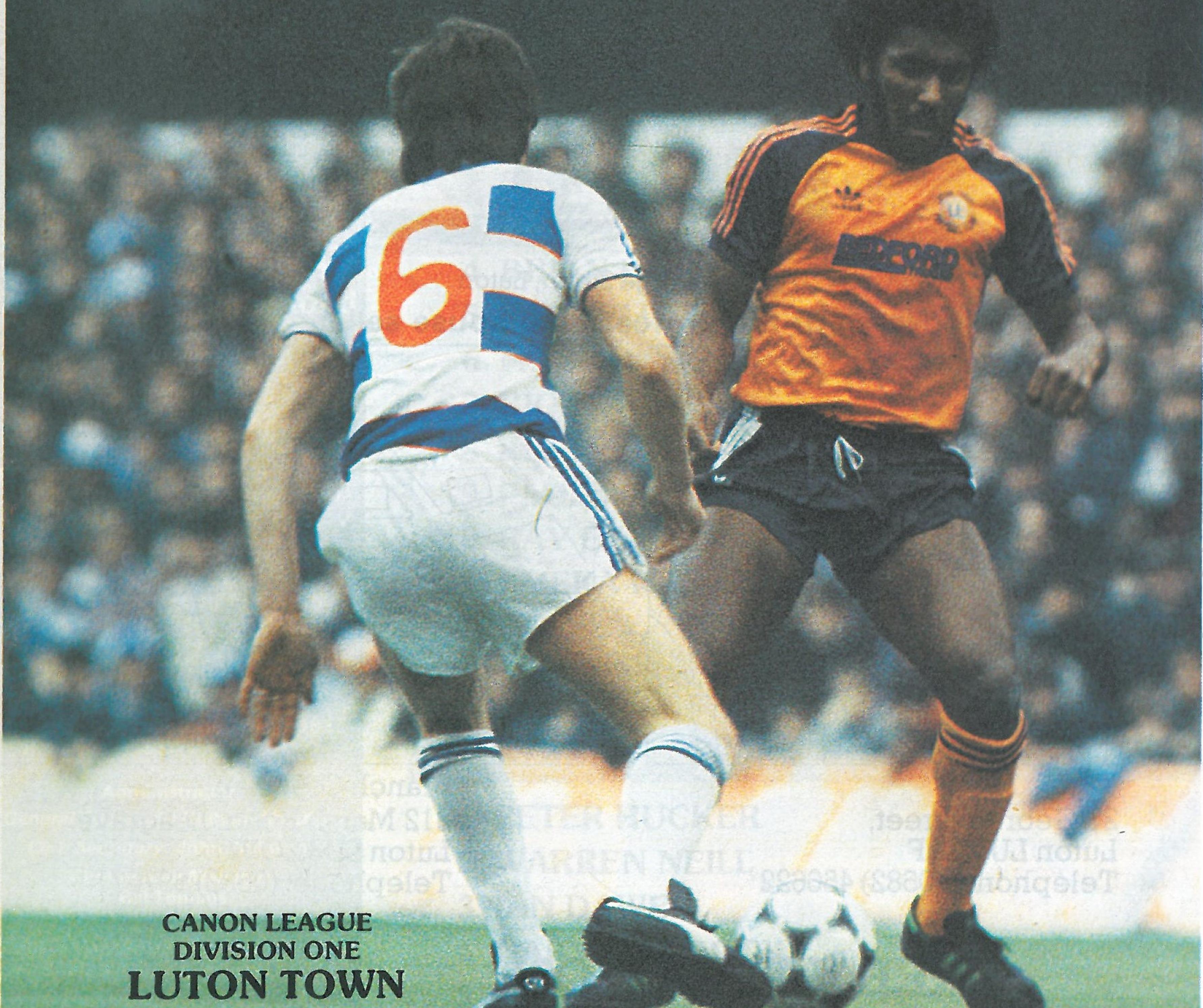


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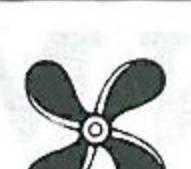
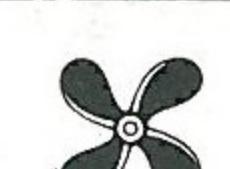
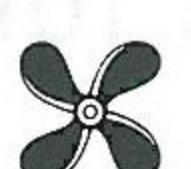
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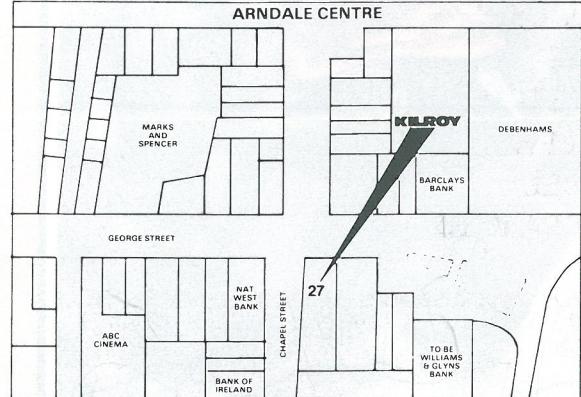
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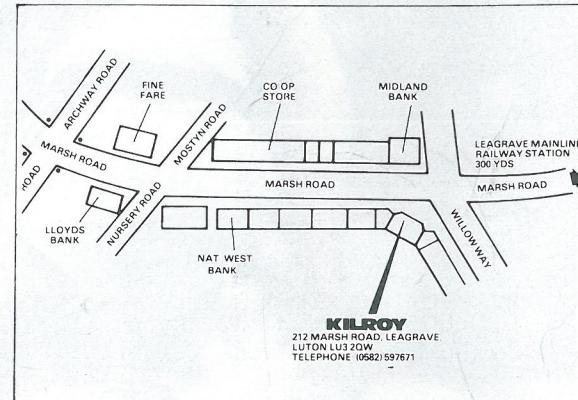
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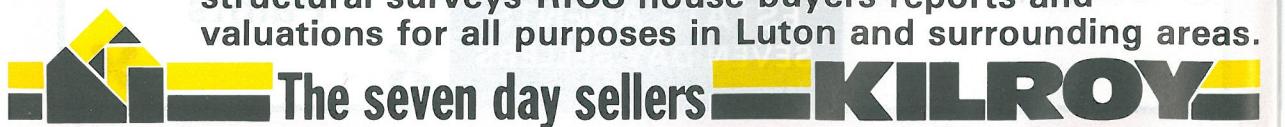
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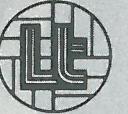
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MY VIEW

We welcome QPR here today with the knowledge that it is difficult to recall a poor game between the two clubs. Let us hope the game is as good as previous encounters.

It was disappointing to return pointless from Southampton after doing so well the previous week against Liverpool. There are no easy games in the First Division, and to do well you need the right balance of experience, consistency and depth of squad. Having been pleased with the results in the first third of the season, I have been disappointed with our results during the second third. Now, we need a big effort for the most important final third, which we begin today.

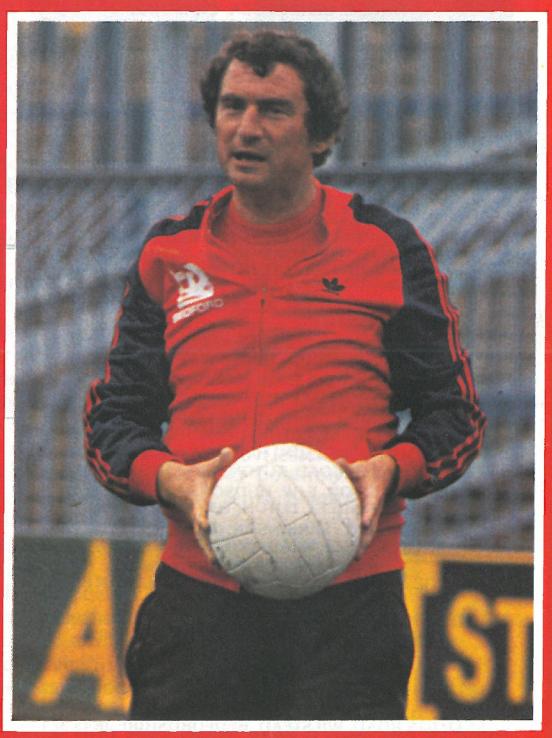
Hopefully, our injury position is looking brighter — David Moss returned in the Reserves last Saturday and will soon be back in contention for a place. One setback has been a knee injury to Rob Johnson, whom we anticipated would be a challenger for a place this season. Rob is 'Mr Unlucky' at the moment, but we wish him a quick recovery from his operation.

