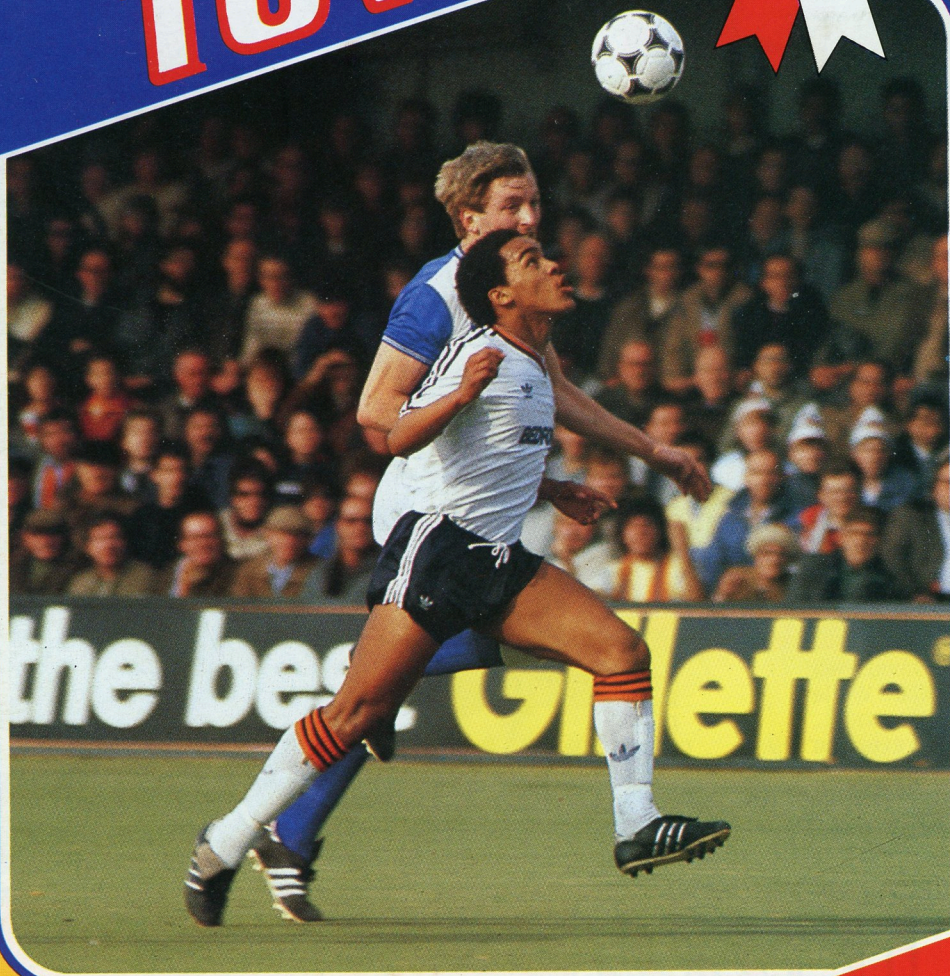


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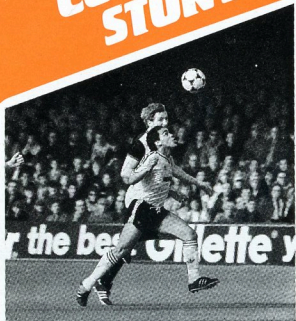
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● On the ball: Mark Stein announced his arrival last week with two goals in the Cup-ties with Arsenal and Everton.

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● Unrewarded bravery: Not even Les Sealey's brilliant penalty save from Trevor Steven could prevent Everton ending our great Cup run on Wednesday. Also pictured by Gareth Owen are Mick Harford and Ricky Hill.



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100 Years On

WELCOME to our good friends from Oxford—we congratulate you on your tremendous achievement in reaching Wembley. It is a magnificent moment when you consider that they have only been in the Football League a short time.

Congratulations too for all our supporters who travelled to Everton on Wednesday evening. We gave it a real go but succumbed to a special Lineker goal. It looked as though we were clawing back into the game as we surged forward but it was not to be. For the second year running Everton have nicked us but we are a sportsmanlike club and wish them every success in the semi-final and then maybe Wembley.

We have received many bonus' on our Cup run not least the praise for our pitch, the emergence of two young forwards and the confirmation that our spine down the middle of the team is as strong as ever. The spirit is excellent and we shall now push forward in an attempt to make a great finish to the season.

Well done Michael Newell who was included in Dave Sexton's under-21 side in Denmark. Let us hope there are more caps to follow. Further down the scale both Ian Scott and Richard Harvey have been selected for the England Youth under-17 to play in Cannes—Marvin Jophsnon is in the shadows squad. Paul Lewis a fourth apprentice leaves for Holland tomorrow with the Welsh Youth team.

In recent national newspaper articles the excellent John Aldridge of Oxford doubted his chance of gaining recognition for England suggesting if Mick Harford can't get in his



own chances were slim. Don't lose heart John, as Mick Harford will get in, and so could you if you keep at it and be patient.

Brian Stein and Emeka Nwajioji are progressing and we are anxious to have them back in harness.

During the recent heavy run (March 1st to March 12th) when we played five games the support of the coaching staff and medical back up was absolutely top class. It has been a strain mentally and physically.

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David Pleat

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GirlTalk

JOHN THE CHEF

JOHN Bartlett-Andress MHCIMA is not a person who springs to mind when one considers the staff at Luton Town Football Club. The names of Steve Foster and David Pleat might be on the tip of our tongues. But John Bartlett-Andress?

John is one of the most important members of the Club's staff; he is the chef. To be commercially successful, football clubs need sponsorship. Part of Luton's match-day sponsorship is a lunch for sponsors' guests. The executive sponsors and directors are also provided with a buffet, as are members of the Centenary Club, and guests in the Eric Morecambe Lounge.

