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• **Not this time:** Peter Shilton is on guard but not needed as another Town attack is halted at the Dell on Tuesday.

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• **Foiled again:**
Ricky Hill (top) is robbed
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MOORE ABOUT FOOTBALL

Welcome to Tottenham Hotspur, a club with tradition and prestige, FA Cup semi-finalists and, like us, challengers for the First Division title. Their victory last Sunday over Liverpool kept the championship race wide open and added significance to our meeting today. With a large number of very highly-skilled players in both teams, the fans should be in for a feast of quality football. Today also gives me an opportunity to warmly welcome back to Kenilworth Road four old friends who moved last year - David Pleat, Trevor Hartley, John Sheridan and Mitchell Thomas. We shall be on opposite sides for 90 minutes this afternoon, but we shall enjoy a drink together when the match is over.

I was delighted with our reaction to defeat at Liverpool when we met and beat Manchester United here two weeks ago. Our attitude on the pitch was first class. Having had five players cautioned at Anfield, we needed to show the right approach and I felt we did so. There was no involvement with the referee, no disputing of decisions and just an attitude of wanting to get on with the game. I was particularly pleased to see Stacey North settling into his big challenge of replacing Steve Foster with a steady and sensible performance.

Defended well

At Norwich last Saturday, I was again pleased with our overall display. We defended particularly well in what was a difficult away fixture against a rival team in the top six of the league table and only a couple of lapses marred the performance. I did feel we might have pinched the result with a little more fortune in front of goal. It was not an easy match - an East Anglian derby full of tension - and to draw was satisfying.

There has been much transfer speculation. At the time of writing, I am unable to comment on any moves we have made in buying or selling and I certainly do not expect to see us busy in the market at this stage of the season. Marc North has gone on loan to Birmingham for a month and Ricky McEvoy has gone to Cambridge where his loan period has been extended for a second month. Both will, I hope, benefit from their experience.

Today promises to be a memorable occasion. Please enjoy it. Support the team and show appreciation for all that is good in our game.



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Mailbag

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

Birthday girl says thankyou

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter in the hope that you will pass my thanks on to the following players; Les Sealey, Ricky Hill, Brian Stein, Mick Harford, Mal Donaghy and Steve Foster; who all signed a birthday card which was given to me by my friend on my birthday. Her name is Sarah Bigmore and I want to thank her, her mum, her brother Martin and their friend Margaret who all sit in the front row of the main stand. The card was a lovely surprise and will be kept for many years to come. Thanks a lot lads, you made my day! And we all look forward to seeing you at the top of the league!

Yours

Donna H

Luton.

Thanks, Brian!

Dear Sir,

I am writing to thank you very much for the ball Brian Stein gave to my four year old son Luke before the kick-off last Saturday. It was very thoughtful of Brian to pick out a youngster in the crowd instead of just kicking it anywhere.

The excitement of receiving the gift of the ball is important to

him now but I can assure you that the gesture will remain with him for a long time if not forever.

I have been a regular 'Town' supporter for twenty years and I certainly applaud the club for bringing in the membership scheme and developing Luton Town into a family club. Luke and my eight year old daughter have become keen fans and I have had no hesitation this season about bringing them to games in the knowledge that they would be in a safe and happy environment.

Incidentally my husband normally stays at home to look after our one year old daughter!

Yours sincerely

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•Thoughtful: Brian Stein



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The Football Association does about as much for women and equal opportunities as its initials suggest.

My blood boiled at the recent ruling against young Natasha Buckley by the English Schools Football Association, disallowing her from taking part in an under 12's inter-school mixed football competition. I rang the English Schools FA, Assistant General Secretary, Peter Hughes, to see what possible justification they could offer. The answer was pretty unsatisfactory: "Because it says in our rules that this is an organisation to provide football for schoolboys." Apparently the Head teacher of any school allowing mixed football is liable to prosecution if a female pupil sustains injury during a match. The ruling was introduced by Lord Denning in the precedent case in 1978 when the Equal Opportunities Commission unsuccessfully attempted to prosecute the Football Association for disallowing schoolgirl Lisa Bennett from participating in mixed interschools football. "It seems to me," pronounced Lord Denning, "that in football the average woman is at a disadvantage to the average man." A palatable argument up to a point Lord Denning, but not when the age and talent of the

girls in question is considered. Perhaps things have changed, but when I was at junior school it was universally accepted that boys were at a distinct physical disadvantage to girls.

The inequality in Football pervades almost every aspect of the game. Most clubs still do now allow women entry to their boardrooms although I'm happy to say that Luton is an exception. Earlier this month, Fourth Division Lincoln, barred local sports reporter Julie Sherborn from travelling on their team coach to away matches; her presence, they felt, might spoil "the dressing room atmosphere."

However, sisters, I'm delighted to say, are now doing it for themselves. The Women's Football Association (graciously allowed affiliation to the FA) was established in 1969 although most people still do not realise that such an association exists. Neither are they aware that to date 5000 women play organised football, or that the England Women's national team is one of the most successful in the world.

Samantha Norman

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

Luton News



Best reports; best pictures

THURSDAYS 14p

Norwich City 0 Luton Town 0

A match of few thrills was unexpectedly given a sting in the tail when the Town's Irish international midfielder Ashley Grimes was sent off six minutes from time for violent conduct towards his own team mates.

Grimes, who had remonstrated with both Rob Johnson and Les Sealey, was dismissed by referee Michael James of Horsham in circumstances which almost cost the Town a point they had deservedly earned for a sterling defensive display at Carrow Road.

