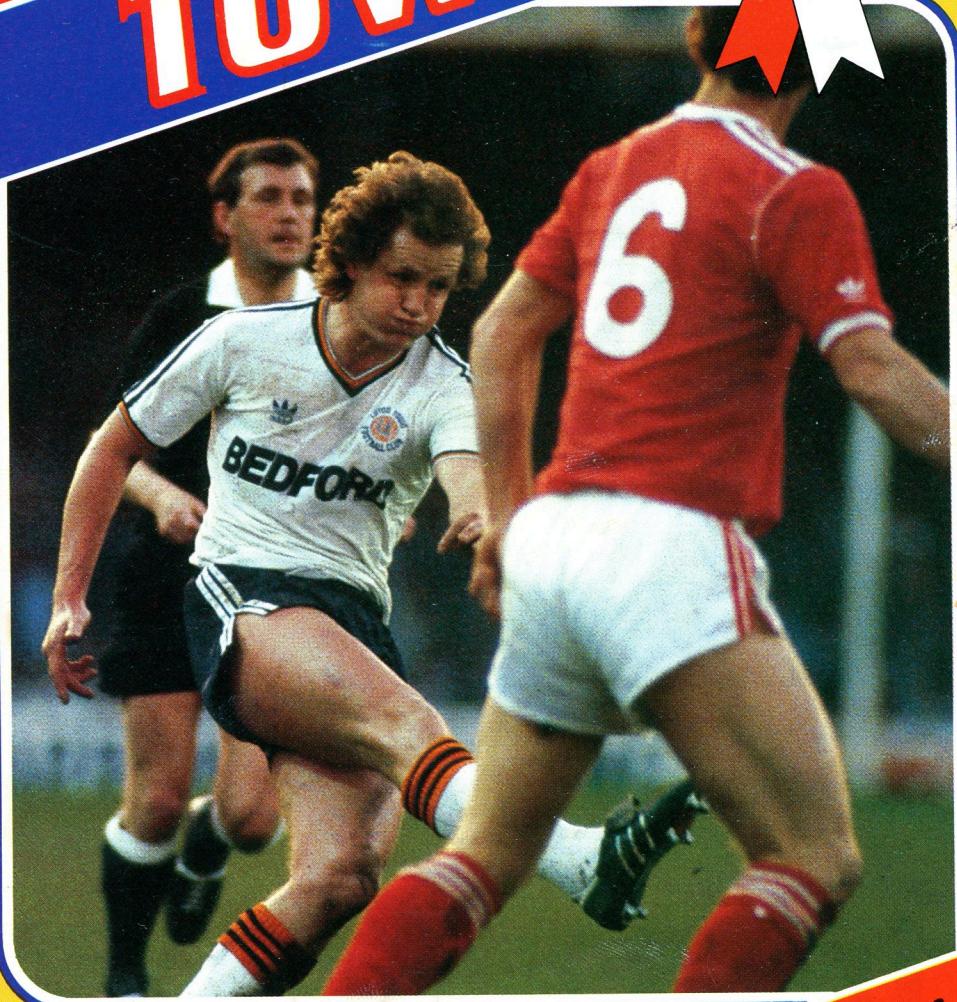


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● Powerhouse: Peter Nicholas has been in superb form in the Town midfield this season and will be hunting his first goal today.

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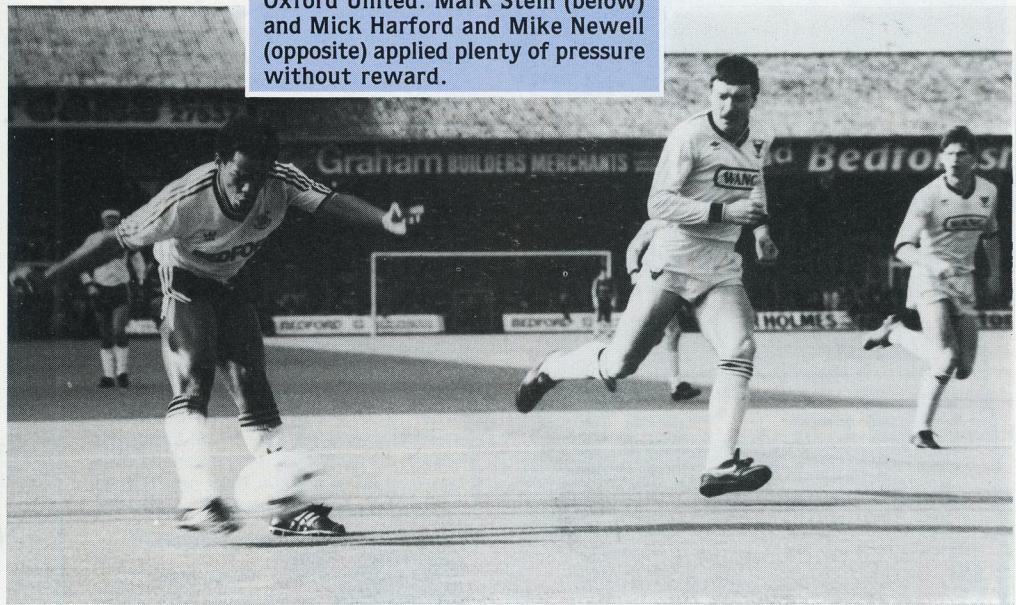
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● Pressing in vain: Despite David Preece's accurate free-kick (top) last Saturday, we were unable to beat Oxford United. Mark Stein (below) and Mick Harford and Mike Newell (opposite) applied plenty of pressure without reward.



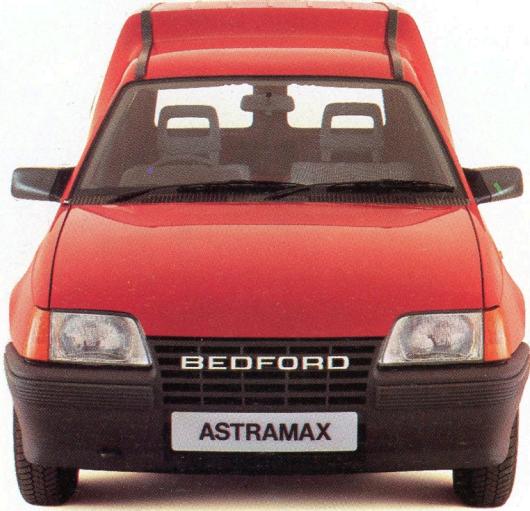
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## 100 Years On

WELCOME back to Everton. They have twice been the thorn in our side in the last two seasons' FA Cup competitions, but we shall progress steadily and become good enough to reverse those disappointments.

The secret of any successful club is continuity and the stability of the team. Last season, Everton carried all before them with the same side that fans could roll off the tongue. When Spurs and Arsenal in 1961 and 1971 won the double, everyone could name their team. It was the same each week. Liverpool's success in the 1970's was founded on a settled side week after week.

