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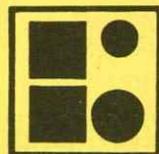
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Welcome to Sunderland. May we wish them well on Monday evening, as they seek to bring the North East the glory of a Milk Cup Final. They have done outstandingly well to defeat Tottenham and Watford and many believe this is 'their year'.

The League is still very tight, but we know that if we do not win soon, we shall begin to run out of games. A solid run is needed and the support from the terraces will be vital. Those of you who travelled to Newcastle will appreciate how a passionate and sometimes hostile crowd can lift the players. The enthusiasm for the game in the North East is something I'd like to transplant to Kenilworth Road. But I would like to express my appreciation of all our supporters who made the long trek to Newcastle and returned disappointed. Had we put away one of several chances that came our way, we would have returned satisfied.

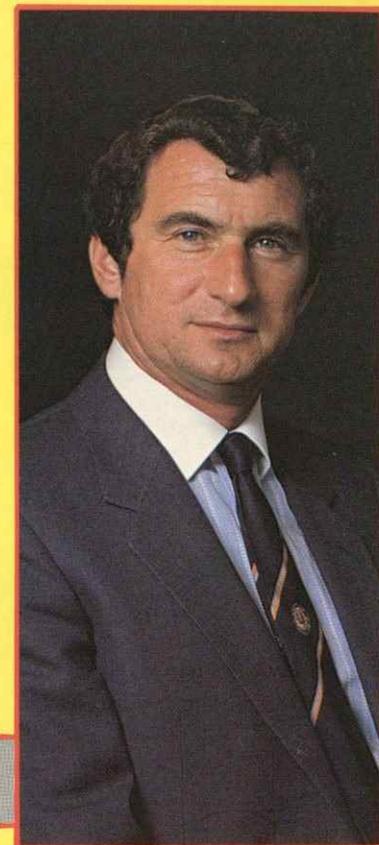
I can take consolation in that our general play in defending and our approach play are looking promising, but we need to take our chances. The referee at Newcastle, Mr A. Robinson of Manchester, was first class, but when Brian Stein scored, it was disallowed. A word with his linesman

These range from relationships to interpretation of the laws of the game.

One of the greatest problems that accentuates the referee's difficulties is that many of the spectators do not fully understand the laws of the game. At Sheffield last Sunday, the smooth John Barnes pulled a ball back for Nigel Callaghan to rifle home. People around me, Wednesday supporters, all really believed Callaghan was offside.

What is for sure is that some of the bookings are unnecessary and there is no excuse for dissent. I am delighted that we have reached the end of February with no player having accumulated 21 points and having to serve a two game suspension. We cannot carry suspensions whilst we have so many players sidelined.

Our injury situation is improving — Ashley Grimes has played two Reserve games, Paul Elliott has been jogging and is now smiling, Frank Bunn is looking forward to playing in three weeks after his stomach muscle operation, and John Findlay was hoping for the all clear this week. Finally, David Moss has recovered from a thigh strain. We will need everyone to compete for places in the weeks ahead. Our other defender Stacey North, supporters will



WELCOME

would have made me happier. We came away unsure of why the goal was disallowed. There were two similar instances in the York City/Liverpool game that was shown on television. Mr Peter Willis disallowed two goals after a linesman flagged. Would it not have been wiser and good public relations had he consulted his linesman and then showed the crowd by a signal what the infringement was?

We are getting together now with the Referees' Association and only this Thursday a group of managers sat down around the table and continued further discussions on all aspects.

be pleased to hear, was due to leave hospital last Tuesday.

Three players were involved in internationals last week. Mal Donaghy, Peter Nicholas and Marcus Tuite — well done, and I hope their performances gave them satisfaction.

As you know, we have an important game on Monday also. Watford will be coming here as losing finalists last season, determined to reach Wembley again. We shall keep our heads, play to our normal style and hope this year we can get the breaks. Last year's games were exceptional, and certainly the hardest opposition Watford faced en

route to their great day.

Remember, we are in a tight position, but we can turn the present picture into a most progressive and exciting remainder of the season. Let us hope we can get the points today.

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TERRY GIBSON

Once again the Pools Panel was put back into mothballs as the thaw came to give us a full League programme last week.

Norman Whiteside came off the substitute bench to score the only goal in Manchester United's win against Arsenal at Highbury. His goal came after 31 minutes. Jesper Olsen started the move with a brilliant through pass. Whiteside controlled it and wrong footed the home defence to score with a left foot shot from the edge of the box. United boss Ron Atkinson said after the match: 'People said we were finished when Bryan Robson went out of the team. I think we have shown that we are far from finished.'

Nobody is more deserving of an MBE than Kenny Dalglish of Liverpool and at Anfield on Saturday, Stoke City presented him with the gifts he treasures most, space and time. The crowd were delighted with his delicate touches and skill and Liverpool should have equalled the seven goal thrashing they gave York City recently, but failed to add to the first half goals scored by Steve Nichol and Dalglish. For the record this was Dalglish's 300th League game for the Reds.

Coventry City's decision to have an early kick-off worked well for them on the pitch. Although they lacked the skill of the Chelsea players the visitors were caught sleeping as Terry Gibson, Kenny Hibbitt and Cyrille Regis combined to enable Gibson to score an easy goal after only one minute and 50 seconds from the start. Chelsea then gave the home defence a bit of a pounding but even 27 goal Kerry Dixon couldn't put the final pass away and they became their own worst enemies as chances and super situations were ruined by misjudgement and poor finishing. Manager John Neale offered no excuses for Chelsea's defeat. He said: 'You can enjoy all the possession in the world, but Coventry's goalkeeper did not have a great deal to do and that is the story of the match.' For Coventry Peter Barnes had his best 90 minutes since joining the Sky Blues.

West Ham's bubble was burst with one of the best goals of the season. Villa's centre-half Brendan Ormsby shot from 40 yards into the top corner of the Hammers net to see Villa home by two goals to one. The home fans howled: 'What a load of rubbish' at there side still without a League win in 1985.

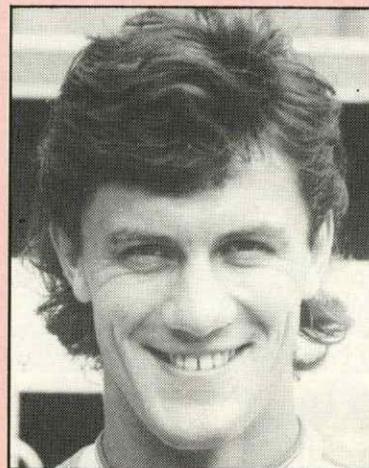
SCENE ON ONE



PAUL GODDARD

Paul Goddard opened the scoring in the second half and shortly after Mark Walters equalised with a shot that was deflected by Steve Walford high into the net by the near post. Manager John Lyall said: 'That Villa second goal was a winner out of the blue, but it's no excuse. After our opening goal we stopped playing.'

