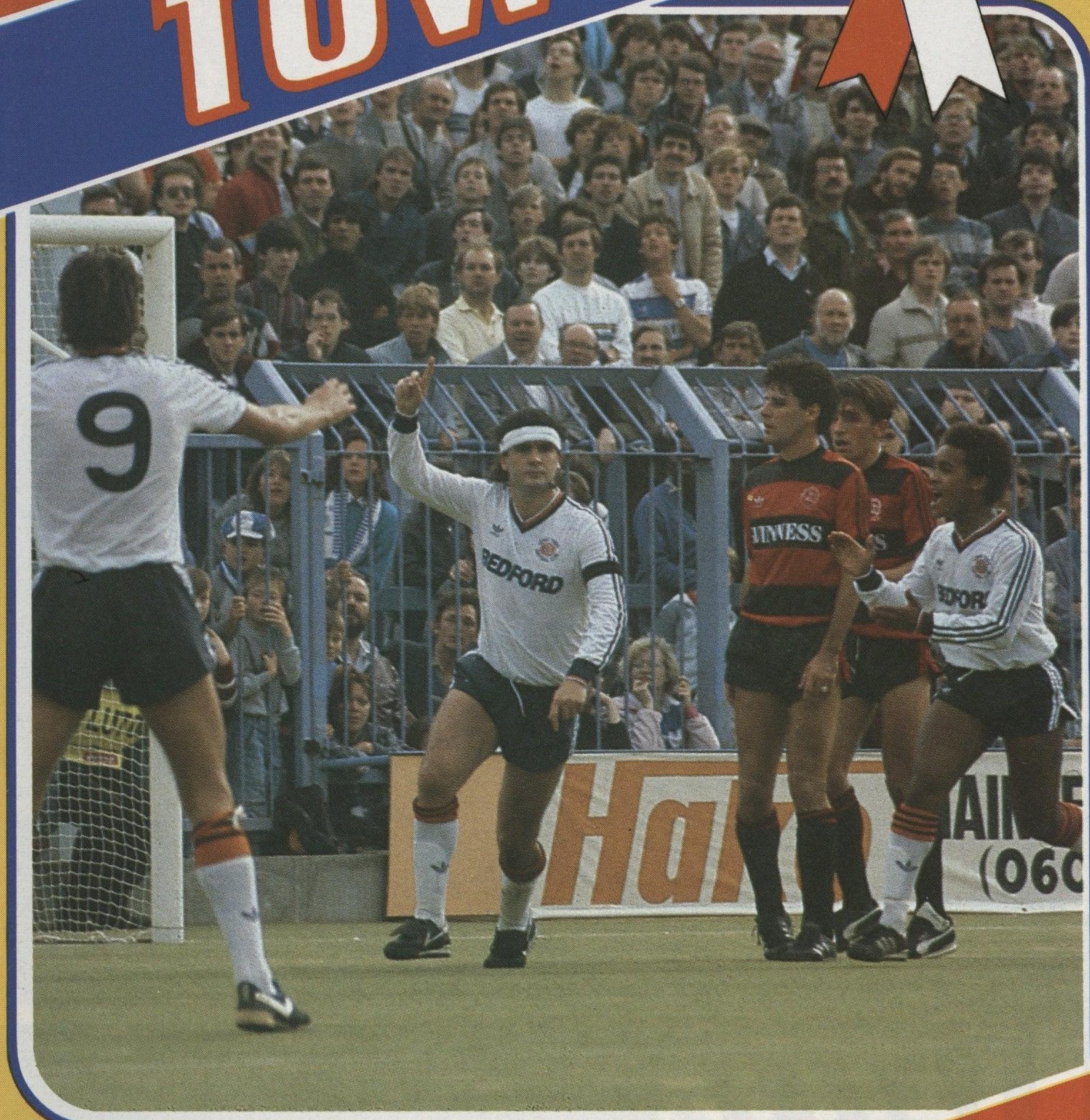
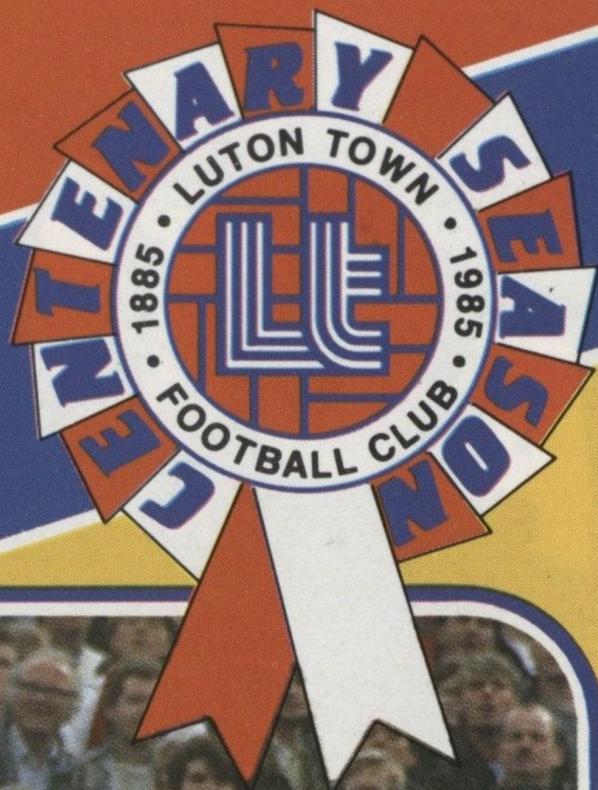
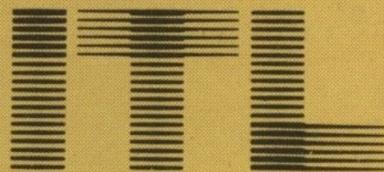


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That winning feeling: Mick Harford (above) rises at the far post to head our first goal against Queens Park Rangers and (right) celebrates with Ricky Hill. Mark Stein (below) made a promising appearance in attack where his tight control often unsettled Rangers' defence in our 2-0 win.



Shooting and saving: Tonight's action pictures show players of all ages enjoying their game at Kenilworth Road—the Junior Hornets and Junior Hatters (top left) and former favourite goalkeeper Tony Read (top right) on our Centenary night and (below) triallist goalkeeper Don Ferguson who was called on at short notice to replace Andy Dibble. Sponsors' guest Peter Onslow (middle right) showed his skills after our win over QPR.

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What a super day we had against QPR. Before the game our players mingled with our enthusiastic Junior Hatters in their enclosure. I enjoyed speaking to parents of children who, hopefully, will one day be the next generation of footballers flying the flag for Luton. The added attraction of seeing the exceptionally good South East Counties game before the kick-off gave extra interest.

