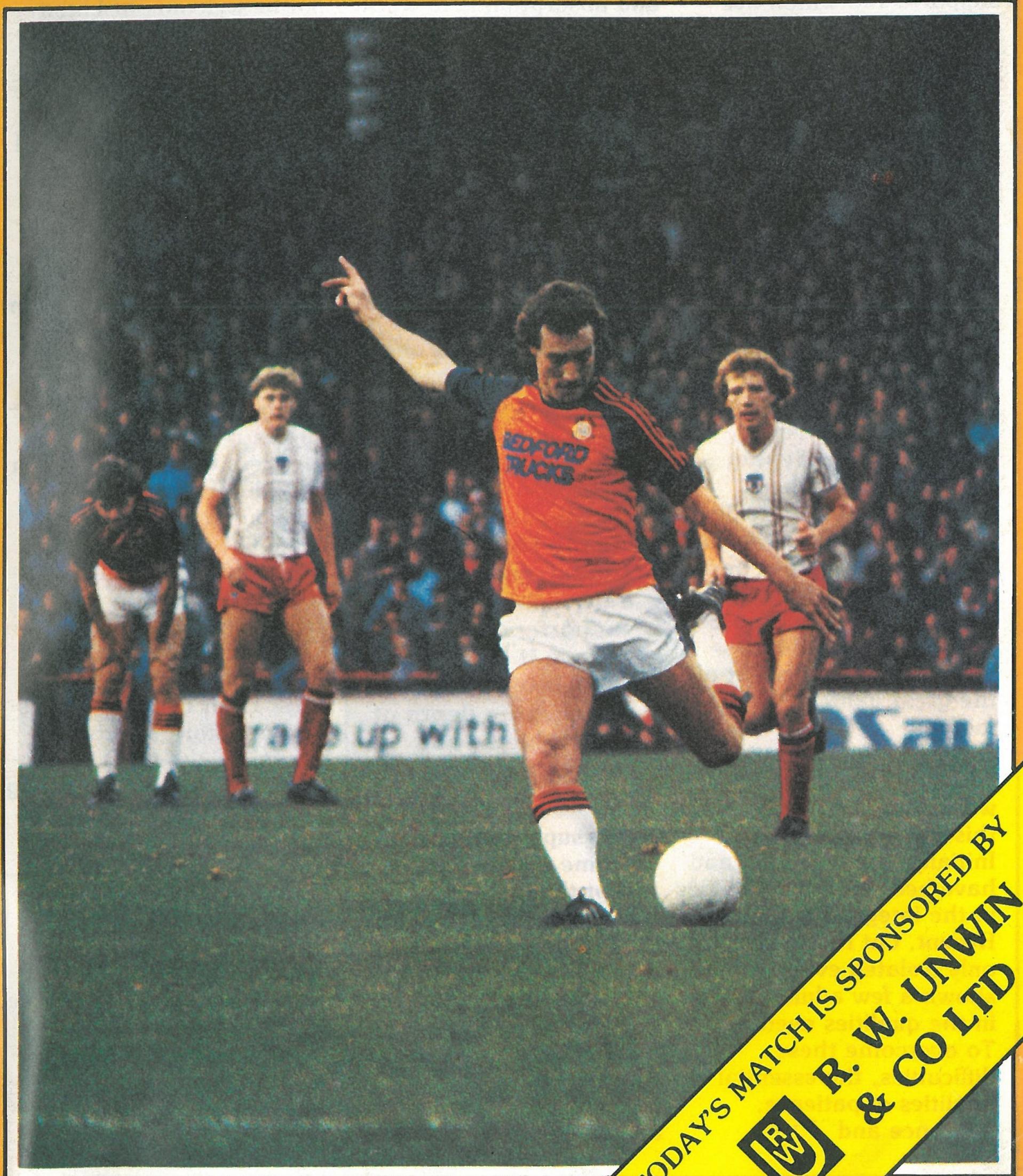


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The Main Stand Enclosure is currently exclusive to our season ticket holders and our Junior Hatters members and their parents. It has always been of paramount importance to the club and we are grateful to the Evening Post/Echo for their positive support in helping to make such a provision so that children, our next generation of supporters, could be properly absorbed in an atmosphere more historically reminiscent of the great game of British football.

Segregation in isolation, whatever else it may do, will not in the long term do this.

Initially, there will be, and have been, some difficulties in the integration tactic. Recent, but thankfully, only isolated evidence has shown a few adults lacking in the qualities needed. To overcome these difficulties, the essential qualities of patience, tolerance and

understanding must be shown by all supporters of the policy of acceptance and absorption is to work. In the long term, if you, as forward-looking supporters, and we, as a progressive club, committed to greater links with families and community, can work together to make our

**After the Junior Hatters Clubs recent move from the Oak Road terraces to the Enclosure, we have displayed notices and issued leaflets asking for co-operation to encourage our young fans to be accepted and integrated with our responsible adult supporters. We believe it was necessary to inform you in more depth of our problems and intentions.**

young supporters feel welcome and safe, and accept the importance of their presence as vital to the future well-being of Luton Town, then wherever our future may be, it will be assured.

Rest assured that any adult who fails to grasp the importance of this factor and who does not behave

in a manner which is conducive to a civilised spectator environment, will not be welcome at Luton Town. Swift and positive action will be taken by the club to rectify this situation.

The provision of a rest and comfort room for our Junior Hatters members with refreshment provision is receiving high priority, and it is the aim of the club to make it available in time for today's game, if only on a temporary basis initially.

Much interest has been shown in the positive and progressive schemes which this club has produced to give our young supporters the opportunity to watch live football in safety.

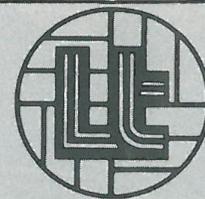
Recent visits by representatives from Notts County, Oxford United, Cambridge United and West Ham United to study and monitor our progress is evidence of this.

We are, we believe, moving forward, stage by stage, to a situation when one day Luton Town can boast a superb all-purpose sports complex with excellent family provision, and a happy community atmosphere second-to-none in the country.

With your help, continuing support, tolerance and understanding, this will be achieved.

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**LUTON TOWN**



- 1 JAKE FINDLAY 3(0)
- 2 KIRK STEPHENS
- 3 RICHARD MONEY
- 4 BRIAN HORTON
- 5 CLIVE GOODYEAR
- 6 MAL DONAGHY
- 7 RICKY HILL
- 8 BRIAN STEIN
- 9 PAUL WALSH
- 10 WAYNE TURNER
- 11 DAVID MOSS
- 12 ANTIC

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- 1 PETER SHILTON (2)3
- 2 REUBEN AGBOOLA
- 3 MICK MILLS
- 4 STEVE WILLIAMS
- 5 CHRIS NICHOLL
- 6 MARK WRIGHT
- 7 NICK HOLMES ROSE
- 8 STEVE MORAN
- 9 KEITH CASSELLS
- 10 DAVID ARMSTRONG
- 11 DANNY WALLACE
- 12 PUCKETT

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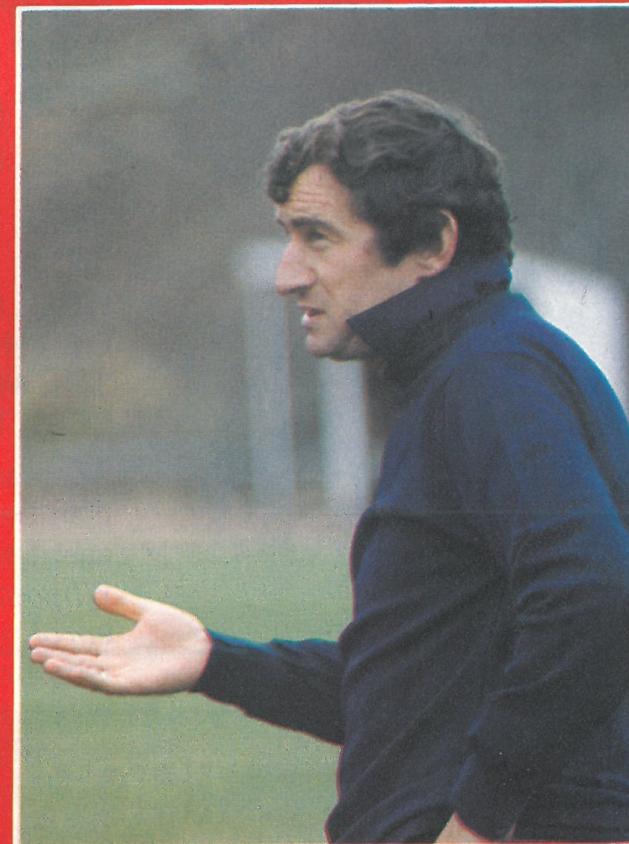
Welcome to our eighth home League game of the season. Our visitors, Southampton, have risen from the Second Division to be a powerful respected League club. In signing Peter Shilton and Mick Mills they have made their intentions clear.

The transfer market currently appears to be having a winter break. Although many clubs are eager to change one or two faces, the economic climate has forced clubs to tread warily and look towards exchanging players rather than buying. I hope that, soon, clubs will be brave enough to spend some money because an active transfer market adds to the excitement and interest in professional football. Provided the money circulates between English clubs this is healthy. Regarding excessive valuations I believe everyone in football accepts that those days have gone forever.

It is pleasing to note our results at youth level. Although results are sometimes not true reflections, we have been heartened by the progress being made. Our two work experience boys, Mark Watts and Michael Shearer, both played their part at West Ham in an exciting Southern Junior Floodlit Cup game. Mitchell Thomas and Stacey North have both been under consideration for England youth honours this season.

Tim Breacker, Garry Parker and Ray Daniel have been playing regular reserve football which is very demanding for boys of their age. Freedom of contract, overheads and wages have meant youth players playing reserve football collectively very early, and subsequently playing first team football before they are ready for this standard.

Teams are getting younger but it is interesting to note that the 30-year-old-plus brigade are by far the most influential and consistent performers at our level. Brian Horton has been an inspiration for us, Mick Mills will be pushing Southampton, John Hollins received a new lease of life at Arsenal, Dave Watson at Stoke, Colin Todd at Forest, whilst Bob Hatton and Ron Harris are still shining at their level. Alan Ball has already proved his value twice for Southampton.



