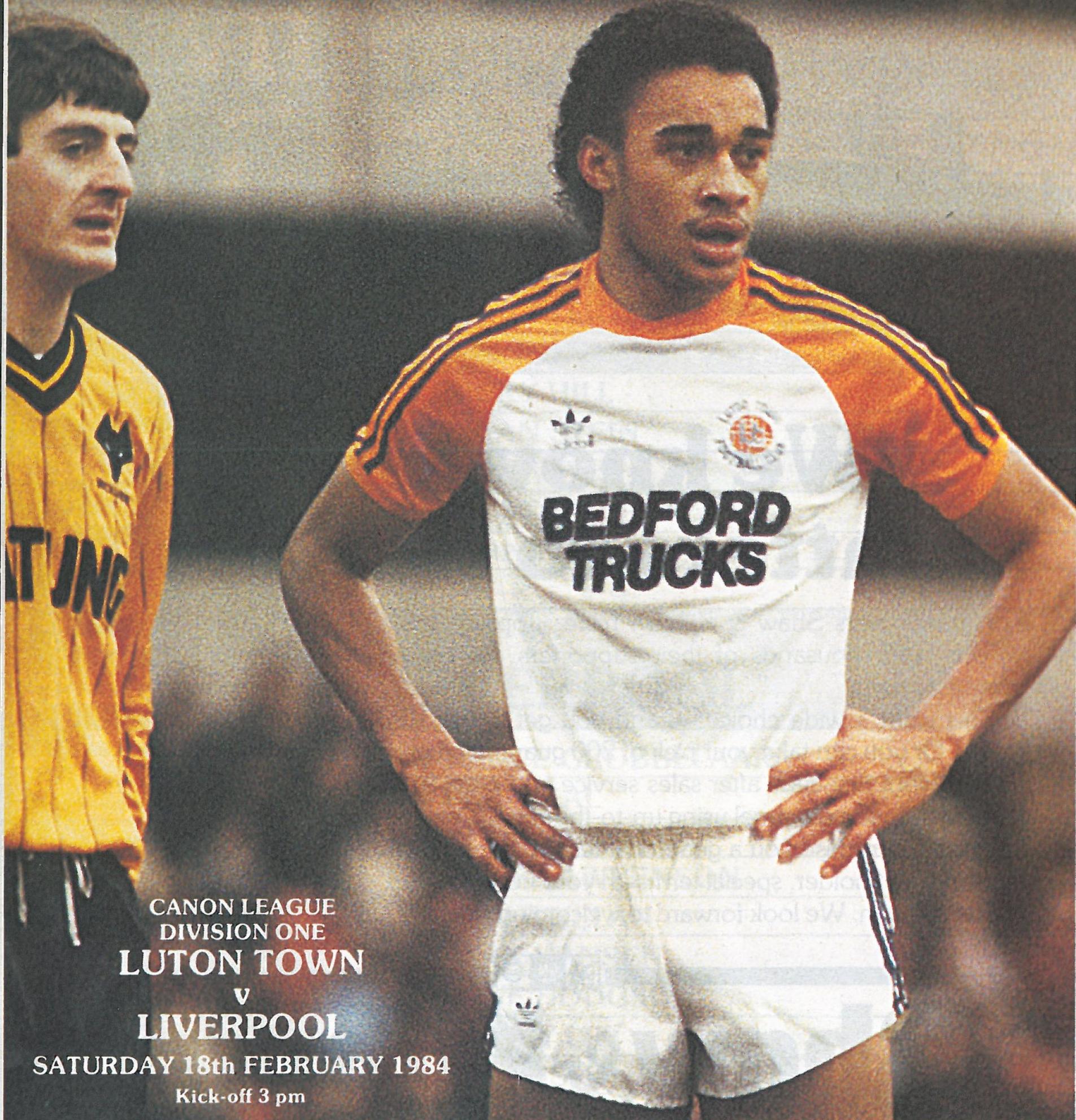


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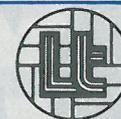
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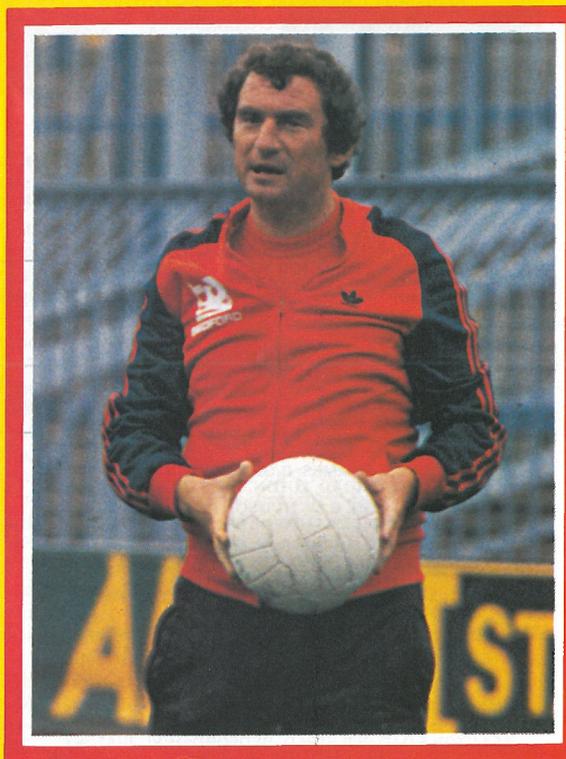
This afternoon, we welcome and congratulate the most admired club in the country. Their 'recipe' for achieving results has proved solidly successful. They have always produced outstanding players within the team pattern.

We must aim to improve our performance of last Sunday, when Manchester United exploited our mistakes. Although well beaten, and playing under par, our lads stuck to their task well. It was only inside the last 12 minutes of the game that United went clear.

Having written well of Mr Robinson in my programme notes, I must say I was disappointed with the build-up to United's second and crucial goal. Had Mr Robinson acknowledged and then ignore the linesman's flag, I could have understood and accepted the decision. However, in the heat of the game, the referee failed completely to look to his linesman who was signalling an offside for at least 12 seconds. These things happen and that decision helped leave us an uphill battle. We fought gamely, for 30 minutes of the second-half. We had shots we forced corners, but United were firm and seized their opportunities when we had no more to give.

Only an improved effort all round will be good enough today. I was delighted with the crowd, that came, but shocked by the absence of so many. I know all about lack of facilities, individual's feelings on the proposed move, Sunday football, and live TV. But the public of Bedfordshire had a golden opportunity to show their depth of feeling for our club — we will never be able to match the achievements of others if we cannot achieve more spectators' support. I am desperate for this club to hold on to First Division status, and help produce a trophy winning side, but the difficulties are more acute when we are unable to generate sufficient gate receipts.

I would like to welcome young Mark Stein to our professional staff. Although slight of build, he is a clever player and if he improves similarly to his brother, Brian, he will make our League team. Brian Stein has, this season, proved beyond doubt what a talented, hard working



player he is. With the continued absence of David Moss, Brian has shouldered a different forward role, and he has adapted without any complaint. Bobby Robson has Brian's name in his notebook, not only for his abilities but for his unselfish attitude towards team play.

