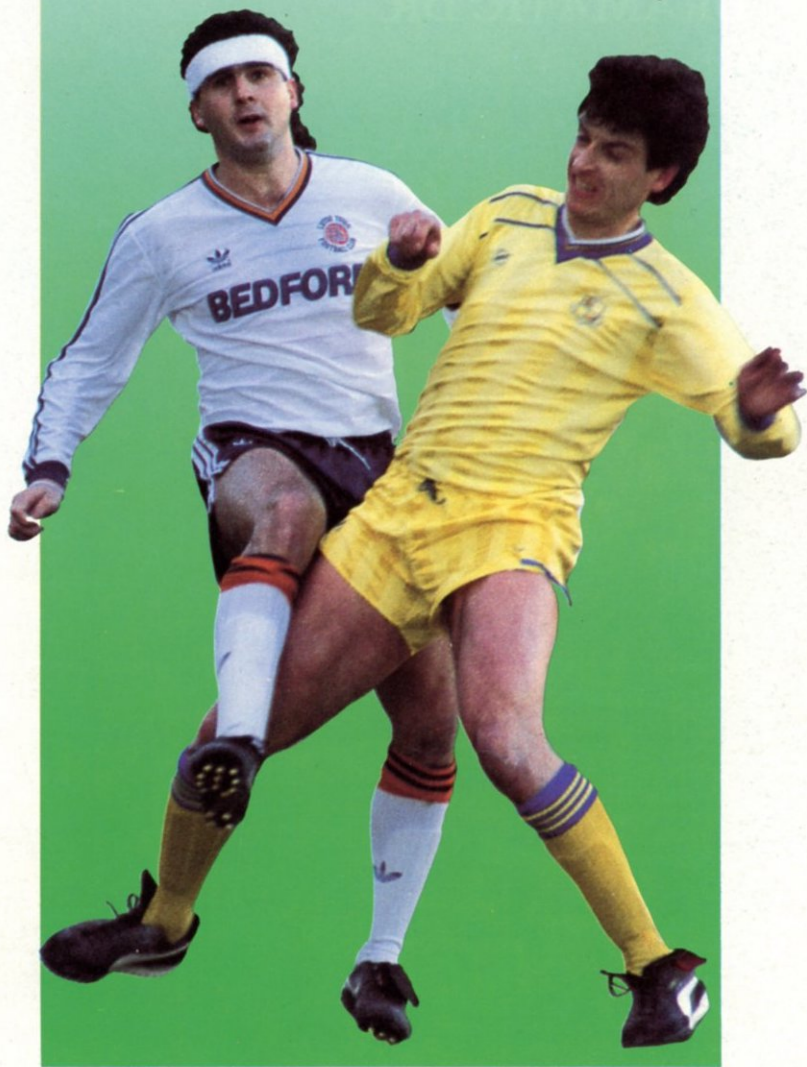


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MOORE ABOUT FOOTBALL



Welcome to Queen's Park Rangers and their manager Jim Smith. After Wednesday night's excitement and drama, we face an equally difficult fixture against a team sure to be fully keyed up for another hopefully entertaining and exciting Cup tie. I am sure you will agree that it has been a great achievement on behalf of our club and our team by the players to have eliminated Liverpool from the competition. I felt we fully deserved our third bite at the cherry by surviving 120 minutes at Anfield on Monday. That was the sort of game which could easily have ended 1-0, but the lads battled right through to the final whistle. In general, Liverpool just did not produce the necessary guile and invention to penetrate our defence. I thought we defended very well indeed as a team – the whole team had a part to play in that.

Winning attitude

We have been fortunate too in not having any anxieties about our league position to worry us at the moment as we have a reasonable number of points already under our belts. Having said that, however, I am not suggesting there is particular feeling about the F.A. Cup for us this season. We take each match as it comes and try to win, whoever the opposition, and that was our attitude in all the matches against Liverpool. To have achieved such a remarkable success, against the 'double champions' is a feather in our cap but not something to rest on. We must now seek to continue to gain further success and must guard against any complacency today. QPR will have Sammy Lee in their ranks today, if he is selected, and he will be sure to be motivated after our success over his former club. He was not in the Rangers side which visited us last November, but then Mick Harford was not playing for us at that time – so both teams will have been boosted by the contributions of these players. It should be an interesting afternoon. Please give the lads your support. Enjoy the game.



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Mailbag

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

Return of the family spirit

Dear Sir,

This is a short note to say how much we support and agree with your stand this year on the subject of club membership. We are both longstanding supporters of the club and if we have any roots they are in Luton.

My boyhood was spent in the town and I was a regular attender at Kenilworth Road at the end and just after the war. We have moved away from the area now and have served in some overseas locations as well as in the UK. Until last October we were

in Germany and so had to follow the latest events from afar.

We were delighted for example that in the autumn you stuck to your guns in the face of taunts and threats and even gave up a place in a cup competition because you felt you were right. We still have friends and relations in the town, one living very close to the ground, and one of our nephews was playing for you for a while.

All our contacts tell us that the real old Luton family spirit is returning to the town ground, and wives and children now come to the matches - as

indeed they used to in the old days. And all around the ground Saturdays are back to normal.

Needless to say the old support for the team is still there and we are both delighted that the club is doing so well and also beating the thuggery. Please be assured you have our solid support and we wish you success.

Come on the 'atters

Keith and Elvina Norcott

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• Opening goal: Brian Stein's 34th minute free kick puts the Town ahead against Liverpool on Wednesday.



