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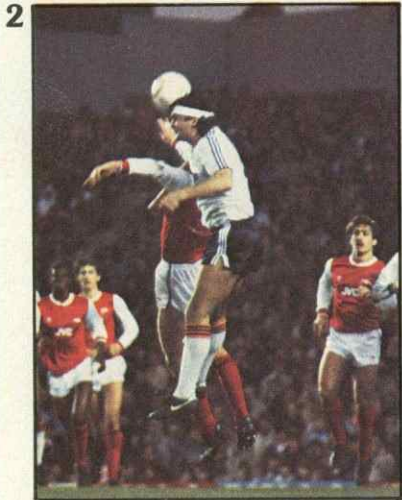
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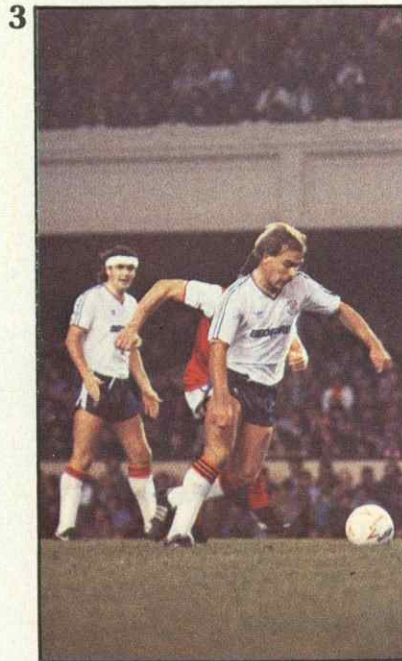
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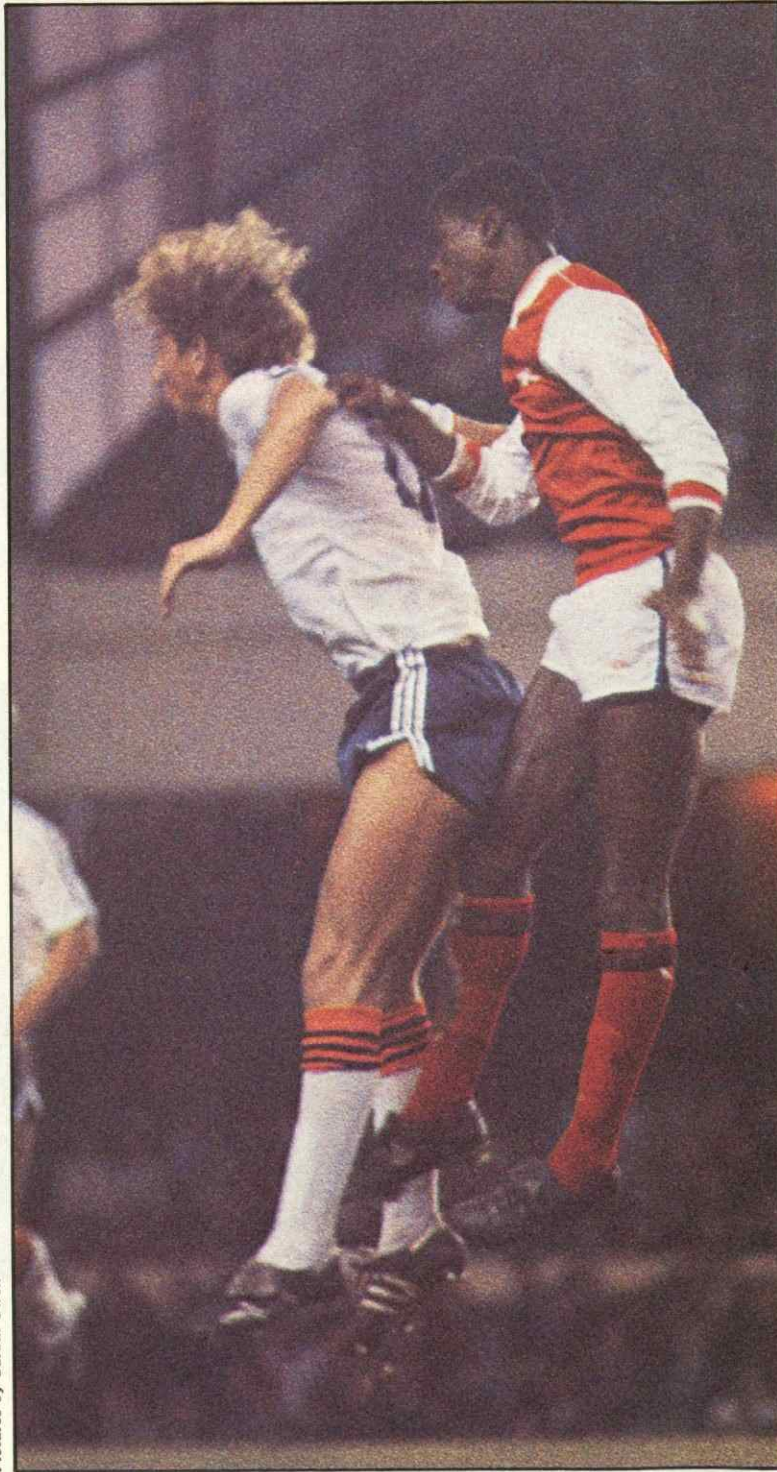


**HATS OFF TO Highbury
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LUTON TOWN 1**

1. Gary Parker in action with Arsenal midfielder Paul Davis.
2. Town's captain Steve Foster climbs confidently above the Gunners defender at his debut game for the Town at Highbury.
3. Wayne Turner working hard in midfield with Steve Foster in support.



Pictures by Gareth Owen



Welcome to this afternoon's game and a special welcome to the supporters, players and management from Villa.

