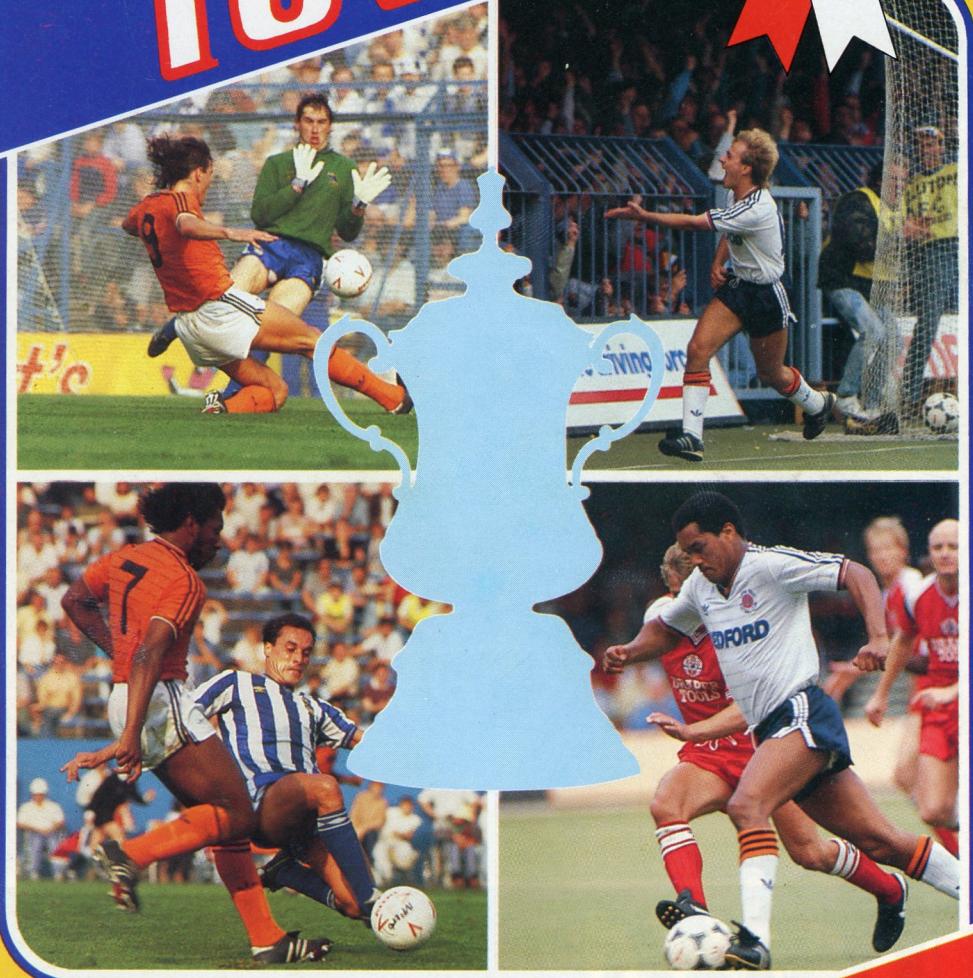


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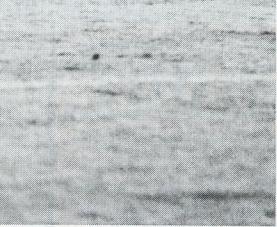
COVER STORY



On the Cup trail. Today sees our return to Cup-tie action at Kenilworth Road. Good luck to both teams.

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Today's action pictures show Brian Stein scoring his 14th league goal of the season during our 2-0 win over Aston Villa last Saturday. Also pictured are further attacks by the Town as they sought further goals.



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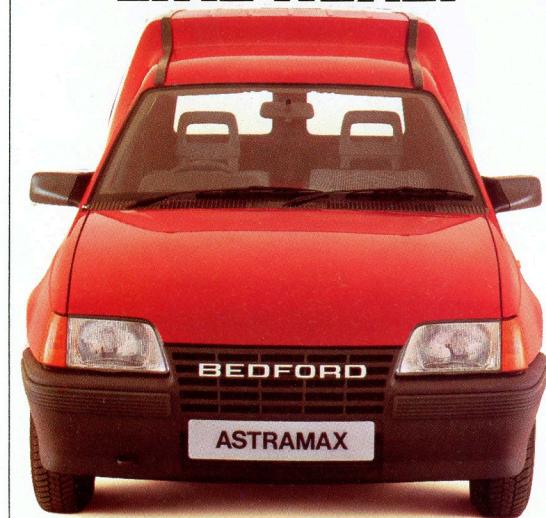


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100 Years On

WELCOME everyone. May the best team win and have a long Cup run. It is particularly nice to say hello to Bobby Gould, an honest intelligent manager and Steve White, the striker we signed from Bristol Rovers who scored 18 vital goals in our Second Division Championship team.

It is around eight years' ago that Mr. Jim Richardson, the former Luton director, now retired in Australia, prompted Mr. Denis Mortimer, the then chairman, who later joined Birmingham, to give me an opportunity as manager. At the time, Mr. Haslam and Mr. Bergara were on the way to Shefford Utd and Mr. McCrohan had left for Detroit.

In that time we have built several teams and I have been fascinated and enjoyed every minute. I have always pretended that there was "no pressure" and it has proved an adequate recipe although at times it has been wearying.

The inherited side were a mixture: Alexsic (now in South Africa), Price (now Swansea), Carr (Maidstone), Faulkner (coaching our youngsters), P. Futcher (Barnsley), Hill (still our loyal no. 7), West (manager, Hitchin), Fuccillo (Peterborough), Husband (retired), R. Futcher (Oldham), Boersma (recently assistant manager at Lincoln). Eventually, £880,000 was raised on sales to produce the next stage (£100,000 Alexsic, £250,000 Price, £30,000 Faulkner, Husband, £425,000 Ron and Paul Futcher, £30,000 Boersma, £45,000 West).