Two players have won deserved recognition recently. It is many a long day — probably as far back as Baynham and Owen — since Luton Town have provided two players in a full England international squad. Whether they played or not in France, I am sure both Brian Stein and Paul Walsh can establish themselves at this highest level. They have given their all for the team this season. Had we had more experience and balance on our side to overcome the absence of David Moss and lately Ricky Hill, their talents would have shone through more. Good luck to them.

We are delighted to have Ricky Hill back in the side after his hamstring problem. As he gains match fitness he will show the qualities which make him an outstanding player.

Many supporters have written to me about two issues recently. First, are we going to sell our best players, or are we going to buy? Second, where do you and the team really stand on the ground issue?

We hope to retain every player who can help contribute to a successful team. Also, if we can see a deal which will improve the team, we have a duty to you, our supporters, to try and raise the finance. Regarding the proposed move, the Board have tried everything to work out something suitable within Luton, but have been blocked. They have a duty to find an alternative.



I want the players to play in a ground to be proud of where people will come and enjoy watching.

My post bag suggests, and I am sure it is right, that hooliganism is the biggest problem. If a policeman near you needs a nudge to spot an idiot, give him a nudge — after all, they are being paid for protecting law abiding citizens. We must make greater attempts to rid football of this plague, the court sentences should be punishment not rehabilitation.

I hope today's game gives us plenty to talk about, and is full of good football and goals. We must be positive in our attitudes.

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Scene on One..

LEADERS GET THE JITTERS . . .

By Tony Pullein

Liverpool manager Joe Fagan praised Luton's tactics but described his own team's performance at Kenilworth Road as 'our worst of the season'. And, after dropping two points in another goalless draw in their previous away game at Sunderland, Liverpool were not looking quite so invincible as they had done earlier in the season.

In normal circumstances Liverpool, trying to complete a hat-trick of League Championships, might have been punished more severely. But their closest challengers, Nottingham Forest and Manchester United, have also been showing signs of the jitters.

Manchester United managed to draw away to bottom club Wolves only because of a late goal from Norman Whiteside and that gave United their fifth draw in six away games. Manager Ron Atkinson had been complaining about his team's lack of the killer punch, and pointing out that many of their drawn matches should have been won, but they were still kept well in control by the home side at Molineux.

The unusual thing about United's record this season is that they have been beaten only once away from home — at Southampton (0-3) back in September — in League matches. 'But we have drawn eight of our away games and if only we had won a few more of those we could have been in a commanding lead at the top by now,' complained Atkinson.

Forest, who dropped points in a 1-1 draw at Sunderland, can scarcely be said to have faltered as they went to Roker Park with five successive away wins behind them. But they found Sunderland in uncompromising mood and seemed to be heading for defeat when defender Gordon Chisholm gave the home side the lead in the 73rd minute. It needed a goal from right-back Viv Anderson to earn them a point.

CHALLENGERS

Despite their slip at Sunderland, Forest now look the most likely challengers for Liverpool's crown. Coming away from Roker Park, Forest looked back on a run of only one defeat in 11 League games, and that one reverse was by Liverpool. Indeed, Forest surrendered all six points to Liverpool this season and, in the final reckoning, that could prove critical.

The club waiting most patiently in the wings, as the main challengers falter, is Queens Park Rangers, who come to Kenilworth Road today. Six of their first seven League games of 1984 were

Scene on One.. Scene on One

played on their controversial Omniturf pitch but, at the end of that sequence, Rangers were not so sure that it had given them much advantage.

They won only three of those home games, drew twice — against Manchester United and West Ham — and lost to Nottingham Forest. During that spell they won their only away First Division game at Arsenal (2-0).

With the leaders all looking a little vulnerable, Rangers must be in with a chance of winning the League Championship for the first time and thus gaining compensation for their experience in 1976. When they had completed their fixtures that season, QPR led Liverpool by one point but the Reds still had one game to play.

Rangers remained in suspense for ten days before Liverpool travelled to Wolves for their final game and, when Wolves led 1-0 at half-time, they began to believe the Championship Shield would be going to Shepherds Bush. But Liverpool, in characteristic style, hit back with late goals to win 3-1.

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QPR fans have never forgotten that but now they have a better chance than ever of gaining revenge.

• Southampton, of course, could also come into the reckoning though they seem more intent upon reaching Wembley at the moment. The Saints, drawn away for the third round in succession, survived a hairy first-half at Blackburn to win 1-0 with a superbly taken goal by David Armstrong.

After that, Southampton were quoted as 5-2 favourites to win the FA Cup but Lawrie McMenemy has been trying to hedge his bets. 'I want to finish high enough in the League to qualify for the UEFA Cup,' he says. 'Anything can happen in the FA Cup.'

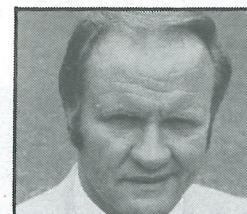
But Southampton were looking as fragile as most of the other contenders, looking back on only one win — at Wolves (1-0) — in six First Division outings.

So, with West Ham so shattered by injuries, the Championship race — once considered to be Liverpool's for the asking — has become more open than it has been for many years.

• Indeed, the Hatters must have a reasonable chance, as have Spurs and Norwich. Tottenham were ravaged by injuries earlier in the season but they have come good at the right time. And striker Steve Archibald, with four goals in four matches, has come right back into form. Manchester United had been hoping to sign him but Spurs rejected their improved offer of almost £450,000 because they feel that, if he maintains his form, they may be able to obtain twice that figure from an Italian club at the end of the season.

REPLACEMENT

• Spurs have a ready-made replacement for Archibald in Alan Brazil, another Scottish international. But Brazil, signed from Ipswich for



RON ATKINSON



PAUL MARINER

£500,000 almost a year ago, is not happy at White Hart Lane and he might welcome a move before the March transfer deadline unless he is given some undertaking that he will have the chance to regain his first team place.

At the moment it seems that Spurs may be anticipating losing Archibald at the end of the season and, with the resultant vacancy likely to occur in their attack, Brazil might just be persuaded to stay.

• Norwich City, who reached the fifth round of both Cups, made a disappointing exit from the FA Cup at Derby, third from bottom in the Second Division. But the Canaries, who had been confident of getting to Wembley, still have a chance to salvage something in the League. If they don't win the Championship, then they should certainly finish in their highest-ever position.

So far their best was tenth place in 1975-76.

The thing that could wreck Norwich's hopes is their away form. When they lost 0-2 at QPR they looked back on a run of five away games and no goals, scarcely Championship form.

• At the other end of the table, Wolves and Notts County seem to be moving steadily towards the Second Division. Wolves did well to draw 1-1 with Manchester United but they had managed only one win in six games and it is one or two three-point successes that they really need if they are to have any hope of escaping the drop.

