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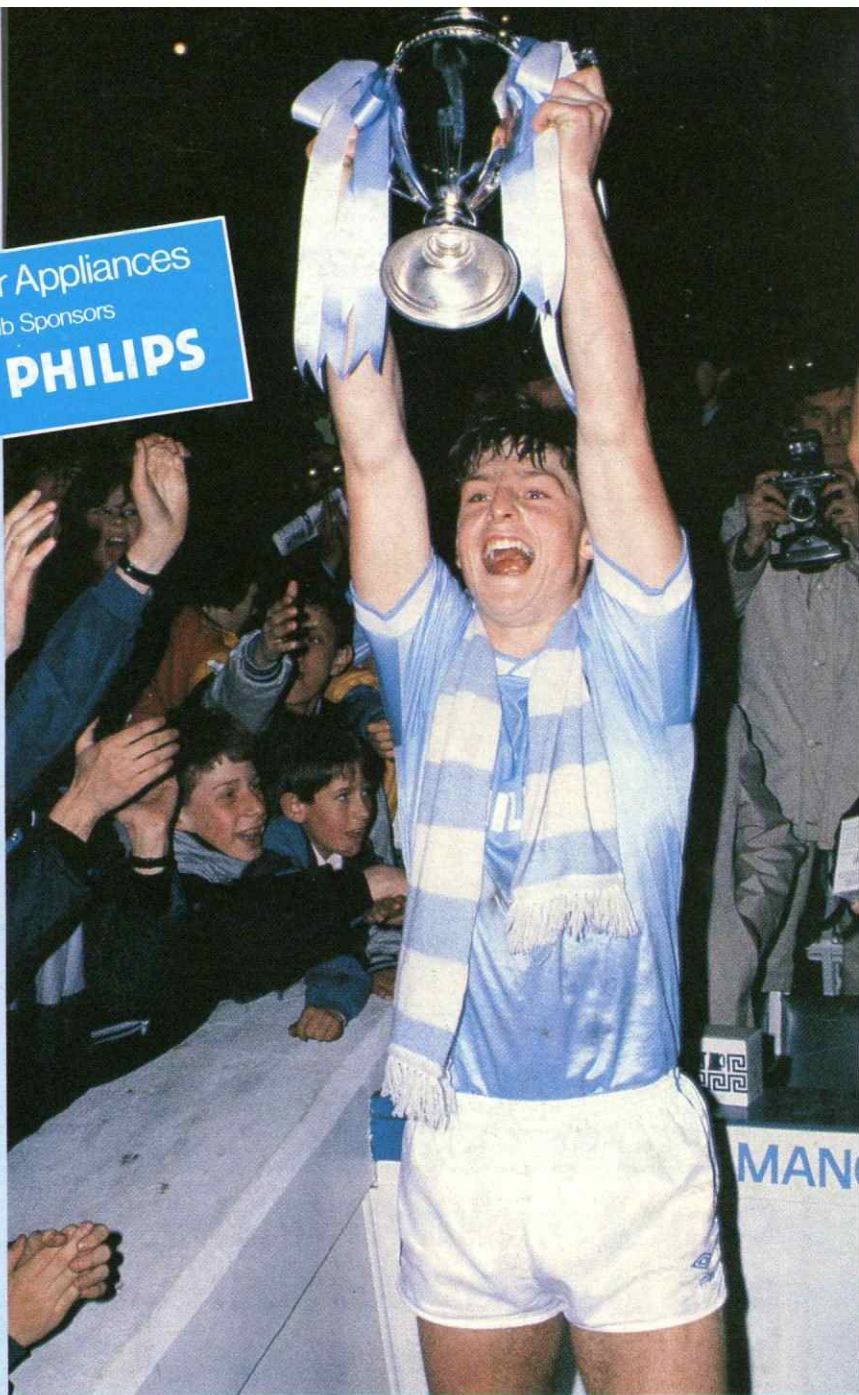


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**MANCHESTER
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v

**LUTON
TOWN**

SUPPORTERS' CLUB CHAT

Compiled by **FRED OWEN**, City Supporters' Club Press and Publicity Officer.

It's the First Division's closing week-end . . . and the last notes of the season from **FRED OWEN**, who has been bringing the news, views and goings-on from the various branches of the Supporters' Club organisation. Keep in touch with Fred during the close-season: by post to **32 Brook Lane, Newton, Chester CH7 2AP**, or by telephone at **CHESTER 379259**.

Next Saturday **Denton and Gorton** branch will be playing its annual football match against the Kippax branch of the Leeds United Supporters' Club. By tradition the game is played on the morning of the F.A. Cup Final and is followed by refreshments and pub games before everyone settles down to enjoy the big match on t.v.

This is the 4th year of the competition, the score standing 3-0 to Denton and Gorton, who this year are the hosts at the Platt Lane Complex. Destination afterwards is the Harlequins Club in Denton for food and **Mike Maybury**, secretary of the branch, extends a warm welcome to all City supporters to join them on the day.

Regular branch meetings at D and G are the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the Harlequins Club.

* Next Monday (May 5th) is the Supporters' Club Player of the Year concert in the City Social Club—your branch officials will advise you whether there is any room left if you wish to attend. I know the event is always a sell-out.

* The next few Sundays will see the preliminary rounds in the adult section of the annual 6-a-side competition, which climaxes at Platt Lane on Sunday, 1st June, with the final stages in the ladies and juniors sections as well as a celebrity tournament involving, for example, the local radio stations.

On Gala Day itself refreshments will be on sale throughout the various events—it's a real family day-out.

Individual branches will be responsible for the side-stalls and **Howard Yeats** has asked for programmes, comics, football books and magazines for the stall being run by the **Chorlton-on-Medlock** branch.

* Howard is the travel organiser for the S.C. and he points out that the Club is organising a charter train to Wembley on Saturday, May 17th for the F.A. Trophy Final between Altrincham and Runcorn. This is in response to an appeal from Altrincham for support at the Final, and train tickets are available from today at the City Ticket Office (North Stand side of the ground). Cost is £10 and the train will stop at Altrincham, Sale, Manchester Piccadilly, Stockport, Wilmslow and Crewe.

* Games secretary **Alan Entwistle** will be advising supporters about the new date for the 'all-for-charity' sports evening between our S.C. and the Trotters Revival '85 (Bolton Wanderers) which had to be postponed last month due to re-arranged football fixtures by both clubs.

* **Martin Hill**, a Spurs fan from 184 Moor Lane, Upminster, Essex, was guest of S.C. treasurer **Pauline Casey** when City played Aston Villa on Easter Saturday and in his letter of

appreciation Martin talks about his 'unforgettable day'. He compliments the Blues on being very close to its supporters and that the players are very kind and willing to talk and sign autographs. Nice to have our opinions confirmed from outside!

* If there are any fans in Bradford, Blackburn/Darwen, North Wales and Grantham/Lincoln who want to share transport costs to travel to games, please contact S.C. secretary **Frank Horrocks**, or myself. Indeed, if there are requests from any outlying area don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

* This is an opportunity to express appreciation to **WINE WAREHOUSE**, of Ashton-under-Lyne, for their magnificent support of the S.C. branches this season in presenting a bottle of pink champagne to each branch in turn before every home first team game.

* Close-season activities include the **Chester and district** branch playing **Ancoats** branch at football, and **Dukinfield** branch at cricket.

Dave Callaghan, from Radio Manchester, will entertain members of the Chester branch at the next meeting, to be held at the Town Crier on Monday, 12th May (7.30 p.m. start).

Have a good summer!

J.B. NEWS

* Don't forget our last meeting of the season tomorrow (Sunday, 4th May) at the City Social Club, 10-15 a.m. Players and officials of the Club will be there so come and join in the fun and games.

* Finally, Junior Blues Club members have voted **MARK LILLIS** as their Player of the Year with **Kenny Clements** in second and **Neil McNab** third placed. Mark will be presented with his tankard by J.B. officials before today's game.

SALE TIME COMES TO THE MANCHESTER CITY SOUVENIR SHOP

An end of the season sale will commence **Tuesday, 6th May, 1986—10 a.m. prompt.** Big discounts on all items including:—**Shirts, Sweaters, Sweatshirts** etc. Come early to avoid disappointment.

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CITY TALK

No time to relax for three of City's successful youth squad as defenders **Andy Hinchcliffe** and **Steve Redmond** and striker **Paul Moulden** put a quick end to the F.A. Youth Cup celebrations last Tuesday night. Within 48 hours this trio were teaming up with the England youth international squad and heading for a brand new experience—a soccer tournament in China.

The City starlets, two of them with first team experience (Redmond and Moulden), are expected to figure prominently in England's plans for the China Youth News international youth tournament for the TDK Cup, which is being played in Peking next week.

England face games against the Arab state of Qatar, a fast-developing football State, the Chinese national side and the Chinese Army team. In the other group will be Brazil, France, and two Chinese teams, Beijing and Liaoning.

The games start on Monday with a testing opening against China followed by a Wednesday match against Qatar and a Friday finish v the Army team. The semi-finals are played on May 11th and the Final and play-off for 3rd/4th place takes place two days later.

There are 17 players in the England youth party, which flew-out on Thursday and will be returning via a stop-off in Hong Kong, on May 18th. Hinchcliffe had England trials at Lilleshall earlier in the season, while Redmond was called up in March and Moulden has played 16 times at youth international level, starting with the under-16's.

PRIZE-WINNER No. 2: Teenage **Tony Usher** had more luck than his Dad, **Brian**, when they spent a Saturday at Maine Road a fortnight ago. Tony, of **67 Hazelbottom Road, Crumpsall, Manchester 8**, was stunned to find himself holding the match magazine with the correct number in the **PHILIPS MAJOR APPLIANCES** half-time draw (No. 71312). That stroke of good fortune has won him a **PHILIPS** microwave.

Dad, who had the next number in the sequence, was delighted for his 15 year old lad. So Tony dashed off afterwards to tell his Mum while Dad had to make a detour afterwards on other family business. It wasn't a smooth journey for Dad . . . he had a bump in his car. And he arrived home at Wilmslow Avenue, Whitefield with the doors of his car bashed in!

There are three generations of the Usher family who take a regular place at Maine Road, in the North Stand. They've been brought up in the grand tradition by Tony's grandad, **Ted**—so they all agree it is a good way to end the season, even if the result didn't go right on the day. Ted was just annoyed that this was one match day when he had to be missing from the traditional family outing.

At the end of every season there are a great number of 'thank-you' messages to send to people who have been helpful to the Blues in terms of sponsorship, support of club events outside the match action—and to those who pay their money to watch the games.

Tom Hayes, who supervises the match magazine sales, has asked me to pass on an acknowledgement to several firms and local businesses who have backed his production of the fixture chart. It's an annual task—and without help Tom is aware his job would be a great deal harder. So, please accept the gratitude of Tom and the appreciation of City for all your help . . .

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It was **Bob Benjamin's** lucky month in the '250 Club' draw. He's been supporting the club with two of the £10-a-month memberships of City's fund-raising activity—and his numbers came up when the £1,000 prize money was distributed in the latest (month of April) draw. He won the top prize of £500 and also collected one of the consolation £100 cheques.

Winners: £500 to **Bob Benjamin** (No. 208), £100 each to **Dave Ferguson** (186), **Bob Benjamin** (69), **Nat Basso** (113), **Pat Quinn** (47) and the **City Office Staff** (76).

If you want to join the club and enter the draw for the monthly cash prizes, contact City secretary **Bernard Halford** at Maine Road. It'll cost you £10-per-month and some of the jackpots are considerable. All the profits go towards the club's youth development programme.

Another season has ended in heartbreak for midfielder **GRAHAM BAKER**. This time he's out of action with a small bone broken at the back of his shoulder—the shoulder he has already dislocated three times over the past year. Added to these serious injury lay-offs Graham has also suffered a fractured leg, this particular set-back ending his interest in the 1984-85 promotion season prematurely—it happened on Easter Monday against Leeds United in the 105th minute of his first attempted come-back.

Last Saturday at Newcastle the damage which again interrupted Graham's career came in the 70th minute when he fell heavily. Led off in total dejection there was minor consolation to discover later that it was not another dislocation but a small-bone fracture though it still means he's incapacitated with his arm in a sling. But he should recover in time for a clear bill of health at the playing staff's report-back in July.

† Graham's year of woe began in a League match at Blackburn Rovers on March 2nd when he fell awkwardly and dislocated a shoulder for the first time, an incident 17 minutes from the end of the match.

Eddie Allen wouldn't want a better way of leaving his job in charge of City's 76 admission turnstiles than to head off into retirement after a full-house occasion at Maine Road. But he couldn't have anticipated the farewell would be quite so unusual . . . his last responsibility supervising the admission arrangements at City will be for the Queen pop concert which will be staged at the ground on July 16th.

The long-time Blue, now in his Seventies, has been checking City's crowd-flow since taking over as head gateman in 1969. It's been valuable service to the club and widely appreciated behind the scenes—but like all unsung heroes his hours of vital work are unseen down in the checking room under the Main Stand.

"People like Eddie Allen are invaluable in the game—he's shown undying loyalty to this club and his integrity and dedication have always been first class," said City Secretary **Bernard Halford**.