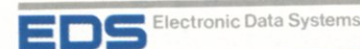
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GIRL TALK



A first home defeat

It's the first League game they've lost all season. But they're still top, they're still there." Overheard in recent years at Anfield, Old Trafford, Highbury? No; at Kings Head Lane. At where? The home of Combined Counties League side British Aerospace, Weybridge. A ground quite like Highbury insofar as the wind howls bitterly across the field into our pinched faces. We huddle together, for warmth, not in the ladies' loo this time, but on the Clubhouse terrace, a favoured spot for juvenile roller skaters, legwarmers decorating boots. Their conversation is scintillating: "What do you think of him, then?" "He's O.K., what do you think of him?" Are these Lolitas discussing players or primary school conquests?

The match? B.Ae. reserves v Farleigh Rovers. The pre-match entertainment is nobly supplied by the rugby players warming up on the next pitch. Their routine owes more to Luton Strikers than a Maori war dance.

Shy schoolgirls

Aerospace have more possession but don't capitalise on it - how often have we seen that at Kenilworth Road? Nor do they try as hard as their

opponents. When his side scores, the Farleigh keeper shouts, "Come on Reds. Nil-nil Reds. Get going." Aerospace aren't so determined. Often their individuals don't even both to go for balls but wait for them, like shy schoolgirls. This tactic is disastrous on grass pitches with uneven bounce. I suspect commentators such as Bobby Charlton would say the surface was 'perfect' for 'real' football, unlike a 'plastic' surface - where the skills, or otherwise, of players are actually revealed.

There is some skill, and much gentlemanly behaviour displayed in this semi-pro. game. Players don't kick the ball away, encroach at free kicks or argue with the ref. I'd like to see some professionals adopt this behaviour.

It's all over. Aerospace have lost their first League match in fifteen months. I knew the manager should have taken my advice and played a forward to bolster his injury-hit midfield, and not a defender. But what men ever take women's advice - especially where football is concerned!

Gale Waller

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

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NEWELL HITS WINNER

Luton Town 1 Leicester 0

Mike Newell struck his ninth league goal of the season in the 59th minute to seal another vital home win for the Town and lift them up to fourth in the First Division overnight last Saturday. Unfortunately, Nottingham Forest's 1-0 triumph against Everton the following day at the City Ground hoisted them back up to fourth and push Luton back to fifth again.

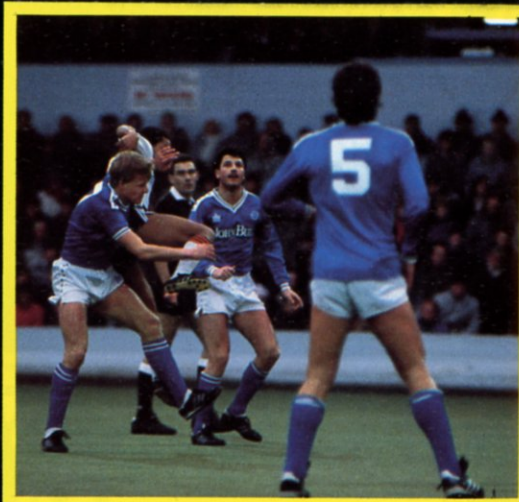
In a somewhat one-sided match, the Town were well on top without being able to translate their superiority into goals. The first half saw a procession of long-range shots and headers with one notable effort from Ashley Grimes thundering off the woodwork. But the ball would not go in.

Newell scored when Tim Breacker overlapped on the right, played Mal Donaghy into space outside him and saw the Northern Ireland international defender hit a deep cross beyond the far post. Newell took the ball on his chest and struck a first-time right-footed shot past Ian Andrews from about eight yards.

It was a merited goal and a worthy win for the Town. Leicester were able to create only three real shooting chances. Steve Moran fluffed his effort and Les Sealey proved equal to long range shots from Gary McAllister and Alan Mauchlen, whose deflected last-minute drive required a brilliant diving save.

Teams: - Luton - Sealey, Breacker, Johnson, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, B. Stein, Newell, Harford, Grimes.
Leicester - Andrews, Feeley, Venus, O'Neill, Walsh, McAllister, Morgan, Moran, Smith, Ramsey (sub. Lynex 78), Mauchlen.
Referee - P. Don (Hanworth Park, Middlesex).

1st Team ACTION



• Breaking away: Tim Breacker (above) played a part in the build-up to the Town's winner against Leicester City here last Saturday when Mick Harford (left and opposite top) kept the City defence fully-occupied without finding the net. Also caught in the action pictures by Sportswide Photography is Ricky Hill (opposite bottom) whose skills frequently bemused the Leicester defence.

VIEWS from the BENCH

Ron Howard



Chief scout Ron Howard has been delighted with the success of the youth scheme and the number of players succeeding in going through to press for first team places. Today, in his Views from the Bench, he discusses the great benefits and the value of the Luton Town youth scheme:

Looking for next year's youngsters

"We are approaching a decisive time for making up our minds about the new apprentices for next season. We have to know by the end of March how many and who the apprentices will be for next season. I think we will probably have about eight lads for next year which is another good healthy number and a great indication of the club's success and good health.

"It is great to have young players around the place. We took a similar number on last year and they always help to give the whole club a sense of extra energy. They help it bubble along if you like. One of the great things is that they are able to mix in with all the senior pros and make everyone feel part of the same big family.

"I have been particularly pleased at the low dropout rate. Perhaps one or two may go at the end of the season, but the bulk of them will stay on and so it means we keep a very large element of our own young players at the club. I am sure it will not be very long now before they are knocking pretty hard on the first team door.