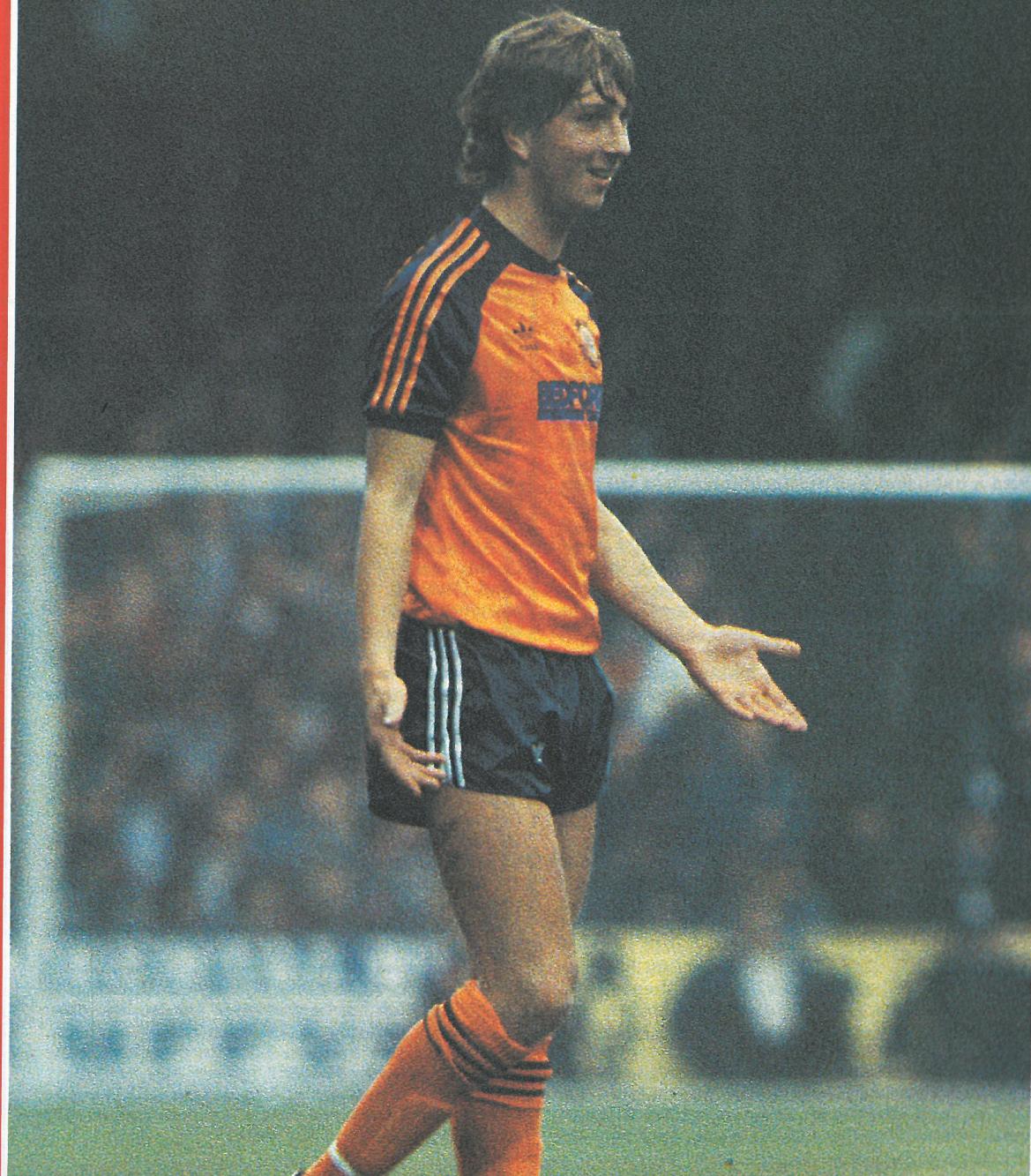
Notts County moved into the sixth round of the FA Cup for the first time in 29 years but, with no win in nine League games, their chances of remaining in the First Division were diminishing. The last time County appeared in round six of the FA Cup they were drawn at home to Third Division York City and lost 0-1.

• Arsenal's caretaker-manager Don Howe cannot be feeling too secure. The Gunners were held to a 1-1 home draw by Aston Villa and that meant they had won only once in ten games since Christmas. And that included an FA Cup defeat at Second Division Middlesbrough.

The Gunners included England centre-forward Paul Mariner, a £150,000 signing from Ipswich, in the Villa match but he was given few opportunities to show his shooting power. Even Tony Woodcock, who scored five times at Villa Park earlier in the season, was well subdued.

Indeed, Arsenal are still in danger of having to fight to avoid the third relegation place unless they can string together a few wins.

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GARY PARKER – CAREER RECORD

When Gary Parker was spotted playing for the Oxfordshire Youth side, his form was good enough to convince the Luton scouts that he had a future at Kenilworth Road.

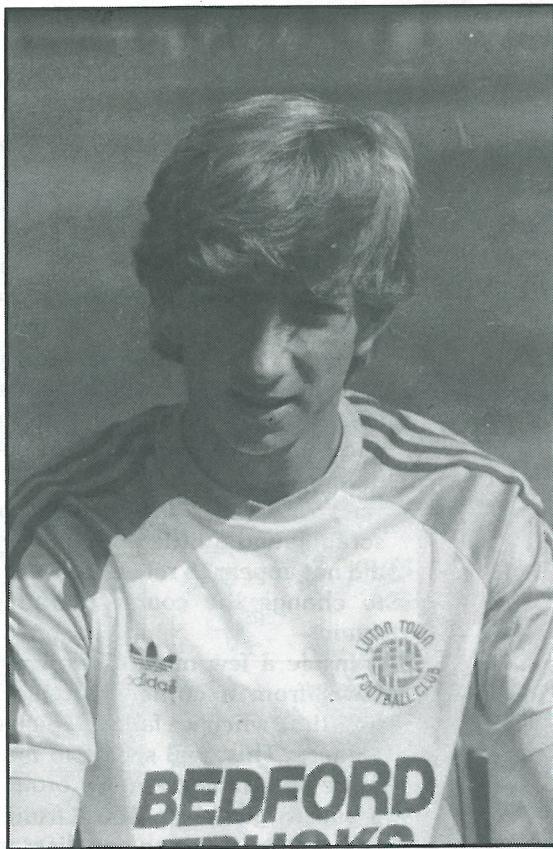
He signed apprentice professional forms in June 1982 and made such rapid progress that he was offered a full contract 10 months later and made his first team debut at Manchester United towards the end of last season when we were fighting to avoid relegation.

A midfield player with good vision, Gary came into the first team again this season and scored at Wolves.

There is little doubt Gary has a fine future in the game – a prediction emphasised by the fact that he was selected for the England Youth shadow team for their tour of Denmark during the close season.

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South East Counties

TEAM: Dunn, Davies, Devine, Driscoll, Cooke, McEvoy, Blake, Oldfield, O'Brien, Ellisdon, Reynolds. Subs: Doughty, Ager.

SCORERS: Oldfield, Ellisdon, McEvoy.

We started quite brightly but, as the half wore on, we lost our way as we were not passing the ball well enough. As the game was not going as we wanted it to, we started to doubt ourselves and did not make good angles to receive the ball from teammates.

As a result, the game became scrappy and a little physical, and we did not appear to relish the hard work to change the course of the game again.

Inside a few minutes we went one down from a corner kick just after half-time when we failed to pick up attackers. This goal seems to make us more determined and we brought on a sub to give us a boost from fresh legs. We soon hit an equaliser from a scramble in the goalmouth and although they appealed for offside, the linesman's flag stayed down.

Bringing on our second sub to keep the momentum going, we then went on to score two more goals to clinch a victory, both scored by midfield players, supporting our attacks.

Our second-half performance was a lot better than the first in commitment and application and both our subs made good contributions to our victory with goals from Oldfield, Ellisdon and McEvoy.

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Although we thought we had the best of the first-half we failed to take any of our chances to score. However, it was a patchy performance and there seemed to be a few of our players who were being too respectful and fearful of a team no better than ourselves.

Collectively we played with little pattern but now and again an individual player produced a skill which made me hope that it might give his teammates a lift.

At the start of the second-half we missed a very good chance to equalise and our confidence took a downward turn. It was fairly even but we could not produce a good combination move or cross or through pass to produce the necessary goal.

