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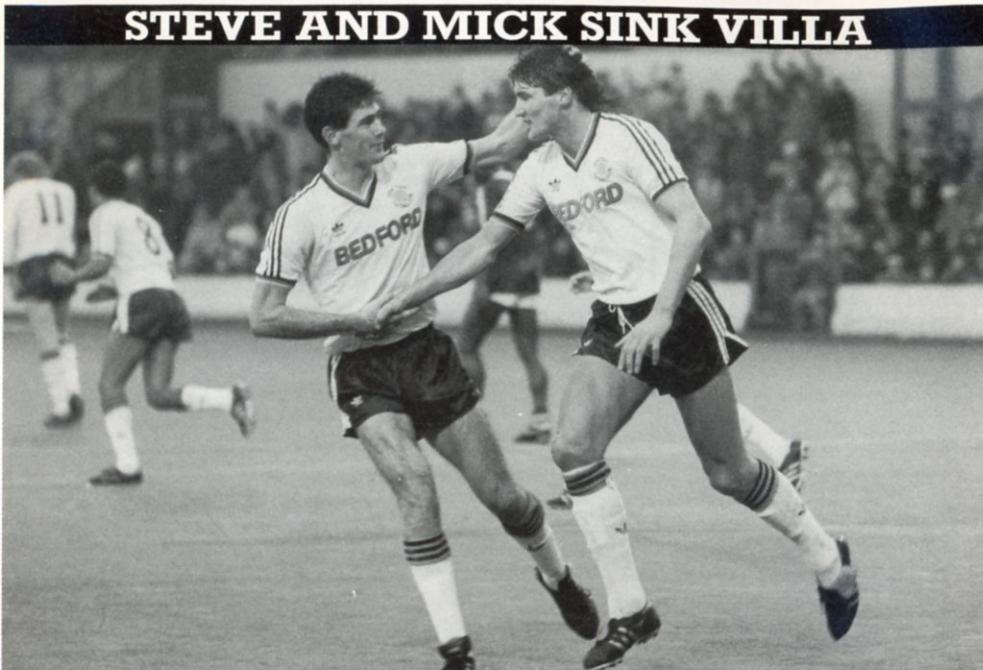
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# LUTON TOWN

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• **Congratulations:** Mike Newell greets Mick Harford after he scored from the penalty spot to put us 2-0 up against Aston Villa.

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# MOORE ABOUT FOOTBALL

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### Fitness essential

We have not suffered any further injuries I am glad to say and Andy Dibble has started his comeback with two appearances in the reserves. David Preece is also doing remedial work and there is the prospect of a near fully-fit squad to choose from in the near future. Fitness is essential to the running of any club and there is nothing more important than steering clear of a bad crop of injuries. Anyone today seeking an example of a fit professional footballer need look no further than West Ham's experienced senior pro Billy Bonds who has been a credit to his profession for more than 20 years. If Billy is playing, he will give a superb example to youngsters. He has looked after himself exceptionally well and it is a great credit to him that he is still turning out at the highest level at 40 – especially as the game has become faster and faster. When you think of Billy Bonds, you wonder why football is so often referred to as a short-term career.

On the international front, I felt it was very encouraging to see England win so well in Spain recently. It was a tremendous result and reflects on the strength of our league game here. I was also delighted to see three of our players chosen for international duty, particularly Ashley Grimes who has worked so hard to regain his form and consistency after such bad luck with injuries. Both Mal Donaghy and Peter Nicholas are unsung heroes whose high level of form and professionalism goes by almost unnoticed each week. Our youngsters will learn from them and all our senior players. The youth team will be in Holland again at the end of the season for the Feyenoord and Blau Wit tournaments. Enjoy the game today.



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# Mailbag

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

Please, please puss!

Dear Sir,

My name is Shirley. I am sixteen years old (old enough to take the answer no). I'm 5'4" so I may be too short, but I hope not. I'm missing the point aren't I?

Well here goes, please, please, please, PLEASE will you let me be Kenilworth Cat, I can feel the look on your face its not too hopeful. If I said I've always been good at football matches, I didn't even laugh aloud at Charltons goalie a few weeks back. Honestly it would make my day, let alone yours, it will probably bring you endless good luck, not that you need it, I mean Luton just don't have to have good luck do they.

I can't wait for your reply.

Yours very hopeful

Shirley Baker

3 Arron Court  
Rothesay Road, Luton.

Editor's note: Sorry Shirley - you need to be 6ft tall. But come as Rowdy.

**Well done lads!**

Dear Sir,

I am taking this opportunity in writing to you regarding the behaviour of some of your football supporters on Saturday February 7th.

A coach full of Luton soccer fans came into our public house, the Board Inn, on the Saturday afternoon before the match at Newcastle, and I must say their behaviour was impeccable.

There was good spirit all round and they are more than welcome back any time. Before they left they passed around a hat to buy all the staff a drink and we would like to thank them all.

In this day and age, all you hear is bad reports on soccer fans so I thought that I should drop you a line congratulating your supporters club and thanking those fans for a humorous and pleasant afternoon.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Baldwin

Board Inn, Portobello  
Penshaw View, Birtley  
Chester/Le/Street  
Co Durham

**Unsung hero**

Dear Sir,

How pleasing it is to see the recall of Ashley Grimes to the Republic of Ireland squad. In these days of high transfer fees it is nice to see that loyalty has been rewarded. He is a player who since joining Luton has had a never ending run of injuries.