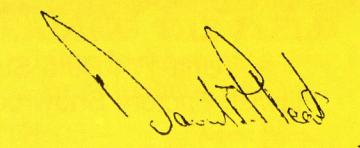
Excellent team

An excellent footballing team emerged. Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Greasham, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, Hatton, Fuccillo, Moss. A



smooth combination, but bettered when Horton replaced Greasham, Donaghy for Price, Aizlewood at left-back, Goodey for Saxby and White for Hatton. Only four defeats, a great 81-82. A very capable team.

In that summer, we signed Paul Walsh and then, the following season, Paul Elliott, both from Charlton. These investments helped build our present team and repay the directors' financial support by their subsequent sales of over £1 million. Harford, Preece, Nicholas and Foster were significant signings in 1984-85. We now boast seven internationals—Hill, Stein, Foster (England); Nicholas (Wales); Donaghy (N. Ireland); Grimes (Ireland); Nwajiobi (Nigeria).

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'David Pleat'.

David Pleat

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GirlTalk

POIGNANT CUP DREAMS LIVE ON

While driving to Nottingham before Christmas I couldn't help being poignantly reminded of the drive to Villa Park on that same motorway last season when the convoy of cars and coaches festooned with orange, navy and white turned the M1 into a sea of colour. There was no such rainbow as the Woking branch of Luton Town's Fan Club set off to watch the beginning of Luton's Cup quest this year.

Indeed, there was not even a match—at least not on the Saturday! Not deterred we continued on the M25 (we'd started out before hearing the match was off) to Gillingham to watch their Cup attempts against Derby.

Obscene chants

The Gillingham fans behind us compared their striker Cascarino with Mick Harford—with whom they were clearly impressed. One aspect of the match that I found distasteful, however, was the obscene chanting from Gillingham's "kop". I'd forgotten how unpleasant that can be. It made me more appreciative of the Oak Road's civilised atmosphere.

Some of the calls of the Palace supporters on Monday night were not suitable for family audiences either. Why "fans" indulge in abusive racial chanting is beyond me, especially so when their own side has black players. Mind you, the Palace chanting went beyond the racial to the sexual; and I'm not sure Steve Foster's blowing kisses at those chanting exactly helped the situation!

I sat in the "home" section at Selhurst Park with friends who are Palace fans. I thought it would be interesting to join the opposition for once. Perhaps Lutonians should be recruited by MIS—we're certainly good at infiltration. The two lads behind me were Luton fans too!

Gale Waller

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On behalf of the BBC and all those who will benefit, many thanks.

Mike Gibbons,
Station Manager, Luton

Centenary poster

Dear Sir,
I would just like to say thank you for the trouble you and the players took to sign and send me one of those great posters of this marvellous centenary squad. I was thrilled and proud to receive this poster and it just proves just how much you and the players value your loyal supporters.

Richard Gilbert,
Luton.

Christmas thanks

Dear Sir,
On behalf of BBC Radio Cambridgeshire, I would like to thank Luton Town FC for your contribution to our annual Christmas Auction which raised £13,500. I would like to wish you every success for 1986.

B. Dunn,
Cambridge

Lovely day

Dear David,
Just a short note to thank you for picking me as an escort against Leicester. I will always remember my lovely day and will treasure my Luton Town kit. I hope you win the Cup Final this year.

Love from
Lesley Skinner,
Aged 7. St. Albans

Patience paid off

Dear Sir,
Congratulations to you and the team for the magnificent Cup win at Palace.

There was one point however that I found most disturbing and one which has not been so prominent in my 20 years as a Luton supporter. I am referring to the obscene abuse that Steve Foster endured through most of the match.



Steve Foster

Signed ball

Dear Sir,
I would like to thank you on behalf of our committee for the signed football which Steve Foster gave to us to auction from the management and players of Luton Town FC.

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Many thanks for all your help and good luck during the season.
Ray Williams,
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Coaching course

Dear Sir,
Thank you very much for looking after me so well on the two day coaching course I have just completed.

It was a dream come true for me to play on the pitch and be shown around the ground, also I enjoyed watching the players train on Friday afternoon.

Everyone at the club was really friendly and gave me two days I will never forget.

Thank you all it was the best Christmas present I could have had.

Richard Deering,
Northampton

A first-class luncheon

Dear Sir,
I would like to thank the chairman and all the other directors for a wonderful lunch and tour of the ground on Thursday, January 2nd.

I thoroughly enjoyed being shown the ground by Wendy. I also enjoyed the lunch with Mr. Evans, the other directors, Ricky Hill and Marc North. I hope Luton do well in 1986, with the best team I have ever seen at Kenilworth Road.

Mark Maynard,
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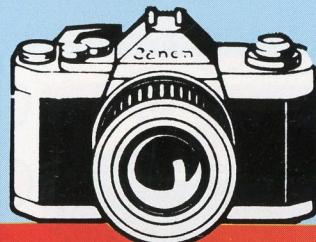
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NEWELL SCORES ON HOME DEBUT

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A goal in each half scored by Mike Newell, on his home league debut, and Brian Stein, his 17th of the season, brought the Town a deservedly comfortable win over Aston Villa, including former Town defender Paul Elliott, at Kenilworth Road last Saturday.

Newell, signed from Wigan Athletic only 12 days earlier, played with great enterprise and assurance and linked well with fellow-striker Marc North in giving Elliott and the experienced Allan Evans a busy afternoon.

