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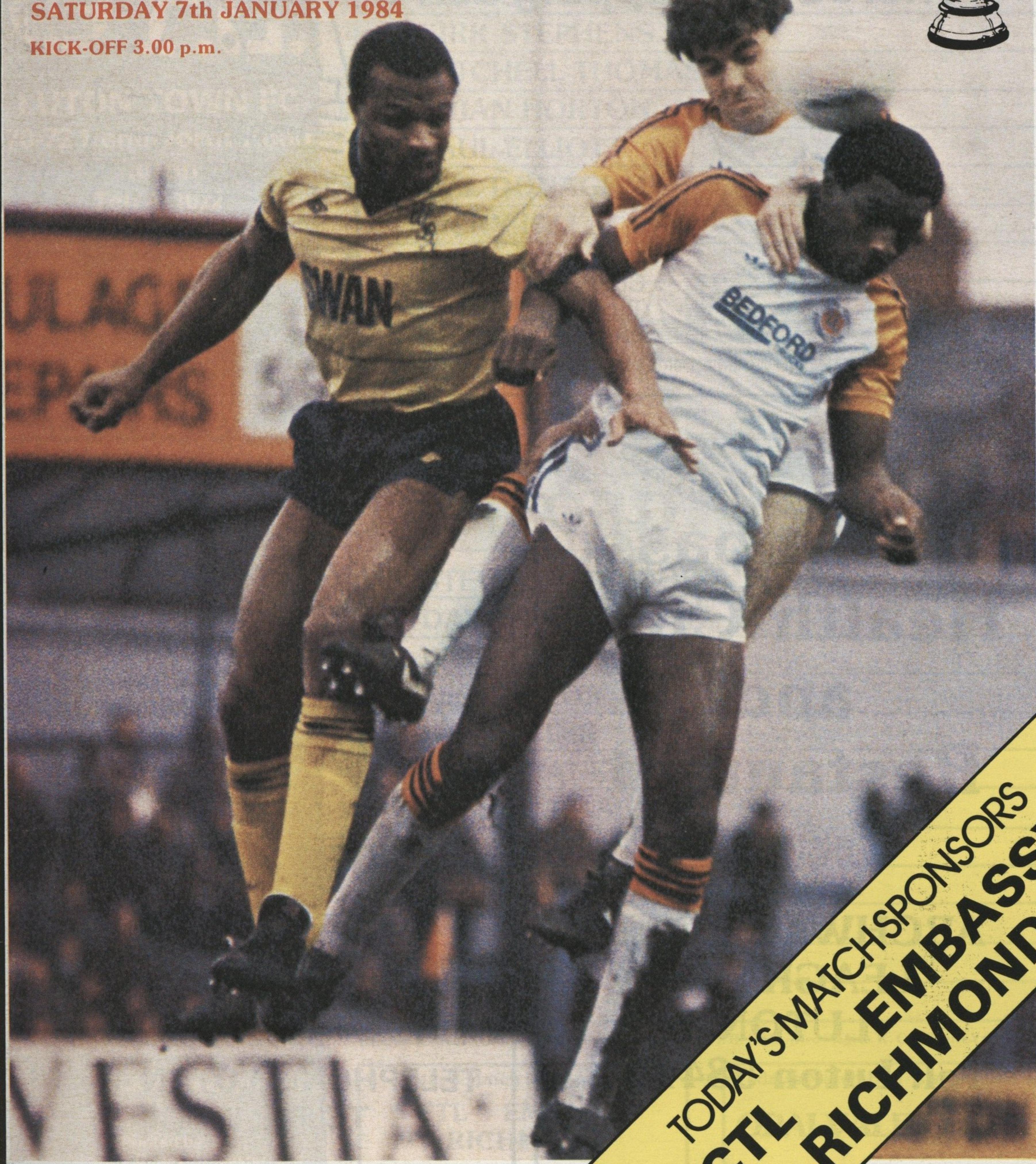
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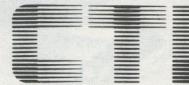
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MY VIEW

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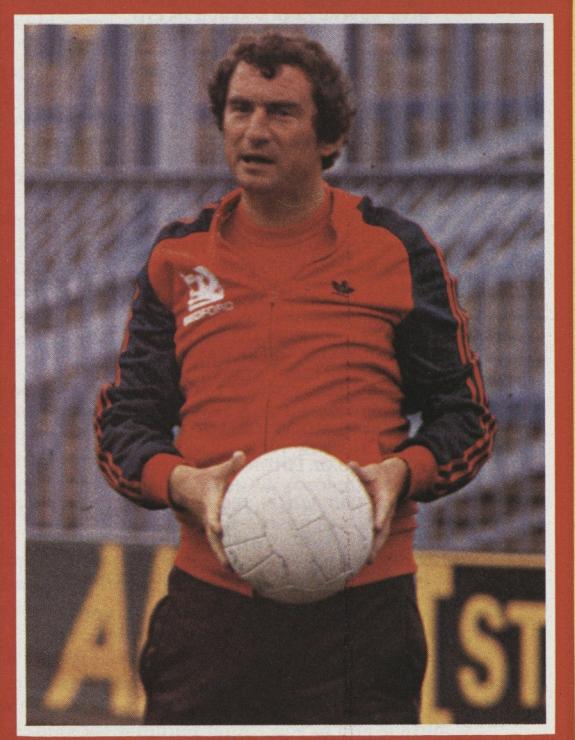
The previous day, Stoke had sacked their manager after a couple of players had asked for a transfer. So if one would believe that, one had to believe the Cup draw.

I have only one hope today. Naturally, both sides want to win. Four years ago, this game would not have merited the tag 'glamour tie'. Much has happened since to give the supporters of both sides' teams and clubs something to be proud of, and we both want to remain proud of our supporters.

