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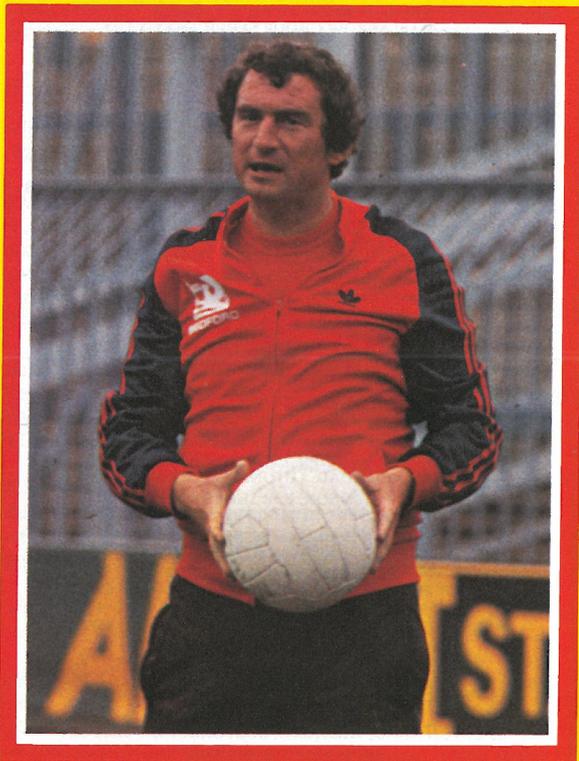
We could not have begun the New Year with a more attractive fixture than a visit from the famous Forest. It is to their credit that we don't have to write about their achievements in recent years — everyone knows exactly what heights they have attained. Footballers come and go, but if the club can benefit from a good era, that is progress. That is why Forest's new stand is a monument which will remind them of successful seasons.

Whilst we welcome Forest, and wish them every success in Europe, we shall be hoping today to continue our progress at their expense. Recently, they played at Watford and Ron Fenton got into some trouble when George Reilly was unfortunately sent off. I hope Ron will have no cause to jump up and down today.

There is nothing left to say about Brian Clough. He is a master manager. He will always give you advice if you seek it. He is a disciplinarian, and an enthusiast and feels defeat as much as anyone. It is a hard job.

Our injury problems seem to be receding. One of the best things to happen to this club is the contributions and fund raising of the Luton Travel Bobbers' Club. These good people have given over £6,000 during the last four years since our physio, John Sheridan, has worked with us. The medical equipment this grand sum has purchased includes diapulse, interferential, westminster pulley circuit, exercise bicycles, rowing machine and a traction unit. These wonderful supporters can claim to be part of the club, and we thank them most sincerely.

During the past two seasons we have been running coaching courses at Milton Keynes. This has enabled boys of good ability to be encouraged to work at their skills. I would particularly like to record our thanks for the help these boys have been given. Jo Joseph has worked solidly at the Bletchley Leisure Centre with Pete Bradley and, at Stantonbury, Colin Morris has looked after the boys with Martin Hunter. Their work had been



much appreciated.

Trevor Hartley and John Moore are working at those grass roots also. In this area, we hope to have two of our schoolboy players gaining international honours this season, Paul Lewis (Wales) and Richard Harvey (England). It is only by concentrating much of our efforts on youth that this club will survive.

A Happy New Year to you all. Enjoy the game and if you do, please bring a friend to the next game.

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## SUCCESS FOR 'UNFASHIONABLE' CLUBS

By Tony Pullein

Although Liverpool and Manchester United break into the New Year as favourites to win the League Championship, one of the most refreshing aspects of the first half of the season has been the success of 'unfashionable' clubs like Coventry, Norwich, Queens Park Rangers and ourselves.

The two big Lancashire giants have such large resources that they can ride injuries and suspensions better than most of their rivals and this has to give them the advantage over a long 42-match programme. And it enables them to show a more consistent level of performance throughout the season.

Yet, each of the other clubs mentioned have produced Champion-style performances. The positive approach of the Hatters and Coventry was revealed from the fact that, shortly before Christmas, no other First Division clubs had won as many games away from home.

Whereas some clubs make it their business to defend when travelling, Luton and Coventry have believed that opposing fans have as much right as their own supporters to see the side at its best.

Luton, for instance, were one of only two visiting sides to win on QPR's Omniture surface. Liverpool were the other and even home manager Terry Venables acknowledged those successes. 'It's further proof that teams with skilful players can perform on this pitch,' he said.

### MOST REMARKABLE

Coventry City's success is probably the most remarkable for they sold almost the whole of last season's first team and new manager Bobby Gould signed no fewer than 12 new players. His seemed a hopeless task as, no matter how good the players, it normally takes a couple of years at least to find a blend as a team. In Mr Gould's case, the majority of his new players came from the Third and Fourth Divisions and one stepped straight into the side from non-League soccer. Week by week the critics were saying the Sky Blues' bubble must soon burst and they were waiting for Coventry to face the acid test — a confrontation with Liverpool.

What happened is now history. Coventry not only defeated Liverpool they pulverised them as few other teams have done over the past decade. A 4-0 scoreline was ample evidence of the measure of Coventry's superiority. 'We're now only three points behind Liverpool,' chirped Mr Gould. 'Not bad for a team you all tipped for relegation!'

Of course, the real test will come for Coventry next season. The players are currently buoyed by their success and each match is a cup-tie. The recent experience of Watford and Swansea, to name just two examples, proves that it is very difficult to maintain such a high level of consistency for a second season.

### ENJOY SUCCESS

But Coventry are entitled to enjoy their success while it lasts and who would dare say they will not be the new League Champions?

Norwich City are another side nobody rated but their run-in to the holiday programme included a run of six wins on the trot which put them within striking distance of Liverpool. The Canaries are also through to the quarter-finals of the Milk Cup.

Manager Ken Brown has pieced together his team from products of his youth side and some shrewd signings. And Norwich is another club which has proved that it is not money that makes good footballers — it's a combination of latent talent and skilful encouragement from coaches who ally team tactics to the individual skills of the team rather than demand that the players themselves fit into the basic tactics.

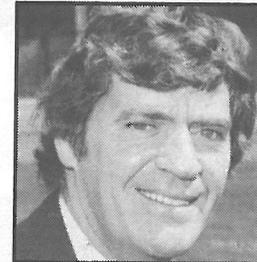
Queens Park Rangers' success in their first season following promotion has been no surprise for they have been building up to this over the past three to four years, just as did Luton.

Manager Terry Venables acknowledges the contribution made by his controversial plastic pitch — 'players who train and play on it have to be skilful players,' he maintains — but is adamant that it does not give his team an advantage over opponents.

