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• **Safe hands:** Charlton goalkeeper Nicky Johns makes a brave interception to foil Mike Newell as the Town attack during the second half of our 1-0 win. Mark Stein scored the goal.

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MOORE ABOUT FOOTBALL



Welcome to Everton, a team who have proved already that they will be among the main challengers for the First Division title this season and memorable opposition to us in stirring F.A. Cup ties in recent seasons. Who can forget either the semi-final at Villa Park in 1985 or last season's sixth round clash and replay? This year they have suffered from injuries, but they have still produced consistent results to prove they have tremendous strength and depth in their squad.

Last week we were defeated, deflated and humbled at Oxford and the performance and manner of our defeat was a warning to us. We hope today will be a different story with the team much more fired up and enthusiastic. We shall have no room for self doubt and, if determined to reproduce our quality best performances, can produce excellent football and ensure a well-contested and entertaining match with, I hope, a good result.

Injury problems continue

Injuries continue to cause problems in terms of the strength overall of the squad. We have to continue for the time being it seems without the services of Mick Harford, who I hope is making the right kind of progress this time towards a complete recovery from his nightmare of knee problems, Ricky Hill and David Preece. They are all quality players whose presence is missed and it is asking a lot of the team to expect the consistency and quality of the team to be totally unaffected.

However, I felt we could improve a great deal on last Saturday's performance when Oxford were worthy winners on a poor day for us. We were all disappointed with our contribution to the game and it is very difficult to understand why these things happen. As you would expect, we have talked it over.

The draw for the third round of the F.A. Cup has offered us an exciting clash against the holders Liverpool and I think it should turn out to be a wonderful day. We have beaten Liverpool once already this season and would love to do it again, but, as I have said, you cannot count on anything in this game. I shall be happy to see us through to the fourth round by any score. Enjoy today's game.



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Mailbag

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

Appreciation from disabled fans

Dear Sir,
On behalf of our four regular supporters of Luton Town, I would like to say a big thank you to all our friends at the ground. And I do mean everybody, especially Mike Beever and Bill Tomlins who took the time to consult three disabled representatives and their escorts before going ahead with alterations to the disabled enclosure. To which, I might add, we were all more than satisfied.

I would like to add that Luton Town F.C. have, for the disabled, taken a big step forward in consulting the disabled person as to what should be done for them. This is the first time that we have ever been consulted.

Lastly, we would like to thank all those supporters who took the time to write in about this on our behalf. Come on you Hatters! We think you're great!

Yours sincerely,

Larry York

Oaks Social Club
8 School Lane,
Leagrave, Luton.

Dear Sir,

Words cannot describe what hospitality I received when I

arrived at Luton on the 25th to find out what the Club is going to do for handicapped people. I cannot walk far by myself and Dick, the groundsman, got out his sweeper to show me where we are going to be accommodated. I think it is fantastic. Good luck to everyone.

Ken Taylor

Bedford

A lift, please

Dear sir,

Could you please publish this request in one of our match day programmes:

I am a London based Luton supporter who, due to a lack of private transport and restricted public services on Boxing Day, will be unable to attend the Watford game.

I am wondering if any other London-based supporter who is going to the game would consider giving me a lift (on the roof rack). Obviously petrol costs to be shared. I can be contacted on 800 1616 (H) and 788 7272 ext 2149 (W).

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Ian Gordon Davitt

59 Bethune Road,
Stamford Hill,
London N16 5EE.

Thanks, Peter

Dear Sir,

I thought that you would like to know that on the evening of Thursday 23rd October, Waddesdon School held its annual Speech Day and the Guest of Honour was Peter Nicholas.

I have written to Peter to thank him, but I thought that as Chairman of the Club I should draw to your attention not only Peter's generosity but also the good job he is doing as an ambassador for Luton Town and soccer in general.

Yours sincerely

A.M. Armstrong

Headmaster
Waddesdon Church
of England
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•Peter Nicholas: Thanks



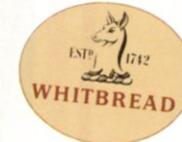
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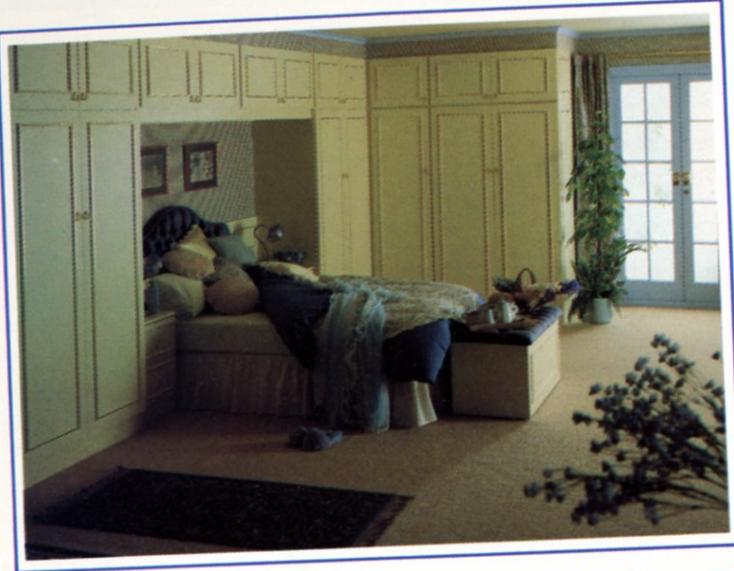
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GIRL TALK



Johnson the Hybrid!