On a busy match day John can cater for 500 people. During the week he provides for other functions, such as the lunch for the Oak Road Enders reported in the Villa programme. He works an average 30 hours a week, being employed on a contract basis. That means he's only paid for the hours he works.

He is a classically trained chef and works only on food preparation and production. Ordering supplies is not his responsibility. John says ordering is a headache, especially when suppliers cease deliveries up to two weeks before a holiday period such as Christmas and New Year.

Hatters' soufflé

And now for my idea of a successful recipe: BREAK-ER defensive ability with ROB into the basic squad and mix to a SPIDER-y consistency. To this add a MALificent FOZZIE of command and a NICKO of beavering activity. At the centre of the dish make a HILL of talent and bind it creatively with STEIN and PREECE. Then MEKA careful cut in the mixture to MARC where the striking MICHAEL is placed. The dish is now com-PEAT. Serve on a bed of green en-tout-cas. It is sure to delight all your family and friends!

Gale Waller

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Excellent

Dear Sir,
First of all congratulations on your result last night against Arsenal.

The main reason for my letter is to thank you and your staff for the excellent hospitality offered to me and my team on Friday and Saturday of last week when we trained and played on your pitch.

It would be nice to meet at Wembley on real grass!
Howard Wilkinson,
Manager, Sheffield Wednesday.

Thank-you

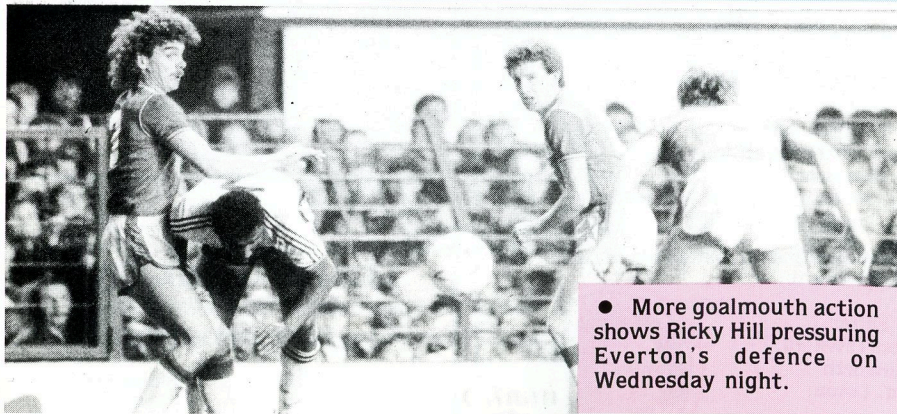
Dear Sir,
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the club for sending Marc North along to present our trophies.

The whole day was a complete success, with approximately 100 youngsters taking part and thoroughly enjoying themselves. The overall winners were Luton Regional Sports Centre, with Lewsey Centre coming close runners-up.

Ed Watson,
Recreation Services Officer,
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• Howard Wilkinson:
"excellent."

GOODISON PARK EXTRA



• More goalmouth action shows Ricky Hill pressuring Everton's defence on Wednesday night.

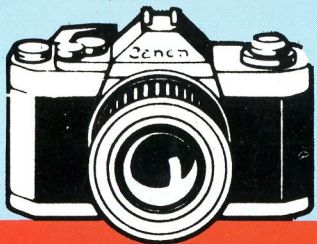
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First Team ACTION

Luton Town 2 Everton 2

It was drama all the way at Kenilworth Road last Saturday as Everton came from behind to earn a replay at Goodison Park and a chance of a place in the FA Cup semi-finals.

The Town, playing their fourth game in eight days, battled to the last to prevent their exit from the Cup and fully deserved their second chance after building up a 2-0 lead in 63 minutes.

Mick Harford, playing with great appetite, opened the scoring when he arrived at the far post to tap-in a rebound from a Ricky Hill shot which Everton keeper Neville Southall could not hold on to.

Brilliant combination

A brilliant combination of passes involving Mal Donaghy, Peter Nicholas and then Andy King sent Mark Stein clear to score the second after Southall had advanced from his penalty area and handled to block his first shot.

Then, however, Everton took the initiative. They pulled one back almost immediately with a Graeme Sharp header through a crowd of players in the penalty area and then equalised 12 minutes from time when Adrian Heath, a second-half substitute for Neil Pointon, poached the ball from Steve Foster and steered it wide of Les Sealey.

Teams: Luton—Sealey, Johnson, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, King (sub North 69 mins), Harford, M. Stein, Preece.

Everton: Southall, Stevens, Pointon (sub Heath 64 mins), Harper, Van Den Hauwe, Reid, Steven, Lineker, Sharp, Bracewell, Richardson.



ACTION REPLAY from

Kenilworth
Road



Celebrations: Mark Stein was the centre of attention again when he scored against Everton. Gareth Owen has also pictured David Preece, Andy King, Mick Harford and Mal Donaghy in action.

(Photos: Gareth Owen)





TREVOR HARTLEY

ViEWS

from the bench

Chief coach Trevor Hartley can rarely have endured such a demanding eight-day period as that last week when the Town met Sheffield Wednesday in the First Division and then played Arsenal; twice, and Everton in dramatic Cup-ties. The run of four games stretched everyone, but, as Trevor points out today in his Views From the Bench, proved what a tremendous spirit and strength lies within the club.

"Sheffield Wednesday started us off on a run of games, all of which were very important. They were all hard games, very demanding, very physical and close together. It was a great challenge to a club of our size with our resources, but we proved ourselves. It was the sort of challenge that poses great mental and physical strains on all the players and staff.

"Each game was a physical battle and you can only withstand physical battles if you are strong mentally as a person and ready to mentally tackle the task that lies ahead. If you are a big-framed person, it is less of a strain, of course, than it you are a smaller person in build. That is why, if we take four of our smaller lads—for example Rob Johnson, David Preece, Mark Stein, and Andy King—you have to look at them carefully and remember that by the third and fourth games they were up against it both physically and mentally.

