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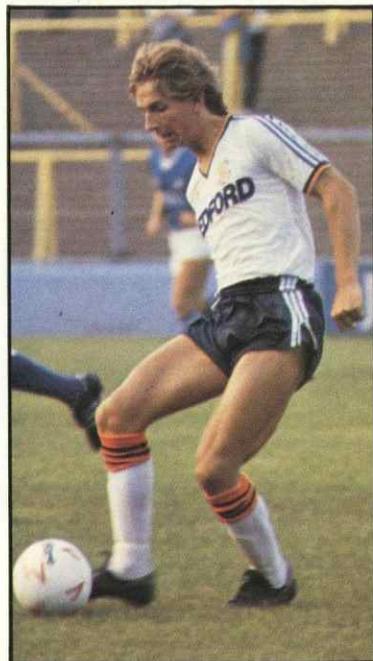
ACTION REPLAY



ABOVE: Brian Stein's close footwork is watched carefully as he moves forward.

BELOW: Young Gary Parker making his mark during a first-half build up.

RIGHT: New boy Ashley Grimes shakes off a determined 'Lion'.



Pictures by Gareth Owen



Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for one of the most important seasons in our history. Next year will be our Centenary season and the team must prove worthy First Division competitors and hopefully gain a trophy. Several changes have taken place which are timed to benefit our general progress and are necessary for the improvements I am seeking.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to record my appreciation of the senior players who have left us for fresh pastures. Brian Horton now has the task of maintaining Hull City's momentum. Radomir Antic has returned to his native Yugoslavia. Kirk Stephens has joined his home town side Coventry City. Mick Saxby has agreed a contract with Newport County. Trevor Aylott has moved to Crystal Palace. Paul Walsh has now the Anfield stage for his considerable talents. It is quite a big exodus and we wish them all every success.

Our incomings will help us build the third new side since I became manager in January 1978. Newcomers sometimes take a while to blend, some succeed quickly, others settle slowly, but it

Cup sides, our evening schoolboy coaching, and trials for recommended boys. David will guide some of the quality schoolboy talent that has joined us. These include international players from last season, Richard Harvey and Duncan Berry (England) Paul Lewis (Wales) Aaron Tighe (Eire) Paul Gray and Phil Thompson (Northern Ireland).

To support and improve this aspect so vital to the clubs future I have recruited Mr Ron Howard from Cambridge United. Ron worked loyally with John Docherty for six years assessing and signing youth players. No fewer than seven of last season's Cambridge side were youth players who entered the League through Ron's thorough scouting system. We hope Ron has a long and successful stay with Luton Town.

A warm welcome to our newcomers. Ashley Grimes from Coventry, Andy Dibble from Cardiff, Vince Hilaire from Crystal Palace and Steve Elliott from Preston. I am sure they will all do well. They join a very young group of players who have shown they can play well in the First Division.

Whatever the past we know that to have a successful future we shall, have



WELCOME

is a stimulating challenge and to help me directly we have given the main coaching role to Trevor Hartley. He is a 'thinking' coach who has worked solidly for four seasons since I appointed him from his previous position as National Coach and Director of Coaching in Singapore. His early experience was gained at West Ham.

David Coates who has been a valued worker with the senior players now will have the considerable task of ensuring the youth players begin on the right footing. Under his responsibility comes the South East Counties and Youth

to work even harder than before. Our gates do not give us sufficient confidence to speculate in the transfer market and so we will fight and work to make our resources 100 per cent efficient.

The challenge is there. We would love more support through the turnstiles but we are aware of the problems. We shall continue to enjoy our football and we shall aim to provide you with a season that will produce excitement and good results.

Today Stoke come to Luton and we wish them a successful season. Let us

hope that the season will be full of bright forward play, good sportsmanship on the field and a sensible friendly spirit amongst rival fans on the terraces.

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CLIVE WALKER

MARTIN JOL

Since the end of last season, clubs in the First Division have been busy strengthening their squads of players for this season's fight for the League title. The independent tribunal which meet to fix transfer fees when clubs cannot agree themselves have also been very busy and something like 60 per cent of the close season transfers have gone to them.

Managers too have been moving around but not in the same numbers. Terry Venables has moved on to Barcelona which allowed Alan Mullery to take over at Queens Park Rangers. Keith Burkinshaw is now in Bahrain looking after the coaching in that country and his assistant, Peter Shreeve is now in charge at White Hart Lane.

The departure of Tony Barton from Aston Villa came as quite a shock to the football world and the club appointed Graham Turner, the Shrewsbury manager, to take his place. The movement of players sees Jesper Olsen the Danish international joining Manchester United and at the same time they made an offer to Tottenham Hotspur for Alan Brazil, which was accepted. Other players on the move include Paul Walsh from Luton Town to Liverpool, Bob Latchford the England international to Coventry City after a spell in Holland, Martin Jol from West Bromwich Albion also to Coventry. Gordon Strachan from Aberdeen to Manchester United, Clive Allen from Queens Park Rangers to Tottenham and last week John Cheidozie moved from Notts County to

join Spurs. Steve Elliott from Preston, Andrew Dibble from Cardiff City and Vince Hilaire from Crystal Palace have all joined Luton Town. Steve Bruce from Gillingham and Gary Rowell from Sunderland have joined Norwich City; Goalkeeper Steve Osrizovic has left Shrewsbury for Coventry City and Ashley Grimes and Kirk Stephens have swapped clubs from Coventry to Luton and vice versa. Alan Sunderland the Arsenal striker has now joined Ipswich Town after being on loan to them for most of last season; Lee Chapman has moved to Sheffield Wednesday from Sunderland and the Roker Park club have persuaded Roger Wylde the former Oldham Athletic player, now playing at Sporting Lisbon, Clive Walker, the Chelsea midfielder player and Gary Bennett from Cardiff City to join them in the North East. Chelsea have also bought Doug Rougvie the Aberdeen full-back. That is just a small section of players who have changed clubs this summer.