Let us hope that today we can turn the tables on Liverpool. We learnt a little from that experience at Anfield. The question is: have we learnt enough?

Enjoy the game, and put in that extra effort to get behind the team.

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FIRST ALL-MERSEYSIDE WEMBLEY FINAL?

By Tony Pullein

Liverpool fans have had plenty to cheer over the past decade but the dish that could now be waiting for them promises to be the most delicious of all — the possibility of seeing the Reds in action against Everton at Wembley!

For the first time both clubs have survived to the semi-finals of the Milk Cup. It has happened six times in the FA Cup but they were drawn together on four occasions.

On the first occasion they were kept apart, Everton were beaten in the semi-final. The last time it happened, in 1980, they were both beaten in the semis.

The odds against these neighbouring teams meeting at Wembley are very long and at the moment the chance of it happening is probably greater than ever. Liverpool are currently engaged in a two-legged affair with Third Division Walsall whilst Everton were due to play their delayed first-leg against Aston Villa this week.

Whilst there have been several Wembley clashes between rival London clubs, there has yet to be a final contested by two clubs from a provincial centre.

DOUBLE TALLY

The man Everton hope will take them to Wembley is Adrian Heath, who is only now beginning to live up to the £700,000 price tag he was given when he joined them from Stoke two seasons ago. In two games recently, Heath doubled Everton's goals tally single handed.

Shot shy Everton had scored only five goals in their opening 11 First Division games at Goodison Park. Then Heath hit a match winning two against Tottenham and then completed a hat-trick in their 4-1 win over Notts County.

Heath scored again in Everton's 3-0 win over Gillingham, in the second replay of their fourth round FA Cup tie to take them through to the last 16 of that competition. This afternoon they are at home to Second Division Shrewsbury with what looks like a good chance of taking a further stride towards Wembley in that tournament.

Everton are the only side with a chance to emulate the recent feats of Tottenham and Manchester United who appeared in two Wembley finals in the same season.

No club has ever won any English competition more than three seasons in succession so, if Liverpool do get to Wembley, they will have the chance of creating history if they win the Milk Cup for the fourth season in a row.

BIGGEST THREAT

This afternoon at Kenilworth Road they will be striving for points to equal the record of three consecutive League Championships but the race is really hotting up now and one of the clubs posing the biggest threat is Nottingham Forest.

● Beaten in the first stages of both domestic Cups, Forest have been concentrating their efforts on their challenge for the League title. They are still in the UEFA Cup, of course, and face Austrian side Sturm Graz in the quarter-finals.

Forest were robbed of what would have been their fourth successive victory when Chris Hughton equalised for Spurs in the last minute at the City Ground. Forest had won six of their previous seven games, the exception being their home clash with Liverpool which they lost 0-1. Liverpool, in fact, did the double over Forest and those points could well prove to be the deciding factor when the final tables are analysed.

● Newly promoted Queens Park Rangers could as yet provide a serious challenge to Liverpool. They now seem reasonably sure of qualifying for the UEFA Cup and that will mean negotiating with a neighbouring London club to stage home ties.

UEFA have ruled that they will not allow Rangers to play on their artificial surface. Though the Football League has yet to give its verdict upon the Omniturf pitch — the three year trial period is up at the end of this season — Rangers now feel confident that it will get the go-ahead.

MINOR PROBLEMS

Manager Terry Venables last week travelled to the USA to see the latest developments in this type of pitch. 'After three years we have found one or two problems, but only minor ones,' he said. 'This season we have had difficulty with the bounce of the ball. I think this has something to do with the foundation.'

'Anyway, research has been continuing and we want to find out which is the best thing for us.'

'Grass pitches are fine at the beginning of the season but if you look at some of them now they are in a pretty awful state.'

● Though Southampton are generally quoted as favourites to win the FA Cup, many people have been putting the odd £1 on Birmingham City. At the start of the season manager Ron Saunders said privately that he felt his team could win a trophy this season.

The Blues have not, until quite recently, done anything of note in the First Division but they enjoyed a fine run in the Milk Cup, going out only to Liverpool in a replay. With so many of the top teams already knocked out of the FA Cup, Birmingham must be in with a chance.

Birmingham defeated Sheffield United 2-0 in a third round replay and then won 2-1 away to Sunderland at the next stage. This afternoon they are at home to West Ham United in the fifth round.

The Blues have been pulling away from the relegation



MICK HARFORD



ADRIAN HEATH

zone in the First Division. Three successive victories — over West Ham (h) 3-0, Ipswich (a) 2-1 and Leicester (a) 3-2 — opened an eight-point gap over the 20th club Notts County.

Sunderland-born Mick Harford extracted cruel revenge over his local club for giving him the brush-off. Birmingham were trailing 0-1 with only five minutes of their fourth round tie remaining when Martin Kuhl equalised. One minute later Harford moved into grab the winner.

When he was rejected by the local club, Mick joined Lincoln City and moved on to Newcastle for £200,000 in 1981. He then joined Bristol City but, when they failed to maintain payments on his £150,000 fee, he returned to Newcastle for a matter of minutes and was then officially transferred to Birmingham for £100,000.

In that way Newcastle got their money from Birmingham instead of Bristol City! Harford's goal at Roker Park was his 13th of the season for Birmingham.

● When we are repeatedly being told of football's parlous financial plight, it continues to amaze many of us that there are so many people around willing to put their money into the game. Though Wolves are most definitely not for sale, at least one syndicate has indicated that it is trying to purchase the club.

Mr Robert Maxwell, whose £120,000 cash injection saved Oxford United two years ago, has recently been talking in terms of trying to purchase Manchester United for £10 million.

No matter how bad a club's financial situation may be, there always seems to be someone around anxious to put money into it.

I suppose that's why so many ailing football clubs have survived the recession whilst thousands of ordinary businesses have gone to the wall.



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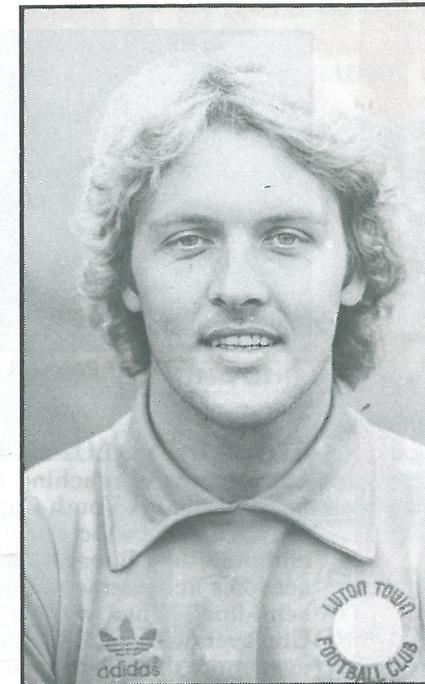


During the summer it seemed as if keeper Jake Findlay would not be a Luton player this season. He had refused to sign a new contract and manager David Pleat swooped into the transfer market to persuade Les Sealey to join us from Coventry City. There was a possibility Jake would make the trip in the opposite direction to Highfield Road but his negotiations with Coventry manager Bobby Gould broke down and he remained a Luton player. If there are such things as blessings in disguise, this could have been one of them because our manager now has the benefit of two first class keepers competing for the first team place which Jake, so far this season, has failed to win. Jake had the recent opportunity to show the manager he is fighting hard for a first team place when he accompanied the party which flew to the Oman for two games against the State's national team who are preparing for their appearance in the Olympic Games.

