn Hughes from Blackpool, Phil Neal from Northampton, Alan Hansen from Partick Thistle, Ian Rush from Chester and Bruce Grobbelaar from Crewe Alexandra via Vancouver. Others who have slipped



Tony Galvin — a Spurs 'product' though signed from non-League Goole Town in January 1978

through the nets of competing clubs to be landed by Liverpool in the recent past were Steve Heighway and Brian Hall both University graduates and currently a young star in the making Ronnie Whelan from Home Farm in Dublin, who has caused many a Manager to question his scouting staff. However Liverpool have never been afraid to enter the transfer market and many of their present squad have cost large sums including Kenny Dalglish, Mark Lawrenson, Alan Kennedy, Terry McDermott, Graeme Souness and to a certain extent Alan Kennedy none of the others went straight into the first team for the match following their transfer. Instead players such as McDermott and Internationals Lawrenson, Avi Cohen and David Johnson had to play in the reserves for some considerable time waiting to be called on at the right moment. To that extent they had to go through a period of "Liverpool adjustment and acclimatisation". Some players including Ray Kennedy (now Swansea) were even converted to a different playing position. Kennedy it will be remembered had won League and Cup medals with Arsenal's Double-winning side and had been a prolific striker, but he has moved into midfield with the result that when he eventually achieved a first team place he won several International caps and almost every other honour possible for an English player to attain. Terry McDermott shared both Ray Kennedy's sojourn in the reserves, rise to fame and achievements in the International and medal

winning fields, while David Johnson came back from the "stiffs" to win further England caps.

All of this teaches us a lot about the Liverpool set-up and something of their methods, although the secrets of their success are still the subject of mystery, speculation and the envy of the football world. It is clear that with so many exceptionally good players around every man in the first team has to compete for his position. The players are reputedly very well rewarded for their efforts and the club is both successful and contented to the extent that no-one, apparently, wants to leave. So true is this that even "old-boys" such as John Toshack, Manager of Swansea and Emlyn Hughes at Rotherham, repeatedly talk on television about Liverpool in terms of "we do this or we do that" quite forgetting that they have now left the club. Little wonder therefore that Liverpool are the envy of the rest of the football World and keep on churning out success after success.

By co-incidence, Liverpool's League Cup Final opponents are, for the second year in succession, the previous year's F.A. Cup Winners. In Spurs they have one of the strongest possible opponents in the Country, well attuned to Cup football, unbeaten at Wembley and still to concede a goal in this season's competition.

Spurs in contrast to Liverpool have, after their transfer excesses of the late 50's and early 60's, when it was alleged that a youth player could only get as far as the reserves, because

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of the likelihood of a gap being filled by a transfer, turned their attention very much to a youth policy. They too are not afraid to enter the transfer market when necessary, but even before the last World War, they had a nursery team and a reputation for producing the "home grown" product.

In recent years this has been very much to the fore and they have twice won the F.A. Youth Cup (1970 and 1974) and were runners-up to West Ham in 1981. However it is the quality of the Youth players and the fact that so many make the grade that is relevant as well as being important. Of the 1970 Youth Cup winning team two players could strangely face each other today. As mentioned in our Preview article, Steve Perryman Spurs skipper played with Graeme Souness in that side — which also included Barry Daines who was Pat Jennings successor for so many games and Mike Flanagan, now with Q.P.R. The 1974 side also numbered players who made the grade either with Spurs or later at other clubs and they include Noel Brotherston (now Blackburn), Neil McNab (now Brighton), John Margerrison (Orient) and Martin Robinson (Charlton) while a season later they were joined by the sleek and skilful Glenn Hoddle who even at that age looked a potential super-star player.

Nowhere can the present Spurs Youth policy be more clearly apparent than in the side Spurs fielded for the Charity Shield match earlier this season. Perryman, Hughton, Hoddle, Miller and Falco had all progressed through the Youth ranks while Galvin spent most of his early years with Spurs, despite being signed without fee from non-league football, whence also came the now very impressive Graham Roberts. Of course Spurs have spent very heavily on transfer fees as well as on their lavish new grand-stand, and Ardiles, Villa, Lacy, Crooks, Clemence and Archibald have cost the Club almost three million pounds. However the loss of many of these players through injury since the start of the season has allowed further former youth players such as Mike Hazard and Garry Brooke to impress with skill and goalscoring ability. Still to come and at the moment hammering loudly on the door of opportunity, are Youth Internationals Terry Gibson, Gary O'Reilly, Pat Corbett, Peter Southey and the latest addition, Ally Dick, who has already appeared at Wembley when he gave a superb display for Scotland in a Schoolboy International.

The Spurs Youth policy was started by Bill Nicholson, himself an F.A. Staff Coach, when he was Manager of the "double-winning" side and he soon brought in another F.A. Staff Coach in Pat Welton to take charge. The years that have rolled on have seen Peter Shreeves move up from Youth Team Manager to

Assistant Manager but the continuity remains, even to the extent that Bill Nicholson is still to be seen at the Club lending his considerable knowledge and wisdom to the current crop of Spurs juniors.

The last word on the present Spurs policy towards the youth scheme must go to the modest, patently honest, yet perceptive Tottenham Manager Keith Burkinshaw who



Ally Dick — an exciting Tottenham prospect who made his League debut last month against Manchester City.

says "clubs must look seriously at this side of the game because if they don't they will not be able to afford the tremendous transfer fees that the best players now command. You cannot always be lucky enough to replace injured stars with raw youngsters however desirable that may be, because you can have the best Youth side in the World but by the time they are 21 they may be useless. However they are the ones you must try to bring on and you therefore have to work at them all the time in the way you want the kids to play football, but I think that it is just as important to have them behave in a proper manner off the field as well. We try to educate them in all respects and although it is a hard and frustrating job at times the proof of our current success is the number we keep bringing into the First Team".

Whether therefore it be the Liverpool variety or the Tottenham blend which succeeds today we shall see but both teams are managing to keep their balance and also significantly their successes on the field also balance their keep. Either way football should be the winner in this intriguing match.

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Football League Cup: Winners: 1970-71, 1972-73.

European Competitions: European Cup:

1961-62. European Cup-Winners' Cup: 1962-63

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1971-72 (Winners), 1972-73, 1973-74 (Runners-Up).

