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• **That winning feeling:** Mike Newell celebrates his winner against Leicester City here last Saturday.

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MOORE ABOUT FOOTBALL

Welcome once again to Liverpool. I hope that we have not collected any further injuries following the two small knocks we picked up against Leicester on Saturday. (These notes, naturally, had to be prepared before we left for Anfield on Sunday). Then the only worries were both minor. Peter Nicholas and Steve Foster each had slight knocks, but nothing about which I was too concerned. Foster, as you may have noticed on Saturday, twisted his ankle and was treated by the Leicester physio John McVey at the same time as Dave Kirby came on to look after Mike Newell who had taken a goalmouth bang on the head. Dave did not even realise what had happened until after the game. The incident, however, shows that true sportsmanship remain alive and well in the professional game. John, incidentally, is the Northern Ireland physio and so he knows Mal Donaghy well.

Deserved to win

On the Leicester performance by our players, I must say I was pleased to win and also pleased we did well in what was a tough match following a brief lay-off after the postponement of our league fixture at Southampton the previous week. I thought we deserved to win and felt Leicester showed all the urgency of a team in their position, making it very difficult for us with five players lined up across the back. We were restricted, but did well to be patient and take our chances on the break.

We have now kept up a good defensive record overall since Christmas which was shown on Saturday particularly in the application of the players. They must have had Monday's game on their minds and it was to their credit to win and perform with such a high degree of professionalism.

Tonight, we know we shall face another extremely tough match against one of the best club teams in Europe. Give us your backing. The players will respond to it. Enjoy the match.



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Mailbag

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

A Convert from Chelsea ...

Dear sir,
After many years of supporting Chelsea both man and boy, it was with great trepidation that, taking stock of the game and the surroundings at Stamford Bridge, it became apparent that a decision had to be made.

I have two young daughters who enjoy the game but of course no way could I expose them to the moronic element infesting my club grounds, and after the debateable executive decision to enclose the 'fans' and I use the word loosely, with an electric fence, instead of a membership card system, it seemed to me the psychology of Mr Bates was akin to the fans he dutifully receives.

So after your momentous decision to exclude away fans, and encourage families to return to the game, I thought it only natural to support a team in whose town I had not only lived but also had a business some years ago.

I have in fact been to every home game this season and found it a pleasant, safe and exciting atmosphere. I have not yet been disappointed at the outcome of my decision and would encourage any other football fans out there with a love of the game and a feeling

that all is not right, to stand back and look logically at what Luton Town is doing and I know I for one will be supporting Luton Town in the future.

Yours sincerely
A. Eames

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• Winning converts:

Chairman David Evans. The club's members only scheme continues to gain support.

Local heroes

Dear Sir,
I am writing to you to give you support as a resident nearby to your ban on away supporters and the Members Only

scheme.

I feel your decision is a brave and wise one which I hope will be followed in the future by other clubs. I hope you get the support you deserve from other management in Football and Government.

The past year there has not been any problems with supporters and I only live 50 yards from the ground.

Yours faithfully
Andrew Gush

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Dear Sir,

I am trying to complete my collection of Watford programmes and wonder whether there is a Luton supporter who would be willing to sell a programme of the League Cup match against Watford on the 14th August 1968, a match which Luton won 3-0. I am willing to pay a good price.

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GIRL TALK



Memories in my head

I've recently found myself reflecting on the years I've been watching football. I remember our selling Bruce Rioch for a third division record fee of £100,000; Alec Stock's management; winning at Newcastle in the F.A. Cup, losing to Sunderland - and being attacked by female Sunderland fans; having 'Happy Harry' as manager; the constant references to the Town on the Morecambe and Wise Show; selling Peter Anderson to remain solvent; the threat of a move to Milton Keynes; the advent of artificial surfaces; and, finally the fuss our 'home fans only' policy has caused. All this whirled in my head.

First skinhead

Less significant incidents jostled for space in my mind, too; the first skinhead I ever saw on the terraces at Luton in August, 1969. I remember walking four miles to the ground, in snow, one Boxing Day only to find the match off. I once met Malcolm Macdonald on a football train coming back from Middlesbrough, Alan Garner in Kenilworth Road and Tony Read on the way to a match in Portsmouth;

highlights of my teenage years. More recently I recalled Newcastle's away strip of grey - they had to change it last season but not this (consistent referees?); and John Barnes' gloves worn during the match on Boxing Day - a Christmas present from his mum?

A male game

And what struck me when remembering all these incidents and changes is how little football has changed. Play might be faster, commercial interest more important, and Government interference greater, yet it is still predominantly a male's game both on and off the field, with women fulfilling a supporting role only. When all is said and done, when people like Ken Bates stop belittling our experiments, when Wimbledon discover football can be a game of passing along the ground, the football world will remain, essentially, the same. It's only a game, after all.

Gale Waller

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Our action pictures tonight take us back to the City Ground at Christmas when we visited Nottingham Forest and shared the spoils after an exciting match on December 28. At the time, Forest were going extremely well and were tipped as likely challengers for the title, but Brian Clough's team were brought down to earth by the Town with a bump.

