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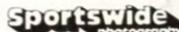


● **On the break:** Marc North takes on the Norwich defence with a determined turn of pace. Marc was out of luck with a shot that hit the bar in our last home match as the Canaries drew 0-0 with the Hatters.

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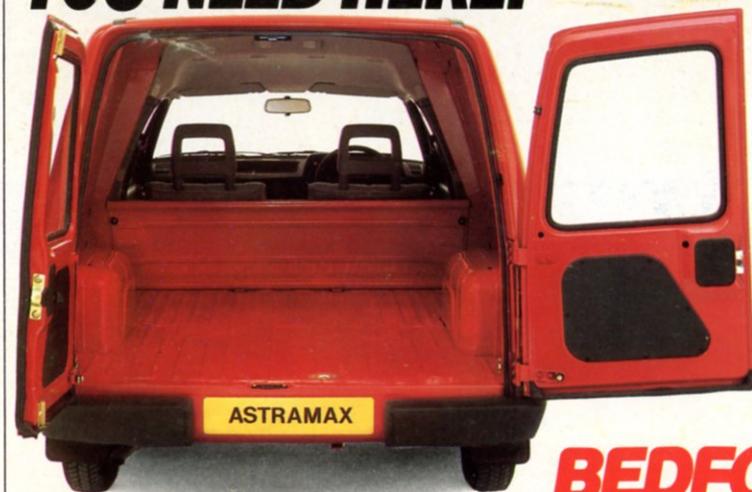
Steve Foster (left) gets all tangled up with Norwich goalkeeper Graham Benstead and Marc North (below) tests Steve Bruce's power in the air as the Town search for the breakthrough. Benstead and Bruce were in fine form for Norwich, however, as they restricted the Town to a minimum of chances.

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MOORE ABOUT FOOTBALL

Welcome to Liverpool. Their record of maintaining high standards for so many years commands our respect. They deserve their reputation. I feel they have matured through all this time and changed their style. They have started to play more from the back in a more continental way. But they have continued to string results together and win top honours. To them, of course, every match must be like a Cup final, a big pressure game with the opposition rising to the occasion. We shall do our best to rise to their level of consistency and pull off a result. While continuing to play our own brand of attractive football.

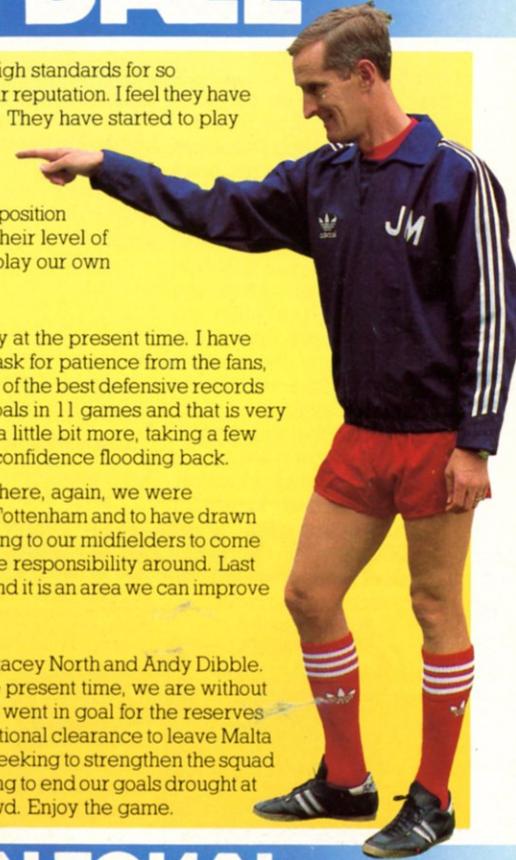
Goals needed

Unfortunately, we are not able to find the net regularly at the present time. I have already written of our efforts to find a remedy and to ask for patience from the fans, but I would like today to also point out that we have one of the best defensive records in the First Division. We have conceded only eight goals in 11 games and that is very good by any standards. Now, I think, we must create a little bit more, taking a few more risks and seek the elusive goals that will bring confidence flooding back.

Our anxiety to score showed at Manchester United where, again, we were disappointed. We played well enough to have won at Tottenham and to have drawn at Old Trafford, but did not take our chances. I am looking to our midfielders to come through into the box a bit more in an effort to share the responsibility around. Last season, we did not score enough goals from midfield and it is an area we can improve on.

Injured list

On the injury front, we are still without Mick Harford, Stacey North and Andy Dibble. Andy was due to have his plaster off this week. At the present time, we are without an experienced reserve goalkeeper and Marc North went in goal for the reserves again last Saturday. Jimmy Rimmer has not had international clearance to leave Malta and join us for a few days training or a trial so I am still seeking to strengthen the squad in that department. Today, however, we shall be looking to end our goals drought at the other end with, I hope, the full support of our crowd. Enjoy the game.



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Mailbag

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

Special thanks

Dear Sir,
We are writing on behalf of our son, Robert, now recovering at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital from a severe head injury. We would like to thank the company secretary for arranging the making of a tape that could be played to Robert to aid his recovery. Thank you to Steve Foster, Les Sealey and Mick Harford for the special messages sent to Robert and to BBC Radio Bedfordshire for making the recording.

Robert is thrilled with the tape and will treasure it always. He cannot wait to be back supporting the team at Kenilworth Road. Thank you again for your compassion and concern for our son. It is good to be supporters of such a caring club.

