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• **Rising high:** Mick Harford beats Gary Mabbutt in the air as the Town pile on the pressure last week when Spurs were beaten 3-1 at Kenilworth Road.

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and Mike Newell (below)  
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goal.



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# MOORE ABOUT FOOTBALL

**Welcome** to Wimbledon on their first league visit to Kenilworth Road. After their result at Anfield last week when they reopened the championship race with a magnificent victory, we know we are in for a very tough match indeed. They have done tremendously well this season and have shown a healthy lack of respect for reputations. It will be very interesting to see them in action on our synthetic pitch and to observe the contrast in styles.

We are currently enjoying a high position in the First Division and will be doing our utmost to improve it in the coming weeks, so a tremendous match is in prospect today. Wimbledon, contrary to many people's views, are capable of playing some good football although they do have a direct style of play and have some good moves to offer especially in the final third of the field.

### First-class attitude

I was very happy with our victory last week over Tottenham. It was a good chance to prove ourselves against one of the big six and I felt the players did superbly for Luton Town on the day. In my opinion, they were not given enough credit for their performance. On the day, they outplayed Tottenham and did not show a weakness you could put your finger on. The attitude was first-class right through the side and the fact that we had three of those players away on international duty this week – and it was very nearly four, but for Ricky Hill's injury – proves the stature of the men in the side.

In addition to Peter Nicholas and Mal Donaghy, who are virtually taken for granted as fixtures in their respective international teams, Wales and Northern Ireland, we had Ashley Grimes called up to join the Republic of Ireland squad. All three have worked with great determination and enthusiasm this season and deserve their recognition. Peter Nicholas and Mal Donaghy are two of our unsung heroes, loyal, hard-working players, family men, who do their jobs week in and week out without attracting much attention.

Today's opponents are sure to prove difficult to our players and contain among them their own share of players recognised at full international level. It should be a good contest. Enjoy the match and give the team your support.



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# Mailbag

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

## Support from Finland

Dear Sir,

I am telling you now in the beginning that I am a Liverpool supporter, but I do enjoy watching your team as well. I am also following your results with care and I have written to your club once before. I am a 22 year old commercial college student and I play for a IV division team named Apollo-82. However, both my legs were operated on about three weeks ago and after the stitches were removed one of my legs got an infection and the cut burst, so that's about my football for a while.

Now as a I cannot attend school I've had good time to watch videos and as I have received many tapes from my friend who plays for Darlington I saw a couple of interviews concerning you and your club. The first one was from last autumn and it was about your Littlewoods Cup decision, I think that you were absolutely right in what your chairman David Evans said.

I was very unhappy about the decision which was against your team to enter the competition. I think that closing the gates to visiting fans isn't all that bad and I can surely understand your point after I saw those Millwall so-called fans a couple of years back. It was shown on the TV here.

What you've done is a very brave step and I'm happy you took that step!



•Quite right: David Evans

Liverpool's team, it shouldn't though. Anyway, I was very happy again that you didn't try to make any excuses.

I suppose the better team won, because your side had some very good chances in the first game already as I saw that on the video, too. So I've got no hard feelings towards your club. I just hope that 'small friendly clubs' like Luton Town keep playing as well as ever.

I am also a programme collector and therefore I ask a favour from you: Could you possibly ask if my plea for Luton's programmes could be printed in a future programme? I have some

programmes left from your team's friendly in Finland v IFK Mariehamn and I will swap them gladly.

Before I close, I sincerely hope that your team finishes as high as possible (with the exception of finishing below Liverpool...) and maybe next year I will see you on TV or in the best case I'll be in England watching your team.

Your truly  
Olli-Matti Matihalti  
Kp 13, 62200 Kauhava  
Finland.

Editor's note: Any fans wishing to exchange programmes please write directly to Olli-Matti. Thankyou.

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## Pin-ups or turn-offs?

So what attracts females to football? Many men think it's that we admire players' physical appearances and lust after them. Perhaps it's the aspects of their personalities that are manifest in their play that we find attractive. It would be interesting to find out who was the most popular player, past and present, among Luton's female supporters.

Perhaps you'd like to write and tell me, with reasons for your choice. I'm told that while David Moss was at the club his picture was sold more often than that of any other player; but I don't know if the pictures were intended as pin-ups for females' walls or males!