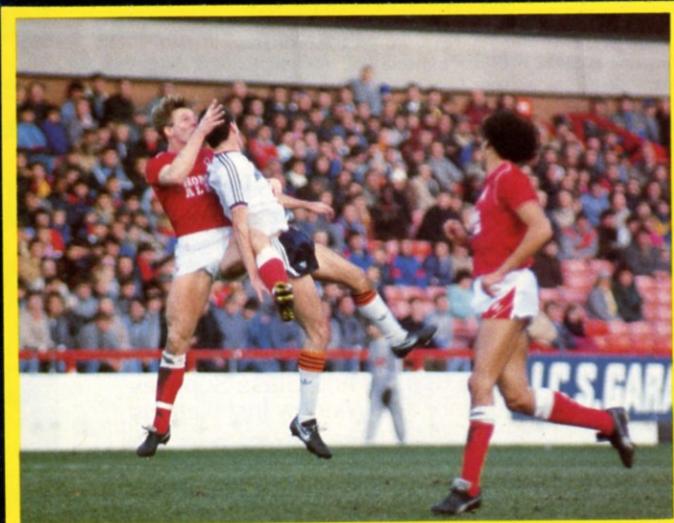
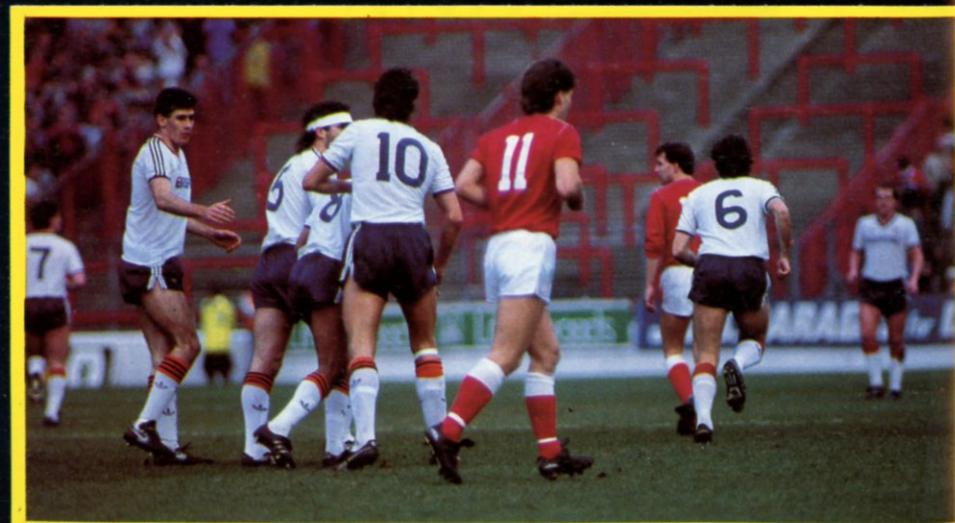
The Hatters were in a particularly determined mood after the home defeat by Watford on Boxing Day and took the lead through Brian Stein in the first half, Stein turning well to score with an accurate shot.

Harford's return
Forest fought hard to get back on terms, but the Town remained dangerous on the break with Mick Harford relishing a return to the first team for the first time this season. His strength and fitness and touch were astonishing as he had been out for so long.

As the game wore on, it seemed the Town would cruise home, but Nigel Clough levelled the scores and the Town retaliated with Mike Newell putting them back in front minutes from the end. The Ian Bowyer rapped in his 100th league goal in injury time to snatch a draw for Forest.

Teams: - Forest - Segers, Fleming, Pearce, Walker, Fairclough, Bowyer, Carr, Webb, Clough, Campbell, Mills.
Luton - Sealey, Breacker, Johnson, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson (sub. M. Stein), B. Stein, Newell, Harford, Grimes.

1st Team ACTION



• City Ground draw:
Brian Stein and Mike Newell grabbed the goals, but Mick Harford's incredible return stole the headlines as the Town drew 2-2 at Nottingham Forest on December 28. Brian Clough's team, beaten 4-2 on their visit to Kenilworth Road earlier in the season, were in danger of being beaten again but Ian Bowyer popped up with a vital last-gasp equaliser for them. Pictures by Sportswide Photography.

VIEWS from the BENCH

John Faulkner



Youth team coach John Faulkner shared the disappointment of his players recently when Watford ended our hopes in the FA Youth Cup for this season by winning at Kenilworth Road. However, he remains more than satisfied with the general progress of the youngsters and today, in his Views from the Bench, he points out the growing importance of youngsters to all league clubs and praises the Youth Opportunities Scheme which has done so much to help.

In praise of a successful youth scheme

"We seemed to me to have a strong side this season and I think we all fancied our chances of going on and doing well in the FA Youth Cup this year. But we were knocked out on the night by Watford. It was disappointing because they scored from a corner and two free-kicks and though we had the best of the second half we went down 3-2. Watford were a strong side too, but I felt we might have won on another day.

"Still, we remain in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup and have the prospect of a semi-final here against Tottenham to be arranged in the next few weeks. This is the second strongest of the youth team competitions and we hope to do well in it. All the enthusiasm and excitement, however, is down to the efforts of the players who have a big job on their hands.

Professional

"It is not easy to come into professional football and settle down straightaway. But we have made a lot of progress at this club and I have to say that the Government's YTS scheme has been a big help. It has enabled us to take on more youngsters.

Now, for example, we have eight second year apprentices and seven first year apprentices and I am also faced with the problem of trying to bring schoolboys into the team. Most of the second year lads are now having a chance in the reserves and

they have been getting some good results.

Competitive

"All of this means there are more opportunities for everyone all the time. It makes it more competitive too, of course. I think a lot of the credit is really down to the YTS. It has allowed the club - all clubs really - to take on more players. All their lodgings are paid for by the Government and they receive a weekly wage too.

"We have been vetted two or three times this season by the Manpower Services Commission to make sure our scheme is running properly. The lads are given one day all-day each week at school and also go out on work experience schemes and so on. So, it is a valuable exercise and gives good opportunities for all concerned.

First-class

"In my experience, the attitude of the lads who have joined us on the scheme has always been excellent. We have had a first-class bunch of lads and they have progressed well and will put pressure on older players soon.

"And you only have to look around and see that players like Mitchell Thomas have gone through the scheme and reached the full England squad to understand the opportunities that lie ahead for the lads who are successful."



