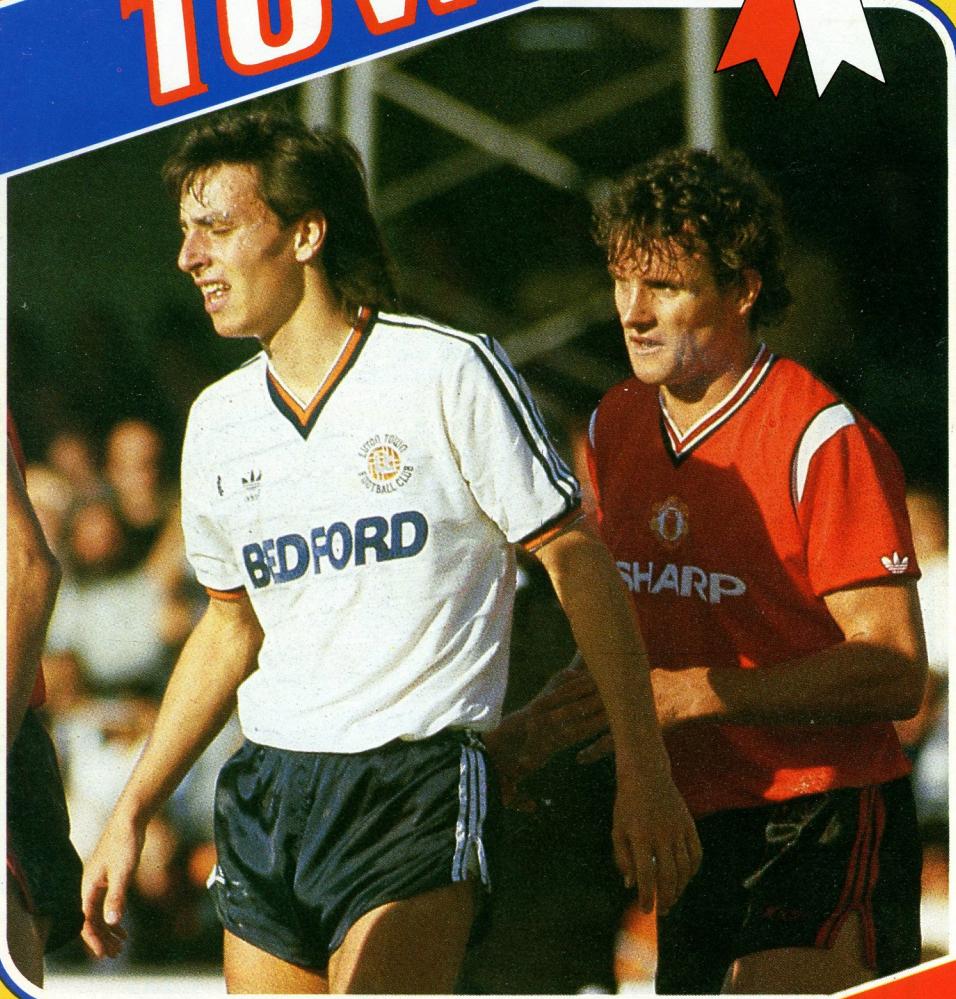


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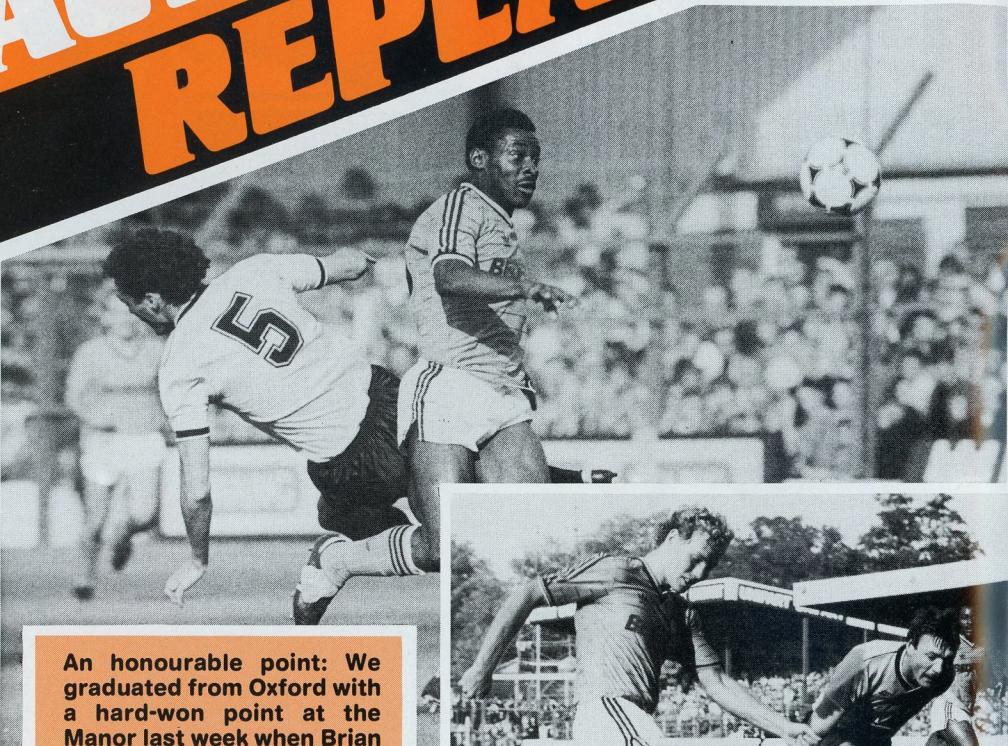


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ACTION REPLAY



An honourable point: We graduated from Oxford with a hard-won point at the Manor last week when Brian Stein's 24th minute goal was equalised in the last minute by a Trevor Hebbard header. Today's pictures show Brian being congratulated for his goal, Tim Breacker on the break and Emeka Nwajiobi bursting through the Oxford defence.



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100 Years On

IF today's game is nearly as exciting as our last League game here, everyone will go home happy. It has been a long time since 22 players all performed to their maximum with such effect. The season is still young and I have seen enough to be sure we can move up the table. We welcome the Southampton management, team and supporters. Let us hope we see a skilful game played in the right spirit.

Despite my words in the Manchester Utd programme, I was appalled to hear that after the game there was some trouble in the town. I cannot understand, after all the game has been through with Birmingham and Brussels, that people are still daft enough to fight each other. It is obvious that the Government has to make far greater efforts to ensure Law and Order. Apart from the incident at Luton on October 5, there have been skirmishes and fighting before and after games at Southampton v. Millwall and Doncaster v. Derby Co. Those people have no association with football.

Football has enough problems trying to cut its cloth in the present difficult economic climate. We want to attract decent people to watch good football in comfortable surroundings. If you are aware of any of our "followers" who are letting the club down, please let us know. Finally, I would ask our terrific supporters at the Oak Road end to refrain from swearing. We are in Division One and proud of it. We want a family Club with supporters who appreciate both sides.

This week has seen an interesting break

from routine. Whilst four players have been away, hopefully successfully, on international duty, a squad of players have been in Trinidad enjoying two games and a little sunshine. I am sure the experience will have been beneficial particularly for one or two younger members of our club who travelled abroad for the first time.

