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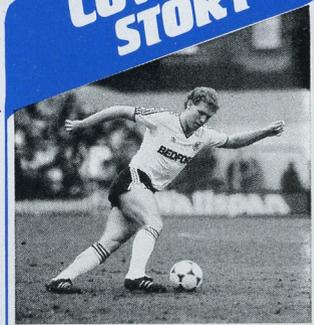
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COVER STORY



Showing his style: Tim Breacker had a marvellous 1985 and will be hoping for another good year in 1986.

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Out of luck: Our strikers were unable to find a way through against Forest at the City ground before Christmas when we went down to a 2-0 defeat. Gareth Owen's pictures show action in and around the Forest goalmouth as Brian Stein (above), Andy King (opposite top) and Mitchell Thomas (opposite below) look for the breakthrough.

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100 Years On

HAPPY New Year to you all. Let us hope 1986 will be full of wonderful exciting football and the determination of all to work together for the good of our great game.

Leicester v. Luton matches have always been exciting because both sides regard the spirit of the game as the most important factor. Any club is only as good as its players and staff. Our visitors have four of the most decent people in football running their affairs. Gordon Milne, Gerry Summers, Dave Richardson and Alan Bennett. That is why Leicester, despite lack of finance and poor crowds, are playing in the First Division.

In recent weeks we have played host to several talented youngsters from abroad. Canadian Don Ferguson, a goalkeeper, was a popular figure. Mineo Bonetig and Adam Carroll, two talented boys from Australia, have just returned after completing the most "exciting 10 weeks of their lives", and Craig Foulds, a 17 year old from Johannesburg has just completed a trial period.

Hopefuls

Every week I receive letters from youngsters from as far afield as Nigeria, Singapore and Sweden, asking to come over for trials. Sadly, it is very difficult to accommodate even the best of these boys because of the problems with work permits. Only established internationals or holders of English passports can be accepted. At the moment we have an Australian international youth player who was born in Luton, Warren Spink, working with us. He looks a good finisher.



This Saturday we begin our Cup trail at the Palace. Although we have been missing Emeka's thrusting breaks we look forward to his quick return.

Our efforts last season were the boost our players needed. Winning breeds confidence. If I am allowed a wish on New Year's Day, it is that our Club will go one better than last year and reach Wembley. The Club and its supporters deserve this for showing optimism throughout a difficult 1985.

Enjoy the game and show your appreciation of our opponents too.

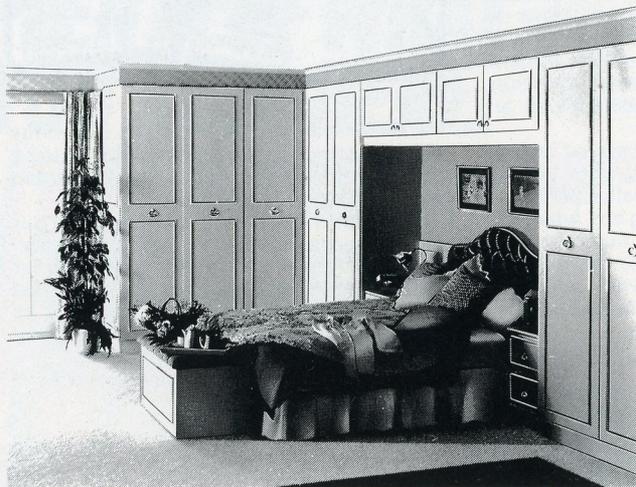
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GirlTalk

SPARE A THOUGHT FOR THE PLAYERS

The turkey and Christmas pudding have finally settled. Most of us, I hope, don't have too much of a hangover after seeing in the New Year. But what of the players and their families? I spoke to Marette Donaghy and Janice Nicholas about their holiday period.

Janice and Peter were planning to visit her parents in South London on Christmas Eve, then, after a teetotal Christmas dinner, Peter would be going for a run before returning to Luton for an early evening training session on Christmas Day.

Christmas night alone

Mal, Marette and their children would probably spend Christmas Day alone together until it was time for him to go training. Both wives felt acutely being left alone Christmas night as their husbands were with the rest of the team in an hotel.

Marette's two children and Janice's three, being under six, are too young to understand why Daddy can't play with the new toys on Christmas afternoon as he's at work. There are compensations the rest of the year, though, as a footballer's training schedule means he's usually home in the afternoon to play with the children.

Marette and Mal will quietly celebrate New Year tonight, 24 hours after the rest of us. Janice expects to have been at her parents' and hopes to see the match today with her father. She doesn't usually watch Peter play, mainly because her parents live too far away to babysit, and she doesn't drive. Marette used to watch Mal play until a bad patch last year—she felt she was a jinx on the team. She missed a match and Luton won, so she's not been since. She listens avidly to the radio reports, though.

Gale Waller

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Dear Sir,
SUPPORTERS UNITED is an organisation for genuine football supporters from all clubs, who wish to unite to secure an improvement in the image of soccer fans in Britain and their reputation abroad. With the help of Football Clubs and officials, we hope to create friendship between rival supporters through the symbolic hand shake preceding today's match and a variety of other sporting and social functions. The representative fans meeting and exchanging pennants in the league stadia at the outset of 1986 symbolizes a new beginning and through the unification of genuine supporters, we, at SUPPORTERS UNITED, hope it will be the beginning of the end of hooligan behaviour. If you wish to join SUPPORTERS UNITED, and contribute to the termination of this tragic problem, please contact: Mr. Tony Russell, PO Box 89, Reading, Berks RG6 3LA.

We appreciate the help of football clubs and supporters associations in our attempts to arrange this hand shake, nationally, and as we pursue all our aims and intentions. Thank you.
J. Smething,
Reading.

Five-a-side leagues

Dear Sir,
During the past five years, Putteridge Centre has held Junior Five-a-Side Indoor Football Leagues for children aged 16 and under. It normally proved extremely popular, and has been very well supported. Sponsorship has been obtained with a local window replacement company, "Allglaze Windows" kindly assisting in this connection.

