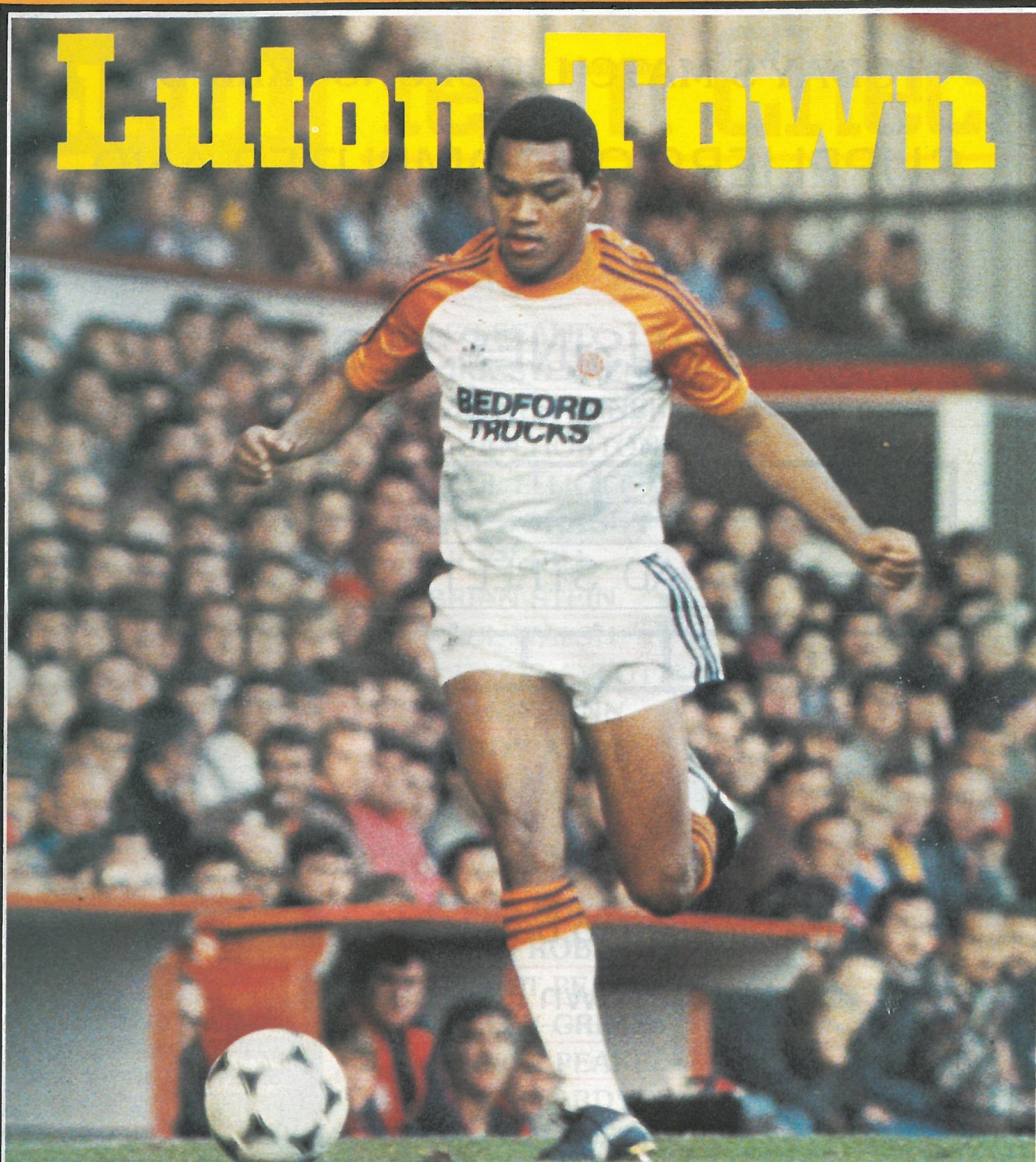


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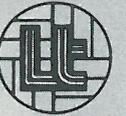
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- 1 PERRY SUCKLING (2) 4
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MY VIEW

Today's visitors, Coventry, have made an extremely good start. Manager Bobby Gould is single minded and hard working. He has given players the chance. Now they are returning that opportunity. As you know, we took Les Sealey from Coventry and at that time, Jake Findlay looked as though he would be going to Coventry. Both felt that a move would help their careers. Les has done well, while Jake has been the important last line in the successful Reserve side. He also had an outstanding period at Barnsley. I am happy to have good competition. Another goalkeeper, Andy Beasley, is on loan at Mansfield and Mick Saxby joined Lincoln on loan last weekend.

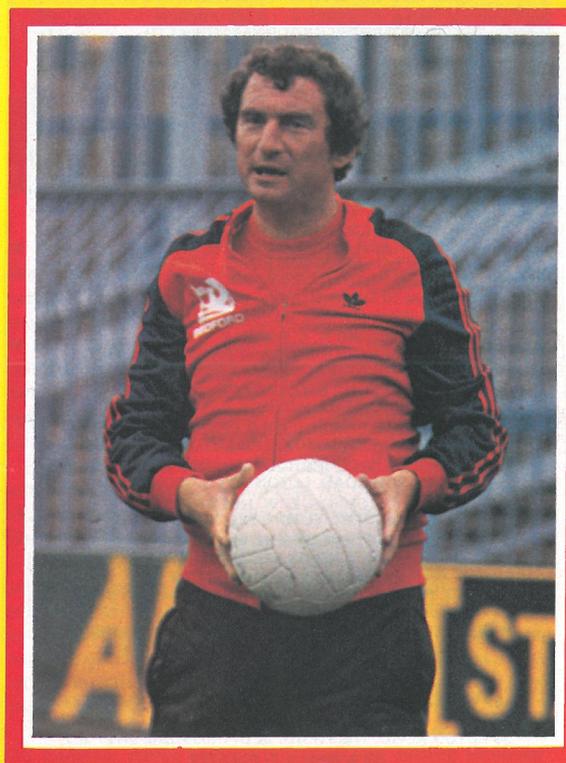
Well done everyone, players staff and supporters for making last Saturday's visit to Watford such a pleasant occasion. Once again their hospitality off the field was excellent and on the field they were tough competitors. They will pull through their indifferent spell and be better for it.

It is not my usual line to praise individual players but congratulations to Frank Bunn who returned to the side last Saturday and played a composed game after missing five weeks with a nasty facial injury.

Our injury list is looking a little better. David Moss is now in light training and Brian Horton returned after missing the two disappointing home results with Birmingham and Tottenham. The experience of these players is vital. With Trevor Aylott also returning, there is competition for places. The replacements will return for a further spell in the Reserves where, under Trevor Hartley's guidance, they must remain confident and show continued improvement.

In recent weeks we have been watched by Bobby Robson and Dave Sexton. I am also available to speak to them by phone. The restructuring of the national team to build for the next World Cup will be an exciting phase. I am of the firm belief that we already have four World-class players — if three of the many highly rated potential youngsters develop in the next two seasons we can regain our standing at international level. For players to emerge it is vital they are projected by being in a good club side. That alone should be a tremendous spur to several of our players.

Paul Elliott had the distinction of winning the Robinson's Barley Water Young Player of the Month. Paul has donated the cheque for £250 to handicapped children. A word of praise for Kirk Stephens who played his 200th League game against Spurs with all his style and aggression. He has adjusted to a better grade of football and shows the enjoyment the game gives him everytime he plays.



Last week we had no newspapers and I am sure most people would have missed their early morning read. It makes one realise how much notice sporting people take from reading their reports of views. I enjoy well balanced and fair reporting and remember and respect football writers who are open and don't seek backdoor methods of extracting information.

I hope today's game offers the thrills and excitement which everyone enjoyed in the last game at Luton against Spurs. Let us hope today we can achieve a better scoreline.

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WAS THREE UP-AND-DOWN SUCH A GOOD IDEA?

By Tony Pullein

The fate of clubs recently promoted from the Second Division is adding weight to the opinion — but voiced within the boardrooms of a few of the old established clubs — that the introduction of three-up and three-down promotion and relegation between the top two divisions has done little to enhance the standard of First Division football.

If we go strictly by results, there is much to support the argument. Of the 14 clubs promoted from the Second Division over the past five seasons — Leicester have come up twice — four have since suffered relegation and all the others, apart from Luton and QPR, are currently struggling at the wrong end of the table.

