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ACTION REPLAY

COVER STORY



Tim Breacker kept Watford's John Barnes in check during our 2-1 win at Vicarage Road last week.

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Close encounters: Town goalscorer Mitchell Thomas and Watford winger John Barnes are caught taking a breather during the action at Vicarage Road where we won 2-1 last week. With England manager Bobby Robson sitting in the stand, it could be the two young stars were thinking of next summer's Mexico World Cup finals. Our pictures show Brian Stein putting the pressure on Lee Sinnott, the Town celebrating Steve Terry's own goal winner and Mick Harford jumping to the attack in the second half. The victory lifted us to eighth in the First Division table.



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100 Years On

It seems only yesterday that our team were returning from Maine Road having survived in the First Division by the narrowest of margins. I remarked afterwards that City would come back sooner than Luton had we failed on that day, and I was right. We welcome them today and trust we both continue a long and successful period at the top.

Thank you to all our supporters who showed such good backing for the team last Saturday. It is never easy to get away results and we appreciate those of you who were able to come to both Tottenham and Watford.

The football scene is more than interesting. The delight in knowing that England, Northern Ireland and surely Scotland are going to Mexico has been tempered by the uncertainty surrounding the structure of the Football League. Although those at managerial and coaching level should be forthcoming with their views, it is just as important that they encourage maximum skills and excitement on the field.

Breeding ground

I was interested to hear that ex-Luton player Don Givens is starring in Switzerland—can the pace of the game abroad be so fierce?—Don is 36 now. Other ex-players proving that Kenilworth Road is a good breeding ground for youngsters: Kerry Dixon (Chelsea), Imre Varadi (WBA), Richard Cadette (Southend), Michael Small (Standard Liege), Alan Biley (Brighton) and Frank Bunn (Hull). All of these strikers enjoyed schoolboy days with Luton but were either not offered terms, were released or sold on later.

In previous seasons Jesse Pye, Gordon



Turner, Ron Davies, John O'Rourke, Malcolm MacDonald and Paul Walsh were strikers whose names the crowd identified with. Now Mick Harford is gaining a reputation.

Brian Stein has been a consistent forward with good skills for several years. Emeka Nwajiobi has tricks in his locker but we need him to remember to bring the key more regularly. However Emeka is a late starter and is learning in the hardest league in the world. When you consider Emeka came from Dulwich, Brian Stein from Edgware, Mal Donaghy from Larne and Ricky Hill, Tim Breacker and Mitchell Thomas from school then you understand why our staff and scouts realise the importance of "finding" potential players.

Best wishes
David Pleat

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GirlTalk

ANDY Davis, 39, from East Horsley, Surrey, is the first member of Luton's Centenary Club. I talked to him about his thoughts on the Town—a new angle for this column!

"The first match I saw, when I was about eight, was against Leeds. We youngsters carried football rattles. I made mine in school woodwork classes. Against Blackpool once we children sat right at the touchline; it was Luton's highest attendance. I remember, too, the abandoned Cup match against Manchester City when Law had scored six goals. I was in the Boobers' that day and could see the water rising and flooding the terraces. The match was replayed in the afternoon so I couldn't go—I was at school. It wasn't an evening fixture because Bert Trautmann, City's goalkeeper, refused to play under Luton's poor lights, fixed straight onto the main stand and on poles above the Bobbers'.

I've written three letters to the Club. First: to Ron Davies to plead with him to stay. Second: to John Smith shortly after he joined Luton about the "Colditz" atmosphere at the ground. He replied, and facilities were improved. Third: last season—about my best Luton team picked from all the Town players I've seen.

The current team is certainly the best I've ever seen, but we've had some great individuals in the past: Rodney Fern—who never lived up to his reputation; wingers like Billy Bingham, Harry Walden, David Pleat—is that creeping?—Graham French, Mike Harrison, and Mossy of course. Does anyone remember Roland Legate scoring with a 25 yard header, the bravery of Laurie Sheffield, the dependability of Matt Woods, the dives of Brian Lewis, the silky skills of Godfrey Ingram, the elasticity of Alecsic and our First Division saviour, Raddy Antic? I've had some good time watching Luton."

Gale Waller

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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.

Centenary pride

Dear Sir,
I would like to say a few words about the Centenary Club. Firstly, I am very pleased I have joined and enjoy receiving my home programmes every two weeks. I am also very proud of the medal and enjoyed reading the first newsletter. In the meantime I look forward to receiving my autographed copy of the team picture as I am sure I am one of the first 1,000 members.

The Centenary book is a "gem" a real credit to the club and something I will keep for a very long time.

I do however have one criticism and that's about the programme. True, they are full of news and facts, but the one point many supporters are interested to know is "the average gates of each division one team" and their best gates to date.

In seasons gone by, I know this has been done, but why stop? I've been to all the away matches this season and all the teams have this feature in their programme, even Oxford.

So please re-introduce it in our

programmes. I know most of us want it back.
Martin Elliott,
Bedford.
EDITOR: Thanks for your comments. We will look into introducing attendance statistics.