Congratulations to Mitchell Thomas on joining the England under-21s. We all know how hard he had worked since he came to us from Luton Schoolboys on the YOP scheme. Once again I stress it is important to win but more important to try and win playing entertaining football.

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GirlTalk

"SKINHEADS, skinheads," echoed round Kenilworth Road before our last League game. Was some recalcitrant fan running amok and being ejected from the ground? No: the Kenilworth End was strangely subdued. Then I saw the cause of the chants: the Luton team had run out! But who was "Skinhead" directed at? It must have been Mitchell Thomas, although he sported a short, rather square "Grace Jones" haircut for some time, he now has a G.I. look—perhaps he's trying to frighten the opposition into submission. He doesn't need such tactics, though; he's one of the most improved young players in England. Perhaps these Government YOP and YTS schemes can work—sometimes.

Ricky Hill is convinced those chants were aimed at him. His hairdo of four years' duration has been replaced by a variation of the "short back and sides". It's reminiscent of the early Dirk Bogarde; most attractive. I had the opportunity to inspect his "barnet" at close range. His coiffeur is very talented. The top is still fairly long and permed. It descends into delightful waves at the back and culminated, at the nape, short and straight. The whole creation is of flowing movement, much like the player himself on the pitch. This new hairstyle accentuated Hill's matinee idol good looks; perhaps he's trying to rival Ian Botham and get into films. I'd certainly like to see Ricky on TV—but playing for England in Mexico next year. Few midfield players' reading and understanding of the game match Ricky's; furthermore he's a talented sportsman. Why is he not an England regular? Obviously the national side needs strengthening. Perhaps his sharp new image will find favour.

I asked Ricky why he's had his hair cut. After talking generally about wanting a change, it being easier to look after and so on, he revealed his real reason. He's read in this column the comment on Paul Elliott's long flowing locks adding to the romanticism of the Centenary Celebration Evening, and didn't want to be described himself as romantic. "I had to get my hair cut then, didn't I?" he said.

Gale Waller

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Major trophy?

Dear Sir,
AS you know I was fortunate enough to attend the game on Saturday as a guest of the Manchester United directors, and I must say that I have never been made to feel so welcome and I very much appreciate your kindness on Saturday afternoon.

I have been to many football clubs now but Saturday's experience only confirmed my belief that Luton Town Football Club is one of the friendliest warmest best run organisations in the football league.

Your team's performance on Saturday was a credit to you all, after you had organised such an excellent behind-the-scenes reception. I just hope that in this your Centenary year, the club wins a major trophy.

Once again, many thanks for making Saturday such a memorable occasions.

Steven D. Docker,
Longden & Cook, Cheshire.

Rally round, fans Hatters' Hamburg delight!

Dear sir,
AFTER "The Towns" super showing against "mighty" Manchester United, the team and officials could rightly have expected a good crowd for the Milk Cup-tie with Sheffield United the following Tuesday. Not so, the "fickle" public once again turn their backs on the club.

If we are to hold on to the many brilliant footballers and management we have at Kenilworth Road the club needs the revenue from all the supporters it can muster. It really makes me "cringe", especially when I noted that Watford's gate, the same night was more than double ours, and that was against Fourth Division Crewe!!

I, like a number of Luton supporters, travel some distance to watch home games (Sheffield Wednesday being the nearest First Division ground to where I live), but I really believe that this "Town" team is the best and most promising I've yet seen. (I've even a friendly wager that Luton Town finish above "The Owls" at the end of the season). So, "come on you Hatters" rally round your team, your club and give them the support they deserve!

Many thanks.
G. A. Evans,
Worksop, Notts.

Tremendous success

Dear sir,
ON behalf of the Milton Keynes Middle Schools FA and myself I would like to thank David, Bill, John and all the players for coming on Monday, September 30th to the "Sun Life of Canada Junior 5-a-side tournament."

As always the event was a tremendous success and the club's presence gave a little extra lift to the tournament.

Sun Life has agreed to sponsor the event again next year which is welcome news to all concerned.

This was the fifth year that Luton Town FC has helped and I hope that the good relations will continue.

Many thanks.
Joe Joseph, Bletchley Leisure Centre.

which now expands to West Germany.

They were so surprised that a little unknown team to them, could take on the might of Man Utd and produce such magic football.

Not only did Luton take them on but damn well nearly beat them. I felt that I had to write to the club, and thank the players for doing their part in making our friends from Hamburg stay in England a very happy one.

Gerry Gray,
Bedford.

Ricky's praise

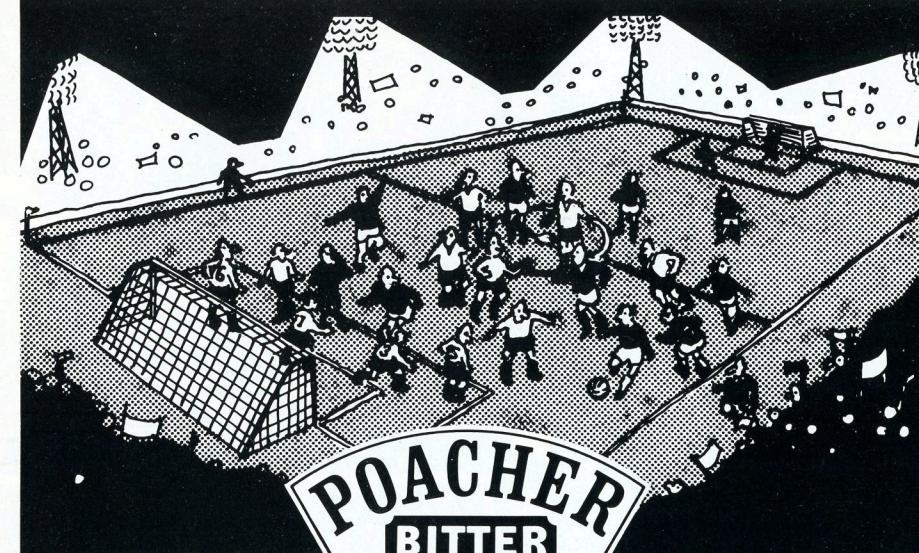
Dear Sir,
I am just writing to say how much my son and I enjoyed the 5-a-side Luton Town football team at the Bletchley Leisure Centre. My son was lucky enough to go to Luton's Clinic last year but unfortunately as the numbers had to be reduced, Mark had to withdraw.

Mark got all your players' signatures last Monday and was thrilled to bits to meet your players.

Mark plays football in the under-11's in the league and he has scored six goals in two matches. He told Ricky Hill this. He said that was very good—keep the goals coming. Mark was thrilled that a professional football player said how good that was.

My very best wishes to you and Luton football team.

Brenda Bolger,
Milton Keynes.

