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ACTION

GUNNERS SPLASH THROUGH TO GOALLESS DRAW



● **Foiled again:** Arsenal goalkeeper John Lukic dives to save at the feet of Brian Stein with Tony Adams in close attendance.

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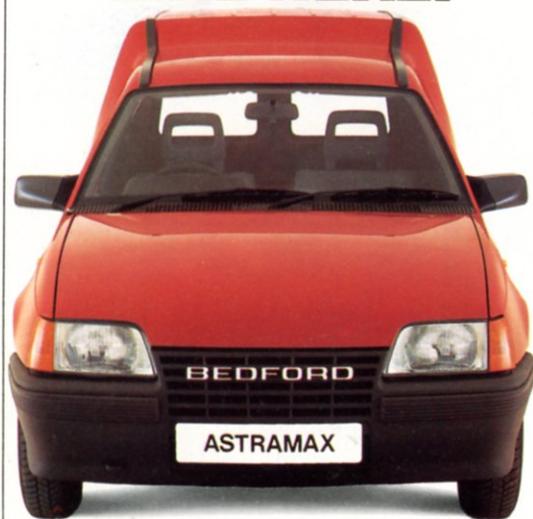
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● **Quick save:**

Lukic is down again at the feet of Robert Wilson (left) while Ricky Hill (below) is foiled by Viv Anderson. On a wet afternoon, the 'Town were never able to break through the Gunners' rearguard.

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MOORE ABOUT FOOTBALL

Welcome to Manchester City. My memories of City take me back to January 1969 when we lost 1-0 at Maine Road in an F.A. Cup tie and I was adjudged to have conceded a penalty. Franny Lee – who else? – took it and scored, though I still feel it was never a penalty when I tackled him and played the ball!

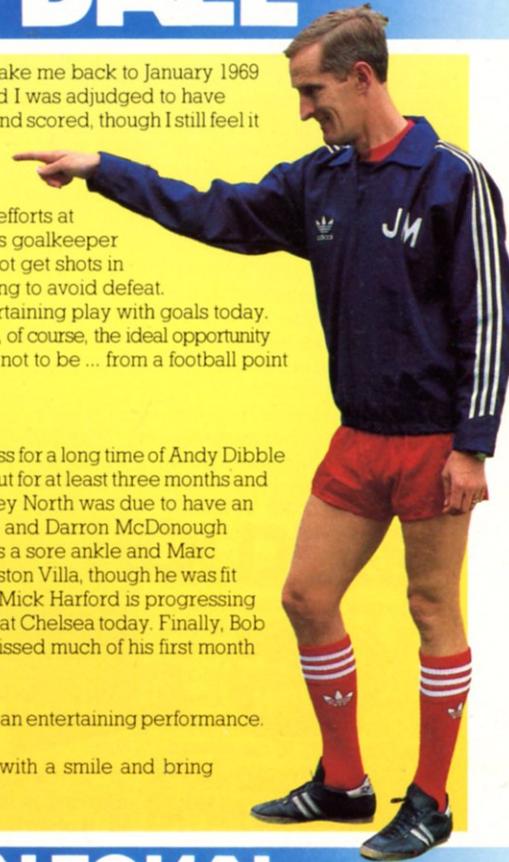
Last Saturday, I was disappointed with our attacking efforts at Upton Park where we never really tested West Ham's goalkeeper even during our best spell in the first half. If you cannot get shots in when you are on top, then you are sure to be struggling to avoid defeat. I shall be looking for an improvement and some entertaining play with goals today. Tuesday night's cancelled match against Cardiff City was, of course, the ideal opportunity to have recovered our goal-scoring habits, but it was not to be ... from a football point of view I was disappointed to lose the game.

Severe injury blows

On the injury front, we have suffered a blow with the loss for a long time of Andy Dibble who has a serious knee ligament injury. Andy will be out for at least three months and is expected to be in plaster for about six weeks. Stacey North was due to have an exploratory operation on his knee yesterday (Friday) and Darron McDonough has a slight groin strain. In addition, Tim Breacker has a sore ankle and Marc North is still progressing from his injuries suffered at Aston Villa, though he was fit enough to turn out in goal for the reserves last week. Mick Harford is progressing and I hope he was able to get through a reserve match at Chelsea today. Finally, Bob Hazell has been offered another month's trial as he missed much of his first month through injury.

Today we are hoping to return to the winning trail with an entertaining performance.

Thank you for your support. We are trying to play with a smile and bring families and peace back to the game.



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Mailbag

Write to The Editor, Luton Town F.C., Kenilworth Road, Luton by Tuesday a.m.

Family Outing

Dear Sir,
Although I live outside your normal catchment area I have been supporting Luton for many years now and regularly make the 60 mile journey to attend home games. My son is a junior hatter who enjoys to watch the Town play, however in the past I have restricted his attendance at the ground to selected matches for fear of violence at the big occasions.

With the introduction of the membership scheme I now feel that I am able to bring my wife and children in complete safety and make a visit to Luton a family outing. With this in mind I would urge you to resist any pressure from the football league or other outside bodies to influence your members only policy. It is refreshing to see that Luton recognize the problems in football today and are prepared to do something about it rather than abrogation of responsibility to the government as we have heard from many other clubs.

I wish you well with your new scheme and hope that it is both a business and social success.

