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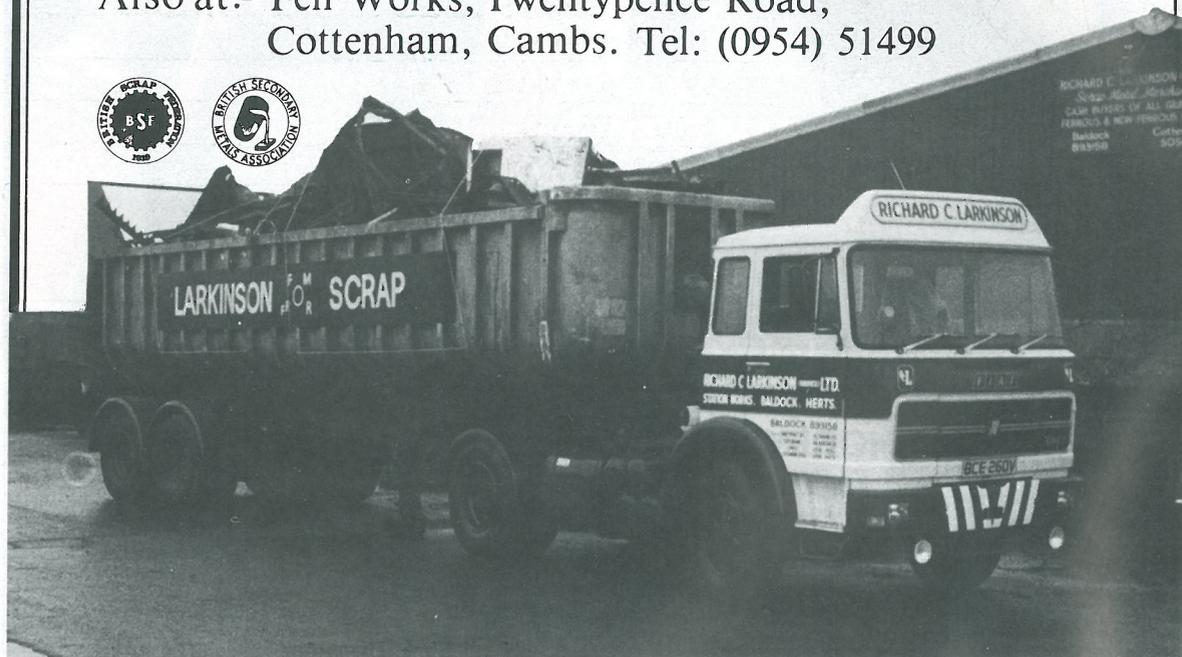
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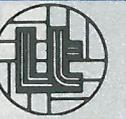
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# MY VIEW

Welcome to our friends from Birmingham. When we played and beat them at Luton on 12th April last season, it looked all over for the Bues. But their effort in their remaining six games was nothing short of sensational. Ron Saunders did a remarkable job replacing high wage earners Van Mierlo, Curbishley, Dillon, Whatmore, Evans, Carrodus and Scott with a team of enthusiastic younger players grateful for the opportunity. This season, they have continued the good form and we can expect a hard game this afternoon.

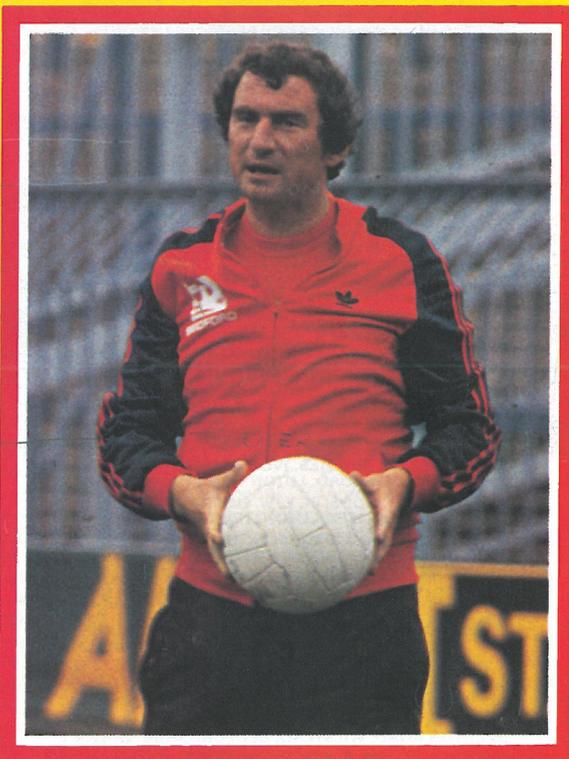
Our support at Liverpool and Queens Park Rangers was quite exceptional. I am sure the players have never been involved in any game with such an emphatic scoreline where they didn't feel completely demoralised.

Anfield is a tremendous place and the experience should give us all strength. They play football properly. We should seek to emulate their team play while retaining the freedom for individuals to express themselves. At Rangers, we took all the elements in our stride and drove forward with confidence. All the players showed a good attitude and defended well during Rangers' 25 minute spell after half-time.

A clean sheet is always important and we must congratulate Les Sealey for a truly outstanding reflex save from Stainrod's header. Les is settling down well, but knows a mentally alert Jake Findlay can make the position very competitive. We are gaining competition in other positions, too — Mitchell Thomas showed a tremendous temperament in front of the Kop and he is chasing a full-back place. Gary Parker played right side midfield at Rangers with much composure and I was delighted that Ricky Hill vacating his place he had made his own adjusted outstandingly on the left.

But the main source of our confidence stems from the younger element at the club. Only one defeat at reserve level. Here, a return to full fitness of Mike Saxby and Rob Johnson has been a contributory factor. Clive Goodyear has been outstanding here, while young forwards Cahal McConville, Mark Stein and Mark Watts have there up and down days which can be expected from such young players. In midfield, Ray Daniel can be brilliant or anonymous, whilst Tim Breacker is making steady progress.

The last thing anyone should do is to get complacent. A steady League start merely gives us a

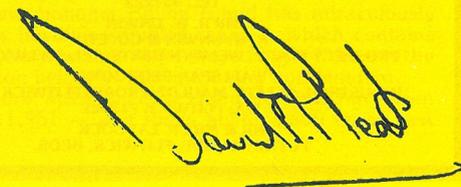


basis on which to improve. Now, more than ever, with the excitement that the Milton Keynes proposals may generate, and the team adapting to higher standards, we must look at every possible way of speculating to improve our playing strength.

I have been impressed this season with several players in the lower Leagues and I am sure that with our staff and players they would soon acclimatise to the First Division.

At the end of the day, that is our only goal — to keep improving the team.

Enjoy the game.



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# Scene on One.. Scene on One.. Scene on One

## IT'S TWO FIVES IN ONE DAY! By Tony Pullein

In one of those strange twists which makes football so fascinating, Ian Rush and Tony Woodcock chose the same day to crack home five goals in a game. It was something only two other men had achieved in the First Division . . . over the past 10 years!

By another coincidence, one of those also did it against the Hatters.

The climate seems to have something to do with Ian's rush of goals for Liverpool. It was almost a year to the day since he struck four goals in their local derby at Everton.

The Welsh international striker also scored two other hat-tricks last season when he amassed 30 goals. This was the first time he had totalled five in a game, though, and it took his tally for the season to 11.

While Rush's five were spread over an 86-minute period against the Hatters, Arsenal's Tony Woodcock packed his five into a purple 44-minute patch at Villa Park. Such was the excitement buzzing around Villa Park at half-time, that it was confidently expected that Woodcock might equal, or smash, the First Division match scoring record.

While all this was going on, the man who set up the record, Ted Drake, was listening to events on the radio at his London home. 'I must admit I was getting quite excited,' said Ted, who is now a Fulham director.

### GRABBED SEVEN

'It brought the memories rolling back for me because it was at Villa Park where I broke the record almost 50 years ago. I scored seven times in only eight shots at goal and I still have the matchball as a memento.'

It was in December 1935 when Drake grabbed his famous seven in Arsenal's 7-1 victory.

In almost half-a-century, Drake's record has rarely been even challenged. Geoff Hurst went closest when he scored six times for West Ham against Sunderland in 1968.

It's probably just another indication of the vastly improved standard of entertainment this season to have two players make such a challenge on the same day. Only two players had managed five in a First Division match over the previous 10 years, one of them being Alan Brazil, who hit all the goals in Ipswich Town's 5-2 victory over Southampton in February 1982.

Long-standing Hatters fans will not need reminding that the only other First Division striker to achieve five was Derby's Roger Davies on Easter Saturday in 1975. We were at the receiving end then, too, as Roger completed a first-half hat-trick and then added two more as Derby won 5-0.

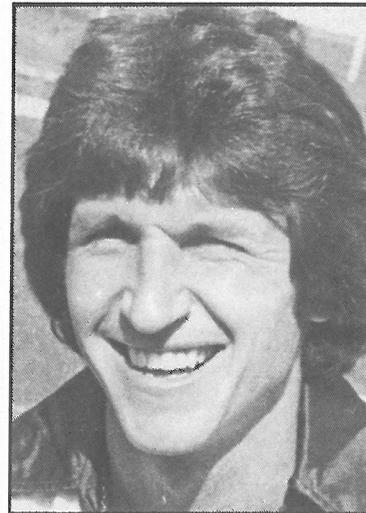
Woodcock's feat gained added distinction in that it was achieved against a team that had won all of its previous 13 home League matches!