What do you get if you cross Diego Maradona and John McEnroe? The answer, according to my mum, is Rob Johnson.

She explained he has the same build as Maradona, and McEnroe's sporting awareness. Mother told Mr. Johnson that he reminded her of Maradona and although pleased, he denied being a patch on the Argentinian as a player.

My mother doesn't agree – "Rob Johnson doesn't cheat," she said.

Graham French

When I was a teenager I used to go to Kenilworth Road regularly with my mother. Her favourite player then was Graham French. Outside Luton she liked Bobby Charlton and one of her comments at the recent match she attended was that she found the game too fast to follow nowadays.

"The slow pace of Bobby Charlton was much easier to follow", she explained. I'm sure he wouldn't be too flattered to hear that!

She also had advice for Les Sealey – that he should

prowl about his goal a bit more, like Peter Shilton. I hope Mr. Sealey doesn't take this advice – we don't want him letting in goals like Shilton has at Kenilworth Road in recent years!

Mother doesn't come to matches very much now. She was ill about ten years ago and rarely goes out at all. But she enjoyed herself tremendously at the home match she did attend recently. And taking her made me realise the wisdom of David Evans and his board in banning away fans, to encourage a family atmosphere.

Please, write in

In every programme, at the end of this column, is a statement that anyone wishing to contribute to Girl Talk should write to the Editor. That statement isn't there simply to occupy space. It is, after all 'Girl Talk', not 'Gale Talk'! so do write in or, if you've got a topic for this column but don't want to write it yourself, let me know and I'll do what I can to oblige!

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

Oxford United 4 Luton Town 2

A hat-trick by the rampant John Aldridge carried Oxford United to a merited triumph against the Town last week and left the Hatters with their fifth away defeat in nine outings in the First Division this season. Aldridge, who has expressed a desire to leave Oxford for a big city club, scored with two headers and a brilliant chip which drew unrestrained praise from Town manager John Moore. Brian Stein and Mark Stein scored in reply for the Town, but with a goal from Kevin Brock giving the home team a commanding 3-0 lead, the revival came too late to save a point.

Aldridge's scoring feats carried his goal tally for the season to 18 - only three goals behind the total produced by the entire Town team. After a tight and even opening period, Aldridge headed Oxford in front from a cross by Ray Houghton to give them an interval lead.

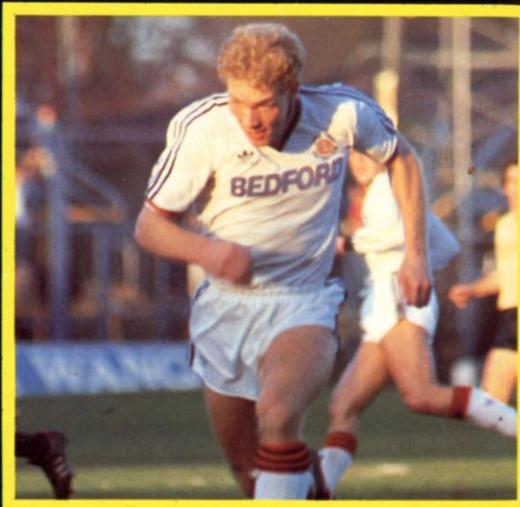
In the second half, Aldridge produced a brilliant chip - "out of this world" said John Moore - for Oxford's second and Kevin Brock volleyed in a third before Brian, and then Mark Stein scored in a three-minute spell to set up a thrilling finish. Mike Newell might have grabbed an equaliser, but Steve Hardwick made a brilliant save and it was left to Aldridge to complete the scoring and seal the result with his third goal in injury time.

Teams: - Hardwick, Langan, McDonald, Trewick, Briggs, Dreyer, Houghton, Aldridge, Whitehurst, Hebbard, Brock.

- Luton - Sealey, Johnson, Grimes, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Breacker, B. Stein, Newell, M. Stein, McDonough (M. North 80).

Referee - D. Shaw.