The Cup retains that magic feeling for everyone concerned. We all dream of a Wembley Cup Final and it would be wonderful to achieve it. Our Cup record is none to convincing and critics try to explore the reasons why we fail to come up to expectations. Defeats by Millwall, York City and Gillingham in Cup competitions have been hard to swallow, but this is the very heart of the game.

I am looking forward today to some interesting personal duels. Since our League fixture, Watford have the versatile Ken Jackett fit and their Scottish signing, Maurice Johnston, appears to be settling in. We all know the danger from the powerfully clever John Barnes, and the hard working Nigel Callaghan. Since that Luton victory, we have introduced another couple of youngsters. I hope that our recent 3-0 reserve victory is an omen for today.

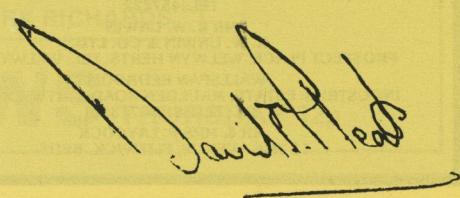
Only recently, Watford were voted FLESA/Fiat Team of the Year, an award which relates to club's achievement on the pitch in relation to resources etc. Second were Shrewsbury; third Liverpool and fourth Hull City. Other candidates for the award included Manchester United, Wimbledon and Luton. The idea of the awards is for the Fiat sponsor money to be transferred to NABC all over the country. The clubs get the publicity, and the youth clubs the money. Well done Fiat for a first-class scheme.



One thing I am sure of today. Whatever the result, I will retain my respect and good wishes to Watford. We have been motivated by each other, and learned to live with each other in the pursuit of playing winning and entertaining football.

Enjoy the game. Don't be abusive, or misbehave. Let the tension begin.

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ANOTHER CUP MINNOW FOR MANCHESTER UNITED

By Tony Pullein

Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson received the third round FA Cup draw with mixed feelings. The trophy holders travelled to Bournemouth and it's the fourth time this season the Reds have been drawn against Third Division opposition in one of the Cups!

Over the years United have not often slipped against smaller clubs and they disposed of Port Vale and Colchester quite comfortably in the first two stages of this season's Milk Cup. Yet, after two tough draws with Oxford, they were eventually beaten 2-1 after extra-time.

The draw provided brief excitement for the non-league heroes of Windsor. Windsor had never even survived as far as the second round until this season but then held Bournemouth to a 0-0 draw.

Manager Geoff Campbell could hardly believe his ears. 'I flew through the air,' he said. 'It's the only one we really wanted. Of course, we have a very tough game with Bournemouth but even if we don't make it, we shall always have the memory of being paired with Manchester United, the Cup holders and one of the greatest clubs in the world.'

Bournemouth face United at Dean Court for the second successive season. Last season they held the Reds to a 2-2 draw in the second leg of the Milk Cup round two, drawing a crowd of 13,226. They had already been beaten at Old Trafford so they didn't spoil United's progress to Wembley in that competition.

That was a game Ray Wilkins will want to forget. He fractured a cheekbone which kept him out for many weeks and cost him the captaincy of United and England.

REVIVED MEMORIES

The draw revived memories of Bournemouth's greatest season of all. After beating the second and third placed clubs in the First Division in 1957, the were drawn at home to the leaders Manchester United in the sixth round. The attendance (28,799) remains a ground record unlikely to be challenged and by half-time they led 1-0. But United pulled back to win 2-1.

The FA Cup is just about the only trophy Liverpool have failed to win over the past nine years and they start with an awkward-looking home tie with a Newcastle side containing former Liverpool man Kevin Keegan and Terry McDermott.

Though Liverpool are 6-1 favourites to win the FA Cup, manager Joe Fagan is feeling a little nervous. Coventry City thrashed his side 4-0 to prove they are not an indestructible machine and, with a long list of recent FA Cup disappointments behind them, Liverpool could go at the first hurdle.

Keegan, a player who relishes the big challenge and the big occasion, was elated when he heard the draw. 'What a game for us!' he beamed. 'And what a great chance for us to erase the memory of our Milk Cup defeat by Oxford United.'

'If we are on form, and can play like we did when we beat Manchester City 5-0 a few weeks ago, we can win at Anfield.'

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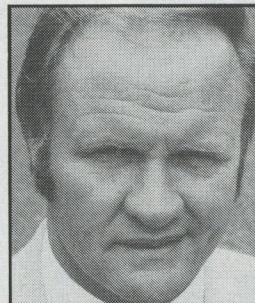
Last season, of course, Liverpool were beaten at home by Brighton in the fifth round. Brighton were the side that had earlier eliminated Newcastle and went on to Wembley.

The Sussex club has since been relegated and Jimmy Melia, the manager who inspired their Cup run, is now in Portugal. But Brighton seem to have a virtual bye in round three. They are at home to trouble-torn Swansea City who have been forced to sell virtually their complete team to raise cash and cut weekly expenditure.

At the time of the draw Swansea were bottom of the Second Division, looking back on a bleak away record — the Swans had registered just one away win in 38 attempts. That was in Malta last season when they won 5-0 against Sliema Wanderers to complete a 17-0 aggregate win in the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

Another club struggling at the foot of Division Two, Fulham, are at least assured of another money-spinner. The Cottagers took Liverpool to three games in the third round of the Milk Cup and today have a home tie with their all-star London neighbours Tottenham.

Southampton's main chance of winning a trophy had to be in one of the Cups but they went out of the Milk Cup at Third Division Rotherham United and face a trip



RON ATKINSON



KEVIN KEEGAN

to Nottingham Forest in the FA Cup. The Saints were without England goalkeeper Peter Shilton when they were beaten at Rotherham but he hoped to be fully fit to face his former club at the City Ground.