### SUFFERING

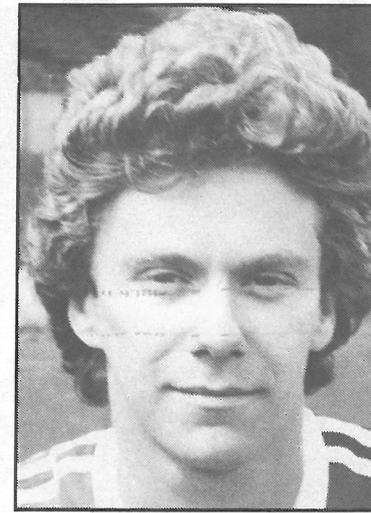
● While Villa were suffering their first home defeat, neighbouring Birmingham City — our Kenilworth Road visitors this afternoon — recorded their first away League victory in a local derby at West Bromwich.

Given the boost of an early goal from Howard Gayle, the Blues went further ahead in the 72nd minute when Mick Harford scored. Mick Perry pulled one goal back for the Throstles but Birmingham held on to win.

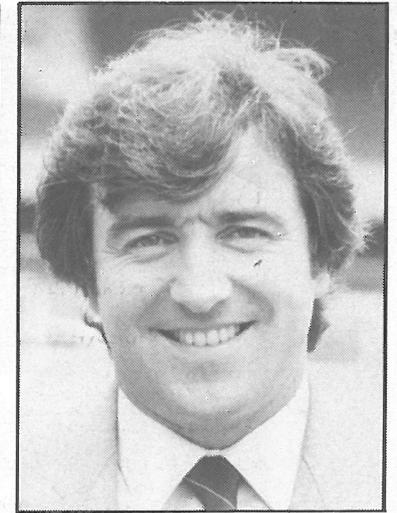
● Southampton met one of their bogey teams at the Dell and very nearly came a cropper yet again. In 17 previous



ROGER DAVIES



TONY WOODCOCK



TERRY VENABLES

home games against Ipswich in the League, the Saints had managed to squeeze just four victories. Ipswich had won three of their last five games at the Dell.

Although Steve Williams gave the Saints a snap lead, transfer-listed Paul Mariner struck back with two to give Ipswich a 2-1 interval lead. Nick Holmes equalised soon after the break but it was only after the visitors had been reduced to 10 men — by the controversial dismissal of England centre-back Russell Osman — that the home side began to take command in the late stages.

Substitute Steve Moran scored Southampton's winner two minutes from the end.

Veteran striker Frank Worthington, who missed the Saints' game at Kenilworth Road through suspension, was free to play again against Ipswich but he failed to celebrate his 600th League appearance with a goal. In fact, he had only scored once for Southampton at that point but manager Lawrie McMenemy was not too worried.

'He has a football brain and a lot of skill,' said the Saints' boss. 'I don't expect him to be running about all over the place. We have two other forwards to do that. Even if he doesn't score himself, Frank has the experience to take opponents out of the game and to make openings for others.'

### FURTHER EVIDENCE

● Queens Park Rangers gave further evidence that they don't need the help of their plastic pitch to win them First Division points. Last season's Second Division Champions soared into third place after a splendid 3-0 win at Norwich.

'We have won exactly the same number of points away from home as we have at the Bush,' smiled manager Terry Venables. 'People keep saying that our good home record is partially down to the pitch. That's not right. We have a good home record because we are a very good team and we continue to prove that on grass pitches, too.'

Venables does concede that training on the artificial surface makes his players more skilful, though. 'They have to be so much more precise with their passing, otherwise the ball bounces away into touch. They also

have to be good at trapping the ball and in many other skills.'

Success at Norwich gave Rangers their third successive away win in the First Division, with a goals record of 9-0 — not bad for away games.

● Leicester City finally recorded their first victory since winning promotion to the First Division. Hapless Everton were their victims at Filbert Street where goals from Alan Smith and Paul Ramsey gave Leicester a welcome 2-0 victory which lifted them out of bottom place.

● That place was taken by Wolves who were still awaiting their first win after losing 3-0 at Manchester United. Wolves then had only three points from drawn games and, in addition, were beaten in both legs of the Milk Cup by Third Division Preston.

Frank Stapleton (twice) and Bryan Robson scored all United's goals in the opening half to keep the Reds firmly in top place.

● Sunderland manager Alan Durban has been seeking ways to strengthen his squad but, after being tempted, he finally decided against an exchange deal with Arsenal who wanted midfielder man Nick Pickering. The Gunners wanted to trade striker Lee Chapman in a straight swap.

Although Durban is an admirer of Chapman, who played under his managership at Stoke City, he was in the end reluctant to lose Pickering, who played for England on this summer's Australian tour and who is clearly a future England star.

● Coventry City, the club we had all dismissed as certain relegation candidates before the season had even started, continue to give their critics the two-finger salute with a series of outstanding performances. The Sky Blues added another victory at Stoke (3-1) and looked nicely established as a middle-of-the-table team.

Although they sold virtually their entire first team last summer, new manager Bobby Gould has miraculously knocked his hastily-assembled team — which contains several players who had never played higher than in the Third Division before — into a winning combination.

What's more, attendances at Highfield Road have been averaging 11,951 — and that's about 1,500 up on last season.

# Town Focus



Paul Walsh has rapidly earned the reputation as one of the most promising young strikers in the First Division following his transfer to Kenilworth Road from Charlton Athletic. He scored what should be the first of many goals for England in his first full game in the national side during the summer tour of Australia. Then, in addition, he also made his

mark in the England Under-21 games against Hungary and Denmark after exploding onto the First Division scene at the beginning of last season. By the end of May, he had scored 14 goals which included three hat-tricks. Ask any First Division defender which is the hardest player to mark. The answer will invariably be — Paul Walsh.

## PAUL WALSH — CAREER RECORD

| FOOTBALL LEAGUE |                   |                |               |               |              |                     |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|
|                 | 79-80             | 80-81          | 81-82         | 82-83         | 83-84        | Total               |
| Arsenal         |                   |                |               | 2(1)          | 1            | 3(1)                |
| Aston Villa     |                   |                |               | 2             | 1            | 3                   |
| Barnsley        |                   | 2(1)           |               |               |              | 2(1)                |
| Birmingham      |                   |                | 1             | 2(1)          |              | 3(1)                |
| Blackburn       |                   |                | 2(1)          |               |              | 2(1)                |
| Blackpool       |                   | 2(1)           |               |               |              | 2(1)                |
| Bolton          |                   |                | 2(1)          |               |              | 2(1)                |
| Brentford       |                   | 1              |               |               |              | 1                   |
| Brighton        |                   |                |               | 2             |              | 2                   |
| Burnley         | s                 | 2              |               |               |              | 2 + 1s              |
| Cambridge       |                   |                | 2             |               |              | 2                   |
| Cardiff         |                   |                | 2             |               |              | 2                   |
| Carlisle        |                   | 2(1)           |               |               |              | 2(1)                |
| Chelsea         |                   |                | 1(2)          |               |              | 1(2)                |
| Chester         |                   | 2              |               |               |              | 2                   |
| Chesterfield    |                   | 1              |               |               |              | 1                   |
| Colchester      |                   | 2              |               |               |              | 2                   |
| Coventry        |                   |                |               | 2             |              | 2                   |
| Crystal Palace  |                   |                | 1(1)          |               |              | 1(1)                |
| Derby           |                   |                | 2             |               |              | 2                   |
| Everton         |                   |                |               | 2             | 1(1)         | 3(1)                |
| Exeter          |                   | 2              |               |               |              | 2                   |
| Fulham          | 1                 | 2              |               |               |              | 3                   |
| Gillingham      |                   | 2(1)           |               |               |              | 2(1)                |
| Grimsby         |                   |                | 2(3)          |               |              | 2(3)                |
| Huddersfield    |                   | 1              |               |               |              | 1                   |
| Hull            |                   | 2              |               |               |              | 2                   |
| Ipswich         |                   |                |               | 2             |              | 2                   |
| Leicester       | 1                 |                | 2(1)          |               | 1            | 4(1)                |
| Liverpool       |                   |                |               | 2             | 1            | 3                   |
| Luton           |                   |                | 2             |               |              | 2                   |
| Man City        |                   |                |               | 2(1)          |              | 2(1)                |
| Man Utd         |                   |                |               | 2             | 1            | 3                   |
| Millwall        |                   | 2              |               |               |              | 2                   |
| Newcastle       |                   |                | 2             |               |              | 2                   |
| Newport         | 1                 |                |               |               |              | 1                   |
| Norwich         |                   |                | 2             |               | 1            | 3                   |
| Nottingham F    |                   |                |               | 2             | 1            | 3                   |
| Notts County    |                   |                |               | 2(3)          |              | 2(3)                |
| Oldham          |                   |                | 2             |               |              | 2                   |
| Orient          |                   |                | 2(1)          |               |              | 2(1)                |
| Oxford          |                   | 2              |               |               |              | 2                   |
| Plymouth        |                   | 2(1)           |               |               |              | 2(1)                |
| Portsmouth      |                   | 2              |               |               |              | 2                   |
| QPR             | 1                 |                | 2             |               |              | 3                   |
| Reading         |                   | 2(3)           |               |               |              | 2(3)                |
| Rotherham       |                   | 1              | 1(1)          |               |              | 2(1)                |
| Sheff Utd       |                   | 2(1)           |               |               |              | 2(1)                |
| Sheff Wed       |                   |                | 2(2)          |               |              | 2(2)                |
| Shrewsbury      | s                 |                | 2             |               |              | 2 + 1s              |
| Southampton     |                   |                |               | 2             |              | 2                   |
| Stoke           |                   |                |               | 1(2)          |              | 1(2)                |
| Sunderland      |                   |                |               | 2             | 1(1)         | 3(1)                |
| Swansea         | 1                 |                |               | 2(3)          |              | 3(3)                |
| Swindon         |                   | 2(1)           |               |               |              | 2(1)                |
| Tottenham       |                   |                |               | 2             |              | 2                   |
| Walsall         | 1                 | 1(1)           |               |               |              | 2(1)                |
| Watford         | 1                 |                | 2             |               |              | 3                   |
| WBA             |                   |                |               | 2             |              | 2                   |
| West Ham Utd    | 1                 |                |               | 2(3)          |              | 3(3)                |
| Wolves          |                   |                |               |               | 1(1)         | 1(1)                |
| Wrexham         |                   |                | 2             |               |              | 2                   |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>7 + 2s(11)</b> | <b>40 (11)</b> | <b>38(13)</b> | <b>41(14)</b> | <b>10(3)</b> | <b>136 + 2s(41)</b> |