Fluent

Without the missing Mick Hartford, Emeka Nwajiobi and David Preece, the Town were never forced to play their most fluent football to overcome a Villa team in which the whole did not live up to the potential of the team on paper.

Newell put Luton in front in the 17th minute when he volleyed past Spink after a mis-kick by Paul Birch. Stein wrapped up the points after 75 minutes when he robbed David Norton and shot home on the turn from six yards.

Luton: Sealey, Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Newell, North, Grimes. Sub: King.

Aston Villa: Spinks, Norton, Williams, Evans, Elliott, Birch, Kerr, Stainrod, (sub Shaw 70 mins), Gray, Glover, Walters.

Ref: R. Lewis (Kingston).

Goals: Newell (17 mins), Stein (75).



ACTION REPLAY from Kenilworth Road



Some exciting action from our victory over Aston Villa last week when we won 2-0.

(Photos: Gareth Owen)



**JOHN MOORE**

ViEWS

from the bench

Cup football has always had a special place with the fans. But for the players and the coaching staff it presents the same problems and challenges as any other game—with an added twist of glamour and excitement. Reserve team coach John Moore was a member of the team which reached the sixth round in 1973 and, of course, took his place on the bench at Villa Park last season when we lost to Everton in that memorable semi-final. Today he reflects on the special feelings that an FA Cup tie can arouse.

Cup-tie excitement

"It is a one-off match, a Cup-tie. Something that gets the adrenalin flowing and creates excitement for everyone. But for the professionals, it must be treated as just another game. Anything else and you are in danger of making a big mistake. For example, today's match with Bristol Rovers is a very difficult one for us because we are expected to win—and that brings its own problems.

"We also, at the time of writing, have some doubts about the exact team line-up owing to injuries and Cup-tied players, so we must concentrate hard and stick as closely as possible to the sort of routine we would use for a normal First Division home match.

Newspaper talk

"It is when unusual things happen that the shocks creep into Cup football. And of course, as it is a knockout situation, anything can happen on the day. I can remember going up to Newcastle for the fourth round tie in 1973 and staying in a hotel up there. We woke up

in the morning and read the papers and John Tudor was quoted saying Newcastle were going to do this and that and we did not stand a chance—that sort of thing is always fatal . . . and of course we went on to win that match 2–0 with two great goals from John Aston.

"The most important thing is to win the match and get into the next round. Not to talk about Wembley and the final. There is nothing so disappointing in the game as to lose a Cup-tie and then hear the draw for the next round when you are not in it.

"Of course, we would love to repeat last season's Cup run when we reached the semi-finals and played so well without any luck against Everton. I know just how unlucky we were that day—and how dead and quiet the dressing room was afterwards. But then, as professionals, we had to buckle down to preparing for an important relegation match against Norwich City the following Tuesday night.

Extra buzz

"You cannot guarantee anything in life or in football and we have many things to think of and get right and many results to achieve before we can think beyond the next match or any sort of Cup run.

"Mind you, I know that before kick-off today there will still be that extra buzz that a Cup-tie brings and there will be the players in the dressing room stomping about like boxers waiting to get in the ring while others sit quietly as if they were so calm and relaxed. It affects us all differently."

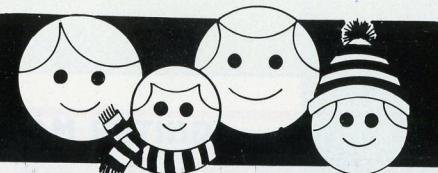
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RICKY HILL TESTIMONIAL

Arrangements are being made for a match between Ricky Hill's Luton XI and Bobby Robson's England XI as a testimonial event for our popular midfield player Ricky Hill. The match will take place at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday, April 8th, 1986.

Pre-match entertainment

This afternoon's pre-match entertainment is provided by a match between the under-13 teams of the Chiltern Youth League and County of Avon Youth League Teams:

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TICKET OFFICE NEWS

Our next game is a Canon League Division One fixture, away to Arsenal, on Saturday February 1st, kick-off 3.00 pm. Entrance for visiting supporters is East Bank turnstiles. Covered seating for this match can be obtained from our ticket office in Kenilworth Road at £4.50, £6.00 and £8.50.

On Saturday February 8th we are away to Southampton in a Canon League Division One fixture—kick-off 3.00 pm. Entrance for visiting supporters is Archers Road turnstiles. The price for seating is at £4.50 obtainable from our ticket office in Kenilworth Road phone Luton 30748 (24 hr service). Standing tickets costing £3.00 must be purchased by fans before they travel.

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Travel Club

This coming Saturday we make the short journey to Highbury where we face Arsenal. The cost is £3.00 and our coaches will be leaving at 1.00 pm. The following week we travel to Southampton and the cost of this coach is £4.50 and our coaches will be leaving Maple Road car park at 11.30 am.

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Born in Dublin on August 2nd, 1957, Ashley began his career with Dublin club Bohemians before joining Manchester United as a 20-year-old in 1976. He quickly developed into a stylish and skilful left-footed defender or mid-fielder and broke into the first team the following season. In 1983, he left for Coventry City where after one season he was transferred again, arriving at Kenilworth Road in 1984. Back injuries have held Ashley's Luton career back, but he has collected 15 full caps for Eire.

GUITAR MAN

Ever since his childhood in Dublin, Ashley Grimes has loved music and enjoyed listening to the sounds of the latest bands. He has also begun to greatly enjoy playing the guitar and hopes to improve his piano-playing. "I'd loved to develop my piano," he said, "and I'd be very pleased if any willing teachers could help me."

"I've always loved music and I love playing the guitar. Years ago, I once thought about taking it up more seriously, but I never did. I've just kept a big interest going. I particularly like bands like 10CC, when they were together and Thin Lizzy. I used to go and see them a lot in Manchester when I went to a lot of the concerts. I like Stevie Wonder too."