Mentally prepared

"To withstand the physical side of the game, they need to be even more mentally prepared than ever, particularly in the case

of a player like Preece who has to run up and down all the time. Four games like that meant a lot of hard running. You need to be very strong mentally to keep the physical battle going.

"Another hard part of it for us all was that there was very little time to relax in between the games. It needs a bit of time for the players to build up the right mental approach for these games and we had hardly any. After a game it is equally important for them to relax and rest properly to be ready to build up again for the next one. I think all our lads without exception emerged with great credit from the week. It was one very demanding week.

Physical strength

"You need 48 hours to recover from one game before you are ready for the next game and we hardly had time at all. If you take that into consideration, and remember we were without Brian Stein and Emeka Nwajobi and that Mike Newell was unavailable because he was Cup-tied it makes you realise even more how well the lads did last week. The way we play the game, fitness is very important and I thought we all did well.

"You only have to look at teams like Liverpool, Everton and Manchester United to see that they do not have any weak players physically. Now we compete with them at that level we also have to look at the strength of the players. I think our younger players have done exceptionally well. Do not forget that after the home game against Everton we were still sixth in the league and in the draw for the FA Cup semi-finals."

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Pre-match entertainment

Luton Ladies v. Milton Keynes Ladies
This afternoon's pre-match entertainment is provided by the Luton Ladies and the Milton Keynes Ladies football teams. As our regular supporters know, the Luton Ladies' team is one of the most successful in the area and they have put together a fine run of results here at Kenilworth Road on our synthetic surface. We hope they provide a similarly high quality in their play today.

Travel Club

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On Saturday, March 22nd we are at home in a Canon League Division One fixture against Everton, kick-off 3.00 pm.

On Saturday, March 29th we are away to Leicester in a Canon League Division One fixture, kick-off 3.00 pm. Entrance for visiting supporters is via the Spion Kop enclosure (covered). Standing costs £3.00 and seating is priced at £4.50. For all ticket and match information telephone Luton 30748 (daytime) or Luton 33010 (24-hr service).

Luton Town v. Liverpool

The re-arranged date for the Liverpool game is Wednesday, April 16th, kick-off 7.45 pm.

Forthcoming matches at Kenilworth Road



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MATCH REFEREE



Colin Downey
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A personnel manager, Colin is married with one son. He began refereeing in 1965 and progressed through the Spartan and Isthmian Leagues to the Football League list. He enjoys cricket and most other sports. Colin is also chairman of the Hounslow Referees' Association. He was senior linesman at Wembley in 1983 for the FA Cup final.

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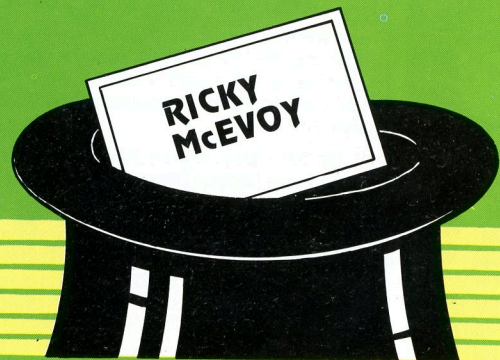
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TOP HATTER



Born in Gibraltar on August 6th, 1967, Ricky McEvoy signed on at Kenilworth Road as an apprentice in October 1983 as a 16-year-old Republic of Ireland schoolboy international. A clever midfielder with a strong tackle and an accurate shot, Ricky is now a full contract professional and hoping for a breakthrough to the first team. His father was in the British army and Ricky was born while he was stationed abroad. Ricky is a current Irish youth international and was a member of our first team squad at Christmas before being hit by injury.

CHECK MATE!

Like all your professional footballers, Ricky McEvoy is dying for his first opportunity to play in the First Division. He felt he was close to it last Christmas when he was called into the squad, but subsequent injuries dealt him a cruel blow and he is now working hard to recover his fitness. Unlucky Ricky broke a bone in his foot, an injury similar to that suffered by Emeka Nwajiobi.

"It was like Emeka's, but not the same," he said. "But it has kept me out for two months or so. I did it in training. It was an old injury I had had before and fractured twice. I came back and played three games in a week and it was too much for the foot. But there is a silver lining, I suppose—working to get fit made me really interested in doing weights seriously!"

Keen on weights

"I just dabbled in the weight room before, but now I am very seriously interested. With the competition for places here—and it is getting tougher all the time—you have to work hard and keep fit to stand a chance. It can be very difficult making the breakthrough. But that is what I am aiming for."

"When I first came over three years ago, I was a schoolboy international and it was difficult to adjust to the first season of not being the best in a small pool."

Ricky has now adjusted well to the demands of professional football. To escape from his job, he likes to relax with music or play chess—David Oldfield is a favourite opponent—and has recently become interested in computer games. "I spend a lot of time listening to music and I go out a lot. When I am home it is usually television or records or chess against David. He is pretty good at it—and I am working hard to beat him!"





Bill Tomlins, Commercial Director

the TOWN

WHAT TELEVISION HAS DONE TO BOOST OUR BUSINESS

by Bill Tomlins

What an impact television has made on our club in the last few weeks! The return of televised football and our appearance on BBC 2's *The Money Programme*, coupled with the superb form of the team, has combined to attract greater interest in the club.

We get all sorts of enquiries. People ring to ask about the new executive boxes, sponsorships, general ticket enquiries and so on, but we are now getting another new range of calls from people who want to learn more about the successful commercial operation behind a First Division soccer club.

ASSISTANCE

I even had one call from Scotland last week from a chap about to go for an interview as commercial manager at Dundee United. He wanted me to assist him with his knowledge and understanding of the job and all it entailed. That must have been a direct spin-off from the *Money Programme* appearance.