1st Team ACTION



• Close control: Mark Stein (above) shows his skill as he turns away with the ball during our 4-2 defeat at Oxford last week. Although we fell 3-0 behind, we fought back to 3-2 with goals by Mark and brother Brian Stein before conceding a late fourth goal. Our pictures today also show Tim Breacker pressing forward (top left), Tim in close combat and Rob Johnson (left) shielding the ball. Pictures by Sportswide Photography.

VIEWS from the BENCH

Ray Harford



Chief coach Ray Harford was as disappointed as everyone else that we were beaten at Oxford last Saturday, but finds plenty of encouragement in the consistently good previous form of the defence and the general determination of the team so far this season. Today, he reviews progress made since August:

Sound defence spreads confidence through the team

"Until last weekend we had a very good goals against column which has been the main feature of the season so far for us. I think we have been a team that is difficult to beat and difficult to score against. That is pleasing because if we are sound defensively then it spreads confidence through the side and it is easier to introduce younger players in the forward line.

"I think the players have done really well because, with so many injuries, we have rarely fielded the same team two week running. I think the defence has done particularly well with coping with so many changes around and has always managed to get well sorted out each time.

"Being hard to beat is no bad thing. Arsenal, remember, were going through that sort of spell with a run of 0-0's when they played against us here and look what they have done since. If you are difficult to score against, the other teams lose heart if they concede a goal on the break. And they are vulnerable to it because they usually push more and more men forward and get caught with a sucker punch.

Loss of key players

"Maybe this year we have not played with as much flair as we can, but I think we have suffered from the loss of several key flair players. We have had our isolated purple patches of course, but generally I think we have been playing in a way I would describe as 'stuffy'. That is we have tended to bottle the opposition up and defend well, hoping to score on the break.

"I have been very pleased with the way the younger players have worked too. They have

shown great attitude and application. Mark Stein worked tremendously hard before he was to score his first goal and now he is averaging nearly a goal a game. It helps a lot to know you have a good defence behind you, of course.

Great future

"I would put Mike Newell in the same category. He is such a hard-working willing player and I am sure he is going to have a very good future. They both have to learn a few more of the tricks of the job. When to use energy and when not to. At the moment they are doing a lot of defensive work too and that is using up a lot of their energy.

"Jimmy Greaves and Malcolm Macdonald and the like used to conserve their energy for when they needed it and then channel it. A bit like Clive Allen does now for Tottenham. They seem to leave him up on his own with five behind and then he does his stuff when called upon.

Pleased overall

"Overall, I suppose I am quite pleased with the way things have gone so far, but there is still a lot of work to do. You know, as well, I have yet to see Mick Harford in action or to see a full squad of senior players all fit and working at once.

"It will be a bonus when it happens because then we might be not only be hard to beat but also capable of really producing more flair and dominating games. The Liverpool and Nottingham Forest wins which were great performances have shown us what can be done and we have to keep on working for better and more consistent performances."



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CLUB NEWS

TICKET OFFICE NEWS

On Saturday, December 20th, we are away to Arsenal in a Today League Division One Fixture, kick-off 3 pm.

On Saturday, December 26th, we are at home to Watford in a Today League Division One fixture, kick-off for this game is 12 noon.

On Saturday, December 28th, we are away 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.

Pre-match Entertainment

This afternoons pre-match entertainment is provided by the Calvary Church of God in Christ, otherwise known as COGIC. The church was formed in London and the choir was formed in the late 1950's. It has since recorded for television and radio. The choir is made up of 250 young people who are members of the church in the UK.

Star man Steve Foster

Steve Foster has crowned one of the greatest spells of his career for Luton Town by being voted star player of the month by national newspaper, The Star.

The Star's football writers award merit marks at each first division match and Steve has topped their poll for November.

He receives an inscribed brandy drinks tray, with a Stuart crystal decanter and glasses - all valued at more than £250.

Making the presentation is Bob Driscoll, the Star's top soccer writer.

Congratulations Steve. Here's hoping you can keep up that good run today and stay on top with the Star.

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Saturday, December 20, 1986
Luton Town v West Ham United
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Today League Division One
Friday, December 26, 1986
Luton Town v Watford
Kick-off 12 noon.

MATCH REFEREE

Daryll Reeves (Uxbridge)

Daryll is a business executive. He is married with two children. He began refereeing in 1961 and progressed via the Spartan and Isthmian leagues. He enjoys golf, coarse fishing and pop music. He was in charge of the 1973 Varsity match and has taken part in the Home Championships.

Bill Tomlins appointed General Secretary

Bill Tomlins, in charge of our commercial department for five years, has been promoted to General Secretary following the resignation of Graham Mackrell. He will be responsible for the day to day running of the club, including finance, administration, commercial activities and football. Mr Tomlins, 43, came to the club after experience with three public companies including Tricentral where he was sales director.

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by BILL TOMLINS

THE TOWN

VISITORS FROM HOLLAND AND OUR HONORARY CHAPLAIN ARE HERE TODAY

Good afternoon and welcome. Today we are joined by representatives of the Netherlands Football Association who are visiting Kenilworth Road to study our membership scheme as part of their own study into crowd control.