We wish him a very happy retirement.

★ Social Club ★

Monday, 5th May
"Player of the Year".

Wednesday, 7th May
Special Disco after Wythenshawe S.F.L. Cup Final.

Thursday, 8th May
Race Night—Special Charity Evening.
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Special Cabaret every Friday/Saturday/Sunday.

PLEASE NOTE: The Social Club is still open 7 days a week throughout the Summer. Enjoy a night out with us and keep contact with the Club for any special news.

Full information ring **Roy Clarke** on **226-3330**.



Appearances: F.A. Youth Cup '85-86

	Pld.	Sub.	Goals
Steve Crompton	9	3	—
Steve Mills	9	—	—
Andy Hinchcliffe	9	—	—
Ian Brightwell	9	—	—
Steve Redmond	9	—	4
Andy Thackeray	9	—	2
David White	9	—	2
Paul Moulden	9	—	9
Paul Lake	9	—	4
Ian Scott	9	—	3
David Boyd	9	—	2
John Clarke	—	2	—
Steve Macauley	—	1	—
Own Goal: Willis (Blackburn)	—	—	1
			28.11.85.

FINALLY MADE IT!

F.A. Youth Cup Final: second leg
Tuesday, 29th April, 1986 at Maine Road, Manchester
MANCHESTER CITY 2 . . . MANCHESTER UNITED 0
Scorers: Boyd 2nd min., Moulden 86th min. (City won 3-1 on aggregate).

City: Steve Crompton; Steve Mills, Andy Hinchcliffe, Ian Brightwell, Steve Redmond (captain), Andy Thackeray; David White, Paul Moulden, Paul Lake, Ian Scott, David Boyd. Sub: John Bookbinder.

United: Gary Walsh; Tony Gill, Lee Martin; Ian Scott, Steve Gardner (captain), Paul Harvey; Aidan Murphy, Mark Todd, Denis Cronin, David Wilson* (sub: Tony Hopley* 82nd min.*), Karl Goddard.

After waiting 33 years for the privilege of parading the F.A. Youth Cup prize, another 84 minutes of patience shouldn't have mattered a great deal at Maine Road last Tuesday night. But it did. Because Manchester United, fluent at football but puny on power, wouldn't easily let go of their chance to be winners (it would have been the 7th time in Reds history) in this second and deciding leg of the Final after a 1-1 meeting 5 days earlier.

As early as the 2nd minute the bonny Blues staked their claim to win this prestige competition for the very first time in club history. Moulden, who has a devastating routine in twists and tight turns, corkscrewed the United defence deep inside the penalty area on the right hand side. His hither-and-thither jink opened the space and his cross looped over the goalmouth where David Boyd rose to it with a firm header which was well-directed and just about one of the few things that threatened all night to beat the superb goalkeeping of Gary Walsh.

It was a thrilling send-off for City, hot favourites for the occasion. But they had to survive another 84 minutes, some of it edge-of-the-seat stuff, before scoring the second goal that made them sure of the success for which they've worked so hard to achieve since the Cup campaign was launched last November.

Appropriately, it was a classic finish. Moulden, the one City attacker always in the picture, played a deadly ball through to White bursting through the middle. The winger struck his shot fiercely, the defiant Walsh responded with more excellence as he blocked the ball—but Moulden's nimble mind had kept ticking over and the striker was streaking onto the loose ball and swiftly steering it low into the net from 6 yards out. For the first time there was no way back for United. And they knew it.

They were two glorious goals, taking the Cup tally to 27 from 9 games. Yet thousands of fans missed City's jubilation at the flying start. For 20 minutes into the match a huge queue of fans snaked out of the packed Main Stand to take seats in the North Stand, used as an overflow—but a constant flow of people being shepherded along the touch-line must have been an unsettling sight for youngsters trying hard to calm early edginess.

The response to this Final occasion had been staggering: 18,158 watched the match, gate receipts approached £28,000, and while the tie never attained the classic standard of the first leg it had plenty of 'oohs' and 'aaahs' for an enthusiastic audience.

In a nut-shell, City looked the likelier winners because they had strength to go with their style. Moulden always looked a good leader of the line, especially in wider positions; Thackeray, later to pay a cruel price for being sent off in the first leg, provided substance in midfield; and rising head and shoulders above all the young performers was Brightwell at the heart of City's defence, a cavalier in action, a just-18 year old playing with the innocence of youth and displaying a certainty of mind and a sure-footedness in everything he did.

It summed up the kind of presence he imposed in the 40th minute when he made one rampaging run of 40 yards which split United asunder. And Brightwell capped it with a blistering 25 yarder which the very wonderful Walsh tipped over the top.

City found left winger Goddard a perplexing customer, prodding in passes and chipping in crosses which often unhinged the Blues. United's football was of better quality but the power didn't compare.

There were see-saw moments. Brightwell cleared a menacing Goddard cross (6th), Scott blocked a distance shot from the winger (13th) while at the other end Boyd headed over from a Mills cross

(10th), White just failed to connect a spidery leg with Moulden's left flank cross (14th) and 'keeper Walsh got his arm to a Boyd attempt following a White cross from a quick free kick.

There were 4 serious occasions when City might have lost the lead. A bad goal-kick from Crompton (18th) had Hinchcliffe grappling desperately to stop Wilson breaking clear and City's full back was booked for spinning his opponent round . . . Cronin passed up a penalty area gift (30th) after being chipped in by Goddard, the striker slicing wide of the post . . . Mills whipped the ball off City's line (37th) after a deadly Wilson shot from a Cronin corner . . . and Mills again performed heroics in heading off his line from a Wilson attempt after Murphy had headed on from a corner.

Meanwhile, Walsh was putting up the shutters in United's goal. He got his arm to an effort from Boyd to deflect it wide (17th) . . . two minutes from the interval he blocked White's bid when Moulden's piercing pass got the winger through . . . the 'keeper spread himself to great effect after Boyd homed in following Lake's very cute backheel in the box (53rd) . . . and there were eye-catching snatch saves from dangerous crosses by Moulden (65th) and Hinchcliffe (72nd) at full-stretch. Additionally, White pushed off Martin to take control of a Moulden pass and rasped a shot which hit the side-netting and Scott's drive was stopped at the foot of the near-post by Walsh (72nd).

White, always capable of skipping the quite fantastic, found it difficult to maintain involvement while Boyd on the other flank was not firing effectively enough, either, as United's full backs showed their passion.

Redmond led his lads into a period of supremacy as the second half wore on, though there was still a juddering shot from Goddard (80th) which rocked Crompton a few feet back on his heels. As he has been throughout the tournament, Crompton was safe and sound as proved by his record of only six goals conceded in the 9 ties.

It was not vintage young Blues, but it was good enough, it was worthy enough, to win the trophy which City started chasing back in 1953-54. United had made it a stiff test.

As Redmond led his team to receive the trophy, cheered by ecstatic City fans, they were scenes to remember. But it was also a sad sight to see Thackeray refused the honour of collecting a medal, punishment for his dismissal from the first leg.

Thackeray was consoled by members of the City staff but they were painful minutes, a stricture too severe to be imposed on any player who had battled his heart out for the cause. Leaving a scar that may never be completely healed on a player so young. F.A. discipline at its barriest, one might think. City will apply for the midfielder to receive a medal without ceremony at a later occasion.

Thackeray was first to be handed the trophy as the players assembled for their well-earned lap of honour. Hand-shakes all round—and special memories for one man, youth and reserve team coach, **Tony Book**, who had skipped City to same triumphs at the height of their post-war eminence in the late Sixties. This Youth Cup achievement ended 10 years of silverware famine (minor competitions apart) despite some close calls.

For Book, his coaching colleague **Glyn Pardoe**, youth team aide **John Collins**—the kind of back-room worker no club should be without—and even dressing room caretaker **Jimmy Rouse**, this was time for champagne, cheers and tears. Along with members of the scouting staff, led by chief scout **Ken Barnes**, City were back among the celebrations.

Opposite page: It's the celebration scenes in City's dressing room and Book, Pardoe and the moustachioed club captain Paul Power share some of the marvellous moments.

MANCHESTER CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

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Ground Capacity: 49,000 (seating for 23,500)
Formed 1887 (as Ardwick F.C.)—1894 (Manchester City)

Chairman: **Peter Swales**
Vice Chairman: **Freddie Pye**
Directors: **Ian Niven**, M.B.I.L., **Chris Muir**, **Michael Horwich**,
Bill Adams, **Andrew Thomas**, **Gerald Doyle**, M.B.I.L.,
Tony Miles, **Brian Turnbull**, **Julian Greibach**, **Joe White**.
Honorary Presidents: **Sidney Rose**, F.R.C.S.,
Eric Alexander, M.S.A.I.D., **Joe Smith**.
Manager: **Billy McNeill**, M.B.E. (appointed 30th June, 1983)
Assistant Manager: **Jimmy Frizzell** (appointed 5th July, 1983)
Reserve/Youth Team Coaches: **Tony Book** (appointed 4th
February, 1983), **Glyn Pardoe** (appointed 3rd October, 1976)
Physiotherapist: **Roy Bailey** (appointed 7th December, 1979)
Hon. Medical Officer: **Dr. Norman Luft** (appointed July, 1978)
Chief Scout: **Ken Barnes** (appointed 7th December, 1973)
Secretary: **Bernard Halford** (appointed 7th February, 1972)
Commercial Manager: **Phil Critchley** (appointed 1st June,
1982)

FACTS ABOUT CITY

Record League Appearances: Alan Oakes (1959-76) with 565 games.

Record League Goals: Tommy Johnson (1919-30) with 158 goals.

Record Capped Player in City Colours: Colin Bell (1968-75) with 48 caps (for England).

Record Transfer Fee Paid: Steve Daley (September 1979) for £1,437,500 (incl. VAT) from Wolves.

Record Transfer Fee Received: £800,000 from Italian club Sampdoria for Trevor Francis in July 1982.

Record Victory: 11-3 against Lincoln City (Second Division) on March 23rd, 1895.

Record Defeat: 1-9 against Everton (First Division) on September 3rd, 1906.

Record Attendance: 84,569 against Stoke City (F.A. Cup 6th round) on March 3rd, 1934—British record for any game outside London or Glasgow.

Record Receipts: £239,476 for Everton v Liverpool (Milk Cup Final replay) on 28th March, 1984.

Most League Points (2 for a win): 62 (Second Division) in 1946-47.

Most League Points (3 for a win): 74 (Second Division) in 1984-85.

Most League Goals: 108 (Second Division) in 1926-27.

Most League Goals in a Season: Tommy Johnson (1928-29) with 38 in the First Division.

Most League Goals in Total Aggregate: 158 from Tommy Johnson (1919-30)

Previous Grounds: 1880-81 at Clowes Street, 1881-82 at Kirkmanshulme Cricket Club, 1882-84 at Queens Road,
1884-87 at Pink Bank Lane, 1887-94, at Hyde Road, since 1923 at Maine Road.

Pitch Measurements: 119 x 79 yards.

Limited Company: 1894.

Turned Professional: 1887 as Ardwick F.C.—in 1895 as Manchester City F.C.

Post-War Managers: Wilf Wild, Sam Cowan, Jock Thomson, Les McDowall, George Poyser, Joe Mercer, Malcolm Allison,
John Hart, Ron Saunders, Tony Book, John Bond, John Benson, Billy McNeill.

HONOURS LIST

Division One Championship: 1937, 1968.

Division One Runners-Up: 1904, 1921, 1977.

Division Two Championship: 1899, 1903, 1910, 1928,
1947, 1966.

Division Two Runners-Up: 1896, 1951.

Division Two Third Place: 1985.

European Cup-Winners Cup Winners: 1970.

F.A. Cup Winners: 1904, 1934, 1956, 1969.

F.A. Cup Finalists: 1926, 1933, 1955, 1981.

Football League Cup Winners: 1970, 1976.

Football League Cup Finalists: 1974.

F.A. Charity Shield Winners: 1937, 1968, 1972.

F.A. Charity Shield Finalists: 1934, 1956, 1969, 1973.

Full Members' Cup Finalists: 1986.

Lancashire Senior Cup Winners: 1921, 1923, 1928, 1930,
1953, 1974.

Lancashire Senior Cup Finalists: 1897, 1924, 1932.

Manchester Senior Cup Winners: 1892, 1901, 1903, 1907,
1911, 1928, 1929, 1932, 1933, 1949.

Manchester Senior Cup Finalists: 1898, 1902, 1924, 1925,
1926, 1930, 1934, 1950, 1958, 1962, 1964.

F.A. Youth Cup Winners: 1986.

F.A. Youth Cup Finalists: 1979, 1980.

Lancashire F.A. Youth Cup Winners: 1973, 1977, 1980,
1982, 1983, 1984, 1985.

Lancashire F.A. Youth Cup Finalists: 1981.

Lancashire Combination Div. 1 Winners: 1902.

Lancashire Combination Div. 1 Runners-Up: 1899, 1903.

Lancashire Combination Div. 2 Winners: 1909.

Central League Winners: 1978.

Central League Runners-Up: 1922, 1931.

Central League Div. 2 Fourth Place (Promoted): 1984.

