

**SKY BLUES**

**V**

**LUTON TOWN**

Thursday 1st January 1987

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Dean Emerson	<b>4</b>	Peter Nicholas
Steve Sedgley	<b>5</b>	Steve Foster
Trevor Peake	<b>6</b>	Mal Donaghy
Dave Bennett	<b>7</b>	Darron McDonough
Dave Phillips	<b>8</b>	Brian Stein
Cyrille Regis	<b>9</b>	Mike Newell
Paul Culpin	<b>10</b>	Mark Stein
Nick Pickering	<b>11</b>	Ashley Grimes
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#### SKY BLUE DIARY

Saturday January 3  
Sky Blues v Newcastle United at St James Park  
Tuesday January 6  
City Reserves v Manchester City at Maine Road  
**Saturday January 10**  
F.A. Cup Sky Blues v Bolton W. at Highfield Road  
Tuesday January 13  
City Reserves v Hull City at Highfield Road



Cyrille Regis forces defenders into taking avoiding action with this fierce shot. Picture by John Bassett of The Coventry Evening Telegraph

# COMMERCIAL NEWS

## MATCHDAY MASCOTS

Looking the part and ready for action, our mascots for the Leicester game were Matthew Willis aged 11 years from Wolvey. Matthew's favourite player being Cyrille Regis. Tyrone Bose also 11 years old, from Earlsdon is our other mascot and Tyrone's favourite player is Dave Bennett.



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# JOB HALF DONE

"Feet on the Ground" is the motto with which John Sillett will be aiming to improve on the high standards so successfully achieved by the Sky Blues up to the turn of the year.

The Chief Coach says: "We shall be looking to carry on the good work, the foundations for which were laid in the weeks up to Christmas."

John is well aware that Sky Blues teams in the past have fallen away after Christmas, but he believes passionately that his squad will not let it happen this time around.

He says: "We have played all but Southampton and Luton Town in the first half of the season and we are aware of their strengths and weaknesses. Nothing should come as a surprise to us between now and May, but we know we can't take anything for granted. We have to work hard at our game and we must keep our feet on the ground. The job is only half done. We know the history of recent seasons and we don't want the same thing to happen again."

"I shall be looking for a big improvement on the start of the season. We shall try to play attractive football and to entertain the crowds. A lot of people have been more than impressed with the way we have acquitted ourselves so far and we want to maintain that."

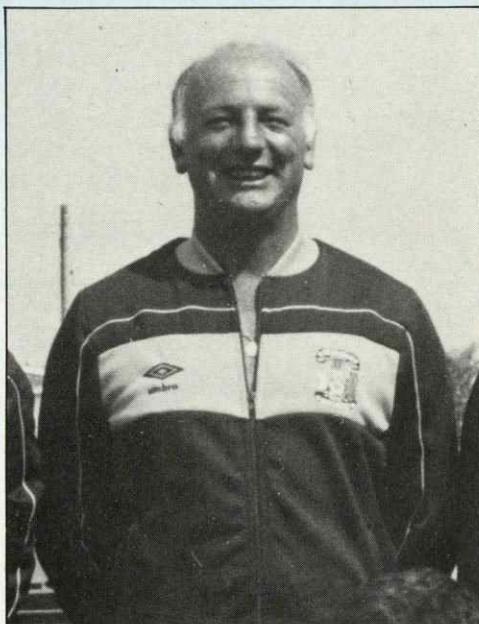
And John contents himself with a little smile of satisfaction when he refers to the younger players in the club winning through to the first team.

He took the bold step of promoting Steve Sedgley into the senior side very early in the season and has watched the teenager grow in stature match by match. "I am looking for more youngsters to develop in the second half of the season and to blood them into the first team. They have an excellent example in Steve Sedgley and several of them are very close to following in his footsteps. I sometimes wonder whether they realise just how close

they are. The coaching staff have regular discussions on the progress of our younger professionals and I shall not hesitate to give them their chance if they are ready for it. We still believe in our youth policy at Coventry City."

At the time of writing the reserves and the youth team were doing the club proud. The reserves were top of the Division One of the Central League and the Youth Team was lying fourth in the Midland Intermediate League.