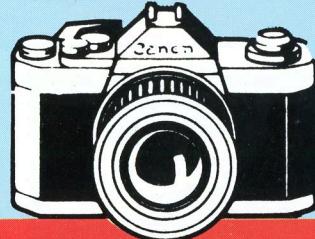


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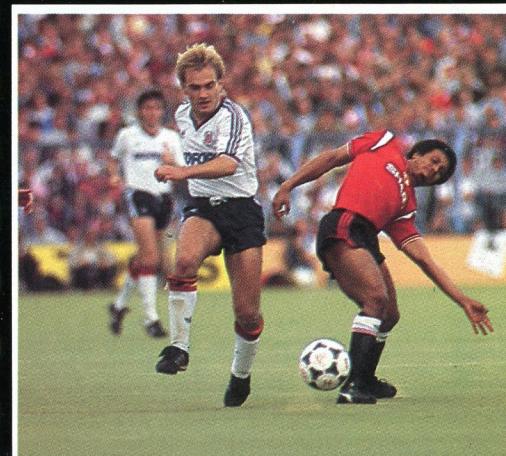
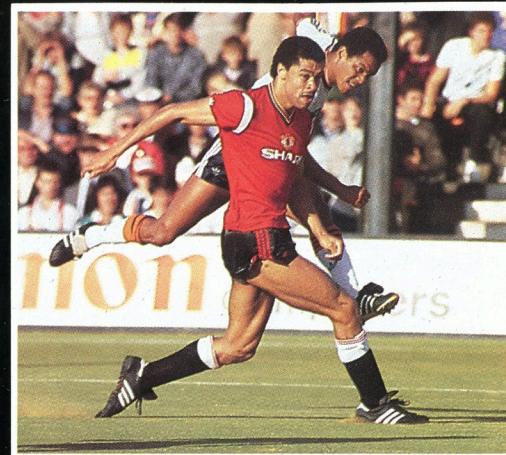
WHAT a memorable afternoon of pulsating football; a flood of excitement, a superb goal by Brian Stein and the disappointment for Manchester United's army of fans in their team's narrow failure to equal Tottenham Hotspur's 25-year-old record of 11 straight wins at the start of a season.

Had Paul Elliott succeeded in converting a glorious chance from just four yards out in the final minutes, the scoreline would surely have repeated that of last season and given United their first defeat of this campaign—and the Town three treasured points in their bid to climb the table.

It was a cruel twist of luck for the Town who had carried the play to United for more than an hour of a hugely-entertaining match which deservedly earned a standing ovation for both teams at the end.

United's goal was scored by Mark Hughes, with the aid of a deflection from Steve Foster, after 59 minutes and Stein equalised 10 minutes later with a terrific shot on the turn past Bailey's left hand.

Today's pictures show Brian scoring that goal, being congratulated by David Preece and Preece, beating United's Remi Moses in a typically bold Town attack.



ACTION REPLAY from Manor Ground



Mick Harford and Brian Stein are pictured during our 1-1 draw at Oxford last week. Mick's early volley was off target, but Brian's shot from the edge of the area after Mick had headed down a Mitchell Thomas free-kick flew into the net.

(Photos: Gareth Owen)



JOHN FAULKNER

ViEWS

from the bench

John Faulkner took on a new and demanding job when he agreed to take over as coach to the Town youth team during the close season, but he has been enjoying every moment of his work since then with our promising young team of the future. Today he gives his views on how he thinks the season has progressed so far and how useful the "pre-match" fixtures on first team home match days have been in the development of his youngsters.

"I can honestly say I have actually enjoyed watching my team play. It has been a pleasure. And that must be a good thing in these days of doom and gloom in the football world at large! It is certainly a sign of the time for Luton Town that we now have six youth internationals on the books and playing in the youth team. It shows the club can attract the best talent from anywhere.

Internationals

"As you probably know, we have two Welsh internationals in Paul Lewis and John Kennedy, two English internationals in Richard Harvey and Duncan Berry and two Irish internationals with Aaron Tighe and Neil Pouch. That is a tribute to the club and the manager really—not to me. I treat them all the same. In some ways the internationals have got to take it harder than the others because they have got something to prove.

"You only have to look at the number of schoolboy internationals who make it

through to the First Division to see how difficult it is for them. Still, they have all tried and played well for me this season in a team which is scoring a lot of goals and producing some good, open football. We also have one boy at Lilleshall at the School of Excellence—Jason Bond.

"Obviously the internationals have formed the basis of the team, but at this level no-one can be relied on to produce the goods week in and week out. Boys of 15 and 16 are always up and down and very inconsistent. So, I am always trying to make allowances for that.

"Also, my job is to try and build these boys up and to prepare them for the reserves' level of football in the next season or two. And some of them for bleeding in the first team, maybe, when they are 17 or 18. So, they get worked very hard, especially at the start, to learn the discipline of their work and their job. Sometimes, I can see how physically tired a lad really is on a Saturday. It is a tough job for the apprentices, you know.

"Still many of them have handled it well and they have all handled the extra pressure of playing in front of home crowds on the Kenilworth pitch before our First Division fixtures very well too. They have scored nine goals in the two games and played some very entertaining, uninhibited stuff and delighted the fans which is what it is all about. I want the players to enjoy it and I want the fans to enjoy seeing them play. That's how it should be."

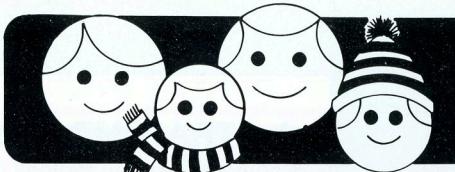


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Club News

Pre-match entertainment

Today's pre-match entertainment is provided by an under-15's schoolboy match between a Luton Schools' team and a Cambridge Schools' team. Give the boys your support. It is a daunting experience to play in front of a First Division crowd for the first time and every cheer will help them provide a top-class match.

Vauxhall-Opel Trophy

On Monday night, October 21st, we will again send a team to play at Vauxhall's Brache ground for the Vauxhall-Opel trophy, kick-off 7.30 pm. Admission will be £1.00 for adults and 50p for juniors and OAP's.

Away Travel

Next Saturday we make the long journey to Liverpool. We are still accepting bookings for this game. Our coaches will be leaving from the Maple Road car park at 9.15 and the total cost is £7.00.

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Our next game is away to Liverpool on Saturday 26th October. If you require seating for this game the price is £4.25. Supporters who wish to stand can do so by paying on the day—price £2.50. Kick-off 3.00 pm.

On Tuesday, 29th October we are at home in the third round of the Milk Cup when our visitors are Norwich City—kick-off 7.45 pm. The Canaries are the current holders of the trophy.

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

You can obtain all your match day and season ticket information from our ticket office in Kenilworth Road or phone Luton 30748.



