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Two great wins: We collected six points from our last two matches with fine victories here over Birmingham and at Tottenham last Saturday. Today's action pictures show Brian Stein and Tim Breacker on the attack against the Blues two weeks ago and Steve Foster and Emeka Nwajiobi putting the Spurs' defence under pressure at White Hart Lane where Ricky Hill lashed in a great third goal.



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100 Years On

WELCOME, enjoy the afternoon and let us hope once again that we see a game that gives further credibility to English Canon League football. We are still constantly reading the facts in the popular Press about the troubles within our game. I am sure there are enough brains amongst football administrators to re-think our approach to television and to reconstruct the league into a healthier and more financially viable competition. However, we must also remember that the product on the field must be positive, entertaining, sportmanlike and free from fear. We can do it if everyone within the game considers the good of the game before self interest.

Whether society and the Government can control the wilder element in our midst is another matter. Certainly for Luton, all our ideas for a fine future should be appreciated and supported. The last thing we want is to have any "clowns" amongst our followers who give football a bad name or pessimists who never look forward.

"Improving steadily"

Last week I was delighted with our attitude, approach, and the result. We have now met Liverpool, Everton and Tottenham away and Manchester United and Arsenal at home. I can only describe the half-term report as "improving steadily". There will be no complacency.

Our young reserve and youth team players must force the issue and impose their abilities on the coaching staff. Although John Moore and John Faulkner are doing excellent work with the junior sides and achieving good results, we eagerly seek the young player of



skill breaking through who shows us the character and confidence to make the grade. The opportunities are there.

In meeting Coventry today, I particularly welcome Wayne Turner an honest, skilful professional. Never under-rated by myself during his efforts for Luton. In transferring Wayne, at a tribunal for £75,000, we lost a valued player—possibly similar to us taking a player of Terry Gibson's ability from Coventry for about £100,000. Freedom of contract has added much excitement to football but to managers it has increased the headaches!

Next week, Watford; hope you will be with us.

Good luck to both sides today.

Best wishes
David Pleat

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GirlTalk

OUR Chairman's wife Janice Evans chose Steve Foster as her subject when she agreed to be a guest contributor to Girl Talk and today she reveals an interesting view on the Town captain's lifestyle and feelings. . . .

Steve Foster has wanted to be a footballer since he first kicked a ball. He missed lessons and got into trouble at school to play football but finally achieved his ambition when he became an apprentice at Portsmouth where he learned to toughen up in a professional world. "It was hard for me," said Steve, "because it was not all natural. But when I was about 16 or 17 I found a lot of the more skilful boys didn't make it and I did. I was crazy about football and my family gave me a lot of support."

At Portsmouth, Steve had to clean the star players' boots and well remembers one first-teamer who made him kneel down to check if they were clean by looking for his reflection in their polished leather! "It did me the world of good," said Steve, "because it helped me become a man. It's a tough game." A keen all-round sportsman at school, Steve hated cricket—"I wanted to bowl every ball and then bat all the time"—and concentrated on football. But he was good enough to be picked for Hampshire Schools in the summer.

Steve's sartorial elegance is due to his careful selection of clothes—all from a friend's shop in Brighton. "Kipper ties on their way back," he said. "They are! When I first wore turn-ups the lads all laughed—but not now. It's the same with my boxer underpants."

His wife Jo never comes to see him play because of the abusive chants about Steve—but Steve just shrugs them off as part and parcel of the game today.

On one topic, we fully agreed—there should be a bigger part for women to play in the future of football though Steve insisted: "Not in the team, please. Unless she is a centre-forward who can score 35 goals a season!"

Janice Evans

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Come on you Blues!

Dear Sir,
Over the 18 years I have supported the Town in which I have heard our fans chanting from the terraces "Come on you Lillywhites, come on you Hatters" etc., it was a case of come on you Blues! at White Hart Lane last Saturday.

We had a fantastic victory there wearing that new all-Italian Blue strip. But for the majority of the fans I heard and spoke to: Give us our orange, blue-and-white-any day!

Keep on the winning trail Luton.

J. A. Pyper,
Luton.

Rally round, fans

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,
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Pioneering again

Dear Sir,
I am a Luton Town fan and at present am serving in the Indian Ocean with the Royal Navy. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the new style match day programme; it's yet another example of how pioneering and forward thinking the club has become.

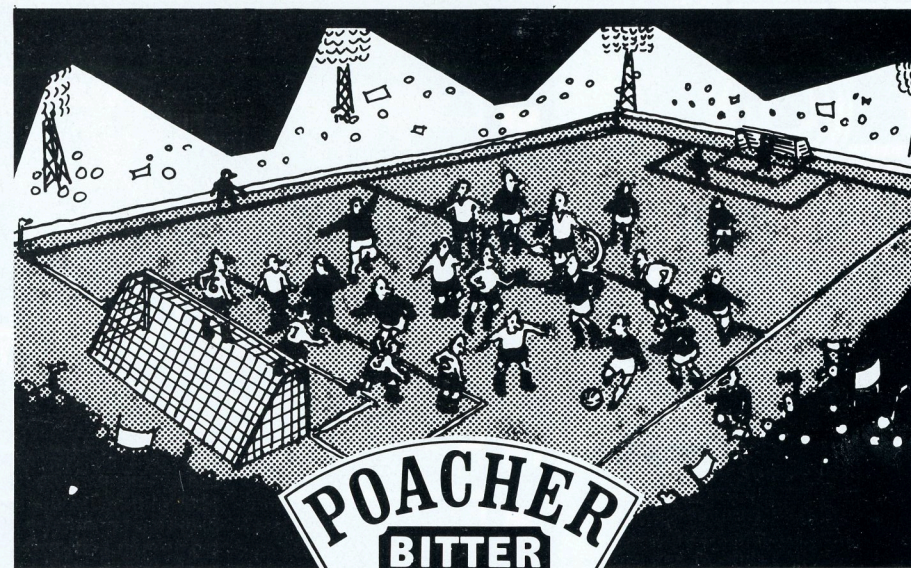
Best wishes for the future.
Hugh O'Rourke,
HMS Charydis.

