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DIARY

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Autographed footballs go to the following who correctly spotted the deliberate mistakes in the cartoons in matchday magazines for the Nottingham Forest and Manchester United matches at Highfield Rd. Mrs Elaine Nutt of North Street, Stoke, Coventry and Simon Jones of Alderminster Rd, Coventry.

MYSTERY MAN

The Mystery Man in the Nottingham Forest magazine was Jim McInally. Mr G. Williams of Miles Meadow, Coventry knew that and wins two stand tickets. Ross Pattison of Nod Rise, Mount Nod, Coventry, also wins tickets for knowing that the Mystery Man in the Manchester Utd magazine was Alan Brazil.

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Elliotts Man of the Match

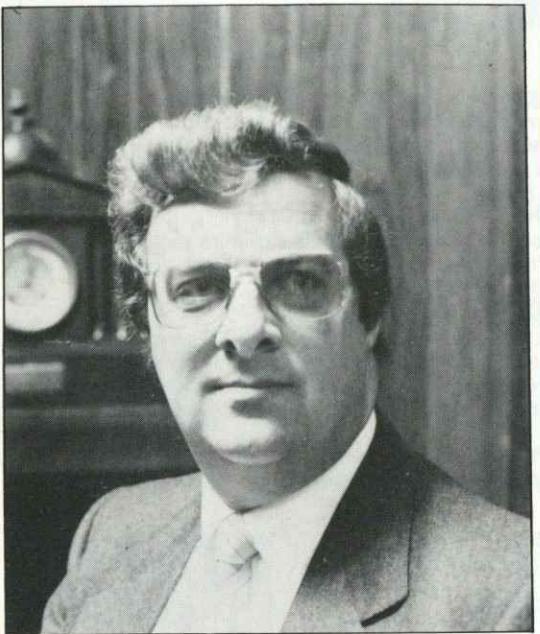
Trevor Peake wins the Elliott Man of the Match award for the recent First Division match against Manchester Utd. Trevor was chosen by former Coventry City player Harry Barratt (centre). On the right of the picture is Mr Joe Elliott.



Steve Sedgeley, Sky Blues Youth captain receives his Elliotts Man of the Match award from Joe Elliott after the F.A. Youth Cup semi-final first leg against Manchester Utd.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN



John Poynton
Chairman
Coventry City F.C.

My message to our loyal Sky Blue fans today is that it is more important than ever that we all pull together now. We have got to win our remaining three matches if we possibly can, and it is vital that we have all of you with us.

People often say that it would be better to drop down a division and bounce straight back — as though it is easy. When you are tempted to think like that just remember that it took Coventry City 80 years or so to reach the First Division. It just might take another 80 to get back.

That is why I say it is imperative that we stay in the First Division, particularly as promotion and relegation positions will be altered over the next couple of years when the number of teams will be reduced.

It is also important for us all to pull together today because the team is without a manager. I can only speak good of Don Mackay. He was a nice man, a gentleman and I am sorry to see him leave the club.

It is a fine dividing line between success and failure as manager of a football club. We are not going to rush into appointing a new manager. There are many things to be analysed when the season ends and whoever we do appoint will have to get us to where we as a club, and you our supporters, want us to be i.e. near the top of the First Division.

John Poynton
Chairman,
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Week 3. Colin Deasy, our third £1,000 winner seen here receiving his cheque from Bobby Charlton C.B.E. also in the picture Mr W. Lucas. Colins lucky number 0537.



WEEK 4

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BENNO'S BOYS
Team manager Mr Connolly
Runner up DONS DAZZLERS
Team manager Mr Hier

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BRAZIL'S GREATS
Team manager Mr Skidmore
Runner up KILCLINE KILLERS

WINNERS Monday 6pm
McGRATHS GRAFTERS
Runner up KILCLINE KILLERS
Team manager Mr Buffoon

WINNERS Thursday 6pm
McINALLY'S GOALSCORERS
Team manager Mr Harbin

Runner up MICKY'S MAESTROS

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Manager Mr McClean
Runner up BRAZIL'S GOALSTERS

Please don't forget Team Managers meeting at the Connexion on Monday, 21st April, 5pm & 6pm. Leagues restart Monday 28th April.

LOOKING BACK

For the second successive season our two clubs are thrown together in a match which is crucial to Sky Blues' First Division future.

The Sky Blues had to win their last three matches last season to stay in Division One. They did so by beating Stoke City (a) 1-0, Luton Tn (h) 1-0 and Everton (h) 4-1.

The match against Luton proved to be the toughest of the three and it was decided by a goal by Brian Kilcline. Fate has thrown us together again at precisely the same stage of the season and again it is vital for Sky Blues to collect three points.

This is the fourth contest at Highfield Road at First Division level and Luton have yet to win here. They drew here by 2-2 in 1983-84, but lost 2-4 the previous season. The Sky Blues have also done well at Kenilworth Road at First Division level winning three of the four matches.

