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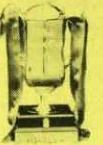
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Seasons 1981-82
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JOE FAGAN gives his point of view



AS YOU read this today, the old year is slipping away swiftly, and we're starting to think about the second half of the season, which means the FA Cup and the European Cup, as well as the battle for points in the Canon League championship.

We've seen Tottenham Hotspur prise the Milk Cup from our grasp, and in Tokyo we lost by the only goal of the game against Independiente, so we have to set our sights on success in another competition during the coming months. I would like to say, though, that in our world-cup championship match I thought we were the better side, overall . . . the one thing we failed to do was to put the ball in the net.

I believe that anyone who saw the game in the National Olympic stadium would have been proud of the team, because every player gave of his best through the whole 90 minutes—and you cannot ask for more than that.

On the Cup front, we have our work cut out both at home and in Europe; but we never do think that we're going to have it easy. We've just played Aston Villa in the League, but the FA Cup-tie will be something different again, and we can be thankful that the match is at Anfield. It's up to us to make use of that home advantage to the best possible effect.

Villa have a tremendous record in the FA Cup, and after an indifferent first half of the season they will be keen to give their supporters something to shout about—but we've got just as much incentive to make progress, for the sake of our own fans. I must admit that I'm anticipating a real battle . . .

As for the European Cup, we were prepared for anything when the draw for the quarter-finals was made, and when the time comes, we'll be trying all we know to make our experience and ability count, over the two legs against FK Austria Vienna.

Lastly, let me say that while Luton Town have their own worries, they have recently been very active in the transfer market and they are making a real effort to turn the tide; so again, we cannot afford to indulge in any flights of fancy today. We may have beaten them 6-0 here last time out, but this time it's a matter of applying ourselves to the job all over again, because we shall be kicking off all square . . . and that, of course, means we're starting from scratch.

J. F. Fagan

ALL THE BEST

FOR 1985!

THE last Saturday of 1984 brings us rapidly towards the turning point of the year, and as we reflect on what has happened during the past 12 months, we also begin to think about what 1985 might have to offer. In a footballing sense, at any rate, it would seem there is plenty to anticipate, so far as Liverpool are concerned.

THE one thing Luton Town and their supporters are fervently hoping is that the New Year brings their team a change in fortune, for as the first half of the season draws to its close, Luton are in desperate trouble at the foot of the First Division, and relegation looks a distinct possibility.

The Luton fans recall the last-gasp escape act at Maine Road a couple of seasons ago, when victory for Town sentenced Manchester City to the Second Division. Then last spring, Luton finished seven places from the foot of the table. This time, they have been struggling again.

They started out well enough by beating Stoke City 2-0 at Kenilworth Road and drawing 1-1 at Ipswich; but then they crashed 4-0 against West Brom at the Hawthorns and could only draw at home on successive Saturdays against Southampton and Chelsea.

After five matches they were in the bottom four, and a 4-2 defeat by Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane didn't help—though Luton then went to Loftus Road and scored a 3-2 victory over Queen's Park Rangers.

They faltered once more, however, as they lost at home to Sheffield Wednesday, and though they beat Watford 3-2 at Kenilworth Road a week later, they then lost 3-0 at Roker Park and could only draw on home ground against Newcastle United.

There was a 3-0 reverse at Norwich, a 2-0 defeat by Manchester United, and with 15 matches gone, Luton were 21st in the table, with only Stoke City beneath them. One week later, and Luton were drawing 2-2 against West Ham at Kenilworth Road . . . and they could blame Bootle-born Alvin Martin for hitting the equaliser, with only six minutes to go.

WE HOPE that our supporters have been enjoying their Christmas break, and today we would like to take the opportunity of wishing each and every one of them all the best for 1985. We hope that for all our supporters—and, indeed, for everyone at Anfield today—the New Year turns out to be a happy one.

LUTON LOOK FOR A CHANGE OF LUCK

Luton took on another London club—Arsenal, at Highbury—the following Saturday, but though Brian Stein scored for them with 15 minutes to go, they were already trailing to the Gunners by three goals. However they scored a 1-0 home victory over Aston Villa a week later, with new boy David Preece the marksman, and they followed up by earning a 2-2 draw at Leicester. Once again it was a new signing—Mick Harford—who did the trick . . . and Luton's second goal came right on the stroke of ninety minutes.

Luton's next test was a mid-week home game against West Brom, and a 2-1 defeat put them on the slide again.

Luton's home record has been indifferent, to say the least; but their results on tour have been worse still, for apart from the fact that they have seldom found the net themselves, they have conceded more goals than just about any other club in the First Division. A state of affairs which we hope, will enable us to cash in today . . . and the record shows that encounters with Luton have certainly produced goals galore!