Of course, injuries can ruin the best-laid plans. Manchester United have received much sympathy this season as they have lost vital players like Robson and Moses. The big city sides have the squads to counter these problems—it is not easy for a club chasing the game on 10,000 crowds in the First Division to have internationals in reserve. But that is the very challenge that makes such jobs more demanding and rewarding.

### Home-produced players

At Manchester Utd on Wednesday now fewer than eight of our players joined Luton as their first senior club. Johnson, Stacey North, Donaghy, Thomas, were our solid back four—Hill, Brecker and Daniel in midfield and Mark Stein up front. We shall continue to keep producing our own players.

However, if we see a good value-for-money player we shall endeavour, with the board's support, to supplement our youth policy. We will never be in the market for £500,000 players, but we shall continue to give honest

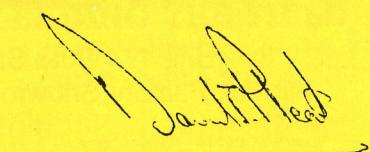


skillful players the platform to further their ambitions with us.

We are optimistic that Emeka Nwajiobi and Brian Stein will soon be fit enough to join Mick Harford and Mike Newell to compete for places. Mark Stein and Marc North have made excellent progress—their opportunities have been a real bonus.

Finally, thank you to those wonderful people that went to Old Trafford on Wednesday. It was just another chapter in our education.

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## GirlTalk ARE THE CLUBS SERIOUS?

Football clubs are increasingly worried about the destructive image, propagated by the media, of football grounds as dangerous places—and are keen to attract females and families. Women and girls are far less likely to be violent than men and boys; lads are less likely to cause trouble if their girl friends or sisters are with them, or their mothers are watching them; and if football is perceived as family entertainment then it will not even attract those bent on causing trouble.

I sometimes wonder, though, how serious clubs are in their intention to appeal to women. Could they do more? The stadiums themselves are often woefully inadequate, with even basic amenities such as toilets and tea bars often being either spartan or non-existent. The personnel the female comes into contact with at grounds are too often male—hardly conducive to making her feel at home.

### Sexist

The programmes, too, are often unhelpful in this respect. In Ipswich's, for example, the only reference to women is the sexist cartoon female in short, tight football kit—hardly a positive image with which female fans could identify. And are we really any better with "Luton Strikers"?

Women have a high profile at Arsenal and Watford, for example, by organising the "Junior Gunners" and Family Enclosure. More clubs should follow their example and extend the areas where females are employed beyond the decorative hostess for businessmen or pre-match spectacle for ogling male fans. Once women are commonly seen in positions of responsibility and authority, the average female will not view football as a male preserve, and she is more likely to be attracted to grounds—and bring her family with her.

Gale Waller

**Editor:** The views expressed by Gale are those held by her and not representative of the club. What do other female Town fans think? Please write to air your views. Contributions to:

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## My big city blues...

Dear Sir,  
Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I have sent to Liverpool FC regarding our artificial pitch. I am in agreement with the stand which Luton are making.  
Mrs. Mary Keegan

Letter sent to Liverpool

Dear Mr. Smith,  
Do you really think it is fair that large clubs should be allowed to dictate to everyone else as to what should or should not be allowed? Just stop to think for a moment how much money you make on one home game compared to the smaller clubs in the First Division. They need the extra money which synthetic surfaces enable them to earn just to survive.

If famous clubs like Liverpool hadn't ruined the game in the first place by forcing the price of players up to a ridiculous level then no club would be in the position which we all find ourselves in today—with astronomically high wages and transfer fees.

Of course the likes of Liverpool and Everton can have such attendances—look at the money they have to spend on players! It's like Princess Diana trying to dress on my clotting allowance for Luton to compete with Liverpool. YOU try to manage on what Luton have to survive on each week and I expect it would be a different story then.

## Family

We all, as a family, enjoy watching football and going to First Division matches. At least my children feel safe in a Family Enclosure, Luton are a good team with the interests of football at heart—don't close them down.

I agree that the surface of the QPR pitch is not good or true, but they were the first to try it. Can you say Luton's pitch is not good or has not got good bounce. Liverpool have, as yet, not even played there. Any player I've heard on the TV that has played on it has nothing but good to say about it. Don't condemn Luton as the same as QPR—it isn't.

Small clubs need extra revenue. Synthetic surfaces provide it. Think carefully as to what you are doing. Many clubs will go out of business. The children of today want football for tomorrow. My son adores going to a football match—why not let other children adore more clubs. It is much harder for a child to support small clubs than big names but at least they can watch their own idols in "the flesh". If you have your way Liverpool and Everton will be playing each other along with Man Utd and not many more.

What about everybody south of Birmingham—we like football too.

Mary Keegan

## Thank-you

Dear Sir,  
Thank-you very much for your concern and kindness in reserving two tickets for Saturday's Cup game against Everton.

My girlfriend and I enjoyed the whole experience of being in the main stand, which gave us a great view of the match.

Best wishes to you and your staff.

Kevin Flynn,  
Bedford.

## Ticket complaints

Dear Sir,  
I am writing to complain about your method of selling tickets for the Cup game against Everton. I have been supporting Luton for four years and for the last two I have always stood on the Oak Road terrace, middle section.

I appreciate the fact that the time between the Arsenal game and the Everton game was very short and tickets were in high demand.

As I am only 16 and still at school I was only able to get my ticket for the Everton game at lunchtime on Thursday. However, when I arrived with my friend we were appalled to hear that the middle section had been sold out. This seemed unfair to me because I attend almost every home game and frequently travel away and I am forced to stand in a foreign part of the ground whilst floaters

and armchair fans who were able to get to the ground early have obtained good tickets.

Isn't there some way of identifying regular and loyal fans such as the Oak Roaders who turn up at every game?

Gavin Muge

Editor: The general view was that we dealt very fairly with ticket allocation. Please turn to Club Comment on page 25 for a fuller explanation.

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## Blue light for magic carpet

Dear Sir,  
Thank you very much for the opportunity to visit Luton FC last Thursday. It was a most enjoyable afternoon for all concerned.

We have over the past few years played quite a lot of artificial surfaces both at home and abroad, but the feeling was that yours by far was the most comfortable and complimentary to players.

Some of us are narrow-minded and suspicious of changes but if we are to overcome the many challenges to our game then changes both on and off are very necessary. Your pitch will, I feel sure make more believers eventually than it will non-believers. Good luck to you and your club.

Vic Rourke,  
Metropolitan Police FC

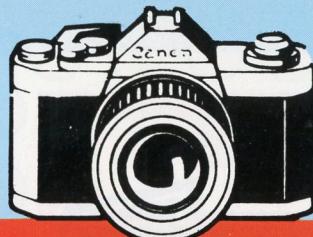
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## Luton News



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## First Team ACTION

**Luton Town 1 Oxford United 2**  
After all the excitement of the FA Cup ties it was something of an anti-climax to return to Canon League action against Oxford last week when fatigue and bubbling opposition combined to bring the Town only their third home defeat of the season.