Their progress is one of John's New Year ambitions for the Sky Blues. Another is a good run in the F.A. Cup. "We have got a super draw at home to Bolton Wanderers in nine days time and I am looking forward to it. The F.A. Cup gives you a little tingle more than any other competition. Hopefully we can do better even than we did in the Littlewoods Cup."



Sky Blues goalkeeper Steve Ogrizovic in pensive mood after passing his B/Tech. Certificate in Management Studies at Coventry's Lanchester Polytechnic. Picture by John Potter of The Coventry Evening Telegraph.

# WHO IS IT?

1. He was an England Youth international in the late sixties.
2. He made his Coventry debut in August 1971 at West Bromwich.
3. He was not in his current team's line up when they were here this season.
4. He scored his only goal for us in December 1971 against Leicester.
5. He is 5ft 7 inches tall.
6. He plays in midfield.
7. He is now with his fourth League club.
8. He played a total of 72 Leagues games for us.
9. He was in the Norwich 1974/75 promotion team.
10. He missed only two games for Oldham last season.
11. He was 34 last September.

Answers on page 22.

## Half times

<b>A</b> Arsenal v Wimbledon.....	<b>I</b> Watford v Manchester C.	<b>Q</b> Portsmouth v Reading.....
<b>B</b> Charlton v Tottenham.....	<b>J</b> West Ham v Leicester.....	<b>R</b> Stoke v Shrewsbury.....
<b>C</b> Chelsea v Q.P.R.....	<b>K</b> Birmingham v Plymouth...	<b>S</b> Sunderland v Bradford.....
<b>D</b> Everton v Aston Villa.....	<b>L</b> Derby v Blackburn.....	<b>T</b> W.B.A. v C. Palace.....
<b>E</b> Man Utd v Newcastle.....	<b>M</b> Huddersfield v Grimsby....	
<b>F</b> Notts Forest v Liverpool...	<b>N</b> Hull v Barnsley.....	
<b>G</b> Oxford Utd v So'ton.....	<b>O</b> Ipswich v Leeds Utd.....	
<b>H</b> Sheffield W v Norwich....	<b>P</b> Oldham v Sheffield U.....	



**Aerial combat. Dave Bennett swoops in as he is challenged by a Leicester City defender. Picture by John Bassett of The Coventry Evening Telegraph.**

# MEMORY LANE

We are more used in recent years to playing Luton Town in matches crucial to Sky Blues First Division future.

Each of their last three visits have been at the tail end of the season and on the last two occasion the Sky Blues needed nothing less than victory to avoid relegation.

Luton have beaten us only once at this level and that was on their own pitch at Kenilworth Road in 1984-85 when they triumphed 2-0.

### RESULTS v LUTON TOWN

**1985-86** Coventry C. 1 (Pickering)  
Luton Tn 0  
Luton Tn 0 Coventry C. 1 (Bowman)

**1984-85** Coventry C. 1 (Kilcline)  
Luton Tn 0  
Luton 2 (Stein, Daniel)  
Coventry C. 0

**1983-84** Coventry 2 (Platenaur,

Gibson)

Luton 2 (Stein, Antic)  
Luton Tn 2 (Aylott, o.g.)  
Coventry C. 4 (Gibson 2, Bennett, Gynn)  
**1982-83** Coventry C. 4 (Whitton 2, Dyson, Thompson)  
Luton Tn 2 (Horton, Stein)  
Luton Tn 1 (Donaghy)  
Coventry C. 2 (Whitton, Melrose)

1975-1982 Luton not in Division One

**1974-75** Coventry C. 2 (Stein, Cross)  
Luton Tn 1 (Ryan pen.)  
Luton Tn 1 (Aston)  
Coventry C. 3 (Alderson 2, Green)

1964-74 Teams did not meet

**1963-64** Coventry C. 3 (Rees, Farmer, Kletzenbauer) Luton Tn 3  
Luton Tn 1 Coventry C. 3 (Humphries 2, Barr)

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# LUTON TOWN



**Back row** (l to r): Marcus Tuite, David Preece, Mark Stein, Chukwuemeka Nwajiobi, Mark North, Ricky McEvoy, Rob Johnson.  
**Middle row:** Jim Ryan (Coach), Tim Breacker, Les Sealey, Mick Harford, Stacey North, Andy Dibble, Mike Newell, John Faulkner (Coach).  
**Front row:** Roy Harford (Coach), Ricky Hill, Mal Donaghy, Steve Foster, John Moore (Manager), Peter Nicholas, Brian Stein, Ashley Grimes, Dave Kirby (Physiotherapist).