| FA CUP       |             |          |             |
|--------------|-------------|----------|-------------|
|              | 80-81       | 81-82    | Total       |
| Bournemouth  | 1(1)        |          | 1(1)        |
| Ipswich      | 1           |          | 1           |
| Man Utd      |             | 1        | 1           |
| Orient       |             |          | 1           |
| Peterborough |             |          | 1(1)        |
| Plymouth A   | 1           |          | 1           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>3(1)</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>6(2)</b> |

| LEAGUE CUP   |             |          |          |             |              |
|--------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|--------------|
|              | 80-81       | 81-82    | 82-83    | 83-84       | Total        |
| Blackpool    |             |          | 1        |             | 1            |
| Brentford    | 2(4)        |          |          |             | 2(4)         |
| Carlisle     | 2(2)        |          |          |             | 2(2)         |
| Charlton     |             |          | 2        |             | 2            |
| Norwich      |             | 2        |          |             | 2            |
| Reading      |             | 2        |          |             | 2            |
| Rotherham    |             |          |          | 1(1)        | 1(1)         |
| Tottenham    |             |          | 1        |             | 1            |
| West Ham Utd | 1           |          |          |             | 1            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>5(6)</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>1(1)</b> | <b>14(7)</b> |

| ENGLAND   |           |       |           |
|-----------|-----------|-------|-----------|
|           | 82-83     | 83-84 | Total     |
| Australia | 2 + 1s(1) |       | 2 + 1s(1) |

| ENGLAND UNDER-21 |                  |             |                  |
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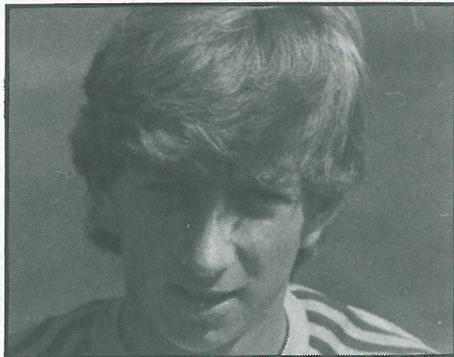
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GARY PARKER

**LUTON 4 BRIGHTON 1**

TEAM: Sanders, Hancock, Davies, Burke, Ellidson, Driscoll, McEvoy, Ager, Peil, Desmond, Oldfield. Subs: Covington, Medhurst.

We got off to a good start in this game when we had one goal disallowed for off-side but came straight back after the disappointment to grab another to go into the lead.

Then, instead of pressing home the advantage, we sat back and some sloppy marking on their first corner allowed Brighton to equalise.

After their goal, our heads dropped and the team were struggling to put two passes together for a spell, we thought the game was going to drift away from us.

But we managed to put together some passes and work the ball up to our centre-forward. He took the ball on his chest and past his defender and, as the goalkeeper came out, chipped the ball over him into the net. It took us in at half-time 2-1 up but with a few things to put right during the break.

The second-half was fairly even, but did not look likely to produce a goal for us. We decided it was time (midway through the half) for a substitution. It had an almost immediate effect, and we managed to capitalise on a good cross ball which, under pressure, was only half cleared, to give us our third goal.

We made another substitution and went on to add another goal to give us a comfortable win.

**ARSENAL 2 LUTON 1**

TEAM: Findlay, North (S), Johnson, Breacker, Saxby, Goodyear, Parker, McConville, North (M), Antic, Watts. Sub: Stein (M) for Watts.

After promising play by both teams and good efforts by Antic, Breacker and Mark North, Arsenal took the lead with a curious goal. A left-wing cross went through Jake Findlay's hands and, as he was challenged by Lee Chapman the ball hit Jake on the head and bounced into the net. It was hard to accept, but a Findlay header had put the Gunners one up.

Another Arsenal goal early in the second-half seemed to put the game beyond us, but following good approach work by Clive Goodyear and Cahal McConville, Mark North was able to glide a left foot shot into the corner of the net. This set up a hectic finale with



MARK WATTS

Town throwing caution to the wind seeking an equaliser which never came.

**LUTON 4 MILLWALL 0**

TEAM: Findlay, Breacker, Thomas, Saxby, Goodyear, Johnson, Parker, Antic, Aylott, Smith, Watts. Sub: North (M) for Antic.

In this evening fixture, a Gary Parker shot, following good play by Trevor Aylott, nearly gave us a splendid start, but it took 25 minutes for Town to score after Raddy Antic was hauled down in the penalty area. Gary Parker put the penalty kick away.

Town were now looking confident and added a second when a wicked low cross from Tim Breacker was turned into the net by a Millwall defender, to give us a 2-0 half-time lead.

After a shaky start to the second period, an inswinging corner by Gary Parker was met firmly by Trevor Aylott's head and the ball was turned over the line by Mitchell Thomas for his first goal of the season.

Our final goal was the best — so simple but effective. A diagram pass by Trevor Aylott; a through pass by Mark Watts allowed trialist Mark Smith to hammer a low right-foot shot past a despairing Millwall keeper.

**LUTON 3 SWANSEA 1**

TEAM: Duncan, Cummings, Thomas, North (S), Saxby, Goodyear, Parker, Johnson, Aylott, McConville, Watts.

Town put the accelerator pedal down from the start and, after near misses by Cahal McConville and Gary Parker, Mark Watts headed in following good work by Trevor Aylott.

Luton were well on top and the second goal followed a fine right-wing move involving Gary Parker and trialist Chris Cummings which ended in Trevor Aylott chesting the ball in. An energetic McConville was deprived of a goal when Parker was ruled off-side following further good interpassing play just before half-time.

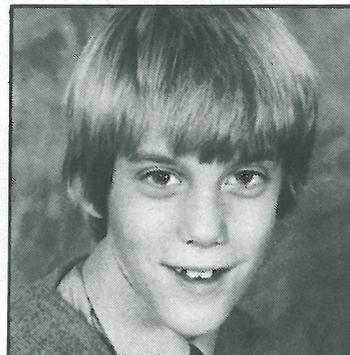
Two up is never a good scoreline to relax on, and Swansea came out after a major half-time service and took the game to us and scored a goal.

But then the situation clicked as we strove to get out our two goal advantage back. Finally we did, Mark Watts scoring following a goalmouth scramble.

# junior hatters

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THE MASCOT



IAN WOOD

For the first time this season, the Junior Hatters president Ricky Hill introduces this afternoon's mascots and escorts.

Ricky is actively involved in promoting the Junior Hatters Club and regularly attends meetings where he willingly mixes with the youngsters.

MASCOT

IAN WOOD of Wilstead, Bedford, is 11 and attends Abbey Middle School, Elstow, Bedford. His interests are football, swimming, collecting football programmes, mugs, reading and electronics.

ESCORTS

JASON BENNETT of Sandy, is 11 and attends Sandy Place Middle School. He plays football for Sandy Colts Under-12 and lists his interests as football and all other sports and collecting beer mats.

DAMIAN BLOW of Dunstable, is 10 and attends Ashton Middle School, Dunstable. He plays football for 3rd Dunstable Cubs and his interests are football, rollerskating, cricket, watching Luton, playing games, stamp collecting and reading.

ROBERT HYNAN of Limbury is eight and attends St Josephs School. His interests are athletics and football.

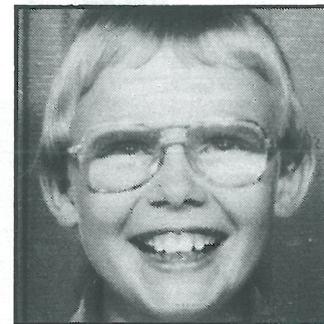
KEITH WALPOLE of Luton is 12 and attends Denbigh High School, Luton. His interests are football, video games and reading.