Congratulations, Peter

Dear Sir,
I would like to write to congratulate you on the attitude of one of your players. On Saturday November 2nd after the game with Birmingham some friends and I went to a local hotel for a drink. Whilst there Peter Nicholas came in and I asked him if he could autograph my programme for my son. Not only was he more than happy to do this he spent 10 minutes discussing the game with my friends and myself. When he came to leave he made a point of saying goodbye to us all. We all feel that this is the way footballers should react and behave and after all the bad things that have been said about footballers in the recent past it is nice to be able to congratulate one of your players on having the right attitude towards his supporters.
C. C. Newnham Esq.,
Leighton Buzzard.

Grain drain thanks

Dear Sir,
Thank you very much for sending Emeka Nwajobi and Stacey North to take part in the "Grain Drain" game which was played in the Luton Central Library during "one world week". They contributed very much to everyone's enjoyment of the game and they entered into the spirit of the evening very well.

At the end of the evening we shared a special loaf baked as "One World" remembering that if we shared more there would be a better life all round the world.



Stacey North Emeka Nwajobi

Hatters' Hamburg delight!

Dear Sir,
I am a prison officer at Bedford and a loyal Luton supporter for something like 32 years.

Just recently we had some prison officers visit us from Hamburg, West Germany.

During their stay with us they were able to watch the Luton v. Manchester Utd game, and they were truly delighted with what they saw. Of course they all knew about Man Utd but very little of Luton Town.

However after the match Luton had an increase in their followers 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.

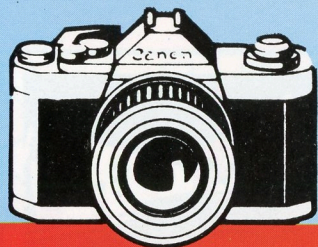
Not only did Luton take them on but damn well nearly beat them. I felt that I had to write to the club, and thank the players for doing their part in making our friends from Hamburg stay in England a very happy one.

Gerry Gray,
Bedford.

Luton News



**EXCLUSIVE COLUMN
BY DAVID PLEAT
THURSDAYS 14p**



First Team ACTION

Watford 1 Luton Town 2

A goal in each half of an encouraging performance at Vicarage Road last week brought us our second consecutive away victory and three precious points from the traditional derby match against our great rivals Watford.

An unchanged Town never had to open full throttle to win and spent much of the second half cruising towards victory after Mitchell Thomas had given us the lead with his first goal in the First Division after 29 minutes.

Watford rallied after the interval and snatched an unexpected equaliser in the 83rd minute when Brian Talbot forced the ball home.

The Town response was immediate: a burst of forward activity and pressure on Coton bringing its reward three minutes from time when, from Stein's curling cross, Steve Terry scored a spectacular own goal under pressure from Ricky Hill.

Watford: Coton, Bardsley, Rostron, Talbot, Terry, Sinnott, Sterling, Allen, Barnes, Jackett, Porter. Sub: Smillie.

Luton: Sealey, Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, Nwajobi, Preece.



ACTION REPLAY from Vicarage Road



Brian Stein and Mick Harford put the Watford defence under pressure last week. It was from Tony Coton's challenge that Mitchell Thomas opened the scoring for the Town.

(Photos: Gareth Owen)



**BILL BERRY**

VIEWS

from the bench

Club doctor Bill Berry has become a popular member of the regular backroom staff at Kenilworth Road during the last seven years. His expert skills in assessing and treating a wide variety of injuries and problems in the dressing rooms have earned him all the players' respect and admiration. Today he throws the spotlight on sports medicine and reveals how advanced Luton Town's facilities are—proving, to his satisfaction, that we already belong in any Superleague for football surgeries.

Medical excellence

"At a recent meeting of the Football League doctors, the Football Association medical committee outlined their exciting plans for a national centre of excellence for the treatment of sports injuries; a sort medical equivalent to the school of excellence for young players that is already running successfully at Lillleshall. The concept of this convalescent home for super athletes, based in the beautiful countryside of Shropshire at Lillleshall, was well received.

"Many of the clubs represented, particularly those from the lower divisions of the league, do not have the sort of medical facilities which are now available and very often taken for granted by players in the First Division. The clubs do not have the finance to provide them. As a result, of course, their players are at a disadvantage compared to those at clubs—such as ourselves—where they have their own facilities.

"Such clubs would find the facility to get

expert advice and treatment invaluable, particularly for some of their most difficult cases. Indeed, we might well find that a change of environment would benefit some of our own chronic cases as well!

Top-class treatment

"At Luton, tucked away next to the home dressing room and opening on to it, is, in its own way, our own little centre of excellence . . . our first-rate treatment room. It is a paradise of sports medicine and treatment.

"For, with the help of the chairman, successive directors and the great donations from the fans, we have acquired all the modern sophisticated electrical and physiotherapy aids that are available including drapule, ultrasonic interferactol and laser. With 40 per cent more games and 20 per cent less players, it is false economy for a club not to have good medical facilities.

Ready for Superleague!