And we have had increasingly large number of students

writing in for information to research for their work. In all it just goes to show what a powerful medium television is . . . and also just what a powerful medium football is too!

Of course, it all revolves around what happens on a Saturday afternoon out on the pitch. After all that is where the action takes place. And we all like to be associated with success. But at this club I must say the players are active all week and in my mind they are the most important salesmen on my staff!

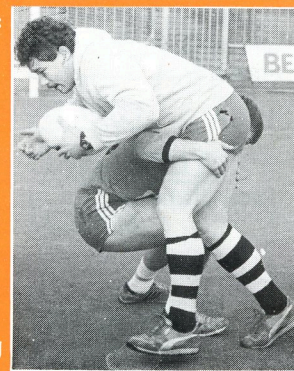
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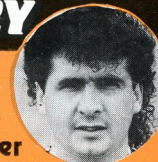
(Photos: Gareth Owen)



• The show goes on: Even with a broken nose Andy King managed to chat his way through a BBC Radio Bedfordshire interview with John Smith! Also pictured this week are some rugby players from Widnes Rugby Club, Kurt Sorrensen and Richie Eyres, and juggling ladies testing our magic carpet.



CAPTAIN'S DIARY



with Steve Foster

KNOCKS AND STRAINS

What a week for us all. Four games in eight days, six in a fortnight, if you include today's match against Oxford United. No wonder we have one or two knocks and strains to nurse along these days! And I should think quite a lot of our fans are feeling the strain too—you have given us quite superb backing.

After all the FA Cup exploits, we are back hunting league points today against Oxford United. I hope Mike Newell—who made his breakthrough to international football when he was called in to the England under-21 squad to travel to Denmark this week—has arrived back fit and raring to go.

Selection

Strangely, Mike was not an original selection for the squad. Mitchell Thomas was—and never went. And Ricky Hill was another late addition to the squad as an over-age player—but he was forced to withdraw too only 24 hours after being called up, because of the Everton replay.

We are expecting another very hard game today (they all are in the First Division) against one of the most-improved sides this year. But we fancy a really high finish in the league to enable us to qualify for a European position if it becomes possible. And anything is possible. . . .

ALL SMILES



• How's that: Mark Stein celebrates our second goal against Everton last week. Mark's emergence has been a big bonus this week.



THE HARDEST SANDWICH IN FOOTBALL?

• Steve Foster and Peter Reid relaxed with one of our young fans after last week's FA Cup-tie with Everton.

Junior Hatters



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A lot of football in the last two weeks!

What a lot of football we have been playing in the last two weeks. We have played Sheffield Wednesday, Arsenal twice, in Cup replays, Everton in two Cup ties and today we welcome to Kenilworth Road Oxford United who are new to the First Division this season and have beaten some of the top teams. We will have a lot on our hands today.

As Easter is only a few weeks away, I am going to give away 12 Easter eggs to the first 12 Junior Hatters who can make as many words as they can out of the name Luton Town Football Club by using only four letters in each word. I

will start you off with one of the words it is (boot).

This competition is only open to Junior Hatters' members. All entries to be sent to Bev Tyler at Luton Town by Monday, March 24th. You must put your membership number on your entry please. See you all at next week's game when we play Everton again! Cheers us on today.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Arsenal	26	19	5	2	90	20	43
2 Chelsea	28	19	3	6	84	23	41
3 West Ham	26	19	3	4	90	44	41
4 Watford	26	15	5	6	62	32	35
5 Norwich	29	15	5	9	53	30	35
6 Tottenham	27	16	3	8	61	38	35
7 Luton	30	14	6	10	39	38	34
8 QPR	27	14	4	9	58	43	32
9 Oxford Utd	29	13	5	11	62	46	31
10 Ipswich	27	13	4	10	47	41	30
11 Millwall	24	12	2	10	39	43	26
12 Bristol R.	24	10	4	10	43	47	24
13 Southampton	26	8	7	11	45	58	23
14 C. Palace	26	9	5	12	41	60	23
15 Charlton A.	26	10	2	14	46	57	22
16 Birmingham	26	9	4	13	35	59	22
17 Brighton	27	6	4	17	24	56	16
18 Portsmouth	26	6	5	15	27	40	15
19 Fulham	24	6	2	16	33	63	14
20 Reading	23	5	4	14	26	66	14
21 Swindon	25	3	5	17	42	81	11
22 Swansea	26	4	1	21	17	85	9

Portsmouth has two points deducted for playing an ineligible player against Crystal Palace.
(up to and including Mon. March 3th)

APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

App	Gls	App	Gls
Sealey	5	Tuite	11
Johnson R.	20	Berry	3
Harvey	17	Scott	9
McEvoy	23	Farrell	4
Elliott	12	Black	14
Johnson M.	13	Lewis	5
Cobb	28	Daniel	21
Stein M.	22	Parker	21
Oldfield	30	Ferguson	1
Grimes	26	North S.	22
Dibble	22	Farrell	4
Tighe	4	King	7
North M.	15	Newell	4
Preece	1	Scott	9

FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES

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
A Jan 4	Arsenal	0-3
H Jan 11	Charlton Athletic	1-0
A Jan 21	Ipswich Town	2-1
H Jan 25	West Ham	3-0
H Feb 1	Bristol Rovers	2-2
A Feb 15	Swansea	0-1
H Feb 22	Oxford	1-2
H Feb 26	Millwall	0-1
H Mar 3	Birmingham	1-3

Youth Team

Farrell at the double

Luton Town 3 Bournemouth 0

Two more goals from the prolific Sean Farrell and one from Paul Lewis steered the Town Youth team to a comfortable victory over their South Coast rivals last Saturday.

In front of a bumper Cup-tie crowd at Kenilworth Road, the young Hatters' team provided top-class entertainment and proved they had the nerve to stand up to the big-match atmosphere.