Rangers caretaker manager Frank Sibley is still determined to slash the wage bill at Loftus Road. Midfielder Gary Micklewhite became the third player in as many weeks to leave Rangers when he was transferred to Derby County in a £90,000 deal just before the home match against Sunderland. Jeremy Charles joined Oxford United for £100,000 and Simon Stainrod, cost Sheffield Wednesday £250,000 were the others. Sibley also made it clear that Micklewhite would not be the last to leave. Stating that: 'We've got to rebuild if we are going to improve. We had a staff of 27 when I took over and that is far too many. I'm out to create openings for some of our youngsters.' He refused to reveal who would be the next to go as he sets about dismantling the team that Terry Venables built. Meanwhile John Byrne, the tall striker that Alan Mullery bought from York City, proved his value when he scored the only goal of the game in



SIMON STAINROD

the 62nd minute. He crashed home his second goal for the club after Michael Robinson had unsettled the Sunderland defence. Everton manager Howard Kendall was smiling broadly when he left Filbert Street after the match he said: 'We allowed Leicester more chances than we have given other sides for some time and fortunately for us they missed them but we deserved our win on our second half display.' Much wanted striker Gary Lineker should have scored a hat-trick but as the game went on it wasn't going to be his day. Everton went into the lead when Scottish international Andy Gray came in from the cold to score his first goal for many weeks. Steve Lynex scored a brilliant goal to bring the home side level but that man Gray did it again in the 66th minute to give Everton their ninth consecutive victory.

Tottenham Hotspur have now gone 13 games without defeat thanks to a goal from Mark Falco. This 1-0 win over West Bromwich Albion keeps the heat on leaders Everton and it was ironical that their last defeat was at White Hart Lane against Albion. The victory was not won without trouble. Defender Gary Mabbutt was carried off with a damaged ankle and was due to have an X-ray on Sunday. Manager Peter Shreeve said: 'It looked nasty and he will probably miss the game against Stoke next week.' Winger John Chiedozie was back to form and his colleagues squandered a consistent stream of crosses.

England outcast Mark Wright failed to stop Forest's march on Europe as Brian Clough's men extended their winning run to 5 in their last seven matches. Wright worked hard in an over-worked Southampton defence, to keep free flowing Forest at bay. First half goals from Steve Hodge and Peter Davenport were enough to put Forest above the Saints in the League table. Manager Laurie McMenemy said: 'You don't give a team like Forest a two goal start and come back.' Without suspended striker Joe Jordan, Southampton's attack was toothless. Leading scorers in the Division to date are:

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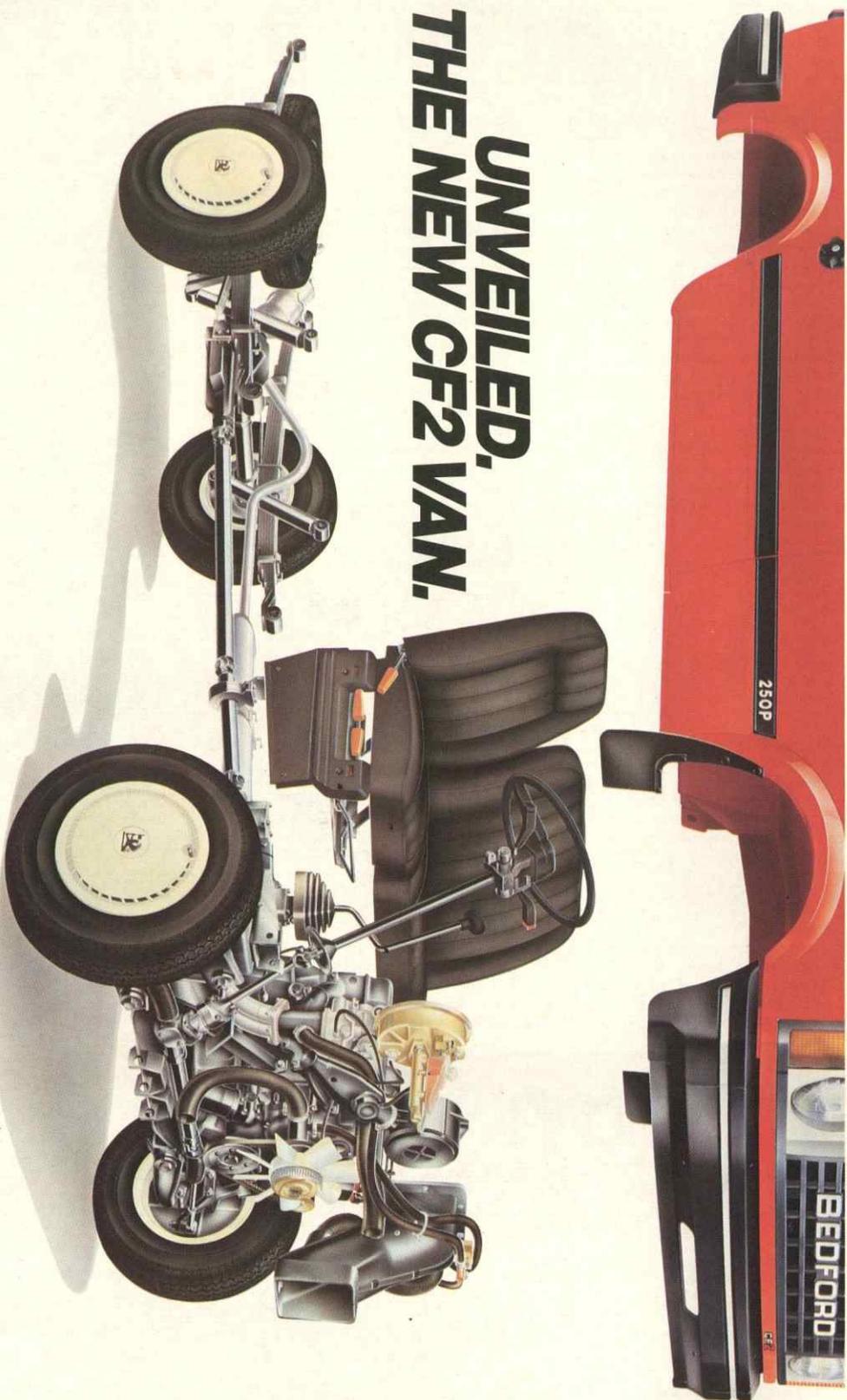
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Main picture: Emeka Nwajiobi celebrates the Town's second goal against Spurs. A superb shot into the top left hand corner leaves Ray Clements only an admiring glance.
Inset: Hatter's Cup-tied David Preece makes a welcome League return at Saturday's exciting home clash against Tottenham.