Yours faithfully
SJ Marsden

1 Ravenbank Road, Luton



•Steve Foster: Messages



Derby support

Dear Sir,
Being people of a few words, we would like to express our personal support to your efforts and your courage, in trying to rid the game of the element that none of us within the game, are proud of.

Yours sincerely
Arthur Cox
Manager
& Roy McFarland
Assistant Manager
The Baseball Ground, Derby

Australian encouragement

Dear Sir,
I have watched in recent months with much admiration your club's remarkable courage in its attempts to stamp out hooliganism. Luton's decision to ban visiting fans from Kenilworth Road was a step of exemplary self sacrifice.

Therefore the recent decision to drop your club from the Littlewoods Cup has been a huge source of disappointment to me and, I assure you, to many football fans in Australia.

As a national television network specialising in soccer, and where soccer is screened regularly at least five hours per week, we are very concerned with the level of hooliganism in

the game. Let me assure you spectator violence is not just an English problem. Its regular occurrence in England, and its refusal to go away, is a source of great detriment in a developing soccer country like Australia.

It is in countries like these that the image of the game is most important. It is countries like these where young and new support for the game is yet to be fostered and where, in this sense, soccer competes with other sports. Every time news of hooliganism, whether it be in Brussels or Stamford Bridge or Kenilworth Road, rears its ugly head in Australia the potential for the game to attract support falls by notches.

Please be assured, even from this distance, that your campaign has great support everywhere and I would encourage you most strongly to keep up the fight. The responsibilities resting on the shoulders of football officials in England are wider than most of them realise. Thank goodness you do.

Yours faithfully
Les Murray

Football Commentator,
SBS Sport,
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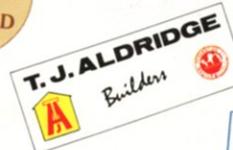
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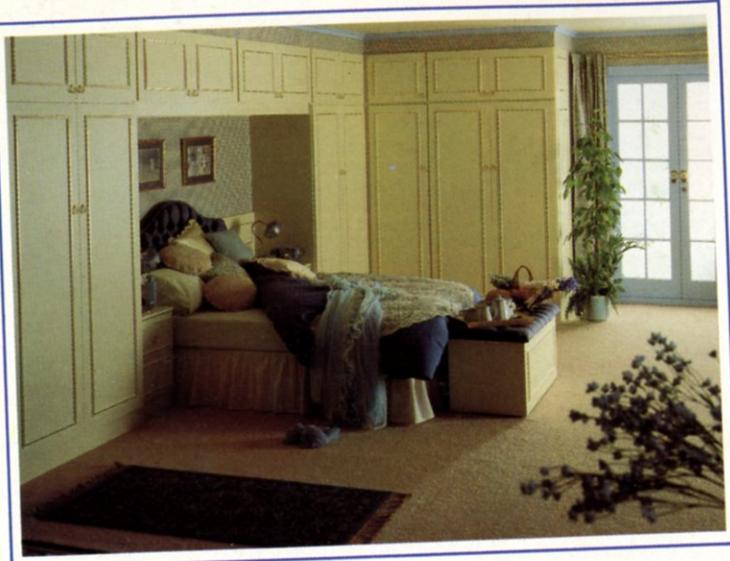
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GIRL TALK



Sunshine eclipsed

On the whole I enjoyed the match at Spurs the other week – even though it took me 2¼ hours to drive the 40 miles from my home to the ground. The sun was shining and the football excellent. We should have won, of course, but couldn't beat Clemence.

Why is it that so many opposition keepers have played 'blinders' against us this year? Even the pigeons flying overhead seemed to enjoy the match; they kept circling lower and lower to get a better view!

New dimension

Some Spurs-supporting youngsters that I know conceded we were the most entertaining team and even managed to praise some of our players. One lad commented on how good "Brian" Stein was. I'm sure Brian would have been even better if he had played.

Mark Stein has added a new dimension to our side since his inclusion this season. I particularly

like the way he can stand over the ball, in complete control, waiting for a good opening.

Undesirable

For me the disappointment at Spurs wasn't the result, though. It was the behaviour and language of some of the Luton supporters. Luton Town has tried to make Kenilworth Road a pleasant place for women, children, and all decent people. Largely, the undesirable element has now left our ground.

Unfortunately it resurfaced, with a vengeance at White Hart Lane. I do not see why the fans of Tottenham should have to be subjected to the foul-mouthed abuse meted out by Luton people. It made me ashamed to be a Luton fan that afternoon.

Gale Waller

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

Luton News



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THURSDAYS 14p

Man Utd 1 Luton Town 0

The goal drought continued at Old Trafford where our three-match unbeaten run was ended when Frank Stapleton was provided with a gift opening goal after only nine minutes. To rub salt in the Town's wounds, Brian Stein fired wide from the penalty spot after 63 minutes following a foul by Paul McGrath on Mark Stein to leave us without a goal in the First Division in three games and scoreless at Old Trafford since 1959.

The Town, however, performed well enough for much of the game to have brought a deserved point home to Bedfordshire and felt rightly disappointed at not earning some reward. United, with former England winger Peter Barnes playing well and producing some of his old tricks, were never able to dominate and were up against it in the second half.