Missing statistics

Editor's note: In response to requests we are printing here today the missing statistics from page 338 of "The Luton Town Story". The author and publishers are sorry for the computer error which caused this, but recommend fans without a copy of the book to move quickly as stocks are now very low and a sellout is forecast.

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	15	Crewe	A	0-2
	29	Bradford PA	A	3-1
Feb	5	Aldershot	H	3-1
	12	Hartlepool	H	2-1
	26	Torquay	H	3-2
Mar	5	Hartlepool	A	0-2
	12	Chesterfield	A	3-1
	19	Rochdale	H	4-1
	26	Tranmere	H	2-1
Apr	8	Colchester	A	2-2
	9	Darlington	H	2-0
	11	Colchester	H	1-1
	16	Notts County	A	1-1
	23	Lincoln	H	0-0
	25	Barrow	A	1-0
	30	Darlington	A	0-1
May	7	Stockport	H	2-0
	14	Port Vale	H	5-0
	16	Halifax	A	0-3
	19	Barrow	H	3-2
	25	Newport	A	1-3
	28	Chester	A	1-1

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First Team ACTION

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Superb goals by Mick Harford, Brian Stein and Ricky Hill carried us to our first victory at White Hart Lane since April 5, 1948, last Saturday. After the comfortable 2—0 defeat of Birmingham City here two weeks ago, the win in London consolidated our position in the First Division's top 10.

But while the forwards struck the goals and deservedly earned much praise for a lively performance, the honest and skilful displays of our defenders were also vital, Steve Foster, suffering from a sore throat, and Peter Nicholas, who spent much of the previous night looking after his 15-month-old son, were in particularly good form.

"Danny had the measles and was up for an hour and a half," said Peter afterwards. "We had to call the doctor at three o'clock in the morning. But we had a great win didn't we?"

Harford put the Town in front after 20 minutes when Emeka Nwajobi flicked on a pass from Brian Stein. Stein added the second in the 63rd minute when he took a long ball from Sealey and fired in a glorious 20-yard left-foot shot on the run. The third came in the final minute, Hill drilling a shot beyond Clemence.



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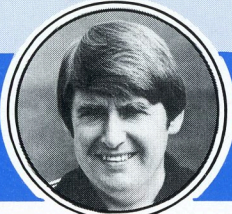
White Hart Lane



Take that. And that! Mick Harford (top) and Brian Stein (bottom) are pictured scoring two of our goals in the 3—1 victory at Tottenham last Saturday. Ricky Hill added the third goal in the last minute to seal a deserved and satisfying win.

(Photos: Gareth Owen)





JOHN SHERIDAN

ViEWS

from the bench

Club physiotherapist John Sheridan has nursed many players from serious injury back to full fitness since joining the staff at Kenilworth Road in 1978. In such circumstances, he always pays great attention to the injured player's diet—a subject he dwells on today when he gives his views on the right sort of food for footballers and anyone else with an interest in a fit and healthy life.

"My message to players and everyone else is always to aim for a balanced diet and to avoid eating too much junk food. Avoid it altogether is even better! Fresh, healthy food is much better for everyone, including the active and the inactive. It has more of the essential vitamins we all need and it contains less fat. I always advise against fried food.

"We do, however, advise the players to eat more carbohydrates towards the end of the week before a match because they provide energy and will be burnt off during the game. Even so, I always say that chips, hamburgers and so on should be left out. Quality is the thing to aim for. Not greasy stuff and not junk.

Pre-match meal

"On Saturdays, diet is very important. We try to control the players' diets here on a Saturday as much as possible. As you know, we nearly always meet for a pre-match meal which should be consumed at least three hours before the game. Generally, it is a very light meal, fish, for example, or a light egg dish. There is usually tea and toast, some tinned fruit, some cornflakes, honey and jam on

the table. It is all the players need at that time.

"I know some players in weekend teams, Sunday leagues and so on probably don't have the time to worry too much about their diet during the week, but really they should. It can be very effective in terms of training, fitness and performance. We try hard to emphasise this. It is no good running out on to the pitch with a big meal in your stomach or a cigarette hanging out of your mouth is it?

"Some of our players feel hungrier or have bigger appetites than the others. But on match-days I never let them eat more than a light meal. It is no good. Others prefer to starve themselves when they have a match. I believe Sir Stanley Matthews actually used to fast for 24 hours or something before a match.

Attention to diet

"When our new apprentices or even the older players arrive at the club, I always try to make sure enough attention is paid to diet. The youngsters need plenty of protein for example, because they are still growing. They need lots of reminders to stay off the junk and fried foods of course.

"We also make sure everyone has a correct intake of vitamins. Especially vitamin C which is very helpful in players' recovery from injuries. The players take multi-vitamins to make sure they take all they need. I also think glucose drinks are useful particularly if they are taken all week and not just on Saturdays. And finally, I advise people always to eat some breakfast. A light meal in the morning every day of the week is essential."

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Club News

Brengreen Suite

Today marks the official opening of our new Brengreen Suite in the former Bob Morton lounge under the main stand. The new suite, superbly refurbished, is to become a new players' lounge, but will retain the name of the club's longest-serving league player, Bob Morton, in the name of the bar to be called the Bob Morton bar. The Suite is to be opened by Steve Foster.

Pre-match entertainment

Today's pre-match entertainment is provided by our under-14's Schoolboy match between Luton Schools and Coventry Schools. Give the boys your support. Teams:

Luton Schools: K. Griffin, D. George, A. Kelly, T. Doyle, J. Boog, S. Boyle, H. Hardy, D. Holmes, B. Kieny, D. Duke, M. McDongile. Subs: S. Roy, D. Kerngan.

Coventry Schools: N. Freck, G. Alexander, P. John, P. Sweeney, G. Cowen, N. Smith, S. Bloxham, P. Sahota, G. Peck, W. Shanks, R. Jackson. Subs.: P. Merry, A. Morris, C. Gibson, A. Thomas, S. Turley, S. Bryce.