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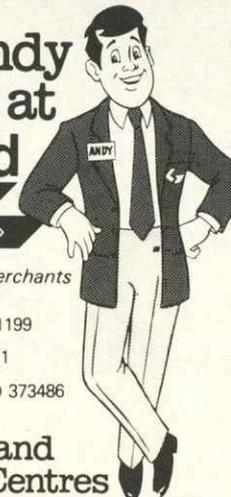
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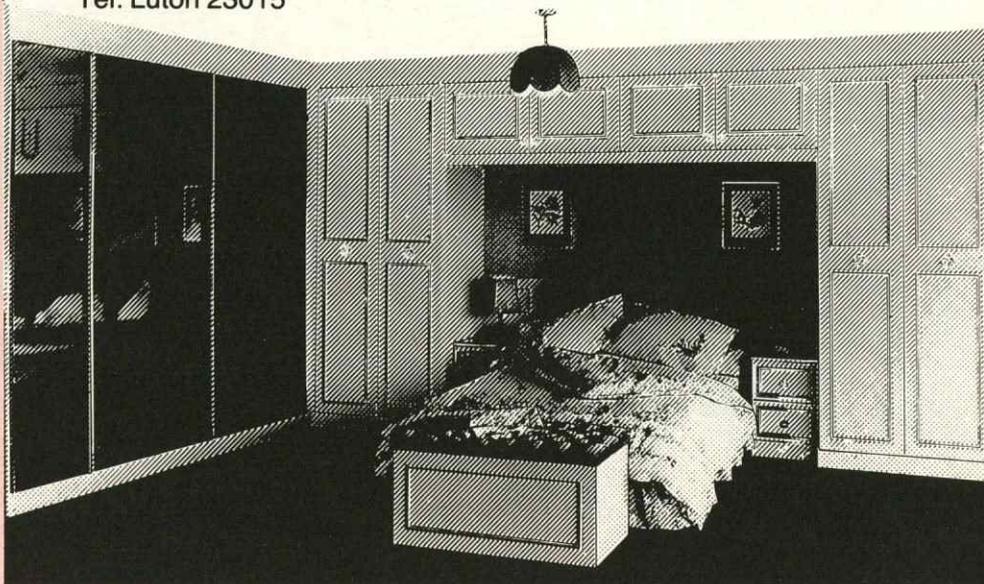
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Dear Sirs

I am writing to thank you for publishing my letter regarding a Luton v East German programme which I possessed. The response I got from Town fans was excellent and made very interesting reading.

Congratulations incidentally on this year's Town programme it is a big improvement since I last saw it.

Yours sincerely

P. Walsharr, Sheffield

Dear Sir

I was at your Spurs game on Saturday and it was the best game I've seen. But why was Ricky Hill in Spurs shorts on the programme cover or am I mistaken.

Yours sincerely

Lloyd Jeeves (aged 11)

P.S. I am a Spurs fan but often come to see Luton.

EDITOR: You were not mistaken Lloyd! In fact due to a mix up the wrong colour shorts were packed when we played at White Hart Lane on 29th September. Therefore Ricky was not our only player wearing Tottenham shorts that day. As Spurs came to our rescue and lent us a full set. — Well spotted.

Dear Mr Pleat

Luton v Nottingham Forest, Saturday 12th January 1985.

My 15-year-old son Robert — a second generation Forest supporter.

You can imagine his disappointment to arrive at Kenilworth Road at 2.15 pm only to find the above match had been postponed.

I realise the match was called off shortly after 10 am on Saturday morning but Robert's train left at 8.15 am.

The point I am trying to make is that the football industry must work harder on its liaison with its customers and should consider the supporters problems.

I trust you will accept this letter as a constructive comment but I can assure you it was a very disappointed weary and financially worse-off lad that eventually returned to Scunthorpe that day!

Yours sincerely

R. M. Morris

EDITOR: We are genuinely sorry about this. It was a decision taken purely from a safety of football angle. We can only say 'sorry' — it was not possible to postpone Friday as it was playable then. The early train unfortunately caught Robert out, however we do understand your point, but the final decision lies always with the referee.

Dear Editor

Once again Mr Pleat has made some excellent signings showing us Luton supporters that the club really do mean to go forward — not back in their search for success. All of his acquisitions are relatively experienced players who have given our team a more solid look about them, whilst still giving us a skilful, positive side to watch.

The only slight reservation I have about the recent transactions is Mr Pleat's decision to play without a natural winger or two. I know Everton and Liverpool play without the 'wideman' and in doing so make their team less vulnerable to the 'counter-attack'. Well, seeing Everton's recent record and Liverpool's past, Mr Pleat must have the right philosophy.

At today's match against Watford we are likely to see the 'modern' question again put to the test, 'is it best to use out and out wingers or not?' Well perhaps the 'Cup' outcome will help prove a point one way or another!

Many thanks

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We shall take a party of Junior Hatters to play their Junior Sky Blue counterparts at five-a-side before going on to watch our League game.

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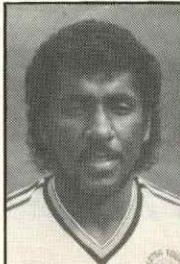
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Maurice Robinson is an Engineer Surveyor. Married with two daughters. Commenced refereeing in Durham, moved to Birmingham in 1969 and progressed via the Southern League. Interested in most sports.
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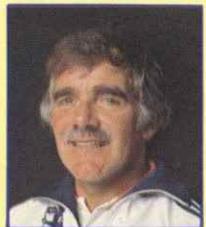
RESERVES + YOUTHS

Tuesday 29th January 1985
Football Combination
SPURS 3 LUTON 1

This was a disappointing result for us and we feel we should have at least got a draw, but we failed to take our chances. Before they opened the scoring in the 14th minute, we had created two openings with just the goalkeeper to beat.
Spurs continued to have most of the possession but we still created further scoring opportunities, but our final pass or shot let us down.
After 41 minutes we went further behind when we failed to clear, after the ball hit our player on the foot and dropped into their centre-forward's path. H.T. 2-0.



JOHN MOORE



DAVID COATES

We still felt we had a chance but after five minutes into the second-half, we let one of their midfield players get in a free shot from the edge of the box, and we paid the penalty when it was placed accurately into the bottom corner of our net.
The game would appear to be over at this stage, but we continued to pass up opportunities to shoot, when one goal could have changed the pattern of the game. Unfortunately that goal did not arrive until the 80th minute, when David Preece struck a good cross shot to give us hope too late to change the end result and we finished the match regretting our missed chances.
TEAM: Dibble, Johnson, Ellisdon, McEvoy, North (M), Parker, Stein (M), Nwa-jobi, Preece, Moss. Sub: Oldfield. Scorer: Preece.

