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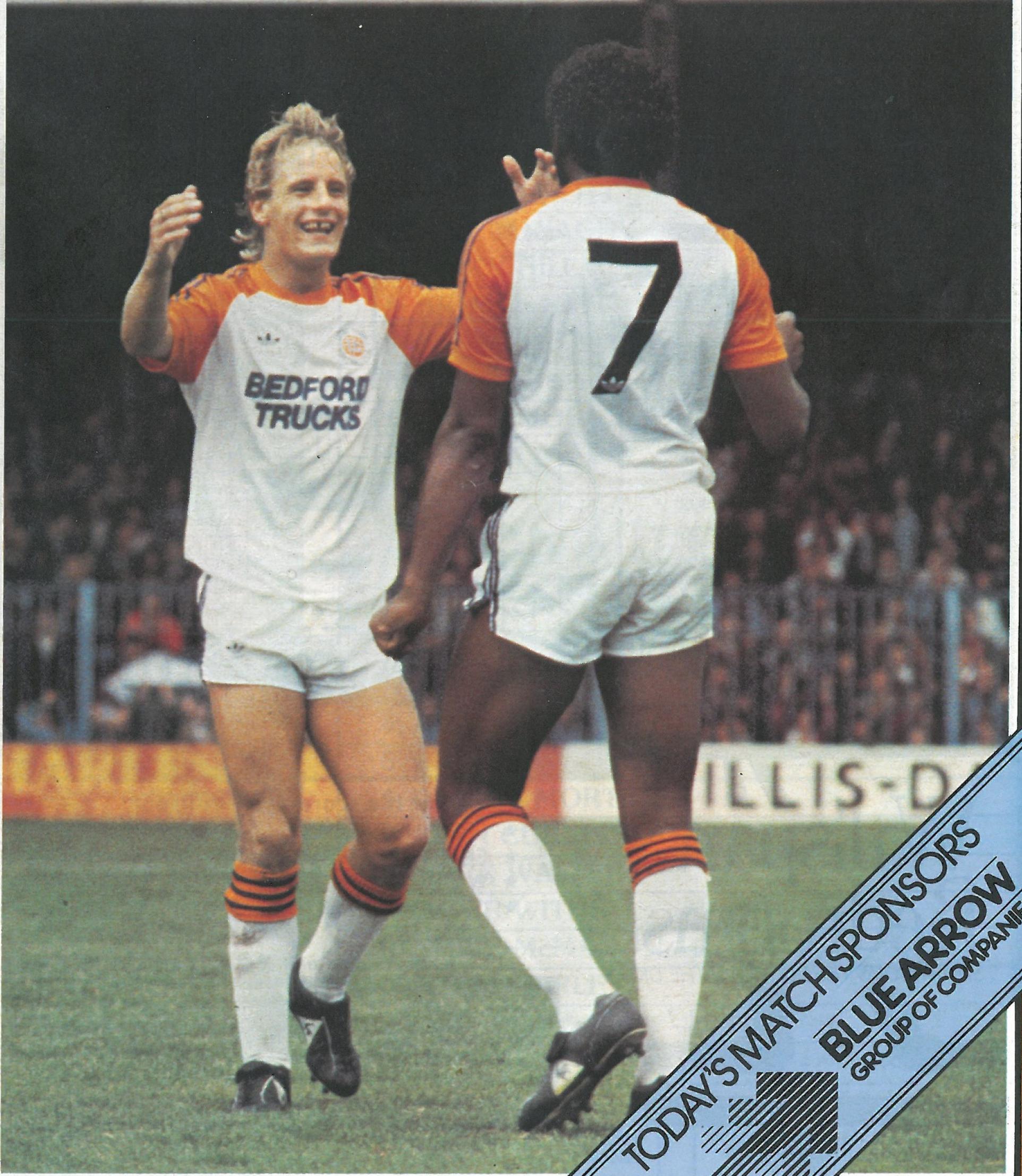
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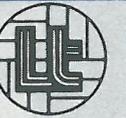
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# MY VIEW

This fixture last season was one of the most important we had ever been involved in. When David Moss hit the winner into the roof of the net with seconds remaining, it gave us the impetus to recharge our efforts for our dramatic push to escape the drop. If our performance today contains a proportion of the skill and commitment which was generated in that display, Villa will do well to turn the tables. Hopefully, both sides can produce another worthy game, and the live viewers and the armchair viewers this evening will be able to pass favourable judgement.

Tony Barton has been into the transfer market this season to add the services of Paul Rideout and Steve McMahon to his squad. When players like Andy Blair, Des Bremner, Dennis Mortimer and Tony Morley have been unable to gain a regular place, it gives you an idea of their depth of squad. We would all like to wish Gordon Cowans a speedy return to action.

We furthered our recognition at international level last week and say 'well done' to Mal Donaghy who has now won 25 caps since he joined us from Larne. Also, Brian Stein and Paul Walsh joined the Under-21's at Norwich. I sense they are just beginning to restore the understanding which brought them a remarkable 21 goals in 18 games together before Brian's injury last season.

Many of you may not know of a quite amazing football coincidence while we were playing in the Marbella tournament. In our first game against Atletico Madrid (a very strong side which finished third in the Spanish League last season) Frank Bunn equalised a first half penalty from Sanchez after 63 minutes.

Atletico were down to ten men at this time as Arteche, their centre back, had tried to kick Paul Walsh up his backside and missed! With eight minutes to go, the Atletico left back Quique was also sent off after a diabolical foul on Brian Stein. Much to our annoyance, we were the final victims of the Spanish referee when he judged a header as over the line in the last minute.

It was an amazing decision, but the facts show we were beaten 2-1 by nine men. In our next game, we defeated Eintracht 2-0 but the final was memorable.

Atletico and Malaga FC played a brilliant first 45 minutes. In the second half, emotions flared and Malaga FC were unlucky to lose two players to the dressing room — their goalkeeper for disputing a penalty and a defender for retaliation. However, during the 28 minutes when 11 men were playing nine, Malaga managed just two attacks and scored in the last minute to win 2-1. It was quite incredible, and surely two results for the record books.

Finally, I would like to record my own respects to two footballing figures who passed away recently. When I was part of the successful England youth team in the early 60s, we were accompanied by Mr Dennis



Follows on several trips. He was not aloof, but had standards and was extremely efficient. His role between 1962 and 1973 as Secretary of The Football Association was considerable. He was pleasant company and a kind man.

Mr John Cobbold of Ipswich was simply what every chairman should be. I spent some time with him when he accompanied the Ipswich youth team to Amsterdam last Whitsun, and he was cheerful, frank and witty. It was no surprise, knowing 'Mr John', that Ipswich have emerged from obscurity to the top. He will be greatly missed by everyone fortunate enough to have known him.

Let's hope today's game is a game worthy of two First Division clubs. Get behind the players — they appreciate your support.

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## SOUTHAMPTON STAKE THEIR CLAIM

By Tony Pullein

Following the ease of their recent 3-0 victory over Manchester United, Southampton fans went home believing the Saints could be the side which takes the League Championship away from Liverpool. Even manager Lawrie McMenemy was permitting himself a little confidence.

'And why shouldn't we win the Championship?' he asked. 'Two seasons ago we led the table for about 12 weeks. There's no reason why we shouldn't win it, particularly after this fine start.'

Southampton conceded only one goal in their opening six League games — and that was at Liverpool where they drew 1-1. They won away to Nottingham Forest (1-0) and Sunderland (2-0) and their victims at The Dell now include Arsenal and United.

The only team to prevent the Saints scoring in that opening burst was newly promoted Queens Park Rangers who held them to 0-0 at The Dell and who, themselves, look to be in for a good season.

'I was surprised how easily we beat Manchester United,' admitted Mr McMenemy. 'We had a beautiful goal disallowed on a technicality and we could have had more. I think United will be taking a close look at themselves after this.'

### GREATEST WORRY

The Southampton manager's greatest worry is that injuries could wreck their chances. At a previous home game, he conceded: 'I've really only one or two other players on the staff whom I consider ready for First Division football. So it could be disastrous if we were to suffer a crop of injuries.'

