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100 Years On

WELCOME to Manchester United, their many supporters, directors, players and staff. It seems strange how over the years, Luton have become involved in crucial games—today's takes particular significance as our visitors seek to equal the great Spurs double team's achievement of 1960-61.

As always we will be doing our best not only to win but to play enough attractive football to ensure casual spectators return. So far we have not asserted ourselves enough in some games, although the signs are promising. Last week in beating QPR and Sheffield United and losing to Sheffield Wednesday, we scored six good goals and had more goal attempts than in any previous three consecutive games spell.

Today we shall be missing Mick Harford who is just finding his form of last season. He has already scored six goals and his absence will boost United's confidence and will be a salutary lesson to Mick not to retaliate. It is not easy—last week many people whose eyes were following the ball did not see Hodge, the Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper, put his boot into Harford's face as he lay on the ground. I was not amused but Harford thankfully did not respond. Referees have a difficult task at all times but they should make sure they catch the intimidatory players who show cunning in attempting to induce retaliation.

Today's showpiece will ensure a 15,000 plus crowd—wouldn't it be nice each week?

Apart from United, we are all battling



against falling gates. It is not just the aftermath of Brussels and Birmingham that has made people stay away. All we can do on the field is to do our best to play attacking sporting football; although only one team can win, goals and attractive imaginative play will gain a response. Defensive football and abuse of the offside rule will gain few friends.

Let everyone enjoy the game. Respect each other's supporters and be polite—the image of football is far more important than the breaking of records. If United do beat us today, let us congratulate them and hope that they have achieved it deservedly in a good game.

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GirlTalk

YOU know what it's like: you get excited in anticipation of some event, but the reality doesn't match expectations. You wonder, were your expectations too high or was the event actually less thrilling than you billed it? The match on September 21 was like that for me. QPR were used to an artificial surface so they shouldn't have been tentative. We'd played some delightfully-relaxed football the previous Tuesday. I expected great things. I was disappointed.

Luton seemed tense; perhaps not having won at home this season was affecting them. QPR began frantically; did they want to be the first team to win on our artificial surface as we had been on theirs? Whatever the cause, finer skills were not in evidence and tough tackling and offside play dominated. We deservedly won—our goals were good ones—but two players were dismissed. I heard someone say QPR planned to get Mick Harford sent off. That doesn't seem likely as they lost Gregory, one of their more creative players, in the same incident. I'm sure it's matches like this that put people off football more than fear of what might happen on the terraces. I'm glad that we at Kenilworth Road are treated to skilful football and mostly our victories are usually sweet.

It is said that family enclosures are a way of making clubs more peaceful. Linda, a vivacious redhead who regularly attends matches with her two sons doesn't agree. As a girl she stood on the terraces at Charlton with her father. He berated fans who swore. She, in turn, as an adult, has tackled unruly youngsters at Kenilworth Road, and always with success. She sees the sensible adult with her or his children on the terraces, or in the stands, as having a calming effect on some fans. Linda did concede that if Luton opened a family enclosure with good refreshment facilities she would, almost certainly, buy her seats in it. I should like to know what other mothers, and fathers, think about family enclosures. Incidentally, Linda sits in the Bobbers Stand although she has used the Junior Hatters section.

Gale Waller

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Hospitality

Dear Sir,
I would like to thank you, the directors, David Pleat, players, supporters, Watford FC and everyone involved for making the Centenary Celebratory Evening such a memorable occasion. I can assure you the hospitality and kindness were greatly appreciated and of course it was wonderful to see so many friends again.

I would also like you to know how much I enjoyed the game against Watford and was very impressed with the facilities at the ground, including the new artificial pitch.

I trust Luton Town will continue to play the type of football, that under David Pleat and the directors, has given the club such a fine reputation in the game for many years.

Finally I hope that in the very near future I may have the opportunity to visit Luton again to watch one of your League games.

My sincere thanks once again,
John Groves,
Derby.

Players' visit

Dear Sir,
I am writing on behalf of Stonebridge Adult Training Centre to say how grateful the staff and students were for the kind hospitality shown by the football players during our visit on Thursday, 19th September.

We are also particularly pleased that you may at the end of the season help us out by providing football kit for our students. This will be most useful, for our students present football outfits are several years old and in need of replacement. Due to the economic situation we are at present unable to afford new outfits.

Once again thank you.
J. Kanderkore,
London

Thanks mum

Dear Sir,
PLEASE could I thank my mum, Elizabeth, in the matchday programme for turning me into a loyal Luton supporter. I supported Luton from home for years then she took me to my first football game Luton v. Watford, FA Cup 5th round when we won 1-0. Now I go to most home and away matches.