Of the three which came up this year, Wolves and Leicester look booked to make a quick return. After completing their 16th League and Cup game of the season without a solitary victory, Wolves trailed seven points behind the danger line. And, though two wins and a draw could quickly close that gap, the current Wolves' side has never looked like producing such results.

Manager Graham Hawkins is perplexed. 'It's so difficult to put your finger on any one aspect,' he says. 'I'm the same manager I was last season and, generally speaking, these are the same players.'

'Then we were being praised as we won promotion. I know we're in a higher division but it is difficult to know why things have been going quite so badly.'

Managing Director Derek Dougan last week vehemently denied that the club was up for sale. 'That's definitely not true,' he said. 'I've heard of syndicates being interested in buying the club but it's not up for sale.'

NEW FACES

'We shall pull through this crisis. There are going to be new faces here soon and we'll weather the storm.'

Leicester manager Gordon Milne has been allowing himself a little cautious optimism. After his side had won its first match against Everton (2-0) at the end of October, they went four without defeat. Even though that run ended with a 3-1 reverse at Aston Villa, Mr Milne feels his team has the ability to pull clear of relegation.

'A lot of it was to do with confidence,' he maintained. 'Once we had won that game the outlook was quite different.'

Leicester's team won high praise from Villa manager Tony Barton. 'I think they will pull clear,' he said. 'They were the best team from the lower half of the table we have seen here. They put up a splendid performance even though they lost.'

'Leicester made several good chances and they could well have got a result. It provided excellent entertainment for the crowd and that's what football should be all about.'

One manager not nearly so complimentary about the opposition was Liverpool's Joe Fagan. 'In all my 25 years at Anfield I have never been so disappointed at a visiting team's display as I was with Stoke's,' he said. 'It takes two teams to make a game and today only one was trying to play.'

EXTRA MEN

Stoke, of course, are in grave trouble too and, perhaps, could be excused for putting extra men back in defence for a game at Anfield. Stoke haven't won away from home in the League since they succeeded at Brighton (2-1) last February. Since then they've failed to win away in 15 attempts but they did manage to draw seven of those.

Only once in their last 29 away First Division games have Stoke prevented the home team scoring and that was here at Kenilworth Road in May when they drew 0-0.

The arrival at Manchester United of Spurs striker Garth Crooks on loan has placed a question mark over the future of N. Ireland international Norman Whiteside. Crooks made his United debut against Watford in place of Whiteside and manager Ron Atkinson is hoping to complete the £150,000 transfer at the end of the loan period.

The Crooks deal was completed a couple of days before Whiteside hit his glorious winning goal for Ireland against West Germany in Hamburg but he took the news philosophically. 'It's not my business to tell Manchester United which players they should sign. I'm happy at Old Trafford and I shall go back and try to earn my place back.'

With Crooks in support, Frank Stapleton hit a hat-trick against Watford. It was because Whiteside had gone off the boil — he had scored only three League goals — that Mr Atkins decided to sign the Spurs forward.

At the same time the United manager was trying to finalise the transfer of Danish international forward Jesper Olsen from Ajax. United and Tottenham had been seeking his signature but eventually Olsen rejected Spurs and chose United.

NOT LEAVING YET

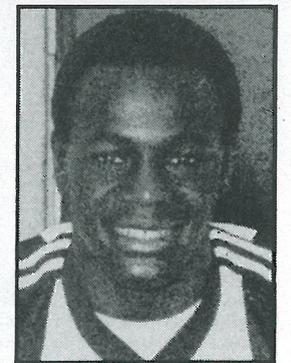
Olsen will not leave Ajax until the expiry of his contract next summer. And that's when he will be playing for Denmark in the finals of the European Football Championships in France.

Southampton lost their unbeaten home record to Notts County, whose only previous League victory at The Dell had been in December 1922. When the teams met last season, Southampton's winner was scored by Justin Fashanu. He returned this time in a Notts' shirt and scored their opening goal. Derek Christie got County's second.

Notts County's win ended a run of 11 League games without a victory, of which nine had been lost.



GORDON MILNE



JUSTIN FASHANU

Dave Swindlehurst continued his scoring bonanza for West Ham with a winning goal at Sunderland just seven minutes from time. It was his fifth goal in four games and took his tally for the season to 11.

Mike England, the Wales' team manager, reckons that Ian Rush will prove to be the finest goalscorer of all time in British football. 'He can score at any level and has that special sense that puts him in the right place at the right time,' he says.

'Already his record is beginning to speak for itself and, when the time comes to analyse his career, I feel sure we shall be saying that he was a better player than Jimmy Greaves, Tommy Lawton and Bobby Charlton.'

It took Rush to find a gap in Stoke's packed defence to score Liverpool's only goal in the 67th minute. He thus scored in his fourth League game in succession. We fully appreciate his effectiveness, of course, for he hit a career best five goals against us at Anfield. His goal against Stoke took his club total for the season to 16. He also scored twice for Wales.

Rush, who scored his 50th First Division goal against the Hatters, could well go on to exceed Jimmy Greaves' record of 357 goals in First Division football. But he will have to be lucky to beat Jimmy's feat of scoring five goals in the First Division on three separate occasions and four-in-a-game five times. Rush will also be unlikely to surpass Dixie Dean's feat of scoring 37 hat-tricks in Football League games.



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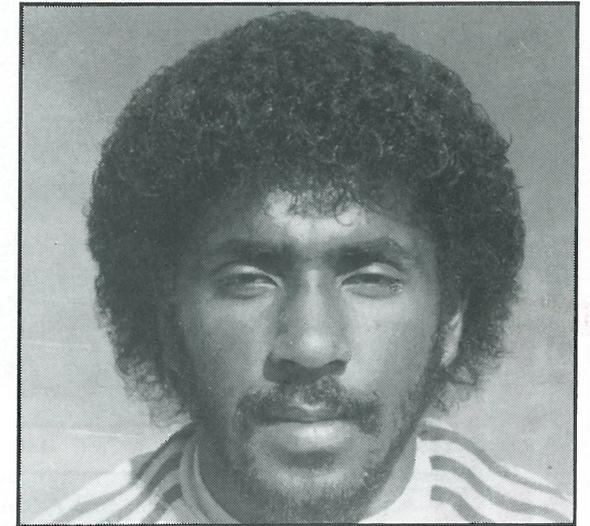
Town Focus

Ricky Hill's rapid rise to the England professional ranks came as no surprise to anyone at Kenilworth Road. One of the most accomplished midfield players in the Football League, Ricky made an appearance in the England team as substitute against Denmark and played against West Germany.

But it has been his performance at club level which have provided him with most of his well deserved accolades. He broke into our first team in the 1975-76 season when he made only one full appearance in addition to one as substitute. The following season he went on to make nine appearances before really establishing himself the following year. How many times have our supporters warmed to the sight of Ricky enjoying one of his strong runs through the middle augmented by his fine ball control?



RICKY HILL - CAREER RECORD



	75-76	76-77	77-78	78-79	79-80	80-81	81-82	82-83	83-84	Total
Arsenal								2	1	3
Aston Villa							2	2	1	5
Barnsley										2
Birmingham				2	2			2(2)	1	5(2)
Blackburn						2(1)	2			4(1)
Blackpool	1	1	2							4
Bolton		1	2			2(1)	2			7(1)
Brighton			2	1				2(2)		5(2)
Bristol City							2			2
Bristol Rovers	s(1)		1+s	2(1)	2	2(1)				7+2s(3)
Burnley		1(1)	2(1)	2	2					7(2)
Cambridge				2	2	2	1			7
Cardiff			1(1)	2	2	2	2			9(1)
Charlton		1(1)	2(1)	1(1)	2	2	2			8(3)
Chelsea					2	2(1)	1			5(1)
Coventry								2		2
Crystal Palace			1	2			2			5
Derby						2	2			4
Everton								2(1)	1	3(1)
Fulham		s	1+s	2	2(1)					5+2s(1)
Grimsby						2	2			4
Hull		1(1)	2							3(1)
Ipswich							2			2
Leicester				2	2(1)		2		1(1)	7(2)
Liverpool									1	3
Manchester City								2		2
Manchester Utd							2(1)	1		3(1)
Mansfield			2(1)							2(1)
Millwall			2	2						4
Newcastle			1	1	2	1				5
Norwich						1		2	1	4
Nottingham F	1							2(1)	1	4(1)
Notts County	1(1)	2	1	2	2	2	2	2(1)		10(2)
Oldham	1	2	2	2	2	2	2			11
Orient		1+s	2	2(1)	2(1)	2(1)	2(2)			9+1s(5)
Plymouth	s			2	1	2				5
Preston				2	2	2	2(2)		1	7(3)
QPR							2			2
Rotherham										2
Sheffield Utd	1	2	2							5
Sheffield Wed					2	2	2			4
Shrewsbury					2	2	2(1)			6(1)
Southampton		2(1)						2(1)	1	5(2)
Stoke			2	2				2		6
Sunderland		2	2	2	2	2	2	1(1)		9(1)
Swansea					2(1)	2(2)				6(3)
Tottenham		2			2	2	2		1	4
Watford					2	2	2			8
WBA										2
West Ham Utd				2	2(1)	2		2		8(1)
Wolves									1	1
Wrexham				2	2	2	2		1	8
Total	1+s	9+2s	37+3s	38	40	42	38	42	14	261+6s
	(1)	(4)	(5)	(3)	(6)	(7)	(5)	(9)	(2)	(42)