Oxford, who had clinched their place in the Milk Cup final only three days earlier, were still riding on a high.

It was no surprise, however, when Luton took the lead in the 15th minute through a perfectly-placed curled free-kick from David Preece.

### Penalty dummy

Oxford retaliated with several brisk attacks and several times had the Town defence in some disarray before they finally equalised through a penalty by John Aldridge. This time Peter Nicholas was adjudged to have fouled Aldridge, who dummied Les Sealey with a break in his run.

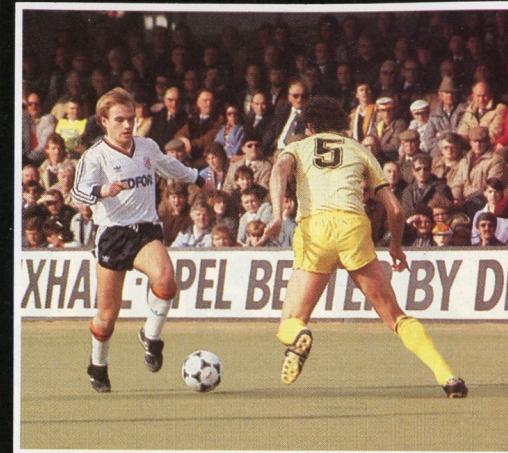
On the hour, Oxford took the lead when a long ball forward from Peter Rhoades-Brown enabled Jeremy Charles to burst between Mal Donagh and Mitchell Thomas and roll his shot wide of Sealey.

The visitors might have added to their total, but for spectacular goal-line clearances, notably one by Steve Foster from Ray Houghton.

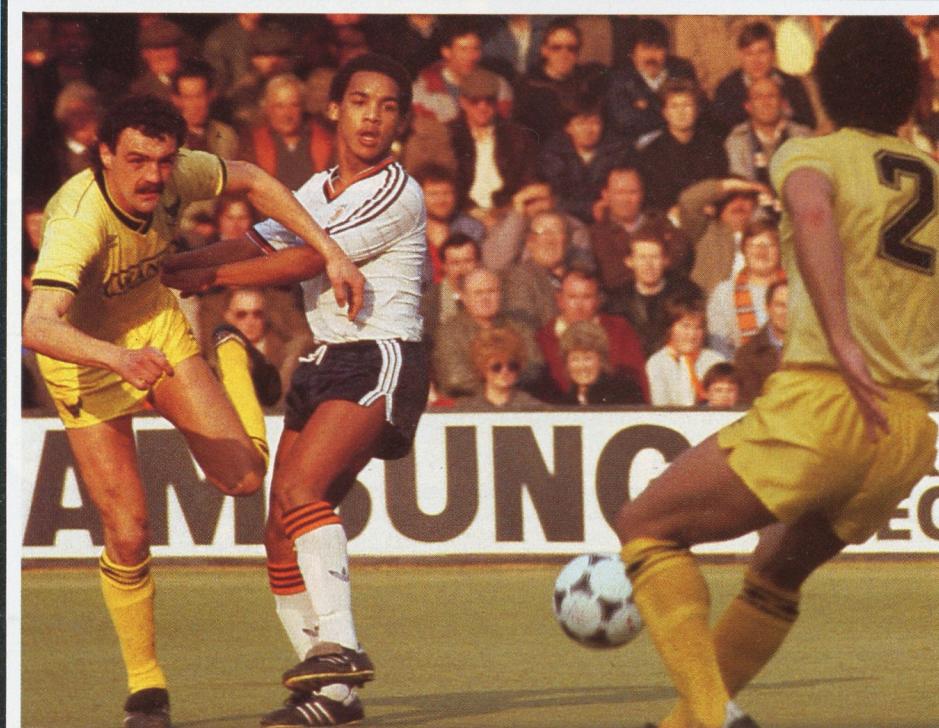
Teams: Luton—Sealey, Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donagh, Hill, Stein M. (sub North 72 mins), Harford, Newell, Preece.

Oxford: Judge, Trewick, Slatter, Phillips, Briggs, Shotton, Houghton, Aldridge, Charles (sub Thomas 69 mins), Hebbard, Rhoades-Brown.

Ref: Colin Downey (Hounslow).



## ACTION REPLAY from Kenilworth Road



No luck: Peter Nicholas and Mark Stein were out of luck last week when Oxford won 2-1.

(Photos: Gareth Owen)

**GEOFF EVANS**

# ViEWS

## from the fans

Originally from Eaton Bray—where his parents still live—Geoff Evans, 34, played South Midlands football with Eaton Bray in the early seventies. He worked as an apprentice with "Kent Instruments" Biscot Road, Luton, and then moved as a Services Engineer in 1972. He has since developed his own business in Worksop. Today he gives his views on long-distance supporting of Luton Town and talks about his unique banners in the Bobbers Stand.

"Supporting 'The Hatters' from 120 miles up the M1 has obvious disadvantages. But supporting one of the most attractive teams brings its own 'reward'. What makes people support clubs some distance away, when successful teams like Nottingham Forest and Sheffield Wednesday are only half-an-hour's drive from home? Well, in my case it's because once it's in the blood, it's difficult to rid the system of the obsession!"

"I was initiated into regular 'Town' action by the likes of Bruce Riach, John O'Rourke, Graham French and his rival for the No. 7 shirt at that time—our every own 'Messiah'—David Pleat.

**Stability**

"What Luton Town FC and David Pleat in particular, have achieved during that time is nothing short of miraculous. The stability brought to the club over the past decade has resulted in a gradual improvement in playing, coaching and administration standards to an extremely high level of quality and entertainment."



● Banners: Geoff's hobby!



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**GEOFF EVANS**

# ViEWS

## from the fans

The "flair", skill and "happy" atmosphere at Kenilworth Road, I personally try to capture in regular "banners" placed in the "Bobbers Stand". Sometimes they may appear "corny" but being a "Mad Hatter" doesn't bother me. On the Continent, especially in Holland, Italy and in West Germany they go into banners in a big way. Unfortunately, spectators must suffer with numerous items "strung" across their view. I personally try to make my banners topical, encouraging to our team (without insulting the opposition), and if possible with a sense of humour, to capture the "sense of the occasion".

As with footballers and managers themselves, I think wives and families of ardent football supporters also have to be patient and understanding. My wife Annette and my three young children are now familiar with my "Saturday routine" during the football season. What with spraying up the "family car" in Town colours and having banners everywhere—my wife HAS to be very understanding!



● Banners: Geoff's hobby!



## Club News

**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.

**Closed circuit television**

This ground is equipped with closed circuit television which enables the police to take film and photographs of any person involved in disorder. The equipment is here to improve crowd safety and to help the police by providing evidence which can be used in the courts. The police have power to deal with any person who involves himself in disorder or commits a criminal offence. This could mean arrest and prosecution.

**Travel Club**

Next week we make the short journey to Filbert Street where we face Leicester City. Our coaches will be leaving the Maple Road car park at 12.00 noon. The cost is £4.50. The following Saturday we again travel to the midlands, this time we face Birmingham City. Our coaches will be departing at 12.00 noon and the cost will be £4.50.