We are repeating that programme next Saturday when we play Manchester United. Come early and watch our youth players against Bristol Rovers. I am sure you will get much pleasure in discussing the future possibilities of some of the players.



From our point of view it was nice to win against QPR but everyone understands that there is no place in football today for the actions of John Gregory or QPR and the retaliation of our own Mick Harford. They will be suspended for two games and, as a consequence, we will lose the services of our centre-forward for an important game with Manchester.

I would like to thank all those good supporters who travelled to Sheffield and gave us great second half support when we played some splendid football. This gives the club a fair opportunity of progressing into the next round of the Milk Cup and we hope to complete that task a week today.

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GirlTalk

DO you remember the cocoa chimney that seemed to rise above the Kenilworth Road terrace? Tall and proud, it symbolised Luton Town for me; it has always been there and would go on forever. Alas, it is no more. But the club hasn't crumbled with the chimney. The Centenary Celebratory Evening both reflected the past and anticipated the future strength of the club. It was a thrilling evening. I was too young to go to football matches on my own in 1959 and my parents weren't interested then. Our neighbours were, though, and black and white bunting decorated our street. I had a toy scooter painted black and white; I proudly told all and sundry that I had a Luton Town scooter! It was marvellous, finally, to see the men I'd become so intrigued by all those years ago. It was an evening for nostalgia, and many of us demonstrated how proud we are to be Luton Town supporters. We might not follow the most successful team in England but our teams have generally played entertainingly and our club is friendly.

The junior teams clearly enjoyed the experience of playing before such a large crowd and the friendliness between the teams was a pleasure to see. Luton Ladies once again showed their skill. The Old Luton v. Old Watford match particularly was fun for much of the crowd. Tony Currie was always a great player for Watford, but how exciting it was to see Jimmy Ryan exhibiting all his old skills. I'd forgotten just how good Mike Harrison's long range shots could be and Tony Read thrilled us with his saves!

The first team match was competitive but friendly. The combination of football skill and sense of occasion contributed to the electric atmosphere. Paul Elliott made elegant, loping runs, his long hair flowing behind him, adding to the romance of the evening.

Perhaps the mosque that rises above the Oak Road terrace symbolises our club for children today as the cocoa chimney did for me; whether it does or not I hope that when they grow up they will be as proud to be Luton Town supporters as we who were gathered for the Centenary evening.

Gale Waller

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Magnificent Evening

Dear Sir,
I can't let the occasion pass without expressing my gratitude and thanks for the wonderful evening your good self, fellow directors and staff afforded me on that great occasion of the Luton Town's Centenary Celebratory evening.

To merely say that I, along with other members of the 1959 Cup team, appreciated your magnificent efforts and hospitality to make it an everlasting memorable occasion, would be a gross understatement. I am certain I voice the sentiments of my "old mates" in saying this.

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, Sir, and thank you yet again, not only for inviting us, but also for providing the opportunity for us to renew old friendships, and particularly that of Tommy Hodgson, a man I revered when I was with the club.

My best and sincerest wishes for the continuing success of the club.

Yours most sincerely,
Frank King,
Physio (Luton Town 1959 Cup Final).

Long-distance fans

Dear Sir,
I read in the Luton v. Chelsea programme about the greatest distance any girl travels to watch Luton. I live in Bexhill-on-sea and a home game for me means a 210-mile trip. This season with my dad and brothers we have been to Bournemouth (250 miles) and we went on the pitch before the game the following week. We came to Luton to see Nottingham Forest and this week to see Chelsea.

Claire Ralley (aged 6).
Editor: Can anyone beat this? Write and let me know.

Centenary thanks

Dear Sir,
I would be very grateful if you could pass my very sincere thanks to the players and officials of Luton Town for the assistance and hospitality provided during our coverage of your Centenary game.

The help given by your colleagues made our task so much easier and I trust that our programme did justice to the occasion.

My colleagues and I would also like to offer our congratulations to you all on the smooth running and impressive organisation of the evening. It was most enjoyable and we enjoyed sharing the evening with you.

Thanks again.
John Smith,
BBC Radio Bedfordshire,
Luton.

Juniors' fun

Dear Sir,
I was lucky enough to play in the Junior Hatters football team on Tuesday and I really enjoyed it.

I want to thank you for the Luton Town kit I was given and also for the chance to join in the Centenary celebrations.

I had a fantastic time, and I will never forget it. Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,
Daniel Cook (12),
Luton.

Delighted Hornets

Dear Sir,
MY Chairman, directors, management, staff and players wish to be associated in congratulating Luton Town Football Club on achieving its Centenary during the 1985-86 season.

Those of us who attended the Kenilworth Road Ground on September 17th were delighted to have been part of the celebrations, which were so warm and friendly towards spectators and guests alike.

I would be pleased if you would pass on our sincere thanks to all concerned for making the evening such a splendid spectacle, and for providing not only the club but individual members with such magnificent gifts in commemoration.

Best wishes from us all at Vicarage Road.
Eddie Plumley,
Chief Executive, Watford F.C.

Thank you

Dear Sir,
MY name is Lisa Richardson and I attended the Luton coaching week at Newnham Track, Bedford. I was the only girl there but I still enjoyed it. I want to thank you for a most enjoyable time and for all the attention I got from players and staff. Also thank the players for their autographs and for the orange elephant I was presented with at the end of the week.

Many thanks for everything, your number one fan.

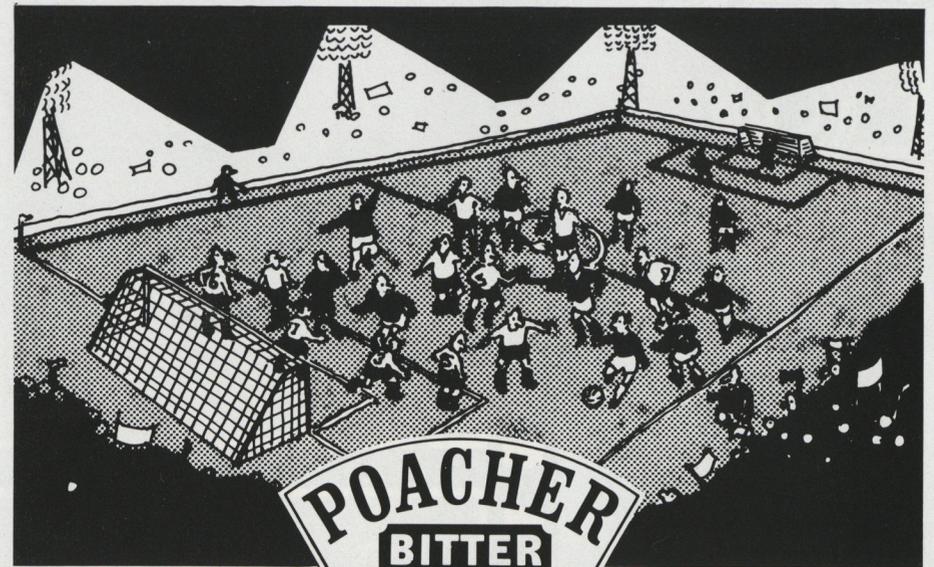
Lisa Richardson (Aged 10)
Bromham

Crowd thesis

Dear Sir,
I am a Danish student. for the moment I am trying to do some research for a university thesis on football crowd behaviour in England. Therefore, I would appreciate your help very much.