The referee, sought out afterwards by reporters, said the official reason was 'violent conduct' and added that he classified it as a sending-off offence and would include it in his official match report. Town manager John Moore had little to say, but commented that he could not condone Ashley's actions as they placed the team in danger of losing a point.

Norwich, lying fifth in the table behind the fourth-placed Town, showed few ideas of how to break down a stubborn defence still without the influence of captain Steve Foster and did enough in their own defensive third to blot out the few rare chances which came the way of the Town attack.

The nearest the Town came to snatching the points was in the closing minute when a desperate tackle by Steve Bruce stopped Mike Newell, who looked certain to score. Bruce then limped off with a suspected broken bone in his leg - an injury he sustained during the first half.

Teams: - Norwich - Gunn, Brown, Spearing, Bruce, Phelan, Butterworth, Crook, Drinkell, Rosario, Putney, Gordon. Sub: Biggins. Luton - Sealey, Breacker, Johnson, Nicholas, North, Donaghy, Hill, B. Stein, Newell, Harford, Grimes. Sub: McDonough.

Referee - M.L. James (Horsham).

1st Team ACTION



• Stalemate: Defences were well on top at Carrow Road last week when Norwich and the Town drew 0-0 in a top-of-the-table clash. Today's action pictures show Ashley Grimes (top left) making a break down the wing in a bid to break the deadlock, Mick Harford (top right) collecting the ball under pressure from a cluster of Norwich players, Brian Stein (bottom left) using his chest to control the ball and Mike Newell (bottom right) pressing forward in search of goals. Pictures by Sportswide Photography.

VIEWS from the BENCH

Ray Harford

Chief coach Ray Harford has guided the Town players through one of their best ever seasons since arriving at Kenilworth Road last summer and is justifiably proud of the club's home record. Today, he reflects on how important good home form and noisy vocal support can be to successful teams.

Vocal support vital for home victories

"It has always been important in football to have good home support and produce good home results. All the top sides enjoy fantastic home records and they nearly all have very loud vocal support."

"Strangely, I think this is why so many visiting clubs have complained far more about the ban on away fans than about the synthetic pitch after being beaten at Kenilworth Road this season. Teams like Liverpool, Everton and Manchester United are used to having the crowd – or a big part of it – on their side and they find it strange when they don't."

"Decisions which might go their way at Anfield or even away from home when they have taken a big travelling support with them do not seem to go their way and they allow themselves to be undermined. We have seen this happen to several of the bigger clubs here this season. I think it effects them more than the smaller clubs who are less worried by the crowds."

Team lifted

"Noisy support is a fantastic advantage and one, with all due respect to all our regulars here at Kenilworth Road, which we do not possess in the large numbers that the big clubs enjoy. Here, I think, the crowd has to be lifted by the team whereas at some of the other big clubs, it is the other way round. The crowd lifts the team."

"It is one of the main reasons why I think Leeds, for example, could do well if they can get through to the playoffs for promotion. Portsmouth too have a



very vociferous crowd and they have had one of the most consistent records in the country in the last three years."

"In Europe, you get the same sort of pattern. In Spain, for example, both Real Madrid and Barcelona have fantastic home records. Real Madrid are famous for their big wins in the second legs of European ties and I am sure a lot of it is due to their crowd."

"It really can be worth a goal's start to some teams. You only have to go to Anfield and try to stop them playing when the crowd is really behind them to see what I mean!"

"Sometimes, the crowd actually makes the team feel willed forward. It can give extra physical energy at vital moments with its support. The crowd loves to see action and to see heroes and characters. That is why it is so important here to have captains and players who have got that sense of identity and ability to inspire both their teammates and the crowd."

"Winning home matches is a victory for both the team and the crowd. The team needs the support but it also has to be able to mature and to stay calm and play to win."

"We have proved we have that mental toughness, that maturity, this season whereas some other teams, Norwich, for example, still look to me to be lacking it a bit. They seemed to be wishing they were playing away from home. It can make that much difference."



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BRIAN STEIN TESTIMONIAL

The following events have been arranged provisionally:

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July 2, 1987: Dinner and cabaret at Woburn Abbey Sculpture Gallery.

October 29, 1987: Golf Day at Woburn Golf Club.

November 16, 1987: Boxing evening at Queensway Hall, Dunstable.

December, 1987: Christmas Ball.

A video to commemorate Brian's goal-scoring career at Kenilworth Road over the last 10 years is being produced and will be available later in the year. Further details of all the testimonial events from Brian Cole, of the testimonial committee, to be published in due course.

Pre-match Entertainment

We are delighted to welcome for today's pre-match entertainment the Pipes and Drums of R.A.F. Halton (Voluntary Band).

Many of you will recall the band's earlier visit to Kenilworth Road when they provided the entertainment at the Norwich game.

The response we had from you, our supporters that day was such that we immediately issued an invitation for them to come and play again.



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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BACK ON HIS FEET



•Walking again: club captain Steve Foster was back on his feet at Norwich last week when he moved around with the aid of a crutch. Get fit again soon, Steve.

THE TOWN

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION CONFIRMS OUR PLACE AMONG THE ELITE

By Bill Tomlins

There has been an international flavour to events at Kenilworth Road this week with a number of our players earning call-ups for their respective national squads... a sure sign that our position among the major forces in the First Division is becoming more and more widely recognised.