**Match Ball sponsors**

We welcome as our match sponsors Bedford Trucks today as ball sponsors. We hope they enjoy the afternoon and have a satisfactory result to celebrate.

**TICKET OFFICE NEWS**

On Saturday, March 29th we are away to Leicester City 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).

On Tuesday, April 1st, we are at home in a Canon League Division One fixture when the visitors are West Bromwich Albion—kick-off 7.45 pm.

On Saturday April 5th we are away to Birmingham City in a Canon League Division One fixture, kick-off 3.00 pm. Entrance for visiting supporters is via Tilton Road end stand.

**Forthcoming matches at Kenilworth Road**

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MARCUS  
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## TOP HATTER



Born in Dublin in May, 1968, Marcus Tuite joined the Town from local Dublin team Stella Maris as an apprentice in October 1984. Capped by the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy, youth and under-20 level, he joined the professional ranks at Kenilworth Road on his 17th birthday last year. Marcus suffered from injuries last year, but has enjoyed a trouble-free season this term and has settled down to become a skilful and inventive midfielder blessed with great pace. A bright future is predicted for him.

### SNOOKER STAR

Marcus Tuite once considered the possibility of a snooker career. In his home city of Dublin he had taken the game up at a young age and mastered many of the skills. He became one of the top amateurs in the city and at the age of only 14 was regularly winning competitions for players in the under-16 age group. But then came decision time—and he chose football.

"I was a schoolboy international and I thought it offered me a better future," he said. "I think I made the right decision. I still play a bit of snooker of course, but I take my football very seriously and hope to make a breakthrough next season. It will be very important to me.

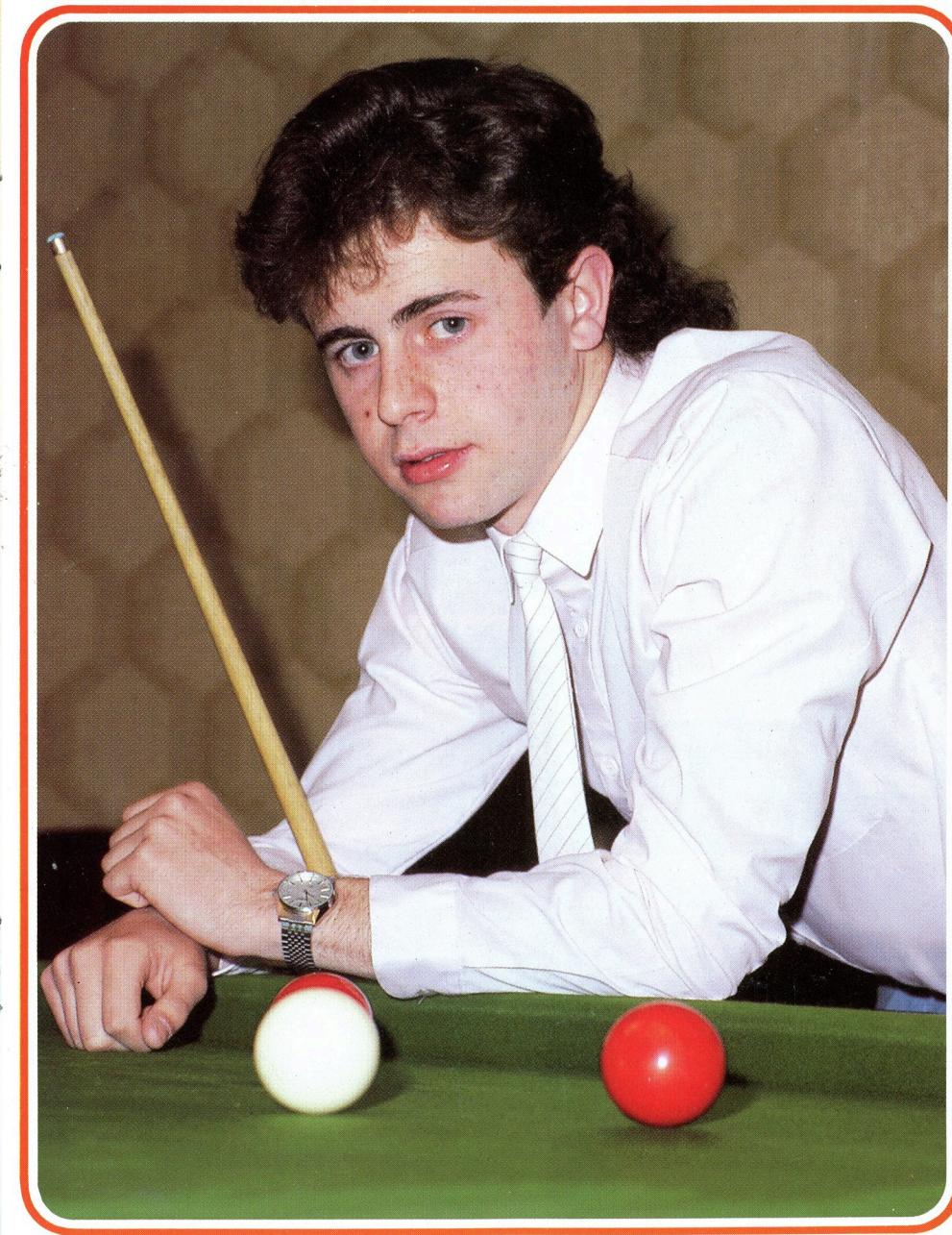
### Competition

"I play in midfield which is my favourite position. If I had the choice I would prefer to play centre midfield, but there is plenty of competition for places here and it is not always possible to have your own way. The competition is good of course and helps keep you on your toes. I'm sure it has made me a better player. I hope I will go on to play for the Irish under-21's next season.

"If I am not playing football I like all sports except cricket. I play a bit of golf too. I like music as well and my favourite bands are Queen, Spandau Ballet and I also like David Bowie. But I am not too fussy and I like most music.

"I have played and enjoyed my football this season. I think I have settled down now. If I owe special thanks to anyone, it is probably to Mal Donaghy who has been great to me.

"We play a game of snooker every Sunday. He has helped me a lot, giving me advice and looking after me since I came over.

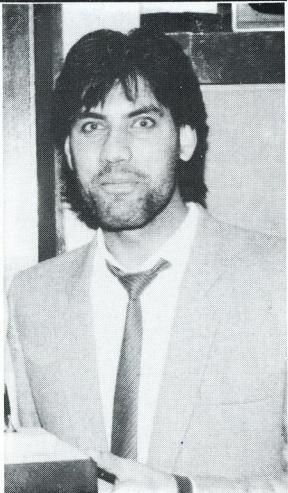




Bill Tomlins, Commercial Director

## AROUND THE TOWN

### JUDGE'S VERDICT



• Winning return: Former Town goalkeeper Alan Judge made a great return with Oxford last week. Well played, Alan.