JAKE FINDLAY – CAREER RECORD

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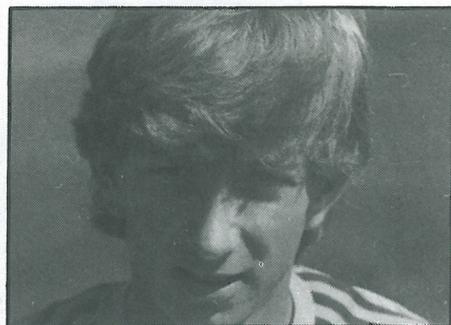
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GARY PARKER



MARK STEIN

STOKE CITY 3 LUTON TOWN 2

Our dreams of reaching the quarter-finals of the FA Youth Cup were shattered at the Victoria Ground to eliminate any hope of emulating last season's achievement of reaching the semi-finals when we lost to Norwich City over two legs. Defeat at Stoke was even more difficult to swallow because their winning goal came only three minutes from the end.

Our team was: Dunn, Davies, Devine, McEvoy, Burke, Driscoll, Parker, Stein (M), McConville, Ellisdon, Watts. Sub: Oldfield.

This is how our Youth coaches reported the tie.

The game started at a frantic pace and the early signs were that we had a battle on our hands and the very heavy pitch was already starting to cup up.

Stoke pushed forward in large numbers and we were finding it hard to get the ball out of our own half. However, gradually we started to make some headway and, after 26 minutes, we broke away to go into the lead from a delightful goal from MARK STEIN.

We thought this might help but it

seemed to make Stoke more determined and although we were trying our best, it was difficult to get our football going as the ball would not run on certain parts of the pitch. They equalised after 35 minutes when, as the result of a tackle, the ball broke to their centre-forward who scored from six yards. We had another shock before half-time in the 41st minute when we presented them with another goal from a back pass after working ourselves out of a dangerous situation.

Half-time 2-1.

In the second-half, Stoke still had more possession but we were looking dangerous on the break. On the 61st minute, they conceded a free-kick on the edge of the box and GARY PARKER scored a very good goal from the direct kick.

As the game wore on we began to hope we could nick the result on the break or, at least, hold on for a replay.

However, three minutes from the end when one of our lads had been down with cramp, we conceded a free-kick. As it ran across our box, everyone missed it and their outside-left stole in to hit the winner.

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Joanne Chaplin of Luton is 12 and attends Lealands High School. Her main interest is swimming.

ESCORTS

Alan Dennis of Luton is 14 and a pupil at Denbigh High School. His interests are football, cricket, train spotting and subuteo.

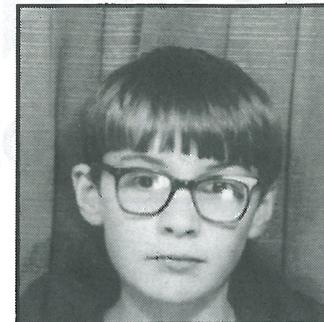
Duncan Gray of Caddinging is 14 and attends Queensbury High School. His interests are snooker, supporting Luton Town, BMX biking and pop music.

Daren Schofield of Luton is 13 and attends Cardinal Newman School. His interests are train spotting, Luton Town FC, computers and scouts.

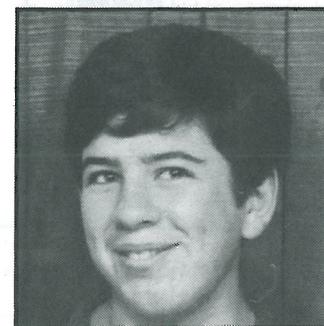
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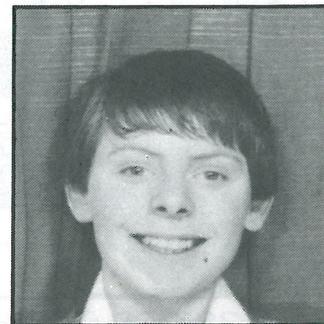
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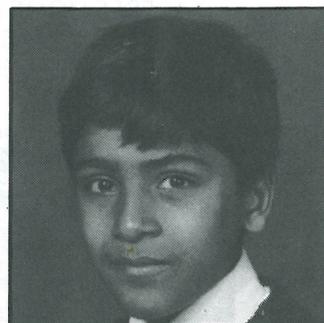
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J. P. Stevenson
The 'RedTech Overcasuals'
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Horsham
West Sussex

mistakes made, the match was a credit to both teams.

Thank you Luton for your contribution.

R. Matton
Cuckmans Drive
Chiswell Green
St Albans

Dear Mr Pleat, I am the manager of the highly successful 'RedTech Overcasuals'. We are looking for some competition from first class opposition (local sides in the south aren't what they used to be).

I recently challenged Liverpool, suggesting Sunday 13th February, at the Hurst Park Recreation Centre, here in Horsham. In their reply, they said that because of Milk Cup, FA Cup, European Cup and other matches, they couldn't make it. As it seems such a waste to leave the pitch empty — how would you feel about popping over? I can send you a map of how to get here, if you like (it's quite easy, you turn off just before Brighton — you may remember the way from last year).

Anyway, unless we hear to the contrary, we'll be expecting you that Sunday, at 2 pm. If you want a different weekend, please don't hesitate to call me.

Finally, I wish the club every success in getting into Europe this season. Last summer I went there for my holidays. It was very nice (except for the rain).

I look forward to meeting you soon. P.S. I do hope Luton doesn't move to Milton Keynes. From what I hear, the only pieces of grass there has a load of

Dear Sir, I would like to thank you and all the team for sending me the team poster and a personal letter.

I've no plans to give up gym because of my accident and hope to be competing in national finals of the Schools Championships in Macclesfield before my operation. My brother and I won the silver medal the year before last.

I'm not very good at writing letters so all this probably sounds pretty pathetic. Anyway, I will make a point to come and see the team in action and give them my support. Thank you for your good wishes.

Danny Thomas
Amphill Road
Flitwick

Dear Sir, I have been a Watford supporter since a boy of seven and I'm still very much in love with what I still think is a marvellous game some 36 years later.

Can I say that whilst the first match against Watford in the Cup was great, the replay was even better and this was in no small measure to your team.

The replay was worthy of a 60,000 crowd plus television coverage.

Whilst Watford played 'Russian Roulette' each time they were two goals up and the 'experts' would have been horrified at times with the

Dear Mr Pleat, I am writing to you on behalf of the party of young lads I brought to the Luton v Arsenal fixture.

We were able to watch from the Junior Hatters stand completely free of charge due to the generosity of your club. Your staff were most helpful before the day and even with parking facilities on the day.

The boys had a lovely day — their pleasure only joggled a little by the defeat. May I say thank you very much indeed and also pass on the thanks of the boys' parents who all remarked on the kind nature of yourself and Luton Town FC.