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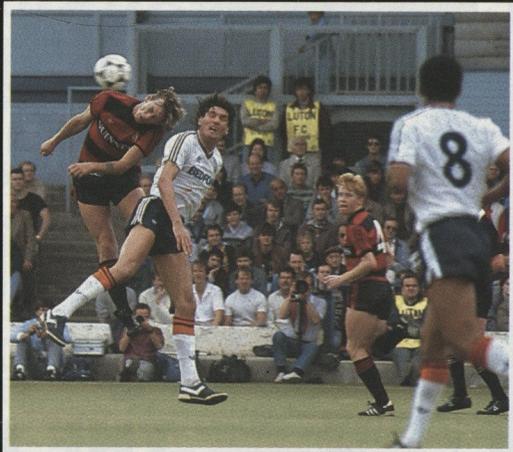
The second-half dismissals of Mick Harford and John Gregory for their clash in the 64th minute stole the headlines from an important and satisfying victory here in our last home match. But, notably, neither our own manager David Pleat nor the visitors Jim Smith had any quibbles with the decision of referee Vic Callow.

Unfortunately, the sendings off and an atmosphere of conflict overshadowed the football and to some extent eclipsed two well-taken goals by Harford and Town captain Steve Foster.

Harford's goal was a superb header at the far-post, guided down and into the goal from a difficult angle, after a deep cross from Mitchell Thomas.

Foster's goal, seven minutes later after 28 minutes, was another header after a corner by David Preece had been flicked on by Thomas. Rangers' manager Jim Smith commented that Foster could do little else but score, but that did a disservice to our skipper who took the chance with admirable aplomb.

One of the most promising features of the match was a lively performance for an hour by young Mark Stein. Although he did not manage to get his name on the scoresheet, he linked well with his older brother Brian and made several smart runs and intelligent passes.



ACTION REPLAY from

Bramall Lane



Emeka Nwajiobi and Brian Stein are pictured scoring our goals in a 2-1 victory over Sheffield United last week. The win set us up well for the home leg of the Milk Cup second round tie next week.

(Photos: Gareth Owen)





JOHN MOORE

Views

from the bench

IN a seven-year playing career at Kenilworth Road, John Moore made 276 Football League appearances for the Town and scored 13 goals as a stalwart defender. After completing his playing career with Brighton and Northampton, this Scottish-born Lutonian began life anew with Dunstable Town before returning as a member of David Pleat's coaching staff in 1978. He is now in charge of our football combination team and today he gives his views on some of the problems and unexpected pressures facing young players.

"There is a pretty big gap between South East Counties football and the Football Combination. But the gap between the Combination and the first team is much bigger. That means it is very difficult for players to cross it first go and usually they have to prove themselves consistently at reserve team level before they can be considered for the first team.

Pressure

"But in this day and age with so much economic pressure on the game, we often find the reserve team is full of young players, many apprentices and many often younger than that. It can be very tough for the kids to adjust. And some of them of course buckle under the pressures. Many wouldn't think it, but there is a lot of very hard work and a lot of challenge in just making the grade as a youngster and becoming a professional.

"Last year we had one youngster for example—a first year apprentice—who played something like 30 reserve matches. Of course, it gave him terrific experience, but it also led him into thinking, quite naturally, that he had

established himself as a reserve team player. But he was not. He was still a first-year apprentice. So, sometimes, it is not always the best thing for a young boy to go through too fast.

"That boy has found it very tough to adjust to it again at the start of this season. And of course we have just recently lost one boy who went home . . . Matthew Bowden, who is only 16, from Wales. He has walked out. It would be too easy to say he was just homesick because that happens to a lot of people, but it would be more truthful to say he probably felt it tough handling all the pressures.

Very different

"He might have been thinking he was not doing well enough. Some do think like that. When they are at school they are the top players in their group and so on, but when they come to a professional club, they find it very different.

"Matthew was not able to make our Youth Cup team because we have several second year apprentices who are still young enough to qualify for it and it is a tough competition. He was probably dissatisfied about a lot of things. You've got to remember football is a job for the professionals. The joy of the game is not all there is to it when you come to a professional club and sign on as an apprentice. It is a job with work and long hours and some boys don't feel ready for it.

"Even great players have had the problem—George Best did for example. All of a sudden, what was a fun thing for them becomes hard work. They are at the bottom of the ladder and they have to climb up again. It can be very competitive."



CENTENARY HISTORY

Copies of our Centenary history, *The Luton Town Story 1885-1985*, are selling fast through the club shop in Kenilworth Road and supporters are urged to make sure of their copy now by buying the book today or by placing an order. It will make an ideal Christmas gift and is packed with information, facts, pictures and statistics about the club.

Pre-match entertainment

This evening's pre-match entertainment is provided by our own Luton Strikers. We are most grateful to the girls for their invigorating and reliable shows. Our pre-match entertainment on Saturday, when we entertain Manchester United, will be provided by another youth team fixture with our youngsters playing Bristol Rovers in a South East Counties Division Two fixture, kick-off 12.45 pm. Gates open at 12.30 pm.

Away Travel

Our next away match takes place on October 12th, when we make the short journey to Oxford United. The price for this game is £3.50, and our coaches leave the Maple Road car park at 12.30. Ring Luton 412418.

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Manchester United ticket arrangements

With the possibility of Luton standing between United equally the record of 11 straight wins, set by Spurs in 1960-1961 season, we have, with interests of the safety and comfort of our home terrace supporters, issued vouchers on entrance to tonight's game at our Oak Road turnstiles and the Kenilworth Road number two section.

These vouchers will enable entry with admission money to the Oak Road terraces for our match against Manchester United on Saturday, October 5th.

Supporters unable to attend tonight's match can obtain a voucher from the clubs ticket office by producing programme token number three from the QPR match.