Up to and including Saturday 12th November

	77-78	78-79	79-80	80-81	81-82	82-83	Total
Ipswich					1		1
Manchester Utd					1		1
Millwall	1						1
Newcastle			1				1
Oldham Athletic	2						2
Orient				1			1
Peterborough					1(1)		1(1)
Swindon		1	1				2
York							1
Total	3	1	1	2	2	2(1)	11(1)

	76-77	77-78	78-79	79-80	80-81	81-82	82-83	83-84	Total
Aston Villa			1						1
Charlton Athletic				1(1)			2		2
Crewe Alex					2				1(1)
Gillingham									2
Leeds Utd									1
Manchester City			3	1		1			4
Reading						2			2
Rotherham		1						2	1
Sunderland							1		1
Tottenham									1
Wolves			1						1
Wrexham									2
Total	1	4	3(1)	2	3	2	3	2	20(1)

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	82-83
Denmark	s
West Germany	1
Total	1+s

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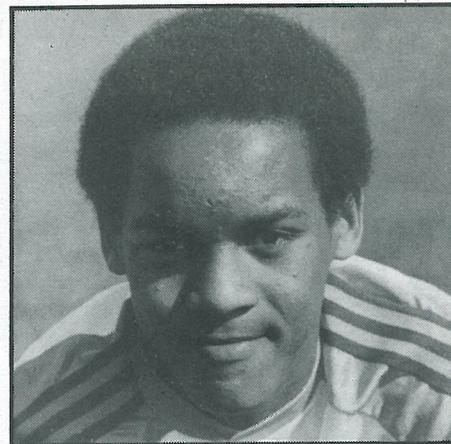
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MARK STEIN

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Football Combination

Luton: North (M), Johnson, Saxby, Goodyear, Thomas, Parker, Antic, Daniel, Breacker, McConville, Aylott. Sub: Watts.

In an easily forgettable first half where we failed to create the clear cut chances, our attitude and approach was certainly to be questioned.

Having reached the heights of the Combination Table, we did very little to encourage us that we were going to stay there too long.

The second half gave us an improvement and good chances by McConville, Breacker and Daniel nearly gave us the valuable two points. But the 0-0 scoreline was right for the night.

READING 3 LUTON TOWN 0

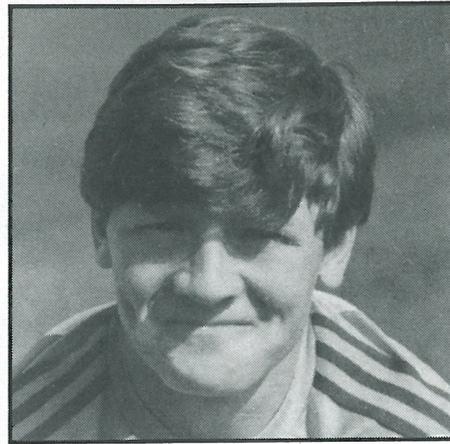
South East Counties

Luton: Sanders, Doughty, Davies, Driscoll, Williams, Smith (P), Chamberlain, Oldfield, Vetere, Ellisdon, Covington. Subs: Smith (I), Loy.

Reading: Watson, Ferguson, Withers, Wight, Russell, Dickson, Jones, Tune, Boahdne, Dirby, Willis. Subs: Preston, Halt.

This was a very disappointing result for us. We started well enough, but tried youngsters and didn't know how they are going to perform. The teamwork also suffered, and the senior lads got frustrated and tried to do too much instead of giving it to the schoolboy players and encouraging them to join the teamwork.

As soon as we went a goal down, all the heads seemed to drop to believe we were in for another defeat. Not enough of the players showed the character required to put us back into the game and soon we lost a second goal



CAHAL McCONVILLE

by allowing a player to run and have a free shot from the edge of our box.

After half-time, we made one change by bringing on a sub and we carried the game to them. But their defence was more determined than ours and they always managed to get a foot or some part of the body in to block our efforts at goal.

Our second sub came on and we had our best spell, but our final pass or wanting too much time for our shots, gave their defence that little extra time to block our final shots.

We went on to concede a third goal which killed our hopes and, to make matters worse, it was almost identical to their first goal.

LUTON TOWN 3 SOUTHAMPTON 1

Football Combination

Luton: Findlay, Parker, Breacker, Johnson, Saxby, North (S), Driscoll, McConville, Stein (M), Daniel, Rogerson. Sub: Watts.

Town soon got into their stride and good efforts by Johnson, Saxby and Stacey North nearly gave us an early lead. However, we didn't have to wait too long as Gary Parker converted the opening goal following a well rehearsed free kick. The Hatters threatened many goals but were unable to increase the lead before half-time.

The Saints came much more into the game in the second half but following good work by Cahal McConville, Mark Stein sidefooted in our second goal.

It was certainly an excellent advertisement for Combination football with Saints reducing the arrears and both sides chasing the vital goal. It was Mark Watts, with a fine right wing run and cross, that saw Cahal McConville tap in at the far post our third and decisive goal.

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MASCOT

Bryan Balsler is nine and lives in Borehamwood. Bryan attends Furzhill Middles School where he plays for the schools football team. His interests are basketball, football and he plays basketball for the Hillside Falcons.

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Alan Dee lives in Luton where he attends Cardinal Newman High School. He is 13 and plays football for St Joseph's and his school team. His interests are science, biology, history and all sports.

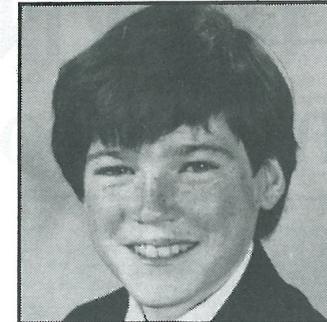
Roger Clarke lives in Luton where he attends Ferrars Junior School. Roger is 10 and plays football for 3rd Chiltern Club Scouts. His interests are football, fishing, swimming, chess and stamp collecting.

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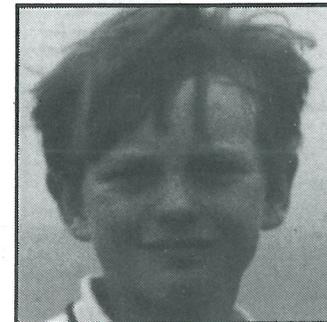
Robert Pullen lives in Mill Hill, London, and attends Moat Mount Secondary School. Robert is aged 13 and his interests are football, cricket, swimming and making model aircraft.

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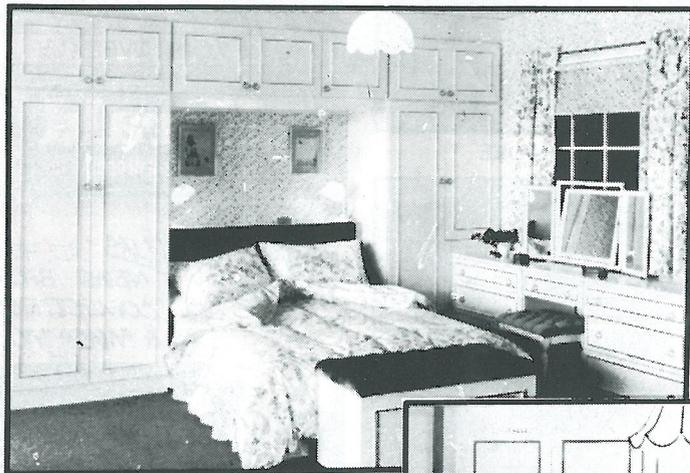
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READERS LETTERS

Whilst it came as a considerable disappointment it was not altogether a great surprise. It means our town is going to lose a part of its life and entity that has meant so much in terms of entertainment and pleasure to thousands of our citizens for almost 100 years.