Away Travel

This coming Saturday we make the shortest journey of the season to local rivals Watford. Our price is only £2.50, and our coaches will be leaving the Maple Road car park at 1.00 pm. We are hoping to be well supported at this fixture, and would appreciate our members booking as early as they can, for further details please ring Luton 412418.

Match Ball sponsors



Our match ball sponsors today are Active Sport and Leisure. Mike Lewis established the shop 18 months ago so successfully that there are now plans for another in St. Albans. We are grateful for their support and hope they have an enjoyable day.

MATCH REFEREE

John Moules
(Ingatstone, Essex)



A computer consultant, John is married with one son. He began refereeing in 1968 in the Harlow League and progressed through the Essex Senior League and the Football Combination to the Football League list. He is interested in all sports, particularly golf and athletics. He also coaches youth football teams.

TICKET OFFICE NEWS

Our next game is away to Watford on Saturday, November 23rd—Kick-off 3.00 pm. This will be an all-ticket match for seating and standing, if you require tickets for this match the price for seating is £4.50, standing south west terrace at £3.50. Tickets available from our ticket office in Kenilworth Road.

On Saturday November 30th we are at home to Manchester City—Kick-off 3.00 pm. Information for all these matches are available from the ticket office—phone Luton 30748.

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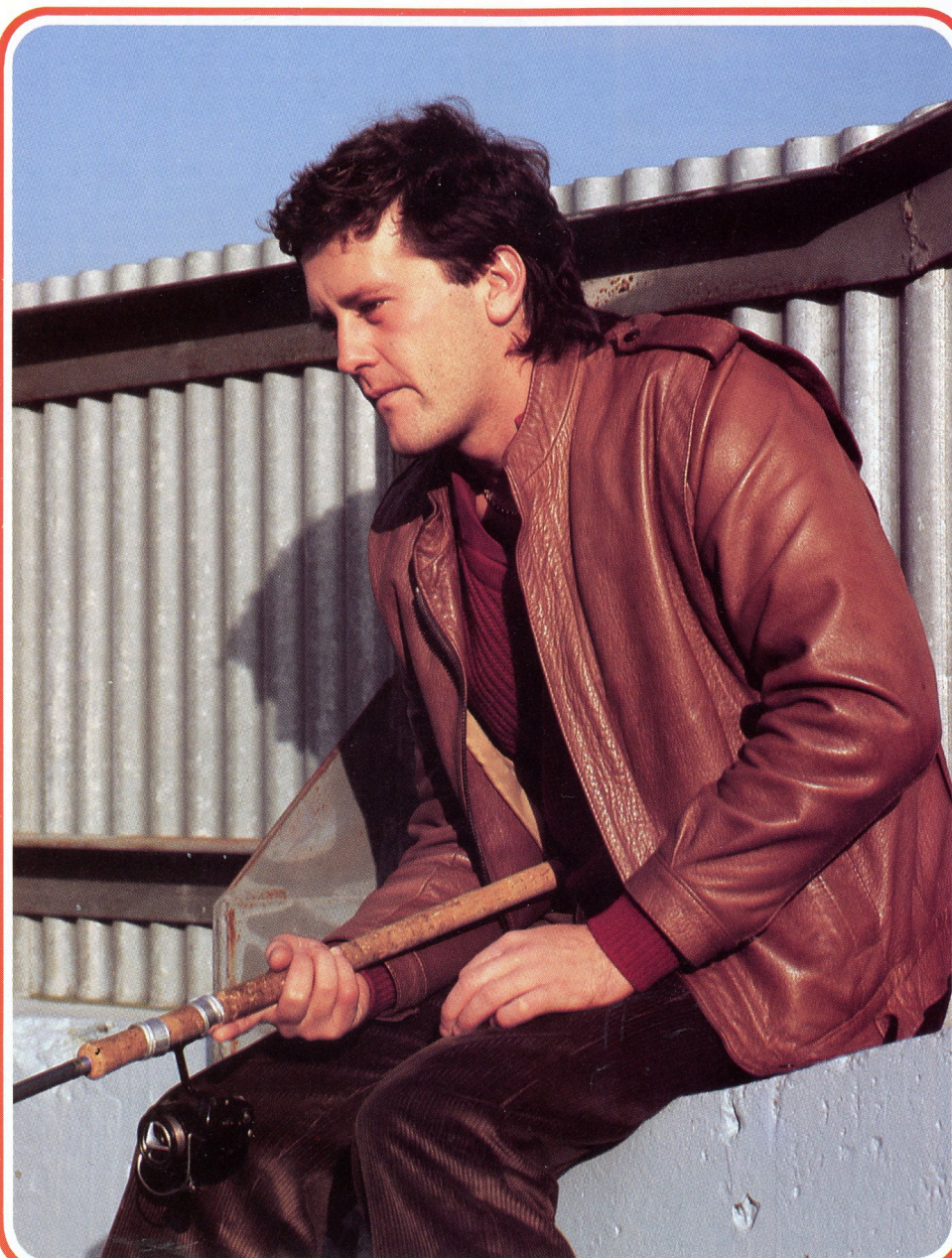
Born in Bethnal Green in 1957, Les joined the Town from today's visitors Coventry City in August 1983 after an ever-present season between the posts for the Sky Blues. A tall and agile goalkeeper with a tremendous ability to recover from one shot for another, Les spent nine years at Highfield Road before coming to Kenilworth Road where he has fought to establish himself as first choice goalkeeper in stiff competition with Andy Dibble. Now 28, he remains a keen trainer and great enthusiast for the game.

FISHERMAN

Les Sealey's escape from the pressures of the First Division is to go away on his own fishing pike all night long at his favourite angling reservoirs in the greater London area. It is a chance for total solitude and peace for our goalkeeper, an individualistic sportsman whose other chief interests are his family, most other sports and the renovation of classic cars. Unfortunately, in recent years, Les has dropped his car-rebuilding hobby and found less and less time for his fishing. But it still remains a great pleasure for him, particularly during the close season.