Peter Nicholas has been picked to play for Wales again in their European Championship match against Finland, Mal Donaghy has been called up again by Northern Ireland to play against England, Ashley Grimes has been asked to stand by for the Republic of Ireland, as has Andy Dibble for Wales.

Youngsters

In addition to the congratulations due to these four senior players, several younger lads at the club have won recognition: Marvin Johnson and Ian Scott have been picked for an FA Youth XI to play against the Combined Services at RAF Uxbridge at the end of the month and Jason Bond has been selected by the England under-16 team to meet Canada on April 8 at Lilleshall.

As if by a quirk of irony, two other of our promising youngsters were selected to play against each other on opposite sides in the UEFA Youth Championship match between Northern Ireland and Wales earlier this week.

Jason Rees was called up by Wales and Paul Gray by Northern Ireland.

I am sure all our members and supporters will join with me in applauding the efforts of all these players and their team-mates and the club's coaching staff in achieving levels of excellence which are a credit not only to themselves but also to the club as a whole.

Today, we are sure to see a match in which international-class skills are on display – a fact which confirms the standing of Luton Town in the top section of the First Division.

Sponsors

Finally, a warm welcome to this afternoon's match sponsors the Metropole Group. It is the second consecutive year the group has sponsored a match at Kenilworth Road and, as the Metropole Group has business interests in Luton, we hope it will be a long association.

The Metropole Group is very much into sports promotion and sponsorship and the company's name is regularly seen at major football, horse racing, golf and tennis events as well as the Henley Regatta.

Incidentally, Wales won the youth match 2-1 so Jason finished all smiles!

MICK TAKES CHARGE AS NEW TOWN CAPTAIN



•**Skipper's debut:** Mick Harford lines up with Bryan Robson of Manchester United and the match officials and mascot Dale Williams before his first match as captain of Luton Town a fortnight ago. Mick took over from Steve Foster who injured knee ligaments at Anfield. As you can see, Kenilworth and Rowdy forced their way into the picture too!



•**Bubbly celebration:** Mick Harford and Ashley Grimes joined the celebrations in our executive sponsors' lounge after the victory over Manchester United. Mick and Ashley are pictured with Mr and Mrs Tommy Hoare and family.



•**Special presentation:** A special mini-bus was presented to Richmond Hill School, who care for children with special education needs, before the last home match. The £7,000 for the bus was raised by Luton North Rotary Club – £1,800 from their sponsorship of the Norwich match here.



•**Happy occasion:** Lucky Mr Cooper! He was presented with a champagne bucket by Bedford GM's Eric Fountain after our win over Manchester United. Executive director John Smith is pictured joining the celebrations.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

Working hard

Hello everyone. It was great to be able to join the team up in Norwich last week when I thought we did very well to hold such a high-riding side to a draw. Especially on their own ground. I also thought our fans did the lads proud too – and I hope they will again today because vocal support is a big boost for the team.

I am now back on my feet and I have started the hard remedial work to try and get back to fitness. Being injured and out of action is always tough, but especially when you have a long-term injury and want to guard against loss of fitness. You can imagine, it does not come easily to miss matches.

Great game

Today we have a great match in prospect at home to Tottenham with the return of Mitchell Thomas. Spurs have had a great season and doing really well at the moment. But I am sure we are capable of beating anyone if we play our best and it will be a great game.

Although we lost at Southampton in midweek, we shall be going all out to put things right straightforward and will be extra keen not to allow any more points to slip away. Give the lads your support and make sure you are heard! Enjoy the match.

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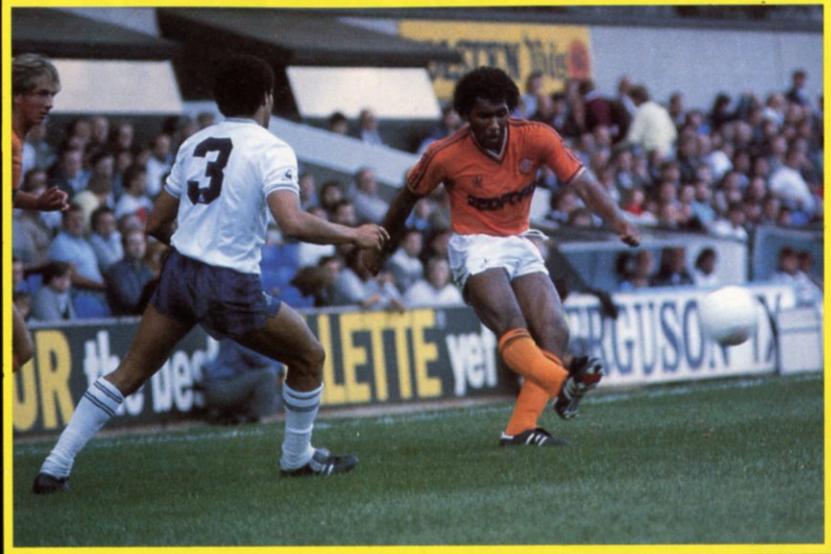
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• Flashback: Ricky Hill (top) in action at Tottenham in 1982 when the teams drew 2-2 and Marc North (below) at White Hart Lane earlier this season in a 0-0 draw.



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IN PROFILE.... MICK HARFORD



• **Determination:** Mick pictured in action against Birmingham City last season.