*Ricky Hill*

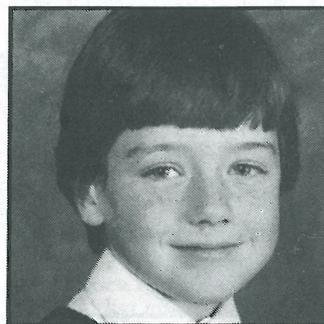
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(Above) Almost, but not quite . . . Gary Parker enjoyed a fine game in his first senior appearance of the season and this effort could have given him a late goal but for a tremendous save by Hucker.

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# READERS LETTERS

Dear Sir, Originating from South of the Thames I was a Charlton fan. However, since adopting Luton four or five years ago I have become not only impressed with the designs and developments of a creative positive type of football, but also the progressive approach of the executive side of the club.

However, it is the fans which make me sigh with disbelief. This season, the maximum number of home supporters must average 10,000. I wonder if Luton Town do really appreciate the team. Through improvements this season in the team's commitments, fitness and experience I rate them second to Liverpool. Unless the Town are prepared to support the club I can only see the team being drained of its success.

Instead of staying away from matches, or paying for aeroplanes, be positive. Everyone should bring one extra supporter. A viable club today cannot afford to neglect the commercial side. Gone are the days when a football ground stands idle for 80 per cent of its time.

If you want it support it.

**Linda Miles**  
Colefield Drive  
Leighton Buzzard

Dear Sir, I am interested in forming a travel club for Luton supporters living in London, with a view to arranging travel to away games. I would be grateful if you would be so kind as to print this letter in the match-day magazine, in order that any interested parties might contact me.

My telephone number is as below (after 6.30 pm) on weekdays.

**David Blakeran**  
33 Glenhill Close  
Lichfield Grove  
Finchley  
London N3  
Tel: 01-346-0254

Dear Mr Pleat, Having watched your team play last Saturday against Southampton FC (of which I am a loyal supporter, and hardly miss a game). I felt I had to write to you congratulating you on your achievement of building a fine team on a relatively low budget.

I have been to many Southampton matches, but it is the first time in which I was captivated by the opposition's play.

Please print this letter in your magazine to remind your supporters what a fine and exciting team they have.

My loyalty to Southampton has not wavered in any way but I hope to pick up a few pounds at the end of the season on your team's efforts.

Continue playing well and, if Southampton do not win the League, I assure you I will be willing your team on to win it.

I think you will have a tougher time at the Dell, but don't forget to tell Brian Stein to tie his bootlaces together before he plays.

**Ian Lanfear**  
Gratton Close  
Sutton Scoteny  
Winchester  
Hants

Dear Mr Tomlins, I am writing to say thank you for the two enjoyable days I spent at Kingshott School, Hitchin at the Soccer-world Autumn Clinic.

My friend and I felt we learned a lot about football. I hope Luton continue to do well in Division One.

**Neale Palmer**  
High Street  
Stotfold  
Hitchin

Dear Sir, I am writing on behalf of my husband who has been a fan of Luton Town Football Club for many years. He has followed their ups and downs and was absolutely thrilled when they were promoted to the First Division.

Although we live in Coventry, he spent his childhood in Luton and his family still lives there. Obviously whenever we visit he watches the match and remains an ardent fan even when the Town don't play well (though he realises this is not often!)

**Julia Jewell**  
Stoke Park School  
Dane Road  
Coventry  
West Midlands

Dear Mr Beevor, I am writing on behalf of Henlow Colts FC to thank you for your help in providing a signed football to help raise funds for our club. I was given your name by Mr Larkinson and, as this is our first season, everybody at the club appreciates what you have both done.

We will raffle the ball at our next function and it will be a great help in raising funds for Henlow.

Would you please thank the players for taking the time to sign the ball. Hopefully, in our small way, we can be as successful as Luton!

**Ian Mitchell**  
The Churchyard  
Hitchin  
Herts

Dear Mr Beevor, Thank you for the marvellous day last Saturday, it was a day I will always remember.

I enclose a picture which was in our local paper with the write-up which appeared the week before.

Can you please send 12 Junior Hatter application forms for the boys in my class at school. They all want to join after they saw me on Match of the Day.

**Mark Ralley**  
Warnham Gardens  
Bexhill

# Competitions

## NAME THE FACES

Our 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.



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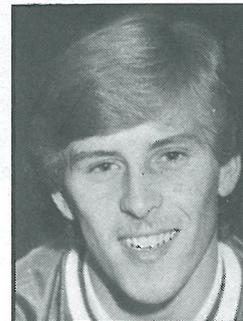
The winner of the Name the Faces competition in our Southampton Magazine was Mr R. Hatcher, 29 Derwent Drive, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 7BG. A super prize from Luton Town FC is on its way to you Mr Hatcher — well done!



**SIMON STAINROD**  
(QPR)



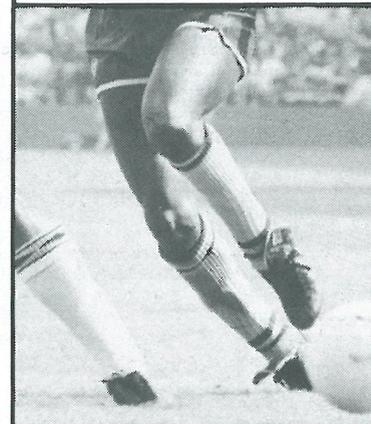
**DEREK PARLANE**  
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# NAME THE STAR

The 'Name The Star' competition continues from our Wolverhampton, Aston Villa, Southampton and Rotherham Matchday Magazines. 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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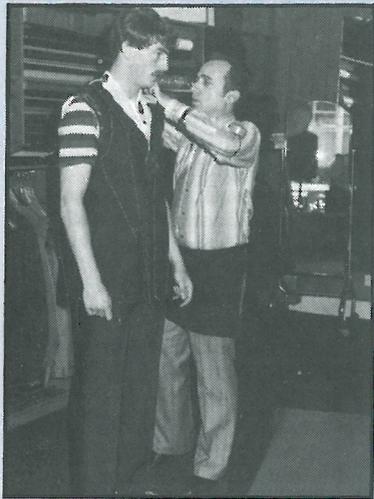
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That's all part of history now, but the reward was still collected when the party spirit was mixed with a fitting session for Clive Goodyear and Paul Elliott, pictured here with Anthony in his shop.

## PROGRAMME FAIR

The increasing popularity of football



programmes has seen a huge jump in the number of people collecting them.

Values of programmes has grown enormously in recent years when collectors have made desperate attempts to obtain rare copies.

We have heard from Walthamstow Avenue FC who are holding their next Programme Fair on Sunday 4th December at 10.30 am until 2 pm. Admission is a bargain 25p.

## SOS . . . SOS . . . SOS . . .

Will Stuart Basson, of Newbold Road, Chesterfield, please contact A. Shury at 24 Hadrian Avenue, Dunstable, after today's match.

## CENTURY CLUB

There has again been a long interval between our last visit to Kenilworth Road and our game this afternoon, when we welcome Birmingham City to help provide our entertainment. We look forward to a good game, and send best wishes to our team.

We have missed out on some 21st birthday celebrations among our team but our belated congratulations go to Frankie Bunn and Paul Walsh. Also our best wishes are extended to Mal Donaghy and his wife on the new addition to their family.

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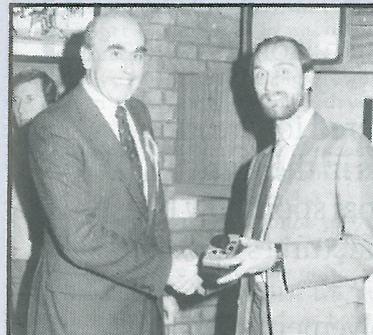
David Moss, Kirk Stephens and skipper Brian Horton didn't need too



much persuasion to pose with the glamorous young ladies helping to promote the event.

## MAN OF THE MATCH

Despite the disappointment of making our exit from this season's Milk Cup



competition when we lost over two legs to Rotherham, there was still someone who derived pleasure from the second meeting between the team at Kenilworth Road.

The game was sponsored by Remdex Bradley who donated a fully automatic camera to the player who won the Man of the Match tag.

It went to skipper Brian Horton who is pictured receiving his award after the game.

## MIKE'S BIG SEND-OFF

As supporters may have seen in the magazine for the Rotherham game,



our promotions manager Mike Hardwicke has left the club to take a job in Australia.

Before he went, the players dipped their hands into their pockets to buy Mike a cut glass decanter which he is pictured receiving in the dressing room.

## WATFORD TICKETS

Watford have made their game

against us at Vicarage Road on 26th November all ticket. We have been allocated only 100 stand tickets which go on sale at the ticket office on Monday. Postal applications will, NOT be considered.

However, our standing tickets will be available for personal or postal applicants who must enclose the correct remittance and a stamped addressed envelope.

## REFEREE

Trevor D. Spencer, of Salisbury, began refereeing in local Hampshire Leagues and the Hampshire Senior

League, and continued via the Football Combination to the Football League List. Was a linesman at the Texaco Cup Final in 1971, a European Cup semi-final in 1972, and in the 1971 Anglo-Italian Tournament.

