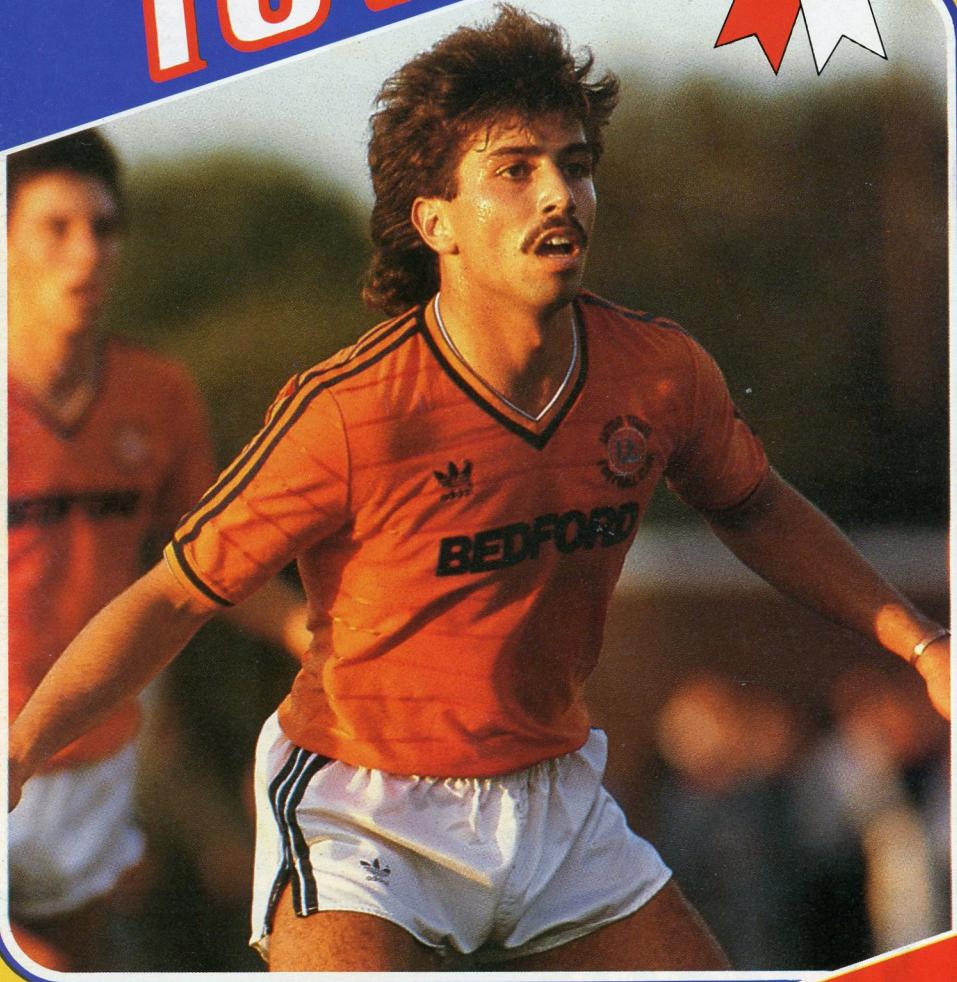


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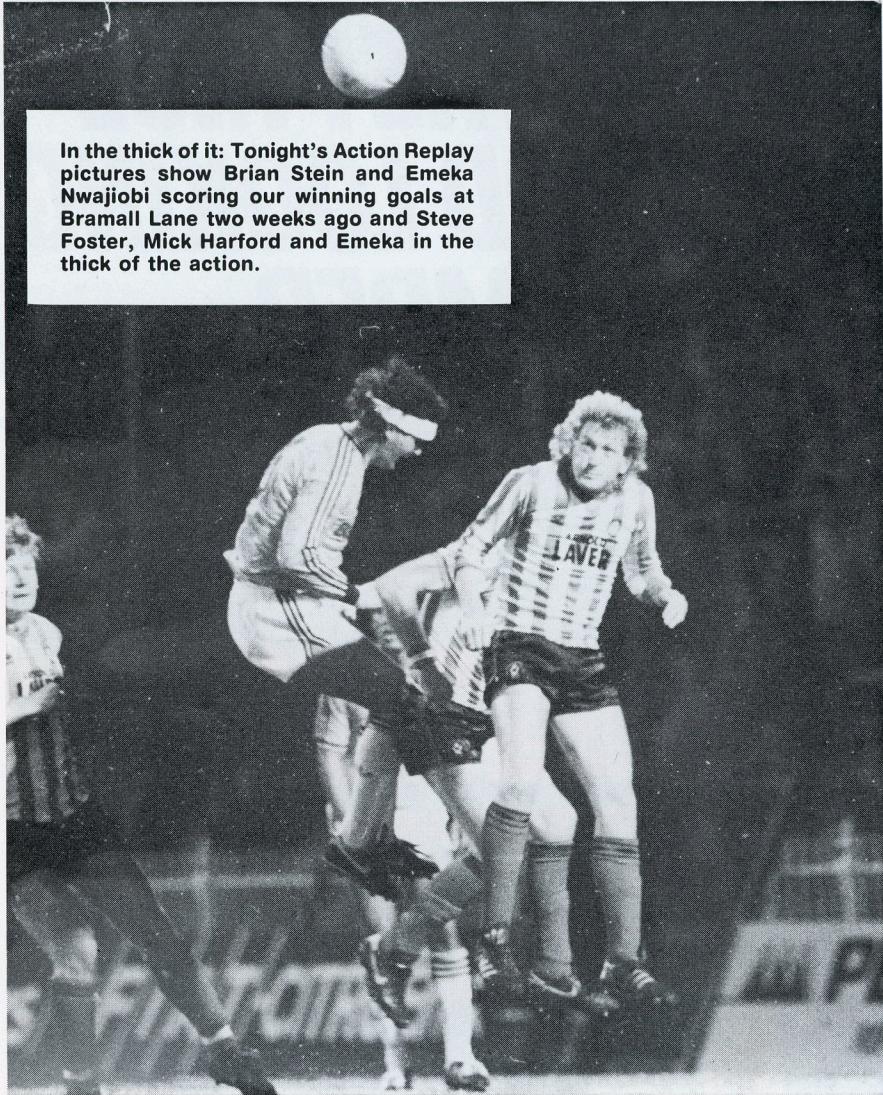


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## 100 Years On

NEXT season the Football League Cup will not have the backing of the Milk Marketing Board. It is unfortunate that our sponsors have dropped out; this competition has gained considerable momentum since its inception. Last season there were some classic ties as Norwich and Sunderland battled through to the Wembley final.