FIRST DIVISION results v. Luton Town

1985-86	Luton 0 Coventry City 1 (Bowman)
1984-85	Coventry C. 1 (Kilcline) Luton 0
1983-84	Luton 2 (Stein, Daniel) Coventry C. 0
	Coventry C. 2 (Platenauer, Gibson)
	Luton 2 (Stein, Antic) Luton 2 (Aylott, o.g.) Coventry C. 4 (Gibson 2, Bennett, Gynn)
1982-83	Coventry C. 4 (Whitton 2, Dyson, Thompson) Luton 2 (Horton, Stein)
	Luton 1 (Donagh) Coventry C. 2 (Whitton, Melrose)
1975-1982 the clubs did not meet	
1974-75	Coventry C. 2 (Stein, Cross) Luton 1 (Ryan pen)
	Luton 1 (Aston) Coventry C. 3 (Alderson 2, Green)

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HELP US & WE CAN DO IT

"The chips are really down, but with your help we can do it," says Sky Blues' defender Trevor Peake.

As the Sky Blues go into today's match in the knowledge that the three points are absolutely vital, Trevor says: "We have lacked self-belief and our home form has been abysmal, but perhaps, with you behind us, we can win our remaining two matches at Highfield Rd and stay in the First Division."

It is a tremendous task but Trevor says: "With all our loyal fans shouting us on we can maybe get rid of some of our fears and regain some of our confidence."

"At the end of the day it is down to the eleven players who take the field and those players have got to make sure that their attitude is absolutely spot on for the last three games of the season — just as we did last season."

"I know we shall get some stick if we get the points needed to stay up because people will point at us and ask why, if we could do it now, we did not do it earlier in the season. I can live with that criticism if we stay up, because we can have another go next season and get it right."

Yet hard though he tries to analyse what went wrong Trevor cannot come up with an answer. "We seem to have played in spurts now for a long time. We never seem to get our act together for the whole 90 minutes of a match. There was an upsurge when the new players arrived at the club a few weeks ago, but now we are back again to producing form only in patches."

"If we can win here against Luton and Q.P.R. on the last day of the season that might be enough, but it would be a marvellous bonus if we could get a draw at West Ham Utd as well."

"I am not kidding myself. There will be a lot of onus on our defence. We have to make sure, as we did at the end of last season, that we keep clean sheets if we possibly can. It sets our attack a hopeless job if we let in three or four goals, so our big priority is to tighten everything up in defence."

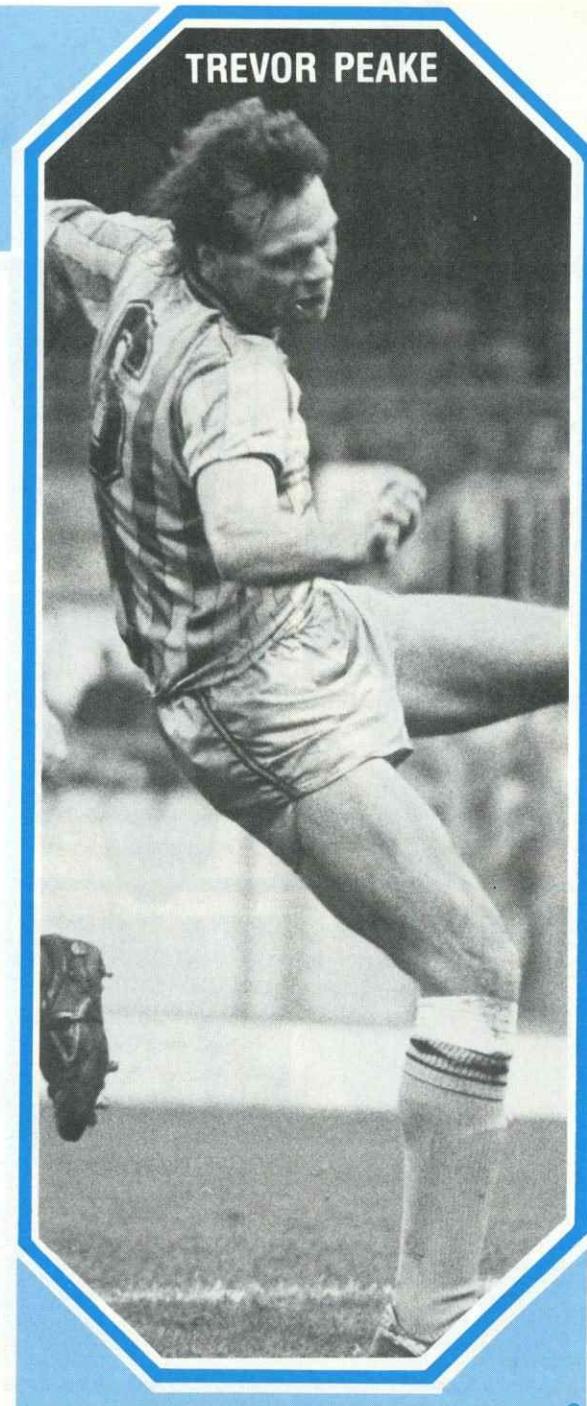
"It's easier said than done, especially against good teams like Luton Tn. I have always rated them as a fine football team, but with the arrivals of Steve Foster, Peter Nicholas and my old mate Mick Harford, they appear to have the basis of a very good side for the next few seasons."