For the past three months, we have been trying to organise the 1985/86 league for teams in U. 16's—14s, and 12s age group. To date, we have received a very poor response with only a handful of teams showing any interest.

In order that the leagues are not cancelled completely, we have decided to try one last time to get them underway, and to advertise as widely as possible.

Ed Watson,
Putteridge Recreation Centre.

Leicester fans' club

Dear Sir,
City fans living in London and the South East will be interested to know about the London Branch of the Leicester City Supporters Club, whose main aim is to arrange travel to City's matches (Home and Away) on very attractive terms. As well as arranging travel to matches, though, the branch offers a range of lively sports and social events to its members.

Contact Kevin Wells at 63 Lower Meadow, Harlow, Essex (tel: 0279 21086) for details of membership.
E. J. Pointon,
London.

Pen pal appeal

Dear Sir,
To Luton Town School boys aged 11-12. My name is Rocky Surace. I play for St. Joseph's Sunday League 11-12. My sports teacher at school is Mr. Ellis and my Sunday League teacher is Sean Sheridan. I have scored six goals this season for St. Joseph's. I'm 11 years old and I am Italian and my family is too. My dad owns a fish and chip shop which is called Marids and it is up the road.

My dad knows all the Luton team because they come in our fish and chip shop. I live at 42 Mayne Avenue, but I am all day at the fish and chip shop. I play mid-field, I used to play for my old school. I support Liverpool.
Ricky Surace

Ritual slaughter

Dear Sir,
As an exiled Geordie doing missionary work in Swindon, I attended the ritual slaughter of my team, by David Pleat's excellent side. They certainly were a grass above us, as they piled on the pressure, Newcastle certainly looked frayed at the edges.

However I have to agree with Billy McNeill's comments, even if he does come from the wrong side of the wall. The pitch does encourage skilful play, but it also rules out certain skills. I would defy even Platini to chip a ball over a defender, or push a ball past him, without it going into touch.

Finally I would endorse the Coventry City supporter's view that Kenilworth Road is a friendly ground and I enjoyed the match if not the result.

M. Turnbull,
Swindon, Wiltshire



David Pleat:
Excellent side

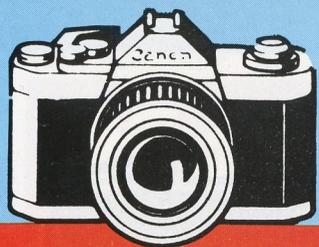
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FRUSTRATING AFTERNOON

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Although we succeeded in ending West Ham's run of nine consecutive wins by sharing the spoils on December 21st, it was a frustrating afternoon again for the Town who failed to score for the second game running—the first time this has happened this season.

But in a match of no bookings and plenty of festive football, there was little doubt we were the moral winners with a highly-motivated and imaginative second-half display.

During the second period a string of chances were made and missed alas with Mark North, David Preece and Ricky Hill all going agonisingly close to opening the score.

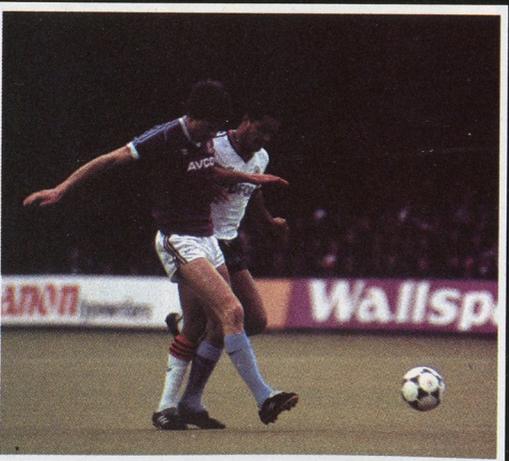
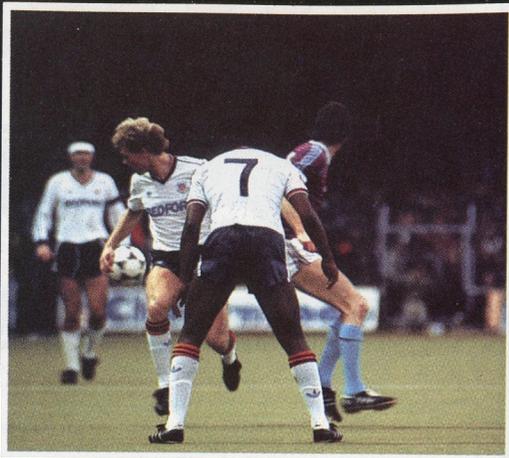
In addition, Mal Donaghy saw a fine header rebound from the bar and Phil Parkes made several good saves to keep the scoresheet blank. An early Parkes save from Harford was vital and spectacular.

West Ham, with Frank McAvennie outplayed by Steve Foster, offered only isolated threats to the Town defence in which Mitchell Thomas found time to impress with several surging and powerful runs.

Luton: Sealey, Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, North, Preece. Sub: King.

West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Walford, Gale, Martin, Devonshire, Ward, McAvennie, Dickens, Cottee, Orr. Sub: Parris.

Ref: D. Hedges (Oxford).