Arsenal could have hoped for a better draw than a long trip to Second Division Middlesbrough. It's the sort of tie they could well lose and defeat at Ayresome Park would come as another blow to morale.

IMPRESSIVE RECORD

Yet, Arsenal have such an impressive recent record in the FA Cup — they have appeared in five of the last 13 finals — that this challenge could prove the turning point in their fortunes.

Scunthorpe manager Allan Clarke makes the nostalgic journey back to Leeds where he was once such a big star as a player and, later, manager. Ian Botham, the former England cricket captain, made his FA Cup debut against Bury in the last round but he will not be playing at Elland Road. He is on cricketing business in warmer climates.

Two former finalists, now at opposite ends of the soccer spectrum, meet at Meadow Lane. Notts County, FA Cup winners in 1894 and runners-up in 1891, are now a First Division club whilst their visitors Bristol City — who lost to Manchester United in the 1909 final — are currently languishing in Division Four, only three years after relinquishing their First Division status.

City came back from behind with two goals in the closing 12 minutes to beat local rivals Bristol Rovers 2-1 at Eastville, and inflict Rovers' first home defeat of the season.

With Spurs and Manchester United having appeared in two Wembley finals in the same season over the past couple of years — each being beaten by Liverpool in the Milk Cup Final — speculation is raised about the prospect of someone winning both Cups in one season.

Two clubs who reckon they are in with a chance are Aston Villa and Norwich — but they could both spoil each other's chances. Coincidentally, Aston Villa are at home to Norwich in the third round of the FA Cup, then, next week meet Norwich at Carrow Road in the fifth round of the Milk Cup.

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Town Focus



RAY DANIEL – CAREER RECORD

FOOTBALL LEAGUE 82-83 Total

Manchester Utd	1	1
Norwich	s	0 + 1s
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Stoke	1	1
West Brom	1	1
Notts County	1	1
West Ham	1	1
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MILK CUP 83-84 Total

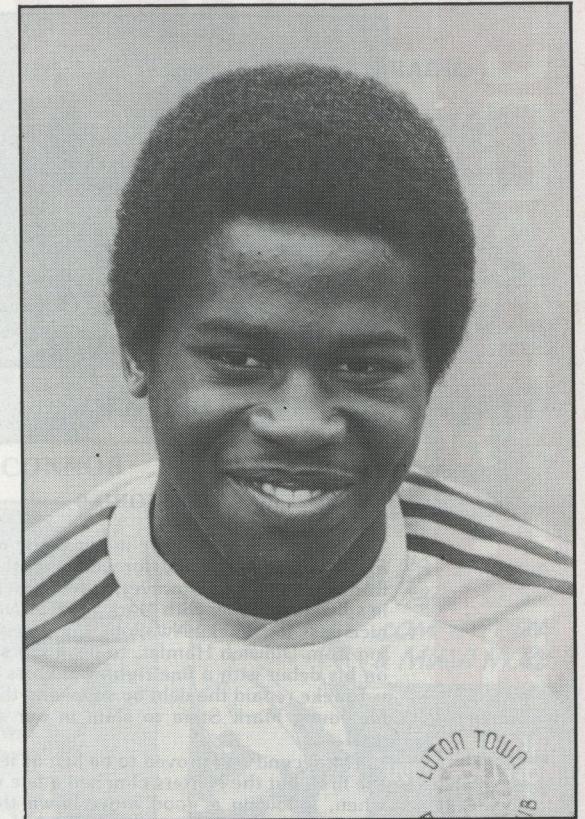
Rotherham	1	1
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Ray Daniel has proved what a valuable asset our Youth policy is to the club by making quite an impact in the first team recently.

After playing a full game against Manchester United towards the end of last season, he came into the team again for our Milk Cup-tie at Rotherham in October. But he had to wait another six matches for his next chance — and grabbed his opportunity with both feet by scoring one of the goals in our 4-2 victory at Stoke last month.

He followed that with another goal against Notts County on Boxing Day — a feat which delighted manager David Pleat.

Keep your eyes on Ray — he could have a bright future with us.



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Football Combination

The early pace was hectic in our derby match, and Watford's Cassidy forced an early save from Jake Findlay. However, Luton struck back in splendid manner with Mark Stein providing a nice pass for Emeke Nwajiobi, our recent signing from Dulwich Hamlet, to open the scoring on his debut with a fine right foot cross shot.

Emeke repaid the debt by supplying the pass for young Mark Stein to slam in our second goal.

The second half proved to be just as lively as the first, but the Hatters clinched a fine victory when, following a good move down the left-wing, Mark North crossed accurately for Gary Parker to head powerfully past Watford keeper Eric Steele.

Credit must be given to both sides for providing such hard fought entertainment on a wet and dreary day.

WEST HAM UNITED 1 LUTON TOWN 2

Football Combination

LUTON: Findlay, Johnson, Turner, Breacker, North S., Goodyear, Parker, Nwajiobi, North M., Watts. Sub: Stein M.

On a sticky pitch, both sides struggled to gain superiority in an eventful first half. The Hatters had one shot superbly saved by Jake Findlay, but the Hatters countered when Mark Stein latched on to a fine ball by Tim Breacker to hammer in a left foot shot just before half-time.

West Ham came out strongly in the second half and equalised through Paul Goddard, but the Town hit back through a shot by Frank Bunn that took a slight deflection.