At the end of last season he was told to find another club by David Pleat. The present manager John Moore however was prepared to give him a chance and how Ashley has grabbed his opportunity. I think he is one of the unsung heroes of the team.

Yours faithfully  
L Skinner (Mr)

41 Driftwood Avenue  
Chiswell Green  
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•Unsung hero: Ashley Grimes

**Vintage offer**

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# GIRL TALK



## Second thoughts

How many of you, like me, are having second thoughts about supporting the Hatters away from home? It's not that our 'home only' policy has made us unpopular at other grounds, or the cost of travel and admission (though that's the main reason I stand at away matches) it's the way we terrace supporters are treated after matches.

I appreciate that the police wish to keep opposing fans apart – and what a pity they feel have to – but I think they should have some consideration for the supporters. Take what happened at QPR when we went to Loftus Road for the Cup replay.

The atmosphere inside the ground was relaxed and pleasant, as the teams ran out together, reminiscent of Wembley. Fans from both sides cheered the teams with the minimum of chanting to annoy each other – probably because QPR's cries of 'Milwall, Milwall' were met with laughter from the Luton contingent. We were disappointed to lose but kept cheerful. At the end, however, the situation changed.

No-one stopped those of us on the terrace from moving forwards towards the exit, but, by the time the gates were opened and we were actually allowed out, the crush was almost unbearable. Furthermore, we had to negotiate a flight of stairs – a potentially dangerous

manoeuvre in such a situation...No wonder I am reconsidering away trips!

### Female forum

Dear Gale,

To my delight, you mentioned a subject near and dear to my heart, in the Boxing Day programme: Food! Football nosh is the most unhealthy, uncooked, unvaried, uninteresting and uneatable rubbish in existence!

I regularly travel away, and have sampled stadium food many times. The burger I was offered, at Tottenham for £1, was cold and so unappetizing, I could only suffer half of it. But Luton really seem to be trying to improve the situation. They have a more varied menu and the faces behind the counter, are always friendly and helpful, but even then, you spend all half-time queuing up for a cup of tea, only to be told "sorry love, we've sold out".

Personally I have my own solution – take a flask!!

Yours sincerely

Clare Waller (14)

35 Readshill, Clophill, Beds.

*Editor's note: Thanks for your comments, Clare. Our catering department will take note. Please remember, they are dealing with thousands of people. Every drink they sell helps to support the club – but your flask will not.*

**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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MAINE ROAD DRAW

Manchester City 1 Luton Town 1

Brian Stein scored with a superb free kick to earn the Town a well deserved point at Maine Road last Saturday. Stein curled in a brilliant shot over the wall from the edge of the penalty area after he was brought down by Paul Redmond.

The goal equalised an earlier effort by City's Paul Lake after he had taken advantage of a lapse in the Town defence to put the home team a goal ahead.

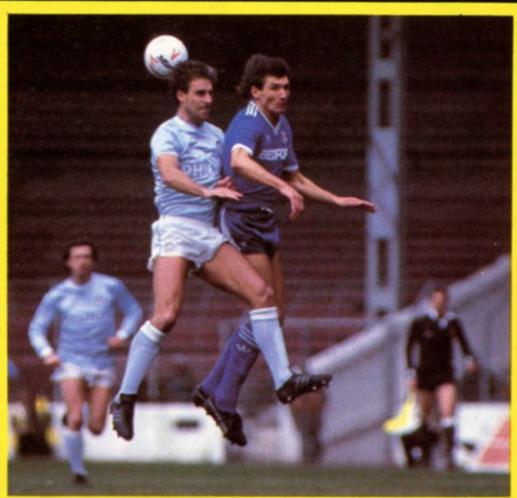
Much of the first half was an otherwise mundane procession of ordinary moves producing little threat on goal until Lake struck. But after the interval, it was a different story as the Town raised their game and went in search of the points to keep them among the title-challengers.

Teams: - Manchester City - Suckling, Gidman, Clements, McCarthy, Wilson, Lake, Redmond, McNab, Brightwell, Varadi, Barnes.

Luton - Sealey, Johnson, Foster, Donagh, Grimes, Hill, Nicholas, Wilson, B. Stein, Newell, Harford.

Referee - M. Reed.

# 1st Team ACTION



• Main Road draw: There was precious little to cheer at Manchester City last week when both teams failed to produce their best form. A brilliant free-kick by Brian Stein levelled an opening goal by Paul Lake.

Our pictures show Mick Harford (top left) challenging in the air and Brian Stein (above) showing his skill on the ground at Maine Road, while Mike Newell and Peter Nicholas (left) fired in shots on goal. Pictures by Sportswide Photography.

