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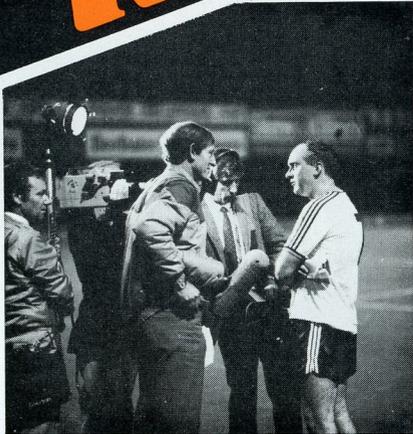


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ACTION REPLAY



WHAT a magical night we all enjoyed here on Tuesday—a splendid evening of friendship, nostalgia and great happiness to mark our Centenary, writes Bill Tomlins, commercial director.



A lot of hard work went into all the preparations, I can tell you, but it all proved truly worthwhile on the night and I hope those of you who were able to come along and share the celebrations and enjoy the football felt as satisfied as I did.

Time and production deadlines have prevented me from writing more fully on the Centenary evening for this week's programme, but I can promise you a fuller focus on the events and the off-the-pitch happenings in our next issue.

Probably the happiest moments were provided by the old stars' reunion—there is nothing so rewarding as to see a team of



former players relishing each other's company again as our 1959 Cup Final side did on Tuesday night.

And I thought the roars of appreciation and approval you, the fans, gave to each and every one of them, and all the other former Town stars who turned out against the various Watford teams on the night were a great tribute to our club and our traditions.

I can tell you everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. For the record, there were wins for the Junior Hornets, Luton Ladies and Old Watford, while the main match between Luton Town 1985 and Watford 1985 ended in a 1—1 draw, John Barnes and Mick Harford scoring the goals.

Today's pictures show our 1959 Cup Final side acknowledging the cheers, the toss-up to the evening when the captains of the Junior Hatters and Hornets met before the kick-off, Les Sealey presenting souvenir penants to the ladies, former favourite winger John Aston enjoying another spell in the spotlight with Anglia Television's Gerry Harrison and another old winger Mike Cullen showing his juggling skills again!



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100 Years On

WITH the improvement of our side since December 1984, it is more difficult to accept a reverse but unacceptable to tolerate inferior performances. We knew the Everton game would be a good one to win and for 44 minutes we looked quite capable of restricting their talent and tactics. One lapse of concentration was all that was needed to give Everton half-time confidence.

Although the second-half was fairly even until the last 10 minutes, I was not happy with aspects of our play. Everyone was left wondering why a player who gains an advantage from being fouled should be penalised. Nwajiobi's goal should have been allowed. However, it would be foolish to pretend that we were anything but second best on the day.

Winning and losing seems irrelevant when a tragedy such as the death of Jock Stein occurs. There is no doubt football is a disease, a healthy one, that gets into the blood sometimes to the exclusion of everything else. Jock Stein gave his whole life to football—he was most successful but more than anything else, he showed great humility. Everyone who met him will miss his friendly warm presence and our Club wish to record their condolences to his family.

For those who regularly read my notes, I thought I would give you some food for thought. I quote the following, written by a respected sports columnist on Sunday after one particular game last Saturday.

"Surely the English game has not sunk



so low that its most successful teams need no greater virtues than the ability to run, chase, close down space and play the off-side game as though it was an article of faith".

The previous week Trevor Hartley's comments after the Chelsea game were able transmitted by Bob Driscoll of the *Star* and Jeff Powell of the *Mail*. We must be wary. The midfield mash disguising ill-advised off-side tactics killed the game in Holland. Forget hooliganism; possibly the greatest cause of the public drifting away, is the chaotic restricting of space on a football field. We need width and length for skill to flourish.

Trevor Hartley

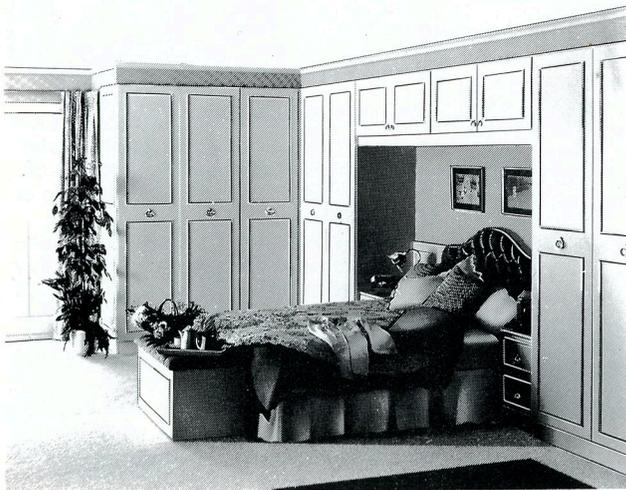
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GirlTalk

I ENJOYED the pre-match entertainment on September 7th, involving a Luton Ladies Select XI. One player who impressed me was Leah Caleb, a midfield dynamo, wearing number two. Her ball control was a joy to watch and she read the game extremely well, when supporting her defence and urging attacks.

A company secretary by profession, she became interested in football while at St. Matthew's School in Luton. Her interest continued when she was at Stockwood School; while she was there she toured Mexico with an England Ladies' team. Her ambition in football is to reach the women's Football Association Cup Final. I hope we have more opportunities to see Luton Ladies this season: they're well worth watching. As our compere kept saying during their match against Chelsea Ladies, "It's football at its best!"

Only a game

Don Howe, Arsenal's manager, was quoted in the *Daily Telegraph* recently as saying, in answer to criticism of his team's performances, "I could not be working any harder and I want success for this great club so sincerely that it hurts." That comment reminded me of the late Bill Shankly's about football being more important than life or death (a view I can understand, having given up eating lunches while I was a student in order to have enough money to pay fares to Luton and get into matches). However, I think I prefer Mr. Pleat's attitude that: "It's only a game".

Of course, I want to see the Town win, but I'd rather see the team play entertainingly and fairly than ruthlessly. On one of the occasions when David Speedie was pulled up by the referee for fouling one of our players during our match against Chelsea, I heard a Chelsea supporter shout, "Well done Speedo—keep it up." This particular supporter had a young lad with him. Is winning so important that fouling should be encouraged? I've never heard anyone in the game condone such behaviour. Furthermore what lessons was the lad learning about behaviour in football grounds?