Mr Rob de Bakker of the Netherlands F.A., police chief Melenaar and Mr de Vries of the Netherlands Sports and Welfare Department are particularly interested in Luton Town and we wish them a happy and successful visit. Their presence is confirmation of our own successful scheme.

Entertainment

In my last programme notes, I mentioned the Guinness 'Soccer 6' competition which took place in Manchester this week. Our lads played in the opening group action on Tuesday night. We drew 4-4 with Newcastle, but went down 4-1 to Nottingham Forest and did not progress to the final rounds on Wednesday when Oxford United won the event. But our young players provided great entertainment.

The players may have been disappointed in their defeat. Those who hoped for a sympathetic ear might have found one from our new and first honorary chaplain - clergy-

man Mervyn Terrett. Mervyn is a Town fan who has been known to substitute other vicars in his place for weddings on vital match days, such is his passion for the Hatters!

Honorary chaplain

He is also full-time secretary to the Hertfordshire Society for the Blind and ideally suited for the honorary position which he suggested after meeting a colleague who was Hartlepool's chaplain. Aged 43, he has been a Luton supporter since he was eight and he is a regular broadcaster on Chiltern Radio.

Mervyn has told me he expects the chaplain's role to be very low key indeed - "just a friendly ear and a helping hand for anyone who wants them."

Sponsors

Finally, a warm welcome to our match sponsors today, Bedford GM, and our executive sponsors Grass Roots Partnership. Bedford GM need little introduction at Kenilworth Road as they have been our main club sponsors and sponsors of the synthetic surface. Grass Roots are a Tring-based firm, established for six years. A warm welcome to director Mr Miller and Rob Darcus and Bedford GM and all their guests.

ANKLE BATH



●Painful: Les Sealey had to put his injured ankle straight in cold water after our win over Charlton two weeks ago - with his shin pad still on!

FIRST DIVISION RECOVERY FOR ROBERT!



● **Special welcome:** Robert Marsden was a supporter the team were especially glad to see at the Charlton match. A few weeks ago, Robert, of Ravenbank Road, Luton, was in a coma following a serious head injury. A taped message by Steve Foster, Les Sealey and Mick Harford, recorded by BBC Radio Bedfordshire, helped his recovery. "It's the first thing I remember," Robert told them when he visited the dressing room where he is pictured with David Preece, Mark Stein and Darron McDonough.



●**Lucky winner:** Timothy Gall, 15, of Little Gaddesden was the winner of £300 in our Membership Number Draw. He was the first winner in the £100-a-match draw and picked up his accumulated winnings from Chiltern Radio's Bill Young.



●**In the fog:** Bill Young interviews Gary Morecambe and Joan Morecambe on the pitch at our last home match when we promoted Gary and his late father Eric's novel Stella.



●**Media pressure:** Chief executive John Smith and Football League Secretary Graham Kelly meet the press, radio and television after the league's inspection visit to Kenilworth Road two weeks ago.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

Tough match in prospect

Hello everyone. After last week's defeat at Oxford, we are all looking forward to a return to top form and winning ways today especially against one of the top teams, Everton, who will make this a tough match.

Last season we had some great matches against them in the league and the F.A. Cup, only going out of the Cup to Gary Lineker's goal in a quarter-final replay at Goodison Park.

Winning goal

In the league, I had the luck to score in our win here towards the end of the season - and we will be aiming for another win and another Foster goal today! But, remember, nothing is easy in football.

A lot of the lads went up to Manchester during the week for the Guinness 'Soccer 6' tournament. Although we did not win, it was a good experience for several of the younger players - and didn't Mark Stein's goal against Newcastle look good on television?

The F.A. Cup draw has also attracted attention this week. We couldn't have asked for a bigger game at home than a clash with Liverpool to follow Christmas and the New Year.

Enjoy the match. See you on Boxing Day when Watford will be the visitors.



MARCO NORTH

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ALL OTHER MEMBERS

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HOW TO BUY YOUR TICKET

Cup Voucher holders only.

From 10am - 4pm on Sunday, December 21st.

You must produce one membership card and one voucher for each match ticket required. You may buy tickets for your family and friends, providing you bring a membership card and voucher to cover each ticket. The Kenilworth Road turnstiles will be used for the sale of both standing and seating tickets. (The Maple Road Car Park will be open.)

MEMBERS WITHOUT VOUCHERS

From 10am - 4pm, Sunday December 28th, unsold Cup tickets will be available to members without a Cup Voucher on a first come, first served basis.

One ticket per membership card - from the Kenilworth Road turnstiles.