Yours sincerely

Roger Bloomfield

5 Kennel Close
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Memorable experience

Dear Sir,

As you are aware seven of our 12-13 year old boys recently spent a week at your Club under the guidance of Ron Howard, John Faulkner and Jim Ryan. The invitation had arisen as a result of observations made by your local scout Cyril Beech and at an under 12 match, played towards the end of last season, at Kenilworth Road.



• John Faulkner: enthusiasm

It is clearly obvious from speaking to the boys that they all thoroughly enjoyed their stay and will surely have benefitted from it. Most of them had not stayed away from home before and it would appear that the welcoming atmosphere

they encountered enabled them to settle down quickly.

This was entirely due to efforts and understanding of Ron, John and Jim who also impressed parents with their enthusiastic, pleasant and responsible attitude.

You are obviously aware of the value of having the 'right' people who have the ability to relate to young players and vice versa. I would like you to pass on to them our sincere thanks to the Club for inviting the boys and for creating what must have been a memorable experience for them.

Yours faithfully

John E. Heath

Chairman Colts Section, Cardiff Corinthians AFC,
Heath, Cardiff

Members, please

Dear Sir,

It was good to be at Luton last night - I forgot to say thanks for the membership card, but let me put that right now and also enclose application forms for my two little boys Andrew age 7 and Timothy age 5.

See you soon

Nick Owen

Thames Television, London



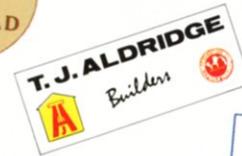
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GIRL TALK



Farewell, Harry

"Read collects the ball and throws it out to Rioch. He dribbles past one, two, three, four players, shoots and scores." How many times did that happen? Not often, I suppose. One's memory plays tricks. It just seems to have been a regular occurrence during my early days of supporting the Town. Then in 1969 my world collapsed.

Alec Stock had taken over as manager in December '68 and I'd not much enjoyed the predictable, rather Watford-style high ball games he'd begun to employ. At the end of the season Bruce Rioch, my hero, was sold to Aston Villa. I was convinced I'd never enjoy football again.

Excitement

I kept going to matches, of course, but without the passionate involvement I'd felt before. However, in 1972 things changed. New life and excitement were installed at the club as Harry Haslam became manager.

Not only did the style change and play become

much more creative and entertaining, but also the entire ground was more relaxed and cheerful. Harry Haslam's influence was all-pervading. It hardly seems possible we'll not see his broad grin again.

He had done so much for Luton Town. It was fitting that we were able to pay tribute to him before the Arsenal match. As the stadium was quietening some Arsenal supporters behind me (guests, no doubt, of Luton members) shouted abusively. Someone told them to shut up; they complied. The absolute silence was broken only by the sound of rain on the roof of the stand.

The bleakness of the weather underlined the sadness of the occasion which we all shared. Though each person stood with his own thoughts and memories of Harry Haslam, I felt we were all one in sharing our sadness at his death, and our gratitude at what he had given our club.

Gale Waller

Anyone wanting to contribute to Girl Talk, please write to: The Editor, Luton Town F.C., Dunstable Road, Luton, Beds.

Luton News



Best reports; best pictures

THURSDAYS 14p

West Ham 2 Luton Town 0

The late sendings off of Brian Stein and Alvin Martin captured the headlines after another below-par Town performance at sunny Upton Park last Saturday. Our England striker and the West Ham captain and England central defender were dismissed by referee John Deakin nine minutes from time for a momentary lapse of self-control in an otherwise trouble-free match.

The incident was out of character with the rest of the game which West Ham won with a goal in each half from corners by former Town captain Mike Keen's son Kevin. Until young Keen's 41st minute corner was converted into a goal by a half-clearance and Tony Cottee's diversion of a George Parris drive, the Town had seemed well capable of holding their own.

But afterwards, once West Ham stepped up the pace, there was only one team likely to win and the Hammers duly completed the afternoon's scoring when Tony Gale was left unmarked from another corner to float a well-placed header wide of Les Sealey.

Sealey, in excellent form, had kept the Town afloat for half an hour during the middle period of the game and was unlucky on both goals. At the other end, the Town's only serious threat came near the end when Phil Parkes made a brave double save from Brian Stein and Robert Wilson.

Teams: - West Ham - Parkes, Stewart, Parris, Gale, Martin, Walford, Keen, McAvennie, Dickens (sub Pike 45), Cottee, Orr.

Luton - Sealey, Johnson, Grimes, P. Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, B. Stein, Newell (sub M. Stein 65), Wilson, Preece.

Referee - J. Deakin (South Glamorgan).

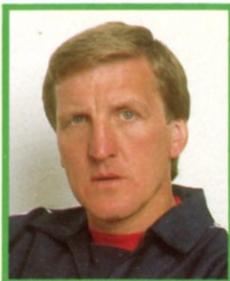
1st Team ACTION



• Out of luck: Our second defeat of the season came at Upton Park last week when West Ham beat us 2-0. Brian Stein and Robert Wilson had worthy attempts to score in the second half, but otherwise we were unable to produce any shots for Phil Parkes to save. Our pictures show David Preece, Mike Newell and Peter Nicholas in action. Pictures by Sportswide Photography.