Our disappointments continue. Football is not an easy game when injuries disrupt planning and youngsters have to make their way in the fierce First Division competition. I remember last year being tickled by our friends, Watford, who when plagued with injuries placed an advert in the *Times* advertising for players. When they recovered their troops they came on strong — no one improved more than Everton when they got their act together as late as Christmas.

There is no reason why we cannot do the same. It needs pride, great determination and improved fortunes with injury. If I feel we have not the resources within our set up to make the necessary improvement, I will attempt to use the transfer market to make the necessary changes.

In that direction, I welcome Steve Foster from Aston Villa. At 27, he has the right experience to stabilise our defences which have been breached by the loss of Paul Elliott, Andrew Dibble and Ashley Grimes. People will watch Steve Foster with interest — it is within himself to resurrect a career that had stuttered at Villa. In making him captain, I expect him to show the responsibility and example needed — it is a challenge.

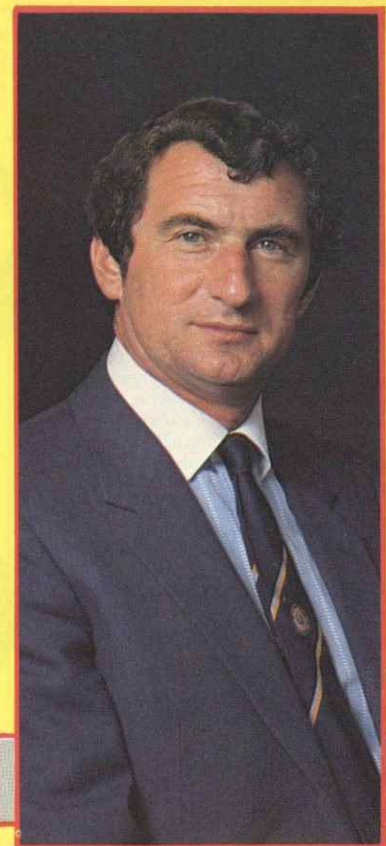
operation, and we have mutually agreed to cancel his short-term agreement.

I am hopeful that our forward players remain injury free and that David Moss is fit to resume his good start to the season. At 32 his experience and quality are invaluable. It was with this in mind that I accepted an offer from Portsmouth for Vince Hilaire. He had not settled in as well as I had hoped, and I couldn't wait any longer. As a person, Vince is top class, and we wish him well during the rest of his career.

A youngster who has shown great determination was invited to sign professional last week. Alec Ellison had shown steady progress from the Youth ranks, and at left-back he has been part of the Reserves' good form this season.

The South East Counties side continue to have success — their 7-1 win over Oxford last Saturday was their second such decisive result. There are at least five boys in this side who have two further years of Youth football ahead of them. They will be invited to join our staff at the end of this season.

At Youth level, we are working hard to maintain quality boys. The new FA General Motors Centres of Excellence are in full swing. We are running three evening sessions at Kenilworth Road and also one evening session at Milton Keynes. There is as great a



WELCOME

Our defenders out of action are progressing. Paul Elliott has had his main plaster removed and is starting to smile. Ashley Grimes is bed-bound in hospital at Cambridge, trying to solve his back problem. Andrew Dibble has thrown his crutches away and is doing some light exercises. John Findlay ricked his shoulder, but we are hopeful he will be ready for action soon. Micky Droy is making steady progress after his hamstring injury against West Ham. But the saddest statistic is that Colin Todd, both a great player and a smashing guy, has probably been forced to say goodbye to the game he loves. The truth is that he needs an

competition for good schoolboys as ever, and I have always believed that at Luton Town, a boy gets a better than average opportunity.

Failing to beat Manchester United and Arsenal away has created a greater resolve to be successful in our home games. I believe we should have won against both Newcastle and West Ham in our last two games. In 10 starts here only Liverpool and Sheffield Wednesday have lowered our colours.

We shall demand 100 per cent plus — without that we can say 'goodbye'. The Board are prepared to help the situation if we can improve the team sensibly. I hope

the players respond to your support today. Thank you for coming, enjoy the game, and give our youngsters the backing they must earn.

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MARK WRIGHT

Everton had there lead at the top of the table cut to one point after being held to a 1-1 draw with Sheffield Wednesday. Blair put Wednesday in front after eight minutes and it took a Graeme Sharp penalty to equalise. To add to Everton's concern top scorer Adrian Heath was taken to hospital with suspected knee ligament trouble after a heavy tackle from Marwood.

First half goals from Bryan Robson and Mark Hughes set up a convincing scoreline for Manchester United but the manner of their win was far less emphatic. Although they deserved to win they did not play well against a Norwich City side who never found the form that overwhelmed Everton last week. John Deehan was taken off with an injury and for the last fourteen minutes played with ten men when Dave Watson went off after a clash of heads.

West Bromwich Albion caused the surprise of the day by beating West Ham United at Upton Park. Hunt and Thompson were the heroes of the day, but it must be said that had the Hammers taken their chances it would have been a different scoreline. Manager John Lyall said after the match that he had no complaints about his side's defeat. 'We got a very sharp lesson today and we deserved it. We did not plug away as we should have.' Transfer listed Paul Rideout scored the goal that gave Aston Villa a one-nil victory over Sunderland. This win should help lift the gloom that seems to have fallen over Villa Park in recent weeks and Southampton put there troubles behind them by winning at Ipswich. David Armstrong scored with a fifteen yard drive in the second half to extend their unbeaten run to thirteen matches.

The leading goal scorers in the division to date are:

- Dixon (Chelsea) 20
- Bannister (QPR) 15
- Thompson (WBA) 14
- Heath (Everton) 13
- Falco (Tottenham) 13
- Sharp (Everton) 13



LAWRIE McMENEMY

The main talk in the division recently has been the bust-up at Southampton between manager Lawrie McMenemy and England defender Mark Wright. The Saints board have backed the manager and Wright will not be allowed to leave the Dell. His request to be released from the contract he signed in August has been considered and rejected. They have however agreed that captain Steve Williams can leave and has been put on the transfer list. Arsenal are the favourites to sign him.