"A knock that can be treated professionally and quickly in your own dressing room with the most modern equipment can become a more serious and long-term injury if it is not dealt with properly and at the right time. It is always a mistake to under-estimate the part of injuries and their treatment.

"At Luton, we are well-equipped, thankfully, and with this in mind we can be confident that we are medically-ready to take our place in any Superleague, if, or when, it comes into being."

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Club News

Flying visit



We welcome today on a flying visit to England our Kuwaiti-based director Mr. Mustafa Aleyan who's last game was the epic semi-final against Everton at Villa Park. Mr. Aleyan has been most impressed with the new playing surface and facilities installed at Kenilworth Road since his last visit.

Pre-match entertainment

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

Luton Schools: K. Griffin, D. George, A. Kelly, D. Holmes, J. Boag, S. Boyle, H. Hardy, T. Doyle, B. Keeny, D. Duke, M. McDongle. Subs: S. Roy, D. Kerrigan, K. Woolcroft.

Reading Schools: G. Fontain, D. Watson, C. Read, M. Martin, J. South, J. Plank, M. Swadling, A. Wall, S. Butler, S. Lovell, J. Norris. Subs: L. Strong, S. Griffiths, I. Basden, D. Martin.

Away Travel

Our next away fixture takes us up the motorway where we face Nottingham Forest on 14th December. It is not a particularly long journey so we hope you will give us lots of support at the City Ground. Our coaches will be leaving the Maple Road car park at 11.30 am, and the cost is £4.50. If you want any further details, ring Luton 412418.

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Season tickets

Season tickets are still available for seating in the main stand, Bobbers stand and our special family wing stand. Phone the ticket office for prices on Luton 30748 (24 hr service).

Forthcoming matches at Kenilworth Road



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Thursday, December 5th
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MATCH REFEREE



David Axcell
(Southend)

A printer, David is married with one son. He has progressed to the Football League list through the Football Combination and the South East Counties League. He enjoys playing badminton, cross-country running and travel. He has refereed many local Cup finals and was senior linesman at an UEFA Cup 2nd round match in 1982-83.

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TOP HATTER



Born in Nibo-Awka, Anambra State, Nigeria on May 25th, 1959, Chukwuemeka Nwajioobi came to England when he was 11, went to school in Forest Hill, London, and played for Fulham juniors, Millwall juniors and reserves before going to study science at Bromley Technical College. After completing a degree in pharmacy at UWIST, Cardiff, he played for Dulwich Hamlet and joined the Town in December 1983. He is a Nigerian international striker with four caps.

BALLROOM DANCER

Emeka was nick-named Daijiobi when he played in South Wales as a student and learned to cook, a necessity that has since become one of his favourite leisure activities alongside ballroom dancing. Now as keen on Latin American as new recipes, he has developed a double life away from football that has made him the envy of many of his team-mates.

"I only really started dancing a year or so ago after coming to Luton. I found I had a lot of time to spare and I wanted to use it. My parents had always urged me to learn things. I go to the Rayner's School of Dancing in Sundon Park (that's my teacher Carol Rayner pictured with me opposite). I used to have a regular dance partner, but haven't since my World Cup break in Nigeria.

"I've had a lot to learn here too at the club. The pace of the game is the big thing and the crispness of the passing. But I'm sure my dancing has helped me, especially to relax before important games. Can any of the others dance? No way, guys like Brian Stein, Steve Foster, Les, Mitchell and Peter Nicholas have all got two left feet haven't they?

"And they are always dishing out the stick to me without having to take it back! Of course, I'm used to the banter and the family atmosphere. I've got three brothers and five sisters. Three of my sisters are still in Nigeria. But my brothers are all here. And the youngest is the most skilful of all!"





Bill Tomlins, Commercial Director

AROUND

the TOWN

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LUCKY POT PETER!



A winning hand: Peter Nicholas is a regular supporter of our lotteries and has recently picked up a few small prizes. I wish I had his lucky touch! Our Welsh international midfielder is pictured by Gareth Owen with another Lucky Pot in his hand.

Happy smiles: Well, here I am again . . . handing over a cheque to Luton North Rotary Club president Leslie Robinson—his efforts for charity and Children in Need.



The sponsors of our last home match against Coventry City might not have had an afternoon of the most entertaining football to be seen this season, but they certainly did their bit for charity. Their sponsorship raised more than £1,900 for the benefit of different charity organisations, including a large sun for the Children in Need appeal for this Christmas.

As you know, the Coventry sponsors were the Rotary Club of Luton North. Their initial sponsorship scheme raised a total of £553. Another £516 was raised on the day through various activities at the ground including match forecasts and penalty competitions. And a further £836 was added to the total with a tremendously successful

bucket collection around the ground during the afternoon.

THANK YOU FANS

That last mount—£836—is going directly to the Children in Need appeal. Need I say more about the tremendous work of our sponsors, our stewards and club staff, and, in particular, our fans? On behalf of everyone may I say thank-you very much for your help and support.

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LOYAL FANS TAKE RICKY AND LES'S NAMES!