Saints' fans have been particularly pleased with the form of Frank Worthington, their summer signing from Sunderland, even though he failed to get his name among the goalscorers during their opening phase. But he's been particularly unlucky with some near misses and his thoughtful play has contributed a great deal to the team's fine start.

Leicester City's nightmare continued with a 2-1 defeat at Coventry, which left them still looking for their first point after six games. Manager Gordon Milne can't ever remember being involved in such a disastrous opening to a new season.

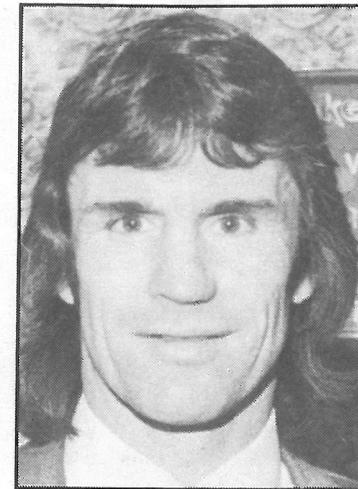
'We gave away both goals at Coventry through inexperience,' he explained. 'I have been seeking an experienced player to draft into the defence and I hope former England centre-back Dave Watson might join us. His contract with Vancouver Whitecaps has just been completed and I'm hoping he will sign for us.'

Leicester scored only two goals — both from Gary Lineker — in their first six games, but conceded 16.

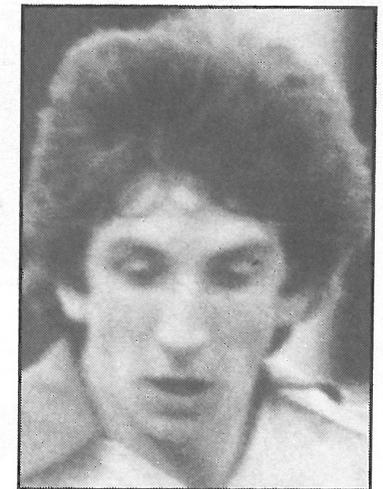
Former Aston Villa reserve defender Noel Blake became the first player to prevent England striker Paul Mariner from scoring this season. Mariner had scored once in each of Ipswich's first five games but he scarcely got a look in against Blake at Birmingham.



GORDON MILNE



DAVE WATSON



PAUL MARINER

### REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE

Even the usually reticent Ron Saunders was moved to express his admiration. 'It was a remarkable performance by Blake,' he enthused. 'I think it was probably the best performance I have seen from any centre-back against Mariner. I would challenge anyone to do better.'

With Mariner smothered, little was seen from the Ipswich attack and it was a brilliantly taken goal from Howard Gayle which won the game for Birmingham.

Birmingham lost their first two games but have since looked a vastly improved side. Some critics are suggesting they could be a good bet in one of the knockout tournaments now that they seem to have solved their defensive problems.

A few days before the start of the season I ran into a soccer fan, many miles from Luton, who told me proudly that he had backed Luton to win the League Championship at 100-1. 'I believe that an attacking team will win it this season,' he said. 'And with the odds quoted against teams like Liverpool so ridiculously low it's not worth a bet.'

After the Town had crushed Wolves 4-0 I ran into him again and he could speak of nothing else than his judgement in backing Luton, even though he is a lifelong Chelsea supporter who lives near Southampton.

He pointed out that, at that stage, the Town had scored almost as many goals as Liverpool and Manchester United combined.

### SERIOUS CHALLENGERS

The title chase certainly looks more open at the moment than it has done for several years with several clubs emerging as very serious challengers. As always, though, Liverpool are again very much in evidence and it's clear that the loss of Bob Paisley has in no way affected their efficiency.

New manager Joe Fagan has changed little. Phil Thompson's phasing out had been anticipated anyway and, though Mark Lawrenson and Alan Hansen, were filling the central defensive positions, Mr Fagan still had

new signing Gary Gillespie waiting anxiously for the chance to break into the side. Gillespie, a £325,000 signing from Coventry during the summer, was injured in a pre-season game.

With his other new signing Michael Robinson joining Ian Rush in attack, Mr Fagan moved Kenny Dalglish back into a midfield role. It is a position in which a player of his calibre revels and the Scottish international still managed to move up to score in successive games at Arsenal and against Aston Villa.

The surprise team has undoubtedly been Coventry City, a club most of us had long written off as certain relegation material. The Sky Blues sold virtually their entire team during the summer and new manager Bobby Gould was given a new squad — many of them from Third and Fourth Division backgrounds — with which to face the might of the country.

Mr Gould included eight new signings during the opening phase of the season but the only side to beat them in their first six games was West Ham. Coventry's unlikely team included a centre-back in Trevor Peake who had never been out of the Third Division.

Mick Adams, formerly Gillingham's left-back, was used in midfield and forwards Nick Patnaeur and Graham Withey had completed fewer than 50 games between them in the Third Division with Bristol Rovers.

'I am fully aware that no one gave us any hope,' said Mr Gould last week. 'I know we lack in experience but what we have got in abundance is full commitment from every player. They all know the difficulties and are giving everything they have to the club.'

Most sets of supporters, having watched with dismay the departure of such players as Gary Thompson, Mark Hateley, Paul Dyson, Gary Gillespie, Steve Whitton, Jim Melrose and Gerry Francis during the space of a few weeks might have been expected to have deserted their club.

In fact, Coventry's average attendance for their opening three matches (11,940) was about 1,500 up on last season's figure.

# Town Focus



When Mal Donaghy decided to accept David Pleat's offer of a career in the Football League it marked the arrival at Kenilworth Road of one of the game's nice guys.

Now in his sixth season at Luton, Mal has developed into a mature Irish international and played for his country in their 3-1 victory over Austria in Belfast a week last Wednesday.

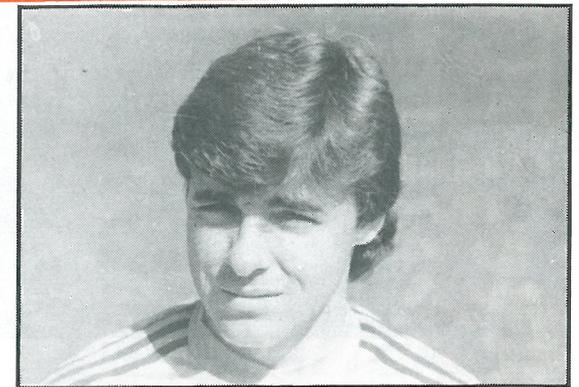
The previous Saturday, he played an important role in our 4-0 victory over Wolves despite playing a large part of the match with four stitches in his head.

Our manager plucked Mal from the relative obscurity of a part-time career with Larne when he persuaded the Irish club to accept a small transfer fee for the player.

It represented another shrewd deal by the manager who has seen Mal develop into a mature First Division player.