Cup football has a special magic. The pairing of clubs from different divisions lends an excitement that cannot be reproduced in the League. It is nice to welcome opponents Sheffield United who have shown quite positively their intentions this season. During the close season, Mr. Ian Porterfield, the manager, persuaded Peter Withe to join from Aston Villa and Phil Thompson from Liverpool. Two players who both have won European Cup final winners' medals. Also joining ambitious United were Ken McNaught from Aston Villa, Ray Lewington from Fulham and Peter Foley from Grimsby. In terms of experience, their players have had more competitive games in the Football League than any other Second Division club.

Our apprentices are now settling and beginning to show the ability which dictated that we took nine of them on at the end of last season. After beating Crystal Palace 4-1 they hit another four goals at Bournemouth but more importantly three of the boys have adapted well to the Reserve team demands. Standards are high and there is a need for quick progress—it is a young man's game and if a boy has the



natural ability we will not hesitate to push him into the First Division scene.

I would like to thank the Luton Schools FA for inviting me to become their new President. It is an honour which I have readily accepted and I hope we enjoy a successful relationship. I am aware of the present day problems in the teaching profession and also the fact that there is less football in schools now than ever before. However, I find it unacceptable that some teachers do not respond to circulars asking for recommendations for town or city schoolboy sides. It is most unfair to deny boys these opportunities.

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## GirlTalk

THIS week I've been talking to Anne Moore, secretary to Bill Tomlins, the Club's Commercial Director. Anne joined the Club 14 months ago as a temp, on a week's contract. She kept returning and finally, a year ago, joined the permanent staff. Previously she'd worked in a solicitor's office and had never even been to a football match! She enjoys matches now, which is just as well as on home match days she's on duty with another lady, Ruth Murray, assisting Bill as hostesses to the Club's sponsors. She finds the job interesting and varied, but working long hours and a six day week every fortnight during the season doesn't make it as glamorous as some people imagine. But she tells me it's the most enjoyable job she's had.

"Come on you Cards," was the chant I heard recently when returning to grassroots football. The match I went to was Vauxhall-Opel League Division Two South's top of the table clash between Woking and Southall. Unfortunately Southall had drawn in the FA Vase the previous weekend and were replaying. I was thus treated to The Cards (Woking) v. Farnham Town (Combined Counties League) in a friendly; entrance: 50p. worth of raffle tickets. I didn't win the pot plant. I'd been led to believe former Torquay and Huddersfield striker Maurice Cox was something special. After all, he'd put four past Vauxhall in a friendly recently. (Woking seem to play a lot of friendlies.) In the event it was Adie Cowler, formerly of Adlestoke and Weybridge, who caught my eye. You never know, he might attract other attention. I'm told a certain Nwajiobi played on the wing for Woking about five years ago, and he's attracted attention since. The Cards might not be generally skilful (in fact I think some of the Luton Ladies were better) but it was an enjoyable evening out. And why "The Cards"? They play in Cardinal Red!! "Come on you Lillywhites"?

Gale Waller

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Dear Sir,  
I HAVE been asked to write to you on behalf of the Rivets Bearbrook Rangers Junior FC to thank you for giving us the opportunity of meeting Les Sealey.

He attended our end of season Presentation Party and presented the club medals to all of our team members. We had a very enjoyable evening and the fact that Les was able to be there was very much appreciated.

**Mary Hayward (Mrs)**  
Secretary, Rivets Bearbrook  
Rangers, Aylesbury.

## Crowds 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.

I would like to hear of any of your fans' positive or negative experiences at football matches at home or away. I am interested in things like how often they go to matches, where they stand or sit and so on. If anyone is willing to help me, please write to:

**Erik Nielsen,**  
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8900 Randers, Denmark.

## Book-signing

Dear Sir,  
WE would all be most grateful if you could pass on our thanks to the three players who attended the recent signing session here for The Luton Town Story—Emeka Nwajiobi, Mitchell Thomas and Ashley Grimes. I know from my staff that the players were extremely helpful and ensured that everyone made the most of the occasion.

In the meantime many thanks again.

**Paul Bowes,**  
Dunstable.

## Thank you

Dear Sir,  
JUST a brief note to thank David Pleat and staff for looking after our Youth team last Saturday, September 21st. I believe the game was very entertaining for the crowd who were there before the kick-off of the main match, and although our lads lost they all came back richer for the experience of playing in an environment which can only benefit them in the long run.

I hope that we can equal your hospitality for the return match.  
**Steve Coppell,**  
Manager, Crystal Palace FC.

## Kindness

Dear Sir,  
I am writing to you so I can express my sincere thanks for the kindness

## Families first

Dear Sir,

ALL true soccer fans will have been disgusted by the happenings at some football grounds over the past few months and I for one am saddened by the way in which the deteriorating behaviour of some spectators has marred the enjoyment of thousands and driven many away from the game we all love. It is particularly distressing to see families turning their backs on the sport because they fear for the safety of their loved ones. I feel that we all have a duty to ensure, as far as it is possible, that football once again becomes a sport that family units can attend in safety and it is with this aim in mind that I would like to start a supporters register.

I have for some seasons now endeavoured to make contact with supporters of other clubs with the idea of meeting them at matches and enjoying their company and friendship.

The aim of the supporters register would be to put families and individuals in contact with supporters of other clubs with whom they can correspond and, as we already do, meet to enjoy matches together. If there is sufficient interest in this venture we will produce a register giving details of families including ages and sex of any children, this will enable supporters, if they desire, to make contact with families of similar make-up. We will produce membership cards and I will negotiate with the clubs discounts (e.g. reduced entrance fees at grounds for members and discounts at club shops etc).

I would be delighted to hear from any true football supporters who would be interested in this idea.

**Howard Flitter,**  
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shown to me during my recent illness by your manager and three players, Meka Nwajiobi, Mitchell Thomas and Ashley Grimes. Their get well card and kind wishes shown in recent letter to my mum, Mrs. Ann Parker cheered me up no end while I was in the Luton & Dunstable Hospital.

Although I am still under hospital treatment and as yet unable to get to your matches I will do my best to return to your home matches as soon as possible so my mum and I can cheer the team on.

Incidentally, my mum wishes to thank Mr. Pleat for his kind offer to sign her copy of "The Luton Town Story" which she thinks is a wonderful and fascinating book.

Thank you once again and the very best of luck to you and the team for the rest of the season.  
**DMiss Seryll Parker (15),**  
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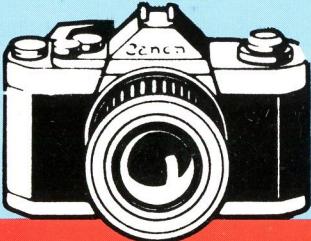
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## First Team ACTION

**Luton Town 1  
Ipswich Town 0**

Emeka Nwajobi was the Town's hero last Tuesday night when his close-range goal on the hour brought us our second home league victory of the season and sent Ipswich home pointless.