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CLUBNEWS

TICKET OFFICE NEWS

Pre-match Entertainment

Owing to the late arrangements made for this second replay, there will be no pre-match entertainment tonight.

However, we would be delighted if our members could use this opportunity to give us any suggestions for future matches.

Public Meeting

Luton Town is holding a public meeting for supporters and local residents, at which Chairman David Evans and Club officials will discuss points of interest or concern.

It is to be held at The Hatters Club at 7 pm on Tuesday February 3rd. Admission will be by ticket only, obtainable from the Public Relations Office, Luton FC, 179/185 Dunstable Road, Luton LU1 1BT.

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MATCH REFEREE

Danny Vickers (Ilford)

Danny is married with four children. He is a staff welfare officer in local government. He started refereeing in 1967 and progressed via the Metropolitan league and the South East Counties League to the Football Combination and the full league list. He is chairman of the Ilford Referees' Society. He enjoys all sports and gardening.

Cover story

Our cover picture today shows Rob Johnson in action for the Town against Chelsea here on January 3 when Mike Newell scored the only goal in a 1-0 win. We wish Rob and the lads the best of luck against the Reds tonight.

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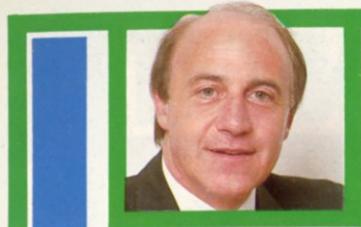
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AROUND THE TOWN

THE TOWN

SPORTS MINISTER IMPRESSED BY THE MEMBERS' SCHEME

By Bill Tomlins

Good evening and welcome to what promises to be another thrilling Cup tie at Kenilworth Road. The lads certainly deserve our fullest support after their magnificent efforts in bringing Liverpool back for a second replay.

I am pleased also that tonight's match will be televised. On the last occasion we were televised, when our match went out live, our perimeter advertising increased in revenue and we were able to take an extra £26,000.

Last Saturday, I was pleased we gave such a warm welcome to the Sports Minister Richard Tracey who came to see for himself our membership scheme and synthetic surface in operation. I think he was most impressed with both.

Honest views

The fans he spoke to about the club were able to do us proud as well and I am especially grateful to everyone for giving their views openly and honestly. As our Kenilworth Road fans know, we have had some teething trouble with the system, but in spite of this, they gave Mr Tracey the thumbs up. A new card reading system is to be installed. One that is rainproof too!

Another guest on Saturday was film critic Barry Norman, who came with

our club chaplain Mervyn Terrett. I am sure he and his two daughters also enjoyed the family atmosphere at Kenilworth Road and I thank him for talking to our match sponsors after lunch before the match.

Pre-match entertainment is all part and parcel of the Kenilworth Road scene now as we take advantage of the opportunity offered by our magic carpet to give a full two hours before each match whenever we can.

Hot dinner

This has given us some rewarding times with the community in particular and I am sure we have all enjoyed seeing the youth football and the ladies football as well as the various musical bands. I hope Kenilworth the Cat is also appreciated - regular readers will have noted that Rowdy is being converted by his good code of behaviour.

Finally, a warm welcome to our sponsors and also the directors and officials of Liverpool. Do not believe everything you read. We have very good relations with Liverpool and enjoyed their hospitality and pre-match meal at Anfield on Monday night ... And, no, it wasn't cold meat pies!

LUCKY MIKE!



•The good life: Mike Newell enjoys a massage from Michelle, Bridget and Petra at Henlow ... one of the tough aspects of training.

Pic: John O'Reilly

PETER ENJOYS THE WELSH CONNECTION



Pic: John O'Reilly

•Ball winner: Peter Nicholas enjoys a chance to beat his Welsh international teammate Ian Rush during the 0-0 draw here on January 11. Our midfield hero will be hoping to go one better with a victory tonight.



•Ministerial handshake: The Sports Minister Richard Tracey meets Wally Allsop of our Leicester match sponsors, W.H. Allsop and Sons.



•In focus: Film critic Barry Norman of BBC television and his daughters meet manager John Moore.



•Birthday boy: Bruce Harper met the team on Saturday after playing in a youth league match. It was his birthday.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

Foreign bodies

Hello everyone. I hope you have enjoyed the last few home games in which we have kept three clean sheets. Now we have gone five games without conceding a goal since travelling up to Anfield for Monday night's match. It's a record to try and keep going as the team is doing well this season.

We were all sad to learn that David Preece had to go into hospital for an operation on his bad knee. It is a blow to lose him because we have missed him so much this season already.

Greyhound

David has had surgery for the removal of foreign bodies in his knee, behind his knee-cap. I am pleased to report there is no truth in the rumour that the foreign body was a greyhound!

Tonight we are certain to be in for a hard match again - our third in five days. Leicester were a tough team to beat last Saturday and we have done brilliantly to bring Liverpool back here for a second replay. Now we must try and finish the job to ensure a fourth round tie here against QPR on Saturday.

You can be sure we will all be giving it everything. Enjoy the game.

PHOTO FILE

Geoff Souster



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• Action from Anfield last season: Steve Foster and Mick Harford, who were in the thick of the action on Monday, were our goalscorers at Liverpool last season in the league when we went down 3-2.



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IN PROFILE....

RICKY McEVOY



• **On the ball:** Ricky in action at Kenilworth Road where his tackling and shrewd passing have impressed.

Hoping for a First-Team Breakthrough



• **Hoping for a chance:**
Ricky McEvoy.

Ricky McEvoy has made just one appearance in the Town first team this season when he came on as substitute for Darron McDonough during the defeat by Watford on Boxing Day. It was his misfortune to play in the Town's only home defeat this season, but for Ricky it was at least a vital break in his bid to secure a regular place in the senior eleven.