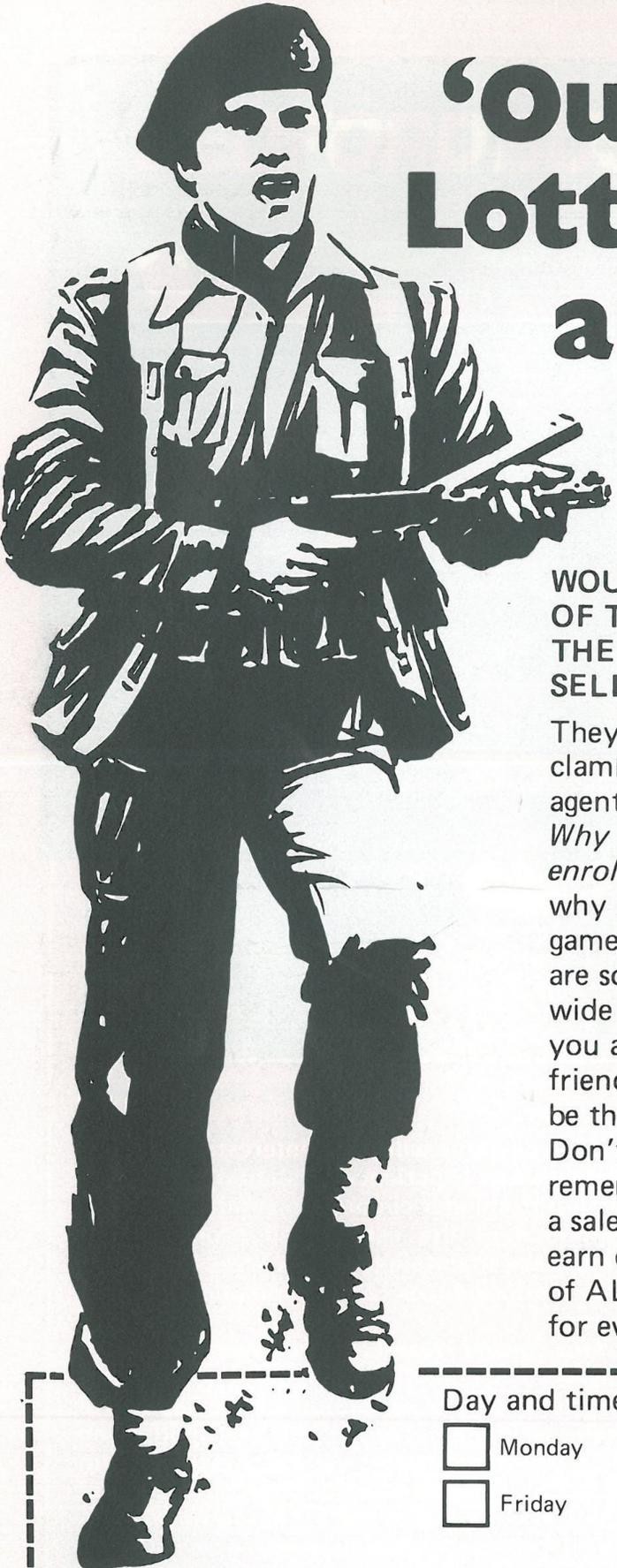
Today's game will be an interesting mixture of youth and experience. It should be the aim of all the younger element to emulate the performance of the established professionals. They have maintained their career by consistent performances and dedication to the game.

Our recent results have been steady if unspectacular and next Wednesday we have an opportunity to prove that we are capable of doing well against one of the best footballing sides in the country. A win at Tottenham would be a tremendous fillip for everyone at Luton. We look forward to the game with interest and trust our tremendous away support will once again behave impeccably and keep up the good name of the club.

Enjoy this afternoon's game and may the best team win.

**DAVID PLEAT**

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Your couriers are Paul Sparks (Stevenage 66247, after 8 p.m.), Ian Hemmings (Stevenage 820737) and Dave Packer (Stevenage 54144). Make your bookings with them, or direct with Catherine Ball (Luton 411622).

Coaches for Tottenham will leave from Maple Road at 5.15 p.m.; Hitchin 4.45 p.m.; Stevenage 4.30 p.m. For the Aylesbury run times are: Aylesbury 4.15 p.m.; Leighton Buzzard 4.30 p.m.; Milton Keynes 4.45 p.m. Stony Stratford 5 p.m. The times for the Aylesbury run depend on how full the coach is. Please make your bookings early either with your couriers, Graham Snookes (Aylesbury 748435), Malcolm Anderton (Milton Keynes 661102) or Catherine Ball.

Departure times for the Hemel Hempstead run are: Hemel Hempstead 4.30 p.m.; Redbourn 4.45 p.m.; Harpenden 5 p.m. Bookings can be made through Dan Moskal (Hemel Hempstead 57674), Graham Winterbone (Harpenden 61863) or Luton 411622. Fares are Adults £2.50, Juveniles £2.

On Saturday 4th December we travel to Swansea with an early start for a long journey. Departure times are Maple Road 9 a.m.; Hitchin 8.30 a.m.; Stevenage 8.15 a.m.; Aylesbury 8 a.m.;

Leighton Buzzard 8.15 a.m.; Milton Keynes 8.30 a.m.; Stony Stratford 8.45 a.m.; Hemel Hempstead 8.15 a.m.; Redbourn 8 a.m.; Harpenden 8.45 a.m. Bookings may be made as above.

There are concession fares for registered Travel Club members: Adults £5, Juveniles £4. Non-members: £5.50p (adults), £4.50 (juveniles). To qualify for concession, your travel card must be endorsed for 1982-83, and signed by Catherine Ball. If you have overlooked your renewal, don't delay. Send your card to be brought up to date, together with your membership fee, (£1 adults, 50p juveniles, up to and including 15 years).

Despite many appeals for help for couriers to augment the services from Bedford, Cranfield and surrounding areas, we have been unsuccessful. Neither coach is being used as it could be, and it is with the great reluctance that we have decided to withdraw these two services.

They will run for the Manchester City game on 11th December and then stop. We are sorry to have to take this step, but the services are not currently proving viable. We cannot run a service for just one or two people.

If there is a travelling supporter who is prepared to organise a coach for either or both areas, we will be happy to hear from them and possibly reconsider re-opening the service.

Teams are coming in for the Travellers five-a-side tournament. We already have Hitchin Eagles, Aylesbury 'A' and Aylesbury 'B'. We do need more teams, however, so let us have details.

We are also waiting to hear what support there may be for a social event which is proposed for Christmas or early New Year.

Catherine Ball Travel Organiser

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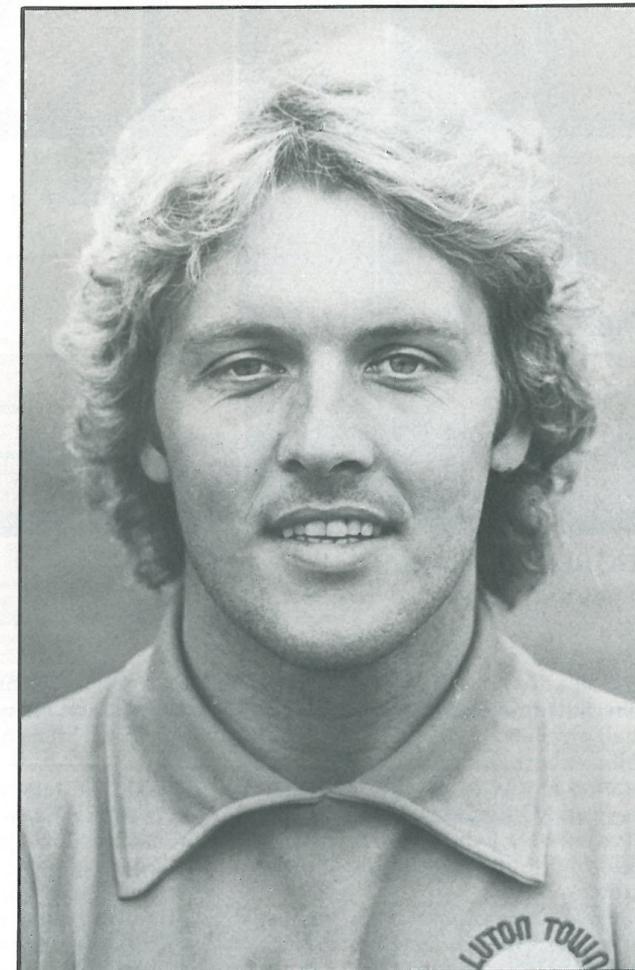
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# HATTER FOCUS



**Full name:** JOHN WILLIAMSON FINDLAY  
**Birthplace:** Blairgowrie, Perthshire  
**Birthdate:** 13.7.54  
**Height:** 6ft 1in  
**Weight:** 14st 2lb  
**Married:** Yes — Sandra  
**Children:** Craig John Findlay  
**Car:** Ford Sierra Ghia  
**Previous clubs:** Aston Villa  
**Favourite player:** Basher Stephens  
**Favourite other sport:** Golf  
**Nickname:** Ox  
**Favourite other team:** St Johnstone, Perth  
**Players for the future:** Paul Walsh, David Moss  
**Best stadium played in:** Valencia  
**Other sports person you most admire:** Bjorn Borg  
**Most memorable match:** Winning FA Youth Cup at Liverpool 1977  
**If not a player, what job would you do?** Pub management  
**Favourite holiday resort:** St Lucia  
**Favourite activity on day off:** Sleeping  
**Friendliest away fans:** Liverpool  
**Biggest influence on career:** Ken Gutteridge, David Pleat, David Coates. But mainly myself  
**Your best ever all time XI:** England World Cup 1966  
**Personal ambition:** To make sure my family are well provided for



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# BEHIND THE SCENES

By ROBERT HADGRAFT

Colin Ball's dream is to see the return of a cheerful family atmosphere to our football grounds.

Colin — born in the Midlands — can remember regularly watched games at Molineux and Villa Park as a small boy, and remembers being passed down to the front by the willing hands of other spectators.

'Sadly, this sort of thing is missing these days. But we must not let a minority spoil the greatest game in the world,' he reflected grimly.

Since being appointed Luton Town's Youth Development Officer in April 1980, he has worked towards providing the club with a nucleus of sensible, well-behaved young supporters for the future.