Nwajobi's goal was scant reward however for a persistent team performance which, though some way below our fluent and inventive best, was more than good enough to beat a team prepared to defend in depth and hope for a goal on the break.

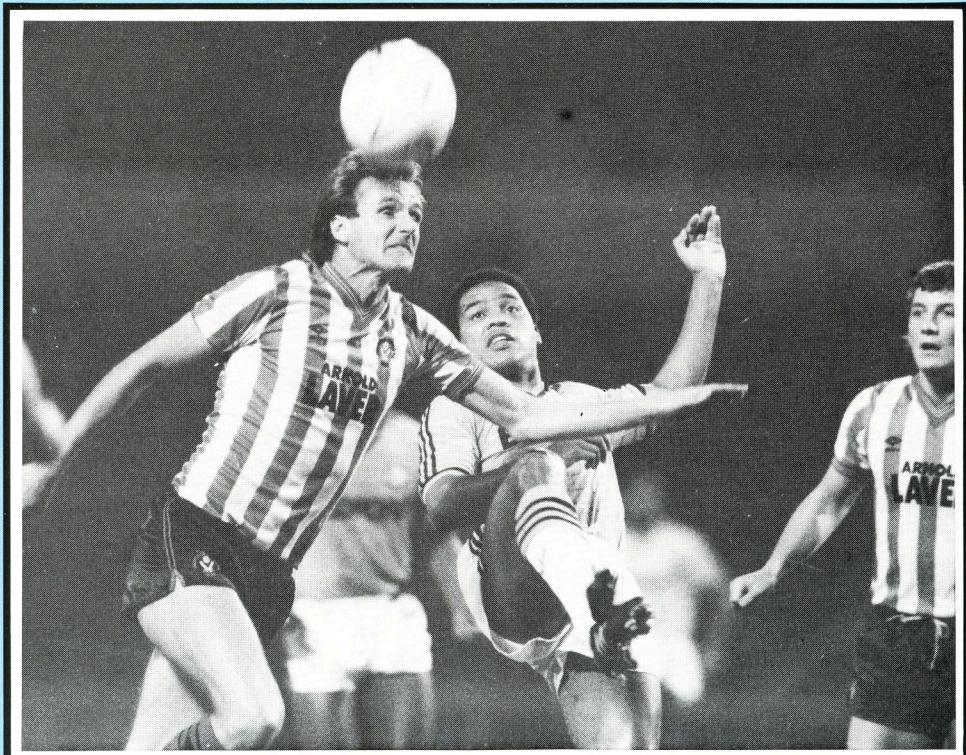
And the goal was certainly worth the long wait—Mitchell Thomas taking a pass from Peter Nicholas, foraging forward and then releasing Brian Stein with a penetrative ball down the left. Stein turned and ran into space to deliver a quick low cross that was swept home by Nwajobi from six yards.

With a little more luck, further goals would have followed, but efforts from Mick Harford, in a very hungry mood on his last appearance before starting a two-match suspension, and Steve Foster were pushed round by the 'keeper and cleared off the line.

Brian Stein, who was in superb form, was also unlucky not to put his name on the scoresheet with one scorching turn and shot that forced a great save from Paul Cooper in the second half.



## ACTION REPLAY from Bramall Lane



David Preece and Brian Stein are pictured in the action at Sheffield a fortnight ago where we came back in the second half to win the first leg 2-1.

(Photos: Gareth Owen)



DICK WASSELL

# ViEWS

## from the bench

Dick Wassell joined the ground staff at Kenilworth Road in August 1969 when the team was on its way up the league and playing some bright football in the Third Division. He became assistant groundsman in 1973 and took over as head groundsman in 1975. Following the installation of our synthetic pitch, Dick was appointed as Recreation Supervisor and today he gives his views on how much the game has changed in recent years both on and off the pitch.

"In my opinion I believe the new pitch is part of the progress that is essential in the game and unless you have been on it and worked with it as I have, I'm sure you won't be able to fully appreciate the benefits.

### Apprehensive

Obviously I was apprehensive when the club first announced their interest in investing in the new En-Tout-Cas Sporturf Professional Pitch. I was concerned about my position with the Club having worked here for 17 years I feel a part of the place and really love the football environment. My immediate thoughts were, was it going to be a case of sack the Groundsman and my assistant Robert Scott, and of course being recently married I was concerned for my wife Linda as well. We have just taken on a new home so naturally I was very worried.

I am pleased to say things have worked out really well to date. I have taken on new responsibilities which have added an extra dimension to my job and in fact have made it even more interesting and worthwhile. For instance only

this week Robert and I were privileged to meet and liaise with Bernard Cotton, the Great Britain Hockey Manager, the following day we had showjumping internationals John Whittaker and Suzie Gill, plus of course their horses, and today (Friday) I'll be liaising with Ron Atkinson and the United staff as they train for their match.

### Idiosyncrasies

But of course to me the old pitch with its mud, its grass, its bumps and all the other idiosyncrasies was a personal and special thing. It was my life! I knew it so well of course. I could always find the best points to work on and so on and I always knew where the wet would be. I knew where it would cause problems—and so did the players, of course, who sometimes gave me stick!

On a technical note there is much for me to learn and digest. For instance I will be using our new Hako machine to spread ICI urea prills to combat the frost. These prills are a form of anti-freeze. Then there is the adaption to marking for other sports such as Hockey and American Football. We are holding private trials with local clubs and marking their pitches in yellow, similar to the local authority sports complexes. I am equipped with the Halo Snow Blower and I feel I'm ready for the Space Age.

Realistically I would compare myself with the Office Manager who first encountered computers. You need to adapt, be prepared to learn and use modern research and equipment to your advantage. After all, when I watch the game, even I forget the pitch is artificial!"



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## Club News

### Sportsman's Centenary Dinner

October 17th, 1985

Guest speaker Jack Charlton

We are pleased to announce a Luton Town Football Club Sportsman's Centenary Dinner will be held in the Joe Payne Lounge at Kenilworth Road on Thursday, October 17th, 1985. Tickets for the dinner are priced at £17.50 and available from Clive Hustwitt, Catering Manager, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Road. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Jack Charlton.

### 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.

### Away Travel

This Saturday we travel to Oxford United, a trip for which we are receiving a good response from our members. The cost is £3.50 and our coaches leave Maple Road at 12.30 pm. We are taking bookings in the offices at Kenilworth Road or you can ring Luton 412418 for further details.

### Match Ball sponsors



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### MATCH REFEREE

#### Brian Stevens (Gloucester)



A quality control supervisor, Brian is married with two daughters. He began refereeing in 1963 and progressed via Stroud, Gloucestershire County Leagues and the Western Leagues. Brian is interested in lawn tennis. He has officiated at four Schoolboy internationals, one friendly international, a FA Trophy final and a European Cup Winners' Cup match.

