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WILLIE McFAUL says:



hour gone and the deadlock still not broken you can imagine that I was growing anxious.

Glenn's alert follow-up to Peter Jackson's header finally did the trick, but I was still relieved to see Paul's header fly in with 13 minutes left.

Now we have a tough nut to crack — Spurs at White Hart Lane a fortnight today. We cannot complain, much as we would have loved another home draw.

The fine form of Martin Thomas and Peter Beardsley's late goal got us a good point at North London in our second fixture this season and we will certainly not go there in fear and trembling.

David Pleat — at Luton last season, of course — has a stack of top quality players at his disposal and I am not surprised that the bookmakers have made them third favourites to lift the trophy.

But we will go there believing that we can stay on the Wembley trail and if we play as well as I know we can play them Tottenham will have a real Cup battle on their hands.

Right now it's back to the business of picking up First Division points and in welcoming Luton Town I offer my congratulations to John Moore for making such a fine start to his first season as their manager.

David Pleat wasn't an easy act to follow, but John and his players have produced some outstanding results this season with the games against Liverpool recently springing readily to mind.

We got a point at Kenilworth Road on the second Saturday of the season and it goes without saying that we need three times as many this afternoon.

Despite that dismal sequence of six successive League defeats we are only six points adrift of the seventh bottom club, Manchester City, and I have always maintained that with a fully fit squad we will prove that we are not a bottom of the table team.

The important thing is that all of us here believe in our ability to climb the table. We have 17 matches left and I am certainly not pessimistic.

NEWS DIGEST

Paul Joannou looks at
United's Past and Present

LUTON'S RECORD WITH UNITED . . .

Rumours were rife within Newcastle of big trouble within the United camp following that defeat and perhaps Luton caught the Magpie backlash on that April afternoon at Gallowgate. 40,372 saw the onslaught. United went in 5-1 at the interval and fortunately for Luton eased up after the break. Charlie Wayman scored two, George Stobart also, while Shackleton, Milburn and Joe Harvey got on the scoresheet, too. Wayman was at the centre of controversy then. United's leading goalgetter — he bagged 34 that year — yet he was dropped for the semi-final, the start of those internal problems for the United management. Wayman, only 5'6", was well supported in the goal stakes.

Both Len Shackleton and Roy Bentley, both future England internationals, converted 44 goals between them. United got 109 goals in the season!

RAPID SCORING . . .

United's best victory over Luton Town was a 7-2 victory which took place during April of 1947. It was a remarkable game for the sequence of goals United crashed past the Hatters' keeper. United netted four goals in a seven minute period and five goals within 20 minutes before half-time, and that takes some doing! United were pushing for promotion that year with a side full of stars and big names but had just crashed out of the F.A. Cup in the semi-final, 4-0 to Charlton Athletic, one of the Cup's biggest scores at that late stage of the competition.

on that afternoon at Kenilworth Road; Lennie White got the other two goals.

Bell went on to have a good spell at St. James' Park, appearing on 117 occasions and netting 8 goals. Although the energetic midfielder never quite reached the top he was still good enough to squeeze into the England Under-23 squad without every pulling on the shirt. Hampered by injury he later spent time with Norwich City and Colchester and now lives, last time I heard, back in his native County Durham.

SECOND HOME . . .

United travel to London once more next week for a visit to Loftus Road and a meeting with QPR on that notorious plastic pitch. Newcastle, of course, have plenty of experience of the Shepherds Bush stadium and four of the current first team pool have stayed for lengthy periods at Loftus Road. David McCreery, Ian Stewart, Glenn Roeder and now Paul Goddard can top over 400 appearances for Rangers at one time or another. That can only help United as they attempt to gain their first victory on a plastic surface.

YOUR LETTERS . . .

David Dixon from South Shields asks: "Kevin Scott scored on his full League debut; who was the last player to do this for United?"

The last player to net on his United debut was Mick Channon against Middlesbrough in September 1983. And the man to do it before Mick was his England pal Kevin Keegan who scored against QPR a couple of weeks earlier. Kevin Todd was the last Newcastle player to score on his first outing in League soccer. He scored

against Watford in 81/82 after appearing earlier briefly as a sub.

Mr. G. Lea from Hyde in Greater Manchester wants to know if we can put him in touch with other Newcastle United supporters in Lancashire.