Wedding bells

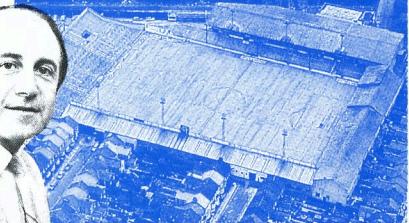
"Phil Lynott was a great guy and I used to know him quite well. He was a Dubliner like me. Phil probably started off all the great interest in rock music in Dublin back in the old days and certainly played his part in my own interest."

"As well as the guitar, I like the piano—but as I said, it is something I need to develop really. Maybe I'll improve in the future."

Wedding bells could be in the air in the future for Ashley too—he is engaged to Joanne Gibbons, 22, from Horwych, Lancashire, but declined to name a date. "She travels down to see me play a lot—but is usually disappointed," he joked.

"I've had a bad run with injuries, but now I hope to really make a challenge for the first team again. I like the way the team plays and it is the only place to play your football."





Bill Tomlins, Commercial Director

AROUND



Empty pocket: Paul Elliott was given an empty wages packet before we played Villa last week—and Villa were given no change either!

Coaching Certificate Presentation

David Pleat presented Coaching Certificates to youngsters who took part in a recent coaching school organised by Luton Town FC, before our match last Saturday against Aston Villa.



the TOWN

PROJECTING OUR IMAGE FOR THE MONEY PROGRAMME

by Bill Tomlins

It has been a hot week. BBC Television have been filming us for the last 10 days for an edition of their Money Programme, due to be shown on BBC 2 tomorrow evening (Sunday), and their cameras and arc lights seem to have been everywhere.

Why us? You may ask. Well, there has been a great deal of attention paid to football clubs' financial positions recently—take Wolves and Swansea as two examples—and when the BBC approached the Football League about the possibility of making such a programme, they recommended Luton Town...as an example of tremendous success, of course.

A TYPICAL WEEK

The television people wanted to film a typical week inside a First Division club. They interviewed people, listened, watched and filmed. Now, we understand, they will be showing a 12 minutes film distilled from all their work.

They have a regular viewing audience of four million.

I certainly hope they fairly and accurately portray us. We believe we are second to none in the Football League in our awareness of and provision of the right kind of PR. I did explain to the BBC that it was not only vital for us to have a successful team on the pitch, but a successful one off it and that the players also played their full part too in backing up the work of the commercial department with PR appearances.

To me, the needs and comforts of all the fans go hand in glove with the work of the commercial department in attracting sponsors among the business community. I have always believed this, as I forcibly told the BBC.

SPONSORS

Welcome to today's match sponsors Ryder Insurance Consultants Ltd of Leighton Buzzard and the Herald Newspaper. I hope they all enjoy the match and their day.



- In the frame: The cameras from the BBC caught director Terry Bailey with a winning smile last week. Mike Newell, pictured scoring the opener against Villa, will celebrate on Monday when he is 21. Also snapped today are our electronic scoreboard operator Steve Gudgeon and marketing executive Wendy Greaves. Steve's firm Leighton Homes were our executive sponsors last week.



(Photos: Gareth Owen)

CAPTAIN'S DIARY

with Steve Foster



DRESSING-ROOM JOKES

Hello everyone and welcome to our first home FA Cup-tie this season. We have been enjoying a light-hearted joke or two this week as we prepared for the match and, of course, some of the lads have had to take a bit more stick than the others.

Emeka, for example, has been busy trying to fight his way back to full fitness after his recent foot injury and, it seems, the fitter he gets, the more stick he gets. We have been winding him up for being tight this week—he is always on the scrounge! He could be better known as Luton's answer to Stan Flashman the way he goes for tickets!

With the arrival of Mike Newell, I am sure you have noticed we now have two clones of Mick Harford playing up front! If we carry on like this, we will end up with a team of clones—we call Marc North clone one and Mike clone two.

Marc is just a thinner version of Mick, isn't he? and Mike is just a little bit different. Still, if they can keep on scoring and the team keeps on winning, we will all be happy—clones or not!

Junior Hatters



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Back on the Wembley trail

Today we meet Bristol Rovers, from the Third Division, as we challenge for a place in the fifth round of the FA Cup. But do not let their league standing fool you—Rovers beat our First Division associates Leicester City 3–1 in the last round and will present tough opposition today.

We also faced a tough path in the last round, didn't we? Our match at Crystal Palace on January 4th was postponed, but we managed a win by 2–1 when we played the match on the Monday.

There is always something a bit special about the FA Cup, isn't there? I hope we get a good crowd today. We all

hope we can reach Wembley this season and help to erase the disappointment of last season's defeat by Everton in the semi-final;

Today, former Luton player Steve White makes his return to Kenilworth Road. Give him a warm welcome and all the Rovers players and cheer us on to victory.

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Reserves ACTION REPLAY



GOOD WIN FOR RESERVES AT IPSWICH

• Ambitious Aussie: Warren Spinks, pictured in training, has been winning good reports at Hitchin where he played last week. We are hoping for his clearance papers soon and a few appearances for the reserves. ▽



• Birthday boy: Mark Stein, pictured in action during the reserves' recent win over Charlton, will be 20 on Tuesday. Happy birthday, Mark. ▷

Two cracking long shots by Mike Newell and Garry Parker put the reserves on the victory trail at Ipswich on Tuesday where a fine first-half was followed by a mediocre performances after the interval.

"We should have been more than two up at half-time" said John Moore. "Some of the lads were a bit selfish with the final pass when team-mates were better placed. In the second half we dwelt on the ball for too long and lost our legs a bit in midfield."