Luton Town have played a major role in Coventry City's fortunes in recent years. In each of the last three seasons we have met at Highfield Road in final three matches when the results were vital to the Sky Blues' First Division survival. Thankfully we earned two victories and a draw to avoid relegation by a narrow margin each time.

Today the teams meet in happier circumstances. Before the holiday programme Luton were poised in fifth place in Division One and the Sky Blues were tenth, but with a game in hand.

Like the Sky Blues the visitors have tended to rely on their solid defence this campaign and have generally found goals hard to come by.

Ironically however they have scored four goals against Liverpool and Nottingham

Forest this season, both at Kenilworth Road. They have only once conceded more than two goals in a match and that was at Oxford United when they lost 2-4.

The club was in the news in September when its ban on away supporters at its Kenilworth Road ground led, after several top level meetings, to its banishment from this season's Littlewoods Cup competition.

Luton Town reached the First Division for the first time in 1955 and their stay lasted five years. The highlight for their fans was in 1959 when their team vanquished Leeds Utd, Leicester City, Ipswich Town, Blackpool and Norwich City to reach the F.A. Cup Final. They lost at Wembley by 2-1 to Nottingham Forest.

Twelve months later they were in Division Two and eventually tackled the long haul

# Happy New Year!

back from Division Four. They had one season in Division One in 1974-75 and their current spell began in 1982.

Since the war the club has been managed by ten different men: George Martin, Dally Duncan, Syd Owen, Stan Bartram, Bill Harvey, Allan Brown, Alec Stock, Harry Haslam, David Pleat and currently John Moore. John was promoted during the Summer from being in charge of the reserve team, after David Pleat left to take charge at Tottenham Hotspur. Ray Harford gave up the manager's chair at Fulham to become Chief Coach.

Always a club to experiment and seek new ways to present football to their fans Luton

took the bold step of installing an artificial playing surface at Kenilworth Road in the Summer of 1985. The pitch has enabled 7,000 local players to take part in nearly 200 matches as part of a community soccer programme.

Luton Town this season became the first major club to permanently restrict ground entry to holders of a special membership card, for which only home supporters are eligible.

Then shortly before Christmas the club announced that it was to turn Kenilworth Road into an indoor arena by building a roof costing £3 million over the stadium.

**Les Sealey (goalkeeper)** — Signed from Coventry City. Les, an East Londoner is a cousin of Alan Sealey, a former West Ham Utd player. His hobbies are fishing and renovating old cars.

**Tim Breacker (defender)** — Powerful midfielder or defender from the St Neot's area. Back in the full back position he lost through injury last Spring. England Under-21 international.

**Rob Johnson (defender)** — Born Bedford. Can play in midfield or full back and has twice recovered from serious knee injuries to fight his way back into the first team.

**Peter Nicholas (midfield)** — Welsh international signed from Crystal Palace and has proved to be a fine capture. Feared his First Division ambitions had been shattered when Arsenal sold him back to Palace.

**Steve Foster (defender)** — former England defender and F.A. Cup finalist with Brighton. Joined Luton two seasons ago after an unhappy spell at Villa.

**Mal Donaghy (defender)** — Luton's most capped international with 44 caps for Northern Ireland. Signed from Larne in 1978. Can play full back or midfield but is best known for his central defensive partnership with Steve

Foster.

**Darron McDonough (midfield)** — versatile player who can also play in midfield. Born in Antwerp he joined Oldham Athletic from school and played 200 games for the Northern club.

**Brian Stein (forward)** — South African born striker who won an England cap a couple of seasons ago. Signed from Edgware in 1977 and is a loyal one club man. Recently converted from a front runner to play behind the front two.

