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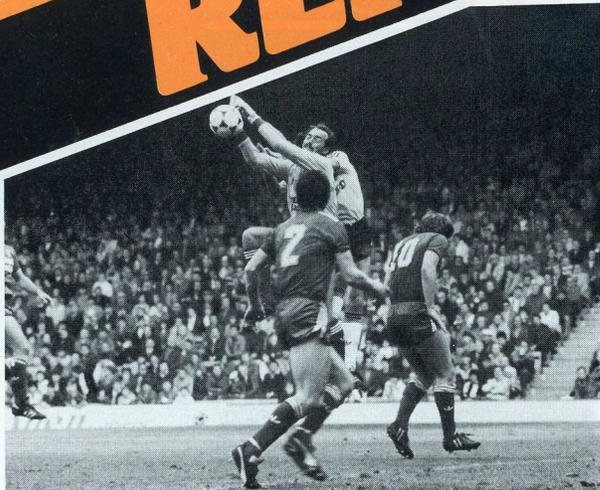
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Narrow defeat: We almost won a point at Anfield with a great second-half showing but were finally beaten 3-2. Today's pictures show the Liverpool defence under pressure from Emeka, Mick and Brian and Steve Foster firing in a free-kick that wobbled the "Reds" wall.



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100 Years On

WELCOME to Birmingham City, their players, supporters and directors. Let us all hope we have an exciting game.

Last Sunday's putting back the clock has reminded us that winter is now beckoning. Colder weather has always been a discouraging factor when we look at attendance figures. We at Luton are determined that whatever the result, we shall endeavour to entertain as much as possible in order to keep the turnstiles clicking.

Let's enjoy it

When you consider the crowds at all but Manchester United, we all realise the need to put the fear factor behind us. If, as some would have us believe, our industry is dying we might as well enjoy it whilst it lasts and die happy.

Our board are far from pessimistic—we are determined to continue to improve our facilities whilst utilising our pitch to the maximum. Any club that proceeds with strong management aided by an optimistic progressive approach will gain consideration as a top club. That is our aim.

Real Madrid magic

I was most interested to see the outstanding moments last Monday evening on television of the attractive Real Madrid 1960 European Cup final. After 70 minutes, Jack Mowat the Scottish referee blew for an offside decision—the first one of the game.

Kenneth Wolstenholme, the commentator, remarked "how refreshing to see two outstanding teams who don't rely on dubious tactical methods to restrict the opposition". Twenty-



five years on, the Real Madrid of that era—Puskas, Gento, Del Sol, Santmaria and Di Stefano—are still recalled.

Supreme skills are still what football is all about, and the abuse of the offside tactic is still "what the game can do without."

Remember our lotteries

Enjoy the game and remember to be a sportsman. May I also remind all our Luton supporters to help our lotteries, and fund-raising efforts. Help us to help make it better for you.

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GirlTalk

MY prize for winning a competition on Chiltern Radio came and went so quickly I can hardly believe it was me who flew to Anfield on Saturday with the directors of Luton Town to see Luton battle it out against Liverpool.

But I remember arriving at Luton Airport on Saturday lunchtime. I was met by Bill Tomlins, commercial director, and John Smith, chief executive. No sooner had my big day begun than I thought it was to end. Fog over Liverpool was the report the pilot gave, and the visibility was so poor it seemed unlikely we would go. We all waited in the departure lounge praying for the fog to clear. The pilot decided to chance it anyway. If it had not cleared by the time we got to Liverpool, we would just have to turn around and come back. So we boarded the 20-seater plane, the engines roared and soon we were looking down on the ground at Kenilworth Road. It was then we heard the fog had cleared over Liverpool and 50 minutes later we made a smooth landing.

We travelled by coach to Liverpool's famous ground, Anfield. And it was from the main stand that I watched 90 minutes of enjoyable football, with the skill of the Liverpool players clearly noticeable. We had to wait until the last 45 minutes to see the exciting football I knew we could produce, with a fine goal from Steve Foster and a magnificent goal from Mick Harford.

Once the final whistle blew I made my way to the Directors and Officials entrance. There John Smith was waiting and we made our way up to the magnificent Trophy Room. Displayed behind glass was a countless number of trophies gleaming away. To have a look round was an opportunity not to be missed.

Then Bill Tomlins took me to the teams' dressing room area and I walked on to the pitch, a walk many famous names have taken.

Then it was time to leave. We made our way back to the airport by coach again. I boarded the plane again to be told that this time I had a special seat next to the pilot!

Thank you to everyone.

Julie Barber

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Voice of the fans

Dear Sir,
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We are a fast growing team of genuine football supporters, currently intent on gaining publicity and hopefully sponsorship to promote our cause.

I know that Luton Town, have considered banning visiting supporters this season, and after the disgusting scenes vs Millwall last year are only too aware of the problems.

It would be much appreciated if a few lines could be written in your next programme to attract some of your respected supporters into joining "Supporters United". Our address is Supporters United, PO Box 89, Reading, RG6 3LA.

No fee is necessary but donations are welcome.
S. Holmes.

Big thanks!

Dear Sir,
May I say a very big thanks to you Mr. Pleat and all the players for the most enjoyable afternoon I had as the mascot at the Southampton game. It was really great to lead the players on the to pitch. Thank you for my team strip which I am very proud of and what a game with a great score! Well done everyone, so thanks again for a great afternoon.
Richard Armstrong,
Milton Keynes.

A grand day

Dear Sir,
I would like to thank everyone concerned for their hospitality at Kenilworth Road on October 19th and making it such an en-

joyable day. I would also like to thank David Preece for presenting the £1,000 cheque to me. It also added an extra sparkle to see the lads have a great win.

I feel that I was looked after very well and it was very much appreciated.

Thanks again.
Mrs. A. Crockett,
Leighton Buzzard.
Editor: Mrs. Crockett won her £1,000 prize in our Lucky Pot lottery.

Icelandic offer

Dear Sir,
EXCHANGE offer: Icelandic newspaper cutting (colour) from Retkjauik I v. Luton in January 1985. Want Luton v. Chelsea from this and last season.
Orri Suarason,
Ora Smarason, Stekkholt 17,
800 Secfoss, Iceland.

Changing habits

Dear Sir,
In some ways I should apologise for not being a regular supporter, but after Saturday's performance I'll have to change my habits. We all know that Luton have the players to score six or seven every week and God help the First Division goalkeepers should that happen!

Please keep this team together and I will be a more regular supporter from now on.
Derek Owen,
Luton.