Latest Results

Football Combination January 21st, 1986

Ipswich Town 1 (Gorman)

Luton Town 21 (Parker, Newell)

Ground: Wet; Weather: Wet

Teams:

Ipswich: Forrest, Emmerson, Nunn, Humes, O'Donnell, Steggles, Atkinson, Watson, Cole, Gorman, Crane.

Luton: Dibble, Johnson R., Daniel, King, North S., Oldfield, Parker, Stein M., Newell, Preece, Grimes. Sub: Lewis.



FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Arsenal	24	18	5	1	86	18	41
2 Chelsea	23	17	2	4	75	17	36
3 West Ham	22	16	3	3	81	37	35
4 Watford	24	15	4	5	62	29	34
5 Ipswich	23	13	4	6	45	34	30
6 Norwich	25	12	5	8	47	25	29
7 QPR	22	13	3	6	47	29	29
8 Tottenham	23	13	2	8	52	36	28
9 Luton Town	23	11	4	8	30	32	26
10 Oxford City	26	10	5	11	49	44	25
11 C. Palace	25	9	5	11	40	54	23
12 Millwall	22	10	2	10	32	42	22
13 Birmingham	23	8	4	11	33	46	20
14 Southampton	22	6	7	9	39	52	19
15 Bristol R.	19	8	2	9	35	40	18
16 Charlton	23	8	2	13	43	55	18
17 Reading	20	5	3	12	24	54	13
18 Brighton	23	5	3	15	21	54	13
19 Portsmouth	21	5	4	12	19	32	12
20 Fulham	22	5	1	16	27	59	11
21 Swindon	21	2	4	15	34	70	8
22 Swansea	20	2	0	18	14	76	4

(Up to and including January 20th)

APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

	App	Gls		App	Gls
Sealey	5		Tuite	8	
Johnson R.	18		Berry	1	
Harvey	9		Scott	6	
McEvoy	20	3	Farrell	2	
Elliott	12	1	Black	8	1
Johnson M.	11		Lewis	2	
Cobb	21	2	Daniel	15	4
Stein M.	20	3	Parker	18	3
Oldfield	22	5	Ferguson	1	
Grimes	22	2	North S.	14	
Dibble	18		Farrell	1	
Tighe	1		King	2	
North M.	15	7	Newell	1	1
Preece	1				

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES

H	Sept 26	Millwall	3-2
A	Oct 2	Forest United	1-1
A	Oct 9	Brighton & H.A.	2-0
H	Oct 12	Queens Park Rangers	1-1
H	Oct 15	Ipswich Town	2-3
A	Oct 19	Southampton	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
A	Jan 4	Arsenal	0-3
H	Jan 11	Charlton Athletic	1-0
A	Jan 21	Ipswich Town	2-1
H	Feb 8	Bristol Rovers	
H	Feb 8	Southampton	
A	Feb 11	Reading	
A	Feb 15	Swansea City	

Youth Team

No luck for youngsters at Bristol

Our promising young youth team were out of luck again last Saturday when they were beaten 5-2 at Bristol Rovers, who by sheer coincidence meet us at senior level in the FA Cup today and at reserves' level in the Football Combination next week.

Goals by Aaron Tighe and John Kennedy were not enough to avert a defeat which extends the youth team's unhappy run so far in 1986. When results have gone against them.

Latest Results

South East Counties League

Division Two

January 18th, 1986

Bristol Rovers 5

Luton Town 2 (Kennedy, Tighe)

Team: Jones, Barker, James, Scott, Berry, Oldfield, Kennedy, Rees, Farrell, Tighe, Tuite. Subs: Lewis, Philpot.



Sean Farrell



John Kennedy

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Southampton	17	12	3	2	58	27	27
2 Swindon Town	16	11	3	2	45	24	25
3 Bournemouth	17	9	4	4	39	33	22
4 Wimbledon	16	10	1	5	46	18	21
5 Luton Town	19	8	4	7	57	47	20
6 Brentford	17	5	6	6	38	42	16
7 Bristol R.	16	5	5	6	33	30	15
8 Colchester	15	6	3	6	26	31	15
9 Oxford Utd	17	5	5	7	28	34	15
10 Brighton	18	6	2	10	19	33	14
11 Tottenham	18	5	3	10	32	43	13
12 C. Palace	17	4	4	9	43	54	12
13 Reading	19	5	2	12	26	56	12
14 Southend	16	4	3	9	18	36	11

Up to and including Jan. 18th

Introducing Bristol Rovers



After finishing seventh, fifth and sixth in the last three seasons, Bristol Rovers are currently in mid-table in the Third Division, not quite out of trouble at the bottom and yet not quite near enough to the top to mount a serious promotion challenge.

But such relative security is itself an achievement for manager Bobby Gould who inherited a severely-depleted squad and a serious financial problem last May. Eight experienced players were sold during 1985 to help balance the books, leaving Gould with a squad based on raw youth and experience.

Last Saturday, Rovers prepared for today's Cup-tie with a convincing 3-1 home win over Darlington, former Luton striker Steve White hitting a hat-trick. He will be hoping for a similar success today on the ground where he scored four against Grimsby in October 1981, while playing for Luton.

Formed in 1883, as the Black Arabs FC, Rovers joined the Football League in 1921. They enjoyed great giant-killing days in the

1950's and almost reached Division One in 1956. In the third round, Rovers beat Leicester City 3-1 and they will be seeking another First Division scalp today.

Players likely to be on duty today:

Ron Green—Signed from Shrewsbury last summer for £12,000. Aged 29. Ex-Walsall.
Phil Bater—Born in Cardiff, Phil is a former Wales under-21 defender. A Rovers youth product in second spell at Eastville after transfer to Wrexham.