Top striker is now Town captain



• **Top striker:** captain Mick

Mick Harford, the current Town captain, joined the club in December 1984 from Birmingham City for a fee in the region of £270,000 and quickly established a reputation as one of the leading centre-forwards in the country. He was born and developed in Sunderland and played for Lincoln City, Newcastle United and Bristol City before arriving at Kenilworth Road.

His goals helped hoist the Town out of relegation trouble in 1984-85 and pressed him to the verge of the full England squad in the months before the Mexico World Cup finals when successive knee operations finally undermined his international hopes. Born in February, 1959, Mick still has age on his side so far as his England hopes are concerned and he will be hoping to gain another chance to impress now that he has recovered from the knee injuries which plagued him throughout 1986.

Since returning to the team half way through this season, he has quickly settled in again and took over the captaincy when Steve Foster was injured at Liverpool. He celebrated the honour in typical fashion with a fourth minute goal in the next match at home to Manchester United.



MICK HARFORD

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DRESSING ROOM TALK

with Tim Breacker

Two years after breaking into the Town team which fought clear of relegation and reached the FA Cup semi-finals in 1985, Tim Breacker is now established as a regular member of the first team squad and also as the club's representative to the Professional Footballers' Association. Today, Tim reflects on the changes in his life during the last two years and particularly this season:

"I took over as our PFA rep from David Moss when he left for Swindon, where he now has his own shop! I was not too sure I wanted to do the job as I was one of the younger players in the team, but the other lads 'encouraged' me and I took over.

"A lot of the work to do with our contacts with the PFA is to do with forms, insurance and so on. It is very important for professional players to know they are making proper use of their money and not to be taken advantage of in any way.

"There are a lot of insurance people out in the world very willing to offer their advice and services and some of them can be very hard to get rid of. They seem to think all footballers earn a lot of money and are good targets for their business.

"Another thing we have to think about is the voting for the Players' Player of the Year. We have just recently been doing the voting for it here and so most of the players have cast their votes. I don't know who the favourite is – there seems to be a lot of possibilities this year.

"Then, we also have a PFA Footballer's fun run which will take place next August. These are light-hearted things, of course, but the PFA is also involved in serious matters like the protection of players' during the talks about the Fulham-QPR merger and appeals on behalf of players disciplined by their clubs and so on.

Paperwork

"My job is to make sure all the right paperwork is done and the things are put into motion properly. All footballers play for a living and we are well aware that we have to present the right image of the game to the fans.

"For me it has helped bring home all the responsibilities that go with growing up. I am only 21 now, but have been in the First Division now for two years and learned a lot both on and off the pitch. This season, for example, I have moved out of my digs and had to come to terms with helping to look after myself. I am lucky,



• Learning all the time: Tim Breacker.

however, because my girlfriend Jane also does a lot to help me!

"Last season, I was fortunate to get picked twice for the England under-21's against Italy. That was a great experience too because one of the matches was away and the other at home, on a muddy pitch at Swindon.

"Unfortunately, because my birthday is in July, I am not eligible anymore for the under-21's, but my old team-mate Gary Parker, now with Hull is. Gary was born in August, I think, and is just one month younger than me – but remains eligible because the deadline is set at the end of July.

"Living in my own place has given me a lot of new responsibilities – mortgages, the car, insurance and so on and it certainly makes you think about everything a lot more. I have learned from it a lot. A lot of what happens in the game can be affected by mental attitude.

"And that is why I can now understand us having a rest before matches, going to bed for a couple of hours' sleep. I used to think it was crazy. It made me feel stiff. But now I understand – and it does help you relax and concentrate on the game coming up. After games, I like to relax too with a drink with the lads and then usually, home to St. Neats."

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For Your Diary

Next Saturday, April 4th, we are at home to Wimbledon in a Today League Division One fixture. Kick-off 3 pm.

On Saturday, April 11th, we are away to Queens Park Rangers in a Today League Division One fixture. Kick-off 3 pm.

On Saturday, April 18th, we are at home to Coventry in a Today League Division One fixture. Kick-off 3 pm.

On Tuesday, April 21st, we are away to Watford in a Today League Division One fixture. Kick-off 7.45 pm.

For all your 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.



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, April 4th, the youth team are at home to Bristol Rovers in a South East Counties League game. Kick-off 11.00 am.

On Saturday, April 11th, the youth team are at home to Wimbledon in a South East Counties League game. Kick-off 11.00 am.

On Saturday, April 18th, the youth team are at home to Brentford 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.

Football Combination

On Wednesday, April 1st, the reserves are away to Crystal Palace in a Football Combination game. Kick-off 7.30 pm.

On Saturday, April 11th, the reserves are at home to Queens Park Rangers in a Football Combination game. Kick-off 2.00 pm.

On Wednesday, April 18th, the reserves are away to Millwall in a Football Combination game. Kick-off 2.00 pm.

On Saturday, April 25th, the reserves are away to West Ham in a Football Combination game. Kick-off 2.00 pm.

Guest tickets

To make things easier for purchasing guest tickets, members no longer have to fill in forms when calling at the Ticket Office in person.

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

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Littlewoods Cup Final

We have a limited number of tickets available for the Littlewoods Cup Final. They are for standing at £6.00 each and available to season ticket-holders only on production of season tickets from the ticket office in Oak Road.

Juniors' Skill Spot

The popular Junior Hatters skill spot is back today as part of our pre-match entertainment. Youngsters under 14 are invited to bring a ball on to the pitch at about 2pm to show off their skills.