She has been supporting Luton Town since she was a girl when she

used to stand in the Bobbers Stand before the seats were installed. She often talks about the games. I am especially grateful to her as she works night shifts at the Luton & Dunstable Hospital and she often accompanies me to games without sleep.

Thank you Luton for many hours of great entertainment and football.
Tracey Hansell,
Luton.

Plastic ducks

Dear Sir,
RICKY Hill and Tim Breacker visited our event the Silly Sports Fun Day to tour the park and help start the plastic duck race on the river.

I am writing to both players individually thanking them for coming, but I would like to write to state that both players contributed very substantially to making it such a successful day. Between £1,500 and £2,500 was raised for local charity and everybody who came to the event enjoyed themselves.

It was very kind indeed of Ricky and Tim to attend the event. Both players reflected supreme credit not only upon themselves and the club, but also upon the game of football in general.

The reputation of your club could only have been enhanced very considerably by their appearance at the event.

Thank you very much indeed for your help.

Mr. G. N. Stevenson,
The Round Table of St. Noets,
Huntingdon

Happy memories

Dear Sir,
I wish to thank you and all connected with Luton Town for the hospitality extended to my wife and myself at Kenilworth Road on the evening of the 17th September, 1985 when the club celebrated its "100th birthday".

To meet former playing colleagues and their wives, some of whom I had not seen since 1960 was a grand occasion, and you can imagine a lot of old memories were revived on the evening.

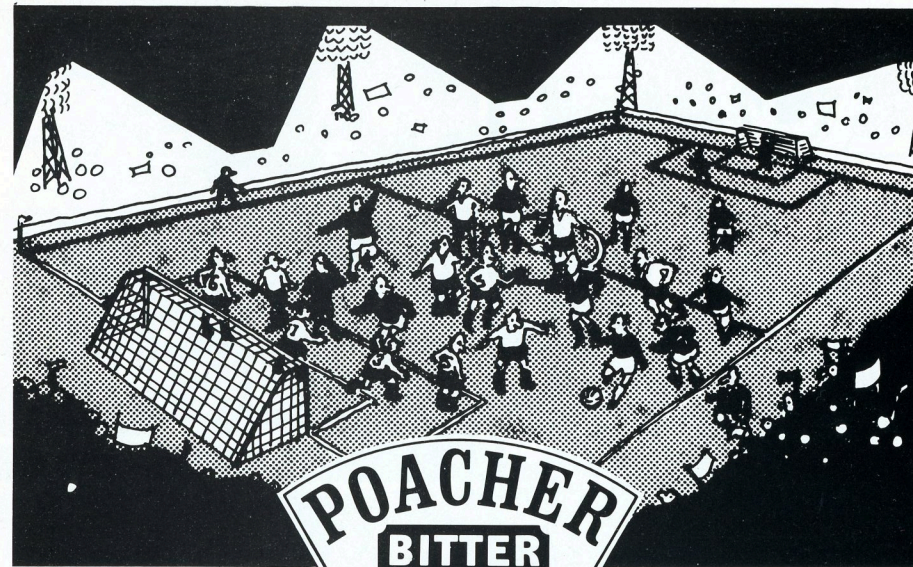
The 40 years I spent in professional football as a player and coach was a most enjoyable experience and I looked forward with eager anticipation to every day.

Having been associated with Luton Town for 13 years my interest in the club has always been retained and I had visions of another Wembley appearance for the Hatters when the club met Everton at Villa Park in last season's semi-final of the FA Cup.

May I take this opportunity to wish David Pleat and the team every success in the future.

Syd Owen,
Leeds, Yorkshire.

Editor: I am sure many of the Manchester United management, players and staff will remember Syd's playing and coaching abilities and be pleased to know he is still in good shape.



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First Team ACTION

Sheffield Wednesday 3 Luton Town 2

After producing a much-improved second-half performance to win by the odd goal in three at Bramall Lane last week, we travelled back to Sheffield in the hope of recording a double over the clubs of the steel city last Saturday.

Unfortunately, luck was not on our side again in a match where we were never able to gain control and in spite of two goals by Mick Harford, we slipped to our third successive away defeat in the First Division.

Some early approach work promised more than it achieved and after 44 minutes we fell behind when Wednesday winger Brian Marwood ran on to a long punt upfield to lob past Les Sealey. Within a minute, we levelled when a Brian Stein shot was parried by Martin Hodge and Mick Harford scored.