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Cup, Fourth Round replay, February 3rd, 1960.

Record Defeat: 0-7 v Liverpool, Division 1,
September 2nd, 1978.

Most League Points: 70, Division 2, 1919-20.

Most League Goals: 115, Division 1, 1960-61.

Highest League Scorer in Season: Jimmy
Greaves, 37, Division 1, 1962-63.

Most League Appearances: Steve Perryman
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An anxious moment on the way. Glenn Hoddle directs the wall for a West Brom free-kick, during the semi-final first leg.

Spurs are back at Wembley...

Tottenham Hotspur today make their fourth appearance here in ten months, an unprecedented spell of Wembleyitis that began with two F.A. Cup Final matches against Manchester City last May and continued when they shared the F.A. Charity Shield with League Champions Aston Villa in August.

The first club to do the "double" this century, the club with a 100 per cent success record in domestic Finals (six wins out of six in the F.A. Cup, two out of two in the League Cup), they could be moving towards the grandest climax to any Tottenham season. For when Spurs went through to the last eight of the F.A. Cup again a month ago today, they had a four-fold interest in honours, having also reached the European Cup-Winners' Cup quarter-finals, being by no means out of the League Championship race and, of course, with this League Cup Final place already claimed. Last May, Tottenham won the 100th. F.A. Cup competition with one of the finest displays to grace a Wembley Final. Now, in their own Centenary Year, they are ready to celebrate again in possibly more than one way.

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Lane, and what grandstand football they have played beneath it, with nothing more fluent and exciting than when they beat Wolves 6-1 five weeks ago. That was the biggest win in any First Division match this season, and Ricky Villa took home the match ball as a souvenir of his first hat-trick in English football... the same Villa who was reduced to tears when substituted in last year's F.A. Cup Final, and finished its hero with two goals in the replay.

Tottenham's next two matches after the avalanche against Wolves were also at home, and both brought cup victories by the only goal. Reserve Mike Hazard's seventh of the season beat West Bromwich Albion in the League Cup semi-final, and another of this season's discoveries, Mark Falco, scored the goal that once again took Spurs into the last eight of their cherished F.A. Cup.

Captain Steve Perryman, reflecting on those three wins in a week that pulled 120,000 spectators to White Hart Lane, said: "We are a better side than when we won the Cup last year. We are far more solid and dependable in defence. We have always had organisation; now we have so many players with flair, and when you can combine those things with entertainment and the right results, you are

really giving the spectator his money's worth. Yes, this is the best Spurs team I have played in."

With Ray Clemence bringing his England goalkeeping class from Liverpool to White Hart Lane, Glenn Hoddle and Ossie Ardiles in bewitching midfield form and young players like Falco and Hazard shining through, Tottenham have ridden well the injuries that have deprived them nearly all season of last season's 47-goal partnership. Garth Crooks had a cartilage operation in August, and Steve Archibald returned only a month ago after an ankle operation. Falco, was out for three months up to the New Year; he, too, needed an ankle operation after being injured at the very start of the season's League Cup run, in the second round first leg at home to Manchester United.

When Clemence came to Wembley — his second home — last August, he was in a getting-to-know-you situation with Spurs'

defence. Ten goals went past him in the first four games before he kept a clean sheet. But by the time Tottenham beat West Bromwich in the League Cup semi-final, a total of 19 shut-outs had been achieved and the myth, going back beyond last season, that Spurs could not defend, was ended. Indeed, they had got the defensive strategy so right that when they beat Aston Villa in the fifth round of the F.A. Cup, they were registering their twelfth 1-0 win of the season, and the sixth in a run of seven home matches. More times than not they were entertaining one-nils.

By then, Clemence was saying: "It's just like being at Liverpool — every game is a Cup final." And he arrives here today with a distinction that is new even for him, for in the League Cup's 22-year history no other goalkeeper has kept a clean sheet all the way to the Final.

'Keeper Clemence is not the only man with the Liverpool connection in Tottenham's dressing-room today. What is not so well known is that manager Keith Burkinshaw spent the first four years of his playing career at Anfield. He went there as an 18-year-old from non-League Denaby United in November 1953, but made only the occasional first-team appearance and moved

to Workington in December 1957.

He may not have established himself as a player with Liverpool, but what he learned there about the running of a big club was stored away for the time when he might himself take charge of a major club — and Spurs have had the benefit of that experience.

Now 46, Keith Burkinshaw has moulded a Tottenham team that, for style and entertainment value, stands comparison with the best that White Hart Lane has seen down the years.

Whatever springtime may bring in the way of further Spurs honours, their manager is conditioned to losing Ossie Ardiles at the climax to the season. In three weeks' time, the little Argentinian goes into World Cup training with the holders, and Cesar Menotti may call on Ricky Villa, too.

Keith Burkinshaw says philosophically: "They will go with my blessings. We have got to do these things for International football — national teams are important, whether they be Argentina or England."

The last pre-match word about Tottenham, on what promises to be one of the best of League Cup Final occasions, comes from Ray Clemence. What will his feelings be as he faces, for the first time, the Liverpool he served so splendidly for so long? "I honestly won't know until I'm walking out of the Wembley tunnel," he says.