Nick Tanner—Born Bristol, Nick, 19, joined as a professional last summer from Mangotsfield United.

Vaughan Jones—Aged 24, Vaughan is club captain and a former Welsh under-21 cap. A reliable centre-half. Ex-Newport County and Cardiff.

Tim Parkin—Born Penrith, Cumbria, Tim, 27, is the lynch-pin of Rovers' defence. Apprentice with Blackburn, he joined Malmö of Sweden and played in the European Cup and then went to America.



Back row, from left: Ian Weston, Lee Portch, David Mehew, John Scales, Andy Spring, Lee Howells, Mark O'Connor.
Middle row: Ray Kendall, Paul Randall, Nicky Tanner, Ron Green, Tim Parkin, Tim Carter, Trevor Morgan, Byron Stevenson, Harold Jarman.
Front row: Steve White, Wayne Noble, Vaughan Jones, Bobby Gould, Phil Bater, Gerry Francis, Gary Penrice.



Bobby Gould, a famous much-travelled centre-forward in his playing days, took over as manager of Bristol Rovers in May 1985, thus becoming the club's 11th post-war manager. He followed player-manager David Williams who took up a chance to return to full-time playing at the end of last season when he was transferred to Norwich City.

Gould played for Coventry City, Arsenal, West Bromwich Albion, Wolves, West Ham, Bristol City and Bristol Rovers during his long career.

He went into management as assistant at Hereford, then Chelsea and Aldershot before taking charge at Rovers for the first time in October 1981. His return last year followed a 19-month spell in charge at Coventry.

Byron Stevenson—Born Llanelli, Byron is now 28 but has experience with Leeds United and Birmingham City at the top level as well as 15 Welsh caps. An experienced midfielder.
Gerry Francis—Veteran former England captain Gerry is now 33. Began his career with QPR and also played for Crystal Palace, Coventry and Exeter, where he was player-manager.
Mark O'Connor—Signed from QPR two years ago, Mark, 22, is a skilful and hard-working midfielder. Born Basildon.

Steve White—Rovers' club record export when sold to Luton for £200,000 in 1979, Steve joined Rovers originally from Mangotsfield United, but returned after a spell with Charlton Athletic.

John Scales—Promising defender, 19, from Yorkshire. Released by Leeds last year and now establishing himself in the Rovers squad.
Andy Spring—A versatile player who followed Gould from Coventry on a free transfer. Aged 19.

Trevor Morgan—Signed for £15,000 from Exeter last September, Trevor, 29, is a powerful and experienced striker. Ex-Bournemouth, Bristol City and Mansfield. Born London.

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Club Comment

Canon lead the way into the future

I was quite staggered recently at the handling of the announcement made by Canon through the voice of the Football League that they were not to renew their sponsorship of English soccer's premier competition. It was variously described as a withdrawal and a pull-out—two descriptions which do nothing to accurately reflect the decision made by Canon or the enormous contribution they have made to the game and the game has made to them.

Three years ago when Canon first began to sponsor the league it was treated as a breakthrough and the perfect event at the right time. Now, with a highly-successful marketing exercise behind them, Canon have chosen to leave the way open for another company to take the benefits. They have not withdrawn. All that has happened is that their contract will run its course.

Marketing success

In these three years, Canon have increased their product awareness by 80 per cent and become leaders in their field with their typewriters and copiers. The sponsorship has been a great success and proved that the English league is a great platform from which to project and market a product or range of products.

In my view, the Football league showed a lack of professionalism in the manner in which they handled the announcement. It upset Canon. There was no news in their intent to maintain their sponsorship fully to the end of the contract. If any newspaper had contacted me—instead of turning to the big and wealthy clubs—I would have praised the Canon deal. Not moaned about it. Canon have led the way for everyone.

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ViEWS from the MEDIA

Dream home debut for Newell

Mike Newell's goalscoring home debut in the First Division made the headlines last weekend after he had led the Town to their well-deserved 2-0 win over Aston Villa. Here is a selection of the comments made in the press after that match.

Daily Mail: "Mike Newell, Luton's £90,000 signing from Wigan, scored in his second match then outlines his immediate ambition. After helping Luton beat struggling Aston Villa 2-0, Newell said: 'I want to prove myself in Division One.' And on this evidence that should be well within his capabilities.

"Manager David Pleat, confident his side would win from the start, said: 'Perhaps I am greedy, but I would like to have seen us play better. I like to win in style, but we didn't do that today'."

Daily Express: "Republic of Ireland international Ashley Grimes made a triumphant return to the First Division in Luton's 2-0 win over Aston Villa. Former

Manchester United man Grimes made his first appearances for five months as a late replacement for flu victim David Preece."

Flu-struck winners

Mail on Sunday: "They gifted a flu-struck Luton three points which the Hatters accepted with gratitude if not too much style. The first present went to Luton's new boy Mike Newell who was left on his own to grab a dream debut goal after 17 minutes. The second came 58 minutes later, courtesy of Villa full-back David Norton, who dilly dallied long enough in his own box to allow Brian Stein to dispossess him and wrap it up for Luton."

Sunday Telegraph: "Luton took full advantage of two basic errors in the Aston Villa defence to maintain their increasingly impressive title hopes at Kenilworth Road."

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Steve White, who hit a hat-trick last Saturday for Rovers, will be warmly welcomed back today. He joined Luton Town from Rovers in December 1979, broke into the team the following season and hit 18 goals in 42 appearances in our Second Division championship season.

All Our

READY TO BURY ANOTHER UNWANTED RECORD

Until three weeks ago, when we triumphed 2-1 at Selhurst Park in the last round of the FA Cup, we had the dubious distinction of never having beaten Crystal Palace in the competition, despite several attempts. We are therefore hoping that the omens are on our side again today as previous FA Cup battles with Bristol Rovers have ended in three straight defeats.