VIEWS from the BENCH

Ray Harford



Chief coach Ray Harford has always been a sincere believer in the value of technique and skill in football, preferring to see the cultured side of the game produced on the pitch instead of a less-sophisticated and often more physical battle. Today he ponders the question of the wide-spread introduction of the sweeper to the English game and gives his views on what we have to learn from the technically-accomplished 'continental' footballers.

Sweeping tactics

"The papers may be talking about sweepers and systems but I really believe it is down to players and the ability of players to use the ball cleverly and well when they have it. A team which can win the ball cleanly and quickly and then keep it and use it to punish the opposition is a successful and an entertaining side.

"The West Germans, in my view, have the best idea about the sweeper system. They had Beckenbauer and Stielike at international level, two players with the ability to defend well, to read the game well, and to know how to play in midfield when they broke forward during the game.

"They were very difficult players to pick up during a game because they would time their runs from the back into midfield so perfectly. And they positioned themselves at the back not just to assist their defence, but also - and more importantly - because in these days of tight modern football that is the only place to find space and begin working attacks.

Lack of confidence

"We in England are starting to use the sweeper idea a bit. I know Liverpool, Everton, Wimbledon, Charlton and Oxford have all used it - all in different ways. It seems to me most teams bring in a sweeper, or a fifth defender, to shore up a defence they lack confidence in, excepting Liverpool perhaps who use the fifth man to create space and launch attacks.

"Of course Liverpool, in Hansen, Lawrenson and so on have high-quality players with the wit and technique to be comfortable on the ball anywhere.

That makes the difference. They are prepared, too, to go back and find space behind the defence and build up with patient passing - not a normal English quality.

"The Continentals, of course, are all prepared to go back and get the ball and play it around. Now, that is all very well when you have the right players and the right mentality, but in England there is little patience and the system does not get the ball into forward positions with the sort of frequency the crowds like.

"Some teams also play with a sweeper in front of the back four instead of behind it. That adds a bit of protection and gives a midfielder a bit of extra space in deep positions from which to start attacks. Souness did it for years for Liverpool.

Develop attacks

"Playing with a sweeper at the back in England though means you are fine when you do not have the ball - that is when you are defending - because you have so much depth to the defence, but not so good when you do have the ball and go on the attack.

"It takes time to develop an attack and the crowds do not have the patience to watch build-up. In the end, they start to get restless and want to see the ball moved forward quickly - but there is probably no-one in support of the strikers to make an attack count.

"In the end, I think it comes down to basics really. The important thing is to organise a system which makes sure you can get the ball. And when you have got it you have to be able to keep it and play. That is real football."

CLUB NEWS

TICKET OFFICE NEWS

On Saturday, October 4th, we are away at Tottenham Hotspur in a Football League Division One fixture, kick-off 3.00 pm.

On Wednesday, 8th October, we are away to Cardiff City in the 2nd Round 2nd leg of the Littlewoods Cup, kick off 7.45 pm.

On Saturday, October 11th, we are at home to Norwich City in a Football League Division One fixture, kick-off 3.00 pm.

For all ticket and match information, please call Luton 30748 (daytime) or Luton 423293 (24 hour service) or call in to the Ticket Office at 125 Oak Road, Luton.

Pre-match Entertainment

We welcome for today's pre-match entertainment the English Lacrosse Association and their teams from the East of England and the Midlands. Today's music is provided by the Norfolk Grenadiers Showband from Sheffield.

Harry Haslam

Harry Haslam, manager of Luton Town from 1972 to 1978 and one of the most respected and popular men in English football, died on September 11. He was 65. A former defender with Manchester United, Brighton and Orient, he made his name as a scout and manager, guiding the Town into the First Division in 1974. He left in 1978 to become manager of Sheffield United and in more recent years was a scout for the Football Association, working for England manager Bobby Robson.

FORTHCOMING MATCHES AT KENILWORTH ROAD

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A self-employed bricklayer, Jim began refereeing in 1971 and progressed through the Eastern Counties League and Football Combination to the Football League list. He was linesman for a UEFA Cup-tie in 1982 and has refereed various local cup finals.

• Harry Haslam: Manager 1972-1978



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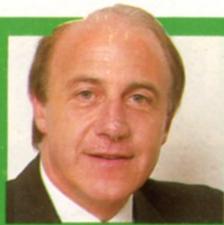
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by BILL TOMLINS

THE TOWN

Punished for 'putting our policy where our mouth is'

What a week! It would be difficult to imagine worse dramas than those created by the enforced cancellation of our Littlewoods Challenge Cup tie against Cardiff here on Tuesday.

Rarely can a club have been given just 24 hours notice of a cancellation in such circumstances before. Ironically, it is the first time we have had a game called off since the installation of our synthetic surface.

The club has backed its policy and shown it will do so as a matter of principle. Not for financial gain. We have put our policy where our mouth is, if you like.

Headaches

And for me, it has resulted in several headaches. The fact we had only 24 hours notice left us with all the usual match-day costs.

The club has lost money without redress to anyone. Money had been spent on match-day catering (our fast foods cannot be kept), ticket sales, arrangements for our sponsors and, of course, the match day programme.

The childrens ward at the Luton and Dunstable hospital was given all the perishable

food. But the Cardiff City programmes, including the vain efforts of our editorial team, photographer and printers, have been destroyed save those retained for the club archives.

On another theme, I am pleased to report the completion of the first phase of the corporate identity programme, the new colour scheme, around the ground.

Our disabled fans are also being catered for and plans to provide cover for them are under way.