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Kenilworth Stand: Adults £3; Juveniles and Senior Citizens £2

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No later than Thursday, December 19th, to: Luton Town FC Ticket Office, 125 Oak Road, Luton LU4. Mark your application "V Liverpool." Enclose a cheque, postal order or Access/Visa Number; plus membership card number and Cup Voucher, together with a stamped addressed envelope.

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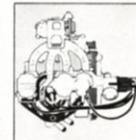
But apart from being street-smart they're street-credible. The 'Good Van Guide' wrote in a comparative van test report, "By far the best (engine) though just has to be Astramax. Its engine is silky, pushing forwards smoothly and effortlessly".

'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
Height (max)	34½"	42"
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.

Note, too, that unlike some vans a solid bulkhead is fitted as standard, so is a rear wash/wipe on Astra L models. This is now also available for Astramax vans.

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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ACTION



• **Goal glut:** Emeke Nwajobi (left) hit a hat-trick and David Oldfield (above) scored twice as the reserves romped to a 9-2 victory against Millwall in the Football Combination last week. Pictures by Sportswide Photography.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	14	12	1	1	53	9	25
Crystal Palace	14	9	2	3	40	25	20
Luton Town	13	8	2	3	33	14	18
Brighton & Hove	14	7	4	3	31	20	18
Oxford United	14	7	4	3	37	29	18
Tottenham Hotspur	13	6	5	2	34	24	17
Northampton Town	16	6	3	7	32	39	15
Colchester United	16	6	2	8	34	35	14
Bristol Rovers	12	5	3	4	16	14	13
A.F.C. Bournemouth	14	4	4	6	27	24	12
Wimbledon	12	4	3	5	15	20	11
Swindon Town	14	5	1	8	37	43	11
Reading	17	4	2	11	29	66	10
Southend United	16	3	-	13	24	55	6
Brentford	13	2	-	11	18	43	4

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	1-3	Mar 21	Norwich	
Oct 28	QPR	0-6	Mar 28	Watford	
Nov 8	Crystal Palace	1-2	Apr 1	Crystal Palace	
Nov 22	Portsmouth	5-1	Apr 11	QPR	
Dec 6	Millwall	9-2	Apr 14	Millwall	
Dec 9	Fulham		Apr 25	West Ham	
Dec 20	West Ham		May 2	Oxford	
			May 6	Fulham	

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES 1986/87

Date	Opponents	Result	Date	Opponents	Result
1986			1986		
Aug 23	Northampton	3-2	Dec 20	League Cup 3	
Aug 27	Brenford	3-0	Dec 27	Oxford	
Aug 30	Brighton	1-2			
Sept 2	Bristol R(SJFC)	3-0			
Sept 6	Crystal Palace	0-0	1987		
Sept 13	Tottenham	1-1	Jan 3	Wimbledon	
Sept 20	Cambridge U†	1-0	Jan 10	Bournemouth	
Sept 24	Ipswich*	1-0	Jan 24	Colchester	
Sept 27	Oxford	5-0	Jan 31	Reading	
Sept 29	Colchester*	5-2	Feb 7	Brighton	
Oct 4	Northampton	1-2	Feb 14	Crystal Palace	
Oct 11	Southend	5-1	Feb 21	Southampton	
Oct 18	Wimbledon	2-0	Feb 28	Bournemouth	
Oct 25	Colchester	3-1	Mar 7	Swindon	
Nov 1	Northampton†	6-1	Mar 21	Swindon	
Nov 8	Reading	5-2	Mar 28	Southend	
Nov 11	Charlton(SJFC)	3-3			
Nov 11	Charlton		† League Cup		
Nov 29	Bristol R	3-1	* Eastern Junior Floodlit Cup		
Dec 3	Wolverhampton (FAYC)(2)	5-1			
Dec 6	Southampton	1-2			
Dec 13	Tottenham				

Reserve & Youth



JIM RYAN



JOHN FAULKNER

RESERVES ENJOY NINE-GOAL ROMP, YOUTH TEAM WIN F.A. YOUTH CUP TIE

Both the reserves and the youth teams have enjoyed goal gluts in recent weeks with impressive victories in the Football Combination and the F.A. Youth Cup. Last Saturday, the reserves overwhelmed Millwall here at Kenilworth Road and won 9-2 while the previous Wednesday the youth team beat Wolves 5-1.

Emeka Nwajobi rapped a hat-trick, David Oldfield scored twice, triallist John Hudson scored two and Kingsley Black and Ricky McEvoy one each as the reserves ran up comfortably their best victory of the season.

Professional performance

Coach Jim Ryan said: "Unfortunately, they were never really a match for us on the day and I think we probably should have scored more goals. However, it is not fair to criticise the team when they have scored nine goals. We played very well and very professionally throughout, except, perhaps for the last 15 minutes when they scored both their goals.

"At times our football was very good - fast and positive and a couple of the goals were really excellent."