Worse was to come as we tried to play offside and the flag never went up and Spurs ran on to score to put the game beyond us.

All credit to the spirit of the lads who now seemed to pull together and our best spell of the game produced a rousing finish in which we snatched a goal and had an equaliser disallowed for offside.

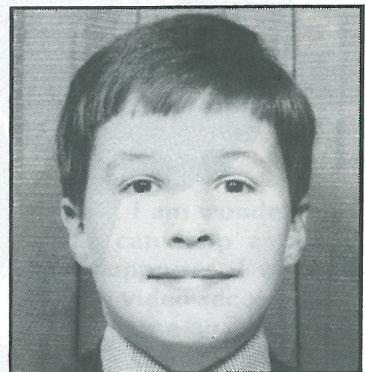
It's a pity we waited so late in the game before adding a bit of spirit and passion into our play.

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Trevor Reay of Dunstable is 13 and is a pupil at Northfields Upper School, Dunstable. He plays football for Northfields 'b' team and his interests are football, computer and music.

Daniel King of Harlington is nine and attends Harlington Lower School. His interests are chess, football training, reading and stamp collecting.

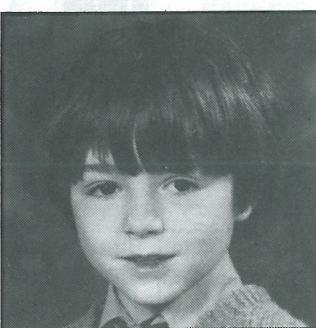
Martin Rattigan from Sundon Park is 13 and a pupil at Cardinal Newman School. He plays football for scouts and his interests are football, darts, and motor racing.

Nigel Andrews of Luton attends St Joseph's Junior School. He plays football for St Joseph's Hawks and his other interests include cricket.

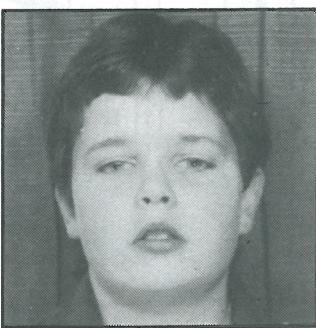
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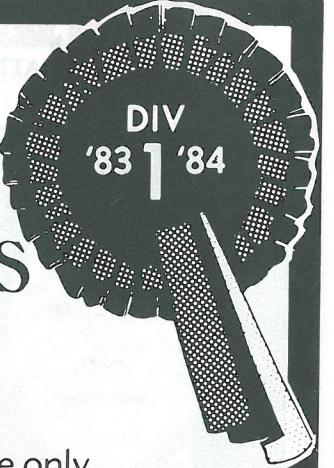
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C. A. Corten
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Dear Sir, I have been a collector of Luton home programmes for many years and have only a handful of omissions from 1954-55 to date.

I have one or two queries about certain programmes, however, and I write to you in the hope that someone might be able to provide answers from their files. My queries are:

1. 1960-61 v Liverpool.
1961-2 v Rotherham, both League cup-ties. Were the programmes for these games full issues or single sheet types.

2. 1973-74 v Notts County (League), Port Vale (FA Cup). Were these single sheets or even no programme at all. (I seem to remember there were production problems with programmes due to the power strike.)

D. J. Craddock
13 Ditchling Close
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Dear Sir, I am wondering if anyone can help a fellow Luton supporter. I want to obtain a video recording of Luton's game against Manchester United and, in return, am prepared to exchange a recording of Aberdeen's Super Cup game against Hamburg or the European Cup Final against Juventus. Alternatively, I am prepared to offer three hours of Scottish Premier Division action.

Steven Cummings
98 Salton Crescent
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Dear Sir, I am a collector of ground lapel badges and in an effort to fill some gaps in my collection, I would be grateful if you would print the following plea in your future

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Paul Fealey
30 Redbrook Street
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Dear Sir, I was wondering if anyone at the club could help me. I wasn't allowed to go to the Manchester City match at the end of last season, and I also missed it when it was later shown on 'Match of the Day'. So, if you know of any way I could get to see the film, I would be grateful.

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PICTURE FOCUS



We suppose it had to happen after Brian Stein and Paul Walsh were named in the England squad which played France at the end of last month. Our photographer took the opportunity of catching them in typical French outfits.



One of our young supporters, Sally Mayne, was given the full VIP treatment at our game against Liverpool after winning a Junior Hatters Club competition in the Herald, the co-sponsors of the Junior Hatters with Chiltern Radio. She is pictured with Paul Walsh, Wayne Turner, Jake Findlay and Kirk Stephens.

Competitions

AWAYAGAME - AWAYAGAME

Leaders with 12 points each following their accurate forecast of the 2-1 defeat at Southampton on Saturday, J. W. Seller and R. J. Ogden. On 11 points are P. Dimmock, Martin Illingworth, Mark Lethbridge, J. Ogden, R. Wakelin, P. Mansfield, M. Addis and Steve Whiting.

NAME THE FACES

The winner of our competition in the Liverpool magazine was Guy Kaas of Luton who correctly named Gary Stevens (Everton), John Lukic (Arsenal) and Steve McMahon (Aston Villa). Guy will receive one of our super Luton Town videos.

Here is a new phototeaser 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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NAME THE STAR

The Name the Star competition continues from the Liverpool magazine. A number of entries have been received naming Glen Hoddle. We can assure you it's not Glen, so we add another portion of the body and invite you to guess the identity. Entries to Luton Town FC, 70/72 Kenilworth Road, Luton, Beds. LU1 1DH.

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OLYMPIC QUEST

Several local companies, including Filmergraphic Associates and Wallspan Bedrooms, are combining to sponsor Ronnie West and send him to represent Britain in the Disabled Olympics in New York. He leaves on June 14th with the rest of the team.

Today, Ronnie will demonstrate some of his skills on the pitch before the game and we take this opportunity of providing you with some details of Ronnie, who lives in Potton. We hope you applaud his efforts today.

Ronnie has three personal coaches who train with him five or six days a week. Gordon Adams, who is a national able-bodied coach, is Ronnie's athletic coach while Bernie Wilkins and Dave Jewell are the two people behind Ronnie's swimming success. As well as these three coaches, Ronnie has a full back-up support of British team coaches whom he meets once or twice a month with the rest of the team.

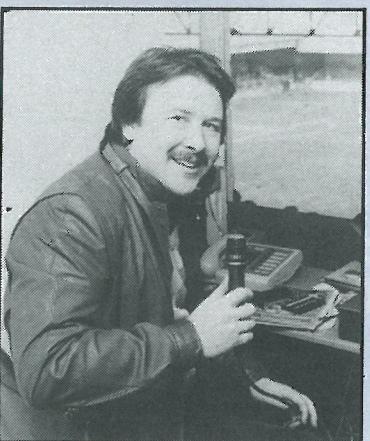
He has taken part in sport since early school days with swimming being his first sport. Ronnie holds 76 gold medals, 26 silver medals and 26 bronze for his swimming, 15 of the gold are from British championships. The only thing left for Ronnie was to be chosen for an Olympic games.

In February 1983, he was invited to train with a group of athletes from the British Amputee Sports Association when he was thought of as Olympic potential.

In his 21 years Ronnie, who was born without arms due to thalidomide, has attended normal schools, been a Cub Scout and passed most of his badges. Using his toes and feet as hands he became a Scout.

CHILTERN RADIO POP SPOT

Supporters watching the last two home games against Liverpool and Manchester United will have heard the Chiltern Radio Pop Spot provided



by the Dunstable and Bedford based station's presenters.

We are pleased that Chiltern Radio have agreed to extend the service to the end of the season when their personalities will bring you 30 minutes of the latest music before each game.

Today, we welcome Mark Smith who presents his show on Chiltern Radio between 4-7 p.m., which features the popular Drivetime theme, in addition to the Early Riser programme between 6-7 p.m.