Gale Waller

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Wonderful book

Dear Sir,
HAVING purchased a copy of The Luton Town Story I would like to congratulate all concerned on a wonderful publication.

However I have noticed that in the League results for 1965-66 those for January to April are missing, and those for 1972 appear instead.

Is it possible to print the missing results and scorers in a future programme to make the records complete?

Paul Field,
Luton

Editor: Yes, Paul. A printer's error led to the omission and we shall publish the missing results in a future programme.

Programmes for sale

Dear Sir,
I have been collecting Luton programmes for many years, and I now have quite a large collection.

During the summer, I got married and after much careful consideration, I have finally decided that it is time to part with my collection. I considered selling the whole lot to a dealer for convenience; but then thought it would be nice and fairer to offer them to fellow supporters at reasonable prices.

If at all possible, I should be grateful if you would print this notice in the programme of a forthcoming

home match. This should give all supporters an equal chance to obtain any issued they might need for their collection. Please can you state that I will send a complete list to each supporter in return for a stamped addressed envelope.

I still hope to see the team whenever I can, especially in London, and would like to wish them the very best of luck for the new season, and let's hope it is a successful one.

Very many thanks for your kind assistance in this matter.

Your in sport

Rich Smart,
12 Kennedy Close, Orpington, Kent
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Great new pitch

Dear Sir,
CONGRATULATIONS to the club on the new pitch, which has provided enough evidence in the first two League games to indicate that much entertaining football will be played on it. Unfortunately, we have been provided with two bad referees for those first two games. Neither David Martin, nor Alan Seville—respectively an accountant and a toolmaker showed much judgement in awarding free kicks for fouls. A better method of assessing any physical contact might have been to toss a coin! Surely the time has come to get ex-players as referees. This is generally the case in cricket, where despite the subjective nature of lbw decisions, especially, there is increased respect for umpires.

While our League referees might well know the laws of the book forwards and backwards, this does not necessarily give them good judgement over the physical side of the game.

Robert Turner,
Luton.

Wish them the best of luck for the season.
Neil Ross (aged 9).

Safe drivers

ON behalf of the Harpenden Road Safety show committee, I would like you to pass on our thanks to Mal Donaghy and Mick Harford for attending the event last Sunday. The arrival of David Pleat at the event was also most appreciated. They all made the event a great success.

May we wish you all at Luton Town Football Club a successful season in this your Centenary year.

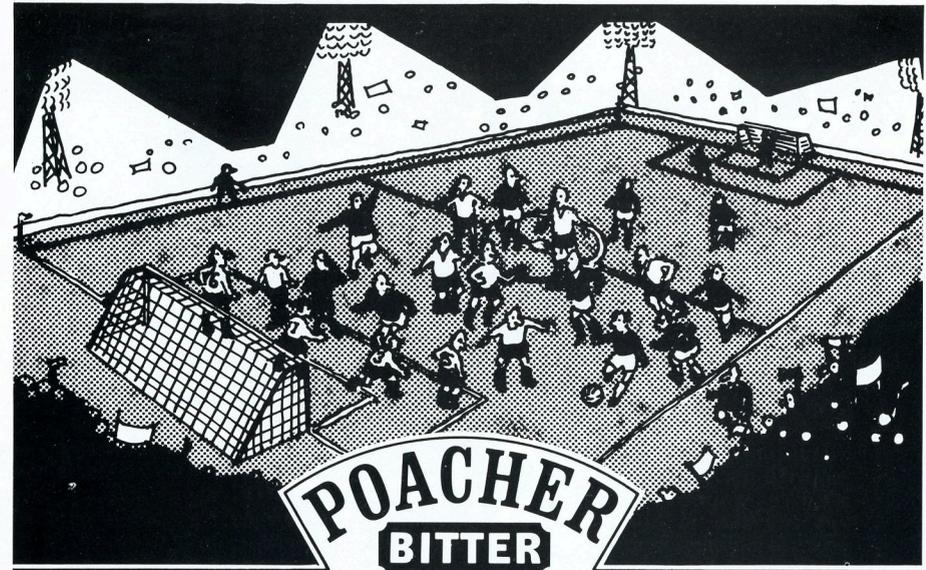
Wynn Owens,
Winstone Motor Club, Harpenden.

Fan's voice

Dear Sir,
AFTER reading the letter in the first programme by Tony Russell of Supporters United, I have since become a member.

Let me tell you more about the club. We now have 150 members, although this is capable of increasing to thousands. Through all 92 League clubs we wish to "Clean up the terraces" and be the voice of the fan, and make supporting a football team an enjoyable hobby.

Neil Wheeler,
Luton.



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Friendly

Dear Sir,
MAY I thank you personally and Luton Town FC for the hospitality and very friendly reception given to our officials and players by Mr. David Pleat and all the staff of the club.

I feel sure the game was of benefit to your club, as it was to our association for there were some very talented youngsters playing.

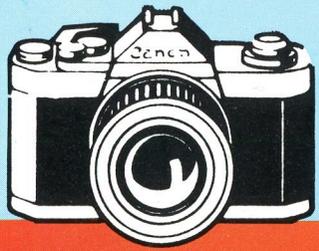
We would appreciate this as an annual fixture.

All best wishes to the Luton Town Club for this season.

V. J. Folbigg,
Hon Team Manager,
Herts Youth FA.

Thank you Mick

PLEASE would you thank the team, especially Mick Harford, for autographing my football when I came to see them train. I wrote to Mick Harford in the summer and would like to thank him for taking the trouble to write back personally and inviting me to watch the team train. My friends, brother and I enjoyed it very much.



First Team ACTION

Luton Town 1 Chelsea 1

The most telling observation on our third home draw of the season came at the post-match press conference when chief coach Trevor Hartley remarked that the Town had been "out-physicalled" by the Londoners.

Even if the expression was a new one to most of Kenilworth Road's English grammar students, we knew what he meant: Chelsea had battled hard for a point they barely deserved for skilful play.

With the accent on strength and determination, the visitors succeeded in hustling the Town out of their rhythm and out of a winning position after Mick Harford had put us in front with a glorious first-half goal.