THE GAMES FOR GOALS . . . SEE PAGES 4 & 5

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First Division scene . . . and it's been all change at the top

HOW MANY clubs will have led the way in the First Division, by the time this season's race for the Canon League championship has been won?—Only time will provide the answer . . . but on the evidence of the first half of the season, the title chase could remain wide open to the final match.

The first leaders in the race were promoted **Newcastle United**, who—after successive victories over **Leicester City**, **Sheffield Wednesday** and **Aston Villa**—were lording it at the top with maximum points. Their reign lasted just two weeks—then **Arsenal** took over. The Gunners had played five games then, but seven days later it was the turn of **Tottenham Hotspur** to look down on them all.

Spurs went top after seven games, and they stayed there for three Saturdays on the trot . . . then they made way again for **Arsenal**, who maintained their lead for four Saturdays . . . at which stage Merseyside got a look in, with **Everton** taking over the leadership as they chalked up a club-record run for being unbeaten. Until they crashed, 4-2, at Carrow Road.

That was on the last Saturday of November, and apart from the clubs

which had held the leadership, five other championship contenders had figured in the top three. They were **West Brom.** (for one Saturday), **West Ham United**, **Manchester United** and **Sheffield Wednesday**, who did their own cause no harm by despatching **Arsenal** 2-1 at Hillsborough, where Lee Chapman scored the first goal against his former club.

Wednesday also drew at Goodison Park at the beginning of December, but though **Everton** failed to win on a couple of Saturdays, they held on to the leadership partly because **Manchester United** failed to take advantage as they allowed a two-goal lead to slip at Sunderland and Nottingham Forest. So **Spurs** edged into second place to mount the closest challenge to the leaders.



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MEETINGS between Liverpool and Luton Town have certainly been the games for goals. In the 13 meetings so far, only once has there been a blank scoreline . . . and that was when we played at Kenilworth Road last season. As for the other dozen games, they have produced a remarkable number of goals—47 in total, of which half a dozen came at Anfield last term.

That match was played on October 29, 1983, Liverpool scored all six goals, and Ian Rush hit five of them, with Kenny Dalglish scoring the other one. So, on a horses-for-courses basis, we can anticipate that the scoreline will not remain blank this afternoon, especially as the only three

First Division matches at Anfield between the clubs have produced no fewer than 14 goals—11 of them to Liverpool.

IN THE first encounter this season, last September at Kenilworth Road, Mal Donaghy was Luton's marksman, while we scored twice through Phil Neal (a penalty) and Kenny Dalglish. Since then, Luton's goals have been spread around, with Steve Elliott, Brian Stein and Frank Bunn their leading scorers, while Paul Elliott, Dave Moss, Garry Parker, Emeka Nwajiobi and Donaghy have also chipped in with contributions.

HERE ARE the details of all the games between Liverpool and Luton Town, and they are spread

almost equally between the First and Second divisions. The Liverpool score is given first, in each instance.

FIRST DIVISION

Season	Home	Away
1974-75	2-0	2-1
1982-83	3-3	3-1
1983-84	6-0	0-0
1984-85	—	2-1

SECOND DIVISION

Season	Home	Away
1954-55	4-4	2-3
1960-61	2-2	1-2
1961-62	1-1	0-1

First Division scene . . . and it's been tough at the bottom

The clubs who achieved the kind of consistency they DIDN'T want were **Stoke City**, **Coventry City**, **Watford**, **Leicester City** and **Luton Town**. **Stoke**, beaten at home by a Ronnie Whelan goal, were never able to escape from the bottom three during the first four months of the season, and for much of that time **Watford**, **Coventry** and **Leicester** kept them company.

But as November came towards a close, **Watford** were hauling themselves away from the danger zone and **Luton** were descending the ladder. Fourth from bottom in late September, they stayed there until well into October, then climbed to seventh from bottom; but they gradually slipped again so that, in the closing weeks of the month, they were occupying 21st place.

By the end of last month, eight clubs had figured in the bottom three positions, at one stage or another. For three successive Saturdays, **Southampton** were at the foot, but—like **Liverpool**—they broke free of the shackles, and so did **Norwich City**, who stood third from the foot in the early days of the campaign.

Luton's home win over **Aston Villa** early this month enabled them to swap places with **Coventry City**, but despite a draw at **Leicester**, they slipped back to 21st as **Coventry** beat **Southampton** to go level on points with **Ipswich**, who had also hit trouble.

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These pictures show how Ian took three of his chances. Above, it's his and our first goal; top right, a volley for his fourth and our fifth; and left, a header which brings our Welsh international his hat-trick, as 'keeper Les Sealey is stranded.