CLUB COMMENT

John Smith, Executive Director

THE FA CUP – A WIN FOR THE HOOLIGANS

Hooligans are now deciding when and where important Cup matches shall be held. That is the effect of the Football Association's intervention in the staging of the semi-finals, so that Spurs and Watford are forced to go to Villa Park rather than Highbury, while Leeds and Coventry face an early Sunday kick-off to prevent pre-match drinking by supporters.

How strange such intervention must seem to the UEFA officials who, less than three weeks ago heard the FA argue that English Football had put its house in order. Its significance will no doubt strike our Sports Minister equally strongly.

Highbury lost the tie because its pitchside fencing was judged inadequate, while by comparison Villa Park appears to be regarded as one of Football's "maximum security" grounds.

Supporters of the two London area

clubs must add their thousands of cars to the motorway congestion. So too must the followers of Coventry and Leeds who face the additional problem of infrequent Sunday public transport for their journeys to Hillsborough.

Any reasonable steps to counter hooliganism must be worth considering, but only time will tell if the gates are significantly reduced by these inconvenient measures.

But such measures would not have been necessary to all if hooliganism were truly under control. The fact is hooliganism is not dead, only buried beneath the weight of increased security.

Now is not the time to relax the pressure: UEFA felt this when they decided to keep the ban, and the FA's latest move could add weight to their argument.



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THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION TABLE
1986/87

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	28	19	5	4	69	23	43
Arsenal	28	18	5	5	62	29	41
Tottenham Hotspur	26	16	7	3	61	23	39
Queens Park Rangers	27	15	6	6	58	44	36
Norwich City	26	14	5	7	61	45	33
Watford	27	12	8	7	50	34	32
Ipswich Town	28	14	3	11	41	46	31
West Ham United	25	12	5	8	49	36	29
Southampton	25	11	5	9	47	41	27
Luton Town	25	11	4	10	58	40	26
Swindon Town	26	12	2	12	65	62	26
Charlton Athletic	23	9	6	8	37	37	24
Crystal Palace	27	7	9	11	40	46	23
Oxford United	27	8	7	12	50	60	23
Fulham	26	9	5	12	34	44	23
Reading	23	8	2	13	32	61	18
Portsmouth	24	5	4	15	27	56	14
Millwall	28	5	4	19	35	68	14
Bristol Rovers	27	4	3	20	36	80	11
Brighton & Hove Albion	26	4	1	21	28	67	9

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 5	Brighton	3-1	Jan 20	Fulham	3-0
Sept 10	Reading	1-2	Feb 7	Swindon	3-0
Sept 20	Southampton	4-1	Feb 14	Southampton	1-2
Sept 27	Chelsea	0-0	Feb 21	Chelsea	1-1
Sept 30	Charlton	1-3	Feb 26	Charlton Ath	1-1
Oct 4	Watford	4-2	Mar 7	Tottenham	1-1
Oct 10	Norwich City	1-2	Mar 14	Brighton	2-0
Oct 18	Bristol R	3-0	Mar 21	Norwich	4-0
Oct 21	Swindon	3-1	Mar 24	Fulham	1-0
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	

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES 1986/87

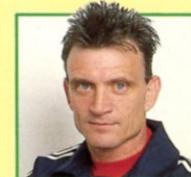
Date	Opponents	Result	Date	Opponents	Result
1986			1987		
Aug 23	Northampton	3-2	Jan 3	Chelsea †-R	0-4
Aug 27	Brentford	3-0	Jan 7	Birmingham (SJFC)	3-0
Aug 30	Brighton	1-2	Jan 13	Watford (FAYC)(3)	2-3
Sept 2	Bristol R (SJFC)	3-0	Jan 24	Colchester	4-3
Sept 6	Crystal Palace	0-0	Feb 7	Brighton	3-1
Sept 13	Tottenham	1-1	Feb 14	Crystal Palace	1-0
Sept 20	Cambridge U†	1-0	Feb 21	Southampton	0-0
Sept 24	Ipswich *	1-0	Feb 24	Tottenham (SJFC SF)	3-0
Sept 27	Oxford	5-0	Feb 28	Bournemouth	4-3
Sept 29	Colchester *	5-2	Mar 7	Swindon	1-3
Oct 4	Northampton	1-2	Mar 14	Oxford	2-3
Oct 11	Southend	5-1	Mar 21	Southend	5-2
Oct 18	Wimbledon	2-0	Mar 28	Southend	
Oct 25	Colchester	3-1	Apr 4	Bristol R	
Nov 1	Northampton	6-1	Apr 11	Wimbledon	
Nov 8	Reading	5-2	Apr 18	Brentford	
Nov 11	Charlton (SJFC)	3-3			
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

TWO GOOD WINS FOR THE RESERVES

The Town's young reserves side maintained its good recent form with a fine win at Fulham on Tuesday, three days after beating Norwich City 3-0. The only goal of the game in London came from Gary Cobb in the last minutes and it was followed by further drama when Andy Dibble made a brilliant final save from a penalty.

Fulham fielded an experienced team including such names as Lewington, Coney, Davies and Achampong and the Town's youngsters were given a very testing time in the opening period when a series of goalmouth scrambles failed to produce a goal for the home team.

After the interval, however, the Luton side came back well and, playing some good flowing football, they carried the game to their hosts before Cobb struck with a well-hit shot to snatch a deserved if hard-earned victory.

Coach Jim Ryan said: "On the way our lads survived an unexpectedly rough and powerful physical test, they deserved to win. They worked the ball well out of defence and passed well. It was a good result."