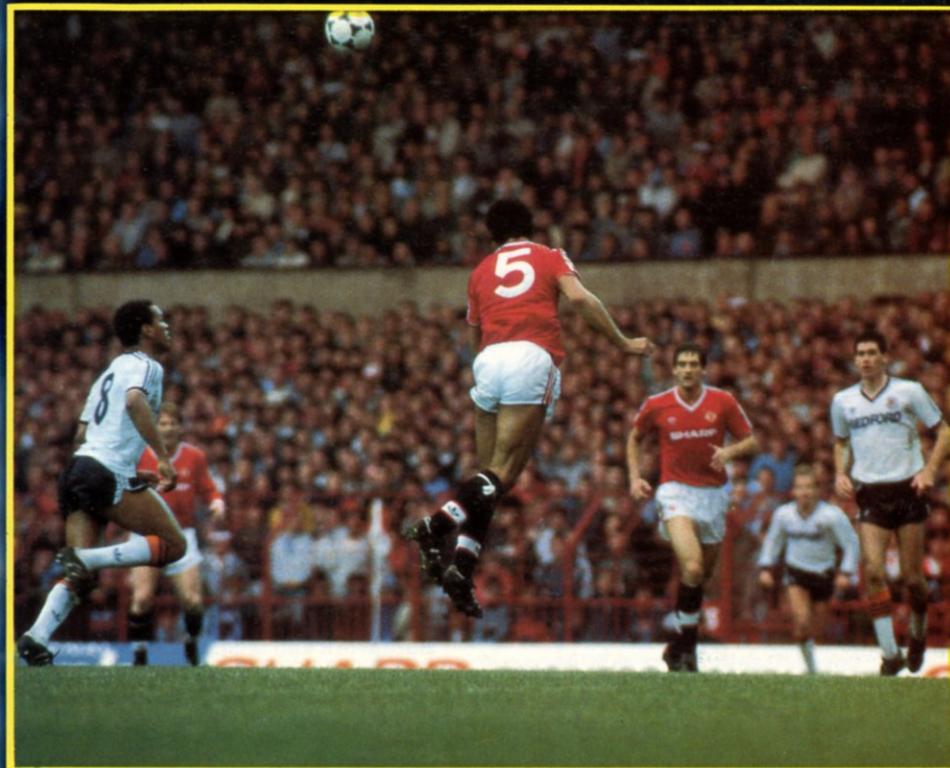
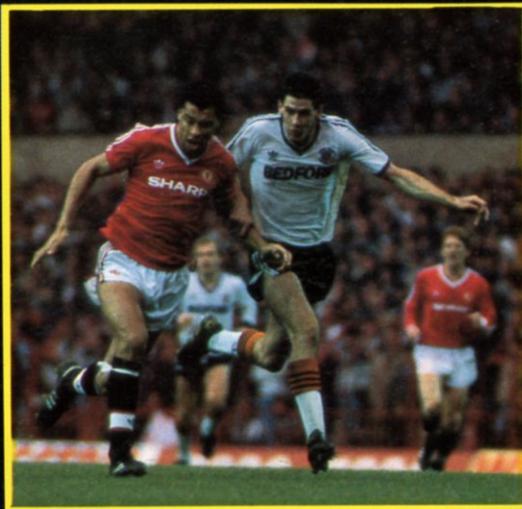
Simple task

By then, however, they had taken a one goal lead following a poor back pass by Ashley Grimes in the ninth minute. Peter Davenport intercepted and Frank Stapleton was given the simple task of driving the ball past an unprotected Les Sealey.

The best chance to equalise came in the second half when Mark Stein was brought down and brother Brian failed from the spot. But Mike Newell and the rest did create new opportunities without any luck.

Teams: - Man Utd - Turner, Sivebaek, Albiston, Whiteside, McGrath, Hogg, Robson, Strachen (sub Gibson 74), Stapleton, Davenport, Barnes. Luton - Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, M. Stein (McDonnough 82), Preece. Referee - D. Hutchinson.

1st Team ACTION



• Old Trafford agony: Our goalless run continued at Manchester United last Saturday. Despite having much the best of the second half and winning a penalty, we were unlucky not to win or come away with a point. Pictures by Sportswide Photography.

VIEWS from the BENCH

Alec Stock



Alec Stock was manager of Luton Town from 1968 to 1972, a period during which he nurtured Malcolm Macdonald's talent and led the club up from the Third to the Second Division. Now life president at Fulham, he has returned to an active involvement in league soccer. Recently he was a guest at the club and took the opportunity to look back on his days at Kenilworth Road and survey the state of soccer in general

Midfield anxiety

"I cannot say I think the game is in a good state at the moment. There are lots of reasons and lots of problems. It is all too anxious. Too much midfield pressure. In some games, there are 20 players within a band of the pitch just 20 yards either side of the half-way line.

"I think we should all look at the entertainment value more closely. In the old days, you could identify players by their shape and size quite easily. The big lad - six foot two inches say - well, he had to be the centre-half, didn't he? And the two heavily-built chaps, with thick thighs and barrel chests, well they were the full-backs, weren't they? Now we have full-backs who are wingers really and no wingers at all. They are the biggest loss in the game.

Lack of entertainment

"I'm afraid too that the general image of the game is not good. It's lost its place on the back pages. I have three newspapers at home now and I have found that American Football and snooker and the hockey are taking up more space. This is no good, is it? Why is it happening? It must be the entertainment and the other well-publicised problems, mustn't it?

"Mind you, I am not full of confidence about the men at the top. The leadership of the game. When I was young, we had dodgy players and so on. You know full of tricks both on and off the pitch. Then it

was the managers. Now it seems to be the chairmen...."

"The stadium at Luton Town has changed a great deal since I was last here as manager and of course it has been vastly-improved. It is clear we need to look after our customers properly. They want to be entertained, as I have said, and they need to be looked after. Football clubs, as we all know, are delicate pieces of machinery. If something is wrong and the club takes a fall, it can take three, four, five or six years to get it right again.