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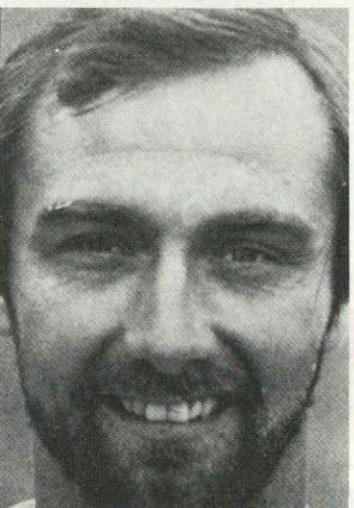


BARCLAYS

AN ANFIELD WELCOME FOR... LUTON TOWN



MANAGER David Pleat (above) has rung the changes again and again, as players have come and gone. One departure was Brian Horton (centre), now player-manager at Hull.



BRIAN STEIN . . . still a familiar face at Kenilworth Road.



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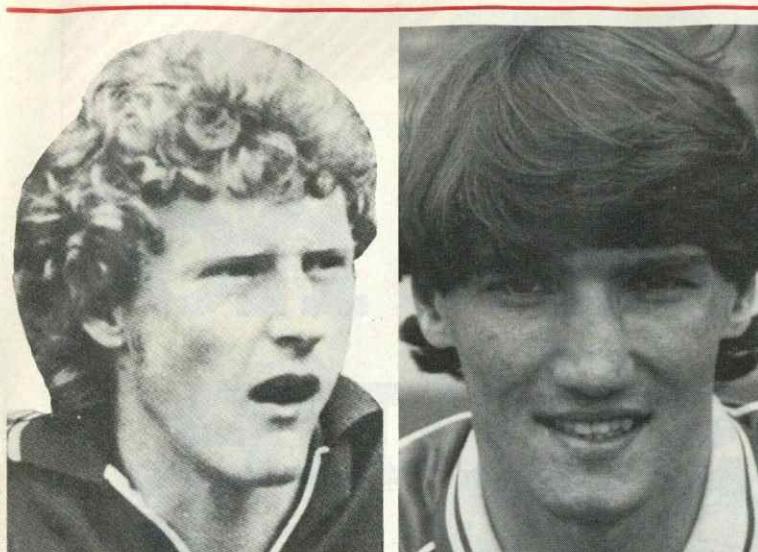
ONE THING is certain—Luton Town's team will show up to half a dozen changes from the line-up on the programme when we met them 14 months ago today.

Though **Les Sealey** returned from a loan spell at Plymouth, the odds are that **Jake Findlay** will be named as Luton's last line of defence, if **Andy Dibble** hasn't recovered from injury. And there's no doubt right-back **Kirk Stephens**—who once took over in goal here when the clubs shared half a dozen goals—will be an absentee, because he moved to Coventry City in the swap deal for **Ashley Grimes**.

Another certainty is that last season's skipper, **Brian Horton**, won't be playing—he became player-manager of Hull City at the start of this season; and young centre-half **Paul Elliott**, victim of a broken leg, is expected to be out for the rest of the season. As for striker **Trevor Aylott**, he joined Crystal Palace in an exchange deal for midfield man **Vince Hilaire** . . . who moved on to Portsmouth at the start of this month.

So the changes have been rung, and rung again, by manager **David Pleat**, for there have also been new arrivals at Kenilworth Road. They include Grimes, Dibble—capped by Wales at Under-21 level and a £100,000-plus signing from Cardiff City—and six other players . . . although one, striker **Steve Elliott**, who was recruited from Preston, switched clubs again as he joined Walsall in an exchange which took midfield man **David Preece** to Kenilworth Road. It was a deal which valued the latter at around £150,000.

In the meantime, **Colin Todd** crossed the Atlantic



from Vancouver Whitecaps, **Mickey Droy** had arrived on loan from Chelsea, and former England centre-half **Steve Foster** had completed a £70,000 transfer from Aston Villa, who had paid £200,000 for him to Brighton only eight months previously. Foster went straight into the side for the game at Highbury, but for Todd, the news was less good, as he saw a specialist for a verdict which could mean the end of his career, because of a persistent knee injury.

Luton's latest recruit is striker **Mick Harford**, who was signed from Birmingham a couple of weeks ago for a fee reported to be a quarter of a million pounds, and that took Town's spending to around £400,000 in just a fortnight.