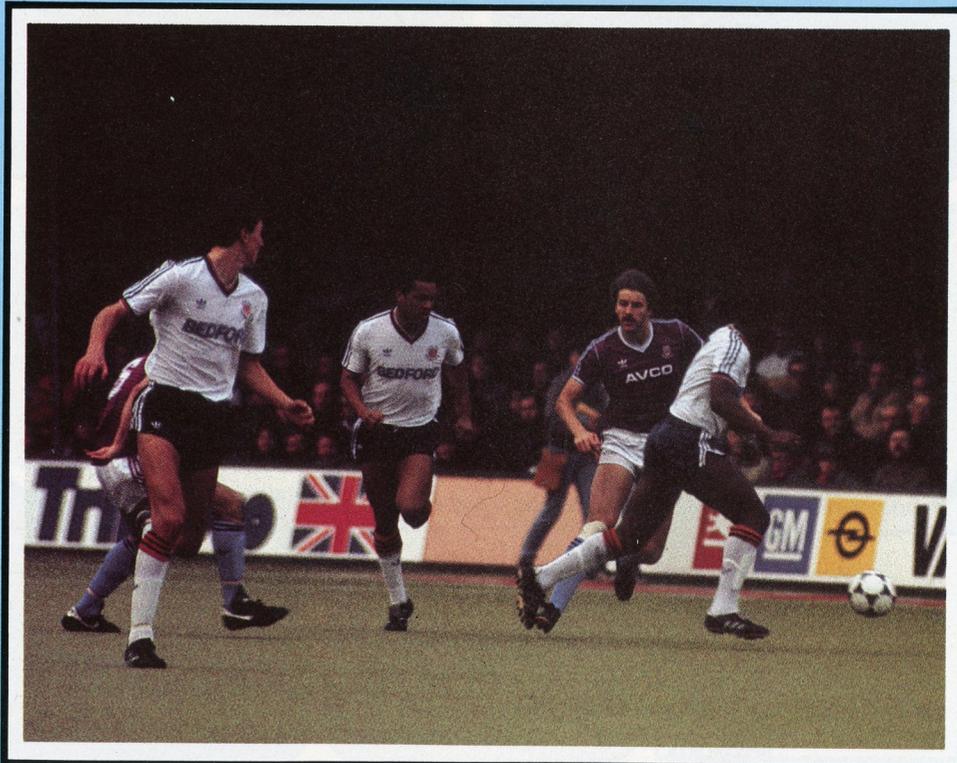
ACTION REPLAY from

Kenilworth Road



Some exciting action from our recent game against West Ham.

(Photos: Gareth Owen)





TREVOR HARTLEY

Views

from the bench

Chief coach Trevor Hartley was closely involved with the Town's progress throughout 1985. He saw the team climb out of relegation trouble, reach the semi-finals of the FA Cup and start this season with a bold challenge at the top of the First Division. Today, he looks back on the old year and forward to the new one, reviewing Luton Town's successes and failures, and pinpointing his personal highlights of an eventful 12 months.

Great satisfaction

"The biggest thing to happen has been the pitch. The lads have really enjoyed it. It has given them confidence, helped the skill factor and I am sure will provide lots of great games and good football. 1985 has been a very good year for us. It has been a year of great satisfaction. But it is no good looking back and today is the first day of 1986.

"If you are a professional coach it is the only way to be. You might be happy and feel successful after a good performance one weekend, but the next Monday you have to get straight back to work for the next game. So, we don't dwell too much on the good moments or the bad ones. We always try to keep on working.

"But 1985 did, of course, have its highlights and I must say that two of mine were the Cup matches, the run to the semi-final, and the 7-0 win against Southampton. The Cup provided some outstanding memories. It really did. But, for me, the Southampton match was incredible. It was a day when everything went

right throughout the game. I hope we can improve on it and continue in the same vein in 1986.

"We have become a lot more professional in our approach now. We have been in the First Division for four years and we are still getting better. The players are improving with the experience and we are better all-round. I hope we can go on in 1986 in the same way we progressed right through 1985.

International honours

"I also hope that certain players go on to gain international honours. Their performances so far have been promising and some have been honoured. I hope they can make it. When you are successful, it is great for the club. You get highlighted and top players get watched and noticed and picked for their countries. We have players here who deserve to play for England or whoever and I hope they can achieve it.

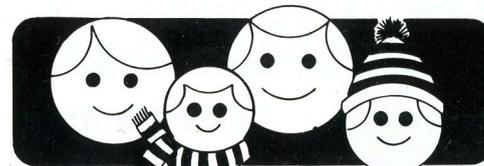
"You have to set your standards high. If you set them low you end up in the bottom drawer. We are aiming high for everyone. We have good players mixing together now. Perhaps we need more altogether—a stronger squad. I look forward to another Cup run, starting with our game at Crystal Palace. We would all enjoy that.

"If you look back 12 months or more, there is no doubt about our improvement. We are more aggressive and our team work is much better. But you have got to keep on doing it and doing it all the time. We must maintain our appetite and make 1986 an even better year than 1985."



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Club News

FA Youth Cup (Third Round)

Luton Town v. Arsenal
This fixture will be played on Monday, January 6th, KO 7.30 pm.

Pre-match entertainment

Today's pre-match entertainment is hoped to be provided by Wendy Lane Management whose performing acts have gained the highest acclaim and made the show a popular and much-anticipated entertainment in the country music field.

Travel Club

Firstly we would like to wish all our members a happy new year. On January 4th we travel to Crystal Palace, our coaches will be leaving the Maple Road car park at 12.30 pm and the cost in £3.50.

We once again travel to London and play Chelsea, our coaches leave at 12.45 pm and the cost is £3.50.

Match Ball sponsors



We welcome today's match ball sponsor Mike Wolstenholme of Rectory Farm, Little Barford. Mr. Wolstenholme has been an avid Luton fan for many years and is a member of our Centenary Club. We are grateful for his support and hope he has an enjoyable day.

TICKET OFFICE NEWS

FA Cup 3rd Round we are away to Crystal Palace on Saturday, January 4th, KO 3.00 pm. The price for standing is £3.00 seating at £5.50. This is not an all ticket match. Seating tickets are obtainable from Kenilworth Road ticket office.

If the FA Cup game goes to a replay it will be at Luton on Tuesday, January 7th, KO 7.45 pm. This will be an all ticket game for standing and seating.

On Saturday, January 11th we are away to Chelsea, KO 3.00 pm. Entrance for visiting supporters off the Fulham Road standing at £3.00 price for seating £6.00 and £8.00 obtainable from our ticket office in Kenilworth Road phone Luton 30748 (24-hr service).

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MARK
NORTH

TOP HATTER



Born at Ware on May 29th, 1966, Mark North—not related to team-mate Stacey—joined the Town as an apprentice in June 1982. He was then a goalkeeper, but circumstances restricted his openings with the reserves and he was converted into a striker and a defender. Now settled as a central striker, he has broken into the first team by making his debut in the First Division fixture against Manchester United earlier this season.