Healey Charity Cup Winners: 1898, 1899, 1901.

Manchester League Runners-Up: 1952, 1955.

Gilgryst Cup Winners: 1939, 1951.

Lancs. League Div. 2 Principle Comp. Winners: 1967, 1969.

Lancs. League Div. 2 Supplementary Comp. Winners: 1958,
1967, 1968 (shared with Liverpool).

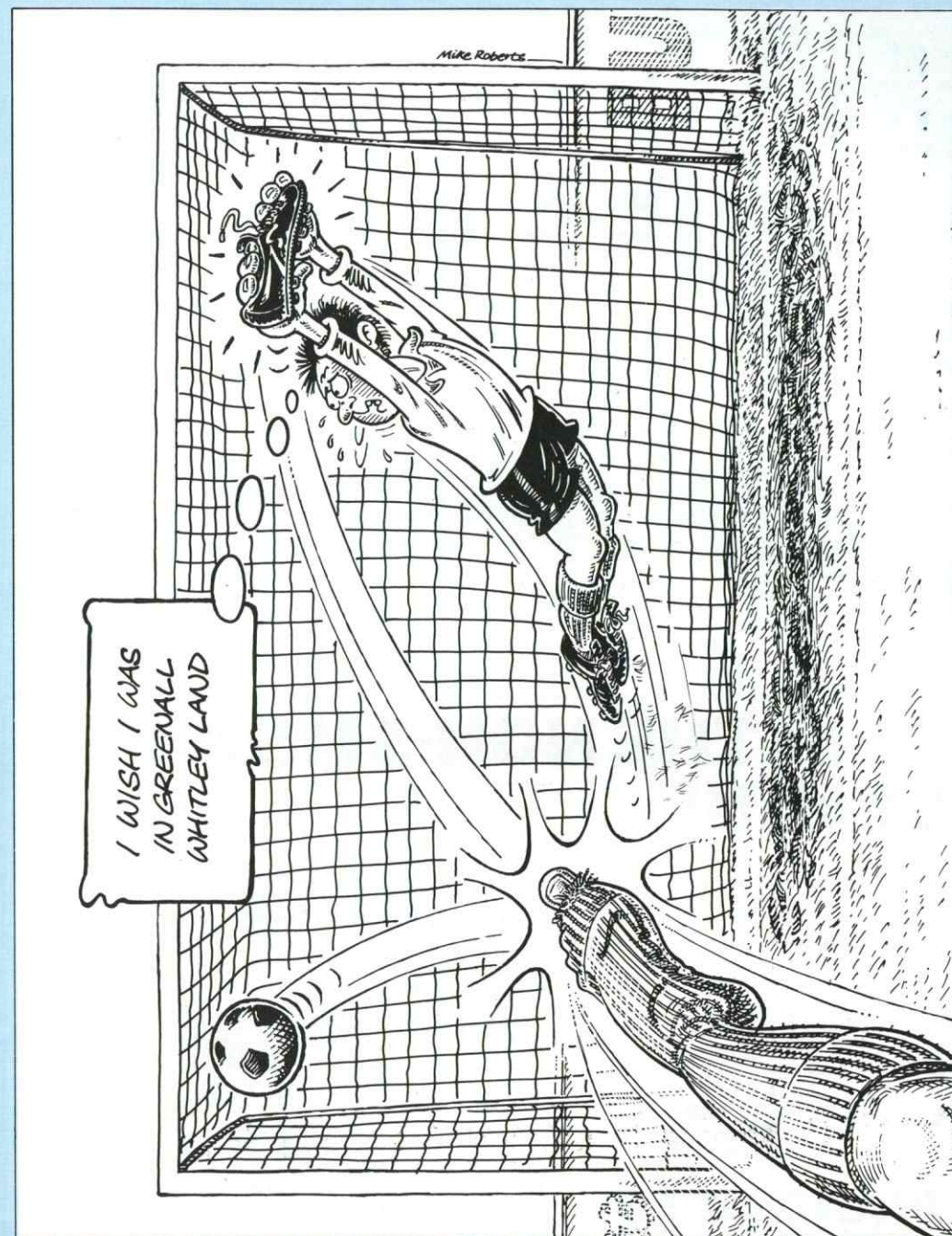
Lancs. League Div. 2 Supp. Comp. Runners-Up: 1956, 1970.

Hereford Senior Cup (by invitation): 1980.

World War One: Lancashire Section Principal Tournament

Winners: 1915.

Lancs. Section Subsid. Tournament Winners: 1915, 1919.



BOOK WITH THE BLUES

Time is running out if you're a City fan and want to get the best available bargain with your season ticket booking for 1986-87. The Discount Deal has already finished (with a splendid response, might we add!) and now supporters have until May 31st to make the next saving. Use the table below to make your price comparisons—and, remember, City only guarantee the season ticket book prices up to July 31st. Any price increase during the close-season will be added to the figures below.

BUY NOW

Block	Price to 31st May	Current price to 31st July
B, C, E, F & H Centre	£ 100.00	£ 105.00
B, C, E, F & H Centre Children and O.A.P.'s	60.00	63.00
D, I, H Outer	78.00	80.00
A	68.00	70.00
A, D, I, H Outer Children and O.A.P.'s	50.00	53.00
H Outer Junior Blues	30.00	N/A
H Outer Junior Blues Parents	45.00	N/A
North Stand	63.00	68.00
North Stand Children and O.A.P.'s	38.00	40.00
Kippax Street	33.00	36.00
Kippax Street Jnr/Sen Cit	22.00	25.00
Family Stand 'G' Block Adult	53.00	
Family Stand 'G' Block Juniors	32.00	
Platt Lane Corner Adults	43.00	47.00
Platt Lane Corner Jnrs/Sen Cit	27.00	30.00
Car Park (Main, Forecourt & Social Club)	37.00	
Car Park (Kippax)	17.00	

INSTALMENT PLAN

Price of Ticket	Payment on or before May 14th	Payment on or before June 14th	Payment on or before July 14th	Payment on or before Aug. 14th
£ 112.00	£ 28.00	£ 28.00	£ 28.00	£ 28.00
77.00	20.00	19.00	19.00	19.00
84.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
75.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.00
65.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
75.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.00
52.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
44.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
36.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
54.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00
38.00	10.00	10.00	9.00	9.00

City also launch the Instalment Plan, which is the easy-way to pay when you book your City football. Prices of season books are itemised below and there are four stage payments during the summer in which the cash outlay can be made easier than having to fork out the full charge in one go.

Details of the Instalment Plan arrangements are available at the City Ticket Office or by contacting the club with a stamped addressed envelope.

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Last MAINE ROAD Meeting...

Saturday, 14th May, 1983

Manchester City 0... Luton Town 1

City: Williams; Ranson, McDonald; Reid, Bond, Caton; Tueart, Reeves, Baker* (sub: Kinsey* 86th), Hartford, Power.

Luton: Godden; Stephens, Goodyear; Horton, Elliott, Donaghy; Hill, Aylott, Walsh, Turner* (sub: Antic* 64th min), Stein.

Scorer: Antic (Luton) 85th min.

Referee: Arnold Challinor (Rotherham).

Attendance: 42,843.

Who can forget it? Quite possibly the blackest day in City's modern history. Defeat, the 21st of the season, that stunned Maine Road and sent City shell-shocked into the Second Division in the critical closing game of the 1982-83 season. And victory 5 minutes from time that meant Luton remarkably escaped going through that same trap-door... at City's grave expense. And the BBC television cameras were there to record the misery.

City needed one point to survive, for Luton a win was their only solution. Bottom club Brighton and Swansea were already relegated and this tension-charged match was to decide who would join them.

There was little for the Blues to feel proud about. Luton were the superior team and had the better individual performances—and a few among the Maine Road crowd did not distinguish themselves by invading the pitch in a threatening manner at the final whistle. It was a shameful occasion in every sense.

The deciding goal came from substitute **Raddy Antic**, only his second of the season, after the visitors had four times probed dangerously at the City goal. The tragic moment developed from a right wing cross despatched by **Brian Stein**, recalled for this match. Goalkeeper **Alex Williams** could only punch the tricky centre and it fell the way of Antic, who smacked a fierce low drive through a packed penalty area.

Scenes of ecstasy ensued from the Luton camp as teammates smothered the marksman and they rolled about on the Maine Road pitch in unashamed delight at the thought of their salvation.

The City players were gutted, unable to comprehend the savagery of the sentence they were to face in the Second Division for the next two seasons.

Yet there could be little for City to complain about. Though Luton had arrived with the worst defensive record in the First Division their 'keeper, **Tony Godden**, did not have a serious shot to handle in the whole 90 minutes. The biggest worries he had were from a lunge by **Bobby McDonald** as the ball ran loose and a **Tommy Caton** header into the area with the 'keeper out of position.

Nervous and edgy, the Blues mustered a couple of early openings for **Kevin Reeves** (a cross-shot wide) and **Dennis Tueart**, neither of them amounting to much. There was a constant attempt by **Asa Hartford** to whip the team into concerted action but while he battled to the last breath in midfield the response around him was muted.

In an unmemorable first half there was only one shot on target—and not many more were wide of the mark.

Paul Walsh was a lively striker for Luton and in the 62nd minute demanded a superb reflex save with his legs from Williams. There were earlier efforts from Stein and **Mal Donaghy**. But it was full back **Kirk Stephens** who proved a formidable figure with powerful bursts from his own back-line and from one such attacking sprint City found themselves in total disarray. Williams partly saved the Stephens attempt, but the ball spun away and struck **Nicky Reid** before clattering back against the home post—a 72nd minute let-off.

By this time Antic was on for **Wayne Turner** and Luton were carrying the game to the Blues. There was one respite

when Tueart sent a header flashing close in the 83rd minute. Then it was Luton's turn—and the killer goal.

City sent on **Steve Kinsey**, a desperation measure with barely 4 minutes to go, and it was an all-or-nothing finish from the Blues as they fussed around the Luton goal zone. Without suggesting that salvation was at hand.

The final whistle brought jubilation to the Luton camp with manager **David Pleat** dashing onto the pitch to celebrate his team's famous rescue act. But there were also ill-mannered City fans swarming onto the pitch and it looked threatening when three Luton players—**Ricky Hill**, **Paul Elliott** and **Trevor Aylott**—were confronted by the small group of louts. Punches were aimed but mounted police arrived on the scene to clear the playing area.

So it was back to the Second Division for City, repeating the demise of May 1963.

Manager **John Benson**, soon to be relieved of his job and its worries, said later: "I'm glad it's all over. It's been hard graft. We have not been able to do our jobs properly. We had to con players who have conned us for nine months... I'm not going to live through that every week, no way. I would rather play kids right from the start." He wasn't to get the chance.

For Luton it was survival in their first season back in the First Division. The Hatters had picked up 21 of their 49 points away from home—only Liverpool had scored more goals than them in away games—so it was a vindication of the bold attacking policy pursued by manager Pleat.

Star Men: **ASA HARTFORD** (City)

PAUL WALSH (Luton).

Analysis v LUTON TOWN

First Meeting in Football League: 1897-98

Number of seasons met in the Football League: 13

Highest Home win: 2-0 in 1898-99 and 1946-47

Highest Away win: 3-0 in 1898-99

Highest Home defeat: 0-1 in 1982-83; 1-2 in 1938-39 and 1959-60.

Highest Away defeat: 1-5 in 1958-59

Win 'doubles' achieved by our Blues: One

Win 'doubles' achieved by Luton: Two

F.A. Cup meetings (excluding replays): 6

League/Milk Cup meetings (excluding replays): 3

FACT: City have failed to score at home in the League against Luton on only one occasion—the relegation game in 1982-83.

Record of League meetings:

	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
Our Blues at Home:	12	6	3	3	19	14
Our Blues at Kenilworth Road	13	3	3	7	17	27
TOTAL:	25	9	6	10	36	41

Last November 30th—FIRST DIVISION

Luton Town 2 (Stein 2nd and 65th mins.)

Manchester City 1 (Lillis penalty 84th min.)

Luton: Sealey; Breaker, Thomas; Nicholas, Elliot, Donaghy; Hill, Stein, Hartford, Nwajobi* injured (sub: Daniel* 69th min.), Preece.

City: Nixon; Reid, Power; Johnson, McCarthy, Phillips; Lillis, May, Davies, McNab, Wilson* injured (sub: Baker* 41st min.).

Referee: David Axcell (Southend)

Attendance: 10,096

Star Men: **RICKY HILL** (Luton)

NICKY REID (City).

Cover Caption

This is what it's all about... skipper **Steve Redmond** holds the F.A. Youth Cup aloft, the magic moment that confirmed City's first success in the country's premier knock-out competition for youth players. A 2-0 Tuesday night win over Manchester United gave City a 3-1 aggregate triumph in the Final.



Manchester Evening
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PETER GARDNER'S VIEW

(Home-and-away reporter
on City affairs for 23 years)

Manchester City's First Division future has been confirmed despite a disastrous run of results that had alarm bells ringing ominously. And it's just as well considering today's last game visitors are Luton Town... the team that committed the Blues to a two-year Second Division exile just three seasons ago.