For Farrell, his goals carried him to a total for the season of 28 while Lewis's goal was his 12th. The win lifted the team well into the title race again.

Team: Luton—Jones, James, Harvey, Berry, Johnson, Barker, Kennedy, Lewis, Farrell, Tighe, Scott. Subs: Philpott, Poutch.

TOP CLASS YOUNGSTERS



John Kennedy

Ian Scott

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

App	Goals	App	Goals
Oldfield	4	Tighe	23
Jones	23	Philpot	15
Bone	9	Connor	5
James	22	Sullivan	4
Barker	20	Harvey	13
Berry	21	Johnson	14
Scott	17	Cobb	4
Rees	2	Tuite	15
Bowden	3	Black	5
Farrell	20	McEvoy	2
Kennedy	21	Chapman	8
Lewis	21	McLean	1
Pouch	16	Thomas	4
Williams	4	Marks	1
Cotterall	2	Milne	1
Hyde	1	Lyne	1
Gyalog	2	Own goal	1

Introducing Oxford United



Welcome to Oxford United, enjoying their first season in Division One and within a whiff of Wembley in the Milk Cup after holding Aston Villa to a 2-2 draw in Birmingham in the first leg of their semi-final.

Backed by the ambitions of millionaire publisher Robert Maxwell, they have achieved an incredible feat in climbing into the top flight of English soccer only 23 years after joining the league at the expense of Accrington Stanley.

Successive championship triumphs in the Third Division and Second Division have carried Oxford up and, now, under the calm guidance of shrewd manager Maurice Evans, they are consolidating sensibly if a little too near the bottom for comfort.

After a long spell without an away win, Oxford have recently broken their duck with a vengeance and will come to Kenilworth Road today intent on more than emulating the 1-1 draw when we met at the Manor Ground last October.

Players likely to be on duty today:

Malcolm Shotton—Born in February, 1957, Malcolm was signed from Nuneaton Borough for £20,000 in 1980 after earlier being discarded by Leicester. Now made more than 200 appearances for Oxford.

Neil Slatter—Born in Cardiff in May, 1964, Welsh international defender Neil joined Oxford from Bristol Rovers for £70,000 in 1985.

Gary Briggs—Born in June 1959, Gary came from Middlesbrough in July 1978 for £12,500—the first fee decided by a tribunal. Now made more than 300 league appearances at the heart of the Oxford defence.

Kevin Brock—Born September 1962, England under-21 midfielder Kevin joined Oxford from school and has developed into a fine attacking prospect.

John Aldridge—Born September 1958, John has become one of the hottest goalscorers in the country since moving to Oxford from Newport for £70,000 in 1984 and is currently the First Division's second-highest scorer.



Back row, from left: Andy Thomas, Jim Hicks (now Fulham), Steve Hardwick, Gary Briggs, Alan Judge, Jeremy Charles, John Dreyer.

Middle row: Ken Fish (Trainer), Billy Hamilton, Gary Barnett (now Fulham), David Langan, Sean Reck, David Fogg, Mark Jones, Neil Slatter, Trevor Hebbard, Peter Rhoades-Brown, John Aldridge, Ray Graydon (Asst. Manager).

Front row: John Trewick, Bobby McDonald, Malcolm Shotton (capt), Maurice Evans (Manager), Kevin Brock, Les Phillips, Brian McDermott.



Alan Judge makes a welcome return to Kenilworth Road today as Oxford United's current first-choice goalkeeper and with the experience of some exciting Milk Cup tie action behind him this season. Born in Kingsbury in May, 1960, Alan came to Kenilworth Road as an amateur before becoming a professional. He played 11 league games for the Town mostly as deputy for Jake Findlay before going on loan to Reading in September 1982. The transfer was completed in November and he later followed manager Maurice Evans to the Manor Ground in return for a £10,000 fee in 1984.

Trevor Hebbard—Born June 1958, Trevor is a versatile midfielder who joined Oxford after a career with Southampton and American club Washington Diplomats.

Les Phillips—Born January 1963, Londoner Les began with Birmingham and joined Oxford for £5,000 in March 1984.

Peter Rhoades-Brown—Born January 1962, Peter is a winger who made a big impact at Chelsea but then faded. He joined Oxford for £85,000 in 1984.

Andy Thomas—Born December 1962, Andy is an attacking midfielder who has developed at Oxford after loan spells with Fulham and Derby.

John Trewick—Former England youth international John was born in June 1957. He began with WBA and then joined Newcastle for £250,000 before moving to Oxford on a free transfer in 1984.