Down under

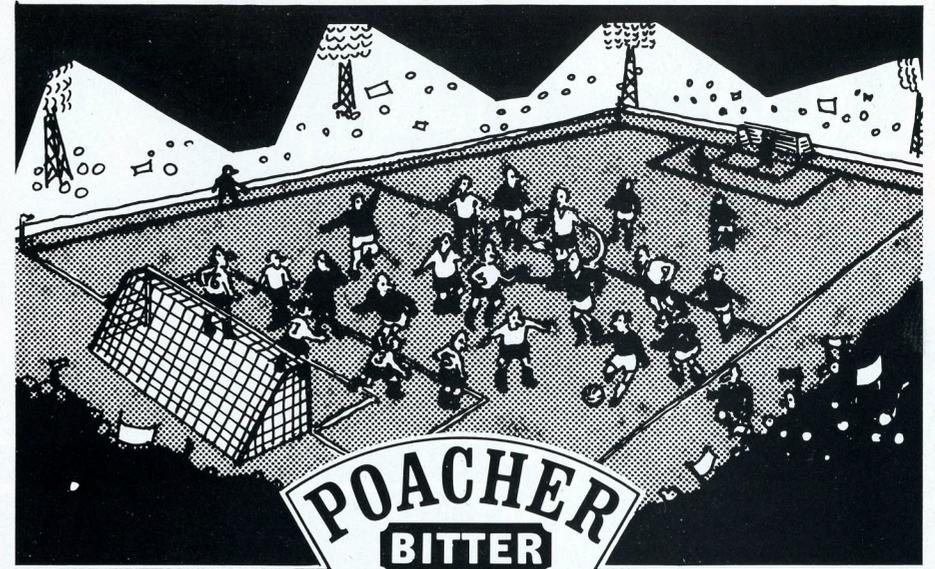
Dear Sir,
Thank you very much for the poster of the team. I am sending it on to my grandson in Australia.

Thank you.
Mrs. J. Edwards,
Kent.

Brian's 100th goal

Dear Sir,
Congratulations to Brian Stein and Mal Donaghy on reaching career milestones recently. Mal Donaghy played his 300th Football League game for Luton a week after Brian Stein's similar achievement. Also Brian's hat-trick goal against Southampton was his 100th league goal for the Hatters.

This illustrates their loyalty and consistency as well as the pleasure which they have given the Town fans during the past few seasons.
David Fleckney,
Northampton.



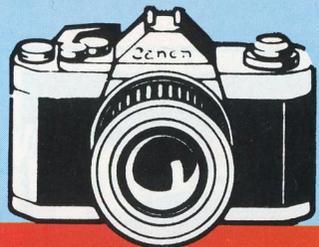
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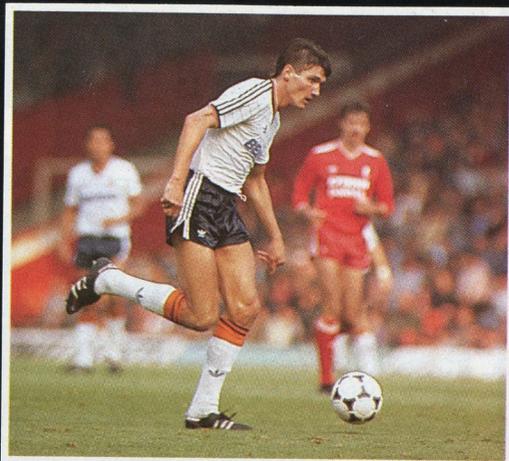
Our rousing run of five matches without defeat came to its end at Anfield last week where Liverpool won by the odd goal in five after we had narrowly failed to equalise with a determined and enterprising rally.

Deprived of Mitchell Thomas through suspension and Peter Nicholas through injury, this fixture posed plenty of problems for our reshaped team and it was certainly no disgrace to lose to the former European champions on their own ground. Indeed, Liverpool have a 100 per cent home record and until our visit had conceded only two goals by visiting teams—we doubled that figure!

Ironically, it was our former striker Paul Walsh—back to his best after a spell out of the team and in the doldrums—who upset our hopes in the first half when he scored twice to put the "Reds" well in front.

But after the interval, with the help of an immediate reply from our captain Steve Foster, following a David Preece corner, we more than held our own.

Jan Molby put Liverpool further ahead with a free-kick before Mick Harford found the corner of the net with a carefully-placed shot to set up a great finish. If further efforts from Foster, Harford and Preece had been luckier than to have hit the woodwork, we would almost certainly have taken a point.



ACTION REPLAY from

Anfield



Steve Foster and Mick Harford were in the thick of the action at Anfield where we narrowly lost 3—2. Today's pictures show them on the attack and Bruce Grobbelaar on the receiving end of Mick's goal.

(Photos: Gareth Owen)





DAVID PLEAT

Views

from the bench

Director and team manager David Pleat was as disappointed as anyone in the ground by our Milk Cup defeat against Norwich City on Tuesday night. But since taking over the manager's office at Kenilworth Road in January 1978 he has learned to accept defeats and victories in the same sporting manner and to digest and learn from them. Today he gives his views on some of the frustration from the terraces that followed our Milk Cup exit and points at the need for encouragement of young players.

"Ever since I have been manager I have tried to encourage people to watch our games with the right attitude—to appreciate the other side as well as ours.

On Tuesday night our team turned in an ineffective and disappointing display. By the same token, Norwich City played extremely well. Two quick goals gave them a massive boost of confidence and enabled them to close down all routes to goal.

You have to take defeats on the chin, and it disturbed me that sections of the crowd were abusive towards some players, particularly younger ones in our team.

The right to shout

I understand the old saying about paying your money and having the right to make your choice, but some of the shouts at the end of the game brought no credit to the club.

Ray Daniel, Rob Johnson and Gary Parker are all apprentices in terms of Football League experience. They need encouragement if they are to develop. It's easy to cheer a winning team, but far more important to support a side when it hits the inevitable hiccup.

Last season we had experienced squad players to cover for absences. Frank Bunn and Wayne Turner played vital roles in the Cup-ties particularly. Now they have gone a younger group of players is coming through.

My message to true supporters is simple: if you want to enjoy the good times—and we have had plenty—you must also learn to be as strong, as we in the club have to be, through the bad ones.

Good grace

I suffered as much as anyone on Tuesday night. But you have to take defeat with good grace—if you can't there is not much point in cheering the victories.

Norwich City were a good side and got the result they deserved on the night and we at Luton Town wish them well as they try to reach Wembley for a second consecutive season.

This lovely game of ours is still built on sportsmanship and friendship, and there is no room for abuse or ill-will from the terraces, whichever team it is directed at.



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THIRD PLACE IN THE CANON SPELL AND WIN COMPETITION

Luton Town finished in third place in the Canon Spell and Win competition last season. The clear winners were our neighbours and rivals Watford with 5,343 points. Second were WBA with 3,791 points. The Town's total for third place was 3,513 points.

Pre-match entertainment

This afternoon's pre-match entertainment is provided by a match between the Luton and Birmingham ladies' teams, kicking-off at 1.15 pm. Teams:—

Luton Ladies—H. King, J. McGavern, L. Ambridge, E. Basterfield, D. Oliver, A. Hansen, J. Searle, A. Lawrence, T. Mahoney, L. Caleb, S. Robinson, P. Budd, H. Rennie, T. James.