He runs the thriving Junior Hatters set-up, which has mushroomed into a club for young supporters which now boasts nearly 1850 members.

A Junior Hatter pays £1 a year and he, or she, will receive a membership certificate, badge, reduced admission to the ground, a special area to watch the game from, plus other social and recreational events to attend and the chance to lead the team on to the pitch as mascot or one of four escorts on match days.

Youngsters from all round the region have joined, and the average age is about 10½ years.

Regular fans cannot have failed to notice the smartly dressed youngsters who lead the team out before a match.

Participation in this is by means of a draw, and the lucky winners keep their Luton Town kit as a memento of the occasion.

Junior Hatters share accommodation with our Season Ticket holders to whom they look to set a responsible pattern of behaviour at the left-hand end of the Kenilworth Road enclosure.

'They are able to identify with the football club, and get involved with it. In this way we try to provide the responsible supporters of the future,' says Colin.

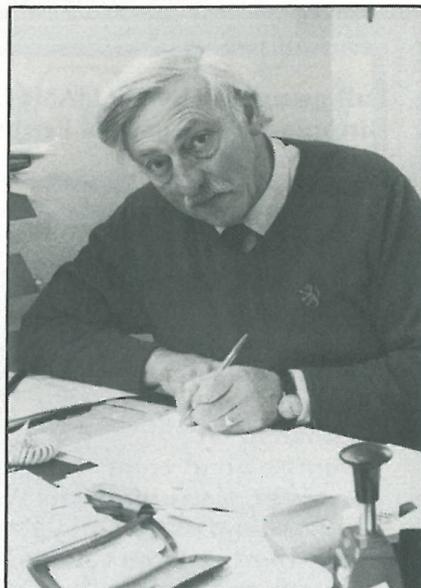
The Junior Hatters Club has been extensively re-vamped by Colin since its initial inception in the 1970s. It was launched then because team manager Alec Stock was keen to establish a link with local schools and children.

The formation of this type of club is becoming more common-place. The biggest is Junior Blues (Manchester City) and also thriving are Millers United (Rotherham), Junior Rams (Derby County) and the 257 Junior Blues (Ipswich Town).

Oxford United, Cambridge United and West Ham are keen to jump on the bandwagon, and have recently been in touch with Luton for advice.

Although technically a part-time employee, Colin is kept busy answering parents' queries and visiting schools as far and wide as Milton Keynes, Aylesbury, Stevenage, Welwyn Garden City and St Albans.

Establishing links with schools is not



COLIN BALL

too tough a task for Colin, because he is a retired schoolmaster. He taught in Shropshire, and then in Bedfordshire for 30 years before taking early retirement in 1980.

He began following Luton Town's fortunes in the 1950s, but became closely involved with the club behind-the-scenes when he was made chairman of the Supporters Club in 1971.

He says he is appreciative of the players' part in encouraging the Junior Hatters Club, particularly the contribution of Tony Grealish and Ricky Hill, who have served as presidents.

Meeting the players is obviously something the members like and is one of the bonuses provided by their membership, along with the chance to play in five-a-side soccer contests and attend special meetings and parties.

The basic idea is that the youngsters will enjoy their involvement at Kenilworth Road so much, that they will become one of the 'hard-core' adult supporters in future years.

Colin's school background obviously meant he was the ideal man to nurture the Junior Hatters scheme and to push it on the path to success.

Luton Town has become something of a family affair for the Ball family. Colin's wife Catherine is the club's away travel organiser, his brother Ken is chairman of the Century Club, and daughter Christine has become an avid supporter.

# JUNIOR HATTERS



Five members of the Junior Hatters Club will today wear the colours of Luton Town and accompany the team on to the pitch.

It is a thrill for the youngsters and local schoolteacher, John Williams, looks at the feelings the boys and girls experience.

'I recall the great excitement I had as a young boy watching Luton from the terraces with my father and those times are not forgotten today when I have the privilege of helping to prepare mascot and escorts before each home game and see the excitement and anticipation mirrored on their young faces.

'From the moment they leave the warm hospitality of the Century Club and disappear along a network of tunnels to find their changing facilities, they all experience a similar myriad of emotion.

'The inevitable butterflies bring a little tension, but as the kit is donned, a sense of pride and confidence emerges. The kit, a generous gift from the club, will soon become a cherished memory of the occasion.

'More corridors, and the children make a nervous entrance to the Hatters Club to be presented to the sponsors. A swift return to the top of the players' tunnel and they are in awe at the close proximity of their heroes, darting between kit and changing rooms. A reassuring glance or a smile from a Luton player and the youngsters no longer have to pinch themselves to be sure of their surroundings.

'Indeed, kind remarks to the boys from visiting

players as they go up and down the tunnel to inspect the pitch — all add to the sense of occasion.

'Soon, managers emerge from the changing rooms with often more than a trace of pre-match nerves as they chew gum to relieve the tension, and carry their team sheets to the referee and linesmen locked away in a small room at the top of the players' tunnel.

'The groundsman makes his last minute checks. The sound of players psyching themselves up after the final team talk is followed by the broad grin of Brian Horton, as he shakes the hand of the mascot before they go down the players' tunnel, with the escorts their guard of honour.

'Players execute ritual superstitions as they do everything from touching the referee's door to giving the tunnel roof a hefty slap.

'The youngsters can now relax with their heroes, savouring those few ecstatic moments before they re-trace their steps up the tunnel to collect their clothes and join their families, taking with them a happy and never to be forgotten memory.'

A good time is in store for all Junior Hatters members at Christmas with Mike Reid's Christmas Runaround, a Hatters Special, at the Forum Theatre, Hatfield, on Monday 20th December, prices are: £2 (junior or adult) and special price transport is available costing 60p return. Details from Reception, Kenilworth Road, or Colin Ball.

## MASCOT AND ESCORTS

Mascot: Kevin Folland, aged 12, from Caddington. Kevin attends Five Oaks School, Caddington, and his interests are playing and watching football, cycl-

## THE MASCOT . . .



KEVIN FOLLAND

ing and basket ball. He plays for his school, and Harpenden Colts. Escorts: Gregory Pannell, 10, of Luton. Gregory attends St Josephs School, and his interests are football and swimming.

Paula Worboys, also from Luton, and is also 10. She attends Warden Hill Junior School, and is interested in all sports.

Andrew Shields is 12, and is another escort from Luton. He attends Stockwood High School, is interested in football and rugby, and plays for his school and St Margarets Celtic.

Andrew Green lives in Harpenden and is 13. He is a pupil at St Georges, Harpenden. He is interested in snooker, soccer, cross country running, and plays for The Lea School, and his cub pack.

## . . . AND THE ESCORTS



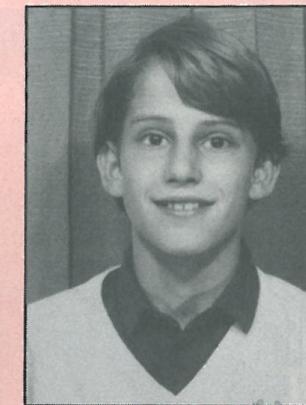
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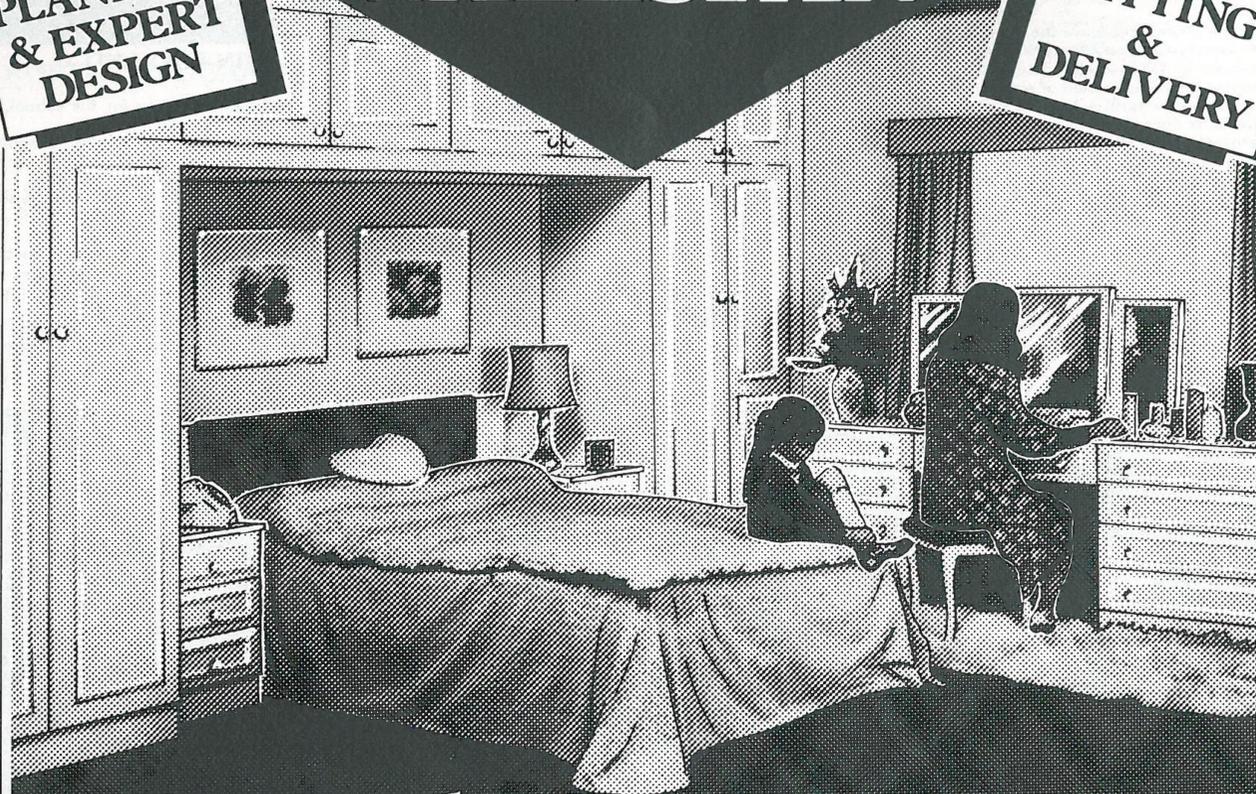
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# TOWN

**THE PAGE  
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TO US**

In our matchday magazine for the game against Arsenal, we included a special feature on the club's future and the move to a new indoor leisure complex. We asked for our supporters' views on the issue. This is the initial response, and we welcome other fans' views on this vital subject. Write to Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road, Luton, marking your envelopes 'New Stadium'.