Write to Newcastle Utd. Supporters' Club, Prudhoe Place, Haymarket, Newcastle upon Tyne. They should be able to help you.

Brian Greenhalgh is another exiled United fan, this time from Gourock in Strathclyde, Scotland. Brian writes: "I don't get to Newcastle often, but I hope we improve because I want to travel to St. James' Park as often as possible next year to watch First Division football." Brian is after a United pen-pal to keep him in touch with Gallowgate goings on. Write to: 20 Tower Drive, Gourock, Strathclyde, Scotland.

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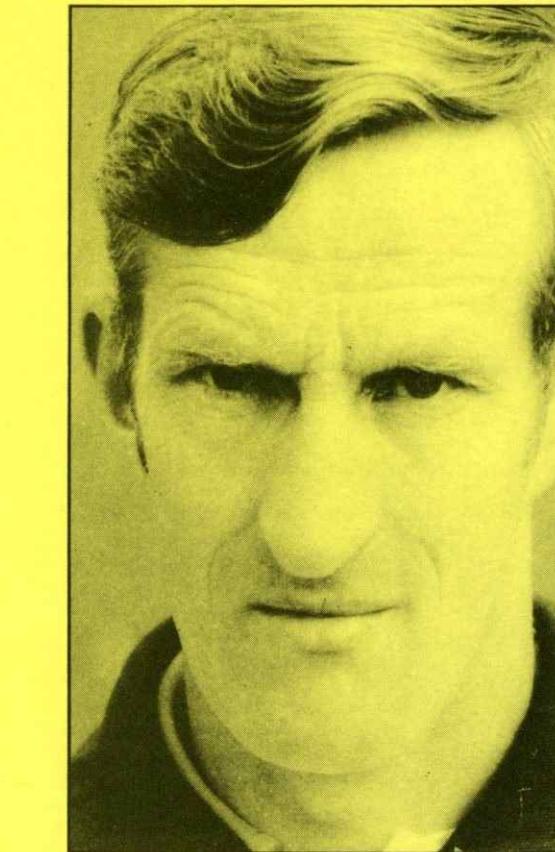
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MOORE SUCCESS FOR LUTON

by TONY PULLEIN



JOHN MOORE took part in one dramatic Luton revival during his playing days. Now, as manager, it seems he is about to lift the Hatters to new heights.

When the directors announced last summer that assistant manager Moore would succeed the departed David Pleat, the name did not immediately ring a bell. For, of course, this is his first experience of management.

But it wasn't long before we would come to appreciate the contribution he had made to the partnership under Mr. Pleat. Luton have continued to play the cultured style of football they have been developing for some years and they have become a match for the top clubs in the land.

Last month the Hatters moved into fourth place in the table, just ten points behind leaders Arsenal. Though they are rightly considered outsiders for the Championship, Luton must be considered in with a chance. They are currently fifth, with a game in hand on the clubs above them.

Certainly Mr. Moore, in his first season, seems destined to lead them to their highest-ever placing in Division One. Their best so far was eighth back in 1957/58.

There was even talk of winning the F.A. Cup for the first time when Luton outplayed Liverpool to the tune of 3-0 in a third round F.A. Cup second replay.

Mr. Moore does not allow himself to get too excited over the club's success, preferring to keep a low profile. A canny Scot, he chooses his words well. And he is very keen to keep his players' feet firmly on the ground.

"A few weeks ago we gave a brilliant display in beating Nottingham Forest 4-2 but, in our next home game against Charlton, we struggled and were lucky to win 1-0. It was virtually the same team but, honestly, none of them were worth their places on that performance," said Mr. Moore.

Though Luton have lost none of their attacking flair under his management they have become far meaner in defence. They didn't concede a goal in their opening six games of 1987 — and that included three matches against Liverpool!

Motherwell-born Moore started his footballing career with his local club and he made his Scottish League debut for them in 1963/64. He didn't get many chances in their first-team so he was happy enough to accept an offer from Luton Town to move south in May 1965.

"The mood at Kenilworth Road was pretty dismal at the time," he recalled later. "The club had dropped all the way down from the First Division and had just suffered relegation to the Fourth Division for the first time."

But John Moore, a defensive wing-half, quickly established himself in the Hatters' side and he became part of the squad that was to put the club firmly back on the road to recovery. He missed only one game when they won the Fourth Division Championship in 1968.