### TICKET OFFICE NEWS

Our next game is away to Oxford United on Saturday, October 12th. This will not be an all-ticket match. If you require seating the price is £7.50 per seat. Supporters wishing to stand on the terraces are advised to use the Cuckoo Lane end of the ground. The match kicks off at 3.00 pm.

On Saturday, October 19th we will be at home again against Southampton, kick-off 3.00 pm.

Season tickets are on sale for the main stand, Bobbers stand and the wing stand. Information for all tickets is available from the ticket office in Kenilworth Road. Telephone Luton 30748.



### Forthcoming matches at Kenilworth Road

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Saturday, October 12th  
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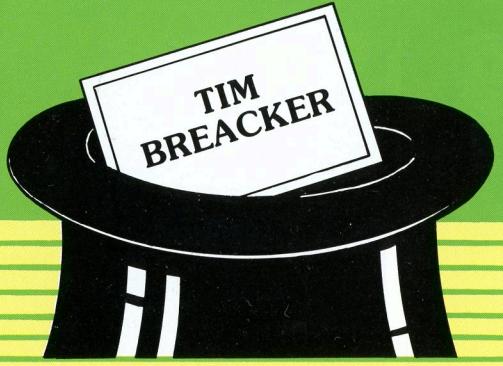
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TIM  
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## TOP HATTER



Born in Bicester in July 1965, Tim Breacker has all the promise of a long and successful career ahead of him as he establishes himself in the Town first team in only his third full season as a professional. He joined the Town from school, progressed through the youth scheme and made his debut at Ipswich in the 1983-84 season. Tim made 36 league appearances last season.

## WINE TASTER

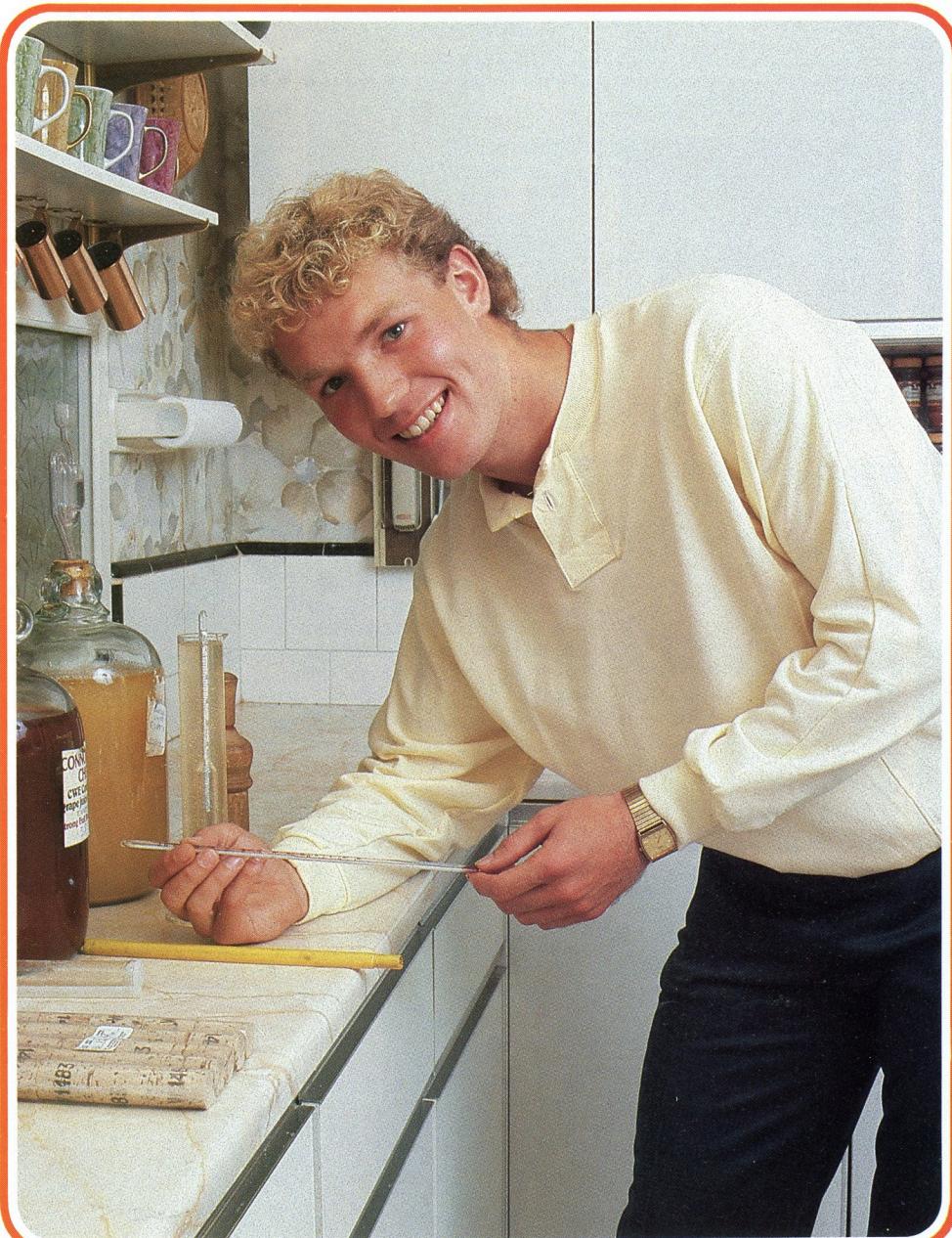
Away from the pressures of first team football at Kenilworth Road, Tim Breacker has found an escape and a hobby that is worlds away from the First Division—wine making. But as Tim is quick to point out, he rarely drinks his wines other than the occasional drop with his Sunday roast.

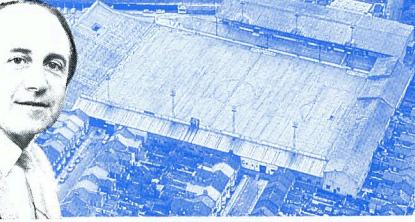
"It's just something that I have grown more and more interested in," said Tim, 20, who is hoping for a chance to hit his best form and force his way into the reckoning for the England under-21's this season. "I'm not really much of a drinker though, more of a quiet sort of character away from the game. In fact, some of the lads have criticised me for being too quiet on the pitch and not shouting enough!"

"I like to taste my wine on Sundays with my meal. But I don't have much chance to drink them really. I make red, white and rosé wine. I haven't grown interested in the stranger home-made ones that grow in hedgerows and so on.

"Another thing I've got interested in this season is being our delegate to the Professional Footballers' Association. I've taken over from David Moss and it is interesting to attend the meetings and so on.

"On the pitch, I don't think I've been at my best so far. I have had a little thigh strain which kept me out for a couple of games, but I don't think it is just that. I have not really done myself justice."