### A BIT OF COACHING FOR OUR RIVALS

• New coach: Arsenal players are pictured with the coach bought by the club from Bedford Trucks to transport their youth and reserve teams. After recent events, we think they need a bit of extra coaching!



## the TOWN

### A BIG-MATCH WELCOME TO BEDFORD TRUCKS

by Bill Tomlins

Here we go again—another big match against Everton at Kenilworth Road. And only two weeks' after our dramatic Cup-tie against them. I sincerely hope all our fans have enjoyed the excitement generated by the club in recent weeks.

Today Everton will be playing their second match on our synthetic surface which has stood up remarkably well to the hard winter and the extraordinary demand for its use. Like any carpet, our magic one suffers from the wear and tear and you may be interested to know that during the close season we will be paying special attention to its maintenance.

#### CARPET-STRETCHING

The hard work it has undergone has led, as with any carpet, to a certain amount of "rucking" which we plan to have sorted out when the pitch surface is re-stretched. That, of course, is only one part of a busy programme of ground works in and around the stadium.

This afternoon's match and ball sponsors are Bedford

Trucks who, as a company, hardly need any introduction to our regular fans. They are our club sponsors and they are generous and valued friends and supporters of the club.

Indeed, their generosity led to the installation of the synthetic surface here at Kenilworth Road. The Bedford Truck logo should be clearly legible on the pitch today.

#### COACH BUSINESS

As you can see from the picture below, Bedford have also enjoyed some success in business terms through their involvement with top-class football.

Following their successful link with us, they have sold a coach to our London rivals Arsenal. I understand Arsenal had previously hired coaches under contract and had run into a few problems... glad to see we have been of some help!

A special welcome also to this afternoon's executive sponsors Priory Farm Foods, formed by Nigel Terry and Mr. B. Turnbull four years ago. The company is based in Bedford.



• **Lucky strikers:** Our lucky programme winners had an extra treat last Saturday when they were pictured with the Luton Strikers (top). Micky Fallon (centre) was even luckier—he won £1,000 in the Town's Lucky Pot Lottery. The bottom picture shows Luton Ladies on their way to a great win over Milton Keynes Ladies.



(Photos: Gareth Owen)

## CAPTAIN'S DIARY

with  
Steve Foster



### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Hello everyone and welcome back to Everton, who seem to have become our Cup bogey team in the last two seasons. They are certainly a strong side and look set for more honours this year as they sit on top of the First Division again and have gone through to the semi-finals of the Cup again.

It has been a disappointing week for us since our defeat at Everton in the replay of our quarter-final and I am sure you will be right behind us this afternoon as we try to get back on the winning trail after a run of three defeats.

#### Ricky Hill

Looking further ahead, I hope all our fans will be able to come along on April 8th and support Ricky Hill's testimonial match against Bobby Robson's England XI. Ricky has been a tremendous servant to the club and has produced numerous entertaining and match-winning performances since he made his debut in 1976.

Of course, he gets plenty of stick about his age nowadays in the dressing room—when you reach a testimonial for 10 years at the club you must be eligible for a white stick or something!—but the lads all truly appreciate Ricky's great skills and consistency.

# Reserves ACTION REPLAY

## SPINK HITS HAT-TRICK IN RESERVES' WIN

Luton Town Reserves 3 Southampton 2

Australian trialist Warren Spink produced a tremendous hat-trick as the reserves beat Southampton by the odd goal in five last week. Against a Saints' team containing several name players, we had two lucky escapes—one when Steve Baker missed a penalty—before Spink headed us in front in the 39th minute.

In the second half, we scored twice more in eight minutes. First Marc North headed down for Spink to score and then Spink completed his treble with a well-placed shot.

Saints fought back with two late goals—one from Joe Jordan—but a good team show merited the points.

### ON THE BALL



● Going forward: Ray Daniel leads the reserves on the attack against Southampton.

### Team:

Luton: Bolder, Breacker, Harvey, Johnson M., North S., Cobb, Oldfield, Spink, North N., Daniel, Black.

Southampton: Barnes, Baker, Dennis, Collins, Gitters, Whitlock, Brown, Puckett, Jordan, Hamilton, Maskell.

### WINNING GOAL



● Number three: Warren Spink completes his hat-trick with a well-placed shot.

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Arsenal	27	19	5	3	91	23	43
2 Chelsea	29	20	3	6	86	23	43
3 West Ham	27	20	3	4	93	45	43
4 Tottenham	28	17	3	8	63	39	37
5 Norwich	30	16	5	9	56	32	37
6 Watford	26	15	5	6	62	32	35
7 QPR	28	15	4	9	62	45	34
8 Luton	31	14	6	11	40	41	34
9 Oxford Utd	30	13	5	12	62	48	31
10 Ipswich	28	13	4	11	49	44	30
11 Southampton	28	10	7	11	56	61	27
12 Bristol R.	25	11	4	10	45	48	26
13 Millwall	24	12	2	10	39	43	26
14 Charlton	27	11	2	14	49	59	24
15 Birmingham	28	10	4	14	39	62	24
16 C. Palace	26	9	5	12	41	60	23
17 Brighton	28	6	4	18	26	63	16
18 Portsmouth	27	6	5	16	32	42	15
19 Fulham	24	6	2	16	33	63	14
20 Reading	25	5	4	16	29	72	14
21 Swindon	27	4	5	18	46	85	13
22 Swansea	27	4	1	22	22	89	9

Portsmouth has two points deducted for playing an ineligible player against Crystal Palace.  
(up to and including Tues. March 11th)

### APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

	App	Gls		App	Gls
Sealey	5		Tuite	11	
Johnson R.	20	1	Berry	3	
Harvey	18		Scott	9	
McEvoy	23	3	Farrell	4	
Elliott	12	1	Black	15	2
Johnson M.	18		Lewis	5	
Cobb	29	2	Daniel	22	4
Stein M.	22	3	Parker	21	3
Oldfield	31	5	Ferguson	1	
Grimes	26	2	North S.	23	
Dibble	22		Farrell	4	
Tighe	4		King	7	2
North M.	16	7	Newell	4	3
Preece	1		Scott	9	
Breacker	1		Bolder	1	
Spink	1				

### FOOTBALL COMBINATION RESULTS

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	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
H	Mar	13	Southampton	3-2

## Youth Team

### Youngsters clinch good win at Brentford

#### Brentford 2 Luton Town 4

Two goals each from Sean Farrell and Ian Scott carried the Town youngsters to a comfortable victory over Brentford youth in the South East Counties League Division Two last Saturday.

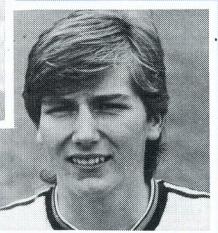
The Town squad of 13 included seven apprentices whose performances showed plenty of promise for the future.

Team: Luton—Jones, James, Johnson, Scott, Berry, Barker, Kennedy, Cunningham, Farrell, Harvey, Philpott, Lewis, Pouch.