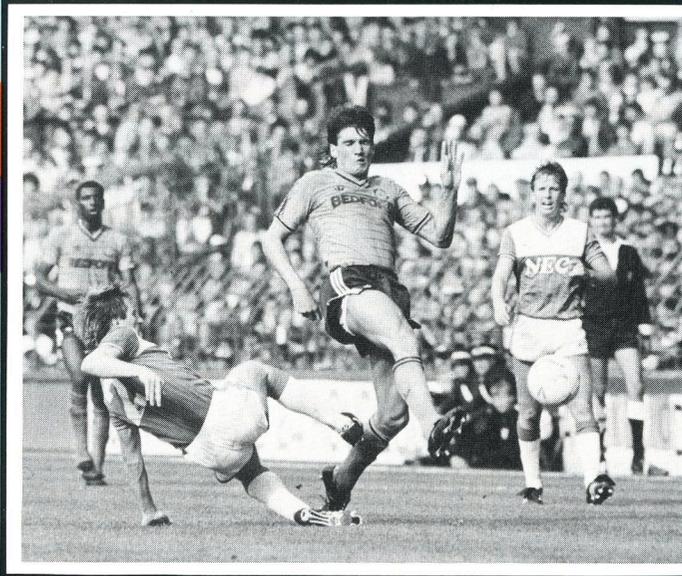
Much credit for that 35th minute breakthrough—a swinging angled drive from 20 yards—was due to fellow-striker Brian Stein's clever backheel in the crowded penalty area.

Unfortunately, we were not able to build on our lead and improve our League position and Chelsea fought their way back with a second half equaliser when Kerry Dixon volleyed home his second goal of the season during a goalmouth scramble in the 48th minute.



ACTION REPLAY from

Goodison Park



Mick Harford and Emeka Nwajiobi found the going tough at Everton where the Football League champions scored goals at the end of each half to beat us 2-0 and avenge their defeat here last May.

(Photos: Gareth Owen)





TREVOR HARTLEY

Views

from the bench

OUR 1—1 draw here against Chelsea two weeks ago drew some interesting observations from chief coach Trevor Hartley. Brought up as a scheming attacking player with West Ham United and Bournemouth, Trevor learned his football the classical way and is a deep lover of the skilful creative side of the game. Today he gives his views on how the game has changed—particularly in the English First Division.

"It would be a sad thing if every game we played ended up as a sort of physical struggle, a battle—but that it the way a lot of games are today in the First Division. There is a very big physical aspect and sometimes it makes it difficult for the ball players to express themselves.

"That is what happened to us against Chelsea, I think. Battling has come to be accepted as part and parcel of the game, but sometimes it takes over and our ball players like Hill, Nwajobi, Stein and Preece find it tough going. The ball always seems to be up in the air.

"Some teams now seem to play football and some seem to try and stop you playing. I feel our pitch here—the new artificial surface is probably the best purpose-built surface for football I have ever seen—is perfectly suited to teams who want to play and express themselves, but it seems it is sometimes an invitation the visiting side will not appreciate.

"I would say, however; that the draw we had with Chelsea was a fair result in the end. We had to do our own fair share of physical battling to stay in the game and in some ways I was pleased that we did that and kept a point. At

one time last year, you see, we had a goal difference of minus 24 or something and by the end of the season we had reduced it to only minus four.

"That was down to our efforts to add a steely backbone to the team and to ensure that when we met teams who were not interested in anything other than the physical side of the game, we were not going to be rolled over. We had to match strength with strength before we could allow ourselves to start playing.

"In the past—as you can see from the old film of matches that the BBC are showing on television—the players had more time and space to do things with the ball. There was much more embroidery in the game. But it has changed a lot now with greater speed, fitness and strength.

Stronger backbone

"We signed Foster, Nicholas and Harford last season to provide us with a stronger backbone, as I have said, and they have given us new dimensions to our play. With Walsh up front, for instance, alongside Stein, we were always trying to play the ball to feet when we looked to go forward.

"Now we can vary it much more as Harford has both power in the air and a good first touch on the ground. We feel we now have the strength and the touch and variation in our play to become a force in the First Division and do well.

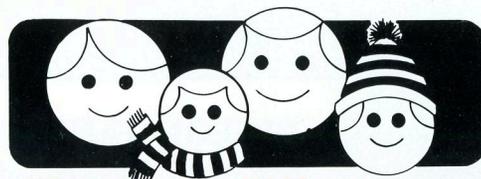
"We have made a fair start. Now we are ready to be a little bolder in our play than last year and really go places—whether the opposition are physical or not. The main thing, however, is still to play with some thought, flair and style."



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Pre-match entertainment

This afternoon's pre-match entertainment is provided by our youth team who are playing Crystal Palace in a South East Counties Junior League fixture, due to kick-off at 12.45 p.m. The youngsters have been involved in some very high-scoring matches recently and we hope their adventurous style of attacking play will provide first-class entertainment today.

Away Travel

On Tuesday September 24th we travel to Bramall Lane where we play Sheffield United in the Milk Cup. Our luxury coaches leave Maple Road car park at 2.30 pm. Cost £6.00. On Saturday September 28th we play Sheffield Wednesday. Coaches leave at 9.30 am. and the cost is £6.00.

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Milk Cup 1st leg at Sheffield Utd on Tuesday, September 24th, kick-off 7.30 pm. Seat tickets for this match are on sale at £5.50. Standing £2.80, pay at turnstiles 17 to 26 entrance on the night. Seat tickets on sale from our ticket office of phone Luton 30748 for information.

Our next away game is against Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday, September 28th, kick-off 3.00 pm. Tickets for this match are on sale for at £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for juniors and senior citizens.

We are at home again on Tuesday, October 1st, kick-off 7.45 pm when our visitors are Ipswich Town. Information for all these matches is available from the ticket office. Ring Luton 30748.

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TOP HATTER



Rob Johnson has fought his way through to the first team by the hardest possible route . . . by hard work as a junior and reserve and by recovering from two very serious knee injuries. Born in Bedford, 23-year-old Rob was tipped for an outstanding future before he badly damaged his knee ligaments for the first time. He battled back and was substitute three times without appearing during our promotion season in 1981-82 before making his debut at home to Birmingham City the following year.