Saturday 2nd February 1985
Football Combination
SOUTHAMPTON 3 LUTON 3

From the kick-off we put a string of passes together interweaving through their defence finishing off with a shot over the bar. This lively start stunned Southampton but they came back at us with relish and caught us after eight minutes when a deflected shot put them into the lead.
After 16 minutes a lovely combination move between four of our players ended with Mark Stein grabbing an equaliser. H.T. 1-1.
In the second-half Southampton, who were physically stronger started to get on top, and regained the lead after 60 minutes.

We came back into the game and after some physical rebuff were awarded a penalty from which David Moss drew us level again after 68 minutes.

They then stormed forward, and we failed to clear a free-kick under severe pressure to concede a third goal after 71 minutes.
Tragedy struck in 75 minutes, when Stacey North was carried off in severe pain, with what was later diagnosed as a dislocated hip. Marcus Tuite came on to play with a lot of credit in the circumstances, and made a major contribution in laying on the equaliser for David Oldfield in the last minute.
TEAM: Dibble, Johnson, Ellisdon, Parker, North (S), North (M), Cobb, Stein, Oldfield, McEvoy, Moss. Sub: Tuite.

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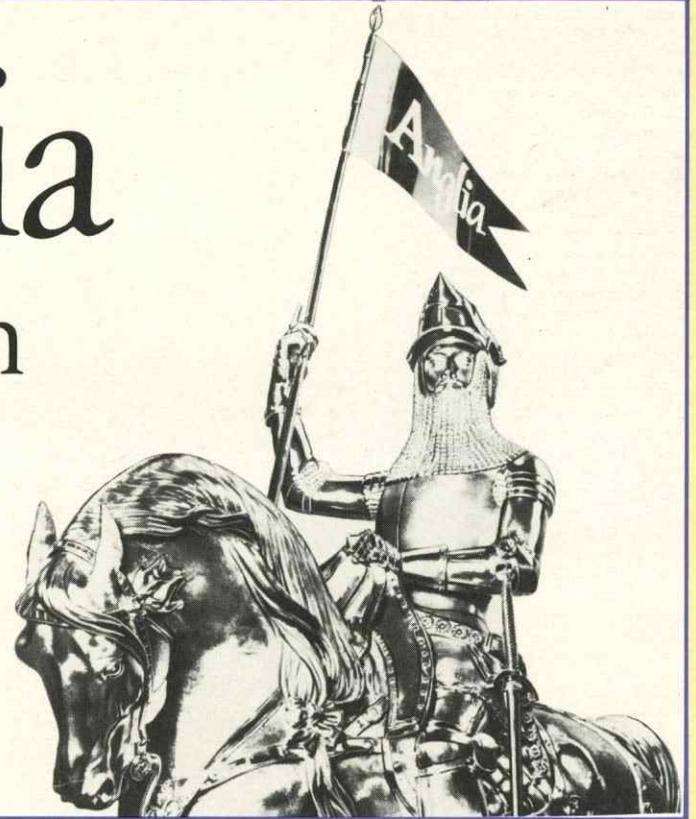
With the Youth team without a South East Counties fixture the opportunity was taken to play a friendly with Oxford United at Under-16 level.
This proved a very useful exercise as we were able to introduce a few trialist's who did well.
A most entertaining game saw us win with two second-half goals from Richard Harvey and Michael Oyston.

Tuesday 12th February 1985
RAF STRIKE COMMAND
v LUTON TOWN XI

This fixture saw the very welcome return of Ashley Grimes after a long injury and he came through 45 minutes well.
Our host's pressured us early on but we soon had control and took the lead when trialist Mike Bowland scored after 25 minutes.
Gary Parker made it 2-0 soon after with a shot just inside the post, and although Stephen Mockler in goal had to be on his toes to the end we rarely looked in trouble.
This was a most useful work out and was played in an excellent spirit, and our thanks go to our hosts for their hospitality.

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SUNDERLAND



A little over 48 hours from now, Len Ashurst and his Roker Park team hope to be celebrating after clinching a Milk Cup Final place at Wembley later in the month.

For on Monday, Sunderland tackle the second leg of their semi-final aiming to hold on to a two goal lead achieved against Chelsea at Roker Park a few weeks ago.

It's 12 years since Sunderland were last at Wembley and who can forget their marvellous win against clear favourites Leeds United in the 1973 FA Cup Final. But now the club is just 90 minutes away from another Final with the two-goal lead against Chelsea earned from Colin West's penalties in the first leg.

Sunderland have had a marvellous Milk Cup run and Chelsea could be the third London club they have beaten en route to Wembley. In earlier rounds they upset the odds by winning at both Tottenham and Watford and it's therefore something of a surprise to see the side struggling for League points.

Good results at home in the early months of the season pushed the Roker side into a comfortable League position. In fact, by early November they were as high as eighth, only three points adrift of third-placed Manchester United.

But in December Sunderland lost three times in a row at home to Leicester, Nottingham Forest and Everton to slip down the table and by the New Year they had been able to win only once away in the League, at Ipswich just before Christmas. They also made an early exit from the FA Cup, beaten 4-0 at Southampton in the third round so the Milk Cup success has been important in generating mid-season

interest on Wearside.

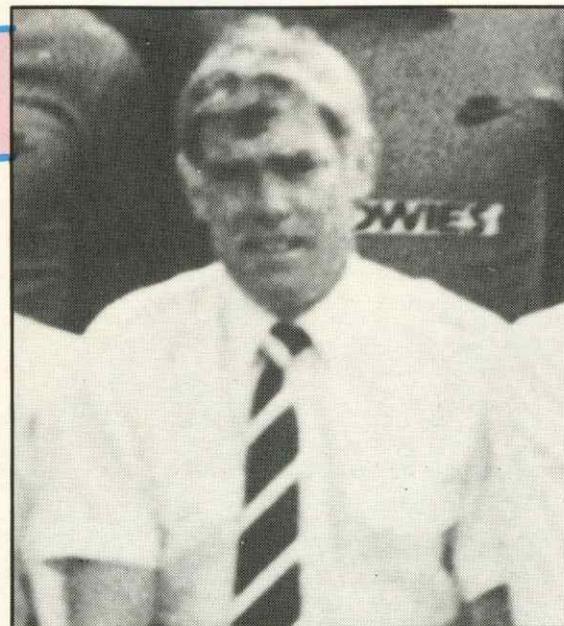
Manager Ashurst and his assistant, former Swindon defender and Portsmouth manager Frank Burrows, have been forced to ring the changes in recent weeks due to injuries and suspensions. Fortunately, Sunderland have a large squad of players and there's been a big switch round since last season when the Roker team won their last match of the campaign at Leicester to hold on to their First Division place. If they had been beaten at Filbert Street they would have been relegated if Birmingham had won their last match on the same day.

As things turned out, Sunderland escaped and in fact finished in 13th position, such was the pile-up of clubs around the foot of the table. But manager Ashurst knew he needed fresh faces for the new season and has been busy ever since injecting new men into the squad.