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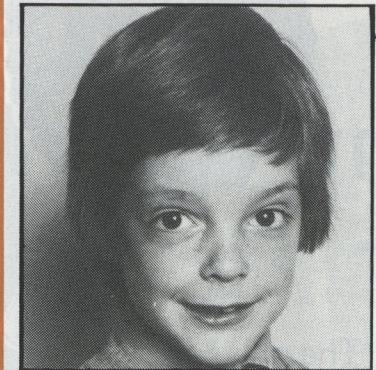
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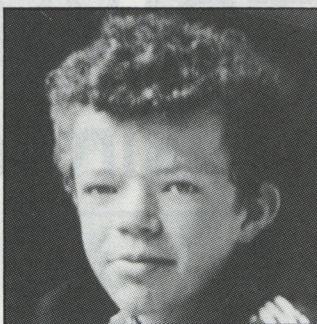
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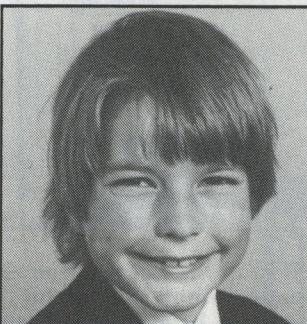


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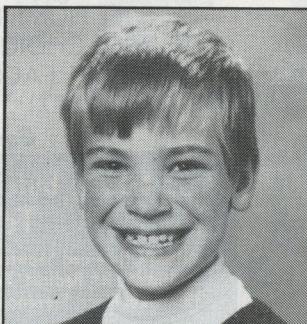
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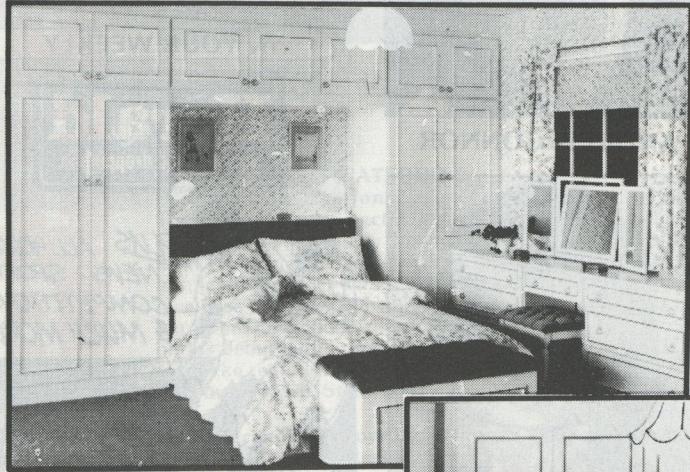
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Three quality goals left Notts County reeling after our Boxing Day visit. 'Thanks very much', says Ray Daniel in the 71st minute after scoring our second. Trevor Aylott escapes the keeper's fists to head a splendid first goal after only 18 minutes.



READERS LETTERS

Dear Mr Pleat, I'm writing from Sofia, Bulgaria. My name is Rumen Yankov. I'm 23-years-old. I like English football but I like most the teams renowned for their attacking flair and skill. We've read in some magazines about Luton's approach to the game and we've seen on TV a couple of your team's matches with Liverpool, Manchester United (FA Cup), Spurs, Southampton.

We were glad Luton managed to stay in the First Division and made a good start to the new season. We, the people who watch the game, all want to see entertainment on the field and want to see the players go to score more goals, without fear of conceding a couple at the other end.

Of course it's not easy to play like this today, when winning is most important. That's why we, a couple of fans from Bulgaria, want to congratulate you for insisting not only to win matches but win them in style. We all hope that Luton Town will continue to entertain for the benefit of their fans not only in England but here in Bulgaria too!

Would you be kind enough to help me find a Luton supporter who would be interested in exchanging all sorts of souvenirs with me?

I'm a CSKA supporter, and can also offer for exchange a Bulgarian national team shirt.

Rumen Yankov
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Dear Mr Pleat, In 1942 a small boy was taken to a football match at Kenilworth Road to watch Luton Town and it was the commencement of life-long support. Needless to say, I was that small boy and I like to think loyalties and enthusiastic support over a period of 41 years entitles me to write this letter.

Let me congratulate you on the superb job you have done and, indeed, in your attitude to play attractive and attacking football which has reaped considerable dividends in terms of successful results and increasing popularity of the club.

I am given to understand that the players hold you in the highest esteem and I would be surprised at anything less.

With best wishes for continued success.

Donald Blair
Mulberry Close
North Drive
London SW16

Dear Sir, My name is Peter Byh and I am 14 years old. I live in Sweden. I'm a Luton supporter. I want to become a journalist, guide, a writer and an interpreter. I have seen Luton play in Eskilstuna where they won by 1-0.

I interviewed some Luton players when they were in Eskilstuna. My friend corresponds with David Moss.

In Eskilstuna we have a supporters club and we collect Luton souvenirs.

Our dream is to come to Luton and watch you play.

Peter Byh
Klarbarsvagen 16
63353 Eskilstuna
Sweden

Dear Sir, On behalf of my chairman and the members of the Boys' Club movement in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire I would like to thank you and the Luton Football Club for their kind donation of an autographed football.

Our Charity Boxing Evening was a great success, raising over £2,000 for the development fund. The ball fetched £37 in the auction, in fact it topped the Spurs

shirt which brought in £25.

Please thank everybody at the club for doing such a good job for the youth in the area.

Derick Balser
Hertfordshire Association of Boys' Clubs

Dear Sirs, May I say I would dearly love to see the club stay in Luton. May I also say that I have every sympathy with your predicament. My heart says 'stay in Luton', my head says 'go to Milton Keynes'.

I've supported Luton Town for over 30 years and I will remain a supporter whatever the outcome of the current problem.

Andrew H. Hey
Shrewsbury
Shropshire

Dear Sir, Whilst there are others who are far more informed than I who will put more detailed points to the Board, my point in writing to you is to bring to your notice the very real feeling that exists against the move to Milton Keynes.

Whilst I live and work in Bedford, I meet very many of those fans who have not missed a game for many years. To the individual there is a feeling of disbelief about the plans which have been published and already I have detected a sense of disillusionment amongst these loyal fans. I believe that the directors of the club are not aware of the strength of feeling against the move away from Luton.