Trevor is this season's winner of The Coventry Evening Telegraph-Channel Island Ferries Award for his consistently high performances, and he reveals today the secret of his success.

"It stemmed from the knee injury to Kirk Stephens. He is a very good pal of mine and I looked at him with something like shock and realised that he might just have played his last professional football match. Thankfully Kirk is recovering well but ever since then I have had a different attitude to my career. I go into every match as though it might be my last and determined to give everything I have got and to get as much enjoyment out of it as I can."

"It will be no good in my late thirties or early forties telling myself that I wished I had given a bit more in certain games. I am 29 now and have not too many years left as a player. I want to give as many good performances as I can. If I start sluggishly I try to pick myself up by telling myself it could be my last game. I'm not sure that it would work for everyone, but it seems to work for me."

TREVOR PEAKE



TODAY'S VISITORS



Les Sealey
Mitchell Thomas
Peter Nicholas
Ricky Hill
Brian Stein

THIS SEASON

This season they kicked off with a draw at Newcastle and a win at West Ham and since then they have won at Tottenham, Watford, West Bromwich, Southampton and Birmingham. They beat Southampton 7-0 at Kenilworth Road in October and the only visiting teams to win there have been ourselves in November and Oxford last month. Now in his eighth full season at the helm David Pleat, who formerly managed Nuneaton, is one of the longest serving bosses in the Football League. He must be delighted with the form of striker MICK HARFORD, who after service with Lincoln and Birmingham is now on the edge of the England team while MIKE NEWELL has fitted in well alongside him since moving from Wigan this season.

MARK STEIN brother of England cap BRIAN STEIN has joined him in the side this season and has netted some useful goals while in midfield DAVID PREECE (ex-Walsall) links up with another England cap RICKY HILL and ex-Arsenal and Crystal Palace man PETER NICHOLAS.

In defence STEVE FOSTER (ex-Brighton and Aston Villa) has snatched quite a few goals this season since linking up with local lad BOB JOHNSON and MITCH THOMAS and Northern Ireland regular MAL DONAGHY. In goal LES SEALEY has played over a hundred games since moving from us.

Today we entertain a side who have not won here since November 1930 and who have gained just five points from their last eighteen visits here. Luton are, however, a leading First Division side these days and could well better their best previous position of eighth.

Founded in 1885 the 'Hatters' became the first side in the south of England to turn professional when they did so in 1890. They had a short spell in Division Two from 1897 to 1900 before returning to the Southern League and then in 1920 becoming founder-members of Division Three. This became Division Three (South) a year later and it was from there that they climbed to Division Two in 1937. They continued to make steady progress and in 1955 they reached Division One for the first time ever.

Four years later they reached the F.A. Cup final, going down 2-1 to Nottingham Forest at Wembley, but a rapid decline set in from that point on. They slipped to Division Two 1960, to Division Three in 1963 and to Division Four in 1965 to become only the second team up to then (Brentford were the first) to slip all the way from Division One to Division Four.

Happily they climbed back up almost as quickly and by 1974 they were back in Division One, though this time they stayed up for only one season. Financial problems were also acute around this time, but they weathered the storm and in 1981/82 they topped Division Two by a clear eight points, losing only four games all season.

In their first season back in Division One they just held on to their place with a win at Maine Road in their very last game to send Manchester City down while they stayed up themselves. In the last two seasons they have finished 16th and 13th respectively. Last season they were still in a little danger with a month to go, but then they won six of their last ten games.

Les Sealey (goalkeeper) — Born London. Age 28. Joined Coventry City from school and played 158 matches for this club before transferring to Luton Town in the Summer of 1983. Has now played 120-plus games for Luton.

Mitchell Thomas (defender) — Born Luton. Six footer who is a product of Luton's youth scheme who has played 106 games for the club.

Steve Foster (defender) — Born Portsmouth and joined 'Pompey' from school. He played 109 League games before making a short move to Brighton where he played 172 games and won 3 England caps. A move to Aston Villa did not work out and he moved to Luton last season.

Mal Donaghy (defender) — Born Belfast and joined Luton Tn from Northern Ireland club Larne. Ever present this season and has played a total of well over 350 games for the club. Holds nearly 40 caps for Northern Ireland.

Tim Breacker (defender) — Born Bicester, Oxfordshire. Six feet tall player who joined Luton straight from school and is now on his way to 100 games for the club.

Rob Johnson (defender) — Born Bedford. A big future was forecast for Rob when he joined Luton but he is currently reviving his career after two successive knee ligament injuries.

LUTON TOWN

before joining Luton last season.

Mike Newell (forward) — Born Liverpool. The six feet tall striker played nearly fifty games for Wigan Athletic before signing for Luton. Among the goals already in the First Division scoring six in his 13 games.

Mick Harford (forward) — Born Sunderland. One of the most highly rated centre-forwards in the country and pressing hard for a World Cup place in England's team. His previous clubs were Lincoln City, Newcastle United, Bristol City and Birmingham City.