### BEST RECORD

'Last season we had the best away record in the top two divisions,' he points out. 'And we've collected almost as many away points this season as we have done at home.'

Southampton is another club which has produced a quality team on a limited budget and the Saints might have gone into the New Year in an even stronger position had not manager Lawrie McMenemy's worst fears been realised



LAWRIE McMENEMY

in November. 'We had two defenders, Mick Mills and Mark Wright, down with injury together and we just don't have experienced cover for such things,' he sighed.

'Teams like Manchester United and Liverpool have reserve teams packed with internationals and they can pull through such difficulties without really noticing the difference.

'We have to rely upon youngsters. They are good players. They just haven't had the experience.'

Mr McMenemy was forced to go into the market to sign Birmingham's England Under-21 full-back Mark Dennis.

And Southampton regained their poise during December which is what Mr McMenemy has come to regard as his favourite month. 'We have lost only two League games in December over the past six years,' he smiled. 'Luton and Brighton both beat us at The Dell. But we haven't lost away from home in December since I became manager!'

The Saints faced difficult away games at Arsenal and West Ham during the holiday period but, prior to that, they had been unbeaten in 17 away December League matches since losing at Sheffield United in 1973.

Birmingham City suffered a severe setback before Christmas when they lost four successive games. After looking to be comfortably placed in the middle of the table, the Blues were then staring relegation in the face.

Manager Ron Saunders said that new signings were imminent. 'I haven't got anyone specific in mind at the moment,' he said before Christmas.

But it seems certain he might concentrate his search in the lower divisions. Birmingham chairman Keith Coombes gave a clue as to the club's plans. 'Coventry have proved that you don't have to spend big to achieve success,' he said. 'They have shown that there are very many good players to be found in the Fourth Division.'

The closure of a new share issue was expected to provide Mr Saunders with sufficient money to buy the men he wanted.



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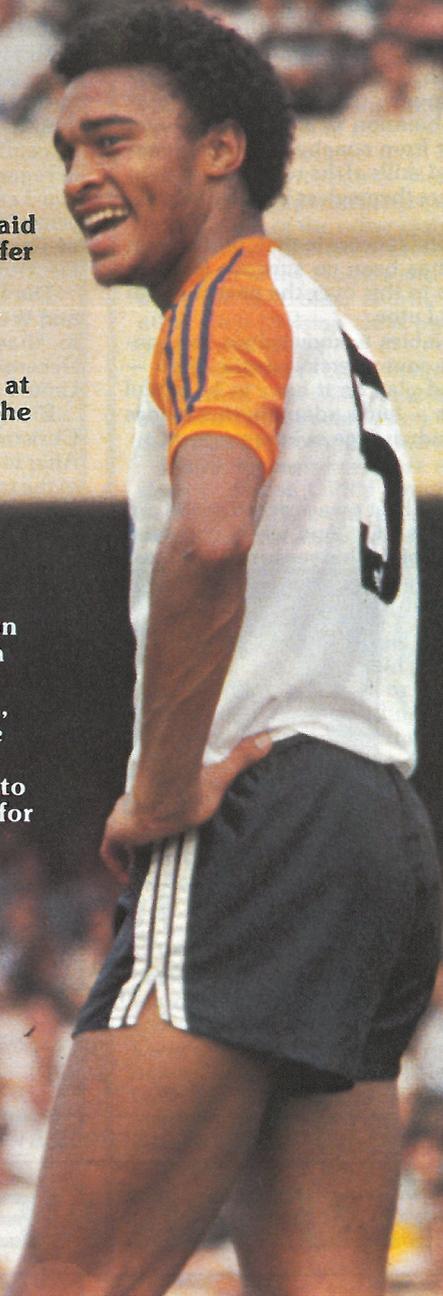
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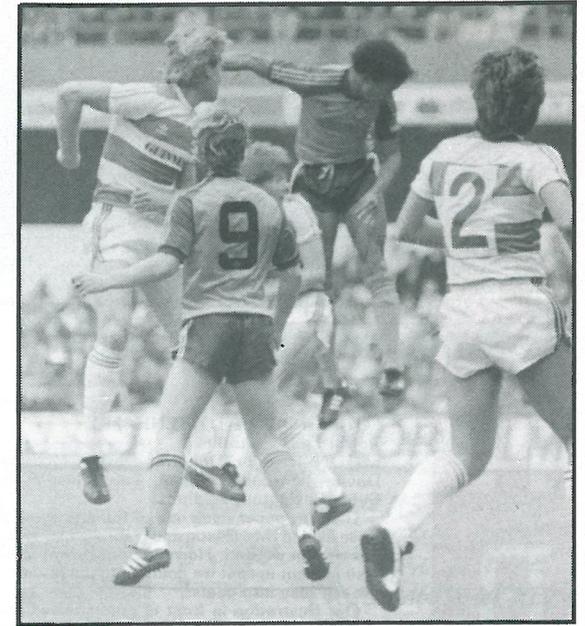
# Town Focus

There isn't much doubt that the £100,000 manager David Pleat paid to Charlton Athletic for the transfer of Paul Elliott must have represented one of the shrewdest deals on record. Paul, who had an England Youth cap to his credit when he arrived at Kenilworth Road, progressed to the Under-21 squad for their game in Hungary.

A steady defender, Paul is widely tipped by the experts to go on to win a full England cap – and we doubt whether there are any Luton supporters who will disagree with that prediction. When he joined us from Charlton, he soon established his defensive qualities with his colleagues. Whatever happens, Paul is going to be on the Football League scene for several years.



## PAUL ELLIOTT – CAREER RECORD



	FOOTBALL LEAGUE			Total
	81-82	82-83	83-84	
Arsenal		1	1	2
Aston Villa		1	1	2
Barnsley	2			2
Birmingham		1	1	2
Blackburn		1		1
Bolton	2			2
Burnley		2		2
Cambridge	1 + s	2		3 + 1s
Cardiff	1			1
Carlisle		2		2
Chelsea	2	1		3
Coventry			1	1
Crystal Palace	2			2
Derby	2	1		3
Everton			1	1
Fulham		1		1
Grimsby	2	2		4
Leeds		1		1
Leicester	2	2	1	5
Liverpool			1	1
Luton	1			1
Manchester City		1		1
Manchester Utd			1	1
Middlesbrough		1		1
Newcastle	2	1		3
Norwich	1 + s	1	1(1)	3 + 1s(1)
Nottingham F		1	1	2
Notts County		1		1
Oldham	2	1		3
Orient	2(1)			2(1)
QPR	2	1	1(1)	4(1)
Rotherham	2	2		4
Sheffield Wed	2	2		4
Shrewsbury	2	1		3
Southampton		1(1)	1	2(1)
Stoke		1	1	2
Sunderland		1	1	2
Swansea		1		1
Tottenham			1	1
Watford	2	1	1	4
WBA		1	1	2
Wolves		1	1	2
Wrexham	2			2
	36 + 2s (1)	38 (1)	19 (2)	93 + 2s (4)
		FA CUP		
	81-82	82-83	Total	
Ipswich		1	1	
Orient	s		0 + 1s	
	0 + 1s	1	1 + 1s	