## MAL DONAGHY — CAREER RECORD

	FOOTBALL LEAGUE					Total
	78-79	79-80	80-81	81-82	82-83	
Arsenal					2	3
Aston Villa					2	2
Barnsley				2		2
Birmingham					2	4
Blackburn	1	2	2	2		5
Bolton			2	2		4
Brighton	2				2	4
Bristol City			2			2
Bristol Rovers	2	2	2			6
Burnley	2	2				4
Cambridge	2	2	2			8
Cardiff	2	2		2(1)		8(1)
Charlton	2			2(1)		6(1)
Chelsea		2(1)	2	2(1)		6(2)
Coventry					1(1)	1(1)
Crystal Palace	2			2		4
Derby			2	2(1)		4(1)
Everton					2	2
Fulham	2	2				4
Grimsby			2	2		4
Ipswich					2	2
Leicester	2	2		2(1)		7(1)
Liverpool					2	2
Man City					2	2
Man Utd					2	3
Millwall	2					2
Newcastle	2	2	2	2(1)		8(1)
Norwich				2	1	4
Nottingham F					2	3
Notts County	2	2	2		2(1)	8(1)
Oldham	2	2	2	2		8
Orient	2	2	2	2		8
Preston	2	2	2			6
QPR		2	2	2		6
Rotherham				2(1)		2(1)
Sheff Utd	2					2
Sheff Wed			2	2		4
Shrewsbury		2	2	2(1)		6(1)
Southampton					2	2
Stoke	2				2(1)	4(1)
Sunderland	2	2				7
Swansea		2	2			6
Tottenham					2	4
Watford		2	2	2		6
WBA					2	2
West Ham	1	2	2		2	7
Wrexham	2	2	2	2(1)		8(1)
Wolves						1
	40	42	42	42	40	213
		(1)		(9)	(3)	(13)
	78-79	79-80	80-81	81-82	82-83	Total
Ipswich				1		1
Man Utd					1	1
Newcastle			1			1
Orient			1			1
Peterborough					1	1
Swindon		1				2
York	1					1
	1	1	2	2	2	8



	LEAGUE CUP					Total
	78-79	79-80	80-81	81-82	82-83	
Aston Villa	1					1
Blackpool					1	1
Charlton					2	2
Crewe	1					1
Gillingham		2				2
Leeds	1					1
Man City						1
Reading			1			2
Tottenham					1	1
Wigan	1					1
Wrexham				2		2
	4	2	3	2	4	15

	NORTHERN IRELAND				Total
	79-80	80-81	81-82	82-83	
Albania				2	2
Austria				1	1
England	1		1	1	3
France				2	2
Honduras				1	1
Israel				1	1
Portugal		1	2		3
Scotland	1	s	2	1	4+1s
Spain			1		1
Sweden		1			1
Turkey				1	1
Wales	1		1	1	3
West Germany			1	1	2
Yugoslavia			1		1
	3	2+1s	10	8	23+1s

Statistics show season-by-season appearances against each opponent in every competition. 's' denotes he appeared as substitute. Goals are shown in brackets.

# Town Focus

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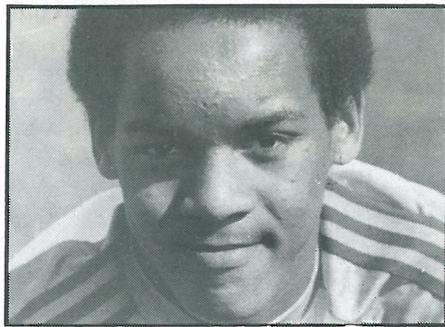
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MARK WATTS



MARK STEIN

**LUTON TOWN 10 MORRISTON ROVERS (SWANSEA) 1**  
**TEAM:** Sage, Hancock, Turney, Burke, Devine, Agar, McEvoy, Ellisdon, Washington, Desmond, Oldfield. Subs: Davies, Doughty, Haller, Covington.

You may find it strange to think our visitors came from so far away, just to play a friendly against us.

When the person in charge of the opposition arranged the game with us, he hoped to play two other League clubs to make a tour as a reward for his players' efforts. Unfortunately, he was unsuccessful and he was forced to travel with his party on the morning of the game without five of his regulars who could not make the trip.

It says a lot about the people who look after youth sides, and there are many of them in youth football who put themselves out to try and help their lads.

We were 3-1 up at half-time and it became a bit of a sloppy affair. But we responded magnificently and took up the challenge in the second half to go on and get the magic ten goals. It is never easy to get ten goals against anyone, but we should never forget goals is what it is all about.

**LUTON TOWN 4 WEST HAM UNITED 1**  
**TEAM:** Banks, Davies, Ellisdon, Driscoll, Burke, McEvoy, Haller, Agar, Doughty, Hancock, Covington. Subs: Desmond, Turney.

It is always an enjoyable game when we play West Ham. Before this friendly game we had problems when one of our strikers called off and the other was late due to a traffic accident. The players who filled in for these lads did a good job playing out of position.

It looks quite promising for the season if all the schoolboys were available every week. We

seemed to have more control over the game because of our passing ability but had to work hard to turn our superiority into goals.

One of the players, Herbert Haller, who scored our first goal, was an American on a friendship visit with his own club. He had been recommended to us and we took the opportunity to let him spend a week training and playing with us. He won't be joining us on a permanent basis after returning to the States to complete his education. But let's hope he learned something from us to take back home to improve his game.

We went two up but allowed West ham to come back to snatch one to make it 2-1 at half-time. However, at the start of the second half we hit a third to give us some breathing space and, soon after, a fourth.

**LUTON TOWN 8 CHARLTON 3**  
**TEAM:** North, Hancock, Petts, Davies, Driscoll, Parker, McEvoy, Ellisdon, Stein M., McConville, Watts.

This was a very good start to our Cup-ties for the season, but we will have to do a lot better defensively to emulate last year's youth team achievement.

However, to score eight goals against any team is a fantastic result and all credit to our scorers for a thrill a minute in front of goal in this Southern Junior Floodlight Cup match.

The midfield deserve a lot of praise for the service to the front runners, some of whom were disappointed not to have recorded at least a hat-trick.

The downfall of the Charlton team was that they tried to play offside as a major defensive plan. On the night, we exploited it to the full and they were severely punished as the final result shows. With Mark Stein (3), Gary Parker (2), Cahal McConville (2) and Mark Watts hitting our goals.