Youth team victory

The youth team have also enjoyed good results. Last Saturday they chalked up their 13th league win from 22 games in the South East Counties League when they beat Swindon Town 5-2 with goals from O'Brien, Gray, Farrell, Mackay and Crawshaw.

With Chelsea having emerged victorious against Arsenal, the Town will be meeting the Blues youth team in the two-legged final of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup on dates to be arranged.

REPLAY

INTRODUCING...

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

Tottenham Hotspur arrive at Kenilworth Road this afternoon seeking to maintain a rich vein of form in 1987 and continue their challenge for the league title with a victory over one of their most dangerous rivals.

With matches in hand on leaders Liverpool, who they defeated 1-0 at White Hart Lane last Sunday with a solitary goal from Chris Waddle, Tottenham retain the best academic chance of overhauling the defending champions and taking the title.

The First Division may yet prove beyond their reach, but they have already proved to be doughty Cup fighters this season. In the Littlewoods Cup, they reached the semifinals before being eliminated at the hands of their north London rivals Arsenal and in the FA Cup they have secured a semifinal place against our own neighbours Watford.

Since the turn of the year, Tottenham's form has been exceptional and they have captured the public imagination with several high-scoring performances led by top striker Clive Allen who has already scored 40 goals this season. A five-man midfield system, built around Glenn Hoddle and Ossie Ardiles, has meant few chances in attack for Belgian World Cup striker Nico Claesen – an indication of the depth of talent available at White Hart Lane.

Players likely to be on duty today:

Ray Clemence – A hugely-experienced goalkeeper whose influence has been vital this season. Ray established his reputation during a long career with Liverpool and England before joining Spurs whom he captained before the arrival of Scottish defender Richard Gough.

Gary Stevens – A former team-mate of Steve Foster's at Brighton. Gary is one of the most versatile defenders in the First Division. Strong, quick and skilful, he was a member of the England World Cup squad. He recently returned from injury to recover a place at right-back after serious knee injuries to Danny Thomas.

Mitchell Thomas – A tall, powerful and quick left-back. Mitchell will be no stranger to Kenilworth Road as he makes his first return since leaving last year to join Tottenham. He has made a big impact this season and forced his way into the England squad.

Steve Hodge – Another of the Tottenham 'England' connection, Steve joined Tottenham midway through this season from Aston Villa. A busy, tenacious and skilful midfielder, Steve was previously with Nottingham Forest and he made a good impression in Mexico last summer when he forced his way into England's World Cup team.



Back Row from left: Tony Galvin, Chris Waddle, Tony Parks, Mitchell Thomas, Ray Clemence, Neil Ruddock, Paul Moller (now with Charlton Athletic). Middle row: Keith Blunt (Youth Team Manager), Mark Bowen, Richard Cooke (now with A.F.C. Bournemouth), Glenn Hoddle, Ossie Ardiles, Chris Houghton, Gary Mabbutt, Mark Falco (now with Watford), Doug Livermore (Reserve Team Manager). Front row: Trevor Hartley (First Team Coach), Clive Allen, Danny Thomas, Gary Stevens, David Pleat (Manager), Graham Roberts (now with Glasgow Rangers), John Chiedozie, Paul Allen, John Sheridan (Physiotherapist).



TOP SCORER

The top scorer in the country with 40 goals so far this season, Clive Allen is on course to beat Jimmy Greaves' Tottenham club record for goals in one season and has also reclaimed his place in the full England squad. The son of former Tottenham favourite Les Allen, Clive is a natural goalscorer and has always been a regular scorer with Queen's Park Rangers, Crystal Palace and Tottenham during his London-based career which also included a spell at Arsenal when he was involved in two £1 million moves without playing a game. Clive is a deadly finisher with both feet and his head and has the knack of finding the right positions to take advantage of any defensive mistakes or slips.

Richard Gough – The new Spurs captain came to London last close season in a major transfer from Dundee United where he had been synonymous with that club's great successes. Tall, strong in the air, quick in the tackle, Richard is a powerful all-round player.

Gary Mabbutt – After breaking his leg in 1985, Gary has forced his way back to the top of his profession, regained a regular place in the Tottenham team and won England caps again. A one-time utility player, he has now settled down to become a very effective and high-jumping central defender.

Paul Allen – The cousin of striker Clive, midfielder Paul was the youngest player to appear in an FA Cup final when he turned out for West Ham against Arsenal in 1980. He moved on to Tottenham in a big money transfer in 1985 and after struggling in his first season, has blossomed this year in a reshaped team.

Chris Waddle – An England winger and one of the most mercurial players in the First Division, Chris has settled down to produce his most consistent form since moving to London from Newcastle this season. Strong, quick and skilful he has the ability to score crucial goals.

Glenn Hoddle – After a decade at the top, Glenn Hoddle needs little introduction to English soccer fans. A gifted midfielder with the ability to hit accurate long passes with both feet and to fire in powerful shots, he has said he wants to leave Tottenham for the Continent at the end of the season.

Osvaldo Ardiles – Now 34, and nearing the end of a long and successful career, the Argentine midfield maestro is enjoying one of his best seasons of recent times. A World Cup winner with Argentina in 1978, he moved to Spurs later the same year and, except for a brief spell with Paris Saint Germain, has remained ever since.

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BY PETER NICHOLAS

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Today we give a warm welcome to Tottenham Hotspur to Kenilworth Road. We should see one of our old players today – Mitchell Thomas. He was a regular in our team last season before moving to Tottenham.