### TWO APART



Sean Farrell



Ian Scott

### SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

	App	Goals		App	Goals
Oldfield	4	1	Tighe	23	7
Jones	23		Philpot	15	
Bone	9		Connor	5	
James	22		Sullivan	4	
Barker	20		Harvey	13	
Berry	21	1	Johnson	14	
Scott	17	5	Cobb	4	
Rees	2		Tuite	15	9
Bowden	3		Black	5	
Farrell	20	28	McEvoy	2	1
Kennedy	21	8	Chapman	8	
Lewis	21	12	McLean	1	
Pouch	16	1	Thomas	4	
Williams	4		Marks	1	
Cotterall	2		Milne	1	
Hyde	1		Lyne	1	1
Gyalog	2		Own goal	1	

# Introducing Everton



Once again, welcome to Everton, recent victors against us in the FA Cup when they won our sixth round replay at Goodison Park by the only goal from Gary Lineker. They were two tough, hard-fought games in which the current league champions, holders of the European Cup Winners' Cup and beaten FA Cup finalists of last season proved their worth.

Under manager Howard Kendall they have gone from strength to strength and last Sunday maintained their long unbeaten run when they came from behind to draw 1-1 with title rivals Chelsea.

Kevin Sheedy, who was absent from the Everton line-up here two weeks' ago, scored the only goal. He is likely to be on duty again today in a team which has shown it is possible to ride the bumps and bruises of hunting for honours on two fronts at once.

Players likely to be on duty today:  
**Kevin Sheedy**—Republic of Ireland midfielder Kevin signed for Everton from Liverpool in

1982 and quickly established himself as one of the classiest left-footed players in the game. Formerly with Hereford United.

**Alan Harper**—Another who served his apprenticeship at Anfield before crossing the city in 1983. Since then he has become a valuable and versatile reserve who Kendall described as "Franz" for his performance in the Cup-tie. **Neville Southall**—The Welsh international goalkeeper and current Footballer of the Year is a great competitor, trainer and character. Signed by Everton from Bury in 1981.

**Pat Van Den Hauwe**—Born in Belgium, Pat has since qualified to become another Evertonian Welsh international as a versatile full-back or central defender.

**Neil Pointon**—21-year-old defender Neil has taken over the left-back spot in the absence of injured team-mates after moving from Scunthorpe.

**Trevor Steven**—An England cap, Trevor is a right-sided midfielder-cum-winger with an eye for goal. Signed from Burnley for



Back row, from left: Pat Van Den Hauwe, Derek Mountfield, Bob Mimms, Neville Southall, Paul Wilkinson, Paul Bracewell.

Middle row: Mick Heaton (Coach), Gary Stevens, Graeme Sharp, Alan Harper, Gary Lineker, Kevin Richardson, Ian Atkins (now Ipswich), Colin Harvey (Coach).

Front row: Peter Reid, John Bailey (now Newcastle), Kevin Sheedy, Howard Kendall (Manager), Kevin Ratcliffe, Trevor Steven, Adrian Heath.



Howard Kendall enjoyed a distinguished playing career with the club he now manages and was a vital part of the Everton championship-winning midfield trio of 1969-70. In that season he played alongside Alan Ball and Colin Harvey and together they earned a formidable reputation as one of the finest units of their type in the country. Always a stylish player, Howard had earlier become the youngest player ever to appear in a Wembley FA Cup final when he played for Preston North End against West Ham in 1964 at the tender age of 17. He has lost much of his choirboy image since then, playing and managing with Birmingham City, Stoke City and Blackburn Rovers before making the move to Goodison Park.

£325,000 in 1983.

**Paul Bracewell**—England under-21 midfielder and a holder of full caps also, Paul began his career with Stoke. Joined Everton from Sunderland in 1984 for £250,000.

**Kevin Richardson**—Kevin has taken over from the injured Kevin Sheedy on the left-side of the Everton midfield where his versatility and shrewd use of the ball have helped the attack.

**Graeme Sharp**—Scottish international striker Graeme harbours World Cup dreams in Mexico. Signed a new four-year contract last week. Top scorer last season with 29 goals.

**Gary Lineker**—England's top striker, a World Cup certainty, Gary joined the Toffees from Leicester City last year for £800,000 and leads the scorers this season with 32 goals. **Adrian Heath**—Former Stoke striker Adrian has bounced back from injury to press for a first team recall after losing his place. Signed from Stoke for £700,000 in 1982.

**Derek Mountfield**—Centre-half Derek was signed from Tranmere for £30,000 in 1982 and established himself in the team the following year. He returned after injury last Sunday against Chelsea.

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## Club Comment

### The pressure for tickets

The short time period between our FA Cup fifth round second replay against Arsenal and our sixth round tie here against Everton two weeks' ago led, as many of our supporters understood, to considerable pressure for tickets. We had experienced something of the problem, also, in the gap between the first and second replays against Arsenal.

I am sorry to say we did have some disappointed supporters making complaints after failing to claim their tickets in the periods allocated to them. This is disturbing for the loyal supporter and for the club. And we do feel for them and apologise for their disappointment.

### Letters of thanks

However, it must be said that we were required to carry through our plans in a disciplined way. The number of fans who finally missed out was also very small and only a minimal proportion of those who wanted tickets. We had several letters thanking us for our efforts, incidentally.

One group of appreciative season-ticket holders wrote and said: "Just a little thank you for the kind and courteous way you have dealt with a very difficult situation. We know you can not have had time to eat or drink." It explains the position well.

### Smooth service

Unfortunately for some fans, they did not react quickly enough to the situation. As a club, we are not as experienced in dealing with such big matches at short notice as some others and we will have learned from the experience. I hope our fans understand this. We do our best to provide a smooth and fair service, but it is not made easy by such people as ticket touts or forgetful regular fans who feel aggrieved.

I can understand that some fans were frustrated. We shall take note of the suggestions made and will adopt many in the future.

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## ViEWS from the MEDIA

### Town caught by bubbling Oxford

After all the recent FA Cup excitement it was disappointing to return to league action with a defeat when we entertained Oxford United here last Saturday. If there was any consolation in the performance it was that most observers recognised that the Town were well below par. Here is a selection of comments from the Press on that match:

**Mail on Sunday:** "Oxford's euphoria is such at the moment that they can overcome any reversal. At Kenilworth Road yesterday, the Milk Cup finalists forgot Wembley and shrugged off a dubious Luton goal to ease relegation worries with a third successive away win.

"Their determination made this game too much for Luton who were playing their sixth match in 15 days. Oxford manager Maurice Evans said: 'This was more important than Wednesday's Milk Cup victory over Aston Villa. I feared a reaction and warned the

players that everyone in the squad was fit.'

"They were helped by Luton's sluggish reaction to their heavy spell which left them leaden, frustrated and without their usual sparkle."

### Hangover

**The Sunday Telegraph:** "Playing with determination and confidence, Oxford took full advantage of Luton's FA Cup hangover and out-powered them with an excellent demonstration of compact teamwork and accurate passing on the synthetic surface.