A late goal by **Raddy Antic**, Luton's second half substitute, saw City lose a game they initially needed only to draw to keep in the First Division. That victory enabled Luton to remain in the top flight, a success that is remembered for the emotional dash on to the pitch by Hatters manager **David Pleat** to embrace his goal-scorer.

Fortunately, today's game does not pack quite the same drama and impact although for Luton victory would enable them to finish in their highest placing ever since becoming a Football League club.

There was a spell earlier this season when Luton were so well placed they had visions of a sensational League Championship victory. Had that dream been fulfilled Luton would have become the first side in history ever to win the championships of all four Divisions.

However, they do possess one unique Football League record—they are the only team ever to drop from the First to the Fourth Division and then climb all the way back to the top. Between 1960 and 1965 they sank to the basement and their recovery started with the Fourth Division title in 1968. By 1970 they were back in Division Two and in 1974, the Hatters made a proud return to the First.

They survived for only one season on that occasion, but re-built in the Second to win that championship in 1982. The 1982-83 season saw them struggle throughout culminating in that cliff-hanger at Maine Road.

Though the Hatters have never won any major honours, they did reach the Final of the F.A. Cup in 1959, losing at Wembley to Nottingham Forest. They looked set for Wembley again last season when they led Everton 1-0 with only a few minutes remaining of the semi final. But Everton snatched a fortunate equaliser, winning the game in extra time.

Luton at one stage planned a new stadium and when that move was blocked last year, they gave their own homely Kenilworth Road ground a face-lift and opened this season with a new artificial pitch—one of only two in the Football League at the moment.

Luton's previous highest League placing was eighth in 1957-58. A win for them today could clinch seventh position.

In their final home fixture a week ago a fine hat-trick by England-rated striker **Mick Harford** gave them a 3-2 win over their closest rivals Watford. Harford was not among **Bobby Robson's** 22 for Mexico revealed earlier this week but is on stand-by for the World Cup squad.

Harford began his League career with Lincoln City (top scorer with 16 goals in 1979-80). When he had reached 15-goals for Lincoln the following season, Newcastle United stepped in to pay £200,000... a record for a Fourth Division player. Since then Harford has played for Bristol City and Birmingham moving to Luton, again for a fee of £200,000 last November.

His front-running partner **Brian Stein** was blooded in Luton's senior team in 1977 and has been a prolific scorer since winning one full England cap and three at under-21 level.

Another senior England player in the Hatters ranks is talented midfielder **Ricky Hill**, while beefy defender **Steve Foster**, a £130,000 recruit from Brighton, has also won 3 full caps.

Representing Northern Ireland is **Mal Donaghy** who has played as a central defender as well as left back for both club and country. He was signed from Larne for £20,000 in 1978 and is now a regular member of the Irish squad that will shortly be Mexico-bound.

Not to be outdone is **Peter Nicholas**, who keeps the Wales flag flying in a useful Luton line up. A powerful midfielder, Nicholas is on his way to a half century of caps winning his 41st recently against Saudi Arabia. He began his career as a full back with Crystal Palace before converting to midfield. He joined Arsenal for £500,000 in 1981 but found himself eased out following the arrival of his namesake **Charlie Nicholas** two years later. He returned to Palace briefly before joining Luton for £150,000 last season.

Luton's newest recruit is striker **Mike Newall**, signed for £85,000 from Wigan Athletic earlier this year. He kicked off his League career with Crewe but moved to Wigan after only three League games.

Manager:

DAVID PLEAT

On 25th January, 1978 he took the manager's post as successor to **Harry Haslam**, who had departed 48 hours earlier to take another job (with Sheffield United). David's record in charge at Kenilworth Road:

1977-78: 13th position in the Second Division with 38 points. F.A. Cup 4th round k.o. by 0-4 v Millwall, away.

1978-79: 18th position in the Second Division with 36 points. League Cup 5th round k.o. by 1-4 v Leeds United, away. F.A. Cup 3rd round k.o. by 0-2 v York City, away.

1979-80: 6th position in the Second Division with 49 points. League Cup 1st round k.o. on 1-4 aggregate v Gillingham—0-3 away leg, 1-1 home leg. F.A. Cup 3rd round k.o. by 0-2 v Swindon Town, home.

1980-81: 5th position in the Second Division with 48 points. League Cup 3rd round k.o. by 1-2 v Manchester City, home. F.A. Cup 4th round k.o. by 1-2 v Newcastle United, away.

1981-82: CHAMPIONS of Second Division—in 1st place with 88 points. League Cup 2nd round k.o. on 1-2 aggregate v Wrexham—0-2 home leg, 1-0 away leg. F.A. Cup 4th round k.o. by 0-3 v Ipswich Town, home.

1982-83: 18th position in the First Division with 49 points. Milk Cup 4th round k.o. by 0-1 v Tottenham Hotspur, away. F.A. Cup 4th round k.o. by 0-2 v Manchester United, home.

1983-84: 16th position in the First Division with 51 points. Milk Cup 2nd round k.o. on 3-4 aggregate v Rotherham United—3-2 away leg, 0-2 home leg. F.A. Cup 3rd round replay k.o. by 3-4 v Watford, away.

1984-85: 13th position in the First Division with 54 points. Milk Cup 4th round k.o. by 2-4 v Sheffield Wednesday, away. F.A. Cup semi-final k.o. by 1-2 v Everton at Villa Park.

1985-86: 7th position in the First Division with 65 points. Milk Cup 3rd round k.o. by 0-2 v Norwich City, home. F.A. Cup 6th round replay k.o. by 0-1 v Everton, away.

Nottingham born and now 41 years of age (born: 15th January, 1945), he began his playing career as a junior with Nottingham Forest, signing in March 1962. He'd been an England Schoolboy international winger prior to this, and went on to win international youth honours.

At Forest he played only 6 League games (scoring once) and was transferred to Luton in August 1964. After 70 League games for the Hatters (and 9 goals) he was sold to Shrewsbury Town in July 1967. His stay at Gay Meadow lasted 12 months (12 League appearances, one goal) before going to Exeter City in July 1968, where he had 69 League matches and netted 14 times.

He finished his playing at Peterborough United, beginning there in July 1970 and having his final League match in a home game with Cambridge United on 17th April, 1971. It was a back injury which terminated his career and he went into management on a tight budget with non-league Nuneaton Borough.

He'd left favourable impressions in his first spell at Luton and was recalled in 1975 to become reserve team coach. Three years later he was their managerial choice.

Now he's the fourth longest-serving manager in the First Division, only **John Lyall** (West Ham), **Brian Clough** (Nottingham Forest) and **Graham Taylor** (Watford) having survived the demanding job for longer. But David has had the chance to leave, turning down an approach from Queen's Park Rangers to become their boss in June 1984.

One thing is certain: it will not be very long before he's asked by a more famous club in the First Division. No longer unknown and unfashionable, he's become a very perceptive 'expert' as a colour commentator in the television world and has signed a World Cup contract to be in I.T.V.'s broadcasting plans this summer.

Incidentally, his current team cost around £800,000, this amount being spent on four players. But in the transfer market the Luton boss has proved very shrewd and is substantially in profit with his many dealings.

MEMORIES... he was some Kidd!!

Wednesday, 9th Nov, 1977

MANCHESTER CITY 3 LUTON TOWN 2

after extra time: at Old Trafford

One of Manchester City's most exciting fight-backs in Cup football took place on the for-once neutral territory of Old Trafford. It was against the final visitors to Maine Road of this present season, Luton Town, in a League Cup 2nd Replay on 9th November 1977. The winning goal in extra time came from a man who had scored quite a few for one of his former clubs on that very ground. It used to be **BRIAN KIDD's** home.

'Kiddo' was born on 29th May, 1949 in Collyhurst North Manchester. Schooldays were at nearby St. Patrick's, the same school which had produced **Nobby Stiles** and **Wilf McGuinness**, who also made their mark at United.

Brian's first football team was St. Mary's in the Levenshulme Junior Catholic League. His skill was recognised with selection for Manchester Boys, and it was from them that he signed apprentice forms for the Reds in 1964.

His progress at Old Trafford is well charted. Probably the highlight was the scoring of one of the four goals in 1968 at Wembley to win the European Cup against Benfica. He also made 2 England appearances whilst at Old Trafford.

In July 1974 he moved to Arsenal for £110,000 though he might have joined City! Travelling to London by train with new City boss, **Tony Book**, he happened to say, "I wish you'd sign me." Book admitted later that he would have liked to have done so. "He'd be a great player for us, but timing is wrong for us to get involved," he conceded. City had not long bought **Dennis Tueart** and **Mick Horswill** from Sunderland and were spent up.

Brian was leading scorer in both his seasons with the North Londoners. However his wife, **Margaret**, could not settle in the South. "We had never sold our house in Alkrington, it was inevitable that we'd return," he said.

He signed for City on 7th July, 1976 and his first game in a City shirt was in Glasgow in the Tennant Caledonian Trophy against Southampton on 2nd August. City clinched 3rd place in the competition, beating Partick Thistle 4-1. Kidd got a couple of goals.

His League debut was in a 2-2 draw at Leicester on 21st August, another newcomer being **Jimmy Conway** from Fulham.

City had a tremendous start, losing only 2 League games up to mid-February. Brian scored 21 goals in 39 appearances, though his first didn't arrive until the 12th League game, at Norwich on 30th October where we won 2-0.

The highlight was his grabbing 4 of the 5 goals the Blues hammered past a bewildered Leicester City at Maine Road on 22nd January. His achievement equalled a long-standing City record. Not since 1932 had a City player scored 4 in a First Division game (**Fred Tilson** did it against Aston Villa in a 5-2 win. Four goals, that is, without penalties. **Eric Brook** had 4-goals with the aid of two penalties in April 1938 against West Brom, 7-1 losers).

The Leicester match was a televised game and Kiddo's sheer joy was apparent to the watching millions. Brian's first sky-blue season ended with him as top scorer and he also scored the only goal in a UEFA Cup home tie v Juventus, yet the Italians won the second leg. Another

goal came in a FA Cup tie against West Brom.

One black spot for Brian was a sending-off at Derby towards the end of a season in which the Blues finished First Division runners-up.

In 1977-78 he was top scorer again with 16 goals in 39 League appearances, 1 in the FA Cup and 3 in the League Cup. Which brings us back to Luton:

Brian's lone goal disposed of hosts Chesterfield on the last day in August and City were then drawn at Luton. The first game, a nail-biting affair, ended 1-1. **Peter Barnes** cancelling out **Ron Fletcher's** opener. The replay remained goal-less yet of real anxiety for City, notably when 17 year-old **Gary Heale** missed an open goal.

In the second replay, at Old Trafford Gary Heale scored twice from close range in the first 26 minutes. He had time to score with a well placed shot after 11 minutes, and his second came when **Joe Corrigan** could only divert a **Steve Buckley** free-kick into his path.

Ricky Hill brought down **Paul Power** in the penalty area later in the first half and Tueart's successful penalty conversion sparked a City revival. The Blues now meant business. **Pasquale Fuccillo** and Buckley cleared efforts off the line, and after 58 minutes Barnes found 'Kiddo' with a long pass. Brian's strength and will-power took him through two tackles: he got the ball to **Mick Channon**, who scored with a low left-footer.

Luton goalkeeper **Milija Aleksic** made a string of magnificent saves, culminating in a penalty block from another Tueart pldriver. But he was also thankful the woodwork came to his rescue on at least 3 occasions, preventing goals from **Asa Hartford**, **Dave Watson**, and Barnes.

Five minutes from the end Luton's good fortune ran out. Tueart centred carefully and Kiddo powered in a quality gliding header to seal the game. A capital goal to seal a capital fight-back!

The Blues won 2-1 at Ipswich in the next round, one goal being a controversial one from 'Kiddo', but went out in a Round 5 replay at Arsenal to a very debatable penalty, converted by **Liam Brady**.

The following season was to be Brian's last at Maine Road. Allison was back and the team's pattern of play was changed and 'Kiddo's' scoring touch suffered as a result. After approaches from Sheffield United, Oldham, Stoke and Sunderland, Brian finally decided on Everton, for whom he signed on 29th March, 1979. "He can leave Maine Road felling proud about the job he did," said Book.

In May 1980 he moved to Bolton Wanderers and stayed there until his contract was cancelled in January 1982 when he started a very successful stay in the North American Soccer League. He returned in 1984 to have a short spell as player-boss at non-league Barrow before teaming up with his old City team-mate **Tommy Booth** in the role of assistant manager at Preston North End. He was made manager after Booth left the club—and a few months back 'Kiddo' turned his back on that frustrating job, a very brief reign indeed!

'Kiddo's' playing record with City:

	Apps.	Goals
League	97 + 1 sub	44
FA Cup	9	4
FL Cup	11	3
UEFA Cup	10	6
Tours/Friendlies	21	14
Central League	1	1

Details of that replay against Luton:

City: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie; Doyle, Watson, Power; Barnes, Channon, Kidd, Hartford, Tueart. Sub: Owen.

Luton: Aleksic; Price, Buckley; West, Faulkner, McNichol; Stein*, (sub: Sperrin*), Hill, Ron Fletcher, Fuccillo, Tueart.