A strong and skilful midfielder, Ricky was born in Gibraltar in 1967. He came to Kenilworth Road in October 1983 as a 16-year-old schoolboy international with the Republic of Ireland. He has since gone on to earn youth caps for his country.

Last season a foot injury disrupted his progress and now, after fighting his way back, he is hoping for a chance to break through or perhaps go out for a loan period to obtain vital first team experience.

At home, Ricky enjoys music, computer games and chess and admits he also likes to go out whenever he can.



RICKY MCEVOY

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DRESSING ROOM TALK

with John Kennedy

John Kennedy is one of the senior apprentices at Kenilworth Road and always busy working in the ground or out on the pitch. A right-sided midfield player, he is aiming to improve his left-foot play and secure a full contract at the end of the current season. Tonight he talks about his life as a young apprentice:

"When I came here in July 1985, I was one of the youngest at the club. Last year we had eight first year apprentices and there were two second year apprentices. I was a bit lost and homesick at first, but I made a big effort to settle down and I have really enjoyed myself since then."

"I was born in Brighton, but moved to Wales to Swansea as a boy. I grew up there and played for Wales schoolboys. Then I was invited to trials for the Welsh youth team, but before I went I had a letter from the Welsh FA saying both my parents were Londoners and I was ineligible. Strangely, my grandparents are Irish and I could qualify to play for the Republic of Ireland.

"My typical day here as an apprentice means arriving at the ground at about nine o'clock and making sure the boots and kit for the two professionals I have to look after are in good order. Each apprentice is given two of the senior professionals to look after and mine are Mal Donagh and Mike Newell.

Cleaning up

"They are always giving me stick as you would expect! I have to make sure their boots are clean and their kit is hanging up before they come in at 10 o'clock. Each apprentice also has to do some cleaning of the dressing rooms and other jobs on a rota basis. Now I am one of the oldest ones, I am sharing the job of looking after the coaches room with Colin Barker.

"If you have to look after the home dressing room, it can be a bit tougher with the baths and showers and so on. We are quite lucky. The coaches' room is relatively easy to keep clean. After all this, we go out to train at about 10.30.

"We train for about two hours until 12.30 and then have a break. In the afternoons there is more training, mostly skill work and



• Brighton boy: John is one of Kenilworth Road's senior apprentices.

weights and so on. But on Wednesdays, there are work experience sessions within the club for all the first year apprentices and on Thursdays and Fridays it is different too.

"On Thursdays, we are out all day at college and on Fridays we are usually preparing for a game on the Saturday. At the end of each day, there is also another period of cleaning up. We usually get away some time around half past four.

Watchful eye

"Of course, we work hard under the watchful eye of coaches John Faulkner and Jim Ryan. Last year, it used to be under the eye of John Moore. It was a bit tougher then, I think!

"I am in digs with Gary Cobb in Dunstable and I will be 18 next August so this season is an important one for me. We have had a lot of encouragement as youngsters this year seeing Richard Harvey play in the first team and Ricky McEvoy and David Oldfield nearly there too. I am aiming to be pressing for a place next year if I can! So Ricky Hill had better watch out!"



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BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

For Your Diary

We have a re-arranged Today League Division One fixture on Saturday January 31st away to Southampton, kick-off 3 pm, if we are not entertaining QPR here on Saturday.

On Saturday, January 31st the reserves are at home in a Football Combination game with Reading. Kick-off 2 pm.

On Saturday, January 31st the youth team play a South-East Counties League game away to Reading. Kick-off 11 am.

On Saturday, February 7th we are away to Newcastle United in a Today League Division One fixture. Kick-off 3 pm.

For a trial period we are allowing match tickets for members and their guests to be sold on match days.



RETAIL SALES

Bev Tyler is the club's retail sales supervisor. He can be contacted at the Ticket Office, 125 Oak Road (telephone 30748 or 42393). Bev is pictured above (right) together with his assistant Andy Brooks.

SURVEYS BACK SCHEME

Two separate independent surveys have revealed overwhelming approval among Luton Town supporters for the Club's membership card scheme. By a huge majority, they say the system is preventing hooliganism at Kenilworth Road, would have a similar effect if introduced elsewhere and would restore football's missing spectators.

Luton's own home support has increased by an average of seven per cent since the start of the season, as families become increasingly confident of the safe and friendly atmosphere at matches. Both surveys took place in November, after seven matches without a single arrest or disturbance.

The first, by a professional research company, revealed 98 per cent of the Club's 24,000 supporters favoured membership cards. They were adamant the away fans ban should be relaxed only with strong safeguards. And 85 per cent would prefer to keep it in force, rather than return to segregation and fencing inside the ground.

A number said they once avoided specific matches for fear of the visiting supporters' reputation. Because the membership scheme had removed this fear, 45 per cent said they would be attending more matches than before.

The second survey, by students from Trent Polytechnic, found 87 per cent believed the membership scheme would reduce hooliganism at Luton and 78 per cent recognised a general need for such schemes at the current level of hooliganism. Eighty-two per cent attributed Luton's rising home support to this policy and 80 per cent believed it would work for other clubs too.

Coming Soon

Our youth team have won through to the semi-final of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup and will be meeting the Tottenham Hotspur youth team here in a match for which a date has yet to be agreed.

This is sure to be an attractive fixture and we would like to draw your attention to the entertainment provided by all the youth team's matches either here or at Talbot's sports ground in Luton when they usually have an 11 am kick-off.

The Southern Junior Floodlit Cup is the second strongest of the major youth tournaments in the country and our youngsters have beaten Bristol Rovers, Charlton and Birmingham to proceed so far already.