Any assumption by the Board that existing fans will simply transfer their allegiance to Milton Keynes is fundamentally wrong. The heart of the club is in Luton and, whatever, plans are revealed to attract fans away, there it will stay. The move to Milton Keynes is the wrong one for Luton Town FC if a significant number of its fans do not follow. My contention is that if the club moves away from Luton its nucleus will not follow.

Yours sincerely,
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The leaders are now — Mark Seller 10; P. Bartlett 9; R. Wakelin 9; G. Brooks 8; Martin Deer 8; Marilyn Keys 8; P. Marsh 8 and J. Ogden 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-teasers, Luton Town Football Club Matchday Magazine, 70-72 Kenilworth Road, Luton.



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WELCOME TO WATFORD

There's nothing like the magic of the FA Cup to provide a superb atmosphere and we couldn't have wished for more attractive opposition than our friends and rivals from Vicarage Road.

We take this opportunity of issuing a warm welcome to manager Graham Taylor, his players, directors and offices for what should be a memorable tie.



HERE NEXT WEEK

A week today we make our third successive home appearance when we entertain Arsenal who make the short trip to Kenilworth Road from north

London. We look forward to seeing you again.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Norman Fookes, a member of the Kenilworth Suite, entertained some special guests at our recent home game against West Ham. This happy group, from Ford's Dagenham plant, are pictured with Mr Fookes enjoying a drink after the match.

Luton Town and Watford meet, we are in for a good afternoon's sport.

It is just about six weeks since some of our members made the short trip to Watford for the League game, and also spent an enjoyable time with our friends from Club 81. We look forward to returning their hospitality today.

During the West Bromwich game, a collection was made on behalf of the Luton and Dunstable Hospital Radio Appeal. At the time of writing, the exact figure collected in the Century Club was not available, but Trevor Donahue, who came round with his bucket, was very happy with the generosity of members, and asks me to pass on his thanks to Century Club members.

CAN YOU HELP?

Our secretary John Wilkinson, who usually knows all the answers to the questions he is asked about the club, has at last been stumped.

He has received an enquiry from one supporter asking for details of three Scottish players, Duncan, Napier and Flavel, who are believed to have come to Luton for trials in 1945.

He also received another question from a supporter who wanted to know who the Luton player was who, between 1910-1920, was hit in the stomach on the pitch and is believed to have died in the dressing room at

Kenilworth Road.

If you can provide details, or the answer, please write to John at the club's offices.

WHITBREAD WINNER

Whitbread, the main sponsors of our game against West Ham, were involved in an exercise which brought pleasure to one young Luton fan.

The brewers, in conjunction with the 'Herald', organised a competition for our Junior Hatters which provided Christopher Hood with a Luton Town set of kit.



Keeper Jake Findlay made the presentation on the pitch before the game and is pictured with Whitbread representatives Colin Musson (left) and Phil Dodd.

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We appreciate all the help given to us by sponsors and were pleased to welcome Luton company J. Sapsworth, who sponsored the match ball, to our game against West Ham.



Kirk Stephens and skipper Brian Horton are pictured with Jack Sapsworth senior (left) and Jack Sapsworth junior after the game.

IF IT'S A DRAW

If today's tie ends in a draw, the replay is scheduled for Vicarage Road on Tuesday evening (7.45 pm).

Tickets for the game will be on sale in the Kenilworth Road commercial office from 9 am tomorrow morning.

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HATTERS WHO'S WHO

Tony Pullein continues his series on former Luton players. Today: Jimmy Ryan.

Jimmy Ryan was one of four Manchester United players transferred to Luton on the same day in April 1970. 'It was a bit like a Red invasion of Kenilworth Road,' he quipped later.

Don Givens, Peter Woods and Ken Goodeve were the colleagues who joined Jimmy in the move to Luton but he was the one who was to give the club, probably, the best service.

'It's always a wrench for anyone who has to leave Old Trafford,' he said. 'Everytime I read about an old United player, he invariably says the same thing. But, of course, Manchester United is one of the world's greatest clubs and there's a very special atmosphere.'

'But I had been there for seven years and, though I had a few runs in the first team, I realised that, if I was to become a regular League player, I would have to move on.'

Jimmy was playing for a Scottish Junior club, Corrie Hearts, when Manchester United signed him in 1963. It was all a bit overwhelming at first for he was surrounded by players like George Best, Bobby Charlton, Denis Law, Bill Foulkes, Harry Gregg and Nobby Stiles.

Matt Busby was manager at the time and the club was just really getting back on its feet after the Munich disaster of 1958.

He worked hard at his game in the Junior teams and gradually established himself in the Reserve team. He eventually got his chance in the First Division in 1965-66 and scored in one of his early games.

Luton suffered immediate relegation, in spite of a magnificent late battle. 'And, as we went down, so United returned to the First Division,' sighed Jimmy. And he never did get his chance to play against his former club in the League.

When he was no longer sure of a place in the Luton side, Jimmy decided to try his luck in American soccer and left Kenilworth Road

in April 1977. His last League appearance for the club had been at Bristol Rovers on New Year's Day that year.

In all, he made just over 200 appearances in League football, his complete record being:

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		Apps	Gls
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	1966-67	4(1)	—
	1967-68	7(1)	2
	1968-69	6	1
	1969-70	—(1)	—
Luton	1970-71	34(4)	3
	1971-72	7(4)	—
	1972-73	39	4
	1973-74	40	7
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Journal

JOHN WILKINSON — CLUB SECRETARY

In the recent Coventry City magazine, I included an old programme of a Luton Town v Coventry City match played on 25th April 1936 and asked if anyone knew the result. It is nice to know that some of you do take the trouble to read the articles I place in the programme because I had quite a response to this one and the majority of you were correct in your answers.