Our first meeting took place on January 5th, 1901 at Dunstable Road in the Intermediate round (equivalent to today's third round). Rovers, who were to achieve a Southern League double over the Town that season had no trouble in beating us 2-0 with a goal in each half from inside-right Jones.

The result came as a great disappointment as we were expected, with home advantage, to beat what was no more than mediocre opposition, especially as we had rattled in 16 goals in the three qualifying rounds, thrashing the Civil Service 9-1, QPR 3-0 and Kings Lynn 4-1.

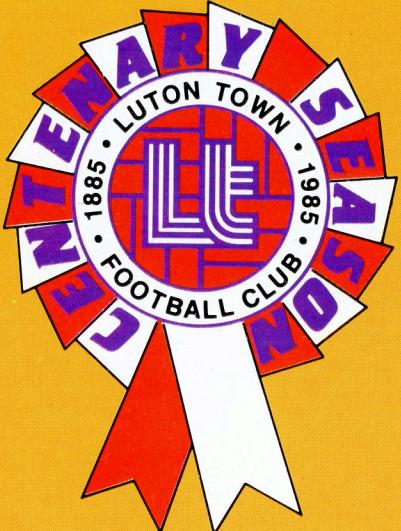
We had to wait 50 years for the chance of revenge, but again went out, this time 2-1 in a fourth round tie at Kenilworth Road on January 27th, 1951. In the third round, Second Division Luton had been drawn at home to reigning League champions Portsmouth and in one of the best games seen on this ground a 2-0 win was recorded.

Rovers raised game

As we undoubtedly raised our game to prove something to our illustrious visitors in the third round, so did Rovers, then, as now, in the Third Division, play above themselves to pull off a creditable win.

Luton were not given any time to settle on the ball and despite a goal by Charlie Watkins which had the near record crowd of 26,856 roaring, two

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Ricky Hill scored on his debut for the Town against Bristol Rovers on Easter Monday, April 19th, 1976 and this season will complete 10 full years' services to the club, an achievement being marked by his testimonial year and a series of events including a fixture against an England XI on April 8th.



Joe Payne will always be remembered in connection with Luton-Bristol Rovers fixtures for his 10-goal feat in 1936. The following season he hit 55 league goals. He joined the Town in 1934 and played 72 league games and scored 83 goals before leaving for Chelsea in 1938.

Yesterdays

opportunist goals from Rovers

winger George Petherbridge won

the day.

Although we were favourites in our first two meetings, this was certainly not the case when we travelled to Eastville for a second round tie on January 7th, 1967. Luton had picked up only two away points in the Fourth Division at that stage of the season and despite a mini-revival over Christmas following the signing of Derek Kevan, we were given no chance against opponents who were challenging strongly for promotion from Division Three.

Pleat goal

In the first round, we had travelled to Exeter where Ray Whittaker scored for us in a 1-1 draw. In the replay, on a quagmire pitch the following Thursday night, we won 2-0 with goals from Bruce Rioch and David Pleat. The victory was rather hollow however as Luton finished the game with only nine fit men following some tough

tackling by Exeter, then lost 8-1 at bottom placed Lincoln the following Saturday with a weakened side... and, ever since, have never held a Cup replay on a Thursday night again.

The Town's form had improved by the time the visit to Bristol came around and over 1,000 success-starved fans made the trip to the West country.

The previous week, Rovers had lost their experienced goalkeeper Bernard Hall following a clash with former Town favourite John O'Rourke and debutant goalkeeper Larry Taylor, nerves jangling, stood rooted to the spot as Kevan gave Luton an unbelievable 2-0 half-time lead. Something was put in the Rovers half-time tea, however, and after the interval they stormed back, riding their luck, to win 3-2 with the final goal arriving in the 85th minute. "It was an astonishing result. We should have won with ease," said Luton manager Allan Brown afterwards.



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

	Home	Away
1920-21	1-2	0-5
1921-22	1-2	0-2
1922-23	1-0	1-1
1923-24	0-0	1-1
1924-25	1-1	1-1
1925-26	1-0	2-2
1926-27	1-1	2-1
1927-28	2-0	2-1
1928-29	4-2	1-1
1929-30	3-0	2-2
1930-31	4-1	1-5
1931-32	3-0	1-3
1932-33	1-1	0-0
1933-34	2-2	1-0
1934-35	6-2	1-1
1935-36	12-0	2-2
1936-37	2-0	0-4
1953-54	1-1	3-3
1954-55	2-0	2-3
1960-61	4-2	1-4
1961-62	2-0	0-1
1963-64	4-2	2-1
1964-65	0-2	2-3
1968-69	3-0	0-0
1969-70	4-0	0-3
1975-76	3-1	1-0
1976-77	4-2	0-1
1977-78	1-1	2-1
1978-79	3-2	0-2
1979-80	3-1	2-3
1980-81	1-0	4-2

Overall summary of results:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	31	21	7	3	80	28
Away	31	7	11	13	37	59
Total	62	28	18	16	117	87

Club statistician: Roger Wash

Ricky Hill evades Kevin Ratcliffe to drive the Town ahead in last season's FA Cup semi-final against Everton.