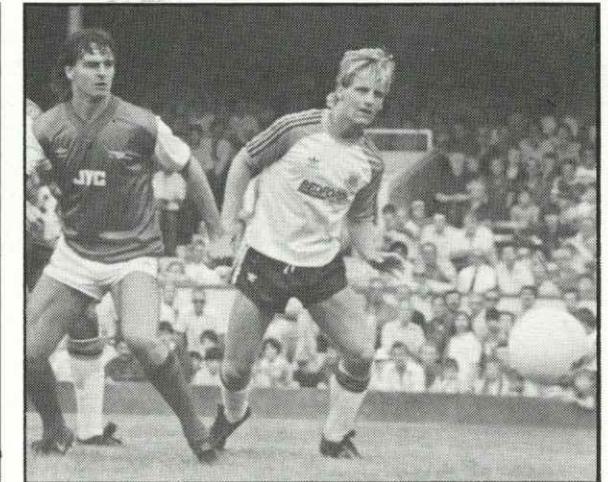
Who is going to win the title this year? Will it be Liverpool again or will Manchester United manage it this time. These two clubs must be hot favourites, but don't write off Everton. Their performance last season was the best for many years. Tottenham, Nottingham Forest, Chelsea and Arsenal, will all be somewhere in contention towards the end of the season but one thing is certain, we all start level and it is then up to each individual club to keep on to form.



TERRY VENABLES



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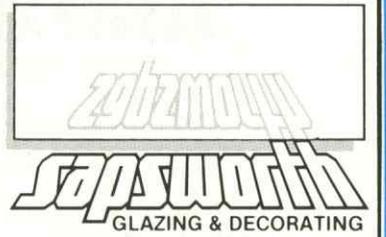


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ACTION

REPLAY

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This was one of our last pre-season friendlies before today's match with most of our senior players involved. Two late goals by David Moss made this trip to the 'Den' successful.

- 1 Ricky Hill is back in form as he commands the midfield.
- 2 David Moss is in the box again in pursuit of the net.
- 3 Striker Brian Stein turns for a shot at goal.
- 4 Action in the middle — this time Tim Breaker takes on a 'Lion'.

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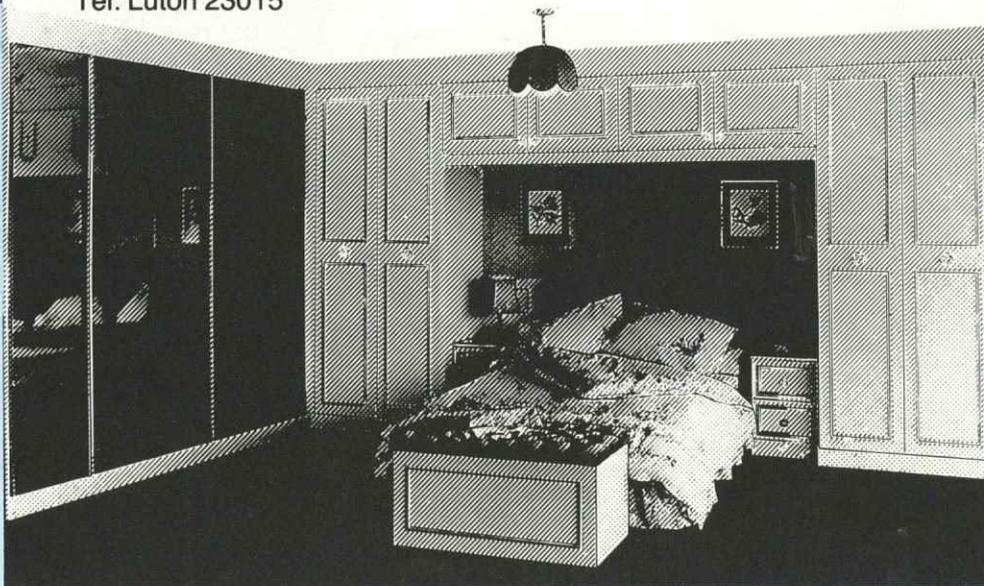
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POINTS OF VIEW

Dear Sir, How good it is to see David Pleat 'practising what he preaches' — LOYALTY. Apart from the 'Big Four' football clubs, it seems Mr Pleat believes Luton Town (we hope it's always that!) has a future as rosy as any other club in England and Wales. When Paul Walsh was eventually sold, most of us thought 'Now's the start of our demise'. But thanks to the directors — it's not so. 'Nobby', 'Sax', 'Basher', 'Raddy' and 'Wattsy' have all 'got on their bikes', but with the signings of Vince Hilaire, Steve Elliott, Ashley Grimes, Andy Dibble and possibly Gerry Francis and Billy Hamilton it proves that everyone wants success at this club. However, one slight 'grudge' I have against recent transfer dealings is the part poor big Trevor Aylott played in the 'Vince Hilaire saga'. To many of us it looked as if 'Big Trev' was used as 'bait' or as a 'pawn' in the proceedings. It's a shame that a player with Trevor's skill, strength and commitment should be allowed to leave the club, when the acquisition of a top class winger like Hilaire would undoubtedly have brought out the best in Aylott (a much better player than Mariner or Hateley!). If we managed to sign Billy Hamilton, I'm sure he will do a tremendous job for us, because he's big, strong and brave and leads the attack so well. However, what a shame it is that Trevor Aylott won't be displaying his Luton v Southampton form in the First Division this season!

Geoff Evans, Worksop, Notts.

Dear Mr Wilkinson, Bromham United FC thank Luton Town FC for providing a team to play them in a 'friendly' match at Bromham on 3rd August 1984.

Please extend our thanks to all the lads for putting on such a good show, and Trevor Hartley and David Coates in particular, for organising the visit.

We would like to express how impressed we were with the friendliness of the team, at the same time the professionalism of all concerned.

The total from a collection taken at the match amounted to £50 which we have donated to the 'Doug Lowe Appeal Fund' (Doug was involved in local football and died following the donation of one of his kidneys to his sister in America).

We wish you all the very best for the coming season.

D. A. Barclay (Hon. Sec.), Bromham United FC

Dear Sir, I am writing to you concerning the way in which the statistics are set out towards the back of Luton's matchday programme. I do not know who is responsible for the current layout, but I feel that this part of the programme would be more rapidly and easily understood if the club followed the example of the majority of clubs by having the team numbers at the top of the page with the players names reading across from each match. Thus the supporters would be presented with a clearer picture of the actual team from week to week instead of having to cipher through a lot of figures. Cup matches should not be kept separate though, as is the case in some club programmes. Despite this criticism I do believe that Luton have one of, if not the best value programme in the League at this present time and it is a credit to Luton Town Football Club.