Please be assured that I am deeply conscious of the problems facing the Board of the club over the past 12 months or so. I accept the view, though somewhat reluctantly, that top level First Division Football could not continue in the future with the present standard of provision at Kenilworth Road and that extensive development on the present site to the desired standard of playing provision and spectator comfort is not a rational proposition.

The construction of the A505 Relief Road did not precipitate the decision. It necessitated a decision being made earlier than would otherwise have been the case. I am sure the 'writing on the wall' regarding the future of top level football in Luton would have been read by the Board before the problem of the A505 Relief Road became apparent. It was promotion to the First Division of the Football League that prompted a decision and even if the A505 Relief Road was not built, the move from Kenilworth Road would have been essential.

I do not subscribe totally to the excess of criticism levelled at the present Board from a variety of quarters. It is too easy to forget that if some of these Board members with a deal of enthusiasm and financial aid had not stepped forward some years back when the club was on the verge of a perilous situation Luton Town FC may well have gone out of existence.

It is my opinion that the future of top level soccer as a provider of spectator entertainment can only be assured by dealing with it in a modern business concept. The present Board have made a not inconsiderable investment in the club and they should have the right to protect that investment.

Mike Livingstone

Dear Sir, I have been a loyal supporter of Luton for seven years — since I was nine. This season alone, I have spent nearly £25 on away travel and am a season ticket holder.

I have seen many Town teams during my short time as a loyal follower but I think I am correct in saying this as the best in that short time. I honestly believe we will be among the trophies during the next few years and yet you are taking the club to Milton Keynes where I could only see them a few times each season. I remember reading in the paper recently about John Wark and Paul Mariner being unloyal to their club and yet here is a club being totally unloyal to their supporters.

Although we have only 6,000 hard core fans, the reason is simply because season tickets are so much that if you miss three or four matches you are then spending more money than if you pay on entrance.

I have been to see many away games this season and the amount of support generated by the fans is fantastic. After going to see Arsenal at Notts County this season I can say that Luton have a tremendous amount of away support for such a small club.

I hope you take up the challenge from John Carlisle and local businessmen and try and keep the Hatters in Luton. How can you be so sure that you will get such tremendous support from the people of Milton Keynes. I have heard rumours that they are not all overwhelmed at having the likes of West Ham, Spurs and Manchester United trampling all over their new town. Please think again.

Guy Kingham

Dear Sir, Thank you for your letter of 2nd November enclosing a copy of the official declaration from the Luton Town Football and Athletic Company Board to supporters, shareholders, friends and other interested parties.

the meantime the directors may rest assured that my firm and I will support them 100 per cent in their forward looking proposals.

T. Osborne

Dear Sirs, Thank you for your letter explaining the position of Luton Town FC. I have been a supporter of LITFC since I was a schoolboy playing incidentally with a good friend of mine, your secretary John Wilkinson. I am sorry to say that my support will cease when you move to Milton Keynes for the following reasons.

1. Milton Keynes is a most inconvenient place to get to from Harpenden and even Luton. I try to avoid the hassle of driving to see a match, at the moment I use the train (a six minute journey and a short walk to the ground).
2. I don't want to see Luton Town play on an artificial surface with all its peculiarities as I witnessed at Loftus Road.
3. I want to see football played in the fresh air, be it sun, rain or snow. Otherwise I might just as well stay at home and sit in front of that cursed television.

I feel you are making a big mistake in moving to Milton Keynes which has no tradition for supporting football, having a population composed of people from all parts of the country with differing loyalties. I shall continue to take the utmost interest in the fortunes of the team after the move, because they have given me so much pleasure in the past.

D. H. Eaton

Dear Sir, Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed move to Milton Keynes, which I must admit to having been totally unaware of. Although, as a distant supporter, I will be personally unaffected by this event, I would like to express my whole-hearted support for such a venture.

It has always been my view that for clubs, other than the five or 10 'secure' clubs, football should be seen as part of a more diverse enterprise. It would obviously be preferable if the stadium/commercial complex could be constructed and operated in Luton, but if this is not possible then I would agree that the move is necessary. I was pleasantly surprised to see the club survive the seventies and feel that unless a great leap forward is attempted survival, rather than life, will be the best that the future will hold. I list below some points that I feel should you consider.

1. I would prefer the present name to be retained, however anachronistic, after all Grimsby play in Cleethorpes and Berwick in the Scottish League.
2. The club should play an outline part in organising transport for the situated fans, by perhaps using coaches.
3. The club should maintain links with Luton where feasible, like ticket sales, schools liaison, etc.

Assuming that you can obtain adequate compensation it may be that the Relief Road is as much an opportunity as an obstacle.

J. Fogarty

Dear Sirs, In reply to your letter I would like to add to the growing speculation of the proposed move to Milton Keynes.

As a supporter of the Town team for the last 30 years I can understand the fact the Town badly needs a new or much restored stadium. But I appeal to the chairman, directors, and management of the club not to rob Luton of our first class team.

Luton Town FC belongs in one place and one place only — LUTON. Support is, at long last, coming from members of Parliament, local councillors, local businessmen and a growing support from the people of Luton. I therefore appeal to you all again to re-think your policy and STAY IN LUTON TOWN.

R. Glenross

Dear Sirs, I thank you for your letter dated the 2nd November 1983 outlining the clubs plans to move to Milton Keynes. I fully support the move as I consider the facilities at Kenilworth Road are not sufficient for a First Division football club and, as you rightly say, a new stadium in Milton Keynes will secure the future of the club for many years to come.

I also feel that over the years the ground at Kenilworth Road has on occasions been in such a condition as to affect the result to the detriment of Luton Town.

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Competitions

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Leaders after Watford game		It's appropriate that Perry Bartlett from Biggleswade is currently out in front as the expert tipster to date. Whilst Perry has only actually forecast the correct score once his prediction as to which way the game will go has not yet failed. Perry's next forecast incidentally is for the Town to draw away 2-2 at Stoke.
Perry Bartlett	8 points	
Mark Seller	7 "	
G. Brooks	7 "	
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J. Ogden	7 "	
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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 Phototeazers, Luton Town Football Club Matchday Magazine, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton.

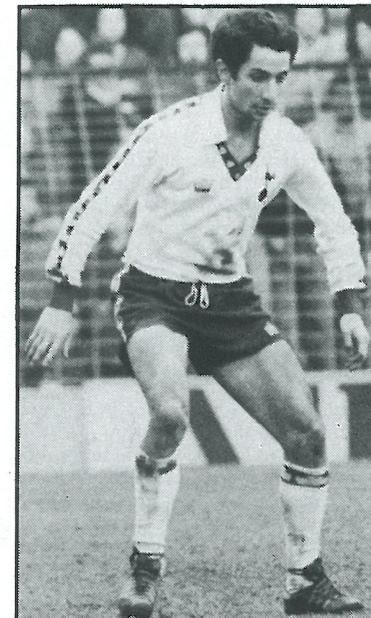


TOTTENHAM WINNER

The winner of the Name the Faces competition in our Tottenham magazine was Mr K. Hood, 118 Eighth Avenue, Sundon Park, Luton Beds, who correctly spotted Trevor Christie (Notts County) John Bailey (Everton) John Robertson (Derby).

NAME THE STAR

The 'Name the Star' competition from our Tottenham Matchday magazine has been won by Mr L. Wray, Proctor House, Avondale Square, London SE1. Congratulations Mr Wray for correctly naming Ossie Ardiles (Tottenham). A super prize is on its way to you.



This week we start a new competition. Each week 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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PAUL'S LAVISH PRAISE

Paul Elliott, our 19-year-old centre-back, received some lavish praise from England manager Bobby Robson after being nominated as Robinson's Barley Water Young Player of the Month.

Paul, described as a 'Colossus' by club manager David Pleat, received the award from a panel which also included Bill Nicholson, Joe Mercer, Stan Cullis, Jackie Milburn, Bobby Collins, Mike England and Mr Robson.

Elliott, who joined Luton from Charlton Athletic last season at a fee of £100,000, will receive an inscribed silver salver and a cheque for £250 to his nominated charity.