David Hodgson was signed from Liverpool for £125,000, Howard Gayle from Birmingham for £75,000 — the same figure Sunderland paid to Chelsea for winger Clive Walker. Gary Bennett, previously with Ashurst at Cardiff City, moved to the North East for £65,000 while ex-Wolves and Hull midfielder Peter Daniel was signed from the States and striker Rodger Wylde from Portugal. Wylde has since moved on to Barnsley. Most recent addition to the Roker ranks is sweeper Rieben Agboola from Southampton.

Departures from Roker Park included Paul Bracewell and Ian Atkins to Everton, Lee Chapman to Sheffield Wednesday and goalkeeper Mark Prudhoe to Birmingham.

Another newcomer to Roker was Stan Cummins who



LEN ASHURST

spent a spell with Crystal Palace after previously playing in the North East with Middlesbrough and Sunderland. He returned to Roker on a free transfer and Sunderland also took youngsters Steve Berry from Portsmouth without paying a fee. Berry has since made a big impact and established himself as a key figure in midfield.

Sunderland's progress in the Milk Cup has had much to do with the fine form of goalkeeper Chris Turner who made a crucial penalty save in a replay at Tottenham and is now rated among the First Division's top keepers.

He is behind a back four usually comprising of England Under-21 full-backs Barry Venison and Nick Pickering with Shaun Elliott in the middle. Agboola is likely to be his partner over the remainder of the season although there's plenty of competition for defensive places from the likes of Gordon Chisholm and Bennett.

Sunderland can also ring the changes in midfield with Berry, Daniel, and former Middlesbrough and Forest man Mark Proctor in contention while up front Hodgson, West and Cummins battle for places with Gayle tending to operate wide on the right and Walker on the left.

The former Chelsea winger who must be looking forward to his return to Stamford Bridge on Monday has done well since moving to the North East. He is currently Sunderland's leading scorer and hit a hat-trick, helped by two penalties, when the Roker side came back from behind to beat Manchester United 3-2 at the end of November.

Now Sunderland stand on the threshold of a Wembley appearance later this month but while admitting that's an exciting prospect, manager Len Ashurst will be hoping to consolidate his side's League position over the next couple of months.

The last thing he will want is a repeat of last season's nail-biting climax to preserve Sunderland's First Division security.



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ACTION

REPLAY

HATTERS 2 SPURS 2

1. Appeals for offside by Spurs defenders — does not impress referee Danny Vickers and Brian Stein's excellent goal was quite rightly not under question.
2. Town striker Mick Harford puts himself in a defending roll giving support to Hatters captain Steve Foster. Our picture shows Mick outjumping Spurs striker Mark Falco.
3. New midfield signing Peter Nicholas supports Emeka

Nwajobi who is seen here beating Spurs defender Chris Hughton.
4. Our picture captures two target men for Luton and Spurs — Town striker Brian Stein and Spurs centreback Graham Roberts.
5. Ray Daniel congratulates Emeka on his well taken goal having just contributed excellently in the goal area action.
6. Brian Stein seen in first half action giving good reason for concern to Spurs keeper Ray Clemence.

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AROUND THE TOWN

WHO SAYS THE BALL WOULDN'T LAST

When hard men like Tottenham's Graham Roberts and our captain Steve Foster are on opposing sides, you have to feel sorry for the match ball. One man who was delighted the ball lasted the game was our Ball Sponsor, Broadway Communications Group whose Managing Director Ray Blackett is pictured receiving the ball from Graham and Steve.



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previously sponsored our League match with Norwich in 1981-82 and last summer the company sponsored the International Women's Cricket Match between the East Anglian Women's Cricket Association and New



Zealand. Our picture shows the two teams pictured with Richardson and Bottoms Chairman and Managing Director Henry Richardson, Contracts Director John Earl and Technical Services Director Peter Sayer.

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TOP TEAMS – BEFORE AND AFTER

Our pre-match entertainment against Tottenham saw the Royal Air Force Police Dog Demonstration Team come to Kenilworth Road. An excellent and entertaining display by



the eight German Shepherd dogs and their handlers was completed with a team competition by the dogs representing Luton and Spurs over two identical but difficult courses. A very close race kept both set of fans encouraging their teams on. An exciting preliminary to what turned out to be a fantastic match. Tottenham just scraped a draw. However, Luton's dog team won hands down.

17½ MILLION WATCH LUTON

The Town's match against Spurs, was as we all know BBC's Match of the Day and if you ardent

fans were watching Football Focus at lunchtime more coverage of the Town's players but this time covering our injured stars Rob Johnson, Paul Elliott and Ashley Grimes working their way back to full fitness under the supervision of Physio John Sheridan. However, our picture below shows another side of TV coverage. Our match went out live to three Scandinavian countries.



Accommodated just behind the TV platform in our Main Stand seating enclosure these three presenters commentary went out to a further eight million viewers in Denmark, Sweden and Norway. They could not have picked a better match, that was certainly the consensus of opinions held by our National Sports press in the Sunday and Monday newspapers. Like any great match it takes two teams.

TREVOR'S NEW EDITIONS

Following our photo and report of coach, Trevor Hartley and his German Shepherd Dogs in the Coventry programme, the happy couple (Dogs) have become proud parents of eight puppies – four dogs, four bitches. The pups have been purposefully bred carrying the best of English and German bloodlines and lovingly reared with the Hartley family. They will be looking for new homes on the 19th March.

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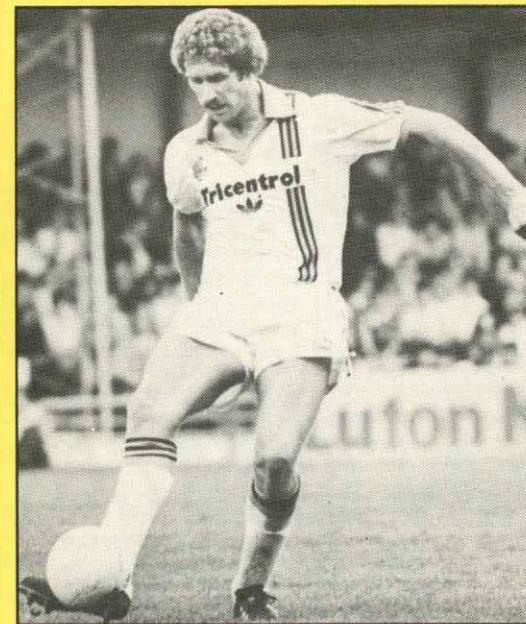
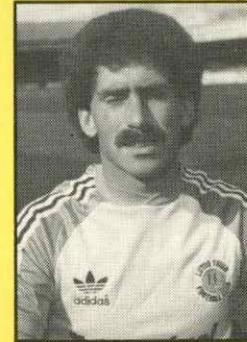
WHERE ARE THEY NOW

MIKE SAXBY

When Mike joined Luton from Mansfield Town in June 1979 for £200,000 he became the Town's most expensive signing at that time.