Sponsors

Finally, a warm welcome to our match sponsors Russ Allen from A W Removals and Bob Yates from the Globe Inn, who is also owner of the Grange Hotel and Tavistock inn. Both are avid supporters and have sponsored many games. We hope they have an enjoyable day.

Welcome too to our executive sponsors Pilgrim Windows and Aegis Conservatories whose directors are here today. Both are Bedford-based firms and today I hope they and their guests from Holland and closer to home enjoy the game.

MR VERSATILE



• Anytime, anyplace, anywhere: Marc North turned out in goal for the reserves last week to confirm himself as the club's most willing and versatile player. Well played Marc - now score some goals too!

HIGH-QUALITY VIDEOS ARE ON THE WAY

Months of patience and hope will be rewarded for all our fans in the near future with the production of high-quality videos of our home matches, writes Bill Tomlins.

I know we have been waiting a long time - but it will be worth it.

We have been waiting until we are satisfied with the level of quality and the proper use of high-level sophisticated equipment before making the plunge into the video line and I am sure our members and supporters will be pleased when the final products are finally released!

I now believe we have a level of equipment and video service which cannot be matched throughout the Football League.

Our match coverage is now fed through to all the executive boxes and the executive suites in the main stand and we also offer first-class action highlights at the end of the match.

The videos will be available in the next few weeks.

We will all then have the chance to keep a permanent record of every home match for a price of £14.95.



• **Fanfare welcome:** Members of the City of St Albans Corps of Drums were in tune for our last home match against Arsenal ... And they were not blowing any raspberries!



• **Team line-up:** The Luton Ladies take a bow before beating Hemel Hempstead 1-0 here two weeks days ago. Well done again girls!



• **Having a ball:** Phil Allen of Herts BTR, executive sponsors against Arsenal, are snapped enjoying themselves after the game.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

Frustrations

Hello everyone. We will be more than usually pleased to be back in action today after a frustrating week for the players. There is nothing worse than preparing for a game and then not playing at all.

This was especially true on Tuesday because we wanted to get the West Ham game out of our system as soon as possible and also to try and make up for our Cup exit to Norwich last year.

Andy Dibble has been very unlucky to get seriously injured again and we are all doing our best to try and keep him in good spirits. Bad luck always seems to hit Andy around this time of year.

Injuries

Altogether, we have been unlucky with injuries recently. Andy, Stacey, Tim, Darron, Mick and Marc have all been hurt or in for treatment and it has made it difficult for everyone.

But now we are hoping our luck will change and Mick will begin his comeback successfully today at Chelsea. With Brian facing a two-match suspension, we are keeping our fingers crossed for him today.

RICKY HILL





CLUB COMMENT

John Smith, Executive Director.

Our Littlewoods Cup Expulsion

Luton Town's expulsion from the Littlewoods Cup by the Football League on Monday represents a victory for hooligans everywhere. The mindless minority which has latched onto our ailing national sport can only be encouraged by the Football League management committee's decision.

To the hooligan and the job, the message seems to be: "Football regards short-term financial self-interest and the result of an individual match as more important than defeating violence and loutish behaviour."

What is so surprising is that the present management committee is so obviously out of touch with public opinion. Since our expulsion, this club's switchboard has been flooded with calls offering help and support, from all over the country.

What does not surprise me is that the committee has no appreciation of what our "home supporters only" policy has achieved already this season.

Standing Invitation

For, despite our standing invitation, the committee has not attended or been represented at any of our three home matches.

On the evidence of Monday's decision, one would be forgiven for thinking everything in football was rosy. That the game had not lost 1¼ million spectators in the last year. That there had been no Heysel, no Bradford City fire, no battle of the Beatrix. Certainly that there had been no thugs at Bradford

again on Saturday, or that Cardiff's own fans had been banned from Exeter after disturbances the same afternoon.

Ironically, the present League management committee has gone back on the decision of its predecessor.

That committee voted, on May 22, to allow Luton to operate its membership system, which excludes visiting fans, in Littlewoods Cup matches this season.

The next day, the annual re-election of the committee having intervened, the new committee reversed the decision.

Discretion

However, the rule does provide for a management committee discretion which it should, in the interests of football, have exercised.

For what is more important? The possible advantage to be gained from a few hundred supporters or the greater good of a so far successful experiment vital to the future of football as a whole.

We are desperately sad at this short-sighted and unwise decision but greatly encouraged by the groundswell of public opinion in our favour. This club has no intention of changing its policy now. That would mean abandoning a policy we believe in whole-heartedly. Abandoning our commitment to the local community to rid their lives of the disturbance which follows directly from the presence of visiting supporters. Finally, it would mean rejecting the goodwill of the 18,000 supporters who have flocked to join our club because of its safe and friendly atmosphere.

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◀ On the mark: Aaron Tighe scored our goal in a 1-1 draw against Tottenham youth at Cheshunt on September 13. Aaron is pictured in action during another game against Gillingham. Youth coach John Faulkner said: "Aaron had one of his best games against Spurs and showed a lot of promise."

On the ball: Paul Lewis was in good form against Spurs and showed a lot of skill on runs. "But like the rest of the team, he can show a bit of extra bite at times. We need to find a bit more killer instinct all round," said John Faulkner.