Back row (l to r): David Preece, Gary Parker, Emeka Nwajobi, Stacey North, Mark North, Ray Daniel, Rob Johnson. **Middle row:** Tim Breacker, Les Sealey, Paul Elliott, Mick Harford, Andy Dibble, Mitchell Thomas, John Faulkner. **Front row:** Trevor Hartley, Ricky Hill, Mal Donaghy, Steve Foster, David Pleat, Peter Nicholas, Brian Stein, Ashley Grimes, John Sheridan.



COVENTRY CITY



	Apps.	Gls.	Team changes
1 Steve Ogrizovic	44	—	
2 Brian Borrows	43	—	
3 Greg Downs	41	—	
4 David Bowman	35	3	
5 Brian Kilcline	34	8	
6 Trevor Peake	39	1	
7 Dave Bennett	40	6	
8 Lloyd McGrath	34	—	
9 Cyrille Regis	33	10	
10 Alan Brazil	12	2	
11 Nick Pickering	12	3	

HALF-TIME SCORES CHECK

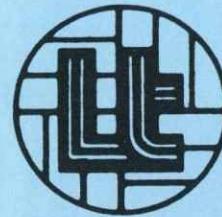
- A Birmingham v Southampton.....
- B Chelsea v Newcastle.....
- C Everton v Ipswich.....
- D Man City v Nottin Forest.....
- E Sheff Wed v Aston Villa.....
- F Tottenham v Man Utd.....
- G Watford v West Ham.....

- H WBA v Liverpool.....
- I Blackburn v Sheff Utd.....
- J Carlisle v Fulham.....
- K Crystal Pal v Leeds.....
- L Huddersfield v Brighton.....
- M Hull v Charlton.....
- N Millwall v Bradford C.....

- O Norwich v Stoke.....
- P Oldham v Middlesbrough.....
- Q Portsmouth v Grimsby.....
- R Shrewsbury v Wimbledon.....
- S Sunderland v Barnsley.....
- T Blackpool v Walsall.....

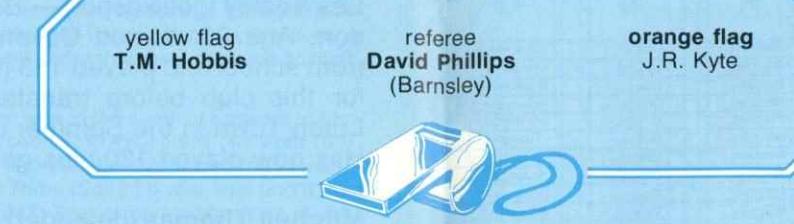
- U Bournemouth v Doncaster.....
- V Bristol C v Swansea.....
- W Bury v Rotherham (3.15).....
- X Cardiff v Bristol R.....
- Y Chesterfield v Brentford.....
- Z Darlington v Reading.....

TODAY'S TEAMS



LUTON TOWN

	Team changes	Gls.	Apps.
		—	41
		—	18
		1	46
		—	46
		4	41
		—	48
		6	44
		6	13
		22	43
		—	38
		4	46



TODAY'S REFEREE

David Phillips from Barnsley, Yorkshire is married with one son and is interested in cricket, golf and gardening. He began refereeing 16 years ago and progressed to the League list via the Northern Intermediate and Central League.

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SKY BLUES DIARY

Tues April 22 City Res v Rotherham Utd at Millmoor
 Sat April 26 Sky Blues v West Ham at Upton Park
 Tues April 29 City Res v Grimsby Tn at Highfield Rd
 Sat May 3 Sky Blues v Q.P.R. at Highfield Rd



FACTS & FIGURES

FIRST DIVISION

As at Sunday April 13th 1986

	Home						Away			Pts.		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	L	F	A		
1 Liverpool	37	15	4	1	53	14	6	6	5	25	22	73
2 Everton	36	13	3	2	44	16	9	4	5	31	22	73
3 Man. Utd.	38	11	5	4	31	12	9	3	6	30	21	68
4 Chelsea	36	12	3	3	30	20	7	7	4	22	23	67
5 West Ham	34	13	2	1	35	12	7	4	7	20	19	66
6 Luton	38	11	6	2	34	12	6	5	8	23	27	62
7 Arsenal	37	12	4	3	25	13	6	4	8	19	27	62
8 Nottingham For.	38	11	4	5	38	25	6	5	7	26	25	60
9 Newcastle	37	11	5	3	41	26	5	6	7	19	30	59
10 Sheffield Wed.	37	10	6	2	31	23	7	3	9	23	28	60
11 Watford	35	11	3	2	37	15	4	5	10	22	36	53
12 Tottenham	37	9	1	7	35	20	6	6	8	22	25	49
13 Q.P.R.	39	12	3	5	31	15	2	4	13	15	41	49
14 Manchester City	39	7	6	6	23	23	4	5	10	17	27	44
15 Southampton	37	10	6	4	30	15	1	3	13	12	32	42
16 Leicester City	38	6	8	4	32	29	3	4	13	19	37	39
17 Aston Villa	38	5	6	8	23	27	3	8	8	22	33	38
18 Ipswich	37	7	5	8	17	22	3	3	11	11	35	37
19 Coventry	39	4	5	10	28	34	5	5	10	17	35	37
20 Oxford Utd.	38	5	7	6	29	25	3	5	12	26	50	36
21 Birmingham C.	38	5	2	12	13	22	3	3	13	17	41	29
22 W.B.A.	38	3	7	8	17	30	1	3	16	12	51	22