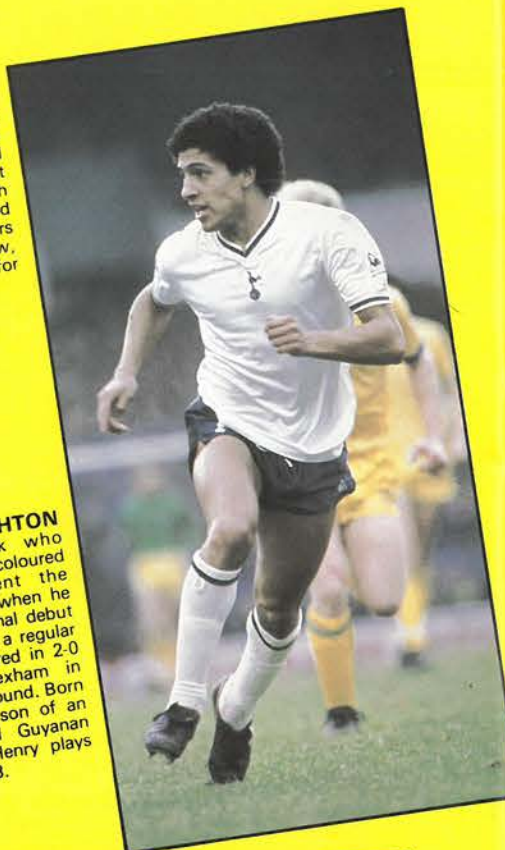


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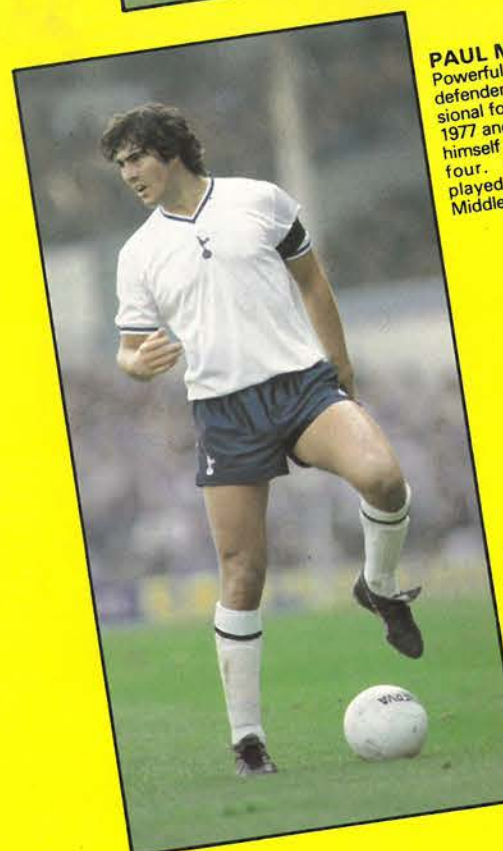




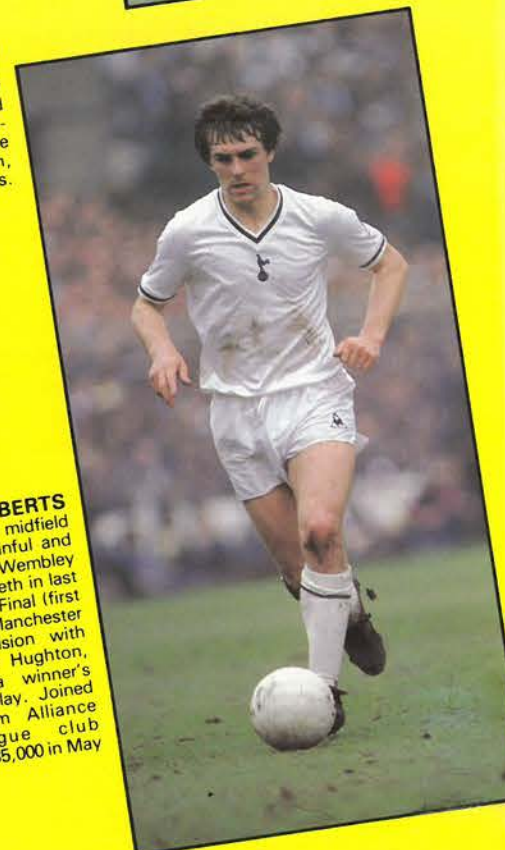
RAY CLEMENCE
33-year-old England goalkeeper who today plays against the club with whom he won almost every honour in the game — including a first League Cup winner's medal a year ago. Joined Tottenham for £300,000 last August. Began with Scunthorpe, where he played in the same side as Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw, and signed for Liverpool for £20,000 in June 1967.



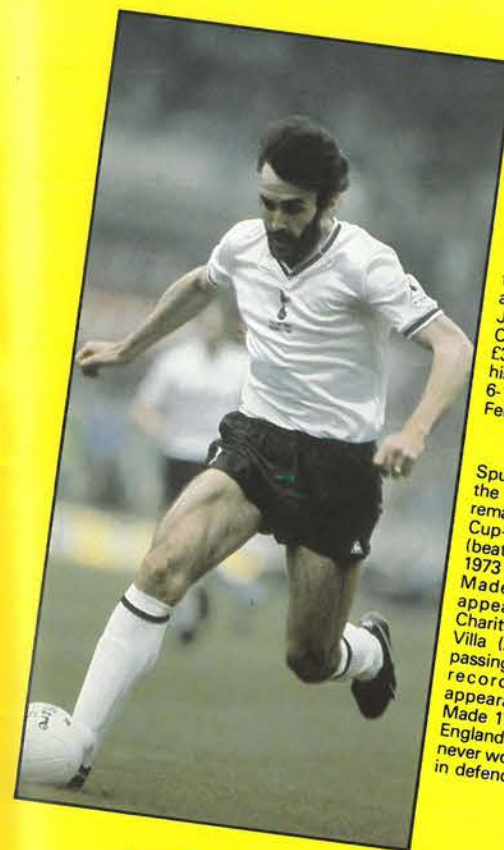
CHRIS HUGHTON
Attacking full-back who became the first coloured player to represent the Republic of Ireland when he made his international debut in 1980 and is now a regular with 12 caps. Scored in 2-0 victory over Wrexham in League Cup third round. Born Forest Gate, the son of an Irish mother and Guyanese father. Brother Henry plays for Orient. Age 23.



PAUL MILLER
Powerful 22-year-old central defender who signed professional for his only club in May 1977 and has now established himself in Tottenham's back-four. Born Stepney, he played for East London, Middlesex and London Boys.