Autograph hunters: Two ardent Town fans, Alastair Sasko from Amptill and Ian Donald from Westoning spent a week trying to get all the players' signatures at signing sessions at Luton, Flitwick and Bedford public libraries. The lads are caught adding Les Sealey and Ricky Hill's names to their copies of the fast-selling club history, The Luton Town Story.



Official opening: Steve Foster performed the honours at the official opening of our new players' lounge, the Brengreen Suite, before the Coventry fixture two weeks ago.



COLIN MATHURIN

It is with great sadness that we offer our sympathy to the family of Colin Mathurin, who died while playing for Vauxhall Motors at Stevenage two weeks ago. Our players and staff felt the loss deeply. They had only recently played against Colin at Park Street. The club was represented at Colin's funeral by Paul Elliott, Ricky Hill and Mitchell Thomas.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY

with
Steve
Foster



HORNETS' PITCH TRICKS!

Hello everyone. Welcome to my new column. I hope I can bring you a few snippets of inside information that will keep you up-to-date on the behind-the-scenes football happenings at Kenilworth Road. Strange things are always happening in football you know!

At Watford, last week, for example, their capable groundsman Les Simmons, who has helped us with slitting work on our pitch in the past, said before our match there that the Hornets had been practicing on the pitch a lot last week. Les reckoned it was to cut the pitch up and spoil our passing game!

I also noticed at Vicarage Road that, before the game, when the Sports Minister Richard Tracey was taking his son around the club, the young lad had no idea who one of the famous faces was . . . when he was introduced to "someone whose face you are sure to know". It was the BBC's John Motson. It shows how quickly you get forgotten these days, doesn't it?

Last week a few of the lads went down to help open a new Corals snooker club at Lewsey. The manager said he hopes we don't spend too much time there in the future! We were also invited to go to the opening of the new Watford disco Paradise Lost . . . Yes, in enemy territory.

Junior Hatters



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Looking forward to the Junior Hatters Christmas Party!

Hello Junior Hatters. Well our home record of nine league games without defeat is over. But we shall do our best to start a new, and better run, today. I hope we can. It would give us something to really celebrate at the Junior Hatters Christmas Party which is now only two and a half weeks away.

As I hope you all know, it is due to take place on Monday, December 16th from 7 pm to 9 pm. It is going to be free to members only for the first 200 applicants accepted. The party will include a disco and a sports quiz . . . and I am going to raise a strong team this year

as Ricky tells me his team was beaten last year. I'll try and put a stop to that!

The Juniors' team will be picked on the night when we will also be drawing names out of a drum for the mascots and escorts for the rest of the season. Come along and get your tickets from the club offices in Kenilworth Road for what should be a really great night. I'm looking forward to it already.

Give a warm welcome to Manchester City today. Get behind our team and enjoy the match. See you soon.

Peter Nicholas

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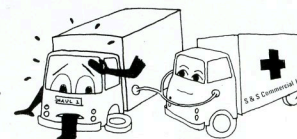
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Latest result:
FOOTBALL COMBINATION
November 16th

Watford 1 Luton Town 4 (M. North, Daniel, Cobb, Oldfield)

Team: A. Dibble, R. Johnson, A. Grimes, R. McEvoy, P. Elliott, S. North, D. Oldfield, M. Stein, M. North, R. Daniel, G. Cobb, K. Black.

November 23rd
Luton Town 1 Fulham 0 (M. Stein)

Team: A. Dibble, R. Johnson, A. Grimes, R. McEvoy, P. Elliott, M. Johnson, D. Oldfield, G. Parker, M. North, M. Stein, G. Cobb, R. Harvey.

● Central defender Stacey North has joined Wolverhampton Wanderers on loan for one month.



● Midfield grip: Ricky McEvoy takes charge in midfield as he breaks up a Fulham raid with quick anticipation and a well-timed challenge.

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● Taking control: Paul Elliott shows his authority and composure as he wins the ball cleanly during the reserves 1—0 win over Fulham last week.



Full stretch: Rob Johnson stretches to intercept with Paul Elliott in close attention during the reserves win last week.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Arsenal	15	11	4	0	61	13	26
2 Watford	16	11	3	2	38	13	25
3 West Ham	15	11	2	2	55	24	24
4 Chelsea	15	10	2	3	46	12	22
5 Ipswich	15	10	2	3	30	17	22
6 Luton Town	16	9	3	4	27	21	21
7 Tottenham	14	8	1	5	31	21	17
8 QPR	16	7	3	6	28	24	17
9 Norwich	17	7	3	7	25	21	17
10 Oxford Utd	17	6	5	6	30	27	17
11 Millwall	15	7	2	6	25	30	16
12 Bristol R.	13	7	1	6	31	27	15
13 C. Palace	17	6	3	8	25	36	15
14 Birmingham C.	16	6	2	8	21	34	14
15 Charlton	16	5	1	10	31	45	11
16 Portsmouth	14	4	2	8	14	20	10
17 Southampton	14	3	4	7	22	33	10
18 Fulham	14	4	1	9	22	40	9
19 Reading	13	4	1	8	14	33	9
20 Brighton	14	2	2	10	14	36	6
21 Swansea	15	2	0	13	10	49	4
22 Swindon	13	0	3	10	18	42	3