Scorers: Tueart (pen.), Channon, Kidd for City...

Heale 2 for Luton.

Referee: Ken Burns.

Attendance: 13,043.



BILLY McNEILL leads out his bonny Blues at the Wembley occasion last March when City faced Chelsea in the Full Members' Cup Final. Now Billy can't wait to get back there for his next Final.

1985-1986 VERDICT

by **BILLY McNEILL**
*Manchester City
Manager*

We've had one Wembley appearance and a thrilling F.A. Youth Cup Final success, but we've also had quite a difficult season re-establishing ourselves in the First Division. The Cup involvements were a huge bonus, filling the grey and cheerless winter months with excitement and interest. It was in bread-and-butter affairs that we suffered our disappointments.

While I would not have dared predict the inconsistent shape of this settling-in campaign—for over a month anchored in the bottom 3 and then a run of 20 points out of 27—it has not fallen a long way short of my expectations. It has been an achievement to hold our own, underlined when you see that at least one of our promotion colleagues—Birmingham City—have dropped like a stone back into the Second Division in their first season while the other club, Oxford United, are currently scrapping like fury to avoid dropping down with them.

It was important this season to re-establish our place in the First Division. This we have done.

We were testing the water in the early part of the season and the demands were as stiff as we expected. Valuable points were dropped even though the team began brightly and it put our game on edge. Once you drop into the bottom groupings, especially in the early months, it becomes doubly difficult to settle down and establish a format.

It was at Southampton on September 7th, our seventh game in the League, that the uncertainty caused by mediocre results really took its toll. Our display that afternoon was as bad as we've performed all term, matched only by the very poor show we put on in front of our own fans last March 1st when Oxford United trounced us 3-0. Two games I have no desire to recall in detail.

Gordon Davies was signed from Chelsea in early October and there were indications from the outset that he was going to forge a strong goal-scoring partnership with **Mark Lillis**. The promise didn't materialise to full effect and some of the blame belongs to the unavoidable delay in being able to settle Gordon into his own home in the area.

I still have high expectations of this double-act and our scoring prospects should improve further with the increased experience of the younger members of the staff, who have done so well at reserve and junior team levels.

Our best form was revealed in Cup ties. I'd single out the splendid 3-1 win at Walsall in the F.A. Cup as a performance of true grit and ability on a snow-bound pitch where conditions probably favoured a giant-killing act. We won well, by 3-1.

We were very good in the 4th round, too, and it was a travesty that we didn't dispose of Watford in the home meeting. The 1-1 finish did not reflect the match, a penalty saving the visitors. I suppose we surprised everyone with the replay, drawing 0-0 after extra time and once again being the better team.

It was galling to lose the second replay by 1-3 when we'd done all the hard work in getting Watford back to Maine Road.

The 2-0 win at Nottingham Forest in the League, coinciding with the return of **Clive Wilson** after all his injury difficulties, was something really special. On November 16th it finished a run of 12 games without a win—and it was our best all-round performance of the campaign.

It has been a season of discovery, some very interesting

improvements among the staff, and a few disappointments from players who never actually got to grips with their first season in the top-flight.

Lillis was having his first taste of the First Division after being signed from Huddersfield Town last summer and it has been a delight to see the way he has adjusted to the heavy demands. He has poured his heart into the team effort and has been one of the season's success stories. He remains our top marksman and has deserved his 15 goals, few players will have worked harder for them.

Our outstanding performer has unquestionably been **Kenny Clements**, maintaining a high level of form from the outset. It was a savage blow when he was taken off against Manchester United (March 22nd) with a knee ligaments injury which cost him a place he wanted so badly in the Full Members' Cup Final and has been a big loss to the defence for the rest of the season. Kenny coped with all the top-line strikers and I note that he took the team's 'star award' on seven occasions. There must have been many more matches when he was only just pipped for the honour.

Neil McNab has also had a good season, showing the quality which has always been in his play and his style clearly suits the more sophisticated arena of First Division football. He's had his thin times at Maine Road, and was only in the 1984-85 promotion team at the closing stage due to the injury of others. But the skilful midfielder picked up last August from where he left off in May, and has carried it through.

Others have had special moments but they've not achieved the consistency of the three lads I've named. Simply, some made the jump in class much better than others.

When put to the test the youngsters met the challenge well. Youth team captain **Steve Redmond** had the longest senior run, taking over from Clements, and he did particularly well. It was a well-earned reward that the lad led his team-mates in the youth team to a first-ever Final success for City in the F.A. Youth Cup last Tuesday night. I see no reason why he should not go from strength to strength and he has answered the key questions about how he would acquit himself at the highest level.

All clubs have to budget for injuries but we have been cruelly treated, never getting together for an extended run the midfield combination of **Graham Baker** and **Clive Wilson**. The pair had been going great guns in the Second Division before everything was interrupted with Clive's long-term ankle problems in February last year just three weeks before we lost Graham with the first of his shoulder dislocations. Clive had looked at that stage as though he would quickly develop into an exciting player, but continual interruptions have delayed that hope.

The team has never lacked courage and commitment, despite a number of games when it appeared hidden—inexplicably! The second half fight-back at Manchester United on March 22nd, when we were worthy of victory after trailing 0-2, was as good as you'll see anywhere. I was very proud of the way we worked that day and it must have given great delight to our vast following of fans. It was a part-repayment for the great loyalty and trust that our thousands of supporters have put into this club. Once again our following has been marvellous, particularly away from home.

We have been no better than a mid-table team. That's where we



KENNY CLEMENTS... outstanding performer of 1985-86.

deserved to end up, even though I harboured hopes that we were going to continue our climb towards the top at the start of the year. Everything started coming unstuck with a heavy defeat at Everton on February 11th—in truth, we've not found our stride again since that set-back.

Injuries have continued to bug us right to the finish. We had a winning look to our game at Newcastle last Saturday, comfortably holding a 1-0 lead, and then we lost skipper **Paul Power** 10 minutes after half-time with a gashed head which needed 17 stitches and were reduced to 10 men when Baker's dreadful luck with injury cursed him again as he broke a small bone at the back of the right shoulder, which he's already dislocated 3 times inside 12 months. It was hurtful to lose 1-3 in the closing stages in those circumstances.

It's little consolation to know that I should not have expected more from our return to the First. But I have had plenty to hearten me because of the encouraging things happening at youth level. Our teenage team have done well in their Cups and in the Lancashire League and many have taken the stride into the Central League without difficulty.

I still preach patience about their development. Had I listened to many enthusiastic watchers I could have been tempted to promote more than Redmond, **Paul Moulden** and **Darren Beckford**. But these boys have got to get the right experience—they are at an impressionable age, keen to listen when people push their claims. I want them to succeed when the time is right and the first team situation will suit them. A nasty experience at this age often leaves a bad taste, and I do not want that.

I believe we have four or five juniors who show all the signs of being first team players. That would be a fantastic return on our investment in this area—far above the national average from youth policies.

Also among our long-term casualties has been goalkeeper **Alex Williams**, and his return from a serious back operation he underwent in December is still going to be a long, slow and hard road. His recovery from the surgery on an enlarged disc is still in its infancy though the club has been assured that his problem has been cured medically. Alex never had time to re-adjust to the top-flight, his first injury was in mid-September and he's not played in the first team since that 3-0 defeat at home to Manchester United on September 14th.

It opened the door for **Eric Nixon** to step up for the first time from the reserve ranks. He came into the difficult League scene with limited experience behind him, but he gave good indications in the middle part of his spell in the side.

He was swiftly over a hesitant start and learned very quickly. But after a run of 40 consecutive appearances it became clear in March that he was feeling the heavy responsibility of his position with no experienced shoulder to lean on.

It was the reason why I acted quickly before the transfer deadline to secure the loan services of **Barry Siddall** from Stoke City, a knowledgeable campaigner still wanting to prove plenty in the best



MARK LILLIS... has poured his heart into the team effort.

company. Eric should not despair, he has had a tough introduction and has survived most of it quite well. He can justifiably feel he is a goalkeeper for the future here.

While I try to resist the temptation of singling out players I feel that a review of this nature does merit answers for our supporters who are keenly interested in the way things are going.

The First Division has been all that I anticipated it would be. There's no other Division to be in. It was good to see the sky blue shirts turning out among the top teams once more, playing in front of big audiences—three times in front of more than 40,000 crowds in the League.

I relished the first home victory (against Tottenham on August 31st) because it signalled our right to be back among the big names. I thrilled to our success at Nottingham Forest because it inspired confidence and put belief back among the players after a lean time where many mistakes had been heavily punished. We paid dearly for our naivety.

Going to Wembley on March 23rd against Chelsea in the Full Members' Cup Final was memorable in my book. A lot of critics tried to devalue the occasion, yet 68,000 people turned up and saw a 9-goal thriller. It was a competition that proved a winner all the way and raised some valuable revenue for City.

That was another day when we had a tremendous turn-out from our fans, who were absolutely brilliant in their support and can take much credit for keeping the team going to make the remarkable rally that might have snatched a draw had the game gone on much longer (we scored 3 times in the last 5 minutes).

Chelsea were entitled to take the Cup on the strength of their second half display: I wouldn't quarrel with that. But it was great to be involved and it left me with a driving determination to go back there for another Final with City. My target and ambition in life is to go back to the capital and lead out a City team in one of the major domestic Finals. That can be achieved. I will be immensely proud when the day arrives.

The summer looms with more work to be done, though I have accepted an assignment with I.T.V. to join their commentary team at the World Cup in Mexico to provide opinions and analysis on some of the matches, primarily those involving Scotland. That will be educational as well as a challenge.

The first team squad will soon be heading for a tour to North America which will take them to the end of May while three of the youngsters are currently in China with the England Youth squad.

I've got all my reference books out and scouting reports at the ready. I am aware that in a perfect world we could benefit from the signing of four new players to bolster our strength and improve our quality. I will scour the transfer market carefully: our next group of signings will not have to be stop-gap but important pieces of the jigsaw for a greatly improved 1986-87 season, and beyond.

As I watched the youth team conquer the Reds from Old Trafford last Tuesday night I sensed that the better future is not far away after all.



NEIL McNAB... has shown the quality of his play.

1985	Opponents	Result	Pos.	Attend.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Substitute
Aug 17	Coventry City	1-1	1-1	14,550	Williams	Phillips	Power	Clements	Johnson LD	Wilson	Lillis LDx	McNab x	Kersey	McNab x	Simpson (GM1)	Burrett
Aug 21	LEICESTER CITY	1-1	1-1	25,528	Williams	Phillips	Power	Clements	McCarthy	Wilson	Lillis x (pen)	McNab	Kersey (GM1)	McNab	Simpson	Burrett
Aug 24	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	1-3	1-9	26,934	Williams	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips (GM1)	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson x 1	Tolmie x (79 mins.)
Aug 26	West Bromwich Albion	3-2	1-2	12,122	Williams	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey (GM2)	McNab	Simpson x 1	Tolmie
Aug 31	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	2-1	9	27,769	Williams	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy x	Phillips	D. Beardsford	McNab (GM1)	Kersey	McNab	Simpson x 1	Smith x (75 mins.)
Sept 3	Birmingham City	0-1	11	11,768	Williams	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis x	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab x (72 mins.)
Sept 7	Southampton	0-3	13	14,368	Williams	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab x (63 mins.)
Sept 14	MANCHESTER UNITED	0-3	14	48,773	Williams	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis x	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	Tolmie
Sept 21	WEST HAM UNITED	2-2	16	22,001	Nealon LD	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips (GM1)	Lillis x	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	Kersey x (56 mins.)
Sept 25	Bury (MC2 - 1st leg) at Old Trafford	0-1	18	11,377	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	Tolmie
Sept 28	Oxford United	0-1	18	9,796	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	Tolmie
Oct 5	CHELSEA	0-1	20	20,104	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	Tolmie
Oct 8	BURY (MC2 - 2nd leg)	0-1	20	9,799	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips (GM1)	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson (GM1)	Tolmie
Oct 12	Walsall (City win 4-2 on aggregate)	0-0	20	6,642	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Oct 19	LEEDS UNITED (FM Cup)	0-1	20	15,418	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Oct 19	LEEDS UNITED (FM Cup)	0-1	20	15,418	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Oct 19	Queens Park Rangers	0-0	20	13,471	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Oct 22	Sheffield United (FM Cup)	2-1	21	3,420	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Oct 22	Sheffield United (FM Cup)	2-1	21	3,420	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Oct 26	EVERTON	1-1	20	26,887	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Oct 30	ARSENAL (MC3)	1-2	17	18,279	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Nov 4	SUNDERLAND (FM Cup Area Final)	0-0	20	22,264	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Nov 9	IPSWICH TOWN	1-1	20	20,853	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Nov 23	NEWCASTLE UNITED	1-0	17	25,179	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Nov 26	Hull City (FMC Area Final - 1st leg)	1-2	17	5,213	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Nov 30	Luton Town	1-1	17	10,096	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Dec 7	Leicester City	1-1	17	10,289	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Dec 11	BULL CITY (FMC Area Final - 2nd leg)	2-0	17	10,180	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Dec 14	COVENTRY CITY	5-1	16	20,075	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Dec 21	Sheffield Wednesday	2-3	16	23,177	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Dec 26	LIVERPOOL	1-0	15	35,384	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Dec 28	BIRMINGHAM CITY	1-1	15	24,955	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Jan 1	Aston Villa	1-0	15	14,215	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Jan 4	Walsall (FAC3)	3-1	15	10,779	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Jan 11	SOUTHAMPTON	1-0	13	21,674	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Jan 18	Tottenham Hotspur	2-0	12	17,069	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Jan 25	WATFORD (FAC4)	1-1	12	31,632	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Feb 1	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	2-1	12	20,540	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Feb 3	WATFORD (FAC4 replay)	0-0	12	19,347	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Feb 6	WATFORD (FAC4 2nd replay)	1-3	12	27,260	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Feb 8	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	2-0	11	20,414	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Feb 11	Everton	0-0	11	30,066	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Mar 1	OXFORD UNITED	0-3	11	20,069	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Mar 8	Chelsea	0-1	12	17,573	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Mar 15	WATFORD	0-1	12	16,869	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Mar 22	Manchester United	2-2	13	51,274	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Mar 23	Chelsea (FMC Final at Wembley)	4-5	13	68,000	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Mar 29	ASTON VILLA	2-2	13	20,935	Nealon	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Mar 31	LIVERPOOL	0-2	14	43,316	Siddall LD	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Apr 5	ARSENAL	0-1	14	19,940	Siddall	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Apr 12	Ipswich Town	0-0	14	13,986	Siddall	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Apr 19	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	1-2	15	19,715	Siddall	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Apr 26	Newcastle United	1-3	15	22,689	Siddall	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
Apr 28	West Ham United	0-1	16	27,153	Siddall	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab
May 3	LUTON TOWN	0-1	16	27,153	Siddall	May	Wilson	Clements	McCarthy	Phillips	Lillis	McNab	Kersey	McNab	Simpson	McNab