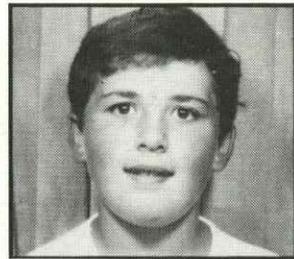
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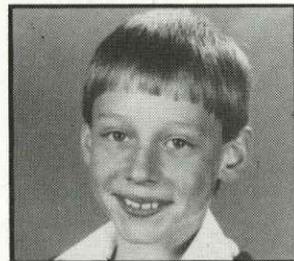
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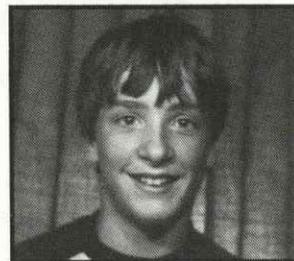
STUART WELLS



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Hi again to all Junior Hatters, parents and friends, I hope you have enjoyed the break and are raring to go again.

Note the changes that have taken place with the new seating arrangements which as a Junior Hatter you can take special advantage of by purchasing a Season Ticket for yourself at a special rate of £30, for Mum and Dad it's £55. On a Match by Match basis entry to the seating enclosure in front of the Main Stand is bookable from our Ticket Office two weeks in advance at prices of £2 for juveniles for Mum and Dad it's £3.

A special welcome today to Mascot Stuart Wells age 10 and the four Escorts, Stephen Cutting age 11, Michael Corbett age 10, Paul Palmer age 12 and Richard Hedge age 12.

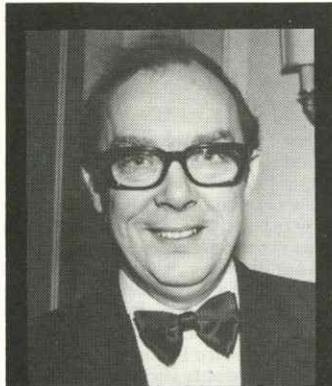
We hope you have all remembered to renew your membership. If not contact Joyce at our Ticket Office right away for your application form.

Enjoy the game and see you all on Tuesday week when we play Liverpool who I hope will be including in their team our old teammate Paul Walsh. Should be a cracking game so don't forget if you want to reserve a seat for yourself to see us play Liverpool get on to the Ticket Office right away.

Stuart Wells



NEWSDESK



OBITUARY

This is the first time that the club has publicly had a chance to send its deepest sympathy to the family of our best known supporter and former director, Eric Morecambe. Eric tragically died three months ago in hospital after a stage appearance doing what he loved to do - making people laugh.

Many members and staff will have happy memories of the man who always had a word for everyone. Eric loved his football and was very knowledgeable about the game. He will be sadly missed by all at Luton Town.

We are sorry to record the loss of Brian Parker, ex-manager of Stotfold FC who died last month. Brian was always helpful to Luton Town FC and is remembered by all at the club as a splendid sportsman in his early days and a gentleman. Our sincere sympathy and condolences reach out to his wife and family in their bereavement.

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Barton Rovers v Luton Town Reserves played 11th August, result 6-1 to Luton.

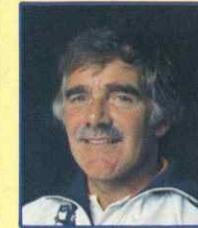
Team: Findlay, North M, Turner, Breaker, North S, Newsome, Parker G, Nwajiobi, Bunn, Hill, Parker T. Subs: Elliott P, Thomas, Stein M, Hilaire. Scorers: Bunn, Nwajiobi 2, Breaker, Parker G. (pen), 1 own goal.

At this stage in pre-season we are still looking at fitness and for players to stake claims for first team places. This is the reason the team is a mixture of first team reserves, young players and even a couple of trialist.

On a very hot afternoon it is not always easy for our players to motivate themselves for a friendly match however, all credit to them, they applied themselves to the job, and the fans who turned up were the real winners. To score six against any team is never easy and all players contributed in a sound team performance. We are also aware of our responsibility to entertain the public and there is nothing more the fans like to see than goals. We obliged and even the own goal they scored was a cracker although the scorer might not agree. Our sixth goal was a copybook goal and would have been in the race for a goal of the month award had it been on television.



JOHN MOORE



DAVID COATES

Hitchin Town v Luton Town Reserves, 14th August.

Score: Luton won 1-0.

Team: Findlay, Goodyear, Thomas, Francis, Elliott P, North S, Newsome, North M, Bunn, Daniel, Parker T. Subs: Ellisdon, Oldfield, McEvoy, Cobb. Scorer: Oldfield.

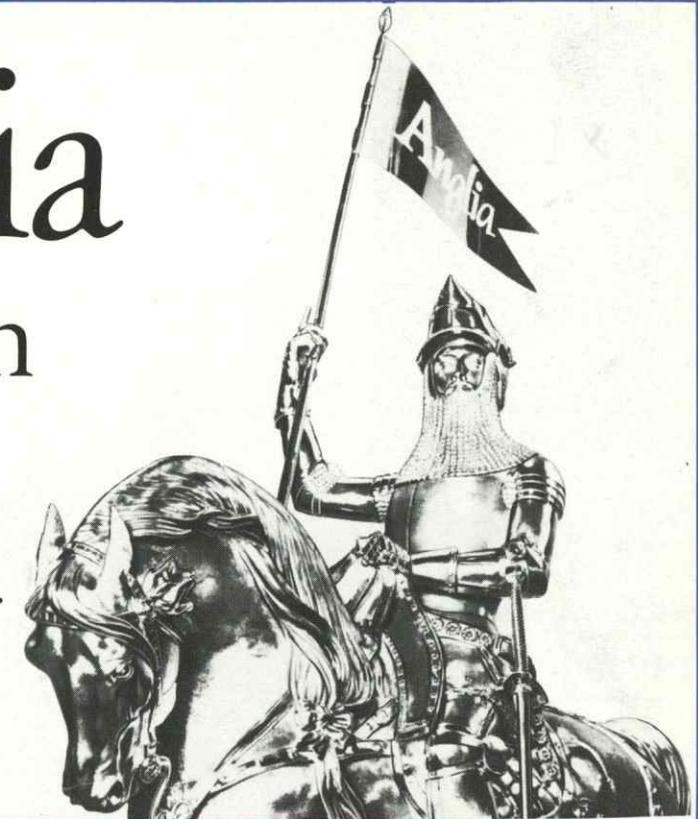
After our goal spree against Barton this turned out to be a far greater test of our fitness and ability to keep searching for that elusive first goal.