"I've always been interested in fishing," said Les. "Since I was about nine or ten, I suppose. It is very relaxing and a great way to get away from it all. I do a lot of pike fishing with live bait, especially in the summer when I can go out all night on my own. I used to catch them for myself to eat, but now I throw them back in. I prefer to go out on my own, but when I was with Coventry I used to go with John Beck, who was there at the time. He would enjoy it for the same reasons I do."

"Apart from my fishing I like to be at home with my family. I go straight home from training. I'm not one for the snooker and so on. I like a quiet life—but you don't get too much of that in a football dressing room. It's all jokes all the time. We've got a great team spirit here with a great bunch of lads and we can really go places this season."





Tomlins

AROUND

the TOWN

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by Bill Tomlins

BALL JUGGLES



Tricky skills: Welcome to Mineo Bonetig, 15, from Woolongong, New South Wales, Australia, who will be giving an exhibition of his ball-juggling skills at half-time today. Mineo and Adam Carroll, 16, from Orange, NSW, are at Kenilworth Road on a 10-week scholarship backed by the Australian Government.

SPECIALIST COACHING FOR THE GOALKEEPERS



A safe pair of hands: Bob Wilson, the former Arsenal goalkeeper who is now presenter of BBC Television's Football Focus, has been giving our club goalkeepers special training sessions this week. Judging by the smiles on the faces of Andy Dibble, Don Ferguson and Les Sealey, the specialist work has been fun all round for the lads.

Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's match against our visitors today Coventry City. I am sure the spectacle on the pitch will be quite different from that which I saw here on Sunday when the Luton Fliers entertained the Windsor Monarchs ... Amercian football.

The event, which was another success and further proof of the versatility of our new synthetic surface, was most entertaining even though much of the subtlety of the sport was lost on me. It was more a matter of the irresistible force and the immoveable object from what I could see—all muscles and sinews on the magic carpet!

I believe the players enjoyed it, however, just as much as everyone else. I wonder how many bruises they can find underneath all that gear at the end of a hard game?

TODAY'S SPONSORS

On a more serious note, I extend a particularly warm welcome to today's match sponsors the Rotary Club of North Luton. Luton handicap-

ped children will be the beneficiaries today of the club's sponsorship by way of a special arrangement with local businessmen and ourselves.

Under the unique scheme, part of the proceeds will be donated to the Rotary Club's Charity Appeal and we are very pleased to be associated with it. The scheme also allows a wide range of companies to participate in and benefit from a wide range of our facilities and services in promotion activity.

Rotary is primarily a service organisation. In addition to today's sponsorship for the benefit of handicapped children, it has also arranged for several Old Aged Pensioners to see the game and in many cases provided their transport.

A collections will be made and the proceeds donated to BBC Radio Bedfordshire's appeal for Children in Need. Space prevents me listing all the people involved in this column, but thanks to everyone concerned.



Taking the strain: Our younger players are certain to feel the benefit of their hard work this week under the eye of professional body-builder Bert Edwards from Coventry. Our picture today shows Mark Stein going through one of Bert's routines.

Winning mascot: Brian Stein presents Richard Armstrong, our mascot against Southampton, with his prize for winning a competition in the News of the World the same weekend. Well done Richard.



Grunt and groan: The American footballers of the Luton Fliers and the Windsor Monarchs tested our synthetic pitch in a private trial match on Sunday afternoon. Verdict? A winner for the Fliers by 34—6.

(Picture courtesy of Luton News)

Taking delivery: Brian Stein and Ricky Hill take the keys to their new Ford Escort cars, part of a two-year sponsorship deal between Trimoco Luton and our club. Trimoco sales manager Paul Hancock arranged the handover.



Junior Hatters



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Good afternoon and welcome to Junior Hatters, parents and friends

When we played Birmingham two weeks ago, with our 2-0 win we made it eight unbeaten home league games from the start of the season. The last time that the club did this well was way back in 1969-70 season! It was good to get back in the team after missing the Liverpool and Norwich games with my ankle injury. The rest did me good as I have now fully recovered from my injury.

The lads are all trying hard to keep this home record up, with five wins and four matches drawn. We have scored 17 goals and had only five scored against us. Not bad at all.

Next week we are away to Watford. This is our local derby game, with it being so close to Luton. We should get a good following from all our supporters and all you Junior Hatters. This weeks visitors are Coventry City so give them a warm welcome, enjoy the game and support the team.

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Reserves ACTION REPLAY



Narrow win keeps reserves among the leading pack

Luton Town 1 Norwich City 0

Successive wins over Swansea, Swindon and Norwich kept our young reserves riding high in the Football Combination table in recent weeks although the winning sequence ended last weekend when we were beaten 2-0 at home by Crystal Palace. "Our most disappointing result of the season so far," was coach John Moore's verdict on a rather complacent display that saw Palace score twice in the first half.

Missed chances throughout the match did little to help although we were unlucky not to get any reward for our efforts in the second half. After beating Norwich, with a Ray Daniel goal after 52 minutes, it was a blow. The Canaries provided fine stern opposition and made a good contest of the match—quite a different story from that at Swindon where, apart from conceding a sloppy early goal, we dominated the game and cruised to a good win with goals from Mark North, Ricky McEvoy (2), David Oldfield and Ray Daniel.



Today's pictures are taken from our win over Norwich and show Ray Daniel, Gary Parker, Mark North and Stacey North in the thick of the action.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Arsenal	14	11	3	0	59	11	25
2 Watford	15	11	3	1	37	9	25
3 Chelsea	14	10	2	2	44	9	22
4 West Ham	14	10	2	2	51	21	22
5 Ipswich	14	10	1	3	30	17	21
6 Luton Town	15	8	3	4	23	20	19
7 Tottenham	14	8	1	5	31	21	17
8 QPR	15	7	3	5	28	23	17
9 Norwich	15	6	3	6	24	20	15
10 C. Palace	16	6	3	7	21	29	15
11 Oxford Utd	15	5	4	6	28	27	14
12 Millwall	14	6	2	6	21	28	14
13 Birmingham	15	6	2	7	21	32	14
14 Bristol R.	12	5	1	6	22	25	11
15 Charlton	15	5	1	9	30	41	11
16 Southampton	14	3	4	7	22	33	10
17 Reading	13	4	1	8	14	30	9
18 Fulham	13	4	1	8	19	36	9
19 Portsmouth	13	3	2	8	10	20	8
20 Brighton	13	2	2	9	12	32	6
21 Swansea	15	2	0	13	10	49	4
22 Swindon	12	0	2	10	16	40	2