Quality football

Youth team coach John Faulkner was equally pleased. He said of his team's fine second round win: "We won well with spells of real quality football. It was very encouraging to all concerned."

The youth team were 2-1 up at half time and ran out good winners with their goals coming from Paul Lewis (two), Sean Farrell, and Paul Gray (two). Gray came on as a substitute for the last 20 minutes and his effective wing play galvanised the Town performance after Wolves had threatened to fight their way back after half time with their traditional long-ball game.

REPLAY

INTRODUCING...

EVERTON

Everton arrive at Kenilworth Road this afternoon lying third in the First Division and poised to raise their challenge for the league title held by city rivals Liverpool. In spite of a string of injuries to senior players, they have lost only four of their opening 18 league games and last Saturday emphasised their current good form with a crushing 4-0 home win over Norwich City.

That victory marked the return to the team after long-term injury of Gary Stevens whose last appearance had been for England against Argentina during the World Cup finals. The team is still without stalwarts such as Peter Reid and Paul Bracewell, however, from the line-up which defeated us in an F.A. Cup quarter-final replay last season.

That match was just one of several memorable clashes in recent seasons, most notably two seasons ago when we were beaten 2-1 in extra time in an F.A. Cup semi-final at Villa Park after leading. In the First Division last season, this fixture ended in the Town's favour with Steve Foster scoring and proving a decisive influence in a 2-1 win.

Players likely to be on duty today:

Neville Southall - The Welsh international goalkeeper and former Footballer of the Year is a great competitor, trainer, character and influence. Signed by Everton from Bury in 1981.

Gary Stevens - England right-back Gary has just come back from long-term injury following the World Cup finals in Mexico. A quick and aggressive defender, he has been tipped for a long future in the England team.

Neil Pointon - 21-year-old Neil has taken the left-back spot and established himself in the absence of injured team-mates following his move from Scunthorpe.

Kevin Ratcliffe - Another Welsh international, the Everton captain has become a hugely influential figure in their defence with his speed and quick reading of the game.

Dave Watson - Signed from Norwich City earlier this season for £950,000, England centre-half Dave has suffered a spell of inconsistent form as he has settled into life at Goodison Park. Formerly with Liverpool.



Top Row from left: Paul Wilkinson, Derek Mountfield, Fred Barber, Neville Southall, Bobby Mimms, Kevin Langley, Ian Marshall. Middle row: John Clinkard (Physio.), Darren Coyle, Pat Van den Hauwe, Paul Bracewell, Peter Reid, Neil Pointon, Neil Adams, Graeme Sharp, Alan Harper, Paul Power, Colin Harvey (Coach). Front row: Warren Aspinall, Adrian Heath, Gary Stevens, Kevin Sheedy, Howard Kendall (Manager), Kevin Ratcliffe (Captain), Trevor Steven, Kevin Richardson, Peter Billinge.



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

Paul Power - Signed from Manchester City in the close season, Paul was a cornerstone of their team for more than a decade, playing as an attacking left-back or midfielder. Now producing revived form for the Toffeemen.

Trevor Steven - England international winger-cum-midfielder Trevor burst onto the World Cup as England beat Poland in Mexico. Quick and skilful with an eye for goal. He joined Everton from Burnley for £325,000 in 1983.

Adrian Heath - Stoke City striker Adrian has been unlucky at Goodison Park. After injury and the phenomenal form of Gary Lineker forced him out of the team, he has returned to fill the gap left by the England striker now with Barcelona. Signed from Stoke in 1982 for £700,000.

Graeme Sharp - Scottish international striker Graeme signed a new four-year contract with Everton last season and looks set to be their main striker for several years. Tall, strong and powerful in the air.

Alan Harper - Alan joined Liverpool as a schoolboy and served an Anfield apprenticeship. Joined Everton in 1983. Played against Liverpool in the 1984 Milk Cup final.

Kevin Sheedy - Cultured left-sided midfielder Kevin is an Irish international with a habit of scoring vital goals - particularly from free kicks. He scored the equaliser and set up the winner in the 1985 semi-final.

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JUNIOR HATTERS!

BY PETER NICHOLAS

CHANGE OF DATE FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

The date of the Junior Hatters Christmas party has been changed. The new date is Tuesday, 16th December, 7-9pm. I hope this has not caused you any inconvenience and I look forward to seeing you on the 16th!

All tickets have now been taken for the party night. Father Christmas will also be coming to the party!

Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is 54. The winning

member should contact Bev Tyler in the ticket office at Oak Road with his or her membership card for two free tickets to one of our home matches.

Let's have a few more of you Junior Hatters for the penalty competition. We still need some more to enter to make this a big success. Today, we give a warm welcome to Everton. Give them a big hand and have a good day.