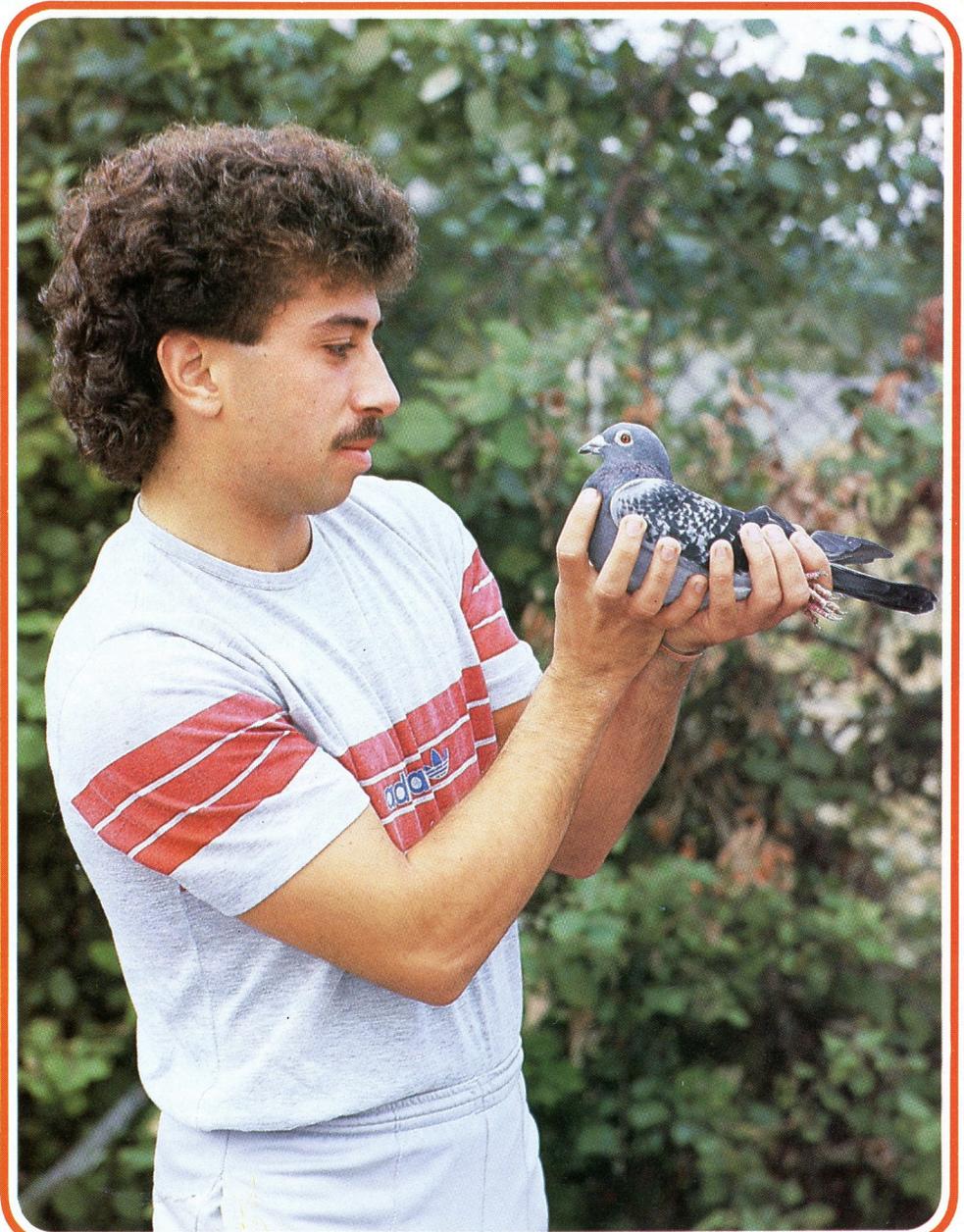
PIGEON FANCIER

After years of battling back against serious injuries, Rob Johnson is currently enjoying his best-ever season as a Football League player. Two bad injuries to the cruciate ligament in both knees threatened his career. After the second, at Sunderland in December 1983, he thought his career was over. But sheer hard work, the skills and persistence of our physio John Sheridan, and a determination to succeed have carried him through.

The long periods of inactivity after operations gave Rob ample time to develop his interest in a hobby he first began while at school—pigeon fancying. "I was about 12 when I got interested at school," he said. "Now I keep about 35 birds. I like to look after them. It is a great relaxation and something quite different from anything else.

"I believe Gerry Francis is another professional footballer who has kept pigeons and I think he has maintained a very successful racing loft. I don't race mine at all now. I used to, but my injuries meant I could not go out and about to the race meetings and so on. I was at a club, but have now given that up.

"The two injuries are well behind me now. I have made a full recovery and feel 100 per cent fit. I forgot all about them once I had played four or five reserve games. But it has made me appreciate being fit and well and, of course, I am delighted to be playing again. At one time I really thought my career was over."





the TOWN

A SPECIAL WELCOME FOR TODAY'S SPONSORS

By Bill Tomlins

SARTORIAL STEVE . . .



● **Dressed to kill:** Our captain Steve Foster pictured in the suit and tie which has sent a murmur of envy through the Town dressing room this week.



● **The hand of friendship:** Luton Ladies' captain Sue Robinson shakes hands with Chelsea Ladies' captain Alison Lawrence before the kick-off of their recent match here at Kenilworth Road. For the record the Luton team won 5-0.

A special welcome to our match sponsors today Chamberlain Curtains and R.B.T. Electrics. Both company directors Gary Chamberlain and Ray Beresford are members of our Kenilworth Suite and Century Club and are ardent followers of the Town.

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Recently the Football Trust carried out a survey of injuries to professional football players. I thought you would be interested to know the outcome.

Injuries are caused mainly by the following: kicks 14 per cent, tackles 19 per cent, no contact (eg twists) 37 per cent, blows or collisions 17 per cent.

These injuries occur both in training and in matches: training, kick 5 per cent, tackle 11 per cent, no contact 50 per cent, blow/collision 13 per cent; match, kick 17 per cent, tackle 22 per cent, no contact 32 per cent, blow/collision 18 per cent.