## GUEST SPEAKER



**Entertaining:** Television commentator John Motson has been a regular visitor to the Town recently and is pictured entertaining our guests after last week's victory over Ipswich Town.



## YOUNGSTERS TEST THE MAGIC CARPET

**In the picture:** The team's young mascot and escorts snapped up the limelight briefly when they tested our pitch before the Ipswich match. In the frame are Sean Hughes, John Clayton, Rachelle Gilder, Liam Murphy and Neil Fletcher.

# the TOWN

## NEW PITCH STANDS UP TO THE TEST

by Bill Tomlins

PHEW! After all that excitement on Saturday against Manchester United, we are back in at the deep end tonight with another thrilling match in prospect against Sheffield United in the Milk Cup... It's all go here at the moment!

But for our new artificial surface, it is just routine. The pitch has been used for a wide variety of events just recently—excluding football—and I thought that tonight I would tell you a little about them.

Bookings for private hire have, actually, been very encouraging, so my Stadium Sales Manager, Mike Beevor informs me. Indeed, the pitch has been so much in demand that our stadium staff Dick Wassell and Robbie Scott have been kept as much on their toes as the players.

But the pitch has proved itself well capable of adapting to the demands with American football, the Olympic disabled basketball team (they operated their wheelchairs at quite fan-

tastic speeds, I can tell you) and show jumping horse all proving its versatility and durability.

The verdict from everyone who has tried it has been the same—Excellent. So, we are very pleased. It makes the future look very promising. Indeed, we are in the process of producing a new commercial brochure which will, among other things, cover our pricing structure for the hire of the pitch and the stadium facilities. So if you, or your firm, fancy a special venue for a prestige event or a private cup final come and try us first at Kenilworth Road.

Tonight I am delighted to welcome three match sponsors who are making their debuts—Govier and Poulter, a firm of Luton electrical engineers whose managing director Mr. Sutton is a keen fan; Head Scaffolding, another local firm who have made great progress under Steve Barrett; and Pilgrim Windows, a new business in double glazing and replacement windows.

## STEVE THE GATE-CRASHER!



**Birthday puffs:** Our captain Steve Foster was a popular gate-crasher when he joined the fun at Amanda Evans' birthday party and later gave Nicholas Cox a whirl with his head-band. Also pictured behind the scenes last week are Paul Elliott, with Jonathon Finch and Mr. Cox, and Brian Stein, receiving his man-of-the-match v. Ipswich award from Bob Finch of ITL, the match sponsors.

# Junior Hatters



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Good evening Junior Hatters,  
parents and friends

Manchester United are a good team aren't they? They certainly showed their ability on Saturday. And we expect another hard test tonight against Sheffield United. They gave us a very hard game at Bramall Lane two weeks ago in the first leg of our Milk Cup second round match. They took the lead in the first half and played a lot of good football before we got on top.

Then we left it late in the second half before goals by Brian Stein and Emeka Nwajiobi gave us a narrow win on the night. We are obviously hoping to complete our victory tonight and take the club

to Wembley to celebrate our Centenary this season.

Give a warm welcome to our visitors tonight. They have some experienced men in their team. I hope to see you all again at our next home match against Southampton. Cheer us on.

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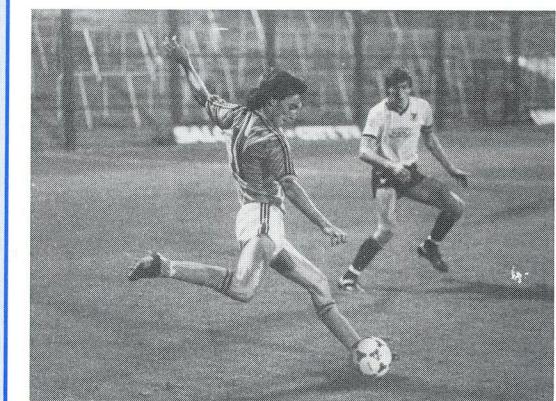
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# Reserves ACTION REPLAY



## SEARCHING FOR GOALS

Oxford United 1 Luton Town 1  
 TWO teams intent on attack produced an open match played in good spirit at the Manor Ground last week. Our reserves went in front through an early Garry Parker free-kick but could not score again. Oxford equalised on the hour to claim a share of the Football Combination points in a game which saw Stacey North return after eight and a half months out through injury. Our pictures tonight show Mark North, Garry Cobb and Mark Stein searching for a way through the Oxford defence.



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	4	
Johnson R. ....	4		Tuite .....	2		
Harvey .....	5		Berry .....	1		
McEvoy .....	7	1	Scott .....	3		
Elliott .....	3		Farrell .....	1		
Johnson M. ....	4		Black .....	3		
Cobb .....	7		Lewis .....	2		
Stein M. ....	5		Daniel .....	5		
Oldfield .....	6	1	Parker .....	4	1	
Grimes .....	7	1	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 & H.A				
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

More magic in pre-match goal show

Luton Town Youth 5  
Bristol Rovers 3

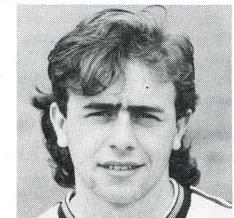
THE Town youth team really turned on the magic with five more goals providing the pre-match entertainment at Kenilworth Road on Saturday. In another convincing performance, the youngsters swept Bristol aside with all five goals shared between different players.

John Kennedy, Marcus Tuite, Sean Farrell, Paul Lewis and Aaron Tighe were all on the mark as we continued a sequence of high-scoring performances.

Squad: Mark Jones, Julian James, Richard Harvey, Ian Scott, Duncan Berry, Marvin Johnson, John Kennedy, Paul Lewis, Sean Farrell, Aaron Tighe, Marcus Tuite, Colin Barker and Neil Powtch.

On the mark, Marcus!

● Marcus Tuite hit one of our five goals on Saturday. Now 17, he is on Irish youth international and a talented midfielder.



## 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
11 Brentford .....	6	0	4	2	10	12 4
12 Brighton .....	6	2	0	4	4	13 4
13 Reading .....	6	1	1	4	10	17 3
14 C. Palace .....	6	1	1	4	13	24 3

Up to and including Sept. 21st

# Introducing Sheffield United



SHEFFIELD United arrive here tonight with one of the most experienced teams in the Second Division and with an away record that justifies more than optimism. In their first five trips to opponents' grounds, the Blades have lost only once, winning twice and drawing the other two.

Notably, their team includes seasoned international campaigners Phil Thompson and Peter Withe whose experience with England's full team can only be of great benefit to the players around them.

Town fans will be particularly keen to study midfielder Glen Cockerill for whom it was reported our manager David Pleat made an enquiry last month. A powerful midfield player, he may be a thorn in our side tonight.