Although we were creating chances our finishing let us down as we failed to get our shots on target. We lack that little bit of sharpness in front of goal that is essential to any successful team.

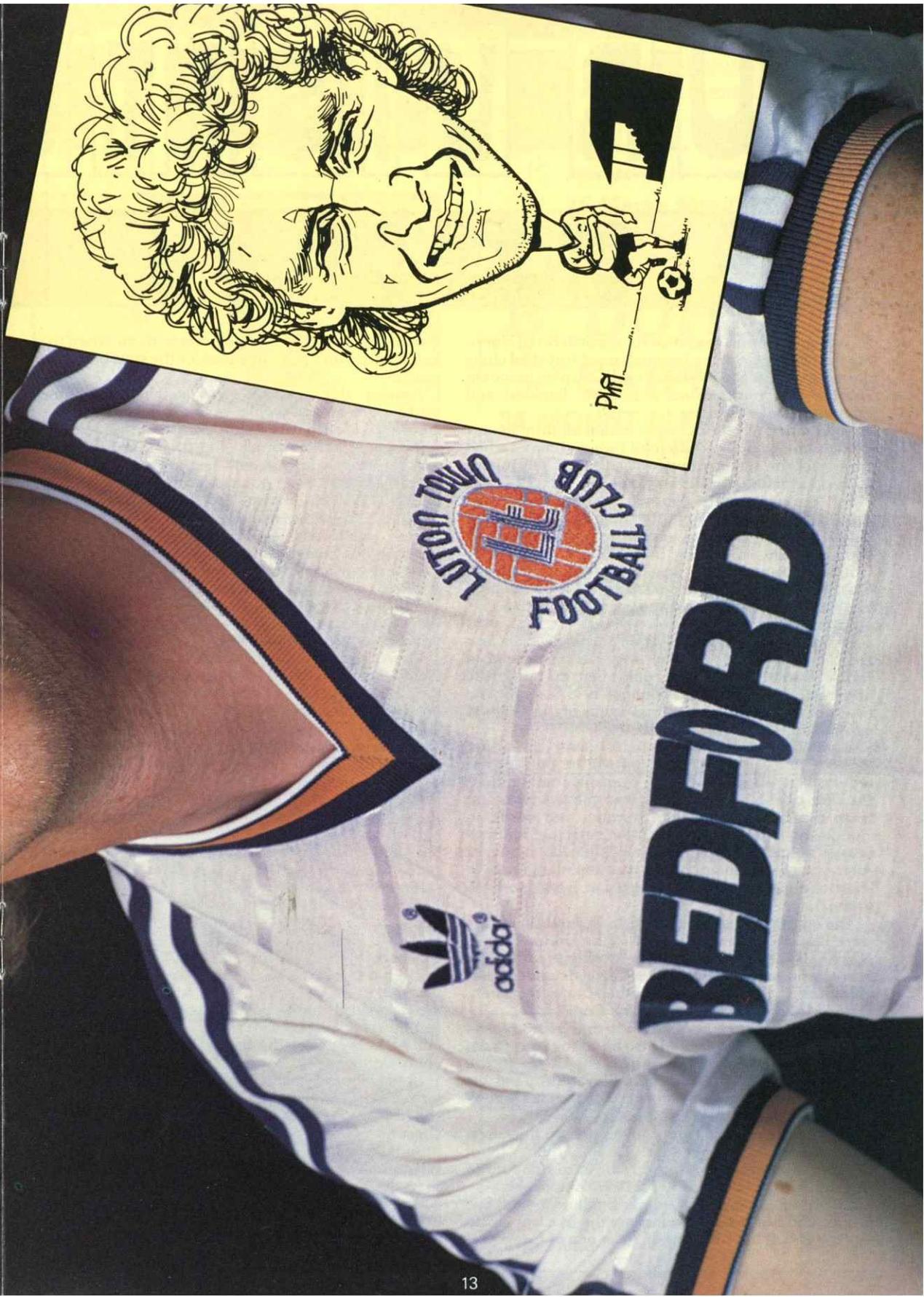
The Hitchin team which included six ex-Luton players deserve a lot of credit for playing with so much pride in their own performance. In the second half, after making one change, we still managed to create numerous chances but failed to find the net. Having had some players taking part in the private pre-season friendly the day before, I decided with 15 minutes to go, to bring on the three remaining subs to see if they could add the vital spark to produce a goal and with just one minute remaining, one of our new apprentices, Mark Oldfield, produced the vital accurate shot to give us victory.

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STOKE CITY



Stoke open the new season at Kenilworth Road claiming the title of one of the League's most travelled clubs during a close season that has seen City play games in Zambia and return from a tour to Trinidad and Tobago early last week.

Today they get into League action slightly nearer home aiming to avoid the nail biting climax to last season when City were involved in the last-day lottery which decided the third relegation spot.

By beating already doomed Staffordshire rivals Wolves 4-0, Stoke safeguarded their immediate First Division future, finishing a couple of points in front of Birmingham.

It was a disappointing season for the men from the Potteries who had finished off the previous campaign in a healthy mid-table spot and even flirted with hopes of Europe at one stage.

At least manager Bill Asprey, starting off his first full season in charge today after taking over from Richie Barker last season, can point an optimistic finger at the success of his youngsters in reaching the FA Youth Cup Final in the final weeks of the 1983-84 campaign.

It's likely that several members of the squad that lost out to Everton in the Final will be pushing for regular first team recognition over the coming months. For one thing, Stoke lost four players with first team experience during the summer and made no significant signings although by delaying his pre-season photo call to the last possible date, manager Asprey perhaps hinted that he was hoping to make at least one signing before the season developed too much.

The quartet to leave the Victoria Ground since May were Paul McGuire who moved to the United States, Neville Chamberlain, brother of England winger Mark, who joined Newport, ex-Leeds defender Peter Hampton to Burnley and another back four man, David McAughtrie who signed for Carlisle.

A few weeks ago it seemed likely that Irish midfielder man Sammy McIlroy would also be on the move from City. Sunderland were said to be interested in the former Manchester United man but McIlroy put his name to a new 12 month contract with the club following a long round of talks with his manager.

Likely to be missing from Stoke's line-up this afternoon is England winger Mark Chamberlain, one of the successes of Bobby Robson's three match tour to South America in the early part of the summer.

Chamberlain has played in England's last five games and had a big influence on the fine win in Rio against Brazil but he returned from one of City's pre-

match excursions to foreign parts with an injury that could keep him on the sidelines for the start of the new season.