But less than a minute later, Lee Chapman headed home a Marwood cross to make it 2—1 at half-time and leave us facing an uphill struggle in the second half. This fear was confirmed on the hour when skipper Steve Foster handled and Marwood put the penalty away for 3—1.

Again we managed an immediate response with Harford snapping up another loose ball and for a time we raised hopes of sharing the spoils, but it was not to be.



ACTION REPLAY from Hillsborough



Brian Stein and Mick Harford were in the thick of it in our 3—2 defeat by Sheffield Wednesday when Mick, pictured below, scored twice and Brian left, was unlucky with several efforts.

(Photos: Gareth Owen)





RON HOWARD

ViEWS

from the bench

Ron Howard joined the Town as chief scout in July 1984 after previously working for Queens Park Rangers and Cambridge United. He had tremendous success during his six years at the Abbey Stadium where he worked with John Docherty and developed an excellent youth system and a team which climbed into the South East Counties League Division One. A former hard-tackling wing-half in his playing days with the Army, Ron is also a qualified referee and today he gives his views on his work as a scout, the problems he faces, and the changing nature of English football.

"I suppose the main part of my job is in the coordination of all the part-time scouts within our scouting system all over the country. But my work is so varied it is difficult to say exactly what the most regular part of it is. I have to be involved at all levels here as chief scout—the top first team players, reserves and juniors, youth players and boys right down to 11-years-old.

Behind the wheel

"I could be driving all over Britain and even travelling abroad to watch players and run my eye over promising boys. Last season I had a trip to Holland and I have been several times to the Republic of Ireland. Sometimes it seems I spend all my time behind the wheel of a car maybe following up a tip from someone or checking on future opposition.

"I have always loved football so it is no hardship for me. Before I came into the game full-time—something that just seemed to build up between me and QPR who were my nearest professional club when I was doing a lot of coaching and refereeing—I had a job as a

buyer with a group of electrical companies. I knew I'd end up in the game though, so when the chance came I took it.

"Here at Luton we have scouts in the north-east, in Scotland, Wales, Northern and Southern Ireland, the north-west, the Midlands and pretty well everywhere. Our scouts look at professionals and schoolboys and we pick it up from there. Recently we have been especially successful in Ireland and Wales.

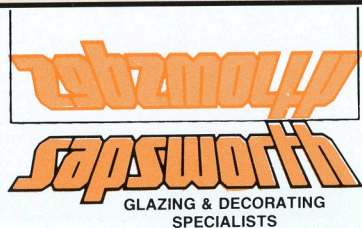
"On the local scene it is very important to have good contacts. They are really what it is all about and I would be more than delighted if local football people kept in touch with me and helped me out with a hint about a promising boy if they see one. I'd like to be able to go out and see them all, but it is not possible for me to be everywhere with everyone at once.

Football gems

"Of course, once people know me, it helps as they are more likely to get in touch again. Yes, it is all about contacts. When I first started out as a scout on Hackney Marshes in London I had to fight to get any information at all. But the longer you are around the easier it gets.

"These days I find boys are under a lot of different influences and face so many outside interests it is more difficult to find them devoted in the same way as in the past. But there are still gems being born for football all the time.

"One sad point I have noticed in local junior football is that many of the boys are in teams which seem hell-bent on winning at all costs. They think any big kick is a good pass and so on. It is a shame as the game is always going to be about skill whatever happens in the end."



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Pre-match entertainment

This afternoon's pre-match entertainment is provided by our Youth team who are playing Bristol Rovers in a South East Counties League Division Two fixture due to kick-off at 12.45 pm. After their thrilling victory over Crystal Palace here on September 21st, we are sure our fans will be delighted to have another opportunity to see the youngsters' brand of attacking football.

Away Travel

WE remind Travel Club members that our next away match is at the Manor Ground where we take on Oxford United. Coaches leave Maple Road 12.30 and the cost is £3.50. On October 26th we play Liverpool. Coaches depart at 9.15 and cost will be £7.00. Ring Luton 412418.

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MATCH REFEREE

Ken Baker
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Married with four children, Ken is a former detective inspector with the Metropolitan and Warwickshire police and a keen all-round sportsman. He is a security and services executive at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. He was linesman for the FA Charity Shield match in 1977, the European Cup Winners' Cup Final in 1985 and the FA Challenge Trophy Final 1980.

TICKET OFFICE NEWS

Our next match is at home to Sheffield United in the Milk Cup on Tuesday, October 8th. Kick-off for this match is at 7.45 pm.

We are away on Saturday, October 12th when we have a short run to Oxford United. This is not an all ticket game. Tickets for this match are on sale at £7.50 and £6.00 for seating. The price for standing is £4.00 pay on the day.