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES

	Lge	Gls	M.C.	Gls	F.A.	Gls
Ogrizovic	39	—	4	—	1	—
Borrows	38	—	4	—	1	—
Downs	37	—	4	—	—	—
Bowman	29(1)	2	4	1	(1)	—
Kilcline	29	6	4	1	1	1
Peake	34	1	4	—	1	—
Bennett	30(5)	4	4	2	1	—
Gynn	6(6)	1	1(1)	—	—	—
Regis	30	5	2	5	1	—
Gibson	24	12	3	2	1	—
Adams	26(2)	3	3	—	1	—
Hibbitt	11(3)	1	(1)	—	—	—
Turner	14(1)	1	1	—	1	—
Culpin	4(3)	1	1	—	—	—
McGrath	29	—	4	—	1	—
Stephens	1(1)	—	(1)	—	—	—
Evans	4(2)	—	1	1	—	—
Williams	3(6)	—	—	—	—	—
Rodger	10	—	(1)	—	1	—
Brazil	12	2	—	—	—	—
Pickering	12	3	—	—	—	—
McInally	5	—	—	—	—	—

(Appearances as substitute in brackets)

DATE	MATCH	GATE	SCORE	LAST YEAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Sat Aug 17	Manchester City	14,550	D 1-1		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	Kilcline	Peake	Bennett	Gynn	Regis	Gibson	Adams	Hibbitt	
Tue Aug 20	Chelsea	15,679	L 0-1	L 2-6	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	★ Bowman	Kilcline	Peake	Bennett	Hibbitt	Regis	Gibson	Adams	★ Gynn	
Sat Aug 24	Everton	27,691	D 1-1	L 1-2	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	★ Kilcline	Peake	Bennett	Hibbitt	Regis	Gibson (1)	Adams	Gynn	
Mon Aug 26	Newcastle United	12,097	L 1-2	D 1-1	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	● Kilcline	Peake	Bennett	Hibbitt	★ Regis	Gibson (1)	Adams	Gynn	
Sat Aug 31	Watford	13,835	L 0-3	W 1-0	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	Kilcline	Peake	Bennett	★ Hibbitt	● Regis	Gibson	Adams	Gynn	
Tue Sep 3	Oxford United	10,266	W 5-2		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Turner	Kilcline (1)	Peake	★ Bennett	Hibbitt	(1) Regis	Gibson	● Gynn	(1) Culpin	
Sat Sep 7	Arsenal	11,962	L 0-2	L 1-2	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Turner	Kilcline	Peake	Adams	Hibbitt	Regis	● Gibson	Adams	Culpin	
Sat Sep 14	Aston Villa	12,198	D 1-1	L 0-1	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	Kilcline	Peake	Adams	McGrath	Culpin (1)	Gibson	Gynn	● Bennett	
Wed Sep 18	Stoke C. F.M.C.	3,516	L 0-3		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	★ Bowman	Kilcline	Peake	● Bennett	● McGrath	Culpin	Gibson	Adams	Evans, Williams	
Sat Sep 21	Southampton	12,576	D 1-1	L 1-2	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	★ Bowman	Kilcline	★ Peake	Adams	McGrath	Culpin	● Gibson	(1) Gynn	Bennett	
Wed Sep 25	Chester (M.C. 2nd Rd)	4,836	W 2-1		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman (1)	Kilcline	● Peake	Adams	McGrath	Bennett	Gibson (1)	Gynn	Hibbitt	
Sat Sep 28	West Bromwich Albion	10,295	W 3-0	W 2-1	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	Stephens	★ Peake	(1) Adams	McGrath	Regis	● Gibson	(1) Bennett	Hibbitt	
Sun Oct 6	Leicester City	10,959	W 3-0	W 2-0	Ogrizovic	Borrows	★	Downs	Bowman	Peake	Adams	McGrath	Regis (1)	● Gibson	(1) Bennett	Stephens	
Wed Oct 9	Chester (M.C. 2nd Rd)	5,504	W 7-2		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	Kilcline (1)	Peake	Adams	McGrath	● Regis (5)	Gibson (1)	Bennett	Stephens	
Sat Oct 12	Sheffield Wednesday	19,132	D 2-2	L 0-1	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	Kilcline	Peake	Adams (1)	McGrath	Regis	Gibson (1)	Bennett	Gynn	
Tue Oct 15	Millwall F.M.C.	1,086	D 1-1		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Adams	Bowman	Kilcline	Peake	Bennett	Gynn	Culpin	Gibson (1)	● Hibbitt	Evans	
Sun Oct 20	Tottenham Hotspur	13,545	L 2-3	D 1-1	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	Kilcline (1)	Peake	● Adams	McGrath	Regis	Gibson (1)	Bennett	Gynn	
Sat Oct 26	Birmingham City	9,267	W 1-0		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	Kilcline	Peake	Adams	McGrath	Regis	● Gibson	(1) Bennett	Gynn	
Tue Oct 29	W.B.A. (MC 3rd Rd)	9,804	D 0-0		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	Kilcline	Peake	Adams	McGrath	Regis	Gibson	Bennett	Gynn	