For those who didn't guess correctly, the information is as follows:

The Teams — LUTON TOWN: Dolman, Mackey, Smith, Findlayson, Nelson, Fellows, Hodge, Martin, Payne, Roberts, Stephenson.

COVENTRY CITY: Morgan, Aspley, Smith, Frith, Mason, Curtis, Nesty, Lauderdale, Bourton, Lake, Liddle. The score was 1-1 and Joe Payne scored for us and Bourton for City.

The return fixture was the following Monday and the only team change was in the City side where Elliott played at centre-half instead of Mason. The result of this match was a 0-0 draw. If anyone has a question on old teams or scores and think I can help, drop me a line at the club's office and I will be pleased to assist if I can.

Our visitors today are also most welcome to our first meeting in the FA Cup competition and I would like to add my piece to the tremendous job Graham Taylor has done at the club. His recent article in the Press saying he was looking for players of any age to play for him during the recent spell of injuries brought him hundreds of replies.

Behind Graham there is also another team who do their part. Bertie Mee and Eddie Plumley are two and I must mention Roger Fleming.

MEMORY LANE

THIS WEEK
ALAN GARNER

Alan Garner was persuaded to join the Hatters after serving a successful apprenticeship with Millwall. He soon became a regular member of the first team squad, making 88 appearances in his three-and-a-half years at Kenilworth Road.

February 1975 saw him make the short journey to Vicarage Road where he made over 200 appearances for the Hornets before moving to Portsmouth where he completed his League career.

He has always kept an interest in the local clubs and still lives in Barton in the house he bought when he left Millwall for Luton Town.



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Managing director Peter Marshall was brought in by the Marshalls of Luton Group to plan and run the centre created 'by businessmen for businessmen'. And there is no doubt it is a huge success.

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WATFORD SAILING CLOSE TO THE WIND

Today's FA Cup encounter gives Watford a respite from their First Division relegation worries and opens the door to their last chance of winning something this season. At the moment the Hornets are going through a period of transition as manager Graham Taylor is in the process of re-building his team.

'We are still some way from being a good First Division side,' he says. 'And I think we shall be sailing rather close to the wind for the rest of this season.'

Last season, Watford took runners-up position in the First Division in their first season at the top.

During the summer they lost two international strikers, England's Luther Blissett joining AC Milan for £1m and Ireland's Gerry Armstrong going to Real Mallorca for £200,000.

Another forward, Ross Jenkins, was also released after 10 years of magnificent service to the club.

CONSIDERABLE CHANGES

So considerable changes have been taking place in the Hornets side and Mr Taylor has made several important new signings. The latest was Maurice Johnston, a striker signed from Partick Thistle for £200,000. Maurice made his Scottish League debut for Partick Thistle in 1981-82, leading their scoring list with 11 goals. Last season he really excelled himself when scoring 32 goals and he was introduced to the Scotland Under-21 side this season.

Johnston made a great start with Watford, hitting a hat-trick against Wolves in only his second game. He then scored in his next two matches. Johnston, of course, didn't score on his debut which was against Luton when two new full-backs were both drafted into the side.

Right-back Dave Bardsley was signed from Blackpool for £150,000. A one-time Blackpool apprentice, Dave made his first League appearance in 1981-82 and established himself in Fourth Division football last season.

Neil Price, a former apprentice, took over from Lee Sinnott who was signed from Walsall for £100,000 a few weeks

ago. Lee developed in the junior team at Fellows Park and made his debut in the Third Division two seasons ago.

The right-back position had been giving Mr Taylor quite a few problems. The highly-experienced former Arsenal player Pat Rice and the young Charlie Palmer had previously filled the number two shirt.

EXPERIENCE

Pat graced the Gunners' team for well over a decade and was capped by Ireland on 49 occasions whilst at Highbury. With 397 First Division games behind him, Pat believed he had said farewell to First Division football when he left Highbury for Watford in 1980. But it was his experience which helped Watford to win First Division status in 1982.

Palmer is one of several youngsters given his chance in the First Division this season. Charlie made his debut at QPR in September.

Steve Sims and Paul Franklyn have been playing in the middle of the defence. Steve began his career with Leicester and Watford invested a then club record fee of £200,000 to sign him in 1979. He has 10 England Under-21 caps.

Paul is a former Watford apprentice who made his First League appearance against Liverpool on the final day of last season.

Goalkeeper Steve Sherwood has played for Watford in all four divisions. He began with Chelsea and spent loan spells with Millwall, Brighton and Brentford before signing for Watford in 1977.

Watford often use a 4-2-4 formation with Kenny Jackett and Wilf Rostron filling the midfield positions.

WELSH HONOURS

Versatile Jackett can play in defence or midfield. Following Welsh Under-21 honours, he won five full caps for Wales last season. He won his eighth cap against Yugoslavia this season. Kenny has been in the Watford side since 1980.

Rostron has reverted to his old position in midfield following a very successful spell at left-back. Wilf played First Division football for Arsenal and joined Sunderland for £40,000 in 1977. Two years later he was transferred to Watford for £150,000.

Other possibilities for midfield positions include Richard Jobson and Les Taylor. Richard developed in the Watford youth team and made his League debut against Ipswich in December 1982. He later won a recall and played a total of 13 League matches last term.

Les recently returned to the side following injury. Oxford gave Les his League chance in 1974-75 and he completed more than 200 League games for them before moving to Watford for £100,000 in 1980.

The four-man attack has included

WATFORD

Nigel Callaghan, Johnston, George Reilly and John Barnes.

Callaghan received his League chance in 1980 and has been a regular for the past two seasons. He won his first of his five England Under-21 caps against Denmark last season.

CONSISTENT SCORER

Reilly was a Corby amateur when Northampton spotted him. He soon became a consistent scorer with the Cobblers, topping their goals list with 23 in 1977-78 and 23 the following season. Cambridge then signed him for £180,000 and last season he was their top marksman with 11.