**Mike Newell (forward)** — England Under-21 international signed in the middle of last season from Wigan as Mick Harford's deputy. Seized his chance when Harford was injured.

**Mark Stein (forward)** — Brian's younger brother. Both moved to England from Cape Town as children. Mark joined Luton in 1982 on a YTS scheme.

**Ashley Grimes (midfield)** — signed from Coventry City. Injuries and the emergence of Mitchell Thomas, now with Spurs, prevented Ashley claiming the left back spot at Luton. Eire international who began his English career with Manchester Utd.



Les Sealey



Mark Stein



Mal Donaghy



Steve Foster

# IN ACTION

Pictures by John Potter of The  
Coventry Evening Telegraph.

Greg Downs whips over a centre in  
the Leicester City local derby.



Paul Culpin about to shoot against  
Leicester City in his first appearance  
for the Sky Blues this season at  
senior level.



Nick Pickering fires through a mass  
of bodies in the match against  
Leicester City.



# FACTS & FIGURES

DATE	MATCH	GATE	SCORE	LAST YEAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sat. Aug. 23	West Ham United	21,368	L 0-1	L 0-1	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	Kilcline	Peake						
Tue. Aug. 26	ARSENAL	11,182	W 2-1	L 0-2	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	Kilcline	Peake						
Sat. Aug. 30	EVERTON	13,504	D 1-1	L 1-3	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	Kilcline	Peake						
Tue. Sept. 2	Chelsea	11,839	D 0-0	L 0-1	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	Kilcline	Peake						
Sat. Sept. 6	Manchester City	18,320	W 1-0	L 1-5	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	Kilcline	Peake						
Sat. Sept. 13	NEWCASTLE UNITED	11,370	W 3-0	L 1-2	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	<b>Kilcline (1)</b>	Peake	★					
Sat. Sept. 20	Charlton Athletic	5,527	D 1-1		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	Kilcline	Phillips	●					
Tue. Sept. 23	ROTHERHAM (L.C.)	6,663	W 3-2		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	Kilcline	<b>Adams (1)</b>						
Sat. Sept. 27	WATFORD	11,058	W 1-0	L 0-2	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	Kilcline	Peake						
Sat. Oct. 4	ASTON VILLA	18,562	L 0-1	D 3-3	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	★ Kilcline	Peake						
Tue. Oct. 7	Rotherham (L.C.)	4,684	W 1-0		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	● Kilcline (1)	Peake						
Sat. Oct. 11	Oxford United	9,530	L 0-2	W 1-0	Ogrizovic	★ Borrows	Adams	Gynn	● Rodger	Peake	★					
Sun. Oct. 19	WIMBLEDON	11,099	W 1-0		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Emerson	Kilcline	● Peake						
Sat. Oct. 25	Sheffield Wednesday	20,035	D 2-2	D 2-2	<b>Ogrizovic (1)</b>	Borrows	Downs	Emerson	Rodger	Peake						
Tue. Oct. 28	OLDHAM (L.C. 3)	8,575	W 2-1		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	<b>Sedgley (1)</b>	Peake						
Sat. Nov. 1	Manchester United	36,946	D 1-1	L 0-2	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	★ McGrath	★ Sedgley	Peake						
Tue. Nov. 4	Norwich (F.M.C.)	6,235	L 1-2		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Gynn	● Sedgley	Peake						
Sat. Nov. 8	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	16,089	W 1-0	D 0-0	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	Sedgley	Peake						
Sat. Nov. 15	Tottenham Hotspur	20,255	L 0-1	L 2-3	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	★ Sedgley	Peake						
Wed Nov 19	LIVERPOOL (L.C. 4)	26,385	D 0-0		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	Sedgley	Peake						
Sat. Nov. 22	NORWICH CITY	10,993	W 2-1		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	Sedgley	Peake						
Wed Nov 26	Liverpool (L.C. 4 Replay)	19,197	L 1-3		Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	Sedgley	Peake						
Sat. Nov. 29	Liverpool	31,614	L 0-2	L 0-5	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	Sedgley	Peake						
Sat. Dec. 6	LEIOESTER CITY	2,320	W 1-0	W 3-0	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	McGrath	● Sedgley	Peake						
Sat. Dec. 13	Southampton		Postponed	D 1-1												
Sun. Dec. 21	MANCHESTER CITY	12,430	D 2-2	D 1-1	Ogrizovic	★ Borrows	Downs	Emerson	Sedgley	Peake						
Fri. Dec. 26	Queens Park Rangers	10,053	L 1-3	W 2-0	Ogrizovic	Borrows	Downs	Emerson	Sedgley	Peake						
Sat. Dec. 27	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	22,181	W 4-3	L 2-3	Ogrizovic	Phillips	Downs	● Emerson	Sedgley	Peake						
<b>1987</b>																
Thu. Jan. 1	LUTON TOWN			W 1-0												
Sat. Jan. 3	Newcastle United			L 2-3												
Sat. Jan. 10	BOLTON W. (F.A. 3)			L 0-3												
Sun. Jan. 18	Arsenal (2.35 pm)															
Tue. Jan. 20	Littlewoods Cup (5)															
Sat. Jan. 24	WEST HAM UNITED			L 0-1												
Sat. Jan. 31	F.A. Cup 4th round															
Sat. Feb. 7	Everton			D 1-1												
Sat. Feb. 14	CHELSEA			D 1-1												
Sat. Feb. 21	Watford			L 0-3												
Sat. Feb. 28	CHARLTON ATHLETIC															
Sat. Mar. 7	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY			L 0-1												
Sun. Mar. 15	Wimbledon															
Sun. Mar. 22	OXFORD UNITED			W 5-2												
Sat. Mar. 28	Aston Villa			D 1-1												
Sat. Apr. 4	Nottingham Forest			L 2-5												
Sat. Apr. 11	MANCHESTER UNITED			L 1-3												
Sat. Apr. 18	Luton Town			W 1-0												
Mon. Apr. 20	QUEENS PARK RANGERS			W 2-1												
Sat. Apr. 25	Norwich City															
Sat. May 2	LIVERPOOL			L 0-3												
Mon. May 4	Leicester City			L 1-2												
Sat. May 9	SOUTHAMPTON			W 3-2												