(Up to and including November 18th)

FOOTBALL COMBINATION APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

App	Gls	App	Gls
Sealey	5	North M.	13
Johnson R.	12	Tuite	7
Harvey	8	Berry	1
McEvoy	15	Scott	4
Elliott	11	Farrell	1
Johnson M.	5	Black	6
Cobb	17	Lewis	2
Stein M.	13	Daniel	10
Oldfield	16	Parker	12
Grimes	15	Ferguson	1
Dibble	11	North S.	10
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	4—1
H Nov 23	Fulham	1—0
A Nov 26	Chelsea	
A Nov 30	Tottenham Hotspur	

Youth Team

Lewis hat-trick sinks Spurs

A hat-trick by Paul Lewis swept the Town youth team to a fine 4—1 win at Tottenham last week—making it two good wins in successive weeks. Latest results:

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE JUNIOR CUP
November 16th

Wimbledon 0 Luton Town 2 (Farrell (pen), Tuite)
Team: M. Jones, J. James, R. Harvey, I. Scott, C. Barker, M. Johnson, J. Kennedy, P. Lewis, S. Farrell, M. Tuite, A. Tighe, D. Berry, N. Poutch.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
November 23rd

Tottenham Hotspur 1 Luton Town 4 (Lewis 3, Farrell)

Team: M. Jones, D. Thomas, J. James, I. Scott, C. Barker, N. Poutch, J. Kennedy, P. Lewis, S. Farrell, A. Tighe, M. Tuite, A. Chapman, C. Marks.



Paul Lewis



Sean Farrell

In the FA Youth Cup second round the Town are drawn to meet Aston Villa, a tough assignment!

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Swindon	12	9	3	0	37	14	21
2 Southampton	12	9	1	2	41	23	19
3 Bournemouth	13	7	3	3	30	24	17
4 Luton Town	13	6	3	4	41	23	15
5 Wimbledon	12	7	1	4	28	15	15
6 Tottenham	13	5	2	6	27	27	12
7 Oxford Utd	13	4	4	5	21	26	12
8 Colchester	12	4	3	5	18	25	11
9 Brighton	13	5	1	7	13	25	11
10 Brentford	12	2	6	4	22	23	10
11 Southend	13	4	2	7	14	28	10
12 Bristol R.	12	2	5	5	22	25	9
13 Reading	14	4	1	9	19	34	9
14 C. Palace	12	1	3	8	25	46	5

Up to and including Nov. 25th

Introducing Manchester City



MANCHESTER City arrive here today fresh from two successive victories over Nottingham Forest a fortnight ago and Newcastle United last week, when Mark Lillis scored the only goal. It is the first time since August that they have collected six points in two matches and indicates improved form as they fight to stay out of trouble at the foot of the table.

Manager Billy McNeil moved into the transfer market to strengthen a squad that finished third in the Second Division. He signed striker Lillis from Huddersfield, Northern Ireland midfielder Sammy McIlroy from Stoke and defender Nigel Johnson from Rotherham, all in the close season, adding Welsh international striker Gordon Davies, for a £100,000 fee, from Chelsea in October.

Players likely to be on duty today:

Eric Nixon—Born in Manchester, Eric, 23, made his debut earlier this season at home to West Ham. He is 6ft 2ins tall and 14 stone:

Nicky Reid—Born in Ormston, Nicky, 25, has

spent all his career at Maine Road where he was an apprentice. He is a former England under-21 defender.

Paul Power—Paul, 32, is the City skipper. Manchester-born, he is an attacking left-back and a former England B international with more than 300 league appearances for City.

Kenny Clements—A strong central defender, Kenny, 30, is in his second spell with City after a five-year run at Oldham. Manchester-born, Kenny returned to Maine Road for £25,000 towards the end of last season.

Mike McCarthy—Barnsley-born Mike, 26, joined City from his home town club for £200,000 in 1983 and forms the central defensive barrier with Clements. An Eire international with more than 300 league games.

David Phillips—David, 22, is another full international with Wales. An attacking mid-fielder with a powerful shot, he was born in Wegberg and joined City from Plymouth.

Mark Lillis—Another local product,



Back row, from left: Clive Wilson, Andy May, Gordon Smith, David Phillips, Sammy McIlroy.
Middle row: Billy McNeil (Manager), Nicky Reid, Mick McCarthy, Nigel Johnson, Alex Williams, Kenny Clements, Mark Lillis, Roy Bailey (Physio), Jimmy Frizzell (Asst. Manager).
Front row: Neil McNab, Jim Melrose, Paul Simpson, Paul Power, Steve Kinsey, Jim Tolmie, Graham Baker.



Billy McNeil is one of the outstanding post-war figures in Scottish football. He led City back to the First Division earlier this year after moving south to take his first job in the English game in 1983. As a player, he was the centre-half in the great Celtic team of the 1960's, leading them to the Scottish Championship nine seasons in succession and eight Scottish Cup triumphs. He also won six Scottish League Cup winners' medals and was the lynchpin of the Celtic team that won the European Cup in 1967. He also played in Celtic's losing European Cup final team of 1970. He won 29 Scottish caps. After retiring he left the game briefly, but returned to manage Clyde, Aberdeen and Celtic in quick succession.