They will also have an old score to settle since Tottenham were 5-1 winners when they visited Luton for a South East Counties League fixture on December 13. In the match in London earlier in the season, the result was a 1-1 draw.

THIS SECOND REPLAY

The fact that this second replay is taking place here tonight is strong evidence of the good relationship which exists between Liverpool and Luton Town, writes Bill Tomlins.

I say this because, according to the popular newspapers, you might think we were all at loggerheads – but this is not true. Indeed, when we approached Liverpool to discuss the venue for the second replay of this third round tie (a necessary procedure because police arrangements required more than 48 hours notice to be made properly), all our discussions went well.

To show this, both Liverpool and Luton were willing and trusting enough to allow our conflicting views on where the tie should be played to be settled by the toss of a coin administered at the Football Association's offices in Lancaster Gate, London. This took place early last week and we were the fortunate winners when the coin was flipped.

LOST AND FOUND

A cassette, photograph and poem have been handed in to the club offices. Any claimants please apply to Colin Moore in the Public Relations Office.



CLUB COMMENT

John Smith, Chief Executive.

Members scheme in the international public eye

Our attempt to make Football safer and more enjoyable for spectators has kept Kenilworth Road in the public eye these past two seasons.

And one pleasant side-effect of the media spotlight is that we have been asked to play host to journalists and official visitors from many parts of the world.

Imagine the delight of one soccer-starved Hatter in New Zealand who, amid the stories about Rugby Union and America's Cup Yachting, saw a report on our membership scheme. Other friends and supporters in the United States, Africa and even behind the Iron Curtain have been surprised to find Luton in their sports pages.

Exploits

The BBC broadcast our exploits on the World Service - in German. There have been TV crews from Sweden, Holland and, most recently, Finland. Foreign accents are often to be heard in our press room, as overseas correspondents try to interpret our experiences for the folks back home.

Teachers and lecturers must be tired of hearing about us: the pitch and the defeat of hooliganism are two of the most popular subjects for projects this year, with dozens of polite requests for information arriving each month. Students have carried out surveys into the attitudes of our supporters, and made their own video

programmes about Kenilworth Road.

Many supporters of other clubs have taken the trouble to write. Whether for or against our approach, the vast majority of letters have been both courteous and well-argued, and we thank them for their interest.

Then there have been the official visits. MPs and Government officials, most recently Sports Minister Richard Tracey, have visited the Club to see the membership scheme in operation for themselves.

Delegation

One group which appears to have been totally convinced was from Holland, another country where hooligans have attached themselves like parasites to Football. A delegation comprising a Football official, a top civil servant and a police chief took a close look at one of our matches, with the result that a national membership scheme was announced in the Netherlands recently.

It is a fact that the benefits of the membership scheme can only be appreciated properly by being here. The change in atmosphere, the relaxed feeling that comes from putting aside safety worries, simply has to be experienced.

Obviously, that is often impossible. Which is why we are glad to welcome the authorities and the Press, and to help out with all those school projects.



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ACTION



• **On the move:** Paul Lewis showed a lot of nice touches as the youth team beat Colchester 4-3.

THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION TABLE
1986/87

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	16	10	4	2	44	15	24
Chelsea	16	11	2	3	39	14	24
Arsenal	15	10	3	2	31	16	23
Swindon Town	18	10	2	6	51	39	22
Queens Park Rangers	16	9	4	3	37	29	22
Norwich City	16	10	1	5	38	30	21
West Ham United	15	8	3	4	27	19	19
Oxford United	15	7	3	5	35	26	17
Ipwich Town	14	8	1	5	20	21	17
Fulham	14	5	4	5	19	19	14
Watford	15	4	6	5	23	25	14
Luton Town	15	6	1	8	30	29	13
Southampton	15	5	2	8	22	24	12
Crystal Palace	15	4	4	7	22	24	12
Charlton Athletic	14	4	3	7	19	25	11
Millwall	14	3	3	8	20	31	9
Portsmouth	15	3	2	10	19	35	8
Reading	12	3	2	7	15	36	8
Brighton & Hove Albion	14	2	0	12	15	41	4
Bristol Rovers	14	1	2	11	9	37	4

FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1986/87

Date	Opponents	Result	Date	Opponents	Result
1986			1987		
Aug 23	Arsenal	2-3	Jan 10	Arsenal	2-1
Aug 26	Ipwich Town	1-2	Jan 17	Ipwich	1-2
Sept 6	Brighton	3-1	Jan 20	Fulham	3-0
Sept 10	Reading	1-2	Jan 31	Reading	
Sept 20	Southampton	4-1	Feb 7	Swindon	
Sept 27	Chelsea	0-0	Feb 14	Southampton	
Sept 30	Charlton	1-3	Feb 21	Chelsea	
Oct 4	Watford	4-2	Feb 24	Charlton Ath	
Oct 10	Norwich City	1-2	Mar 7	Tottenham	
Oct 18	Bristol R	3-0	Mar 11	Bristol R	
Oct 21	Swindon	3-1	Mar 21	Norwich	
Oct 25	Tottenham	1-3	Mar 24	Fulham	
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 20	West Ham	6-1	Apr 25	West Ham	
			May 2	Oxford	



• **In the air:** A mêlée of arms and legs as the goalkeeper goes up.

Reserve & Youth



JIM RYAN



JOHN FAULKNER

OPPORTUNIST FARRELL COMES BACK WITH A HAT-TRICK

While the reserves kicked their heels without a game last Saturday, the youth team emerged with a hard-fought 4-3 victory in a dramatic match at Talbots against Colchester United. Sean Farrell, the prolific young striker who had been out for some weeks, returned with a vengeance, hitting a hat-trick in the first half, but ended up playing in goal with the team reduced to ten men.