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Matthew Hall



Ian Stacey



Dean Tysoe

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QUIZ

First Eleven

P	E	E	N	T	Y	E
R	V	A	A	M	B	L
O	E	D	M	I	K	E
D	T	A	R	O	E	G
R	S	V	O	O	N	I
B	R	E	N	D	A	N
U	L	U	A	P	G	H

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.

Bannon	Brolly	Clough
Coney	Hunter	Mariner
Massey	McIlroy	McNaught
O'Callaghan	Shipperley	

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

Answers to Soccer Ninety-Niner No. 5

Across
6. orange 7. Dave 8. grey 9. Derby 11. amber 12. Bill 14. Ante 15. O'Regan
Down
1. Cough 2. Dave Smith 3. Henderson 4. Cambridge 5. red 10. Glenn 13. ram



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Views from the media

Aldridge goals steal the limelight

Goals by Brian and Mark Stein were unable to prevent us slipping to a 4-2 defeat at Oxford last week when Irish international striker John Aldridge scored a hat-trick and stole the headlines on a disappointing afternoon for the Luton fans who made the trip. Here is a selection of the comment of the press following the match:

The Sunday Times - "In the week that Ian Rush's future was settled, the best individual scoring performance came from his lookalike, Oxford's John Aldridge who scored a hat-trick in the 4-2 win over Luton. Still, as his team-mate Trevor Hebbard conceded, Luton did give him some help. "They didn't play with their normal confidence," he said. "I don't think their goalkeeper Les Sealey was 100 per cent fit and to me they played as if that was on their minds."

The Mail on Sunday - "A hat-trick by John Aldridge, Oxford's Ian Rush international impersonator, sent Luton to their heaviest defeat of the season in what could fairly be described as a game of three halves. For until Aldridge opened the scoring in the 40th minute, the game was in deadlock. But then the floodgates opened. Oxford hit another two more and looked good for more until two goals in three minutes by Stein and Stein, scorers by appointment, pulled Luton right back. Only in the final minute did Aldridge make it safe."

Sunday Telegraph - "It was an extraordinary match in that the quality of the goals was in sharp contrast to a lack of technical expertise overall. Only Aldridge's headed goal stood out from a first half full of mishit passes."

Sunday Mirror - "Aldridge headed home Oxford's first and fourth goals and in between scored with a brilliant chip that Luton boss John Moore described as 'out of this world'."



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GOAL'DEN OLDIES

A REPEAT THRILLER PLEASE

We welcome Everton to Kenilworth Road for our 27th league meeting and hope the result goes the same way as last season's thriller when two late goals sealed a famous victory, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

Although our meetings with Everton only started in 1951, some 70 years after both our clubs' formation, we have made up for lost time not only in league games but also in the direct transfer of players.

George Cummins was signed from Everton in August 1953 for a fee of £12,000 which was quite a sizeable sum in those days. He had never quite fitted in at Goodison Park and made only 24 appearances in his three years with the Toffees, but became something of a revelation here with his brilliant ball play as well as having the knack of scoring vital goals.

Wembley goal

Vital goals were also the stock-in-trade of Billy Bingham, signed from Sunderland in 1958 following that club's relegation from Division One. His goal in the semi-final replay against Norwich in 1959 sent us to Wembley for our only appearance there so far.

Bingham, a huge crowd pleaser, was too good a player for Division Two and after our relegation in 1960 he was transferred to Everton in October of that year. It is said that a 35-yard rocket shot scored at Anfield in a 2-2 draw the previous month made up the mind of Everton manager John Carey and after a few weeks of wrangling agreed a fee of £15,000 plus two players John Bramwell and Alec Ashworth.

At the time Luton felt they had done rather well out of the deal, the money came in handy and Bramwell in particular played so well that the England selectors came to have a look at him over Easter 1961.

In all Bramwell gave five years loyal and consistent service to the Town notching up 187 appearances in a side that was on the slide all the time he was here.

Ashworth stayed only two seasons but scored a fair number of goals in his spell here. He would have had two more entered in the record books if the brace he scored against Manchester City in the F.A. Cup 4th round in 1961 had been allowed to stand. We, of course, are glad they did not as Denis Law scored six before the game was abandoned after 69 minutes because of torrential rain.

Northampton signed Ashworth in the summer of 1962 and in the following season he scored an incredible 25 goals in only 30 games before moving back to his native north-west with Preston for whom he made a cup-final appearance in 1964.

Boy-wonder

Jim Husband was regarded as a boy-wonder in his native Newcastle as was testified by his many England schoolboy and youth caps. Snapped up by Everton in 1963 he went on to become a great crowd pleaser at Goodison and was a regular in the side that won the championship in 1970.

After being gradually forced out of the side in the early 1970's he was grateful for a chance to join Harry Haslam's promotion-chasing side in November 1973 for a £70,000 fee. Six months later he was back in Division One with the Hatters albeit for one season and weighed in with some vital goals as that season wore on with the Town fighting to avoid relegation.