David Moss's image was of a thoroughly respectable clean-cut man, the type you like your children to admire. But image and reality are not necessarily the same thing. Take Norman Whiteside for example. We had the opportunity recently to witness at close quarters "macho"

Whiteside, with his burly physique and short fiery hair. We women were supposedly all prepared to be thrilled, our hearts made to flutter, as this powerhouse of masculinity displayed his strengths to make our team wilt before him.

Less Sealey certainly tried to make us think he was awe-struck and quaking with fear whenever macho-man Whiteside came near him! His legs even seemed to shake as he took goal kicks! But Sealey's only serious response to Whiteside's intimidating antics was to bare his teeth as an animal does to its foe. Or was it a wicked grin at Macho-man's expense?

As far as I'm concerned you can keep your Rambo's. I go to matches to watch the skill and expertise of players. I enjoy the stylish Steins, for example. And, as everyone knows, the silky skills of Ricky Hill make him my all-time favourite player. Who is yours?

**Gale Waller**

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SPURS SENT PACKING

**Luton Town 3 Tottenham Hotspur 1**  
Three excellent goals and a determined all-round team performance brought the Town a well-deserved and resounding victory over Tottenham last Saturday and hoisted them up to third place in the First Division. Mick Harford, with a brilliantly drilled sixth minute shot, Mike Newell, with a clinical drive after 54 minutes and Darren McDonough, tapping in a Ricky Hill cross five minutes from time, were the scorers.

Had it not been for a solid display of good goalkeeping by former England star Ray Clemence, the scoreline might have been even more embarrassing for the Londoners as the Town tore them apart at will with sweet, flowing football. Mitchell Thomas twice headed clear from the line and Harford and Newell each had good chances to add further goals.

Harford's opening goal was a beauty - fired in on the volley from a Hill cross after the Town midfielder had anticipated Mitchell Thomas's clearance. Newell hit the second at the end of a delightful nine-move pass from the Town's own half via Tim Breacker, Peter Nicholas, Ricky Hill and Brian Stein and Hill supplied the third for McDonough when he beat three players before crossing from the right.

Tottenham's only reply came in the 62nd minute when Ossie Ardiles' introduction briefly lifted their game. Glenn Hoddle beat the offside trap with a flighted pass for Chris Waddle and the England winger evaded Les Sealey's wild challenge to find the net.

**Teams:** Luton - Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, Nicholas, North, Donaghy, Hill, B. Stein, Newell, Harford, McDonough.

- Tottenham - Clemence, Stevens, Thomas, Hodge (sub Ardiles 57), Gough, Mabbett, C. Allen, P. Allen, Waddle, Hoddle, Claesen.

**Referee** - D. Elleray (Harrow).

# 1st Team ACTION



- Great win: The Town stormed to victory over Tottenham last week. Mick Harford, Mike Newell and Darren McDonough scored the goals - Darren's his first for the club and first in the First Division. Today's action pictures show Mick Harford, Darren McDonough and Brian Stein applying pressure on the Spurs' defence. Pictures by Sportswide Photography.

# VIEWS from the BENCH

## Jim Ryan



Reserves coach Jim Ryan has enjoyed his first season back at Kenilworth Road as a coach and has steered the young reserves team to some good victories over older and more experienced opponents. Today, he reflects on the problems in running a team in which the average age is little more than 18 and looks back on the season so far.

### Young reserves pressing to make the leap

"One of the main features of the reserves team this season, from my point of view, has been the age of the players. They are for the most part very young and with relatively little experience. But they have really worked hard and shown a lot of good attitude. I am looking, of course, to bring them on and develop them so that they can try to make the jump for the First Division. But it is a big jump. There is a big gap between the two levels of play and it is difficult for a young player to do it."

"Surprisingly, however, we have got some very good and young boys who have shown every sign that they may be able to make the jump. Stacey North, for example, has taken his chance in the first team very well indeed and has now put together six appearances which will do his confidence a power of good. It is a deserved reward for him. And particularly as most people forget he is still a young player, only 22 and still learning the game. His run now is a reward for his excellent displays and attitude in the reserves earlier in the season."

### Low average age

"Some of the others have shown they might be ready to press and move up like Stacey. David Oldfield has been in the first team squad, Gary Cobb is there, Richard Harvey has played once this season and Kingsley Black has also been in the squad. They all have done well. But with all of them, you still have to remember the ages. With Mark Walton, who is only 18, in goal, the average age of the defence is less than 19 including all the back four."