Two years later he was in the Hatters' side that finished runners-up in the Third Division. The following year they were not far away from completing a dream recovery but they finished fifth in the Second Division.

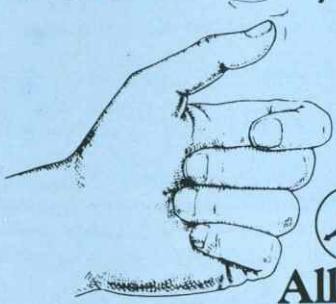
After completing 272 League appearances for the Hatters, he moved on to Brighton in October 1972. But he didn't get many opportunities in their senior side so, in August 1974, he signed for Northampton Town. His playing days were by then coming to a close and he retired at the end of that season.

He turned his mind to coaching and eventually returned to Luton as trainer. Under David Pleat he rose to assistant-manager.

Last summer he became the boss. And, under him, Luton have never had it so good!



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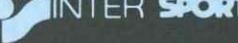
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Today's Visitors LUTON TOWN

JOHN MOORE (Team Manager)

Close-season promotion saw John Moore succeed David Pleat — 21 years after first joining the club as a left-half.

He is determined to further strengthen Luton's reputation for skilful, positive play with many of the players he helped to bring through the junior ranks.

As a player signed from Motherwell, this robust Scot made 263 First Team appearances for Luton between 1965 and 1974, scoring 13 goals. He was a leading figure in the 1968 and 70 promotion sides. Later he completed his playing days with brief spells at Brighton and Northampton before launching his managerial career at Dunstable Town. He returned to Kenilworth Road as youth coach in 1978, later becoming manager of the Reserves.

RAY HARFORD (First Team Coach)

His talent and belief in attractive play persuaded Luton to make an exception to its usual policy of promotion from within.

He was one of John Moore's first appointments after impressing during a two year spell as Manager of Fulham, under difficult financial circumstances.

A centre-half, his 12 year professional career took him to half-a-dozen clubs. He moved to Fulham after coaching Colchester, quickly climbing from youth to first team coach and then to the manager's chair.

This is his first experience of Division One and he sees it as the greatest challenge of his career.

ROB JOHNSON

Twice recovered from serious knee injury, this Bedford boy regained his place at right back at the end of last season. Rob can also play in midfield. With the luck, his willpower and determination deserves, Rob should at last fulfil his schoolboy promise.

RICKY McEVOY

Born in Gibraltar, Ricky could become a real rock in midfield! Qualified for Eire because of his Irish father, he is a Youth International. Was the only player without First Team experience to make the pre-season Swedish tour.

TIM BREACKER

Powerful midfield or defender from the St. Neot's area, with a strong will to win and a tackle to match. Made First Team debut against Ipswich in 83/84 season. Became a First Team regular for much of 1985 and England Under-21 International. Keen to secure the right back spot he lost through injury last spring.

GARY COB

Dunstable born, he came through the coaching system and signed as a professional on his 18th birthday last August. He is at home anywhere on the right, but prefers central defender. Fast and stocky he was a regular for the reserves last season and now faces the most important challenge of his career, as a young professional.

ANDREW DIBBLE

This powerful 21-year-old six footer achieved a cherished ambition when he kept goal for Wales during their Canadian tour. A all-round sportsman who is also an Under-21 International was signed from Cardiff for £125,000. He started the past two seasons as Luton's first choice keeper, only for early injury to rob him of his place.

MIKE NEWELL

England Under-21 International signed in the middle of last season from Wigan as Mick Harford's deputy. Seized his chance when Harford was injured, scoring half a dozen League goals. So successful was his transition from 4th to 1st Division that he forced his way into the Town team on merit. Continued a spectacular scoring run with two hat-tricks on the pre-season tour of Sweden.

MAL DONAGHY

Luton's most capped International, he played a leading part in Northern Ireland's Mexican World Cup campaign. Since joining Luton from Larne in 1978, he has become a first choice member of the First Team. A fine tackler, quick and powerful in the air, Mal can play at full back or in midfield. However, he is best known for his central defensive partnership with Steve Foster.



MICK HARFORD

At £250,000, Mick is Luton's record signing and with 25 Cup and League goals last season, worth every penny. Much travelled, Sunderland born Harford, played for Lincoln City, Newcastle, Bristol City and Birmingham before joining Luton. Highly mobile for a big man, Mick was in England's 'Shadow Squad' for Mexico and was counted unlucky not to make the trip itself. More goals this season should see him out of the shadows!