Robson said: 'His own manager, David Pleat, has called him a Colossus and having seen Paul twice in the last month, I'll go along with that.'

'He is virtually unbeatable in the air — he's outstanding in aerial skill — he's dominating all the time.'

'He has exceptional speed and is arguably the quickest centre-back in the country. He does need to develop his ground work and the ability to bring the ball out of defence — but that will come.'

'He's a difficult player to play against — very, very promising.'

Bill Nicholson said: 'He is exceptionally fast, very strong in the air and a fearless tackler. Still inclined to be a bit reckless, but he is maturing quickly.'

THANKS, TERRY

We are grateful to Terry Bailey, chairman and managing director of Wallspan Bedrooms, for sponsoring our game against Tottenham.



Terry, who also sponsored our superb electronic scoreboard, entertained his guests to lunch and a post-match meeting with the players after an exciting game.

He is pictured here with executive director John Smith receiving a gift from the club at the Wallspan reception in the Joe Payne Lounge before the match.

CENTURY CLUB

Our visitors today are Coventry whom we welcome to Kenilworth Road. We remember with interest the games between our two clubs last season, providing further proof of friendship between clubs by the pre-match activities

arranged between the junior supporters.

The annual general meeting was exceptionally well attended this year, with of course the future of Luton Town Football Club being discussed at great length.

We have one committee change with Mr A. Grabham replacing Mr R. Freeman. In welcoming Mr Grabham, we have to say farewell to Mr Freeman, who will shortly be taking up residence in Lincolnshire. We are sorry he is leaving, and wish him and his family success in their new life.

Reminder — the Children's Party is Friday 16th December, starting at 6 pm in the Century Club. If you haven't booked your youngster, do so today.

CALLING COVENTRY SUPPORTERS

The Coventry City London Supporters Association was founded in 1976 and now boasts over 100 members. We run trips to all matches, organise football, darts and quiz teams and have regular social club events. For further information please write to Colin Heys, 30 Finucane Drive, Orpington, Kent. Tel: Orpington 26598.

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The company's Debbie Fitzpatrick, Tim Fitzpatrick and Nick Cooper are pictured with Hatters skipper Brian Horton enjoying a laugh after the game.

AWAYDAY TRAVEL

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Their new minibus is to replace their current vehicle which is 13 years old and it will be used extensively to enrich the lives of the pupils in their care.

The parents and staff of the school and a group of Luton business people are being helped by Luton North Rotary Club to buy the new Bedford minibus which is being supplied by Shaw and Kilburn Ltd.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We have heard from T. Baker, who is writing a book about football supporters, who wants to include a chapter on Luton Town FC. Mr Baker, however, does not have enough material and appeals to Luton fans to provide him with information. He can be contacted at 21 Budby Road, Hucknall, Notts NG15 7UL.



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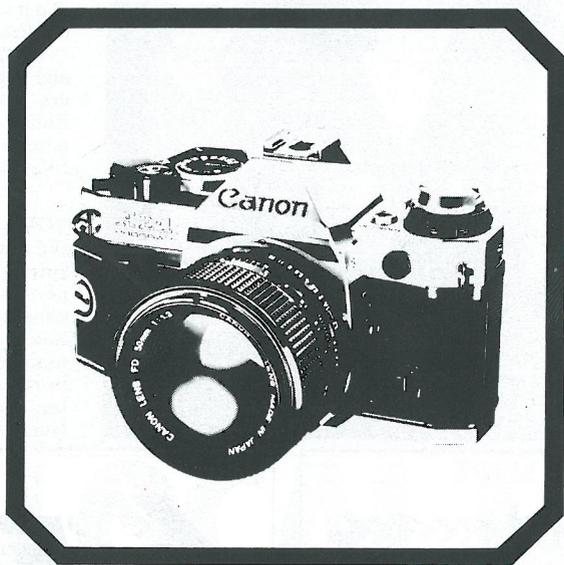
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HATTERS WHO'S WHO

TONY PULLEIN continues his fascinating series on former Luton players. Today we feature Wally Shanks.

An event, quite unconnected with himself, changed the whole course of Wally Shank's life and eventually brought him to Kenilworth where he spent '12 very happy and eventful years'.

Wally, who now runs the Brown Owl newspaper and confectioners shop in Luton, explains. 'When I returned home from the War it had all been arranged for me to join Hearts, the Scottish club.

'I had spent the last 18 months of the War years touring India and the Far East with Tommy Walker's touring services team. Most of his side were professionals but the War had started before I had the chance to turn pro.

'During the course of our travels it was decided that, when Tommy returned to Hearts, I would go too. I believe he had arranged things with the club and it certainly seemed a good idea to me.

'Then, on the very weekend when I returned to England and was planning to travel up to Tynecastle, I read that Tommy had been transferred to Chelsea.'

Tommy Walker was, of course, one of the greatest Scottish international inside-forwards of all time and, to have a recommendation from him was, indeed, an impressive credential.

'Tommy then made contact with me and asked me if I would like to sign for Chelsea instead,' continued Wally. 'Chelsea was a famous club and I didn't take long to agree.'

MASSIVE SQUAD

When he arrived at Stamford Bridge, Wally found himself among a massive professional squad. 'I think they must have had about 70 players on the staff in those days,' he recalls.

'Those were the days when, immediately after the team-sheet had gone up on the board, about 20 players would go to the manager's office demanding a transfer!

It was soon clear that there was not going to be a great deal of scope for Wally at Stamford Bridge and one day, when he was discussing the situation with former Luton player Joe Payne, it was agreed that Joe would make contact with Luton manager George Martin.

The outcome was that Wally was transferred to Luton. 'That was in December 1946,' he smiles. 'My goodness, it all seems such a long, long while ago now.'

It took Wally about three years before he won a regular place in the Hatters' senior team but then he established himself at wing-half where his solidarity became one of the key factors in the team's improvement.

One of the best memories from his playing days at Kenilworth Road surrounds the club's promotion to the First Division, for the first time in our history, in 1955.

LAST GAME

'It all depended on our last game at Doncaster,' says Wally. 'It was all very tight up the top with Birmingham, Rotherham, Leeds and ourselves all involved.

'Anyway, we won that one well, by 3-0, and I remember that Birmingham, Rotherham and ourselves all finished level on points. In those days only two teams went up. Birmingham had the best goal-average and were Champions but ours was better than Rotherham's, so we went up.'

Wally's playing days were by then coming to an end but he played on for a couple more seasons before retiring to take a job on the coaching staff.

The trip to Wembley for the 1959 Cup Final was another unforgettable moment of his career in football. 'I carried on for a little while after that when Syd Owen was manager but, when he left the club, I went too,' says Wally.

Now he is happily settled in business in the town, he often reflects upon the events of that one weekend, when Tommy Walker was transferred, that altered the course of his life.

'Before the War I had been invited to join Aberdeen as a schoolboy and, afterwards, Spurs were one of several clubs who asked me to sign for them. But I had agreed to join Hearts and I didn't give much consideration to the others.

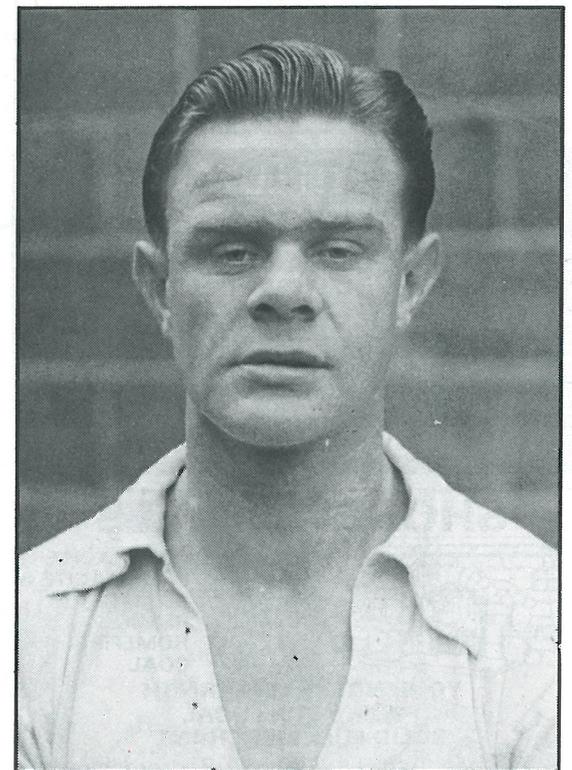
'As things turned out, I never played for Hearts either. But I certainly have no regrets. I had a most happy time with Luton and I still keep in touch by getting along to the odd match.