Dear Sir, The fabulous vision of Luton Town's future must be realised, despite antagonistic factions from certain areas of the town.

I find it nauseating that some people, who weren't even born in this town, and are taking Lutonian's jobs — having the gall to lambast a scheme, which will surely put Luton in the forefront of British sport. The hysterical cries of 'football hooliganism' should be unfounded if Luton implement their planned membership scheme correctly.

Some of the letters have just been downright vindictive and Town fans seem apathetic in response. How many against are football, or even sports fans?

I don't really think Lewsey is suitable, but Stockwood Park, Leagrave Park or Stopsley Common are possible sites.

Stockwood Park would be my choice simply because the space is enormous and a fair distance from housing.

Luton badly needs a new stadium, and if the club can't find anywhere more suitable than Lewsey so be it. I would love it near my home and the Warden Hills would make a beautiful backdrop.

**P. Rance**  
Warden Hill Road  
Luton

Dear Sir, Could I, through your letters page, express my disappointment with Luton Town Football Club supporters' disregard to the bad publicity in the Press in connection with the new stadium.

Luton should be applauded for this brave new venture and, indeed for their past efforts to produce more seats, new barriers and a scoreboard. To combat the hooligans, I would like more people to write to the Press, MP and councillors, making the point that Luton FC don't breed these people — but parents.

This bold new venture will bring prestige, top class entertainment and, not least, vital jobs to an area which badly needs them. The club needs, and deserves, better support and Press than it has received.

**R. W. Freeman**  
Carteret Road  
Luton

Dear Sir, In the Arsenal magazine, you asked for views on Luton Town moving to a new stadium.

I would like to say do not make it all seater. I think I speak for many fans when I say I do not like sitting to watch a match, and I stand out of choice rather than being unable to afford a seat.

If we were to have a new ground

I hope you would make one end, for home supporters only, a standing enclosure.

I think my views are partly substantiated by the reduction of Coventry City's attendances since making their ground all seater. Admittedly, their receipts are just as much, but the atmosphere plays a large part in football. I am sure their players and supporters preferred 16,000 attendances to 8,000 seated customers.

Finally there is cost. You quote Jimmy Hill as saying the ground to be 'a place for the whole family'. That must be rich ones only because not many people can afford £5 for one seat let alone for the whole family.

**N. C. Albone**  
Silverbirch Avenue  
Stotfold

Dear Sir, With reference to Luton Town's problem with a new ground. If they have a chance of moving to Milton Keynes I would say it would be a very good idea.

The MK Development Corporation seem to understand about family entertainment and, I am sure, would come up with a good concept that the football club and the Corporation would help to satisfy the paying public and themselves.

The current Luton ground is not appealing to family entertainment compared with alternatives available on Saturday afternoons.

I say, if there is a chance to move to Milton Keynes — be bold and go.

**I. D. Corby**  
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# LETTERS

# HATTERS A-Z

PART 10 By TONY PULLEIN

## HONOURS

The Hatters have won the following honours in League football:

Second Division championship (1981-82)  
Third Division (South) championship (1936-37)

Fourth Division championship (1967-68)

Our best performance in the First Division was eighth place in 1957-58. We were FA Cup finalists in 1958-59 whilst our best in the League Cup was a run to the fifth round in 1978-79.

**HORTON, Brian.** Brian, who came to Luton from Brighton for £100,000 during the 1981 close season, began his League career with Port Vale in 1970 and went on to make well over 200 appearances for that club. Brighton signed him for £30,000 in 1976 and it was his inspiration that had so much to do with their rise from the Third to the First Division.

League record:

	Apps	Gls
Port Vale	1970-71	38(1)
	1971-72	41(1)
	1972-73	39
	1973-74	41
	1974-75	43(1)
Brighton	1975-76	30(1)
	1975-76	11
	1976-77	45
	1977-78	42
	1978-79	39(1)
£30,000	1979-80	42
	1980-81	38
	1981-82	41
	1982-83	14
		504(5)

**JUDGE, Alan.** Alan has been the patient understudy to Jake Findlay for the past three years or so. He made his League debut at Newcastle on the final day of the 1979-80 season.

League record:

	Apps	Gls
Luton	1979-80	1
	1980-81	2
	1981-82	4
	1982-83	4
		11

**KENILWORTH ROAD.** Kenilworth Road has been the club's home ground since 1905.

**KELLOCK, Billy.** Billy's career has taken many strange twists and, having been given the chance to show his skills in our First Division side this season, he hopes he may now be able to establish himself at this level.

He didn't make the first team with Aston Villa and it was after joining Cardiff City that he made his League debut in 1971-72. Norwich signed him for £25,000 in 1973 but he made only brief appearances in their First Division side and was released at the end of one season.

Millwall signed him but he didn't get into their first team so he went into non-League football. After a particularly good season with Kettering, Billy was signed by Peterborough for £33,000 and on 1979-80 he was their top scorer with 23 League and Cup goals. After three seasons with the Posh, Billy joined Luton last summer.

League record:

	Apps	Gls
Cardiff	1971-72	5(1)
	1972-73	28(1)
	1973-74	1(2)
	1974-75	—
	1979-80	45
Norwich	1980-81	46
	1981-82	43
	1982-83	2(1)
Luton		170(5)

**LEAGUE CUP.** 1960-61 — Liverpool (a) 1-1, (h) 2-5; 1961-62 — Northampton (h) 2-1, Rotherham (h) 0-0, (a) 0-2; 1962-63 — Southport (a) 3-1, Barnsley (a) 2-1, Manchester City (a) 0-1; 1963-64 — Coventry (h) 3-4; 1964-65 — Port Vale (a) 1-0, Aston Villa (h) 0-1; 1965-66 — Brighton (h) 1-1 (a) 0-2; 1966-67 — Aldershot (a) 2-2 (h) 1-2; 1967-68 — Charlton (h) 1-1 (a) 2-1, Leeds (a) 1-3; 1968-69 — Watford (h) 3-0, Brighton (a) 1-1 (h) 4-2, Everton (a) 1-5; 1969-70 — Peterborough (a) 1-1 (h) 5-2, Millwall (h) 2-2 (a) 1-0, Sheffield United (a) 0-3; 1970-71 — Gillingham (a) 1-0, Workington (h) 3-0, Arsenal (h) 0-1; 1971-72 — Crystal Palace (a) 0-2.

1972-73 — Birmingham (a) 1-1 (h) 1-1 (at Northampton) 0-1; 1973-74 — Grimsby (h) 1-1 (a) 0-0 (a) 2-0, Bury (h) 0-0 (a) 3-2, Millwall (a) 1-3; 1974-75 — Bristol Rovers (h) 1-0, Sheffield United (a) 0-2; 1975-76 — Darlington (a) 1-2; 1976-77 — Sunderland (a) 1-3; 1977-78 — Wolves (a) 3-1, Manchester City (h) 1-1 (a) 0-0 (at Old Trafford) 2-3; 1978-79 — Wigan (h) 2-0, Crewe (h) 2-1, Aston Villa (a) 2-0, Leeds (a) 1-4; 1979-80 — Gillingham (a) 0-3 (h) 1-1; 1980-81 — Reading (a) 2-0 (h) 1-1, Manchester City (h) 1-2; 1981-82 — Wrexham (h) 0-2 (a) 1-0; 1982-83 — Charlton (h) 3-0 (a) 0-2, Blackpool (h) 4-2.

Former Hatters' favourite **MALCOLM MACDONALD** is among the items featured in the next instalment of our A-Z. Be sure to get your copy!

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### NAME THE FACES

The players heads featured in the Arsenal magazine were Alan Curtis (Swansea), Martin O'Neill (Norwich) and Chris Woods (Norwich).

The winner was Mr R. J. Brown, 9 The Vineyards, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, who will today receive his prize of our super commemorative video tape.

The winner of the competition in the Blackpool magazine was Ian Saunders, 12 Furzedown Court, Milton Road, Harpenden, who correctly spotted Billy Bonds (West Ham), Alistair Brown (WBA) and Osvaldo Ardiles (Paris St Germaine). Ian will also receive his video today. Our warm congratulations go out to both our winners.

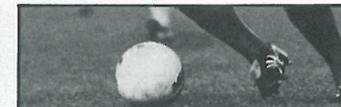
Here's a new phototeaser with, again, a prize of a super commemorative video. The photo caption shows three players' heads mixed up. All you have to do is name the three players and their current clubs. Send your entries to: Luton Town Football Club, Matchday Magazine, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton.



### NAME THE STAR

The long running Name the Star competition has, at last been won and our lucky winner who guessed the player as Mark Dennis (pictured left) of Birmingham City from the Arsenal magazine was Mr C. Marriott, 17 Spring Road, Kempston, Bedford, who will receive his video today.

A new 'Name the Star' competition starts today. This is a continuing competition when we will add a small proportion of the body of a famous player inviting you to guess the player's identity. As the details increase the prize will diminish. Send your entries to: 'Name the Star' Competition, Luton Town Football Club, Matchday Magazine, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton.



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## AWAYDAY TO SPURS

After this afternoon's game, we make the short trip to north London on Wednesday night to tackle Spurs in the fourth round of the Milk Cup. A replay, if necessary, will be staged at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday 7th December (7.45 p.m.).

We are also away a week today when we make the long journey to South Wales to meet Swansea City. Supporters travelling by car will find these directions, supplied by the RAC, helpful to reach the Vetch Field.

Leave London on the M4 to junction 42 and follow the signs to Swansea. Enter Swansea on the A483 (Fabian Way) and continue via Quay Parade to the roundabout.

Follow Victoria Road to the next roundabout and take the first exit into Oystermouth Road. Take the fourth turning on the right (a sharp turn) into Glamorgan Street and the football ground is on the left.

## LITTLE AND LARGE!

A trio of keepers and a leading jockey lined up for the cameras at a special sportsnight evening held at Trimoco in Dunstable Road, Luton.