Season tickets are still available for seating in the main stand, Bobbers' stand and our special family wing stand.

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Forthcoming matches at Kenilworth Road



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PETER
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TOP HATTER



Peter Nicholas joined the Town in January 1985 after a short second spell at Crystal Palace, the club where he began his career before joining Arsenal in 1981. His determination in midfield quickly boosted the team and he played a big part in our rise up the First Division last season. Born in Newport, in November 1959, Peter has established himself as a regular in the Welsh team and is a married man with three children.

ALL-ROUNDER

After reading "snooker star" Steve Foster's comments on his skills with a cue, Peter Nicholas was only too pleased to have a chance to talk about his golfing for today's match programme, particularly as Peter believes the Town skipper is less than honest with his scorecards on the golf course! An all-round sportsman who also enjoys cricket, Peter has settled in at Kenilworth Road very quickly since signing from Crystal Palace.

"I am very happy here and have found it to be a very friendly club," said Peter. "It's quite a change from a big London club like Arsenal where it is difficult to know everyone. The atmosphere in the Kenilworth Road dressing room is great and if it had not been for injuries so far, I am sure we would be chasing the top teams by now."

"Away from the game I enjoy golf and I play off a handicap of nine. Obviously if I had more time to work at it, I could be even better! My golfing hero is Sevvie Ballesteros, but there are some good Welsh golfers too—Ian Woosnam for example."

"Of our lads, I must say Mick Harford and Trevor Hartley are real bandits—they have handicaps which are much lower than they should be . . . and as for Foster, well, he is nothing more than a cheat on the golf course! And his dress sense needs really close attention too! He says he takes money off me at snooker but I always take it off him at golf."





Tomlins

AROUND

the TOWN

EXCITING TIMES IN PROSPECT TODAY

by Bill Tomlins

LUCKY DIPPER



Looking for the sun: Arthur Richardson makes the draw for our first Toppers Club prizes including a holiday to Monte Carlo—poor Arthur did not win! And nor did I!

One serious note—on Saturday next we travel to Oxford and our travelling fans are forewarned that coaches and cars are likely to be diverted around Banbury. It is advisable to travel early via Aylesbury and the A40 and to follow the signs.



PLAYERS TURN THEIR HAND TO HISTORY!

Out and about: Our players Andy Dibble, Mark Stein and Ricky Hill have been out and about at some of the many signing sessions to promote our club history *The Luton Town Story 1885-1985* recently. They are pictured with some of our fans at one such session held in Debenhams at the Luton Arndale Centre.

WHAT a smashing match we have in prospect here today with our high-riding visitors Manchester United! And what an amazing couple of weeks it has been just recently with so many important and exciting home matches. And we still have Tuesday's Cup clash with Sheffield United to come! Can't be bad, can it?

We also had a great night out on Monday at the Sun Life junior five-a-sides tournament at Bletchley Leisure Centre. We sent a small party of players along to the event and along with everyone else they had a terrific time.

Our manager David Pleat tells me the backing of Sun Life of Canada, a major life assurance company, has made the event a truly prestigious occasion and a great experience for the youngsters taking part.

And, of course, as our chief scout Ron Howard points out elsewhere in this programme,

such events are vital to the well-being of both our clubs and the national game.

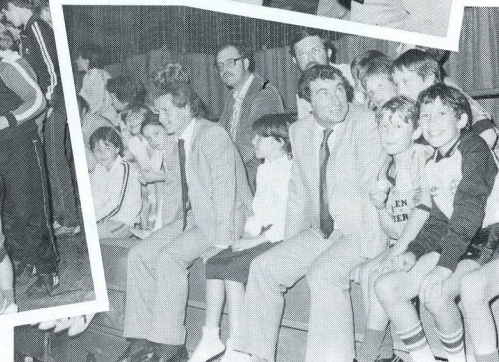
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Meeting their heroes: Youngsters at the Bletchley Leisure Centre had a chance to improve their skills and meet their heroes at the Sun Life of Canada 5-a-side tournament. Our manager David Pleat and several players are pictured mixing with the boys and signing autographs.



Junior Hatters



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Old Trafford is one of the grounds that I love playing at. Manchester United are the FA Cup winners and it could have been us who played them at Wembley but it was not to be after our unlucky exit last season.