Among the younger, less established names pushing for first team places is Chris Hemming, an England youth defender who achieved the remarkable feat of scoring a hat-trick from full back in a youth match for the club last season. Even more remarkable, all three goals were from headers.

Steve Parkin, known as 'Bill' at the Victoria Ground, skippered last season's successful youth side. He made his League debut at right back against Nottingham Forest two seasons ago but had to wait until last season for his second chance in his normal midfield role, against Watford.

Full back Stephen Bould, midfielder Chris Maskery and strikers Carl Saunders and Philip Heath are also names to watch in the future.

There is plenty of experience in the Stoke squad. Goalkeeper Peter Fox is not far short of 200 games for the club and his understudy, Mervyn Cawston, signed on the transfer deadline day in March, began his career with Norwich.

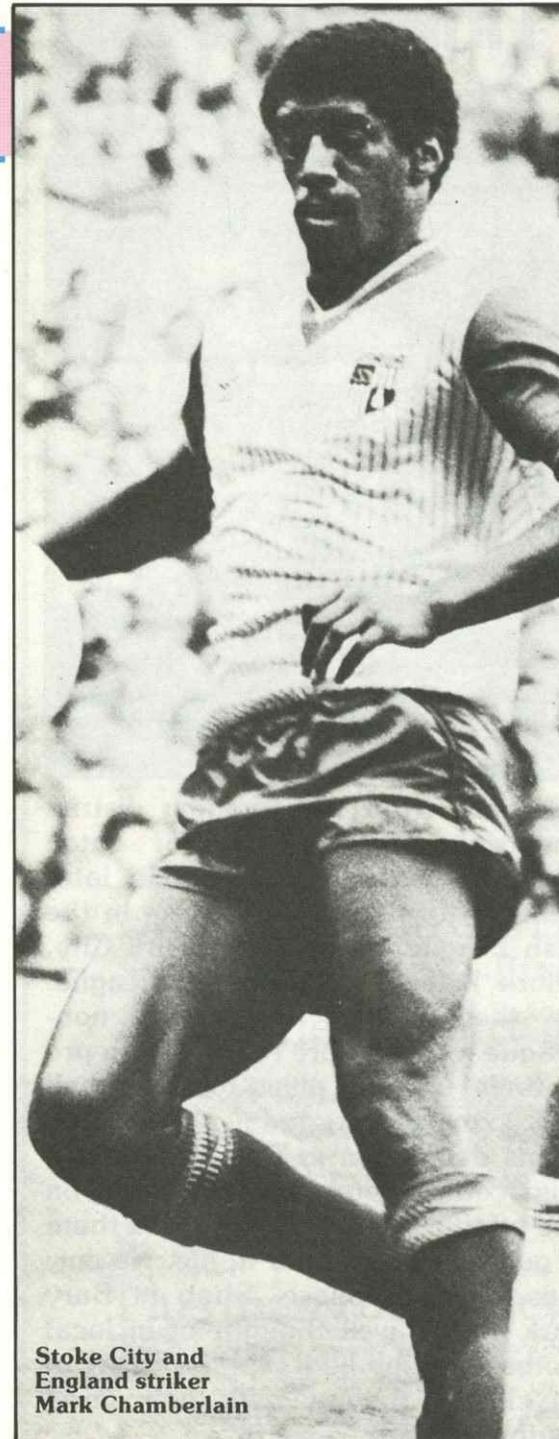
George Berry and Paul Dyson are a couple of well built central defenders who both earned international call ups with their previous clubs; Berry while with Wolves was picked for Wales while Dyson was an England Under-21 number five at Coventry.

Big Brendan O'Callaghan can play either in the back four or up front and in midfield they don't come much more experienced than Alan Hudson who returned to Stoke for the final weeks of last season after playing in the States, and was given a two year contract.

Welsh international Robbie James moved from Swansea twelve months ago and had a useful first season in the Potteries. He is equally at home either creating goals from midfield or scoring them from a more forward role, a position youngster Ian Painter settled in last season with some success after first catching the eye over the final stages of the previous campaign.

Stoke won only two League games on their travels last season and one of those successes was their 1-0 win here. Their main problem away from home was a shortage of fire power up front, only 14 goals on away grounds over the season was a tally beaten by only relegated Wolves.

At the start of a new season, manager Bill Asprey will be hoping for improved results, particularly away from home, to keep Stoke from the end-of-season relegation dog fight they encountered last May.



Stoke City and England striker Mark Chamberlain

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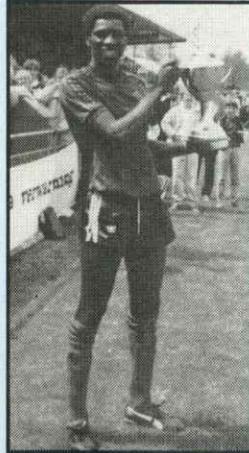
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BACKTRACK

The 48th Blauw-Wit international tournament was held in Amsterdam, Holland in July and Luton Town sent an under twenty years of age side to compete.

The tournament was organised into two groups of six teams. After many competitive and interesting matches, the final placings were as follows with Luton finishing in third place.



1. NEIDERRHEIN
2. VOLENDUM
3. LUTON TOWN
4. EXCELSIOR
5. NOTTS COUNTY
6. NOTT'M FOREST
7. D.W.S.
8. P.E.C. ZWOLLE
9. COVENTRY CITY
10. BLAUW-WIT
11. AUSTRALIA
12. de SPARTAN

It was nice to see three Luton supporters there and I was given to understand that Dave Green, Roger Giles and Geoff Hanna make the trip every year to cheer the lads on and for a bonus they saw Mitchell Thomas win the Player of the Tournament award. It was just twelve months ago that Ray Daniel won the same award so we can be proud of the attitude of our young players who were a credit to the club on and off the field.

This year Australia sent a side and included in their squad was Warren Spink who with his parents emigrated from Luton six years ago. He told us that he was a great Luton fan and was thrilled at the thought of playing against a LUTON TOWN side.

You will no doubt recall that our Blauw-Wit trip this year was sponsored by B. Doherty, R. W. Unwin, Hertfordshire BTR Limited, Sapsworth, Broad Street Print, Priors Farm Foods, Mark James Salvage, Cheveralls Transport, Clarendon Hats, Robby's, Shorey's Travel.