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Bennett	● Phillips	Regis	Houchen	Pickering	Adams											
Sedgley	Phillips	<b>Regis (1)</b>	Houchen	<b>Pickering (1)</b>	Adams											
Sedgley	Phillips	Regis	Houchen	<b>Pickering (1)</b>	Adams											
Bennett	Phillips	Regis	Sedgley	Pickering	Adams											
Bennett	Phillips	<b>Regis (1)</b>	Sedgley	Pickering	Adams											
<b>Bennett (1)</b>	<b>Adams (1)</b>	Regis	Sedgley	Pickering	Evans											
Bennett	Adams	Regis	Sedgley	Pickering	Evans											
<b>Bennett (1)</b>	Phillips	<b>Regis (1)</b>	Sedgley	● Pickering	Gynn											
<b>Bennett (1)</b>	Phillips	Regis	Adams	Pickering	Sedgley											
Bennett	Phillips	● Regis	Adams	Pickering	Gynn											
Bennett	Phillips	Regis	Adams	Pickering	Gynn											
Bennett	Phillips	Regis	Sedgley	★ Pickering	Williams											
<b>Bennett (1)</b>	Phillips	Regis	Adams	Pickering	Painter											
Bennett	Phillips	<b>Regis (1)</b>	Adams	Pickering	Painter											
Bennett	Phillips	<b>Regis (1)</b>	Adams	Pickering	Gynn											
Bennett	Phillips	Regis	Sedgley	★ Pickering	Williams											
<b>Bennett (1)</b>	Phillips	Regis	Adams	Pickering	Painter											
Bennett	Phillips	Regis	Adams	Pickering	Emerson											
Bennett	Phillips	<b>Regis (1)</b>	Emerson	Pickering	Culpin											
Bennett	Phillips	Regis	<b>Culpin (1)</b>	<b>Adams (1)</b>	Houchen											
Bennett	Phillips	Regis	<b>Gynn (1)</b>	Adams	Houchen											
<b>Bennett (2)</b>	<b>Houchen (1)</b>	<b>Regis (1)</b>	Gynn	Adams	Pickering											

## LIVE TELEVISION

Sky Blues take part in their first live television match when they play Arsenal at Highbury later this month. The match will be played on Sunday afternoon January 18th, kick off is at 2.35 pm.