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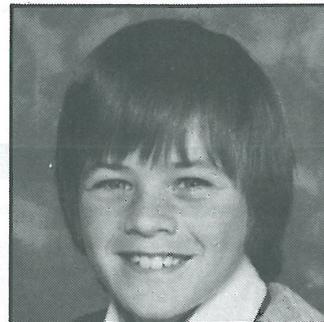
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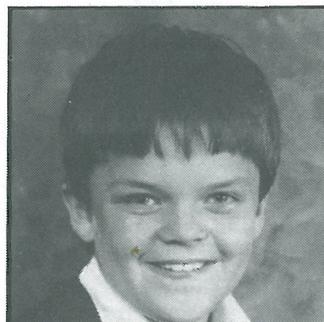
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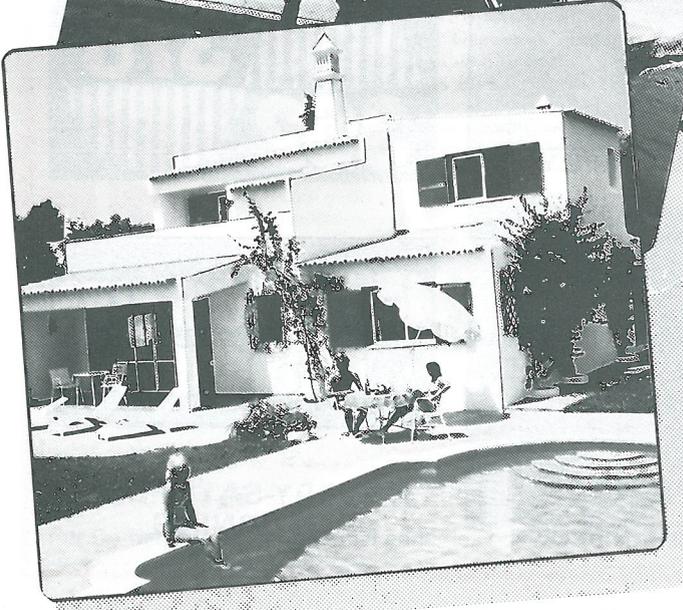
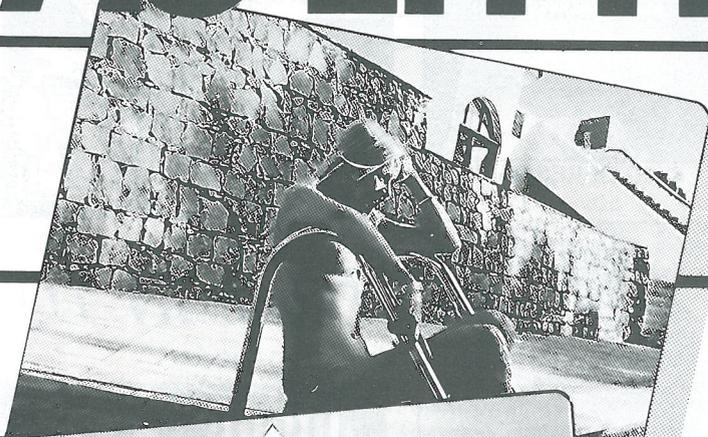
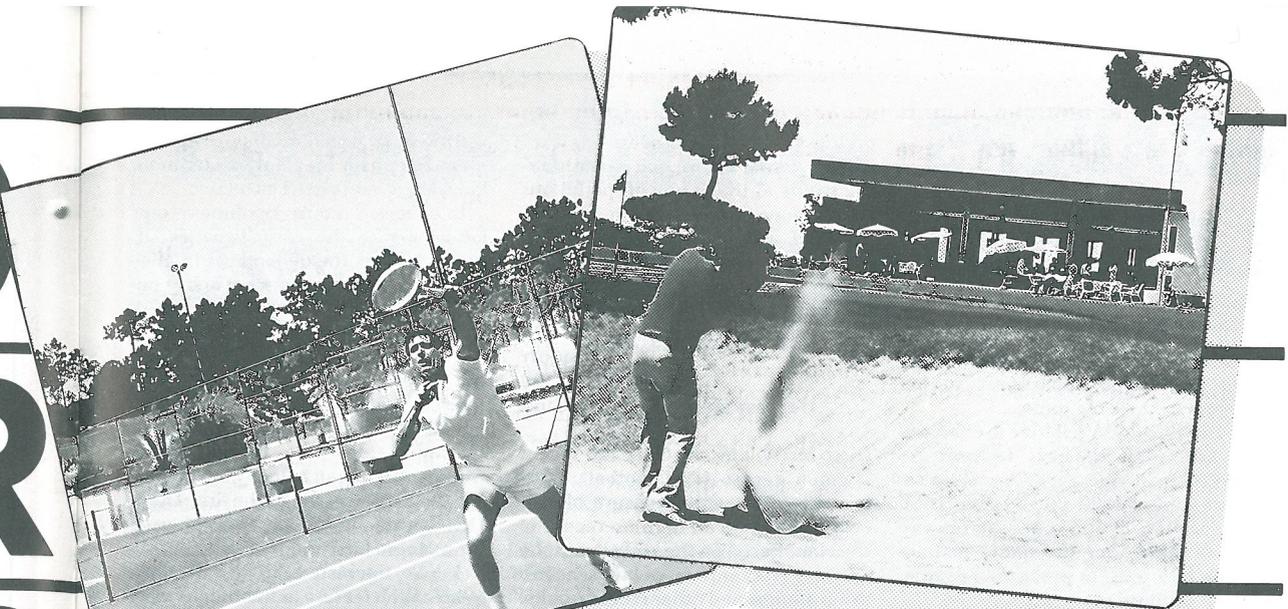
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**Roger Rally**  
Warnham Gardens  
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Dear Sir, Would you please convey our sincere thanks to Mike Saxby for coming along to open our Fete. We had a very enjoyable day despite the hard work and have raised about £300 towards providing the tennis/five-a-side football/netball courts.

Once again our grateful thanks to Mike for attending and may we wish you all the best for this season's football.

**P. J. Jarvis**  
Secretary - Fete Committee  
Offley Recreation and  
Community Centre

Dear Sir, I wish you to know that the Harvest Home Football Club will forever be in your debt. Last night's

occasion was, for the players, the greatest night of their lives.

As I've said before, we cannot find the words to thank you properly, but we do hope that you, your players, and staff, also enjoyed the evening.

It was undoubtedly the biggest occasion in Houghton Regis for many years and I know everyone thought it was a fantastic night.

**P. W. Piggott**  
Secretary  
Harvest Home Football Club

Dear Mr Wilkinson, Over the recent summer recess from football, I attempted with some measure of success to compile an all-time record of the club, based on the statistics in the 'Hatters A-Z' feature of last season's programmes and other record books.

I am well on the way to completing a season-by-season summary of results, appearances and goalscorers since 1920, involving the Town careers of over 500 footballers.

I believe many fans were fascinated by this series, and share my interest in the history of the club. With this in mind, I should like to make a general appeal to anyone connected with the club who can furnish me with such information as results, appearances, etc., from our dark ages of Southern League Football. I know absolutely nothing of this aspect of our history. I would, of course, be most willing to reimburse any costs of postage or photo-copying that may be incurred in providing me with such information.

One of the nicest things about conducting such research is that I have come across some distinctly odd facts and statistics. The following one is

probably not new to you, but may be worthy of inclusion in a future match magazine, as it may not be common knowledge amongst Town fans.

It concerns Louis Bookman, our left-winger in the early twenties. It seems he was the only player to pursue an international career under an assumed name - his real name, Buckhalter, was probably considered too German in the political climate of the time! By appearing in the Northern Ireland side which also contained Albert Mathieson, against an England side that fielded Ernie Simms, Bookman helped the Town to the distinction of being the first Third Division side to provide three players for a Home international tie.

I was interested by the Hatters Who's Who feature in the Sunderland programme, and I am pleased that it is to become a regular feature. May I be so bold as to suggest some candidates for future inclusion? Apart from the players of the later 'fifties, articles on players from throughout our history such as A. Rennie, who served us for ten years in the 20s and 30s; J. Coen, the goalkeeper who was tragically killed in the second war, Hughie Billington, one of his colleagues in the late 30s and 40s and one or two players from my early years as a Town fan, such as Ray Whittaker and Terry Branston. Features of pre- and post-war managers of the club may also be of interest.

You will have noticed that I can easily get carried away when discussing the club.

**Stuart Basson**  
Newbold Road, Chesterfield  
Derbyshire

# Competitions

## AWAYAGAME - AWAYAGAME

Early leaders who correctly forecast the 2-0 win for Manchester United with 3 points each are Philip Marsh, Mark Seller, G. Brookes, Martin Dear, Vic Fuzzell, G. Curzon, J. Ogden, R. Wakelin, D. Packer, R. Lovelock and a panel of experts masquerading under the initials F.L.A.S. which stands for the Foghorn Leghorn Appreciation Society. The experts on that panel are Vincent McNiffe, Adrian Wolsey and Philip Robins, we understand they provide strong vocal support for the Hatters!

Last Saturday's match at Notts Forest saw the majority favouring a draw, second bet a home win, with a minority plumping for the Town to clinch their second away victory this season.

Glancing through your expectations for the season we could not help but notice how so many were confident of the Town maintaining our superiority over Watford. Over 65% of entrants predict a win for the Hatters and another 25% expect a draw.

Finally a reminder it's still not too late to enter. All you need do is forecast the result of the Town's away games and send your entries to Mike Beevor, AWAYAGAME, Luton Town FC, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton.

## NAME THE FACES

Our second photo caption shows three players' heads mixed up. Again, all you have to do is name the three players and their current club.

Write your answers on a postcard with your name and address and send your entry to Luton Town Phototeasers, Luton Town Football Club Matchday Magazine, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton.



# NAME THE STAR

The 'Name The Star' competition continues from our Wolverhampton Matchday Magazine. 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 so 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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# HATTERS WHO'S WHO

The fourth in Tony Pullein's series on former Luton players. This week: DON GIVENS.

Don Givens still looks back on his transfer to Luton as the move that really set him on the road to international success. 'I had already won a few international caps but I didn't really do much at club level with Manchester United,' he recalls. 'My transfer to Luton enabled me to make my breakthrough in League football.'

Donal Givens had been discovered in Dublin junior football by Manchester United's scout Billy Behan. Though he made good progress in the junior teams he was only just establishing himself in the Reds' reserve side when he was picked for his first international for the Republic of Ireland in Denmark in May 1969.

Indeed, he collected a second cap before he made his League debut for United against Crystal Palace in August 1969. 'Of course, I had high hopes then,' smiles Don. 'But I was only a youngster and it was logical that the big names should be recalled after injury. I only had eight outings in their First Division side.'