'Unfortunately, I am kept busy at the business from early morning until about seven in the evenings so I don't get many chances to get along to Kenilworth Road now. But I do usually make it about half-a-dozen times each season. I saw the Spurs' game.'

Wally's record in Football League games with Luton was:

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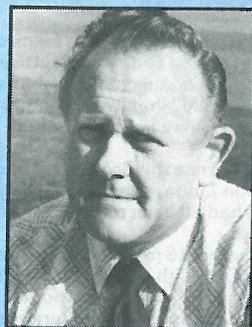


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John's



Journal

JOHN WILKINSON - CLUB SECRETARY

In the last magazine I listed the club's most prominent scorers and their appearances. This week it is the turn of the goalkeepers who have given pleasure to thousands over the years. I have put their appearances in brackets alongside their names.

In the early years, Harry Bailey, Tommy Gibbon and George Harford were the talk of the town and my father used to tell me that Tommy Gibbon always wore a cap while playing. If it came off during a game, he would always go for the cap first and the ball second. He was a scout for the club in the days of Dally Duncan and I had the pleasure of knowing him in his later years. He used to take a lot of stick about the pipe he smoked.

Just before the Second World War there was Joe Coen, Bill Dolman, Sam Mayberry and George Duke. Supporters of that era say that Coen would have gone on to greater things had it not been for the war.

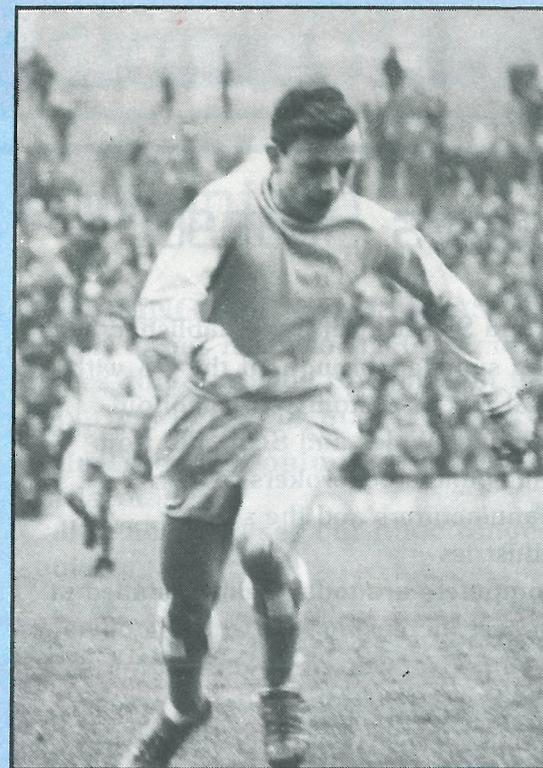
During the war, Joe Wilkinson (no relation) and Murdoe Morrison played in goal many times as they faced many international players who guested for other clubs at that time. In fact, Joe is still involved in local football and is a member of the Bedfordshire Football Association.

At the start of football after the war years, Noel Bywater (19) was first team choice but, in 1946, Bernard Streten (276) came on the scene and with Murdoe Morrison (1) and George Duke (16) the club had four good goalkeepers to call on.

Later on, Ioworth Hughes (36) became a challenger to Streten and went on to win four international caps for Wales. In season 1951 Ron Baynham (388) joined us from Worcester City and arguments still rage today as to who was the better goalkeeper. Ron went on to win three full England caps while Streten collected one. Following Streten's retirement at the end of 1957 season, Eddie Marsh (2) was bought from Charlton Athletic but wasn't at the club very long. Local boy Allan Collier (10) was also knocking on the door at that time. Jim Standen (36) arrived from Arsenal and stayed for a couple of seasons before moving on.

Then came Tony Reid (195) and Keith Barber (142). Incidentally, both these ex-players are now publicans, Tony in Greenfield and Keith in Harpenden. Tony also made a name for himself by scoring a few goals during his spell as forward.

Since those days we have had Graham Horn (58) Milija Aleksic (77) making many good saves. I haven't mentioned other keepers but some who have done their bit to help the club are John Palmer, who didn't make the League side, Alan Starling (7), Bill Taylor (6), Tony Knight (6), David Lawson (5), Alan Judge (3), Ronald Swann (14), George Ramage (7), Mike O'Hara (2) and Willie Carrick (4).



**MEMORY
LANE**

PETER DENTON

Peter was transferred to Luton Town from Coventry City in January 1968 for a fee of £3,000. He did not produce the form manager Allan Brown had expected of him and consequently his first team appearances were limited.

In later years he took charge of the evening training at Kenilworth Road and then moved into local football, coaching and playing for Sunday League side Taverners and then on to Vauxhall Motors.

He still lives in the town and is now one of the fine body of men who deliver your morning milk.

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The company was formed in 1978 by Tony Lambert, an ardent fan of Luton Town Football Club and a member of Club '82. He tells us that he watched his first game at Kenilworth Road in 1948 and one player he does recall is Frank Soo.

Tony's father was here in April 1936 to witness the record 10 goals scored by Joe Payne. It seems apt today that the sponsors lounge is named after the man whose record still stands after 47 years.

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Tony is pictured with Luton chairman Denis Mortimer at our last home game against Spurs.

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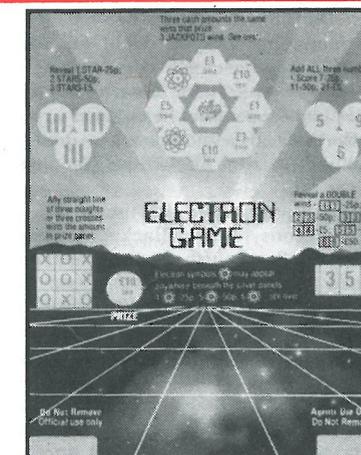
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COVENTRY READY TO CHALLENGE

The story of Coventry City this season reads like some preposterous figment of the imagination dreamed up for the old Boys Own magazine. And today, the club all serious students of the game had tipped for certain relegation is within striking distance of the League Championship!

Former Coventry forward Bobby Gould took on one of the most difficult jobs in football when he accepted the post as the Sky Blues' manager this summer. For, in addition to all the usual problems facing a new man, Gould also had to produce virtually a complete team!

During the close season, Coventry sold goalkeeper Les Sealey to us, and defenders Danny Thomas (Tottenham), Gary Gillespie (Liverpool) and Paul Dyson (Stoke).

They also released Steve Whitton (now with West Ham), Mark Hateley (Portsmouth), Jim Melrose (Celtic) and former England skipper Gerry Francis who is Exeter's player-manager.

In order to create a squad of First Division standard, Gould has signed 12 new players. Some, like Ashley Grimes and Raddy Avramovic, are players of international experience. But the majority had never previously played in the First Division.

Coventry have been using a 4-4-2 formation with Terry Gibson and Dave Bamber filling the striking positions.

LIMITED EXPERIENCE

Gibson, a former England Youth international, was signed from Spurs for £70,000 and had a limited amount of First Division experience behind him. He made his League debut for the White Hart Lane club four seasons ago but it was when they were hit by injuries last season that he enjoyed a run in the side. He scored seven goals. Now he is the Sky Blues' leading scorer.

Dave Bamber had, for the previous two seasons, been Blackpool's top scorer in the Fourth Division and he joined Coventry for an initial payment of £50,000 this summer with more to pay for appearances and goals. Dave took up professional football almost by chance. He happened to be in a British University XI which played a friendly game at Blackpool but made such an impression that he was given an ex-

tended trial by the Tangerines.

When Gibson was injured, Gould called up young John Hendrie, a former apprentice who has played about 20 games since his debut two seasons ago.

It is in midfield where experience is so important and here the Sky Blues have two Republic of Ireland internationals — Gerry Daly and Ashley Grimes.

Daly won the first of his 36 international caps before he had made his League debut for Manchester United in 1973. He had been signed from Bohemians in April 1973 and made his international bow before the end of that season. He was introduced to the United side the following season but moved on to Derby County for £165,000 in 1977. Coventry invested £300,000 in his transfer during the 1980 close season but, when he lost his place last season, he went to Leicester on loan.