Working hard

"Already this season we have seen Richard Harvey make the breakthrough and Ricky McEvoy has proved he is almost there too. David Oldfield is also working hard and getting close to it. Yes, I must say

I am more than pleased to see their success. It means we have taken on some very good lads.

"We have also got a very good crop of schoolboys at the present time and it is really good for the future of the club. We are now attracting boys because of our reputation and the way in which we can assure them of a good chance of both being given a trial and if they join us, of going on to have a chance of making the first team.

Successful trials

"The fact that the youngster works with the seniors in training is a special advantage too and makes sure they are not overawed if they have the chance to play in the team.

"We hold trials every school holidays and we are able to use our synthetic pitch to ensure that we can hold games for all sorts of age groups and so on giving everyone a chance. Everyone has a great chance and a fair opportunity and I think they all leave here thinking everyone was fair to them and we at Luton are not a bad bunch of people. That is important.

"As a result, I think we are now able to say we have a very good set up in the Republic of Ireland and in South Wales for attracting kids who have heard of our good reputation. It means the future looks pretty rosy and that is great for Luton Town."

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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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●On his feet: Sports Minister Richard Tracey was our guest last week and enjoyed the match

CAPACITY CROWD ENJOYS NIGHT OF EXCITEMENT

By Bill Tomlins

Welcome back with another thrilling Cup-tie in prospect at Kenilworth Road. I think everyone would agree that Wednesday night's magnificent performance by our players will go down as one of the great achievements in the club's history. With a capacity crowd in the ground, we were delighted to enjoy such a successful evening against Liverpool.

I know there were long queues forming outside the ground, particularly at the Kenilworth Road end, before the match; and that many fans had a long wait before they were able to get in. With so many late arrivals, and so many first-time users of their membership cards, this delay was, regrettably, unavoidable on the night.

Big crowd

However, we were pleased to get everyone in the end and hope to iron out some of the wrinkles in the system before the next evening match at which we can expect a similarly big crowd. The problem is unlikely to be as severe on a Saturday as so many fans arrive earlier.

On Wednesday, we had a capacity 7,660 fans on the Kenilworth Road end and the stewards went out of their way to make a special effort to accommodate youngsters in executive boxes 28 and five for the evening. I hope they enjoyed the match from there!

I must say – with all the excitement and the big crowd – I was pleased there was no extra time or the problem of a toss to decide the venue for any further replays had we drawn and then drawn at Anfield (It would have been necessary on Wednesday for policing reasons).

May I also say, in my capacity as general secretary, that I was very pleased to hear praise for our team from the Liverpool party on Wednesday. Bob Paisley stopped in the passage to congratulate me after the game. I hope Liverpool remain an example to us with their equal modesty in success and defeat.

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Finally, a warm welcome to our match ball sponsors this afternoon and all the QPR players, officials and guests.

THE KIDS OF FOOTBALL FAME



●Spot the boss: Manager, John Moore presented the certificates at a training school run by Radio Bedfordshire and the Herald newspaper.



●Headband duo: Captain Steve Foster met up with a junior imitator and Kenilworth the Cat last Saturday. The mascot was Alan Cooper – a stopper of the future?



●Youngsters in action: Bovis Homes Chiltern Youth League v Royston Youth League, last week's pre-match entertainers.



●Top of the pops: Radio disc jockey Peter Powell and singer Owen Paul met Steve Foster after the match on Wednesday night.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

Cup-tie magic!

Hello again everyone. I hope you all enjoyed the match on Wednesday night which must rank as one of our best performances of the season. It was a great game to play in and the crowd really helped to lift the team – I hope it works out for us all again today.

It has been a really exciting week with big games piling one upon another. The lads have been as excited by it as the fans and I am sure we will be in for another very tough match today as QPR will be very keen to knock us out and clinch a place in the fifth round.

Racecourse

Last Monday night, on our way back from Liverpool, we had a really great meal – egg and chips for most of the lads – when we stopped off at a motorway cafe on the journey home. You should have seen some of the faces, as we went in.

We trained for that match, by the way, on the racecourse at Haydock! Can you imagine anything more different from our own magic carpet here at Kenilworth Road. The spirit among the lads was great and we hope to keep it going today.

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• Start of the epic: Action from our first clash with Liverpool in the snow. Ricky Hill (top) and Brian Stein (below) show their skill as they take on the Reds' defence.



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IN PROFILE....

ROBERT WILSON



• **Moving forward:** Robert Wilson

Home debut goal for midfielder



• **Scoring midfielder:** Robert Wilson

Robert Wilson joined the Town on the eve of the present season from Millwall where he had moved following five successful years under current Town coach Ray Harford at Fulham. He went straight into the Town side and scored on his home debut in our victory over Southampton last August.

Now 25, Robert was born in London and joined Fulham as an apprentice. He made his debut for the Cottagers in the 1979-80 season and developed into an elusive goalscoring midfield player.

Three years ago, he became well-known for other reasons when he and his wife were pulled unconscious from their gas-filled home after a central heating fault. Both Robert and his wife survived.

Born in June 1961, Robert may have thought his opportunity to play First Division football had passed when he crossed London and joined Millwall, but Harford's memory and connections with Wilson proved otherwise when he instigated the Town's bid for a player who has yet to claim a regular place at Kenilworth Road.

ROBERT WILSON



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with Ashley Grimes

Ashley Grimes is enjoying his most consistent season with the Town since arriving from Coventry City and after playing a heroic part in our tremendous victory over Liverpool, looks back on the tensions and the pleasure of the most exciting week of the season:

"We have done really well this year. Tremendously well. You only have to look at the table and examine our results against the top teams, particularly Liverpool. They are still the yardstick for quality and we have proved ourselves in our games against them - particularly at Anfield where we really played well and won a great result. To stop them scoring on their own ground in two hours is great.