Birmingham Ladies—J. Borland, J. Rankin, D. Chalkley, F. O'Driscoll, S. Skurritt, M. Purcell, J. Timmins, G. Dean, J. Stew, D. Reade, J. Hobbiss, J. Rogers, S. Ulloh, S. Insall, J. Callaghan, T. Hunt.

Away Travel

On the 9th November we make the short journey to Spurs. Our coaches will be leaving the Maple Road car park at 12.45 pm and the cost will be £3.50. As we are expecting a high demand for this game we would appreciate prompt bookings. Please ring Luton 412418 for further details.

Match Ball sponsors



We welcome this afternoon's match ball sponsor Mr. John Tett, managing director of Derclen Supplies Ltd, a rapidly-growing janitorial supply company in the Harpenden area.

MATCH REFEREE

Kerith Miller
(Harlow)



A salesman in the aircraft engineering industry, Keith is married with two sons who are also referees. He started refereeing in 1966 and progressed through the Essex Senior League and the Football Combination to the Football League. He is a keen athlete, collects cricket memorabilia and enjoys gardening.

Travel Club

This coming Saturday we travel to White Hart Lane to face Spurs. This short journey into London will cost our members £3.50, our coaches will be leaving the Maple Road car park at 12.45 pm. We would appreciate prompt bookings as the game is proving a popular fixture. Ring Luton 412418.

TICKET OFFICE NEWS

Our next Canon League Division One game is away to Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday, November 9th. This match kicks off at 3.00 pm. Seating for this game can be obtained from our ticket office. Supporters who wish to stand can do so by paying on the day at the Park Lane end.

On Saturday, November 16th we are at home again when our visitors are Coventry City. This match kicks off at 3.00 pm. You can obtain all your match day information from our ticket office in Kenilworth Road or by phoning Luton 30748.

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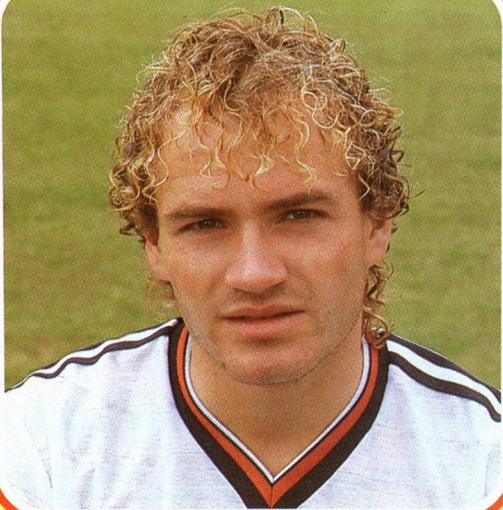
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TOP HATTER



Born in Bridgnorth in May 1963, David started his career with Walsall from whom he joined the Town in December 1984 for a fee of about £150,000. An attacking left-sided midfielder, David has proved his diminutive stature is no disadvantage by bravely progressing from a Walsall apprentice into a respected First Division midfielder with more than 100 Football League appearances behind him. Now 22, he made his Town debut against Aston Villa when he scored the only goal in a 1-0 victory.

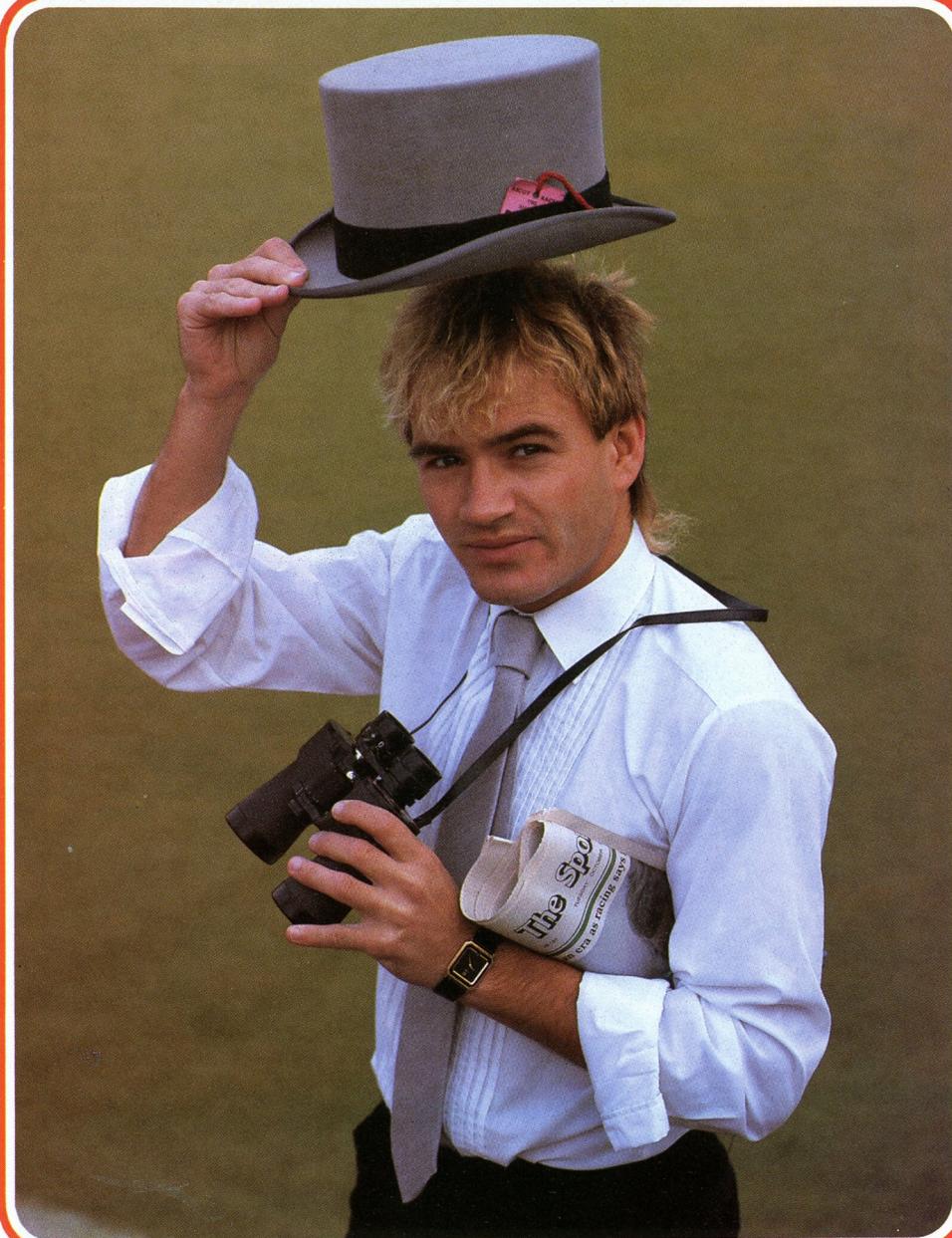
RACING FAN

Like many other professional footballers, David Preece escapes from the pressures of his sport at the racecourses of England. And there is nothing he likes better than a fine day's entertainment at a good steeplechase meeting. "I've enjoyed going out to horses and race meetings since I was about 11 or 12," he said. "It's one of those things that's in my family. I used to watch a lot on television when I was younger and now I enjoy going to the real thing.