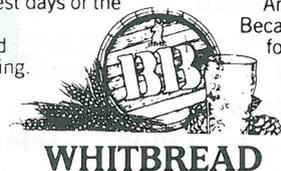
A married man, with two daughters, he is an Equipment Planning Engineer for a large oil company. His interests and hobbies are golf, DIY work and caravanning.

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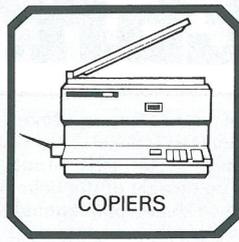
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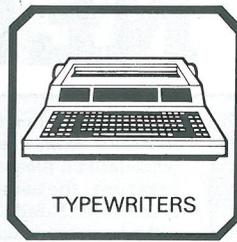
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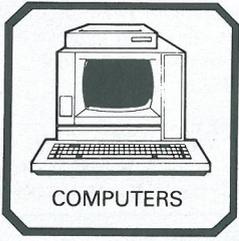
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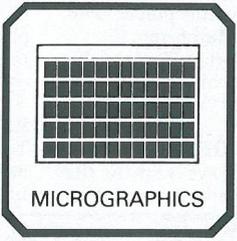
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# HATTERS WHO'S WHO

Another episode in our popular who's who series. This week: Billy Waugh.

The man the Hatters had to thank for bringing Billy Waugh to Kenilworth Road was . . . Adolph Hitler!

'I had joined Hearts as a 17-year-old,' explained Billy. 'But when the war came and I joined the RAF I was posted to Bicester where I was a physical training instructor. I played for RAF Bicester and that was how I first came into contact with Luton.'

'Who can say what would have happened if it hadn't been for the war. I suppose it would have been most unlikely for me to play for Luton but I'm very pleased it turned out that way because I have many happy memories of my days with the club.'

It was in 1942 when he first played for Luton. The club didn't have a manager at the time and secretary Archie Wickson organised the team.

'In those days we used to have a lot of guest players,' recalls Billy. 'I remember playing with Eddie Hapgood, the England full-back. He was an officer in the RAF when he turned out for Luton.'

'Then there was George Goodyear and Billy Cooke whom I remember well. There were many others.'

## ORGANISED BASIS

'Sometime before football got going on an organised basis again after the war, George Martin became manager of the club. In my opinion, he was one of the best managers in the business.'

Billy remembers the big crowds which watched football in those early post-war days and some games still stick in his memory.

'Do you remember the Newcastle game, just after the Football League started again? I scored the first goal and we went on to beat them 4-3.'

He became the first Luton player to make 100 League appearances after the war. Although he was originally an outside-left, he could play on the other flank, too.

'I was always the outside-left,' he recalled. 'Then they signed Dally Duncan and, as he was also a left-winger, I moved over to the right. Dally later became manager of the club but that was about the time I moved on.'

In 1950 he signed for Queens Park Rangers and he spent three very successful years there.

## COMPLETED

Bournemouth signed him in 1953 and he completed his League playing days with the Dean Court club.

'I was coming to the end of my playing days then and I found that it would be more to my advantage to go into non-League football. Remember, the weekly wage footballers received in the Football League in those days was only £15.'

'I could earn £12 a week in non-League football and also do a job that paid £12 so it made sense for me to do that, particularly as my days in the League were approaching the end, anyway.'

Billy then signed for Bedford Town until he eventually drifted out of the game altogether. These days he is the general secretary of the Recreation Club at Electrolux.

'We have 26 sections and I'm responsible for organising all the sport,' he said.

Because of this he doesn't get a lot of chance to see Luton in action these days although he was planning to see the Hatters at QPR last Saturday.

'Tony Ingham was the captain when I was with Rangers and I have always kept in touch with him,' explained Billy. 'He's a director of the club now and, when Luton were due down there, he invited me to go along.'

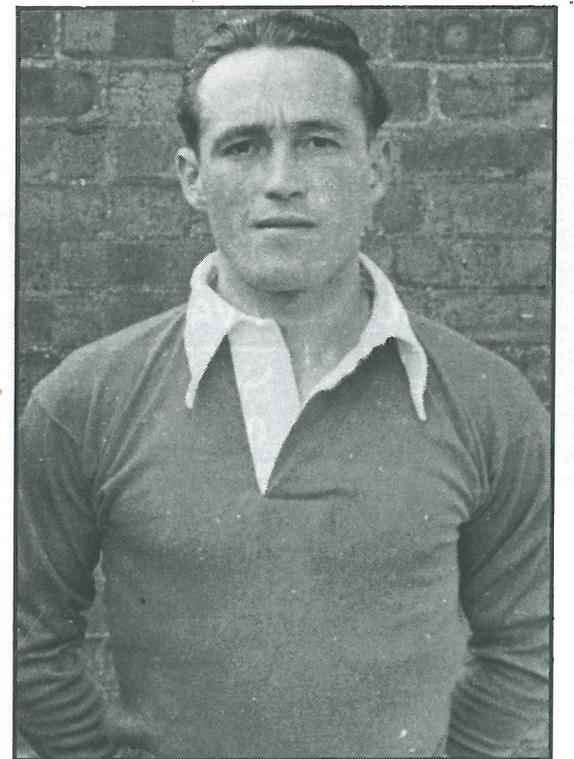
His active sporting life now focuses mainly on golf. 'It's a great time consumer and, what with my work, it doesn't leave much time for visiting Kenilworth Road these days. But I do manage to get there from time to time, just to keep the old memories alive.'

In his eight years with the club, Billy Waugh played between 250 and 300 games for the club. Many of those, of course, were in the war-time regional competition but his record in the Football League was:

## CAREER RECORD

|             |         | Apps | Goals |
|-------------|---------|------|-------|
| Luton       | 1946-47 | 41   | 5     |
|             | 1947-48 | 33   | —     |
|             | 1948-49 | 38   | 2     |
|             | 1949-50 | 23   | 2     |
| QPR         | 1950-51 | 25   | 2     |
|             | 1951-52 | 36   | 1     |
|             | 1952-53 | 15   | 3     |
| Bournemouth | 1953-54 | 18   | 3     |
|             |         | 229  | 18    |

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**Journal**

**JOHN WILKINSON - CLUB SECRETARY**

We often hear people say 'How times have changed.' To illustrate that, we played Birmingham City in a Division Two match at Kenilworth Road on 27th August 1952. It was played on a Wednesday evening with a 6.15 pm kick-off.

There were 20,231 spectators in the ground and the gate receipts for the game were £2,165.11s.9d. Out of that, the club had to pay £236.17s.9d. entertainment tax. Match officials expenses were £14.5s.3d.; printing of match tickets and the advertising costs amounted to £15.17s.6d.; Police charges for the game was an astronomical £14.12s.9d. The only thing that hasn't changed is the four per cent levy paid to the League.

We still have to pay the same percentage now. The total payable that day was £73.19s.1p. After all expenses were paid the visitors were entitled to 20 per cent of what was left and that share came to £255.4s.5d. Those figures are a far cry from today. An attendance of 20,000 should bring in a figure of approximately £32,000. VAT would claim just over £4,000. The cost of ticket printing is about £200. Match officials expenses average about £100 but the Police charges work out about £3,500. The four per cent levy to the League would be about £800.

The visiting team do not take anything out of receipts now and you can see that, on these figures alone, 'Times have certainly changed.'

The match played over 30 years ago resulted in a 1-0 win for Birmingham. The two teams were . . . LUTON: Streten, Cooke, Aherne, Morton, Owen, Watkins, Sexton, McJarrow, Moore, Pye, Davies. BIRMINGHAM: Merrick, Green, Martin, Boyd, Badham, Warhurst, Stewart, Purdon, Briggs, Murphy, Wardle.

Two weeks ago I met two former Luton players, Bruce Rioch and Alan Slough, who are now guiding Fourth Division Torquay United. They were at Northampton and, although they lost 2-1 they played some very attractive football. Obviously they were disappointed with the result but it is early days yet. We talked later of the times at Luton and they both send their regards to all their friends.



**MEMORY  
LANE**

Without any doubt Syd Owen was among the best centre-halves in the country and his consistent displays eventually won him full international honours against Hungary, Yugoslavia and Belgium in 1954.

Although he was ideally built for a centre-half, it was as a wing-half that the Town secured him from Birmingham City in 1947, it was not until near the end of his second season that he was tried at the centre of the defence.

He was an immediate success and was the Town's captain until he retired after the Cup Final in 1959.

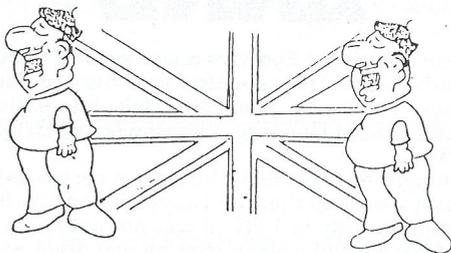
He was appointed manager the following season but held office for only one season when he became chief coach at Leeds United, working closely with Don Revie. He later had coaching spells with Hull City and Birmingham City and is currently at Elland Road in a part-time capacity looking after the younger players.

Syd Owen pictured with the Player of the Year award he won in season 1958-59.