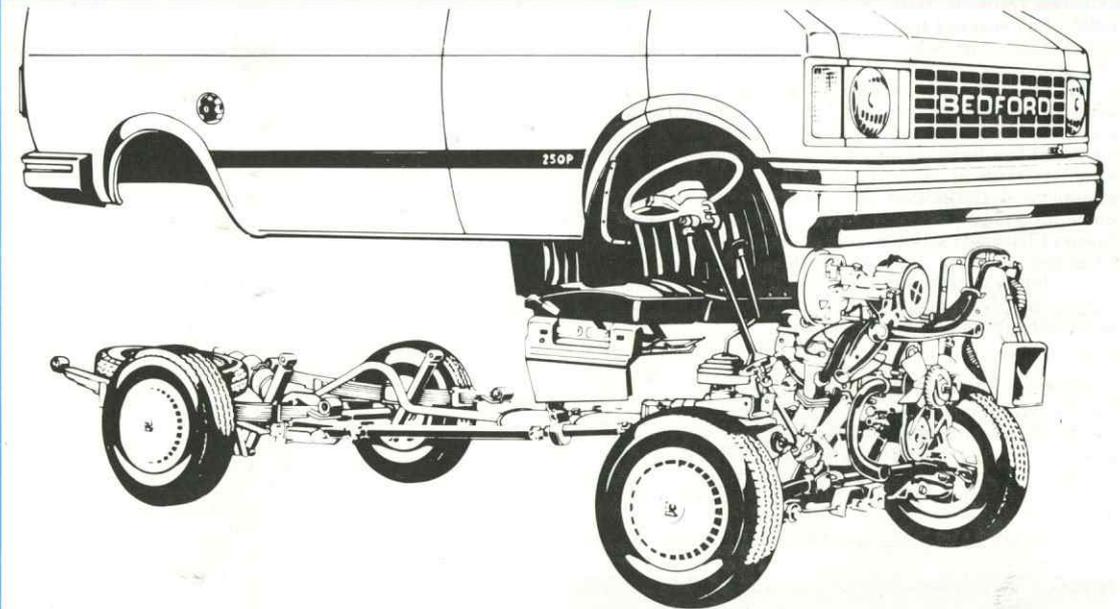


WHERE ARE THEY NOW LES SLATTER



Les hails from the Reading district and signed professional for Luton Town in season 1949-50. He later went on to play for Crusaders in the Irish League, Aston Villa, York City, before leaving the Football League. He then played for various non-League teams before retiring from pro football. Les still plays local football and young players today should look at his dedication to the game and if they could match his standards on and off the field then it will stand them in good stead for later in life. He now runs his own Sports Shop in Bury Park and is well thought of in local football circles and supplies most of the clubs in the area with their sports equipment.

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AROUND THE TOWN

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The partnership's impact is strengthened by the executive coach Bedford supplied the team with for away travel. The comfort, style and presence the coach created no doubt has been an important contributory factor in our excellent form at away matches. Now we're delighted to announce that Bedford are presenting us with an even more luxurious coach one fully equipped and prepared for Europe! This new super luxury Bedford coach is specifically designed for Luton Town Football Club providing us with all the latest specifications including Air Suspension.

We thank Bedford for today's sponsorship and wish them and their guests an enjoyable day.

ENGLAND v SWEDEN

Venue: Kenilworth Road

Yes it actually happened this summer, but it was England's women's representative team versus the Swedish girls, and if you were one of the 3,000 spectators you would have been impressed at the high level of football that was displayed.

The match was the second leg of the UEFA Women's



Cup Final with an exciting climax as so many European Finals last season. Sweden won on a penalty kick-out.

This is no passing phase, in fact the England Women's FA are affiliated to the FA Proper and Sweden can boast of women's soccer being second only in popularity to men's football as a spectator sport in their country.

Our picture expresses the emotion felt by footballers, men and women, after winning a game.

Part of the match was covered live by Scandinavian TV.

LUTON AT WEMBLEY

Our fans will have another opportunity to see Luton play at Wembley.

We are pleased to have been invited as one of the 16 leading Football League clubs to compete in the 'Daily Express' National Five-a-Side Championship at Wembley arena on Wednesday 21st November 1984.

This annual tournament is now firmly established as one of the most exciting evenings of indoor football in the season. The event is in aid of the Sports Council Trust and the Paraplegic Sports Endowment Fund.

Tickets available direct from Wembley Road Ticket Office.

TODAY'S BAND

A special warm Kenilworth Road welcome to the members of the Vauxhall Motors Concert Band who very kindly agreed to entertain us before today's game.

The band was formed in 1934 so this year marks its 50th Anniversary. The Band's Music Director Peter Jenkins took up the role 18 months ago and leads the Band at venues such as hospital and school fetes, G. M. Dealer promotions and the ever popular Vauxhall factory concerts.

AWAYAGAME

For those supporters who entered and followed our Awaygame competition, we list the final results . . . 1st equal: J. W. Sellar and M. Adds — 19 points; 3rd: Martin Illingworth — 18 points; 4th equal: Steven Murphy and R. Katz — 17 points.

RUSSIAN COSSACKS

We received a telephone call from a supporter recently asking if anyone remembers the Russian Cossacks performing on our ground. We believe it was in the late forties, but if anyone can give us the exact date we would be pleased.

EXECUTIVE SPONSORS

Appropriately enough our executive sponsors today maintain our link with General Motors as we welcome W. J. Billington Ltd and their guests to our Bedfordshire Suite. Billington's are Vauxhall/Opel main dealers for mid-Bedfordshire and their director Richard Hall is a long standing supporter of ours firstly through the Century Club and now as an Executive Member of Club '82. Billington's connections with the club do not end there. They have just entered into a two-year sponsorship agreement with our popular England Under-21 international Paul Elliot. The sponsorship sees Paul driving a new Vauxhall Astra GTE one of the exciting new range of Vauxhalls. In return Paul will be extensively involved in W. J. Billington sales promotion. Today just prior to kick-off will see the official hand-over of the car to Paul by Richard Hall.



FUN DAY EVENT

Our groundsman Dick Wasse, completed an excellent job in keeping our pitch up to today's high standard. Contending in the closed season with a visit from Robert Circus who with several celebrities from TV and Radio, provided an entertaining day at Kenilworth Road. It was made possible by our chairman Mr Denis Mortimer, who provided our ground free for THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND enabling them to put on 'The Fun Day Event', in aid of their worthwhile charity.

Our picture shows one of the clowns mixing with several children from the 3,000 audience.