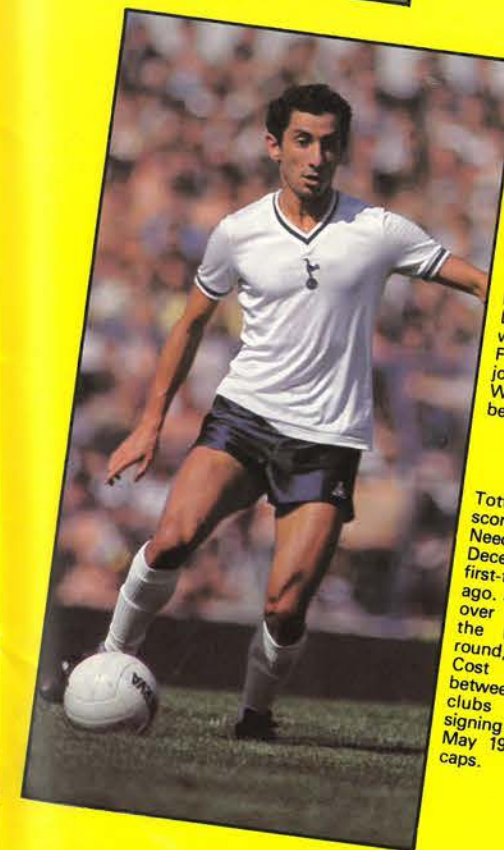
GRAHAM ROBERTS
Central defender or midfielder with both painful and happy memories of Wembley — he lost several teeth in last season's F.A. Cup Final (first match) against Manchester City after a collision with team-mate Chris Hughton, then collected a winner's medal in the replay. Joined Tottenham from Alliance Premier League club Weymouth for £35,000 in May 1980. Age 22.



RICARDO VILLA
Who could forget the Argentine international's dramatic contribution to Spurs' FA Cup Final victory last season? A picture of despondency after being substituted in the first match, he came back to score twice (including a brilliant solo goal for the winner) in the replay against Manchester City. Joined Spurs from Racing Club (Buenos Aires) for £375,000 in July 1978. Scored his first hat-trick for Spurs in 6-1 win over Wolves on February 6. Age 29.



STEVE PERRYMAN
Spurs' 30-year-old captain is the only player at the club remaining from their League Cup-winning sides of 1971 (beat Aston Villa 2-0) and 1973 (Norwich City 1-0). Made his 600th senior appearance here in the Charity Shield against Aston Villa (2-2) last August after passing Pat Jennings' club record of 472 League appearances last season. Made 17 appearances for the England Under-23 team, but never won a full cap. Can play in defence or midfield.



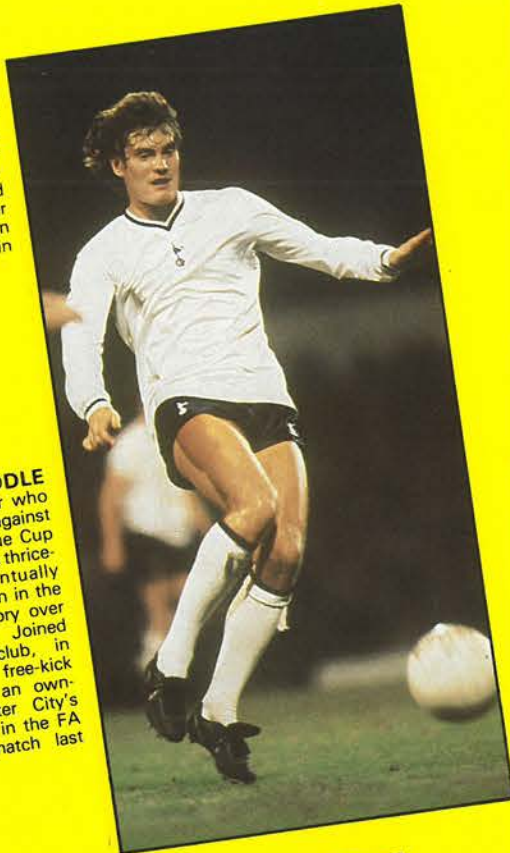
OSVALDO ARDILES
Artistic midfielder signed from Huracan for £325,000 in July 1978 shortly after helping Argentina win the World Cup. When he arrived he said his ambition was to win the FA Cup. He achieved that last May and now plays his fourth Wembley match for Spurs in less than a year. Scored the League Cup Quarter-final winner against Nottingham Forest on January 18. Due to join Argentina's squad for World Cup preparations at beginning of April. Age 29.



STEVE ARCHIBALD
Tottenham's 25-year-old top scorer last season (25 goals). Needed an ankle operation in December and returned to first-team action only a month ago. Scored in the 1-0 victory over Manchester United in the League Cup second round, first leg last October. Cost Spurs a record fee between English and Scottish clubs of £830,000 when signing from Aberdeen in May 1980. Has 12 Scottish caps.



TONY GALVIN
Left-side goal-maker who is qualified to play for England (born Huddersfield) but has decided to opt for the Republic of Ireland (father born Limerick). Has been a regular in the Spurs team since deputising for the injured Villa last season. Joined Spurs from Northern Premier League club Goole Town in January 1978. Has a degree in Russian studies. Age 25.



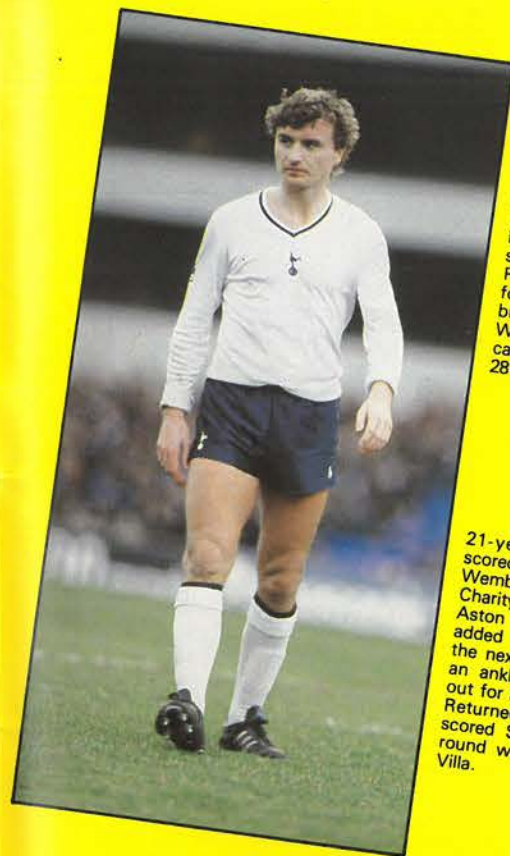
GLENN HODDLE
England midfield player who scored in 2-0 win against Wrexham in the League Cup third round and had his thrice-taken penalty eventually saved by Peter Shilton in the 1-0 quarter-final victory over Nottingham Forest. Joined Spurs, his only club, in August 1975. His free-kick was deflected for an own-goal by Manchester City's Tommy Hutchison in the FA Cup Final first match last May. Age 24.