Manchester-born Mark, 25, was Huddersfield's top scorer for two seasons before joining City in the close season.

Andy May—Andy, 21, was born in Bury and has risen from the apprentices at Maine Road to become a versatile defensive player who has been in midfield recently.

Gordon Davies—Welsh international striker Gordon, 30, joined City from Chelsea for £100,000 in October. He partners Mark Lillis in attack.

Neil McNab—Now 28, Neil, a hard-working left-sided midfielder, has been with Spurs, Bolton, Brighton, Leeds, Portsmouth and Manchester City in his long career since leaving his native Greenock Morton in 1973.

Clive Wilson—Another Manchester-born player, Clive, 24, has been at Maine Road since 1979 except for a spell in loan at Chester in 1982-83. A left-sided player who can play in defence or attack.

Paul Simpson—Carlisle-born Paul, 19, is an England youth striker who joined City as an apprentice.

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**Club
Comment**

Revealing Oak Road statistics

A recent analysis of our supporters who regularly use the Oak Road end revealed some interesting statistics and I felt it would be appealing and worthwhile to write about them today. As one would expect, the vast majority of our Oak Road-ers are male. In fact, 88.5 per cent of the Oak Road terrace regulars are male and 11.5 per cent female. The average age of an Oak Road-er is 26.

Of the group studied, 75 per cent travelled to the home matches they attend by car, 14 per cent walked and relatively few, eight per cent, by bus. A further three per cent travelled by train.

Wide appeal outside Luton

An analysis of the area from which the supporters came showed that 36 per cent came from Luton or Dunstable and 63 per cent from other areas. This is a revealing statistic as it shows how wide an appeal the club has in an area beyond the boundaries of our borough council.

Further analysis showed that, of the Luton-Dunstable fans, 23 per cent were under 15, 31 per cent aged 15-25, 23 per cent aged 25-35 and 18 per cent aged 35-55. Six per cent of the fans from this area are aged over 55.

Of the fans from other areas, 14 per cent are under 15, 39 per cent in the 15-25 age group, 24 per cent in the 25-35 age group, 17 per cent in the 35-55 age group and six per cent over 55.

Quite clearly, the majority of our Oak Road fans are under 35. Such studies as these can produce vital and illuminating facts in the administration and marketing of a First Division football club.

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Views from the MEDIA

Win at Watford earns grudging praise

Our second-consecutive away win lifted us to eighth in the First Division and won grudging praise from the media whose weekend stories concentrated on the transfer request of Watford winger Nigel Callaghan. Here is a selection of the comments on our satisfying win at Vicarage Road.

marshalled the Luton defence to such effect that Watford's reshaped forward line was reduced to desperate measures long before an exciting climax raised home fans' hopes of a lucky draw."

Deserved to win

Mail on Sunday: "Mitchell Thomas's goal after 29 minutes put Luton in front. Watford goalkeeper Tony Coton had managed to block Brian Stein's effort, but Thomas stole up unnoticed to crack home. It was all a bit too easy for Luton and Watford capitalised on their carelessness through Brian Talbot's 82nd-minute equaliser, hacking home a cross by Worrell Sterling. But Luton's control was rewarded three minutes from time when Steve Terry sliced the ball into his own net from Stein's cross."

Sunday Telegraph: "In his conspicuous headband, Foster dominated the air and coolly

Daily Telegraph: "Luton thoroughly deserved to win this local battle. They had more ideas, passed the ball more accurately and looked more dangerous in the penalty area. With Foster and Donaghy commanding at the back, Luton had the right springboard to take the game confidently into Watford territory. Yet Luton almost threw the points away through a withdrawn second-half approach which saw Watford equalise through Talbot after a fine effort by Thomas had put Luton in control from the 29th minute. Only an own goal by Terry as he stretched to reach a cross by Stein with three minutes to go saw justice achieved."

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Brian Stein and Raddy Antic, the hero of Maine Road in 1983, celebrate our famous 1-0 victory in the last meeting between the clubs. The result meant we stayed up, Antic scoring four minutes from time, and City went down.



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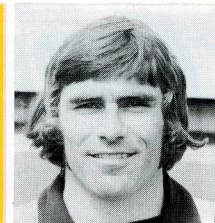
Today's meeting with Manchester City will evoke memories of our last match in the 1982-83 season when we survived relegation with a dramatic victory at Maine Road and City, instead, were consigned to the Second Division—just one of the many stories to be fully recorded in the club history which also contains all the statistics and records to be expected of a fully-documented and illustrated chronicle of the club in its first 100 years.

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Paul Futchter made 131 league appearances for the Town in a career at Kenilworth Road from 1974 to 1978. An elegant defender, he became a regular England under-21 cap before joining City for £350,000.



John Ryan made 266 league appearances for Luton between 1969 and 1976. He was club captain and player of the year and a great favourite as an attacking right-back. He joined City after spells with Norwich, Seattle and Sheffield United.