Reserve & Youth



JIM RYAN



JOHN FAULKNER

STYLISH WIN FOR RESERVES

Our young reserves team turned on the style last weekend when they played with great skill and enthusiasm to beat Southampton 4-1. David Oldfield, Ricky McEvoy and Gary Cobb, who scored twice, shared the goals, but, as coach Jim Ryan was delighted to point out, it was a victory built out of an all-round excellent team performance.

"It would have been difficult to ask for more," he said. "Not only did we play professionally, but we also played with imagination and provided good entertainment for the fans. The team spirit was excellent."

With Andy Dibble injured, Marc North took the goalkeeper's jersey and did well with what little work came his way. "He made one good save and took a cross too," said Jim, "but had little else to do. He had no chance with their goal."

Solid Hazell

Bob Hazell also played for the Town and turned in a solid performance at the back, alongside Stacey North and Tim Breacker and Richard Harvey on the flanks. Marcus Tuite made three goals and blended well with fellow-midfielders Ricky McEvoy, Gary Cobb and Kingsley Black and strikers Emeka Nwajobi and David Oldfield also played well with plenty of enthusiasm against a Saints team which included Joe Jordan and Mark Wright.

On the same day, our youth team won 1-0 against Cambridge in a South East Counties League Cup tie at Cambridge. John Kennedy, with a penalty in the second half, scored the winner.

"I was a bit disappointed we didn't vary the play more," said coach John Faulkner, "but any Cup win is a good result especially with a team including six first-year apprentices and three school-age players."

THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION TABLE 1986/87

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	6	5	1	0	22	3	11
Oxford United	6	5	0	1	20	6	10
Arsenal	5	4	1	0	15	7	9
Queens Park Rangers	6	4	1	1	16	10	9
West Ham United	6	3	2	1	11	6	8
Chelsea	6	4	0	2	9	5	8
Ipswich Town	6	4	0	2	8	11	8
Swindon Town	5	3	1	1	16	10	7
Norwich City	5	3	0	2	9	9	6
Fulham	6	2	2	2	4	6	6
Watford	6	1	3	2	6	8	5
Luton Town	5	2	0	3	11	9	4
Southampton	6	2	0	4	10	11	4
Reading	5	2	0	3	7	14	4
Portsmouth	5	1	1	3	4	8	3
Crystal Palace	6	1	1	4	10	15	3
Milwall	5	0	2	3	4	9	2
Brighton & Hove Albion	6	1	0	5	8	21	2
Charlton Athletic	4	0	1	3	3	11	1
Bristol Rovers	5	0	0	5	4	18	0

FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1986/87

Date 1986	Opponents	Result	Date 1987	Opponents	Result
Aug 23	Arsenal	2-3	Jan 3	Portsmouth	
Aug 26	Ipswich Town	1-2	Jan 10	Arsenal	
Sept 6	Brighton	3-1	Jan 17	Ipswich	
Sept 10	Reading	1-2	Jan 21	Brighton	
Sept 20	Southampton	4-1	Jan 31	Reading	
Sept 27	Chelsea		Feb 7	Swindon	
Sept 30	Charlton		Feb 14	Southampton	
Oct 4	Watford		Feb 21	Chelsea	
Oct 10	Norwich City		Feb 24	Charlton Ath	
Oct 18	Bristol R		Mar 7	Tottenham	
Oct 21	Swindon		Mar 11	Bristol R	
Oct 25	Tottenham		Mar 21	Norwich	
Oct 28	QPR		Mar 28	Watford	
Nov 8	Crystal Palace		Apr 1	Crystal Palace	
Nov 22	Portsmouth		Apr 11	QPR	
Nov 26	Oxford United		Apr 14	Milwall	
Dec 6	Millwall		Apr 25	West Ham	
Dec 9	Fulham		May 2	Oxford	
Dec 20	West Ham		May 6	Fulham	

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES 1986/87

Date 1986	Opponents	Result	Date 1987	Opponents	Result
Aug 23	Northampton	3-2	Jan 3	Wimbledon	
Aug 27	Brentford	3-0	Jan 10	Bournemouth	
Aug 30	Brighton	1-2	Jan 24	Colchester	
Sept 2	Bristol R (SJFC)	3-0	Jan 31	Reading	
Sept 6	Crystal Palace	0-0	Feb 7	Brighton	
Sept 13	Tottenham	1-1	Feb 14	Crystal Palace	
Sept 20	Cambridge U†	1-0	Feb 21	Southampton	
Sept 27	Oxford		Feb 28	Bournemouth	
Oct 4	Northampton		Mar 7	Swindon	
Oct 11	Southend		Mar 21	Swindon	
Oct 18	Wimbledon		Mar 28	Southend	
Oct 25	Colchester				
Nov 1	League Cup 2				
Nov 8	Reading				
Nov 22	Brentford				
Nov 29	Bristol R				
Dec 6	Southampton				
Dec 13	Tottenham				
Dec 20	League Cup 3				
Dec 27	Oxford				

† League Cup

INTRODUCING...

MANCHESTER CITY

Manchester City arrive here this afternoon desperately in search of goals and a good result to boost morale after a week in which they lost manager Billy McNeill to Aston Villa. McNeill's deputy, Jimmy Frizzell has now been appointed to take over the manager's position.

City made a bright start to the season with a 3-1 home win over Wimbledon, but have since struggled to find the net and successive weeks have seen them draw 0-0 with Liverpool, lose 1-0 at Tottenham, draw 2-2 with Norwich City, lose 1-0 at home to Coventry City, draw 0-0 at Oxford and have another stalemate last weekend against QPR.