	LEAGUE CUP			Total
	81-82	82-83	83-84	
Luton		2		2
Norwich	2			2
Reading	1(1)			1(1)
Rotherham			2	2
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Stats to end of November 1983

# Town Focus

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TIM BREACKER



GARY PARKER

**LUTON TOWN 1 TOTTENHAM 1**  
South East Counties  
LUTON: Deamer, Doughty, Devine, McEvoy, Burke, Davies, Driscoll, Oldfield, Lay, Ellisdon Reynolds.  
Subs: Covington, Medhurst.

This, on paper, was one of the strongest teams we have fielded this season and it showed in the amount of possession we had. However, our recent failings were also evident in that we could not convert our good approach play into goals.

Our frustration in front of goal showed and we did not manage to score an equaliser until the last minute through McEvoy. Our final pass or cross let us down and once we had missed a few, we wanted to make certain and delay too long or snatch at it and failed to make good contact on the ball.

The chances just seemed to drift away and the lads could have done with a victory to give confidence a boost. The ball just would not go in the net and we could have done with a cheeky striker who knew where the net was.

In general the team did much better but when the ball is not going in the net confidence suffers and everyone is afraid to try anything. With younger players this is very important, because they have no experience at this level to call upon and we must be patient until our luck changes. Until then, we will have to work that little bit harder, and try, try, try again as far as our shots are concerned until we find the net more than our opponents.

**LUTON TOWN 3 BRENTFORD 0**  
South East Counties  
LUTON: Sanders, Davies, Devine, Burke, Driscoll, Ager, McEvoy, Ellisdon, Oldfield, O'Brien, Reynolds.  
Subs: Covington, Doughty.

This was our best result in the League so far this season and it was pleasing that we managed to record a clean sheet, as well as getting back on the goal trail ourselves.

The first half was very patchy, and did not show much evidence that we were going to win well. Everyone was trying that little bit too hard to impress, and

the game was very congested. This made for a lot of scrappy play, with no-one being able to retain the ball long enough to create goal scoring chances. At half time with the score 0-0, we asked our lads to try and spread out and use the width of the pitch and pass the ball to each other.

This greater width makes it harder for defenders to stop attacks, and the first goal soon arrived. Our play became much more confident after this, and we went on to score a second from a good build up. We made a couple of substitutions and went on to hit a third goal from a shot which was blocked but we followed up to knock in the rebound.

**TOTTENHAM 1 LUTON TOWN 2**  
Football Combination  
LUTON: Findlay, Breacker, North (S), Goodyear, Thomas, Parker, Johnson, Daniel, Stein (M), North (M), Watts. Sub: McConville.

We were inspired by playing against a Spurs side which included Ardiles, Hazard, Brooke and Price. Mark Stein should have opened the scoring following a great move, then Mark North had a powerful left foot shot well saved by goalkeeper Parks. It came as a shock, following a Spurs breakaway, that they got the opening goal, but we continued to create chances and miss them.

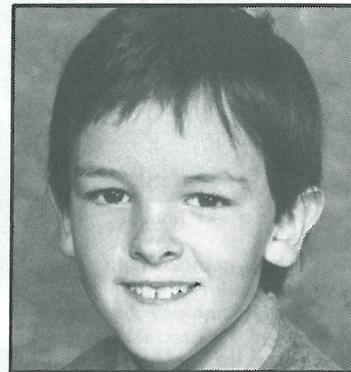
Spurs started the second half strongly and it needed Tim Breacker to clear off the line twice in the opening 15 minutes before we struck back with a vengeance. Breacker pushed into midfield to contain Ardiles, collected a pass from Ray Daniel and stroked the ball in for the equaliser. Daniel then brought a fine save from the Spurs keeper after one of Ray's thrilling runs came to an end. The pay of punch came when Gary Parker shredded a ball through to Breacker again to give us the deserved winner with six minutes remaining.

Although there were many good performances, Breacker stood out, as in the second half he had kicked two off our own goal line and then responded by scoring our two goals at the other end. Incidentally, it was our second consecutive match that a full-back had scored two goals — a good advert for attacking football.

# junior hatters

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THE MASCOT



TERENCE WARD

Junior Hatters president Ricky Hill will be accompanied on to the pitch by this afternoon's four escorts and mascot.

Ricky, who takes an active part in the Junior Hatters Club social and leisure activities, sincerely welcomes these youngsters to Kenilworth Road this afternoon and hopes they enjoy their day with us.

MASCOT

Terence Ward is from Runfold, Luton, and attends Warden Hill Junior School. He is aged 11 and lists his interests as football, drawing and model making. Terence also plays for his school football team.

ESCORTS

Kevin Abrams of Luton is aged six and is a pupil at Downside Infants School. Kevin is interested in football, snooker, swimming and music.

Warren Foster is from Goldington, Bedford, and is 11. He attends Woodside Middle School, Bedford, where he plays football for the school team. His interests are playing and watching football and cricket and swimming.

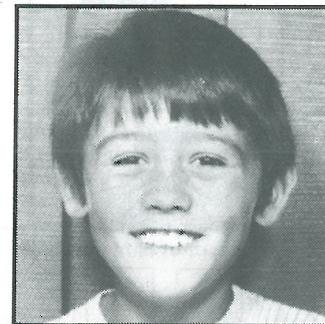
Mark Quinn from Luton is 13 and attends Cardinal Newman School. He plays football for Luton Boys Club. Mark's interests are football, athletics and swimming.

Marcus Castleman from Luton is 13 and attends Denbigh High School. Marcus is interested in swimming, football and dancing.

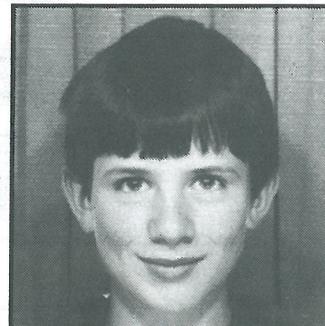
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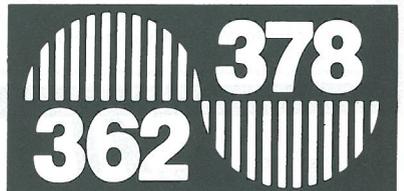
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## READERS LETTERS

Dear Mr Pleat, I am just writing a few lines about your move to Milton Keynes. Having read the magazine for the Luton v Spurs match, I felt I had to write and say what I think about the move.