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Reserves ACTION REPLAY



HOT AND CLOSE Luton Town 3 Millwall 2

A bad cut incurred by Mark North after an hour of this Football Combination victory tarnished an otherwise good performance on a sweltering afternoon. Mark, who scored twice, required 11 stitches in the gash above his eye and his absence led to our reserves "losing their rhythm and concentration after this unsavoury incident" said coach

John Moore. After going one down in six minutes, we stormed into a 3-1 lead, Ricky McEvoy also scoring, but Millwall pulled one goal back four minutes from time. "We must heed the warning that a match is never won until the final whistle," said Moore. Our pictures show Ray Daniel, Gary Parker and Mark Stein trying to find a way through.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Arsenal	8	7	1	0	40	3	15
2 Chelsea	8	6	2	0	31	3	14
3 West Ham	8	6	2	0	26	6	14
4 Watford	8	6	2	0	18	2	14
5 Ipswich Town	7	5	1	1	13	6	11
6 Norwich City	9	4	2	3	16	12	10
7 C. Palace	9	3	3	3	15	14	9
8 Bristol R.	7	4	1	2	17	16	9
9 Oxford Utd.	7	3	2	2	16	12	8
10 QPR	8	3	2	3	16	16	8
11 Luton Town	6	4	0	2	7	10	8
12 Birmingham C.	8	4	0	4	14	18	8
13 Tottenham	7	3	0	4	13	9	6
14 Fulham	6	3	0	3	13	21	6
15 Reading	8	3	0	5	8	17	6
16 Charlton A.	7	2	1	4	13	23	5
17 Millwall	8	2	1	5	6	18	5
18 Portsmouth	7	1	1	5	6	12	3
19 Southampton	7	1	1	5	8	21	3
20 Swindon T.	6	0	1	5	7	15	1
21 Brighton	6	0	1	5	1	16	1
22 Swansea	9	0	0	9	2	36	0

(Up to and including Tues, October 1st)

FOOTBALL COMBINATION APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

App	Gls	App	Gls
Sealey	5	North M.	6
Johnson R.	4	Tuite	2
Harvey	5	Berry	1
McEvoy	7	Scott	3
Elliott	3	Farrell	1
Johnson M.	4	Black	3
Cobb	7	Lewis	2
Stein M.	5	Daniel	5
Oldfield	6	Parker	4
Grimes	7	Ferguson	1
Dibble	1	North S.	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	1-1
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

Goal-scoring form is continued

Bournemouth 0 Luton Town Youth 4

OUR youth team maintained their current run of high-scoring performances with this convincing victory at Bournemouth in the South East Counties League Junior Cup on September 28th. Our 13-man squad for the game included nine apprentices and they showed their experience and the benefits of full-time football training with a polished showing and another excellent result.

With any luck, the boys hope to be able to reproduce some of their best form again today when they provide the pre-match entertainment for this afternoon's First Division meeting with Manchester United. One player to watch could well be our centre-forward Sean Farrell who hit a hat-trick on the South coast. David Oldfield added the fourth Town goal.

Squad at Bournemouth: Jones, James, Harvey, Scott, Berry, Johnson, Kennedy, Lewis, Farrell, Tighe, Black, Barker, Oldfield.

TODAY'S YOUTH TEAM

Luton Town: Mark Jones, Julian James, Richard Harvey, Ian Scott, Duncan Berry, Marvin Johnson, John Kennedy, Paul Lewis, Sean Farrell, Aaron Tighe, Kingsley Black, Colin Barker and Gary Cobb.

Bristol Rovers: Crag Dunn, Gary Eyles, David Williams, Lee Howells, Steve Yates, Nick Hendy, Jimmy Wring, Ian Weston, David Mehew, Jason Eaton, Ian Stone, Mark Hennessy, Cliff Baker.

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
9 Wimbledon	6	2	1	3	11	9	5
10 Bristol R.	5	1	3	1	4	3	5

Up to and including Sept. 21st

Introducing Manchester United



IF Manchester United win here this afternoon they will equal Tottenham's 25-year-old record of 11 consecutive wins at the start of a League season . . . and no clearer statement of the quality of the opposition can be made. Ron Atkinson's team are playing with enormous confidence, power and success. And after 10 League victories they sit on top of the First Division with maximum points and a goal difference of 27—3.

It has been a remarkable run with victories at home to Aston Villa, West Ham, Newcastle, Oxford and, last Saturday, Southampton, and away at Ipswich, Arsenal, Nottingham Forest, Manchester City and WBA.

But there were signs last week as they overcame Southampton 1—0 with a goal by Mark Hughes that some of the earlier exuberance of their play may be disappearing. The absence of Scottish international winger Gordon Strachan may be the reason, following his recent injury.