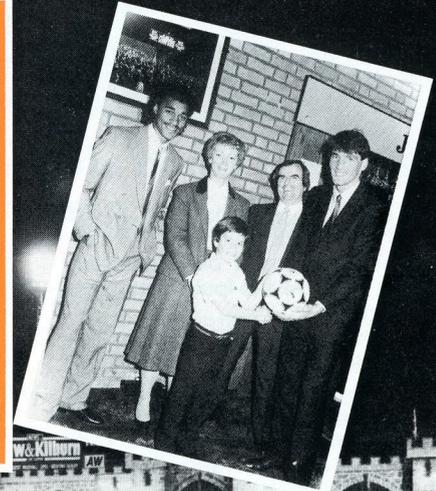
Parts of the body injured: upper leg or thigh 31 per cent, knee 16 per cent, lower leg or foot 36 per cent. The nature of the injuries was: twist, pull, strain, tear, rupture 63 per cent, brusing 19 per cent, fracture 8 per cent.

They occurred: training, twist, pull, etc 71 per cent, brusing 13 per cent, fracture 7 per cent; match, twist, pull, etc. 60 per cent, brusing 21 per cent, fracture 8 per cent.

The research was carried out by Dr. Klim McPherson, Department of Medicine and General Practice, University of Oxford. The full report is available through the Football Trust.

SMILES ALL ROUND

● **Enjoying themselves:** Today's pictures from behind the scenes bring us a new view of life on the pitch at Kenilworth Road, writes Bill Tomlins. Last Saturday, for example, the ground played host to a grand pageant on behalf of Shaw and Kilburn while a week earlier there were smiles from Kerry Dixon, presenting Executive guest Peter Wyngrave with a prize for his correct result prediction, Rob Johnson—our Man of the Match against Chelsea—Mick Harford and Paul Elliott with match ball sponsor Tommy Hoare and family and Nick Cooper, winner of a £50 cheque from the programme competition. Nick is pictured with Mick and Chiltern Radio's Tony West.



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I hope you all enjoyed our Centenary celebration night. All the football matches were very good.

The match between the Junior Hatters and Junior Hornets was very good and it provided first class entertainment. I think the lads will play really well today now that the boss has been watching you play and knows you will soon be ready to step in their boots.

As you know I was playing for Wales in a World Cup game against Scotland last Tuesday and I hope you all managed to watch it on television. I feel sad that we did not win but a draw was a fair result as Scotland player really well.

Now back to today's game against Queens Park Rangers. I hope you will give our visitors a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road.

Have a good day and let the lads hear you cheering us to victory.

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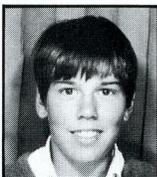
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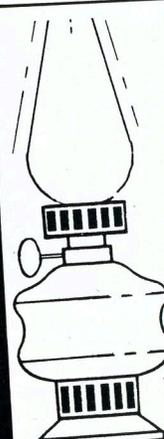
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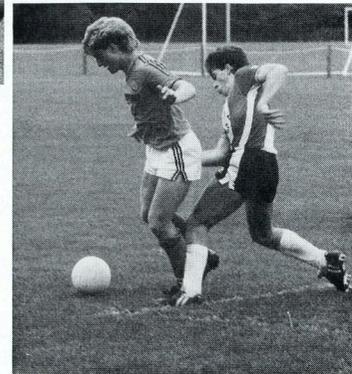
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TEN-GOAL THRILLER!



WITH the reserves enjoying an enforced lengthy break in their fixture list the focus this week lands on our youth team who took part in a thrilling goal-laden match at Southampton last Saturday. The final score was 6—4 to the Saints and that really tells the story in itself! Our action pictures on this page show David Oldfield, Marcus Tuite and Ricky McEvoy getting in among the Southampton defence and Sean Farrell and Marvin Johnson, watched by Ian Scott and Oldfield, repelling a Saints' attack.

Football Combination

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Chelsea	5	5	0	0	26	1	10
2 Arsenal	5	5	0	0	23	1	10
3 West Ham Utd	5	4	1	0	17	3	9
4 Watford	5	4	1	0	13	1	9
5 Norwich C.	5	3	2	0	12	4	8
6 Oxford Utd	5	2	2	1	11	6	6
7 Ipswich T.	3	3	0	0	7	2	6
8 C. Palace	5	2	2	1	8	7	6
9 Luton Town	5	3	0	2	4	8	6
10 Charlton A.	4	2	0	2	9	6	4
11 Tottenham	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
12 Bristol R.	4	2	0	2	11	13	4
13 QPR	5	1	1	3	9	13	3
14 Southampton	4	1	1	2	6	12	3
15 Reading	4	1	0	3	3	9	2
16 Birmingham C.	5	1	0	4	9	16	2
17 Fulham	4	1	0	3	3	14	2
18 Portsmouth	4	0	1	3	3	7	1
19 Swindon T.	4	0	1	3	5	11	1
20 Brighton	4	0	1	3	1	12	1
21 Millwall	5	0	1	4	2	15	1
22 Swansea	5	0	0	5	0	23	0

(up to and including Tues, September 10th)

FOOTBALL COMBINATION APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

	Appearances	Goals
Sealey	5	
Johnson R.	2	
Harvey	5	
McEvoy	5	
Elliott	1	
Johnson M.	3	
Cobb	5	
Stein M.	3	
Oldfield	5	1
Grimes	5	1
North M.	4	2
Tuite	2	
Berry	1	
Scott	3	
Farrell	1	
Black	3	
Lewis	2	
Daniel	3	
Parker	2	

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES

A Aug 17	Portsmouth	1—0
H Aug 24	Chelsea	0—4
H Aug 31	Reading	2—1
A Sept 4	Charlton Athletic	1—0
A Sept 7	West Ham United	0—3
A Sept 25	Brighton & HA	
H Sept 28	Millwall	
A Oct 2	Oxford United	
H Oct 12	Queens Park Rangers	
H Oct 15	Ipswich Town	
A Oct 19	Southampton	
H Oct 26	Swansea Town	
A Oct 29	Swindon Town	
H Nov 6	Norwich City	
H Nov 9	Crystal Palace	
A Nov 16	Watford	
H Nov 23	Fulham	
A Nov 26	Chelsea	
A Nov 30	Tottenham Hotspur	
H Dec 10	Birmingham City	
H Dec 14	Arsenal	
A Dec 21	Bristol Rovers	

Youth Team

Southampton 6 Luton Town Youth 4

GOALS are flowing for our junior team in the South East Counties League . . . after a 3—3 draw at home to Oxford United, on September 7th, we travelled to Southampton last Saturday and cracked another four goals—but unfortunately went down on the losing side by an amazing 6—4 scoreline.