So, whatever the shape of Luton's side today, we can expect to see some new names and some familiar faces, for the likes of **Ricky Hill**, **Brian Stein**, **Mal Donaghy** and **Dave Moss** are still at Kenilworth Road. Hill, who marked his debut as a 17-year-old with a goal in 1976, and Stein, who arrived relatively late in full-time football, have both emerged as England-squad men. Stein was a 20-year-old part-timer with Edgeware Town when he joined Luton in October, 1977, and within a month he had made the first team.

Donaghy, a snip of a signing at £20,000 when he joined Luton from Larne, in Northern Ireland, was one of David Pleat's first signings, in the summer of 1978, and he is now a regular on the international scene. Moss had spent nine years with Swindon Town when Luton paid £110,000 for him, and he has taken his tally of League goals to well past the century mark. He is a spot-kick specialist, as well as a fine crosser of the ball.

Wayne Turner is a local lad who was groomed through Luton's youth and reserve sides, and after a spell on loan with Lincoln City he returned to Kenilworth Road to nail down a place in defence, though he can also operate in midfield. And another home-produced player is **Frank Bunn**, who made the breakthrough after having been a regular marksman at reserve-team level.

Three more new names this season have been **Garry Parker**, **Tim Breacker** and **Emeka Nwajobi**, who was signed for £5,000 from Dulwich Hamlet. And manager Pleat said of the 24-year-old Nigerian, who has a degree in pharmacy: "I see in him the same sort of potential as I did when I signed Brian Stein." So Luton believe they could be on another winner.



FROM left to right above: new signings Ashley Grimes, Mick Harford, who cost a quarter of a million pounds when he joined Luton from Birmingham, and Andy Dibble.

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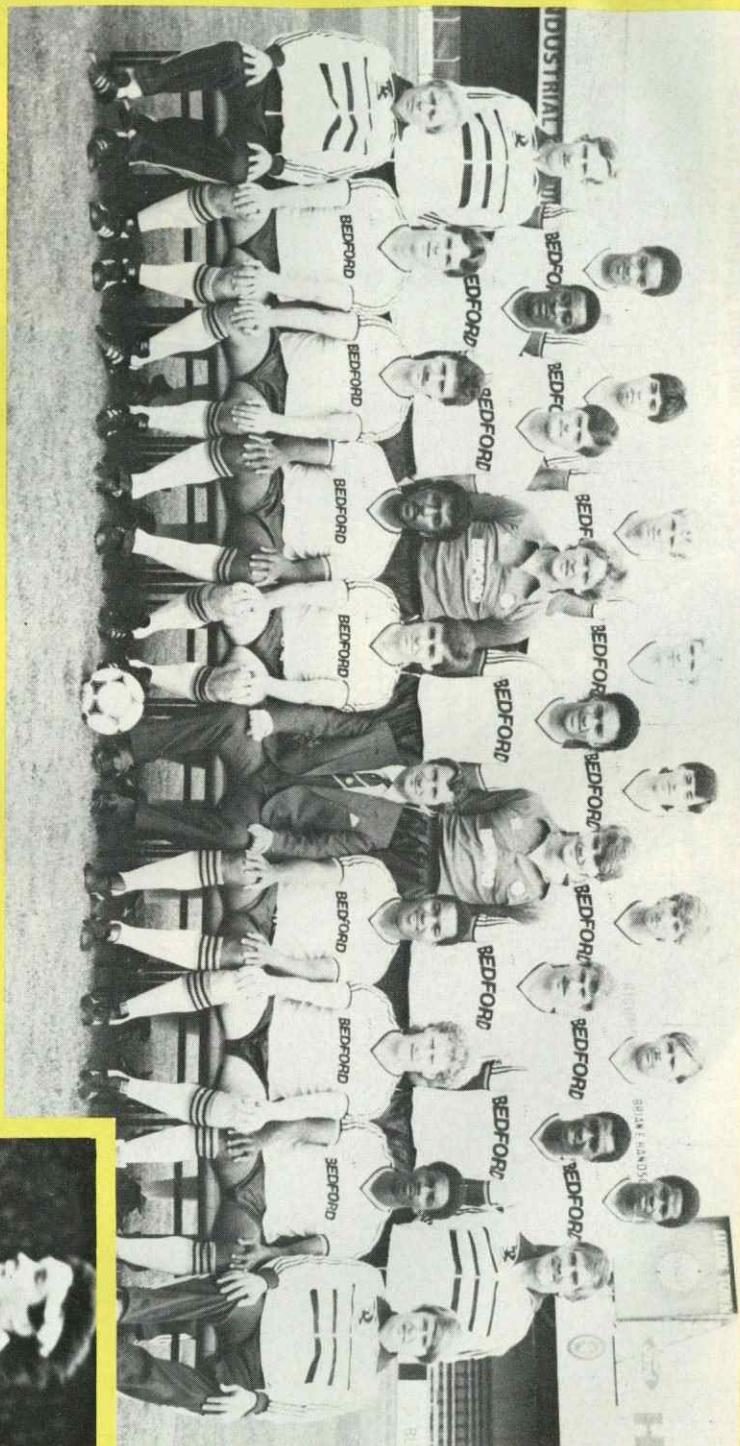
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BACK ROW: (left to right): Mark Stein, Rob Johnson, Tim Breacker, Stacey North, Mark North, Garry Parker, Wayne Turner, Ray Daniel.