"Luton, disappointed by their defeat at Everton on Wednesday, were only a shadow of their normal selves and faded alarmingly. Indeed, with more luck and steadier finishing, Oxford would have won by a wider margin than that supplied by second half goals from Aldridge and Charles."

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Paul Walsh, now with Everton's city rivals Liverpool, scored the goal for Luton on the occasion of our last victory on Merseyside when we beat Everton by the only goal in 1983-84. Walsh made 80 league appearances for the Town and scored 24 goals.



## THE LUTON TOWN STORY



# All Our

### A memorable goal in 1952

Considering the length of time that both Luton and today's visitors Everton have been in existence, it is surprising that we have only begun to meet in the league in relatively recent time.

Our first league game did not take place until October 27, 1951, following the "Toffees" relegation from the First Division. The match was played at Kenilworth Road where a crowd of 16,667 saw a 1-1 draw with Roy Davies scoring for the Town.

In the return at Goodison Park on March 15, 1952, Luton—still smarting from a 4-1 home defeat by Doncaster three days before—played out of their skins and won 3-1.

### Brilliant Taylor

It was reported afterwards that had Luton doubled their score, no Evertonian could have grumbled. One goal, scored by Jack Taylor, who completed a move started by goalkeeper Bernard Streten only three seconds before "will remain in the memory for a long time," wrote one reporter. Dave Sexton, now the England under-21 manager, made his debut incidentally.

In the following season, our unbeaten record continued with an emphatic 4-2 home win and a 1-1 away draw, but in 1953-54, it came to an end with a 2-1 defeat at Goodison to a promotion-chasing Everton outfit on December 19, 1953.

We had drawn 1-1 at home earlier in the season in a game that saw Hugh McJarrows score in his only outing of the campaign and by the time of our visit to Goodison we had strung together a 10-match unbeaten run. Unfortunately in winning 2-1 at Oldham the previous week, we had lost the services of Jesse Pye with a broken leg.

A reshuffled Town team had much the better of the game in the first half at Everton but the

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(continued on next page)

Jimmy Husband joined the Town from Everton in November, 1983, and went on to make 143 league appearances, scoring 44 goals, as we won promotion to the First Division in 1974. He stayed for five years before leaving for America. He won a championship medal with Everton.



Andy King joined the Town from Wolves last December for a small fee and so returned to the club where he began his career in 1975 where he made 33 league appearances before joining Everton.



# Yesterdays

Toffees edged through with two goals in the second half, the first of which saw Streten impeded and the clincher supposedly well offside. The Luton consolation was netted by ex-Evertonian George Cummins.

Everton were promoted at the end of that season, but we followed one year later to resume battle at the highest level.

The First Division games in the fifties finished evenly with each team managing to win twice on their opponents' soil, but in our relegation season of 1959-60 we earned a creditable early season draw at Goodison which spread false hopes and won 2-1 at home to rekindle those hopes among our lowest—at that time—First Division crowd of 9,799.

### Dented hopes

Fifteen years were to pass before we met again in the top flight. Then we lost 3-1 away, but dented the title hopes of Everton by winning 2-1 at home during our marvellous run-in which almost saw us avoid relegation.

In more recent times, we suffered a 5-1 hammering in our final home league game of the 1982-83 season. It was a traumatic result as all the other First Division strugglers won on that day, leaving us with a mountain to climb in Manchester and United at City. Famously, we did it.

We lost the away game that season 5-0 on Merseyside to a Terry Curran-inspired team, but turned the tables when we won

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

	Home	Away
1951-52	1-1	3-1
1952-53	4-2	1-1
1953-54	1-1	1-2
1955-56	2-2	1-0
1956-57	2-0	1-2
1957-58	0-1	2-0
1958-59	0-1	1-3
1959-60	2-1	2-2
1974-75	2-1	1-3
1982-83	1-5	0-5
1983-84	0-3	1-0
1984-85	2-0	1-2
1985-86	—	0-2

Overall summary of results:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	12	5	3	4	17	18
Away	13	4	2	7	15	23
Total	24	9	5	11	32	41

Club statistician: Roger Wash

the following year, a Paul Walsh goal stealing the points and leaving a 14,325 crowd baying for the head of Howard Kendall. How times change!



• Flashback to Goodison Park last week when Everton won 1-0 to clinch a place in the FA Cup semi-finals.

## UPDATE

## Canon League Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
1	Everton	32	12	3	2	43	16	8	3	4	29	20	66
2	Liverpool	33	12	4	1	40	14	6	5	5	26	22	63
3	Manchester U.	32	11	3	2	28	6	8	2	6	26	19	62
4	Chelsea	30	12	2	2	29	15	5	6	3	19	16	56
5	Arsenal	30	11	3	1	21	9	5	4	6	18	23	55
6	Sheffield Wed.	32	10	4	2	31	23	6	3	7	20	23	55
7	West Ham	28	9	2	1	28	10	6	4	6	15	17	51
8	Luton Town	33	9	5	2	28	10	5	4	8	21	27	51
9	Newcastle	31	9	3	3	29	20	5	6	5	18	21	51
10	Nottingham F.	31	8	3	5	29	21	6	2	7	24	23	47
11	Tottenham	32	8	1	7	35	20	5	4	7	14	19	44
12	Watford	28	9	2	2	30	14	3	4	8	17	29	42
13	Manchester C.	33	7	5	5	21	20	4	3	9	15	23	41
14	Southampton	32	10	4	3	29	13	1	3	11	12	30	40
15	QPR	34	9	3	5	22	14	2	2	13	12	38	38
16	Coventry City	34	4	4	9	27	31	5	4	8	17	26	36
17	Leicester City	32	6	7	3	31	25	2	3	11	14	32	34
18	Oxford Utd	32	5	4	6	24	20	3	4	10	24	40	32
19	Ipswich Town	31	5	4	7	15	20	3	1	11	10	25	29
20	Aston Villa	32	3	6	7	18	23	3	5	8	17	28	29
21	Birmingham	33	5	1	11	12	19	2	3	11	13	34	25
22	West Brom.	33	2	6	8	15	29	1	3	13	12	46	18

League table as March 20th, 1986

## LEAGUE, and CUP APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

	League App	Milk Cup Gls	Cup App	Gls	FA Cup App	Gls
T. Breacker	28		3		2	
A. Dibble	7					
M. Donaghy	33	3		7		
P. Elliott	3(3)					
S. Foster	26	2	3		7	1
A. Grimes	2(1)		(1)		1	
M. Harford	29	16	2		7	3
R. Hill	30	2	3	1	7	2
R. Johnson	7		1		5	
P. Nicholas	32	2			7	
E. Nwajobi	17(1)	4	3	1		
G. Parker	4(4)		1			(1)
D. Preece	31(1)	2	2	1	7	1
B. Stein	29	14	3	1	3	1
M. Thomas	32	1	2		7	
M. Stein	3				3	2
L. Sealey	26	3		7		
M. North	9(4)	3	1	1	4(1)	1
R. Daniel	2(2)	1	1			
A. King	2				3	
S. North	2					
M. Newell	8	3				
Own goal	1				2	