When Luton moved in to sign him in April 1970 he wasn't immediately excited at the prospect of dropping down a division.

'Obviously it was a big wrench leaving a place like Old Trafford but Luton had just won promotion to the Second Division and I found them ambitious for further success. So I agreed to go to Kenilworth Road. Now I look upon it as one of the best moves of my career.'

If it did nothing else, Don's first campaign with the Hatters taught him versatility and gave him the ability to settle quickly in new positions.

Manager Alec Stock was full of praise for Don's adaptability. 'He did a tremendous job for us even though he was at the disadvantage of playing out on the left,' enthused Mr Stock.

'He was at half-cock really but he showed the necessary determination to make a success of every job he was ever asked to do. And he was our second highest scorer with 13 goals.'

Another event that helped to change the course of Don's career was the transfer of Malcolm Macdonald to Newcastle for £180,000 during the 1971 close season.

Super-Mac had scored 30 goals in his last season and Don was earmarked as the man to step into his goalscoring shoes. At the time Don reflected: 'The incentive for us now is to try and replace him. I feel we may have played too much to him last season and, if he happened to have a quiet day, it affected us all. Now the goals should be more spread around the team.'

Though he had a more settled role in 1971-72, for some reason the goals didn't come for Don. There was, perhaps, a certain disillusionment in that the next step of the club's climb back to the top had not materialised. And, at the end of that season, Don moved on to QPR for £38,000.

'Another advantage of my period with Luton was that it enabled me to establish myself in international football,' conceded Don. 'It made an awful lot of difference playing regularly in League football.'

Don topped QPR's scorers with 26 goals in his first season and he spent six happy and successful seasons with them. And it was while with Rangers that he smashed his country's goalscoring record.

Two goals in the opening ten minutes of Ireland's game against Poland in May 1976 gave him his 15th international goal – one more than previous record holder Noel Cantwell.

In the 1978 close season he was transferred to Birmingham City for £150,000 but, after one good season, he lost his place. During the 1979-80 season he spent a short loan period with Fourth Division Bournemouth, proving that he still had his old scoring touch. Don hit four goals in only five games for the Cherries.

Towards the end of the following season he was transferred to Sheffield United for £20,000. The Blades, once a famous First Division side, had fallen upon hard times and were struggling for survival even at Third Division level.

Don went to Bramall Lane hoping desperately that he could help pull the club out of the mire. Instead, it led to the most traumatic moment of his playing career.

Sheffield United's final game was against Walsall – and one of them was sure to be relegated. The Blades needed to win or draw to stay up. Walsall had to win.

A 16,000 crowd was on edge for 83 minutes when, horror of horrors, Walsall were awarded a penalty. Don Penn converted it and the Blades looked doomed.

Then, with two minutes remaining, Sheffield were given a spot-

kick. And everyone turned to the experience of Don Givens to save their Third Division face.

Though Don placed his shot well, Ron Green in the Walsall goal made a miraculous save.

Sheffield United were in the Fourth Division for the first time. Don was given a free transfer. And he has not since played in the Football League.

He signed for the Swiss club Neuchatel Xamax during the ensuing summer and the following season he picked up his 56th international cap when called on as substitute against France.

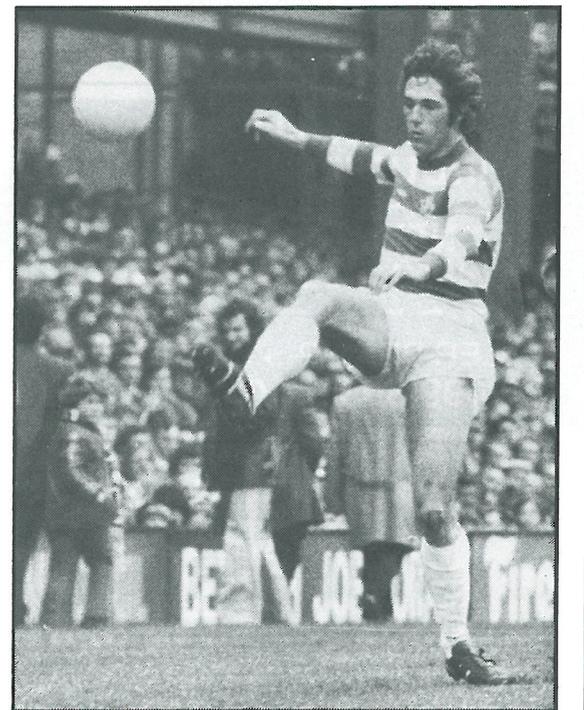
Now at the dusk of his playing career, Don often thinks of Luton and the start he got to a career that was to give him well over 400 games in the Football League and more than half-a-century of international caps.

## LEAGUE RECORD:

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	1970-71	39(2)	11
	1971-72	41(1)	8
QPR	1972-73	41	23
	1973-74	42	10
	1974-75	40	16
	1975-76	41	13
	1976-77	41	10
	1977-78	37	4
	1978-79	38(1)	7
Birmingham City	1979-80	7(3)	2
	1979-80	5	4
Bournemouth (loan)	1980-81	4(6)	1
Sheffield United	1980-81	11	3
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By Tony Pullein

Don Givens in his QPR days after his transfer from Luton.



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JOHN WILKINSON - CLUB SECRETARY

Much has been said recently about the new Canon League ruling that, this season, clubs can keep their own attendance receipts. I think this rule could be the final death blow for some clubs, especially those in the lower divisions.

Anglia TV last week named a list of clubs in this region and the approximate amount of money each would lose. Luton Town were top of that list, with a loss of revenue of about £40,000. Cambridge United were next with a loss of £20,000 while Northampton and Ipswich say if current attendances continue it will make little difference.

I can't understand that because any loss of income is money you can't use. Take our own case. If we average out at £3,000 from each of the 21 away matches that is £63,000 lost. Larger attendances at Manchester United, Tottenham, Arsenal and Liverpool would take that down to about the £40,000 mark. Even keeping all our home attendance money we couldn't expect to recoup that sort of money.

I'm afraid the richer clubs will get richer and the poor poorer. I am not saying I am right, but this could be the first step to the much talked about Super League.

This week, I received a letter from our former manager and captain Syd Owen. I am sure supporters of that era will be pleased to learn Syd is back working for Leeds United after being out of football for some time. Although working on a part-time basis, he is looking after the young players and has a scouting mission every Saturday.

He sends his regards to all his friends at Kenilworth Road. For those people who do not remember him, he was signed from Birmingham City in 1947 and, until he retired from playing in 1959, he made 388 appearances for us including leading the team out at Wembley on our only appearance there. Loyalty to one club really meant something in those days.



**MEMORY  
LANE**

Although born in Mountain Ash, Wales, Les Jones played much of his amateur football in Luton with West Park and Craig Athletic and represented Bedfordshire at youth level. While with West Park, he played in the same side as former Luton players Alan Thompson, George Bradley and Town club secretary John Wilkinson.

Dally Duncan signed him on professional forms for the Town in October 1950 and in the seven years with the club he made 99 first team appearances at left back. Although watched many times by the Welsh selectors he never won an international cap.

In January 1958, he was transferred to Aston Villa where he appeared only five times in the League side. After leaving Villa, he retired from the game and still lives in the Birmingham area.

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Two weeks today, we make the trip to Merseyside to play Everton. The fare is £6.

## VILLA SHAPE FOR TITLE BID

Aston Villa, League Champions of 1981 and European Cup winners a year later, went into the new season determined to get back among the honours. Although they added the European Super Cup to their list of trophies last season, they slipped to sixth place in the First Division and manager Tony Barton is ambitious for better things.

Villa received a major blow when England midfielder man Gordon Cowans broke a leg in a pre-season tournament and this could keep him out of action for virtually the whole season.

On the other hand, Dennis Mortimer, who had been seeking a new challenge elsewhere, has postponed his departure and is once again playing an important role in midfield where he is usually joined by Alan Curbishley and Steve McMahon.