Centre row: John Moore (coach), Emeka Nwaijobi, Frank Bunn, Jake Findlay, Paul Elliott, Andy Dibble, Clive Goodyear, Mitchell Thomas, David Coates (coach).

Front row: Trevor Hartley (coach), Steve Elliott (now with Walsall), David Moss, Ricky Hill, Mai Donaghy, David Pleat (manager), Brian Stein, Ashley Grimes, Vince Hilaire (now with Portsmouth), John Sheridan (physio-therapist). Inset: Steve Foster.



THE MEN FROM KENILWORTH ROAD

PRO- FILE



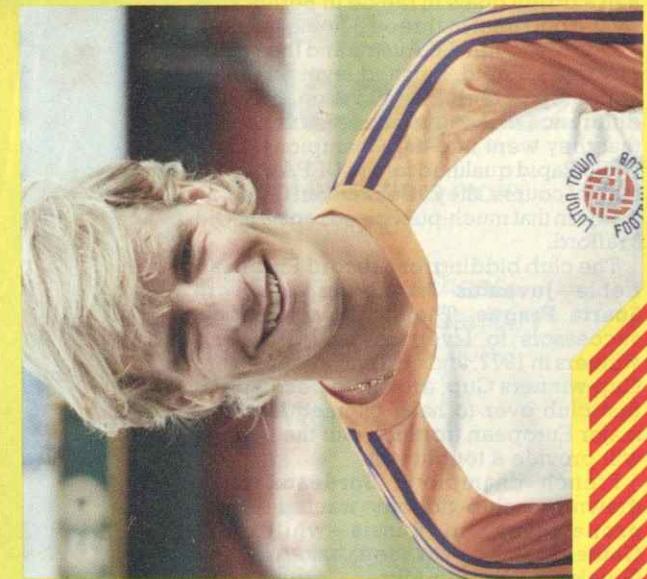
also, to win medals with Liverpool, even if he had a 14-match run halted by a cartilage operation.

Ian Rush took back the No.9 shirt which Paul had worn, but Paul isn't superstitious. "I wore No.8 at Charlton, No.9 at Luton—but here I'll take what I can get," he says. Though Pele and George Best were his boyhood idols, he came to admire a current Liverpool player—Kenny Dalglish—for "just about everything he does..." And when Paul plays golf with his Liverpool team-mates, no doubt he puts himself in the shoes of an American sporting hero, whom he rates the world's No. 1, while at tennis, which is Paul's other favourite sport, he admires another ace from across the Atlantic. "If I hadn't been a professional footballer—and I never thought about being anything else—I'd have liked the ability of Tom Watson and John McEnroe," he says.

FOR the third time in quick succession, a Liverpool player anticipates an Anfield reunion with former team-mates. Last month it was John Wark . . . who scored twice against Ipswich; last Wednesday it was Kevin MacDonald, when Leicester City were the visitors; and today, it's Paul Walsh . . . who, last season, wore Luton Town's colours.

Born in Plumstead, South London, Paul was offered trials with Arsenal—but it was Charlton Athletic who signed him, and in three seasons with them he totalled exactly 100 League and Cup games, scoring 31 goals. In his two seasons with Luton (who paid quarter of a million pounds for him, plus striker Steve White), he played 89 games and hit 29 goals . . . including a hat-trick in his third outing, as Luton beat Notts County 5-3. Those were Paul's first goals in Division 1.

At international level he followed 10 England youth caps with seven Under-21 games and—so far—five at senior level. And, at 22, he's plenty of time to add to that tally. Plenty of time,



SO IT'S ASTON VILLA...AND AUSTRIA VIENNA

FOR THE first time in more than 20 years of European competition, Liverpool will be meeting opposition from Austria, when we take on **FK Austria Vienna** in the quarter-finals of the Champions' Cup next March. And the first leg will be played in Vienna.

Our opponents have had it easy, and they have had it hard, in the competition so far, because in the first round they cruised to an 8-0 aggregate success (4-0 home and away) against the Maltese champions, Valetta. But in the second round they met much sterner opposition in Dynamo Berlin.