Players likely to be on duty:

**John Burridge**—Workington-born John is an experienced goalkeeper with more experience of artificial surfaces than most after his spell with QPR. A fitness fanatic, aged 33.

**Geoff Eckhardt**—Born in Sheffield, Geoff is

a promising young defender who turned professional last year. Now aged 20, following his birthday yesterday.

**Phil Thompson**—Now 31, Phil remains a classy central defender well respected for all his years of top-flight experience.

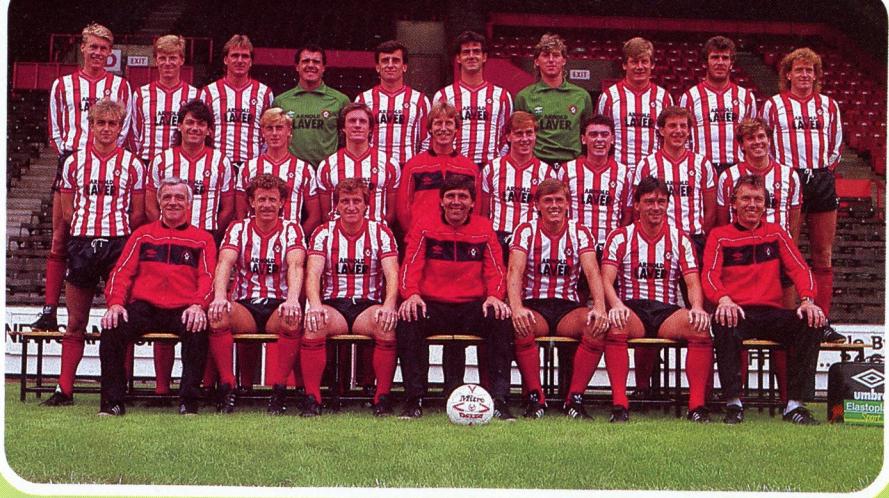
**Ken McNaught**—Ken is in his first season outside the First Division after joining the Blades from WBA in the close season. A Scottish-born defender with experience at Everton and Aston Villa.

**Joe Bolton**—A vastly-experienced defender with more than 300 matches for Sunderland under his belt, Birtley-born Joe signed for the Blades from Middlesbrough in 1983. Now 30.

**Ray Lewington**—Lambeth-born Ray is an aggressive midfielder with previous experience with Chelsea, Wimbledon and Fulham.

**Glen Cockerill**—Born in Grimsby, Glen is an adaptable midfielder or striker signed by United from Lincoln for £110,000 in March 1984. Now much sought-after by the top clubs.

**Colin Morris**—Another experienced player



Back row, from left: Philliskirk, Peattie, Thompson, Burridge, Bolton, Stancilffe, Tomlinson, McNaught, Withe, Cockerill.  
Middle row: McGeeney, Arnott, Smith B., Eves, McEwan (Coach), Smith P., Walshaw, Eckhardt, Black.  
Front row: McSeveney (Asst. Manager), Morris, Lewington, Porterfield (Manager), Edwards, Kenwoerthy, Dixon (Coach).



Ian Porterfield became manager of Sheffield United in June 1981 after a successful period with Rotherham United with whom he won the Third Division title in 1980-81. In his first season with the Blades they won the Fourth Division championship. In 1983-84 he led them up to the Second Division. Born in Dunfermline, Scotland, he began his playing career with Raith Rovers. He moved south to Sunderland and scored their winning goal in the 1973 FA Cup Final against Leeds United. He later played for Sheffield Wednesday before moving to Rotherham where he began his career in management.

and a supreme penalty-kicker, Colin is a winger who played for Burnley, Southend and Blackpool before joining United for £100,000 in 1982.

**Peter Withe**—Former England striker Peter is now 34, but remains a great centre-forward of strength and cunning. Born Liverpool.

**Keith Edwards**—One of the deadliest finishers outside the First Division, Stockton-born Keith is in his second spell with United after playing for Hull City. Aged 28.

**Paul Stancilffe**—Sheffield-born Paul is a central defender. Joined United from Rotherham in 1983 after making more than 300 appearances.

**Kevin Arnott**—A former England youth player, 27-year-old Kevin is now one of United's key midfielders after loan spells with Blackburn and Rotherham.

**Mel Eves**—Former Wolves striker Mel is now 29. Played for the England B team and joined United in 1984. Can score tremendous goals.

**Tony Kenworthy**—Leeds-born defender who has recovered from bad injuries. Now 27, a former England youth captain.

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## Club Comment



### The perfect pitch

WHEN the Club were considering re-locating to an indoor stadium this, of necessity, meant playing on an artificial surface. Our concern was that the majority of synthetic surfaces had not been designed for football. They were just multi-use surfaces and could be used for an abundance of activities.

We felt it was essential that the next surface installed in the league was a good football surface. How could we ensure that this was so? No criteria existed on what made a good grass surface. We quickly came to the conclusion that this was needed so we asked Sir Walter Winterbottom, CBE, to form a group for this purpose. He felt this was best achieved through the Sports Council. This resulted in an advisory group being formed and they published their report in May 1985.

The report tested ball bounce, rolling resistance, traction, sliding and impact, as well as other additional tests.

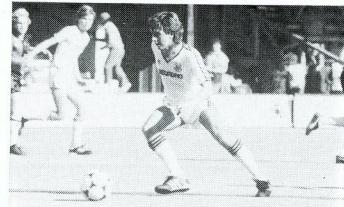
Meanwhile En-Tout-Cas were doing their own scientific work on the same subject. After all they have had 70 years in the business and have installed many synthetic grass pitches both here and abroad.

We decided to instruct En-Tout-Cas and the evidence of all that is there to be seen today and, to-date, it has been well received.

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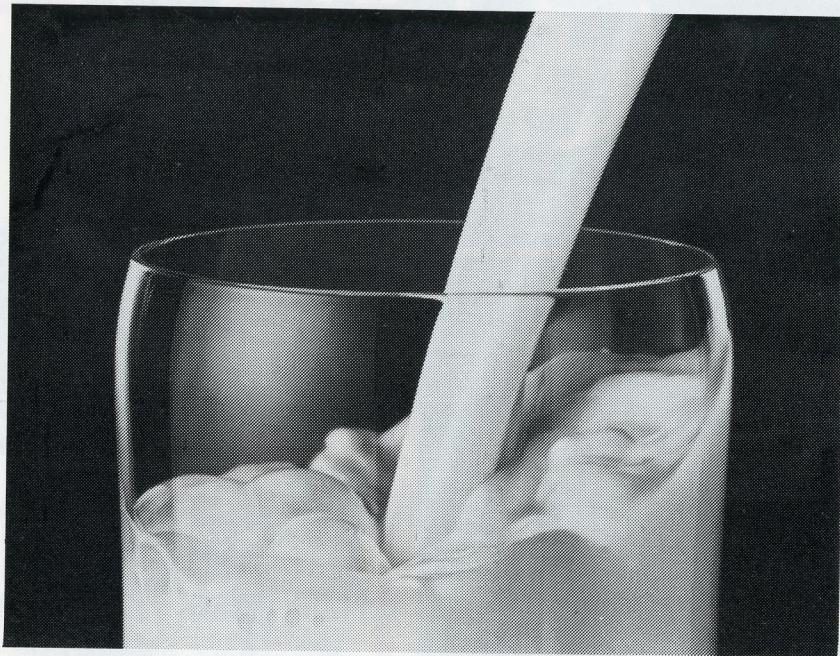
Hope you enjoy it.