CAR MECHANIC

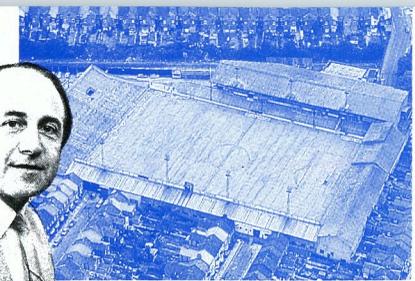
Mark North is as likely to be found under the bonnet of his car as behind the wheel since he is trying to carry out all the necessary running repairs to his mark 2 Escort himself. "I enjoy it and it is much cheaper than taking it in to a garage. I am trying to learn," he said.

"It's my first car. It is oldish, but it is in good condition and I am doing my best! I've only had two accidents in it so far . . . I'm a pretty steady driver, though really. Just a bit fast. I'd love to go into banger racing or something like that. I'm not so keen on the idea of Formula One though."

Mark, who prefers to spell his name with a "c"—Marc, has packed a lot of incident into his career so far. He began as a goalie, then tried centre-forward and scored twice in his first match against Southampton reserves, also played at right-back for a while—including the tragically unforgettable experience of the Bradford fire tragedy during his loan period with Lincoln—and now challenges for a first team place as an out-and-out striker.

"I made my debut against Manchester United," he said. "I was very nervous but once I was out on the pitch it was just great. But it was a very fast match and I was out of breath after just five minutes. It is so different playing in front of a crowd and so on—you have to motivate yourself again when you go back into the reserves.





Bill Tomlins, Commercial Director

the TOWN

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by Bill Tomlins

Santa Nwajiobi



Festive fun: Injured Town striker Emeka Nwajiobi played Santa Claus for the day when we played West Ham here in our last home match.

Hands up anyone who did not recognise our star striker Santa Claus on December 21st when we played West Ham! I do not think it was difficult to spot that our injured forward Emeka Nwajiobi was Father Christmas for the day—an afternoon when we also chose to extend our Christmas goodwill by giving away the official programme.

I hope fans who are regular readers appreciated the opportunity to save their money and those who were able to take a copy home for the first time found it good value for money. Do not forget that every programme sold brings money directly in to the club and not to a rival commercial shop.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Many people have asked me why we chose to give it away. My reply is that we wanted to enter into the Christmas spirit with a generous gesture to our own fans. In our first 10 home games this season we have

been able to give more than £2,000 in prizes to programme winners and the programme is itself showing a profit.

Today I would also like to mention Supporters United who are trying to improve the image of British football fans. A pennant to mark their efforts will be presented at today's match by Leicester's fans.

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Welcome to today's match sponsors Hans Jurgen (Importers) Ltd. Hans Lindner and his wife Kathryn founded the firm 10 years ago. They supply wine, spirits and ale to clubs and firms in the area.

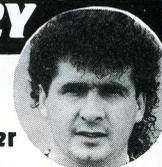
Hans believes the potential for growth of wine consumption in Britain is enormous—particularly for light German wines. It would be nice to think we could all be toasting a good win today in some tasty stuff later!



That festive feeling: Fans arriving at our West Ham fixture were given a free programme as a Christmas gift from the club (top) and enjoyed a fine performance by U-13's of the Newham and Chiltern Youth leagues (middle) and the Salvation Army Band.



CAPTAIN'S DIARY



with Steve Foster

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope you all enjoyed our last home match against West Ham. Although we did not win, we thought it was a good game. I hope we can make up for it today with three points from our third game in a week since Christmas.

We celebrated Christmas in style with a night out visiting three local pubs and a restaurant. All dressed in fancy dress for the festivities with yours truly all costumed up as a fairy! It was a great night out with Emeka making a bid for the top as a tribal chieftain, complete with a fan. We reckon it's the only one he's got! Top prize for the night went to one of the youngsters who must have come as the invisible man—we never saw him. . . .

Mentioning Emeka, did you notice his friendly touch before the West Ham game when he shook hands with Frank McAvennie? Made him feel welcome, I should think. . . I did my best to put an end to that for the next 90 minutes!

On Saturday, we go to Crystal Palace. I'm hoping for a good result and another Cup run. You can't beat them. Hope you'll join us. Peter Nicholas and I had a look-in on their form a couple of weeks ago when they had a Sunday match—but I'll keep my ideas secret for now. Take care all.

BRAINBOX WINNERS OF JUNIOR HATTERS' QUIZ

After losing last year, the players team this Christmas turned the tables on the Junior Hatters at their annual party and won the sports quiz by 33 points to 22. Peter Nicholas is pictured with his winning team of Mick Harford, Emeka Nwajiobi and Mal Donaghy.



AROUND

Junior Hatters



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Wembley trail starts on Saturday

A happy new year to all Junior Hatters, parents and friends. I trust you all had a very good Christmas and I hope that you got all the presents that you wanted. I have heard that some of you boys had football kits for Christmas and some very lucky ones are going to attend our two-day coaching course. Maybe I should go along to see if I can get some ideas.

We hope to start our first game in the new year with a win and keep up our challenge for the top of the First Division. On Saturday we start our challenge for the FA Cup when we visit Crystal

Palace in the 3rd round. Last year I was cup-tied and could not play in the team that reached the semi-final, so this year let's see if we can make it to the final and play at Wembley.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. Enjoy yourselves and I will see you all at our next home game on January 18th.

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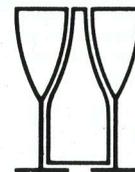


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Reserves ACTION REPLAY



GOAL DROUGHT MARS RESERVES PROGRESS

Despite a bright start to the season and some good wins, it has been a generally disappointing first half for our reserves side, with goalscoring proving to be the major problem, writes coach John Moore.