Cowans' sad injury ended a fabulous unbroken run in the side. He had not missed a League match since May 1979 and had built a run of 168 consecutive League appearances by the end of last season. He was the only ever-present Villa player last season.



TONY BARTON

Mortimer is a former England Under-23 international who opened his career with Coventry, for whom he made over 200 first team appearances. Villa paid £175,000 for his transfer in 1976 and he has now completed some 300 games for them.

Curbishley was signed from neighbouring Birmingham City for £100,000 towards the end of last season. A former England youth and Under-21 international, Alan began his career with West Ham. It was in 1979 that Birmingham invested £225,000 in his transfer.

### LEAGUE DEBUT

McMahon was signed from Everton for £300,000 this summer. Steve joined the Toffees as a schoolboy and completed his apprenticeship at Goodison Park. He made his League debut in 1980 and he now has five England Under-21 caps.

Another possibility in midfield is Andy Blair. After holding his place in the Coventry side for three years — and winning two Scottish Under-21 caps — he was transferred to Villa for £300,000 during the 1981 close season.

Another summer signing was Swindon's former England schoolboy international striker Paul Rideout. Paul had been top scorer for Swindon for two successive seasons, scoring 23 goals last term. He had the chance to join Liverpool but felt he would stand a better chance with Villa who paid £200,000 for him.

So far Paul has been used as substitute and as understudy for the injured Gary Shaw and it seems the full strength attack will comprise of Shaw, Peter Withe and Mark Walters.

Shaw was Villa's top scorer with 23 goals last season. Gary has been a highly successful striker since making his senior bow in 1979. He hit 12 goals in his first full season and in 1980-81 added

20 more — form that was to win him seven England Under-21 caps.

### NINE CAPS

Withe has been capped by England on nine occasions and was Villa's top scorer with 21 goals in their Championship winning season. Last season he claimed 20. He began his League career with Southport and moved to Barrow in 1972.

He then joined Arcadia Shepherds in South Africa before returning home to sign for Wolves in 1973. Birmingham paid £50,000 for him in 1975 but sold him to Nottingham Forest for £42,000 a year later. Newcastle signed him for £200,000 in 1978 but sold him to Villa for £400,000 two years later.

Walters made his League debut two seasons ago and succeeded Tony Morley on the left side of Villa's attack during the latter weeks of last season. Mark is a former England youth international.

Allan Evans and Brendan Ormsby now form the centre of Villa's defence.

Evans, who has been capped by Scotland on four occasions, began his career in the Scottish League with Dunfermline, making more than 100 appearances before joining Villa for £25,000 in 1977.

Ormsby, an England youth cap, was recalled to the side at the beginning of this season following the departure of Ken McNaught to WBA. Brendan made his League debut against Derby in April 1979 and won a regular place the following season. But he then lost his place and was almost exclusively consigned to reserve football until this season.

### REGAINED PLACE

Gary Williams and Colin Gibson are the full backs. Williams graduated from the juniors to make his First Division bow in 1978-79. The following season he was loaned to Walsall but he regained his Villa first team place three seasons ago.

A Villa discovery, Gibson made his League bow in 1978-79. He

# ASTON VILLA

was introduced to the England Under-21 side two seasons ago.

Nigel Spink has now established himself as first choice in goal. Nigel made one brief League appearance in 1979-80 and then sank back into obscurity before being called on early in the game as substitute in the European Cup final of 1982.

He gave a brilliant display and it was clear it would not be long before he made his breakthrough. It came last season. This summer he won his first full England cap during the tour to Australia.

Villa have made an encouraging start to the season and now look to be shaping up for a Championship challenge. They kept a 100 per cent record over their first three home games — beating WBA (4-3), Sunderland (1-0) and Norwich (1-0) — but away form has not been quite as good.

Villa lost 2-1 on newly promoted QPR's Omniturf pitch and then drew 2-2 at Nottingham Forest. They were beaten by a penalty in the first leg of their UEFA Cup-tie against Vitoria Guimaraes in Portugal and then went down 1-2 at Liverpool.

Indeed, Villa haven't won away from home since succeeding 2-1 at Ipswich last April, since when they have played eight away games without a win.

Although Villa finished sixth last season, they collected fewer away points than any of the top 12 clubs. Villa won four and drew three of their 21 away fixtures.

They enjoyed two good Cup runs, surviving to the quarter-

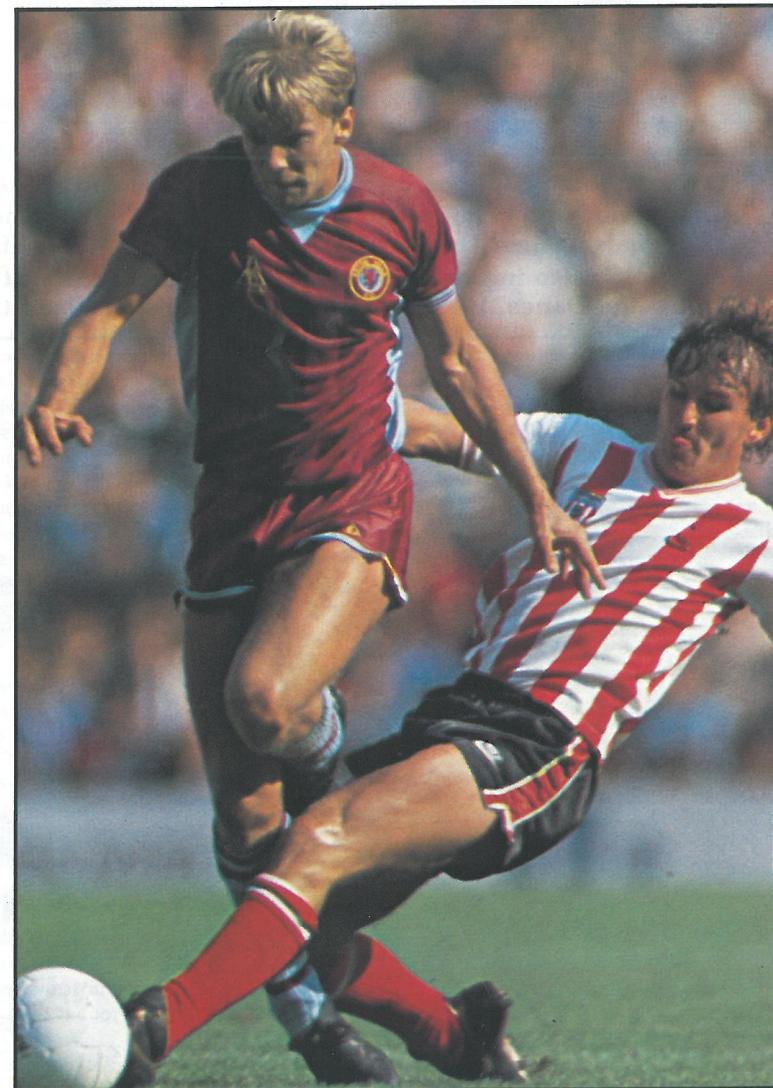
finals of both the FA Cup and the European Cup. Villa bowed out of the FA Cup at Arsenal (0-2) whilst their bid to retain Europe's major trophy was ended by the fine Italian side Juventus.

But Villa defeated Barcelona 3-1 on aggregate to win the European Super Cup.

By TONY PULLEIN



NIGEL SPINK



GARY SHAW

Action



### LUTON TOWN 4 WOLVES 0

Our last home game produced an easy victory and another valuable three points. Brian Stein, who celebrated his first call into the England Under-21 team with two goals against Denmark at Norwich, blasts in his effort against Wolves. Paul Walsh also impressed Under-21 manager Dave Sexton by slamming two goals past the Danes. He is seen here jinking his way past three Wolves defenders.



# LUTON'S FUTURE

You may have seen in our magazine for the Wolves game that this part of our matchday 'read' will, from time to time be devoted to Luton Town's plans for the future, its impact on the team, and just as important its impact on you, the supporter. The programme outlined our scheme for an indoor stadium and the benefits it would bring. Prior to that edition (v Sunderland) we summarised chairman Denis Mortimer's recent statement regarding the club's financial position and the situation in which we find ourselves in respect of Kenilworth Road.