Mervyn Smith
Barclay School
Walkern Road
Stevenage

Dear Mr Pleat, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking yourself and your team for your part in the brilliant Cup replay with Watford.

It was a game neither team really deserved to lose. At Watford we are very lucky to have a very attractive side who produce good, honest attacking and exciting football and Luton are no exception.

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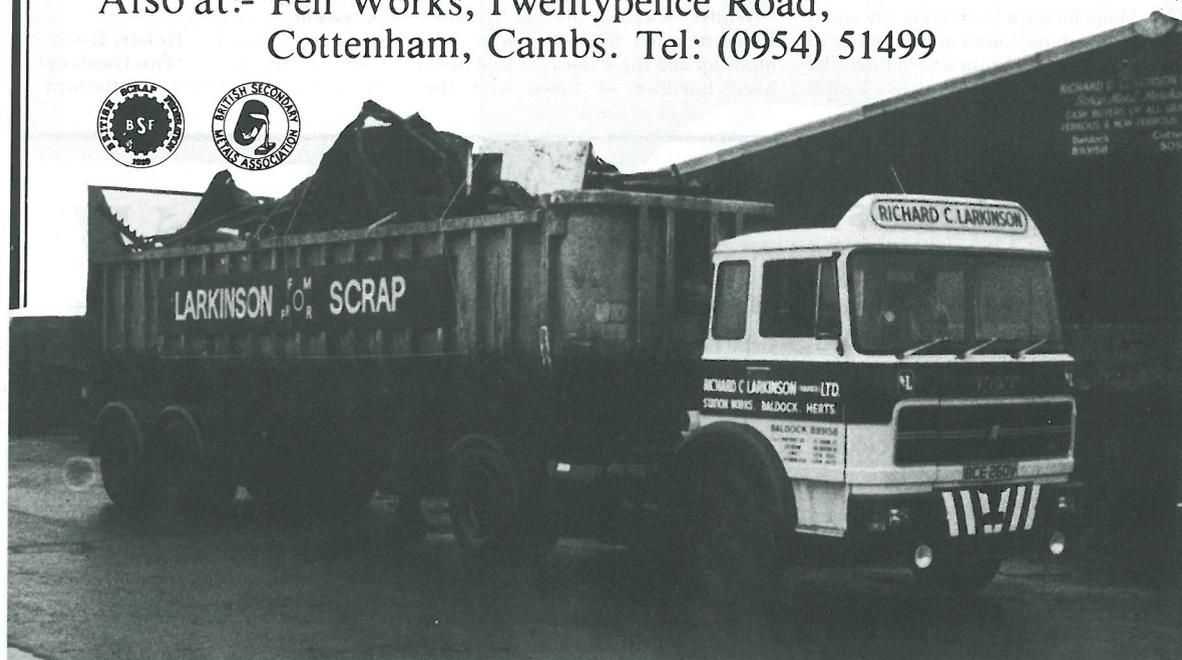
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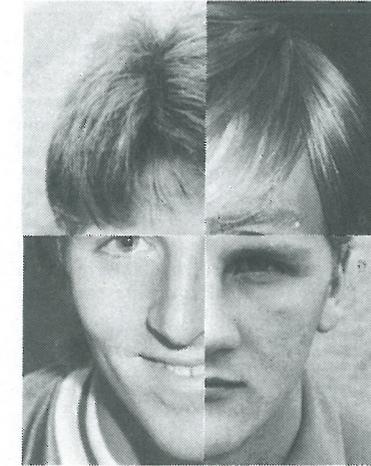
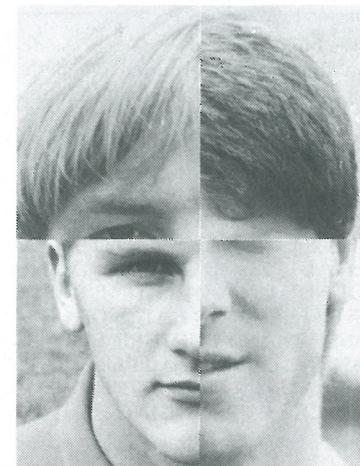
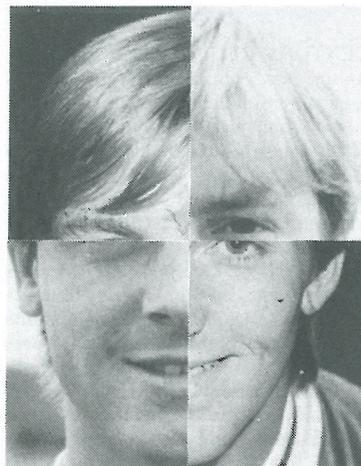
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AWAYAGAME IS NOW REACHING A VERY EXCITING STAGE WITH BRIAN HERBERT (LUTON), MARK SELLER (WHEATHAMPSTEAD), P. DIMMOCK (LUTON), MARK LETHBRIDGE (BEDFORD), AND R. WAKELIN (TILSWORTH) all level with 10 points followed by seven others grouped together on nine points.

NAME THE FACES

The winner of our competition in the Manchester United magazine was Peter Holmes, 51 Holcombe Road, Tottenham, who correctly named Byron Stevenson (Birmingham), Chris Woods (Norwich) and Neil Smillie (Brighton) Peter will also receive one of our super videos.

Here is a new phototeazer with again a prize of a super commemorative video. The photo caption shows three players heads mixed up. All you have to do is name the three players and their current clubs. Send your entries to: Luton Town FC, 70/72 Kenilworth Road, Luton, Beds. LU1 1DH.



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We've heard from Gavin Sowden who lives in Tilsforth. He wrote to tell us that, while the players were in Torremolinos, they were approached by his Nan who stayed in the same hotel.

She took the opportunity to ask all the players to sign autographs which was presented to Gavin when she returned home.

'I was so thrilled when she gave them to me I could hardly speak,' said Gavin. 'Thank you very, very much.'

We were pleased to oblige, Gavin. It's all part of the Luton Town FC public relations image.



CHILTERN RADIO POP SPOT

Supporters who watched last Sunday's home game against Manchester United will have heard Chiltern Radio presenter Bill Young provide some of the pre-match music.

His visit was designed to provide fans with some musical entertainment, and we are pleased to inform you that Chiltern Radio will be featured on a regular basis at all home matches until the end of the season.

This afternoon, we are pleased to welcome Peter Matthews whose programme is broadcast on Chiltern Radio every afternoon between 1 pm-4 pm.

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A SAD LOSS

We were sorry to learn of the death of William (Bill) Hoar. Bill was trainer of the Town's 'A' team which played in the Metropolitan League in the late forties. He was known as 'The hot ointment king' by the players for his love of a certain brand of cream which was applied to certain injuries. To his wife and family we offer our deepest sympathy.

CENTURY CLUB

Again, we entertain one of soccer's greats at Kenilworth Road this afternoon when we welcome Liverpool. With memories of our visit to Anfield in October, we shall want to get firmly behind David Pleat and his players, wishing them a successful outcome to the game.

Our visit to Liverpool the previous season brings back memories to make us smile — we must surely be in some record book for having three keepers playing in one match when first of all, Kirk Stephens substituted for the injured Jake Findlay, and the match ended with the ever dependable and

versatile Mal Donaghy donning the keepers jersey — a role he fills with distinction when the occasion demands.