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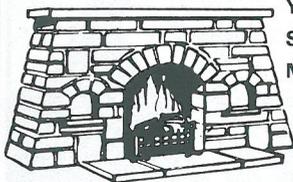
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|---------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Car Mascot: Mini Football Kit   | Price | P&P |
| Gloves: Woollen Orange or White | 75p   | 16p |
|                                 | £1.50 | 16p |

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|---|-------|-----|
| Mugs: Crested Pottery                   | £1.50 | ★   |
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| Pens: Orange                            | 25p   | sae |
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| Sweat Bands                             | 95p   | 16p |
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| Straw Hats: Mini                        | £1.50 | 20p |
| England Quiz Books                      | £1    | 23p |
| Luton Town Record                       | £1    | 16p |
| Luton Town Video                        | £20   | 85p |
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# Birmingham City

Birmingham City seem reasonably sure of keeping clear of serious relegation problems this season, after so narrowly missing the drop in May. But manager Ron Saunders would feel much happier about their aspirations to win something if the Blues could improve their away form.

At St Andrews they have looked exceedingly confident, winning five of their opening six games. But apart, from a good win at Second Division Derby (3-0) in the Milk Cup, the fruits from their away trips had been poor until they won at West Bromwich (2-1) a fortnight ago.

Prior to that they had drawn at Wolves (1-1) and Everton (1-1) but lost at West Ham (0-4), Notts County (1-2) and Aston Villa (0-1).

Having spent so much time and energy in rebuilding the side, since taking over as manager in January 1982, Saunders made only two major close-season signings this summer — defender Billy Wright

from Everton, plus forward Tony Rees from Aston Villa.

No fewer than 30 players were used in the Blues' First Division side last season but now the team has a far more settled look about it. Mick Harford and Tony Rees have been operating as the strikers.

Harford, a £100,000 signing from Newcastle two seasons ago, began his career with Lincoln, leading their scoring list with 16 goals in 1979-80. He scored 15 during the first-half of the following season and this prompted Newcastle to sign him for £200,000 — a record for a Fourth Division player.

In the summer of 1981 he moved on to Bristol City for an agreed £150,000. But, when City ran into financial problems and could not maintain the repayments, they agreed to sell him to Birmingham. But, to enable Newcastle to get their money, a unique transfer had to be arranged. So Mick signed

one form to make him a Newcastle player then, minutes later, signed another to register him with Birmingham!

## TRANSFERRED

Rees was under Saunders' charge when he was manager of Aston Villa. Tony completed his apprenticeship with Villa but didn't get a chance in their first team. He moved across the city to join the Blues this summer and went straight into the team.

The midfield has been comprised of Howard Gayle, Byron Stevenson, Mike Halsall and Robert Hopkins.

Gayle was signed from Liverpool for £75,000 last season. Howard had been crowded out by the big names at Anfield and was limited to four outings in the First Division. He went to Fulham on loan in 1979-80 and earlier last season enjoyed a very successful loan spell with Newcastle. Howard scored his fifth goal of the season at West

## AWAY FORM HINDERS BIRMINGHAM

Brom.

Stevenson first played League football with Leeds in 1974-75. He won international recognition whilst at Elland Road and now has 15 Welsh caps. Birmingham signed him in an exchange deal two seasons ago.

Halsall grew up with Liverpool but found his prospects very limited at Anfield. After moving to St Andrews, he was drafted into their First Division side last season.

Hopkins was another young player with Aston Villa when Saunders was there. He was limited to two substitute appearances in Villa's First Division side, though, and followed Saunders to Birmingham last season.

## FIRST APPEARANCE

Kevan Broadhurst, who also plays in defence, has often appeared in midfield this season. He served his apprenticeship at St Andrews and made his first appearance in their League XI in 1976-77. In 1979-80 he spent a loan period with Walsall but he now looks back on more than 150 senior games for the Blues.

Another possibility for a place in midfield is Lee Phillips, Another Birmingham discovery, who was initially blooded in the team two seasons ago.

Billy Wright soon settled down as Noel Blake's partner in the middle of the defence.

Wright graduated through the Everton academy, making his First Division debut in 1977-78. Billy was capped twice by England 'B' and won six Under-21 caps during his four-and-a-half seasons as an Everton regular. He lost his place midway through last season.

Blake developed under Saunders' guidance when both were at Aston Villa. Noel was given his early League outings in 1979-80 and two seasons ago went to Shrewsbury on loan. Birm-

ingham signed him for £35,000 last season.

Jim Hagan and Pat Van Den Hauwe usually operate in the full-back positions.

Hagan is a former Irish Youth international who left Larne Town to join Coventry for £25,000 in 1978. After a loan spell with Torquay, he was released by the Sky Blues in 1980. He played for Detroit in the USA then Seiko in Hong Kong, before rejoining Coventry in 1981. Birmingham signed him during the 1982 close season.

Van Den Hauwe is a Belgian but he completed his apprenticeship with Birmingham. He made his League debut five seasons ago.

## DEPUTISED

Wayne Mumford deputised at right-back for a couple of games.



Pat van den Hauwe

Wayne was an apprentice with Manchester City but it wasn't until he had joined Birmingham that he got his chance in League football last season.

Goalkeeper Tony Coton saved a penalty in the first minute of his League debut against Sunderland in 1980. A former Blues' Junior, he spent a loan period in Hereford's Reserves in 1979-80.

Since Birmingham returned to the First Division in 1980, the threat of relegation has never been too far away. Last season they were bottom of the table in April and everyone's choice to go down.

Indeed, when they lost 3-1 at Kenilworth Road on 12th April they already looked a doomed side. But, as things turned out, that proved to be their last defeat of the season.

The Blues won five, and drew one, of their remaining six fixtures. Even so, their fate remained in the balance until three minutes from the end of their final game at Southampton when Mick Harford scored the winning goal that made them safe.

Form during the closing games was an inspiration to Saunders who felt he was close to getting a good squad together. And he went into this season with a fair amount of optimism.

His hopes of winning one of the Cups received a boost when Birmingham won 3-0 at Derby in the first leg of round two in the Milk Cup. They then won the return 4-0 to qualify them for this week's home game against Notts County in round three.

Their best season in the League was 1955-56 when they finished sixth in the First Division. They also reached Wembley that season for the Second time. But, as in 1931, they finished on the losing side.

Their only major trophy was achieved in 1963 when they defeated local enemies Aston Villa 3-1 on aggregate in the League Cup Final. In 1958 and 1961 they were runners-up in the European Inter-Cities Fairs Cup (now the UEFA Cup) and they were on four occasions Champions of Division Two.

By TONY PULLEIN



Back row (left to right): Ian Handysides, Wayne Mumford, Mick Halsall, Les Phillips, Pat Van Den Hauwe.  
Centre row: Graham Doig (Physio), Mick Ferguson, Jim Blyth, Noel Blake, Tony Coton, Dave Langan, Keith Leonard (Coach).  
Front row: Mick Harford, Robert Hopkins, Jim Hagan, Ron Saunders (Manager), Kevan Broadhurst, Billy Wright, Mark Dennis.

Action

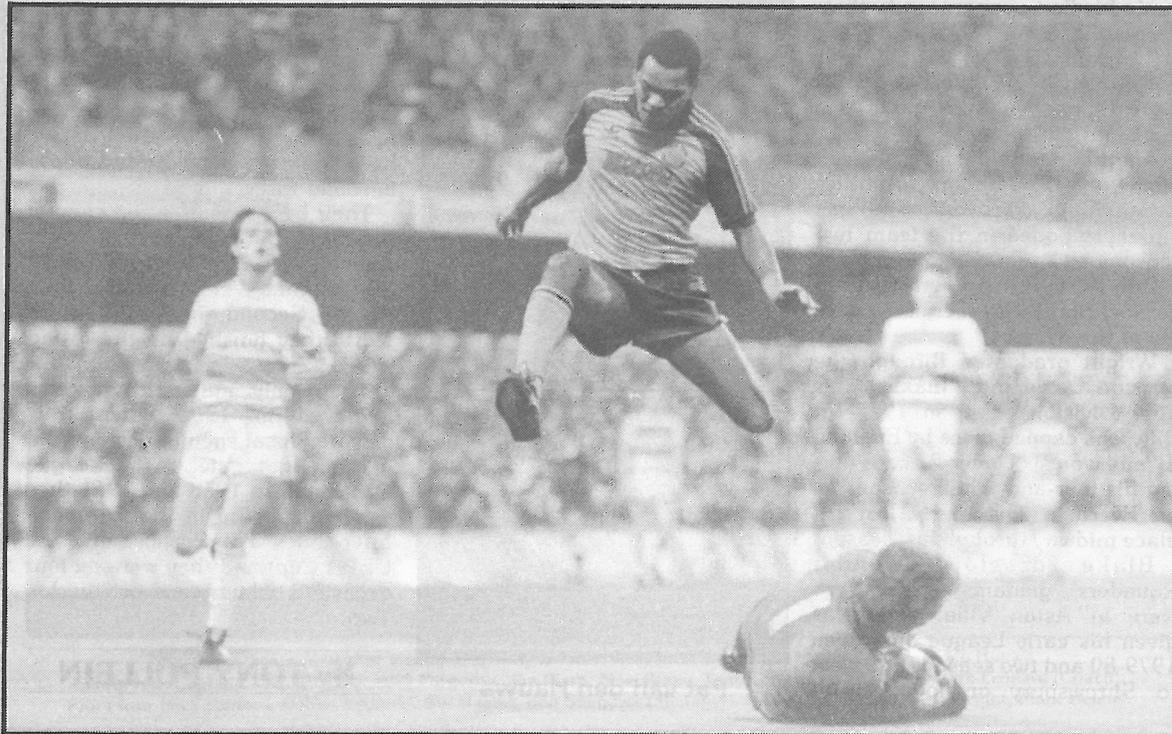


### QPR 0 LUTON TOWN 1

More action from last Saturday's tremendous victory in London where we collected three valuable points.