Arthur Albiston (Manchester United) own goal on 22.3.86

Paul Miller (Tottenham) own goal on 31.8.85

Doug Roughe (Chelsea) own goal on 22.3.86

Canon League First Division

	P	H	O	M	E	A	A	W	A	Y	Goal
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	Diff
Liverpool	41	16	4	1	58	14	9	6	5	30	+51
West Ham United	40	17	2	2	48	16	8	4	7	22	+35
Everton	40	14	3	2	45	16	10	5	6	33	+39
Manchester United	41	12	5	4	35	12	10	4	6	34	+34
Chelsea	40	12	4	3	31	21	8	7	6	25	+29
Sheffield Wednesday	41	12	6	2	35	23	8	4	9	27	+31
Arsenal	40	13	5	3	29	15	6	4	9	29	+63
Luton Town	41	12	6	3	37	15	6	5	9	23	+28
Nottingham Forest	41	11	5	5	38	25	7	6	7	29	+27
Newcastle United	41	12	5	4	46	31	5	7	8	21	+39
Tottenham Hotspur	40	10	2	7	38	20	7	6	8	27	+27
Watford	40	11	5	4	39	21	4	5	11	24	+39
Queen's Park Rangers	41	12	3	6	33	20	3	4	13	19	+42
Southampton	40	10	6	5	32	18	2	4	13	14	+32
Aston Villa	41	7	6	8	27	28	3	8	9	22	+35
MANCHESTER CITY	41	7	6	7	24	25	4	5	12	18	-14
Ipswich Town	41	8	5	8	20	24	3	3	14	12	-22
Coventry City	41	5	5	10	29	34	5	5	11	17	-36
Oxford United	40	6	7	6	30	25	3	5	13	28	-53
Leicester City	41	6	8	6	33	35	3	4	14	19	-41
Birmingham City	41	5	2	13	13	24	3	3	15	17	-48
West Bromwich Albion	41	3	8	9	19	33	1	4	16	14	-53

Prior to this afternoon's matches.

● Figure in brackets is the player's League scoring total in 1984-85.

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Here's a chance to check your Golden Goal numbers from the last home match, a fortnight ago against Nottingham Forest. Details (Saturday, 19th April, 1986):

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First Corner: 0105 seconds.

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v LUTON TOWN**

Canon League First Division—Saturday, 3rd May, 1986.

Top Crowd-Pullers: 1985-86

This Season's Home League Average

46,226	1. Manchester United
35,319	2. Liverpool
31,948	3. Everton
24,422	4. Manchester City
23,800	5. Arsenal
23,183	6. Newcastle United
23,138	7. Sheffield Wednesday
21,589	8. Tottenham Hotspur
21,410	9. Chelsea
21,289	10. West Ham United
16,808	11. Nottingham Forest
15,219	12. Watford
15,218	13. Aston Villa
15,191	14. Queen's Park Rangers
14,982	15. Southampton
14,441	16. Ipswich Town
11,884	17. West Bromwich Albion
11,526	18. Coventry City
11,151	19. Birmingham City
11,185	20. Leicester City
11,052	21. Luton Town
10,848	22. Oxford United

Prior to today's games.

Last Season's Home League Average

45,074	1. Manchester United
35,854	2. Liverpool
32,725	3. Everton
24,206	4. Manchester City
31,685	5. Arsenal
26,046	6. Newcastle United
27,762	7. Sheffield Wednesday
28,932	8. Tottenham Hotspur
23,062	9. Chelsea
18,435	10. West Ham United
16,757	11. Nottingham Forest
18,375	12. Watford
18,289	13. Aston Villa
14,364	14. Queen's Park Rangers
18,033	15. Southampton
17,050	16. Ipswich Town
14,121	17. West Bromwich Albion
12,791	18. Coventry City
12,522	19. Birmingham City
14,530	20. Leicester City
10,816	21. Luton Town
10,579	22. Oxford United

Man-of-the-Match

*The award is given at each first team home game by the day's match-sponsor.

Match	Sponsor	Winner
v Leicester City	Multi-Sponsored	MICK McCARTHY
v Sheffield Wed.	UMBRO	PAUL SIMPSON
v Tottenham H.	T.P. & W. ASPINALL	PAUL SIMPSON
v Manchester United	PHILIPS MAJOR APPLIANCES	CLIVE WILSON
v West Ham	SAAB/MANCHESTER	MARK LILLIS
v Chelsea	Multi-Sponsored	NEIL McNAB
v Bury	STORMSEAL WINDOWS	NEIL McNAB
v Everton	GREENALL WHITLEY	MICK McCARTHY
v Arsenal	NORTHERN DAIRIES	MARK LILLIS
v Ipswich Town	CHEMIX LIMITED and CAMELOT COURT	PAUL SIMPSON
v Newcastle United	THE ORIGINAL MACKINLAY	MARK LILLIS
v Coventry City	SHARPLES COPYING SERVICES LTD	PAUL POWER
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v Birmingham City	TOM GARNER and NORTHERN BRICK SPEC.	MICK McCARTHY
v Southampton	KITCHENS DIRECT	DAVID PHILLIPS
v Watford (FAC)	MARS	NEIL McNAB
v West Bromwich	Multi-Sponsored	MARK LILLIS
v Q.P.R.	TOM GARNER	STEVE REDMOND
v Oxford United	PANINI	MARK LILLIS
v Watford	SAAB Manchester	MARK LILLIS
v Aston Villa	COOPER CLARKE GROUP LTD.	CLIVE WILSON
v Arsenal	PHILIPS MAJOR APPLIANCES	NEIL McNAB
v Notts. Forest	BRITISH TELECOM	STEVE REDMOND

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Appearances for City : 1985-86

	League			F.A. Cup			Milk Cup			Full Members' Cup		
	Pld.	Sub.	Gls.	Pld.	Sub.	Gls.	Pld.	Sub.	Gls.	Pld.	Sub.	Gls.
Graham Baker	9 (212)	1 (3)	— (38)	— (5)	— (1)	— (1)	2 (18)	— (1)	— (2)	2 (2)	1 (1)	2 (2)
Darren Beckford	2 (15)	1 (4)	— (5)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	1 (1)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)
Kenny Clements	30 (361)	— (6)	— (3)	4 (19)	— (—)	— (—)	3 (33)	— (—)	— (—)	4 (4)	— (—)	— (—)
Gordon Davies	25 (280)	— (5)	8 (127)	4 (28)	— (—)	1 (10)	1 (25)	— (—)	1 (10)	5 (5)	— (—)	3 (3)
Nigel Johnson	4 (94)	— (—)	— (1)	— (4)	— (—)	— (—)	— (7)	— (—)	— (—)	3 (3)	— (—)	— (—)
Steve Kinsey	12 (93)	1 (12)	— (16)	— (4)	2 (3)	1 (1)	— (5)	— (—)	— (1)	1 (1)	— (—)	1 (1)
Mark Lillis	38 (236)	— (7)	11 (67)	4 (20)	— (1)	— (2)	3 (19)	— (—)	1 (4)	5 (5)	— (—)	3 (3)
Andy May	35 (123)	1 (9)	— (8)	4 (6)	— (—)	— (—)	2 (9)	— (—)	— (—)	6 (6)	— (—)	— (—)
Mick McCarthy	37 (372)	— (—)	— (8)	4 (22)	— (—)	— (—)	3 (33)	— (—)	— (4)	3 (3)	— (—)	— (—)
Sammy McIlroy	11 (463)	— (23)	1 (72)	— (39)	— (3)	— (6)	1 (31)	— (3)	— (6)	2 (2)	— (—)	— (—)
Neil McNab	36 (284) ●(11)	— (15) (3)	4 (16) (—)	4 (15) ●(1)	— (—)	— (1) (—)	2 (20) ●(4)	— (—)	— (1) (1)	4 (4) (—)	— (—)	— (—)
Paul Meulden	1 (1)	1 (1)	— (—)	— (—)	1 (1)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	1 (1)	— (—)
Eric Nixon	27 (27)	8 Clean Sheets (8)	8 Clean Sheets (28)	4 (4)	1 Clean Sheet (1)	— (—)	3 (3)	No Clean Sheets (1)	— (—)	6 (6)	2 Clean Sheets (1)	— (—)
David Phillips	38 (145)	— (8)	1 (28)	4 (17)	— (1)	— (—)	3 (10)	— (1)	— (—)	5 (5)	— (—)	3 (3)
Paul Power	36 (358)	— (7)	1 (26)	4 (28)	— (—)	— (6)	3 (37)	— (1)	— (2)	6 (6)	— (—)	1 (1)
Steve Redmond	8 (8)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	1 (1)	— (—)	— (—)
Nicky Reid	29 (204)	— (4)	— (2)	4 (17)	— (—)	— (—)	1 (20)	— (—)	— (—)	6 (6)	— (—)	— (—)
*Barry Siddall	6 (437)	1 Clean Sheet (133)	133 Clean Sheets (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)
Paul Simpson	30 (40) †(6)	5 (5) (—)	8 (14) (3)	4 (4) †(—)	— (—)	2 (2) (—)	3 (3) †(3)	— (—)	— (—)	3 (3) (—)	3 (3) (—)	— (—)
Alex Williams	8 (114)	No Clean Sheets (36)	36 Clean Sheets (—)	— (2)	No Clean Sheets (—)	— (—)	— (9)	3 Clean Sheets (3)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)
Clive Wilson	23 (85)	— (1)	5 (17)	— (1)	— (—)	— (—)	1 (6)	— (—)	1 (2)	1 (1)	— (—)	— (—)

OWN GOAL: Paul Miller (Tottenham) on 31.8.85.

Arthur Albiston (Manchester United) on 22.3.86.

*On loan from Stoke City.

ON LOAN

Jim Tolmie	1 (47) ●(50)	2 (15) (22)	— (15) (10)	— (1) ●(7)	— (—) (3)	— (—) (4)	— (3) ●(4)	— (2) (3)	— (4) (1)	— (—) (—)	1 (1) (—)	— (—) (—)
TRANSFERRED												
Gordon Smith	— (40)	1 (2)	— (13)	— (1)	— (—)	— (—)	— (5)	— (—)	— (2)	— (x(—))	1 (1)	— (—)
Jim Melrose	4 (27)	6 (7)	1 (8)	— (1)	— (—)	— (—)	2 (2)	1 (1)	2 (2)	2 (2)	2 (2)	1 (1)

The first set of figures in parenthesis are career total details in the Football League.

● These are appearances/goals in the Scottish League/League Cup/F.A. Cup only.

† These are appearances/goals in the League of Ireland/League of Ireland Cup only.

x These are total appearances for Manchester City before transfer.

Jim Tolmie's appearances in Belgium League soccer are not included.

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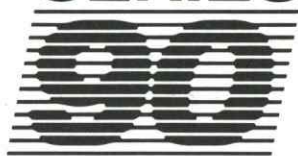
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"This really is an exciting development for the Club" enthused City Chairman, Peter Swales. "The fact that Philips are prepared to extend their sponsorship is most heartening and indicates that they can see a bright future at Maine Road.

"The financial support we receive from Philips adds to the stability of the Club and it is re-assuring to know that they share our ambition to see City at the forefront of English football once more."