It is nice to look at the fixture list and find we are back to a regular pattern of games, a fact which must be appreciated by the team. Let's hope the weather doesn't intervene to upset things.

AWAYDAY TRAVEL

A glance at page 23 of this afternoon's matchday magazine will give you details of an exciting weekend break in Southampton when we play the Saints a week today.

However, for those fans making their own way to Hampshire, the RAC have provided the following route.

Leave London on the M3 and continue until the end. Follow the A33 on to Southampton and continue along the A33 to the town centre onto The Avenue.

Continue to the junction with Archers Road (fifth turn on the right after Southampton Common). Turn right into Archers Road and the ground is at the end of the road on the right.

A GROUNDSMAN'S NIGHTMARE

The recent wet weather has made life a nightmare for groundsman Dick Wassall. He's had to work overtime to keep the pitch in condition and has been heard to mutter under his breath



when faced with heavy rain.

You'll see him on the pitch at half-time today with the apprentice professionals replacing all the divots. What you won't see is his second appearance long after you have left for home when he spends at least two hours under the floodlights on immediate repair work. He is pictured here spreading sand on the pitch.

AND ONE FOR CLIVE

Dick isn't the only member of our staff who is engaged in busy times. Catering manager Clive Hustwitt has recently been extremely active organising dozens of bookings in the various suites we have available for private hire.

We hear whispers that Clive is still looking for the 25 hour day as he ponders over his diary checking future bookings. If you are interested in tak-

ing advantage of our excellent catering facilities, give Clive a ring on Luton 411526.



TODAY'S REFEREE

Jeff Bray of Hinckley, Leicestershire began refereeing in local leagues in 1965. Progressed through the Football Combination to the Football League List in 1975. Chairman of local Referees' Association and fifteen years Secretary of local football league. He refereed the second leg of the FA Vase semi-final in 1977-78 and also the second leg of the 1981 FA Trophy semi-final.

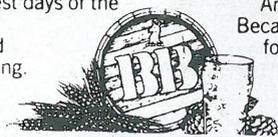
Married with two children and is an Assistant Works Manager with a dry cleaning firm. Chairman of local Referees' Association, his spare time is spent recruiting new referees and promoting local football.

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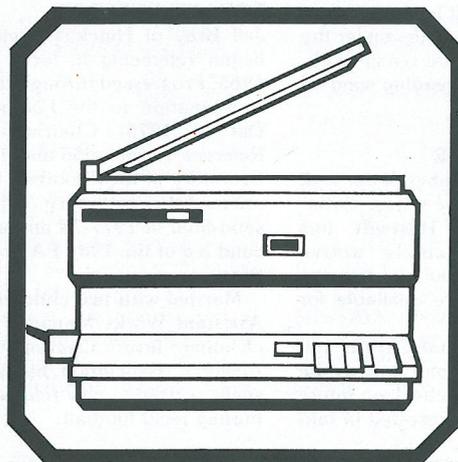
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Bernard Streten was a latecomer into League football, making his debut for the Hatters at the age of 26. Like many other players of that era, Bernard lost his prime footballing years to the war but he possessed special talents and, in spite of his late start, he eventually played for England.

He served in the RAF during the war and, for a while, guested for Notts County as an amateur. Whilst he was awaiting his demob after the war, he joined Shrewsbury Town and his displays in the Midland League soon earned him international recognition.

Bernard played for the England amateur XI against Wales at Dulwich Hamlet in January 1947 and, a couple of weeks later, appeared against Ireland at Southport.

By now he had been a target for Luton and it was after that second international that he joined us — still as an amateur. Indeed, he was a Luton player when he made further appearances that season for England amateurs against Wales, in Newport, and France, in Lille.

At the age of 26 he made his League debut for Luton but it wasn't until January 1948 that he was persuaded to join the club's professional staff.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

'When I first went to Kenilworth Road I was still in the RAF, anyway,' he explained later. 'And having tasted international football at amateur level I was hoping I might get one or two more caps.'

At that point, as a Second Division player with the Hatters, he had not seriously considered his chances of playing for the full England team. He was a little short for a goalkeeper, anyway, but he more than compensated for his lack of height by his studious reading of the game, his fine positional play and his agility.

When Frank Swift retired as England's goalkeeper, Bernard realised he was one of the players in contention for his place. Ted Ditchburn was another, Bert Williams yet another.

The England selection committee decided to give them all a trial. Ditchburn was the first to be blooded and Bernard was picked to play against Ireland at Maine Road in November 1949.

Among his team-mates were such legendary figures as Tom Finney, Stan Mortensen, Neil Franklin and Billy Wright.

RUNAWAY VICTORY

The match turned out to be a runaway victory for England, who won 9-2 with Jack Rowley scoring four times.

'In those days we didn't bother with tactics,' recalled Bernard. 'The players were selected on merit and left largely to play their natural game. So, with the goals going in at the other end, some of our defenders got a bit carried away and there was not much concentration when Ireland scored their two goals.'

Though the game was scarcely a serious test for a goalkeeper, Bernard did not get another chance. Bert Williams was called up for the next match and played so

well that he became the first choice from then on.

By the time Luton won promotion to the First Division in 1955, Bernard was approaching the end of his career. He played 20 times in the First Division but at the age of 37 he retired from the professional game.

'They were happy days,' smiled Bernard. 'I think football was more fun in those days. A lot of us came out of the services and we were looking for the chance to enjoy ourselves after those dark years.'

'I was grateful to Luton for giving me the chance to play professional football and, of course, it was a great honour for me to play in the England team.'

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JOHN WILKINSON – CLUB SECRETARY

I suppose, like many others, I didn't think today's match would take place on the day scheduled. Liverpool's defeat at Brighton in the FA Cup was surely the shock result of the round, but that is what football is all about and if every result was predictable then the game would not be worth playing.

This season's competition has already produced its giant killers, with Shrewsbury, Oxford — who are having a great time in all Cup competitions this season — Plymouth Argyle and Blackburn Rovers all through at the time of writing. I have no doubt that the fifth round today will also provide us with an upset.

That is why the FA Challenge Cup is one of the best competitions in the world, and I am only sorry we are not in with them, but to go out in such a game against Watford probably wasn't so bad but it still hurts to lose. While on the subject of the FA Cup let us test your knowledge on football with a few easy questions:

- 1: Who scored the first goal in the first ever Cup final at Wembley?
- 2: What six things must a referee take on to the field with him?
- 3: Where and when was the FA Cup stolen?
- 4: Where were the finals held immediately before Wembley?
- 5: Who wore Luton's number four shirt in the 1959 final?
- 6: Who was our physiotherapist on that occasion?

First correct answer to me by first post on Thursday 23rd February will receive two tickets for one of our home matches.

On to today's game. Liverpool come here today as League leaders and after their recent Cup slip they will be going all out to hold on to their title. Our lads will have to be on top form if we are to come out with a result at the final whistle.



**MEMORY
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**THIS WEEK:
PHIL BOERSMA**

Born in Liverpool, Phil signed for his local club in September 1968 and spent six seasons at Anfield, making 73 appearances and scoring 18 times. He was transferred to Middlesbrough in December 1975 after a dispute with the management and made over 40 appearances there. 8th August 1977 saw him sign for the Hatters where he made 35 appearances, scoring eight times.