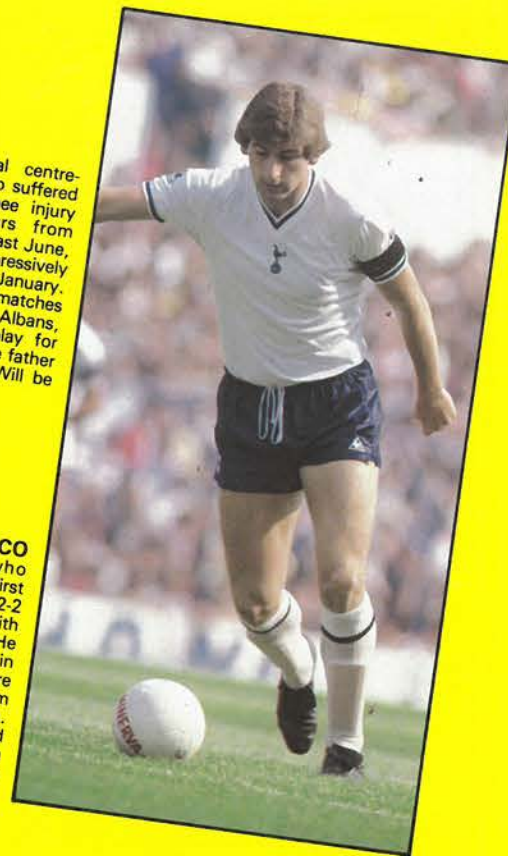
GARTH CROOKS
Missed the first dozen games of the season after a summer cartilage operation, but quickly found form on return to fitness. After scoring in last season's FA Cup Final replay, he launched Spurs' bid to retain that trophy with winning goals in this season's third and fourth rounds. Scored 22 goals last season, his first with Spurs — signed from Stoke for £600,000 in July 1980. Was 23 on Wednesday.



MIKE HAZARD
22-year-old reserve whose goal brings Spurs to Wembley today — he has scored the vital only goal in three of their League Cup matches this season — against Manchester United (second round, second leg), Fulham (fourth round) and West Bromwich Albion (semi-final, second leg). Born Sunderland, he joined Spurs as a 15-year-old apprentice in July 1976 and signed professional in February 1978.



PAUL PRICE
Welsh international centre-back (12 caps) who suffered an early-season knee injury after joining Spurs from Luton for £250,000 last June, but has played impressively since returning in January. Played 206 League matches for Luton. Born at St. Albans, but is qualified to play for Wales because his late father came from Merthyr. Will be 28 on March 23.



MARK FALCO
21-year-old striker who scored twice on his first Wembley appearance in 2-2 Charity Shield draw with Aston Villa last August. He added seven more goals in the next ten matches before an ankle operation put him out for almost three months. Returned in January and scored Spurs' FA Cup fifth round winner against Aston Villa.

GARRY BROOKE

5ft 6in midfield player who went on as substitute for Ricardo Villa in last season's FA Cup Final first match. His opportunities this season, however, have been limited by injury. Scored twice on his League debut in 4-4 draw against Southampton on Boxing Day 1980. Age 21.

JOHN LACY

Central defender who tasted the Wembley atmosphere with Fulham in the 1975 FA Cup Final against West Ham (lost 0-2), but missed much of Tottenham's Cup glory last season because of a thigh injury. Joined Spurs from Fulham for £200,000 in July 1978. Born Liverpool. Age 30.

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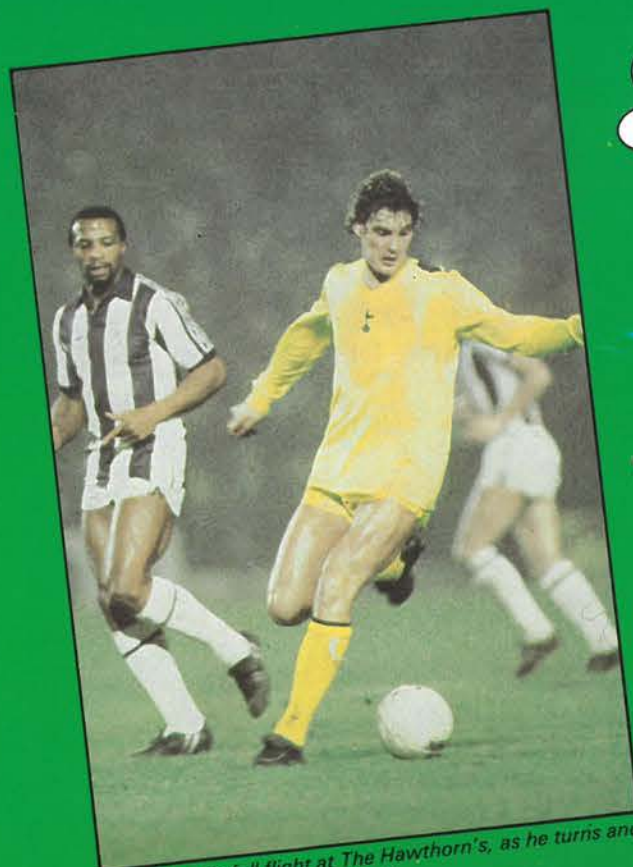
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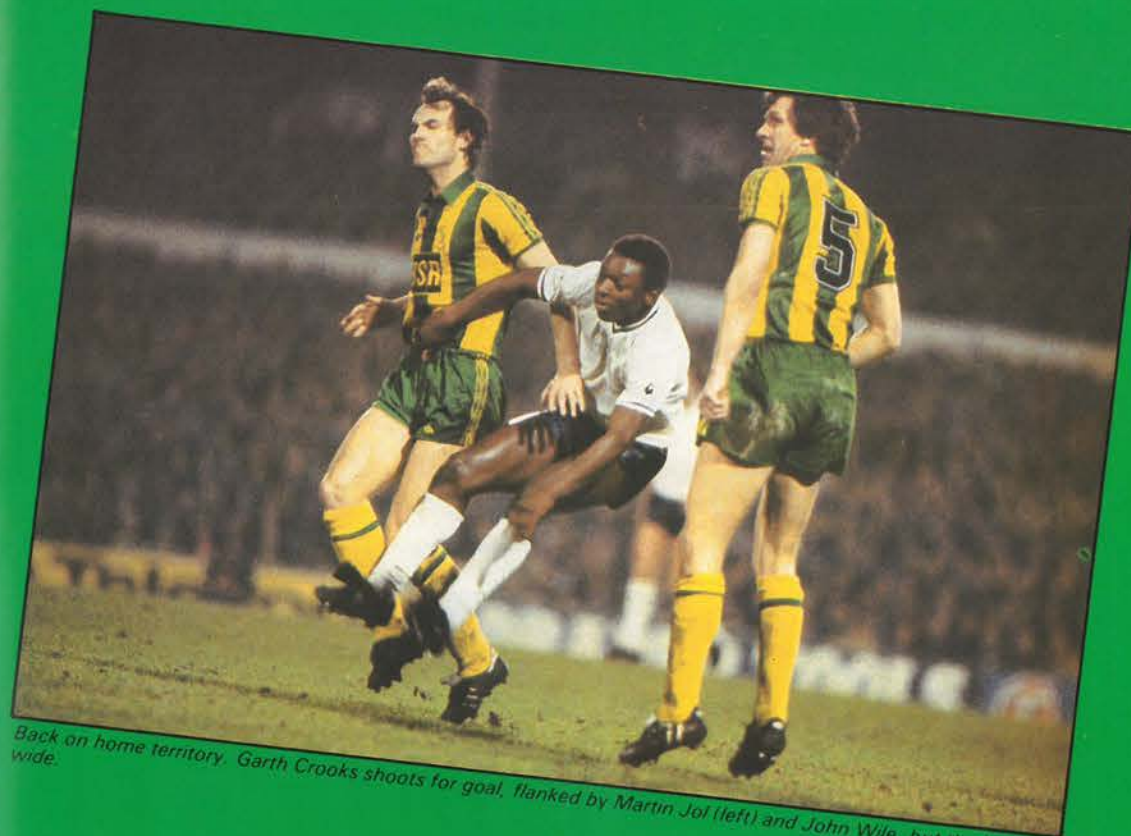
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Glenn Hoddle full flight at The Hawthorn's, as he turns and leaves Cyrille Regis well behind.