Sat Nov 2	Manchester United	46,748	L 0-2	W 1-0	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	★ Bowman	Kilcline	Peake	Adams	McGrath	Evans	Turner	● Bennett	Williams	
Wed Nov 6	W.B.A. (Milk Cup Replay)	8,000	L 3-4		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	Kilcline	Peake	Culpin	McGrath	Evans (1)	Turner	● Bennett (2)	Rodger	
Sat Nov 9	Liverpool	16,497	L 0-3	L 0-2	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	● Bowman	Kilcline	Peake	Rodger	Peake	● Adams	McGrath	● Evans	Gibson	
Sat Nov 16	Luton Town	9,607	W 1-0	L 0-2	Ogrizovic	★ Borrows	★ Adams	Bowman (1)	Kilcline	● Peake	Gibson	● McGrath	Evans	● Gibson	Bennett	Downs	
Wed Nov 20	(M.C. 4th Round)																
Sat Nov 23	West Ham United	11,042	L 0-1	L 1-2	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	Rodger	Peake	Adams	McGrath	Evans	● Gibson	Bennett	Turner	
Sat Nov 30	Queens Park Rangers	11,101	W 2-0	L 1-2	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	Rodger	Peake	Adams	McGrath	Regis	Gibson (1)	Bennett	McGrath	
Sat Dec 7	Chelsea	8,721	D 1-1	W 1-0	Ogrizovic	Borrows	★	Downs	★ Bowman	Rodger	McGrath	Adams	Turner	Regis	Gibson (1)	Bennett	Hibbitt
Sat Dec 14	Manchester City	20,075	L 1-5		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	Rodger	McGrath	● Adams	Turner	Regis	Gibson (1)	● Bennett	Hibbitt	
Sat Dec 21	Everton	11,059	L 1-3	W 4-1	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	Kilcline	Rodger	Adams	Turner	Regis	Gibson (1)	Bennett	Williams	
Thu Dec 26	Ipswich Town	9,356	L 0-1	W 1-0	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	Kilcline	Rodger	Adams	Turner	● Regis	Gibson	McGrath	Bennett	
Sat Dec 28	Oxford United	POSTPONED															
Wed Jan 1	Nottingham Forest	13,860	L 2-5	L 0-2	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	Peake	McGrath	Adams (1)	Turner	Regis	(1) Gibson	● Bennett	Rodger	
Sat Jan 4	Watford F.A. Cup (3)	10,498	L 1-3		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Rodger	● McGrath	Kilcline (1)	Peake	Adams	Turner	Regis	Gibson	Bennett	Bowman	
Sat Jan 11	Aston Villa	10,328	D 3-3	L 0-3	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	Kilcline (2)	Peake	Hibbitt	Turner	Regis	(1) Gibson	Williams	Bowman	
Wed Jan 15	(M.C. 5th Round)																
Sat Jan 18	Watford	7,499	L 0-2	W 3-1	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	Rodger	Peake	Hibbitt	Turner	Regis	Evans	● Bennett	Williams	
Sat Jan 25	Oxford Utd.	9,383	W 1-0		Ogrizovic	Borrows	★	Downs	McGrath	Rodger	Peake	Hibbitt	● Turner (1)	Regis	Williams	Evans	
Sat Feb 1	Newcastle United	16,637	L 2-3	W 1-0	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	McGrath	Peake	Pickering	Turner	Regis	(1) Brazil	● Bennett	Williams	
Sat Feb 8	Tottenham Hotspur	13,135	W 1-0	L 2-4	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Bowman	Kilcline	Peake	B						

SKY BLUES

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England's captain Bryan Robson covers as Cyril Regis and Frank Stapleton challenge for the ball.



Brian Kilcline and Mark Higgins battle for this high ball.



Dave Bennett shoots against Manchester Utd.

Nick Pickering, scorer of Sky Blues' goal against Manchester United, wards off the attentions of Paul McGrath.

KEEPING THEM OUT

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

We beat Burnley 3-0 here with all goals coming in the second half on April 17, 1971. ERNIE HUNT (2) and BILL RAFERTY were the scorers against a side, who were looking booked for relegation. Teams:

COVENTRY: Glazier, Smith, Cattlin, Machin, Blockley, Parker, Alderson, (Mortimer), Carr, Rafferty, Hunt, Clements.

BURNLEY: Waiters, Angus, Latcham, Docherty, Dobson, Nulty, Casper (Robert), Coates, Fletcher, Bellamy, Collins.