All of our Kenilworth Road terrace has been allocated to Manchester United for this match.

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TOP HATTER



Born in Cwmbran in May 1965, Andy joined the Town from Cardiff City for a fee of £125,000 in the summer of 1984. Last season, he established himself as first choice goalkeeper, but then suffered a serious knee ligament injury against Manchester United at Old Trafford in November and could not recover his place. A Welsh under-21 international and a member of Wales' full squad, he is a tall and athletic keeper with a highly-promising career ahead of him.

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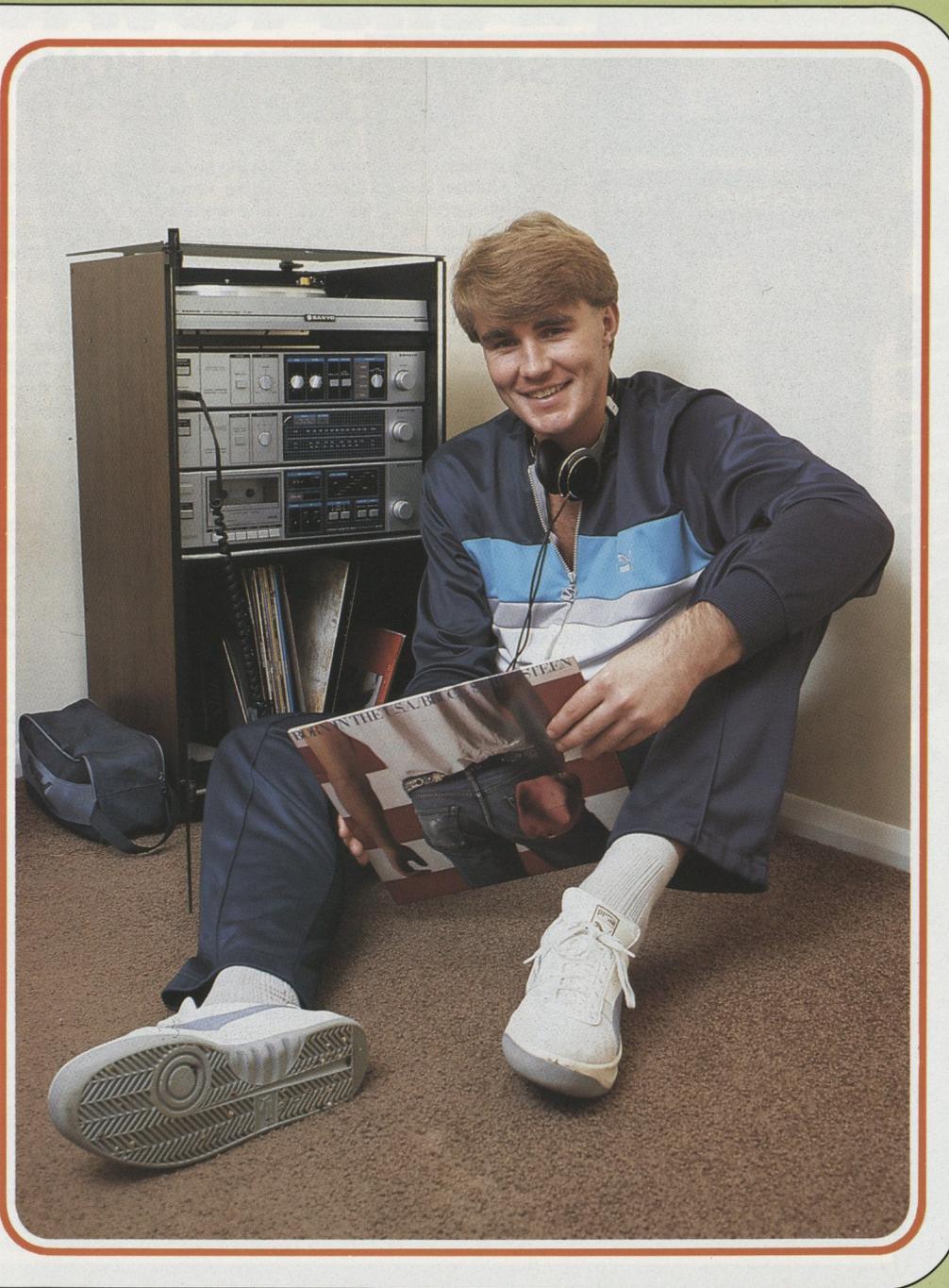
With any measure of luck, Andy Dibble hopes to have recovered from the hamstring injury that kept him out of our last home match against Queen's Park Rangers and to be lining up in goal again tonight against Ipswich Town. If he is missing, however, you can be sure Andy will not be pleased.

Activity is part of his life. He loves sports and includes golf, cricket and rugby among his favourites outside football. But away from the pressures of being a full-time professional, he likes to relax with his fiancée Dawn and listen to rock music on his stereo.

"Bruce Springsteen is my favourite, I suppose," said Andy. "But I like a whole range of records and I've got a big collection at home in Wales. I've got most of Bruce Springsteen's though up here. I like a lot of rock bands—Lionel Richie and Foreigner are a couple more of my favourites.

"Since I moved to Luton, I've had a great time really and been very happy. But I've not had much luck with injuries at all. Last season, when I was just on the verge of really settling in, I got injured and couldn't get back. Now it seems as if it could happen again. I've just got to fight back and keep on improving my game.

"I can't say when I'll be getting married, but I do have some plans for the future—I hope to study Business Studies at college in the next few years to have some other qualifications to fall back on when I finish playing football."





Bill Tomlins

the TOWN

SAD NEWS FROM HOME AND ABROAD

By Bill Tomlins

AS I promised you, tonight we have a further look at behind-the-scenes events on the night we celebrated our Centenary with a special evening of football against Watford. But first I must record two sad pieces of news that have reached the club in recent weeks.

The first was the death only a few weeks ago of Ken Burton, a former England Youth coach and a very good friend of our club. Ken from Kettering was only 55, a respected scout and well-known for his excellent work as an outstanding coach with youngsters.

The second was the death on September 23rd of our former winger Phil O'Connor who made only one full League appearance in our first team after joining as a youngster 15 years ago. Phil, who left for Australia in 1975, became a full international Down Under. He died in a car crash in Sydney, aged 31.

Spectators who were at our reserves match against Millwall in Thursday (we won in enter-

taining style, 3-2) will be pleased to know that Mark North, who went off with a badly-cut forehead after scoring twice, was released from hospital after having 11 stitches inserted in the wound.

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CRACKSHOT JOHN



Smile please: Caught in possession on our Centenary Celebration night is former 1959 Cup Finalist John Groves who was one of several old stars in top form that evening.

THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP ON CENTENARY NIGHT



Best of friends: Our chairman David Evans shakes hands with Watford manager Graham Taylor and presents him with a memento of our tremendous Centenary Celebratory Evening here last month when Watford were the visitors. Mr. Evans paid great respect to the Watford manager, his directors and players and stressed that he felt rivalry between the clubs had never been as friendly as it is today.



Old and new: There were some great moments on our Centenary night when old stars mingled with today's staff. Pictured are John Sheridan, Bob Morton and Wally Shanks; John Faulkner with Syd Owen; and our chairman making a presentation to Tommy Hodgson. Tim Breacker is with the Junior Hatters before our last home match and the Junior' wave farewell to the Junior Hornets.



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We hope Ipswich enjoy playing on our new pitch as much as we do. Our opponents so far this season have had no complaints at all. As the balance of play has shown, it has finished up all fair and square at the end of most games.

We hope that you are all in good voice tonight and ready to cheer us on to victory. See you all at our next home game

when our visitors are Manchester United who could be chasing the record opening wins sequence.

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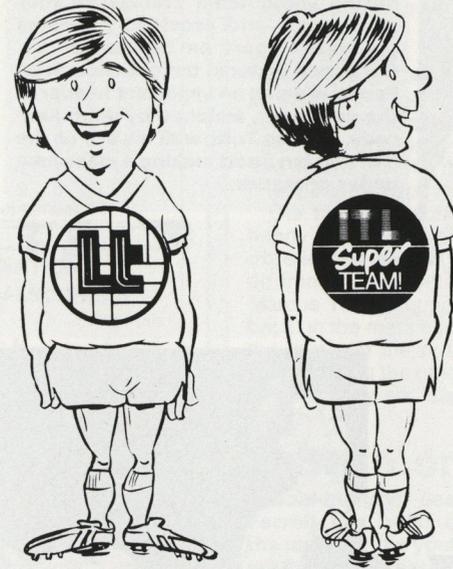


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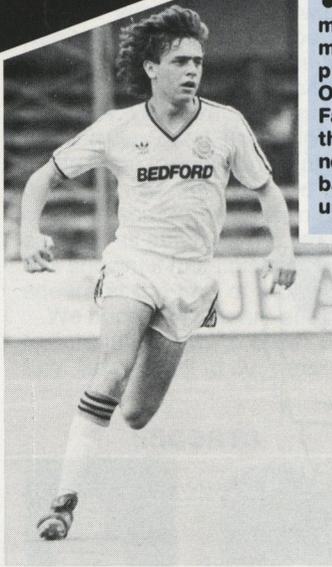
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FOOTBALL COMBINATION

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1 Arsenal | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 1 | 14 |
| 2 West Ham | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 26 | 6 | 14 |
| 3 Chelsea | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 29 | 1 | 13 |
| 4 Watford | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 1 | 12 |
| 5 Ipswich Town | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 5 | 11 |
| 6 Norwich City | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 8 | 8 |
| 7 Oxford United | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 12 | 8 |
| 8 QPR | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 16 | 8 |
| 9 Bristol R. | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 16 | 7 |
| 10 C. Palace | 8 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 12 | 7 |
| 11 Luton Town | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 6 |
| 12 Birmingham C. | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 18 | 6 |
| 13 Reading | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 14 | 6 |
| 14 Fulham | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 13 | 21 | 6 |
| 15 Charlton A. | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 23 | 5 |
| 16 Millwall | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 5 |
| 17 Tottenham | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 4 |
| 18 Portsmouth | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 3 |
| 19 Southampton | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 21 | 3 |
| 20 Swindon T. | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 15 | 1 |
| 21 Brighton | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 1 |
| 22 Swansea | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 29 | 0 |

(Up to and including Mon, September 24th)

FOOTBALL COMBINATION APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

| App | Gls | App | Gls |
|------------|-----|----------|-----|
| Sealey | 5 | North M. | 5 4 |
| Johnson R. | 3 | Tuite | 2 |
| Harvey | 5 | Berry | 1 |
| McEvoy | 6 1 | Scott | 3 |
| Elliott | 2 | Farrell | 1 |
| Johnson M. | 4 | Black | 3 |
| Cobb | 6 | Lewis | 2 |
| Stein M. | 4 | Daniel | 4 |
| Oldfield | 6 1 | Parker | 3 |
| Grimes | 6 1 | Ferguson | 1 |

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 |
| H Sept 26 | Millwall | 3-2 |
| A Oct 2 | Oxford United | |
| A Oct 9 | Brighton & HA | |
| 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 | |

Youth Team

Youngsters in scoring form

Luton Town Youth 4 Crystal Palace 1

AFTER being knocked out of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup with a 3-2 defeat at Charlton on September 16th, our youth team bounced back to winning ways with their victory over Crystal Palace here on September 21st. The triumph was an historic one too as it marked the youth team's debut as providers of the pre-match entertainment before the first team met Queens Park Rangers that afternoon. With the senior side winning 2-0 it made for a happy day at Kenilworth Road.

Our trip to London in the Cup was not such a happy event however and in spite of fielding an experienced team of youngsters, we were removed from the competition at the first hurdle with Marcus Tuite scoring both our goals. Tuite was back on the mark against Palace, scoring one of the four with the prolific Sean Farrell and Paul Lewis adding the others to boost our goal tally to 20 after only six league games in the Second Division.

Sean on the mark

●Goal-hungry: Sean Farrell has been on the mark for the youth team with great regularity this season and after appearing in five South East Counties Second Division matches he has notched up nine goals.



SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1 Southampton | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 11 | 10 |
| 2 Swindon Town | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 16 | 9 | 9 |
| 3 Luton Town | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 20 | 13 | 7 |
| 4 Oxford Utd | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 7 |
| 5 Tottenham | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 7 |
| 6 Bournemouth | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 12 | 6 |
| 7 Southend Utd | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 6 |
| 8 Colchester Utd | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 16 | 6 |

Up to and including Sept. 21st

Introducing Ipswich



AFTER spending most of last season hovering in discomfort around the First Division's relegation zone, Ipswich have found the going just as tough this term and, following their 3-0 home defeat by Aston Villa, 10 days ago, they slipped to 19th position with just seven points from eight League matches.

That reverse, following a 1-0 home defeat by Birmingham City—when David Geddis scored the only goal—was the Suffolk team's third at home this season and left manager Bobby Ferguson facing some stinging criticism from home fans.

But Ferguson, a determined Geordie, has retained his belief in the creative ability of his young team in spite of the results and was reportedly seeking to sign Norwich striker John Deehan to boost his shot-shy attack as we went to press.