A £100,000 fee secured his transfer from Cambridge earlier this season. 'He's similar in style to Ross Jenkins, but five years younger,' explained Mr Taylor. 'I'm confident he will fit into our style of play.'

Though Barnes made his League debut scarcely two years ago, he is already an England international winning four full caps last season to add to Under-21 honours. He won further full caps against Denmark and Luxembourg this season.

Ian Richardson, Davy Johnson and Jimmy Gilligan have all enjoyed runs in attack this season.

Richardson made a sensational Watford debut, scoring twice to win the UEFA Cup against Kaiserslautern in September. He scored another two against Leicester. Last season Ian played for Blackpool on loan.

Johnson has so far been limited to a handful of first team appearances and is sometimes named as substitute. He's hoping he might make his breakthrough this season.

Gilligan had one brief League outing as substitute in 1981-82 and last season got four full League games, scoring twice against Manchester City. He also played for Lincoln on loan.

The arrival of Maurice Johnston meant that Watford had fielded a total of 26 players in their First Division side this season — more than any other First Division club.

With so many changes, it is not surprising that Watford have failed to sustain last season's level of performances in the First Division but they did come up with two fabulous achievements in the UEFA Cup.

They seemed well on the way to defeat after losing the first leg of round one to West German side Kaiserslautern 3-1. But in the return, young Ian Richardson scored twice on his Watford debut and the Hornets won 3-0 to win on aggregate.

Elimination looked certain when Watford missed a penalty and were held to 1-1 at home by Levski Sofia. Yet, in the return game in Bulgaria, Watford pulled off a shock 3-1 victory.

Their run finally ended in round three when they went out 7-2 on aggregate to Sparta Prague.

Back row (left to right):

Jimmy Gilligan, Steve Sims, Richard Jobson, Steve Sherwood, Steve Terry, Ian Bolton, Martin Patching.

Centre row: Paul Franklin, Pat Rice, Alan Paris, Jan Lohman, Eric Steele, Kenny Jackett, John Barnes, Charlie Palmer, Neil Williams.

Front row: Worrell Sterling, Nigel Callaghan, David Johnson, Neil Price, Ian Richardson, Wilf Rostron, Francis Cassidy, Les Taylor.

Seated: Malcolm Allen, Nigel Gibbs, Derick Williams, Gary Porter, Richard Sendall.



GRAHAM TAYLOR

LUTON'S FUTURE

This afternoon, we take another look at the reasons behind our decision to re-locate the club. This informative article was written by Simon Inglis and was published in association with the Football League and the National Dairy Council. We think supporters will agree it explains the club's position fully.

When Luton took over their new ground in Kenilworth Road, there was little to indicate how cramped the site would become in future years. A picture taken soon after 1905 shows an open field surrounded by white railings, with a picturesque house on one of the low banks. There was one small stand on the West Side while the other three sides were open cinder banks.

In 1920 Luton joined the mass exodus from the Southern to the Football League but at the same time suffered the misfortune of having their stand

burnt down. In its place was built the centre section of the existing Main Stand, the structure having been brought from Kempton Racetrack.

By the beginning of the 1930s the team began to look more promising, and in 1933-34 a club was formed for the regulars on the Bobbers Side — so called because it cost a shilling to stand there. This club raised sufficient

funds to build the narrow stand along the ground's East Side, and their faith was rewarded in 1936 when Town won promotion to Division Two. To cater for the larger crowds the Kenilworth Road terrace was raised to its present



LUTON'S FUTURE

'Anxious to leave, thwarted by the authorities, but driven by our success to improve our facilities.'

height and the opposite Oak Road terrace covered. At the same time the Main Stand was extended to join up with the Oak Road roof in the northwest corner. By 1937 therefore, the ground had assumed the size and shape it has today.

Floodlights were installed in 1953, and first used on 7th October for a friendly v Fenerbahce, the top club in Turkey. The lights were individually mounted on short poles on each stand roof, but even when the system was updated several years later there was insufficient room to erect four corner pylons, hence the present system of four narrow pylons along the front of each stand.

As crowds grew there was only one way to expand the ground — apart from building extremely narrow double-decker stands, for which planning permission would certainly have been denied even if the capital had been available — and that was to steal a few yards from the houses behind the Oak Road terrace and build a few extra steps. Luton were able to do this because they owned the houses until 1974.

In 1977 the ground came under the jurisdiction of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act. Until then the club had done little to improve the ground, simply because the site was so inadequate that they always hoped to resite further away. There were plans for a 50,000 capacity stadium, dropped when the team went into the lower divisions, but in 1977 they had no choice. To bring the ground into line with the safety recommendations £350,000 had to be spent, mainly on improved access points and barriers, and the capacity dropped from 30,000 to its present level of 22,601. This includes 4,506 seats, of which 1,539 were installed in the Bobbers Stand on the original terracing.

But the story does not end there. Luton have been engaged in a 25-year-long struggle with Bedfordshire Coun-

ty Council over plans to build a new road on the site of the railway line, directly behind the Main Stand, a plan which would force Luton to move. (The railway line is from Dunstable to Luton but is used only for the transport of concrete. The projected road was to be a relief road for the main route, also from Dunstable to Luton.)

Of course the club wanted to move, but unless the local authorities were able to grant hefty compensation and co-operate in the building of a new stadium, they simply could not afford to. Three year's negotiation cost Luton £200,000 in legal fees alone.

The problem is exacerbated by the fact that it is very difficult to find a new site acceptable to local residents. As at Watford it is a case of, 'better the devil you know . . .'

Meanwhile, Kenilworth Road cannot develop, the club will not spend more than absolutely necessary on the ground, and there is the danger that support will dwindle because facilities, especially parking, are increasingly inadequate.