"I thought we really had the best of the first half and maybe surprised them a bit up there by going forward when we could. I thought we had more of the game up there relatively speaking than they did down here when they drew 0-0.

"I thought we dominated that match more than they did the first replay. But they did come at us a bit in the second half and in extra time and their central defenders seemed to get more into the game and push up more.

Missed chance

"I thought too that, to be honest, Ian Rush had scored when he had his chance near the end, but he missed it. He usually puts them away. It was a good chance for him. But we held out to get a great result.

"It was one of the best results and best performances I have had with a team at Anfield. It is such a tough place to visit. I felt they missed Kenny Dalglish because he gives them a little extra something. They struggle a bit without him, I think.

"As for myself, I am enjoying everything at the moment. Of course, I like to play anywhere in the team - the first team. When people ask me where I like to play best, I say anywhere so long as it is in the first team!

Motorway meal

"There is a great spirit in the club and in the team. On the way back from Anfield on Monday night, we stopped off for a meal at a motorway cafe.



• **Anywhere will do:** Ashley Grimes is happy to turn out in any shirt for the Hatters these days.

"A lot of people were there and they were very surprised to see us - a First Division football club team marching off their coach to go into a motorway stop for a meal.

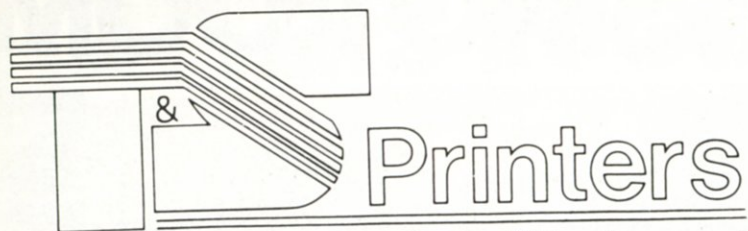
"It was around midnight and we were all in a great mood as you can imagine. It is really great to be playing in a team that is so keen, so desperate, to win. It is really exciting.

"All the lads get on well and we have a good time together. That makes it a happy team with great spirit and I think that is really vital. I hope it is a great game today again and we are all able to enjoy the right result again tonight. Then we can really have a bit of a time.

"As you can imagine, the mood was pretty special on Wednesday night when we completed the job against Liverpool. We were really determined to win and deserved it too.

"It was great to see the front three all score a goal apiece. I hope they can do it again today. They were three tough matches against Liverpool and it would be nice to finish this one first go!"

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BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

For Your Diary

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

On Saturday, February 14th, we are at home at Aston Villa in a Today League Division One fixture. Kick-off 3 pm.

On Saturday, February 21st, we are away to Manchester City in a Today League Division One fixture. Kick-off 3 pm, only if we have no further involvement in the F.A. Cup.

On Saturday, February 28th, we are at home to West Ham 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.

Youth team in semi-final

Our youth team will play Tottenham Hotspur youth in a Southern Junior Floodlit Cup here at Kenilworth Road next Tuesday, February 3, kick-off 7.30 pm. Reserve team prices will be charged.

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.

Football Combination

On Saturday, February 7th, the reserves are at home in a Football Combination game with Reading. Kick-off 2.00 pm.

On Saturday, February 14th, they travel to Southampton for a Combination fixture.

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

Pitch bookings

Due to very heavy demand for the pitch, we are now planning to make it available for hire on certain midweek afternoons at a special off-peak rate of £100 per VAT.

All evenings and weekends are now fully booked until the end of April. If anyone wishes to play on our synthetic surface and experience the atmosphere of a First Division stadium, please contact the Stadium Sales Manager, Mike Beevor on Luton 411622.

Guest tickets

We have decided to make things easier for members purchasing guest tickets. You no longer have to fill in forms if you call in to the Ticket Office in person.

Members are still responsible for the behaviour of their guests, however, and can be traced through the number on each guest ticket.

Guests do not require a membership card as the match ticket has a bar code on - the same as the membership cards.

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

Occasionally, supporters who live some distances from the ground, say it can be difficult to obtain tickets: but it need not be!

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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.

12,000 Players

More than 600 matches have now been played on our synthetic pitch, giving great pleasure to more than 12,000 local footballers.



CLUB COMMENT

John Smith, Chief Executive.

Family atmosphere pleases Sports Minister

Sports Minister Richard Tracey visited Kenilworth Road on January 24, to see the membership scheme in operation for the first time. This was his reaction after the match against Leicester City, which maintained our record of no arrests or serious incidents this season.

"I thought it right to wait until the system had settled down before seeing it for myself. I have been all round the ground and found very great acceptance of the ideas here. What impressed me was the number of fathers who said they were now happier bringing along their youngsters and it was quite obvious they felt very safe.

"There were some interesting stories about how people felt unsure last year. One told me how he felt driven away from the ground by the activities of hostile supporters and how he now felt very much more sure.

Very helpful

"The Government is involved in pretty intensive talks with the Football League. We have got to be advised to a considerable extent by the police, and they have received no final conclusions. But if you talk to Luton police, they find what is happening here very helpful indeed. There were half as many police at the start of this match as there were last season, and these were reduced by almost half again later on, saving a considerable amount on police expenses.



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"The last match I attended was Norwich v Arsenal, where a very complex police operation, a police convoy, was required for 8,000 visiting fans, which was very costly for the ratepayers and taxpayers generally.