(Up to and including November 12th)

FOOTBALL COMBINATION APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

App	Gls	App	Gls
Sealey	5	North M.	11
Johnson R.	10	Tuite	7
Harvey	8	Berry	1
McEvoy	13	Scott	4
Elliott	9	Farrell	1
Johnson M.	4	Black	6
Cobb	15	Lewis	2
Stein M.	11	Daniel	9
Oldfield	14	Parker	11
Grimes	13	Ferguson	1
Dibble	9	North S.	9
Tighe	1	Farrell	1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES

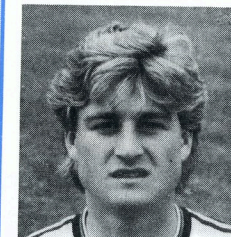
A Aug 17	Portsmouth	1-0
H Aug 24	Chelsea	0-4
H Aug 31	Reading	2-1
A Sept 4	Charlton Athletic	1-0
A Sept 7	West Ham United	0-3
H Sept 26	Millwall	3-2
A Oct 2	Oxford United	1-1
A Oct 9	Brighton & HA	2-0
H Oct 12	Queens Park Rangers	1-1
H Oct 15	Ipswich Town	2-3
A Oct 19	Southampton	2-2
H Oct 26	Swansea Town	2-0
A Oct 31	Swindon Town	5-1
H Nov 6	Norwich City	1-0
H Nov 9	Crystal Palace	0-2
A Nov 16	Watford	
H Nov 23	Fulham	
A Nov 26	Chelsea	
A Nov 30	Tottenham Hotspur	

Youth Team

Dream match in Dublin for McEvoy

While the goals may temporarily have dried up for our high-scoring youth team who have recently been beaten 1-0 by both Bournemouth and Wimbledon, there has been no shortage of glory for some of our other outstanding youngsters.

Last week in Dublin, Ricky McEvoy really turned on the style and earned rave reviews in the Republic of Ireland's 2-0 European youth championship win over Iceland. Playing in attack alongside Marcus Tuite, McEvoy had the Irish Times commenting: "Ireland's performance was rich with invention with Ricky McEvoy enjoying the type of game which youngsters dream of. Displaying some marvellous skills, McEvoy traced magic patterns in the first half as he linked with Dolan and Brophy to hassle the visitors into defeat."



Ricky McEvoy



Marcus Tuite

Footnote: After making six schoolboy international appearances for Wales, our high-promising young forward John Kennedy has been told he is not eligible for the Welsh international youth team! "It's an extraordinary story," said Town chief scout Ron Howard. "He is English through his birth-place and his parents. The Welsh Schools' Association should have spotted it before."

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Swindon	11	8	3	0	32	14	19
2 Southampton	11	9	0	2	39	21	18
3 Bournemouth	12	6	3	3	26	21	15
4 Luton Town	12	5	3	4	37	22	13
5 Wimbledon	11	6	1	4	23	13	13
6 Tottenham	11	5	2	4	24	20	12
7 Brighton	12	5	1	6	12	21	11

Up to and including Nov. 10th

Introducing Coventry City



COVENTRY City arrive here this afternoon seeking their first win in five games and their first goal in the First Division since a 1-0 victory at Birmingham on October 26th. The goal that day was scored by the prolific Terry Gibson, his tenth of the season, but since then the Sky Blues have been knocked out of the Milk Cup by Midlands rivals West Bromwich Albion and been beaten by Manchester United and Liverpool in the league.

Prior to their recent run, Coventry had been showing greatly-improved form on last season when manager Don Mackay took over at the turn of the year from Bobby Gould to guide them out of relegation trouble with a dramatic sequence of last-ditch victories.

During September they lost only two First Division matches (at home to Arsenal and Tottenham) and ran up good wins against Oxford (5-2), and WBA and Leicester (both 3-0).

The promising form was some reward for Mackay's rebuilding during the close season when Peter Barnes, Bob Latchford, Ian But-

terworth and Stuart Pearce all left Highfield Road. The replacements included Greg Downs, Brian Borrows, Andy Williams, Paul Culpin and former Hatters' favourite Wayne Turner.

Players likely to be on duty today:

Steve Ogrizovic—Tall (6ft 4ins) and powerful Mansfield-born goalkeeper, an ever-present last season.

Brian Borrows—Liverpool-born right-back formerly with Everton and Bolton from whom he joined Coventry for £80,000 during the close season. Aged 25.

Graham Rodger—Born in Glasgow, Graham, 18, is a former Wolves defender.

Trevor Peake—Born Nuneaton, Trevor, 28, arrived at Coventry for £100,000 in January, 1983 from Lincoln City.

Lloyd McGrath—20-year-old central defender, born in Birmingham. England youth international.

Greg Downs—Born Nottingham, Greg, 26, is an attacking left-back. Signed from Norwich for whom he played more than 200 games.



Back row, from left: Greg Downs, Dave Bowman, Graham Rodger, Steve Ogrizovic, Perry Suckling, Brian Kilcline, Andy Williams, Paul Culpin.
Middle row: John Sillett (Youth Coach), Kenny Hibbitt, Kirk Stephens, Trevor Peake, Wayne Turner, Brian Borrows, Jeff Doyle, Frank Upton (Assist. Manager), George Dalton (Physio)
Front row: Michael Gynn, Mickey Adams, Dave Bennett, Cyrille Regis, Don Mackay (Manager), Keith Thompson, Lloyd McGrath, Gareth Evans, Terry Gibson.



Don Mackay took over as manager at Highfield Road during the latter stages of last season following a period in which he was caretaker after the departure of Bobby Gould. Mackay had previously been Gould's assistant at Highfield Road. A Scot with a direct and honest approach to his job, Mackay proved to be a steady influence at the club during the closing stages of the season as they climbed out of relegation trouble. He was previously with Dundee.