Forthcoming matches at Kenilworth Road

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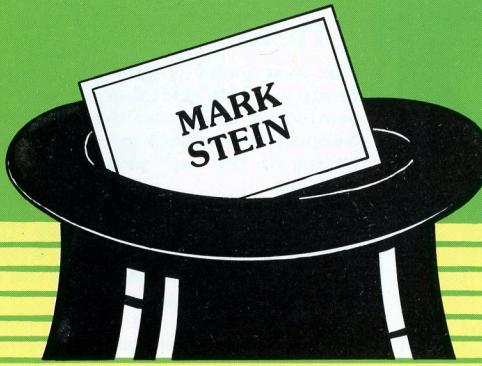
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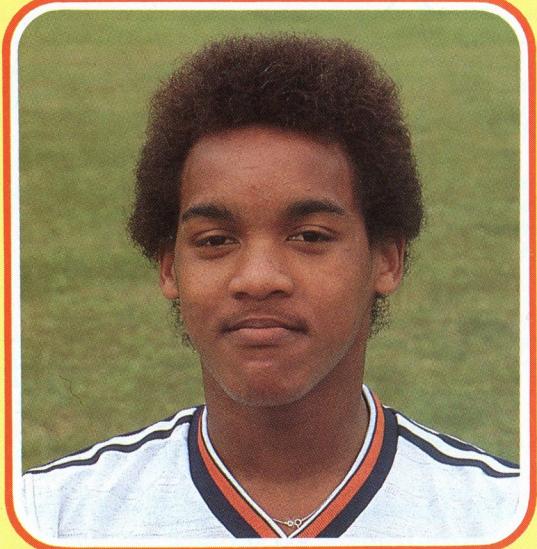
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MARK
STEIN

TOP HATTER



Born in Cape Town, South Africa, in January 1966, Mark is the younger brother of our England striker Brian Stein. But, at only 19, he has already won international recognition of his own with the England youth team and recently played for them during the World Youth Championships in Moscow. A fast and skilful striker, Mark came to the Town as a youngster, turning professional in January 1984 and making his first team debut against Everton in April that year.

A STRAIGHT BAT

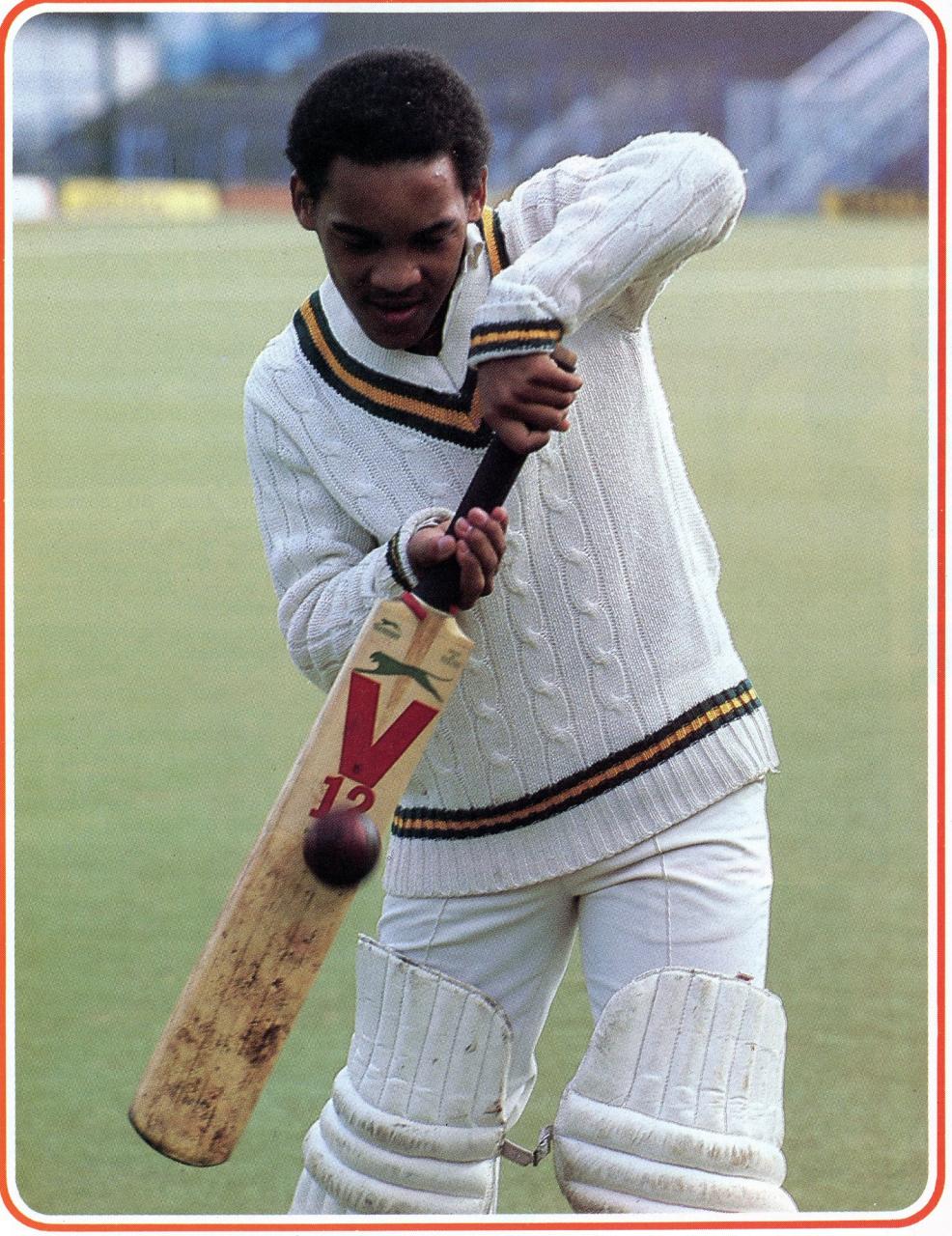
It could have been football or cricket at one stage for Mark Stein. He was good at both sports and had been a promising enough batsman to have played for the Middlesex colts' team when he was faced with the decision. "I was about 15 then I think," he said. "I was going to Lords regularly and was a sort of stroke-making batsmen . . . I usually went in number three or four and managed to make some runs.

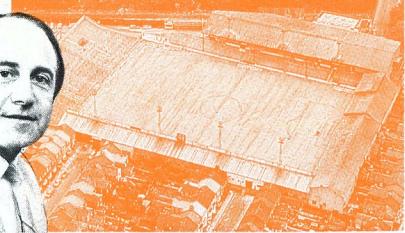
"But one day I just decided I really wanted to concentrate on football and not cricket and that was it. I've never changed my mind. I still like cricket of course, but it is not the same for me as football. I learned my cricket at school in London where I was spotted and invited to play with Brondesbury, going to their nets at Finchley and having trials for Middlesex.

"It all went from there for me, but I had always loved football too. I'd grown up playing football with my brothers' team and I used to go and watch Watford!

"I even went training at Watford for a while and played a few times in their junior team before I finally came to Luton. I used to like coming to watch Brian play.

"It was good experience for me going to play in Moscow with the England youth squad and I learned a lot. Now I'm aiming for the first team spot."





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TWO WINS IN THE CARIBBEAN SUNSHINE!

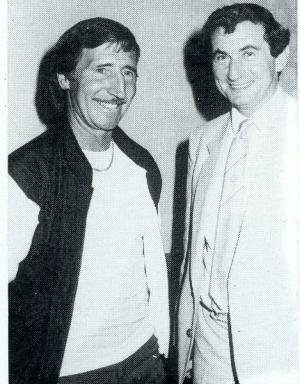
by Bill Tomlins

WHAT an interesting draw our third round Milk Cup-tie produced! With our first team squad in Trinidad this week as guests of the Trinidad FA, it was strange to be in the company of Norwich City.

The original invitation was extended to Bradford City. Unfortunately the Yorkshire club were unable to go because of Football League commitments, and the Milk Cup holders filled their place.

At the time of going to press we had beaten the Armed Forces on Monday 4-1, Stein, Nwajobi and Harford all finding the net. Mick Harford scored twice playing centre-half! So we found ourselves preparing for a dress-rehearsal of the Milk Cup-tie in the final in the sunshine of the West Indies' tournament.