Luton Town have been active in the transfer market lately, signing Steve Foster for Aston Villa and transferring Vince Hilaire to Portsmouth.

It has been reported that several League clubs are considering a revolutionary plan to allow TWO substitutes for each team next season and that it is already on the agenda for regional meetings of the entire League. One substitute is permitted in domestic matches but for European matches clubs can name FIVE of which only TWO can play. Reports from the League is that they feel many clubs do not have big enough squads to name five subs.

Ipswich Town are ready to swap Republic of Ireland winger Kevin O'Callaghan for Brighton winger Steve Penney. However, there will have to be a cash adjustment because Brighton value Penney at £100,000 and O'Callaghan at only £70,000.

Arsenal caused something of a surprise by dropping Pat Jennings and Charlie Nicholas before the game against Luton Town last Saturday and with just one win in their previous six matches responded with a comfortable win. Ian Allinson who came into the side in place of Nicholas, opened the scoring in the 17th minute when he capitalised on a quick throw from Paul Mariner. Woodcock made it 2-0 in the 61st minute with his 10th goal of the season. Viv Anderson scored the third six minutes later and Brian Stein pulled one back in the closing minutes. Manager Don Howe said after the match 'There is no way I can play

Nicholas in front of Allinson any more. Allinson is doing everything — scoring goals, creating penalties, knocking crosses in for headers, pouring the tea at half-time — he's a cracker'. Luton manager David Pleat said his side was not strong enough 'We're going to have to look for new players because in the end we were out-powered', he said.

Chelsea gave notice that they are in the hunt for the Championship title this year after beating Liverpool 3-1 at Stamford Bridge. Kerry Dixon put the Londoners in front with his 20th goal of the season and Jan Molby made it all square before half-time. McLaughlin put Chelsea in front three minutes after the interval but the game was in the balance until Speedie scored the third goal to tip the scales Chelsea's way with the Liverpool defence appealing for offside.

Queens Park Rangers offside traps were well and truly sprung at Filbert Street. Leicester two up in fifteen minutes through Lineker and Smith, put the result beyond doubt 25 seconds after the interval when Lynex scored, then put the icing on the cake in the 58th minute when Banks got the fourth.

Watford stretched their unbeaten run to eight games by beating Nottingham Forest at Vicarage Road. George Reilly after four minutes and Worrell Sterling scored the goals. Hornets manager Graham Taylor was named Manager of the Month before the game for his side's unbeaten run.

Coventry City striker Cyrille Regis scored an unexpected goal in the 89th minute to earn his side a point in a game that showed Glen Hoddle at his best. Tottenham manager Peter Reeves said that his players were not happy about the draw. He said 'The points were not surrendered in the last minute, they were lost at the other end, where we did not take our chances'. Coventry boss Bobby Gould admitted he had been relieved to see the equaliser go in. 'We took something out of the match we should not have done' he said.

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1. An excellent ball squared to the feet of Gary Parker by Emeka Nwajobi, allows Gary to hit a cracking shot which is just saved by keeper McAlister.
2. Frank Bunn supported by Tim Breacker hammers an excellent half volley shot at goal.
3. Hammers close marking denies Steve Elliott's determination in the area.
4. Steve Elliott and Emeka Nwajobi congratulate Brian Stein's opportunist equaliser from a Hammers back pass.

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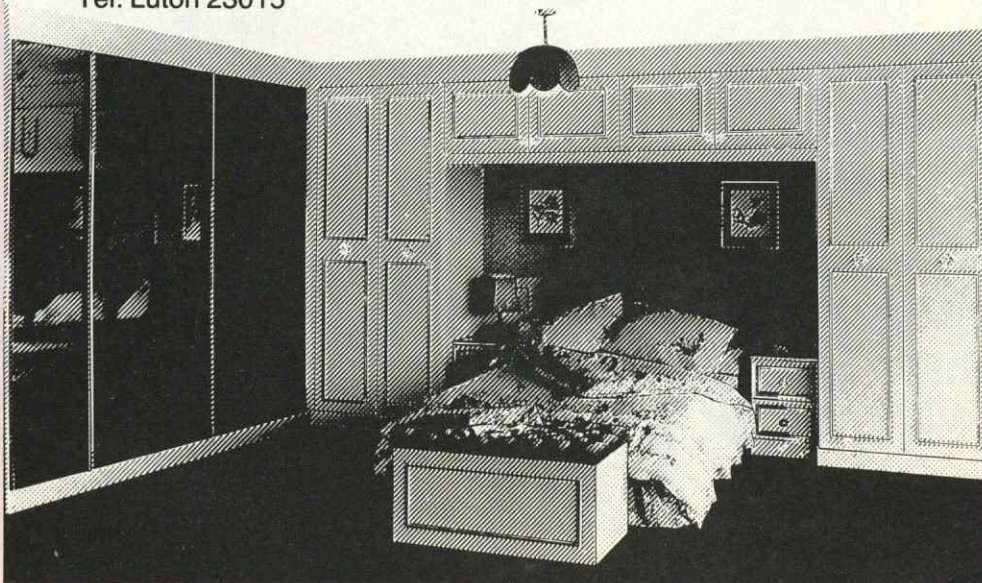
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The debate on the negotiation of the new television contract is again becoming the subject of a public debate.

It might be helpful for spectators to know the background to the current issues.

1. The contract expires at the end of this season and was for two years.
2. The annual fee is £2.6m, of which each club receives £25,000, and the balance of £300,000 is retained to compensate clubs who host live matches.
3. Additionally, overseas sales provide for at least another £500,000, part of which goes to the funds of the players' Union (PFA).
4. Television receives, in return, 10 live games plus at least 100 recorded games. This totals again at least 75 hours of TV, or nearly £31,000 per hour televised.
5. The television companies also allowed 'restricted' shirt advertising. The restriction is that the size permissible is smaller than the FA permit.