Our past games against City have of course often been exciting affairs and none more so than the cliff-hanger in 1983 when a goal by Raddy Antic at Maine Road kept us up in the First Division and sent them down. Last season, the result here was a 2-1 win, Brian Stein scoring both goals.

Players likely to be on duty today:

Perry Suckling – Signed from Coventry City in the close season, Perry is a tall goalkeeper. Born Leyton,

he impressed in City's early matches.

Andy May – Andy, 22, was born in Bury and has risen from the ranks of the apprentices at Maine Road to become a versatile player with good defensive qualities. Can play in midfield or defence.

Clive Wilson – Another Manchester-born player Clive, 25, has been at Maine Road since 1979 except for a spell on loan at Chester in 1982-83. A left sided player, he can play in defence or attack.

Kenny Clements – A strong central defender, Kenny, 31, is in his second spell with City after a five-year run at Oldham. Manchester-born Kenny returned to Maine Road for a £25,000 fee towards the end of the 1984-85 season.

Mick McCarthy – Barnsley born Mick, 27, joined City from his home town club for £200,000 in 1983 and forms the central defensive barrier with Clements. An Eire international with more than 300 league games.

Steve Redmond – Born Liverpool, Steve signed professional forms for City in July 1984. A promising defender and a former England youth player, he was captain of City's FA Youth Cup winning team



Jimmy Frizzell was assistant manager to Billy McNeill for four seasons at Maine Road before stepping up to take charge as his successor this week. Frizzell is the club's 11th manager in 13 years. He was a player and manager at Oldham Athletic for 22 years where he earned a reputation for hard-headed common sense. Frizzell's first problem is to try and boost City's goalscoring and steer them to their second victory in their last 21 league games. He will also have to boost home attendances which have fallen to below 18,000.



Back Row from left: Ian Brightwell, Trevor Christie, Mick McCarthy, Steve Redmond, Andy May. Middle row: Jimmy Frizzell (Manager), Nigel Johnson, Eric Nixon, Billy McNeill (now Aston Villa), Perry Suckling, Kenny Clements (Captain), Roy Bailey (Physiotherapist). Front row: Graham Baker, Steve Kinsey, Clive Wilson, Neil McNab, Gordon Davies, Paul Simpson.

last season.

Robert Hopkins – An explosive winger with pace and an eye for goal, Robert joined City recently from Birmingham and will be keen to make the most of his chance to impress again in the First Division.

Neil McNab – Now 29, Neil, a hard-working midfielder, has been with Spurs, Bolton, Brighton, Leeds, Portsmouth and City in his long career since leaving his native Greenock Morton in 1973.

Trevor Christie – Signed in the close season from Derby County, Trevor is a top-class striker with a reputation as a maker and taker of goals. He has played for Leicester, Notts County and Nottingham Forest.

Ian Brightwell – Born Lutterworth, Ian was an athlete at school but then turned to soccer. The son of England athletes Robbie Brightwell and Ann Packer, he has a big future in the game.

Paul Simpson – Born in Carlisle Paul, 20, made his name as a striker with the England youth team. He has blossomed into one of the finest young forward prospects in the country and was voted the North West's 'Young Player of the Month' for August.

Gordon Davies – Welsh international striker Gordon, 31, joined City from Chelsea for £100,000 in October 1985 and has found it tough to hold his place and score goals for City this season.

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That is one reason that the results are not always in our favour. It is making the

game equally balanced.

We hope to get a victory today and try to get away from drawing yet another game at home. So come on all you Junior Hatters – let's hear you today. Give us a good cheer as you have been quiet the last few games.

Our next home game is against Norwich City in two weeks time. I hope to see you all there. Have a good day.

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QUIZ

First Eleven

Look at these soccer surnames and find the eleven matching first names hidden in any direction in the square – cross them through as you do. Get a goal if the uncrossed letters spell out a club.

C	O	N	I	G	E	L
T	W	E	N	D	E	L
A	D	V	R	A	N	E
P	H	I	L	I	T	S
N	B	L	V	E	C	S
A	T	L	U	A	P	U
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Horix	Langan	Martin
McMordie	Osman	Partridge
Southall	Spink	

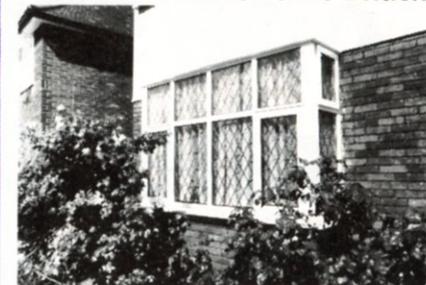
The answers to this puzzle will appear in the next programme.

Answers to Soccer Ninety-Niner No. 2

Across
1&8dn Billy Bingham 5. Arthur 7. Bobby 9. Tony Waiters
11. Fosse 13. orange 14. Leeds
Down
1. Bob Stokoe 2. lob 3. Shakers 4. transfers 6. Rudi
8. See 1 across 10. wing 12. one

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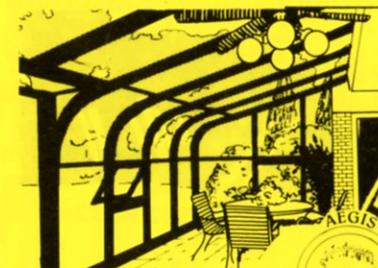
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Views from the media

Sad passing of 'Happy Harry'

Few men in football had so many friends and admirers as Harry Haslam, the former Town manager who died on Thursday, September 11, 1986, aged 65. To all who knew him and shared his joy in the game, he was known simply as 'Happy Harry' and his death came as a sad loss to many, including the football reporters of the national and local media, writes Robert Alexander.