Sean Farrell has been leading the way to goal with two against Oxford and another two down on the South Coast. The other scorer against Oxford was Marcus Tuite while Ian Scott and Ricky McEvoy added the goals at Southampton.

So, after five matches we have the astonishing record of having played five, won one, drawn three and lost one, scoring 16 goals in the process (an average of more than three per game), but conceding 12. Just as soon as youth team coach John Faulkner irons out those minor defensive problems we can expect to see some marvellous results . . . hopefully starting here today with our match against Crystal Palace, kick-off 12.45 p.m. Good luck, lads.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

	Appearances	Goals
Jones	3	
Bone	3	
James	3	
Barker	4	
Berry	4	
Scott	2	2
Rees	1	
Bowden	2	
Farrell	4	7
Kennedy	4	2
Lewis	2	1
Pooch	3	
Williams	4	
Cotterall	2	
Hyde	1	
Gyalog	2	
Tighe	4	1
Philpot	2	
Connor	2	
Sullivan	2	
Harvey	2	
Johnson	2	
Cobb	1	
Tuite	2	1
Own goal	1	

Introducing Queens Park Rangers



AFTER last season's late slump which saw them slip into the relegation zone, Rangers have started this season in improved style under new manager Jim Smith and they held 11th place in the First Division after last week's 2-0 defeat at Watford.

That loss came at the end of an eventful week for their club captain Terry Fenwick who was playing for England in their World Cup match against Romania on Wednesday night and reading that he faced a charge of bringing the game into disrepute the following day for an incident early in the season at Newcastle.

Much credit for Rangers current standing in the Football League is due to the efforts of their chairman Jim Gregory who has always been progressive in his thinking—notably by installing the League's first artificial pitch at Loftus Road.

Players likely to be on duty today:

Peter Hucker—Born in London, Hucker has progressed through the schoolboy, youth and

reserve teams to become Rangers' first-choice goalkeeper.

Gary Chivers—Another Londoner, Gary, 24, made his name at Chelsea for whom he made 133 League appearances before moving to Swansea. He came back to Rangers on a free transfer.

Alan McDonald—Belfast-born Alan is 21, and shares central defensive duties with club captain Terry Fenwick. Alan comes from County Antrim and joined Rangers as a schoolboy.

Terry Fenwick—Terry usually wears the number six shirt and carries out the covering duties in defence. An England cap, Terry was born in County Durham and is now 24. Signed from Crystal Palace for £100,000 in 1980.

Ian Dawes—Ian, 21, was born in Croydon and has now become the regular left-back in succession to Ian Gillard. An England Schoolboy international, Ian has developed through the club's junior teams.

John Gregory—Scunthorpe-born John, 30, is a vastly-experienced and highly-skilled mid-



Back row, from left: David Kerslake, Martin Allen, Robbie James, Wayne Fereday, Gary Waddock, Gary Bannister, Gary Cooper.
Middle row: Frank Sibley (Coach), Steve Burke, Alan McDonald, Paul Barron, Peter Hucker, Mike Fillery, Gary Chivers, Dave Butler (Physio).
Front row: Ian Dawes, John Gregory, Terry Fenwick, Jim Smith (Manager), Michael Robinson, John Byrne, Steve Wicks.



Rangers' manager Jim Smith is a widely-experienced and very popular boss. Formerly with Oxford United under chairman Robert Maxwell, Jim surprisingly left the Manor Ground after leading the club to the First Division for the first time last season. Previously, Jim—sometimes dubbed the "Bald Eagle"—had a highly-successful spell with Blackburn Rovers. As a manager, he is known for developing good footballing teams with efficient team patterns and entertaining styles.

fielder with England experience. He joined Rangers from Brighton for a £300,000 fee in 1981.

Gary Waddock—Irish international Gary, 22, is another London-born player who qualified for the Republic through his parents. A tenacious and hard-tackling competitor.

Martin Allen—Reading-born Martin is only 18, but has recently fought his way into Rangers' first team after a string of promising performances in the reserves' midfield. Cousin of Spurs' striker Clive.

Gary Bannister—Born in Warrington, Gary is 24 and was Rangers' top scorer last season. He joined QPR in July 1984 from Sheffield Wednesday and previously played for Coventry City. A quick and skilful striker.

John Byrne—Rangers paid York City £100,000 last season to sign John from York City and he has repaid their investment with some skilful performances and classy goals.

Wayne Fereday—Birmingham-born Wayne, 21, joined Rangers as an apprentice in July 1979. A tall and speedy forward, Wayne has been on the fringe of a regular place for the last few seasons.

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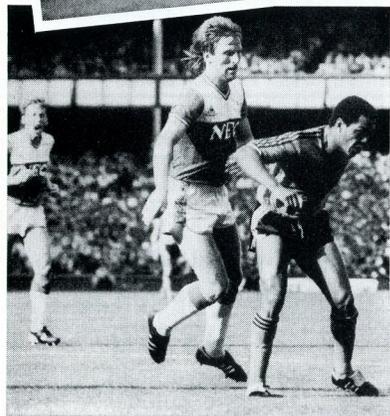
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Club Comment

“Special warmth of the ‘Big Man’”

SOME 12 years' ago I was on holiday with my family in Menorca. My daughter Nadine was three years old and being introduced to her first trip abroad and I was teaching her the first rudiments of swimming at the local hotel pool.

Most days we would go down on to the beach. It was a beautiful little cove with a white sandy beach and crystal-clear blue water.

Each morning, a group of youngsters were treated to various keep fit exercises by a “big man”. They obviously thoroughly enjoyed his warmth and good humour and looked forward to their daily rapport with this unusual man.

He was there with his family who seemed to be devoted to him. They were always chatting away and fooling around in a good-humoured way. I spoke to him on a couple of occasions. We were in the same business but neither of us wanted to talk shop on holiday. Rest and relaxation was on offer.

Respect of thousands

There are very few people in our lives who earn the respect of thousands of people: royalty command it; politicians rarely; public figures rarely; film stars occasionally.