LOGO THANKS

I am sure that many of our regular visitors to the Ticket Office will have noticed that on two separate occasions last season the club logo was stolen from the wall of the Club Offices.

Our sincere thanks, therefore, go to three of our supporters, COLM DOWD, BRENDON NAGLE and DANNY GARDNER who retrieved the logo whilst walking their dog in the Skimpot area.

FIT FOR SEASON

Luton Town's Mark North gets fit for the new season at Outward Bound School in Scotland — sponsored by Bell's Scotch Whisky.

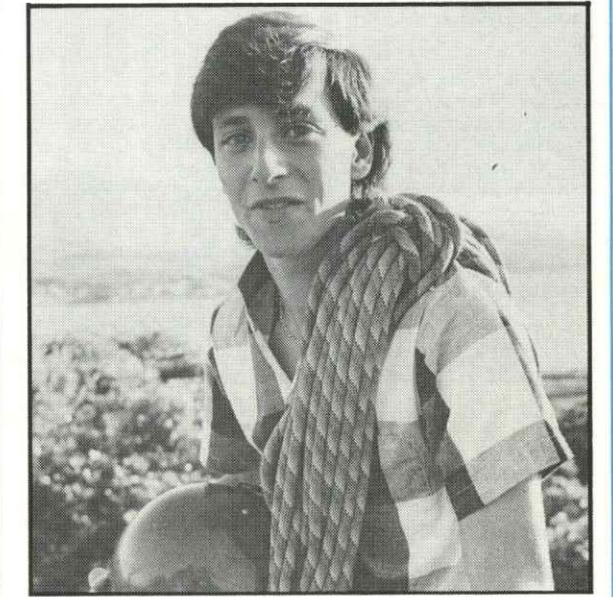
Luton Town apprentice Mark North (18) is pictured here 'mountaineering' — one of the activities at the Outward Bound School he attended in July at Loch Eil in Inverness-shire as one of 11 Football League apprentices sponsored for the three-week course by Bell's Scotch Whisky.

Centre-forward Mark, from Ware in Herts (where he went to Fanshawe School), joined Luton from the Ware Lions club in 1982. He has played 40 Reserve games and has made two appearances for the first team.

His favourite part of the course was canoeing — which was top of the list with this special football squad — it also included rock-climbing, sailing and 'a variety of testing activities designed to encourage teamwork, leadership and an acceptance of responsibility'.

Mark said he enjoyed the course very much, especially meeting new people.

He added: 'It has helped me get fit for the new season. The hill walking strengthened my legs and the canoeing for my arms.'



UNRIVALLED FOOTBALL COVERAGE

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LUTON NEWS

THURSDAY 12p

Welcome back to the Canon League.



The 1984/85 season is the second season in Canon's three year Sponsorship of the Football League programme.

Canon's outstanding success in the high technology industry of cameras and business machines has enabled them to support our national game by over £3 million through the Canon League Sponsorship programme.

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PRE-SEASON IN SWEDEN

As well as our Under-21 side playing in Holland in the close season. Our pre-season tour took our first team squad in July, to Sweden.

There we played six games. The first match took us to VAESBY I. F., where we drew 1-1. Frank Bunn getting our only goal. The match was abandoned after 80 minutes due to heavy rain.

We played VAESTERVIK A. I. S. the following day after travelling four and a half hours, which we won 5-1, scorers: Nwajiobi, Elliott S., Hill, Elliott P., Goodyear.

Our third match we went to KRYLBO I. F., which resulted in an 8-0 victory. Brian Stein scored four and was substituted at half-time by Nwajiobi who put two more into the net, with Ashley Grimes and Frank Bunn taking our total to eight.

A competitive game against NYKOEDING B. I. S., produced another hat full of goals, resulting in Luton winning 5-3. Scorers: Stein 2, Hilaire 2 and 1 own goal.

7-0 to Luton was the scoreline when we played LAANGSHYTAN A. I. K., scorers: Moss 2, Nwajiobi 2, Elliott S., Breaker and Bunn.

Our final match against B. K. FORWARDDOEREBRO resulted in a 3-0 win, with Brian Stein, Nwajiobi and Steve Elliott again all finding goal scoring form.

It was interesting to note that record attendances were recorded for both matches at KRYLBO and LAANGSHYTAN.

P	W	D	L	F	A
6	5	1	0	29	5

Touring squad: Breaker, Bunn, Daniels, Dibble, Donaghy, Elliott P., Elliott S., Francis, Goodyear, Grimes, Hilaire, Hill, Moss, North, Nwajiobi, Parker, Stein B., Sealey, Thomas.



VAESTERVIK A.I.S. 1 LUTON 5
Striker Steve Elliott scores his first goal in his Luton shirt during our Swedish tour.

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RECORD

FIRST TEAM RESULTS

Date	V	Opposition
Aug 25	H	Stoke City
Aug 28	A	Ipswich Town
Sept 1	A	West Bromwich Albion
Sept 4	H	Liverpool
Sept 8	H	Southampton
Sept 16	A	Nottingham Forest
Sept 22	H	Chelsea
Sept 26	(MC2 1st Leg)	
Sept 29	A	Tottenham Hotspur
Oct 6	A	Queens Park Rangers
Oct 10	(MC2 2nd Leg)	
Oct 13	H	Sheffield Wednesday
Oct 20	H	Watford
Oct 27	A	Sunderland
Oct 31	(MC3)	
Nov 3	H	Newcastle United
Nov 10	A	Norwich City
Nov 17	A	Manchester United
Nov 21	(MC4)	
Nov 24	H	West Ham United
Dec 1	A	Arsenal
Dec 8	H	Aston Villa
Dec 15	A	Leicester City
Dec 18	H	West Bromwich Albion
Dec 26	H	Coventry City
Dec 29	A	Liverpool
Jan 1	A	Everton
Jan 5	(FAC 3)	
Jan 12	H	Nottingham Forest
Jan 16	(MC5)	
Jan 19	A	Stoke City
Jan 26	(FAC 4)	
Feb 2	H	Tottenham Hotspur
Feb 6	(MC SF 1st Leg)	
Feb 9	A	Southampton
Feb 13	(MC SF 2nd Leg)	
Feb 16	H	Norwich City (FAC 5)
Feb 23	A	Newcastle United
Mar 2	H	Sunderland
Mar 9	A	Watford (FAC 6)
Mar 16	A	Sheffield Wednesday
Mar 23	H	Queens Park Rangers
Mar 24	(MC Final)	
Mar 30	H	Ipswich Town
April 6	A	Coventry City
April 9	H	Everton
April 13	A	Chelsea (FAC SF)
April 20	H	Manchester United
April 27	A	West Ham United
May 4	H	Arsenal
May 6	A	Aston Villa
May 11	H	Leicester City