Players likely to be on duty today:

Gary Bailey—The son of former Ipswich goalkeeper Roy Bailey, Gary is tipped as England's successor to Peter Shilton.

Mike Duxbury—Accrington-born Mike has come up through the ranks to claim a regular spot in the defence and win England caps.

Arthur Albiston—Born in Edinburgh, Arthur is a Scottish international left-back who made his debut against Manchester City in a League Cup tie in 1974. He won three FA Cup winners' medals.

Norman Whiteside—Belfast-born Norman has been converted from a striker to a competitive midfielder. A Northern Ireland international, he appeared in the 1982 World Cup finals aged only 17.

Paul McGrath—Born in Ealing, Paul joined United from St. Patrick's Athletic in Dublin in 1982 and has since become one of the most composed and skilful central defenders in Britain. An Irish international.

Kevin Moran—Born in Dublin, Kevin joined United from Gaelic Football Club Pegasus. A



Back row, from left: Mike Duxbury, Gordon Strachan, Jesper Olsen, Arthur Albiston, Clayton Blackmore.
Middle row: Mick Brown (Assistant Manager), John Gidman, Bryan Robson, Ron Atkinson (Manager), Kevin Moran, Frank Stapleton, Jim McGregor (Physio).
Front row: Graeme Hogg, Gary Bailey, Peter Barnes, Mark Hughes, Norman Whiteside, Alan Brazil, Chris Turner, Paul McGrath.



United manager Ron Atkinson was born in Liverpool, but has made his way to the top via a varied route of English League clubs. He began with Aston Villa, joined Oxford United as a professional, stayed 10 years and 385 League games and then started in management with Kettering Town. Success followed at Cambridge United, then West Bromwich Albion and finally at Old Trafford where his flamboyant approach has been reflected in his teams successes since 1981 when he succeeded Dave Sexton.

strong defender, he is a brave and strong player and an Irish international.

Bryan Robson—Born Chester-le-Street, Bryan is the current England captain. A dynamic all-round midfielder, he joined United from WBA for a British record £1.5 million in 1981.

Remi Moses—Manchester-born Remi joined United from WBA in 1981. A tough-tackling midfielder, he has recently returned from injury to replace Gordon Strachan.

Mark Hughes—Welsh international striker Mark was born in Wrexham and rose through United's youth scheme. Now one of Europe's most dangerous forwards.

Frank Stapleton—Former Arsenal star Frank is an Irish international striker with great experience. Joined United for £950,000 in 1981.

Peter Barnes—Former England left-winger Peter, born in Manchester, has made an astonishing comeback to form this season after disappointing spells with WBA, Leeds United, Real Betis (Spain) and Coventry after leaving Man City.

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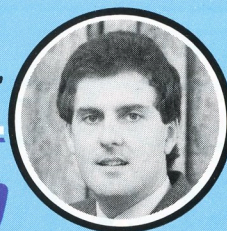
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Club Comment

Hard-working staff

TODAY'S match is likely to result in our largest attendance of the season. Manchester United are always one of the most attractive sides in the First Division and their impressive start has already generated massive support wherever they have played. Today, United have the opportunity to equal Tottenham's record start, made during their double year, and, without the benefit of television exposure, it is a match that everybody wants to see.

It is occasions such as these that highlight the assistance of our matchday staff, whose efforts are, I am sure not fully recognised by many of those attending our matches.

This season I have been ably assisted by Gerry Barker, who is responsible for fully co-ordinating our matchday operation and who offers a great deal of expertise in helping to streamline and improve the efficiency of our operation.

The gatemen are under the control of Ken Halsey and Fred Hayward who have served the club diligently over many years, having worked through all four divisions of the Football League. The ground stewards are looked after by Ken Emerton, again somebody who has served the club for many years.

Our car parks are the responsibility of Owen Evans, the newest of our matchday senior staff. He assures me that he has discovered every possible method of trying to get into the car park without a pass.

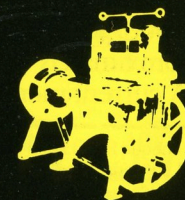
Our executive areas are looked after by Mike Williams, his wife Mary and his son and daughter.

In the light of events at Bradford City and the Heysel Stadium, and the interim report of Mr. Justice Popplewell, the duties and responsibilities of our matchday staff have not changed greatly. Far greater onus has been placed on them and safety committees are demanding a systematic training programme. In this respect, we are grateful to Brian Coxon of the fire service and Geoff Turner of the police who have willingly given time and energy to arrange our stewards' training evenings.

Finally, may I take this opportunity of thanking all those who help us on matchdays whatever their responsibilities. Your work is very much appreciated.