**Paul Culpin in his first senior appearance of the season in action against Leicester City. Picture by John Bassett of The Coventry Evening Telegraph.**

## DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Arsenal.....	22	8	3	0	19	3	5	3	3	17	8	41
2 Everton.....	22	7	3	1	25	8	5	2	4	18	12	4
3 Liverpool.....	22	6	3	2	23	9	5	2	4	17	14	3
4 Nottm Forest.....	22	7	4	0	24	8	4	0	7	21	23	3
5 Norwich.....	22	7	3	1	18	12	3	4	4	13	19	3
6 Tottenham.....	22	5	3	3	16	11	5	2	4	19	16	3
<b>7 Coventry... 21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	
8 Luton Town.....	22	7	3	1	14	6	2	3	6	10	17	3
9 Watford.....	22	7	2	2	23	9	2	3	6	15	19	3
10 Sheff Wed.....	22	6	4	1	24	12	2	4	5	12	19	3
11 Wimbledon.....	22	5	2	4	15	12	5	0	6	15	16	3
12 West Ham.....	22	5	2	4	20	19	3	5	3	13	20	3
13 Q.P.R.....	22	5	3	3	17	14	2	3	6	6	13	2
14 Oxford Utd.....	22	5	4	2	18	13	1	4	6	7	23	2
15 Man Utd.....	22	5	2	4	18	12	1	5	5	8	14	2
16 Southampton.....	21	5	1	4	19	16	2	2	7	16	26	2
17 Charlton.....	22	3	4	4	15	13	3	1	7	9	19	2
18 Aston Villa.....	22	5	2	4	16	18	1	3	7	14	29	2
19 Man City.....	22	5	3	3	17	13	0	4	7	5	20	2
20 Chelsea.....	22	2	3	6	10	21	3	4	4	15	20	2
21 Newcastle.....	22	4	2	5	16	18	1	4	6	7	18	2
22 Leicester C.....	22	3	5	9	16	15	2	1	8	8	23	2

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The Sky Blues in their new club outfits together with Roy Palin, of Roy Palin Menswear who supplied them. Back row - left to right: Trevor Peake, Steve Sedgley, Keith Houchen, Roy Palin, Nick Pickering, Brian Borrows, Greg Downs, John Sillett (Chief Coach), George Curtis (Managing Director). Front row: Dean Emerson, Dave Phillips, Steve Ogrizovic, Ian Painter, Lloyd McGrath, Cyrille Regis, Dave Bennett.

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5. Who was the first German born player to wear an England shirt?

Answers on page 22.