Also pictured here in action against Manchester United is Bill Young, the first presenter Chiltern Radio used when they launched the service with us.

CENTURY CLUB

Our guests at Kenilworth Road today, Queens Park Rangers, make the short trip from Loftus Road. In past years, there have been many interesting games between our two clubs. This afternoon, we shall be backing our team to do the double.

Over the past few weeks, we have noticed a tendency among members to invite more than one guest to join them after the game. May we remind you in the interests and comfort of all, that pre-match guests must leave by 2.00 p.m. unless they are watching the game. Friends may join you again after 5.15 p.m. — one guest per member, correctly signed in, to a limit of 30 guests.

The stewards are authorised to refuse admittance when this limit is reached until some of the members or guests leave the clubroom.

VIP VISITOR

Sir Robert Muldoon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, graced us with a visit



at our last home game against Liverpool. He is pictured here (second left) with Mayor of Luton Frank Lester (left), Bedford Trucks' ball winner Gerry Knox, England manager Bobby Robson and Eric Fountain from Bedford Trucks.

FANCY A PEN PAL?

We have heard from Juhani Leppanen, a 15 year old Luton fan who lives in Finland. Juhani, who reckons the Hatters are the best team in England, is looking for a pen pal in this area. He promises to reply to

every letter he receives and the address to write to him at: Kupittaankatu 13C28, 20520 Turku 52, Finland.

BIRMINGHAM DATE

We have no game next week because our scheduled opponents, Birmingham City, are involved in the FA Cup against Watford. The game has been re-arranged for Tuesday March 20th, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

TURNING THE CLOCK BACK

Thanks to Wallspan Bedrooms, we turned the clock back in the home

game against Manchester United when the Flitwick based company sponsored a pre-match shoot-out involving Jimmy Greaves, Ian St John and Gordon Banks. The event turned out to be a light hearted affair which certainly provided a few laughs for the fans.



Wallspan managing director Terry Bailey is pictured here being interviewed by Anglia Television's Gerry Harrison and Jimmy Greaves with Gordon Banks standing in the background.

BALL SPONSOR

Today's ball sponsor is an ardent Town fan since 1983. Roger Wheatfield suffered a setback in 1979 when he was involved in an accident, by breaking his neck. Now confined to a wheelchair, despite his disabilities he has been coming to matches this season and is grateful to the club for their assistance in providing suitable accommodation in the Bobbers Stand. Roger is very appreciative of the kindness shown to him by our stewards and as a token of his appreciation, is sponsoring today's match ball.



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Bedford Trucks, Luton's official sponsors, entertained their guests at our home tie against Liverpool. They are

pictured outside the ground before the match with our magnificent Bedford Trucks coach providing an ideal backcloth.

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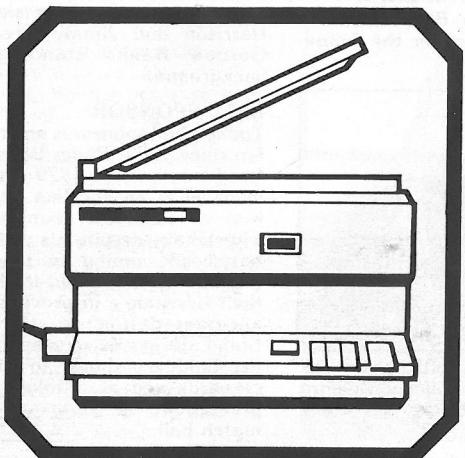
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HATTERS WHO'S WHO

Tony Pullein continues his series on former Luton players, and today features Tony Read.

Luton signed Tony Read as a striker and he scored 12 goals in his first three months in the first team. Then he lost his scoring touch, lost his place and, when we next saw him in League action, he was in goal!

Tony started his career as a goalkeeper with Sheffield Wednesday but Ron Springett was so consistent in the first team that there seemed no hope of his making the League grade at Hillsborough.

In May 1964 he moved on to Peterborough, only to find the situation even worse. 'They had four other goalkeepers,' recalled Tony. 'I spent most of my time as a spectator and was so frustrated that I volunteered to play centre-forward.'

'I played in the reserves and, in one game against Spurs, I scored against Pat Jennings. George Martin, the Luton manager, happened to be in the stand and afterwards he paid £800 for my transfer.'

His first game in the Luton senior side was against Newport in September 1965. He was selected in place of John O'Rourke but later O'Rourke was recalled and the pair struck a most effective partnership.

In only his second game, Tony scored the winning goal against Rochdale and was really enjoying his game. A few weeks later he scored a hat-trick against Notts County.

RIDICULOUS ANGLE

'And do you know, the lads gave me a rollicking after the game,' smiled Tony.

'I scored one with a header, one from a free-kick and one with a shot on the run well out. But they ticked me off for shooting from such ridiculous angles!'

His versatility proved useful in another way. When the Hatters' goalkeeper was injured in a game against Bradford City, and had to go off, Tony naturally took his place in goal.

'I scored 12 goals in my spell as a forward,' reflected Tony. 'Then I don't know what happened but I completely lost my touch. I was eventually dropped after a Saturday match and played in goal for the reserves in mid-week. The following Saturday I was back in the first team — in goal.'

And there he remained for the rest of his professional career.

His experience as a forward taught Tony many lessons that were to prove invaluable to him as a goalkeeper. 'I knew instinctively the sort of crosses that the average forward loves and the awkward ones that he hates,' he said.

WORRIED

'But, best of all, I became an expert penalty-taker. Alec Stock had taken over as manager and reckoned I was the second-best spot-kick taker at the club. Mike Keen was the man who took them in the first team and Mr Stock told me he would never let me take one for the League side.'

'He was scared that, if I missed, I might not have got back in position in time. But he needn't have worried really. I just used to make up my mind where I was going to aim and simply hammered the ball into the net.'

His experience also proved useful to him in saving penalty kicks. 'I can't ever remember going the wrong way when trying to save a penalty,' he says. 'I used to note carefully how the taker would walk back after placing the ball on the spot. If he intended bending it either side of me, he usually took a couple of side steps. By watching all his close actions I could usually tell where he was going to place the ball.'

'Of course, I couldn't stop them all but, for a goalkeeper, there was some satisfaction in having worked out the striker's intentions.'

And Tony rarely criticises a forward who misses an 'open goal'.

'To the crowd it looks easy when a forward breaks through with only the goalkeeper to beat. But I learned as a forward that there is still a lot to do. The goalkeeper, if he is positioned correctly, seems to fill the whole goal and there really isn't all that much space to aim for.'

REALISED

'As a goalkeeper I realised what was going through the forward's mind when he was bearing down on me. And I did the sort of things that I knew would make it difficult for him.'

Tony held the first team goalkeeping spot for the following two seasons, winning a Fourth Division championship medal in 1968. He then spent a couple of years mostly in the reserves before regaining the place upon our return to the Second Division in 1970.

His last game in the first team was against Sunderland at Kenilworth Road in February 1972 and he was released at the end of that season.