In our negotiations to conclude this agreement, we conceded:

- Live television
- More hours covered
- Restrictions on shirt advertising

For these concessions we, in fact, pro rata received less money (as shown in examples 1 and 2).

The previous contract negotiated in 1979 also provided for £2.3m pa. This covered approximately 45 hours of coverage at £51,000 per hour.

EXAMPLE ONE

Inflation

Inflation from 1979 to 1983 was 59.4%, therefore $£2.3m \times 59.4\% = £3.6m$, or £81,000 per hour covered.

EXAMPLE TWO

Hours covered

If we take the increase on hours covered (from 45 to 75), multiply that by the old per hour figure (£51,000) this totals £3.8m, add inflation and this becomes £6m.

For these and other reasons, we spoke against the agreement at the 1983 meeting.

However, ground advertising plays an essential role in the income of the majority of the full member clubs. TV take this into account in their negotiations. There is a real fear by the clubs that no TV will mean a severe drop in their commercial income, and are therefore willing to accept the final deal on the table.

Nevertheless, many clubs this time round feel that we are not being treated equitably, compared to other sports, and that live TV is affecting attendances this season, and are now therefore willing to stand up for a better deal.

This is tempered by the top 10 clubs (?) who are saying they will negotiate their own TV deal. This kind of 'big-stick', if it is applied, we are sure will not have the effect intended. In fact, it will galvanise those who feel that there are considerably more than 10 clubs in the League.

It seems that we are once again in for an interesting bout of informed leaks, misinformation and brinkmanship serving neither the interests of the clubs or TV.

Why not take a simplistic view such as: in 1979 TV paid £51,000 per hour, add something for live and inflation, say £24,000, total £75,000 per hour. If TV say they can only afford £2.5m, they can have 33 hours of mixed recorded and live coverage.

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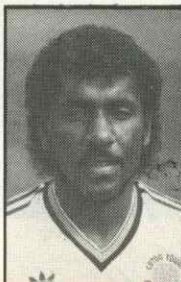


ROY DAVIES

A big welcome to you all to today's match and special greetings to today's mascot Matthew Clark and escorts James Frost, Roy Davies, Michael Vickers and Alison Letch.

A final mention of our Junior Hatters Christmas Party this coming Monday. It should be a great night out for all of you attending, Frank Bunn, Brian Stein and Emeka Nwajobi and myself have all been swotting up to be ready to take you on in the Sports Forum, CHILTERN RADIO have organised a disco, our Chairman Mr David Evans and myself will be drawing the names out for the Mascots and Escorts for the remainder of the season, plus we have some special surprise gifts for you all, courtesy of the HERALD NEWSPAPER and our ex-Chairman Denis Mortimer's company MORTIMER DISTRIBUTION. Hope you enjoy today's match.

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BIG DAY FOR ALEX

17-year-old Alex Ellisdon last week signed as a contract professional.

Alex, who comes from Letchworth originally, joined the club in July 1983 under the Government Youth Training Scheme.

Since the expiry of his years training, he has been playing as a non-contract player. Consistent performances, however at left-back in the reserve team have impressed manager David Pleat and his coaches, and Alex has now received the reward his application and dedication deserves.



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A chance to see what could be the Luton and Liverpool teams of tomorrow when we play hosts to the Luton Schools Under-15 v Liverpool Under-15 here on Tuesday 11th December, kick-off 7.15 pm. Youngsters from Luton schools who have recently progressed through to the first team ranks include Ray Daniel, Stacey North, Mitchell Thomas and Wayne Turner. It promises to be an exciting evening so why not come along and give the lads your support. Admission on the night 50p adults 25p children.

A GREAT PLAYER

As our manager David Pleat has already stated, the saddest news this week was to here that Colin Todd needs an operation to his knee, and maybe forced to leave the game. We would just like to add our good wishes to Colin and hope an early recovery enables us all the opportunity of seeing Colin, again exciting football fans in the not to distant future. He is an excellent example to all young players who want to play the game professionally.



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Saturday 17th November 1984

Football Combination
LUTON TOWN 1 IPSWICH 0

We expected this to be a very close contest with Ipswich Reserves having only conceded eight goals in 12 League matches.

The first half produced lots of end to end play, with the Town having the most chances but failing to pierce a resolute defence. The nearest Luton managed to come, was when Mark Stein hit the bar after a lovely turn to deceive his marker.

At half-time the score was 0-0, but it was a good game with each team having opportunities to grab the first goal but failing to capitalise on the chances created.

The second half produced some great entertainment with the Town again having the better chances, hitting the bar once more through Alex Ellisdon. After playing well but having no goals to show for it, there was always a chance that Luton might lose the game by one mistake in defence. However just when it looked like we would never break the deadlock Mark North latched onto a good pass, edged it past the centre-half and ran on to open the scoring after 82 minutes.

The last eight minutes was nerve racking but the Town managed to protect their slim advantage and seal a creditable victory, against good opposition.
Team: Findlay, Johnson, Ellisdon, McEvoy, McAllister, Thomas, Cobb, Stein, North, Daniel, Nwajobi. Sub: Harvey. Scorer: North.

Saturday 24th November 1984

Football Combination
WATFORD 4 LUTON TOWN 1

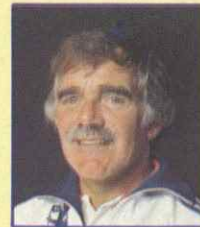
In a very competitive local derby we came off second best, due to some bad defensive mistakes. Colin Todd who came back after an injury, seemed to be still some way from full match fitness.

Watford had the best of the first half scoring two goals, the first came when the Town failed to clear when they had loads of time. The other came from a defensive mix up and a back pass that never reached our keeper leaving a simple ball for Watford to score from.