My congratulations to Paul Elliott and Mitchell Thomas who were on England under-21 duty and to Mal Donaghy and Peter Nicholas who were on full international duty for Northern Ireland and Wales. Didn't the Irish do superbly to beat Romania?



Happy wingers: Our manager David Pleat and former Spurs' winger Cliff Jones were all smiles after we had ended Man Utd's bid for their 11th straight win. Cliff, a star of the Spurs' double team, said he thought it was a great game to watch.



... and I get a kick out of you

Best of friends: Les Sealey is normally pictured between the posts, but here he is with international show jumpers Suzie Gill and John Whitaker and their horses recently when they came to test our new artificial surface.

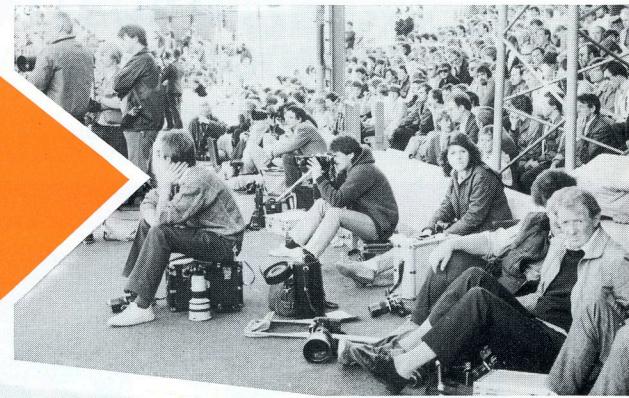


Big day

Our last home match was an important day for Mark North who made his first team debut against the mighty United. Mark's day was just as busy after the game when he presented an autographed football to Tony Turner, guest of our match sponsors Bedford Trucks.

A pressing matter

It could be like this every home game! The demand by national press photographers for space against Man Utd was incredible. So incredible, in fact, they had to squeeze up to make their own room on the day.



Crystal ball

Star gazers: Oxford United's marketing director Nick Johnson presented our executive director John Smith with a crystal ball to mark the clubs' first meeting in Division One before our 1-1 draw at the Manor last week. And today's result will be, John . . . ?

Junior Hatters



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Good afternoon, Junior Hatters,
parents and friends

We went through to the third round of the Milk Cup with the 3-1 home win over Sheffield United last week and in the next round we have a home draw with the holders Norwich City. This looks like being a good game. What about this record that we have playing on artificial grass! Even the mighty Manchester United could not stop us. With seven games played at home on our new pitch and three played at Queens park Ranges this must be a record worth remembering for a long time.

We must keep it up this afternoon, when our visitors are Southampton. This

should be a good game with England's goalkeeper between the posts for them.

Southampton are celebrating their Centenary this season as we are. So lets give them a warm welcome this afternoon. Have a good day and lets hear you cheering us on to victory.

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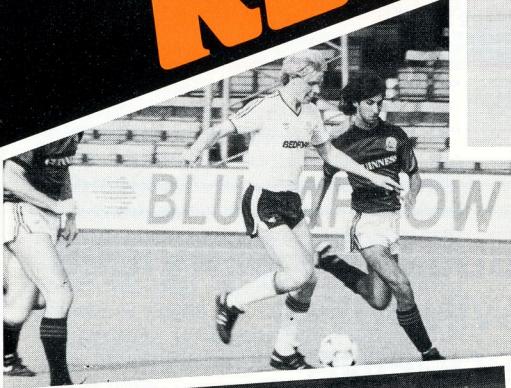
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OUR young reserve side continued its good form last week with a 1-1 draw against a strong Rangers' team including Michael Robinson and Peter Hucke. The result extended our unbeaten run to four games though we needed a Ray Daniel penalty to take a point. The previous Wednesday, we had travelled to Brighton and won 2-0 with goals from Mark Stein, his first in the Combination this season, and David Oldfield, Mark North, so prolific for us, was on first team duty. With better finishing we would have scored more goals, said coach John Moore, in both games.

Today's action pictures show David Oldfield and Mark Stein trying to find a way through the tough Rangers' defence and Paul Elliott, watched by Garry Parker, heading clear.



FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Arsenal	9	8	1	0	44	5	17
2 Chelsea	9	7	2	0	32	3	16
3 Watford	9	7	2	0	24	2	16
4 West Ham	9	6	2	1	28	10	14
5 Ipswich Town	8	6	1	1	16	8	13
6 Norwich City	10	5	2	3	19	14	12
7 QPR	9	4	2	3	21	16	10
8 Oxford Utd.	8	3	3	2	17	13	9
9 Bristol R.	7	4	1	2	17	16	9
10 Luton Town	7	4	1	2	8	11	9
11 C. Palace	10	3	3	4	15	20	9
12 Tottenham	8	4	0	4	19	10	8
13 Birmingham	9	4	0	5	15	24	8
14 Millwall	9	3	1	5	7	18	7
15 Reading	8	3	0	5	8	17	6
16 Fulham	8	3	0	5	14	29	6
17 Southampton	9	2	1	6	15	23	5
18 Charlton A.	8	2	1	5	15	26	5
19 Portsmouth	8	1	1	6	6	13	3
20 Swansea C.	10	1	0	9	3	36	2
21 Swindon T.	7	0	1	6	9	18	1
22 Brighton	7	0	1	6	1	21	1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

	App	Gls		App	Gls
Sealey	5		North M.	6	4
Johnson R.	6		Tuite	5	
Harvey	6		Berry	1	
McEvoy	8	1	Scott	4	
Elliott	5		Farrell	1	
Johnson M.	4		Black	4	1
Cobb	10		Lewis	2	
Stein M.	8	1	Daniel	7	1
Oldfield	9	3	Parker	6	1
Grimes	9	1	Ferguson	1	
Dibble	4		North S.	4	
Tighe	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.	2-0
H Oct 12	Queens Park Rangers	1-1
H Oct 15	Ipswich Town	2-3
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

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

	Appearances	Goals
Oldfield	1	
Jones	5	
Bone	5	
James	5	
Barker	5	
Berry	6	
Scott	4	
Rees	1	
Bowden	3	
Farrell	6	10
Kennedy	6	3
Lewis	4	3
Pouch	4	
Williams	4	
Cotterall	2	
Hyde	1	
Gyalog	2	
Tighe	6	2
Philpot	2	
Connor	2	
Sullivan	2	
Harvey	3	
Johnson	4	
Cobb	1	
Tuite	4	3
Black	2	
McEvoy	1	1
Own goal	1	1

Farrell the goal king!

● **Goal-merchant:** Sean Farrell has continued to lead the way in our youth team's high-scoring start to the season. After six appearances in the South East Counties League Division Two he had scored 10 goals in all—an astonishing record for the 16-year-



old Watford youngster who escaped from the Hornets' nest.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Southampton	7	6	0	1	26	14	12
2 Swindon Town	7	4	3	0	20	10	11
3 Luton Town	7	3	3	1	25	16	9
4 Southend Utd.	7	3	2	2	8	9	8
5 Wimbledon	7	3	1	3	14	9	7
6 Oxford Utd.	7	3	1	3	14	12	7
7 Tottenham	6	3	1	2	10	9	7
8 Brentford	7	1	4	2	12	12	6
9 Bournemouth	7	2	2	3	13	16	6

Up to and including Oct. 15th

Introducing Southampton



SOUTHAMPTON arrive here this afternoon languishing in the unaccustomed position of 17th in the First Division table and still searching for their first away League win this season. But, after performing near-miracles following poor starts in the past, no-one can yet be writing off their ability to climb the table and make a challenge near the top.