LEAGUE RECORD:

	Apps	Gls
Sheffield Wednesday	—	—
Peterborough	1964-65	2
Luton	1965-66	31(2)
	1966-67	35(1)
	1967-68	43
	1968-69	16
	1969-70	9
	1970-71	38
	1971-72	24
	198(3)	12
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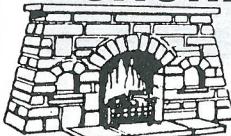
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JOHN WILKINSON - CLUB SECRETARY

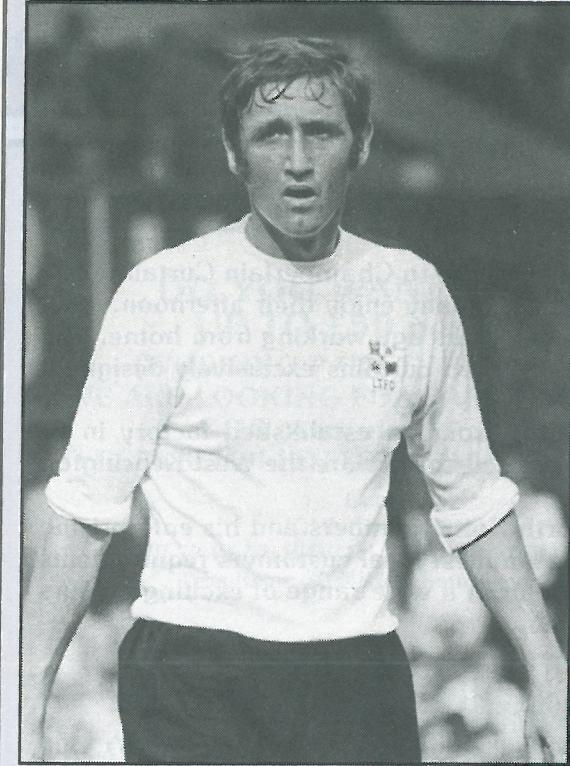
At our recent home match against Manchester United I had the pleasure of meeting and having a drink with two former Town players, Terry Kelly and Seamus Dunne. It doesn't seem possible that 30 years have gone by since they wore the club colours. They are both looking very fit but not too pleased with the result that day.

The following Monday I received a visit from Gordon Brice whom I hadn't seen for nearly 40 years. Gordon played here in 1946 as a centre-half and left us to join Wolves when Stan Cullis retired. He is still living in Bedford and his one regret is that he doesn't meet any of his old colleagues. If any former player would like to get in touch with him, give me a ring.

We were very sorry to learn of the recent death of our former centre-forward Jesse Pye at the age of 63. I think there wasn't a better forward line duo when Jesse and Gordon Turner were playing together. They certainly caused havoc amongst many defences in their day.

In the Liverpool programme I set six questions on the FA Cup and the first correct answers were received from Mr. G. Kendall of 10 Clarion Close, Offley, Hitchin. Congratulations to Mr Kendall. Two tickets are on the way to you. The answers to the questions I posed were 1: David Jack of Bolton Wanderers; 2: A watch (although most referees carry two), a note book, a pencil or pen, a coin, a whistle, the match ball; 3: The FA Cup was stolen from a Birmingham shop window in 1895. Aston Villa were the holders; 4: Stamford Bridge; 5: John Groves; 6: Frank King.

We welcome today our friends from Loftus Road. We will have to be on our toes today if we are to get a result and if we see as good a game today as the match on 23rd November 1963, we are in for a treat. The match ended in a 4-4 draw and that was after we went three goals up in 19 minutes. The scorers were Turner (2), Smith and McKechnie, and for QPR, Leary (2), Graham and McQuade.



MEMORY LANE

THIS WEEK:
MIKE KEEN

Mike was a tall and powerful wing half who played superbly during a League career in which he was a credit to the game. He made his debut for QPR in season 1959-60 and was captain of the side which achieved their double in season 1966-67 when they won promotion to the Second Division and also won the Football League Cup at Wembley beating West Brom 3-2.

When Rangers manager Alec Stock joined Luton, one of his first signings was Mike and he went on to make over 140 appearances in the Town's colours. In 1972 he moved down the road to Watford where he made over 120 appearances for the Hornets before retiring from active duty and becoming their manager. He is now running his sports shop in High Wycombe.

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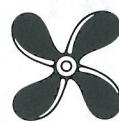
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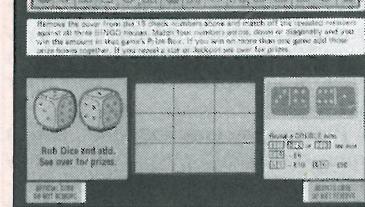
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QPR

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Some people, without real grounds for argument, considered Rangers had an advantage because of their artificial Omniturf pitch. In fact, it was away from home that they were so much superior to everyone else — they won 10 away games and far more away points (34) than any other club in the top two divisions.

Manager Terry Venables acknowledges the value of his plastic pitch in producing better players. 'The bounce of the ball calls for far greater control and passes have to be precisely placed,' he says.

'But this produces more skilful players,' he adds. 'And that can't be bad, can it?'

OPPOSITION

Now Rangers are proving, even against First Division opposition, that skill pays off away from home. They possess one of the best away records in the division and they are well on course for a place in the UEFA Cup next season.

The recent signing of Jeremy Charles from Swansea for £100,000 has given Rangers two players of much style in the striking positions. The Welsh international has teamed up with back-to-form Simon Stainrod.



TERRY VENABLES

Jeremy, the son of former Wales international Mel Charles, is a player of great versatility. When Swansea blooded him as a striker in 1976-77, he topped their scoring list with 26 goals. He later played in defence and midfield for the Swans and he has been capped by Wales on 12 occasions.

Sheffield United launched Stainrod's League career in 1975-76 but he moved on to Oldham in 1979. He joined Rangers for £275,000 three seasons back and in 1981-82 he led their scorers with 24 goals. Injuries hit him last season when he missed more than a dozen matches but he still managed to score nine goals.

Simon is currently leading the way with 15 goals.

FULLY RECOGNISED

Ian Stewart is Rangers' third forward. Ian became an international star before he became fully recognised by his own supporters at Shepherds Bush. He made his League debut in 1980-81 but had made only two full appearances before the start of last season. Though he still had difficulty getting into the Rangers' side last season he played in all eight internationals for Ireland.

Ian joined Millwall on loan towards the end of last season but now he has played himself into the Rangers' side. He won his 13th Irish cap against Scotland in December.

Mike Fillery recently took over one of the midfield places from Gary Micklewhite with Gary Waddock and John Gregory completing the line-up here.

Fillery is a former England Youth international who served his apprenticeship with Chelsea. Mike made his League debut for the Stamford Bridge club in 1978-79 and last season was their leading scorer with 12 goals. QPR signed him for £155,000 during the summer.

Micklewhite was signed from Manchester United on a free transfer in 1980 and earned himself a first team place two seasons ago. He has become a regular goalscorer from midfield and netted seven times last season.

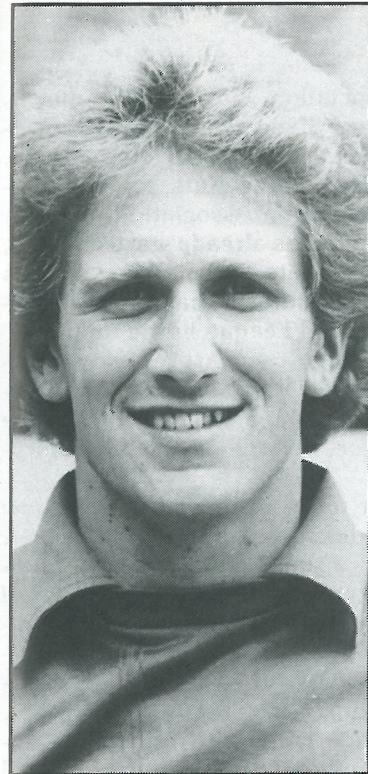
Waddock is a ball-winning midfield player who made his League debut in September 1979 at the age of 17. He soon came in for international recognition and is now a regular member of the Republic of Ireland side. He won his 11th cap against Malta in November.

FURTHER CAPS

Gregory's exhilarating midfield performance earned him the chance to go on tour to Australia with the full England team last summer when he played in all three internationals. John won further caps against Denmark and Hungary in vital European Championship games this season.

Gregory played his early League soccer with Northampton Town, completing almost 200 League games for the Cobblers. Aston

QPR LOOK GOOD ON ANY SURFACE



PETER HUCKER

his League career with Crystal Palace in 1977-78 and was transferred to QPR for £100,000 in 1980.

The full-backs are Warren Neill and Ian Dawes.

DEVELOPED

Neill is a former England Schoolboy international who developed in the club's Youth team. He played his first League game in August 1980 and last season earned himself a regular place at right-back.