12 months later he joined his former teammate John Toshack at Swansea City and, after 15 matches, he was unfortunate to receive an ankle injury which finished his playing career. Toshack put him on the coaching staff at the Vetch and Phil played a big part in the Swans' rise to the First Division. However, he became a victim of the club's recent slump and had to be released this season because of their financial problems.

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when electrical power became accepted into the mainstream of commercial vehicle design, manufacture and operation,' said J. T. Battenberg III, General Manager of Bedford Commercial Vehicles.

This year promises more big news from Bedford's Luton plant as new facilities — part of a £70 million investment in the operation — come on stream. At the end of the year, a brand-new van will be produced giving additional strength between the Astra light van and the CF models.

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Luton Town FC is not alone in enjoying

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Anfield in Liverpool is but a (very!) long goal-kick away from Vauxhall's plant at Ellesmere Port, which produces the highly successful Bedford Astra van, recently named 'Van of the Year' by 'Garage and Transport' magazine.

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Dear Hatter!

You are guaranteed a super weekend when you play Southampton as you only have to ask 30 of your fellow supporters who joined us last year for the first "Breakaway Soccer Weekend".

We have arranged for you return coach travel from Luton, 2 nights at the 3 Star Southampton Park Hotel, including breakfast, temporary membership of the Southampton Supporters Club — enabling a disco one evening, as well as drink at club prices, a guided tour of The Dell, the opportunity to meet our players, match seat and programme, dinner on arrival at the oldest inn in town, a Sunday morning excursion to the New Forest, as well as a tour of the Docks, the City and free time for shopping. We are usually able to arrange for coffee at the Supporters Club after the match as well. In short you are guaranteed a first class weekend and a unique way to enjoy an away match. For those who are interested, please contact John Gornell at the Kenilworth Road Box Office, who is co-ordinating arrangements from your end. For general information — especially for those who want to make their own way to Southampton, please contact my office in order that we may quote you a price. A full refund will be offered, should the match be postponed for any reason.

The price for the above arrangements is £45.00 all inclusive. Children sharing parents bedroom need only pay £25.00 each. Should we manage to get a full coach load together, we would hope to reduce the cost to children by offering a small rebate.

I hope you can make it to Southampton — we can provide lots of good references from the 30 supporters who came down last year, so tell your friends as well!

Looking forward to seeing you.

Yours faithfully,

Graham Shaw

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Publicity and Tourism Officer

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HAT-TRICK CLOSER FOR LIVERPOOL

Liverpool's true qualities have revealed themselves over the past few weeks. In spite of the trauma of being knocked out of the FA Cup by Brighton — for the second season in succession! — and the loss of two World class midfield players, Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Souness, the Reds bounced back to form in the League and now that elusive hat-trick of League Champions really does look attainable.

The discipline, and the dedication, at Anfield ensures that the Reds take all problems in their stride. Liverpool remain one of the few teams which actually seems to thrive under continual pressure.

Certainly nothing seems to be able to curb the very special talents of Welsh international striker Ian Rush who took his goals tally to 30 when he scored against Watford — and that equalled his tally for the whole of last season.

In addition to his club goals, Rush has scored twice in four appearances for Wales this season. He now has 17 caps.

Rush made his League debut as an apprentice for Chester in 1979 and he was snapped up by Liverpool for £300,000 about a year later. He has been a fixture in the Liverpool side for almost three years, scoring more than 90 goals during that period.

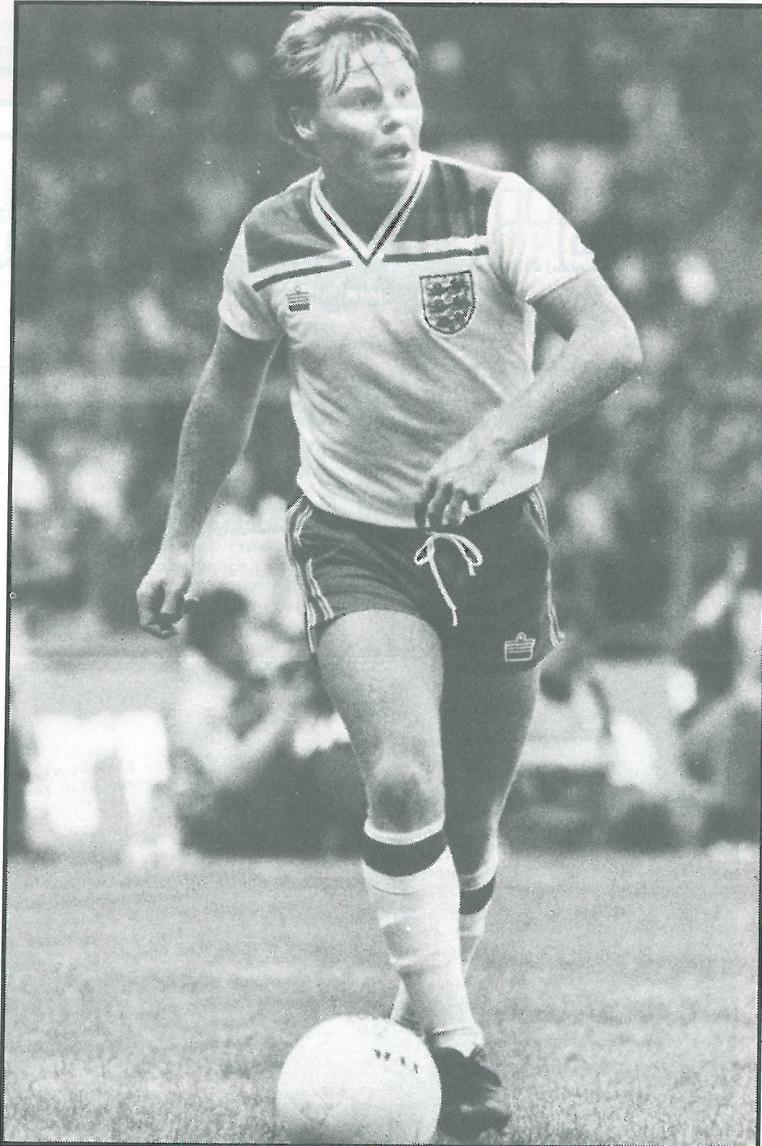
SCINTILLATING MOOD

We found him in scintillating mood at Anfield in October when he scored five times against us. He later bagged a hat-trick against Aston Villa.

Michael Robinson partners Rush in attack. A Republic of Ireland international on 15 occasions, Robinson has scored 11 times since his £200,000 transfer from Brighton last summer. He began his career with Preston and, after only one full season in their Second Division side, he was transferred to Manchester City for £750,000 in 1979.

After only one season at Maine Road, he moved on to Brighton for £500,000 and, in three seasons at the Goldstone Ground, he led their scoring list twice. He played in last season's FA Cup Final.

With injuries to Dalglish and Souness, the midfield has been lining up with Sammy Lee, Craig Johnston, Ronnie Whelan and Steve Nicol.



SAMMY LEE

Lee made his League debut in 1977-78 and last season he really came into his own, winning a place in the England team. He now has 10 caps.