# VIEWS from the BENCH

John Faulkner

Youth team coach John Faulkner has been working busily this week in one of the most hectic weeks of the season for him and reserve team coach Jim Ryan. The Town youngsters performed brilliantly on Tuesday evening to beat Tottenham 3-0 in the semi-final of the Southern Junior Floodlit Club and the following day John was busy with under-16 fixtures to help select youngsters for apprenticeships for next season. Today, in his Views from the Bench, he reflects on his busy and satisfying job:

## A busy time as we plan for the future

### High standards

"I have been very busy. We have had fixtures here this week during the school half-term holidays involving boys at under 12, under 14 and under 16 level and as well been running the youth teams and the schools of excellence. It is a very important time as we have to make decisions which will be very important to us for next season. I must have seen more than 120 boys playing. We have to look at them and see if they have got what it takes to become a professional player.

"The standards are very high. Anyone who enjoyed the tremendous entertainment of our game here on Tuesday night when we played exceptionally well to beat Spurs would have seen that. I always thought of our current group of youth team players as setting a high standard and they have proved it.

### Half-term holidays

"Of course I also had a busy week last week – as did everyone else involved – with a lot of Welsh boys coming up to play. They had their half-term holidays a week earlier. It is the same very holiday time.

"We already know many of the boys as they may have been along to play and train with the Schools of Excellence we run at Kenilworth Road on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. And also at Milton Keynes where Les Shannon is in charge. We have boys from under-12's upwards. They love it at the young age and it is great fun, but we try to make it a little bit more serious for the older ones with the help of teacher and qualified coach Paul Lowe's help.

**Future professionals**  
"The entire policy of youth work is an ongoing thing. We are always looking for players trying to help them and turn them into professionals who can play in the First Division.

"Sometimes it seems easier than it is. But the rewards are great when you see a team play as well as we did against Tottenham. The lads really showed a lot of confidence and maturity in the second half and played the ball around beautifully.

"Now they can look forward to a place in the final which will be a two-legged match. I hope we will get plenty of fans along to watch that one."



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# CLUB NEWS

## CHAPLAIN'S CHATTER

In all the games I have seen at Kenilworth Road, there has been one occasion when I could not get into the ground. It was the corresponding fixture to today's, a few years ago. I came in a friend's car and by the time we found somewhere to park and had walked to the ground all the turnstiles were shut.

Shut out! What a horrible experience. I've made certain ever since then that my son and I get here early enough to make sure of seeing the game.

I now work with one particular group of handicapped people – the blind. But they are only one amongst a number of groups who can so easily be shut out of so many of the activities which 'normal' people can enjoy, and often only because a few simple rearrangements principally of access and accommodation have not been made.

So I am very proud of Luton Town F.C. because we are looking at plans to convert a small part of the stadium into an area where handicapped people can come and enjoy the game just like you and me. But, of course this will depend on financial support.

MERVYN TERRETT

## Pre-match Entertainment

We welcome for today's pre-match football Luton Schools Under-14 team and their opponents St. Albans.

The football match will be supplemented by the Harpenden Corps of Drums marching band. We hope their music and the boys' skills keep our members entertained today.



## Lottery agents

Promotions Executive John Gornall (left) is seeking lottery agents. Successful agents will receive a centenary medallion of the club and an attractive commission on sales and may win complementary match tickets. Ring John on Luton 416976.

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## MATCH REFEREE

**Brian Hill**  
**(Kettering)**

A wages/cost accountant in the building trade, Brian is married with two children. He commenced refereeing in 1965 progressing via the United Counties and Southern League. He enjoys watching all sports, reading and photography.

## New date for postponed match

Our Today League Division One visit to Southampton, which was postponed last month because of bad weather, has been rearranged for Tuesday March 24, kick-off 7.30 pm.

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years. He met up with Les  
Sealey before the Villa  
match and tried his luck  
from the penalty spot.

# IT'S THE TOWN

## YOUTH TEAM SHOW DESERVES INCREASED SUPPORT

By Bill Tomlins

Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road. I hope the entertainment can match that on offer here on Tuesday night when our youth team played quite superbly to beat Tottenham Hotspur in a Southern Junior Floodlit Cup semi-final.

Unfortunately, only 115 fans came to the game on Tuesday – a big disappointment, particularly as I remember when we had a crowd of about 4,000 to see a Youth Cup semi-final against Norwich a few years ago. In the same season, more than 23,000 turned out for the FA Youth Cup final at Goodison Park.

### Bring a friend

I do hope all our fans will try to come along and bring a friend to the final when we will play Arsenal or Chelsea. This is a great bonus for the club.

A lot will be said in the coming weeks and months about membership schemes and synthetic surfaces, both subjects

close to our heart. I do feel there are some clubs who are not prepared to accept defeat on any surface or under any conditions and I hope we will be able to play home ties next season in the two cup competitions.

The proposed ban on synthetic surfaces for cup-ties is not in line with the conditions of the Football League's moratorium on synthetic pitches for four years. The same policies and experiments should apply for league and cup.

### Sponsors

Finally, a warm welcome to today's match sponsors Wallspan Bedrooms whose chairman and managing director Terry Bailey needs little introduction to our club or local sportsmen.

Wallspan have a heavy involvement in local youth sport and sponsorship and we wish them and our executive sponsors Priory Farm Foods a successful afternoon.

## TOP HATTER ASHLEY WINS EIRE RECALL



**•All smiles:** Ashley Grimes' career has taken an upsurge again recently. He was voted our 'Man of the Match' against Aston Villa and won a recall to the Eire squad which played in Scotland. He is pictured with Frank Ludlow after the Villa victory.