At the start of the second half Luton raised their game and started to look as if they might get back into it with David Moss scoring in the 55th minute and we looked like we might get some more, but our defence failed to see the danger of a counter attack and while we went in search of an equaliser, Watford broke away to score their third. The Town conceded another when Les Sealey failed to hold an angled shot which they knocked in the rebound. The Town's best spell of the



JOHN MOORE



DAVID COATES

game was in the last 10 minutes, when it was all too late. After a substitution we had four or five good chances, unfortunately for us their goalkeeper made good saves from all of them to deny us any consolation.

Team: Sealey, Johnson, Ellisdon, McEvoy, Thomas, Todd, Oldfield, Stein M., North M., Daniel, Moss. Sub: Cobb. Scorer: Moss.

Saturday 3rd November 1984

South East Counties
LUTON TOWN 7 TOTTENHAM 1

When Tottenham went one up after 10 minutes in their first real attack no-one could have guessed at the severity of the defeat they were to suffer. With the reserves having no fixture, this was, apart from the absence of Ian Scott, our strongest side. David Oldfield, who scored three goals and

gained us two penalties and Gary Cobb, who scored once, presented the Spurs defence insoluble problems with pace control and good passing.

Our all Irish midfield of Marcus Tuite, Ricky McEvoy and Aaron Tighe gradually gained a stanglehold on midfield during the first half and never let up from then on. Aaron Tighe put us on equal terms in the first half and both Ricky and Marcus converted rebounds in identical fashion from two penalty saves. From Stephen Mokler in goal to Kingsley Black at outside-left everyone played their part in a magnificent team performance.

Team: Mokler, Doughty, Berry, Johnson, Harvey, Tuite, McEvoy, Tighe, Cobb, Oldfield, Black. Subs: Oyston, Gyalog. Scorers: Oldfield 3, Tighe, Cobb, McEvoy, Tuite.

Saturday 10th November 1984

South East Counties
BRIGHTON 5 LUTON TOWN 3

Ours was a much changed side from the one who performed so well against Tottenham and on a spongy wet pitch we lost to a more competitive Brighton side. Good saves from the Brighton keeper, some indifferent finishing after good moves and slack defending all contributed to us being 3-0 down at half-time.

In our efforts to score during the second half we took a great many risks. A fine header from Sean Farrell, his fifth in four games, a splendid volley from Paul Lewis and a good shot from Aaron Tighe made the score more respectable. However, we had left ourselves too much to do.

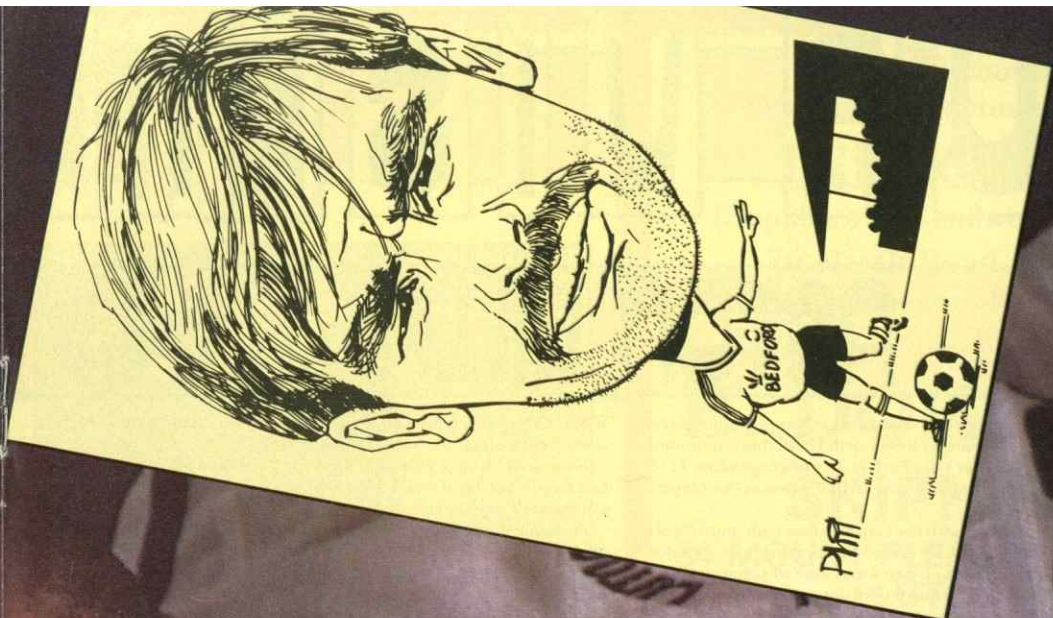
Brighton deserved their victory and inflicted on us our first defeat of the season. Team: Gabriel, Doughty, Scott, Johnson, Mahoney, Tuite, Tighe, Bowden, Lewis, Farrell, Black. Subs: Gyalog, Oyston. Scorers: Farrell, Lewis, Tighe.

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OUR VISITORS



ASTON VILLA



One of the First Division's youngest managers in terms of experience in the top flight, brings his team to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Graham Turner took over at Villa Park in July after spending 11 1/2 years at Shrewsbury, the last five and a half seasons as player-manager.

He built up a fine reputation with the Gay Meadow club, particularly in the last few seasons when he turned Shrewsbury into a major force in Division Two despite small gates and limited resources. His work in the quiet Shropshire backwater did not go unnoticed at Villa when they were looking for a manager to succeed Tony Barton during the summer and Turner signed a five year contract just before the season kicked off promising plenty of hard work and enthusiasm for the job that was very much his trademark at Shrewsbury.

Results over the first few months of the season have not been quite what the new manager would have hoped for. Villa made a reasonable enough start winning their opening two matches at home to Coventry and away at Stoke, but they were well beaten at Newcastle and then crashed 5-0 at home to Nottingham Forest.