"When I was in the Midlands with Walsall, there were a lot of racecourses within easy reach, but it is not the same here. It is a longer distance. But I still take an interest and read *The Sporting Life* nearly every day.

"Quite a few of the lads here take some interest in the horses and I've had some fun with Steve Foster, Brian Stein, Ricky Hill and Ashley Grimes. Ashley's the type who tips every horse in the race though! And Paul Elliott? Well, he has not got the money or the bottle to go to the races—he spends it all on clothes!

"To be serious, though, I must say how much I have enjoyed playing at Luton. All last season, I found I tired with about 20 minutes to play—the game is so much faster. But this time, I am finding it less of a problem. Playing against much bigger players doesn't worry me either. The crowd are great here and they always give me a lift! The atmosphere is great, but of course, I am still only a learner in the First Division really."





Tomlins

AROUND

the TOWN

PIONEERING PROGRAMME AROUSES HUMAN ERRORS!

by Bill Tomlins

COVER STORY



Centurion: Brian Stein's third goal against Southampton on his 28th birthday was also his 100th league goal for the club—Congratulations.

We are all human and we are all prone to the odd error. But it is distressing to find some people use the odd oversight to make a headline as the *Daily Express* did recently in a misleading article about our programme.

While it is true as John Morgan pointed out that our programme has been reduced in page size and increased in price to £1, he omitted to mention that the number of pages had increased, that the quality of the print and paper had been improved and the general content and editorial quality boosted by a number of innovations, including a host of new features and news items bringing, I believe, a pioneering style to the traditional programme.

Last season, as our fans know, our programme had 24 pages and considerably fewer words in total. This season, it has 32 and is a good solid read, something our supporters are showing appreciation for with the praise it has received in the mailbag.

For example, only this week,

I received a letter from Hugh O'Rourke of HMS Charydbis who wrote: "May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the new style match-day programme; it is yet another example of the pioneering style of the club."

On another subject, our win over Southampton promoted the following off-beat item to appear in the Saint Joseph's Catholic Church newsletter:

"Today, of goals we had a feast; Southampton's pride in tatters: Nwajobi, Daniel, Hill and Preece,

All scoring for the Hatters. Such shooting we have rarely seen.

By birthday boy, young Brian Stein, Today, achieving great renown, He scored a hat-trick for the Town.

And finally, a warm welcome to our match sponsors today—Mark James (Salvage). They are a Luton-based firm with operations all over the world.

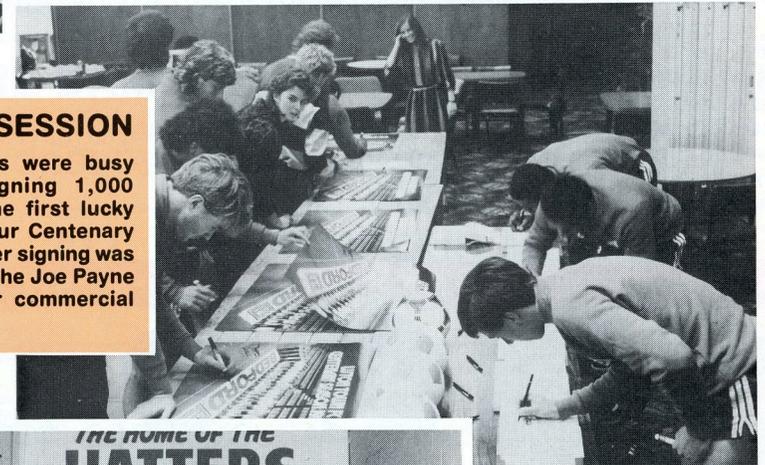
A TIMELY PRESENTATION

Gerry Blackaby, the managing director of Fiat dealers Blackaby and Pearce, presents our chairman David Evans with a carriage clock to mark the team's 7-0 victory over Southampton which earned the Fiat Performance of the Week Award.



WINNING TEAM

The Lewsey Centre youth club team were presented with a cheque for £250 by our manager David Pleat on Tuesday night—their reward for our Fiat Performance of the Week Award against Southampton.



SIGNING SESSION

All the players were busy this week signing 1,000 posters for the first lucky members of our Centenary club. The poster signing was supervised in the Joe Payne lounge by our commercial staff.



READY FOR KICK-OFF

No pre-match nerves upset the team mascot Scott Watson and his escorts Daniel Musson, Kevin Trutt, Matthew Nichols and Thomas Shanley when they met Emeka Nwajobi in the tunnel on Tuesday.



Junior Hatters



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Good afternoon and welcome to Junior Hatters, parents and friends

I hope you all enjoyed our game against Southampton. It was the best result that we have had since I joined the club. It was good to have taken part in a match like that, with a hat-trick from Brian Stein on his birthday. What a way to celebrate it! He was given the match ball at the end of the game.

Next week we are away to Tottenham. This is one of the grounds that I like playing at, with their big new stand and all our travelling supporters. It should be a good atmosphere. This week's visitors are Birmingham. They are only two points

behind us in the league table so we will have to pull out the stops and keep our home record intact. I hope to see you at our next home match against Coventry City. Have a good day and support the team.

Peter Nicholas

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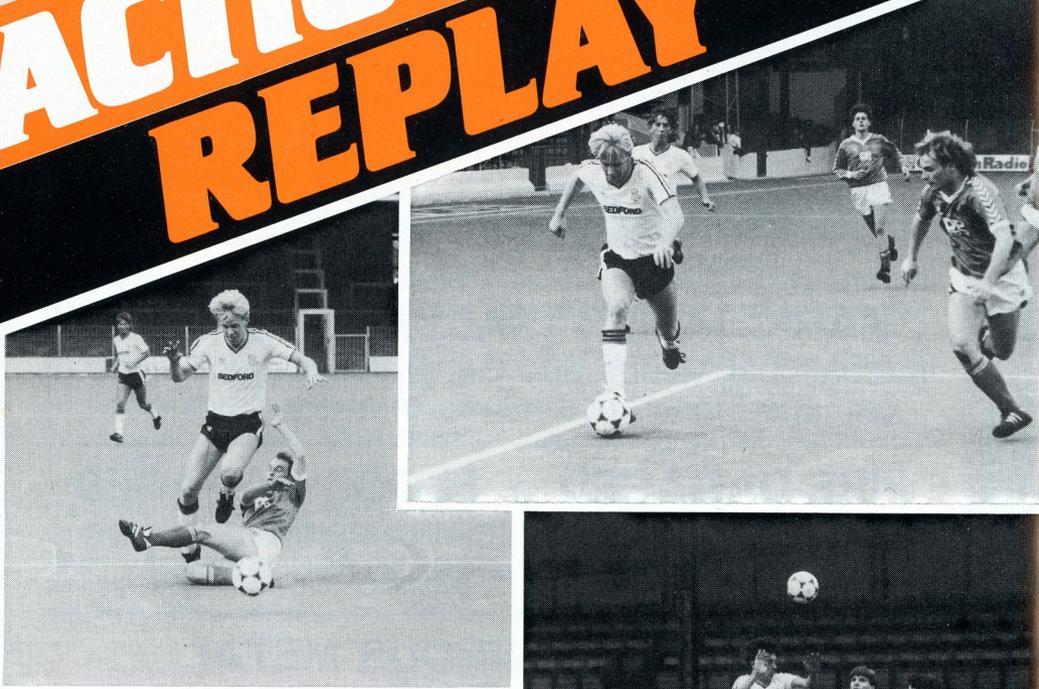
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BACK ON THE WINNING TRAIL