More action from the first leg as Ray Clemence gets a firm hold on a Cyrille Regis goal attempt — to the consternation of West Bromwich Captain John Wile.



Back on home territory, Garth Crooks shoots for goal, flanked by Martin Jol (left) and John Wile, but the ball goes wide.



That's the one! Flying Mike Hazard beats Albion goalie Mark Grew to score the decisive goal.



Dismissed on the way...

SECOND ROUND

First Leg: Wednesday 7th October — WHITE HART LANE
TOTTENHAM H. 1 MANCHESTER UNITED 0 (h-t 0-0) **39,333**
 Archibald

Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Villa, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Galvin, Huddle, Falco (sub. Mazzoni).

Second Leg: Wednesday 28th October — OLD TRAFFORD
MANCHESTER UNITED 0 TOTTENHAM H. 1 (h-t 0-1) **55,890**
 Hazard

Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Hazard, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Galvin, Huddle, Crooks.

THIRD ROUND

Wednesday 11th November — WHITE HART LANE
TOTTENHAM H. 2 WREXHAM 0 (h-t 1-0) **24,084**
 Huddle, Hughton

Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Hazard, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Galvin, Huddle, Crooks.

FOURTH ROUND

Wednesday 2nd December — WHITE HART LANE
TOTTENHAM H. 1 FULHAM 0 (h-t 1-0) **30,214**
 Hazard

Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Hazard, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Galvin, Huddle, Crooks.

QUARTER-FINAL

Monday 18th January — WHITE HART LANE
TOTTENHAM H. 1 NOTTINGHAM FOREST 0 (h-t 0-0) **31,192**
 Ardiles

Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Villa, Perryman, Ardiles, Falco (sub. Hazard), Galvin, Huddle, Crooks.

SEMI-FINAL

First Leg: Wednesday 3rd February — THE HAWTHORNS
WEST BROMWICH ALBION 0 TOTTENHAM H. 0 (h-t 0-0) **32,100**
 Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller, Price, Villa, Perryman, Ardiles, Falco, Galvin, Huddle, Crooks.

Second Leg: Wednesday 10th February — WHITE HART LANE
TOTTENHAM H. 1 WEST BROMWICH ALBION 0 (h-t 0-0) **47,241**
 Hazard

Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller, Price, Hazard, Perryman, Ardiles, Falco, Galvin, Huddle, Crooks.

Europe Beckons—a concise history of the U.E.F.A. Cup



The winners of the Football League Cup are assured of a place in next season's UEFA Cup competition and, as such, are spared the traumatic end of season scramble for points that the higher placed clubs are inevitably a part of.

That reason, alone, is enough to ensure that the League Cup tournament, itself, is of paramount importance in our football structure.

But it was not always considered an important tournament, especially in its early days — and yet, then again, there was a time when the winning of it was of even more importance to some clubs than it is today.

No doubt all this needs a little explaining!

When the League Cup competition first came into operation in season 1960-61, it was basically considered as just another floodlit event which would be a means of bringing in extra revenue for the clubs. It wasn't even compulsory for League members to enter and, for instance, that inaugural season saw Arsenal, Sheffield Wednesday, Tottenham Hotspur, West Bromwich Albion and Wolverhampton Wanderers declining to do so. The Final was a two leg affair played on a home and away basis and for the winners there was no automatic entry into the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup as it was then known.

But times quickly changed and with the winners guaranteed a place in European competition plus the glamour of a Wembley final, it was little wonder that by the 1966-67 season all League clubs were ready and willing to participate.