Wayne Turner—Now 24, Luton-born Wayne joined Coventry in the summer from the Hatters after more than 100 appearances for his home-town club.

David Bennett—A fast-moving midfielder or striker, Dave, 26, joined Coventry from Cardiff in July 1983 for £100,000. Formerly with Manchester City, his home town club.

Mickey Adams—Sheffield-born midfielder, Micky, 24, was previous with Gillingham.

David Bowman—A Scottish under-21 international midfielder, David, 21, joined City from Hearts for £150,000 in December, 1984.

Cyrille Regis—Born in French Guyana, Cyrille, 27, is one of the most powerful centre-forwards in the league. Ex-Hayes and WBA. Won four England caps. Joined Coventry in October, 1984, for £250,000.

Terry Gibson—Born Walthamstow, joined Spurs from school, Terry, 22, is a busy, terrier-style goalscorer. Joined Coventry for £70,000 in August 1983. Related through marriage to Les Sealey.

Gareth Evans—A local youngster and a valuable cover for the forward line.

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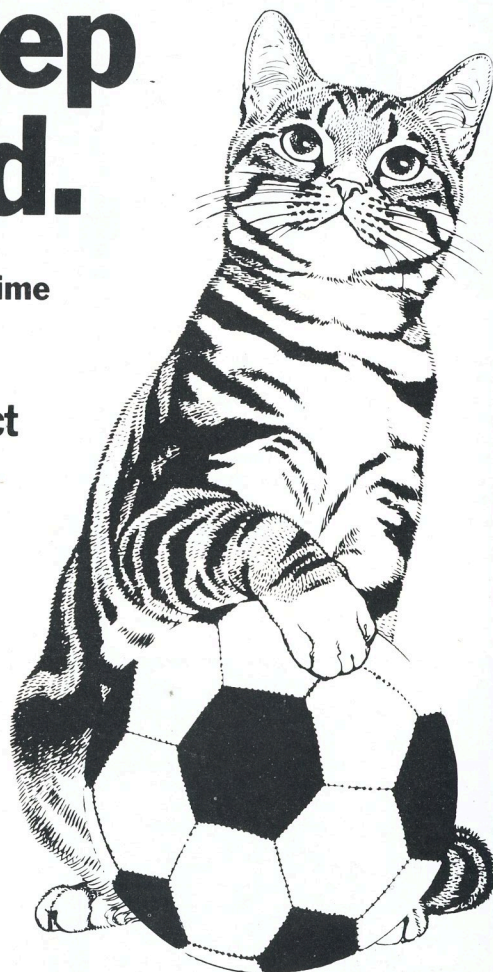
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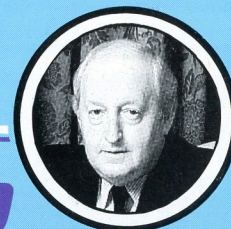
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Club Comment

Why we belong in Super League

THERE has been much comment over the last few weeks with regard to a "Super League", and I have been asked many times how I feel since most commentators exclude our Club from the proposals.

It seems to me, after our results this season, and particularly after last Saturday's result which was a great credit to us all, that the exclusion of a Club like ours from any proposals would be ludicrous, to say the least. We may not attract the crowds that the team deserve, but that is the only weakness in our argument should such a league ever be formed. We have a strong board of directors, a positive management team and a squad of professionals second to none in their application, dedication, loyalty and integrity both on and off the field. In addition exciting developments are taking place at the club in that we have laid the finest artificial pitch in the world and we will develop the ground next year. The budgets for 1986-87 show a break-even situation on trading and hopefully from then on we can build the Club into a real family unit.

Now that the relief road will almost certainly be built in the next two years, unless we can stop it, it is unfortunate that the future of the Club is still threatened.

Having digested the above, it must be obvious to all throughout football including the League chairman, management committee, Football Association, all other clubs, UEFA, FIFA—the lot—that Luton Town are in very good heart and those who seek to discredit by innuendo and negative attitudes will realise that we have no need whatsoever to fear any reconstruction of football because our club will survive at the highest level, come what may.

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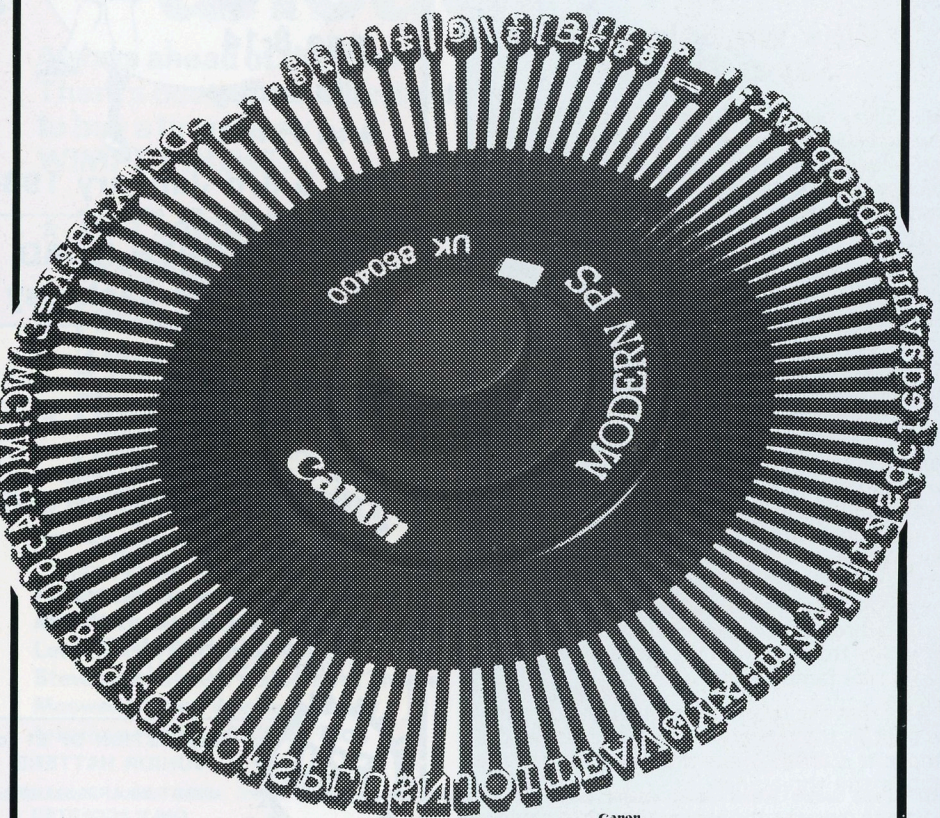
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VIEWS from the MEDIA