HOW THEY FINISHED

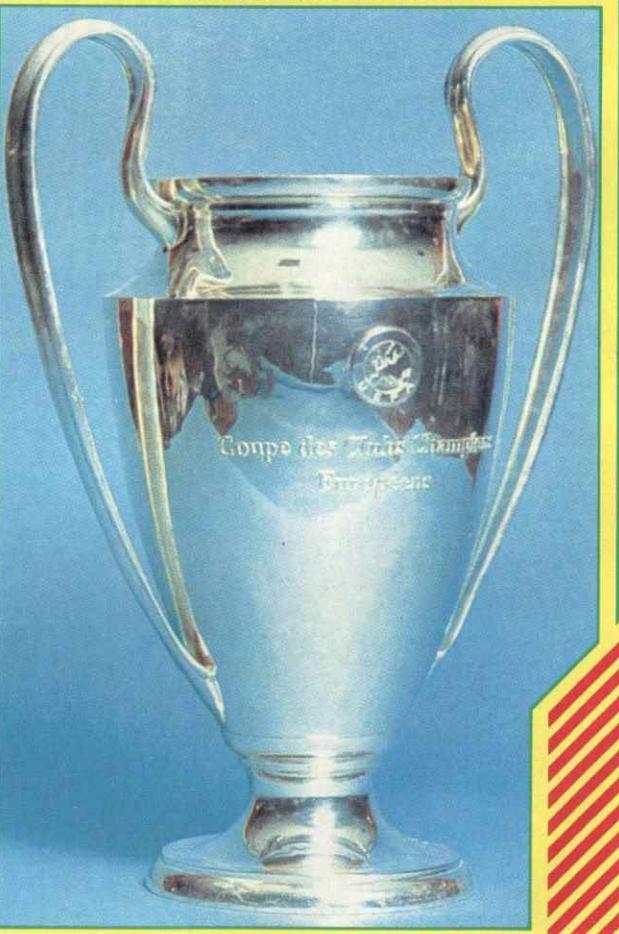
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Rapid Vienna	30	19	9	2	71	18	47
Linzer ASK	30	17	8	5	54	25	42
SSW Innsbrück ..	30	13	11	6	54	31	37
Sturm Graz	30	15	7	8	52	43	37
Admira Wacker..	30	12	12	6	47	36	36

FK Austria scored an overall 5-4 victory over the East German club—they shared half a dozen goals in the tie in Berlin, won by the odd goal in three on home ground.

Oddly enough, FK Austria and their great city rivals, Rapid, finished level on points at the top of their First Division, but goal difference in the former's favour ensured that they went into the Champions' Cup, while Rapid qualified for the UEFA Cup... and, of course, they knocked out Glasgow Celtic in that much-publicised replay at Old Trafford.

The club bidding for a record European treble—**Juventus**—have been paired with **Sparta Prague**. The Italian champions, successors to Liverpool as UEFA Cup winners in 1977, and current holders of the Cup-winners Cup, are out to become the first club ever to have claimed all three major European trophies, but the Czechs will provide a tough test.

French champions **Bordeaux** have drawn the club nobody wanted—**Dniepropetrovsk**, in Russia—while **IFK Gothenburg**, of Sweden, take on the Greeks of **Panathinaikos**.



OUR immediate opponents in the FA Cup—Aston Villa, whom we meet here next Saturday—are also our final opponents at Anfield in the Canon League next May. They are due here on May 11, just one week before the final of the FA Cup at Wembley... and all Liverpool supporters hope that by then, we shall be going back to the famous stadium.

The last time Villa carried off the FA Cup was away back in season 1956-57, when they defeated Manchester United. And since then, United have made six more appearances at Wembley, with Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur having chalked up five finals apiece, Liverpool and Leeds United four each, and Everton, West Ham United and Leicester City three apiece.

Manchester City and Chelsea have been to Wembley twice, and the one-time finalists have been Newcastle United, Bolton Wanderers, Nottingham Forest, Luton Town, Wolves, Blackburn Rovers, Burnley, Preston North End, Sheffield Wednesday, West Brom, Sunderland, Fulham, Southampton, Ipswich Town, Queen's Park Rangers, Brighton and Watford.



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IT WASN'T the happiest of reunions when Coventry City 'keeper Steve Ogrizovic met his old team-mates at Anfield, because Liverpool scored a 3-1 victory. And from left to right, the top four pictures show in sequence how John Wark beat him for his and our first goal. On the right, Ian Rush strikes from the penalty spot, but below, Kenny Dalglish is denied a goal as Steve pulls off one of the many fine saves he made.