My brother Gordon and I have been Luton fans for about two years and we think you and the team are absolutely fantastic! We are very loyal supporters and we do not mind if you move or not because we will continue to support you and the team wherever you may be.

I hope that you will be able to print this letter in one of your matchday magazines to show other Luton supporters how we feel about Milton Keynes. I think that you can safely say that Gordon and I will remain Luton fans as long as the club is together, which we hope will be forever!

**Tracey Wilmot  
Leighton Buzzard**

Dear Mr Pleat, On behalf of the Commissioner and the competition management committee, may I thank you for allowing Ricky Hill to attend our five-a-side finals.

His appearance in the audience and at the presentation ceremonies meant so much to the youngsters attending, especially those fortunate

enough to receive their awards from him.

The young handicapped children were delighted to meet and talk to him during the evening. He did a great job and was a credit to the club and profession.

We deeply appreciate the help and support the competition receives from professional clubs and players alike and the encouragement it gives to the young people taking part.

May I wish your club every success in their games.

**J. Newing  
Commander  
Metropolitan Police**

Dear Sir, I would like to say how much I enjoyed being the mascot for the game against Spurs. I really enjoyed myself even though Luton lost.

Thank you for the kit which will be very useful. I would like to purchase a photo of myself with the captains and referee which was taken at the kick-off. I would also like a sheet of the original autographs of the players if possible. Thank you again for a great day and regards to all the players, especially Brian Stein who was very kind to me.

**John Anderson  
Far Pastures Close  
Keyworth  
Nottingham**

Dear Sirs, In a recent magazine, you assure supporters that 'We shall do all we can to preserve our existing goodwill and support' and to 'retain the club's identity...' if the move to Milton Keynes is carried through.

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I remain a loyal and regular supporter of Luton Town FC.

**Stuart Basson  
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Dear David, on behalf of Fred and myself, thank you sincerely for the time you took to talk to our guests at our sponsored match against Coventry. I realise that the pre-match period is of great importance and your effort was really appreciated. It was nice that you and some of the players also took time to pop in for an after match drink.

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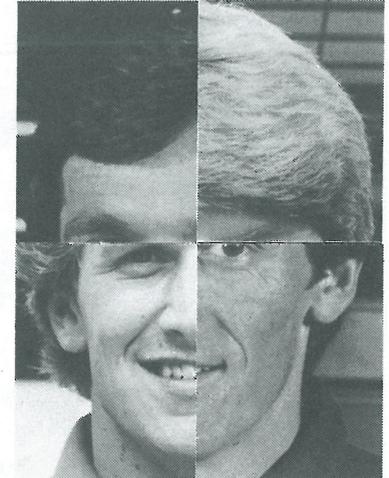
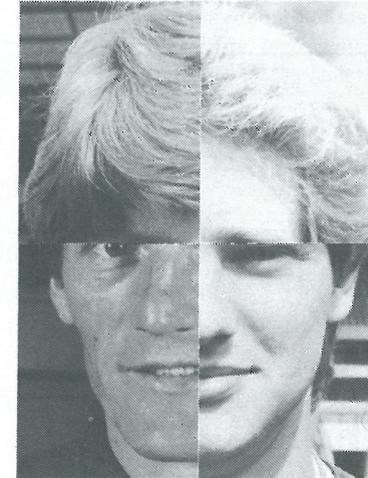
## AWAYAGAME – AWAYAGAME

Congratulations to J. M. Seller who correctly forecast our 3-0 win at Notts County. Current leader Mark Seller predicted a 1-0 win whilst second placed P. Bartlett forecast a 2-0 victory.

The top six are as follows:  
Mark Seller 10; P. Bartlett 9; Martin Der 8; Marilyn Keys 8; J. Ogden 8; R. Wakelin 8.

## 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 Photo-teazers, Luton Town Football Club Matchday Magazine, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton.



# NAME THE STAR

Today we continue our 'Name The Star' competition from our West Bromwich Albion and West Ham United Magazine. Each week we 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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## HERE ON SATURDAY

As most supporters will have seen, Watford are our visitors on Saturday for a third round FA Cup-tie which is all-ticket.

Season ticket holders have until 5.30 pm on Wednesday to claim their normal seat. Any unsold tickets after then will be made available to the general public when the commercial office opens on Thursday morning.

We have reserved the entire Kenilworth Road Wallspan end of the ground for Watford fans, although we should remind our own supporters they will need a ticket, obtained before the match, for other parts of the stadium.

## MASCOT AND ESCORT DRAW

Junior Hatters will find details of their club and today's mascot and escort on



page 11 and we hope the five youngsters enjoy themselves.

There will be another five fans on duty at the FA Cup-tie against Watford at Kenilworth Road on Saturday. After our game against West Brom recently, Ricky Hill — the club's president — assisted by Brian Stein and Steve Gurney of the 'Herald', co-sponsors of the Junior Hatters with Chiltern Radio — made the draw to find out who the lucky youngsters are.

## ANDY STAYS AT MANSFIELD

Our young keeper Andy Beasley has had his loan period with Mansfield extended for another month by our manager David Pleat despite a car-tilage injury received by Mark North.

Young Mark, who can also play in almost any other position, had an operation for his injury and we wish

him a speedy recovery.

## CENTURY CLUB

A strange quirk of fate decreed we should meet both the teams from Nottingham within the space of seven days!

On Boxing Day, a party of Century Club members made the trip to Notts County where, as always, we were warmly welcomed by Mr Mehew and our other friends in the Centenary Club.

Today, although we have not established any links with members from Nottingham Forest, we welcome them to Kenilworth Road for our first home game of 1984, and look forward to an entertaining afternoon.

Illustrating the friends one makes in football, we were happy to entertain Mr and Mrs Ken Hawkes when we played West Bromwich recently.

Ken told us it was 27 years to the day that he made his debut for Luton Town, playing against — yes, West Brom! Another well known name from Luton's past was Jack Bannister — who, with his wife, joined Mr Fairfax and his party from West Brom. It was a nostalgic afternoon for many of our Century Club members.

## RENEWED FRIENDSHIP

When our players were involved in pre-season tours of Sweden, Denmark and Finland during the last two years, they had the good fortune to have the services of Nils Erik Skold who acted as our guide.