**•A cub's best view:** More than 200 local cubs and scouts came to watch our 2-1 win against Aston Villa.



**•On the spot:** Veteran fan Reg Buckingham showed his shooting skills from the penalty spot before the match against Villa.



**•Lucky winner:** Margerie Mertens was our match ball winner against Villa. She is pictured with Robert Wilson and Brian Stein.

## CAPTAIN'S DIARY



**STEVE FOSTER**

### Home from Spain

Hello everyone. After a week away in the sunshine of Southern Spain, we are all in the mood for a good match today against West Ham – they are always tough opponents.

It has been a really nice break for all the lads to go to Marbella and get some warm sunshine on their backs and to relax. It is always good to keep on building up team spirit.

### Benny

Of course, we have had plenty of good laughs and cracked a few jokes. You might like to know, incidentally, that we have a new nickname for Andy Dibble. He is now called Benny after the *Crossroads* character!

Seriously, it is great to see Andy back in action after all his injury troubles. We hope he can enjoy a clear run now and will soon be followed back by David Preece – without his foreign bodies!

# PHOTO FILE

*Geoff Souster*



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• Action from Upton Park: Rob Johnson (above) and Ricky Hill (below) are pictured during our 2-0 defeat at West Ham earlier in the season. We shall be all out to reverse the scoreline today.



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# IN PROFILE..... RICHARD HARVEY



• Watch the ball: Richard Harvey in action during his debut v QPR.

## Youngster with a big future



Richard Harvey joined the Town as an apprentice professional in July 1985 with a reputation as one of the best young players in North Herts. Born in April, 1969, in Letchworth, he quickly developed into a valued member of the youth team and played a prominent part in the youth team which won the South East Counties league title.

His powerful play at left-back earned him a full contract as a professional on January 1 this year. Two months earlier he had made his Football League debut when he played in our First Division match against Queen's Park Rangers at the age of just 17. It was an experience he will hope to repeat as often as possible in the future.

His performance that day showed great maturity and skill and clearly impressed many observers. But Richard has had to be content with a return to the reserves since then and will be pressing for a return to consideration for senior duty next season - barring another run of injuries giving him a second unexpected opportunity.



# RICHARD HARVEY

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# DRESSING ROOM TALK

## with David Preece

*After two seasons of consistent success with the Town following his move from Walsall in 1984, David Preece has suffered a run of illnesses and injury this term. His bad luck culminated in surgery for the removal of a piece of bone, a foreign body, in his knee recently and he is now on his way back towards fitness with remedial exercises in the build-up for a return to training. today he reflects on his good times and bad times at Kenilworth Road:*

"It has been a great move for me and I am very happy here. I felt I was playing for a good side at Walsall in the Third Division and now I am with a very good First Division team. I like the style we play. It puts the accent on skill which is important to me.

"This season I started off with a bout of flu. I think I am allergic to it. I get it a lot. At first, I thought it was glandular fever, but fortunately it was not. Then I managed to get over that and get into the team for a run of games. But that ended with another injury. I knocked knees with Warren Neill and that was it. Then I got back again but got injured during the game against Liverpool here in the cup and ended up having the operation.

"At least it is over for now, and I have a target to aim for. I am hoping to be back in contention for a place before the end of the season. I shall be trying to get back sooner, but I don't want to rush and for anything to go wrong again. It is frustrating but you have to put up with it. It is the first serious injury I have ever had and I hope it is the last.

### Played well

"I think the team have done really brilliantly this season. The First Division has levelled off a bit over all, I think, but the lads have done really well. I think we probably played more attractive football last year. Played better really in my way of thinking, but we are very effective this year and difficult to beat.

"The team is full of good players all the way through. This is the main reason we are high in the table. Mind you, I have got to say Everton are the favourites to win the title. They have looked very classy to me when I have seen them this season. We beat them down here though and they did not look so good that day and I think it is up to us to keep on winning.

"A lot of things have been said about our synthetic pitch this season, but I personally like to play on it. It encourages skill and touch and I think that is a good thing. It also reduces the risk of serious injury from reckless tackling which is more often seen on bad pitches all over the place at this time of the year. I would



• Hoping for fitness: David Preece is working hard for a return after injury.

always prefer to play on our pitch given the choice.

### Cold spell

"Sometimes it plays differently to other depending on the weather. For example, it is more difficult after a cold spell when there is a lot of frost in the ground. After it has been warm and wet, it is brilliant and you can really play. It plays much better then.

"When I was a lad I was always a left-side or middle player in the midfield and I have always thought of Kevin Keegan and Graeme Souness as the two players I have admired the most. I used to live in the Midlands and did not see a lot of games. The team I like to watch most was Liverpool though. Just for their sheer skill and class.

### Police force

"It is a funny thing though that my dad was offered a trial at Liverpool and turned them down. He did not want to go to play for them! He played most of his football in the police force and for Stafford Rangers and like to think he has passed on a lot of the family's football skills to me!