Coach John Faulkner said: "I was very pleased with the way we competed, but not so happy with some other things, particularly the way we attempted to play the ball out wide. Still it was a good game to win."

In a very physical game on a heavy ground, the Town youngsters went into an early lead, conceded an equaliser and then cruised 4-1 ahead by the interval. Sean Farrell collected three opportunist goals and Mick O'Brien added the other goal.

Colchester gradually fought back in the second half when their superior physical strength began to tell, but the Town were in little serious danger until young goalkeeper Pledger was carried off injured with 10 minutes left. Farrell then went in goal, Colchester came back to 4-3 and there were a few anxious moments before the whistle.



• **John Kennedy:**
read John's day in the life of a Luton Town apprentice on page 23 tonight.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES 1986/87

Date	Opponents	Result	Date	Opponents	Result
1986			1987		
Aug 23	Northampton	3-2	Jan 3	Chelsea †-R	0-4
Aug 27	Brentford	3-0	Jan 7	Birmingham (SJFC)	3-0
Aug 30	Brighton	1-2	Sept 2	Bristol R (SJFC)	3-0
Sept 6	Crystal Palace	0-0	Sept 13	Watford (FAYC)(3)	2-3
Sept 10	Tottenham	1-1	Sept 13	Tottenham	1-1
Sept 20	Cambridge Ut	1-0	Sept 20	Reading	1-0
Sept 24	Ipwich	1-0	Sept 24	Brighton	1-0
Sept 27	Oxford	5-0	Sept 27	Charlton	5-2
Sept 29	Colchester	5-2	Oct 4	Southampton	1-2
Oct 4	Northampton	1-2	Oct 11	Bournemouth	2-0
Oct 10	Wimbledon	2-0	Oct 18	Southend	5-1
Oct 18	Wimbledon	2-0	Oct 25	Charlton	3-1
Oct 21	Swindon	3-1	Nov 1	Southend	6-1
Oct 25	Tottenham	1-3	Nov 8	Swindon	5-2
Oct 28	Watford	0-6	Nov 11	Southend	3-3
Nov 8	Charlton (SJFC)	3-1	Nov 11	Charlton (SJFC-R)	3-1
Nov 22	Portsmouth	5-1	Nov 29	Bristol R	3-1
Dec 6	Millwall	9-2	Dec 3	Wolverhampton (FAYC)(2)	5-1
Dec 20	West Ham	6-1	Dec 6	Southampton	1-2
			Dec 13	Tottenham	1-5
			Dec 20	Chelsea †	2-2
			Dec 27	Oxford	PP

† League Cup

* Eastern Junior Floodlit Cup

REPLAY

INTRODUCING...

LIVERPOOL

After two unsuccessful attempts at defending their prized F.A. Cup with a victory, Liverpool will arrive at Kenilworth Road tonight keen to reach the fourth round at the third attempt. And after their success in beating Everton to reach the Littlewoods Cup semi-finals, they remain in the running for a domestic treble.

Ian Rush was the man who, predictably, scored the Liverpool winner in that match when former Town striker Paul Walsh was also in excellent form. Unfortunately, however, left-back Jim Beglin broke his leg and he will miss the rest of the season.

Player-manager Kenny Dalglish wasted little time in finding a replacement. He moved to sign W.B.A.'s former England left-back Derek Statham for £250,000, but the deal has yet to be completed.

Players likely to be on duty tonight:

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.

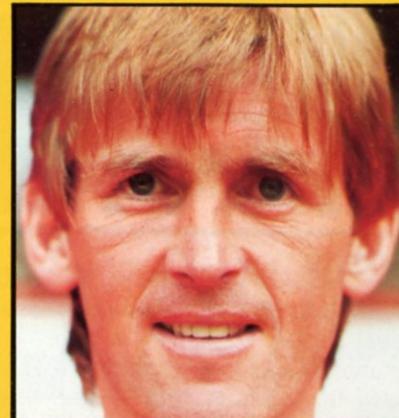
Alan Hansen – Scottish international central defender Alan is one of the most elegant back four players in the league. Became club captain in season 1985-86. Vastly experienced.

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-



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**, **Ian Rush**, **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** (now QPR).



Kenny Dalglish has made himself a legend in his own time at Liverpool by leading 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.

In recent months, he has reduced his own appearances as a player in the team and remained more often on the substitutes' bench. He has used himself cleverly in isolated bursts. Injury prevented him playing in the Mexico World Cup finals last summer but he has since returned to the Scotland team and remains their most-capped player.

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 – Re-known 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.

Jan Molby – A supremely-skilled and powerful defender or midfielder, Jan is a 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.

Paul Walsh – Needs little introduction to Town fans. An England cap with tremendous skills and pace, Paul enjoyed two good seasons at Kenilworth Road before moving to Liverpool in a £750,000 deal.

Craig Johnston – Vibrant former Middlesbrough forward, Craig proved he has fully recovered from injuries during our two previous Cup encounters. Born Johannesburg.

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JUNIOR HATTERS!

BY PETER NICHOLAS

GOOD IDEA FOR A PEN-PALS CLUB

Tonight's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is 915. 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.

I have had a lot of requests from Junior Supporters to start a pen-pal club. I have had requests from various clubs all over the country and I think it would be good for our Junior Hatters to keep in touch

with junior supporters from other clubs.

If you think this is a good idea then contact Bev Tyler in the Oak Road Ticket Office and he will give you some addresses that you can write to.

Tonight we give a welcome back to Kenilworth Road to Liverpool for the third time this season. Give them a big hand, and I will see you all at our next home game.