When the two teams met at White Hart

Lane earlier this season, it was a 0-0 draw. Today, we hope to keep up our good home record with a win for Luton – to keep up our challenge with the big teams and maybe win the First Division.

Next week we are at home again when our visitors are Wimbledon. This should give us an advantage to maintain or improve our position in the First Division. Have a good day and I will see you all next week.

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Allan Prescott	Alexander Carr	

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QUIZ

First Eleven

K	J	Y	M	M	A	S
E	I	R	W	A	L	R
R	M	R	A	D	F	E
E	M	A	H	A	R	G
D	Y	G	R	V	E	O
B	U	E	R	I	D	R
H	D	E	E	D	O	N

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.

Birtles Di Stefano Hansbury
Jeffries Kempes McIlmoyle
Nelson Oates Puckett
Rimmer Sanchez

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

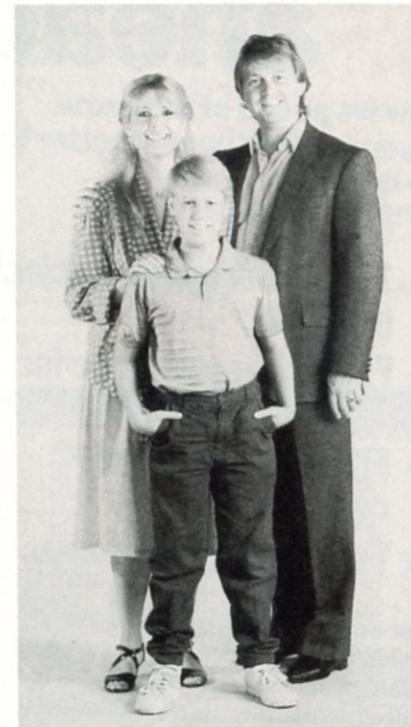
Answers to Soccer Ninety-Niner No. 10

Across

1. Mario
5. Ubaldo
7. clash
9. Mark Walters
11. pitch
13. Lionel
14. See 2 down
- Down
1. Mick Mills
- 2, 4&14ac. it's goals that count
3. Clement
4. See 2 down
6. Ball
8. aerosol
10. wide
12. Ivo

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Views from the media

Dutch league to follow the Town's example

After examining the Town's scheme at close quarters, the Dutch football authorities have chosen to follow suit and introduce a 100 per cent membership scheme, as this excerpt from the Times reported: 'Johann Cruyff yesterday warned the rest of Europe that the disease known as football hooliganism, which has ravaged the English game, is heading their way. The coach of Ajax, the Dutch League leaders, said: "What happened in England is probably going to happen in nearly all the countries."

He was speaking a week after one of the worst examples of spectator rioting in The Netherlands. Since then the Dutch authorities have acted with a speed and severity which shames England. Dutch football and police officials yesterday explained to *The Times* how they were responding to violence by implementing measures which England generally viewed as unnecessarily drastic and anti-social - the banning of away supporters and the establishment of 100 per cent membership schemes. They will almost certainly become compulsory in The Netherlands next season following the riots here involving supporters of Dan Haag and Ajax of Amsterdam.

John Smith, chief executive of Luton Town, whose ban on visiting supporters has been criticized in England, said: 'The Dutch sent a delegation to inspect our system last October and were very impressed by what they saw.'

'The Football League has been very careful with its wording when issuing statements about the improved behaviour *within* English grounds. Clubs do not accept legal responsibility outside their grounds but there is a moral responsibility. The view that the visiting fan is sacrosanct may have to change.'



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LUTON TOWN GOAL'DEN OLLDIES

TALES OF BLOOD, THUNDER AND FA CUP GLORY

Some long-standing records have been broken this season with our win at Coventry and home victories over Nottingham Forest and West Ham uppermost in the mind whilst not forgetting actually securing three points against Liverpool, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

We have not beaten Spurs at Kenilworth Road since 1959-60 when a George Cummings goal gave us a narrow 1-0 victory and it is therefore hoped that another "bogey" will be laid to rest this afternoon.

Despite the relative proximity of the two clubs this will be only the 36th meeting for league points, but 90 years ago we were paired against Spurs for five successive seasons in the FA Cup which probably made supporters of the time feel relieved that league games were infrequent.

First steps

In season 1894-95, Luton Town were firmly established as a powerful, professional outfit playing successfully in

the newly formed Southern League. Their opponents in the fourth qualifying round of the cup that year, Tottenham Hotspur, were taking their first steps towards future Wembley glory by appearing in the competition for the first time that season.

A 2-2 draw in London was followed by a comfortable 4-0 win at Dallow Road watched by a crowd of 2,000 who witnessed the Towns' "superior staying power overcoming the sometimes laboured movements of their amateur opponents". It was Spurs' first defeat in the cup.

Shock result

Spurs soon had a chance to exact revenge, for in the first qualifying round in 1895-96 the clubs were drawn together again, this time at Luton.

Luton were expected to win easily but, in the shock of the day, were beaten 2-1 despite having most of the game. Goals from Hunter and Owen gave Spurs an interval lead before a crowd of 3,500 and in the second



• **Clive Goodyear:** Arms raised, Clive Goodyear celebrates the Town's goal in a 1-1 draw here in January 1983.

half the Tottenham goal was besieged but only one goal was scored – by Hugh Galbraith – and the game finished with cushions being thrown on to the pitch.