This inconsistent streak has been a part of Villa's pattern ever since. A 3-0 home win against Manchester United in early October showed signs of better things to come but then the side ended the month losing 5-0 at Leicester and before last week's home game with Sunderland, Villa had gone seven League games without a win.

Turner has kept faith with the players he inherited on taking over in July but he has hinted at changes in recent weeks. His one venture into the transfer market in his first four months at the club saw the arrival of French World Cup star Didier Six in early October.

Six, winner of 52 French caps and a star of the 1978 and 1982

World Cups, was signed on loan from Mulhouse until the end of the season with an option for next season as well.

He scored his first goal for Villa in the 2-2 draw with Southampton last month but like the rest of the side has had difficulty putting a consistent spell together.

Probably Villa's most consistent performer in the first three months of the season has been striker Peter Withe whose nine goals in 15 games earned him a recall for England's World Cup game in Turkey a month ago.

Withe has played alongside a number of partners in recent weeks. England Under-21 cap Mark Walters opened the season as Withe's co-striker, then Paul Rideout, signed from Swindon Town two seasons ago took over. Youngster Paul Kerr was then given the job and started with two goals in a Milk Cup tie at Scunthorpe before Walters returned to the side after injury at QPR a fortnight ago.

Villa have been more settled in midfield with Gordon Cowans back on duty after missing the whole of last season following a broken leg, sustained in a pre-season match in Spain. Cowans has shown touches of the form that won him seven England caps before his enforced lay-off and there have also been some useful performances from ex-Everton man Steve McMahon, in his second season at Villa Park.

Completing Villa's usual midfield trio is Paul Birch, a local youngster, developed by the club from the apprentice ranks.

There's plenty of experience in Villa's back four although there have been changes here as the season has progressed following lapses in matches like the one at home to Forest and the away game with Leicester.



GRAHAM TURNER

Goalkeeper Mervyn Day, an England Under-23 cap while with West Ham, has maintained his place despite competition from Nigel Spink who won a full cap against Australia eighteen months ago. Spink was ruled out of the early games with a broken finger but has now renewed his challenge.

Gary Williams and Colin Gibson are the regular full back pair although youngster Tony Dorigo, born in Australia but with an Italian background, made his debut at left back against Chelsea in September and can also operate in midfield.

Steve Foster was Allan Evans' partner at the back in Villa's early games of the season but lost his place to Brendan Ormsby and a fortnight ago, the former Brighton and England centre half moved to Kenilworth Road and is likely to make his home debut against his old side this afternoon.

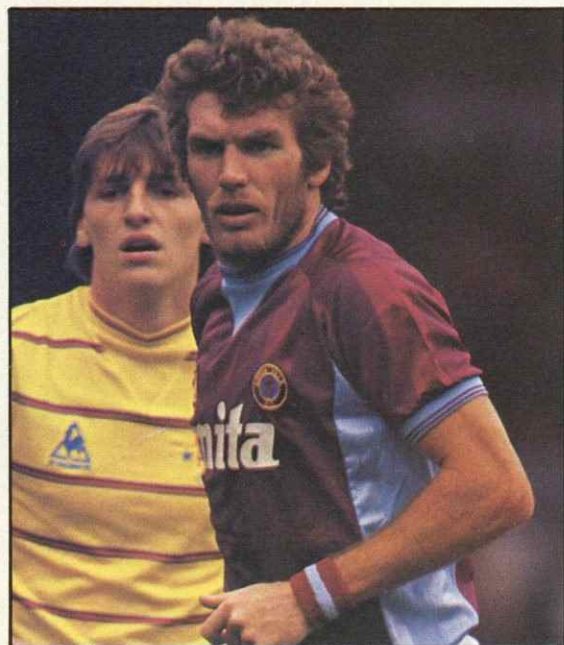
Ormsby, a former Villa apprentice who made his first team debut back in the 1978-79 season, played 34 League games for the club last season.

The experience of Denis Mortimer, who skipped Villa's European Cup winning side two years ago, has made five first team appearances so far this season but has announced his intention to retire at the end of the season and manager Turner might be tempted to look at some of his younger players who started the season with a three month unbeaten spell in the Central League.

Possible names to look out for in the not too distant future include winger Tony Daley and defender Dean Glover.

Villa are hopeful too, that injury plagued striker Gary Shaw will be ready to make a comeback in the New Year after a long spell on the sidelines with a leg injury.

A fully fit Shaw would be a big boost to Villa's hopes of challenging again for honours... and that's something Villa need to do to halt a worrying drop in attendances at Villa Park over the season so far.



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BACKTRACK

Saturday 1st December 1984
ARSENAL
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Score: 3-1
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JOHN WILKINSON

Steve Foster signed from Aston Villa made his debut at Highbury and was captain of the side.

It was Arsenal who kicked off and it was Foster who broke up the first Arsenal attack.

Les Sealey made some fine saves from Woodcock and Allinson early in the game and at the other end Foster produced a header that Lukic in the Arsenal goal just managed to tip over.

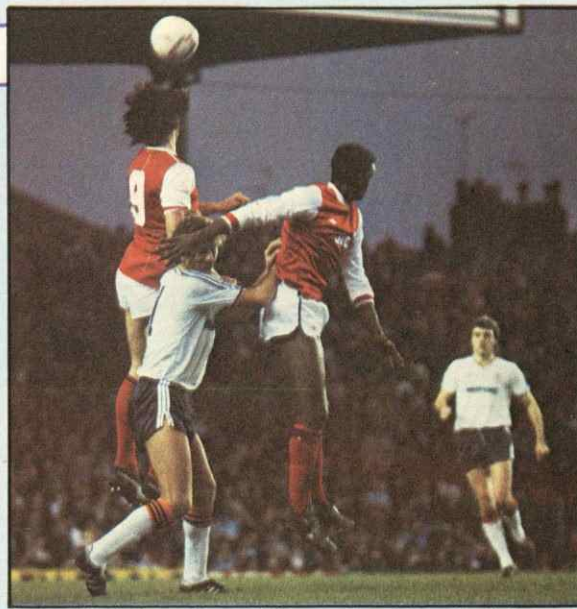
As the half wore on the Town defence was soaking up a lot of pressure and they were relying on quick breakaways. A pass from Thomas found Stein on the halfway line. He in turn played a lovely through ball to Bunn but unfortunately for the Town the linesman had his flag up for offside. Arsenal went in front after 17 minutes when Mariner took a quick throw in to Allinson on the right and hit a first time looping right foot shot over Sealey's head into the far corner of the net. Allinson was again in the picture when his cross from the left brought a good save from Sealey who blocked out Talbot's close in header. Arsenal were shooting at every opportunity and one really long shot from Robson brought the Town keeper to his knees to make a good catch.