"Mark, by the way, came to us from Wales and was previously with Swansea. He played behind

Neil Poutch, Richard Harvey, Marvin Johnson and Colin Barker – all young home-developed players who have shown great attitude. Of course, the reserves have also had the services of a few of the senior players from time to time. For example, David Preece and Robert Wilson played at Watford last Saturday when David, on his first appearance back from injury did well and scored on a very heavy pitch."

"Emeka Nwajobi has also been a very valuable player to have in the team amongst the younger players. I have been extremely pleased with his overall performances and attitude. He is very good with the younger players and has turned in some sparkling displays. It is not easy for him, however, and I know he has sometimes found it difficult. But his attitude has always been good."

### Low average age

"One of the great bonuses of the synthetic pitch here is with the reserves. It means you can train properly without worrying about the conditions. It means you can get on with the practices you want to and not worry about bobbling balls or puddles or trouble with the surface and so on. The players can concentrate on their techniques and try to think just about the idea the coach is trying to get over. There is no doubt in my mind that it is a great help and a major factor in improving the control and passing of players."

"From a slightly different point of view, it means you have to play football. It forces you to pass the ball accurately from one man to another. There is no profit in trying to play anything else on it. So it is a great bonus for football."



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October 29, 1987: Gold 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 or Elaine West on 01-449 9237.

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### Pre-match Entertainment

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### Busy weekend for pitch

Last weekend saw a more congested programme than normal for Stadium Sales Manager Mike Beevor and his staff. In addition to the normal community football hire and the Tottenham match, the pitch was used by members of the Great Britain Hockey team on Friday and was the venue for an under-21 Lacrosse International between England and Scotland on Sunday.

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# AROUND THE TOWN

## THE TOWN

ARE THE PLAYERS GAINING THE PRAISE THEY HAVE EARNED?  
By Bill Tomlins

Are our players winning the praise and recognition they deserve? The press and media reaction to our victory over Tottenham last weekend hardly seemed to reflect the skill and brilliant team play we saw during the match. Maybe, as Steve Foster joked when he walked into the dressing room afterwards, they too think the league table is upside down!

After all, the club is in one of the highest positions it has held in its history and all the big clubs have been beaten at Kenilworth Road – some more than once. Can that be down to the membership scheme? Or is it down to the synthetic surface which was so often praised by the national newspaper reporters last year?

### Favourable

It is surprising how quickly opinions of our magic carpet have changed. Last year most of the comments were favourable. This year the surface has been given a lot of criticism. Yet, the pitch remains the same pitch. As I have said before, it seems that the big clubs do not like losing whatever the surface and venue.

It was nice last weekend to enjoy the company of our old friends David Pleat, Trevor Hartley and John Sheridan and to welcome them and Mitchell Thomas back to Luton. David took the defeat very gracefully and was most complimentary about the way our team played. He told me his

team had been outplayed and the pitch made no difference at all.

But some reports seemed to see the match only in terms of Tottenham's defeat and not our victory, some even suggesting that it was a victory by David's old team over his new one. That is grossly unfair to our manager John Moore and coaches. Perhaps, some reporters did not know that Darron McDonough, for example, was not here last season. We have received letters from all over the world supporting our membership scheme and praising the club's position. We have also had considerable praise for the pitch from the thousands of people who have enjoyed playing on it. Those who have seen the team this season have also said they have fully enjoyed the performances. It makes you wonder at the reports.

### Sponsors

Finally, a warm welcome to this afternoon's match sponsors, Broad Street Print. Tony Lambert formed his company in 1978 to specialise in computer and continuous stationery and business forms.

Tony, his wife Fred and daughter Denise are all avid Town fans and members of Club 82. Today will be their fourth match sponsorship. We are grateful for their support and hope they and their guests have an enjoyable day.



•Bubbly duo: Ricky Hill was the Town's man of the match last week against Spurs. Gary Mabbutt was selected as the visitors' best player. Well played lads!

## YOUNGSTERS PUT THEIR SKILLS ON DISPLAY



•Skill spot: Youngsters under 14 swarmed all over our magic carpet last week to show their skills before the match against Tottenham.

As you can see from our photograph, the operation was a great success with everyone bringing their own footballs and having a great time.