However, thousands of ordinary people turned out to pay their respects to one such person last week.

The warmth and friendliness that I had fleetingly witnessed in Menorca had been communicated to those vast numbers of people who turned out to mourn his passing.

There cannot be too much wrong with the game of football whilst it keeps generating people of that stature and feelings of that depth in so many.

Thank-you. May you sleep in peace. You will be sadly missed, Jock Stein.

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VIEWS from the MEDIA

LADY Luck deserted us at Everton last Saturday when the League champions took advantage of their opportunities to snatch a 2-0 victory. Here is a selection of the press reactions to that match:

Sunday Mirror: "Luton boss David Pleat choked back his disappointment over the goal that got away."

With Everton clinging to a 1-0 lead, Emeka Nwajobi put the ball into the net after 67 minutes only to receive a free-kick for a foul on himself in the penalty area.

Pleat said: "You saw it and you may have reasons for thinking it was a goal."

Amazed

Sunday Mirror: "Luton, who did so well up to half-time were amazed by the decision of referee Peter Tyldesley which cost them a second-half equaliser."

Emeka Nwajobi appeared to be offside when he received the ball in the 67th minute. Yet he went on to wriggle free from Pat van den Hauwe's challenge inside the box and shoot past Everton 'keeper Neville Southall.

But the referee blew for a foul on the edge of the area and Dave Preece hit the free-kick high."

Mail on Sunday: "Most of Everton's high balls sped straight to the head of Steve Foster as though he were a giant magnet."

Luton's defence was mean and magnificent, with Mal Donaghy working tremendously, and goalkeeper Andrew Dibble looking sure and firm."

Value for money

Observer: "This Everton, in their new white-bibbed shirts, had become flat earthers, without the aerial dimension and spatial vision. Luton, one of better value for money sides, could have taken a point without playing particularly well."

Luton should have made more of these inadequacies but they failed to widen their game with Preece's skirmishing and Hill, replaced in the 78th minute, ineffective. Their defence, well marshalled by Foster, needed occasional relief and in the last half hour had begun to crack."

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Mike Keen made 144 League appearances for the Town after signing at Kenilworth Road from QPR in January 1969. He led both Rangers and the Town to promotion from the Third Division under manager Alec Stock and later played for Watford.



LUTON TOWN STORY



ONE of the greatest milestones in the history of Luton Town Football Club was reached on April 11th, 1985, when we celebrated our 100th birthday, two days before that stirring FA Cup semi-final against Everton at Villa Park.

This season we are celebrating our Centenary with a series of events including the publication of the official history of the club, the launch of a Centenary Club and this series of special features which will spotlight great moments in our past. The official history, *The Luton Town Story*, is published by the club and on sale, price £12, at the club offices and bookshops throughout the area.

It contains a fully-documented and illustrated history of the club, full reports of all the great games, detailed sketches of the most prominent players, managers, directors and staff and is accompanied by a fully researched statistical section. The book, like this series of features, will revive old memories and bring long forgotten favourites vividly back to life—Bob Hawkes, Joe Payne, Hugh Billington, Gordon Turner, Bob Morton and many more.

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Alec Stock took both Rangers and the Town to promotion from the Third Division when he was manager at the clubs. He took control at Kenilworth Road in 1968 and left in 1972 when his long-distance commuting from his home in Epsom became too much.



Don Givens played 83 League matches for the Town between 1970 and 1972 before leaving Kenilworth Road to join Queens Park Rangers. A fast and skilful forward, he only scored 19 goals alongside Malcolm Macdonald, but blossomed into a regular Irish international striker with QPR.



All Our

THIS afternoon's meeting with our old friends from West London will be our 65th in the Football League and Rangers' first experience of playing away from home on an artificial pitch—something of a novelty for them! But it will hardly be a novelty if they continue their dismal sequence of results at Kenilworth Road.

For over the years, the Town and QPR have played regularly in League matches since the formation of the Third Division in 1920. Before then we were old rivals from Southern League days.

The first Football League meeting here took place on October 2nd, 1920 when a 2—1 home win gave us some revenge for a 4—1 defeat in London the previous Saturday. On the scoresheet for us that day were two prolific goalscorers of the era, Ernie Simms and Harry Higginbotham.

The next season, Higginbotham cracked a hat-trick in the home fixture as we romped to a 3—1 win and he followed it a year later with the only goal of the game here as we won yet again.

The results tended to keep the home fans happy throughout the 1920's and 1930's apart from the occasional hiccup—notably our only home defeat during our Third Division (South) championship season of 1936-37!

Our promotion of course led to a break in the regular meetings and normal service was not resumed again until 1948 following Rangers' promotion to the Second Division. Results were not so normal however, as away victories quite suddenly became more commonplace.

Our successes then lifted us further away from Rangers for some years and it was not until the early 1960's that we met again. Two produced spectacular results—a 4—4 draw at Kenilworth Road in 1964, Gordon Turner scoring twice in his farewell season, and a 7—1 defeat in London, David Pleat scoring the Town's goal.

The next meeting came in 1970-71 when we were back in the Second Division and Mike Keen returned to his former club to hit the only goal in

Yesterdays

the first minute. There followed a series of low-scoring matches until the end of the 1970's when both clubs began to produce some high-quality football.

In the 1980's, we reeled off three consecutive victories on Ranger's famous Omniturf of course and also clinched the Second Division championship.

But one of the most exciting matches took place not on the artificial surface that made the headlines, but in the mud at Lof-tus Road that preceded it—a 2—2 draw on March 22nd, 1980.

A crowd of 15,054 was there that

Ricky Hill scores our first goal in the exciting 3—2 win here in May 1982 which lifted us into the First Division as Second Division champions.



A summary of our League matches against QPR. (Luton score first)

	Home	Away
1948-49	0—0	3—0
1949-50	1—2	0—3
1950-51	2—0	1—1
1951-52	0—1	0—0
1963-64	4—4	1—1
1964-65	2—0	1—7
1970-71	0—0	1—0
1971-72	1—1	0—1
1972-73	2—2	0—2
1974-75	1—1	1—2
1979-80	1—1	2—2
1980-81	3—0	2—3
1981-82	3—2	2—1
1983-84	0—0	1—0
1984-85	2—0	3—2

Overall summary of results since 1920:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	32	19	9	4	63	27
Away	32	6	6	20	30	59
Total	64	25	15	24	93	86

Club statistician: Roger Wash

afternoon to see if either side could boost their faltering promotion challenge in what was billed as a "make-or-break" affair.