"He will be pleased for me if I can get back in the side and make up for the disappointments we have had in the cup in the last two seasons. They were my worst moments - losing to Everton in the semi-final and then the quarter-final even though I was cup-tied and did not play the first season."

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On Saturday, March 14th, we are at home to Manchester United in a Today League Division One fixture. Kick-off 3 pm.

On Saturday, March 21st, we are away to Norwich City in a Today League Division One fixture. Kick-off 3 pm.

On Saturday, March 28th, we are at home to Tottenham Hotspur 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 subject to availability.



### 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.

### South East Counties League

On Saturday, March 7th, the youth team are away to Swindon in a South East Counties League game. Kick-off 11.00 am.

On Saturday, March 14th, the youth team are away to Oxford in a South East Counties League game. Kick-off 11.00 am.

On Saturday, March 21st, the youth team are at home to Swindon Town in a South East Counties League game. Kick-off 11.00 am.

Our youth team play their matches at Talbots Sports Ground, in Luton, off Poynters Road.

### Brian Stein Testimonial

We are pleased to announce the formation of a committee on behalf of Brian Stein's testimonial fund.

The committee are already hard at work planning a series of exciting events for next season when Brian will celebrate 10 years' loyal service with Luton Town.

The committee is made up of: Tom Hunt, John Bailey, Tony Lambert, Hans Linder, John Aldridge, Tony Read, Brian Cole and Brian's football playing brother Edwin, who plays for Barnet.

### Season tickets

Season tickets for the remainder of the season are still available for all parts of the ground. Seating in the main stand is available for blocks A, B, C, D and E. The prices are £30 for adults and £20 for juniors. In the blocks F and G, they cost £20 and £10 respectively.

Enclosure seats are also available. They cost £20 and £10 respectively. Seats in the Oak Road stand cost £20 and £10 respectively and standing season tickets for the Kenilworth stand cost £15 and £10. All season tickets are available from the club shop in Oak Road.

### Football Combination

On Saturday, March 7th, the reserves are at home to Tottenham in a Football Combination game. Kick-off 2.00 pm.

On Wednesday, March 11th, the reserves are away to Bristol Rovers in a Football Combination game. Kick-off 2.00 pm.

On Saturday, March 21st, the reserves are at home to Norwich in a Football Combination game. Kick-off 2.00 pm.

On Tuesday, March 24th, the reserves are away to Fulham in a Football Combination game. Kick-off 2.00 pm.

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.



# CLUB COMMENT

**David Evans, Chairman**

**Bring a friend for our title challenge**

As you will know by now, the Football League and the Government agreed to a 50 per cent membership scheme, which I applauded as a step towards a 100 per cent scheme wherein all true fans would apply for and receive (subject to their credibility) an identity card which, in future, would allow any member to attend any ground in the country.

This scheme for the future would be monitored by the fans themselves. I do not believe it is the responsibility of the police or the Government to provide law and order inside grounds. Anybody who attends rugby league, tennis at Wimbledon, hockey championships, international matches, cricket matches at Lords or the Oval, the theatre, cinema, golf or tennis clubs knows perfectly well the behaviour of the members is controlled by members.

I see no reason whatsoever why the same feeling of pride in belonging, and the standards of behaviour acceptable to all, should not prevail in football grounds in the very near future. Integration is the answer - not segregation accompanied by police, dogs, horses, cameras and frogmarching to and from stations.

It is interesting to note that the same clubs who oppose synthetic surfaces and members-only schemes were opposed to floodlighting for ten years of bitter argument when they tried to

persuade smaller clubs that playing under floodlights was unreal and unacceptable. Will they ever learn?

We at Luton Town will continue next year with our 100 per cent members scheme because we believe mums and dads and their children, together with grandma and grandad, have enjoyed coming back to a safe and relaxed atmosphere. However, we may be forced by the Football Association and Football League cup committees to allow a certain number of away fans to enable us to compete in these competitions. I believe it is unfair for the players to ask them to sacrifice an important part of their careers for a principle, however worthy.

To help the players, management, board and myself to ensure we continue to build a team to win the First Division, the F.A. Cup or Littlewoods Cup it is of paramount importance that you, the hard core, bring a friend with you. It must be obvious that on average gates of 9,700 our bold attempt to establish Luton Town as a First Division team will flounder unless there is a substantial increase in attendances.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you on behalf of us all for your consistent support. I have no doubt we will, in the final weeks of the season, not only sustain our challenge for the league title, but, if the ball runs for us, even win it.



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# ACTION



• **On the mark:** Paul Gray scored for the youth team in their impressive victory over Spurs on Tuesday night.

THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION TABLE  
1986/87

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	24	18	2	4	63	19	38
Tottenham Hotspur	25	16	6	3	60	22	38
Arsenal	25	16	5	4	56	26	37
Queens Park Rangers	25	15	5	5	54	39	35
Norwich City	24	13	4	7	54	41	30
Watford	25	10	8	7	45	35	28
Ipswich Town	25	12	3	10	32	41	27
West Ham United	22	11	4	7	41	32	26
Swindon Town	24	11	2	11	59	55	24
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>23</b>
Southampton	22	10	3	9	41	36	23
Oxford United	23	7	7	9	45	48	21
Crystal Palace	24	7	7	10	36	40	21
Charlton Athletic	20	7	5	8	28	33	19
Fulham	23	7	5	11	29	39	19
Reading	22	7	2	13	29	60	16
Portsmouth	23	5	3	15	26	55	13
Millwall	24	4	3	17	28	59	11
Bristol Rovers	23	4	2	17	32	64	10
Brighton & Hove Albion	23	4	1	18	27	60	9

FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1986/87

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



• **Steady defender:** Colin Barker pictured in action against Spurs.