Dawes is also a former England Schoolboy international who developed in the Rangers' Junior teams. He came through for his League debut two seasons ago and last term took over the left-back spot filled for so many years by Ian Gillard.

Goalkeeper Peter Hucker served his apprenticeship with Rangers and made his League debut at Shrewsbury in the final match of 1980-81. He won a regular place the following season when he starred in the FA Cup Final against Spurs at Wembley.

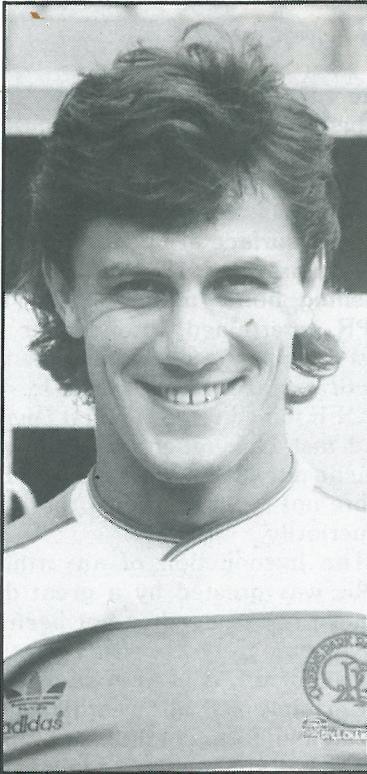
Rangers took early exits from both Cups this season. After slaming Crewe 8-4 on aggregate in the second round of the Milk Cup, they went out at the next stage at Ipswich (2-3).

They were beaten at Huddersfield (1-2) in the third round of the FA Cup.

Steve Wicks and Terry Fenwick have established themselves as the central-defenders.

Wicks began his professional career with Chelsea and completed well over 100 League appearances for them before moving to Derby for £275,000 in 1979. QPR initially signed Steve from Derby for £300,000 later that year but they sold him to Crystal Palace for £700,000 in 1981. They made a smart deal when re-signing him for only £275,000 a year later.

Fenwick, a former England Youth international, won his 11th Under-21 cap when he helped England to beat West Germany in the Final of the UEFA Under-21 tournament last season. He began



SIMON STAINROD

United (1-3), Nottingham Forest (2-3), Coventry (0-1), Tottenham (2-3), Leicester (1-2) and Aston Villa (1-2).

Rangers have this season entered a sponsorship agreement with Guiness worth £450,000 over three years. The famous Irish drink is brewed locally at the Park Royal headquarters and many of the firm's management and employees have been QPR fans for many years.

By TONY PULLEIN



LUTON'S FUTURE

The visit this afternoon of Queens Park Rangers is perhaps the opportune time to introduce the subject of artificial pitches in the 'Luton's Future' page. For those with short memories, the Football League sanctioned the use of an artificial playing surface at QPR's Loftus Road ground in the summer of 1981. For their Division Two opening home match of the 1981-82 season QPR entertained Luton under floodlights, the first League soccer match to be played on a synthetic surface. Luton won 2-1.

QPR joined us in the First Division this season and last November we again played on their plastic pitch. This time we won 1-0 although the score not really justifying the Hatters' all round superiority.

The introduction of an artificial surface by QPR was greeted by a great deal of ballyhoo that in retrospect has not been justified. Clubs have come to respect the Loftus Road pitch, but praise for it has been in short supply.

Certainly its all weather capabilities have created uniform conditions, but the high bounce of the ball has not found favour in many places. However its controversial aspects have caused discussion and opened the gates for improvement and innovation.

As the wet weather makes a mockery of attempts to play skilful football on muddy pitches, Rangers' much respected young manager Terry Venables can talk from strength on the virtues of artificial surfaces. 'It's not the right one,' Venables is quoted as saying. 'But if a better one comes along which can do the trick, then we shall have it. Grass pitches are lovely and green at the start of the season . . . but not now.'

QPR have set a trend and, following the decision of the Football League to give permission in principle for the Hatters to instal an artificial pitch in our proposed new indoor stadium, a £45,000 programme, funded jointly by the Sports Council, the Football Association and the Football Trust is being undertaken.

The project is being supervised by a working group chaired by Sir Walter Winterbottom, ex-England manager and former director of the Sports Council. It includes representatives from

the Football Association, the Sports Council, the Football League Executive Staffs' Association, the Professional Footballers' Association, the Sports Turf Research Institute, and the Rubber and Plastics Research Association.

The working group has already started its job, with a brief to investigate acceptable standards for artificial pitches, and will make recommendations to the Football League in the autumn.

Their first task will be to measure mechanically the properties of a sample of natural grass pitches in the Football League and this will include tests for ball bounce, ball roll and shock absorption.

Another aspect to be examined will be how boots respond to different surfaces.

Simultaneously, a squad of players from Football League clubs will be put through a series of tests and then asked to complete a questionnaire. The aim will be to set acceptable performance levels that could then be applied to artificial grass systems.

The second stage will be to repeat the experiments on a whole range of existing artificial grass pitch systems — and there are now more than 14 varieties in this country.

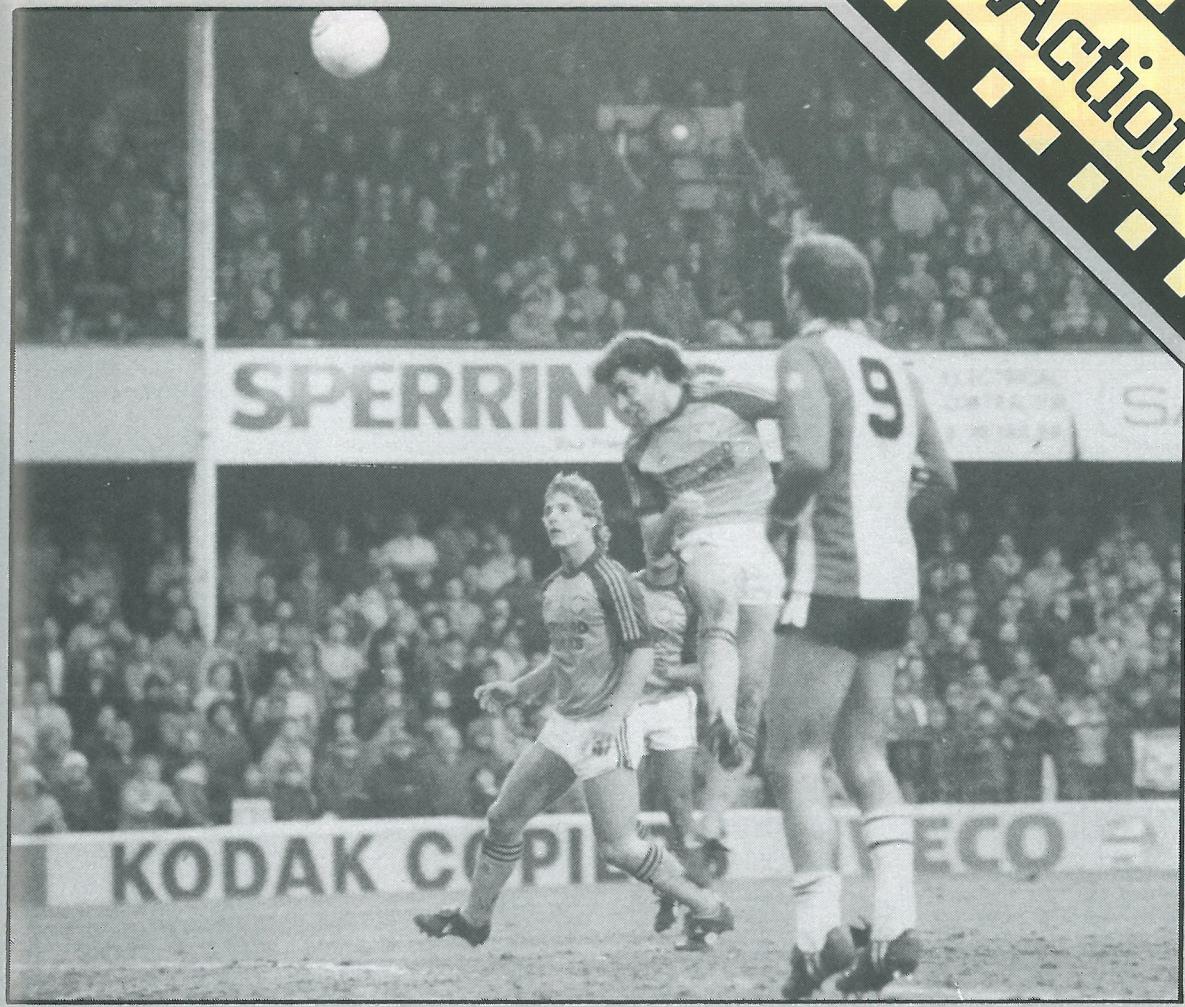
Terry Venables recently went to Holland in his quest for an alternative system for the 1984-85 season, and no doubt today's behind the scenes talks will include an exchange of views on plastic pitches. Luton Town are monitoring QPR's efforts very closely.