Deehan's experience would be vital to a team which has sorely missed England defender Terry Butcher's commanding presence and which has also lost a stream of

experienced players in recent years. Indeed, by the time of tonight's match, it is possible that long-serving right-back George Burley will have followed Eric Gates to Sunderland.

Players likely to be on duty tonight:
Paul Cooper—A vastly-experienced goalkeeper who has been at Ipswich for 11 years after joining from Birmingham City.

Frank Yallop—A promising young right-back, Frank was born in Watford.

Kevin Steggles—Long-serving defender Kevin has deputised for Kevin Beattie and Terry Butcher without claiming a regular first team place.

Trevor Putney—Midfielder Trevor is a combative and energetic player with a sharp tackle. Now 24, he joined Ipswich from Brentwood in 1980 and made his debut in 1982.

Ian Atkins—Utility player Ian, 28, signed on loan from Everton last week. Ex-Shrewsbury and Sunderland.

Ian Cranson—Born in Easington, 21-year-old Ian is a powerful central defender who recently



Back row, from left: Mark Brennan, Kevin Steggles, John Hallworth, Ian Cranson, Kevin Wilson.
Middle row: Charlie Woods (Ass. Manager), Frank Yallop, George Burley, Mark Grew, Paul Cooper, Mich D'Avray, Jason Dozzell, Brian Owen (Coach).
Front row: Steve McCall, Tommy Parkin, Trevor Putney, Bobby Ferguson (Manager), Alan Sunderland, Irvin Gernon, Romeo Zondervan.



Bobby Ferguson took over as manager of Ipswich Town in succession to the current England manager Bobby Robson following the 1982 World Cup in Spain. On the surface, it seemed he had fallen into clover, but events since have proved that even clubs as efficiently and honestly run as Ipswich can face problems. Ferguson, however, formerly the chief coach at Portman Road, has retained a strong faith in his own and his team's ability to succeed with a cultivated and skilful approach to the game in spite of losing such stalwart stars as John Wark, Russell Osman, Paul Mariner, Mick Mills, Eric Gates, Arnold Muhren and Alan Brazil.

won England under-21 recognition. A former apprentice, but tipped for a big future.

Romeo Zondervan—A Dutch international with plenty of skill and an eye for goal, Romeo joined Ipswich from WBA last year. His mid-field skills keep the teamwork ticking over. Formerly with Twente Enschede. Aged 26.

Mark Brennan—Another of the youngsters to have broken through at Ipswich, 19-year-old Mark is a skilful player with a powerful shot.
Alan Sunderland—Mexborough-born Alan, 32, is one of the most experienced strikers at Portman Road after a career with Wolves and Arsenal.

Kevin Wilson—Born in Banbury, Kevin, 24, joined Ipswich from Derby County for £150,000 fee last season and has proved himself a dangerous and quick striker.

Jason Dozzell—Jason was only 15 when he made his debut as a striker in 1983. He quickly established himself as a promising forward and an England youth player.

Irvin Gernon—Born in Birmingham, Irvin, 22, is a tall and powerful full-back who has progressed from the apprentice scheme.

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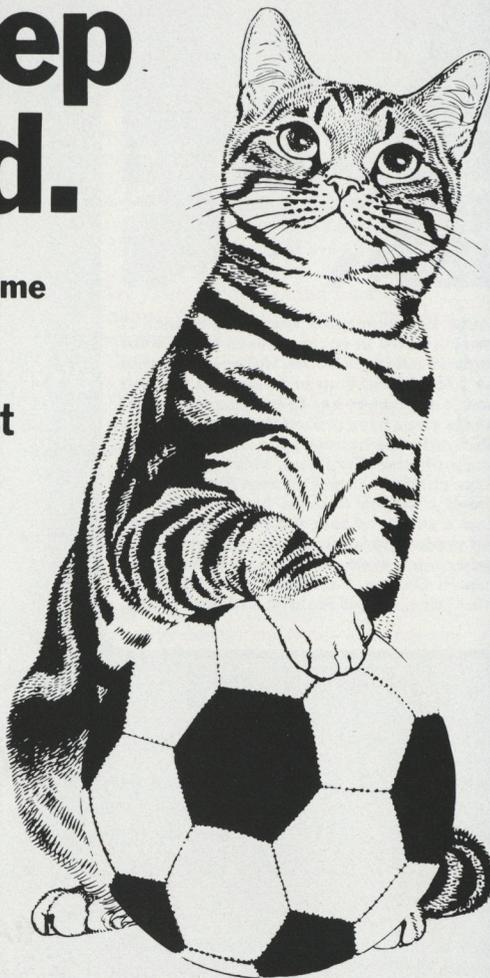
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Club Comment

A legal sledge-hammer

MUCH has been written about the "Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol, etc) Act 1985 which was enacted recently in Parliament. To date only one sport—football—has been affected. However, it could affect other sports should the Government so decree.

Football welcomes many of the changes brought about by the Act such as the carrying of alcohol on coaches, trains, etc; being drunk on entry to a ground; carrying alcohol into the ground. These offences will carry suitable punishments and will help the police considerably in their duties.

However, the clause relating to the sale or supply of alcohol inside grounds is really a sledge-hammer to crack a nut and in many ways unnecessary. Many clubs do not sell alcohol in the sensitive areas. We ourselves have been dry since 1979. We have always acted on the basis that if the police require a bar to be closed, we will close it. If we did not then the police could object at the next licensing session. This co-operation works well and our ground, like the majority, controlled the intake in this way. The problem has always been the consumption that takes place away from the ground.

Diversification

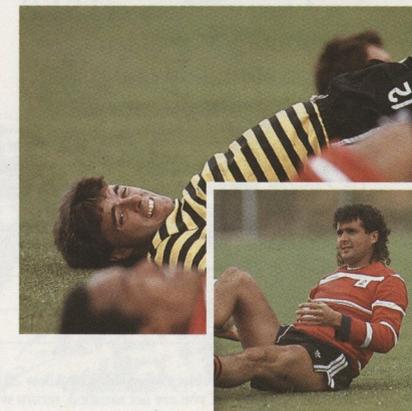
Clubs have been required to diversify their activities to stave off rising costs—such as the effects of safety requirements. An essential part of this diversification is the ability to entertain. By providing first-class facilities for customers and clients to be able to eat and drink is an essential ingredient in our economic survival. It takes place at cricket; horse racing; motor racing; rugby; tennis, etc. Why deprive football? It is not these people or indeed the vast majority of supporters who misbehave.

To protect those clubs who have acted responsibly, the exemption clause was inserted in the act. All clubs will apply for exemptions. However, if there are problems, their bars can be closed by the police (as in the past) or their exemption withdrawn.