He did, in the words of coach David Coates, 'a supreme job' and when Nils



decided to visit England for a holiday, we decided to do something about it.

The players and management willingly dipped their hands into their pockets to buy Nils some of his favourite music, recorded on tape, and he is seen in the dressing room with Ricky Hill, Paul Elliott, David Coates, Kirk Stephens, Paul Walsh, Brian Horton and David Moss.

## GAME FOR A LAFF!

We had one celebrated guest at our home match against West Brom when we welcomed Keith Castle, Britain's longest surviving heart patient to Kenilworth Road.

It isn't surprising that Keith is actively involved with the now famous Papworth Hospital. He was in Luton 48 hours earlier when he attended a fund-raising evening at the Labour Club in Upper George Street.

Six cabaret artists, including comedian Johnny Laff — pictured on the pitch with Keith — gave their services

free in aid of the hospital's funds which benefitted by an extra £500.

We're sure that Keith won't mind us saying that he looks in good shape after receiving his new lease of life.

## HAVE YOU HEARD . . .

Our Youth team will not participate in

an international tournament in Tilburg at the end of the season. However, their trip to Blau Wit in Holland is going ahead as scheduled and we look forward to meeting some of our Dutch friends again . . .

It's been a hectic Christmas period for our coaches who have watched dozens of youngsters, hoping to make the grade as a professional, take part in our annual end-of-the-year trials . . .

Our physiotherapist John Sheridan has just completed a six-week lecture course at Putteridge . . .

Our home game against Manchester United, which will be televised live on Sunday 12th February will kick-off at 2.35 pm . . .

Watch for more details of a weekend trip to watch the Hatters play Southampton at the end of next month . . .



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# HATTERS WHO'S WHO

Tony Pullein continues his interesting series on former Luton players. This week: Gordon Riddick.

Gordon Riddick turned out for the Hatters in every position except goal. Because of his versatility it was almost inevitable that when the rules were changed, he should become the club's first substitute.

In those early days of substitutes, in 1965, players could only be replaced if injured. The days of tactical substitutions had not yet arrived so the man on the bench had to be able to apply his talents to any job that became open by accident.

He was a player of great inspiration and, because of this, he was an obvious choice for captain. His gifts were apparent from an early age for he skippered his schools' team, the district side and his county eleven. He first joined Luton as an apprentice, signing professional in 1961 when he was 17.

It was in 1962-63 when he first appeared in our League eleven but, at the time, the team was struggling and it was difficult for a teenager to make much impression. But after a couple of years he won his place in the side and, though he was generally considered as a striker, he played in every outfield position before he left us.

When the Football League finally agreed to substitutes, Gordon's name was inked in at number 12 for the opening match of the 1965-66 season for our home game against the now defunct Bradford Park Avenue. As no Hatters' player was injured, he wasn't called onto the field.

Gordon ultimately became club captain and, it was under his inspiration that we began our climb back. But, shortly before we were crowned champions of Division Four, Gordon had moved on. Hours before the transfer deadline of March 1967, he was transferred to Gillingham for £8,000.

At the Priestfield Stadium his leadership was soon acknowledged and he became the Gill's skipper. Though he was still considered mainly as a striker, Gordon didn't score too many goals himself but he was such a useful foil that others could take advantage of the situation he created.

Charlton were one club that recognised his qualities so, when they lost strikers Matt Tees and Ray Crawford, the player they went for to put some punch back into their attack was Gordon Riddick. A £17,000 fee secured his transfer on Guy Fawkes Day 1969.

Gordon didn't stay at The Valley for too long, though, and in 1970 he joined another London club, Orient. But this was one of his less auspicious moves and he spent a great deal of his time at Brisbane Road in the reserves.

A transfer to Northampton in 1972 gave him the chance to make a come-back in League football and he spent one happy season at the County Ground. In 1973 he joined Brentford and it was with the Bees that he completed his playing days with a flourish.

For three seasons he was a fixture in their first team, playing in several positions. Indeed, his last game in League soccer was as a central defender so it could truly be said that he had experienced the full spectrum of playing experience.

Looking back on his Luton days, he has many happy memories. 'I was sports mad as a youngster,' he said. 'Swimming, golf, table tennis . . . I enjoyed them all. But, of course, football was my chief interest. I was always grateful to them for giving me such a good start to my career. I learnt an awful lot at Kenilworth Road.'

Gordon was no mean cricketer, either. He was useful

with the bat and he played for Herefordshire in Minor Counties' competitions.

His professional career in football covered 16 years and six clubs and, including Cup-ties, he played well over 400 games at top level. Gordon skippered most of his clubs and he was one of those professionals who got on with his job quietly, leaving the headlines for others.

## LEAGUE RECORD

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Luton	1962-63	3	—
	1963-64	11	1
	1964-65	28	5
	1965-66	29	6
	1966-67	30(1)	4
Gillingham	1966-67	13	3
	1967-68	44	8
	1968-69	41	10
Charlton	1969-70	16	3
	1969-70	19(1)	4
	1970-71	7(2)	1
Orient	1970-71	13(6)	3
	1971-72	—(1)	—
	1972-73	—(1)	—
	1972-73	20	2
Northampton	1973-74	8	1
	1973-74	26(1)	2
	1974-75	42	1
Brentford	1975-76	23(3)	2
	1976-77	15	—
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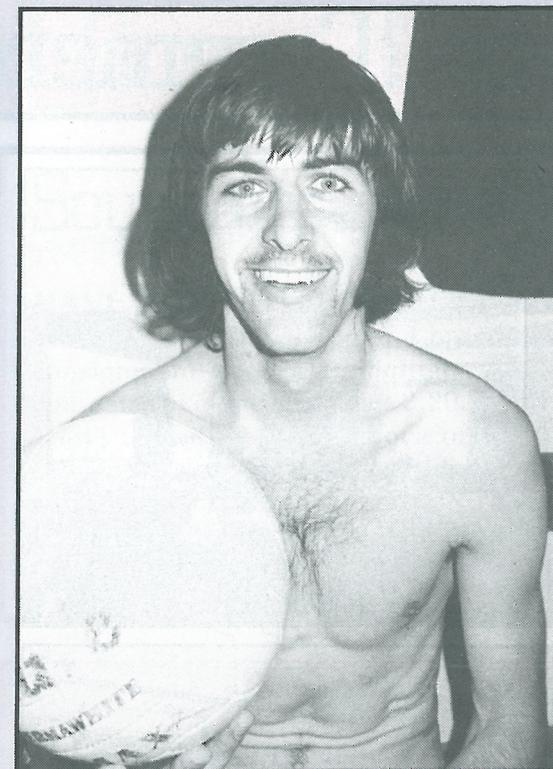
JOHN WILKINSON – CLUB SECRETARY

In the strictest sense of the word, our visitors today are the only true club in the Canon Football League as they are run by a committee. The other 91 clubs are limited companies operated by a board of directors. Founded in 1865 they are the third oldest club after neighbours Notts County and Stoke City. In various ways, Forest have helped shape the game's early history.