Perhaps that isn't quite as true as it reads; for, of those first three Wembley finals, two Third Division clubs proved triumphant and they most certainly were not afforded automatic entry into Europe. The reason given at the time was that European entry was only automatic if the League Cup winners were of First Division stock, but even that reason has become somewhat obscured with the passing of time, and trying to dig up any rule to this effect has not proved satisfactory. It has been suggested that the rule (if rule there was) did not discriminate against other than just First Division clubs, but was more to do with the fact that, while First and Second Division clubs were (and still are for that matter) full members of the Football League, Third and Fourth Division clubs have only associate membership and were, therefore, the poor relations when it came to handing out Fairs Cup places.

As to the statement that, for a time, the winning of the League Cup was possibly of more importance to some clubs than it is today, that is all bound up in the rules of the Fairs Cup and later the UEFA Cup, which decreed that the tournament would accept only one club from any one town or city — and League Cup success was given preference over position in the League table.

This 'one city one club' rule stemmed from the initial European Fairs Cup competition which was originally scheduled over a two year period and entry was only available to those cities which could boast of organising a bona fide trade fair. Hence the competing city could be represented by one of its domiciled clubs or a team drawn from all the clubs within its boundaries. Twelve cities entered the first Fairs Cup competition which was played between 1956-58. Two English cities were among those first twelve and while Birmingham chose to be represented by Birmingham City, London decided to sport a more composite team drawn from several of its clubs.

Of the twelve cities, four groups of three were formed and although Vienna and Cologne subsequently withdrew, group matches were played, just like World Cup qualifying groups, and the four group winners contested the semi-finals.

London was grouped with Frankfurt and Basle and won their group, as also did Birmingham City who overcame Milan, represented by Inter Milan, and Zagreb. In the other two groups Barcelona and Lausanne won through and in the semi-finals Barcelona eliminated Birmingham and London knocked out Lausanne.

The final of the first Fairs Cup was won by Barcelona who defeated London 6-2 on aggregate.

The idea of a city relying on one club to carry its interests in the Fairs Cup seemed to spread after that first year and it was Chelsea and Birmingham City who represented England in the next tournament played between 1958-60.

Barcelona again won the trophy, this time beating Birmingham City 4-1 on aggregate in the final.

From season 1960-61 the event was run on an annual basis and the tournament now started to gather a little momentum. The result was that by 1964-65 some 48 clubs, or should it be cities, started in contention. It was around this time that it was agreed that England's qualifiers should be determined by League position and it was the clubs who had finished in second and third place the previous season who were allowed to carry our hopes. Everton and Manchester United were the two clubs involved but then United, having eliminated Everton, were themselves, eliminated by Ferencvaros in a semi-final replay. By the 1968-69 season all pretence at enlisting cities with bona fide trade fairs seemed to have gone completely by the board and clubs were queuing up to get into what had now become established as a third major European competition. And by this time, also, England had had its first Fairs Cup success with Leeds United winning the 1967-68 tournament by scoring the only goal over two legs against the Hungarian team Ferencvaros.

1967-68 was a 'double' year for Leeds United for they had also won the Football League Cup at Wembley and were,

as such, the first League Cup winners to be guaranteed the automatic entry into Europe which was now afforded the winners of this trophy.

Yet strange are the fortunes of football for, ironically, Leeds United did not really need automatic entry via League Cup success. Not only did they win the League Cup they also won the Fairs Cup and thus qualified as holders. Their League position of fourth place would also have ensured their participation.

So for 1968-69 England had no fewer than five Fairs Cup representatives and, due to that 'one city one club' rule, it meant that Newcastle United, in tenth place in the League table, took their place as one of those five.

There were many rumblings of discontent at a rule which could admit or deny a club merely on the grounds of geographical location, as opposed to merit, but these grumbles seemingly fell on stony ground and did little to disturb the English entrants, least of all Newcastle United, who promptly got on with the tournament — and won it.

Arsenal were victorious in the 1969-70 event and Leeds made it four in a row for England when they carried off the trophy in 1970-71.

In 1971-72 the Fairs cities idea was finally buried and a new trophy, the UEFA Cup came into being.

As for the actual Fairs Cup trophy itself, Leeds United as the last winners, and Barcelona, as the first winners, were invited to play off for permanent custody of the cup and, as a result, the Fairs Cup was laid to rest in Barcelona.

But away with the old and on with the new and if the eclipse of the Fairs Cup meant an end to the 'one city one club' rule then, at least, the change must have been for the better.

But it didn't work out that way — well, not for a few years at least. Tottenham, as League Cup winners entered the first UEFA Cup competition in 1971-72 alongside other English hopes Leeds United, Southampton and Wolverhampton Wanderers. And that first UEFA Cup produced an all England final with Spurs beating Wolves 3-2 on aggregate to become the first League Cup entrants to triumph in Europe. And Liverpool, by winning the same trophy the following season completed six consecutive years of English clubs dominance in this, the third ranked European competition.

But while Liverpool were carrying off the UEFA Cup Tottenham were again winning the League Cup and with it another place in Europe. There can be no doubting the importance of winning the League Cup on that occasion for their London arch rivals, Arsenal, finished as League runners-up. But that high League position was to prove valueless to the Gunners where Europe was concerned for, due to that old bugbear of 'one city one club', Tottenham's qualification for the UEFA Cup meant Arsenal's exclusion.

But this anomaly was not to last for much longer. In the run up to the 1975-76 UEFA tournament, Everton, who were to all intents and purposes being deprived of a place in the UEFA Cup by the presence of Liverpool in the same competition, appealed to the tournament organisers in Switzerland and their claim that the ruling was outdated and unfair was upheld.

So, Everton took their place in the UEFA Cup much to the chagrin of Stoke City who were ousted as a result.

There is no doubt in my mind that the decision to scrap the 'one city one club' rule was correct — the more successful clubs had a right to expect due reward. But Tony Waddington, the Stoke manager at the time, was incensed by the decision. Certainly he had some cause for complaint, for the timing of the UEFA decision and the way it was carried out did leave a lot to be desired.

Most of these problematical cobwebs have now been thankfully blown away, yet there are still some controversies in the UEFA Cup, mainly over the amount of clubs permitted by individual countries, but England can be reasonably satisfied with their lot in UEFA selection.

England can also be reasonably proud of their record in the competition, more so since it became the UEFA Cup in 1971-72. In the ten tournaments played in the UEFA Cup so far, England has produced six finalists and have three times won the trophy.