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Views from the Media

ANOTHER bright but disjointed performance enabled us to score twice without any reward at Hillsborough last week where we slipped to our third successive away defeat in the First Division. Here is a selection of the press comment after that match:

News of the World: "Two goal Mick Harford gave Luton the steel for a Sheffield double—but they blew their chance.

After a midweek Milk Cup victory over Sheffield United, they found Wednesday strangely undisciplined at Hillsborough.

But though their classy play threatened to bring success, Luton proved vulnerable themselves."

Mail on Sunday: "Luton captain Steve Foster emerged a villain at Hillsborough yesterday with a rash moment of defensive suicide.

The former England defender needlessly stuck out a hand to intercept Garry Thompson's 60th minute cross.

Referee Allan Banks, had no hesitation awarding a penalty, which Brian Marwood snapped up."

Sunday People: "Dazzling, old-fashioned wing play by Marwood put the thrills into a game that would otherwise have had the life squeezed out of it by boring remorseless offside tactics.

Throughout nearly all the first half two enterprising attacks had been hamstrung by a dull, pointless battle for midfield superiority.

But Marwood's enthusiasm and skill rose above it all. He conjured a goal out of nothing, profiting from hesitance in the Luton defence to sweep the ball over the stranded Sealey. Luton, hit back with a superb equaliser. Nwajobi worked his way into the area, Stein's touch was saved pointblank by Hodge but the ball went to Harford, who scored with a first time shot."

Inspired

Sunday Telegraph: "An inspired performance from the diminutive Brian Marwood gave Wednesday their first win of the month yesterday.

He scored twice, made another and generally livened up the mediocre fare for the 17,887 Hillsborough crowd."

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John Aston made 174 League appearances for the Town after enjoying his early career at Manchester United where he was the match-winning hero of their 1968 European Cup Final victory over Benfica at Wembley.



LUTON TOWN STORY



All Our

THIS afternoon's meeting with the current First Division leaders, who are on such a hot streak of form, will be our 25th in the Football League, but it will be only the third time we have met United at home seeking our second consecutive victory over them. Our victory here last season in the last meeting between the two clubs—was our first since 1937-38 and only our third in all.

But, although we have a dismal record against them, Manchester United cannot ignore the fact that in historical terms we have won the first and last matches since our paths first crossed in the 1897-98 season when they were playing as Newton Heath.

Newly-elected to the Football League that season, we travelled to Bank Street, Clayton (United did not move into Old Trafford until 1910) for our second away match of the season in the Second Division and retained our unbeaten record with a 2—1 win, McInnes and Little scoring both goals in the first half.

In the return at Dunstable Road the following March, a "capital attendance" watched a 2—2 draw which provided us with our most successful haul of League points against the Manchester club in any season. Luton, "with the sun in their faces" scored through Jack Durrant after 10 minutes and Tom McInnes in the second half, but the visitors equalised each time.

The following season, a mistake by Luton's custodian brought a 1—0 home defeat which was followed by a 5—0 thrashing in Manchester watched by 2,000 spectators. Strangely, in our last season in the Football League for 20 years the following year, the scores were identical. In the home game, in front of a 3,000 crowd, we were reduced to 10 men when James Dow had to go off injured.

The two clubs did not meet again until 1937-38 when we returned to the Second Division with Joe Payne in the team and high excitement in the town. We met United in our second home match

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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Don Givens was already an Irish international striker when he left Manchester United's reserves to join the Town in 1970. He made 83 League appearances and scored 19 goals before moving to QPR in 1972.



Ashley Grimes joined the Town in the summer of 1984 from Coventry City but he was remembered by Town fans for his cracking goal at Kenilworth Road for Manchester United in a 1—1 draw the previous season.

Yesterdays

of the season on September 4th and duly produced our long-awaited first home victory over them. It was a feat not to be repeated for 48 years until Mick Harford headed the winner last Spring.

The winner in 1937 came through the only goal of the game by Albert Dawes in the second half, long after Joe Payne was rendered almost senseless with concussion following an early clash. The crowd was 20,610.

In the return at Old Trafford, we went down to a 4—2 defeat on the January 15th with goals from Charlie Ferguson and Bill Redfern. Interestingly, the crowd that day to see a promotion-chasing Manchester team in action was only 16,772.

Our meetings resumed again in 1955 following our promotion to the First Division, but in five years and 10 matches in the top flight we were not to taste victory. Instead we endured five straight defeats at Old Trafford and three defeats and two draws at Kenilworth Road.