1984-85 RESULTS · ATTENDANCES · APPEARANCES · GOALSCORERS

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1984-85

Aug 25	Swansea
Sept 1	Tottenham
Sept 4	Birmingham
Sept 11	Brighton
Sept 15	Southampton
Sept 22	Oxford
Sept 29	Charlton
Oct 2	Chelsea
Oct 6	Norwich
Oct 9	QPR
Oct 17	Reading
Oct 27	Fulham
Oct 30	Crystal Palace
Nov 10	Bristol Rovers
Nov 17	Ipswich
Nov 24	Watford
Nov 27	Portsmouth
Dec 1	Swindon
Dec 8	West Ham
Dec 15	Arsenal
Dec 19	Millwall
Jan 12	Tottenham
Jan 15	Swansea
Jan 19	Birmingham
Jan 22	Brighton
Feb 2	Southampton
Feb 9	Oxford
Feb 12	Charlton
Feb 19	Chelsea
Feb 23	Crystal Palace
Feb 27	Bristol Rovers
Mar 5	Fulham
Mar 9	Reading
Mar 16	QPR
Mar 20	Norwich
Mar 26	West Ham
Mar 30	Portsmouth
April 13	Watford
April 16	Swindon
April 23	Ipswich
April 27	Millwall
May 11	Arsenal

FINAL CANON LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1983-84

	Home					Away					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A		
Liverpool	42	14	5	2	50	12	8	9	4	23	20	80
Southampton	42	15	4	2	44	17	7	7	7	22	21	77
Nottingham Forest	42	14	4	3	47	17	8	4	9	29	28	74
Manchester United	42	14	3	4	43	18	6	11	4	28	23	74
QPR	42	14	4	3	37	12	8	3	10	30	25	73
Arsenal	42	10	5	6	41	29	8	4	9	33	31	63
Everton	42	9	9	3	21	12	7	5	9	23	30	62
Tottenham	42	11	4	6	31	24	6	6	9	33	41	61
West Ham United	42	10	4	7	39	24	7	5	9	21	31	60
Aston Villa	42	14	3	4	34	22	3	6	12	25	39	60
Watford	42	9	7	5	36	31	7	2	12	32	46	57
Ipswich Town	42	11	4	6	34	23	4	4	13	21	34	53
Sunderland	42	8	9	4	26	18	5	4	12	16	35	52
Norwich City	42	9	8	4	34	20	3	7	11	14	29	51
Leicester City	42	11	5	5	40	30	2	7	12	25	38	51
Luton Town	42	7	5	9	30	33	7	4	10	23	33	51
WBA	42	10	4	7	30	25	4	5	12	18	37	51
Stoke City	42	11	4	6	30	23	2	7	12	14	40	50
Coventry City	42	8	5	8	33	33	5	6	10	24	44	50
Birmingham City	42	7	7	7	19	18	5	5	11	20	32	48
Notts County	42	6	7	8	31	36	4	4	13	19	36	41
Wolverhampton	42	4	8	9	15	28	2	3	16	12	52	29

FINAL FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1983-84

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	42	29	8	5	96	30	66
Watford	42	28	6	8	94	50	62
Chelsea	42	25	5	12	84	38	55
Queens Park Rangers	42	23	9	10	80	37	55
West Ham United	42	21	11	10	105	50	53
Southampton	42	20	12	10	75	51	52
Tottenham Hotspur	42	21	8	13	110	64	50
Norwich City	42	20	10	12	78	45	50
Luton Town	42	19	11	12	78	54	49
Ipswich Town	42	20	8	14	67	53	48
Leicester City	42	18	9	15	96	63	45
Brighton	42	19	7	16	74	65	45
Fulham	42	17	6	19	71	73	40
Millwall	42	17	6	19	60	77	40
Birmingham City	42	16	5	21	75	83	37
Swansea City	42	15	5	22	70	95	35
Charlton Athletic	42	11	11	20	46	88	33
Oxford United	42	11	10	21	56	87	32
Bristol Rovers	42	9	6	27	60	112	24
Crystal Palace	42	5	12	25	32	101	22
Swindon Town	42	6	8	28	42	111	20
Reading	42	3	5	34	31	153	11

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES 1984-85

Date	Opposition	Date	Opposition	Date	Opposition
Aug 25	Swindon	Oct 20	Wimbledon	Jan 5	Brighton
Sep 6	West Ham	Nov 3	Tottenham	Jan 12	Bristol Rovers
Sep 15	Brentford	Nov 10	LCR2	Jan 19	Crystal Palace
Sep 22	Brighton	Nov 17	Reading	Jan 26	Wimbledon
Sep 29	Reading (LC1)	Nov 24	Southend	Feb 19	Tottenham
Oct 6	Bristol Rovers	Dec 1	Oxford	Feb 16	Reading
Oct 13	Crystal Palace	Dec 8	Swindon	Feb 23	Southend
Oct 19	Tottenham	Dec 22	West Ham	Mar 2	Oxford
(SJFC)		Dec 29	Brentford		



Meet our new signings who arrived during the last few weeks — from left to right Steve Elliott, Ashley Grimes, Vince Hilaire and Andy Dibble.

TODAY'S REFEREE



Tom Bune — Computer Sales Manager. Married with two boys. Commenced refereeing 1955 while still at school. Progressed via Spartan and Isthmian League. Interested in long distance walking, cricket and swimming. Linesman UEFA Cup match 1982, referee FA Vase Final 1984.

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1	Andrew Dibble
2	Mitchell Thomas
3	Ashley Grimes
4	Tim Breaker
5	Stacey North
6	Mal Donaghy
7	Ricky Hill
8	Brian Stein
9	Steve Elliott
10	Frank Bunn
11	David Moss
12	TURNER

STOKE CITY 0

1	Peter Fox
2	Steve Bould
3	Chris Maskery
4	Robbie James
5	Paul Dyson
6	B. O'Callaghan
7	Ian Painter
8	Sammy McLlroy
9	Carl Saunders HEATH
10	Alan Hudson
11	Mark Chamberlain PA
12	HEMMING

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