Over the years, the Sports Council has vigorously pursued a policy of helping to regenerate urban sites for all weather sports use and make use of these facilities far more often than with natural surfaces. The Hatters are now in the vanguard in the quest for the sort of playing surface that will improve the quality of football.

Our next magazine will take a look at AstroTurf, one solution to that problem. In the meantime we take this opportunity of thanking the Sports Council in taking the lead with a serious enquiry to try and match the performance of traditional grass pitches with an artificial surface.

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

Action



SOUTHAMPTON 2 LUTON TOWN 1
We returned pointless from The Dell last Saturday after a game which pushed us down to 11th in the table.
Mal Donaghy rises above Southampton's defence to head our last minute goal.
Emeka Nwajiobi moves in an attempt to beat Peter Shilton.



REPLAY IN COLOUR. . . REPLAY IN COLOUR



**SOUTHAMPTON 2
LUTON TOWN 1**

A last minute goal from Mal Donagh came too late to help us take a point of the Saints last Saturday. Emeka Nwajiobi attempts to beat two Southampton defenders.

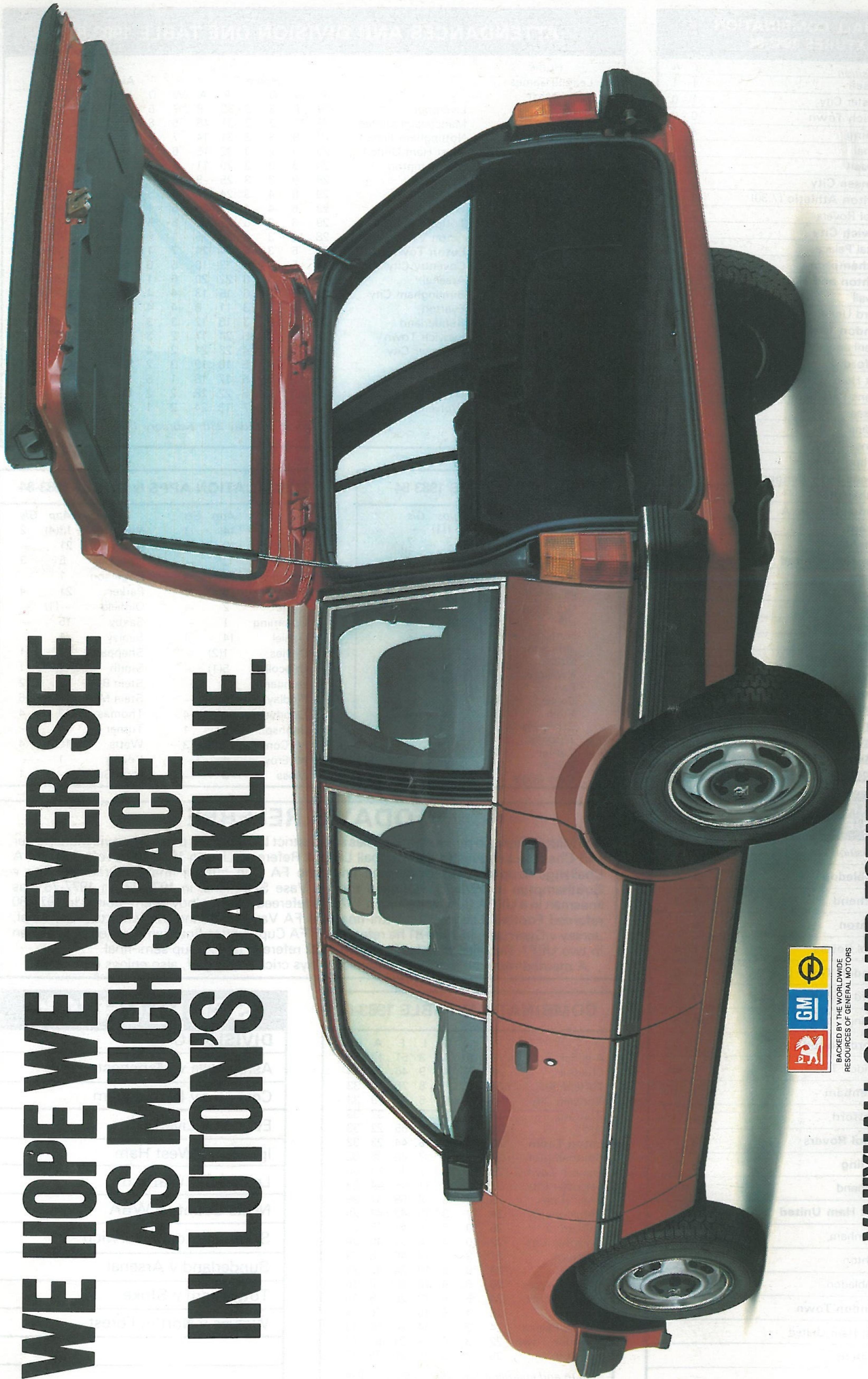
TOWN RECORD '83/84

Opponents	Result	Attendance	Points	Position	Sealey	Stephens	Turner	Horton	Elliott	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Walsh	Bunn	Moss	Antic	Aylott	Daniel	Thomas	Parker	Johnson	Goodyear	Nwajobi	Own Goals				
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	*4-1	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												
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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	9	10+	11	12	9											
25 Rotherham (MC2-2L)	0-2	6,755	—	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	—	—	10	9	11										
29 Liverpool	0-6	31,940	19	6	1	2	10	4	5	6	7	8	9	—	—	11	—	—	3									
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5 Queens Park Rangers	1-0	15,053	22	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	—	—	—	10	—	—	11	4	—						
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	—	—	—	—	—						
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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+	—						
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7 Watford (FAC3)	2-2	15,007	—	—	1	2	—	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+	—	12	—	—	3	—	—	—	11	—				
10 Watford (FAC3R)	3-4	20,586	—	—	1	2	—	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+	—	11	—	—	10	3	7	—	—	12	—			
14 Arsenal	*1-2	16,320	35	10	1	2	—	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	—	—	10	—	3	3	7+	—	—	12	—			
21 Wolverhampton W	2-1	11,594	38	8	1	2	—	4	5	6	—	8	9	11	—	—	10	—	3	7	7	—	12	—				
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4 Aston Villa	0-0	18,656	39	7	1	2	—	4	5	6	—	8	9	11	—	—	10	—	3	7	—							
12 Manchester United	0-5	11,265	39	8	1	2	—	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	—	12	10	—	3+	—	6	—						
18 Liverpool	0-0	14,877	40	8	1	2	—	4	5	6	10	7	8	9	—	—	—	—	11	3	—	—	12	—				
25 Southampton	1-2	17,947	40	11	1	2	—	4	5	6	6	7	8	9	—	—	—	—	10	3	—	—	12	11+				
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