Goals have been hard to come by and a bit of a disappointment. We have made chances, but failed to convert them. Putting the ball in the net is always important and last season when our approach play was not quite so good we managed to score more regularly.

This season our approach play has been better if anything, but the goals just have not been going in, but we are still in a good position in the table.

In fact, we have managed only 28 goals in 20 games in the Combination which is a big disappointment. Compare that to the youth team who have hit 50 goals in 15 league games and you can see the problems in our side!

Obviously, we have got to find our touch again in front of goal if we are to start picking up bet-



● **Aerial battle:** Mark Stein jumps in among the Arsenal defence as he hunts his fourth goal of the season for the reserves.

ter results. It is the only thing. And that helps to explain why I chose Sean Farrell for the reserves trip to Bristol Rovers before Christmas. His record speaks for itself in the youth team.

However, the season to date has not been totally disappointing. The rest of the team have played very well in all departments and I would particularly like to mention Ashley Grimes, Rob Johnson, Andy Dibble, Stacey North and Paul Elliott, while he was here, for their tremendous attitude towards the game. The work of the senior players has been vital in a basically young side.

MEASURED THROUGH PASS



● **Setting it up:** Richard Harvey sets another Town attack in motion during our pre-Christmas defeat against the Arsenal.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Arsenal	20	15	4	1	73	16	34
2 West Ham	20	14	3	3	70	34	31
3 Watford	21	13	4	4	56	25	30
4 Chelsea	19	13	2	4	56	14	28
5 Norwich	22	10	5	7	38	24	25
6 Ipswich	18	11	3	4	34	21	25
7 QPR	20	11	3	6	38	26	25
8 Tottenham	19	11	2	6	43	26	24
9 Luton Town	20	10	3	7	28	28	23
10 Millwall	20	9	2	9	30	41	20
11 C. Palace	22	8	4	10	36	50	20
12 Oxford Utd	22	7	5	10	38	38	19
13 Southampton	20	6	6	8	35	43	18
14 Birmingham	20	8	2	10	30	40	18
15 Bristol R.	18	7	2	9	34	40	16
16 Charlton	20	7	2	11	37	50	16
17 Portsmouth	18	5	3	10	18	28	11
18 Fulham	18	5	1	12	25	47	11
19 Brighton	19	4	3	12	20	42	11
20 Reading	18	4	2	12	20	52	10
21 Swindon	17	2	3	12	26	50	7
22 Swansea	17	2	0	15	13	61	4

(Up to and including December 16th)

FOOTBALL COMBINATION APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

App	Gl	App	Gl	
Sealey	5	North M.	15	
Johnson R.	15	Tuite	8	
Harvey	9	Berry	1	
McEvoy	18	3	Scott	6
Elliott	12	1	Farrell	1
Johnson M.	8	Black	6	
Cobb	19	2	Lewis	2
Stein M.	16	3	Daniel	12
Oldfield	19	5	Parker	14
Grimes	18	1	Ferguson	1
Dibble	14	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	0-2
A	Nov 30	Tottenham Hotspur	0-3
H	Dec 14	Arsenal	0-2
A	Dec 21	Bristol Rovers	1-1

Youth Team

Town youngsters are among the goals

Our youth team has maintained its high-scoring progress in recent weeks. On December 14th, they drew 3-3 with Reading in a South East Counties League Division Two fixture which took our scoring for the season in 15 league matches to 50 goals and on December 16th they trounced Letchworth Garden city 8-0 in an Easter Junior Floodlit Cup fixture at Kenilworth Road.

Sean Farrell, whose goalscoring exploits have continued unabated, was on the mark in both games, scoring twice at Reading and three times against Letchworth to take his tally to 18 in the league and nine in cup competitions—a total of 27 so far for the season.

Neil Poutch also scored at Reading while Ian Scott, Duncan Berry, Paul Lewis (two) and Aaron Tighe were the other marksmen in the one-sided demolition of Letchworth.



Ian Scott

Duncan Berry

Latest results:

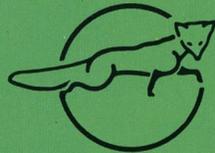
South East Counties League Division Two
December 14th—Reading 3 Luton Town 3 (Farrell 2, Poutch)

Team—Jones, Thomas, James, Milne, Berry, Poutch, Kennedy, Lewis, Farrell, Tighe, Philpott.
Subs: Chapman, Connor.

Eastern Junior Floodlit Cup 2nd round
December 16—Luton Town 8 (Farrell 3, Lewis 2, Scott, Berry, Tighe) Letchworth 0.

Team—Jones, James, Harvey, Scott, Berry, Johnson, Kennedy, Lewis, Farrell, Tuite, Tighe.
Subs: Poutch, Chapman, Thomas.

Introducing Leicester City



LEICESTER CITY

Leicester City arrive here this morning keen to maintain their improved recent form which saw them win at Everton before Christmas where striker Alan Smith, formerly Gary Lineker's partner, had an outstanding game.

Under the calm and shrewd management of Gordon Milne, Leicester have experienced some mixed results this season—outstanding victories over Manchester United and Everton being mixed with poor results against less-vaunted sides—and their current league position reflects their inconsistency.

One player, however, who has provided the team with a much-needed stimulus in recent weeks has been the former England winger Laurie Cunningham. At the time these notes were written, Milne was locked in talks about extending the ex-Real Madrid's man loan to the end of the season.

Players likely to be on duty today:

Ian Andrews—Nottingham-born Ian established himself as the first-choice goalkeeper last season. Now 21, he is a former England youth

star.

Andy Feeley—Signed in 1984 on the recommendation of Alan Birchenall from Trowbridge, Andy is a tall and commanding right-back.

Bobby Smith—A versatile midfielder who can also fill in well at left-back, Bobby joined Leicester from Hibernian in 1979 for £125,000.

Paul Ramsey—A busy midfielder and a regular member of the Northern Ireland international squad, Paul is a product of the Leicester youth scheme and can also play at right-back.

Ian Wilson—Aberdeen-born Ian is a midfielder who never stops working. He played for Dundee before joining Leicester from Highland League Elgin in 1982.