Our own Jake Findlay joined former Arsenal keeper Bob Wilson, now a BBC Television personality, and Paul Barron — the Palace keeper — and didn't have much trouble in hoisting Willie Carson from his saddle.

## PROGRAMME FAIR

Programme collecting is growing in popularity with some rare specimens the envy of many collectors. Walthamstow Avenue FC are organising a programme fair at their Green Pond Road ground, Higham Hill Road, London E17 on Sunday 5th December from 10.30 a.m. until 2 p.m. when 14 dealers will attend. Admission is only 25p.

## YOUTH TEAM CUP DRAW

Our reward for beating Colchester United 1-0 in the last round of the Eastern Junior Cup is an away game at Ipswich Town in the semi-finals. The game must be played by 31st January. The other semi-final sees Stevenage at home to Norwich City.

## A VOTE OF THANKS

We, at Luton, always do our best to help local clubs and broaden our public relations exercise. That's why we were pleased to help local South Midlands League club, 61 FC, when they asked us to donate a matchball for their recent FA Vase tie. We have now heard from their manager, Richard Everitt thanking us for our generous gesture.

## CENTURY CLUB

Christmas is creeping up fast, and we would be pleased to receive the names of members' children, (including age, up to and including 15 years) so none miss our Christmas party, which will take place in the Century Club on Friday 10th December, starting at 6.30 p.m. With Father Christmas in attendance, and music and games organised by Neil and John, we look forward to a fun evening again.

Our quiz evening will take place early in the New Year, but we do want some team members. Please don't be shy. This again is a fun evening, though last time, the players were the winners!

We welcome today our visitors from Southampton, whom we have not met for some years. We look forward to a good game, and wish our lads the best of luck.



## ON THE BUSES

'Any more fares please', could be what Terry Bailey, chairman and managing director of Walspan Bedrooms is saying.

But Terry, who sponsored our electronic scoreboard and the last home game against Arsenal, is not thinking of changing his job. He recently took delivery of four United Counties double-decker buses as part of an advertising campaign for his company.

He was assisted at the promotional launch by our skipper Nobby Horton and full-back Richard Money.

One of the benefits Terry is prepared to offer from his scheme is to allow Junior Hatters the possible chance of using the buses for transporting them to our home games.

## SOUTHAMPTON THROUGH THE YEARS

● As a Southern League club, Southampton

met another Southern League club, Millwall, in the semi-final of the FA Cup in 1899-1900.

● In 1900 and 1902 the Saints reached the FA Cup Final, on the latter occasion fielding the legendary amateur player C. B. Fry in their defence. He was also a first class rugby three-quarter, and a long jump champion and 100 yards champion at Oxford.

● Tom Parker (later captain of Arsenal) missed and saved a penalty in the Southampton v Northampton FA Cup-tie.

● Just after the Second World War, Southampton fielded three international goalkeepers in the space of three years — Ian Black (Scotland), Hugh Kelly (Northern Ireland) and Fred Kiernan (Eire).

● Frank Duiley's first three goals in the 1953-54 season were scored in different Divisions — for Southampton in Division Three, for Cardiff in Division One and Brentford in Division Two.

● In 1959-60 Ron Davies scored in 10 consecutive games between September and November.

● Southampton were one down after 35 seconds of a game against Wolves in September 1965 but went on to win 9-3.

● Never a particularly tough player, Phil Boyer was nevertheless sent off three times in League Cup-ties during his career with Norwich and Southampton.

● Southampton failed to win promotion in 1948-49 despite holding an eight-point lead in Division Two at the beginning of April.

● The Southampton v Leeds League Cup-tie on 6th December 1960 lasted 160 minutes. Power failure caused a stoppage of 62 minutes and the Saints finally won 5-4.

## IN RETROSPECT

**Luton Town v Southampton**  
Division Three (South) 1920-21 1-1 (h) 1-1 (a), 1921-22 0-0 (h) 1-2 (a).

Division Two: 1937-38 1-3 (h) 6-3 (a), 1938-39 6-2 (h) 4-0 (a), 1946-47 2-2 (h) 3-1 (a), 1947-48 0-2 (h) 3-1 (a), 1948-49 1-1 (h) 1-1 (a), 1949-50 1-1 (h) 1-2 (a), 1950-51 0-1 (h) 1-1 (a), 1951-52 2-1 (h) 3-2 (a), 1952-53 1-2 (h) 3-1 (a), 1960-61 4-1 (h) 2-3 (a), 1961-62 1-4 (h) 0-3 (a), 1962-63 3-2 (h) 2-2 (a).

1975-76 Southampton 3 (McCalliog, Stokes, Channon) Luton 1 (John Ryan), Luton 1 (Husband) Southampton 0.

1976-77 Luton 1 (Chambers) Southampton 4 (Peach 2 (1 pen), McDougall, Holmes), Southampton 1 (Ball) Luton 0.

1977-78 Southampton 0 Luton 1 (Futcher, R), Luton 1 (Hill) Southampton 2 (McDougall, Peach (pen)).

Teams for last game here, 22nd April 1978

LUTON: Aleksic, Carr (Jones), Price, Hill, McNichol, Futcher (P), Stein, West, Futcher (R), Fuccillo, Boersma.

SOUTHAMPTON: Wells, Andruszewsk, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, McDougall, Holmes, Funnell.

Attendance: 14,302.

## TODAY'S REFEREE

Keren P. Barratt of Coventry commenced refereeing in 1968 and progressed via the West Midlands League to the Football League List. Has refereed various local Cup Finals, including the West Midland League Premier Cup Final in 1980.

A married man, with two daughters, he is a maintenance machine tool foreman. Has been Secretary of Coventry Referees' Association for seven years, and is also Secretary of a football competition organised for Referees' Associations' teams. For two-and-a-half seasons was an amateur goalkeeper with Coventry City.



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# LUTON LEISURE

The Chiltern Radio (Luton Town) five-a-side tournament recently started and last year's adult champions, Campani, are labelled favourites from the teams that have played so far in this year's competition, as they head group four. They have won all their matches and scored 14 goals in the process.

Runners-up Aero Marine Plastics are not having their own way as they lead group one by goal difference from G.P.C. FC. Group two leaders are Britannia Airways 'C' side, and Excelsior Breakaway are leading the group three.

In the junior competitions, current under-12 years champions Potton Colts 'A' have made a bright start to head group one, while the unknown Cad-dington Fury's are taking group two by a storm in winning all their matches, scoring 15 goals with none against.

Last years 12-14s plate winners, Hill-borough Hatters, are looking good for the proper title this season and are leading group one. New team Oldhill Athletic 'A' are leading the second group. Leaders of group one in the 14-16 age group are Kempston Rovers 'A'.

Many Luton readers, may recall the leisure report in the Ipswich magazine,

when the Hatters Community Junior Net-ball League was highlighted for providing an activity for over 500 young girls in the Summer League, as well as gaining national recognition by the All England Net-ball Association.

The League is looking for a person to join their committee as the Voluntary Tournament Organiser, and would be most interested to hear from men or women who wish to join the 12 strong League committee.

The League operates one or two evenings per week from July to September for the under-11, under-13 and, hopefully, next year's under-15 years.

This voluntary post is quite demanding and could suit someone who has recently retired.

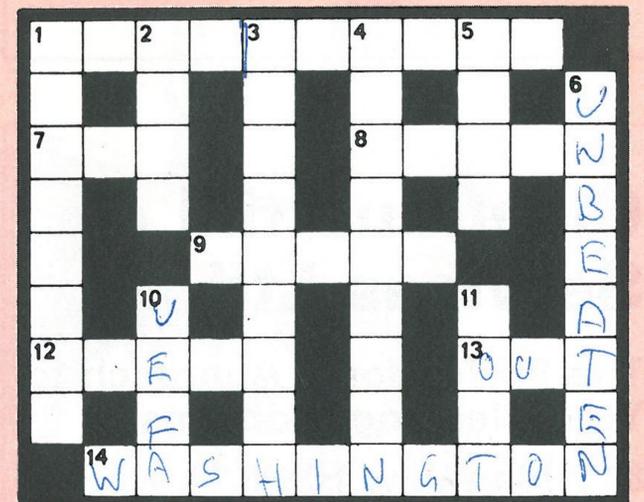
Interested? Please contact: Mrs Cheryl Danson on Luton 20532 after 7 p.m. or Mr Mike McDonald on Toddington 3326 after 7 p.m.

With the League catering for so many young girls and activities, fund-raising is most important. The League is looking for your support in their next fund-raising venture, a jumble sale at St Mathews Church Hall, Hightown, Luton on Friday 3rd December from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## CROSSWORD

**ACROSS:** 1. Defender who kicked off his career with Chelsea and who was still there when this season kicked off (4,6); 7. Score (3); 8. Defender (sharing a first name with 1 across) who began with Boro in the 1960s but spent the bulk of his career with Brentford in the 1970s (5); 9. One of Sunderland's colours (5); 12. Country seen in action in the World Cup finals in West Germany (5); 13. Where one of the clubs in a Cup-tie goes! (3); 14. Where the NASL's Diplomats were (10).

**DOWN:** 1. He helped Villa collect the European Cup (8); 2. Bristol-born Phil, who set out with Rovers, sounds like a high-flying keeper! (4); 3. Former League club (now an Alliance Premier side) which went out when Leicester came in (9); 4. The second of Manchester City's two successive Footballers of the Year (9); 5. Sheffield screechers (4); 6. Celtic hold the record for being so in most consecutive British League matches (8); 10. Soccer body founded in 1904 (1,1,1,1); 11. 'It may be square, round, half-round or elliptical . . . other shapes are not permitted' (Law 1) (4).



Solutions to Crossword on Statistics page.

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# LOTTERY TOPICS

Christmas is just around the corner and that means everyone has the opportunity of helping the Hatters with their usual 100 per cent efforts generated by the efforts of all our club members and, in particular, season ticket holders.

At this time of year, we attempt to spread the load and supply all season ticket holders with £5 worth of raffle tickets to sell — including two free tickets as a reward for your efforts.

Who couldn't do with extra cash at Christmas? We can solve your problem because we are offering £2,000 in cash prizes — and some of that can buy a lot of presents.

A similar amount goes to the parent club to help them into 1983. And every penny helps considering the importance of cash flow.