He decided to give up his printers job at a local Mansfield newspaper to sign as an apprentice footballer with his local club. It wasn't too long before clubs were beginning to take notice of this tall centre-half. He soon became a big favourite with the Kenilworth Road fans but a serious knee injury in October 1981 put his career in jeopardy. Out of action for over 12 months and two operations, Mike toiled daily to regain his full fitness and after a few Reserve matches was allowed to join Grimsby Town on loan to help him regain match fitness.

He didn't regain his full potential and was given a free transfer at the end of 1982-83 season. Newport County took him for a three-month period but Middlesbrough became desperate for a central-defender and swooped to sign him and he is now doing an excellent job for them in the Second Division.



BACKTRACK

NEWCASTLE UNITED 1 LUTON TOWN 0

Another historic moment for the club happened last Saturday when for the first time for a League fixture we chartered a plane and flew to Newcastle for this important match.

As we left St James' Park last Saturday for the airport it was clear that a little more composure in front of the goal would have brought us the tangible reward that our overall performance merited.

The Hatters should have taken the lead in the first ten seconds. Mick Harford set up a chance for Ricky Hill but unfortunately Ricky overran the ball and goalkeeper Thomas was able to retrieve the situation.

The match developed into an open contest. Les Sealey was in outstanding form and made five saves from Gary Megson and Tony Cunningham. Mick Harford might have capitalised on a poor back pass by United's Pat Heard, while Peter Nicholas saw his 25 yard shot skim the bar with the goalkeeper well beaten.

The second half saw the Town continue to control the midfield and although Newcastle were playing with four men up front the defence was more than holding its own.

The killer blow for us came with just 14 minutes remaining. Peter Beardsley and Tony Cunningham combined on the left wing, the ball was laid back into the path of full-back Kenny Wharton who struck a fierce left foot shot past Les Sealey from the edge of the box.

Luton, however, should have equalised two minutes from the time when in a goalmouth melee Mal Donaghy's shot just went over the crossbar.

That miss summed up the disappointment of our afternoon but if the spirit and form is maintained the points will come.

NEWCASTLE: Thomas, Brown, Wharton, Megson, Clarke, Roeder, Reilly, Cunningham, Waddle, Beardsley, Heard. Sub: McDonald.

LUTON: Sealey, Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, Nwajioji, Preece. Sub: Daniel.



Our picture captures the team boarding their Air UK flight on Saturday morning prior to our game against Newcastle. The party of forty two included our Chairman, Directors, club officials and several executive club members. Though we did not return with three points, the general opinion held it was better than any overnight stay.



A surprising figure on our return flight was George Riley who had just played his debut match for Newcastle against us. Even in the face of defeat our generosity was most welcomed by George who cadged an early return flight home. He was able to see his family Saturday night rather than Sunday morning which is normally the case when travelling so far by coach.



RECORD

FIRST TEAM RESULTS

| Date | V | Opposition | F A | Att | Pos |
|----------|---|----------------------|------|--------|-----|
| Aug 25 | H | Stoke City | 2-0 | 8,626 | - |
| Aug 28 | A | Ipswich Town | 1-1 | 15,331 | - |
| Sept 1 | A | West Bromwich Albion | 0-4 | 11,720 | 10 |
| Sept 4 | H | Liverpool | 1-2 | 14,127 | 13 |
| Sept 8 | H | Southampton | 1-1 | 8,657 | 17 |
| Sept 16 | A | Nottingham Forest | 1-3 | 18,605 | 19 |
| Sept 22 | H | Chelsea | 0-0 | 16,066 | 19 |
| Sept 25 | A | Orient (MC2 1L) | 4-1 | 4,500 | - |
| Sept 29 | A | Tottenham Hotspur | 2-4 | 30,204 | - |
| Oct 6 | A | Queens Park Rangers | 3-2 | 12,051 | 19 |
| Oct 9 | H | Orient (MC2 2L) | *3-1 | 3,374 | - |
| Oct 13 | H | Sheffield Wednesday | 1-2 | 10,285 | 19 |
| Oct 20 | H | Watford | 3-2 | 10,192 | 19 |
| Oct 27 | A | Sunderland | 0-3 | 19,280 | 21 |
| Oct 30 | H | Leicester City (MC3) | *3-1 | 8,015 | - |
| Nov 3 | H | Newcastle United | 2-2 | 10,009 | 20 |
| Nov 10 | A | Norwich City | 0-3 | 14,395 | 20 |
| Nov 17 | A | Manchester United | 0-2 | 42,776 | 21 |
| Nov 20 | A | Sheffield Wed. (MC4) | 2-4 | 18,313 | - |
| Nov 24 | H | West Ham United | 2-2 | 10,789 | 21 |
| Dec 1 | A | Arsenal | 1-3 | 26,366 | 21 |
| Dec 8 | H | Aston Villa | 1-0 | 7,696 | 21 |
| Dec 15 | A | Leicester City | 2-2 | 10,476 | 22 |
| Dec 18 | H | West Bromwich Albion | 1-2 | 7,286 | 22 |
| Dec 26 | H | Coventry City | 2-0 | 9,237 | 19 |
| Dec 29 | A | Liverpool | 0-1 | 35,408 | 19 |
| Jan 1 | A | Everton | 1-2 | 31,682 | 21 |
| Jan 5 | H | Stoke City (FAC 3) | 1-1 | 7,270 | - |
| Jan 9 | A | Stoke City (FAC 3R) | 3-2 | 9,917 | - |
| Jan 26 | H | Huddersfield (FAC4) | 2-0 | 8,712 | - |
| Feb 2 | H | Tottenham Hotspur | 2-2 | 17,511 | 21 |
| Feb 23 | A | Newcastle United | 0-1 | 23,737 | 21 |
| Mar 2 | H | Sunderland | - | - | - |
| Mar 4 | H | Watford (FAC5) | - | - | - |
| Mar 9 | - | (FAC 6) | - | - | - |
| Mar 12 | H | Nottingham Forest | - | - | - |
| Mar 16 | A | Sheffield Wednesday | - | - | - |
| Mar 19 | A | Watford | - | - | - |
| Mar 23 | H | Queens Park Rangers | - | - | - |
| Mar 30 | H | Ipswich Town | - | - | - |
| April 2 | A | Southampton | - | - | - |
| April 6 | A | Coventry City | - | - | - |
| April 9 | H | Everton | - | - | - |
| April 13 | A | Chelsea (FAC SF) | - | - | - |
| April 16 | H | Norwich City | - | - | - |
| April 21 | H | Manchester United | - | - | - |
| April 27 | A | West Ham United | - | - | - |
| May 1 | A | Stoke City | - | - | - |
| May 4 | H | Arsenal | - | - | - |
| May 6 | A | Aston Villa | - | - | - |
| May 11 | H | Leicester City | - | - | - |