The second-half started with Arsenal still coming forward and Mal Donaghy nearly put the ball in his own goal but Sealey was again on hand to save, but took a blow on the head for his trouble but recovered after treatment. The majority of the Town's attacks were breaking down outside the penalty area and at times the midfield were being overrun. After 60 minutes Arsenal went further in front when Woodcock pounced on to a bad back pass by Breacker and gave the goalkeeper no chance from about eight yards.

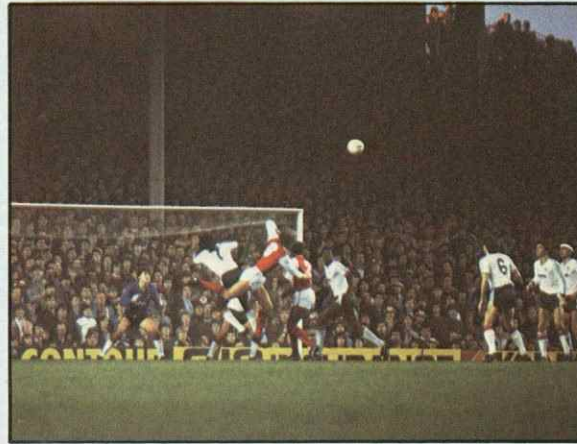
The Town then brought on Nwajiobi in place of Bunn but it was Arsenal who scored again. A short corner on the right was played back by Mariner to Allinson who's cross was headed in from close range by Anderson. A Luton attack after 75 minutes saw Parker on the left cross deep to the far side to Nwajiobi who returned the ball into the centre for Stein to score with a spectacular overhead kick and again shortly after Stein was unlucky not to get his second goal. Caton played a ball back to Lukic but the pass was too high and although he got his fingers to it couldn't prevent Stein from getting the ball but Caton was quick to recover and blocked the Luton strikers effort. A foul by Thomas on Allinson gave Arsenal a penalty but Sealey made a fine save from Talbot's shot down at the right-hand post. In the dying minutes of the game Steve Elliott was unlucky to see his glancing header go just wide from a Nwajiobi cross.

ARSENAL: Lukic, Anderson, Samson, Talbot, Adams, Caton, Robson, Davis, Mariner, Woodcock, Allinson. Sub: Meade.

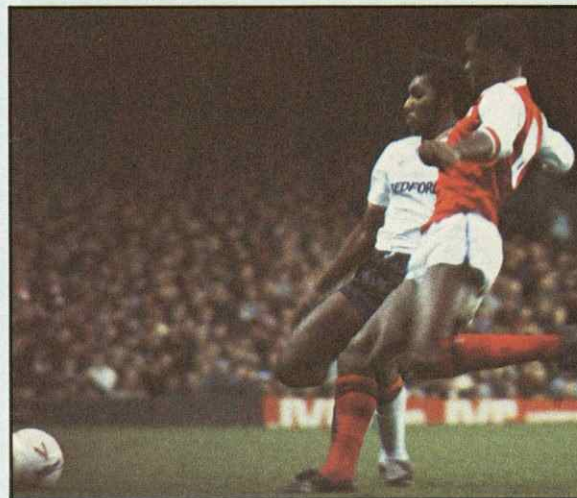
LUTON: Sealey, Breacker, Thomas, Turner, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, S. Elliott, Bunn, Parker. Sub: Nwajiobi.



Arsenal's defence literally keeps Tim Breacker's feet firmly on the ground.

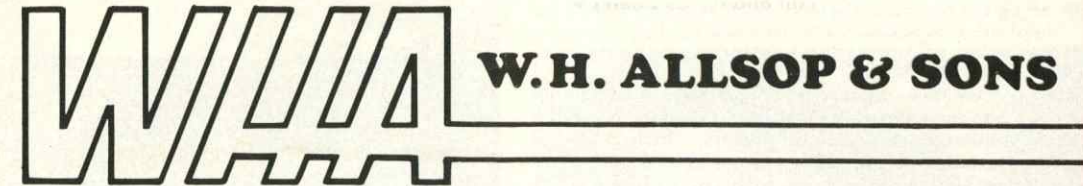


An excellent game by Town's keeper Les Sealey seen here preparing to collect the ball in an Arsenal attack.



Ricky Hill laying off the ball under pressure from Arsenal's Paul Davis.