'My ball' is what Paul Walsh could be saying as he waits to receive a corner.

'My ball' is what Rangers' keeper Peter Hucker is definitely saying after diving at Brian Stein's feet.



# LUTON'S FUTURE

## LETTER FROM LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB TO THEIR SUPPORTERS

Supporters will recall reading previous matchday magazines when statements concerning the club's future have been published for the benefit of our fans. This is the latest statement, issued by the chairman, and circulated to shareholders, supporters, friends and other interested parties.

As I am sure you are aware the Board of Luton Town Football Club, faced with the threat of the proposed and much needed A505 Luton Dunstable Relief Road, have been engaged since 1980 in delicate negotiations with the Borough and County Councils and others in an effort to secure a real and lasting future for the Club.

Unfortunately time is not on our side. By the end of the 1984-85 Season we will have to give up an important part of our present site at Kenilworth Road, including access to one complete side of the ground, for the construction of the Relief Road due to begin in 1985. To decimate the ground in this way would be contrary to our ambition to foster a top class Football League Club and will, in our view, be a prelude to Luton Town Football Club going out of existence.

We are convinced that relocation is the only answer if the Relief Road is to go through as planned, and we must plan the Clubs future accordingly. This will be expensive and compensation for the damage brought about by the Relief Road will be an essential part of the necessary funding. We shall therefore continue to press our claim for compensation in full.

In March of this year, having already rejected several other sites, including one belonging to the Council at Lewsey, Luton Borough Council turned down for what they saw as good reasons suggestions that we consider a site (the Vauxhall Sports Ground at the Brache estate, Park Street) Owned by Vauxhall Motors. With that in mind the Club examined other alternatives including the redevelopment of Kenilworth Road, and a move to Milton Keynes. Just five weeks ago the Council changed its mind and invited us to reconsider the Brache estate.

Having looked at the matter more closely, our professional advisers are of the opinion that the technical and environmental reasons behind the initial rejection of the Brache estate still stand, added to which it is now clear that the Borough Council is politically committed to a public inquiry adding more delay, further uncertainty, substantial additional costs for the Club, and the unlikelihood of a favourable outcome. Further, in spite of the fact that we live in an era when gate revenues only contribute a small proportion to

the operating costs of a Football League Club, the Councils invitation only extends to an application for a sports stadium rather than a mixed stadium/commercial complex which is the only way that any new stadium project can be turned into a viable entity. Consequently, the eleventh hour fundamental change of attitude by the Council, while obviously welcome as such, offers too little, too late.

In order for clubs to survive and prosper at the top level, they must aim to provide and be able to maintain top class facilities, but this cannot be financed from football alone.

You will have read in the local papers and seen in our programme of 3rd September that a suitable site exists in Milton Keynes where the Development Corporation has offered its whole-hearted support for a project that includes a multi-purpose covered stadium that would provide a new home for the Football Club and yet be capable of being used for many purposes besides football. Such a project has already received approval in principle by the Football League. Although the detailed terms have yet to be concluded we can reveal that Milton Keynes Development Corporation has agreed in principle to provide a fully serviced site, such that the Club now has a very real opportunity of relocation and survival as a top class club. We aim to join those clubs who share that ambition and we therefore see Milton Keynes as an exciting opportunity to create something not just to match others, but as a chance to lead football out of its present difficulties and into the way ahead.

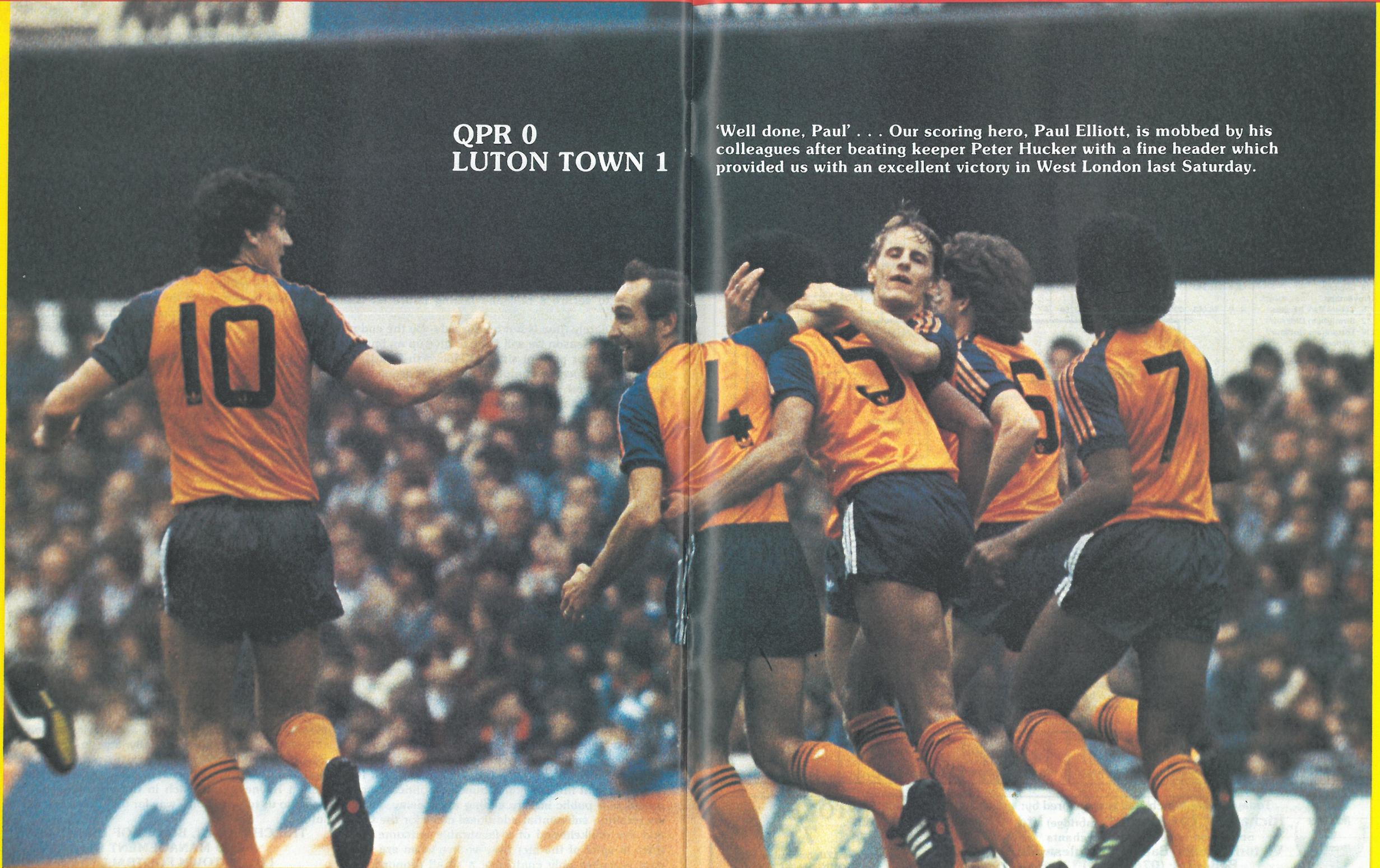
Although we know that there are those who are against the Club moving out of Luton we do urge you all to look at this matter realistically and against the background of all the circumstances. We also assure you that we shall do all that we can to preserve our existing goodwill and support, to retain the Club's identity, and to keep you fully informed.

Consequently, given the threat which the Relief Road poses to the Club's future, having tried persistently but so far unsuccessfully to find ways and means of remaining in Luton, and having examined the whole situation realistically and in detail, this Board has decided unanimously to pursue the very real and exciting opportunity which now exists at Milton Keynes, and which in the circumstances appears to us to be the only way for the Club to secure its future.

**THE CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT OF LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

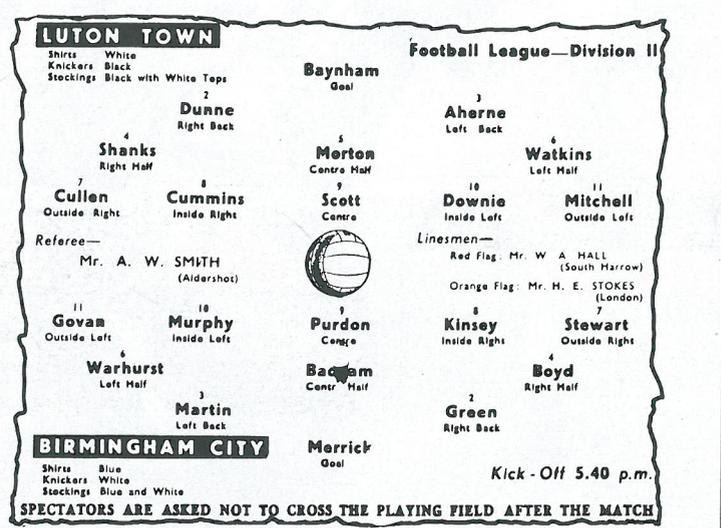
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LUTON TOWN 1**

'Well done, Paul' . . . Our scoring hero, Paul Elliott, is mobbed by his colleagues after beating keeper Peter Hucker with a fine header which provided us with an excellent victory in West London last Saturday.