Perhaps at this stage it might be worthwhile considering the position of football today and its historical perspective.

Can we, however, make one point? Football itself is not in decline. There are more people playing the game today than at any time in the past, and with the largest ever number of clubs affiliated to the FA. Sadly, League football attendances have declined from over 40 million in the immediate post Second World War period to 18 million for the season 1982-83. England's success or otherwise at international level, or the standard of play, is not the main reason for this change of public attitude.

Over the last 30 years there has been a tremendous upheaval in society which, coupled with the huge growth in car ownership and the impact of television, has changed the way of life for us all. In 1983 football has at least begun to try and sell itself at a professional level.

We await with interest the results of this approach. Although attendances at Wembley maintain a respectable level, we do, in our view, need to provide a new approach to the control of spectators, particularly visitors. This can be more easily achieved in a new development and we will provide more information on that in a future edition.

The mention of Wembley brings us back to our problem at Luton. Constructed in 1924, Wembley was the last purpose-built major stadium in the UK. If you compare this to the United States, for instance, there are over 200 indoor stadiums alone with more than 10,000 seats, most of these built in the last 10 years. Many clubs have spent large amounts of money in rebuilding existing stadiums and adding sports and commercial complexes to them. Some of these designs have been extremely successful. If we compare our dilemma with other sports Crystal Palace was built on a green field site to take over from the 1908 Olympic Stadium, the White City, as the home of athletics but here again the main arena is devoted to one sport.

Although we have had in the United Kingdom a major indoor stadium since 1936, Earls Court with its 15,000 capacity (which incidentally includes an Olympic Swimming Pool), it has never been used on a regular basis for sporting events.

Likewise, NEC and what used to be called the Empire Pool, Wembley, are capable of taking really large crowds but were never conceived for daily sports use.

Luton Town now has the opportunity of constructing the United Kingdom's first international standard indoor sports complex.

When the present board took over the club in 1975 it was

on the verge of bankruptcy and its first task was to restructure the finances in such a way that a similar situation could never arise again. As such they have been partially successful in as far as the club is presently on a more secure financial footing than at any point in the recent past, with the team respected members of the First Division of the Football League.

Also that year, the Safety of Sports Grounds legislation was enacted in Parliament. Previously the Home Office had appointed a high powered team of experts, headed by Sir Walter Winterbottom to inspect stadia. Their inspection of Kenilworth Road showed that modernisation of the stadium was severely restricted by containment on three sides, dense housing development with no approach streets and on the fourth side by an under-utilised railway line. It was generally felt that it would be better to create a new ground than to redevelop Kenilworth Road.

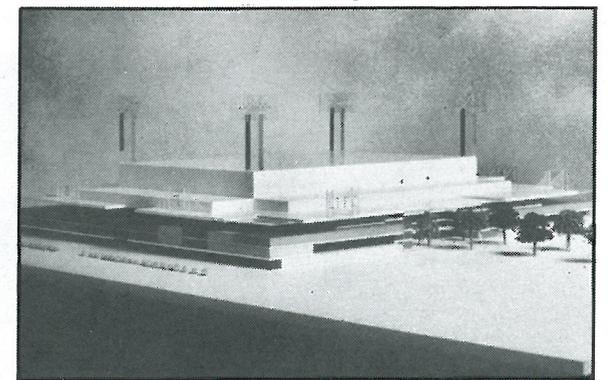
In 1979, Bedfordshire County Council advised the club that it would be requiring a large parcel of its land for a new relief road to the A505 between Luton and Dunstable.

This new road would follow the line of the existing railway which, in turn, would be relaid between the new road and the main stand, resulting in the loss of the boardroom and the Kenilworth Suite and its parking facilities, approximately half of the main car park and virtually the whole of the coach parking area.

Scope for any future developments on the site would be extremely limited and hardly in keeping with the bright new image we foresee for football.

It was with these problems in mind that the board conceived the plan of a totally new concept, a multi-purpose all weather sports and commercial complex. All that this imaginative scheme required was a site, which would satisfy the Football League, the local council, our potential investors, and one that would attract the sort of support worthy of a leading First Division football team. Our previous programmes have shown you the scheme and outlined its potential uses.

Another view of the leisure complex



# REPLAY IN COLOUR. . REPLAY IN COLOUR



**NOTTINGHAM FOREST 1  
LUTON TOWN 0**

We held our own for 58 minutes at the City Ground last Saturday before Forest snatched the goal which provided them with the three points. Paul Walsh is seen here in a race for possession.

# TOWN RECORD '83/84

Opponents	Result	Attendance	Points	Position	Sealey	Stephens	Turner	Horton	Elliott	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Walsh	Bunn	Moss	Antic	Own Goal
<b>1983</b>																	
<b>August</b>																	
27 Arsenal	*1-2	39,348	—	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	—	—
31 Leicester City	3-0	11,929	3	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7●	8	9	10●	11●	—	—
<b>September</b>																	
3 Sunderland	*4-0	10,346	6	5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7●	8●	9●	10	11	—	—
6 Norwich City	2-2	11,905	7	5	1	2	3	4	5●	6	7	8●	9	10+	11	12	—
10 Manchester United	0-2	41,013	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	—
17 Wolverhampton W.	4-0	10,975	10	7	1	2	3	4●	5	6	7	8●	9●	10	11●	—	—
24 Nottingham Forest	0-1	16,296	10	13	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+	11	12	—
<b>October</b>																	
1 Aston Villa																	
4 Rotherham (MC2-1L)																	
15 Everton																	
22 Southampton																	
25 Rotherham (MC2-2L)																	
29 Liverpool																	
<b>November</b>																	
2																	
5 Queens Park Rangers																	
12 Birmingham City																	
19 Tottenham H. (FAC 1)																	
26 Watford																	
<b>December</b>																	
3 Coventry City																	
10 Stoke City (FAC 2)																	
18 West Bromwich Albion																	
26 Notts County																	
27 West Ham United																	
31 Sunderland																	
<b>1984</b>																	
<b>January</b>																	
2 Nottingham Forest																	
7 FA Cup 3																	
14 Arsenal																	
21 Wolverhampton W																	
28 Ipswich Town (FAC 4)																	
<b>February</b>																	
4 Aston Villa																	
11 Manchester United																	
15																	
18 Liverpool (FAC 5)																	
25 Southampton																	
<b>March</b>																	
3 Queens Park Rangers																	
7																	
10 Birmingham City																	
17 Norwich City																	
24 Leicester City (MC Final)																	
31 Ipswich Town																	
<b>April</b>																	
7 Everton																	
14 Tottenham H. (FAC SF)																	
17 West Ham United																	
21 Notts County																	
28 Watford																	
<b>May</b>																	
5 Coventry City																	
7 Stoke City																	
12 West Bromwich Albion																	
19 FA Cup Final																	

Football Association Challenge Cup  
THIRD ROUND (REPLAY)

**ASTON VILLA**  
**LUTON TOWN**

at VILLA PARK, MONDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1957  
KICK-OFF 2.0 p.m.

TEAMS

<b>LUTON TOWN</b>					
STRETFEN			MCKENALLY		
DUNNE (1)	KELLY (3)	SHANKS (6)			
PEARCE (4)	TURNER (8)	MCLEOD (9)	MORTON (10)	DAVIES (11)	
CULLEN (7)					

Referee: Mr. A. Jobling (Morcambe)      Linesmen: Mr. F. R. Ward (Red Flag) / Mr. H. L. P. Holmes (Yellow Flag)

<b>ASTON VILLA</b>				
SIMS				
McPARLAND (11)	DIXON (10)	PACE (9)	SEWELL (8)	SMITH (7)
SAWARD (6)	DUGDALE (5)	CROWTHER (4)		
ALDIS (1)		LYNN (2)		

In the event of any alteration in the teams as printed, it will be given through loud speakers arranged around the ground.