1984-85 RESULTS · ATTENDANCES · APPEARANCES · GOALSCORERS

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
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| Aug 25 | Dibble | Thomas | Grimes | Breacker | North S | Donaghy | Hill | Stein B | Elliott S ¹ | Bunn ¹ | Moss | Turner |
| Aug 28 | Dibble | Thomas | Grimes | Breacker | North S | Donaghy | Hill | Stein B | Elliott S | Bunn + | Moss ¹ | Nwajobi |
| Sept 1 | Dibble | Thomas | Grimes | Breacker + | North S | Donaghy | Hill | Stein B | Elliott S | Bunn + | Moss | Nwajobi |
| Sept 4 | Dibble | Thomas | Grimes | Breacker | Elliott P | Donaghy ¹ | Hill | Stein B | Elliott S + | Turner | Moss | Nwajobi |
| Sept 8 | Dibble | Thomas | Grimes | Parker | Elliott P | Donaghy | Hill | Stein B | Nwajobi | Turner + | Moss ¹ | Bunn |
| Sept 16 | Dibble | Thomas | Grimes | Turner + | Elliott P | Donaghy | Hill | Stein B | Nwajobi | Bunn | Moss ¹ | Parker |
| Sept 22 | Dibble | Thomas | Grimes | Turner | Elliott P | Donaghy | Hill | Stein B | Nwajobi | Bunn | Moss | Parker |
| Sept 25 | Dibble | Thomas | Grimes | Turner | Elliott P | Donaghy ¹ | Hill | Stein ² | Bunn | Hilaire | Nwajobi + | Parker ¹ |
| Sept 29 | Dibble | Thomas | Grimes | Turner | Elliott P | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Bunn ¹ + | Hilaire | Moss ¹ | Parker |
| Oct 6 | Dibble | Thomas | Grimes | Turner | Elliott P ¹ | Donaghy | Hill | Stein ¹ | Elliott S ¹ | Parker | Moss | Hilaire |
| Oct 9 | Dibble | Thomas | Grimes | Turner | Elliott P + | Donaghy | Hill | Stein ¹ | Elliott S ¹ | Bunn ¹ | Moss | Hilaire |
| Oct 13 | Dibble | Thomas | Turner | Bunn ¹ | Elliott P | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Elliott S | Hilaire | Moss + | Parker |
| Oct 20 | Findlay | Thomas | Turner | Parker | Elliott P | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Elliott S ¹ | Bunn ² | Hilaire | Breacker |
| Oct 27 | Findlay | Thomas | Turner | Parker + | Elliott P | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Elliott S | Bunn | Hilaire | Breacker |
| Oct 30 | Dibble | Breacker | Turner | Todd | Elliott P + | Donaghy ¹ | Hill | Stein | Elliott S | Bunn | Moss ¹ | Parker |
| Nov 3 | Dibble | Breacker | Turner | Todd | North S | Donaghy | Hill | Stein ¹ | Elliott S | Parker ¹ | Daniel + | Hilaire |
| Nov 10 | Dibble | Breacker | Turner | Todd | North S | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Bunn | Parker | Moss + | Nwajobi |
| Nov 17 | Dibble + | Breacker | Turner | North S | Droy | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Elliott S | Bunn | Hilaire | Parker |
| Nov 20 | Findlay | Breacker | Turner + | North S | Droy | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Elliott S ² | Bunn | Hilaire | Parker |
| Nov 24 | Findlay | Breacker | Donaghy | Turner | Droy + | North S | Hill | Stein ¹ | Elliott S | Bunn | Nwajobi ¹ | Parker |
| Dec 1 | Sealey | Breacker | Thomas | Turner | Foster | Donaghy | Hill | Stein ¹ | Elliott S | Bunn + | Parker | Nwajobi |
| Dec 8 | Sealey | Breacker | Turner | Parker | Foster | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Bunn | Preece ¹ | Moss | Nwajobi |
| Dec 15 | Sealey | Breacker | Turner | Parker + | Foster | Donaghy | Hill | Stein ¹ | Harford ¹ | Preece | Moss | Thomas |
| Dec 18 | Sealey | Breacker | Turner | Parker | Foster ¹ | Donaghy | Thomas | Stein | Harford | Preece + | Moss | Turner |
| Dec 26 | Sealey | Breacker | Thomas | Turner | Foster | Donaghy | Hill | Stein ¹ | Harford | Daniel ¹ | Nwajobi | Bunn |
| Dec 29 | Sealey | Breacker | Thomas | Turner | Foster | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Harford | Daniel + | Bunn | Nwajobi |
| Jan 1 | Sealey | Breacker | Thomas + | Turner | Foster | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Harford ¹ | Preece | Moss | Bunn |
| Jan 5 | Sealey | Breacker | Thomas | Turner | Foster ¹ | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Harford | Daniel | Moss + | Nwajobi |
| Jan 9 | Sealey | Breacker | Thomas | Turner | Foster | Donaghy ¹ | Hill ¹ | Stein | Harford ¹ | Daniel | Parker | Nwajobi |
| Jan 26 | Sealey | Breacker | Thomas | Turner | Foster | Donaghy ¹ | Hill | Stein ¹ | Harford | Parker + | Daniel | Nwajobi |
| Feb 2 | Sealey | Breacker | Thomas | Nicholas | Foster | Donaghy | Hill | Stein ¹ | Harford | Nwajobi ¹ | Preece + | Daniel |
| Feb 23 | Sealey | Breacker | Thomas | Nicholas | Foster | Donaghy | Hill | Stein | Harford | Nwajobi | Preece | Daniel |

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1984-85

| Date | Opposition | F A |
|---------|----------------|-------|
| Aug 25 | Swansea | 7 - 2 |
| Sept 1 | Tottenham | 0 - 3 |
| Sept 5 | Birmingham | 4 - 1 |
| Sept 11 | Brighton | 0 - 4 |
| Sept 15 | Southampton | 5 - 1 |
| Sept 22 | Oxford | 2 - 0 |
| Sept 29 | Charlton | 9 - 1 |
| Oct 2 | Chelsea | 1 - 2 |
| Oct 6 | Norwich | 4 - 4 |
| Oct 9 | QPR | 4 - 2 |
| Oct 17 | Reading | 2 - 3 |
| Oct 27 | Fulham | 3 - 1 |
| Nov 10 | Bristol Rovers | 1 - 1 |
| Nov 17 | Ipswich | 1 - 0 |
| Nov 24 | Watford | 1 - 4 |
| Nov 27 | Portsmouth | 4 - 2 |
| Dec 8 | West Ham | 2 - 1 |
| Dec 15 | Arsenal | 3 - 0 |
| Dec 28 | Crystal Palace | 2 - 1 |
| Jan 22 | Brighton | 5 - 0 |
| Jan 29 | Tottenham | 1 - 3 |
| Feb 2 | Southampton | 3 - 3 |
| Feb 21 | Charlton | 2 - 2 |
| Feb 23 | Crystal Palace | 4 - 1 |
| Feb 27 | Bristol Rovers | - |
| Mar 5 | Fulham | - |
| Mar 9 | Reading | - |
| Mar 16 | QPR | - |
| Mar 20 | Norwich | - |
| Mar 26 | West Ham | - |
| Mar 30 | Portsmouth | - |
| Apr 2 | Swindon | - |
| Apr 5 | Oxford | - |
| Apr 13 | Watford | - |
| Apr 16 | Swindon | - |
| Apr 23 | Ipswich | - |
| Apr 27 | Millwall | - |
| Apr 30 | Millwall | - |
| May 11 | Arsenal | - |
| May 13 | Birmingham | - |
| May 15 | Swansea | - |
| TBA | Chelsea | - |