One of the most exciting matches came at home on Boxing Day 1957. The previous day (yes, Christmas Day) we had been beaten 3—0 at the home of the reigning League champions, as United then were, Ron Baynham in goal and Tong Gregory on the wing were injured and ruled out of the return and so Eddie Marsh made his debut in goal and Dave Pacey, who had made his debut at Old Trafford, kept his place.

United, predictably, swept into

A summary of our League matches against Manchester Utd (Luton score first)

	Home	Away
1897-98	2—2	2—1
1898-99	0—1	0—5
1899-1900	0—1	0—5
1937-38	1—0	2—4
1955-56	0—2	1—3
1956-57	0—2	1—3
1957-58	2—2	0—3
1958-59	0—0	1—2
1959-60	2—3	1—4
1982-83	1—1	0—3
1983-84	0—5	0—2
1984-85	2—1	0—2

Overall summary of results since 1897

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	12	2	4	6	10	20
Away	12	1	0	11	8	37
Total	24	3	4	17	18	57

Club statistician: Roger Wash



Mick Harford forces his way through the United defence to head our dramatic winning goal in last season's exciting 2—1 victory here.

a 2—0 half-time lead, but the second half was only five minutes old when John Groves scored and a heroic fight back was launched. The 26,478 crowd went wild when Allan Brown equalised with a header from a Ken Hawkes' cross in the final minute. Sadly, six of the great United team that day, were to die in the Munich air crash six weeks later.

Since then of course United have rebuilt over and over again to become Britain's premier club and in recent seasons they have enjoyed the results against us until last April when Mick Harford struck twice to earn a rare Hatters' win.

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 Luton Town	10	2	3	0	7	5	1	1	3	6	10	13
15 Coventry City	10	2	1	2	10	7	0	3	2	3	7	10
16 Nottingham F.	10	2	0	3	6	8	1	1	3	7	9	10
17 Oxford Utd	11	2	2	1	9	4	0	2	4	8	19	10
18 Leicester City	11	2	3	1	10	10	0	1	4	2	12	10
19 Manchester C.	10	1	2	2	6	10	1	1	3	4	8	9
20 Southampton	10	1	4	0	6	3	0	1	4	4	9	8
21 Ipswich Town	10	1	1	3	2	6	1	0	4	2	9	7
22 West Brom	10	0	1	4	5	14	0	0	5	2	17	1

League table as October 3rd, 1985

LEAGUE AND CUP APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

	League		Cup	
	App	Gls	App	Gls
T. Breacker	7		1	
A. Dibble	7			
M. Donaghy	10		1	
P. Elliott	2(2)			
S. Foster	6	1	1	
A. Grimes	1			
M. Harford	10	6	1	
R. Hill	8		1	
R. Johnson	3			
P. Nicholas	10		1	
E. Nwajobi	9	3	1	1
G. Parker	3(3)			
D. Preece	10		1	
B. Stein	10	3	1	1
M. Thomas	10		1	
L. Sealey	3		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.1	Harford	Nwajobi1	Preece	Grimes
Aug 27 Arsenal	2—2	10,012	10	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Parker	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajobi	Preece	Parker ●
Aug 31 Aston Villa	1—3	10,524	12	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Johnson*	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajobi	Preece	Elliott ●
Sept 7 Chelsea	1—1	10,720	15	Dibble	Johnson	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford1	Nwajobi	Preece*	Parker ●
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 1l)	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	1—0	8,553	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajobi1	Preece	Parker
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															
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April 26 Watford															
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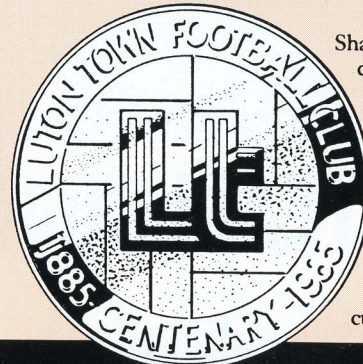
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- 2 Tim Breacker
- 3 Mitchell Thomas
- 4 Peter Nicholas
- 5 Steve Foster
- 6 Mal Donaghy
- 7 Ricky Hill
- 8 Brian Stein
- 9 Mick Harford
- 10 Emeka Nwajiobi
- 11 David Preece

Sub

Manchester United

- 1 Gary Bailey
- 2 Mike Duxbury
- 3 Arthur Albiston
- 4 Norman Whiteside
- 5 Paul McGrath
- 6 Kevin Moran
- 7 Bryan Robson
- 8 Remi Moses
- 9 Mark Hughes
- 10 Frank Stapleton
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