Hard work and laughter

"Luton seem to be doing it right. But what goes on on the pitch is what matters to me. I like to see happiness and enjoyment. Hard work and a good laugh afterwards. If the players are enjoying it, I am sure the crowd will.

"Mind you, there are times when the crowd will enjoy different things in the game from me. I recall one local derby here between Luton and Watford when we managed to win 1-0 and there was a big crowd - 25,000 or 26,000 or more. It was a terrible game to watch from the bench. I had my head in my hands.

"Alan Slough, of all people, was sent off - with Barry Endean - and there was not one player on the pitch who made a pass. Afterwards, when I walked into the guests lounge, the first thing one of our leading fans said to me was - "Wasn't that a great game, really great entertainment." Well, it all depends on what you see, doesn't it?"

CLUB NEWS

TICKET OFFICE NEWS

On Saturday, November 1st, we are at home to Queens Park Rangers in a Today League Division One Fixture, kick-off 3 pm.

On Saturday, November 8th, we are away to Wimbledon in a Today League Division One fixture, kick-off 3 pm.

On Saturday, November 15th, we are at home to Nottingham Forest in a Today League Division One fixture, kick-off 3 pm.

For 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.

Pitch Wins First Cap!

Our synthetic pitch has won international recognition with the selection of Kenilworth Road to stage a schoolboy international early next year.

The Under-15 match between England and Northern Ireland is believed by the manufacturers, En-tout-cas, to be the first international football match, at any level, to be staged on a synthetic surface in Europe.

The match, on 27 February 1987, is part of the Victory Shield competition for schoolboys.

A Chance to Show Your Skills

Manager John Moore is offering our young supporters in the Oak Stand the chance to display their own footballing skills before a big-match crowd. Boys and girls under 14 should come early and bring a football to the Queens Park Rangers match on 1 November. They will be allowed on to the pitch at 2.40 pm for ten minutes of ball control and juggling with a player on hand to pass on tips. Only those sitting in the Oak Stand family or Junior Hatters area will be allowed on to the pitch for this special event. If you are in another part of the ground, don't be too disappointed. We hope to give you a chance at another match soon.

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Lucky Numbers Switch On

To welcome our new electronic scoreboards, we are launching a special "lucky number" draw, with a £100 prize.

Each of our 22,000 members will be entered, but only those whose cards have gone through the computer-controlled turnstiles and are at the match can claim.

When the lucky number is displayed check it against the number on your membership card.

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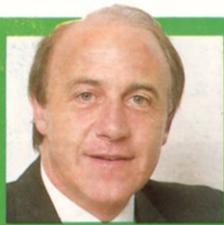
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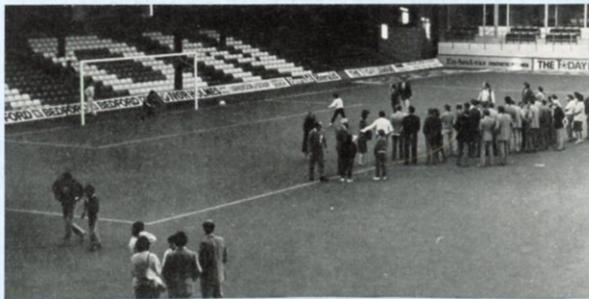
ON THE WING



● **Unlucky return:** Ashley Grimes was out of luck when he turned out at Old Trafford last week. He is pictured trying to find a way past Gordon Strachan.

GUESTS ENJOY THE PENALTIES OF SPONSORS!

● **On the spot:** Our match sponsors enjoy a spot of penalty practice after our last home match against Norwich. The Luton North Rotary Club are just the most recent of all the sponsors to have enjoyed a kickabout on our synthetic surface and the experience was thoroughly enjoyable for them all.



Two major developments pioneered by this club are paying dividends for supporters. The first is our synthetic pitch, and how nice to see Oldham and Preston installing them too. We have just received official recognition of its playing qualities, with a Schoolboy International, England v Northern Ireland, to be held here on February 27.

Still, we can't all be internationals and so we've decided to let some young fans try the pitch before next week's QPR match. At this stage, it's just an experiment, so the offer is limited to boys and girls under 14 and sitting in the Oak stand. If you bring a football, you will be invited onto the pitch for 10 minutes to show us your ball control skills.

Demonstration

John Moore will ask a player to demonstrate some special tips and, if it is successful, we'll give other parts of the ground a chance later in the season. But remember, please clear the pitch when told and keep the ball under your seat during the

match. After all, it can be hard enough to get one ball in the net – never mind a dozen!

All 22,000 membership card numbers go in and the lucky one will appear on the new electronic scoreboards. But to win, you must report to the Oak Road ticket office before 5.15 pm this evening. If not, the prize will go up by £100 per home match until claimed, thus rewarding regular supporters.

Sponsors

Finally, a warm welcome to this afternoon's match sponsors Bedford GM and executive sponsors Priory Farm Foods. Bedford launched in April their 'micro' vans and pick-ups which have made an impact in the market. The Luton-built 'Rascal' is also popular with appeal to the small businesses, particularly those looking for an ideal urban delivery vehicle.

Priory's Nigel Terry will have a number of his important customers with him in the Bedfordshire Suite today and we hope they enjoy the match. Thank you for your support.



● **Kick-off time:** Mascot Darren Kirby lines up with rival captains Steve Foster and Steve Bruce before our last home match against Norwich. Also pictured are Kenilworth the Cat and the match officials.