RICKY HILL

Celebrated his Testimonial last year after being with the club 10 years since leaving school. Widely regarded as one of this country's finest midfielders. Combines delightful attacking skills with strong defending when needed. Deservedly capped for England, a believer in skilful football, was at his best on Luton's playing surface last season, recovering his place in the England squad. Unlucky not to go to the World Cup.

PETER NICHOLAS

Welsh International, Nicholas feared that his First Division ambitions had been shattered when he moved from Crystal Palace to Arsenal, and then was allowed to leave Highbury to go back to his original club. Born in South Wales, he had been at Palace for eight years, after signing as a schoolboy. Luton were sure that Nicholas was too good for the Second Division and Nicholas jumped at the chance to prove the point when Luton made their bid. He added the extra strength Luton wanted in the central midfield position to compliment the attacking flair of Ricky Hill and David Preece on either side of him. Missed only one League match last year.

MARC NORTH

From Ware, Hertfordshire, Marc (he prefers to spell his name with a C) is the original all-rounder. Originally an apprentice goalkeeper, he switched to the outfield as either a central attacker or defender. He took his first team chance well, deputising in turn for Nwajiobi, Stein and Hardford because of injury. He scored important goals in league and Cup appearances.

STEVE FOSTER

Former England defender and F.A. Cup finalist with Brighton, Steve's career has blossomed with Luton after an unhappy spell at Aston Villa. A natural leader, he has responded to the captaincy and, with his distinctive white headband, inspires all around him. Rated one of Luton's best-ever signings, he has a positive influence on Town's young players.

ASHLEY GRIMES

Unlucky injuries and the development of Mitchell Thomas prevented Ashley from stating his claim to the left back place. Now his luck may have changed with the collapse of his transfer to Swindon providing Ashley with a second chance following Thomas's departure. The tough tackling Eire International was formerly with Manchester United and Coventry.

STACEY NORTH

No relation to Marc, this powerful England Youth central defender is a former Luton Boys' captain. A reserve team regular for several seasons he suffered a dislocated hip which checked his development, but fought back to ably deputise for Foster.

EMEKA NWAJIABI

Fast, powerful and unpredictable, the Nigerian International has often been the perfect foil for Harford. A pharmacy graduate from Cardiff University, he played for British Universities and later Dulwich. A bad foot injury kept him side-lined for most of the second half of last season.

LES SEALEY

Another signing from Coventry, East Londoner Les is cousin of Alan Sealey who scored twice when West Ham won the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1964. One of the most improved players in the Squad he has collected an impressive number of clean sheets in the past two seasons. His hobbies are fishing and renovating old cars.

DAVID PREECE

Signed from Walsall for £150,000, David's busy, competitive style quickly confirmed him as a Kenilworth Road favourite. Provides dangerous penetration from left midfield where he became a fixture last season. His grit and determination belies his lack of inches. In fact he's little taller than the jockeys he loves to watch when off-duty!

BRIAN STEIN

South African born, Brian's all-round forward skills should perhaps have been rewarded with more than his single England Cap. Signed from Edgware in 1977, he is another of Luton's loyal one-club man. Recently converted from front-runner to play behind the front two, where his subtle style and ability to receive the ball under pressure spell constant danger for the opposition.

MARK STEIN

Brian's younger brother. Both moved to England from Cape Town as children. Joined Luton in 1982 under the YTS scheme. After a First Team debut that year, his breakthrough to a regular place was delayed by the good form of his team-mates. A spell on loan with Aldershot last season gave him valuable League experience.

AARON TIGHE

A 17-year old Dubliner, he could one day dominate the left side of midfield with his ball skills and deadly accurate passing. He is already physically strong and very difficult to knock off the ball. This, together with an eye for goal, makes him a fine prospect for the future.

MARCUS TUITE

Another Dubliner, this short, wiry midfielder impresses with his pace and directness. In his first professional year, he is already a Reserve Team regular.

ROBERT WILSON

The Fulham connection worked well for Luton when pre-season injuries threatened to create a midfield crisis. New Coach, Ray Harford, recalled Wilson, who had been under him for five years when he was manager at Fulham. Subsequently transferred to Millwall 25 year old Wilson was wondering if his chances of First Division football had disappeared when the call from Luton came. Within days he was in Luton's team for the opening matches of the season, scoring one goal and making another on his home debut against Southampton. Robert is doubly lucky to be at Luton. Three years ago he and his wife were pulled unconscious from their gas-filled home after a central heating fault.