AROUND the TOWN Extra



Yes, training can be fun: Mal Donaghy and Steve Foster show the lads that pre-season training can be hard work and enjoyable, as these pictures taken by Gareth Owen show, writes Bill Tomlins. Mind you, I don't think I would fancy too many sessions with Trevor Hartley when he is in one of his hard-working moods! I'm strictly a man of letters and ideas off the pitch...



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Views from the MEDIA

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

OUR wonderful Centenary night celebrations and the following home victory over Queen's Park Rangers provided us with some interesting comments in the media. Here is a selection of some of the press reaction to the two triumphs for our friendship and our football:

Luton News: "The years rolled back at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday night as Watford and a lot of other old friends joined in the party to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Luton Town FC.

"And the cheers for the old stars were matched by the finale as chairman David Evans stepped onto the pitch to proclaim that he expected to see the club stay in Luton for the next 100 years.

Something for all

"It put the finishing touch to a night of football entertainment and happy memories. There was something for all generations as kids who might be the stars of tomorrow kicked-off the proceedings which later included

a parade of players some of them in their seventies."

Daily Mail: "Full marks to managers David Pleat and Jim Smith for their refreshing honesty not only in supporting referee Vic Callow but in admitting it was not much of a match . . . Rangers, having conceded two goals to unmarked opponents, indulged in pointless tip-tap passes. At least, Luton had the satisfaction of being clear-value winners."

Star prospect

The Sun: "While Luton can celebrate the blossoming of a real star prospect in tall left-back Mitchell Thomas, who was involved in both goals, Rangers must make changes quickly."

Sunday Mirror: "Big Mick Harford, warned by Luton manager David Pleat to step up his game if he wanted to stay an automatic first-team pick, got far too lively yesterday. When QPR defender John Gregory appeared to aim a head butt at him in the 62nd minute, he swung back with an on-target right hook!"

Anglia Television

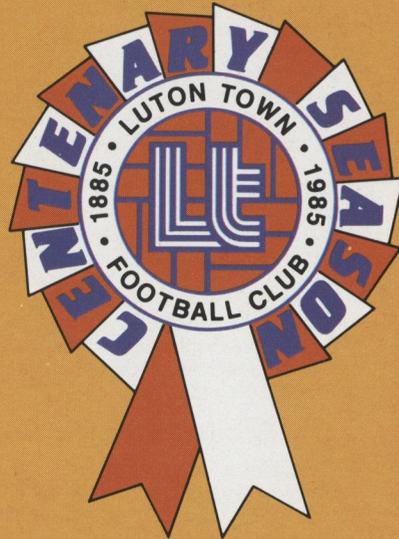
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David Geddis is one of three prolific goalscorers to have played for both clubs in his chequered career. Born in Carlisle, he was an Ipswich apprentice, played 13 games on loan here in 1976-77, and returned in 1982-83 on loan from Aston Villa.



LUTON TOWN STORY

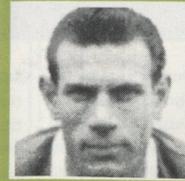


ONE of the greatest milestones in the history of Luton Town Football Club was reached on April 11th, 1985, when we celebrated our 100th birthday, two days before that stirring FA Cup semi-final against Everton at Villa Park.

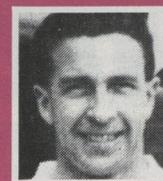
This season we are celebrating our Centenary with a series of events including the publication of the official history of the club, the launch of a Centenary Club and this series of special features which will spotlight great moments in our past. The official history, *The Luton Town Story*, is published 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.

Order your copy now to avoid disappointment—it's a book every supporter will be proud to read.



Ted Phillips was a big star for Ipswich in Alf Ramsey's era and like Geddis and John O'Rourke he also played for Luton. He was here for 12 matches in 1965, scoring eight goals.



Bob Morton scored twice for the Town in our magnificent 5—2 win at Portman Road in the FA Cup fifth round in 1959 as we marched towards Wembley with a stylish and authoritative performance.

All Our

TONIGHT'S meeting with our friends from Suffolk will always be a fixture to evoke the memories. Although we have only met on 13 occasions in the League, there have been some notable matches and there is always one famous Cup match to add to the riches down memory lane.

That came of course in 1959 when we produced some of our finest FA Cup football of all time to win 5—2 at Portman Road on the way to our Wembley meeting with Nottingham Forest. It was a purple passage en route to the twin towers, but more of that later.

Our first meeting with Ipswich Town was played at Portman Road on August 28, 1954 and was the Suffolk club's first home fixture in the Second Division following their promotion. They were full of enthusiasm and romped to a 3—1 victory on the crest of a wave of great excitement.

But closer analysis of the after-match reports has revealed that the home team also enjoyed more than their fair share of luck that day. One reporter said that the Ipswich goalkeeper on four occasions "knew little about how the ball was kept from entering the net," while it was also said that the second Ipswich goal was scored while Bernard Streten was lying on the ground. He had been "knocked unconscious while running to collect a high ball from hfs goal-line."

The reporter stated unequivocally: "It is absolutely amazing to find that the goal was allowed to stand particularly as some referees will not even allow goalkeepers to be charged."

The return match was played on New Year's Day 1955 by which time the Town were challenging for a promotion position—which we eventually won—and Ipswich were trying to shore up a leaky defence which had conceded 16 goals in its previous three away games. Ipswich were in fact falling into the relegation positions and heading for a return to the Second Division.

The result was a 3—2 win for the Town with

Yesterdays

Emeka Nwajiobi is on the mark pictured scoring in our 3—1 win over Ipswich last season.



A summary of our League matches against Ipswich Town (Luton score first)

| | Home | Away |
|---------|------|------|
| 1954-55 | 3—2 | 1—3 |
| 1960-61 | 3—2 | 1—0 |
| 1974-75 | 1—4 | 1—0 |
| 1982-83 | 1—1 | 0—3 |
| 1983-84 | 2—1 | 0—3 |
| 1984-85 | 3—1 | 1—1 |

Overall summary:

| | P | W | D | L | F | A |
|-------|----|---|---|---|----|----|
| Home | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 11 |
| Away | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 10 |
| Total | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 21 |

Top home League gate v. Ipswich: 17,577 (September 1974)

Top away League gate v. Ipswich: 23,413 (December 1974)

Club statistician: Roger Wash

goals from Davies, Morton and Cummins in front of a crowd of 16,581.