Johnston made his name in Australian football and Middlesbrough signed him after a successful trial. He quickly earned England Under-21 honours and Liverpool paid £650,000 to sign him in 1981. He has touched peak form this season.

LOST PLACE

After scoring on his League debut in April 1981, Whelan hit 13 goals the following season. He lost his regular place this season, but was sometimes

nominated as substitute. He has been capped six times by the Republic of Ireland.

Nichol has only this season come into his own with Liverpool, though he joined them from Ayr United for £300,000 two seasons ago. He has been a member of the Scotland Under-21 side for some while and this season his left-wing runs, and some spectacular goals, have earned him a firm place in Liverpool's side.

Dalglish had dropped back into a midfield role this season after spending much of his career as an out-and-out striker. He had three times topped Celtic's scoring list and, following his £400,000 move to Liverpool in 1977,

REDS



he has never finished with less than 18 goals to his credit. Last term he scored on 20 occasions. He has been capped 93 times by Scotland.

Souness was rejected by Tottenham and it was after joining Middlesbrough for £30,000 in 1972 that he began to make progress. Liverpool signed him for £352,000 in 1978 and he is now a regular member of the Scotland team, with 37 caps.

Mark Lawrenson and Alan Hansen fill the central defensive positions.

A former Preston and Brighton player, Lawrenson went to Anfield with a £900,000 price tag in 1981. He has appeared at left-back, centre-back and in midfield. This unusual combination of talents has earned Mark 24 games for the Republic of Ireland.

FIXTURE

Hansen began his senior career with Partick Thistle in 1974 and joined Liverpool three years later for £100,000. He has been a fixture in the

Reds' defence for almost six years and has been capped by Scotland on 21 occasions.

Phil Neal and Alan Kennedy fill the full-back positions.

Consistent Neal missed his first League game in almost nine years when he was injured in September. He was soon back again and, if he plays in every game, he will complete 400 League games for the Reds in their final match this season. Neal has been capped 50 times by England since his £60,000 transfer from Northampton in 1974.

Kennedy's goal won the European Cup for the third time in 1981 and it was his long-range equaliser that turned last season's Milk Cup Final in Liverpool's favour. Alan was capped six times at England Under-23 level in his Newcastle days and joined Liverpool for £300,000 in 1978.

Goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar is a Zimbabwe international who made his first appearances in League soccer with Crewe in 1979. He was with Van-

cover Whitecaps at the time but holidaying in England. Liverpool saw enough to want to sign him and a £250,000 fee took him to Anfield in 1981.

Liverpool have won seven away games in the First Division — at Norwich (1-0), Arsenal (2-0), West Ham (3-1), QPR (1-0), WBA (2-1), Nottingham Forest (1-0) and Aston Villa (3-1).

They drew at Wolves (1-1), Tottenham (2-2), Ipswich (1-1) and Sunderland (0-0). Their only defeats were at Manchester United (0-1) and Coventry (0-4).

Only two clubs — Huddersfield and Arsenal — have won the League Championship in three successive seasons but Liverpool are very close to equalling those feats. They are also involved in the European Champions Cup and the Milk Cup.

Having beaten Odense (6-0 on aggregate) and Athletic Bilbao (1-0 on aggregate), Liverpool are now preparing to face Portuguese champions Benfica in the quarter-final of the European Cup.

Another record open to Liverpool is the chance to win the Milk Cup for the fourth successive season. This season's progress started with an 8-1 aggregate win over Brentford. They then had three tough games with Fulham before winning 1-0 in extra-time.

After being held to a 1-1 draw at Birmingham, Liverpool won the replay 3-0. They then drew 2-2 at Sheffield Wednesday and went on to another 3-0 success in the replay. They are currently engaged in a two-legged semi-final against Third Division Walsall.

Whatever happens Liverpool look well certain of winning at least one more trophy to celebrate Joe Fagan's first season as their manager.



Liverpool players celebrate another Championship title before their match with Aston Villa at Anfield last season.

LUTON'S FUTURE

This afternoon, we continue our policy of keeping supporters informed of what our proposed new stadium involves. Today we examine the exciting possibilities of indoor sports being linked with Football League soccer.

In the previous matchday magazines, the Luton's Future page has concentrated on events concerning the soccer club. But as anyone who knows the history of our new stadium project, League football is but one small aspect of the varied activities planned for the indoor sports complex.

According to the Sports Council there are around 120

properly recognised sports currently active in the United Kingdom. Lesser known participant sports include Bicycle Polo; Kendo, Tae Kwon Do, and Kuk Sool (all forms of Martial Arts); Welsh Baseball; Movement and Dance; and Shorinji Kempo (No, not a David Pleat discovery but another form of martial art).

Some of the sports (hang-

gliding is a good example) will never work in our indoor stadium but there are many that have increasing spectator appeal and great potential.

Two sports that have much to offer at the highest level are basketball and tennis.

Indoor tennis is played to the same rules as lawn tennis but in many respects is like comparing five-a-side soccer to a Foot-



The imposing Silverdome indoor stadium in Detroit.

LUTON'S FUTURE

Indoor sport — the potential success story of Football League soccer.

ball League match except that for many professional players it is important (or nearly as important), as Wimbledon itself.

In all sports, artificial surfaces bring out certain skills (and it's worth reminding ourselves that the Town are undefeated on QPR's synthetic pitch at Loftus Road) and this is particularly so for tennis where the court surfaces can vary from clay (slow), through grass (Wimbledon), to boards (Royal Albert Hall) which is very fast indeed.



ELEGANT

The recent Barretts sponsored World Doubles Championship in the elegant multi-tiered concert hall on the south side of Hyde Park showed just what can be achieved in a well organised arena. With £200,000 of prize money, big crowds coming large distances, and 20 of the world's top tennis players, it was not surprising TV coverage went on seemingly for hours.



A major beneficiary was the Royal Garden Hotel which played host to the stars, the sponsors, and their entourage. Tennis fans from all over the country found less expensive accommodation abundant in the South Kensington area.

With the lack of suitable indoor venues in the United Kingdom, any well equipped new stadium is likely to find favour with the entrepreneurs who today run big-time tennis.



For the Doubles Championships each match lasted up to three hours and was far more competitive than the typical Wimbledon singles game. It is this kind of atmosphere, out of season that attracts the commercial interests, many guests at the Albert Hall arriving in their dinner jackets and minks, ready for the kind of generous hospitality commercial interests are known to give out on such occasions.



The speed of the ball, the closeness of the stars and the sheer majesty of the occasion made for a memorable evening out.



Basketball is another potential success story at the Hatters stadium. Invented as a new game in the United States in 1891 it crossed the Atlantic in the 1920s and is now acknowledged as one of the most popular spectator sports in the world.



TV has again made a great contribution. The recent Philips International Club Tournament at Crystal Palace was given excellent coverage by the BBC. The Harlem Globe Trotters are perhaps more entertainment than pure sport but there is no doubt that Mac-cabi Tel Aviv, Athletes in Action, Crystal Palace Super-sonics, and now Simic Milan, are big names in the international sports scene.