Haslam gave a lifetime to the game and helped lift spirits everywhere with his infectious enthusiasm and humour. He was a generous man and will be missed by many as was expressed in the obituaries carried by the major newspapers. Here follows a selection of their comments:

Daily Telegraph: "Harry Haslam, who died yesterday, at the age of 65, gave a lifetime to football at all levels and became universally known as Happy Harry for his determination to enjoy the game."

"As a player he was a full-back with Manchester, United, Brighton and Orient, before going out of the League to play for Guildford and Hastings. He formed a lifelong friendship with Bobby Robson 30 years ago. He was Robson's chief scout at Fulham . . . Haslam succeeded Alec Stock as manager of Luton in the summer of 1972 and guided Luton into the First Division for one season in 1974."

Luton News: "Football at every level, from international to local parks, will be represented at the funeral of 'Happy Harry' Haslam, whose death last week at the age of 65 robbed the game of a marvellous personality."

"Even through his last battle against cancer, Harry was the man of a million jokes. Those of us lucky enough to have known him have lost a real friend."

"Like his great pal Eric Morecambe, the public image of Happy Harry was a genuine reflection of the man."



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LUTON TOWN GOLDEN OLDIES

WHEN A DRAW AT HALIFAX WAS THE SIGNAL FOR LOCAL CELEBRATIONS

Our visitors today seem almost part of the furniture when it comes to Cup games as we have been drawn together an incredible twelve times in addition to our league meetings, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

Following last season's League games, results are now in our favour overall with ten wins and seven draws from 26 meetings, but the most important of the lot occurred on that never-to-be-forgotten day in 1983 when a 1-0 win at Maine Road kept us up and consigned City to Division Two.

This was to be City's first taste of the Second Division since the 1960's when they had an ex-England forward on their books by the name of Derek Kevan.

Kevan was one of those players, similar to Bob Hatton, who could not seem to settle in one place

after the first move had been made. Eight clubs was Kevan's proud record and one of them was Luton Town. At the time of Kevan's signing in December 1966, Luton were going through the worst patch in their history and languished near the foot of Division Four. New manager Allan Brown had signed Max Dougan from Leicester earlier that month. He had bolstered the defence to such an extent that a 3-2 home win over Chesterfield was the first victory for weeks.

Debut goal

The following game saw Kevan make a scoring debut in a 1-1 draw at Halifax. Quite unremarkable apart from the fact that Luton had gained only one point from eleven previous away games that season.



• **Take that:** Brian Stein raps his first goal against City here last season when we won 2-1.



• **No problems:** Mr Cool, Paul Futcher is typically unruffled in defence. Paul joined City from the Town for £350,000.

A home win and an away draw had the Luton fans in raptures and a letter to the local newspaper at that time perhaps embodied the feeling when the correspondent cited examples of clubs who were at the foot of the table at Christmas yet went on to win promotion.

Promotion had to wait until the following season but Kevan certainly inspired Luton, scoring four goals in eleven games, before being exchanged with Stockport's Keith Allen who in turn helped the Town to finally finish eighth from bottom.

Huge gamble

Paul Futcher was signed from Chester in June 1974 and immediately joined the "£100,000 teenager" club. It was a huge gamble by Harry Haslam to pay this amount of money on a largely untried youngster but as things turned out, a wise one.

Paul apparently pined for his twin brother and so

Haslam returned to Chester the following month and came back with Ron who, in fact, was the first to make his First Division debut coming on as substitute in the 1-0 home defeat by Sheffield United in November 1974.

Paul made his debut at Chelsea in December and both brothers teamed up for the first time at Ipswich on Boxing Day 1974. Ipswich were leading the table whilst Luton were stuck at the bottom and as expected the home side encamped in Luton's half for the whole game.

In just about Luton's only second-half attack, Ron Futcher scored with a glancing header as the seconds ticked away to give us an improbable win.

It proved to be no flash in the pan though for Ron scored a hat-trick as Wolves were seen off at Kenilworth Road two days later and as Luton slowly climbed the table the press clamoured to see the new double act of Paul, quite often dangerously, dribbling the ball out of the penalty area to then find his brother with an inch-perfect pass.

Relegation

If the Town had played the first half of that season as they did the second they would have qualified for Europe but because of the disastrous start were relegated, but went down playing football.

Ron continued to score quite regularly, but Paul after two quite serious road accidents was perhaps not quite the same player and it was regarded that David Pleat did well to obtain £350,000 from Manchester City for his services in 1978 especially as the cash was used to buy such players as David Moss and Mal Donaghy.

Another healthy fee was obtained from City for brother Ron two months after Paul's transfer as the two did not appear to function properly when apart.

A final sobering thought – the Futchers recently celebrated their 30th birthdays!



• **Wonderful:** Raddy Antic has that floating feeling after scoring our famous winner at Maine Road in 1984.