## Reserve & Youth



JIM RYAN



JOHN FAULKNER

### YOUTH TEAM ENJOY NIGHT OF CUP GLORY

Our youth team enjoyed a tremendous victory on Tuesday night when they swept to a 3-0 triumph over Tottenham Hotspur youth in a Southern Junior Floodlit Cup semi-final here at Kenilworth Road. Sean Farrell, Paul Gray and Gary Cobb scored the goals as the Town played with great elan and maturity to thrill a small but privileged crowd.

Farrell opened the scoring when he popped up in the front of goal to take advantage of a rebound after the Spurs' goalkeeper was unable to hold on to a well-struck shot by the impressive Gary Cobb. The Town led 1-0 at half-time.

### Tremendous pace

Gray added the second early in the second half when he put his opposition full-back under pressure with his tremendous pace. The Northern Ireland youth international then forced his way into a good position when the defender under played his back pass to the goalkeeper and nipped in to clip the ball home.

Cobb deservedly grabbed the fourth goal with a vintage effort. He cut inside his full-back and powered a tremendous shot past the goalkeeper. "It was a fine goal but a great team performance," said coach John Faulkner. "What really pleased me was the attitude of our players. They showed a great maturity and will to win, particularly in the second half when we played some really great football."

The youth team now go on to meet Arsenal or Chelsea in the final which will be a two-legged match. The dates have yet to be arranged.

# REPLAY

# INTRODUCING...

## WEST HAM

West Ham arrive at Kenilworth Road this afternoon seeking to maintain their recently-found form inspite of their defeat in a fifth round FA Cup replay against Sheffield Wednesday during the week.

Frank McAvennie showed he had not lost his prolific scoring touch with the Hammers' opening goal and will be a threat again today. But West Ham are sure to miss their England centre-half and captain Alvin Martin who is out with a long-term injury.

Former captain Billy Bonds has been back in the team in recent weeks and played an inspirational part in the cup match last week. The Hammers were unlucky to go out of the Littlewoods Cup against an emphatically in-form Tottenham.

Players likely to be on duty today:

**Phil Parkes** – Born at Sedgeley, Staffs, Phil has been the number one keeper at West Ham for eight seasons after leaving Walsall and QPR. Joined West Ham in 1979 for a record £500,000 fee for a goalkeeper. An England cap.

**Ray Stewart** – Born Stansely, Perth, Ray was captain of Scotland boys. Moved from Dundee United to West Ham in 1979 for £430,000. A full Scottish international defender.

**George Parris** – Born Ilford, September 1964, George is a highly-rated defender who is very quick and strong. A former hammers' apprentice. George has become a powerful regular in the team.

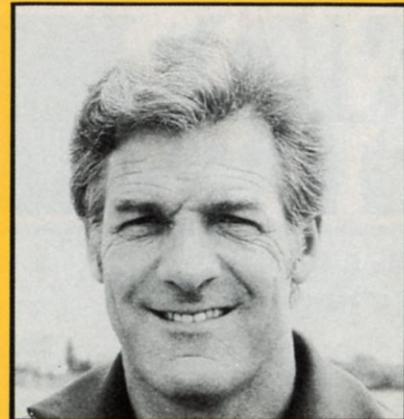
**Tony Gale** – Born Victoria, London, Tony played for England boys as a trialist and then joined Fulham before moving to West Ham in July 1984.

**Steve Walford** – Born Highgate, London, Steve has played for Spurs, Arsenal and Norwich before joining West Ham in August 1984. A tall and deceptively fast defender.

**Billy Bonds** – Born Woolwich, September 1946, Billy has been a loyal servant to the Hammers for many years and he is a favourite at Upton Park. Former Charlton apprentice, he has made more than 600 league appearances.



Back Row from left: Steve Walford, Paul Hilton, Tom McAlister, John Vaughan, Phil Parkes, Alvin Martin, Tony Gale. Middle row: Alan Dickens, Neil Orr, Gregory Campbell, Billy Bonds, George Parris, Ray Stewart, Steve Whilton, Alan Devonshire, Paul McMenemy. Front row: Mark Ward, Geoff Pike, Paul Goddard, Frank McAvennie, Tony Cottee, Kevin Keen, Steve Potts.



**John Lyall** was born in Ilford and played for Ilford and Essex boys before joining the West Ham office staff and becoming a professional in 1957. He was a very promising youth player and won England youth caps, but injury cut short his career after only 30 league appearances. John became assistant manager in 1971, team manager in 1974 and manager in 1977. He has led West Ham to F.A. Cup glory in 1975 and 1980. In 1981 he led West Ham to promotion. A hard working and loyal West Ham man, he has given his career to the club and maintained their reputation for style and panache.