Things looked bleak for us at half-time when we trailed 2—0, both goals scored by Paul Goddard.

But Rangers eased off after the interval and the inspired substitution of young Andy Pearson—making his debut—in place of an out-of-touch Steve White turned the match.

The inevitable goal arrived in the 73rd minute when Brian Stein

headed home a Bob Hatton cross and the equaliser came eight minutes later after Rangers' goalkeeper Chris Woods had weakly punched out a long cross by Mark Aizlewood and Ricky Hill scored with a looping long-range header.

Teams that day: QPR—Woods, Shanks, Gillard, Hazel, Wicks, McCreery, Roeder, (sub Harkouk 56 mins), Currie, Goddard, Allen, Burke. Luton—Findlay, Jones, Aizlewood, Donaghy, Price, Grealish, Hill, West, Stein, Hatton, White (sub Pearson 69 mins).

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Manchester U.	8	4	0	0	12	0	4	0	0	9	2	24
2 Everton	8	3	1	0	9	2	2	0	2	7	7	16
3 Arsenal	8	3	0	1	6	4	2	1	1	5	4	16
4 Liverpool	8	4	0	0	12	1	0	3	1	6	7	15
5 Chelsea	8	4	0	0	8	0	0	3	1	3	6	15
6 Newcastle	8	3	1	0	10	4	1	1	2	4	10	14
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13 West Ham	8	2	1	1	8	4	0	2	2	3	6	9
14 Manchester C.	8	1	1	2	4	8	1	1	2	4	7	8
15 Southampton	8	1	3	0	5	2	0	1	3	4	8	7
16 Luton Town	7	0	3	0	4	4	1	1	2	4	7	7
17 Nottingham F.	8	1	0	3	3	6	1	1	2	5	5	7
18 Ipswich Town	7	1	1	2	2	3	1	0	2	2	7	7
19 Oxford Utd	8	1	2	1	8	4	0	1	3	4	12	6
20 Coventry City	8	1	1	2	7	7	0	2	2	2	6	6
21 Leicester City	8	1	2	1	5	6	0	1	3	1	10	6
22 West Brom	8	0	1	3	4	9	0	0	4	2	14	1

League table as September 15th, 1985

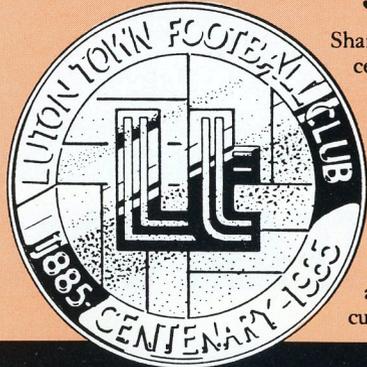
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	FA	Att	Pos	1
Aug 17 Nottingham Forest	1-1	11,381	—	Dibble
Aug 21 Newcastle United	2-2	21,304	—	Dibble
Aug 24 West Ham United	1-0	14,104	8	Dibble
Aug 27 Arsenal	2-2	10,012	10	Dibble
Aug 31 Aston Villa	1-3	10,524	12	Dibble
Sept 7 Chelsea	1-1	10,720	15	Dibble
Sept 14 Everton	0-2	26,419	16	Dibble
Sept 21 Queens Park Rangers				
Sept 24 Sheffield United (MC 2r 1l)				
Sept 28 Sheffield Wednesday				
Oct 1 Ipswich Town				
Oct 5 Manchester United				
Oct 8 Sheffield Utd (MC 2r 2l)				
Oct 12 Oxford United				
Oct 19 Southampton				
Oct 26 Liverpool				
Nov 2 Birmingham City				
Nov 9 Tottenham Hotspur				
Nov 16 Coventry City				
Nov 23 Watford				
Nov 30 Manchester City				
Dec 7 Newcastle United				
Dec 14 Nottingham Forest				
Dec 21 West Ham United				
Dec 26 West Bromwich Albion				
Dec 28 Ipswich Town				
Jan 1 Leicester City				
Jan 4 FA Cup Round 3				
Jan 11 Chelsea				
Jan 18 Aston Villa				
Jan 25 FA Cup Round 4				
Feb 1 Arsenal				
Feb 8 Southampton				
Feb 15 Liverpool (FAC5)				
Feb 22 Queens Park Rangers				
Mar 1 Sheffield Wednesday				
Mar 8 Manchester United (FAC6)				
Mar 15 Oxford United				
Mar 22 Everton				
Mar 29 Leicester City				
April 1 West Bromwich Albion				
April 5 Birmingham City (FAC s/f)				
April 12 Tottenham Hotspur				
April 19 Coventry City				
April 26 Watford				
May 3 Manchester City				

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Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill*	Stein1	Harford	Nwajobi	Preece	Parker●	
Thomas	Grimes	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Parker	Stein	Harford1	Nwajobi1	Preece	North	
Johnson	Thomas	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Parker	Stein	Harford1	Nwajobi	Preece	North	
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LEAGUE APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

	Appearances	Goals
T. Breacker	4	
A. Dibble	7	
M. Donaghy	7	
P. Elliott	2(1)	
S. Foster	3	
A. Grimes	1	
M. Harford	7	3
R. Hill	5	
R. Johnson	3	
P. Nicholas	7	
E. Nwajobi	7	2
G. Parker	3(3)	
D. Preece	7	
B. Stein	7	3
M. Thomas	7	

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Luton Town

- 1 Andy Dibble
- 2 Tim Breacker
- 3 Mitchell Thomas
- 4 Peter Nicholas
- 5 Steve Foster
- 6 Mal Donaghy
- 7 Ricky Hill
- 8 Brian Stein
- 9 Mick Harford
- 10 Emeka Nwajobi
- 11 David Preece

Sub

Queens Park Rangers

- 1 Peter Hucker
- 2 Gary Chivers
- 3 Ian Dawes
- 4 Gary Waddock
- 5 Alan McDonald
- 6 Terry Fenwick
- 7 Martin Allen
- 8 Wayne Fereday
- 9 Gary Bannister
- 10 John Byrne
- 11 John Gregory

Sub

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