All Our

OUR first meeting with Manchester City in the Football League came during our own initial season, 1897-1898, when, on New Year's Day, 1898, we won 3-0 in front of a 4,000 crowd at Dunstable Road.

At the time, we were enjoying a purple patch of form, particularly at home where we scored 31 goals in a run of five successive games. City, with a team including two reserves, posed no problems to a comfortable Town victory. The following season, however the visitors reversed the scoreline with Billy Meredith scoring one of the Manchester goals. Luton held them until the interval on this occasion, but collapsed in the second half.

It was much the same story at Hyde Road, Manchester, later in the season where the Town worked hard to restrict City to just two goals after the break. The victory they won that day put City on top of the league—a position they were to hold until the end of the season, when they were crowned Second Division champions.

Strangely, it was then to be another 40 years before our paths crossed again in the league although we had two stirring FA Cup battles in the intervening period. In 1935-36, we lost narrowly 2-1 at Maine Road before a crowd of 65,978 and in 1937-38 we went down 1-3 at home in the fifth round of the Cup with Joe Payne, inevitably, putting his name on the scoresheet.

The league games of 1938-39 produced a "double" for the Town with Eddie Connelly scoring in both matches. The Scottish inside-forward was still with the Town and in the team when the teams met again after the war in 1946-47.

By this time, City were again on their way towards the championship of the Second Division. They won 2-0 in the fixture at Maine Road before 53,592 on Good Friday, 1947, and forced a goalless draw at Kenilworth Road the following Monday.

(continued on next page)

Yesterdays

By 1950-1951, City were back in the Second Division, albeit for only one season and our meetings produced two draws, with Bernard Moore scoring on his debut in the game at Luton on February 3rd, 1951.

Again promotion took City away from our fixture card and it was not until 1955-56 that the sequence resumed in the League, although the Cup produced some inevitable and interesting matches. . . .

In 1952-53, we drew a fourth round tie at Maine Road with a Jesse Pye goal and won the replay 5-1, Pye making four of them in a dazzling display. Two years

later, when the clubs met again in a fifth round tie at Luton, City were a First Division side but hardly the favourites. But they exacted full revenge with a 2-0 win in the snow.

The next major Cup occasion came in the fourth round in 1961 at Kenilworth Road. Following two early goals from Alec Ashworth, Denis Law took over and proceeded to score six goals in the mud before the referee called the teams off. The torrential rain turned the pitch into a pond.

It is not generally known, but the referee did not abandon the game until Luton's players, showing admirable good sense, had

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

	Home	Away
1897-98	3-0	1-2
1898-99	0-3	0-2
1938-39	3-0	2-1
1947-47	0-0	0-2
1950-51	2-2	1-1
1955-56	3-2	2-3
1956-57	3-2	2-3
1957-58	1-2	2-2
1958-59	5-1	1-1
1959-60	1-2	2-1
1974-75	1-1	0-1
1982-83	3-1	1-0

Overall summary of results:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	12	6	3	3	25	16
Away	12	3	3	6	14	19
Total	24	9	6	9	39	35

Club statistician: Roger Wash



That floating feeling: Raddy Antic, number 12, celebrates the winner at Maine Road in 1983 with Mal Donaghy, Paul Walsh and Clive Goodyear running to join in.

stripped off and jumped into their bath! To make matters worse for Law and City, a much-changed Town team won the replayed tie 3-1 the following Wednesday, Law providing City's goal.

Following a League Cup defeat at Maine Road in 1962-63, we met City again six years later in the FA Cup third round tie again in Manchester. City were then the reigning First Division champions and Luton newly-promoted to the Third Division. A good Town display, however, was not enough as City won 1-0 by courtesy of a penalty converted by Francis Lee after he had been supposedly tripped by current Town coach John Moore.

First Team

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Canon League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Manchester U.	18	7	2	0	18	1	6	1	2	17	9	42
2 Liverpool	18	9	0	0	25	5	3	4	2	16	12	40
3 Chelsea	18	8	0	1	19	7	3	3	3	11	12	36
4 West Ham	18	6	2	1	20	9	4	3	2	11	10	35
5 Sheffield Wed	18	5	3	1	15	14	5	2	2	13	11	35
6 Everton	18	6	2	1	24	8	3	2	4	14	15	31
7 Arsenal	18	7	1	1	13	7	2	3	4	9	15	31
8 Luton Town	18	4	4	1	17	6	3	2	4	14	16	27
9 QPR	18	6	2	1	14	5	2	1	6	6	17	27
10 Nottingham F.	18	5	0	4	14	14	3	2	4	15	15	26
11 Newcastle	18	4	2	3	16	13	3	3	3	9	14	26
12 Tottenham	17	4	1	3	21	11	2	3	4	8	12	22
13 Watford	18	6	2	1	23	9	0	2	7	10	24	22
14 Southampton	18	5	4	0	14	4	0	2	7	7	21	21
15 Coventry City	18	3	1	5	15	14	2	4	3	7	11	20
16 Aston Villa	18	2	4	3	12	11	2	3	4	11	14	19
17 Manchester C.	18	2	4	3	9	13	2	2	5	8	12	18
18 Oxford Utd	19	4	3	2	17	11	0	3	7	11	27	18
19 Leicester City	19	3	5	2	19	17	1	1	7	5	19	18
20 Birmingham C.	17	4	1	4	7	8	1	0	7	4	17	16
21 Ipswich Town	18	1	2	6	7	15	1	1	7	7	18	9
22 West Brom	18	1	3	5	8	17	0	1	8	6	26	7