Our long-awaited first victory over the Spurs since 1959 brought plenty of deserved praise from the media last week, with over-much attention paid to a fine Town performance. But, today, we have selected a few of the more objective comments made in this week's press:

Daily Mail: "An inventive Luton made Tottenham look laboured, lacking in ideas and, at times in defence, downright amateurish . . . Brian Stein, with a new contract signed during the summer, looks a better player now than when picked by England."

Perfectionism

Guardian: "David Pleat refused to wax lyrical over Luton's first League win against Tottenham in 26 years because his team scored only three goals instead of half-a-dozen. Such perfectionism speaks volumes for the integrated skills of Luton, who not only inflicted a third successive League defeat on

Spurs, but made them also look stale and pedestrian."

Sunday Telegraph: "Hill and the elusive Stein were in marvellous form for Luton, quick to seize openings, and scheming with a perception that outwitted Tottenham's desperate attempts to keep them at bay with offside traps."

Stein leaves Paris and Roberts behind him

The Times: "The misery of Stein's international debut in Paris seemed a long way behind him, judging by the way he turned away from Roberts and sped off on an arc around the home defence before unleashing fine left-foot shot, of all things, past Clemence."

Mail on Sunday: "Steve Foster was an imperious figure at the back, while equally impressive was Brian Stein, who thumped home his 11th goal of the season in the 63rd minute."

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Brian Lewis made 50 league appearances at Kenilworth Road in 1968-69 and won over the crowd with his appealing and impish style of play. He was a skilful, tricky midfielder with an accurate shot and joined the Town from Coventry.



THE LUTON TOWN STORY



TODAY'S meeting with Coventry City will be our 47th in the Football League and extends our long association with a club with which we have shared some exciting times, as spotlighted in this episode of our regular All Our Yesterdays feature. Supporters of both clubs will no doubt recall the great battles of the past particularly in the heyday of Joe Payne when we were promotion rivals in the Third Division South. They were famous footballing occasions and are fully recorded and described in our club history.. The Luton Story 1885-1985, a book which would make the perfect Christmas gift.

Published by the club and available as listed below, the book has received excellent reviews from local and national publications and has frequently been described as "the best English club history published to date" (Scottish Football Historian and Programme Monthly). The book is a fully-documented illustrated history of the club with all the statistics and stories.

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Wayne Turner needs little introduction to Town fans for it was only last season that he struck the winning goal here in our fifth round second replay FA Cup victory over Watford. He joined Coventry in the summer.



Kirk Stephens made 227 league appearances for Luton between 1978 and 1984 before joining Coventry. A popular and dashing full-back, he was a stalwart of the Second Division championship-winning team.

All Our

THIS afternoon we welcome another of our "bogey" teams to Kenilworth Road. With only one win in 23 visits to Highfield Road and our victory here last Christmas representing our first success over Coventry City in 32 years, it is clear we have some catching up to do, particularly on our away trips to the Midlands.

Our first home meeting with Coventry was in April 1927 when a crowd of 6,900 witnessed a 4-1 victory which avenged a defeat of identical proportions earlier in the season. Such a crowd was attracted by the prospects of what was then regarded as a derby fixture in our pre-war Division Three South days. Results reflected the close rivalry between the clubs with the goals and points being more or less shared before the war.

One prolific marksman for the Hatters in this period was Andy Rennie who was frequently on the mark against the "Bantams" as Coventry were then known. He scored both goals in the two 1-1 draws of 1928-29 on his way to a record 43 goals in a season and then added two more at Highfield Road in our solitary win at Highfield Road in 1930-31.

The matches which stand in the memory, however, are the two titanic struggles of 1935-36 when Joe Payne was on the rampage and we were chasing promotion to the Second Division. Joe Payne had scored his record 10 goals against Bristol Rovers on Easter Monday and followed it up with both goals in our 2-0 win at Newport the following Saturday. After seeming to be out of the promotion race, we found ourselves back in contention, level on points with the leaders Coventry City who we were due to meet twice on our last three games.

The combined effect of Joe Payne curiosity and promotion talk drew a then-record crowd of 23,142 to Kenilworth Road. Payne obliged, but the Town could not clinch victory and the huge attendance had to settle for a 1-1 draw. The return match at Highfield Road the following

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Yesterdays

Monday attracted an even-bigger number of fans with a then record for the Third Division of 42,975 pouring in through the turnstiles to see the Town become only the second side that season to return from Coventry with any reward. The teams drew 0-0. It was not enough for Luton. Coventry won their final match. The Town drew and had to wait a further 12 months to clinch promotion by way of the Third Division South Championship.

Once our meetings resumed, it was never quite the same. Compared to the past, the Second Division matches were tame affairs. Indeed, in our final Second Division meeting in 1951-52, shortly

before Coventry's relegation, our programme stated "great and glorious battles have we had in the old Third Division days, but somehow that same keenness has been missing since we were both promoted."

The later period threw up some interesting footballing landmarks however—Dave Sexton scored his one and only goal for Luton in 1951-52, Gordon Turner made his debut for the Town in the game at Coventry in 1950-51 and Billy Hughes our then-record signing and "the finest full-back in the land" made his first appearance at Highfield Road in 1947-48. Sexton of course later became the Coventry City manager.



Kirk Stephens makes a timely intervention for Coventry against Mick Harford during our 2-0 win here against the Sky Blues in December last year.