According to the Sports Council there are currently nearly 1,000 basketball clubs in Great Britain with around 17,000 players. Non-affiliated participation is believed to be high as there are large numbers of players in such organisations as schools, the armed forces, the civil service, universities and colleges, and boys clubs.



The estimates from regional surveys would suggest that the total number of adult players in England and Wales is around 1.2 million. Something in the order of 20 per cent of basketball players are women and this figure is expected to rise.

More articles on Luton's future will be published in future editions of your Matchday Magazine

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**LUTON TOWN 0
MANCHESTER UNITED 5**

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 | Nwajiobi | Own Goals |
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| 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 | *4-1 | 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 | — | 11 | | | | | | | |
| 15 Everton | 1-0 | 14,325 | 16 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | — | | | | | | | | |
| 22 Southampton | 3-1 | 12,389 | 19 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | | | | | | | |
| 25 Rotherham (MC2-2L) | 0-2 | 6,755 | — | — | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | — | 9 | 11 | | | | | | |
| 29 Liverpool | 0-6 | 31,940 | 19 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | — | | | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 Queens Park Rangers | 1-0 | 15,053 | 22 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | — | 10 | | | | | | | |
| 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 | — | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 0-2 | 19,482 | 35 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | | | | | | | |
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| January | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Nottingham Forest | 2-3 | 12,126 | 35 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | | | | | | | |
| 7 Watford (FAC3) | 2-2 | 15,007 | — | — | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | | | | | | | |
| 10 Watford (FAC3R) | 3-4 | 20,586 | — | — | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | | | | | | | |
| 14 Arsenal | *1-2 | 16,320 | 35 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | | | | | | | |
| 21 Wolverhampton W | 2-1 | 11,594 | 38 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | | | | | | | |
| February | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 Aston Villa | 0-0 | 18,656 | 39 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | | | | | | | |
| 12 Manchester United | 0-5 | 11,265 | 39 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | | | | | | | |
| 18 Liverpool | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 Southampton | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 10 Birmingham City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 24 Leicester City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 14 Tottenham Hotspur | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 West Ham United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 Notts County | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 Watford | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 7 Stoke City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 West Bromwich Albion | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 FA Cup Final | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



There won't be any complaints from Luton supporters if the result of today's game is similar to the one on 13th November 1954 when we beat Liverpool 3-2. For the record, our goals were scored by Morton (2) and Adam with Liverpool's reply coming from Liddell (penalty) and Evans.

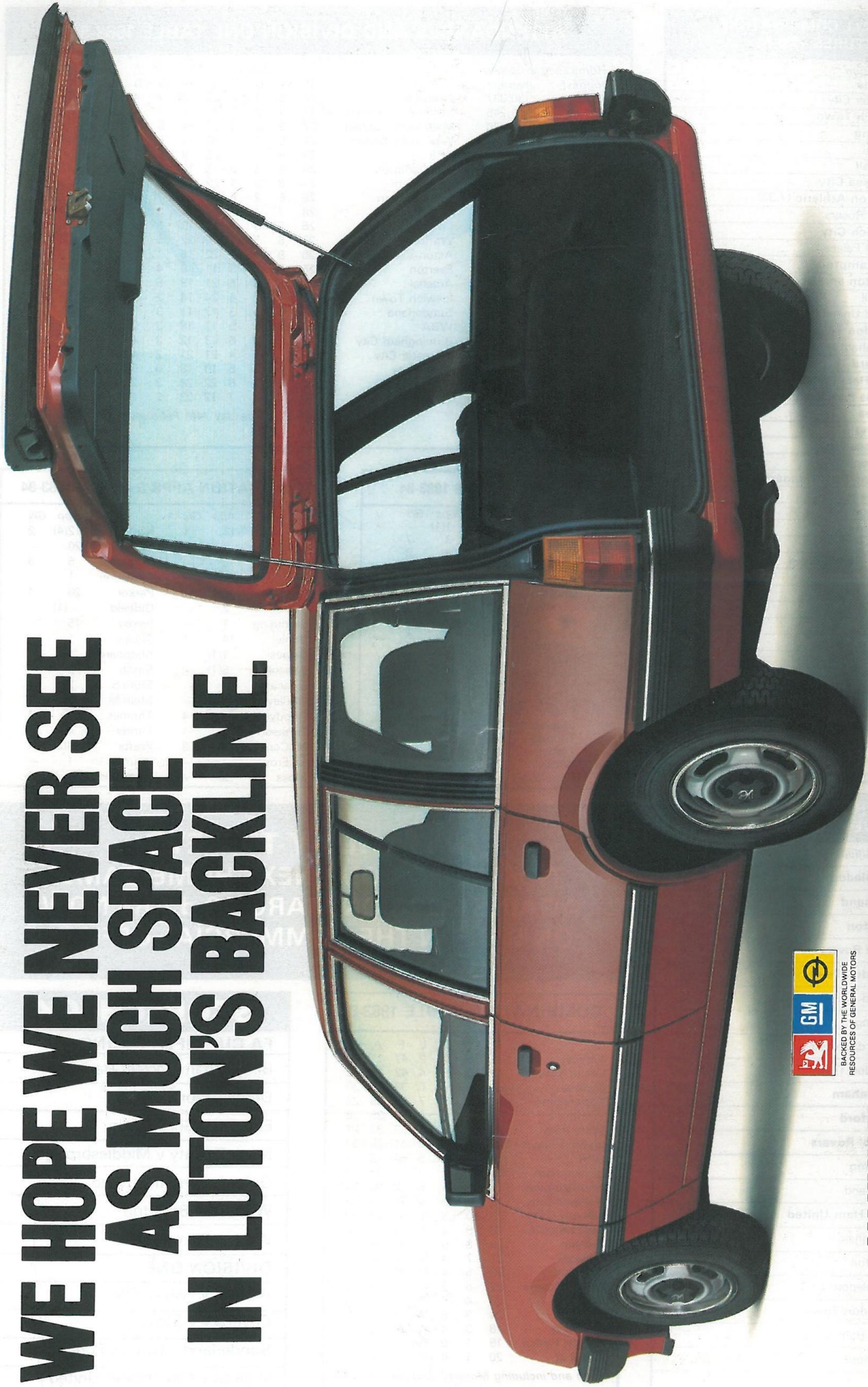
FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1983-84

| 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 | 1 | 1 |
| Jan. 17 | Chelsea | 0 | 1 |
| Jan. 21 | Reading | 3 | 1 |
| Jan. 28 | Swansea City | 1 | 2 |
| Feb. 14 | Charlton Athletic | 2 | 4 |
| 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 2 | Bristol Rovers | | |
| April 7 | Ipswich Town | | |
| April 10 | Birmingham City | | |
| April 14 | Oxford United | | |
| April 24 | Arsenal | | |
| May 5 | Swindon Town | | |
| May 9 | Birmingham City | | |
| May 12 | Tottenham Hotspur | | |
| May 12 | Tottenham Hotspur | | |
| | TBA Oxford United (A) | | |

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 | 1 | 3 |
| Dec. 17 | Bristol Rovers | 3 | 0 |
| Jan. 21 | Reading | 3 | 0 |
| Feb. 4 | Southend | P | |
| Feb. 11 | West Ham United | 3 | 1 |
| Feb. 18 | Tottenham | | |

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