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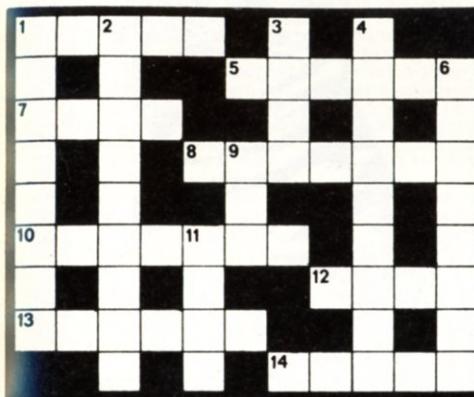
Johnathon Rose Caroline Parsons

KENILWORTH THE CAT



QUIZ

Soccer Ninety-Niner No. 8



Across

- Defender who was a regular during Wimbledon's rise from Division Three (10)
- One of soccer's Blissetts (6)
- One of soccer's Watsons (4)
- Where kickers-to-be are to be found while a penalty shoot-out is in progress (2,3,6-6)
- One of soccer's Chamberlains (4)
- See 9 across
- A nickname of Preston North End (10)

Down

- Jeremy or Brett, maybe (8)
- What Mark Hughes attacks and Mike Hughes defends (3)
- Jesper Olsen's League goals for Manchester United in 1985/86 (6)
- All players but especially keepers need to quickly (5)
- The whistling crowd! (8)
- Tasty-sounding defender whose career mainly consists of a dozen or so seasons with Newport ... (6)
- ... his sometime team-mate Micallef's first 'name' (5)
- Nickname given to certain extremely agile keepers (3)

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

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Views from the media

Friendly club deserves support

A Scottish newspaper's reporter recently made a special trip to Kenilworth Road to study our home members' scheme in operation. He saw the match against Everton. His report was published in Dundee from where this extract has been taken:

South of the Border by David Young:

The first view you get of Luton's ground at the top of Kenilworth Road is the new computerised turnstiles which ensure that only home fans holding membership cards can get within the stadium. Luton have over 24,000 members, although some of them have a doubt still to attend a match as the crowd on my visit, to see the Town play Everton, was at 11,151 the second biggest so far this season.

There are police at Luton's ground, but they are few in number compared to any other League ground. A group of three P.C.'s who were patrolling Kenilworth Road were obviously there to turn back any stray Everton fans who had decided to try to beat the ban. Luton supporters in general seem a friendly bunch and were kept well entertained by a varied programme of pre-match entertainment which included a gospel choir who managed to drown out the odd obscene chant from Luton's yobs.

Luton's system guarantees cup tickets for regular fans, this is a big plus down here where tickets often go to hangers on rather than the terracing punters. I was violently opposed to Luton's plan when it was first introduced but having "been there" I can state that it works for Luton. It might not work elsewhere, but it does at Kenilworth Road.

Finally I would like to thank Luton Town for inviting me to their ground to observe their brave and so far successful attempt to rid football of hooliganism. If I could become a member I would go there regularly. Luton are a nice, friendly club and they deserve the support of all real football fans in their campaign against the thugs.



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LUTON TOWN GOAL'DEN OLDIES

MORTON SCORES TWO AS HATTERS BEAT REDS IN THRILLER

The first Football League meeting with Liverpool took place during our promotion season of 1954-55, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

When the "Reds" visited us on 13th November 1954 promotion was not a word that was on everyone's lips. Although our home record was excellent, our away trips resulted in only average performances.

We had started off with a resounding home win over Nottingham Forest but then fell away with defeats at Bury and newly-promoted Ipswich. Six straight wins then put us up with the leaders before a series of mediocre results culminated in Swansea inflicting our first home defeat on October 30th.

Luton manager Dally Duncan, in a bid to arrest the slide, moved Bob Morton from right half to centre-forward in the next game at Notts County and brought in utility man Jim Pemberton as a replacement.



• **Ace goalscorer:** Gordon Turner (right) hit it off with Bob Morton in attack.

Ace Scorer

The critics were out in force, but hastily retreated when Morton and ace goalscorer Gordon Turner immediately hit it off together. Morton scored two at Meadow Lane and was denied a hat-trick when a goal was disallowed by the referee for handball. Morton claimed afterwards the ball had merely run up his hand but in any event the Town were 3-1 ahead with only ten minutes left when a fightback by County brought the scores level.

Apart from the handball incident, and the fact that Turner had scored on the stroke of half-time "the ball having left his foot when the referee whistled", the final result was a disappointment but the pairing of Turner and Morton was certainly not.

The following week, with Liverpool the visitors, 15,887 turned up to see the new pairing and they were not let down. A further two goals from Morton



• **Utility striker:** Bob Morton (right) made them and scored them.

helped Luton to a 3-2 win against opponents who had, at one stage, levelled the score at 2-2.

The Turner-Morton spearhead went from strength to strength and by the time of the visit to Anfield on 2nd April, the Town were riding high although, it must be said, our away record was still nothing to shout about.

The game at Liverpool, watched by a crowd of 30,710, amazingly finished 4-4 with the Town 3-1 down at one stage fighting back to take the lead only to drop a point at the death.

To quote a local report "What a grand fight was made of it not only to catch up on a 3-1 deficit but event to take the lead at one time and give hopes of bringing home both points. If it had not been for a painful knock on the knee which goalkeeper Bernard Streten received fifteen minutes from the end, which prevented him getting up to the ball in the dying seconds of the game, maximum points would have been obtained.