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 84-85

| | Home | | | | | Away | | | | | Pts | |
|---------------------|------|----|---|---|-----|------|---|---|----|-----|-----|----|
| | P | W | D | L | F A | P | W | D | L | F A | | |
| Everton | 26 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 39 | 15 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 20 | 15 | 55 |
| Tottenham | 26 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 29 | 12 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 23 | 15 | 41 |
| Manchester United | 27 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 31 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 19 | 22 | 48 |
| Liverpool | 27 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 22 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 17 | 14 | 45 |
| Nottingham Forest | 26 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 27 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 45 |
| Arsenal | 27 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 27 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 19 | 25 | 43 |
| Sheffield Wednesday | 26 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 27 | 15 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 11 | 43 |
| Southampton | 27 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 | 20 | 43 |
| Chelsea | 27 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 28 | 13 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 14 | 18 | 40 |
| Aston Villa | 27 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 22 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 16 | 26 | 37 |
| Norwich City | 26 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 21 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 24 | 36 |
| WBA | 27 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 24 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 13 | 27 | 35 |
| QPR | 28 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 24 | 20 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 25 | 34 |
| Newcastle United | 28 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 23 | 16 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 17 | 36 | 33 |
| West Ham United | 25 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 17 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 22 | 32 |
| Watford | 25 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 26 | 22 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 20 | 25 | 30 |
| Leicester City | 26 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 31 | 21 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 13 | 27 | 30 |
| Sunderland | 26 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 24 | 29 |
| Coventry City | 27 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 16 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 12 | 31 | 28 |
| Ipswich Town | 24 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 15 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 20 | 22 |
| Luton Town | 25 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 18 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 11 | 31 | 22 |
| Stoke City | 26 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 13 | 24 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 4 | 31 | 12 |

FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1984-85

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Queens Park Rangers | 27 | 17 | 5 | 5 | 69 | 38 | 39 |
| Watford | 22 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 64 | 33 | 33 |
| Tottenham Hotspur | 23 | 15 | 3 | 5 | 72 | 42 | 33 |
| Chelsea | 20 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 64 | 21 | 31 |
| Luton Town | 22 | 13 | 3 | 6 | 64 | 39 | 29 |
| Ipswich Town | 23 | 13 | 3 | 7 | 37 | 19 | 29 |
| Arsenal | 21 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 50 | 33 | 26 |
| Southampton | 21 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 45 | 45 | 24 |
| Millwall | 21 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 30 | 33 | 23 |
| Brighton | 21 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 35 | 38 | 21 |
| Norwich City | 22 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 42 | 44 | 20 |
| West Ham United | 22 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 34 | 29 | 19 |
| Oxford United | 23 | 6 | 6 | 11 | 32 | 47 | 18 |
| Charlton Athletic | 19 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 30 | 47 | 17 |
| Swansea City | 16 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 23 | 32 | 15 |
| Crystal Palace | 21 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 34 | 46 | 15 |
| Birmingham City | 18 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 19 | 38 | 14 |
| Portsmouth | 20 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 18 | 29 | 12 |
| Reading | 19 | 6 | 0 | 13 | 28 | 52 | 12 |
| Fulham | 18 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 21 | 26 | 11 |
| Swindon Town | 19 | 4 | 3 | 12 | 19 | 46 | 11 |
| Bristol Rovers | 23 | 3 | 4 | 16 | 32 | 70 | 10 |

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES 1984-85

| Date | Opposition | F A | Date | Opposition | F A | Date | Opposition | F A |
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| Aug 25 | Swindon | 0 - 0 | Oct 20 | Wimbledon | 4 - 2 | Jan 26 | Wimbledon | 1 - 1 |
| Sept 8 | West Ham | 3 - 1 | Nov 3 | Tottenham | 7 - 1 | Feb 16 | Reading | 1 - 0 |
| Sept 15 | Brentford | 3 - 2 | Nov 10 | Brighton (LCR2) | 3 - 5 | Feb 23 | Southend | 1 - 0 |
| Sept 22 | Brighton | 0 - 0 | Dec 1 | Oxford | 7 - 1 | Mar 2 | Oxford | - |
| Sept 29 | Reading (LC1) | 4 - 1 | Dec 8 | Swindon | 2 - 0 | Mar 9 | Reading | - |
| Oct 6 | Bristol Rovers | 2 - 0 | Dec 22 | West Ham | 3 - 4 | Mar 16 | Southend | - |
| Oct 13 | Crystal Palace | 2 - 2 | Dec 29 | Brentford | 2 - 0 | Mar 30 | Tottenham | - |
| Oct 19 | Tottenham | 3 - 6 | Jan 12 | Bristol Rovers | 7 - 1 | April 13 | Crystal Palace | - |
| (SJFC) | - | - | - | - | - | April 20 | Brighton | - |

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| | App | Gls | App | Gls |
| Breacker | 17(1) | - | 5 | - |
| Bunn | 15(3) | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Daniel | 3(1) | 1 | 3 | - |
| Dibble | 13 | - | 3 | - |
| Donaghy | 25 | | | |

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| LES SEALEY | 1 | CHRIS TURNER |
| TIM BREACKER | 2 | BARRY VENISON |
| MITCHELL THOMAS | 3 | NICK PICKERING |
| PETER NICHOLAS | 4 | GARY BENNETT |
| STEVE FOSTER | 5 | GORDON CHISHOLM |
| MAL DONAGHY | 6 | SHAUN ELLIOTT |
| RICKY HILL | 7 | DAVID HODGSON |
| BRIAN STEIN | 8 | CLIVE WALKER |
| MICK HARFORD | 9 | RUEBEN AGBOOLA |
| EMEKA NWAJIOBI | 10 | COLIN WEST |
| DAVID PREECE | 11 | PETER DANIEL |
| | 12 | |

Referee: L. M. ROBINSON Linesmen: J. McMENHIN (Red Flag) R. D. PEARCE (Yellow Flag)

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