In 1894 Sam Widdowson, an England international and Forest player, was the first to wear shin guards during a match and, a few years later in a Forest match, the referee used a whistle for the first time. Previously the signals were given by a handkerchief and, in 1891, the crossbars and nets made their first appearances in soccer at the Forest ground.

All that is in the past. In modern times, they have become one of this country's most successful clubs under the leadership of current manager Brian Clough. February 1979 saw Forest make striker Trevor Francis the first million pound footballer in Britain when they paid Birmingham City £1,180,000 for his services.

Three months later, he repaid a heap of that sum by scoring the goal which beat Malmo in Munich to retain for Britain the European Cup Liverpool had held for two previous years. In the eighties, they began by beating Barcelona to win the European Super Cup and just recently had a magnificent win in Scotland by beating Celtic on their own ground by two goals to one in this year's UEFA Cup.



**MEMORY  
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**THIS WEEK:  
BARRY BUTLIN**

Barry signed for Luton Town after a promising start with his first League club, Derby County. That was in 1972 and, in his two years with the Hatters, scored 24 goals in 56 appearances.

Standing over six feet tall he soon became a favourite with the Kenilworth Road fans and came as a surprise when Forest came with a six figure offer which was accepted by manager Harry Haslam in October 1974.

He went on to score 17 goals in 71 appearances before moving on to Brighton, Reading, Peterborough and Sheffield United where he again linked with his former manager from his Luton days.

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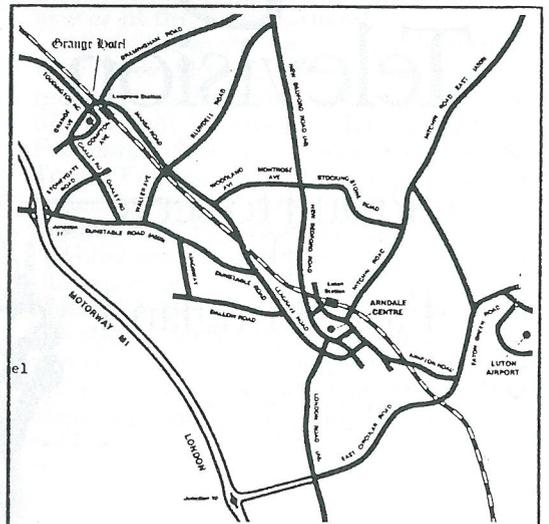
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## FOREST LURK IN BACKGROUND

Life has been comparatively quiet at the City Ground since Nottingham Forrest concluded a remarkable three year spell by winning the European Cup for the second season in succession in 1980.

Manager Brian Clough and his squad seemed content to take a bit of a breather and to embark upon a rebuilding programme that could this season put the club right back into the big time.

After gaining promotion from the Second Division in 1977, Forest won the League Championship for the first time only a year later. They then won the European Cup in 1979 and 1980, coupling those triumphs with three successive appearances in the League Cup final.

Forest won that trophy in 1978 and 1979, then lost on their third trip to Wembley in 1980. In addition to those successes, Forest won the European Super Cup in 1980. It was while his side was in the process of achieving one of its greatest successes that Mr Clough realised it had passed its peak.

'As I was watching us beat Hamburg 1-0 in the 1980 European Cup final, I knew I would have to make changes. We didn't play well and I realised the team was past its best,' he said.

After much criticism by Mr Clough, Forest's new look team really did begin to click towards the end of last season. By winning seven of their last nine matches, and drawing the other two, Forest rocketed into fifth place in the First Division to qualify for this season's UEFA Cup.

### WON BOTH LEGS

This season Forest won both legs of their UEFA Cup tie against the East German side Vorwaerts — 2-0 at the City Ground and 1-0 in Germany — and then also won twice against Dutch side PSV Eindhoven to go through 3-1 on aggregate.

In the next round Forest dispos-

ed of Celtic (2-1 on aggregate) and now face Sturm Graz, of Austria, in the quarter-finals.

Forest took a shock dismissal in the first stage of the Milk Cup, losing 3-1 on aggregate to Third Division Wimbledon.

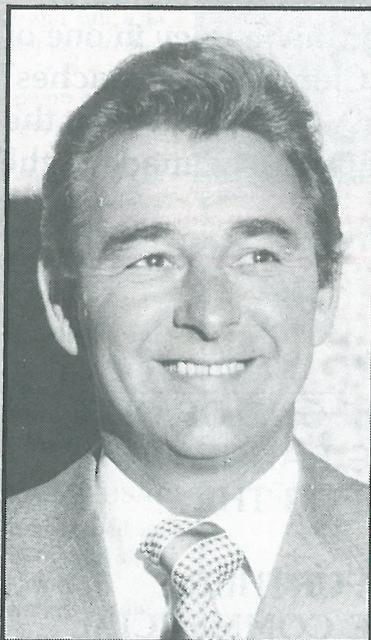
One major summer signing made by Mr Clough was Paul Hart, a dominant figure in the middle of Leeds United's defence for the past five years.

With Willie Young moving on to Norwich during the early days of the new season, Hart has been partnering Colin Todd in the middle of the Forest defence.

Todd, capped for England on 27 occasions, began his League career with Sunderland in 1966-67. Derby signed him for £170,000 in 1971 and he won two League Championship medals with the Rams. He moved on to Everton for £300,000 in 1978 but little more than a year later signed for Birmingham in a £250,000 deal. Forest invested £65,000 in his transfer during the summer of 1982.

### ABLE UNDERSTUDY

If either of the two regular centre-backs should be unavailable, Forest have a very able understudy



BRIAN CLOUGH

in Chris Fairclough who served his apprenticeship at the City Ground and who was introduced to First Division football at Liverpool in September 1982.

Viv Anderson and Kenny Swain settled down as the new full-back partnership but goalkeeper Hans van Breukelen suffered an injury that kept him out for several weeks. His place was taken by Steve Sutton.

Anderson has played for Forest in two European Cup finals. He developed in the junior teams and made his League debut in 1974-75. Viv has won ten full England caps and was also honoured at 'B' and Under-21 levels.

Swain was a midfielder in his Chelsea days, making his bow in League football in 1973-74. He moved to Aston Villa for £100,000 in 1978 and was in the side which beat Bayern Munich in the 1982 European Cup final. Forest signed him for £25,000 shortly after the game.