**Mark Ward** – Former Everton apprentice. Mark has experienced part time football before breaking through into the professional game. He joined West Ham from Oldham in August 1985 for £225,000.

**Frank McAvennie** – Born in Glasgow, Frank has always been a prolific scorer and has electrifying pace. Formerly with St Mirren he joined West Ham in June 1985 for £340,000.

**Geoff Pike** – Born Clapham, September 1956. Geoff is a battler and always gives his best for the Hammers in midfield where his powerful shot has brought vital goals.

**Tony Cottee** – Born in July 1965 in West Ham, Tony signed as an apprentice in 1981 and has progressed quickly to become an England international and a respected First Division goalscorer.

**Stewart Robson** – Stewart tipped to be a future England captain, joined West Ham from Arsenal this season for a fee of £750,000. A constructive and quick midfielder, he can also score vital goals.

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# JUNIOR HATTERS!

BY PETER NICHOLAS

## BACK FROM A BREAK IN SPAIN

Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is 1001. 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.

We have just come back from a short holiday and training in Spain. It was nice to get away for a few days and together as a team. It gives us time to relax and get ourselves ready for today's game.

Today we give a warm welcome to West

Ham as our visitors to Kenilworth Road. West Ham are only five places behind us in the league and are looking to climb up to the top.

We will have to make sure that today we make it our day, as we have only been beaten at home once this season.

Have a good day and I will see you at our next home game when we play Manchester United. Let us hear you cheer your team on to victory.

### ESCAPES



Matthew Wormald



Martin Wells

### MASCOT



Stephen Devane

### ESCAPES



Donna Wells



Karen Witherspoon

## KENILWORTH THE CAT



# QUIZ

## First Eleven

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I	R	N	X	L	T	I
L	U	A	P	E	M	C
L	H	L	W	I	L	N
W	T	A	K	A	A	A
L	R	E	T	E	P	R
T	A	L	D	E	R	F

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.

Albiston      Cropley      Else  
Hansen      Hanvey      Henderson  
Lee      Randall      Saunders  
Skipper      Walker

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

### Answers to Soccer Ninety-Niner No. 9

#### Across

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- 12&13ac. John Deehan
14. Gates
- Down
1. Westwood 2. relegated 3. Kerr 4. kickabout 6. dissents 9. two 11. loan



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## Views from the media

### Stein free-kick grabs the glory

Brian Stein's spectacular free-kick equaliser at Maine Road grabbed the Town a point and earned him a share of the headlines as we maintained our position among the challengers for the league title. Here is a selection of the comments from the press at Manchester City:

*Daily Mail* - "Steve Foster was amazed that City were not switched on to Luton's equaliser. City goalkeeper Perry Suckling pulled off the save of the game in the 49th minute to keep out Mike Newell's powerful header, but in the 62nd minute he was left stranded as Brian Setin curled in a free kick. Luton skipper Foster claimed: 'It was the same sort of goal that Stein scored against Liverpool in the Cup.'"

### Superbly struck

*Sunday Mirror* - "Brian Stein's superbly struck free kick bailed Luton's sloppy defence out of trouble at Maine Road. Stein's swerve in the 62nd minute earned a point for the championship hopefuls when it seemed they'd plotted their own downfall."

*The People* - "One swing of Brian Stein's right foot - brilliant though it was - was enough to undo all Manchester City's efforts. City's babes, thanks to a gift goal, by Paul Lake, had their eyes fixed on three precious points to ease their relegation doom until Stein, Luton's former England striker, struck his 11th goal of the season.

*The Sunday Mirror* - "Brian Stein was brought down on the edge of the box by Redmond and waited patiently as City constructed a massive wall in front of him... Stein lifted a curling free-kick high into the top corner past Suckling."



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# LUTON TOWN GOAL'DEN OLDIES

HAMMERS' BUBBLES BURST BY DAVID MOSS



• **David Moss:** Scored twice for Luton against West Ham in 1980.

We welcome West Ham for our 44th league meeting. With honours remaining remarkably even over the years, it is perhaps surprising that a Luton home win has not been seen since 1980 when a late David Moss goal gave us a 3-2 win in a memorable match, *writes club statistician Roger Wash.*

That win completed the "double" over West Ham that season as we triumphed 2-1 at Upton Park in the opening game. It was that man Moss again who scored two penalties at the death to give us an improbable win against a side who appeared to be coasting to victory for most of the game.

**Controversial circumstances**  
Those satisfying results contrasted sharply with the happenings of two seasons before when the boot was on the other foot and the Hammers beat us home and away in controversial circumstances.

Season 1978-79 had started with a home game against Oldham. With seven players making their debut in the Town colours David Pleat's new look side had attracted more than a few casual onlookers along to Kenilworth Road to witness the start of supposed better times.

At half-time, however, the new look side had faired no better than the old one going in 1-0 down, but the tea must have been special as the Town went rampant in the next 45 minutes scoring six without reply.

That autumn saw some magnificent home wins: Charlton were beaten 3-0, Cardiff 7-1 and when Notts County were thrashed 6-0 in October the Town moved up to fourth position in the table and were being talked about as strong promotion contenders.

#### Problems of winter

That game, however, proved to be the Towns

'swansong' for, with the approach of winter, problems set in.