Luton Town 2 Swansea 0

AFTER three games without a win, the reserves returned to the winning trail with a fine attacking performance and a good win over Swansea last week. Goals by Paul Elliott with an unstoppable shot from the edge of the penalty area and Mark Stein, after good work by Gary Cobb, were a deserved reward for a determined performance marred only by some poor finishing and the fine goalkeeping of the Swansea number one. His efforts kept the scoresheet blank at the interval.

Our pictures today show Mark North and David Oldfield in action against the resolute Swansea defence which did well to escape a heavier defeat. "We lost our discipline instead of working as a team unit towards the end," said coach John Moore. "Otherwise we would surely have scored more goals."



Youth Team

End of the goal riot

Luton Town 0 Colchester Utd 2

AFTER a splendid run of goal-scoring performances and convincing wins, our youth team came down to earth with a bump last Saturday when we were beaten 2-0 by Colchester United. With a team weakened by reserve team calls for the Combination side's match against Swansea, we were missing our top scorer Sean Farrell, who has banged in 15 goals this season already, and Ian Scott. The defeat meant that our record after 10 League games showed we had won five, drawn three and lost two, scoring 37 goals and conceding 20. It is a healthier position than that reflected in the most recent full table available, printed below.



On the ball: Our Welsh international youth player Paul Lewis tries to find a way past the Colchester defence last week.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Arsenal	12	10	1	0	53	8	21
2 Chelsea	12	9	3	1	41	5	20
3 Watford	12	9	2	1	31	6	20
4 Ipswich Town	12	9	1	2	29	16	19
5 West Ham	11	7	2	2	32	14	16
6 Norwich City	13	6	3	4	23	17	15
7 QPR	13	6	3	4	26	20	15
8 Luton Town	12	6	3	3	17	17	15
9 Tottenham	11	7	0	4	26	13	14
10 Millwall	12	5	2	5	15	22	12
11 Birmingham	12	5	2	5	20	28	12
12 Oxford Utd	12	4	3	5	20	19	11
13 C. Palace	13	4	3	6	18	25	11
14 Bristol R.	9	4	1	4	19	21	9
15 Southampton	13	3	3	7	20	31	9
16 Fulham	12	4	1	7	19	35	9
17 Reading	11	4	0	7	13	28	8
18 Portsmouth	11	3	1	7	8	15	7
19 Charlton A.	12	3	1	8	20	35	7
20 Brighton	11	1	2	8	7	28	4
21 Swindon Town	10	0	2	8	12	26	2
22 Swansea	13	1	0	12	5	145	2

(Up to and including Mon, October 28th)

FOOTBALL COMBINATION APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

App	Gls	App	Gls
Sealey	5	North M.	8
Johnson R.	7	Tuite	5
Harvey	7	Berry	1
McEvoy	10	Scott	4
Elliott	7	Farrell	1
Johnson M.	4	Black	5
Cobb	121	Lewis	2
Stein M.	10	Daniel	7
Oldfield	11	Parker	8
Grimes	10	Ferguson	1
Dibble	6	North S.	6
Tighe	1	Farrell	1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES

A Aug 17	Portsmouth	1-0
H Aug 24	Chelsea	0-4
H Aug 31	Reading	2-1
A Sept 4	Charlton Athletic	1-0
A Sept 7	West Ham United	0-3
H Sept 26	Millwall	3-2
A Oct 2	Oxford United	1-1
A Oct 9	Brighton & HA	2-0
H Oct 12	Queens Park Rangers	1-1
H Oct 15	Ipswich Town	2-3
A Oct 19	Southampton	2-2
H Oct 26	Swansea Town	2-0
A Oct 31	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	

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
10 Colchester	7	2	2	3	12	18	6
11 Brighton	7	3	0	4	6	13	6
12 Bristol R.	6	1	3	2	7	8	5
13 Reading	7	1	1	5	10	19	3
14 C. Palace	7	1	1	5	16	28	3

Up to and including Oct. 15th

Introducing Birmingham City



BIRMINGHAM City arrive here this afternoon urgently seeking an away victory to boost their flagging form on their return to the First Division. Although they have proved as difficult to beat as ever, the Blues have found it more than difficult to score goals, particularly away from home, and unless they find a remedy quickly they seem certain to be facing another long winter of relegation struggles.

Manager Ron Saunders has done a tremendous job on a minimal budget to rebuild the Birmingham side and steer it back to the First Division at the first attempt following their relegation in 1984. Last season, they finished as runners-up in the Second Division only two points behind champions Oxford.

But after a solid start, the results this season have not maintained their early promise and following their home defeat by Coventry last Saturday, Birmingham slipped into the lower reaches of the table.

Players likely to be on duty this afternoon: **Kevan Broadhurst**—Kevan has been with Bir-

mingham since leaving school in 1975 and has developed into a reliable and consistent defender. Now 26.

David Geddis—David is no stranger to Kenilworth Road after spending two spells here on loan, once from Ipswich and once from Aston Villa. Now 27.

Jim Hagan—Born in Monkstown, Jim is a 29-year-old former Coventry, Detroit and Torquay defender. Joined Birmingham in 1982.

Robert Hopkins—A highly-competitive and industrious midfielder. Born in Birmingham he joined the Blues from Villa in March 1983.

Martin Kuhl—Another who graduated through the ranks from the schoolboys, Martin is 20 and a midfielder utility player.

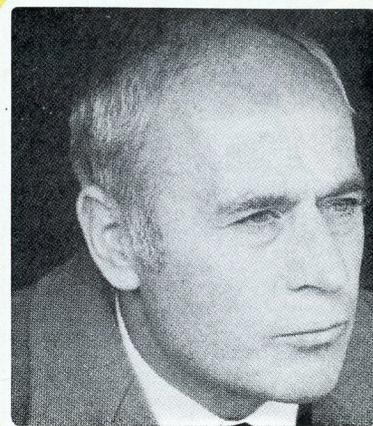
Andrew Kennedy—Glasgow-born striker who came from Glasgow Rangers in March 1985. Played seven league games and scored four goals in the Blues run-in to promotion. Aged 21.