DARRON KARL McDONOUGH

Versatile Darron was signed from Oldham Athletic to strengthen the First Team squad. Antwerp born McDonough, a tall 23-year-old, is a product of Oldham's apprentice scheme. He is a defender who also plays in midfield and has nearly 200 League appearances to his credit, so his strength and experience will clearly make him an asset.

KINGSLEY BLACK

Gained England Under-18 Schoolboy honours last season, when he was also a regular member of the reserve side. Aged 18 he signed as a professional when he left school in Luton recently. As an outside left, he combines exceptional close control with the speed of a sprinter.

DAVID OLDFIELD

Highly versatile, he plays striker but is comfortable at the centre of defence or even midfield. Wherever he plays, this tall blonde 18 year old stands out. His quick skilful play should ensure that he holds down his regular place in the Reserves and begins to challenge for First Team honours.

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United's Golden Years

reviewed by PAUL JOANNOU

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS ... 1909

Newcastle started the campaign of 1908/09 almost like a team possessed. They won their first five games, but were given a kind of start by the Football League, having three home games in a row at the outset. United, though, had done well considering they had gone through a disturbing close season with a few star names restless and out of favour. To add to the Director's problems goalgetter Bill Appleyard had departed and their replacement, a young striker from Grimsby, Bob Blanthorne, tragically broke his leg during the opening game with Bradford City. Sandy Higgins and Jimmy Stewart, an England man, were also new faces in the forward line.

But by Autumn Newcastle's form had deteriorated after such a good start. They missed Appleyard and had a serious centre-forward problem. United's team-committee searched for a replacement and boldly signed the best in the land, another England international, Albert Shepherd from Bolton. It was a master stroke of business. Shepherd's debut at Forest resulted in a 4-0 victory but on his home appearance the most remarkable result occurred in United's history. Newcastle went down 1-9 to their great rivals, Sunderland. It was an amazing

defeat for the Champions elect. Never before, or since, have the title winners lost so heavily, on home soil too — and to their sternest rivals.

At half-time all was equal at 1-1, Shepherd netting with a penalty and the 56,000 crowd never dreamt what was to follow. Newcastle, playing in white tops, completely collapsed in the second 45 minutes. They were reduced to nine men, full-back Tony Whitson was off injured while Scott Duncan was carried off on the back of United's trainer. The Wearsiders ran amok. The Roker men lashed in eight goals within 36 minutes, six inside ten minutes, all in the Leazes End goalmouth! The 9-1 hammering is still a record away victory in the First Division and amazingly Sunderland's centre-forward, Arthur Brown, didn't score!

That United side included a few youngsters and reserves. They were dropped for the next game and the out of favour internationals were back for good.

The humiliation of recording the club's record home defeat to their arch enemies must have affected the players in the right way for United couldn't do anything wrong after that. They lost only five games for the rest of the season. In one spell from the Sunderland defeat in December to mid April, and yet another defeat with their Roker foes, United lost only one game.

In a sequence into the New Year they won seven in a row and created a club record which still stands of 16 League and Cup games unbeaten.

The F.A. Cup interrupted United's League play but it didn't, for once bother them. The Magpies were on the march for the double again. They reached the semi-final, beating Sunderland on the way — some degree of revenge — before going down to a single goal to Manchester United at Bramhall Lane.

Despite losing key wing-half, Alec Gardner with a broken leg during February, a knock which finished his career, Newcastle came to the make or break stage of the season as leaders. Everton were again their main challengers but United had a comfortable points lead as Easter approached. United lost to Sunderland by 1-3, and then two days later faced Everton at St. James' Park. It was a Title decider as the Merseysiders had to take full points to stand any chance of catching Newcastle. 30,000 saw two goals from Jimmy Stewart settle the issue. Bill McCracken netted a penalty also in a 3-0 victory. The win sealed the Championship trophy for another year. Afterwards Newcastle lacked conviction and lost three of their remaining four games. The Magpies had a good buffer though and still created a new League record haul of points with 53. Perhaps the players knew it was all over after the Everton clash. United's success hinged again on a marvellous squad of players, which were needed as the side lost two stars with broken legs in the season.