"There are signs that the Football League are moving on in their thinking about this and more and more clubs are thinking about membership schemes. Luton's experiment is extremely valuable. The exclusion of away supporters is a radical step and at some point you move back to where away supporters can come, but the whole point must be that their behaviour is guaranteed.

Full-scale scheme

"The Government still believes a full scale membership scheme would be the ideal and we have said that consistently. We are talking to the Football League about how far they are prepared to go. The sooner they move towards a reciprocal operation, the better it will be for the game. Next season would be ideal.

"This will identify and eradicate the hooligan. There is still very serious violence on trains and en route to football grounds and it is marauding away supporters who are causing the problem. There is a minority that wrecks the game for others who want to attend the game in peace, or who live nearby."



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- **Number two:** Mick Harford hits his first goal of the season from the penalty spot on Wednesday as the Town beat Liverpool.

THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION TABLE
1986/87

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	22	16	2	4	57	18	34
Tottenham Hotspur	23	14	6	3	53	21	34
Arsenal	21	15	3	3	52	20	33
Queens Park Rangers	22	13	4	5	50	37	30
Norwich City	22	12	3	7	47	37	27
Ipswich Town	22	12	3	7	31	35	27
West Ham United	20	11	3	6	39	29	25
Swindon Town	22	11	2	9	57	48	24
Luton Town	20	10	1	9	51	35	21
Watford	20	7	6	7	34	30	20
Southampton	19	8	2	9	33	31	18
Oxford United	20	7	4	9	41	44	18
Crystal Palace	20	6	5	9	30	33	17
Fulham	19	6	5	8	26	30	17
Charlton Athletic	17	5	4	8	22	30	14
Reading	19	6	2	11	26	52	14
Portsmouth	20	4	3	13	23	50	11
Brighton & Hove Albion	19	4	1	14	23	52	9
Millwall	21	3	3	15	25	55	9
Bristol Rovers	20	2	2	16	23	56	6

FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1986/87

Date	Opponents	Result	Date	Opponents	Result
1986			1987		
Aug 23	Arsenal	2-3	Jan 10	Arsenal	2-1
Aug 26	Ipswich Town	1-2	Jan 17	Ipswich	1-2
Sept 6	Brighton	3-1	Jan 20	Fulham	3-0
Sept 10	Reading	1-2	Feb 7	Swindon	
Sept 20	Southampton	4-1	Feb 14	Southampton	
Sept 27	Chelsea	0-0	Feb 21	Chelsea	
Sept 30	Charlton	1-3	Feb 24	Charlton Ath	
Oct 4	Watford	4-2	Mar 7	Tottenham	
Oct 10	Norwich City	1-2	Mar 11	Bristol R	
Oct 18	Bristol R	3-0	Mar 21	Norwich	
Oct 21	Swindon	3-1	Mar 24	Fulham	
Oct 25	Tottenham	1-3	Mar 28	Watford	
Oct 28	QPR	0-6	Apr 1	Crystal Palace	
Nov 8	Crystal Palace	1-2	Apr 11	QPR	
Nov 22	Portsmouth	5-1	Apr 14	Millwall	
Dec 6	Millwall	9-2	Apr 25	West Ham	
Dec 20	West Ham	6-1	May 2	Oxford	



- **Celebration time:** Brian Stein jumps for joy after putting the Town ahead.

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	Jan 13	Watford (FAYC)(3)	2-3
Sept 2	Bristol R (SJFC)	3-0	Jan 24	Colchester	4-3
Sept 6	Crystal Palace	0-0	Jan 31	Reading	
Sept 13	Tottenham	1-1	Feb 3	Tottenham (SJFC)	
Sept 20	Cambridge U†	1-0	Feb 7	Brighton	
Sept 24	Ipswich*	1-0	Feb 14	Crystal Palace	
Sept 27	Oxford	5-0	Feb 21	Southampton	
Sept 29	Colchester*	5-2	Feb 28	Bournemouth	
Oct 4	Northampton	1-2	Mar 7	Swindon	
Oct 11	Southend	5-1	Mar 14	Oxford	
Oct 18	Wimbledon	2-0	Mar 21	Swindon	
Oct 25	Colchester	3-1	Mar 28	Southend	
Nov 1	Northampton†	6-1	Apr 4	Bristol R	
Nov 8	Reading	5-2	Apr 11	Wimbledon	
Nov 11	Charlton (SJFC)	3-3	Apr 18	Brentford	
Nov 11	Charlton (SJFC-R)	3-1			
Nov 29	Bristol R	3-1			
Dec 3	Wolverhampton (FAYC)(2)	5-1			
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

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.

The youth team were playing at Reading this morning and will play Tottenham Hotspur at home in a Southern Junior Floodlit Cup semi-final here on Tuesday.

All supporters are urged to come along and give the team their encouragement.

INTRODUCING...

QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Queen's Park Rangers arrive at Kenilworth Road today hoping to make progress to the fifth round of the Cup after a convincing 5-2 third round win.

Last Saturday Gary Bannister and John Byrne were their scorers in a 2-1 First Division victory over struggling Southampton.

Manager John Smith has not found things going all his way, but Rangers good home record and mixed away form has kept them in the middle of the First Division. Well-publicised upsets involving Michael Robson and England defender Terry Fenwick have not helped him, but former Liverpool midfielder Sammy Lee has settled down well since his transfer earlier this season.

Last season Rangers seemed set to lift the then-Milk Cup at Wembley but they were well beaten when they met Oxford United in the final and their strong and experienced squad can be expected to work hard to challenge for further honours in the current campaign.