Our lottery ticket sales tend to drop at the time of year when most of the local factories close for longer than normal periods. The annual raffle exercise helps us to overcome that temporary loss.

We have included a Freepost envelope to assist season ticket holders to return their counterfoils and cheque for £5. There is no expense to you — just the small task of selling 20 tickets for the benefit of Luton Town FC.



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# JOHN'S JOURNAL

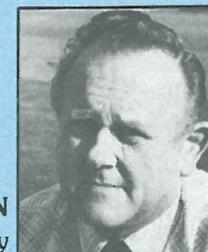
We have been reading lately about the decline of English football, with falling attendances and lack of money as the main topic. This week, I thought we would try to brighten the scenes by giving a few mis-quotes by sports commentators and pressmen over the past few years.

Let's start with the TV commentator who said: 'And for the viewers watching in black and white, Sunderland are wearing the yellow strip.' The same person also said: 'So different from the scenes in 1872, at the Cup final that none of us can remember.'

On the other channel: 'And now the familiar sight of Liverpool raising the League Cup for the first time.' This one was heard recently: 'With the very last kick of the game, Bobby McDonald scored

with a header.' A Scottish commentator once said of a match: 'Queens Park against Forfar. You can't get more romantic than that.' How about: 'Exeter City 3 Swindon Town 4, a good tight defensive game.' That came from the announcer watching the video printer. One match concerning today's visitors: 'And Southampton have beaten Brighton by 3-1. That's a repeat of last year's result when Southampton won 5-1.' Talking of Brighton, a reporter said: 'And Andy Ritchie has now scored 11 goals, exactly double the number he scored last season.' Now, for three classics: 'Well it's Ipswich 0 Liverpool 2 and if that's the way the score stays then you've got to fancy Liverpool to win.' Heard reading the results was the comment: 'Kilmarnock versus Partick Thistle, match postponed. That, of course, is a latest score.' Finally, from Scotland, 'and there'll be more football in a moment, but first we've got the highlights of the Scottish League Cup Final.'

**JOHN WILKINSON**  
Secretary



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# HATTERS IN RESERVE

## LUTON 3 BRIGHTON 1

Brighton started better than the Town's youngsters but, after we scored on the break, we had numerous chances to increase our lead but failed to do so except from a penalty.

Towards the end of the first half, they came back into the game, pulled one back, and gave us a few scares by nearly equalising. In the second half, it was end to end with us having the best of the chances, but failing to take any until three minutes from time when we got a third to seal the game for us.

Scorers: McConville (2), Parker.

TEAM: North, Shearer, Petts, Davis, Thomas, Plummer, Parker, Stein, McConville, Thomas, Watts, Loy, Tansley.

## LUTON 7 ST ALBANS 2

We received a shock in this FA Youth Cup-tie when they took the lead but were fortunate to come straight back to equalise. But we relaxed again at the back and allowed them to take the lead for the second time. It took a while for us to come back and equalise for the second time and

get our game together to lead 3-2 at the interval.

In the second half, St Albans tired a lot and Luton were on top. But we would have liked to have seen more imaginative play and a ruthless streak to score more goals. But all credit to St Albans because they kept trying and looked dangerous on the break and had a goal disallowed for a foul. They certainly caught us cold and sloppy at the beginning of the game, and the lesson to be learned is not to take anything for granted, against supposedly weaker opposition.

Scorers: Daniel (3), McConville (2), Stein, Plummer.

TEAM: North, Breacker, Petts, Thomas, North, Plummer, Parker, Stein, McConville, Daniel, Watts, Shearer.

## LUTON 0 WIMBLEDON 5

Wimbledon started off bright and confident, while we were a little dull and fearful in this South East Counties match. However, as the game went on, we came more into it, but they hit the vital first goal from a very acute angle.

After half time we were on top, but our goalkeeper took a cross and then dropped to enable the visitors to go two up. Our heads dropped and the game was slipping away from us, we still had a fair share of the play, but all our shots were from outside the box and they looked dangerous on the break.

They hit a good third goal from a near post header, and a fourth from a right wing cross. We had a chance to clear the ball, but failed to get it away and Wimbledon went on to get a fifth and leave us completely shattered.

TEAM: Groome, Hamilton, Petts, North, Tansley, Plummer, Sheare, Loy, McConville, Ellison, Coppin, Stein, Jones.

# MATCH SPONSOR

We are delighted to welcome this afternoon's sponsors, R. W. Unwin and Company to Kenilworth Road.

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The company's chairman, Ron Unwin, has been a member of the Luton Vice-Presidents Suite since it was formed.

# COMMERCIAL SCENE



THE WEEKLY LOOK AT THE HATTERS COMMERCIAL SCENE



Above is Terry Bailey, chairman and managing director of Wallspan Bedrooms, who sponsored our game against Arsenal. He is pictured with MP John Carlisle.

Match sponsorship at Luton Town is always something special with companies entertaining clients, customers and employees in a unique way with the aim of increasing their sales and profits, making valuable contacts and improving their public image.

Today's sponsor, Ron Unwin, chairman of R. W. Unwin and Company, is a man who treats a sponsorship in a different way. He enjoys helping others less fortunate than himself and, today, he'll be doing just that when children from the National Children's Home, Harpenden, and a party of youngsters from David Moss's home town of Witney will all be enjoying full VIP treatment as matchday guests of Ron.

Ron, a vice-president of the club and his wife, Iris, are well known around the stadium. This is the third match that R. W. Unwin and Company have sponsored at Kenilworth Road and, on each occasion, underprivileged or handicapped children have benefited.

Last season, Ron's guests from the National Children's Home reward did not just end with their VIP visit to the club. Kirk Stephens and David Moss felt a genuine concern for the children as they noted the expression of amazement on their faces as they eyed the players' kit and boot room with envy.

Kirk and David decided to help the children by raising some cash to buy a kit for them. They promptly organised a couple of fund-raising events amassing over £300.

The aspect of the gesture which really touched me was the time and effort put in, and that neither Kirk or David wanted any publicity. In these days when so many derogatory remarks are made about the attitude of professional footballers and also criticism of the commercial involvement in football, it's a real pleasure to be able to mention the nice and genuine aspects of the game and its people.

My only problem now is that I'll have to face Kirk, David and Ron for highlighting their charitable involvement.

**MIKE BEEVOR**  
Projects and Advertising Executive

# SCENE ON ONE

A weekly feature which puts the spotlight on the First Division scene. By Tony Pullein

## LIVERPOOL SURGE ON IN MILK CUP

Liverpool took a big step towards yet another unique achievement when they narrowly beat Second Division Rotherham in the third round of the Milk Cup. Bob Paisley's team is now only three ties from Wembley and the possibility of becoming the first club to lift the League Cup three seasons in succession.

Though the Reds have been in scintillating form in League matches, they found the going tough against a Rotherham side managed by their former favourite Emlyn Hughes. Liverpool were fresh from their 5-0 triumph at Everton — where Ian Rush scored four goals — when they faced the Millers but all they could extract from the encounter was a second half goal from transfer-listed Craig Johnston.

Liverpool will now be at home to the winners of the Norwich-Sunderland replay with what looks like an excellent chance of further progress.

The Anfield men defeated West Ham 2-1 in a replay of the 1981 League Cup final and last season beat Tottenham 3-1 after extra time in the final.

No one has ever won this competition three successive times, though Nottingham Forest did appear in three consecutive finals. Forest defeated Liverpool in the 1978 final and Southampton a year later. But their hat-trick dreams were shattered in 1980 when they lost to a ridiculously simple Andy Gray goal when they faced Wolves.

Forest, however, could prove the biggest obstacle to Liverpool's big ambitions. They are having a storming time in this season's Milk Cup. They crushed West Bromwich Albion 6-1 in the first leg of their second round tie, and finally went through 7-4 on aggregate.

They then shot seven goals into Watford's net in round three to win that one 7-3. Garry Birtles has scored in each of their three Milk Cup games to date, with a total of four goals in this tournament.

Brian Clough's team has ground advantage again in the next round, entertaining Brentford.

Meanwhile, over the road at Meadow Lane, Notts County are in no mood to be outshaded by their Forest neighbours. The team now managed by Howard Wilkinson is getting quietly on

with its Milk Cup business and, just to prove they have plenty of bottle, added Chelsea to their list of victims, following the European Champions Aston Villa in the previous round.

First half goals from Trevor Christie (penalty) and Paul Hooks gave Notts a comfortable 2-0 home win over Chelsea and now they will be at home to either West Ham or Lincoln City. If they get through that one, Notts will equal a club record by appearing in the fifth round for the fourth time.

Whatever has happened in their replay at West Ham, Lincoln City will be able to look back on this season's Milk Cup with great pride. After ousting York City 4-3 on aggregate in round one, the Red Imps beat Second Division Leicester City twice — 2-0 at home and 1-0 away.

Against West Ham, Lincoln fought back after going 0-1 down early on, Paul Goddard getting the goal. Derek Bell scored Lincoln's second half equaliser to cheer the large crowd of 13,899 — Sincil Bank's best attendance for six years.

Unlike the FA Cup, the Milk Cup doesn't seem to produce many giant-killing acts for some reason but Second Division strugglers Burnley did manage to pull one over their First Division rivals Coventry City. Two goals from Paul McGee gave Burnley a 2-1 away win over the Sky Blues whose attendance of 7,559 was one of their lowest for a decade.

Manchester United are one of the few major clubs never to have reached the League Cup final and they have been scratching around against Third Division opposition so far, not looking at all impressive. In the third round they needed an own-goal and a late Frank Stapleton effort to dampen Bournemouth at Old Trafford and then stuttered to a 2-2 draw at Dean Court.

At Bradford City they could do no more than play a goalless draw and keep their fingers crossed for the replay.

Tottenham, who last season became the first club to appear in both the FA and League Cup finals in the same season, have a mighty impressive record in Cup football and they could well be destined to another trip to Wembley — unless we have our way, of course!

After beating Brighton 2-1 on aggregate in an earlier round, Spurs were in no mood to be compromised when they visited Third Division Gillingham. Two goals each from Garth Crooks and Steve Archibald carried them through to a comfortable 4-2 victory and a home tie to The Hatters.