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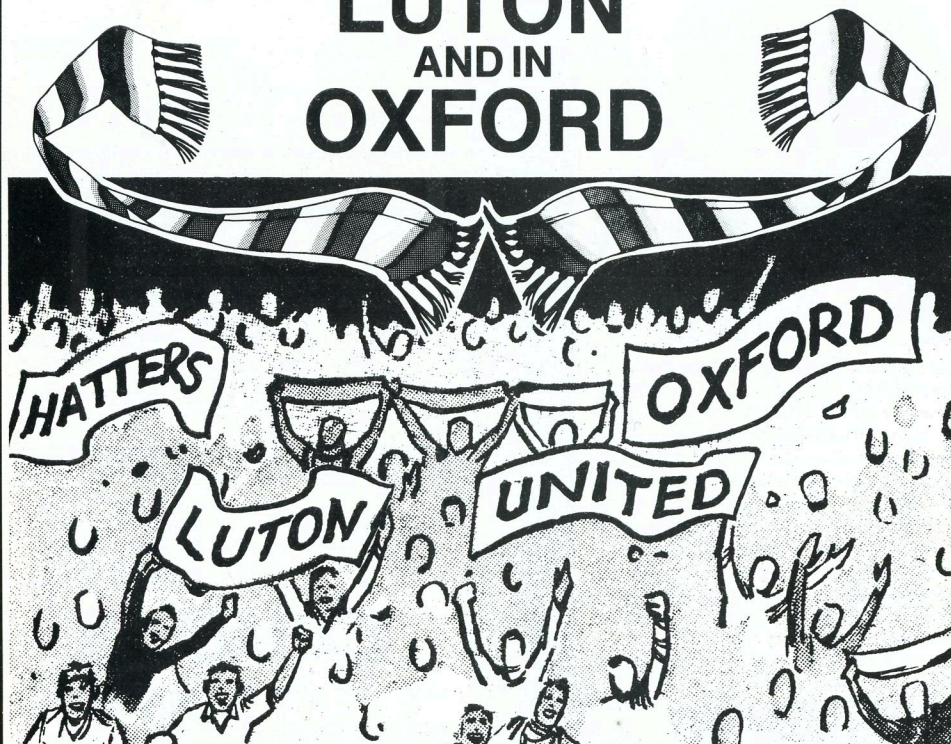
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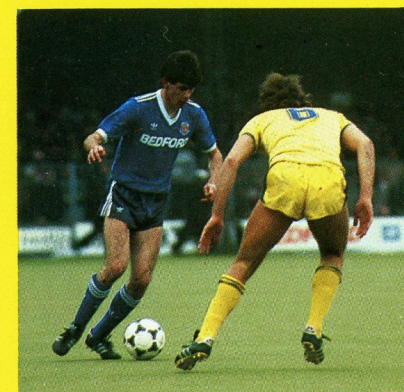


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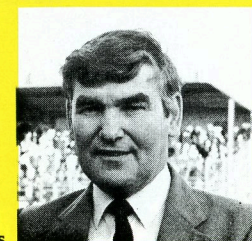
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AROUND the TOWN
Extra



Congratulations and welcome: Well done to Mike Newell who played for England U-21 in Denmark on Wednesday and welcome to Milk Cup finalists Alan Judge and manager Maurice Evans.

Alan Judge



Maurice Evans

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Views from the MEDIA

A marvellous, exciting Cup-tie

Last Saturday's tremendous FA Cup sixth round tie here against Everton revived memories of last season's semi-final at Villa Park and also earned the Town a well-deserved share of the national limelight for holding the league champions to a 2-2 draw. Here is a selection of comments from the media on that game:

The Sunday Express: "Tiredness showed in Luton's eyes. Four matches in eight days had taken full toll. And losing a two-goal lead to champions Everton in their most commanding mood did nothing for the spirit. But there was defiance. Their expressive manager, David Pleat, emerged from a depressed dressing-room to sound the clarion of another brave Luton charge into the Goodison Park replay on Wednesday.

He knew his young players had given their supporters everything and he seemed to be coaxing them towards another semi-final when he said: 'This tie is not over. Wednesday

is another match and another day. I am disappointed but not with my players, who have played so many intense games.'

"Whatever happens in the remake of an epic on Wednesday, the original will remain for along time with those who were at Kenilworth Road. They saw a sixth round tie of such marvellous play, and spirit, that the guardians of the game should make a video recording available to every football club, youth club and school."

Pulsating quarter-final

Mail on Sunday: "Everton's dream of an FA Cup and League championship double was on the brink of extinction until Heath was introduced in the 65th minute of this pulsating quarter-final."

The Sunday Times: "Going a couple of goals behind, somewhat illogically, Everton proved for the second time in a week what a resourceful, resilient Cup team they are."

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Alan Slough scored his 28th and final league goal for the Town in a 2—1 defeat at Oxford in April 1973 before leaving for Fulham with whom he reached the FA Cup final. A fine clubman, Alan made 274 league appearances for Luton between 1963 and 1973.



THE LUTON TOWN STORY



All Our

OXFORD United did not join the Football League until 1962 when they replaced Accrington Stanley, but even so our paths have since crossed only infrequently. Our first league meeting was in 1970-71 when, following a rather inauspicious start to the season, whilst we found our feet in Division Two, we came up against Oxford on September 1st, 1970.

The previous Saturday, Malcolm Macdonald had converted a late penalty at St. Andrews to secure a 1—1 draw against a strong Birmingham side. The result proved that manager Alec Stock was assembling a strong team and finding his strongest formation.

The team gelled completely against Oxford with Luton romping home 4—0 after being 3—0 up at half-time. Matt Tees and Malcolm Macdonald each scored twice to send the 16,173 crowd home happy.

That win proved to be a springboard for another successful season when promotion dreams only subsided at Easter following three straight defeats.

The following season was a complete anticlimax after four immensely fruitful years and our early season draw at the Manor Ground was one of six from our first seven outings. This sort of form together with the fact that we lost at home to Oxford 2—1 in a miserable game in February 1972 just about summed up our year.

The next season was peculiar in as much that we won seven of our first 10 away games, but struggled to win at home. Early season visitors Oxford soaked up a tremendous amount of pressure, but sneaked a breakway second-half goal to win 1—0.

The last Town away game that season was rather significant for a number of Town players. In losing 2—1 at Oxford, Alan Slough scored in his final game for the club and Viv Busby and Ken Goodeve were also appearing for the last time.

(continued on next page)

PRODUCTION delays have unfortunately put back the expected delivery of the second edition of the official club history *The Luton Town Story 1885-1985*. It was hoped to arrive within the last week, but is now expected at the end of the month. We hope these problems do not over-frustrate the many fans who are waiting patiently for an opportunity to buy a copy of the centenary history after missing out on the first edition which sold out in three months last year.

Today's visitors Oxford United play only a small part in the Town's 100-year history as they did not join the league until 1962, but our meetings have nevertheless remained memorable, with the "U's" holding a slight advantage to date on results.

Oxford, of course, do earn mention in the club history written by author Timothy Collings who has included fully-researched sections on the great games, players, managers, directors and staff. The book also includes a fully-researched statistical section by club statistician Roger Wash.