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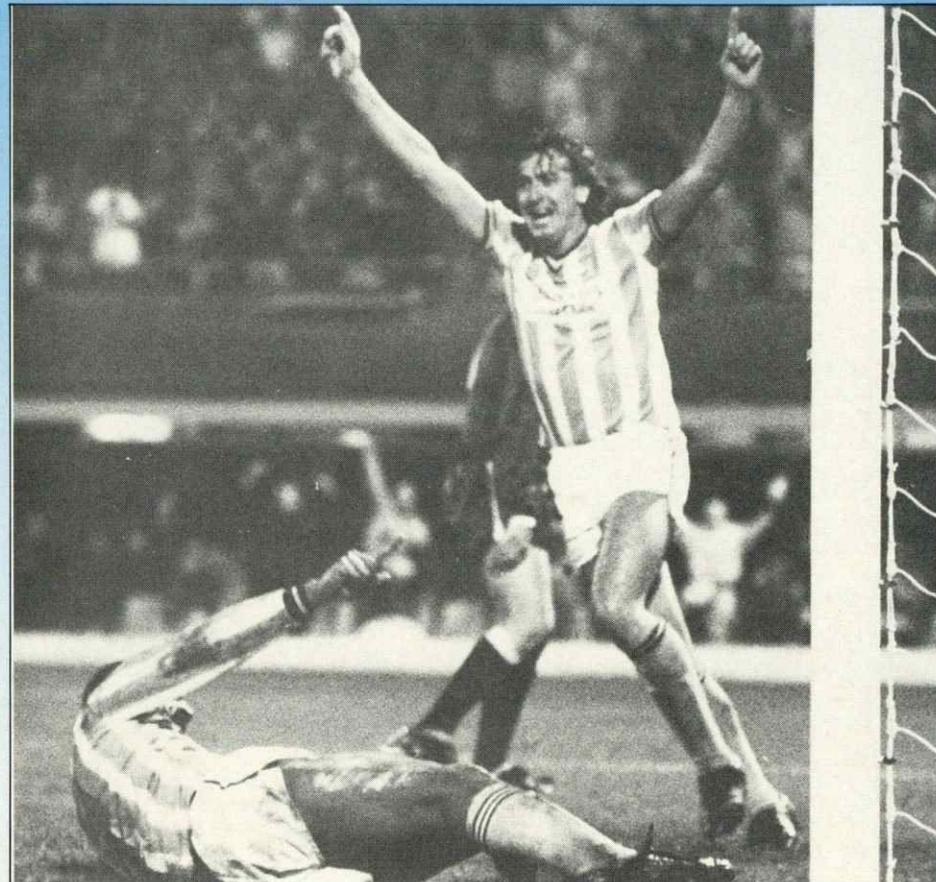


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Fingers raised. Paul Culpin's joy is plain to see after Cyrille Regis, lying on the ground, scores the goal which beat Leicester City. Picture by John Bassett of The Coventry Evening Telegraph.



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# LLOYD'S HAPPY NEW YEAR

Lloyd McGrath kicks off 1987 much earlier than he had expected to. The tough tackling midfielder thought he would have a cartilage removed from his right knee when he went into hospital for an exploratory operation three weeks ago.

A knee injury sustained during pre-season had been a constant source of trouble and when he had to limp off against Leicester City at Highfield Road he feared the worst.

"I took a kick in the shin at Notts County which jarred my right knee back and from that day I began having stiffness in the joint and slight swelling.

"I was not in any particular pain during games, but afterwards it would be troublesome and I usually had to spend a couple of days having ice pack treatment before I could restart training. I was a bit concerned however when during the Leicester game, for no apparent reason my knee suddenly swelled up and I couldn't run on it.

"When I went into hospital for an exploratory 'op' I thought I would wake up and find that they had taken out a cartilage. That would have put me out of action for at least eight weeks. You can imagine my relief when the doctor said he had not needed to do anything surgically.

"He told me that there was a little tear in the cartilage and that there was some inflammation around the capsule of the knee joint. He said there had been no need to

remove the cartilage and nothing surgically can be done for capsules.

"The doctor reckoned that rest was the answer and that I would soon be playing again. It was a marvellous relief to be told that, and I hope that by the time people are reading this that I am playing again in the first team."

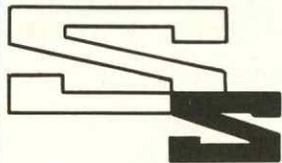
So what are his hopes for 1987. "To improve my game all round, score a goal or two, perhaps win a few more England Under-21 caps, and to build up my midfield link with Dean Emerson."

Lloyd acknowledges that Dean's arrival at the club has helped him enormously in the engine room of the side.

"He has taken a lot of work off me and we quickly developed an understanding. If one of us goes forward the other sits tight in midfield. We have a similar approach to the game and our styles suit each other."

And Lloyd is adamant that this is the best Coventry City team he has played in. "We have to aim to finish in the top eight and if we don't we should be kicking ourselves," he says. "I know people are waiting for us to slide down the table but I can't see that happening this season. The attitude of the lads is a lot better and the management keeps us on our toes."

"We want to prove a lot of people wrong and if we find ourselves in a relegation battle it will be our own fault. But I don't believe it will come to that."