● **On the ball:** Stephen Halewood shows our captain Steve Foster a few things about heading after our recent 0-0 draw with Norwich!



● **Marching music:** Kenilworth enjoyed the fun when the Pipes and Drums of RAF Halton provided the beat at our last home match.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

Waxed up to meet the champs

Hello everyone. Welcome to what promises to be a fantastic game against Liverpool, the 'double' champions of the first division and the F.A. Cup.

As part of our build up this week, we spent a day out at the Henlow Grange health farm to get away and relax.

It is one of the experiences we all enjoy. The lads are together and we have a good laugh, relax properly and build up our team spirit for the match.

Massages

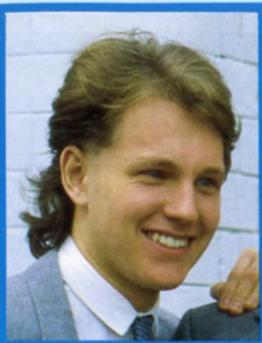
We have Saunas, massages, sun beds and so on. My favourite of these is the wax bed. You put wax on all over your body and then sweat it all out. It makes you feel really great afterwards and I always enjoy it.

We find it is a good thing to get away from the pressures and problems of football and Steven Purdew of Henlow Grange makes sure we do!

I hope we are able to produce our best form today and everyone enjoys the game. Liverpool are indisputably a quality team and one of the best club sides there has ever been. We shall be looking to finish with a good result and give a value for money performance in the Luton 'Town style with three points as well!



BRIAN STEIN



CLUB COMMENT

Bev Tyler, Retail Sales Supervisor.

Advance bookings just the ticket for Bev and Andy

The computer which controls our membership scheme means we can soon accept advance bookings for League matches, and Cup-ties as soon as the visiting team is known.

This advance booking facility will be introduced from the Nottingham Forest match onward, allowing supporters to claim their favourite place in the ground, even for the most popular fixtures. Another reason we can offer this service is that, unlike many clubs, our prices are fixed in advance with no extra charge for the most attractive matches.

It is good to see the improved service the computer provides, after a hectic summer in which we moved office twice, implemented the Football League's first-ever membership scheme and logged more than 22,000 names. With all that going on, we have often been grateful for the patience of our supporters and for some useful suggestions for improving the service still further.

When membership applications reached a peak at the start of the season, many became anxious when their cards were late. Cards, tickets and guest tickets are now being posted back to members in three or four days, though it is still important to apply in good time to avoid disappointment.

It might seem unnecessary for us to post cards to members. But it protects our supporters from

attempts by troublemakers to beat the system. This way, we can check for false addresses. Occasionally, cards are returned, marked "Unknown at this address". One fiddler even contacted the Post Office to try to get the card redirected from the false address!

However, we have decided to make things easier for members purchasing guest tickets. We no longer require full details of their guests' name and addresses. Members are still responsible for the behaviour of their guests and can be traced through the number on each guest ticket.

It is worth repeating the guest ticket rules. These must be obtained by members in advance, include day membership of the supporters scheme and cost £1 more than the equivalent member's ticket. A separate guest membership card is not needed, as the guest ticket contains the bar code necessary to enter the ground.

Obviously, if your guest qualifies as a Town supporter and is likely to attend more than once, it is cheaper for him to enroll as a member.

Occasionally supporters who live some distances from the ground, say it can be difficult to obtain tickets. But it need not be: the ticket office will accept bookings by post with a cheque, or by phone with an Access or Visa credit card.

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'Commercial Motor', in their van comparison test, also noted how a

*Source: SMMT registration data. Light commercial vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes. Jan to Sept 1986 v 1985.

laden Astra diesel beat similarly laden Ford Escort and Peugeot 305GL diesel vans, by returning 48.19 mpg.

In a similar test a laden, petrol-engined Astramax gave 36.25 mpg overall: the best of the bunch. One reason for such good fuel efficiency is the cross-flow cylinder head design.



Loadspace	Astra Van	Astramax
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Width (max)	53½"	63"
Length (max)	70"	68"

'Good Van Guide' also had good words about driving the Astramax "... very quiet, very refined, very civilised. You can almost forget you're driving a van". They added, "Astramax must become new light vans leader

with its blend of style, driveability and useful room".

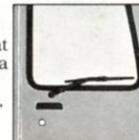
Now to get down to carrying capacity, at the business end you have a choice of load volumes: 66.3 cu ft in the Astra, or 82 cu ft in the Astramax.

Uniformly distributed payloads are 415 kg for the Astra Van with 365 kg or 560 kg, depending on the model, for the Astramax.

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Another clever touch, unique to Astramax, is the load extension deck in place of the passenger seat.

To sum up, Bedford's Team Astra vans lead because they're built to eat up roads as well as loads.



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• At the double: David Oldfield scored twice for the reserves against Bristol Rovers.



• Back in goal: Marc North was back between the posts for the reserves last week.

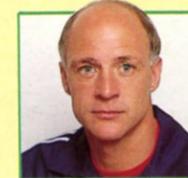


• Found the net: Emeka Nwajiobi scored again for the reserves against Bristol Rovers.

Reserve & Youth



JIM RYAN



JOHN FAULKNER

RESERVES CRUISE TO COMFORTABLE WIN

Our young reserves team cruised to an easy 3-0 triumph over Bristol Rovers here in their last home appearance in the Football Combination on October 18.

After dominating a goalless first half, David Oldfield put us on the way to victory with two goals after the interval. Emeka Nwajiobi, who looked capable of scoring three or four goals, was content with a solitary strike for our third.