Russell Osman—Strong and commanding central defender Russell is a former England cap now fighting to regain his place in the World Cup squad. Joined in 1985 from Ipswich for £210,000.

John O'Neill—Tall defender John joined



Gordon Milne took over as Leicester City manager in August 1982 after holding the posts of chief executive and manager previously at Coventry City. He is a quiet-mannered but confident man who holds great respect within the game following a long and successful career as a player. His playing career started with Preston North End, but it was after joining Liverpool as an attacking old-fashioned right-half that he made his name and won 14 full England caps. He played for Liverpool's promotion team and championship teams in 1964 and 1966 and won an FA Cup winner's medal in between. He later joined Blackpool. He led Leicester City to promotion in 1983.

Leicester from university at nearby Loughborough where he gained a degree in Economics. Club captain and an established Northern Ireland international.

Tommy Williams—Two broken legs in the last season have prevented defender Tommy from showing his best form. Ex-Leicester City schoolboy.

Steve Lynex—Fast attacking winger Steve is Leicester's penalty expert. Joined from Birmingham in 1981.

Alan Smith—Under-rated Alan is a tall and speedy striker who cost little or nothing from Alvechurch three season ago.

Ian Banks—Midfielder Ian joined from his home-town club Barnsley. A free-kick specialist with a powerful shot, he lost his place last season, but regained it.

Laurie Cunningham—Fast and skilful winger Laurie started with Orient but made his name with spells at WBA and Real Madrid before playing for Sporting Gijon and Marseilles in France. currently on loan.

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Back row, from left: Robert Cooper, Andy Feeley, Robert Kelly, Andy Peake (now Grimsby Town), Dave Rennie, John O'Neill, Simon Morgan, Paul Bunce, Jon Pearson.

Middle row: Tommy Williams, Phil Horner, Ian Banks, Bob Hazell, Jeremy Roberts, Ian Andrews, Alan Smith, Russell Osman, Mark Bright, Robert Jones.

Front row: Dave Richardson (Youth Team Manager), Steve Lynex, Paul Ramsey, Gerry Summers (First Team Coach), Gordon Milne (Manager), Bobby Smith, Ian Wilson, John McVey (Physio).

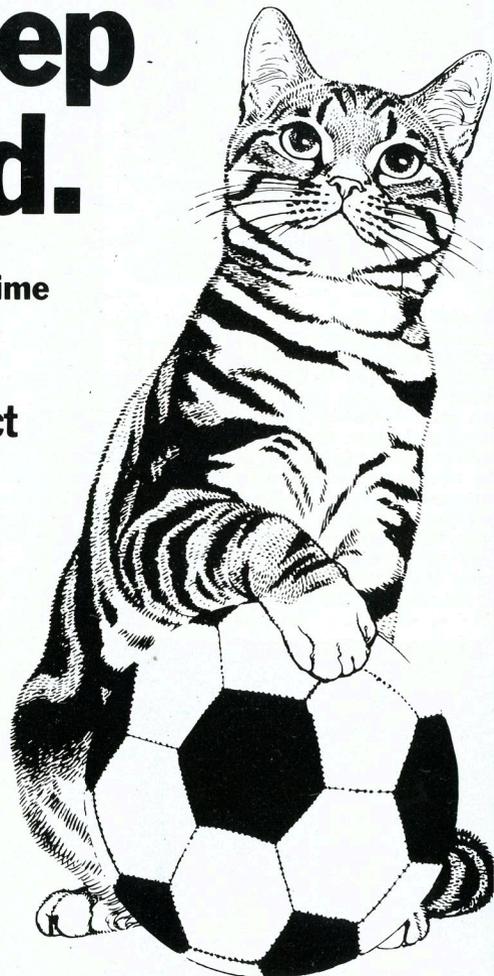
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Club Comment

An exciting New Year in prospect

We are looking forward to an exciting New Year at Kenilworth Road. Fresh ideas and progress both on and off the pitch have suggested in the last 12 months that we are succeeding in leading the club into the future with pride and security. In 1986, we hope to continue to make progress—as the many plans outlined in the last few weeks will have revealed.

Occasions such as today offer an opportunity to look back and to look forward. I prefer to look forward—1986 offers so much. We are aiming to carry the club towards a friendly, secure and happy entertainment centre for all the family without fear of trouble. This is part of our proposals for membership for home fans. It must be the future.

We have tremendous plans for the ground—even though we know we are still under threat from the A505 relief road proposals. The football club as we know it is changing and will, I hope, look quite different in a year's time from today.

Relocation talks

Of course, we are also still in discussion with the Borough Council over possible methods of and sites for relocation of the club to a suitable site for the exciting future I have mentioned.

For the time being, however, 1986 is my interest and it makes me feel good on behalf of the club as a whole that we can look forward to housing our spectators and supporters in increasingly comfortable and secure surroundings without the kind of obstacles that have become all too commonplace in the most recent years.

I am personally most excited about the plans for the Oak Road end where a new family enclosure is to be created. It is going to be great fun and a tremendous asset and a joy to all. In fact 1986 is an exciting proposition.

AROUND the TOWN Extra



Mexico-bound: Mal Donaghy will be facing the brilliant Brazilians in the Mexican sunshine next June when the World Cup finals get under way.

MAL MEXICO-BOUND

Town defender Mal Donaghy faces the mighty Brazilians in next summer's World Cup finals in Mexico. Mal's Northern Ireland qualifiers were drawn with the three-times winners of the cup at the ceremonial draw which took place in Mexico City on December 15th.

Northern Ireland will play in group D in Guadalajara—a city well-known by their manager Billy Bingham who was in Mexico for the World Youth Championships in 1984.

The group is made up of Brazil, Spain, Algeria and Northern Ireland. It sounds tough, but remember the Irish beat Spain on their own soil during the 1982 finals and Algeria are among the "minnows" of world football.