Van Breukelen is a Dutch international who was signed from Utrecht for £180,000 in August 1982. An injury kept him out of the side for many weeks soon after his arrival, but was back on top form this season until hit by a further injury.

Sutton is a former Forest apprentice who was given his chance in League soccer in 1980-81. He also spent a period on loan to Mansfield that season.

### TACTICAL SWITCH

This season's signing of Dutch international Franz Thijssen has led to a switch in tactics to 4-4-2.

Colin Walsh, Steve Hodge and Ian Bowyer have been holding down the other midfield positions.

Thijssen was signed on loan from Vancouver Whitecaps until the end of the season. Frans first came into English football at the age of 27 when Ipswich signed him from Twente Enschede for £200,000 in 1979. A Dutch international, Frans and his compatriot Arnold Muhren brought width and style to Ipswich's midfield play. Frans played well over 100 First Division games for Ipswich before joining Vancouver this summer.

Walsh scored a First Division hat-trick at Norwich in September and then had to go off with what

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was thought to be a broken neck! Happily, the injury was far less serious and he was soon back in the side. Colin first played League soccer for Forest in 1980-81 and last season won a regular place in the Scotland Under-21 side.

Hodge is a local lad who made his League debut in the closing game of 1981-82. He won a regular place last season and this season he won his second England Under-21 cap.

Bowyer won winners' medals in the European Cup Winners' Cup and the League Cup during his Manchester City days and he moved on to Orient in 1971-72. He was their top scorer in his first season but in 1973 he initially joined Forest for £40,000. He became Forest's best marksman in 1975-76 and, two years later, won a League Championship medal.

He took part in both Forest's European Cup final successes and he appeared in two League Cup finals for them. Sunderland signed him for £250,000 in 1981 but he returned to the City Ground within a year for only £45,000.

Gary Birtles and Peter Davenport have been playing in attack.

Birtles was a teenage success with Forest, coming into the side during 1976-77. He was later capped three times by England and played in both Forest's European cup winning team. Manchester United paid £1,200,000 for him in 1980 but he never really settled at Old Trafford so last season he returned to Forest for a bargain £275,000.

Davenport was blooded in the Forest side towards the end of the 1981-82 campaign and hit a hat-trick in the final game at Ipswich.

He made 18 League appearances last term and has now won a regular place.

Ian Wallace, out of the side in recent weeks, could by now have found a new club. Ian has been top scorer in each of his three seasons since his £1,250,000 transfer from Coventry, scoring 17 last term. He began his career with Dumbarton, moving on to Coventry for £75,000 in 1976. He was on two occasions the Sky Blues' top marksman and he has been capped by Scotland on three occasions.

Steve Wigley is now pressing strongly for a place in attack. Signed from local club Curzon Athletic for £2,000, Steve was quietly introduced to the side last season when he made four appearances as substitute.

By TONY PULLEIN



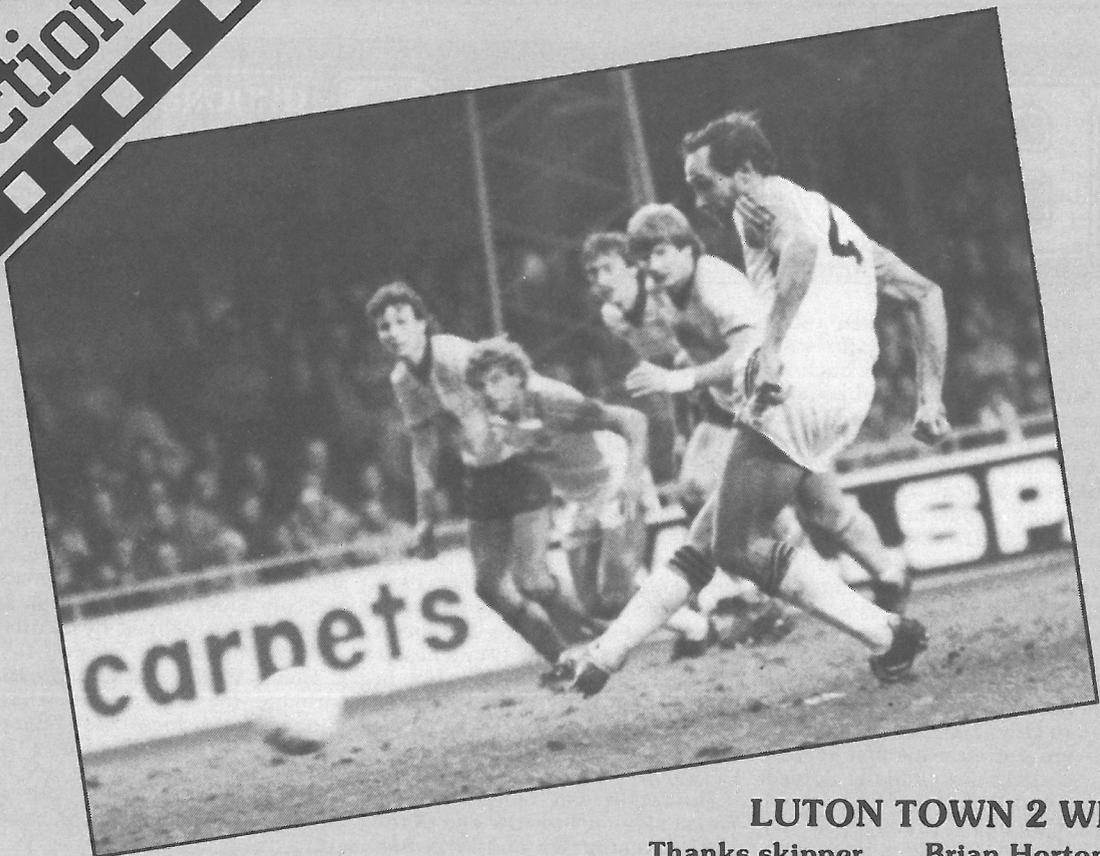
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Front row (left to right): Garry Birtles, Kenny Swain, Ian Bowyer (captain), Steve Wigley, Colin Walsh, Stephen Hodge.

Middle row: Ron Fenton (coach), Chris Fairclough, Viv Anderson, Steve Sutton, Hans van Breukelen, Paul Hart, Willie Young, Brian Clough (manager).

Back row: Bryn Gunn, Peter Davenport, Mark Smalley, Colin Todd, Ian Wallace, Danny Wilson.