## AROUND the TOWN Extra



**PRE-MATCH MAGIC!** Our new surface has for the second time recently, enabled our Youth team to entertain the crowd with a flood of goals before our main match last Saturday. Full report on our Youth team page. Our pictures show action from the youngster's 5-3 win over Bristol Rovers.





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## ViEWS from the MEDIA

OUR win at Bramall Lane in the first leg of tonight's Milk Cup tie was a welcome away success in Yorkshire. This is how a selection of the press saw the game and our league win over Ipswich Town:

*The Sun:* "Brian Stein and Emeka Nwajiobi helped Luton bury their Yorkshire hoodoo at Bramall Lane last night. The Hatters' last two Milk Cup campaigns were ended by Rotherham and Sheffield Wednesday.

And United looked set to hammer home the Yorkshire jinx after stealing a first-half lead, through midfield man Steve Foley.

But David Pleat's side stayed calm and composed and gradually took control after the interval. And there was no doubting they deserved to be level when Stein volleyed home from Nwajiobi after 78 minutes.

Luton refused to settle for the draw and chased a last-gasp winner that must make them hot favourites to cruise through the second leg at Kenilworth Road in a fortnight.

It was the deadly duo who struck again, this time Stein crossed for Nwajiobi to slot the ball home in injury time."

*Daily Express:* "Luton's welcome at Bramall Lane last night was forged out of pure Sheffield steel.

Hard man Steve Foley gave Second Division Sheffield United the lead in this fiercely-fought tie with a goal in the second minute of first-half injury time.

And such was the power and the determination of United's challenge that even the redoubtable Peter Nicholas twice hit the deck clutching a leg in agony.

Luton might well have given themselves protection when a sweet sideways move left David Preece in the clear midway through the first half. But his angled shot bounced back off the foot of a post."

*Daily Mirror:* "The vital goal came in the 59th minute. Mitchell Thomas put in Brian Stein and from his cross Emeka Nwajiobi was there to bundle the ball into the net.

There could have been more goals for Luton. Nwajiobi had a shot saved and missed from point blank range. Then Steve Foster saw Trevor Putney clear his header off the line."

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Bruce Rioch made 149 appearances and scored 47 goals in his League career at Kenilworth Road before going to play for Derby, Everton, Sheffield United, Birmingham and Torquay. He captained Scotland in the 1978 World Cup.



## 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.

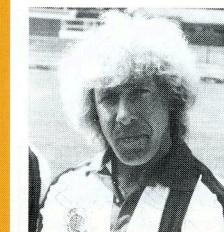
This season we are celebrating our Centenary with a series of events including the publication of the official history of the club, the launch of a Centenary Club and this series of special features which will spotlight great moments in our past. The official history, *The Luton Town Story*, is published 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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Peter Anderson played 181 League games for the Town between 1971 and 1975, scoring 34 goals, before leaving for Antwerp. He later played for the Blades and Millwall on return from Tampa Bay Rowdies.



Alan Birchenall enjoyed a brief swansong at Kenilworth Road in 1978 after a career which had included successful spells with Sheffield United, Chelsea and Leicester City.

# All Our

TONIGHT'S meeting with Sheffield United is only our fourth in the Football League (Milk) Cup and we are still seeking our first overall success against them in the competition. A victory would therefore be a welcome tonic to the statistics. The Milk Cup second round tie is also the first between the clubs when we have been regarded as the favourites owing to our position in a higher division of the Football League.

Our first match with Sheffield United in this competition following its launch in 1960 came in September 1969 when we were flying high in the Third Division and United were, as now, a respected Second Division force.

On our way to the third round meeting that night, we had disposed of Peterborough United and Millwall Athletic with the help of replays and our early season form gave rise to a flow of confidence about the trip to Sheffield. There were plenty of dreams of taking another Second Division scalp.

A large Luton following travelled north on one of the first club-chartered trains (25 shillings return whatever the distance?). Graham French sparkled on runs from midfield during a good first half hour, but after that time the Town found themselves a goal down when Alan Woodward beat Sandy Davie with a fierce shot following a good through ball by David Staniforth.

United's second goal arrived nine minutes into the second half when Gil Reece sent Woodward away on a glittering cross-field run. French gave chase but was always a yard behind and the United winger hammered home a thrilling goal.

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It was little surprise when United scored their third in the 76th minute as the Town's pattern and confidence had been broken. John Tudor, later to play alongside Malcolm Macdonald, was the man who netted.

In some ways the heavy defeat that night proved to be blessing in disguise as it stimulated the Town to win their three matches in the Third

# Yesterdays

Division on their way to a promotion spot at the end of the season.

Our second meeting came in October 1974 when both clubs were in the First Division. Again it was in the third round and again at Bramall Lane. We were then enduring a dreadful patch of form on our return to the top flight and had managed only two wins to that date all season. One of those had come against Bristol Rovers in the previous round of the League Cup.

Our dismal form continued at Sheffield where we were beaten 2-0, with Keith Eddy and David Bradford scoring for United. The only bright spot was a very promising performance from a young left-back called Steve Buckley playing

### A summary of our League matches against Sheffield United (Luton score first)

	Home	Away
1937-38	2-3	0-2
1938-39	2-0	2-2
1949-50	1-3	2-2
1950-51	0-0	1-2
1951-52	2-1	0-3
1952-53	4-1	1-1
1955-56	2-1	4-0
1960-61	1-4	1-2
1970-71	2-1	1-2
1974-75	0-1	1-1
1976-77	2-0	3-0
1977-78	4-0	1-4
1978-79	1-1	1-1

### Overall summary of results since 1937:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	13	7	2	4	23	16
Away	13	2	5	6	18	22
Total	26	9	7	10	41	38

Club statistician: Roger Wash



Peter Anderson shows his delight at scoring for the Town in 1974. He later joined Sheffield Utd. after two spells abroad.

only his second first-team game following his debut at Leicester the previous Saturday.