Last season, the Saints finished fifth after making up ground quickly and with experienced players of the calibre of Peter Shilton, Mark Wright, Nick Holmes, Ivan Golac, Alan Curtis, David Armstrong and Joe Jordan in their ranks they have every chance of doing it again.

Last week they made the headlines when their Milk Cup-tie against Millwall went to a penalty shootout before they won to clinch a third round trip to Birmingham City. At the weekend, they went down 1-0 at Anfield against Liverpool where their deep defensive system irked home fans.

Like us, the Saints are celebrating their Centenary this year.



Back row, from left: Mark Whitlock, Jimmy Case, Andy Townsend, Kevin Bond, Alan Curtis.
Middle row: Stuart McManus, Joe Jordan, Peter Shilton, George Lawrence, Phil Kite, Mark Dennis, Kevan Brown.
Front row: Danny Wallace, Steve Moran, Eamon Collins, Mark Wright, Nick Holmes, David Armstrong, David Puckett, Steve Baker.

Players likely to be on duty this afternoon: **Peter Shilton**—England's most capped goalkeeper needs little introduction. A certainty for Mexico, he joined Saints from Forest in 1982. Now 36.

Steve Baker—A sharp-tackling right-back. Steve is still establishing himself in the Southampton team following the departure of Mick Mills. He is 23.

Mark Dennis—Former England under-21 international left-back Mark is now 24 and firmly established as a favourite with Saints fans for his bright attacking play.

Jimmy Case—Ex-Liverpool and Brighton midfielder Jimmy is now 31. Famed for his powerful shooting and intelligent passing. Won honours galore at Liverpool.

Mark Wright—England centre-half and a tall and commanding defender, Mark has recovered from a bad spell last season to regain his best form. Still only 22.

Kevin Bond—Kevin joined the Saints in 1984 from Manchester City. An England "B"



Chris Nicholl needs little introduction to Town fans who have followed his career with special attention ever since he proved his exceptional ability as a dominating centre-half in the Luton defence of the early 1970's. He went on to join Aston Villa, Southampton and Grimsby Town where he became assistant manager. A regular in the Northern Ireland team for years, he left Grimsby in the close-season to return to the South Coast as manager in succession to another well-known big man, Lawrie McMenemy.

defender, strong in the air. Son of Swansea manager John Bond. Now 28.

George Lawrence—A fast and strong right-winger with a powerful shot, George is in his second spell with Southampton after playing for Oxford. Aged 23.

Steve Moran—England under-21 striker Steve is now 24 and respected as one of the best finishers in the First Division. Discovered in local football.

Joe Jordan—Vastly-experienced former Scottish international centre-forward Joe is a veteran of spells with Leeds, Man. Utd, AC Milan and Verona. Now 33. **David Puckett**—A nimble, quick forward who will be 25 at the end of the month, David was born in Southampton and is now fighting for a regular first-team place.

Alan Curtis—Alan, a Welsh international striker with excellent control and skill, joined Saints from Swansea in 1983. Now 30, he has also played for Leeds.

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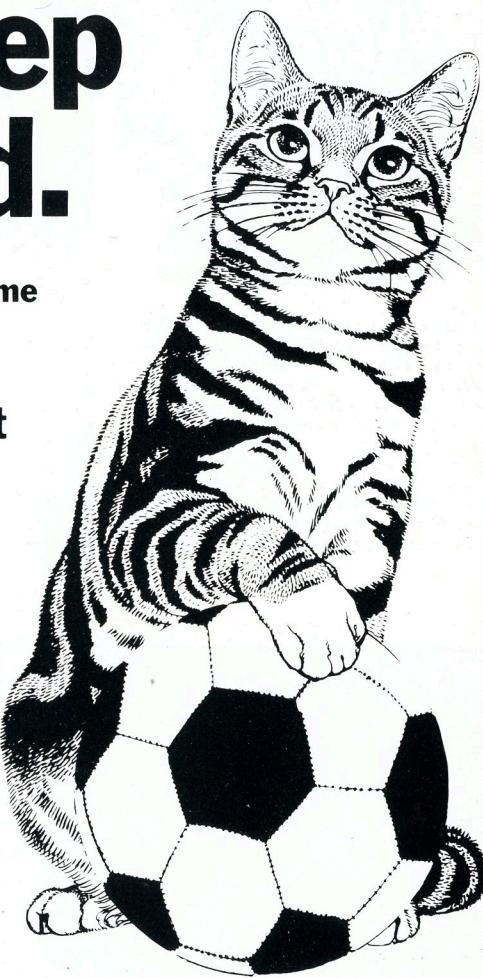
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Club Comment



Welcome new initiative

FOR your information and continuing our policy of keeping our public informed the following is a copy of a letter I have sent out to interested parties, together with a copy of a Luton Borough Council press release. Dear Sir,

You will no doubt have heard or read Luton Borough Council's latest statement involving the relocation of the football club, if not, I attach a copy for your information.

We have made regular reports and statements on the effect that the A505 relief road proposals by the Beds County Council have on the club's future. Our view is unchanged, despite the lapse of six years. This is simply:—it puts us out of business.

This latest initiative by Luton Borough Council to look at relocation again is, of course, most welcome. However, on a cautionary note, it will take a strong political will to see it through. After the last relocation discussions ended in 1982-83, their effect was ultimately to split the club. This must be avoided this time.

If the club does relocate, it will have a great future. To achieve this, we will need your active support and we will all go forward together.

J. R. Smith, Executive Director

Luton Borough Council, press release

Renewed efforts will be made by Luton Borough Council to attempt to keep Luton Town Football Club in town, said council leader Councillor V. Dunnington.

Councillor Dunnington was speaking following a meeting between council representatives and the football club which he said was to restore the good relationship between club and council.

The meeting discussed positive means whereby the club and council could work together in the short term to find the means of helping the club at Kenilworth Road and in the longer term could try to find a suitable alternative site in Luton which could provide the home for a multi-purpose sports and community centre.

Councillor Dunnington said: "We are re-examining some of the sites previously considered for use by the club to see if they could meet the changed criteria from that originally proposed."

Councillor Dunnington said that the club were wishing to improve their facilities at Kenilworth Road and had already gone a long way towards that objective with the laying of a new artificial playing surface.

"But they want to go a lot further" he said. "And they are seeking the support and advice of the council in the way this could be achieved."