The next meeting between the two clubs was the fifth round FA Cup clash in 1959, a marvellous match, full of quality play, for which we sold 7,000 tickets for travelling fans and in which we conceded a first-minute goal, went 4—1 up in 20 minutes and ran out worthy winners. The goals came from Dave Pacey, Bob Morton (2), Billy Bingham and Tony Gregory.

We did not meet again until season 1960-61, in the Second Division. Ipswich were then on their way to promotion under Alf Ramsey and we were on our way down. But, curiously, we recorded a splendid double with Jim Standen making his home debut

in goal for us in a 3—2 victory here and Alwyn McGuffie hitting the headlines with the only goal of the return at Portman Road in March 1961.

After another long break, we resumed our meetings in 1974-75 in Division One when we lost 4—1 at home, soundly beaten, but turned the tables with an upset 1—0 win at Portman Road on Boxing Day. Ron Futcher scored the goal on his debut with just about our only chance.

In more recent years, the fixture has become a regular item in our First Division calendar and each club has enjoyed some rousing home victories. Last season we won here 3—1 with two goals from Mick Harford and one from Emeka Nwajiobi.

First Team
1985-86 SEASON
UPDATE

Canon League Division One

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1 Manchester U. | 10 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 3 | 30 |
| 2 Liverpool | 10 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 9 | 21 |
| 3 Chelsea | 10 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 18 |
| 4 Newcastle | 10 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 18 |
| 5 Everton | 10 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 17 |
| 6 Arsenal | 10 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 17 |
| 7 Sheffield Wed | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 17 |
| 8 Tottenham | 10 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 16 |
| 9 Watford | 10 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 14 | 16 |
| 10 Birmingham C. | 10 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 12 | 16 |
| 11 QPR | 10 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 15 |
| 12 Aston Villa | 10 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 14 |
| 13 West Ham | 10 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 13 |
| 14 Coventry City | 10 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 10 |
| 15 Luton Town | 9 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 10 |
| 16 Nottingham F. | 10 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 10 |
| 17 Oxford Utd | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 9 |
| 18 Manchester C. | 10 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 9 |
| 19 Leicester City | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 9 |
| 20 Southampton | 10 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 8 |
| 21 Ipswich Town | 9 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 7 |
| 22 West Brom | 10 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 17 | 1 |

League table as September 29th, 1985

LEAGUE and CUP APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

| | League | | Cup | |
|-------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|
| | App | Gls | App | Gls |
| T. Breacker | 6 | | 1 | |
| A. Dibble | 7 | | | |
| M. Donaghy | 9 | | 1 | |
| P. Elliott | 2(2) | | | |
| S. Foster | 5 | 1 | 1 | |
| A. Grimes | 1 | | | |
| M. Harford | 9 | 6 | 1 | |
| R. Hill | 7 | | 1 | |
| R. Johnson | 3 | | | |
| P. Nicholas | 9 | | 1 | |
| E. Nwajobi | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| G. Parker | 3(3) | | | |
| D. Preece | 9 | | 1 | |
| B. Stein | 9 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| M. Thomas | 9 | | 1 | |
| M. Stein | 1 | | | |
| L. Sealey | 2 | | 1 | |

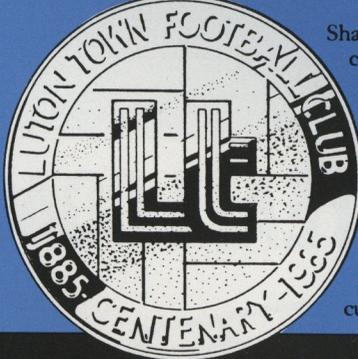
Leading League and Cup goalscorers

- 10—McAvennie (West Ham)
 - 9—Lineker (Everton).
 - 8—Rush (Liverpool).
 - 7—Hughes (Manchester United).
 - 6—Harford (Luton), West (Watford), Bannister (QPR), Chapman (Sheffield W).
- (up to September 29th)

| Luton Town | FA | Att | Pos | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|------------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|--------|----------|--------|-----------|----------------|---------|--------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| Aug 17 Nottingham Forest | 1—1 | 11,381 | — | Dibble | Breacker | Thomas | Nicholas | Foster | Donaghy | Hill* | Stein B.1 | Harford | Nwajobi | Preece | Parker● |
| Aug 21 Newcastle United | 2—2 | 21,304 | — | Dibble | Thomas | Grimes | Nicholas | Elliott | Donaghy | Parker | Stein B. | Harford1 | Nwajobi1 | Preece | North |
| Aug 24 West Ham United | 1—0 | 14,104 | 8 | Dibble | Johnson | Thomas | Nicholas | Elliott | Donaghy | Parker | Stein B. | Harford1 | Nwajobi | Preece | North |
| Aug 27 Arsenal | 2—2 | 10,012 | 10 | Dibble | Breacker | Thomas | Nicholas | Parker | Donaghy | Hill | Stein B.1 | Harford | Nwajobi1 | Preece | Grimes |
| Aug 31 Aston Villa | 1—3 | 10,524 | 12 | Dibble | Breacker | Thomas | Nicholas | Johnson* | Donaghy | Hill | Stein B.1 | Harford | Nwajobi | Preece | Parker● |
| Sept 7 Chelsea | 1—1 | 10,720 | 15 | Dibble | Johnson | Thomas | Nicholas | Foster | Donaghy | Hill | Stein B. | Harford1 | Nwajobi | Preece* | Elliott● |
| Sept 14 Everton | 0—2 | 26,419 | 16 | Dibble | Breacker | Thomas | Nicholas | Foster | Donaghy | Hill* | Stein B. | Harford | Nwajobi | Preece | Parker● |
| Sept 21 Queens Park Rangers | 2—0 | 9,508 | 14 | Sealey | Breacker | Thomas | Nicholas | Foster1 | Donaghy | Hill | Stein B. | Harford1 | Stein M. | Preece | Nwajobi● |
| Sept 24 Sheffield United (MC 2r 1) | 2—1 | 8,943 | — | Sealey | Breacker | Thomas | Nicholas | Foster | Donaghy | Hill | Stein B.1 | Harford | Nwajobi1 | Preece | Elliott |
| Sept 28 Sheffield Wednesday | 2—3 | 17,887 | 15 | Sealey | Breacker | Thomas | Nicholas* | Foster | Donaghy | Hill | Stein B. | Harford2 | Nwajobi | Preece | Elliott● |
| Oct 1 Ipswich Town | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct 5 Manchester United | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct 8 Sheffield Utd (MC 2r 2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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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| 8 | Brian Stein |
| 9 | Mick Harford |
| 10 | Emeka Nwajiobi |
| 11 | David Preece |
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| 6 | Ian Cranson |
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| 8 | Trevor Putney |
| 9 | Mark Brennan |
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