Players likely to be on duty today:

David Seaman - David is an England under-21 goalkeeper who joined Rangers in the close season from Birmingham. His previous clubs were Leeds United and

Peterborough. He is one of the most highly-respected number one's in the game.

Wayne Fereday - A dashing, tall and fast flank player, Wayne has been a regular first team player for Rangers for the last two years. Born Birmingham, he joined QPR as an apprentice in July 1979 and scored twice on his debut in 1980.

Warren Neill - Born in Acton, London, Warren made his debut in August, 1980 at Chelsea. He was discovered playing for Ealing schools. A reliable full-back who has re-established himself after a lengthy injury last season.

Robbie James - Welsh international midfielder, Robbie joined Rangers from Stoke City for £100,000 two seasons ago after starting his career at Swansea. A powerful player with a strong shot.

Alan McDonald - Belfast-born Alan is 22 and proved his great promise when he played for Northern Ireland during the World Cup finals in Mexico. He has now won eight caps. Made his debut while on loan to Charlton four years ago.

Terry Fenwick - England's central defender during the World Cup finals, Terry was born in County Durham and



Back Row from left: Warren Neill, Clive Walker, David Kenslake, Gary Chivers, Martin Allen, Gary Waddock, Wayne Fereday. Middle row: Dave Butler (Physiotherapist), Alan Brazil, Alan McDonald, Peter Hucker, David Seaman, Mike Fillery, Robbie James, Frank Sibley (Coach). Front row: Ian Dawes, Gary Bannister, Terry Fenwick, Jim Smith, Michael Robinson, Leroy Rosenior, John Byrne.



Jim Smith, Queens Park Rangers' popular and respected manager, is a widely-experienced manager. Formerly with Oxford United, under chairman Robert Maxwell, he surprisingly left after a very successful spell in charge when he had taken them to the First Division. Dubbed the 'bald eagle' Jim also had a highly-successful spell in charge at Blackburn Rovers. He began as a player with Sheffield United and later played for Aldershot, Halifax, Lincoln, and Boston. As a manager he has worked for Boston, Colchester, Blackburn, Birmingham and Oxford.

is now 25. He is currently seeking a move from Loftus Road. Signed from Crystal Palace in 1980 for £100,000. Recently returned after injury.

Gary Waddock - Gary, a tenacious and hard-tackling midfielder, has recently come back after a long-term injury. An Eire international he has won 19 caps. Made his league debut in 1979 at the age of only 17.

Sammy Lee - Former England and Liverpool midfielder Sammy left the Merseyside club where he grew up earlier this season in a bid to revitalise his flagging career. Busy and skilful, he has performed well in Rangers' team.

Gary Bannister - Born Warrington, Gary has been Rangers top scorer in each of the last two seasons since he joined the club from Sheffield Wednesday. He scored 18 goals last term. Began his career with Coventry City. Now 25.

John Byrne - Rangers paid York City £100,000 for John, two years ago and he has repaid the investment with several vital goals and classy performances. He has yet to consistently produce his best form. Scored last Saturday.

Clive Walker - Clive became a goal-scoring winger with Chelsea but moved on to Sunderland in 1984 and topped their goalscorers with 14 in his first season. Moved back to London last season.

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JUNIOR HATTERS!

BY PETER NICHOLAS

A WEEK OF CUP-TIE FEVER

Today'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.

Well, would you believe it! We are another step nearer to Wembley, after three great games against Liverpool. We are playing Queens Park Rangers today, but the lads hope we do not have to play three games to get a result.

Did any of you Junior Hatters go to Anfield to see us? It would have been very late for you getting home when you have to get up for school the next morning.

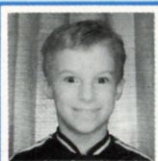
The team were very tired but we are alright now. I have got some stitches over my eye but that will not stop me today.

I look forward to seeing you at our next home game when we play Aston Villa. Have a good day and keep cheering.

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Thomas Underhill Victoria Spiers Lesley Skinner David Arnold Chris Martindale

KENILWORTH THE CAT



QUIZ

First Eleven

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H	T	U	O	A	N	R
F	A	R	V	D	Y	A
F	E	R	E	R	M	H
E	C	U	R	B	M	C
J	R	E	T	Y	O	I
L	T	A	N	D	T	R

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.

Boninsegna	Connor	Gough
Gregg	Hebberd	Hemmer-
	man	
Lewington	Locke	McFar-
	land	
	Rioch	Sword

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

Answers to Soccer Ninety-Niner No. 8

Across

1. Winterburn 6. Luther 7. Dave 9.&12. in the centre circle 11. Mark 12. see 9 across 14. Lilywhites

Down

1. Williams 2. net 3. eleven 4. react 5. referees 8. Relish 10. Tarki 13. Cat

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Views from the media

Historic win is the Real Thing

Our dazzling victory over Liverpool on Wednesday night – our first in the FA Cup – drew mixed responses from the national press with many reporters choosing to write about Kenny Dalglish's post-match comments rather than the scintillating action. Here is a selection of comments from the reports:

Daily Mail – "Luton, thrown out of the Littlewoods Cup by the League, took a giant step towards a Wembley final last night with a historic victory in the Real Thing. They did not just beat Kenny Dalglish's Liverpool... by the end of this FA third round second replay they had humiliated the holders and league champions."

Dramatic victory

The Sun – "Brian Stein helped destroy FA Cup holders Liverpool with a goal that would have been as brilliant on grass as on plastic. His first-half strike set up Luton for one of the most dramatic Cup victories in their history. It cannot be devalued by their synthetic surface or because Liverpool were denied the privilege of having their own fans in the ground."