The teams for those two matches were (first game):

Luton—Davie, Dougan, Bannister, Keen, Branston, Slough, Collins, Macdonald, Tees, (Sheffield), Allen, French.  
Sheffield United—Hodgkinson, Badger, Heaton, Barlow, Colquhoun, Powell, (Salmons), Woodward, Addison, Tudor, Staniforth, Reece.

Second game:  
Luton—Barber, Shanks, Buckley, Litt, John Ryan, Jim Ryan, Anderson (Garner), West, Husband, Alston, Hindson.

United—Brown, Badger, (Garbett), Hemsley, Eddy, Colquhoun, Franks, Woodward, Bradford, Dearn, Currie, Field.

League meetings between the two clubs have also produced some memories. In February 1938

Gordon Dreyer—who was here recently for our Centenary Celebration Evening—made his debut in our home match against United and in the home fixture in

September 1960, Ron Baynham was unfortunate to fracture his skull. He missed four months of the season. In the home fixture in November, 1974, Ron Futter made his debut for the Town when he came on as substitute for Rodney Fern, who was making his final appearance for the club. In the home match in August 1976 Dixie Deans made a two-goal debut for the Town and the away match that season, on January 22nd, 1977, marked the start of a run of nine consecutive wins for our team. Finally, Brian Stein probably has good cause to remember the match here against United in December 1977 as he scored two goals in a rousing win—his first goals for the club.

## UPDATE

## Canon League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Manchester U.	11	5	0	0	13	0	5	1	0	15	4	31
2 Liverpool	11	5	0	16	2	1	3	2	10	11	21	
3 Chelsea	11	5	0	10	1	1	3	2	5	9	21	
4 Everton	11	4	1	1	13	5	2	1	2	7	7	20
5 Arsenal	11	4	1	1	9	6	2	1	2	6	6	20
6 Sheffield Wed	11	2	2	1	9	11	4	0	2	7	8	20
7 Newcastle	10	4	1	0	13	4	1	2	2	4	10	18
8 QPR	11	5	0	11	4	1	0	4	4	11	18	
9 Tottenham	11	4	0	1	18	4	1	2	3	5	9	17
10 Watford	11	5	0	0	16	2	0	1	5	7	17	16
11 West Ham	11	3	1	1	12	6	1	3	2	7	9	16
12 Birmingham C.	11	4	1	1	7	4	1	0	4	3	12	16
13 Aston Villa	11	1	3	1	7	6	2	2	2	8	7	14
14 Luton Town	11	2	4	0	8	5	1	1	3	6	10	14
15 Nottingham F.	11	3	0	3	9	9	1	1	3	7	9	13
16 Coventry City	11	3	1	2	13	7	0	3	2	3	7	13
17 Southampton	11	2	4	0	9	4	0	1	4	4	9	11
18 Oxford Utd	12	2	2	1	9	4	0	2	5	8	21	10
19 Leicester City	12	2	3	1	10	0	0	1	5	2	15	10
20 Manchester C.	11	1	2	3	6	11	1	1	3	4	8	9
21 Ipswich Town	11	1	1	3	2	6	1	0	5	3	12	7
22 West Brom	11	0	2	4	5	15	0	0	5	2	17	2

League table as October 7th, 1985

## LEAGUE and CUP APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

LEAGUE and CUP APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS				
	League	Cup		
	App	Gls	App	Gls
T. Breacker	8		1	
A. Dibble	7			
M. Donaghy	11	1		
P. Elliott	2(3)			
S. Foster	7	1	1	
A. Grimes	1			
M. Harford	10	6	1	
R. Hill	9		1	
R. Johnson	3			
P. Nicholas	11	1		
E. Nwajobi	10	3	1	1
G. Parker	3(3)			
D. Preece	11	1		
B. Stein	11	4	1	1
M. Thomas	11	1		
M. Stein	1			
L. Sealey	4	1		
M. North	1			

## Leading League and Cup goalscorers

11—McAvennie (West Ham)  
 9—Lineker (Everton).  
 8—Rush (Liverpool), Hughes (Manchester Utd), Bannister (QPR).  
 6—Harford (Luton), West (Watford), Chapman (Sheffield W.).  
 (up to October 6th)



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Aug 17	Nottingham Forest	1—1	11,381	—	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill*	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajobi
Aug 21	Newcastle United	2—2	21,304	—	Dibble	Thomas	Grimes	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Parker	Stein B.	Harford1	Nwajobi1
Aug 24	West Ham United	1—0	14,104	8	Dibble	Johnson	Thomas	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Parker	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajobi
Aug 27	Arsenal	2—2	10,012	10	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Parker	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajobi1
Aug 31	Aston Villa	1—3	10,524	12	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Johnson*	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Preece
Sept 7	Chelsea	1—1	10,720	15	Dibble	Johnson	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Preece
Sept 14	Everton	0—2	26,419	16	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill*	Stein B.	Harford	Grimes
Sept 21	Queens Park Rangers	2—0	9,508	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster1	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford1	Parker●
Sept 24	Sheffield United (MC 2r 1l)	2—1	8,943	—	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Preece
Sept 28	Sheffield Wednesday	2—3	17,887	15	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas*	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Elliott●
Oct 1	Ipswich Town	1—0	8,553	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford2	Preece
Oct 5	Manchester United	1—1	17,454	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Nwajobi1	Parker●
Oct 8	Sheffield Utd (MC 2r 2l)	2—1	9,508	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein M.	Preece	Nwajobi●
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 (FAC7)													
April 12	Tottenham Hotspur													
April 19	Coventry City													
April 26	Watford													
May 3	Manchester City													

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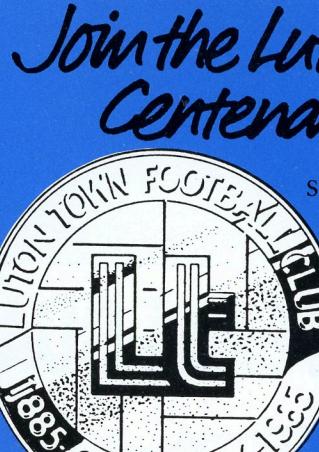
MC = Milk Cup

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\*Indicates player substituted   • Substitute used

Home fixtures in **bold**Scorers name in **bold**

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1 Les Sealey  
2 Tim Breacker  
3 Mitchell Thomas  
4 Peter Nicholas  
5 Steve Foster  
6 Mal Donaghy  
7 Ricky Hill  
8 Brian Stein  
9 Mark North  
10 Emeka Nwajiobi  
11 David Preece  
Sub

## Sheffield United

1 John Burridge  
2 Jeff Eckhardt  
3 Joe Barton  
4 Phil Thompson  
5 Paul Stancliffe  
6 Ken McNaught  
7 Colin Morris  
8 Glen Cockerill  
9 Peter Withe  
10 Ray Lewington  
11 Steve Foley  
Sub

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