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They are the stewards who have accompanied Liverpool fans aboard the British Rail specials to our away games, and it is fair to say that these trips have been among the most successful operations in football.

The supporters, too, have played their part, and we hope that they will continue to enjoy the benefits of the Soccer specials through the remaining months of the season. I should like to wish the stewards and the travelling fans all the best when the New Year dawns.

And from KEN ADDISON

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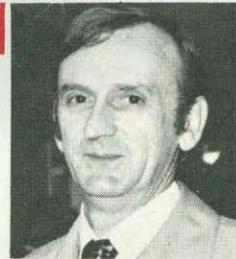
THE TURN of the year is opportune for a moment's reflection on what has gone before, and for looking ahead with hope to 1985 . . . and I would just like to express my sincere thanks to a band of people who have done excellent work on behalf of Liverpool Football Club over the past months.

They are the stewards who have accompanied Liverpool fans aboard the British Rail specials to our away games, and it is fair to say that these trips have been among the most successful operations in football.

The supporters, too, have played their part, and we hope that they will continue to enjoy the benefits of the Soccer specials through the remaining months of the season. I should like to wish the stewards and the travelling fans all the best when the New Year dawns.

And from KEN ADDISON

ALL THE BEST!



The staff of the
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would like to wish all our agents the best of everything for 1985 . . . and to those who would like to join our off-the-field team, we say

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ONE FOR THE ROAD . . . ONE FOR WATFORD MAKE UP THE LEEWAY

IT'S A New Year's Day trip to Watford . . . and after their early-season struggle, Graham Taylor's team have had several good results to steer clear of the relegation zone, despite the loss of striker Mo Johnston. While he returned to Scotland, centre-back John McClelland moved south to stiffen the Watford defence, and manager Taylor also kept faith with the fans by turning down the chance to rake in a reputed £1M from Arsenal for England winger John Barnes.

In late October, when we were third from the bottom, Watford were one place below us; but they started a revival by drawing with Newcastle United and Ipswich, and beating Sunderland, Sheffield Wednesday, Stoke City and Nottingham Forest, though they then lost their next two matches—at West Brom. and at home to Spurs.

If you're driving to the game at Vicarage Road, here is your RAC route, starting on the A5047 (Edge Lane) or Queen's Drive to the M62, junction at Broad Green. Take the M62 to Croft, junction with the M6, the M6 and M1 south to intersection 5, junction with the A41, exiting there and following "North Watford" signs on to the A41.

Go ahead to the roundabout

(about a mile and a half), left on to the A412 (St. Albans Road) and ahead, then take the underpass, exiting second left on to Cassio Road, and on to traffic lights.

Keep straight on, go right at the West Watford sign, and at lights go left on to Vicarage Road.

AFTER the FA Cup, we resume Canon League action with a journey to the North-East, and the route to Roker Park starts on the A5047 (Edge Lane) or Queen's Drive to the M62, junction at Broad Green, continuing via the M62 east to intersection 30, junction with the A642.

At the roundabout leaving the motorway, follow "York", "The North A1" signs via Garforth to Aberford, junction with the A1, and the A1/A1(M) north to Carville, junction with the A690. Then it's the A690 to Sunderland, where the ground is a mile and a half north of the town centre, off the A183 (South Shields road).

• From Wirral, the route is as above.

NEXT HOME GAMES

F.A. CUP—(Third Round)

**LIVERPOOL v.
ASTON VILLA**

Saturday, 5th January, 1985
Kick-off 3 p.m.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

**LIVERPOOL v.
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN**

Tuesday, 8th January, 1985
Kick-off 7 p.m.

QUIZ

1. When Luton Town played here 10 years ago this month, who was their manager?
2. In November, 1974, Luton signed a player from Liverpool. He was a forward who had joined us 18 months previously. Can you name him?
3. Luton also had a former Everton forward in their ranks at that time. Can you name him?
4. Now . . . can you name the footballing brothers Luton had signed from Chester?
5. Which club won the First Division championship at the end of season 1974-75?
6. And which clubs went down to the Second Division?
7. These clubs were in the First Division in season 1974-75 . . . Burnley, Birmingham City, Carlisle United, Derby County, Leeds United, Manchester City, Middlesbrough, Sheffield United and Wolves. True—or false?
8. Our first game that season was at Luton. The scoreline was 2-1 . . . for which club?
9. In European competition, we scored an 11-0 victory over a certain club. Name the club.
10. We went out of the Cup-winners Cup that season without having lost a game. Why?

• Answers on Page 21.