•Football reunion: Wembley mascots of 1959 Ann Wall (left) and Frances Parker (right) met up for the first time in 12 years last week. The girls were all decked out for our Cup Final when they went to London 28 years ago and said they thoroughly enjoyed last week's match.



•All smiles: Darron McDonough and Mike Newell celebrate Darron's goal last week against Spurs. Both players scored in a thriller.

## CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

### Welcome Mick!

Hello everyone. This will be my last 'diary' this season as I am handing over to Mick Harford, who has done such a terrific job on the pitch. The way Mick is playing and leading the team, I shall have to watch out!

I had my heavy plaster removed from my leg and now have two plasters, top and bottom, and hinges to give me more mobility. I am coming on quite well and hope to be back in action without problems.

### High position

We had a tremendous win again last week and it is great to see the club so high in the league. With David Preece over his injury and on the way back now, I am the only long-term injured player left in the treatment room.

Wimbledon are sure to give us a really tough match today, but I am sure that with the right approach and plenty of vocal support again, the lads will be able to get another good result. Enjoy the game.

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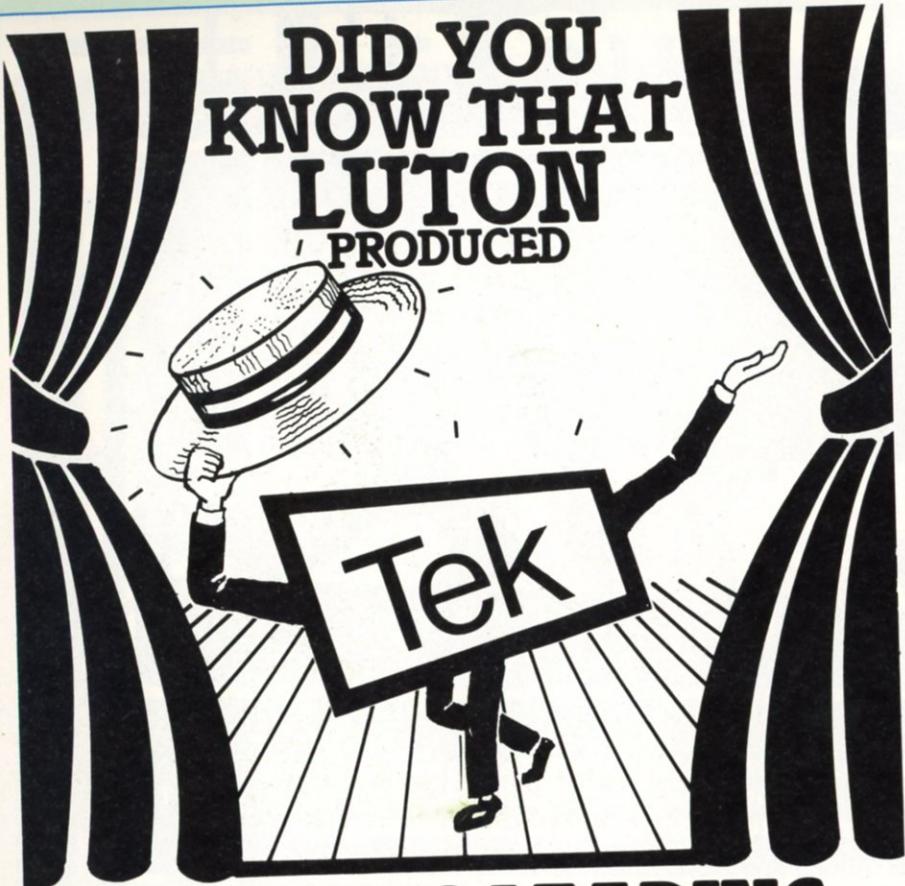
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# PHOTO FILE



• Flashback: November 8, 1986. The Town beat Wimbledon 1-0 at Plough Lane with a goal from Mark Stein. Our pictures show Tim Breacker and Steve Foster in the thick of the action.





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• Welsh international:  
Andy Dibble

Andy Dibble, currently on loan to Huddersfield Town, has been one of the unluckiest players on the Town staff in recent years. The tall Welsh international goalkeeper has suffered a series of bad injuries, the last a knee ligaments injury at the start of the current campaign. But each time, he has fought back to full fitness and recovered his form and confidence.

Andy joined the Town from Cardiff City in 1984 for a fee of £125,000. He was then already a Welsh under-21 international and a big future was predicted for him. Injuries, and the consistently fine form of Les Sealey, have conspired to restrict his chances at Kenilworth Road, however.