As the details of the new contract were finalised, Brian Stott, Sales Director of Philips Major Appliances, explained the decision to extend the sponsorship agreement. "We have been delighted with our involvement with City and we



Brian Stott of Philips—
"happy to be a part of City's future."

cannot speak too highly of the co-operation we have received from everyone at the Club. We are looking forward to developing the relationship still further next season and we are happy to be a part of City's future" commented Stott.

The announcement is good news for City fans who have won prizes totalling £10,000 over the past two seasons in the Philips Match Day Draw. A number of new activities are being planned for next season when, once again, the Philips name will be worn on the team shirts and the continuation of the partnership with Philips will be welcomed by everyone associated with the Club.

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BOY BLUE: IAN BRIGHTWELL

(and none so bright as well
in City's Youth Cup triumph)

It was naturally inborn in **Ian Brightwell** that he'd follow in famous family footsteps and become a sportsman. The flair and talent were evident early enough for selectors in various sports to realise they'd get a good run for their money by pinning hopes on the friendly and articulate young lad born in Lutterworth (Leicestershire).

But it did raise a few eyebrows a couple of years back when Ian, the Cheshire County 800 metres champion of 1984, finally decided that he'd try and make his name in football. The 18 year old son of two Olympic heroes of yesteryear (400 metres specialist **Robbie Brightwell** and 800 metres Tokyo gold medallist **Anne Packer**) has no regrets about the course he's taken.

"If things don't work out for me in football then I'll go straight back to pursuing my prospects in athletics and concentrate on building up a track record in the 400 metres, which has been my best distance" says Ian, who lives with his family out in the Cheshire plains at Congleton.

The Brightwell boys—3 of them—have had no hang-ups about the fame achieved by their parents, who brought immense glory to Great Britain with Olympian deeds in the mid-60's. Elder brother **Gary**, now aged 20, has lived up to those expectations with a place in the G.B. squad for the 400 metres and gave indication of his potential with third place in the United Kingdom 400 metres event for under-20's last year in Birmingham. And proving that sport dominates the Brightwell beliefs, Gary is establishing himself a career as a sports officer in Warrington.

Younger brother **David**, aged 15, has been leaning in different directions . . . but still in the field of sports endeavour. His passion is for football and tennis, being particularly good at the latter. There's still room for athletics in his spare time, but possibly not with the intensity of his older brothers.

"You would be surprised if we didn't love athletics" queried Ian, "Mum and Dad have been so helpful in giving advice and setting training programmes. Yet they've never forced our interest."

"Living in a small town like Congleton I think most people are aware about the Olympic medals our parents won and down the years I always remember comments made from relative strangers telling me I should be good at sports because of my parents. It never became a burden for any of the brothers, but we were aware of a standard that had been set and that if we went in the same direction then as much would be expected from us" Ian continued.

Robbie Brightwell won a gold medal in the European Games of that 60's era and was a silver medallist in the 4 x 400 metres relay team at the Tokyo Olympics. **Anne Packer** won a gold in the Olympics 800 metres that year and was a silver medallist in the 400 metres, beaten by **Betty Cuthbert** for the glory of gold.

Robbie and Anne's relationship became a much-publicised fairy-story romance of the time and in December that same 1964 they were married. As you'd expect, they've never lost sight of their happy background and it's a pretty routine sight to see the couple out jogging in the district on several days of the week.

Ian born almost 4 years after those Olympics (9th April, 1968) has seen scrap-books, watched videos and heard countless stories about that magnificent past in athletics. But he inexplicably started gravitating

towards football interest from virtually the first days he could walk.

At Marfields Primary School in Congleton he was a lively midfielder player. By the time he'd moved up to Westlands High, also in Congleton, he was in the school team at centre forward and bashing in the goals with great frequency. The school side went to two Cheshire Area Finals—alas, they lost both of them.

Parental guidance was responsible for Ian not losing sight of his educational needs despite the all-consuming passion for sport. He successfully sat 6 'O' levels and is currently taking an 'A' level in geography . . . which explains why his start on Maine Road books has been as a non-contract player, permitting him time to continue those studies.

There have been times when athletics looked likely to claim his full-time interest. A runner for the notable Birchfield Harriers and for Northern Counties, he invested great energy and time into training.

"I started training hard when I was aged 15. Mum and Dad didn't push me at all, but once they recognised I had taken an interest they provided all the support imaginable. Dad set me out a programme for training and they would drive me to the running track at Crewe, monitor me through a full session, then take me home again. They were always there to answer my questions, give me pointers, record my training times, and I felt my fitness, strength and confidence growing" Ian related.

Oddly, older brother Gary was a comparative late starter in running. "He didn't get cracking until 6 months after I'd been training. I was being fairly successful at the time, which stimulated Gary's interest—and he's just gone from strength to strength," Ian went on.

The Brightwell name became known again, certainly in his county. Ian won the under-20's category of the 400 metres for the Cheshire A.A.A.'s His 1984 success in the 800 metres, becoming the Cheshire County Champion held promise of even better things—but later that year Ian moved back down to 400 metres and was classed 10th for his age at this standard for under-17's.

"I found I was stronger over the last 200 metres at this distance and felt this would be my best range" Ian answered.

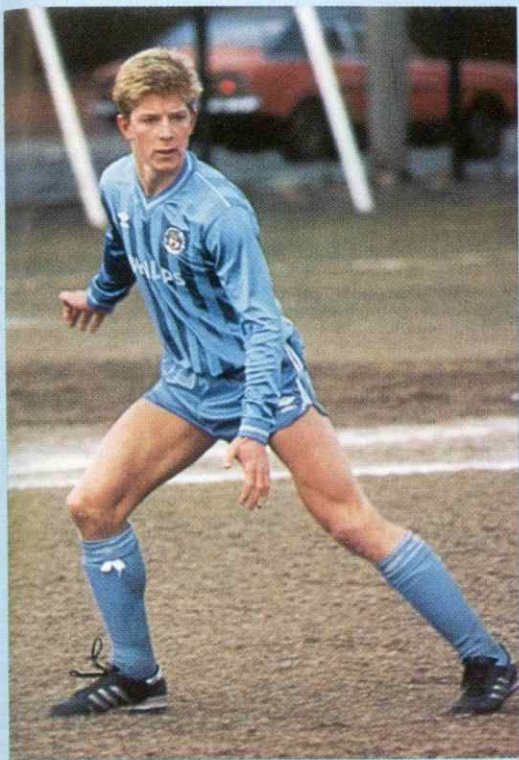
Although his athletics were not being interrupted, Manchester City were hot on the lad's trail. Local scout **Barry Bennall** had been the first to spot Ian's talent as a 12 year old playing in a match at Macclesfield. The customary invitation was extended for the prospect to have a trial with City, then at their Cheadle training ground. He was cast in the right back role . . . and did well enough to merit schoolboy signing forms at the age of 14.

"I decided to stay on at school, but I still found time to play for City. In Easter last year they took me with their youth squad for a tournament in France and I played in all 5 games on the tour. And at the end of that season they gave me a couple of matches in the Central League side, which was an unexpected bonus."

In June 1985 Ian finished his schooling and began full-time training with the Blues for the first time the following month.

It wasn't a shock to his coltish strength. He's long been keeping his condition with road-running stints—3 times a week around the country lanes of Cheshire, anything between 4 and 7 miles each time. He'd also learned to do weight training. And he maintains this demanding physical schedule to this day: "I like to keep my fitness as sharp as possible. It's a habit. If I don't feel good and sharp then I'm not much good with myself. I frequently get a local mate to go on the runs with me, but even if I'm out on my own I won't miss out on my schedule at home. At times it takes an effort to go, but it has to be worth it."

Coach **Tony Book**, himself a right back of redoubtable reputation in the Sixties, at first



earmarked Ian to develop in that role. "I enjoyed that position. It enabled me to use my speed and strength. But then I was switched to the centre of defence where I've spent most of this season—and I'm enjoying this job just as much. I'd choose right back out of preference, but I'm not unhappy in the middle of defence."

This season started with a hiccup when Ian went over awkwardly on his right ankle during the August 17th home match against Southport reserves, the opener to the campaign. The injury put him on crutches and out of match action until a September 28th return against South Liverpool reserves. Since then his performances have matured so that he's matured to reserve team status in recent weeks.

"There's plenty to learn. I know one fault to cure is that I've not got to be too impatient," he admitted.

Is he the fastest member in the youth squad. "I can keep up with the leaders of the pack. I would think **David White** could possibly beat me over the first 100 metres. There's some fit young lads in our team" he laughed, the opinion being genuine modesty.

Meanwhile, he pursues his footballing dreams in the manner of the true athlete. Early-to-bed, dedication to training, and the example of his parents to prove that the sacrifices are worth it. So when Robbie and Anne turn up at City's games—they watch every match, home and away, where Ian is playing—that excellent influence continues to exert itself.

Appropriate that he should win praises as City's most outstanding performer in both legs of the F.A. Youth Cup this past 9 days against Manchester United.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

Saturday, April 19th
Southport Reserves 1 . . . City 'A' 8
City: Crompton; Mills, Hinchcliffe; Brightwell, Hoyland, Thackeray; White, Moulden* (sub: Clarke*), Darren Beckford, Paul Lake, Bookbinder.
City Scorers: Darren Beckford 2, David White 2, Bookbinder, Moulden, Paul Lake penalty, Thackeray.
City STAR: DAVID WHITE.

Appearances: 1985-86

	Pld.	Sub.	Goals
Steve Crompton	25	1	0
Alex Williams	1	—	—
Steve Mills	23	1	—
Andy Hinchcliffe	20	—	1
John Bookbinder	7	5	2
Chris Coleman	1	—	—
Ian Brightwell	21	—	6
Steve Redmond	14	1	4
Jamie Hoyland	9	—	—
Nigel Johnson	2	—	—
Steve Macauley	6	6	1
John Beresford	8	1	2
Andy Thackeray	16	1	2
John Clarke	7	8	—
Graham Baker	4	—	3
Sammy McIlroy	1	—	1
Ian Scott	19	—	7
Clive Wilson	2	—	—
David White	21	—	14
Paul Lake	18	—	9
Paul Moulden	11	1	7
Darren Beckford	10	1	21
Jason Beckford	1	4	1
Steve Coward	—	1	—
David Boyd	22	—	10
ON LOAN			
Earl Barrett	12	—	—
(to Chester on 28.2.86)			
Jim Tolmie	1	—	3
(to Carlisle United on 27.3.86)			
TRANSFERRED			
Geoff Lomax	1	—	1
(£7,000 to Carlisle Utd on 5.12.85)			
Jim Melrose	2	—	3
(£40,000 to Charlton Ath. on 24.3.86)			
RELEASED			
George O'Boyle	1	2	1
(on 7.12.85)			

Prior to today's game v South Liverpool Reserves.
*7 games still to be re-arranged.

Central League Fixtures

1985	Star Man
Aug 23—Hull City (Darren Beckford)	1-3 ANDY HINCHCLIFFE
Aug 27—LEICESTER CITY (Darren Beckford, Tolmie, Melrose, Smith 2, Hinchcliffe)	6-0 LAKE
Sep 5—WEST BROMWICH ALBION (Tolmie penalty)	1-1 MELROSE
Sep 10—Sheffield Wednesday (Tolmie, Darren Beckford, Lomax)	3-1 POWER
Sep 19—Liverpool	0-0 JIM TOLMIE
Sep 24—MANCHESTER UNITED (Darren Beckford)	1-1 BARRETT
Oct 2—Wigan Athletic (Baker)	1-0 GRAHAM BAKER
Oct 10—LEEDS UNITED (White, Smith 2, Redmond, Moulden 2, Scott)	7-2 TOLMIE
Oct 15—SHEFFIELD UNITED (Moulden, Tolmie, White)	3-0 TOLMIE
Oct 30—BARNLEY (White, Smith)	2-0 NIGEL JOHNSON
Nov 7—Newcastle United (Melrose 2, Moulden)	3-4 WILSON
Nov 12—ASTON VILLA (Moulden, Smith)	2-0 NIGEL JOHNSON
Nov 20—Blackburn Rovers (White)	1-0 PAUL LAKE
Nov 26—NOTTINGHAM FOREST	0-3 MICHAEL LAKE
Dec 4—Huddersfield Town (McIlroy, Melrose)	2-3 HINCHCLIFFE
Dec 10—DERBY COUNTY (Beresford)	1-0 PAUL LAKE
Dec 18—West Bromwich Albion (Wilson)	1-1 STEVE REDMOND
Dec 28—Manchester United	0-2 STEVE REDMOND
1986	
Jan 14—HULL CITY (Kinsey, Melrose)	2-0 STEVE REDMOND
Jan 21—SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (Tolmie, Moulden 2)	3-0 REDMOND
Jan 27—Leicester City (Tolmie 2)	2-2 JIM TOLMIE
Feb 3—Sheffield United (Tolmie 2, own goal, Darren Beckford)	4-2 TOLMIE
Feb 11—EVERTON (Moulden)	1-0 DAVID WHITE
Feb 18—LIVERPOOL (White)	1-2 No Qualifier
Mar 6—WIGAN ATHLETIC (May, Melrose)	2-3 MAY
Mar 11—Leeds United (Moulden, Darren Beckford)	2-2 CROMPTON
Mar 18—NEWCASTLE UNITED	0-0 STEVE REDMOND
Mar 26—Barnsley (Darren Beckford)	1-0 IAN BRIGHTWELL
Apr 2—Aston Villa (Davies, Beresford)	2-0 IAN BRIGHTWELL
Apr 8—BLACKBURN ROVERS	0-0 GRAHAM BAKER
Apr 23—HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	0-2 JAMIE HOYLAND
Apr 27—Nottingham Forest	0-3 ERIC NIXON
May 1—Derby County	A
To be re-arranged: Everton	A