Nicky Platnauer—A 24-year-old midfielder, born in Leicester, Nicky joined Birmingham



Back row, from left: Mark Jones, Andy Kennedy, David Seaman, Mark Prudhoe, Des Bremner, Wayne Clarke.
Middle row: Graham Doig (Physio), David Geddis, Kevan Broadhurst, Jim Hagan, Ken Armstrong, Tony Rees, Gerry Daly, Nicky Platnauer, Keith Leonard (First Team Coach)
Front row: Steve Fleet (Reserve Team Coach), Brian Roberts, Robert Hopkins, Billy Wright, Martin Kuhl, Ray Ranson, Keith Bradley (Youth Team Coach).

(Picture by Dale Martin of Peerless Press)



Ron Saunders is one of the most experienced and respected managers in the Football League and has been in charge of Birmingham City since 1982 when he crossed the city from Aston Villa where he had won the First Division title the previous season. In his time he has also been the manager at Yeovil, Oxford, Norwich, and Manchester City. He took Norwich to the Second Division title in 1972 and the League Cup final in 1973. He also took Manchester City to the League Cup final in 1974 before becoming a winner in the tournament for the first time at Wembley in 1975 with Villa. A demanding and resolute coach, Saunders was a player with Everton, Tonbridge, Gillingham, Portsmouth, Watford and Charlton

after spells with Bristol Rovers and Coventry, but began his career with Bedford Town.

Ray Ranson—Joined Birmingham early last season from Manchester City. Now 25, he is an accomplished full-back who has won 11 England under-21 caps.

David Seaman—One of the most highly-rated young goalkeepers in the country, David is 21 and an England under-21 cap. Joined Blues from Peterborough in 1984.

Brian Roberts—Manchester-born Brian is 29 and a determined full-back with long experience at Coventry City. Joined the Blues in March 1984.

Billy Wright—Club captain and chief penalty-taker, Billy, 27, is a Liverpool-born former Everton defender. Joined the Blues on a free transfer in 1983. Has made more than 250 league appearances.

Mark Jones—Mark is a versatile defender signed from Brighton after a spell with Aston Villa. Aged 23.

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Club Comment

Thinking about the future

IT is more or less 12 months since I was invited to become a director of Luton Town Football Club and it has been a time I have found most interesting and rewarding. We have a very harmonious, progressive and hard-working board and, as a fan and formerly a season ticket holder, I can tell you this club is one of the front-runners when it comes to being bright and forward-thinking both on and off the pitch.

In my own career in business and in sport, I have been heavily involved in sponsorship and the commercial aspects of promoting many sports—not just football. It is probably true to say that football lags behind some of the others, notably golf and tennis, when it comes to making the most, commercially, of what it has to offer. But, we here at Kenilworth Road, are doing our utmost and we are undoubtedly in the top bracket when it comes to such matters.

Unfortunately, owing to the absence of televised football so far this season, we have not been able to capitalise on our commercial assets and our sponsorship and advertising quite so much this year as we would have liked, but that has not stopped us from thinking big and thinking clearly about the future. And believe me this club has a great future.

I have been involved in sport for many years. Indeed, it was about 40 years ago that I first became interested when I was playing as a 10-year-old with the Limbury Old Boys' Club. Of course, since then, I have taken a deeper and deeper interest by becoming involved with Barton Rovers and Luton Town and by sponsoring through my company the electronic scoreboard we have here at Kenilworth Road. Following these ventures, I was invited to become a vice-president and now I am a director. I like to see progress everywhere in my life and I am sure we are making it here at Luton on and off the field with the valued support of sponsors Bedford Trucks.

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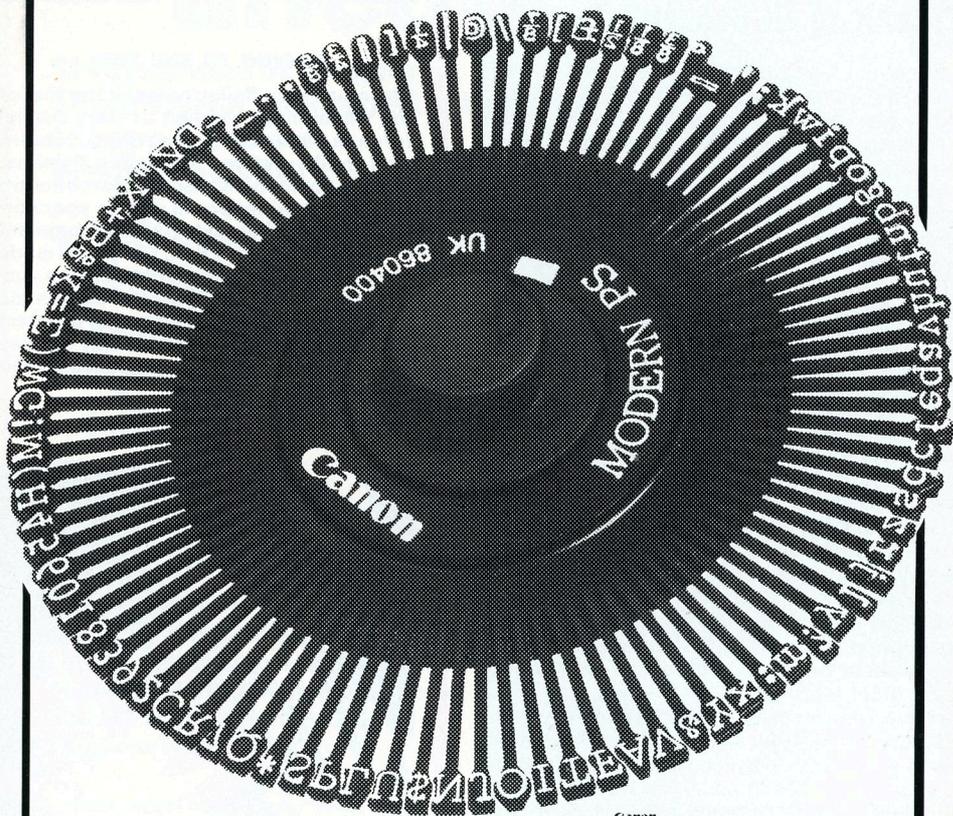
Director Terry Bailey enjoyed the feel of the wheel in the cockpit of Gary Evans' formula 3000 racing car during a recent visit to Silverstone, writes Bill Tomlins. Terry's company Wallspan Bedrooms are involved in widespread sports sponsorship as he says in today's Club Comment and our chairman's son, Gary, has made the most of it with some tremendous successes. I'm sure they would all join me in urging all our fans to take the greatest care with their fireworks on Guy Fawkes night, as the poster below stresses. I certainly shall!