Birmingham City, whose only major achievement in life was in winning the League Cup in 1963, have been making quiet progress. They defeated Shrewsbury 5-2 on aggregate in round two and then ran up an easy 3-1 win over troubled Derby County.

Ian Handysides, Kevin Dillon (penalty) and Alan Curbishley were on target for the Blues who now visit Burnley at the next stage.

Justin Fashanu, who started this season on loan to Southampton, has been trying to get his future worked out with Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough, who had seemingly thrown him on the scrapheap. 'I respect Brian Clough as the best manager in the game,' said the England Under-21 striker. 'He has never been a failure — so why start with me?'

'He must have considered me a useful player or he would never have paid £1 million for me. But I keep reading his comments about me not being able to play. I wish he would give me some sound football advice and help me to improve my game.'

Fashanu was top scorer in each of his last two seasons with Norwich but he scored only three goals last season. With Forest's two current strikers, Ian Wallace and Garry Birtles, both in such sparkling form there doesn't appear much chance for Fashanu if he stays at the City Ground. Forest have been trying to sell him but the present state of the transfer market is such that no one can really afford to buy him. And Fashanu is afraid that if the club continues to criticise him so severely no club will think he is worth signing, anyway.

Arsenal manager Terry Neill has the sort of problem most managers would welcome — he has two international goalkeepers both playing so well that he doesn't know who to pick!

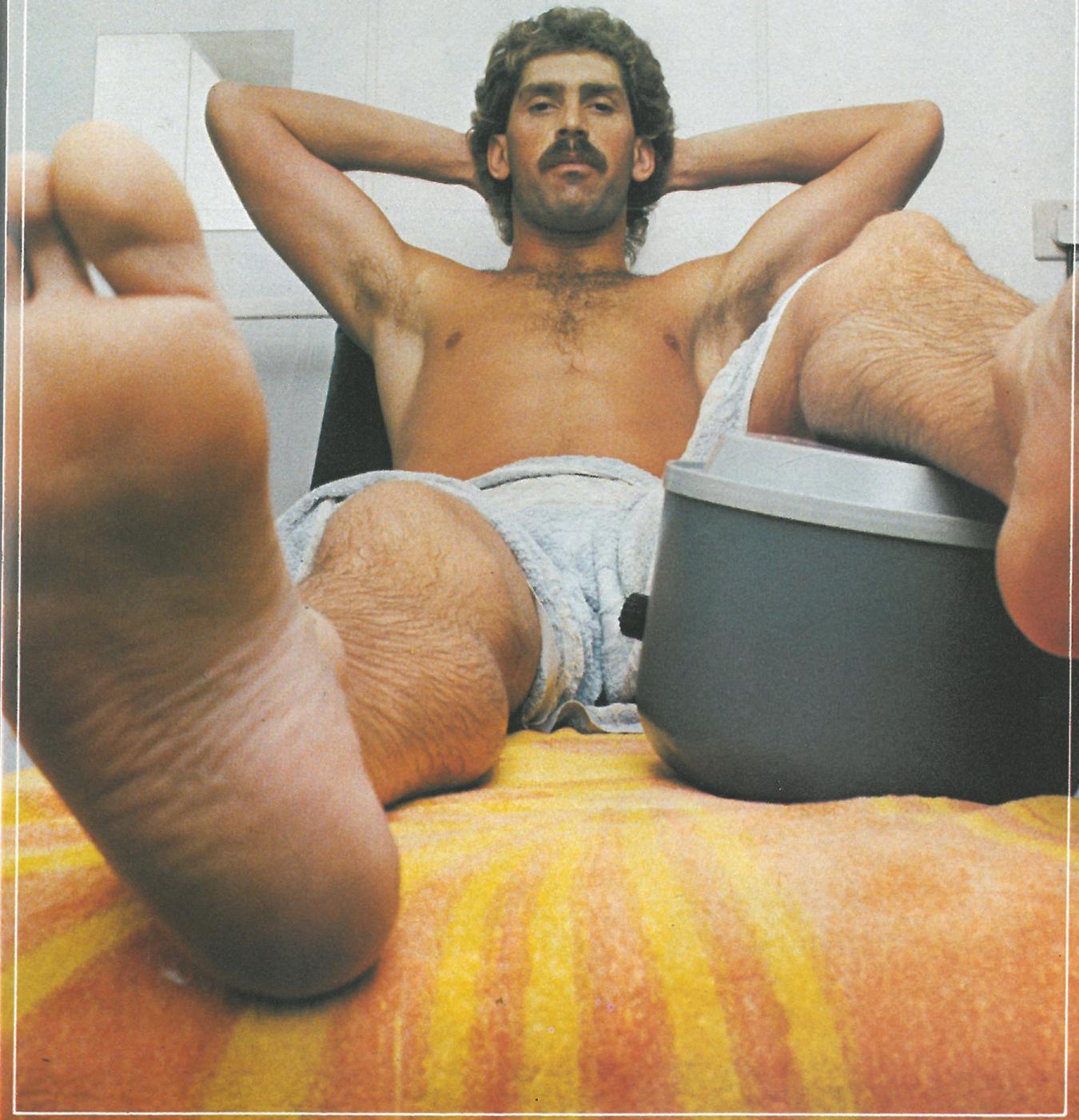
George Wood won his place in the Gunners' First Division side last season when Pat Jennings was injured and played so well that he held the position until recently when Wood was injured.

'I can't really complain about Pat hanging onto the first team job,' shrugged Wood. 'After all, I got into the side only when he was injured and the manager then showed faith in me.'

'But reserve team football is no good to me at my stage of my career and I have been having discussions with the manager about my position. No arguments or anything like that. I just want to be clear in my mind if I have a future at Highbury.'

## COLOUR SHOT

If you'll pardon the pun, dare we say Mike Saxby is putting his best foot forward in his attempts to regain maximum fitness. He could be judging from the evidence of photographer Gareth Owen who caught Mike on the Kenilworth Road treatment table before Mike made his comeback in a recent reserve game against Leicester after a year's lay-off.



# ACTION



**COVENTRY 4 LUTON TOWN 2**  
Top left: An early shot from Paul Walsh is deflected by keeper Les Sealey.  
Top right: Dave Moss being hussled in the box.  
Bottom left: 'Sorry mate', Paul Walsh collides during an attack.  
Bottom right: Brian Stein scores our second-half equaliser.

# SOUTHAMPTON

Southampton's season was devastated when former England skipper Kevin Keegan announced he would be signing for Newcastle only a few days before the new campaign was due to kick-off. Until then the Saints had been confidently looking forward to making a serious challenge for the League Championship.

After finishing sixth in 1980-81 and seventh last season, Southampton were confident of another fine season. When he had completed the £350,000 transfer of England goalkeeper Peter Shilton from Nottingham Forest at the end of the World Cup tournament, Saints' manager Lawrie McMenemy was in buoyant mood. 'I believe we are now only one or two players away from having a League Championship side,' he beamed.

The bottom dropped out of his world when Keegan, who still had a year of his contract to run, dropped his bombshell. 'I know I could have insisted that he honoured his contract,' conceded

Mr McMenemy. 'But I could see he had made up his mind and it wouldn't have been any point in making him play for us against his will.'

It wasn't so much the loss of a very good player that hit Southampton. Keegan had been their idol, their inspiration. With him in the side, the players really believed they were capable of winning the Championship. Last season they led the table for several weeks and the arrival of Shilton had filled one of their problem positions. Everyone was keyed up, anxiously awaiting the big kick-off.

But, as things turned out, the Saints suffered a run of shattering defeats and now find themselves down among the relegation strugglers.

What the Saints desperately needed was a player of experience to shake the team out of its depression and Mr McMenemy saw in Mick Mills the ideal man for the job. Mills, who set up a new club record of 592 League appearances for Ipswich, had made it known he wanted to complete his playing days elsewhere.

Southampton really bought three players for their £50,000 investment as Mills has played for England and his old club at left-back, right-back and in midfield. Mick skippered England during the World Cup in Spain where he took his cap total to 42.

Mills began his Southampton career in the left-back position, taking over from Dennis Rofe. Reuben Agboola and Steve Baker have both played on the opposite side of the defence.

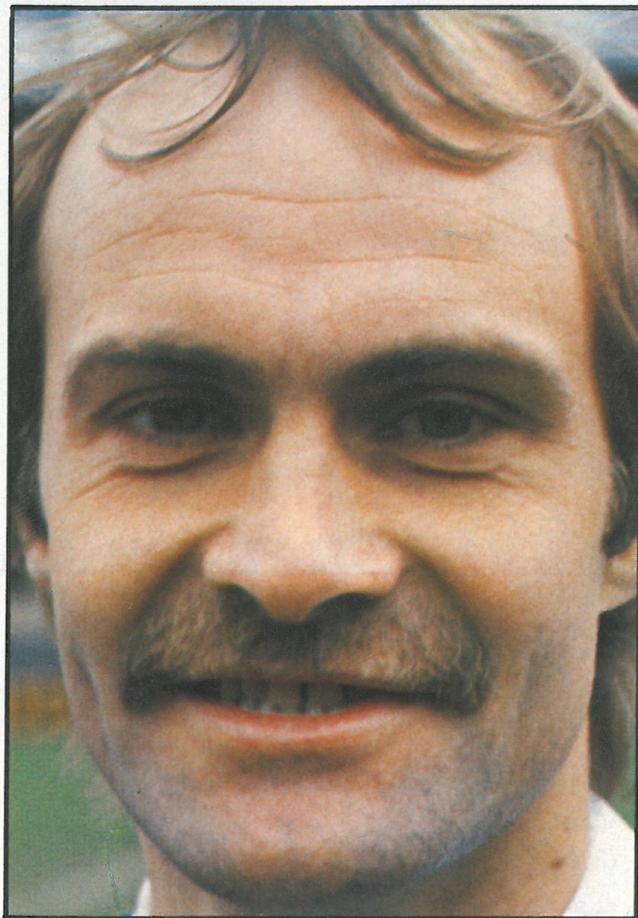
Rofe joined the Saints on a free transfer from Chelsea last summer. He began his League career with Orient in 1967-68 and was transferred to Leicester for £112,000 in 1972. Chelsea invested £80,000 in his transfer in 1980.

Agboola and Baker are both products of the Saints' youth team. Both made their League debut two seasons ago.

Chris Nicholl, a former Luton player, and Mark Wright are the central defenders.