So, anything is possible—even Mal making progress beyond the last 16 to the quarter-finals with Northern Ireland if things go their way. And, if some of our English stars force their way deservedly into Bobby Robson's plans, Mal could easily meet up with Steve Foster, Ricky Hill, Brian Stein or Mick Harford in Mexico too!

The full draw for the finals is: Group A (Puebla)—Italy, Bulgaria, Argentina and South Korea; Group B (Mexico City)—Mexico, Belgium, Paraguay and Iraq; Group C (Leon)—France, Canada, Soviet Union and Hungary; Group D (Guadalajara)—Brazil, Spain, Algeria and Northern Ireland; Group E (Queretero)—West Germany, Uruguay, Scotland and Denmark; Group G (Monterrey)—Poland, Morocco, Portugal and England.

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Views from the MEDIA

Emerging from the darkness

After a long spell of poor publicity, the English national sport of football is at last gleaning shafts of praise and optimism in the media. Today, we offer a few comments reproduced from "The Times" of December 11th, in which Football Correspondent Stuart Jones explained how the game was now putting its house in order:

"Statements from a club, an authority and an individual yesterday confirmed that football is emerging from the darkness that fell at the end of last season. Luton Town, the Football Association and Bobby Charlton have each taken steps to improve the face of the game that last May was burnt and scarred.

"Luton's contribution concerns comfort. Having invested £250,000 in a synthetic pitch earlier in the year, they announced that they are to spend another £1 million on redeveloping their ground at Kenilworth Road. The plans include building a roof over

the remaining open terrace, installing seats behind one goal and constructing 28 luxury boxes.

Capacity reduced

"The capacity will be reduced over the next year from 20,000 spectators to 16,500, half of whom will be seated. John Smith, Luton's executive director, said that visiting supporters will be banned from next season, by which time the club hopes to have introduced a membership card scheme.

"We are intent on making our home a family and business entertainment centre", Smith said, "and to do that we have to eliminate a potential source of disturbance, the away fans." He added that, as Luton still plan to move to a new stadium, "the improvements are designed to make the ground commercially viable over the next five years."

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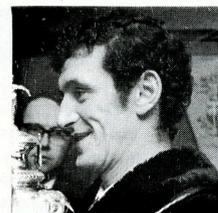
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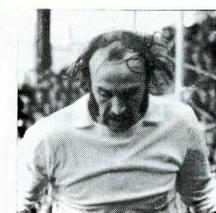
Mick Harford was on the mark with our final goal in a 4-0 win over Leicester last season.



THE LUTON TOWN STORY



Max Dougan was a true supporters' favourite after joining the Town from Leicester in 1967 and, under Allan Brown, steering us out of relegation and towards the Fourth Division championship.



Rodney Fern, a ball-playing entertainer, enjoyed a brief career at Kenilworth Road in the early 1970s following his arrival from Leicester City.

All Our

MEMORIES OF AN EPIC ENCOUNTER

Leicester City hold a special place in the Town's 100-year history. They were our first Football League opponents. On September 4, 1897, we travelled to Leicester where despite showery weather a large crowd gathered to witness George Ekins scoring our first League goal and providing us with a half-time lead. Leicester equalised in a second-half that reportedly produced end-to-end football.

Although we lost at home to Leicester in the corresponding fixture in the same season, in a dour game, our heaviest defeat by today's opponents was unexpectedly to follow immediately in 1898-99. We took an early lead at Dunstable Road on January 14th, 1899 through William Ford, but then lost Ekins through a wrenched knee and conceded six goals without reply.

Following our withdrawal from the Football League in 1900, we were to wait almost 50 years before meeting Leicester again and on this occasion, October 5th, 1946, we again lost, this time 2-1, with our goal coming from Horace Gager in front of a Kenilworth Road crowd of 18,073.

We eventually gained our first win over Leicester the following season when Ted Duggan scored both goals in a 2-1 win at home which followed his pair at Filbert Street in a 3-2 defeat the previous week.

The games that stand out in the memories of those who have seen them however were the Cup matches of that era—our epic meetings in the fifth round of the FA Cup in 1948-49.

A near-record crowd of 26,280 flocked to Kenilworth Road and paid then record receipts of £4,678 to see a remarkable game that ended in a 5-5 draw after extra time.

IT is appropriate that Leicester City should be our first opponents in 1886 as they were also our first opponents in the Football League all of 89 years ago, a match which launched a fixture between us that has now been played a total of 42 times.

Leicester have slightly the best of the results to date, having recorded 16 victories to the Town's 12, though the goals have almost balanced out evenly, the Midlands team edging us out by 66-60.

One notable statistic from the many matches between us is that we had to wait until the 1979-80 to record our first away victory over Leicester, but promptly followed it up with two more wins in succession at Filbert Street and a draw last season.

Unbeaten run

Since we have not been beaten by Leicester at Kenilworth Road in the League since 1978-79, today's fixture gives the Town the opportunity to stretch their unbeaten run against our visitors to nine matches.

Most of these are documented in the official club history THE LUTON TOWN STORY 1885-1985, which has sold so well in its first four months since publication in August that a second edition is being sought. Discussions have taken place, but no decision can be made until the New Year holidays are completed.

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Yesterdays

Jack Lee scored first for Leicester after six minutes, but within four minutes, Peter Small and Bobby Brennan shot the Town into the lead. By half-time, however, Lee had scored a further two goals . . . but this lead was wiped out when Tommy Kiernan scored from a cross by Billy Waugh shortly after the break.

Pulsating action

Shots and chances were then, according to the local scribe, far too numerous to mention and this pulsating game entered extra time.

When Mel Griffiths scored a soft goal for Leicester early on the first half of extra time, Luton followers expected the worst as teams scoring first in this period usually win, but when first Kiernan and then Charlie Watkins, with a 20-yard shot, put the Town

ahead again, a famous victory was anticipated.

But, with seconds remaining, City gained a corner and Griffiths could only muster the strength to send a short lob to the near post, but somehow Lee managed to screw the ball home with his head as the referee blew.

The replay the following Saturday attracted 38,322 including several thousand from Luton to Filbert Street and when Bobby Brennan scored in the first minute, a win looked on.