Milija Alekscic was transferred to Spurs, Chris Turner seemed to feel the cold and began looking for a return to the warmer United States, but the biggest blow was the loss of Lil Fuccillo with a badly-broken leg, following a cynical tackle by a Brighton player, in the away game at the Goldstone ground.

With David Moss suffering from a recurring pelvic strain, but being forced to play because he was a potential match winner, the Town gradually slipped down the table and by the time West Ham visited us in February things were starting to look desperate.

This game and the return later in the season summed up the Towns winter. In the first game three late goals on the break completely flattered West Ham who won 4-1 while at Upton Park an own goal by David Carr handed the points to the Hammers.

#### Own goals

Own goals however were to be the Towns saving grace as incredibly in four successive games late on in the season the opposition generously planted the ball past their own goalkeeper.



• **Paul Walsh:** Hit a hat-trick at Upton Park in 1983.

We were not safe until the final home game of the season when an own goal by John Beck and a cracker from Alan West earned us the points against Fulham while Sheffield United, our main rivals in the battle to avoid the drop, were missing penalties at Bramall Lane.

We all breathed a huge sigh of relief and travelled to Wrexham for the final game of the season with happy hearts. We did not even mind losing!



• **Alan West:** Hit a cracker against Fulham to earn points and help keep us up.

## FIRST TEAM

UPDATE  
1986-87 SEASONFOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE  
(Up to and including 25 February 1987)

HOME						AWAY					
W	P	D	L	F	APts	W	D	L	F	APts	
28	10	3	1	33	9	Everton	6	3	5	20	14
28	9	4	0	22	4	Arsenal	6	5	4	20	12
28	9	3	2	30	12	Liverpool	6	4	4	21	17
27	8	3	4	27	13	Tottenham Hotspur	6	2	4	21	16
28	8	6	0	27	10	Nottingham Forest	5	2	7	23	24
<b>28</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>47</b>
28	7	6	1	22	6	Norwich City	5	5	4	18	21
28	9	2	3	22	13	Coventry City	2	5	7	9	19
27	7	3	4	19	13	Wimbledon	5	0	8	17	22
<b>27</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>West Ham United</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>
27	7	4	2	25	11	Watford	3	3	8	20	25
28	8	2	4	27	14	Manchester United	1	8	5	10	16
27	7	3	4	21	17	Queens Park Rangers	3	3	7	8	16
28	6	7	1	27	15	Sheffield Wednesday	2	4	8	13	28
29	6	6	3	23	18	Oxford United	2	4	8	8	28
29	5	4	6	20	23	Chelsea	3	5	6	17	26
28	6	4	4	19	19	Manchester City	0	7	7	7	22
27	6	2	5	23	19	Southampton	2	2	10	18	33
29	5	5	4	25	19	Leicester	2	1	12	12	37
28	3	5	6	15	16	Charlton Athletic	3	3	8	11	23
28	5	4	8	18	21	Aston Villa	1	3	10	15	37
27	4	3	6	19	22	Newcastle United	1	4	9	9	26

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS  
(1986/87)

	League		FA Cup			League		FA Cup		
	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls		Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	
Tim Breacker	18	1	4	-	Mike Newell	28	9	5	1	
Mal Donaghy	28	-	5	-	Peter Nicholas	28	-	5	-	
Steve Foster	26	2	5	-	Marc North	2(3)	-	-	-	
Ashley Grimes	22	1	5	-	Stacey North	2	-	-	-	
Mick Harford	7	1	5	3	Emeka Nwajobi	6	-	-	-	
Richard Harvey	1	-	-	-	David Preece	7	-	1	-	
Ricky Hill	16	1	5	-	Brian Stein	26	11	5	1	
Rob Johnson	27	-	5	-	Mark Stein	14(3)	5	-	-	
Darron McDonough	7(4)	-	(1)	-	Les Sealey	28	-	5	-	
Ricky McEvoy	(1)	-	-	-	Robert Wilson	15(3)	1	-	-	

## Today League action

## Leading goalscorers

Division One	
35 - C. Allen (Tottenham)	
30 - Rush (Liverpool)	
25 - Cottee (West Ham)	
21 - Aldridge (Liverpool)	
18 - Clarke (Southampton)	

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① indicates player substituted ② indicates substitute used Home fixtures in **Bold** Scorer's name in **Bold** P = Penalty † denotes own goal


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## Luton Town

- 1 Les Sealey
- 2 Rob Johnson
- 3 Ashley Grimes
- 4 Peter Nicholas
- 5 Steve Foster
- 6 Mal Donaghay
- 7 Ricky Hill
- 8 Brian Stein
- 9 Mike Newell
- 10 Mick Harford
- 11 Robert Wilson

Subs

## West Ham

- 1 Phil Parkes
- 2 Ray Stewart
- 3 George Parris
- 4 Tony Gale
- 5 Steve Walford
- 6 Billy Bonds
- 7 Mark Ward
- 8 Frank McAvennie
- 9 Geoff Pike
- 10 Tony Cottee
- 11 Stewart Robson

Subs

Referee: B. HILL (Kettering)

Linesmen: A. FENN (Red Flag) P.K. HELSBY (Yellow Flag)



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