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Our meeting with today's visitors revives memories of a third round FA Cup-tie replay against Villa in 1957. The first meeting at Kenilworth Road ended in a 2-2 draw when our goals came from Turner (penalty) and Davies. Dixon and McParland replied for the visitors. However, there was no success for us in the replay when two goals from Dixon gave Villa a 2-0 victory.

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**FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1983-84**

Date	Opposition	F	A
Aug. 27	Chelsea	1	-
Sept. 7	Leicester City	1	-
Sept. 10	Ipswich Town	0	-
Sept. 14	Reading	4	-
Sept. 17	Arsenal	1	-
Sept. 20	Millwall	4	-
Sept. 24	Swansea City	3	-
Oct. 3	Charlton Athletic (7.30)		
Oct. 8	Bristol Rovers		
Oct. 11	Norwich City		
Oct. 18	Crystal Palace		
Oct. 25	Southampton		
Nov. 1	Fulham		
Nov. 5	Brighton and Hove A.		
Nov. 9	Millwall		
Nov. 15	Birmingham City		
Nov. 23	Oxford United		
Nov. 26	Swindon Town		
Nov. 29	Swindon Town		
Dec. 3	Tottenham Hotspur		
Dec. 6	Bristol Rovers		
Dec. 10	Watford		
Dec. 17	West Ham United		
Jan. 3	Queens Park Rangers		
Jan. 17	Chelsea		
Jan. 21	Reading		
Jan. 28	Swansea City		
Feb. 4	Arsenal		
Feb. 14	Charlton Athletic		
Feb. 25	Queens Park Rangers		
Feb. 28	Southampton		
Mar. 6	Brighton & Hove A.		
Mar. 10	Fulham		
Mar. 13	Watford		
Mar. 17	West Ham United		
Mar. 24	Norwich City		
Mar. 27	Crystal Palace		
Mar. 31	Leicester City		
April 7	Ipswich Town		
April 10	Birmingham City		
April 14	Oxford United		
May 12	Tottenham Hotspur		

**SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES 1983-84**

Date	Opposition	F	A
Sept. 3	Wimbledon	3	-
Sept. 9	Southend	4	-
Sept. 17	Brighton	4	-
Sept. 24	Bristol Rovers	1	-
Oct. 1	Swindon Town (Cup)		
Oct. 15	Oxford United		
Oct. 22	Reading		
Oct. 29	Oxford United		
Nov. 5	Swindon Town		
Nov. 19	Tottenham		
Dec. 3	Brentford		
Dec. 17	Bristol Rovers		
Feb. 4	Southend		
Feb. 11	West Ham United		
Feb. 18	Tottenham		
Feb. 25	Brighton		
Mar. 10	Wimbledon		
Mar. 24	Swindon Town		
Mar. 31	West Ham United		
April 28	Brentford		

**ATTENDANCES AND DIVISION ONE TABLE 1983-84**

Highest	Average	Opposition	Home					Away						
			P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
22,195	21,167	West Ham United	7	4	0	0	15	3	2	0	1	3	1	18
56,121	47,220	Manchester United	7	3	0	1	7	3	2	0	1	4	5	15
20,674	19,858	Southampton	7	2	1	0	4	0	2	1	1	4	2	14
34,246	30,651	Liverpool	7	2	1	0	4	2	2	1	1	4	2	14
26,185	18,914	Ipswich Town	7	3	0	1	14	5	1	1	1	4	3	13
29,522	22,502	Aston Villa	7	4	0	0	7	3	0	1	2	4	6	13
16,363	15,473	Nottingham Forest	7	2	1	1	6	5	2	0	1	5	4	13
42,704	37,097	Arsenal	7	2	0	2	7	6	2	0	1	6	2	12
17,111	15,654	QPR	7	2	1	0	6	2	1	1	2	7	6	11
15,161	14,022	WBA	7	2	1	0	3	1	1	1	2	8	10	11
12,532	11,940	Coventry City	7	2	1	0	5	3	1	1	2	6	9	11
13,728	12,939	Birmingham City	7	3	0	0	4	0	0	2	2	3	8	11
11,095	10,972	Luton Town	7	2	1	0	10	3	1	0	3	4	5	10
22,658	18,459	Everton	7	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	3	5	9
21,056	16,173	Watford	7	1	1	2	9	9	1	1	1	5	3	8
38,042	34,340	Tottenham	7	0	1	2	5	2	1	1	1	8	6	8
17,057	13,587	Sunderland	7	2	1	1	5	5	0	0	3	1	8	7
11,031	10,150	Notts County	7	1	0	2	2	7	1	0	3	6	8	6
23,859	17,526	Norwich City	7	1	0	2	5	4	0	2	2	3	7	5
23,704	17,517	Stoke City	7	1	0	2	3	6	0	1	3	2	9	4
26,249	18,041	Wolverhampton	7	0	2	2	3	8	0	0	3	2	10	2
15,538	13,130	Leicester City	7	0	1	3	2	12	0	0	3	2	6	1

Up to and including Saturday 24th September 1983

**FIRST TEAM APPS 1983-84**

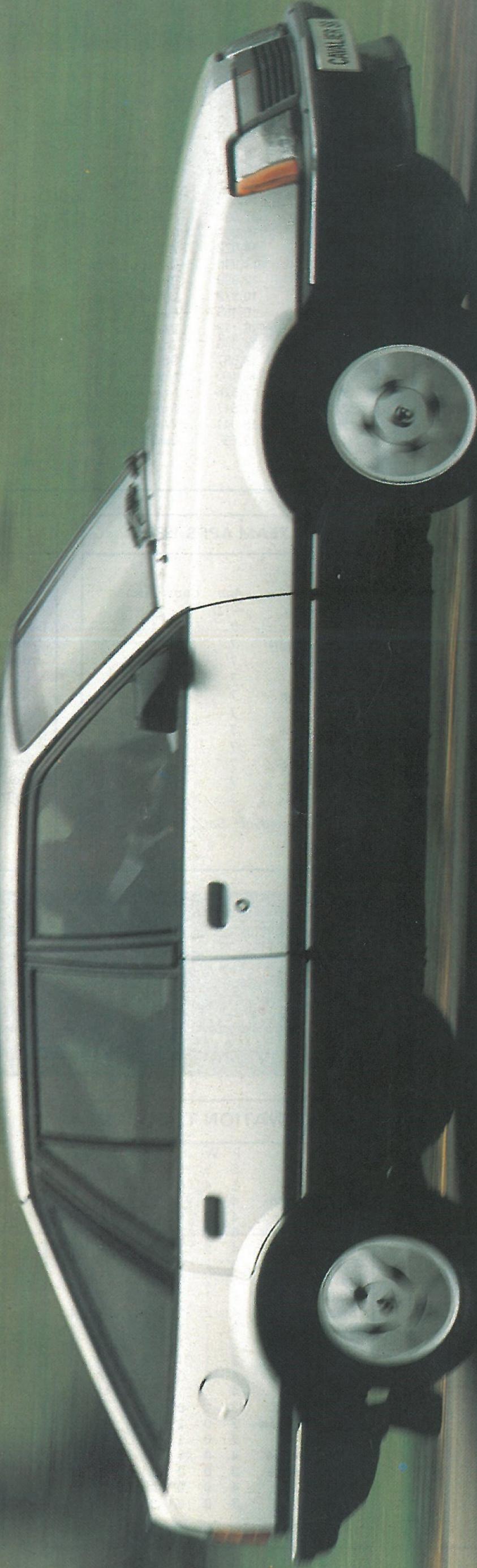
Player	App	Cups	Gl
Antic	—(2)	—	—
Bunn	7	—	1
Donaghy	7	—	—
Elliott	7	—	1
Hill	7	—	2
Horton	7	—	1
Moss	7	—	2
Sealey	7	—	2
Stein	7	—	3
Stephens	7	—	—
Turner	7	—	—
Walsh	7	—	2

Up to and incl. Sat. 24th Sept

**COMBINATION APPS & GOALS 1983-84**

Player	App	Gl	Player	App	Gl
Antic	5	1	McConville	2(2)	

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