The ideal gift

The book includes sketches of the great players, pen pictures of the managers and directors and a fully-researched statistical section produced by club statistician Roger Wash.

It is the ideal gift for any Town fan, old or young, and will doubtless be in great demand again. Make sure you are one of the first to buy a copy if you missed out last year.

Alan Judge is currently between the posts for today's visitors Oxford United after an apprenticeship at Kenilworth Road and graduation at Reading. He made 11 appearances for the Town before moving on in 1982 and is currently enjoying the most successful period of his career.



Andy King scored for the Town during a 3—2 victory over Oxford at Kenilworth Road on Boxing Day 1975, the only season in which we have achieved a double against them. It was his ninth league goal of the season and third in three games.



Yesterdays

On the other side of the coin, Phil O'Connor, who was tragically killed in a road accident in Australia recently, made his full league debut and Paul Price appeared in the side for the first time as a substitute.

The 1973-74 season marked our return to the First Division at the season's end, but not before Oxford United almost put a spanner in the works. Both games that year were played over Easter and on Good Friday, thousands of Luton supporters swelled the Manor crowd to a best-of-the-season 13,464. Despite the virtual home game atmosphere, the Town struggled to a 1—1 draw with Jim Ryan scoring the Luton goal.

The following Tuesday, the

return at Kenilworth Road saw Oxford score an early goal and then content themselves to frustrate the Town attack and crowd to hold out for a win to help stave off the threat of relegation. Brilliant performances by goalkeeper Roy Burton were a feature of both games.

It must be said that we bounced back from this defeat to beat Millwall on the following Saturday and to secure promotion with a fighting 1—1 draw at WBA seven days later.

Our stay in Division One was of short duration, however, and on our return to the Second Division we found Oxford fighting relegation again. We met on Boxing Day in 1975. A vivid recollection is of John Faulkner entering the

A summary of our league matches against Oxford United (Luton score first)

	Home	Away
1970-71	4—0	1—2
1971-72	1—2	1—1
1972-73	0—1	1—2
1973-74	0—1	1—1
1975-76	3—2	3—1
1985-86	—	1—1

Overall summary of results:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	5	2	0	3	8	6
Away	6	1	3	2	8	8
Total	11	3	3	5	16	14

Club statistician: Roger Wash

Christmas spirit and leading out the Town team wearing a black wig!

This did not detract from a fine performance that saw Luton take a 3—0 lead through a pair of goals from Ron Futch and one from a then-young Andy King before conceding two late "Christmas" goals and leaving the crowd howling for the final whistle.

Our final away game that season took us to the Manor Ground where we knocked the final nail in the coffin in winning 3—1 and consigning the home team to the Third Division. A screamer from Steve Buckley sent us on our way and second-half goals followed from Lil Fuccillo and Jimmy Husband.

● Flashback to our league match at Oxford last year when Brian Stein scored in a 1—1 draw.



UPDATE

Canon League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Everton	31	12	2	2	42	15	8	3	4	29	20	65
2 Liverpool	32	12	4	1	40	14	5	5	5	23	21	60
3 Manchester U.	30	10	3	2	26	6	8	2	5	26	18	59
4 Chelsea	28	12	1	2	28	14	5	5	3	18	15	57
5 Arsenal	29	10	3	1	20	9	5	4	6	18	23	52
6 West Ham	26	9	2	1	28	10	6	4	4	14	14	51
7 Luton Town	31	9	5	1	27	8	5	4	7	21	25	51
8 Sheffield Wed	30	9	4	2	30	23	5	3	7	19	23	49
9 Nottingham F.	30	8	2	5	28	20	6	2	7	24	23	46
10 Newcastle	29	8	3	3	26	19	4	6	5	16	24	45
11 Tottenham	31	8	1	7	35	20	4	4	7	12	18	41
12 Manchester C.	32	7	5	4	21	19	4	3	9	15	23	41
13 Southampton	31	10	4	2	28	11	1	3	11	12	30	40
14 Watford	27	9	2	2	30	14	2	4	8	16	29	39
15 Coventry City	32	4	4	8	27	30	5	4	7	17	26	35
16 QPR	32	8	3	5	21	14	2	1	13	11	37	34
17 Leicester City	30	6	7	3	31	25	2	2	10	12	29	33
18 Oxford Utd.	30	5	4	5	23	18	2	4	10	22	39	29
19 Ipswich Town	30	5	4	7	15	20	3	1	9	8	22	29
20 Aston Villa	30	2	6	7	16	22	3	4	8	16	27	25
21 Birmingham C.	32	5	1	10	11	17	2	3	11	12	34	25
22 West Brom.	31	2	4	8	13	27	1	3	13	12	46	16

League table as March 13th, 1986

LEAGUE, and CUP APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

	League		Milk Cup		FA Cup	
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
T. Breacker	26		3		2	
A. Dibble	7					
M. Donaghy	31		3		7	
P. Elliott	3(3)					
S. Foster	25	2	3		7	1
A. Grimes	2(1)		(1)		1	
M. Harford	28	16	2		7	3
R. Hill	28	2	3	1	7	2
R. Johnson	6		1		5	
P. Nicholas	30		2		7	
E. Nwajobi	17(1)	4	3	1		
G. Parker	4(4)		1		(1)	
D. Preece	30	1	2	1	7	1
B. Stein	29	14	3	1	3	1
M. Thomas	30	1	2		7	
M. Stein	1				3	2
L. Sealey	24		3		7	
M. North	9(3)	3	1	1	4(1)	1
R. Daniel	1(2)	1	1			
A. King	2				3	
S. North	1					
M. Newell	6	3				
Own goal	1					2

(up to and including March 13th)