Whenever the state of modern British football grounds is discussed, one of the most popular points to be raised invariably concerns how cramped many grounds are by their surroundings. Until you have been to Kenilworth Road you cannot appreciate how cramped is 'cramped'. Compared with Luton's ground Filbert Street is spacious, the Baseball Ground well situated, even Millwall might just feel a little less aggrieved (but only a very little) with their lot.

The Main Stand appears quite tall, but this is an optical illusion, enhanced by the ground's narrowness and by the four floodlight pylons poking up through the front of the roof. As if these were not enough of a viewing obstacle, one also has to contend with another 11 vertical supports from the seats, plus a suspended television camera gantry.

To the left of the Main Stand is the Oak Road terrace, covered by an unusual roof built in three sections, climbing from the Bobbers to the Main Stand roof, with advertisements hung below the gutters which make the terrace underneath very dark. Perhaps here more than in any other part of the ground one is reminded of how little space Luton possess.

The Bobbers Stand is a low, narrow enclosure with room for just eight rows of seating on a wooden frame. The perimeter fence and the roof are lined with advertisements, two deep on the roof, and above these are the original floodlight poles which now support netting — to stop the ball going over. It's as bad as that! There are another four thin floodlight pylons on this side, also lining the front. Behind here is the Beech Hill Path, an alleyway between the houses and the stand, just wide enough for two people walking side by side.

It is not that Kenilworth Road is too small; the present capacity is just about right for current demands. But it lacks sufficient seating, access to parking facilities is limited, and worst of all there is precious little space to build on what they already have. There would be no point in having a new double-decker stand if access to it was so limited that half the space could not be used because of safety regulations.

The road plan is due to go ahead in 1985 and will rob Luton of their executive and social facilities behind the Main Stand. If the council cannot help with an alternative site in Luton, the club may have to re-locate to Milton Keynes.

Luton are in almost the same predicament as their nearest neighbours Watford; anxious to leave, thwarted by the authorities, unwanted elsewhere, yet driven by their own success to improve their facilities. If only they had stayed in the Fourth Division, probably none of this fuss would have arisen.

REPLAY IN COLOUR... REPLAY IN COLOUR



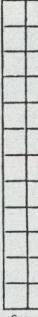
Today's meeting with our friends from Watford revives memories of our League game at Vicarage Road last season. This colour picture shows Paul Walsh and Trevor Aylott attempting to break through the Hornets' defence.

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	Nwajiboi	Own Goal		
Goals Scored																										
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	10,846	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●	—										
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●									
15 Everton	1-0	14,325	16	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9●	10	11	—										
22 Southampton	3-1	12,389	19	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8●	—	10+	11	12	9●●									
25 Rotherham (MC2-2L)	0-2	6,755	—	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	—	—	—	10	9	11								
29 Liverpool	0-6	31,940	19	6	1	2	10	4	5	6	7	8	9	—	—	11	—	3								
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●	—	—	10	—	—	—	—					
December																										
3 Coventry City	*2-4	10,698	26	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11+	—	12	10●	—	—	—	—	—				
10 Stoke City	4-2	10,329	29	8	1	2	—	4	5	6	7	8	9●●	—	—	—	10	11●	3							
18 West Bromwich Albion	2-0	11,566	32	6	1	2	—	4●	5	6	7	8	9	—	—	—	10●	11	3							
26 Notts County	3-0	9,789	35	3	1	2	—	4	5	6	7	8	9	—	—	—	10●●	11●	3							
27 West Ham United	0-1	16,343	35	5	1	2	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	—	—	—	10+	11	3							
31 Sunderland	0-2	19,482	35	6	1	—	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	—	12	—	11	—	—	2+					
1984																										
January																										
2 Nottingham Forest	2-3	12,126	35	9	1	2	—	4	5	6	7	8	9●	10+	—	12	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	11●		

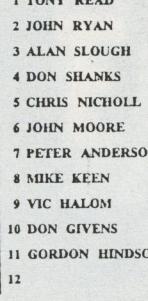
WATFORD

Gold shirts, black shorts.



LUTON TOWN

White shirts, black shorts



Flashback this afternoon takes a peep at a game played at Vicarage Road on 13th November 1971. For those fans who cannot recall the result, Watford won 2-1 when their goals were scored by Eddy and Franks. Our reply came from Halom.

Referee: P. PARTRIDGE (Middlesbrough)

Result: Linesmen: A. M. HARRINGTON (Gosfield)

Ball Doctor: JAMES M. SINTHORP LTD, Engineers and Spring Manufacturers, Levesden, Watford.

Red Card: C. C. SMITH (East Croydon)

Last Season's Result 0-1



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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)	

ATTENDANCES AND DIVISION ONE TABLE 1983-84

Home League Games		Home						Away					
Highest	Average	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	D	W	F	A	Pts
45,122	31,531	22	7	3	1	23	6	6	3	2	14	11	45
56,121	43,347	22	8	1	3	26	12	4	5	1	14	12	42
32,555	23,500	22	7	2	2	26	11	4	1	5	15	18	39
29,692	18,334	22	8	2	2	26	11	4	3	4	9	10	39
20,674	17,846	22	7	3	1	17	8	3	4	5	18	16	30
21,453	13,837	22	5	3	2	20	11	2	3	6	12	18	29
39,318	23,271	22	9	2	1	21	12	4	1	4	15	20	36
27,140	16,097	21	7	1	2	15	6	4	1	6	18	15	35
17,275	12,470	22	5	2	4	23	17	6	0	5	15	16	35
25,679	17,999	23	5	4	3	17	3	4	4	1	10	13	32
42,704	28,546	22	5	2	5	20	16	4	1	5	18	16	30
45,032	34,760	22	3	3	4	14	17	5	3	4	21	21	30
26,826	16,												

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