The local press did not mince words and used descriptions like "terribly bad bungling", "overconfidence" and "fiasco" to describe the general team performance and accused individuals of "being not good enough to pull on a Luton shirt" and "not trying".

The only crumb of comfort was the excuse that the Spurs' players had been over-physical and with George Ekins being consistently "grassed" by full back Sheppard the Town had virtually lost one of their most effective players.

Physical game

When the clubs were drawn together, yet again, in 1896-97 the Town decided to fight "fire with fire" and in a physical game won 3-0 with two goals from Tom McInnes setting them on their way and sending the 5,000 crowd home happy.

One wonders how the FA Cup draw was managed in those far off days because in 1897-98 the two teams were drawn together in the fourth qualifying round although this time at Northumberland Park, Tottenham's ground at the time.

Not surprisingly, rivalry was now very intense and when Luton won 4-3 in a fiercely-fought contest "disturbances" amongst the 12,000 patrons were reported.

A letter to the Morning Leader written by Tottenham pointed out that Luton had "won solely by foul play" that "John McCartney should have been ordered off as he was cautioned twice" and "it was not very gentlemanly for the same player to strike Hartley in the face". Presumably, the club colours of chocolate and amber for Spurs and red, white and black stripes for the Town were specially designed to hide the bloodstains.

Thankfully when the clubs were pulled out of the bag together again in the following season this was to be the



• **Milija Aleksic:** Known as 'elastic' by the Town fans, Milija left for Tottenham and went on to win an FA Cup Winners' medal.

last occasion for 35 years. For the record Spurs won this one at the third attempt at Tufnel Park but the three games had attracted total attendances of 25,000 – some crowd in those days.



• **Steve Foster:** The Town skipper will be missing injured today. He is pictured in action at White Hart Lane last season.

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

HOME		AWAY										
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	APts	
34	12	3	2	35	13	19	67	8	4	5	25	19
32	12	3	1	38	10	Everton	6	4	6	21	16	61
32	9	5	1	22	5	Arsenal	6	5	6	20	15	55
30	10	3	4	29	13	Tottenham Hotspur	6	3	4	22	17	54
33	10	6	1	31	12	Nottingham Forest	5	3	8	24	27	54
33	12	3	1	22	9	LUTON TOWN	3	6	8	14	25	54
32	7	9	1	23	17	Norwich City	6	5	4	20	21	53
32	12	2	3	28	14	Coventry City	2	5	8	10	21	49
32	9	4	4	25	16	Wimbledon	5	2	8	17	22	48
30	9	4	2	29	12	Watford	4	3	8	21	25	46
33	7	4	6	22	23	Chelsea	5	5	6	20	27	45
32	9	3	4	25	18	Queens Park Rangers	3	4	9	10	20	43
32	9	3	4	29	14	Manchester United	1	8	7	11	19	41
32	7	7	2	28	16	Sheffield Wednesday	3	4	9	15	30	41
32	6	2	7	24	25	West Ham United	4	6	7	19	28	38
32	9	2	5	35	19	Southampton	2	2	12	18	37	37
33	6	4	24	21	19	Oxford United	2	5	10	8	33	35
33	4	6	6	17	17	Charlton Athletic	3	3	11	13	28	30
32	6	5	5	20	17	Nottingham Forest	1	0	11	13	5	Sealey
32	6	5	4	26	19	Leicester	0	0	10	56	5	Sealey
32	5	5	5	18	21	Aston Villa	1	4	12	17	45	27
31	5	4	6	21	23	Newcastle United	1	5	10	10	29	27

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS
(1986/87)

League	FA Cup		League	FA Cup					
	Aps	Gls		Aps	Gls				
Tim Breacker	22	1	4	-	Mike Newell	33	9	5	1
Mal Donaghy	33	-	5	-	Peter Nicholas	33	1	5	-
Steve Foster	28	2	5	-	Marc North	2(3)	-	-	-
Ashley Crunes	27	2	5	-	Stacey North	5	-	-	-
Mick Harford	12	2	5	3	Emeka Nwajobi	6	-	-	-
Richard Harvey	1	-	-	-	David Preece	7	-	1	-
Rocky Hill	21	1	5	-	Brian Stein	31	12	5	1
Rob Johnson	32	-	5	-	Mark Stein	14(3)	5	-	-
Darron McDonough	(5)	-	(1)	-	Les Sealey	33	-	5	-
Ricky McEvoy	(1)	-	-	-	Robert Wilson	16(4)	1	-	-

Today's action

Leading goalscorers	
Division One	
40 - C. Allen (Tottenham)	
33 - Rush (Liverpool)	
26 - Cottee (West Ham)	
22 - Aldridge (Liverpool)	
Stewart (Manchester City)	
20 - Clarke (Southampton)	
Arsenal v Everton	
Aston Villa v Coventry	
Charlton v Chelsea	
Leicester v Manchester City	
Liverpool v Wimbledon	
Manchester United v Notts Forest	
Newcastle v Southampton	
Oxford Utd v Sheffield Weds	
QPR v Norwich	
West Ham v Watford	

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

Sub *Darren McDermott*

Tottenham Hotspur

- 1 Ray Clemence
- 2 Gary Stevens
- 3 Mitchell Thomas
- 4 Steve Hodge
- 5 Richard Gough
- 6 Gary Mabbutt
- 7 Clive Allen
- 8 Paul Allen
- 9 Chris Waddle
- 10 Glenn Hoddle
- 11 Osvaldo Ardiles

Sub

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