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# CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES

DATE	OPPONENTS	SCORE
<b>1986</b>		
Wed. Aug. 27	Hull City	A W 4-3 Painter 2, Smith, Evans
Wed. Sep. 3	EVERTON	H D 1-1 Evans
Tue. Sep. 9	Derby County	A. D 1-1 Adams (pen)
Tue. Sep. 16	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H W 5-2 Painter 3, Smith D. 2
Mon. Sep. 22	Leicester City	A. D. 1-1 Culpin
Tue. Sep. 30	Leeds United	A. W 3-0 Painter 2, Rodger
Thurs. Oct. 9	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H W 3-0 Houchen, Gynn, Smith
Tue. Oct. 14	Sheffield Wednesday	A. W 4-3 Painter, Adams, Gynn, Livingstone
Thur Oct 23	SUNDERLAND	H. W 1-0 Painter
Thur Oct. 30	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H. L 1-3 Smith
Wed. Nov 5	Manchester United	A.. L 0-1
Tue. Nov. 11	ASTON VILLA	H. W 4-2 Culpin 2, Livingstone, Jones
Tue. Nov. 18	Newcastle United	A. D 2-2 Culpin, Adams
Thur Nov. 27	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H. W 5-1 Culpin 3, Houchen, Gynn
Tue. Dec. 2	Middlesborough	A. Postponed
Tue. Dec. 9	LIVERPOOL	H. W 4-3 Culpin, Houchen, Gynn, Adams
Mon. Dec. 15	Aston Villa	A.....
<b>1987</b>		
Tue. Jan. 6	Manchester City	A.....
Tue. Jan. 13	HULL CITY	H.....
Tue. Jan. 20	Everton	A.....
Tue. Jan. 27	DERBY COUNTY	H.....
Tue. Feb. 3	LEICESTER CITY	H.....
Wed. Feb. 11	Sheffield United	A.....
Tue. Feb. 17	NEWCASTLE UNITED	H.....
Wed. Feb. 25	Blackburn Rovers	A.....
Tue. Mar. 3	Sunderland	A.....
Tue. Mar. 10	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H.....
Tue. Mar. 17	Oldham Athletic	A.....
Tue. Mar. 24	LEEDS UNITED	H.....
Tue. Mar. 31	MANCHESTER UNITED	H.....
Wed. Apr. 8	Nottingham Forest	A.....
Tue. Apr. 14	MIDDLESBOROUGH	H.....
Tue. Apr. 28	MANCHESTER CITY	H.....
Tue. May 5	Liverpool	A.....



## MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Thurs Oct 16 Notts Co (a) Mid. Youth Cup W 2-0 Livingstone, Cook	Sat Nov 22 Stoke C. (h) W 4-0 Cook, Culpin, Jones, Adams
Sat Oct 18 Nottm Forest (a) L 0-4	Mon Dec 1 F.A. Youth Cup W.B.A. (a) D 0-0
Sat Oct 25 Derby County (h) League Cup L 0-1	Sat Dec 6 Chesterfield (h) D 1-1 Cockerill
Sat Nov 1 Peterborough Utd (a) League Cup D 2-2 Pollard, Galley	Mon Dec 8 W.B.A. F.A replay (h) W 3-0 Cook, Shepstone, Marshall
Sat Nov 8 N. Forest (h) League Cup L 0-4	Sat Dec 13 Shrewsbury (h) Postponed
Sat Nov 15 Leicester C. (a) L.C. D 0-0	

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If the match ends in a draw the replay will be at Burnden Park, Bolton on Tuesday January 13th (7.30 pm kick off).

## ROUTE TO NEWCASTLE

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## APOLOGY

We apologize for any out of date material in this Matchday Magazine but it was necessary to produce it before the Christmas holiday break.

## Answers to "Question of Sport" on Page 17.

1. Jackie Milburn the famous Newcastle Utd star.
2. Arsenal, 1949-50.
3. Austria at Hampden Park in 1950.
4. Johnny Haynes of Fulham.
5. Former Sky Blue Wilf Smith who was born in Neumunster played for England Youth in 1965.

Answer to "Who Is It?" on page 7

**MICK MCGUIRE**



**The facial expressions say it all. Anguish from the Leicester defender, pain from Cyrille Regis and joy from Paul Culpin as he sees Regis' shot go into the net. Picture by John Bassett of The Coventry Evening Telegraph.**

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