Grimes had two cracks at making a go of things with Manchester United. After his first trial, United allowed him to return to Bohemians and, when

they eventually signed him in 1977, they had to pay £35,000 for him. Although he played more than 100 senior games for the Reds, he only occasionally made lengthy runs in the side. But he still won 14 international caps. His £200,000 transfer to Coventry this summer is enabling him to settle down to regular League football.

LEADING SCORER

When Daly dropped out, his place in midfield was taken by Micky Gynn who led Peterborough's scoring list with 18 goals last season and joined Coventry in a £60,000 transaction during the close season. He had made more than 150 League appearances for the Posh following his debut in 1979.

Steve Hunt and Nicky Platnauer have been challenging for the fourth midfield position.

Hunt, a regular summer participant in American soccer, began his League career with Aston Villa in 1974-75 and, after an initial spell with New York Cosmos, was transferred to Coventry in 1978.

Platnauer was playing in non-League football until little more than a year ago. When Bristol Rovers signed him from Bedford they agreed to pay a £1,000 fee only after he had appeared in 15 League games! This was happily paid and, like colleague Graham Withey, Nicky followed Bobby Gould to Highfield Road this summer.

Coventry City

Withey's progress has been quite startling since he moved from Bath City to Bristol Rovers for £5,000 during the 1982 close season.

Others to play in midfield include Dave Bennett, Mick Adams, Keith Thompson and Martin Singleton.

Bennett is enjoying his second run in the First Division. He was first blooded at this level by Manchester City in 1979 and he made more than 50 First Division appearances for the Maine Road club. He also played in both Wembley games when City lost to Spurs in the replayed 1981 FA Cup final. He moved on to Cardiff for £120,000 soon after and, for the past two seasons, was a key member of the Welsh club's senior side.

FIRST CHANCE

Adams got his first chance in League soccer with Gillingham in 1979-80 and spent most of his time with the Gills as a left-back. Following his £75,000 summer move to Coventry, he has been used in midfield.

Thompson is a youngster who was

given a few runs in the First Division last season. He is the brother of Gary, who was sold to WBA last season.

Singleton is an England Youth international who graduated from the Youth team. He made his League debut two seasons ago.

The recent arrival of Sam Allardyce has brought a more settled look to the defence. Sam established himself in the Bolton side in the late 'seventies and he completed some 200 games for the Trotters before transferring to Sunderland for £150,000 in 1980. He stayed for only a year and then joined Millwall for £95,000. He left The Den at the end of last season and spent the summer in US football, joining Coventry upon his return to this country.

Trevor Peake is the second central defender. He was signed from Lincoln City for £100,000 this summer after spending four seasons as a first teamer at Sincil Bank. The Red Imps came out nicely all round for they had to pay only £15,000 when they signed him from Nuneaton.

Right back Brian Roberts first came into the side in 1975-76 and is now approaching his 200th League appearance.

Stuart Pearce made a highly impressive debut at left back against QPR three weeks ago. He had been wanted by QPR, coincidentally, but Coventry snapped him up from Wealdstone last month and, after only three Reserve games, he earned his chance in First Division football.

Raddy Avramovic, a recent arrival from Notts County, took over from Perry Suckling in goal.

Avramovic is a Yugoslav international for whom Notts County paid a club record fee of £200,000 to sign from Rijeka in 1979. He had been holding his place in the Notts side for four seasons.

Suckling was only 16 when he was called upon to make his League debut against Southampton in August 1982 but he gave a performance which earned high praise from England's Peter Shilton. With the departure of Les Sealey during the summer, Perry got the chance to step into the side but at the moment is still lacking in experience. It should not be long before he becomes a First Division star.

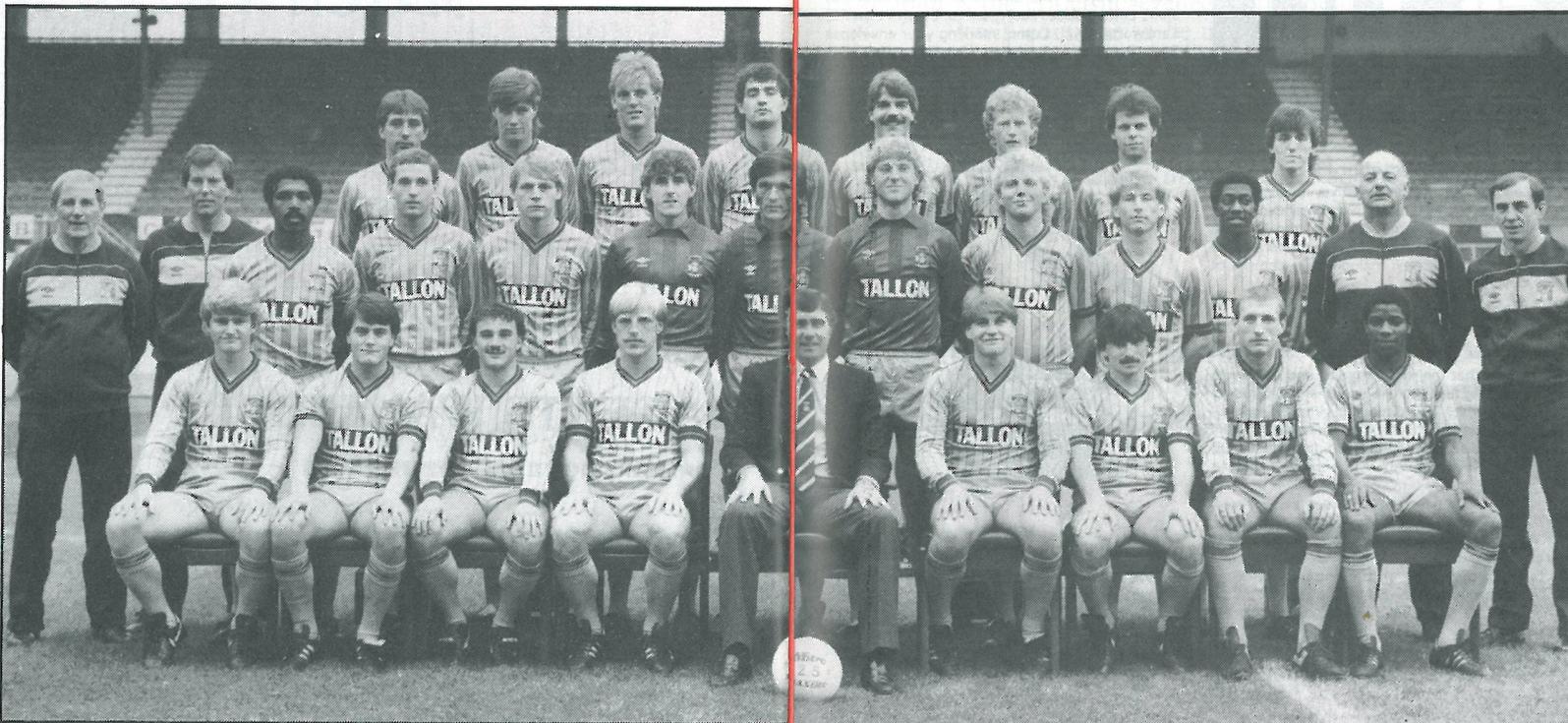
COVENTRY CITY 1983-84

Back row (left to right): Steve Jacobs, Ian Butterworth, Graham Withey, Dave Bamber, Sam Allardyce, Ashley Grimes, Trevor Peake, Peter Hormantschuk.

Middle row: Bert Edwards (Youth Recruitment Manager), Brian Eastick (Youth Coach), Errington Kelly, John Matthews, Stuart Pearce, Tim Dalton, Raddy Avramovic, Perry Suckling, Nicky Platnauer, Derek Hall, Dave Bennett, John Sillett (Coach), George Dalton (Physiotherapist).

Front row: Martin Singleton, Micky Adams, Terry Gibson, Brian Roberts, Bobby Gould (Manager), John Hendrie, Michael Gynn, Steve Hunt, Lloyd McGrath.

By TONY PULLEIN



Whatever the News

We have kept you **OUR SUPPORTERS** fully informed

In the past, at present, and into the future the policy of the Directors of the Club has been and will remain one of keeping you **OUR SUPPORTERS** informed on all situations which may affect or have a bearing on its future.