The Times – "The artificial surface, as smooth and fast as polished marble, detracted from the evening's entertainment. It detracted from Liverpool's performance as well. Timid and understandably cautious in conditions they detest, Liverpool looked thoroughly uncomfortable from the start."

The Guardian – "Not that last night should be regarded as a lament for the holders. Luton won on merit and not least the merit of Sealey's goalkeeping in the first replay. They knew the sort of football required in the conditions and they exploited Liverpool's inhibitions without mercy."



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LUTON TOWN GOLDEN OLDIES

BIG CROWDS AND DRAMAS OF THE PAST



● **Hugh Billington:** On the mark in 1948 Cup run.

Today's game against QPR will be the seventh pairing of the two clubs in the F.A. Cup, but amazingly the first four games took place in consecutive seasons between 1899 and 1903, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

Football League side Luton Town had comfortably accounted for Lowestoft and Watford in season 1899-1900 before being drawn against QPR at home in the final qualifying round. It seemed a formality to see off Southern League Rangers but we were held to a 1-1 draw with Tom McInnes saving our faces with a late equaliser.

In the replay at Kensal Rise Athletic Ground we were swamped 4-1 and it was perhaps this game that made us realise that the Southern League was not such a bad place to be with the improving quality of the clubs involved and also the shorter travelling distances.

In any event, it was Southern League fare for the Town the following year and in the midst of a mediocre season a good cup run would have made a welcome break. After wins against Kings Lynn away 4-1 and the Civil Service at home 9-1, we were drawn against QPR in the 5th qualifying round.

This time a 3,500 crowd saw us make no mistake as goals from Jack Durrant and James Dempsey gave the Town a comfortable 3-0 win. Our Cup dreams did not last long, however, as Bristol Rovers knocked us out in the next round.

The mind boggles as to how the Cup draw was made in those far off days as in season 1901-02 we were to meet Lowestoft, Watford and QPR again! Aspley Guide and Bedford Queens were hammered at home before narrow wins at Lowestoft and Watford saw us drawn at home to QPR, again in the 5th qualifying round.

Arsenal again

Durrant was on the mark again ably assisted by John Brown as we ran out 2-0 winners. As in the previous season the win against QPR effectively ended our cup run as we lost to Arsenal in the next round after a replay.

Season 1902-03 saw the Town again occupy a mid-table position and when the cup draw was made bets were being taken as to whether we would be drawn against QPR, Lowestoft or Watford.

Those picking Watford were unlucky as we were drawn away to QPR in the 3rd qualifying round, winning 3-0, and then beating Lowestoft at Dunstable Road 5-1 at the next stage. Two rare goals from Bob Hawkes setting us on our way.

We actually won through to the first round proper that season losing 3-0 at the Den to old adversaries Millwall.

The balls and bag must have been changed that close season as it was not until 1928-29 that we met QPR again and on that occasion despite two goals from Jimmy Yardley we were beaten 3-2 at Kenilworth Road in our first cup outing that season.

Champions-elect

Our next, and last, meeting was almost 40 years ago in 1947-48 when we as a Second Division side were drawn to play at Loftus Road in a fifth round tie against Third division champions-elect Rangers.

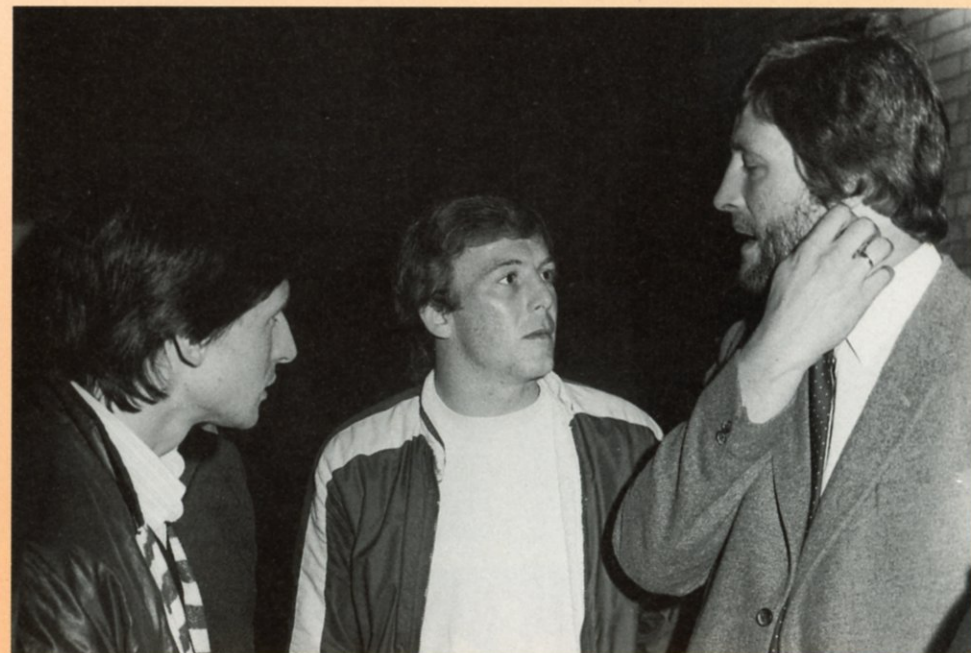
In the third round we had a difficult tie in travelling away to Plymouth but the 34,689 crowd were silenced by a fourth minute goal from Bobby Brennan. Plymouth equalised but a goal from Hugh Billington, just before, and another from Brennan, just after the interval, put the Town in an excellent position. Plymouth pulled a goal back but immediately afterwards Billington notched his second to give us a comfortable win.