League table as November 24th, 1985

LEAGUE and CUP APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

	League		Cup	
	App	Gl	App	Gl
T. Breacker	15		3	
A. Dibble	7			
M. Donaghy	18		3	
P. Elliott	2(3)			
S. Foster	14	2	3	
A. Grimes	1(1)		1	
M. Harford	17	9	2	
R. Hill	15	2	3	1
R. Johnson	4	1		
P. Nicholas	17		2	
E. Nwajobi	17	4	3	1
G. Parker	3(4)		1	
D. Preece	18	1	2	1
B. Stein	18	10	3	1
M. Thomas	16	1	2	
M. Stein	1			
L. Sealey	11		3	
M. North	1		1	1
R. Daniel	1(1)	1	1	
Own goal	1			

Leading League and Cup goalscorers

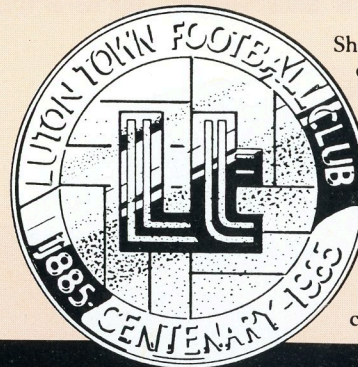
- 18—McAvennie (West Ham)
 15—Dixon (Chelsea)
 13—Lineker (Everton), Aldridge (Oxford)
 12—Rush (Liverpool), Stainrod (Aston Villa)
 Chapman (Sheffield Wed), Speedie (Chelsea)
 (up to November 25th)

Luton Town

	FA	Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 17 Nottingham Forest	1-1	11,381	—	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill*	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajobi	Preece	Parker●
Aug 21 Newcastle United	2-2	21,304	—	Dibble	Thomas	Grimes	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Parker	Stein B.	Harford1	Nwajobi1	Preece	North
Aug 24 West Ham United	1-0	14,104	8	Dibble	Johnson	Thomas	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Parker	Stein B.	Harford1	Nwajobi	Preece	North
Aug 27 Arsenal	2-2	10,012	10	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Parker	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajobi1	Preece	Grimes
Aug 31 Aston Villa	1-3	10,524	12	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Johnson*	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajobi	Preece	Parker●
Sept 7 Chelsea	1-1	10,720	15	Dibble	Johnson	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford1	Nwajobi	Preece*	Elliott●
Sept 14 Everton	0-2	26,419	16	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill*	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajobi	Preece	Parker●
Sept 21 Queens Park Rangers	2-0	9,508	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster1	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford1	Stein M.	Preece	Nwajobi●
Sept 24 Sheffield United (MC 2r 1l)	2-1	8,943	—	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajobi1	Preece	Elliott●
Sept 28 Sheffield Wednesday	2-3	17,887	15	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas*	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford2	Nwajobi	Preece	Elliott●
Oct 1 Ipswich Town	1-0	8,553	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajobi1	Preece	Parker
Oct 5 Manchester United	1-1	17,454	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	North*	Nwajobi	Preece	Elliott●
Oct 8 Sheffield Utd (MC 2r 2l)	3-1	5,660	—	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill1	Stein B.	North1	Nwajobi	Preece1	Elliott●
Oct 12 Oxford United	1-1	10,626	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajobi	Preece	North
Oct 19 Southampton	7-0	8,876	13	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill1	Stein B.3	Harford	Nwajobi1	Preece1*	Daniel1●
Oct 26 Liverpool	2-3	31,488	13	Sealey	Breacker	Johnson	Daniel	Foster1	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford1	Nwajobi	Preece*	Grimes●
Oct 29 Norwich City (MC 3rd)	0-2	8,202	—	Sealey	Breacker	Johnson*	Daniel	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Harford	Nwajobi	Parker	Grimes●
Nov 2 Birmingham City	2-0	8,550	10	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein1	Harford1	Nwajobi	Preece	Grimes
Nov 9 Tottenham Hotspur	3-1	19,163	10	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill1	Stein1	Harford1	Nwajobi	Preece	Elliott
Nov 16 Coventry City	0-1	9,607	11	Sealey	Breacker*	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Harford	Nwajobi	Preece	Parker●
Nov 23 Watford	2-1	16,107	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas1	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Harford	Nwajobi	Preece	Daniel+
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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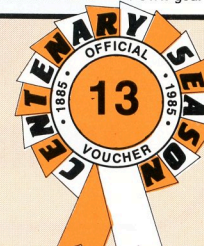


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