Central League Appearances : 1985-86

	Pld.	Sub.	Goals
Steve Crompton	14	6 Clean Sheets	
Eric Nixon	9	4 Clean Sheets	
Alex Williams	6	4 Clean Sheets	
Robert Barnes	2	—	—
Andy Thackeray	9	—	—
John Clarke	3	—	—
Steve Mills	3	—	—
Andy May	4	—	1
Andy Hinchcliffe	24	—	1
Ian Brightwell	5	—	—
Nicky Reid	4	—	—
Paul Warhurst	1	—	—
Kenny Clements	1	—	—
Nigel Johnson	14	—	—
Jamie Hoyland	10	1	—
Steve Macaulay	2	—	—
Steve Redmond	21	—	1
Neil McNab	2	—	1
Michael Lake	5	—	—
John Beresford	19	1	2
David Phillips	1	—	—
Ian Scott	4	3	1
Graham Baker	13	—	1
Paul Power	1	—	—
John Bookbinder	1	1	—
Sammy McIlroy	14	—	1
Clive Wilson	13	—	1
David White	12	6	5
Steve Coward	1	—	—
Paul Moulden	15	1	9
Steve Kinsey	10	1	1
Paul Lake	7	2	—
Gordon Davies	2	—	1
Darren Beckford	16	1	7
Paul Simpson	1	—	—
David Cameron (trialist)	1	—	—
David Boyd	—	1	—
ON LOAN			
Earl Barrett	22	—	—
(to Chester on 28.2.86)			
Jim Tolmie	19	—	9
(to Carlisle United on 27.3.86)			
TRANSFERRED			
Geoff Lomax	5	—	1
(£7,000 to Carlisle Utd. on 5.12.85)			
Gordon Smith	16	—	6
(£5,000 to Oldham Ath. on 10.2.86)			
Jim Melrose	17	—	6
(£40,000 to Charlton Ath. on 24.3.86)			
RELEASED			
Dave McKellar	3	1 Clean Sheet	
(to Hibernian on 21.1.86)			
OWN GOAL			
Geoff Eckhardt (Sheffield United) 3.2.86			

Details are prior to last Thursday night's Central League match at Derby County. There is one fixture remaining: v Everton (away), to be re-arranged.

Central League

Review:

The City second strong finally drifted from championship contention, faint though the hopes were, with two understandable defeats within the past 11 days. More about those set-backs in a moment...

At the start of April the Blues, with five members of the youth squad on duty, resumed their winning ways at **Aston Villa**. Striker **GORDON DAVIES** marked his first Central League appearance with the opening goal of the 2-0 victory, curling a left foot shot into the Villa net before half time.

The experience of **GRAHAM BAKER** was a big factor for the Blues, using his influence to great effect on the youngsters in the side. **JOHN BERESFORD** notched the next-his second of the campaign—with a solid header after **Darren Beckford** had knocked on a **PAUL MOULDEN** cross.

Goalie **ERIC NIXON** did well in a couple of tricky situations, showing no loss of heart following his demotion after a 40-match run with the seniors.

* The 0-0 at home to **Blackburn Rovers** 6 days later was City's fourth successive clean sheet and but for three top-drawer saves by visitors' keeper **TERRY GENNOE** it could very easily have become the 16th Central League win of the season.

Baker gave another knowledgeable display and there was a satisfying midfield show from **IAN SCOTT** while central defender **IAN BRIGHTWELL** was very close to earning his third consecutive man-of-the-match award. Special mention, too, for striker **DARREN BECKFORD** who did well in attack.

* But resources were really taking the strain when City entertained **HUDDERSFIELD TOWN** last week. A catalogue of injuries, heavy commitments for the youth squad as well as first team needs, provided unexpected opportunities for schoolboy signings **ROBERT BARNES** (from Stoke), **PAUL WARHURST** (from Stockport) and **STEVE COWARD** (a Mancunian).

Huddersfield scored once in each half to beat City's emergency line-up by a 2-0 margin. Coward might have scored for a memorable debut, shooting wide from a decent opening.

Right back Barnes made a very satisfying start in a defence which had **JAMIE HOYLAND** a formidable figure at centre half.

* Another defeat came last Sunday at **NOTTINGHAM FOREST**—but what an awful week-end of woe it proved for the Blues. Following bad injuries to two senior players on the previous day at Newcastle the reserves ran into even greater misfortune and finished with **NINE** men.

First-year apprentice **STEVE MACAULAY** took a boot in the eye and needed 4 stitches in the ugly wound which left him with the eye completely closed. That first half incident proved the way for **STEVE KINSEY** to appear as sub but the striker, haunted by injury set-backs, went over on his ankle and limped off in the second half.

Forest then took the lead against 10-man City and worse was in store. Schoolboy **BARNES** had to be brought off to have 3 stitches inserted in a knee gash.

It was simply too much for City to cope with despite the gallant goalkeeping of Nixon and Forest ran out 3-0 winners against the nine willing Blues.

Wednesday, April 2nd

Aston Villa Res 0... City Res 2.

City: Nixon, May, Hinchcliffe, Brightwell, Hoyland, Baker, Davies, Moulden, Darren Beckford, Scott, Beresford. Sub: White.

City Scorers: Gordon Davies, John Beresford.

City STAR: IAN BRIGHTWELL.

Tuesday, April 8th

City Res 0... Blackburn Rovers Res 0

City: Nixon, Mills, Beresford, Brightwell, Hoyland, Baker, Davies, Moulden, Darren Beckford, Scott, White. Sub: Paul Lake.

City STAR: GRAHAM BAKER.

Wednesday, April 23rd

City Res 0... Huddersfield Town Res 2

City: Nixon, Robert Barnes, Beresford, Warhurst, Hoyland, Clarke* (sub: Bookbinder*); Kinsey, Coward, Darren Beckford, Phillips, Wilson.

City STAR: JAMIE HOYLAND.

Sunday, April 27th

Nottingham Forest Res 3... City Res 0

City: Nixon, Barnes, Beresford, Macaulay* (sub: Kinsey*), Hoyland, Clarke; David Cameron (trialist), McIlroy, Darren Beckford, Michael Lake, Bookbinder.

City STAR: ERIC NIXON.

† Incidentally, the Blues sent a team mixed with youth and experience to Dundee on Sunday, April 6th to play a Testimonial match for the Scottish club's long-serving wing half **BOBBY GLENNIE**. Five of City's promising teenagers featured in the match so it was technically a first team debut for 17 year old defender **IAN BRIGHTWELL** (his birthday was 3 days later on April 9th) and 18 year old winger **DAVID WHITE**, a recent full-time.

While the friendly match, which attracted around 2,000 fans, was not a fiercely competitive occasion, neither was it a Sunday afternoon stroll. There were opportunities for the youngsters to impress.

City boss **Billy McNeill** delivered his verdict on the newcomers thus: "David White did enough to indicate the extent of his potential. His pace on the flank set up the first goal and there were few other flashes of his speed which got him away from the opposition and he delivered some other good balls into the attacking area."

"Ian Brightwell competed well, good signs from a youngster coming into this level for the first time. He produced some nice football—it was a confident display."

Also in defence was youth team skipper **Steve Redmond** holding his own at senior level since getting a regular opportunity from last month. Striker **Darren Beckford**, an 18 year old like Redmond, produced the opening goal ("he took it very well, showed good pace inside the full back. He might easily have had a second soon after" said the City chief). And **Paul Moulden**, the youth international 18 year old, was brought on as second half substitute from City's other marksman, **Gordon Davies**, and also revelled in the chance.

Sunday, April 6th

Bobby Glennie Testimonial Match

Dundee 2... City 2

City: Nixon, Phillips, Power, Brightwell, Redmond, Baker, White, Davies* (sub: Moulden*), Darren Beckford, McNab, Wilson.

City Scorers: Darren Beckford, Gordon Davies.

	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Manchester United	33	19	5	9	54	29	62
Derby County	26	17	3	6	61	22	54
Liverpool	31	17	3	11	74	46	54
MANCHESTER CITY ..	32	15	8	9	55	37	53
Nottingham Forest	32	16	4	12	70	52	52
Leeds United	32	16	2	14	62	64	50
Sheffield Wednesday ..	30	14	4	12	51	39	46
Newcastle United	30	13	6	11	49	51	45
Aston Villa	32	14	3	15	52	59	45
Leicester City	32	12	8	11	57	55	44
Blackburn Rovers	32	13	4	15	54	48	43
Hull City	32	13	4	15	45	51	43
Sheffield United	30	11	4	15	36	65	37
Barnsley	31	11	3	17	39	56	36
West Bromwich Albion ..	31	8	10	13	37	58	34
Everton	30	9	6	15	26	38	33
Huddersfield Town	32	7	11	14	48	67	32
Wigan Athletic	30	9	2	19	38	68	29

Details are up to and including Wednesday, April 30th.

Manchester City

(Sky blue shirts, white shorts, blue stockings).

1. BARRY SIDDALL*

7th and final game of his loan spell from Stoke City, today will be 438th League appearance of career with 133 clean sheets.

2. DAVID PHILLIPS

Resumed last Mon at West Ham after 3-game demotion, only League games he's missed at City since Summer of '84.

3. ANDY MAY

Has missed 6 senior games this season, today's his 154th first team appearance—133 in League.

4. NICKY REID****

Has missed 15 senior games this season, today's his 253rd senior game for City—209th in League.

5. MICK McCARTHY***** Cpt.

Has missed 7 senior games this term, 3 in FM Cup. Today's his 117th appearance for City's first team.

6. CLIVE WILSON**

Has missed 29 senior games this term, mainly through injury. Today's 87th League game of career, 21 on loan at Chester.

7. MARK LILLIS*****

Has missed 4 senior games this term, scored 15 in 50 appearances, 4 of them penalties.

8. SAMMY McILROY

Skippers N. Ireland in World Cup in Mexico next month. First senior game last Monday since Dec 11 in F.M. Cup.

9. GORDON DAVIES

Has missed 5 senior games since signing from Chelsea last Oct. Scored 13 from 34 first team appearances, 8 in League.

10. NEIL McNAB*****

Has missed 8 senior games this season, today's his 102nd first team appearance for City—87 in the League—5 goals.

11. PAUL SIMPSON**

Played 6th game as sub last Sat at Newcastle. Missed 5 senior games this term. 10 goals from 49 first team appearances.

Sub:

Luton Town

(White shirts with navy and orange trim, navy shorts, white stockings with orange and navy turn-overs).

1. LES SEALY**

£120,000 in summer of '83 from Coventry, where he signed in Apr '74 and had 158 League games. Aged 28.

2. TIM BREACKER***

Played twice for England under-21's in recent matches v Italy. Aged 21 in July. Debut at Ipswich on 31st Mar '84.

3. MITCHELL THOMAS*****

England under-21 this season the 21 year old local lad started on YTS scheme for 6 months—signed appr. within 12 weeks.

4. PETER NICHOLAS*

Welsh international and under-21, began at Crystal Palace, £500,000 to Arsenal in '81, back to Palace then to Luton.

5. STEVE FOSTER***** Cpt.

Has 3 full England caps. Aged 28, cost £70,000 in Nov '84 after 17 months at Aston Villa who bought him from Brighton.

6. MAL DONAGHY

Going to Mexico for World Cup with N. Ireland. Aged 28. Cost £20,000 from Irish League club Larne in summer of '78.

7. RICKY HILL*****

Has 2 England caps and was in squad in Egypt last Jan. A Londoner, aged 27 in Mar, has Jamaican parents.

8. BRIAN STEIN***

Come-back last Sat. after knee 'op' in Feb, an earlier return hindered 3 weeks ago. Aged 28, Cape Town born.

9. MIKE NEWELL*

£85,000 from Wigan Ath last Jan, a 21 year old Liverpoolian. Scored in home debut 2-0 win v Aston Villa.

10. EMEKA NWAJIOBI*

Resumed last Sat following 4-goal reserve display—absent 5 months with broken bone in foot, 2 games in this period.

11. DAVID PREECE**

Dec '84 signing from Walsall where he'd played 111 games. Aged 23 later this month. Has 2 League goals this term.

Sub:

Referee: ALAN SAUNDERS (Newcastle-on-Tyne)

Area supervisor in the Newcastle Public Works Department. Started refereeing in local leagues and progressed via the Northern League. Senior linesman in a 1983 European Cup match, a 'Home' international championship game and the 1984 F.A. Cup Final. Has been in charge of two Northern League Cup Finals and a 1984 Milk Cup semi-final. Married, has two children.

Linesmen: Red flag—Stuart Martin (Huddersfield). Orange flag—Tony Topham (Doncaster).

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