North in goal

The match was also notable for the reappearance in goal of Marc North who had been playing in attack for the first team against Norwich only a week earlier. Rovers were never able to beat him.

"He had nothing to do," said coach Jim Ryan who picked himself as substitute when the team's chosen goalkeeper failed to appear, Gary Cobb moving from the bench into North's attacking position.

Youth win twice

The youth team, meanwhile, have enjoyed two impressive victories over Southend (5-1) and at Wimbledon (2-0). Coach John Faulkner, however is still looking for even better performances.

"We won easily, but I would like to see more from the players," he said. Sean Farrell scored a hat-trick against Southend. "He led the line well," said Faulkner who also praised Jason Rees, adding that the team seemed to play in bursts and should have taken more responsibility and gone on to win even more handsomely.

THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION TABLE 1986/87

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	9	7	2	0	30	5	16
Arsenal	8	7	1	0	21	8	15
West Ham United	10	6	3	1	22	13	15
Queens Park Rangers	9	6	2	1	21	13	14
Oxford United	9	6	1	2	23	9	13
Chelsea	9	6	1	2	18	7	13
Norwich City	9	5	1	3	17	16	11
Ipswich Town	8	5	0	3	11	14	10
Watford	10	2	5	3	15	17	9
Swindon Town	8	3	2	3	20	19	8
Fulham	9	3	2	4	7	11	8
Reading	9	3	2	4	11	18	8
Luton Town	9	3	1	5	17	16	7
Southampton	10	3	1	6	14	16	7
Crystal Palace	10	2	2	6	13	18	6
Charlton Athletic	8	2	2	4	9	14	6
Milwall	8	1	2	5	8	19	4
Portsmouth	7	1	1	4	8	15	3
Brighton & Hove Albion	9	1	0	8	9	27	2
Bristol Rovers	8	0	1	7	5	24	1

FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1986/87

Date	Opponents	Result	Date	Opponents	Result
1986			1987		
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	0-0	Feb 7	Swindon	
Sept 30	Charlton	1-3	Feb 14	Southampton	
Oct 4	Watford	4-2	Feb 21	Chelsea	
Oct 10	Norwich City	1-2	Feb 24	Charlton Ath	
Oct 18	Bristol R	3-0	Mar 7	Tottenham	
Oct 21	Swindon	3-1	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	Milwall		Apr 25	West Ham	
Dec 9	Fulham		May 2	Oxford	
Dec 20	West Ham		May 6	Fulham	

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES 1986/87

Date	Opponents	Result	Date	Opponents	Result
1986			1987		
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 24	Ipswich*	1-0	Feb 28	Bournemouth	
Sept 27	Oxford	5-0	Mar 7	Swindon	
Sept 29	Colchester*	5-2	Mar 21	Swindon	
Oct 4	Northampton	1-2	Mar 28	Southend	
Oct 11	Southend	5-1			
Oct 18	Wimbledon	2-0			
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
* Eastern Junior Floodlit Cup

INTRODUCING...

LIVERPOOL

Liverpool arrive at Kenilworth Road this afternoon placed third in the First Division following a 4-0 demolition of Oxford United last Saturday and threateningly-placed to successfully defend their Football League championship. Ian Rush, the leading scorer in the top flight this season with 16 goals in all competitions, struck twice last week with Kenny Dalglish and Jan Molby adding the others.

Rush, of course, is due to leave Anfield for the Stadio Comunale of Juventus in Turin next season and so end his highly-successful career in the English league. His first goal last week was his 200th in the competition since he made his debut at Chester.

Liverpool truly are the team that needs little introduction, appearing, as they do, so regularly on television. They are the 'double' champions, having won the F.A. Cup last May as well as the league title and, under player-manager Dalglish, seem as superbly-organised as ever in spite of their recent home defeat by Spurs.

Their squad includes a whole host of international names and reserves matches with Liverpool are often severely one-sided! But they are not invincible and have lost three times already this season at Leicester and Southampton in addition to the Tottenham defeat.

Players likely to be on duty today:

Bruce Grobbelaar - One of the game's great characters. Zimbabwean-international goalkeeper Bruce has made more than 300 appearances for Liverpool but missed the start of the season with a stomach muscle injury.

Gary Gillespie - Signed from Coventry in 1983, Gary is a tall and quick Scottish central defender who has settled down to become one of the most reliable men in the Liverpool team.

Barry Venison - Signed from Sunderland on the eve of the season, versatile defender Barry is an England under-21 international and was captain of the England youth team earlier in his career.

Mark Lawrenson - One of the most accomplished defenders in the league. Mark is a full Eire international with skill, pace and composure. Joined Liverpool from Brighton in August 1981.

Ronnie Whelan - Another Eire cap with a skilful approach on the left side of midfield, Ronnie can open up defences with his runs and passes. Signed from Dublin club Home Farm seven years ago. Made more than 230 appearances.

Alan Hansen - Scottish international central defender Alan is one of the most elegant back four players in the league. Became club captain in season 1985-86. Vastly experienced.



Back row from left Mark Lawrenson, Jan Molby, Mike Hooper, Gary Gillespie, Bruce Grobbelaar, Kevin Macdonald. Middle row: Roy Evans (Trainer), Steve Nicol, Steve McMahon, Jim Beglin, Barry Venison, Paul Walsh, Ronnie Moran (Coach). Front row: Ronnie Whelan, John Wark, Bob Paisley (Team Consultant), Kenny Dalglish (Player/Manager), Alan Hansen (Captain), Craig Johnston, Sammy Lee.