Attendance: 18,365

Arsenal moved to the top of Division One with a Charlie George goal against Newcastle while Leeds lost at home to W.B.A., the goal awarded by referee Tinkley caused such a rumpus that the Leeds ground was closed at the start of the following season. Denis Law (3) and George Best (2) carried Manchester United to a 5-3 win at Crystal Palace and in Division Two Luton, who were just outside the promotion race drew 2-2 with Sheffield Wednesday, Peter Anderson and Don Givens getting the goals.

TEN YEARS AGO

In our last game of the season we virtually consigned Wolves to Division Two with a 3-1 win here on April 17, 1975. Alan Green opened the scoring and though John Richards got an equaliser just before half-time Alan got two more after the break to complete a notable hat-trick, the teams being:

COVENTRY: Blyth, Oakey, Cattlin, Craven, (Murphy), Holmes, Coop, Cartwright, Powell, Cross, Green, Hutchison.

WOLVES: Parker, Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Munro, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Bell, Farley, (Gould).

Attendance: 18,678

Taking advantage of slips by Derby and Q.P.R., Liverpool moved to the top of Division One with Emlyn Hughes among the scorers in a 5-3 win over Stoke. Hereford clinched promotion to Division Two in only their fourth season as a Football League club and Luton were now seventh in Division Two after a 3-1 win at Oxford with Steve Buckley, Pasquille Fuccillo and Jimmy Husband on the mark.

FIVE YEARS AGO

After failing to score in our previous four games we managed a 2-2 draw with Stoke on April 18, 1981 at a time when they were in mid-table and we were just below them. In fact we took a 2-0 interval lead with Gerry Daly and Gerry Thompson on the mark, but then the visitors hit back with Lee Chapman and Paul Maguire (penalty) netting after the break. Teams:

COVENTRY: Sealey, Coop, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Gillespie, Bannister, Daly, Thompson, English, Hunt.

STOKE: Fox, Evans, Munro, Dodd, O'Callaghan, Doyle, Hampton, Bracewell, Chapman, Heath, Maguire.

Attendance: 12,766

There were 34,000 at Villa Park to see the home side get right back into the championship groove with a 2-0 win over Nottingham Forest. This was 13,000 down on the midweek gate that had seen them lose ground by going down to fellow-contenders Ipswich.

Luton meanwhile beat Bristol Rovers with a David Moss penalty, but they were still just outside the Second Division promotion race.

MEMORY LANE

by Geoff Allman

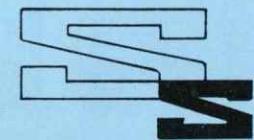
Bernard Streten by Geoff Allman

There have been few better examples over the years of the old adage that if a player is good enough then he is big enough, than Bernard Streten, who stood only 5 feet 9 inches but played over 400 games for Luton and was capped by England at both amateur and professional level.

Born in Gillingham in 1921, he grew up to Norfolk junior football and played for Notts County reserves as an amateur before the war before linking up with Shrewsbury in their pre-Football League days. During the war he won several amateur international caps and guested for a number of Football League clubs including Wolves and Walsall. He actually played one game for Walsall in the forward line in an emergency.

He was still an amateur when making his Football League debut for Luton just after the war and signed professional in January 1948. In the following season he was capped for England in the following year, being preferred to Bert Williams in a 9-2 win over Northern Ireland in November 1949 when Jack Rowley got four goals and Stan Pearson and Stan Mortensen two each.

As a climax to his career he helped Luton to promotion in 1956 and at 36 was playing for them in Division One, finally handing over to Ray Baynham, who had joined Luton from Worcester in 1951 and who was also destined to play for England. Bernard meanwhile went on to play for Wisbech, Kings Lynn and Cambridge City and then at the age of 40 moved to give further good service to North Walsham, Norfolk, when well into his forties.



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JOHN'S PRIDE AND JOY



There was no prouder man than John Sillett, our Youth Team manager last week when his team fought magnificently to come within an ace of reaching the F.A. Youth Cup final.

They appeared to have no chance when they lost the home leg of the semi-final against Manchester United by 0-2, but they rocked the 'Reds' with an early goal at Old Trafford and came desperately close to winning the tie.

Sadly their repeated attacks proved their undoing because it left space at the back through which United's youngsters scored a late goal to wrap up the tie.

But John was so proud of his lads that he raced onto the pitch to hug each one of them as they walked despondently back to the dressing room. Their disappointment was mollified to some extent however when our chairman John Poynton rewarded them for their efforts by announcing in the dressing room that he would be paying for them to have a Summer holiday in Jersey.

"That was a marvellous gesture," says John Sillett, "It shows that the chairman, like me, was proud of the way they played. They showed a tremendous attitude when most people had written them off and I swear the wrong team is in the Final."

And John's pride is not just confined to the F.A. Youth Cup performances. "They have given me everything all season and it has been a great pleasure for me to be associated with them," he says.

"I think they have learned a little and there are a few players there who could go on to play in the Coventry City first team. One thing is for sure they will have Coventry City at heart and they will all know the words of the Sky Blue Song."