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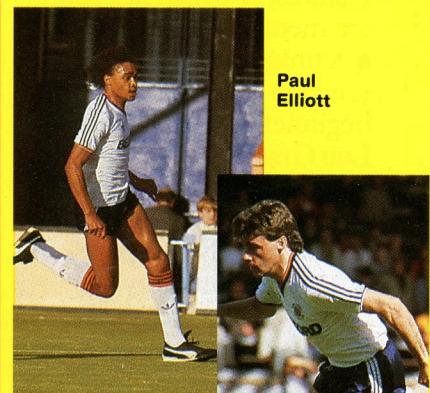
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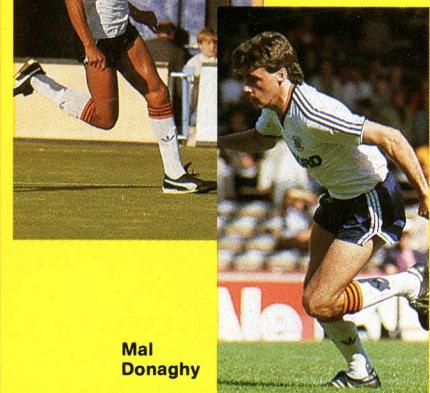
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ViEWS from the **MEDIA**

OUR 1-1 draw here against Manchester United a fortnight ago attracted unprecedented media attention for this season and resulted in some glowing praise for the team and our club. Here is a selection of the press comment after the match.

Daily Mirror: "The right of a little 'un like Luton to be part of the so-called elite in a super league could not have been better demonstrated."

On the day United's failure to win left that Tottenham record of 11 straight victories at the start of the season intact, Luton collected—and proved—a mighty important point.

They showed you do not have to be big in reputation and powerful in resources to compete with United and the other members of the gang of five behind the latest super league idea."

Sunday Express: "In the end Luton were punching the air like winners and United were another point ahead of the First Division pack who may have reclaimed some hope from this result."

The Times: "Stein with a drive from an oblique angle, was responsible for protecting Luton's record and ending that of United. In cancelling out Hughes's effort that spun off Foster's boot and over Sealey, he also lifted his colleagues, a crowd of 17,000 (Luton's biggest by far this season) and the tension."

Record-breakers

The Sun: "Who says little Luton couldn't survive and prosper in a super league? David Pleat's team made nonsense of the arrogant assertion that being big makes you best."

Luton destroyed Manchester United's hopes of equaling Spurs' old record of 11 straight opening wins in the First Division. And they did it with the sort of football any league would have been proud to call their own."

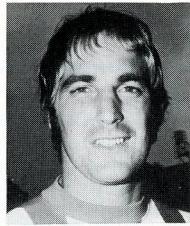
The Observer: "As the final whistle went Stein's deflected shot was bending on to the United bar with the 'keeper stranded—it was so close that Luton smelt blue blood. The league leaders may have arrived seeking three points as of right. They were lucky to leave with one."

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Ron Davies hit 21 goals in his 32 League games for Luton in the early 1960's before going on to Norwich and Southampton where he became Wales' centre-forward and one of the most-feared scorers in Europe.



LUTON TOWN STORY



All Our

THIS afternoon's meeting with Southampton will be our 41st in the Football League and the odds are that it will be a high scoring match in the tradition of the fixture. Only once in our previous 40 meetings have we drawn 0-0 and today, our first match on an artificial surface, should see yet another entertaining encounter.

Indeed, as the summary shows, both ourselves and the Saints have found goal-scoring a consistently easy task against one another both at home and away with 135 goals scored in the 40 fixtures to date—an average of more than three per game. The match will also evoke memories of past players for both sets of fans as one man in particular—Southampton's manager Chris Nicholl—returns to Kenilworth Road as a boss for the first time.

The first League meeting took place on Christmas Day 1920 at Kenilworth Road. A crowd of 14,000 saw England international Ernie Simms score for the Town in a 1-1 draw. The return match was played the following day when 20,000 saw an identical scoreline reproduced at Southampton, Irish international Allan Mathieson netting for the Town.

The following season Southampton gained promotion and it was not until 1937 and the hey-day of Joe Payne that our paths were to cross again in Division Two. In those two seasons before the war, Luton crashed 17 goals into the Saints' net. In the first meeting at the Dell on October 30th, 1937, the Town won 6-3 and left the newspaper reporters purring "Southampton, by no means a poor side, were completely eclipsed by the finest team I have seen this season."

Ted Vinall and Fred Roberts each scored twice on that day and Charlie Ferguson scored on his debut. The following season, both games were played over Easter. On Good Friday at Luton, the Town ran out 6-2 winners after leading 5-0 at half-time with Hugh Billington scoring a hat-trick,

SOUTHAMPTON manager Chris Nicholl is certain to be as interested as anyone here today in this season's celebration of the Centenary of Luton Town Football Club. This great milestone was reached on April 11th, 1985, two days before that stirring FA Cup semi-final against Everton at Villa Park.

A famous Northern Ireland international centre-half, Nicholl has won more than 50 caps for his country in a career that took him from Burnley Juniors to Witton, Halifax Town, Luton Town, Aston Villa, Southampton and Grimsby Town before his return to the South Coast and the manager's position in the close-season.

His days at Kenilworth Road were among the most fascinating in the club's modern history and are carefully documented along with a host of other detailed items in the official club history, *The Luton Town Story 1885-1985*, on sale now at good bookshops and sports shops throughout the area.

Publication of the book is just part of the events to commemorate the club's Centenary. The events include the launch of the Centenary Club, a Sportsman's Centenary dinner and this series of articles spotlighting great moments in our past. The book includes a fully-documented history of the club, full reports of great games, sketches of the most prominent players, managers, directors and staff, and a full statistical section.

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Sandy Davie was signed from Dundee in 1968. A Scottish under-23 international goalkeeper, he took over from Tony Read in the Town team and later left to play for Southampton in the 1970's.



Chris Nicholl, the current Southampton manager, was a big favourite here in 1969-72 when he made 97 League appearances at centre-half and scored six goals before leaving for Aston Villa.



Yesterdays

and at Southampton in the return on Easter Monday, they won 4-0—Billington scoring another hat-trick. The win took Luton into third place, level on points with Sheffield Wednesday.

After the war, there was a period of mostly even games when Southampton had a highly potent promotion-chasing Second Division team. This spell ended then the Saints were relegated in 1953.

The early 1960's saw the Town on the slide and games recommenced for three seasons in Division Two as we passed through Gordon Turner enjoying one in particular when he scored twice in a 4-1 win in December 1960.

It was 12 years before we recovered and met the Saints again and in 1975-76 after a 3-1 defeat at the Dell Jim Husband restored some honour with the only goal at Kenilworth Road. The following year's match at the Dell was keenly anticipated as we were trying to extend a run of 11 wins and a draw in 12 matches—but a second-minute goal by Alan Ball proved decisive.

Southampton won promotion the following year when Ron Fletcher gave us a 1-0 win at the Dell and happily our meetings in recent seasons have all been thrilling high-scoring matches in the First Division with our 3-1 win here in 1983-84 a notable highlight.