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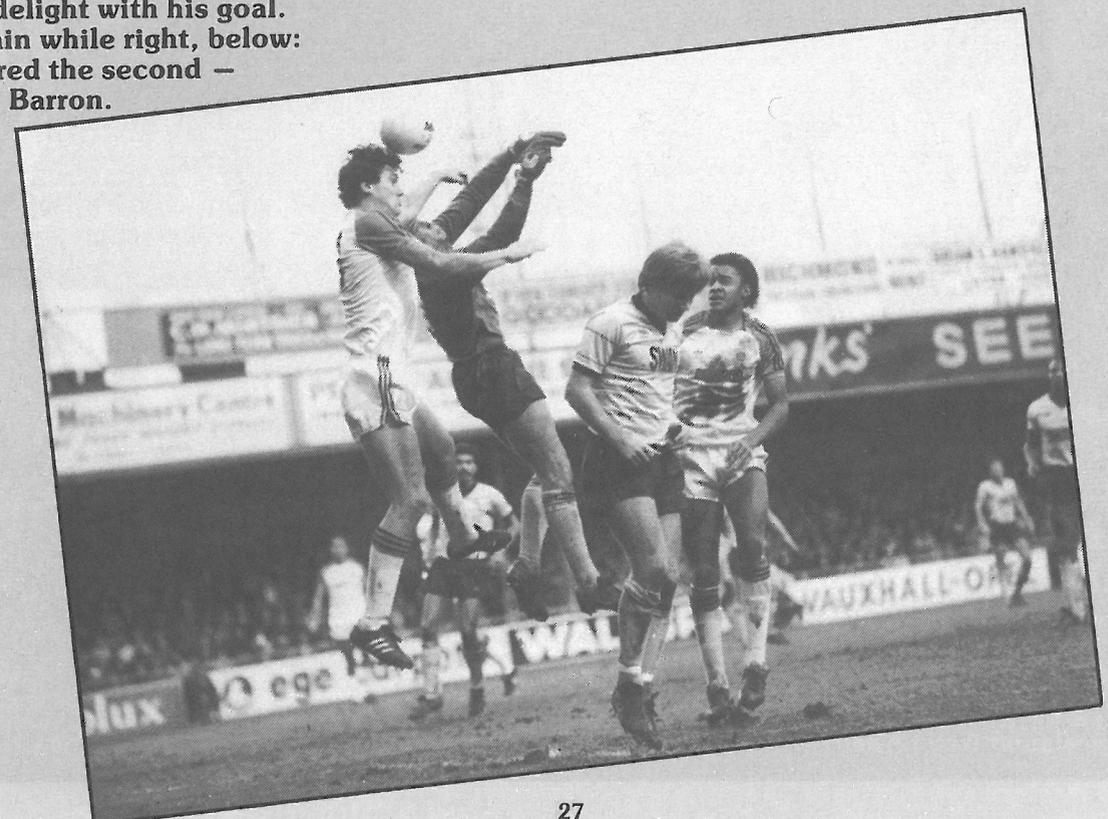
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### LUTON TOWN 2 WEST BROMWICH ALBION 0

Thanks skipper . . . Brian Horton made no mistake from the penalty spot to give us the lead (above) against West Brom at Kenilworth Road.

Below: Brian can't hide his delight with his goal.  
Above right: Brian lets fly again while right, below:  
Trevor Aylott — who scored the second — challenges Paul Barron.



REPLAY IN COLOUR. . . REPLAY IN COLOUR

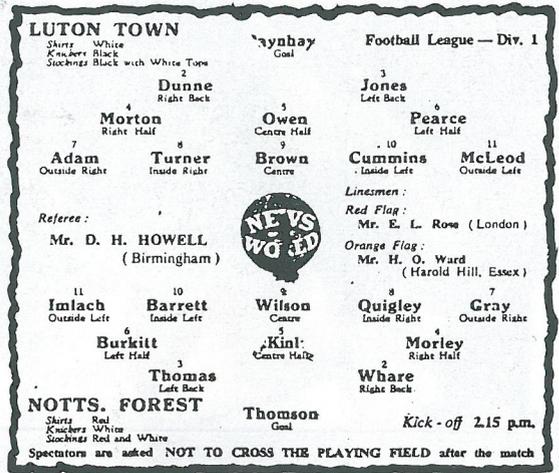


**LUTON TOWN 2  
WEST BROM 0**

Our victory against West Brom at Kenilworth Road in the penultimate home game of 1983 pushed us into sixth place in the First Division – and there weren't many supporters who didn't agree we fully deserved the three points. It took a penalty from skipper Brian Horton, pictured here moving in for possession, to set the pattern for our victory which was finally clinched with an excellent second half goal from Trevor Aylott.

# TOWN RECORD '83/84

Opponents	Result	Attendance	Points	Position	Sealey	Stephens	Turner	Horton	Elliott	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Walsh	Blunn	Moss	Antic	Aylott	Daniel	Thomas	Parker	Johnson	Goodyear	Own Goal
<b>Goals Scored</b>							2	2		2	7	9	3	3		7	2						2
<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	10,846	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	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 Everton	1-0	14,325	16	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22 Southampton	3-1	12,389	19	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 Rotherham (MC2-2L)	0-2	6,755	—	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29 Liverpool	0-6	31,940	19	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<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	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12 Birmingham City	1-1	11,111	23	5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19 Tottenham Hotspur	2-4	17,275	23	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Watford	2-1	17,791	26	5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>December</b>																							
3 Coventry City	*2-4	10,698	26	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10 Stoke City	4-2	10,329	29	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18 West Bromwich Albion	2-0	11,566	32	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Notts County	3-0	9,789	35	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27 West Ham United	0-1	16,343	35	5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31 Sunderland																							
<b>1984</b>																							
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2 Nottingham Forest																							
7 Watford (FAC3)																							
14 Arsenal																							
21 Wolverhampton W																							
28 Ipswich Town (FAC 4)																							
<b>February</b>																							
4 Aston Villa																							
11 Manchester United																							
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18 Liverpool (FAC 5)																							
25 Southampton																							
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10 Birmingham City																							
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24 Leicester City (MC Final)																							
31 Ipswich Town																							
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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																							



Supporters of both this afternoon's teams will easily recognise the names from this game which was played at Kenilworth Road on November 30th 1957. For the record, Luton won 3-1 in a match watched by an attendance of 18,391.

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### 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. 23	Oxford United	0	1
Nov. 26	Swindon Town	4	1
Dec. 3	Tottenham Hotspur	2	1
Dec. 10	Watford	3	0
Dec. 17	West Ham United	2	1
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		
TBA	Birmingham City (H)		
	Swindon Town (A)		
	Bristol Rovers (H)		

### 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	3	0
Dec. 17	Bristol Rovers	1	3
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		Away	
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