# TOWN RECORD '83/84

| Opponents                    | Result | Attendance | Points | Position | Sealey | Stephens | Turner | Horton | Elliott | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Walsh | Bunn | Moss | Antic | Aylott | Daniel | Thomas | Parker | 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                | 1-0    | 12,747     | 13     | 9        | 1      | 2        | 3      | 4      | 5       | 6       | 7    | 8     | 9     | 10   | 11●  | 12    | —      | —      | —      | —      | —        |   |
| 4 Rotherham (MC2-1L)         | 3-2    | 4,035      | —      | —        | 1      | 2        | 3      | 4      | 5       | 6       | 7    | 8     | 9●    | 10●  | —    | —     | 11●    | —      | —      | —      | —        |   |
| 15 Everton                   | 1-0    | 14,325     | 16     | 7        | 1      | 2        | 3      | 4      | 5       | 6       | 7    | 8     | 9●    | 10   | 11   | —     | —      | —      | —      | —      | —        |   |
| 22 Southampton               | 3-1    | 12,389     | 19     | 4        | 1      | 2        | 3      | 4      | 5       | 6       | 7    | 8●    | —     | 10+  | 11   | 12    | 9●●    | —      | —      | —      | —        |   |
| 25 Rotherham (MC2-2L)        | 0-2    | 6,755      | —      | —        | 1      | 2        | 3      | 4      | 5       | 6       | 7    | 8     | —     | —    | 10   | 11    | —      | 11     | —      | —      | —        |   |
| 29 Liverpool                 | 0-6    | 31,940     | 19     | 6        | 1      | 2        | 10     | 4      | 5       | 6       | 7    | 8     | 9     | —    | —    | 11    | —      | —      | 3      | —      | —        |   |
| <b>November</b>              |        |            |        |          |        |          |        |        |         |         |      |       |       |      |      |       |        |        |        |        |          |   |
| 5 Queens Park Rangers        | 1-0    | 15,053     | 22     | 4        | 1      | 2        | 3      | 4      | 5●      | 6       | 7    | 8     | 9     | —    | —    | —     | 10     | —      | —      | 11     | —        |   |
| 12 Birmingham City           |        |            |        |          |        |          |        |        |         |         |      |       |       |      |      |       |        |        |        |        |          |   |
| 19 Tottenham Hotspur         |        |            |        |          |        |          |        |        |         |         |      |       |       |      |      |       |        |        |        |        |          |   |
| 26 Watford                   |        |            |        |          |        |          |        |        |         |         |      |       |       |      |      |       |        |        |        |        |          |   |
| <b>December</b>              |        |            |        |          |        |          |        |        |         |         |      |       |       |      |      |       |        |        |        |        |          |   |
| 3 Coventry City              |        |            |        |          |        |          |        |        |         |         |      |       |       |      |      |       |        |        |        |        |          |   |
| 10 Stoke City                |        |            |        |          |        |          |        |        |         |         |      |       |       |      |      |       |        |        |        |        |          |   |
| 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              |        |            |        |          |        |          |        |        |         |         |      |       |       |      |      |       |        |        |        |        |          |   |



Today's game against Birmingham again sent secretary John Wilkinson into his archives to find this old programme of a match between the two teams on 16th September 1953. It ended in a 2-0 victory for Luton when the goals came from Downie (penalty) and Cummins.

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1983-84

| Date     | Opposition               | F | A |
|----------|--------------------------|---|---|
| Aug. 27  | Chelsea                  | 1 | 1 |
| Sept. 7  | Leicester City           | 1 | 0 |
| Sept. 10 | Ipswich Town             | 0 | 0 |
| Sept. 14 | Reading                  | 4 | 1 |
| Sept. 17 | Arsenal                  | 1 | 2 |
| Sept. 20 | Millwall                 | 4 | 0 |
| Sept. 24 | Swansea City             | 3 | 1 |
| Oct. 3   | Charlton Athletic (7.30) | 1 | 1 |
| Oct. 8   | Bristol Rovers           | 2 | 1 |
| Oct. 11  | Norwich City             | 0 | 0 |
| Oct. 18  | Crystal Palace           | 0 | 0 |
| Oct. 25  | Southampton              | 3 | 1 |
| Nov. 5   | Brighton and Hove A.     | 4 | 0 |
| 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. 20  | Fulham                   |   |   |
| 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 | 2 |
| Sept. 9  | Southend           | 4 | 2 |
| Sept. 17 | Brighton           | 4 | 1 |
| Sept. 24 | Bristol Rovers     | 1 | 4 |
| Oct. 1   | Swindon Town (Cup) | 1 | 5 |
| Oct. 15  | Oxford United      | 0 | 0 |
| Oct. 22  | Reading            | 0 | 3 |
| Oct. 29  | Oxford United      | 1 | 2 |
| Nov. 5   | Swindon Town       | 0 | 5 |
| 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 | Club              | Home |   |   | Away |    |    | Pts |   |   |    |    |    |
|---------|---------|-------------------|------|---|---|------|----|----|-----|---|---|----|----|----|
|         |         |                   | P    | W | D | L    | F  | A  |     | W | D | L  | F  | A  |
| 40,875  | 32,384  | Liverpool         | 12   | 4 | 1 | 1    | 13 | 3  | 4   | 1 | 1 | 8  | 3  | 26 |
| 56,121  | 45,437  | Manchester United | 12   | 5 | 0 | 2    | 14 | 5  | 3   | 1 | 1 | 8  | 8  | 25 |
| 32,555  | 22,409  | West Ham United   | 12   | 5 | 1 | 1    | 18 | 7  | 2   | 1 | 2 | 4  | 4  | 23 |
| 12,747  | 11,610  | Luton Town        | 12   | 4 | 1 | 0    | 14 | 4  | 3   | 0 | 4 | 6  | 11 | 22 |
| 38,042  | 32,563  | Tottenham         | 12   | 2 | 1 | 2    | 5  | 6  | 4   | 2 | 1 | 13 | 9  | 21 |
| 27,140  | 19,241  | QPR               | 12   | 3 | 1 | 2    | 8  | 4  | 3   | 1 | 2 | 12 | 6  | 20 |
| 26,658  | 16,482  | Nottingham Forest | 12   | 4 | 2 | 1    | 15 | 7  | 2   | 0 | 3 | 7  | 10 | 20 |
| 20,674  | 18,935  | Southampton       | 11   | 4 | 1 | 0    | 8  | 2  | 2   | 1 | 3 | 5  | 6  | 20 |
| 13,441  | 11,951  | Coventry City     | 12   | 2 | 1 | 2    | 7  | 7  | 4   | 1 | 2 | 12 | 11 | 20 |
| 20,224  | 14,595  | WBA               | 12   | 4 | 1 | 1    | 8  | 3  | 2   | 1 | 3 | 10 | 14 | 20 |
| 39,318  | 25,501  | Aston Villa       | 12   | 5 | 0 | 1    | 10 | 9  | 1   | 2 | 3 | 7  | 9  | 20 |
| 42,704  | 31,087  | Arsenal           | 12   | 3 | 0 | 4    | 12 | 10 | 3   | 0 | 2 | 12 | 6  | 18 |
| 26,185  | 18,093  | Ipswich Town      | 12   | 3 | 1 | 2    | 14 | 7  | 2   | 1 | 3 | 9  | 9  | 17 |
| 19,016  | 14,853  | Birmingham City   | 12   | 4 | 0 | 2    | 7  | 4  | 1   | 2 | 3 | 5  | 10 | 17 |
| 23,859  | 16,810  | Norwich City      | 13   | 3 | 1 | 3    | 12 | 11 | 1   | 3 | 2 | 6  | 8  | 16 |
| 26,826  | 15,524  | Sunderland        | 12   | 2 | 2 | 2    | 7  | 8  | 2   | 1 | 3 | 5  | 10 | 15 |
| 22,658  | 16,955  | Everton           | 12   | 2 | 2 | 2    | 3  | 3  | 2   | 1 | 3 | 4  | 10 | 15 |
| 21,056  | 15,400  | Watford           | 12   | 1 | 3 | 3    | 13 | 15 | 1   | 1 | 3 | 5  | 6  | 10 |
| 23,074  | 15,494  | Stoke City        | 12   | 2 | 1 | 3    | 8  | 11 | 0   | 3 | 3 | 5  | 12 | 10 |
| 11,031  | 9,217   | Notts County      | 12   | 1 | 1 | 3    | 3  | 9  | 1   | 0 | 6 | 7  | 14 | 7  |
| 15,538  | 12,695  | Leicester City    | 12   | 1 | 1 | 3    | 4  | 12 | 0   | 2 | 5 | 7  | 14 | 6  |
| 26,429  | 16,315  | Wolverhampton     | 12   | 0 | 3 | 3    | 6  | 12 | 0   | 6 | 2 | 19 | 3  |    |

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