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

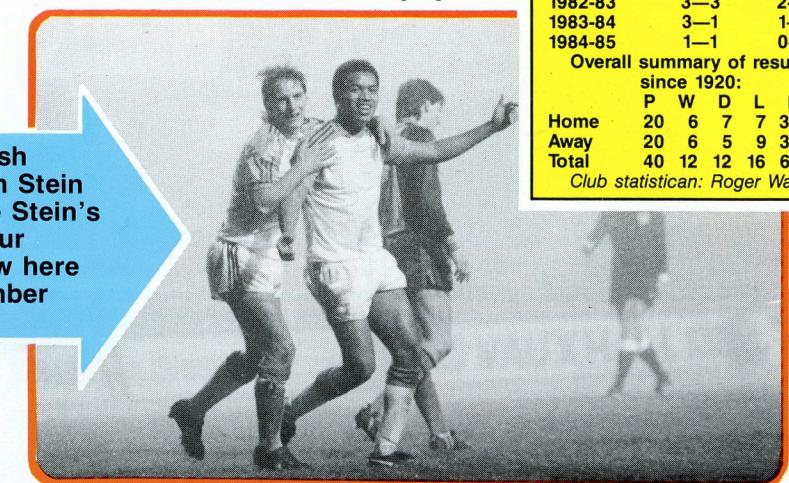
	Home	Away
1920-21	1-1	1-1
1921-22	0-0	1-2
1937-38	1-3	6-3
1938-39	6-2	4-0
1946-47	3-2	3-1
1947-48	0-2	1-3
1948-49	1-1	1-1
1949-50	1-1	1-2
1950-51	0-1	1-1
1951-52	2-1	3-2
1952-53	1-2	3-1
1960-61	4-1	2-3
1961-62	1-4	0-3
1962-63	3-2	2-2
1975-76	1-0	1-3
1976-77	1-4	0-1
1977-78	1-2	1-0
1982-83	3-3	2-2
1983-84	3-1	1-2
1984-85	1-1	0-1

Overall summary of results since 1920:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	20	6	7	7	33	34
Away	20	6	5	9	34	34
Total	40	12	12	16	67	68

Club statistician: Roger Wash

Paul Walsh and Brian Stein celebrate Stein's goal in our 3-3 draw here in November 1982.



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.	12	6	0	15	5	0	5	1	0	15	4	34
2 Liverpool	11	6	0	17	2	1	3	2	10	11	24	
3 Chelsea	12	6	0	12	2	1	3	2	5	9	24	
4 Arsenal	12	4	1	1	9	6	2	2	6	6	21	
5 Sheffield Wed.	12	2	3	1	11	13	4	0	2	7	8	21
6 Everton	12	4	1	1	13	5	2	1	3	8	9	20
7 Watford	12	6	0	19	4	0	1	5	7	17	19	
8 Newcastle	12	4	1	14	6	1	3	2	6	12	19	
9 QPR	12	5	0	11	4	1	0	5	4	13	18	
10 Tottenham	11	4	0	18	4	1	2	3	5	9	17	
11 West Ham	12	3	2	12	6	1	3	2	7	9	17	
12 Nottingham F.	12	3	0	3	9	9	2	1	3	9	10	16
13 Birmingham C.	11	4	1	7	4	1	0	4	3	12	16	
14 Luton Town	12	2	4	0	8	5	1	2	3	7	11	15
15 Coventry City	12	3	1	2	13	7	0	4	2	5	9	14
16 Aston Villa	12	1	3	2	8	8	2	2	2	8	7	14
17 Southampton	12	2	4	0	9	4	0	1	5	4	10	11
18 Oxford Utd	13	2	3	1	10	5	0	2	5	8	21	11
19 Leicester City	13	2	4	1	12	12	0	1	4	2	12	11
20 Manchester C.	12	1	2	3	6	11	1	1	4	6	11	9
21 Ipswich Town	12	1	2	3	4	8	1	0	5	3	12	8
22 West Brom	12	0	2	4	6	15	0	1	5	4	19	3

League table as October 14th, 1985

LEAGUE and CUP APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

	League App	Gls	Cup App	Gls
T. Breacker	9		2	
A. Dibble	7			
M. Donaghy	12	2		
P. Elliott	2(3)			
S. Foster	8	1	2	
A. Grimes	1			
M. Harford	11	6	1	
R. Hill	10		2	1
R. Johnson	3			
P. Nicholas	12	2		
E. Nwajobi	11	3	2	1
G. Parker	3(3)			
D. Preece	12		2	1
B. Stein	12	5	2	1
M. Thomas	12		2	
M. Stein	1			
L. Sealey	5	2		
M. North	1	1	1	

Leading League and Cup goalscorers

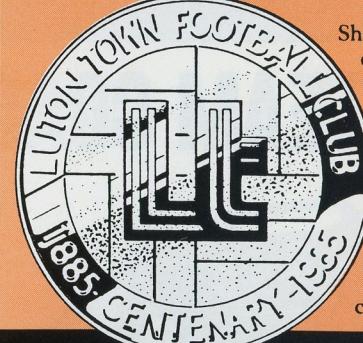
11—McAvennie (West Ham), Lineker (Everton)
 9—Hughes (Manchester Utd), Rush (Liverpool)
 8—Gibson (Coventry)
 7—Bannister (QPR), Chapman (Sheffield Wed), Cottee (West Ham), Falco (Spurs), Stainrod (Aston Villa)
 (up to October 13th)

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Luton Town

FA	Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 17	Nottingham Forest	1—11,381	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill*	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajobi	Preece	
Aug 21	Newcastle United	2—21,304	Dibble	Thomas	Grimes	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Parker	Stein B.	Harford1	Nwajobi1	Preece	
Aug 24	West Ham United	1—014,104	8	Dibble	Johnson	Thomas	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Parker	Stein B.	Harford1	Nwajobi	Preece
Aug 27	Arsenal	2—210,012	10	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Parker	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajobi1	Grimes
Aug 31	Aston Villa	1—310,524	12	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Johnson*	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajobi	Preece
Sept 7	Chelsea	1—110,720	15	Dibble	Johnson	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford1	Nwajobi	Parker
Sept 14	Everton	0—226,419	16	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill*	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajobi	Preece*
Sept 21	Queens Park Rangers	2—09,508	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster1	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford1	Stein M.	Preece
Sept 24	Sheffield United (MC 2r 1)	2—18,943	—	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajobi1	Elliott
Sept 28	Sheffield Wednesday	2—317,887	15	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas*	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford2	Nwajobi	Preece
Oct 1	Ipswich Town	1—08,553	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajobi1	Parker
Oct 5	Manchester United	1—17,454	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	North*	Stein B.1	Nwajobi	Elliott
Oct 8	Sheffield Utd (MC 2r 2)	3—15,660	—	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill1	Stein B.	North1	Nwajobi	Preece1
Oct 12	Oxford United	1—110,626	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajobi	North

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4 Peter Nicholas	4 Jimmy Case
5 Steve Foster	5 Mark Wright
6 Mal Donaghy	6 Kevin Bond
7 Ricky Hill	7 George Lawrence
8 Brian Stein	8 Steve Moran
9 Mick Harford	9 Joe Jordan
10 Emeka Nwajiobi	10 David Puckett
11 David Preece	11 Alan Curtis
Sub	Sub

Southampton

1 Peter Shilton	1 Peter Shilton
2 Steve Baker	2 Steve Baker
3 Mark Dennis	3 Mark Dennis
4 Jimmy Case	4 Jimmy Case
5 Mark Wright	5 Mark Wright
6 Kevin Bond	6 Kevin Bond
7 George Lawrence	7 George Lawrence
8 Steve Moran	8 Steve Moran
9 Joe Jordan	9 Joe Jordan
10 David Puckett	10 David Puckett
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