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## Leading League and Cup goalscorers

33—Lineker (Everton)  
 24—Aldridge (Oxford)  
 23—Rush (Liverpool)  
 22—Newell (Luton)—19 for Wigan)  
 21—Dixon (Chelsea), McAvinnie (West Ham)  
 19—Harford (Luton)

(up to March 19th)

	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
Aug 21	Newcastle United	2—2	21,304	—	Dibble	Thomas	Grimes	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Parker	Stein B.
Aug 24	West Ham United	1—0	14,104	8	Dibble	Johnson R.	Thomas	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Parker	Harford1
Aug 27	Arsenal	2—2	10,012	10	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Parker	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1
Aug 31	Aston Villa	1—3	10,524	12	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Johnson R.	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1
Sept 7	Chelsea	1—1	10,720	15	Dibble	Johnson R.	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.
Sept 14	Everton	0—2	26,419	16	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill*	Stein B.1
Sept 21	Queens Park Rangers	2—0	9,508	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster1	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.
Sept 24	Sheffield United (MC 2r 11)	2—1	8,943	—	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.
Sept 28	Sheffield Wednesday	2—3	17,887	15	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas*	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1
Oct 1	Ipswich Town	1—0	8,553	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.
Oct 5	Manchester United	1—1	17,454	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1
Oct 8	Sheffield Utd (MC 2r 21)	3—1	5,660	—	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill1	North M.1
Oct 12	Oxford United	1—1	10,626	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1
Oct 19	Southampton	7—0	8,876	13	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill1	Stein B.3
Oct 26	Liverpool	2—3	31,488	13	Sealey	Breacker	Johnson R.	Daniel	Foster1	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.
Oct 29	Norwich City (MC 3rd)	0—2	8,202	—	Sealey	Breacker	Johnson R.*	Daniel	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.
Nov 2	Birmingham City	2—0	8,550	10	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1
Nov 9	Tottenham Hotspur	3—1	19,163	10	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill1	Stein B.1
Nov 16	Coventry City	0—1	9,607	11	Sealey	Breacker*	Thomas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford
Nov 23	Watford	2—1	16,107	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas1	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.
Nov 30	Manchester City	2—1	10,096	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.2
Dec 7	Newcastle United	2—0	10,319	7	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.
Dec 14	Nottingham Forest	0—2	12,078	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Parker	Harford1
Dec 21	West Ham United	0—0	14,599	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.
Dec 26	West Bromwich Albion	2—1	12,508	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.
Dec 28	Ipswich Town	1—1	15,604	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	North S.	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.
Jan 1	Leicester City	3—1	10,917	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Harford3
Jan 4	Crystal Palace (FAC3)	2—1	9,886	—	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1
Jan 11	Chelsea	0—1	21,102	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Newell
Jan 18	Aston Villa	2—0	10,217	7	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1
Jan 25	Bristol R. (FAC4)	4—0	12,463	—	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill1	Harford1
Feb 1	Arsenal	1—2	22,326	7	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.
Feb 8	Southampton	2—1	13,740	6	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1
Feb 15	Arsenal (FAC5)	2—2	15,799	—	Sealey	Johnson R.	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill1	Stein B.*
Feb 22	Queens Park Rangers	1—1	16,252	6	Sealey	Johnson R.	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Newell1
Mar 1	Sheffield Wednesday	1—0	10,206	6	Sealey	Johnson R.	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Newell1
Mar 3	Arsenal (FAC5-replay)	0—0	26,547	—	Sealey	Johnson R.	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Harford1
Mar 5	Arsenal (FAC5-replay)	3—0	13,251	—	Sealey	Johnson R.	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster1	Donaghy	Hill	Stein M.1
Mar 8	Everton (FAC6)	2—2	15,529	—	Sealey	Johnson R.	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein M.1
Mar 12	Everton (FAC6-replay)	1—0	44,264	—	Sealey	Johnson R.	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Harford1
Mar 15	Oxford United	1—2	10,633	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein M.
Mar 19	Manchester Utd	0—2	33,668	8	Sealey	Johnson R.	Thomas	Nicholas	North S.	Donaghy	Hill	Stein M.*
Mar 22	Everton											Newell
Mar 29	Leicester City											Breacker
April 1	West Bromwich Albion											Daniel*
April 5	Birmingham City (FAC s/f)											Preece
April 12	Tottenham Hotspur											North M.*
April 16	Liverpool											Johnson R.
April 19	Coventry City											Grimes
April 26	Watford											Grimes*
May 3	Manchester City											Preece1

# Vauxhall Teamcheck.

## Luton Town

1 Les Sealey	1 Neville Southall
2 Rob Johnson	2 Alan Harper
3 Mitchell Thomas	3 Neil Pointon
4 Peter Nicholas	4 Pat Van Den Hauwe
5 Steve Foster	5 Derek Mountfield
6 Mal Donaghy	6 Kevin Richardson
7 Ricky Hill	7 Trevor Steven
8 Mike Newell	8 Gary Lineker
9 Mick Harford	9 Graeme Sharp
10 Tim Breacker	10 Paul Bracewell
11 David Preece	11 Kevin Sheedy
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## Everton

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## Welcome to Everton again Junior Hatters and friends

This week's visitors to Kenilworth Road are Everton who were last here two weeks ago. So for the fourth time this season we play them and we hope the result will be in our favour this time. I would like to wish Everton the best of luck in the semi-final when they play Sheffield Wednesday and I am sure the rest of the lads agree with this as they are a very good team.

### A lot of football

We have played a great deal of football in the last few weeks with all the Cup replays and re-arranged games

and we would like to thank all you Junior Hatters for supporting us all the way and coming to the evening games which I know are past your bedtimes.

The boys do love to see you all here. Don't forget the competition that was in last week's programme as the closing date is Monday, March 24th so come on and get your entries in on time!

Peter Nicholas

### ESCORTS



Kevin Bayham Alan James

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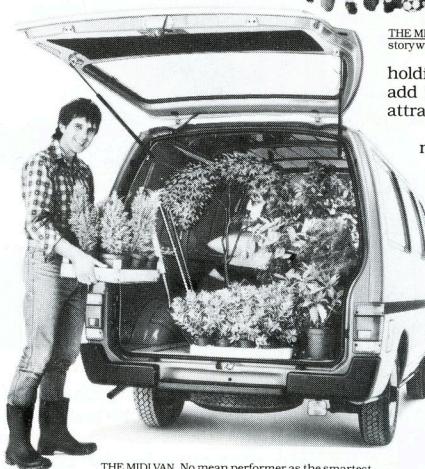
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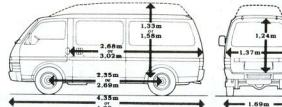
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