Nicholl, who was hoping to win his 47th Northern Ireland cap against West Germany last week was once freed by Burnley and went into non-League football with Witton Albion. Halifax Town gave him a second chance to succeed in League football and after one season in their senior team, he moved on to Luton for £25,000 in 1969. Aston Villa paid £75,000 for him three years later and it was in 1977 that he went to Southampton in a £90,000 deal.

Wright has made rapid progress since making



New signing — MICK MILLS

## SAINTS START TO REBUILD

his League debut for Oxford just over a year ago. Southampton signed him towards the end of last season and he is now well established as a First Division player.

Peter Shilton needs little introduction for he is now clearly England's best goalkeeper. He was only 16 when he succeeded Gordon Banks in the Leicester goal in 1966 and he later followed Banks into the England side. Peter won his 45th cap in Greece last week. Leicester sold him to Stoke for £340,000 in 1974 and Nottingham Forest paid £270,000 for him three years later. Southampton secured his transfer for £325,000 last summer.

Now that Alan Ball has moved on to complete his playing days with Eastern Athletic in Hong Kong, Southampton's midfield usually comprises Steve Williams, Nicky Holmes and David Armstrong.

Williams, who has been capped 14 times at Under-21 level by England, developed in the club's junior teams and made his League debut in 1976.

Holmes is now the only survivor of Southampton's FA Cup winning team of 1976. That 1-0 Wembley win over Manchester United will always remain the highlight of his career even though he also played at Wembley — and scored a goal — when the Saints were beaten by Nottingham Forest in the League Cup final three years later. Another Southampton discovery, Nicky made his first League appearance in 1973-74.

The so-consistent David Armstrong was rewarded with his second England cap in the friendly against West Germany at Wembley in October. He began his League career with Middlesbrough in 1971-72 and in one spell made 356 consecutive first team appearances for them. Southampton signed him for £600,000 in 1981.

Steve Moran, David Wallace and Keith Cassells have recently been the strikers but George Lawrence and David Puckett are also available.

Moran scored on his League debut against Manchester City in January 1980 and two seasons ago was their leading scorer with 21 goals. He lost most of last season through injury. Steve is an England Under-21 international.

Wallace is yet another product of the youth team. He made his First Division bow two seasons ago.

Cassells started with Watford and spent a short while on loan to Peterborough in 1979-80. Oxford signed him the following season and last term he hit 21 goals for them. Southampton signed him towards the end of the season.

Lawrence is a highly skilled ball player who got his chance in the Saints' first team last season. Because he was not playing regularly, Southampton loaned him to Oxford for whom he scored four times in 15 League appearances.

Puckett is yet another player to emerge from the youth team. He made his League debut two seasons ago.

Southampton haven't won away from home since their 3-1 success at Leeds in April since when they've played 12 away matches without success. Their two away points this season came from draws at Norwich (1-1) and Sunderland (1-1). The Saints were beaten at Coventry (0-1), Tottenham (0-6), Liverpool (0-5), Swansea (2-3) and Manchester City (0-2).

They suffered early elimination in the UEFA Cup. After being held to a 2-2 draw at home to Norrkoping, they drew 0-0 in Sweden to go out on away goals.

In the Milk Cup they drew 0-0 at Colchester and won the return 4-2. In round three they drew away to Manchester City (0-0) and were due to replay at The Dell this week.



England midfielder — DAVID ARMSTRONG

# POINTS ATTENDANCES GOALS LEAGUE TABLES

Opponents	Result	Attendance	Points	Position	Findlay	Stephens	Money	Horton	Goodyear	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Walsh	Antic	Moss	Turner	Kellock	Judge	Fucillo	Thomas	Own Goal
<b>Goals Scored</b>								1	1	2	12	6		8	1	2			2	1	1
<b>1982</b>																					
<b>August</b>																					
28 Tottenham Hotspur	2-2	39,180	1	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8●	9	10	11						
31 West Ham United	0-2	13,403	1	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
<b>September</b>																					
4 Notts County	5-3	9,071	4	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7●	8	9●●	10	11●						
8 Aston Villa	1-4	18,823	4	—	1	2	—	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+	11●	3	12				
11 Liverpool	3-3	33,694	5	18	1+	2	3	4	5	6	7	8●●	9	10	11●	10	—				
18 Brighton & Hove Albion	5-0	11,342	8	11	—	2	3	4	5	6	7	8●●	9	—	11●	10●	—	1			
25 Stoke City	4-4	18,475	9	12	—	2	3	4	5	6●	7	8●●	9+	12	11	10	—	1			
<b>October</b>																					
2 Manchester United	1-1	17,009	10	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7●	8	9	12	11	10+	—	—			
5 Charlton Athletic (MC2-1L)	3-0	7,030	—	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8●	9	—	11	—	—	—	10●		
9 Birmingham City	3-2	13,772	13	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8●	9●	—	11●	—	—	—	10		
16 Ipswich Town	1-1	13,378	14	11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8●	9	—	11	—	—	—	10		
23 West Bromwich Albion	0-1	16,488	14	13	—	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	—	11	12	—	1	10+		
26 Charlton Athletic (MC2-2L)	0-2	5,973	—	—	1	—	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	—	11	10	—	—	—	2	
30 Nottingham Forest	0-2	12,648	14	16	1	—	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	12	11	2	10+	—	—		
<b>November</b>																					
6 Arsenal	2-2	16,597	15	17	1	—	3	4	5	6	7	8	9●	12	11●	2+	—	—	10		
9 Blackpool (MC3)	4-2	6,409	—	—	—	2	3	4	5	6+	—	8	9	—	11●	—	7●●	1	10	—	12●
13 Sunderland	1-1	14,238	16	17	—	2	3	4	—	6	7	8	9	—	11●	5	10+	1	—	—	12
20 Coventry City	2-4	9,644	16	18	1	2	3	4●	5	—	7	8●	9	10	11	6	—	—	—		
27 Southampton																					
30 Tottenham Hotspur (MC4)																					
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11 Manchester City																					
18 Everton																					
27 Watford																					
28 Norwich City																					
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15 Tottenham Hotspur																					
18 Milk Cup (5)																					
22 Brighton & Hove Albion																					
29 FA Cup (4)																					
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12 Manchester United																					
Milk Cup SF (2nd leg)																					
19 Birmingham City																					
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14 Manchester City																					
21 FA Cup Final																					

**CROSSWORD ANSWERS**  
**Across:** 1. Mike Nutton; 7. net; 8. Allen; 9. white; 12. Haiti; 13. out; 14. Washington.  
**Down:** 1. McNaught; 2. Kite; 3. Northwich; 4. Trautmann (1956); 5. Owls; 6. unbeaten (62); 10. FIFA; 11. post.

+ Player replaced by substitute \* Own Goal ● Goalscorer Home fixtures in bold Copyright of The Football League

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1982-83

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Aug. 28 Watford 7.30  
 Sept. 1 Norwich City  
 Sept. 13 Brighton 7.30  
 Sept. 22 Oxford United  
 Sept. 27 West Ham United 7.30  
 Oct. 9 Birmingham City 3.00  
 Oct. 16 Ipswich Town  
 Oct. 23 Q.P.R. 3.00  
 Nov. 6 Arsenal  
 Nov. 15 Leicester City 2.15  
 Nov. 20 Swansea City 3.00  
 Nov. 27 Southampton  
 Nov. 29 Reading 2.15  
 Dec. 6 Bristol Rovers 2.15  
 Dec. 14 Chelsea  
 Dec. 20 Charlton Athletic 2.15  
 Jan. 1 Swindon Town  
 Jan. 3 Fulham 2.15  
 Jan. 10 Tottenham Hotspur 2.15  
 Jan. 15 Watford  
 Jan. 24 Oxford United 2.15  
 Jan. 29 Swansea City  
 Feb. 5 Brighton & Hove Albion  
 Feb. 7 Millwall  
 Feb. 14 Crystal Palace 2.15  
 Feb. 22 Birmingham City  
 Feb. 26 Ipswich Town 3.00  
 Mar. 8 Q.P.R.  
 Mar. 14 Millwall 7.30  
 Mar. 19 Arsenal 3.00  
 Mar. 30 Leicester City  
 April 2 Reading  
 April 9 Tottenham Hotspur  
 April 11 Norwich City 7.30  
 April 18 Swindon Town 7.30  
 April 26 Bristol Rovers  
 April 30 Southampton 3.00  
 May 3 West Ham United  
 May 10 Charlton Athletic  
 May 16 Chelsea 7.30  
 To be arranged  
 Crystal Palace (a)  
 Fulham (a)

### DIVISION ONE TABLE 1982-83

	Home						Away						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	
Liverpool	15	5	2	0	21	7	4	2	2	14	6	31	
Watford	15	6	2	0	22	4	2	1	4	8	11	27	
Nottingham Forest	15	5	1	1	13	5	3	1	4	12	16	26	
West Ham United	15	5	1	1	18	6	3	0	5	11	17	25	
Manchester United	15	5	2	0	12	4	2	2	4	8	10	25	
Aston Villa	15	7	0	1	21	6	1	1	5	2	12	25	
Manchester City	15	5	2	1	11	6	2	1	4	8	12	24	
Tottenham Hotspur	15	5	1	2	23	9	2	1	4	4	11	23	
W.B.A.	15	5	1	1	16	7	2	1	5	8	16	23	
Stoke City	15	4	2	1	19	12	2	1	5	11	13	21	
Coventry City	15	6	1	1	13	6	0	2	5	4	15	21	
Ipswich Town	15	3	1	3	12	8	2	4	2	12	8	20	
Arsenal	15	2	3	2	8	7	3	2	3	8	9	20	
Everton	15	4	3	1	16	11	1	1	5	9	13	19	
Swansea City	15	5	0	3	15	11	0	3	4	7	14	18	
Notts County	15	4	2	2	10	11	1	1	5	8	15	18	
Brighton	15	5	2	0	11	5	0	1	7	4	27	18	
Luton Town	15	2	3	2	14	11	1	4	3	16	21	16	
Southampton	15	4	1	3	10	9	0	2	5	4	19	15	
Norwich City	15	3	2	3	14	11	0	3	4	5	15	14	
Sunderland	15	2	4	2	10	8	1	1	5	8	21	14	

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