Kenny Dalglish has made himself a legend in his own time at Liverpool by taking the club to an historic 'double' triumph in the Football League and F.A. Cup in only his first full season in charge as player-manager. Together with former manager Bob Paisley, who has continued to act as a consultant to the club, Dalglish took over from Joe Fagan following the ill-fated and tragic 1985 European Cup Final against Juventus.

Dalglish has cleverly used himself as a player in isolated bursts, to great effect in the last year and last week was among the scorers again in the 4-0 win over Oxford. Unfortunately, injury prevented him taking his place in Scotland's squad for the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico.

Kenny Dalglish - Scotland's most-capped and most-honoured player, Dalglish is the player-manager and one of the best players to have pulled on a red Liverpool jersey. Hit the European Cup-winning goal in 1978 and the title decider last season.

Steve Nicol - A defender or midfielder, Steve is a big-hearted club man who was signed from Ayr United in 1981-82. He soon developed into a top-class player and won Scotland under-21 caps and then became a full international.

Ian Rush - Reknown as Europe's most dangerous striker, Ian is a full Welsh international with a killer instinct in front of goal. Joins Juventus next season in the Italian league. Leading scorer in the First Division.

Jan Molby - A supremely-skilled and powerful defender or midfielder, Jan is full Danish international and played in the Mexico World Cup finals. He has a deadly shot and last season won 'double' honours Born Kolding, Jutland.

Steve McMahon - Former Aston Villa powerhouse Steve was given the old Graeme Souness-style job in Liverpool's midfield. A former ball-boy and player at city rivals Everton, he returned to Liverpool to sign at Anfield in 1985.

John Wark - Former Ipswich midfielder John has returned to the first team scene at Liverpool after several periods of injury and uncertainty. A strong midfielder with a goalscoring record, he is a full Scottish international.

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BY PETER NICHOLAS

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It was only three weeks ago that Tottenham won at Liverpool, and the week previous to that we drew with

Tottenham so you can expect a good game this afternoon.

Next week we are at home once again when our visitors are Queens Park Rangers.

Keep up your good support tell some of your school friends about our members club and help us fill the Junior Hatters enclosure at every home game. Have a good day and enjoy todays game, I will see you all next week.

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Scott Wootton



Paul Daly



Steven Bridges



Lee Griffin



Lucy Godfrey

KENILWORTH THE CAT



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.

G	L	C	E	Y	I	T
E	A	A	R	E	V	O
O	D	R	S	N	O	M
R	E	L	Y	O	R	M
G	E	O	F	F	A	Y
E	U	D	E	R	E	K
N	I	T	K	A	E	D

Broadis	Christie	Gilbert
Greenwood	Griffiths	Mabbutt
McElhinney	Reilly	Twentyman
Tynan	Walters	

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

Answers to Soccer Ninety-Niner No. 2

Across
1. Phil Parkes 7. one 8. Gritt 9. Smith 12. See 5 down 13. Uli
14. Harry Gregg
Down
1. Proverbs 2. Iley 3. playmaker 4. right wing 5&12ac Eric Black
6. striking 10. Cama 11. June



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Views from the media

Unwanted goal drought goes on

Our long unwanted record of failing to score at Old Trafford since 1959 attracted attention at the weekend when misfortune and missed chances cost us at least a point against Manchester United. Here are a few of the press comments on our 1-0 defeat by the Red Devils:

Sunday Express - "United 'old boy' Ashley Grimes and Luton's leading scorer Brian Stein were the culprits as the Hatters tossed away the chance of an historic victory at Old Trafford. Luton have lost on every one of their 12 trips to the North's showpiece arena.

Unlucky miskick

"But it could have been so different if Grimes has not gifted United an early goal and Stein driven wide from the penalty spot in a second half which largely belonged to Luton. Grimes who left Old Trafford three years ago miskicked as he tried to find Les Sealey with a back pass after nine minutes...

"...Mark Stein was upended in the area by Paul McGrath in the 66th minute and up stepped elder brother Brian to take the vital penalty kick. He sent the United keeper Chris Turner the wrong way, but the ball flashed wide. 'I tried to be too precise', said Stein. 'We were worth a point, but you don't get anything if you don't take your chances.'

Sound performance

The People - "Oh brother! Luton will have nightmares about Brian Stein's horrific second-half penalty boob. When Mark Stein was brought down by McGrath, Brian's life turned sour with a spotkick that finished wide."

Sunday Telegraph - "Luton were honest workmen, but they did have a real chance of deservedly sharing the spoils after 63 minutes. Mark Stein was floored but his brother Brian shot hopelessly wide from the penalty spot...Luton had sound performances from goalkeeper Sealey and midfielder Ricky Hill but lacked conviction."



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LUTON TOWN GOLDEN OLDIES

TOWN HUNTING RETURN TO DAYS WHEN THEY WERE UNBEATEN IN SIX LEAGUE GAMES WITH LIVERPOOL



● **Kirk Stephens:** Went in goal at Anfield when the teams drew 3-3 in 1982 and the Town used three different goalkeepers!



● **Paul Walsh:** Town favourite who left for Anfield in 1984.

Although we were unbeaten in our first six league games against the 'Reds' – all in Division Two – our record since we first met in the top Division has been poor, writes club stastician Roger Wash.

In our first game back in Division One on 17th August, 1974, a crowd of 21,062 were here to see a Liverpool side which we thought was about to take a dip in fortunes following the retirement of Bill Shankly.