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Views from the MEDIA

THIS afternoon, by way of a change, we have taken today's Views from the Media from a recent issue of the specialist journal *Parks, Golf Courses and Sports Grounds*. In his editorial, editor of the magazine Alan Guthrie focussed on the success of our new artificial surface:

"I recently had the opportunity of attending one of Luton Town's first fixtures of the season, a 2—2 draw with Arsenal.

Like the majority of the games to be played at Kenilworth Road this year, it had a special match sponsor—in this case Hako Machines, Northampton-based manufacturers of sweeping and maintenance machines.

This is an idea which Luton have adopted as a way of opening the club to a wider number of people and generating revenue.

For a pre-determined fee, the sponsor (usually a local company or organisation) can buy a special VIP hospitality package which they can use to entertain clients, reward key personnel etc. Luton's package contained a batch of 80 special tickets for Hako to distribute to the guests of their choice."

"At the match against Arsenal, Luton Town

officials and particularly commercial director Bill Tomlins, had put a lot of work into making a very enjoyable time for their visitors.

As well as a meal before the game, those attending were treated to a guided tour of the club's facilities, the chance to participate in a penalty shoot-out contest, an opportunity to meet some of the players, a good stand seat, and a colour photograph of the guests.

All visitors certainly had a fascinating time and appreciated the behind-the-scenes glimpse of a top League club. Luton have other ideas for extending the use of the ground. One of the reasons for installing their new En-tout-cas pitch was to give the possibility of holding other non-sporting events, such as exhibitions, pop concerts etc, without undue worries about surface damage.

After the Luton v. Arsenal game, Arsenal and England striker Tony Woodcock told *Parks and Sports Grounds* that he found the synthetic surface very good to play on.

Luton have taken steps to market football in a positive way, and they deserve success."

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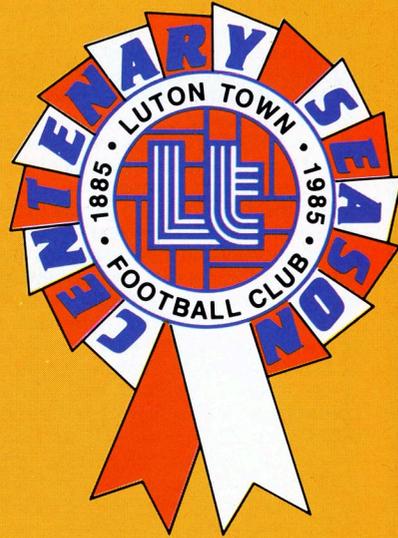
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Bobby Thomson made 110 league appearances and scored one goal in a four-year swansong to his career at Kenilworth Road during which he led the Town to promotion in 1974. A former England left-back he joined the Town from Birmingham in 1972.



THE LUTON TOWN STORY



OUR long association with Birmingham City, spotlighted in this regular All Our Yesterdays feature this afternoon, is mirrored in the official history of the Club The Luton Town Story 1885-1985. The book, which would make an ideal Christmas present, has earned rave reviews from local and specialist Press alike and one further example came in the Book Reviews section of the Scottish Football Historian. The reviewer wrote: "The Luton Town Story is the best English club history published to date. This really is a massive piece of work, some 360 pages packed with narrative, photographs and statistics.

"The book is beautifully presented and very well written and researched. There is a substantial statistical section compiled by Roger Wash and author Timothy Collings has a great deal to be proud of."

The book is available from: Book Castle, Church Street, Dunstable; Bookshop, Town Square, Stevenage; Burgess Books, Hitchin; David's Bookshop, Letchworth; Fagin's Bookshop, Milton Keynes; Goodwins, Leighton Buzzard; Old Town Bookshop, Stevenage; Howells, Hitchin; Bernards World of Sport, Luton; W. H. Smith in Luton, Milton Keynes, Harpenden, Letchworth, Hemel Hempstead, Stevenage; Taylors Bookshop, Luton; Woods of Sarratt, Hemel Hempstead; Boots, Luton; The Bookshop, Woburn Sands; Active Sport, Luton; Pemberton Booksellers, Bedford; Paton Books, St. Albans; Bunty's Harpenden and Highbury Post Office, Hitchin.

Bob Hatton arrived at Kenilworth Road in 1978 after a chequered career as a hired sharpshooter, including lengthy service with Birmingham. He made 82 league appearances for the Town and scored 29 goals.



Mick Harford joined the Town from Birmingham City for a club record fee in December 1984 and quickly made himself a contender for the England attack by leading the Town out of the relegation struggle with 15 goals in his first 22 league appearances.



All Our

THIS afternoon's meeting with Birmingham City will be our 41st in the Football League and offers us the opportunity of further evening up a record that does not make the prettiest reading for Luton Town supporters. Indeed, a win today by a single goal here would be sure to level our record at home against the Blues at seven wins, seven draws and seven defeats.

However, when our less than impressive away record is included, the visitors can claim superiority in a fixture that dates back more than 85 years to our first meetings in the 1897-98 season when Birmingham were still known as Small Heath. They kept this name until after we had completed our first three seasons of Football League fixtures.

Another extraordinary record that Hatters' fans will not be pleased to recall is the fact that it took us from the early fixtures before the turn of the century a full 56 years to record our first victory, that coming in the 1953-54 when we won 2-0 here in the Second Division.

Since then results have gone increasingly our way, however, and in the last 20 years we have more than held our own. Indeed, we have not lost against Birmingham City in the Football League since they performed the double over us in 1979-80 when we were in the Second Division.

Our first meeting with them took place at Muntz Street, Small Heath, on February 12th, 1898 when, despite goals from Bill Stewart and James Donaldson, we ended up on the wrong end of a 4-2 scoreline. It was, alas, the first of six successive defeats in our three seasons of League football at the turn of the century. James Coupar scored our goal in the return match, a 2-1 defeat.

Our heaviest defeat against Birmingham also came in this period, when we were beaten 9-0 away in November, 1898. Furthermore, to add to a sequence of preliminary gloom, our final fixture in the league before dropping out for 20 years, was a 2-1 home defeat by today's visitors, James Coupar scoring the only goal for the Town.

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Yesterdays

We were not to meet again until after the Second World War in Division Two. But despite the gap, our luck had not changed and we required 10 fixtures before we were to achieve our first win.

The memorable win came at Kenilworth Road on September 16th, 1953, when George Cummins scored his first goal for the club in a 2-0 victory that avenged a 5-1 defeat we had suffered at St. Andrews the previous week. Even more remarkable was the fact that we played with 10 men a passenger throughout as winger

Mike Cullen dislocated a shoulder in the first minute. Birmingham full-back Ken Green was praised "for the sporting way he played Cullen after the injury."

Promotion was the reward for both clubs the following year when we won with a solitary goal from Jim Adam in the home game and played a full part in a dramatic 2-1 defeat at St. Andrews later in the season in front of a 36,000 crowd (the biggest for the fixture). The second game, a four-pointer, hinged on a penalty given when City's Peter Murphy apparently fell

over Wally Shanks' legs.