As a pointer to Newcastle United's dominance that season

the side was out of the top two positions in the Division One table only once all season, that for one week during November. From January onwards they remained as leaders to the final day, April 30th.

FACTS & FIGURES 1908/09

HOME FORM:
P19, W14, D1, L4, F32, A20

AWAY FORM:
P19, W10, D4, L5, F33, A21

LARGEST VICTORY:
4-0 v Forest, Leicester, Notts Co. Sheff. Utd.

HEAVIEST DEFEAT:
1-9 Home v Sunderland

GOALGETTERS:
Shepherd 11, Veitch 9

REGULAR LINE-UP:
Goalkeeper: Lawrence
Full-backs: McCracken, Whitson
Half-backs: Gardner, McWilliam, Veitch or Willis.
Forwards: from Anderson, Higgins, Howie, Rutherford, Shepherd, Stewart, Wilson.

MANAGER: Directors Committee

CAPTAIN: C. Veitch

TRAINER/COACH:
J. Q. McPherson

TOP HOME GATE:
56,000 v Sunderland

AVERAGE GATE: 30,474

FINAL DIVISION ONE TABLE

1 Newcastle.	38	24	5	9	65.41	53
2 Everton	38	18	10	10	82.57	46
3 Sunderland	38	21	2	15	78.63	44
4 Blackburn	38	14	13	11	61.50	41
5 Wednesday	38	17	6	15	67.61	40
6 Arsenal	38	14	10	14	52.49	38
7 Aston Villa	38	14	10	14	58.56	38
8 Bristol C.	38	13	12	13	45.58	38
9 Middlesbrough	38	14	9	15	59.53	37
10 Preston	38	13	11	14	48.44	37
11 Chelsea	38	14	9	15	56.61	37
12 Sheff Utd.	38	14	9	15	51.59	37
13 Manchester U.	38	15	7	16	58.68	37
14 Nottingham F.	38	14	8	16	66.57	36
15 Notts C.	38	14	8	16	51.48	36
16 Liverpool	38	15	6	17	57.65	36
17 Bury	38	14	8	16	63.77	36
18 Bradford C.	38	12	10	16	47.47	34
19 Manchester C	38	15	4	19	67.69	34
20 Leicester Fosse	38	8	9	21	54.102	25

ACTION REPLAY

Newcastle United 2, Preston North End 0 — that sweet scoreline takes us through to the fifth round of the F.A. Cup for the first time in six years.

As Northampton had done in the previous round Preston fought very hard and gave us some anxious moments. Both have been a credit to the Fourth Division.

But Glenn Roeder (62 minutes) and Paul Goddard — 13 minutes from time — got the precious goals and the magic of scoring in the Cup is captured superbly in this picture as our skipper turns away in jubilation.

No matter that we enjoyed a touch of good fortune when 18 year old goalkeeper Allan Kelly failed to hold Peter Jackson's header. No matter that Preston thought there was a suspicion of a foul by Goddard as he back-headed the second.

Newcastle United fans have waited a long time to celebrate a fourth round victory — in 1981 we beat Luton Town 2-1 here — and it's a lovely, lovely feeling to know that we are only three games away from Wembley.

Three giant steps, of course, but as Glenn Roeder says: "We just couldn't sicken our supporters by losing to a Fourth Division side."

And Paul Goddard adds: "I waited some time to notch up my first goal at St. James' Park. Getting on target in both our Cup games was well worth the wait."

Two London-born players who appreciate just how much their goals mean to countless thousands of Geordies.



GODDARD heads the second over Alan Kelly.



PETER JACKSON gets in the header...



... and ROEDER makes no mistake.