UPDATE

Canon League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Manchester U.	26	9	3	2	23	6	8	1	3	24	14
2	Everton	27	9	2	2	35	15	7	3	4	27	20
3	Liverpool	27	11	3	0	35	10	4	5	4	20	18
4	Chelsea	25	11	0	1	24	8	5	5	3	18	15
5	West Ham	25	8	2	1	26	9	6	4	4	14	14
6	Sheffield Wed.	26	8	4	1	24	20	5	3	5	18	20
7	Luton Town	27	8	5	1	26	8	4	3	6	17	21
8	Nottingham F.	27	7	2	4	23	18	6	2	6	24	22
9	Arsenal	25	9	3	1	18	8	3	4	5	12	20
10	Watford	26	8	2	2	28	13	2	4	8	16	29
11	Newcastle	25	6	3	3	22	17	3	6	4	13	20
12	Tottenham	26	7	1	5	29	17	3	4	6	10	16
13	Manchester C.	27	5	5	3	17	15	4	3	7	15	18
14	Southampton	26	9	4	1	26	9	0	2	10	8	27
15	QPR	26	8	2	3	20	11	2	1	9	10	25
16	Leicester City	27	4	7	3	25	22	2	1	10	10	27
17	Coventry City	26	3	3	8	20	24	3	4	5	12	21
18	Aston Villa	27	2	5	6	15	18	3	4	7	16	25
19	Oxford Utd.	26	5	4	3	23	16	0	4	10	15	38
20	Ipswich Town	27	3	4	6	11	17	3	1	10	9	22
21	Birmingham C.	26	1	9	9	16	1	2	9	5	21	18
22	West Brom.	27	2	4	8	13	27	0	3	10	10	36
	League table as January 20th, 1986											

LEAGUE, and CUP APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

	League App	Milk Gls	Cup App	Cup Gls	FA Cup App	FA Cup Gls
T. Breacker	24		3			1
A. Dibble	7					
M. Donaghy	27		3			1
P. Elliott	3(3)					
S. Foster	21	2	3			1
A. Grimes	2(1)		(1)			
M. Harford	23	14	2			1
R. Hill	23	2	3	1		1
R. Johnson	4	1				
P. Nicholas	26		2			1
E. Nwajobi	18	4	3	1		
G. Parker	4(4)		1			
D. Preece	26	2	3	2	1	1
B. Stein	27	14	3	2	1	1
M. Thomas	25	1	2			1
M. Stein		1				
L. Sealey	20		3			1
M. North	7(2)	2	1	1		1
R. Daniel	1(2)	1	1			
A. King		2				
S. North		1				
M. Newell	2	1				
Own goal		1				

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Luton Town	FA	Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 17 Nottingham Forest	1-1	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 M.
Aug 24 West Ham United	1-0	14,104	8	Dibble	Johnson	Thomas	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Parker	Stein B.	Harford1	Nwajobi1	Preece	Grimes
Aug 27 Arsenal	2-2	10,012	10	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Parker	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajobi1	Preece	Parker
Aug 31 Aston Villa	1-3	10,524	12	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Johnson*	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajobi1	Preece	Parker
Sept 7 Chelsea	1-1	10,720	15	Dibble	Johnson	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford1	Nwajobi1	Preece*	Elliott
Sept 14 Everton	0-2	26,419	16	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill*	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajobi1	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	Nwajobi1
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	Nwajobi1	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 M.*	Nwajobi1	Preece	Elliott
Oct 8 Sheffield Utd (MC 2r 2)	3-1	5,660	—	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill11	Stein B.	North M.1	Nwajobi1	Preece1	Elliott
Oct 12 Oxford United	1-1	10,626	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajobi1	Preece	North M.
Oct 19 Southampton	7-0	8,876	13	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill11	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	Nwajobi1	Preece*	Grimes
Oct 29 Norwich City (MC 3rd)	0-2	8,202	—	Sealey	Breacker	Johnson*	Daniel	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajobi1	Preece	Parker
Nov 2 Birmingham City	2-0	8,550	10	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford1	Nwajobi1	Preece	Grimes
Nov 9 Tottenham Hotspur	3-1	19,163	10	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill11	Stein B.1	Harford1	Nwajobi1	Preece	Elliott
Nov 16 Coventry City	0-1	9,607	11	Sealey	Breacker*	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajobi1	Preece	Parker
Nov 23 Watford	2-1	16,107	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas1	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajobi1	Preece	Daniel+
Nov 30 Manchester City	2-1	10,096	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.2	Harford	Nwajobi1	Preece	Daniel
Dec 7 Newcastle United	2-0	10,319	7	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford1	King*	Preece	North M.1
Dec 14 Nottingham Forest	0-2	12,078	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Parker	Stein B.	Harford	King*	Preece	King
Dec 21 West Ham United	0-0	14,599	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	North M.	Preece	Johnson
Dec 26 West Bromwich Albion	2-1	12,508	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford1	North M.1	Preece	Johnson
Dec 28 Ipswich Town	1-1	16,555	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	North S.	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	North M.1	Preece	Johnson
Jan 1 Leicester City	3-1	10,917	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford3	North M.	Preece	King
Jan 4 Crystal Palace (FAC 3r)	2-1	9,886	—	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	North M.	Preece1	Johnson R.
Jan 11 Chelsea	0-1	21,102	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Newell	North M.	Preece	Daniel
Jan 18 Aston Villa	2-0	10,217	7	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Newell1	North M.	Grimes	King
Jan 25 Bristol R. (FAC 4r)															
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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* Indicates player substituted

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Luton Town

1	Les Sealey
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	Marc North
11	David Preece
Sub	

Bristol Rovers

1	Ron Green
2	John Scales
3	Vaughan Jones
4	Byron Stevenson
5	Tim Parkin
6	Andy Spring
7	Gerry Francis
8	Nicky Tanner
9	Trevor Morgan
10	Steve White
11	Mark O'Connor
Sub	

Referee: J. MOULES (Ongar)

Linesmen: P. CROSSLEY (Red Flag) K. WENHAM (Yellow Flag)



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