An early Barry Butlin goal sent us into raptures but the sheer professionalism and experience of Liverpool told in the second half when goals from Tommy Smith and Steve Highway gave Bob Paisley his first league win.

By the time we met at Anfield for the return just before Christmas, 1974, we were bottom of the table and a 2-0 defeat was our ninth in ten games. Making his fourth appearance for the Town that day was Peter Spiring who had signed for a signeeable fee from Liverpool, a month earlier.

The unfortunate Spiring had not made a particularly brilliant start being extremely similar in style and physique to Jim Husband and therefore compared rather unfavourably with him. He, however, unwittingly sparked off a Town revival by breaking his toe!



● **Paul Walsh:** Now an injured Liverpool star, he was a popular favourite at Kenilworth Road a few years ago.

Money on loan

Spiring only made another ten appearances before being transferred to Hereford in February 1976.

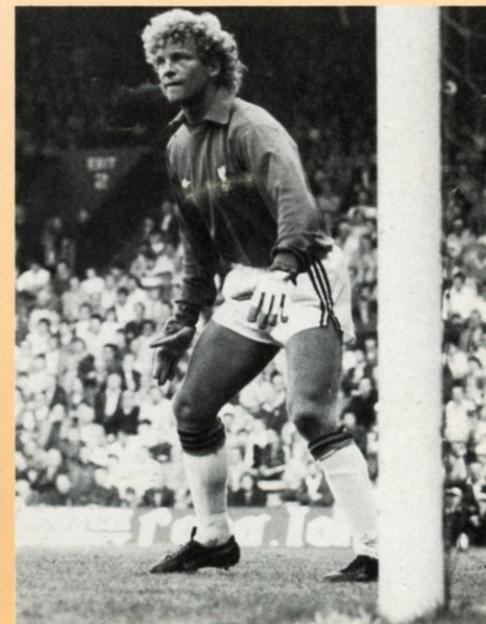
During the run-in to the season that saw the Town win promotion again in 1982 David Pleat went to Anfield to bring Richard Money on loan.

His cultured full-back play steadied the defence at a time when the promotion boat seemed to be rocking slightly and his £100,000 transfer following his loan period was cash well spent.

Money relished his instant return to the First Division and his chance to prove Liverpool wrong came early in the 1982-83 season when the Town went to Anfield and secured a memorable 3-3 draw with the home equaliser coming late in the game and scored past Mal Donaghy who had become the third Luton player to don the green jersey in 90 frantic minutes.

Jake Findlay had been injured in the first half and his unorthodox replacement Kirk Stephens made way at half-time for normal deputy Donaghy who then performed heroics behind a packed defence which broke away to great effect to lay on second half goals for David Moss.

The first goal of the game was scored by Brian Stein following a superb dummy by Paul Walsh which left the Liverpool defence flat footed. We did not know it at the time but it was probably that one piece of skill that pencilled Walsh's name at the top of the Anfield shopping list.



● **Basher in goal:** Kirk Stephens went in goal at Anfield in 1982.

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	1-0	9731	10	Sealey
Oct 4	Tottenham Hotspur	0-0	22738	10	Sealey
Oct 8	Cardiff City (LCR2L2)				C
Oct 11	Norwich City	0-0	10022	11	Sealey
Oct 18	Manchester United	0-1	39927	12	Sealey
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 (FA9)				
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				

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Breacker	Grimes	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	B. Stein	Newell	M. Stein	Preece	McDonough	

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

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11	3	2	0	6	1	2	1	3	5	6	18
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11	3	1	2	10	6	1	1	3	7	9	14
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11	2	3	0	6	3	1	1	4	4	17	13
11	1	2	3	5	11	2	1	2	8	9	12
11	3	0	3	11	7	0	2	3	3	7	11
11	2	0	3	7	11	1	1	4	8	17	10
11	2	0	4	7	10	0	2	3	2	10	8
11	1	2	2	6	6	0	2	4	2	7	7

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS
(1986/87)

	League		Total		Leading goalscorers
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	
Tim Breacker	5	-	5	-	16 - Rush (Liverpool)
Mai Donaghy	11	-	11	-	13 - Allen (Tottenham)
Steve Foster	11	-	11	-	11 - Aldridge (Oxford)
Ashley Grimes	5	-	5	-	10 - Clarke (Southampton)
Ricky Hill	11	-	11	-	Webb (Nottingham Forest)
Rob Johnson	10	-	10	-	Cottee (West Ham)
Darron McDonough (2)	-	-	(2)	-	
Mike Newell	11	2	11	2	
Peter Nicholas	11	-	11	-	
Marc North	2(2)	-	2(2)	-	
Emeka Nwajobi	6	-	6	-	
David Preece	5	-	5	-	
Brian Stein	9	5	9	5	
Mark Stein	4(2)	-	4(2)	-	
Les Sealey	11	-	11	-	
Robert Wilson	7	1	7	1	

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- 2 Tim Breacker
- 3 Ashley Grimes
- 4 Peter Nicholas
- 5 Steve Foster
- 6 Mal Donaghy
- 7 Ricky Hill 1
- 8 Brian Stein
- 9 Mike Newell 3
- 10 Mark Stein
- 11 David Preece

Sub

Liverpool 1

- 1 Bruce Grobbelaar
- 2 Gary Gillespie
- 3 Barry Venison
- 4 Mark Lawrenson
- 5 Ronnie Whelan
- 6 Alan Hansen
- 7 Kenny Dalglish
- 8 Steve Nicol
- 9 Ian Rush
- 10 Jan Molby
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