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

	Home	Away
1926-27	4-1	1-4
1927-28	3-1	2-4
1928-29	1-1	1-1
1929-30	1-1	1-5
1930-31	2-0	2-1
1931-32	3-1	2-3
1932-33	4-1	0-4
1933-34	0-1	2-2
1934-35	4-0	0-1
1935-36	1-1	0-0
1937-38	1-4	1-2
1938-39	1-3	0-1
1946-47	1-1	0-0
1947-48	2-3	1-4
1948-49	2-0	0-2
1949-50	2-0	0-1
1950-51	1-1	1-4
1951-52	2-1	2-5
1963-64	1-3	3-3
1974-75	1-3	1-2
1982-83	1-2	2-4
1983-84	2-4	2-2
1984-85	2-0	0-1

Overall summary of results:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	23	10	5	8	42	33
Away	23	1	6	16	24	56
Total	46	11	11	24	66	89

Club statistician: Roger Wash

Editor's note: Errors crept into the text for our match programmes against Norwich and Birmingham. To clarify, Luton had never previously met Norwich in the Milk Cup; Norwich were in the Third Division in 1959; and we lost 2-0 at Carrow Road on January 24th, 1976. Our meeting with Birmingham was our 43rd in the League. The overall summary should have read: home—21-5-5-11-25-30; away—21-3-6-12-20-46; total—42-8-11-23-45-76.

UPDATE

Canon League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Manchester U.	16	7	1	0	18	1	6	1	1	17	6	41
2 Liverpool	16	8	0	0	21	4	2	4	2	14	12	34
3 Sheffield Wed	16	4	3	1	13	13	5	1	2	12	10	31
4 Chelsea	16	7	0	1	17	6	2	3	3	8	11	30
5 West Ham	16	5	2	1	18	8	3	3	2	10	10	29
6 Everton	16	6	1	1	13	7	2	2	4	10	12	27
7 Arsenal	16	6	1	1	11	6	2	2	4	9	15	27
8 Newcastle	16	4	2	2	15	10	3	3	2	9	13	26
9 Nottingham F.	16	5	0	3	14	12	3	1	4	14	14	25
10 Luton Town	16	4	4	0	17	5	2	2	4	12	15	24
11 QPR	16	5	2	1	12	5	2	0	6	5	16	23
12 Watford	16	6	2	0	22	7	0	2	6	9	22	22
13 Tottenham	15	4	0	3	20	10	2	4	8	12	20	
14 Aston Villa	16	2	3	3	11	10	2	3	3	10	12	18
15 Southampton	16	4	4	0	13	4	0	2	6	6	19	18
16 Coventry City	16	3	1	4	15	13	1	4	3	6	11	17
17 Birmingham C.	15	4	1	3	7	6	1	0	6	4	16	16
18 Oxford Utd	17	3	3	2	13	8	0	3	6	10	25	15
19 Leicester City	17	2	5	2	16	17	1	1	6	5	17	15
20 Manchester C.	16	1	4	3	8	13	1	2	5	6	12	12
21 Ipswich Town	16	1	2	5	4	11	1	1	6	4	14	9
22 West Brom	16	1	2	5	8	17	0	1	7	5	22	6

League table as November 10th, 1985

LEAGUE AND CUP APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

	League		Cup	
	App	Gl	App	Gl
T. Breacker	13		3	
A. Dibble	7			
M. Donaghy	16		3	
P. Elliott	2(3)			
S. Foster	12	2	3	
A. Grimes	1(1)		(1)	
M. Harford	15	9	2	
R. Hill	13	2	3	1
R. Johnson	4	1		
P. Nicholas	15		2	
E. Nwajobi	15	4	3	1
G. Parker	3(3)		1	
D. Preece	16	1	2	1
B. Stein	16	10	3	1
M. Thomas	14		2	
M. Stein	1			
L. Sealey	9		3	
M. North	1		1	1
R. Daniel	1(1)	1	1	

Leading League and Cup goalscorers

- 15—McAvennie (West Ham)
 - 13—Lineker (Everton), Dixon (Chelsea)
 - 11—Stein (Luton), Chapman (Sheffield Wed), Cottee (West Ham), Rush (Liverpool), Stainrod (Aston Villa)
- (up to November 11th)

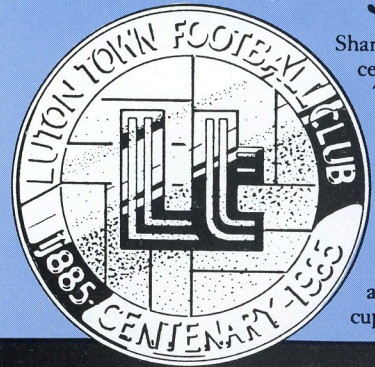
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	FA	Att	Pos	1
Aug 17 Nottingham Forest	1-1	11,381	—	Dibble
Aug 21 Newcastle United	2-2	21,304	—	Dibble
Aug 24 West Ham United	1-0	14,104	8	Dibble
Aug 27 Arsenal	2-2	10,012	10	Dibble
Aug 31 Aston Villa	1-3	10,524	12	Dibble
Sept 7 Chelsea	1-1	10,720	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	2-0	8,550	10	Sealey
Nov 9 Tottenham Hotspur	3-1	19,163	10	Sealey
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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Thomas	Grimes	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Parker	Stein B.	Harford1	Nwajobi1	Preece	North
Johnson	Thomas	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Parker	Stein B.	Harford1	Nwajobi1	Preece	North
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- 3 Mitchell Thomas
- 4 Peter Nicholas
- 5 Steve Foster
- 6 Mal Donaghy
- 7 Ricky Hill
- 8 Brian Stein
- 9 Mick Harford
- 10 Emeka Nwajiobi
- 11 David Preece
- Sub

Coventry City

- 1 Steve Ogrizovic
- 2 Brian Borrows
- 3 Greg Downs
- 4 David Bowman
- 5 Graham Rodger
- 6 Trevor Peake
- 7 Mickey Adams
- 8 Lloyd McGrath
- 9 Gareth Evans
- 10 Terry Gibson
- 11 David Bennett
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