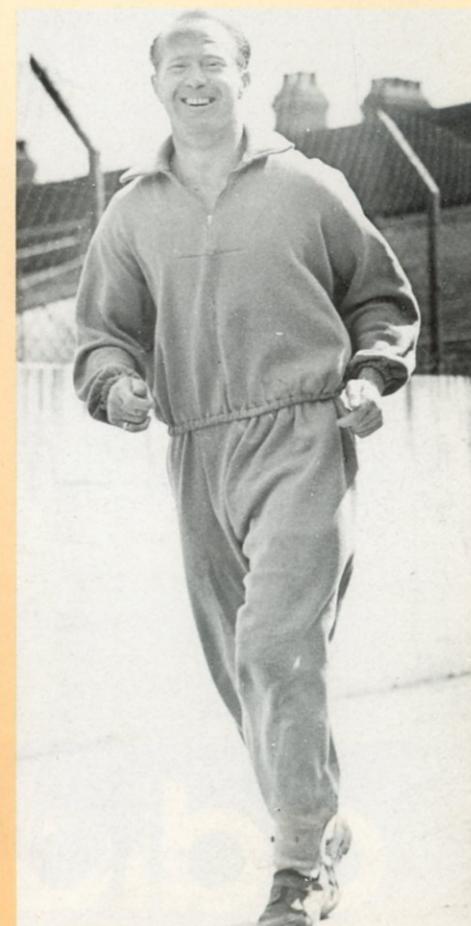
Valuable point

"It was a most thrilling game by any standards, good football from both sides, eight good goals and a valuable point to keep us at the top of the table."

Liverpool were quoted as saying that Luton were the best team seen at Anfield that season and that the two goals scored by Bob Morton after he had moved to the outside right position upon receiving a nasty kick on the thigh were amongst the best witnessed by the Kop.

At that stage of the season with eight games remaining, promotion seemed assured if the home games were won and away games drawn. As it turned out the equivalent points were gained albeit in a roundabout way ending in a memorable 3-0 win at Doncaster in the final game of the season. Amazingly this was the Town's first away win since 27th December!

• **Knee knock:** Bernard Streten was a hero at Anfield



FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
(Up to and including 25 January 1987)

HOME		AWAY		W	P	D	L	F	A	APs		
26	9	4	0	22	4	Arsenal	6	3	4	19	11	52
26	9	3	1	30	8	Everton	6	2	5	19	13	50
26	8	3	2	26	9	Liverpool	6	3	4	19	15	48
25	8	5	0	26	9	Nottingham Forest	4	1	7	21	23	42
25	9	3	1	16	6	LUTON TOWN	3	3	6	11	17	42
25	6	3	4	20	13	Tottenham Hotspur	6	2	4	21	16	41
25	7	5	1	21	15	Norwich City	3	5	4	14	20	40
25	8	2	3	19	13	Coventry	2	5	5	8	14	37
25	6	2	4	24	20	West Ham United	4	5	4	16	22	37
25	7	3	2	24	10	Watford	3	3	7	19	22	36
25	6	3	4	17	13	Wimbledon	5	0	7	16	19	36
26	6	6	1	26	14	Sheffield Wednesday	2	4	7	13	26	34
25	7	2	4	24	13	Manchester United	1	6	5	9	15	32
25	6	3	4	19	16	Queens Park Rangers	2	3	7	17	30	
25	6	4	3	22	17	Oxford United	1	4	7	7	24	29
25	6	3	4	18	14	Manchester City	0	6	7	6	21	27
25	3	3	6	13	22	Chelsea	3	5	5	17	23	26
24	5	2	4	20	17	Southampton	2	2	9	18	31	25
25	3	4	5	15	15	Charlton Athletic	3	3	7	11	21	25
25	4	5	3	22	16	Leicester	2	1	10	9	28	24
25	5	3	4	16	18	Aston Villa	1	3	9	14	35	24
25	4	2	6	17	20	Newcastle United	1	4	8	8	24	21

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS
(1986/87)

League	FA Cup	League	FA Cup	League	FA Cup	League	FA Cup		
Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls		
Tim Breacker	16	-	1	-	Mike Newell	25	9	2	-
Mal Donaghy	25	-	2	-	Peter Nicholas	25	-	2	-
Steve Foster	23	1	2	-	Marc North	2(3)	-	-	-
Ashley Grimes	19	-	2	-	Stacey North	2	-	-	-
Mick Harford	4	-	2	-	Emeka Nwajiobi	6	-	-	-
Richard Harvey	1	-	-	-	David Preece	7	-	1	-
Ricky Hill	15	1	2	-	Brian Stein	23	9	2	-
Rob Johnson	24	-	2	-	Mark Stein	14(3)	5	-	-
Darron McDonough (74)	-	-	-	-	Les Sealey	25	-	2	-
Ricky McEvoy (1)	-	-	-	-	Robert Wilson	12(3)	1	-	-



• On the mark: Mike Newell hit the winner against Leicester - his ninth goal of the season.

Leading goalscorers

Division One

28 - Allen (Tottenham)
26 - Rush (Liverpool)
23 - Cottee (West Ham)
21 - Aldridge (Oxford)
17 - Clarke (Southampton)
16 - Hayes (Arsenal)

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Home fixtures in **Bold**Scorer's name in **Bold**

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Luton Town

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- 1 Les Sealey
- 2 Tim Breacker
- 3 Rob Johnson
- 4 Peter Nicholas
- 5 Steve Foster
- 6 Mal Donaghy
- 7 Ricky Hill
- 8 Brian Stein
- 9 Mike Newell
- 10 Mick Harford (Pen)
- 11 Ashley Grimes

Subs

Liverpool

0

- 1 Bruce Grobbelaar
- 2 Gary Gillespie
- 3 Barry Venison
- 4 Mark Lawrenson
- 5 Ronnie Whelan
- 6 Alan Hansen
- 7 Paul Walsh
- 8 Craig Johnston
- 9 Ian Rush
- 10 Jan Molby
- 11 John Wark

Subs

Referee: D. VICKERS (Ilford, Essex)

Linesmen: D. SHADWELL (Red Flag) S. MILLIDGE (Yellow Flag)

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