Suddenly, with the Town pushing forward the lead evaporated however into a 3-1 deficit in the 15 minutes before half-time as goals from Lee, Griffiths and Ken Chisholm turned the tide. When Griffiths was brought down by Les Hall after half-time, for Lee to score from the penalty, the Town's Cup run looked over.



On its way: Emeka Nwajiobi puts the Town ahead with the first goal in our 4-0 win over Leicester City at Kenilworth Road last season.

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

	Home	Away
1897-98	0-1	1-1
1898-99	1-6	1-1
1899-1900	0-0	2-2
1946-47	1-2	1-2
1947-48	2-1	3-2
1948-49	1-1	1-1
1949-50	1-0	2-3
1950-51	0-2	1-3
1951-52	1-2	3-3
1952-53	2-0	1-1
1953-54	2-2	1-2
1957-58	2-1	1-4
1958-59	4-3	1-3
1959-60	2-0	3-3
1970-71	1-3	0-1
1974-75	3-0	0-0
1978-79	0-1	0-3
1979-80	0-0	3-1
1981-82	2-1	2-1
1983-84	0-0	3-0
1984-85	4-0	2-2

Overall summary of results:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	21	9	5	7	29	26
Away	21	3	8	9	31	40
Total	42	12	13	16	60	66

Club statistician: Roger Wash

But, 18 minutes from the end, Billy Arnison scored and then Brennan crashed the ball into the net following a corner and City began to panic. With 10 minutes left, a Brennan header appeared to cross the line, but the referee waved play on and, almost immediately, Griffiths ended the drama with a goal at the other end. "The better team lost," said Ned Liddell afterwards.

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.	22	8	3	1	20	3	7	1	2	20	10	49
2 Liverpool	22	10	2	0	30	7	3	4	3	16	14	45
3 West Ham	22	8	2	1	26	9	5	4	2	12	10	45
4 Chelsea	22	9	0	1	21	8	4	5	3	15	15	44
5 Sheffield Wed	22	7	3	1	20	17	5	2	4	15	15	41
6 Everton	22	6	2	2	25	10	6	2	4	23	18	40
7 Arsenal	22	8	2	1	15	7	3	3	5	10	18	38
8 Luton Town	22	6	5	1	21	7	3	2	5	14	18	34
9 Newcastle	22	6	2	3	20	15	3	4	4	10	17	33
10 Tottenham	21	6	1	3	28	12	3	3	5	10	14	31
11 Nottingham F.	22	6	1	4	17	15	3	2	6	17	20	30
12 Watford	22	7	2	1	24	9	1	3	8	14	29	29
13 Southampton	22	7	4	1	22	8	0	2	8	8	23	27
14 QPR	22	6	2	4	14	9	2	1	7	6	18	27
15 Coventry City	22	3	2	6	17	18	3	4	4	10	16	24
16 Manchester C.	22	3	4	3	14	14	2	3	7	12	18	22
17 Aston Villa	22	2	4	5	14	16	3	3	5	12	17	22
18 Leicester City	22	3	6	2	20	18	2	1	8	8	22	22
19 Oxford Utd	22	4	4	2	19	13	0	4	8	13	33	20
20 Birmingham	21	4	1	6	9	12	1	1	8	4	19	17
21 Ipswich Town	22	3	2	6	10	16	1	1	9	7	21	15
22 West Brom	22	2	3	6	11	21	0	2	9	8	32	11

League table as December 23rd, 1985

LEAGUE and CUP APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

	League		Cup	
	App	Gls	App	Gls
T. Breacker	19		3	
A. Dibble	7			
M. Donaghy	22		3	
P. Elliott	3(3)			
S. Foster	17	2	3	
A. Grimes	1(1)		1(1)	
M. Harford	21	10	2	
R. Hill	18	2	3	1
R. Johnson	4	1		
P. Nicholas	21		2	
E. Nwajobi	18	4	3	1
G. Parker	4(4)		1	
D. Preece	22	1	2	1
B. Stein	22	12	3	1
M. Thomas	20	1	2	
M. Stein	1			
L. Sealey	15		3	
M. North	2(2)		1	1
R. Daniel	1(2)	1	1	
A. King	2			
Own goal		1		

Leading League and Cup goalscorers
 20—Dixon (Chelsea)
 19—McAvennie (West Ham)
 18—Lineker (Everton)
 16—Aldridge (Oxford)
 14—Gibson (Coventry)
 (up to December 23rd)

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 1)	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 2)	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 B.	Harford	Nwajobi	Parker	Grimes●		
Nov 2	Birmingham City	2-0	8,550	10	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford1	Nwajobi	Preece	Grimes		
Nov 9	Tottenham Hotspur	3-1	19,163	10	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill1	Stein B.1	Harford1	Nwajobi	Preece	Elliott		
Nov 16	Coventry City	0-1	9,607	11	Sealey	Breacker*	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajobi	Preece	Parker●		
Nov 23	Watford	2-1	16,107	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas1	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajobi	Preece	Daniel+		
Nov 30	Manchester City	2-1	10,096	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.2	Harford	Nwajobi*	Preece	Daniel●		
Dec 7	Newcastle United	2-0	10,319	7	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford1	King*	Preece	North1●		
Dec 14	Nottingham Forest	0-2	12,078	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Parker	Stein B.	Harford	King*	Preece	North●		
Dec 21	West Ham United	0-0	14,599	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Harford	North	Preece	King		
Dec 26	West Bromwich Albion																	
Dec 28	Ipswich Town																	
Jan 1	Leicester City																	
Jan 4	Crystal Palace (FAC 3r)																	
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 Andy King
 - 11 David Preece
- Sub

Leicester City

- 1 Ian Andrews
 - 2 Andrew Feeley
 - 3 Simon Morgan
 - 4 Gary McAllister
 - 5 Russell Osman
 - 6 John O'Neill
 - 7 Ian Banks
 - 8 Laurie Cunningham
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