But now comes the hard part, because John has to make decisions on the futures of the youngsters he has trained all season. "It's a difficult task," he admits. "But in football you cannot let your heart rule your head. I shall have to be honest to the club and look at each player objectively. I shall have to look at the reserve positions and if a youngster has not been able to force his way into the reserves I am afraid there can be no contract to stay. I can't play these lads again in next season's youth team, much as I would like to, and there are some hard decisions to be faced soon."

Meanwhile we reproduce below the team's magnificent record in the F.A. Youth Cup.

Wolverhampton W. (h) W 7-1

Newcastle Utd (a) W 4-1

Watford (h) W 1-0

Tottenham (h) D 0-0

Replay (a) W 2-1

Semi-final 1st leg Manchester Utd (h) L 0-2

2nd leg Manchester Utd (a) D 1-1 Dobson

Livingstone 3, Hathaway 2, Sedgley,

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Livingstone 2, Sedgley, Cook

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YOUTH TEAM RESULTS

1985-86

Aug

17 N. Forest (a) L 1-4 Keates
24 A. Villa (h) L 2-3 Rock, Livingston
31 Shrewsbury (a) D 1-1 Hathaway

Sept

7 Chesterfield (h) W 3-1 Sedgley, Livingstone, Dan -
14 Derby Co. (h) D 2-2 Hathaway, Dobson
21 Leicester C. (a) D 0-0
28 Notts Co. (a) L 2-4 D. Smith, Mahan

Oct

5 Port Vale (a) W 2-1 Sedgeley (Pen.), Livingstone
12 Chesterfield (a) D 3-3 Livingstone, Jeffs, Pollard
19 W.B.A. (a) L 2-3 Merriman, Dobson
22 Birmingham C. (a) Mid. Youth Cup W 1-0 Sedgley
26 Mansfield (h) W 2-1 Merriman, Hathaway pen.

Nov

2 Stoke (a) L 0-1
9 Wolverhampton (h) W 3-1 Cook, Hathaway, Livingstone
16 Stoke C. (h) L.C. W 3-1 Hathaway 2, Mahan
23 W.B.A. (a) L.C. W 2-1 Doyle, Smith
25 Wolverhampton (h) F.A. Youth Cup W 7-1
30 Leicester C. (h) Postponed

Dec

7 Wolverhampton (a) L.C. W 4-1 Hathaway 2, Sedgeley, Dandridge
9 Aston Villa (a) Sunblest Cup W 2-0 Hathaway, Cook
14 N. Forest (h) W 3-1
21 A. Villa (a) W 2-1 Smith, Dandridge

Jan

4 Wolverhampton (a) POSTPONED
11 Port Vale (h) W 3-0 Livingstone 2, Hathaway
13 Newcastle Utd. (a) F.A. Cup W 4-1 Livingstone 2,
18 Walsall (h) L.C. L 0-1
25 Aston Villa (h) L.C. Postponed

Feb

1 Derby Co. (a) L 1-5 Clarke
8 Mansfield Town (a) Postponed
15 Notts County (h) Postponed
22 W.B.A. (h) Postponed

March

1 Shrewsbury Tn (h) L 1-2 Mahan
8 A. Villa (h) W 2-0 Livingstone, Smith
11 Tottenham (h) F.A. Cup 5th Rd D 0-0
15 Shrewsbury Tn (a) L.C. L 0-3
20 Tottenham (a) F.A. Cup replay W 2-1 Hathaway, Sedgeley
22 Notts Co (a) D 1-1 Mahan

April

5 Stoke City (h)
7 Man. Utd (h) F.A. Cup semi-final L 0-2
11 Man. Utd (a) F. A. Youth Cup
semi-final D 1-1 Dobson

BRRRM BRRM IT'S WENDY

Sky Blues 'Hello Girl' Wendy Smith is as much at home on a powerful motorbike as she is on a telephone switchboard.

Wendy (25) who is usually the first voice you here when you telephone Coventry City, is a former Chief Instructor on the R.A.C./A.C.U. Motor Bike Training Scheme and her proudest possession was a 500cc Motor Guzzi machine.

And she is clearly a lady who likes the adventurous life. She is one of the few people to have to run the nine miles around the Badminton Horse Trials Course dressed as Robin Hood — all for charity.

She has tried her hand at motor bike Trials riding across country and was into Karate until she broke her toe trying out one of the kicks.

"After that I thought I should try something a little more ladylike, so now I make pottery and play indoor rink bowls in the evenings," she says demurely.

She learned to ride a motorcycle back home in Stroud and she was such a model pupil that she was invited back to become an instructor. After five years they promoted her to Chief Instructor.

She gave up her post to move to Coventry with husband Stuart after their marriage six months ago. But she says if any local motorcycle training scheme wants her help she would willingly assist on a part-time basis.

And she has not lost the urge for a spot of adventure. "I would love to have a go at speedway riding and one of my ambitions is to drive around Brands Hatch race track, just to be able to say that I have done it," says Wendy.



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