Luton Town

	FA	Att	Pos	1
Aug 17 Nottingham Forest	1-1	11,381	—	Dibble
Aug 21 Newcastle United	2-2	21,304	—	Dibble
Aug 24 West Ham United	1-0	14,104	8	Dibble
Aug 27 Arsenal	2-2	10,012	10	Dibble
Aug 31 Aston Villa	1-3	10,524	12	Dibble
Sept 7 Chelsea	1-1	10,720	15	Dibble
Sept 14 Everton	0-2	26,419	16	Dibble
Sept 21 Queens Park Rangers	2-0	9,508	14	Sealey
Sept 24 Sheffield United (MC 2r 1)	2-1	8,943	—	Sealey
Sept 28 Sheffield Wednesday	2-3	17,887	15	Sealey
Oct 1 Ipswich Town	1-0	8,553	14	Sealey
Oct 5 Manchester United	1-1	17,454	14	Sealey
Oct 8 Sheffield Utd (MC 2r 2)	3-1	5,660	—	Sealey
Oct 12 Oxford United	1-1	10,626	14	Sealey
Oct 19 Southampton	7-0	8,876	13	Sealey
Oct 26 Liverpool	2-3	31,488	13	Sealey
Oct 29 Norwich City (MC 3rd)	0-2	8,202	—	Sealey
Nov 2 Birmingham City	2-0	8,550	10	Sealey
Nov 9 Tottenham Hotspur	3-1	19,163	10	Sealey
Nov 16 Coventry City	0-1	9,607	11	Sealey
Nov 23 Watford	2-1	16,107	8	Sealey
Nov 30 Manchester City	2-1	10,096	8	Sealey
Dec 7 Newcastle United	2-0	10,319	7	Sealey
Dec 14 Nottingham Forest	0-2	12,078	8	Sealey
Dec 21 West Ham United	0-0	14,599	8	Sealey
Dec 26 West Bromwich Albion	2-1	12,508	8	Sealey
Dec 28 Ipswich Town	1-1	15,604	8	Sealey
Jan 1 Leicester City	3-1	10,917	8	Sealey
Jan 4 Crystal Palace (FAC3)	2-1	9,886	—	Sealey
Jan 11 Chelsea	0-1	21,102	8	Sealey
Jan 18 Aston Villa	2-0	10,217	7	Sealey
Jan 25 Bristol R. (FAC4)	4-0	12,463	—	Sealey
Feb 1 Arsenal	1-2	22,326	7	Sealey
Feb 8 Southampton	2-1	13,740	6	Sealey
Feb 15 Arsenal (FAC5)	2-2	15,799	—	Sealey
Feb 22 Queens Park Rangers	1-1	16,252	6	Sealey
Mar 1 Sheffield Wednesday	1-0	10,206	6	Sealey
Mar 3 Arsenal (FAC5-replay)	0-0	26,547	—	Sealey
Mar 5 Arsenal (FAC5-replay)	3-0	13,251	—	Sealey
Mar 8 Everton (FAC6)	2-2	15,529	—	Sealey
Mar 12 Everton (FAC6-replay)	1-0	44,264	—	Sealey
Mar 15 Oxford United				
Mar 19 Manchester Utd				
Mar 22 Everton				
Mar 29 Leicester City				
April 1 West Bromwich Albion				
April 5 Birmingham City (FAC s/f)				
April 12 Tottenham Hotspur				
April 16 Liverpool				
April 19 Coventry City				
April 26 Watford				
May 3 Manchester City				

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Breacker	Johnson R.	Daniel	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajobi	Parker	Grimes
Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford1	Nwajobi	Preece	Grimes
Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill1	Stein B.1	Harford1	Nwajobi	Preece	Elliott
Breacker*	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajobi	Preece	Parker
Breacker	Thomas1	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajobi	Preece	Daniel +
Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.2	Harford	Nwajobi*	Preece	Daniel
Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford1	King*	Preece	North M.1
Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	King*	Preece	North M.
Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	King*	Preece	King
Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford1	North M.	Preece	Johnson R.
Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	North M.1	Preece	Johnson R.
Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	North S.	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	North M.1	Preece	Johnson R.
Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford3	North M.	Preece	King
Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	North M.	Preece1	Johnson R.
Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Newell	North M.	Preece	Daniel
Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Newell1	North M.	Grimes	King
Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill1	Stein B.	Harford1	North M.1	Preece	King +
Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford1	Newell*	Preece	North M.
Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Newell1	Preece	Johnson R.
Johnson R.	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill1	Stein B.*	Harford1	North M.	Preece	Parker
Johnson R.	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Newell1	Harford	North M.	Preece	Breacker
Johnson R.	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Newell	Harford1	North M.	Preece	Daniel
Johnson R.	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	King	Harford	North M.	Preece	Grimes
Johnson R.	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster1	Donaghy	Hill	Stein M.1	Harford	King	Preece	Grimes +
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Leading League and Cup goalscorers

33—Lineker (Everton)
 23—Aldridge (Oxford)
 22—Newell (Luton—19 for Wigan)
 21—Dixon (Chelsea), McAvennie (West Ham), Rush (Liverpool)
 19—Harford (Luton)
 18—Walsh (Liverpool)
 (up to March 14th)

MC = Milk Cup FAC = Fa Cup * Indicates player substituted • Substitute used Home fixtures in bold Scorers name in bold + Own goal

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1 Les Sealey	1 Alan Judge
2 Rob Johnson	2 John Trewick
3 Mitchell Thomas	3 Neil Slatter
4 Peter Nicholas	4 Les Phillips
5 Steve Foster	5 Gary Briggs
6 Mal Donaghy	6 Malcolm Shotton
7 Ricky Hill	7 Ray Houghton
8 Mark Stein	8 John Aldridge
9 Mick Harford	9 Jeremy Charles
10 Mike Newell	10 Trevor Hebbard
11 David Preece	11 Peter Rhoades-Brown
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