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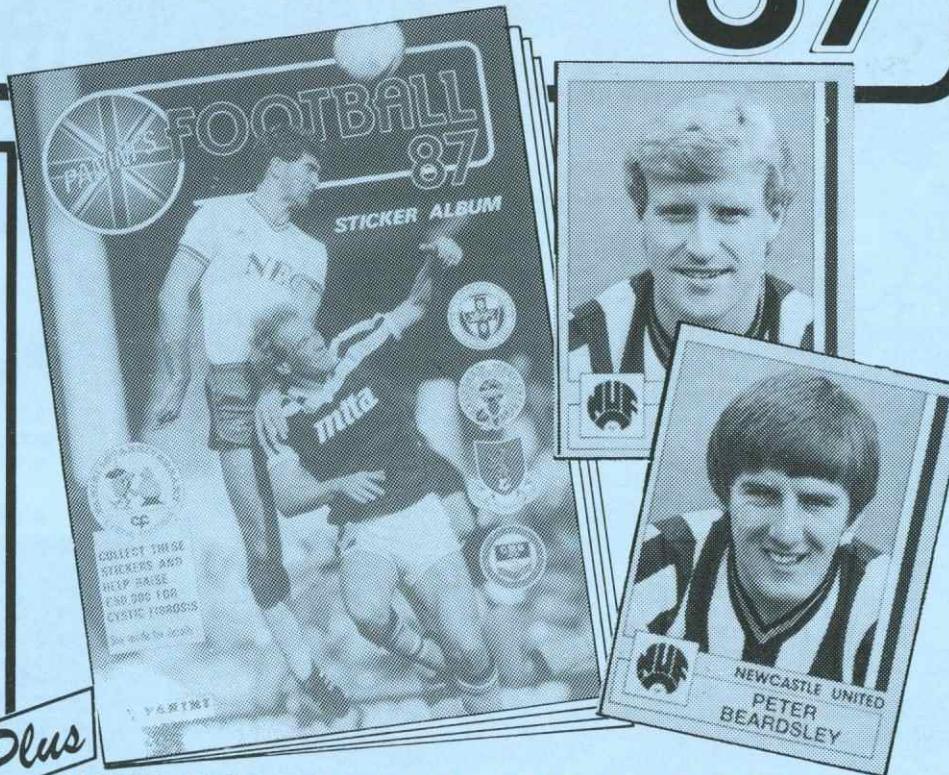
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FRONT ROW: Ray Harford (Coach), Ricky Hill, Mal Donaghy, Steve Foster, John Moore (Manager), Peter Nicholas, Brian Stein, Ashley Grimes, Dave Kirby (Physio).

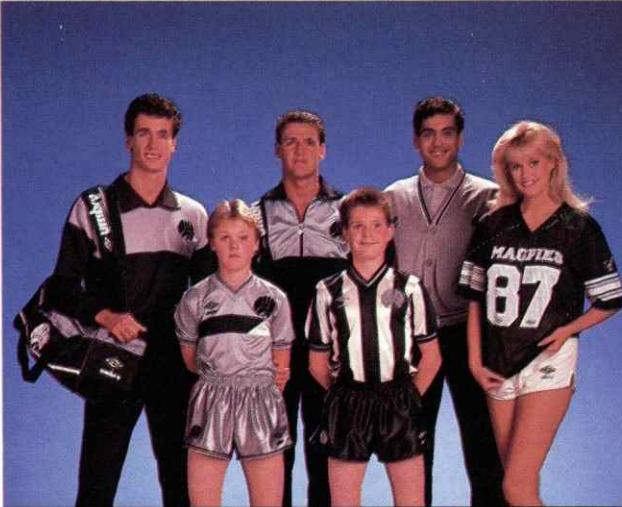
HOW WE STAND in League DIVISION ONE

	HOME						AWAY				Goal		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Diff.	Pts.
Arsenal	26	9	4	0	22	4	6	3	4	19	11	+26	52
Everton	26	9	3	1	30	6	6	2	5	19	13	+28	50
Liverpool	26	8	3	2	26	9	6	3	4	19	15	+21	48
Notm. F.	26	8	5	0	26	9	5	1	7	22	23	+16	45
Luton	25	9	3	1	16	6	3	3	6	11	17	+4	42
Spurs	25	6	3	4	20	13	6	2	4	21	16	+12	41
Norwich	25	7	5	1	21	15	3	5	4	14	20	+ 0	40
Coventry	25	8	2	3	19	13	2	5	5	8	14	+ 0	37
W. Ham.	25	6	2	4	24	20	4	5	4	16	22	- 2	37
Watford	25	7	3	2	24	10	3	7	3	19	22	+11	36
Wimbledon	25	6	3	4	17	13	5	0	7	16	19	+ 1	36
Sheff. W.	26	6	6	1	26	14	2	4	7	13	27	- 2	34
Man. Utd.	25	7	2	4	24	13	1	6	5	9	15	+ 5	32
Q.P.R.	25	6	3	4	19	16	2	3	7	7	16	- 6	30
Oxford	25	6	4	3	22	17	1	4	7	7	24	-12	29
Man. C.	26	6	3	4	18	14	0	6	7	6	21	-11	27
Chelsea	25	3	3	6	13	22	3	5	5	17	23	-15	26
Southampton	24	5	2	4	20	17	2	2	9	18	31	-10	25
Charlton	26	3	4	6	15	16	3	3	7	11	21	-11	25
Leicester	25	4	5	3	22	16	2	1	10	9	28	-13	24
Aston V.	25	5	3	4	16	18	1	3	9	14	35	-23	24
NEWCASTLE	25	4	2	6	17	20	1	4	8	8	24	-19	21

Up to and including Saturday, 31st January.