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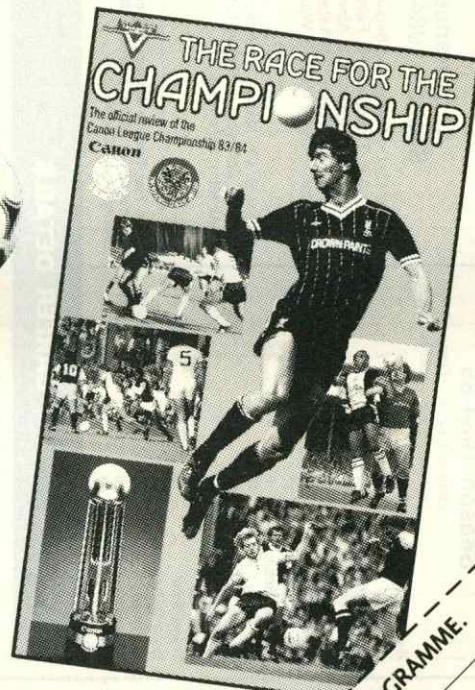
It was the season that Kevin Keegan hung up his boots, Southampton and Leicester took on the British weather, whilst Bruce Grobbelaar was taking on the whole of Birmingham City.

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FAN FARE

AMONG the 62,000 crowd in the National Olympic stadium in Tokyo for the world-club-championship match between Liverpool and Independiente were a handful of people who were out-and-out supporters of this club.

They included a group of seamen who had finally arrived after a trip lasting six weeks, and they reckoned it could be another six weeks before they saw Merseyside once more... but, even allowing for such loyalty, perhaps pride of place should go to a Liverpool supporter from Switzerland, who splashed a considerable amount of money to get to the game in Tokyo... and then started to shop around for a ticket.

The cost of tickets ranged from around £5 to more than £16, and the fan from Switzerland was prepared to pay his way again... but when he met Liverpool captain Phil Neal at the team's hotel, he was in luck's way, because Phil told him: "After all the money you've spent in getting here, I reckon you deserve a ticket." And Phil made sure he got one for free.

The game in Tokyo is history now, of course, and we're looking ahead to the FA Cup-tie at Anfield against Aston Villa and, a little later in the season, the resumption of European action in the Champions' Cup competition. Which brings us to a letter from north of the Border...

It comes from a football fan who followed the fortunes of Dundee United in the third round of the UEFA Cup. Her name is Jacqui Lawson, and she was disappointed her home-town team couldn't make progress to the quarter-finals at the expense of Manchester United—but, even so, she still puts one club ahead of the side from Dundee... and that's Liverpool.

Jacqui writes: "I go to Dundee United's matches, but I always wish I was at Anfield, because Liverpool are my No.1 team now. I would like some Liverpool fans to write to me and, hopefully, send me copies of the Anfield Review

ONE OF Liverpool's staunchest supporters died recently in a tragic accident, and he will be missed by many people, not least his close friends on the Kop. Eddie Croxford was the driver of the express train involved in the Salford crash, and he was killed instantly.

Eddie, aged 36, had worked for British Rail for 20 years and, indeed, had driven hundreds of Liverpool supporters to matches—when we played Everton in the Milk Cup final last season, his was the first train outward bound for Wembley.

Eddie was one of half a dozen Kopites



in exchange for Dundee United programmes. My address: 12, Dronley Avenue, Muirhead, By Dundee, Scotland, DD2 5QY."

A SIX-LINE letter from a Polish supporter says it all... "I would like to correspond with any Reds fans in the 18-25 age group. I have supported Liverpool for five years and am a member of the Liverpool Supporters' Club branch in Poland."

The writer is Jacek Paziewski, and his address is UL: Gorlicka 40/34, 02-130 Warsaw, Poland.

We're sure both Jacqui and Jacek will find that they've made some new friends from Merseyside.



LIVERPOOL SUPPORTERS CLUB (MALTA)

The President,
Committee and Members
Wish You a
Happy Christmas
and a
Prosperous New Year

OUR THANKS to Anthony Cilia, secretary of the Malta branch of the Liverpool Supporters' Club, for sending this Christmas greeting to everyone at Anfield. He tells us that the branch now issues a booklet, "The Kopite Review", for members, and that the branch generally hopes to go from strength to strength in the New Year.

who always watched Anfield matches together. His pals: Allan Taylor, Len Woods, Bobby Wilcox, Phil Aspinall, Terry Crewe and Kieran Morgan.

After living in Wavertree, Eddie moved to West Derby, but there was no doubting where his affections lay... at Anfield. A Liverpool supporter since he was 10, he went to almost every game.

Last season, for instance, he saw Liverpool in action abroad against Athletic Bilbao, Benfica, Dinamo Bucharest and AS Roma, and as one of his closest friends put it: "Liverpool was a big part of his life."