FIRST TEAM UPDATE 1986-87 SEASON

Luton Town F-A Att Pos 1

Aug 23	Leicester City	1-1	9801	-	Sealey
Aug 26	Southampton	2-1	8777	-	Sealey
Aug 30	Newcastle United	0-0	9254	2	Sealey
Sept 3	Aston Villa	1-2	13122	12	Sealey
Sept 6	Chelsea	3-1	13040	7	Sealey
Sept 13	Arsenal	0-0	9876	8	Sealey
Sept 20	West Ham United	0-2	19133	13	Sealey
Sept 23	Cardiff City (LCR2L1)				C
Sept 27	Manchester City				
Oct 4	Tottenham Hotspur				
Oct 8	Cardiff City (LCR2L2)				
Oct 11	Norwich City				
Oct 18	Manchester United				
Oct 25	Liverpool				
Nov 1	Queens Park Rangers				
Nov 8	Wimbledon				
Nov 15	Nottingham Forest				
Nov 22	Sheffield Wednesday				
Nov 29	Charlton Athletic				
Dec 6	Oxford United				
Dec 13	Everton				
Dec 20	Arsenal				
Dec 26	Watford				
Dec 28	Nottingham Forest				
Jan 1	Coventry				
Jan 3	Chelsea				
Jan 10	F A Cup Round 3				
Jan 17	Southampton				
Jan 24	Leicester City				
Jan 31	F A Cup Round 4				
Feb 7	Newcastle United				
Feb 14	Aston Villa				
Feb 21	Manchester City (FAC5)				
Feb 28	West Ham United				
Mar 7	Liverpool				
Mar 14	Manchester United (FAC6)				
Mar 21	Norwich City				
Mar 28	Tottenham Hotspur				
Apr 4	Wimbledon				
Apr 11	Queens Park Rangers (FAsf)				
Apr 18	Coventry				
Apr 21	Watford				
Apr 25	Sheffield Wednesday				
May 2	Charlton Athletic				
May 5	Oxford United				
May 9	Everton				
May 16	F A Cup Final				

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE (Up to and including 21 September 1986)

HOME					AWAY								
P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A	APts				
7	2	1	0	11	1	3	0	1	11	6	16		
7	3	1	0	8	2	1	2	0	5	4	15		
7	2	0	1	7	7	2	0	8	4	14			
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7	3	0	1	10	5	0	0	3	5	11	9		
7	1	2	1	5	4	Manchester City		0	2	1	0	1	7
7	0	3	0	1	1	Oxford United		1	1	2	3	7	7
7	1	2	1	5	5	Leicester City		0	1	2	3	5	6
7	0	2	2	3	9	Chelsea		1	1	1	4	4	6
7	0	2	2	3	5	Charlton Athletic		1	0	2	1	6	5
7	1	0	3	3	7	Newcastle United		0	2	1	1	4	5
7	1	0	2	7	5	Manchester United		0	1	2	1	3	4
7	1	0	2	4	10	Aston Villa		0	0	3	2	10	3

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS (1986/87)

Player	League			Total	Leading goalscorers	
	Apps	Gls	Apps		Divison One	Gls
Tim Breacker	4	-	4	-	10 - Webb (Nottingham Forest)	
Mal Donaghy	7	-	7	-	7 - Birtles (Nottingham Forest)	
Steve Foster	7	-	7	-	Clarke (Southampton)	
Ashley Grimes	3	-	3	-	Allen (Tottenham)	
Ricky Hill	7	-	7	-	Rush (Liverpool)	
Rob Johnson	7	-	7	-		
Mike Newell	7	2	7	2		
Peter Nicholas	7	-	7	-		
Marc North	(2)	-	(2)	-		
Emeka Nwajobi	6	-	6	-		
Brian Stein	7	4	7	4		
Mark Stein	(2)	-	(2)	-		
Les Sealey	7	-	7	-		
Robert Wilson	7	1	7	1		

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Breacker	Johnson	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	B. Stein ¹	Newell	(Wilson)	Nwajobi	◆ North
Breacker	Johnson	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	B. Stein ¹	Newell	Wilson ¹	Nwajobi	◆ North
Breacker (Breacker)	Johnson	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	B. Stein	Newell	Wilson	Nwajobi	◆ North
Johnson	Grimes	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	B. Stein ¹	Newell	Wilson	Nwajobi	◆ North
Johnson	Grimes	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	B. Stein ¹	Newell ²	Wilson	Nwajobi	◆ M. Stein
Johnson	Grimes	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	B. Stein	Newell	Wilson	(Nwajobi)	◆ M. Stein
Johnson	Grimes	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	B. Stein	(Newell)	Wilson	Preece	◆ M. Stein
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 - 3 Ashley Grimes
 - 4 Peter Nicholas
 - 5 Steve Foster
 - 6 Mal Donaghy
 - 7 Ricky Hill
 - 8 Brian Stein
 - 9 Mike Newell
 - 10 Robert Wilson
 - 11 David Preece
- Sub

Manchester City

- 1 Perry Suckling
 - 2 Andy May
 - 3 Clive Wilson
 - 4 Kenny Clements
 - 5 Mick McCarthy
 - 6 Steve Redmond
 - 7 Robert Hopkins
 - 8 Neil McNab
 - 9 Trevor Christie
 - 10 Ian Brightwell
 - 11 Paul Simpson
- Sub

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