Another shoulder to lean on . . . Willie McFaul with new £100,000 signing Albert Craig, 25 years old midfield player from Hamilton Academicals.



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QUIZ PAGE

FITNESS TEST

Re-arrange all the letters of

GEORGE CURTIS

to create four four-lettered words that fit down the edges of the diamond.



SOCcer CENTURIAN

Tot up exactly a ton adding the numbers indicated by these clues:

Charlie Nicholas' World Cup squad number

Wimbledon entered the League 19...

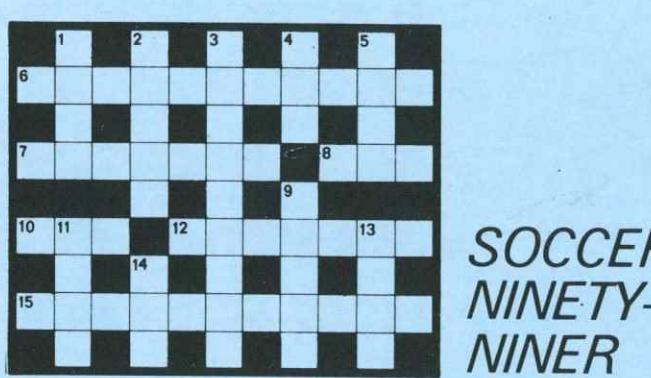
Compulsory flag-posts around the pitch

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.

Brooking
Brotherston
Canning
Cochrane
Curbishley
Hunter
Muhren
Nish
Sansom
Todd
Whitehurst

A N B R A T D
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FIRST ELEVEN



ACROSS:

- Defender (who sounds like a fuel-merchant) who has mainly been seen with Millwall, Colchester and Aldershot (4,7)
- It sounds as if defender Floyd has the address (7)
- Fenton, one of West Ham's few managers (3)
- This Chapman could be the chap (3)
- "Guy the", one of the nicknames of Scunthorpe's most famous stand-in (7)
- Ever-present forward who helped Derby win promotion in 1986 (11)

DOWN:

- A goal attempt (4)
- See 14 down
- As a match may be in bad weather (9)
- One of Cliftonville's colours (3)
- Mehmet, maybe (4)
- The number of goals Johnny Byrne banged in for England (5)
- ... Redrobe, striker who began with Bolton and went on to serve Southport and Hereford (4)
- It's not the right time for such a tackle! (4)
- 14 & 2dn. The nickname of the side at home at Highfield Road (3,5)

SOCcer NINETY-NINER

Luton were two up – but Martin Thomas inspired us to a thrilling fightback.



Luton were our first visitors to St. James' Park on August 21st last season – and, but for the brilliance of Martin Thomas would surely have beaten us comfortably. Martin saved a second half penalty from Gary Parker when the Hatters were two up through Emeka Nwajiobi – and that save gave us the impetus to fight back to a 2-2 scoreline with goals from Peter Beardsley and Glenn Roeder. Our picture shows Peter closing down Peter Nicholas with Mitchell Thomas (now at Spurs) in close attendance.

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1 MARTIN THOMAS	1 LES SEALEY
2 NEIL McDONALD	2 TIM BREACKER
3 KENNY WHARTON	2 ROB JOHNSON
4 DAVID McCREERY	4 PETER NICHOLAS
5 PETER JACKSON	5 STEVE FOSTER
6 GLENN ROEDER	6 MAL DONAGHY
7 ANDY THOMAS	7 RICKY HILL
8 JOHN ANDERSON	8 BRIAN STEIN
9 PAUL GODDARD	9 MIKE NEWELL
10 TONY CUNNINGHAM	10 MICK HARFORD
11 IAN STEWART	11 DAVID PREECE
12	12

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