As previously mentioned, Tottenham are the only League Cup winners to go on and lift the UEFA Cup and they will, no doubt, hope to repeat the feat should they compete next season.

Liverpool, it goes without saying, will attempt to nip any Spurs hopes in the bud, but it could be a fact that, irrespective of who carries off the League Cup, neither will hope to appear in the UEFA Cup next season.

Spurs are, at the time of writing, still involved in the F.A. Cup and the European Cup Winners Cup, and the winning of either will mean that they will surely opt for the Cup Winners Cup tournament next season. Liverpool, for their part, are hoping to win the European Cup yet again this season and thus defend the trophy again next.

But then, both of today's finalists will be playing with the knowledge that, whatever the outcome of the rest of their matches this season, victory today will safeguard their position in Europe next season.



Spurs stalwart Alan Gilzean shoots for goal against Wolves in the 1972-73 League Cup semi-final second leg. Spurs went on to win the Cup at Wembley and to later reach the UEFA Final — only to be beaten 4-2 on aggregate by Feyenoord.

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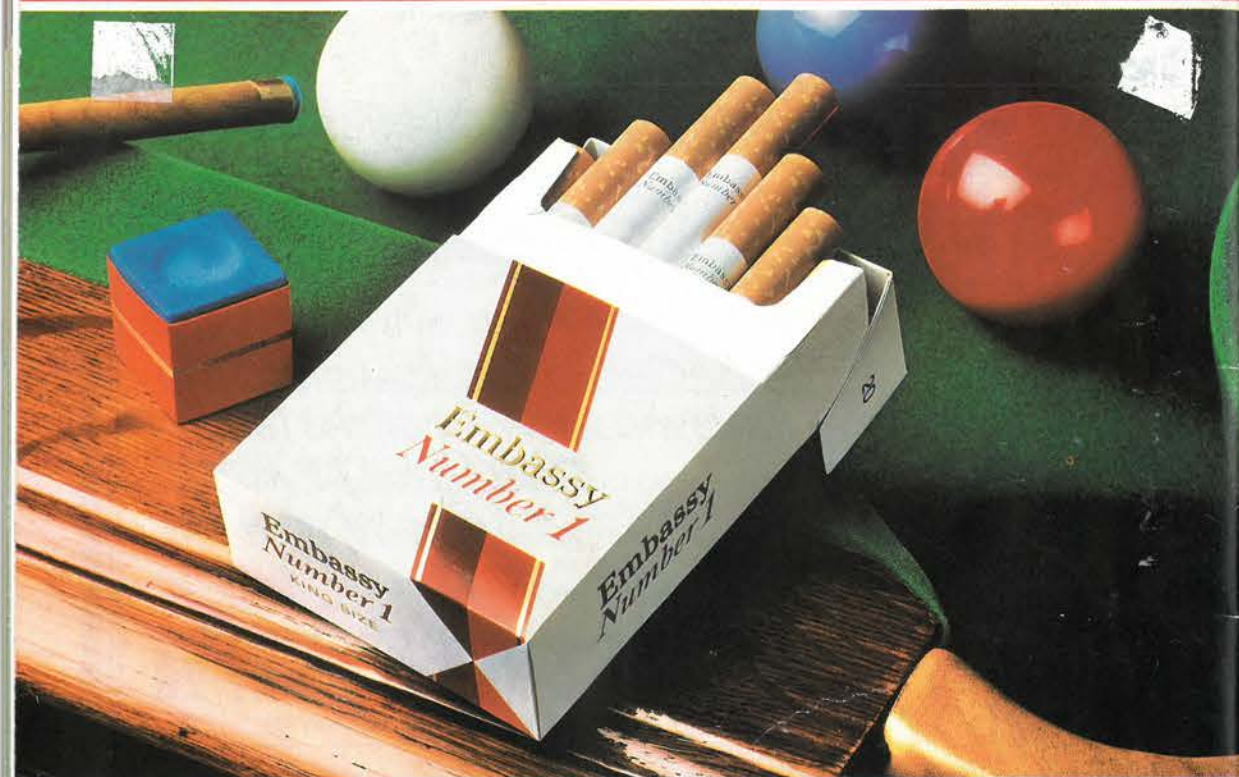
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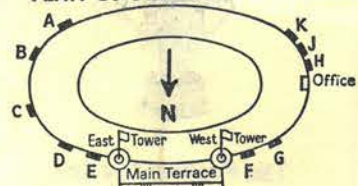
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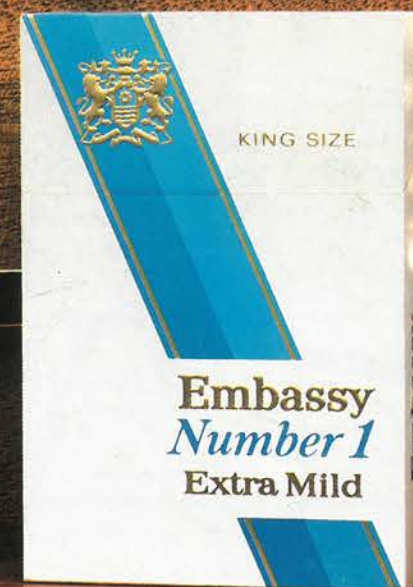
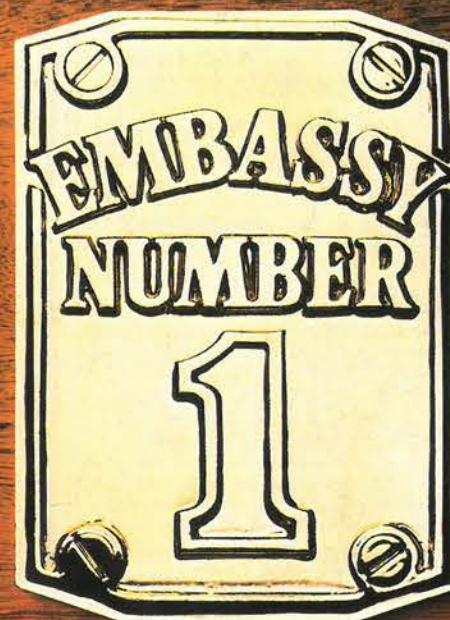
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