The Town squeezed through 3-2 at home to Coventry in the next round before a crowd of 23,982 and were then drawn to play at Loftus Road against a Rangers side riding on the crest of a wave.

The gates were closed at 1.30 on a record crowd of 30,564 who saw Rangers win through in style 3-1 with goals from Billy McEwan, Danny Boxhall and Cyril Halton with a solitary reply from the Town's Billy Waugh.



● **Alec Stock:** boss at QPR and Luton in the 1960s.



● **Andy King (centre):** chatting with Seb Coe and Micky Droy. Andy was a favourite at Loftus Road and had two spells here.

FIRST TEAM

UPDATE

1986-87 SEASON

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

HOME											AWAY										
P	W	D	L	F	A		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts								
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										
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 City	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	7	16	30									
25	6	4	3	22	17	Oxford United	1	4	7	7	24	29									
26	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		
Aps	Gls		Aps	Gls		Aps	Gls		Aps	Gls	
Tim Breacker	16	-	2	-	Mike Newell	25	9	3	1		
Mal Donaghy	25	-	3	-	Peter Nicholas	25	-	3	-		
Steve Foster	23	1	3	-	Marc North	2(3)	-	-	-		
Ashley Grimes	19	-	3	-	Stacey North	2	-	-	-		
Mick Harford	4	-	3	1	Emeka Nwajobi	6	-	-	-		
Richard Harvey	1	-	-	-	David Preece	7	-	1	-		
Ricky Hill	15	1	3	-	Brian Stein	23	9	3	1		
Rob Johnson	24	-	3	-	Mark Stein	14(3)	5	-	-		
Darron McDonough	7(4)	-	(1)	-	Les Sealey	25	-	3	-		
Ricky McEvoy	(1)	-	-	-	Robert Wilson	12(3)	1	-	-		

Today's FA Cup action

Tottenham v Crystal Palace
Walsall v Birmingham
Wimbledon v Portsmouth
Aldershot v Barnsley
Arsenal v Plymouth
Bradford City v Everton
Chester v Sheffield Weds
Stoke v Cardiff
Manchester United v Coventry
Newcastle v Preston
Wigan v Norwich

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	1-0	11137	5	Sealey
Dec 20	Arsenal	0-3	28217	7	Sealey
Dec 26	Watford	0-2	11140	11	Sealey
Dec 28	Nottingham Forest	2-2	20273	8	Sealey
Jan 1	Coventry	1-0	16656	7	Sealey
Jan 3	Chelsea	1-0	10556	5	Sealey
Jan 11	Liverpool (FAC3)	0-0	11085	-	Sealey
Jan 24	Leicester City	1-0	9102	5	Sealey
Jan 26	Liverpool (FAC3-R)	0-0	34822	-	Sealey
Jan 28	Liverpool (FAC3-2R)	3-0	14687	-	Sealey
Jan 31	Q.P.R. (FAC4)				
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 (FAC7)				
Apr 18	Coventry				
Apr 21	Watford				
Apr 25	Sheffield Wednesday				
May 2	Charlton Athletic				
May 5	Oxford United				
May 9	Everton				
May 16	F.A. Cup Final				

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Breacker	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
Johnson	(Grimes)	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill ¹	B. Stein	Newell ³	M. Stein	Preece	◆Wilson
Johnson	Harvey	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	B. Stein	Newell	M. Stein	(Preece)	◆McDonough
Breacker	Johnson	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	(B. Stein)	Newell	M. Stein ¹	McDonough	◆Wilson
Breacker	Johnson	Nicholas	Foster ¹	Donaghy	Wilson	B. Stein ¹	Newell	M. Stein ²	(Grimes)	◆McDonough
Breacker	Johnson	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	McDonough	B. Stein	Newell	M. Stein	(Grimes)	◆Wilson
Johnson	Grimes	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Wilson	B. Stein	Newell	M. Stein ¹	McDonough	North
Johnson	Grimes	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Breacker	B. Stein ¹	Newell	M. Stein ¹	(McDonough)	◆North
Breacker	Johnson	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	McDonough	B. Stein	Newell ¹	M. Stein	Grimes	Wilson
Breacker	Johnson	Nicholas	S. North	Donaghy	McDonough	B. Stein	Newell	M. Stein	Grimes	Wilson
Breacker	Johnson	Nicholas	S. North	Donaghy	(McDonough)	B. Stein	Newell	M. Stein	Grimes	◆McEvoy
Breacker	Johnson	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	(Wilson)	B. Stein ¹	Newell ¹	Harford	Grimes	◆M. Stein
Breacker	Johnson	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Wilson	B. Stein ¹	Newell	Harford	Grimes	M. Stein
Breacker	Johnson	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Wilson	B. Stein	Newell ¹	Harford	Grimes	M. Stein
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Breacker	Johnson	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	B. Stein	Newell	Harford	Grimes	M.S./D.M.
Breacker	Johnson	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	(Hill)	B. Stein ¹	Newell ¹	Harford ^P	Grimes	◆D.M./M.S.

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4 Peter Nicholas	4 Clive Walker
5 Steve Foster	5 Alan McDonald
6 Mal Donaghy	6 Terry Fenwick
7 Ricky Hill	7 Sammy Lee
8 Brian Stein	8 Mike Fillery
9 Mike Newell	9 Gary Bannister
10 Mick Harford	10 John Byrne
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