The following year, our first in Division One, saw another dramatic incident, this time on our way to St. Andrews for the fixture on September 17th. The team bus was involved in a serious accident which left the team severely shaken up. But, to their credit, they turned out and drew 0-0 that same afternoon.

Brian Horton scores from the penalty spot during our 3-1 win here in April 1983.



A summary of our League matches against Birmingham City

	Luton score first)	
	Home	Away
1897-98	1-2	2-4
1898-99	2-3	0-9
1899-1900	1-2	0-3
1946-47	1-3	0-1
1947-48	0-1	1-2
1950-51	1-1	0-3
1951-52	2-4	1-3
1952-53	0-1	2-2
1953-54	2-0	1-5
1954-55	1-0	1-2
1955-56	0-1	0-0
1956-57	0-0	0-3
1957-58	3-0	1-1
1958-59	0-1	1-0
1959-60	1-1	1-1
1970-71	3-2	1-1
1971-72	0-0	0-1
1974-75	1-3	4-1
1979-80	2-3	0-1
1982-83	3-1	3-2
1983-84	1-1	1-1

Overall summary of results:

	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

First Team

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Manchester U.	14	6	1	0	16	1	6	1	0	17	5	38
2 Liverpool	14	7	0	0	20	4	1	4	2	11	12	28
3 Sheffield Wed	14	3	3	1	12	13	5	0	2	11	9	27
4 Everton	14	5	1	1	17	6	2	2	3	9	10	24
5 Chelsea	14	6	0	1	13	4	1	3	3	6	11	24
6 Arsenal	14	5	1	1	10	6	2	2	3	8	9	24
7 West Ham	14	4	2	1	16	7	2	3	2	8	9	23
8 Nottingham F.	14	4	0	3	12	11	3	1	3	12	10	22
9 Newcastle	14	4	1	2	14	9	2	3	2	8	13	22
10 Tottenham	13	4	0	2	19	7	2	2	3	8	11	20
11 Watford	14	6	1	0	21	6	0	1	6	8	21	20
12 QPR	14	5	1	1	11	4	1	0	6	4	16	19
13 Luton Town	14	3	4	0	15	5	1	2	4	9	14	18
14 Coventry City	14	3	1	3	15	10	1	4	2	6	9	17
15 Birmingham	13	4	1	2	7	5	1	0	5	4	14	16
16 Oxford Utd	15	3	3	1	12	6	0	3	5	10	23	15
17 Aston Villa	14	1	3	3	9	10	2	2	3	9	11	14
18 Southampton	14	3	4	0	12	4	0	1	6	4	17	14
19 Leicester City	15	2	4	2	14	15	1	1	5	5	16	14
20 Manchester C.	14	1	3	3	7	12	1	2	4	6	11	11
21 Ipswich Town	14	1	2	4	4	9	1	0	6	3	13	8
22 West Brom	14	1	2	4	8	16	0	1	6	4	20	6

League table as October 28th, 1985

LEAGUE AND CUP APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

	League		Cup	
	App	Gl	App	Gl
T. Breacker	11		3	
A. Dibble	7			
M. Donaghy	14		3	
P. Elliott	2(3)			
S. Foster	10	2	3	
A. Grimes	1(1)		(1)	
M. Harford	13	7	2	
R. Hill	11	1	3	1
R. Johnson	4	1		
P. Nicholas	13		2	
E. Nwajobi	13	4	3	1
G. Parker	3(3)		1	
D. Preece	14	1	2	1
B. Stein	14	8	3	1
M. Thomas	12		2	
M. Stein	1			
L. Sealey	7		3	
M. North	1		1	1
R. Daniel	1(1)	1	1	

Leading League and Cup goalscorers

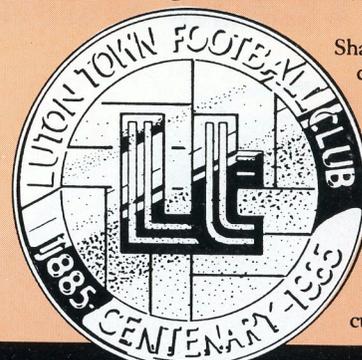
- 13—McAvennie (West Ham)
- 11—Lineker (Everton)
- 10—Hughes (Manchester Utd), Gibson (Coventry), Chapman (Sheffield Wed), Cottee (West Ham)
- 9—Stein (Luton), Rush (Liverpool), Dixon (Chelsea) (up to October 28th)

Luton Town	FA	Att	Pos	1
Aug 17 Nottingham Forest	1-1	11,381	—	Dibble
Aug 21 Newcastle United	2-2	21,304	—	Dibble
Aug 24 West Ham United	1-0	14,104	8	Dibble
Aug 27 Arsenal	2-2	10,012	10	Dibble
Aug 31 Aston Villa	1-3	10,524	12	Dibble
Sept 7 Chelsea	1-1	10,720	15	Dibble
Sept 14 Everton	0-2	26,419	16	Dibble
Sept 21 Queens Park Rangers	2-0	9,508	14	Sealey
Sept 24 Sheffield United (MC 2r 1)	2-1	8,943	—	Sealey
Sept 28 Sheffield Wednesday	2-3	17,887	15	Sealey
Oct 1 Ipswich Town	1-0	8,553	14	Sealey
Oct 5 Manchester United	1-1	17,454	14	Sealey
Oct 8 Sheffield Utd (MC 2r 2)	3-1	5,660	—	Sealey
Oct 12 Oxford United	1-1	10,626	14	Sealey
Oct 19 Southampton	7-0	8,876	13	Sealey
Oct 26 Liverpool	2-3	31,488	13	Sealey
Oct 29 Norwich City (MC 3rd)	0-2	8,202	—	Sealey
Nov 2 Birmingham City				
Nov 9 Tottenham Hotspur				
Nov 16 Coventry City				
Nov 23 Watford				
Nov 30 Manchester City				
Dec 7 Newcastle United				
Dec 14 Nottingham Forest				
Dec 21 West Ham United				
Dec 26 West Bromwich Albion				
Dec 28 Ipswich Town				
Jan 1 Leicester City				
Jan 4 FA Cup Round 3				
Jan 11 Chelsea				
Jan 18 Aston Villa				
Jan 25 FA Cup Round 4				
Feb 1 Arsenal				
Feb 8 Southampton				
Feb 15 Liverpool (FAC5)				
Feb 22 Queens Park Rangers				
Mar 1 Sheffield Wednesday				
Mar 8 Manchester United (FAC6)				
Mar 15 Oxford United				
Mar 22 Everton				
Mar 29 Leicester City				
April 1 West Bromwich Albion				
April 5 Birmingham City (FAC s/f)				
April 12 Tottenham Hotspur				
April 19 Coventry City				
April 26 Watford				
May 3 Manchester City				

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

Birmingham City

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 - 2 Ray Ranson
 - 3 Mark Jones
 - 4 Billy Wright
 - 5 Jim Hagan
 - 6 Martin Kuhl
 - 7 Brian Roberts
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