He enjoyed five seasons with us before departing to the States but on his return settled in this area and was recently called out of retirement to play for his local village team. The village team's name? You have guessed it - Everton!



• **George Cummins:** Signed from Everton in 1953, he made 184 league appearances and scored 21 goals for the Town.



• **Jimmy Husband:** Signed from Everton in 1978, he made 143 league appearances and scored 44 goals.

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UPDATE

1986-87 SEASON

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
(Up to and including 6 December 1986)

HOME					AWAY						
P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A	APts		
18	6	3	0	15	3	5	1	3	15	6	37
18	7	2	0	22	6	4	0	5	18	18	35
18	6	3	0	13	7	4	2	3	14	11	32
18	5	3	1	20	8	4	1	4	16	14	31
18	5	1	3	17	15	3	5	1	12	13	30
18	4	4	0	22	11	2	4	3	12	15	29
18	6	3	0	13	4	2	2	5	8	12	29
18	7	1	1	12	4	4	4	5	10	29	
18	6	2	1	15	10	2	3	4	11	18	29
18	6	1	2	21	8	1	3	5	12	17	25
17	3	3	3	10	10	4	0	5	12	11	25
18	5	3	1	16	10	1	3	5	6	20	24
15	5	1	3	18	14	2	1	6	16	25	23
18	5	1	3	18	14	2	1	6	16	25	23
18	4	2	3	14	13	1	2	6	4	12	19
18	3	2	4	13	12	1	4	4	7	15	18
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17	4	1	4	11	15	1	2	6	11	23	18
14	4	1	3	13	8	0	4	5	4	11	17
18	2	4	3	13	14	2	1	6	7	16	17
18	1	3	5	6	18	2	4	3	13	16	16
18	3	3	3	13	12	0	3	6	3	13	15

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS
(1986/87)

	League			League	
	Apps	Goals		Apps	Goals
Tim Breacker	9	-	Peter Nicholas	18	-
Mal Donaghy	18	-	Marc North	2(3)	-
Steve Foster	18	1	Emeka Nwajobi	6	-
Ashley Grimes	12	-	David Preece	7	-
Richard Harvey	1	-	Brian Stein	16	7
Ricky Hill	14	1	Mark Stein	11(2)	5
Rob Johnson	17	-	Les Sealey	18	-
Darron McDonough	4(4)	-	Robert Wilson	9(3)	1
Mike Newell	18	5			

Leading goalscorers

Division One

21 - Allen (Tottenham)

20 - Rush (Liverpool)

18 - Aldridge (Oxford)

16 - Cottee (West Ham)

16 - Clarke (Southampton)

13 - Birdies (Nottingham Forest)

12 - McMahon (Liverpool)

Webb (Nottingham Forest)

Chapman (Sheff Wed)

Today's action

Aston Villa v Man Utd

Man City v West Ham

Newcastle v Nottingham Forest

Norwich v Arsenal

Q.P.R. v Charlton

Southampton v Coventry

Tottenham v Watford

Wimbledon v Sheff Wed

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 27	Manchester City	1-0	9731	10	Sealey
Oct 4	Tottenham Hotspur	0-0	22738	10	Sealey
Oct 11	Norwich City	0-0	10022	11	Sealey
Oct 18	Manchester United	0-1	39927	12	Sealey
Oct 25	Liverpool	4-1	13140	10	Sealey
Nov 1	Queens Park Rangers	1-0(+)	9085	7	Sealey
Nov 8	Wimbledon	1-0	5928	5	Sealey
Nov 15	Nottingham Forest	4-2	11097	4	Sealey
Nov 22	Sheffield Wednesday	0-1	21171	6	Sealey
Nov 29	Charlton Athletic	1-0	9373	5	Sealey
Dec 6	Oxford United	2-4	8804	7	Sealey
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 (FAs7)				
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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	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	Johnson	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	B. Stein	Newell	Wilson	Nwajobi	North	
(Breacker)	Johnson	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	B. Stein ¹	Newell	Wilson	Nwajobi	◆ North	
Johnson	Grimes	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	B. Stein ¹	Newell ²	Wilson	Nwajobi	Preece	
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	
Johnson	Grimes	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	B. Stein ¹	Newell	M. Stein	Preece	Nwajobi	
Johnson	Grimes	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	M. Stein	Newell	North	Preece	Wilson	
Johnson	Grimes	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	M. Stein	Newell	(M. North)	Preece	◆ McDonough	
Breacker	Grimes	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	B. Stein	Newell	(M. Stein)	Preece	◆ McDonough	
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 - 10 Mark Stein
 - 11 Darron McDonough
- Sub

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 - 2 Gary Stevens
 - 3 Neil Pointon
 - 4 Kevin Ratcliffe
 - 5 Dave Watson
 - 6 Paul Power
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