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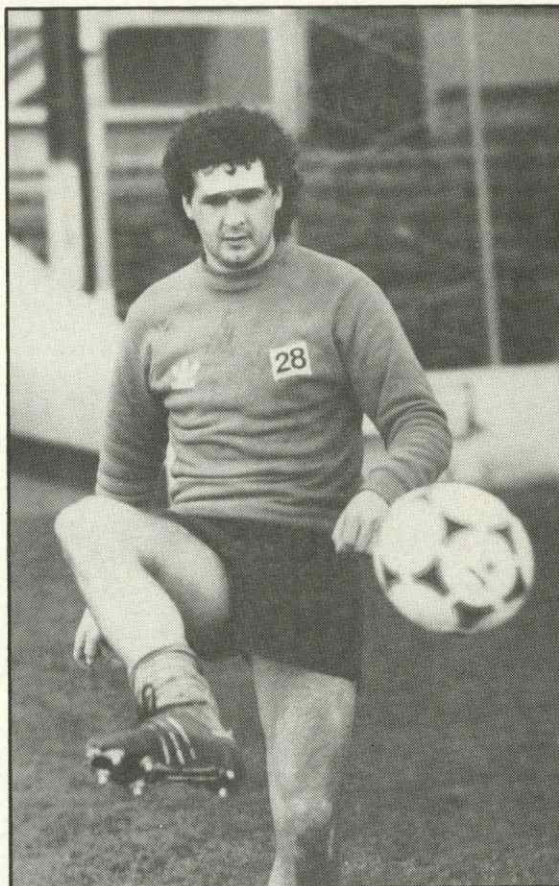
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The company's Chairman Wally Allsop and his sons and fellow directors Stuart, Robert and John are all avid Town fans and Century Club members. Today's match is the fourth game that W. H. Allsop and Sons have sponsored at Luton Town and we wish them and their guests an enjoyable afternoon.



NICE TO SEE YOU
Our picture shows the Town's new signing Steve Foster in

training. Steve as you may know joined us recently from Aston Villa. Playing his first game for the club against Arsenal on Saturday taking on the additional responsibilities of captain for the Town. A role he previously held at Brighton. Congratulations Steve we wish you a long a successful stay with Luton Town.



David Moss is seen with five lucky fellers Bob Stone, John Ward, Alan Madell, Pat Daesey and Keith Kennedy, who went along to the Old Palace Lodge Hotel in Dunstable to receive their cheque for £159,549.30 which they won on the pools. Presented by David and Vernons promoter Don McLaine. David told the lads he'd recently came up on the pools too . . . winning £1.20.

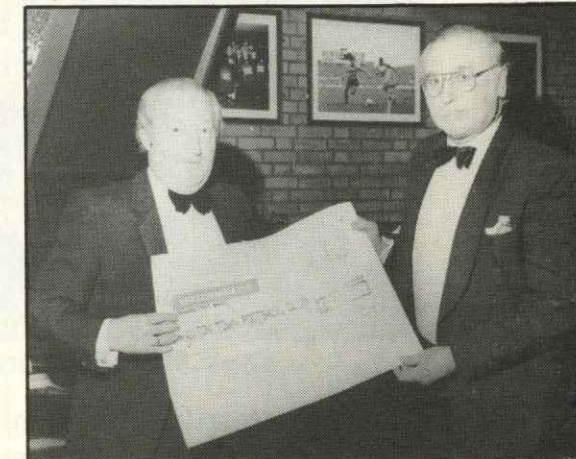


FIRM GRIP
Above picture shows Jake Findlay presenting autographed football to Jimmy Keenan of J. M. Keenan Limited after

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SPORTSMAN'S DINNER HIT

Our inaugural sportsman's dinner held in the Hatters Club last Thursday 29th November was a huge success with over 90 people enjoying the opportunity to hear and witness the humour of our guest speakers Stan Mortensen and John Motson. The evening was organised by one of the Town's Vice-Presidents Richard Larkinson. It was also the first official club function that David Evans attended as Chairman enabling him the opportunity to introduce our new director Mr Terry Bailey. The evening raised over £1,000 for the club. It was nice to see among our guests our ex-player and current Cambridge manager John Ryan.



Our picture shows Luton's Chairman David Evans receiving a cheque from Vice-President Richard Larkinson.

AT YOUTH LEVEL

Luton's newest apprentice is Marcus Tuite, born in Dublin on the 11th May 1968. Marcus was persuaded to leave his employment with Telecom Eirean to try and make his mark as a professional footballer. He attended St James Street CBS School in Dublin and made the schoolboys international squad playing seven games. This aggressive and likeable midfielder then joined Stella Mavis FC from where he was recommended, a club which has already produced two other Luton players in Ricky McEvoy and Aaron Tighe. He has already played several youth team games, and with his dedication, and the good fortune every young player must have, the future for Marcus looks good.



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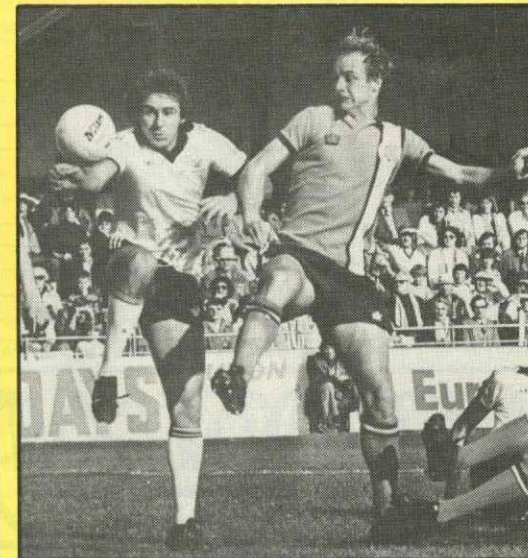
JOHN FAULKNER

John signed for the Town in March 1972 from Leeds United and played in the 1974 promotion side. He made over 200 appearances in the Town colours. He started his career with Bromley, Clay Wanderers and Sutton United before Leeds signed him professional after a sterling performance against them when Sutton played Leeds in the FA Cup.

After leaving Luton he played for Memphis in the North American Soccer League, where he stayed for nearly three years.

On his return to England he came back into local football by helping run the Bedfordshire Youth sides. Some weeks ago he obtained his first managerial post by being appointed manager of Barton Rovers. After his appointment he said 'I think there is a lot of potential at Barton and it is a challenge to me to get them into a higher Division of the Isthmian League.'

John is also a fully qualified coach and still works in the town as a Quantity Surveyor. One of his first signings was to appoint former colleague Alan Garner as coach.



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