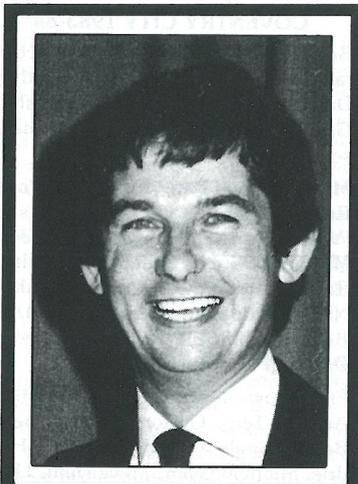
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THE HATTER

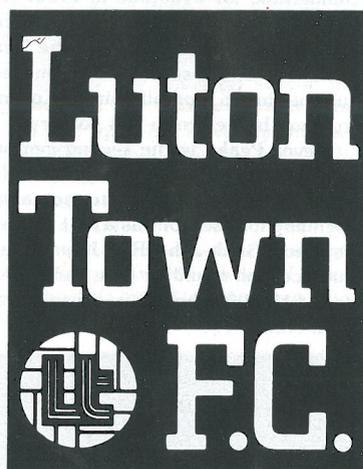
The Hatter 7th February 1981:-

'The ground at Kenilworth Road comprises not only the stands and terraces, with which many people will be familiar, but also many related facilities essential to the operation and well-being of a club of its standing. The club has recently spent around £300,000 in improvements aimed at achieving high standards of crowd safety. For reasons already explained to the County Council, the club believes that the compulsory acquisition of the land would have a drastic effect on the club and lead to a downgrading which would make it virtually impossible for the club to continue to function and to fulfil its ambitions at its present ground.' 'The club, of course, intend to fight the proposals in every way possible because it wishes to remain at Kenilworth Road with all the facilities it has built up.'

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



JOHN SMITH



The Hatter 6th November 1982:-

'As regular supporters will know, our future and our ambitions here at Kenilworth Road as a top League club are in jeopardy because of the A505 relief road.' 'However, faced with this threat, we have been looking at the possibility of moving to another site in Luton. As things currently stand, no site has been finally chosen, although we have looked at many, and are still doing so.' 'We have had talks with the Borough and County Councils about our ideas and possible sites. We are encouraged by the reception we have received, but there is a long way to go yet and our discussions are continuing.' 'This is the stage, therefore, at which we would welcome your views. This is your club, and we want to provide the sort of surroundings and facilities that you want, so let us hear from you.' 'Now is your chance to tell us what you think. Letters please addressed to: Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road, Luton, marking your envelopes 'New Stadium'.'

The Hatter 2nd October 1982:-

'The County Council representatives noted that the Borough Council were being recommended to approve in principle the re-location of the Football Ground involving the provision of a modern spectator and leisure facility, including an element of retail development.'

The Hatter 24th November 1981:-

'We believe that the road proposal and its effects on our existing facilities will lead to a downgrading of the club which could make it virtually impossible for the club to continue to function and to fulfil our ambitions at Kenilworth Road. In other words, we believe the proposed road scheme puts our future in jeopardy and this at a time when the club is once again at the top of the Second Division with very real prospects of promotion to the First.' 'With goodwill and co-operation on both sides we all hope and trust that a negotiated solution will be found in good time on the one hand to allow this much needed relief road to be built, and on the other hand to allow the club to continue in existence, to foster and improve its relationships and its facilities and to protect its future, whether that be here at Kenilworth Road or elsewhere.'



The Hatter 27th November 1982:-

'In our matchday magazine for the game against Arsenal, we included a special feature on the club's future and the move to a new indoor leisure complex. We asked for our supporters' views on the issue. This is the initial response, and we welcome other fans' views on this vital subject.'

Today let's tell you

We've received a letter from Councillor F.S. Lester, the Mayor of Luton, addressed to John Smith our chief executive, from which we quote the following extracts:-

Dear John,

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd November enclosing a copy of the official declaration from the Luton Town Football and Athletic Company Board to Supporters, Shareholders, Friends and other interested parties.

Whilst it came as a considerable disappointment it was not altogether a great surprise.

It means our Town is going to lose a part of its life and entity that has meant so much in terms of entertainment and pleasure to thousands of our citizens for almost 100 years.

Please be assured that I am deeply conscious of the problems facing the Board of the Club over the past 12 months or so. I accept the view though somewhat reluctantly that top level First Division Football could not continue in the future with the present standard of provision at Kenilworth Road and that extensive development on the present site to the desired standard of playing provision and spectator comfort is not a rational proposition.

I do not subscribe totally to the excess of criticism levelled at the present Board from a variety of quarters. It is too easy to forget that if some of these Board members with a deal of enthusiasm and financial aid had not stepped forward some years back when the Club was on the verge of a perilous situation the Luton Town F.C. may well have gone out of existence.

I am still of the opinion and have yet to be convinced otherwise that with the dedication, enthusiasm and co-operation of all concerned, Luton could have seen the courageous and imaginative concept of a super-Stadium built and prosper on the Brache Estate. From this you will gather the implication that I feel the Board criticism of the Luton Borough Council is not wholly justified any more than is the criticism levelled at the Board.

I will continue to be an enthusiastic supporter of OUR Team whatever the differences that may exist between the Board and myself. I will go to support David Pleat and his excellent playing and supporting staff. They have given so much deserving of my recognition that I will not be a party to any action that may in any way demoralise them - for that they do not deserve.

Extracts from a letter received from the Mayor of Luton.

And in the future we'll tell you

The truth and how it affects the Club and that's a fact! Additionally you may rely on us to use our best abilities to further the interests of the Club in assuring a good and exciting future for all concerned.

**We See the Way Ahead
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**WATFORD 1
LUTON TOWN 2**

Thanks to goals from Brian Stein and Frank Bunn, we returned from Vicarage Road last Saturday with three points from an excellent and well deserved victory. But it was essentially a team effort as this picture of Paul Walsh and Trevor Aylott attacking Watford's defence shows.
Picture: Gareth Owen.

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	Johnson	Goodyear	Own Goal
Goals Scored								1	2		2	7	5	3	3		3						1
1983																							
August																							
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	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
September																							
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	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
October																							
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	—	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	9	10	11	12	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 Rotherham (MC2-2L)	0-2	6,755	—	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	—	10	9	11	—	—	—	—
29 Liverpool	0-6	31,940	19	6	1	2	10	4	5	6	7	8	9	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
November																							
5 Queens Park Rangers	1-0	15,053	22	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	—	—	10	—	—	11	—	—	—	—
12 Birmingham City	1-1	11,111	23	5	1	2	10	—	5	6	7	8	9	—	—	12	—	—	3	11+ 4	—	—	—
19 Tottenham Hotspur	2-4	17,275	23	10	1	2	3	—	5	6	7	8	9	—	—	11	10	—	—	—	—	—	4
26 Watford	2-1	17,791	26	5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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10 Stoke City																							
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LUTON TOWN (White Shirts with Black Collars and Cuffs, Black Knickers) **League III (Southern)**

1 **Dolman** Goal

2 **Mackey** Right Back

3 **Smith** Left Back

4 **Finlayson** Right Half

5 **Nelson** Centre Half

6 **Fellows** Left Half

7 **Hodge** Outside Right

8 **Martin** Inside Right

9 **Payne** Centre

10 **Roberts** Inside Left

11 **Stephenson** Outside Left

Referee: **W. WALDEN** (West Bridgford)

12 **Liddle** Outside Left

13 **Lake** Inside Left

14 **Bourton** Centre

15 **Lauderdale** Inside Right

16 **McNestry** Outside Right

17 **Curtis** Left Half

18 **Mason** Centre Half

19 **Frith** Right Half

20 **Smith** Left Back

21 **Astley** Right Back

22 **Morgan** Goal

COVENTRY C. (Blue and White Striped Shirts, Dark Blue Knickers) **Kick-Off 3 p.m.**

Linesmen: Blue Flag: A. V. BOORER (Upminster) Red Flag: G. O. SMITH (Scalford)

This afternoon's flashback features a game between the two teams played in April 1936 when we were in the Third Division South. At the time, Coventry were at the top of the table with the Hatters second by virtue of their inferior goal average. This particular match followed a home game everyone in Luton remembers — our 12-0 thrashing of Bristol Rovers when Joe Payne scored his ten goals. Can anyone remember the result of this one?

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	2	1
Nov. 15	Birmingham City	P	
Nov. 23	Oxford United	0	1
Nov. 26	Swindon Town	4	1
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		
Apr. 7	Ipswich Town		
Apr. 10	Birmingham City		
Apr. 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	1	1
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

Home League Games		Home	
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Luton's star.



Two teams from Luton are currently making a name for themselves.

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