Cheerful, popular and enthusiastic, Andy has been a favourite at the club throughout his career with Luton and will certainly be hoping for a change of fortune this year as he works on the recovery road again. Last year he made the breakthrough to the Welsh team on their tour of Canada where he performed impressively while playing for Vancouver.



# ANDY DIBBLE

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# DRESSING ROOM TALK

with Ricky Hill

*Less than 24 hours after playing a major part in the Town's 3-1 win over Tottenham last weekend, long-serving midfielder Ricky Hill was called by Bobby Robson and offered a chance to return to England's team in Northern Ireland. A calf injury, picked up at Southampton and aggravated against Spurs, ruled him out, however. Today, Ricky reflects on the bad luck which prevented him winning a fourth England cap in Belfast and looks back on his long career at Kenilworth Road:*

"The first I knew I had a chance of playing again for England was when Gary Mabbutt said 'I'll see you on Monday, then' when we were together in the sponsors' lounge after the game. I didn't immediately click, but he told me that Glenn Hoddle was out and that he could not think of anyone else who could take Glenn's place in the England team. Especially, the way he played now.

"The next day, Bobby Robson rang me at home and said he wanted me to play in the team at Belfast. He wanted to bring in a player to keep the style of the team consistent and to bring the rest of the team into the game. It was great news, but I had to be honest and tell Mr Robson that I was not fit. I told him about my calf injury and he said he was disappointed. He said he appreciated my honesty and reminded me I was still in his thoughts and not forgotten.

"The injury was sore on Sunday and I said it was no good thinking about Wednesday, but that I would have been more optimistic if it had been on a Saturday. I hope to be fit to play again today. We are all studying the fixture cards now and working out the chances of us finishing even higher in the table.

## Team spirit

"It is great to be in a team with such a fantastic team spirit this season. The spirit is really first-class. On the playing side and on the coaching side. It shows in how well we have done to cope with the injuries. We have been without Mick Harford, Steve Foster and David Preece for long periods this season, but all the players have done brilliantly.

"We are having a good season, but there is a feeling that it could be even better and would have been certainly if we had picked up points lost at times like against Newcastle at home, at Norwich and at Southampton.

"Although we have not got a very big squad



• International hopes: Ricky Hill.

like some of the big clubs we do have a lot of very good youngsters on the way through. I think the quality in the club is much higher than it has ever been in my 11 seasons here. With all due respect to all the other players who have played here, we have been able to sign better players in recent seasons and we now have a very experienced first team.

"I remember, looking back, in my first season here when I was watching Grandstand and the news came on about the club maybe going in to liquidation and so on. There was the story of Peter Anderson being sold to Antwerp to save the club – and I wondered just what my future was at the time! It seems a long time ago now.

"The club has made really giant strides since then. We are part of the First Division elite and have a very good team and spirit. I have enjoyed it all and have had a great rapport with the supporters. The football we play is really good and enjoyable. That is very important.

"I want to thank all the fans for my testimonial season and the way they supported me last year. I have enjoyed my love affair with the club and I hope the fans will support Brian Stein's testimonial year too. If all is well, we could even finish with an honour to show for it this season!"

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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.

This will be an all ticket game. Tickets are available from the Oak Road ticket office.

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.

### Football Combination

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 15th, the reserves are away to Millwall in a Football Combination game. Kick-off 2.00 pm.

On Thursday, April 23rd, the reserves are at home to Reading 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.

### South East Counties League

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.

Our youth team are in the final of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup against Chelsea. This is a two-legged final to be played April 21 and April 28.

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

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

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

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• **Cheque gift for charity:** Richard Harvey and Stacey North joined 100 young Letchworth footballers recently when the Eagles FC raised £1,200 for charity. Richard and Stacey are pictured at Letchworth Leisure Centre.



# CLUB COMMENT

## SAD DEATH OF FRED BUNYAN

One of Luton Town Football Club's best-loved and greatest characters, Fred Bunyan, died last week after a short illness. He was 54.

Like his father before him, Fred served the club as maintenance man from 1969. He was known to be willing to do anything and was particularly helpful to all the playing and coaching staff.

He was taken ill, at work, a month ago and died in hospital leaving a widow, Mary, formerly the club's receptionist.

The funeral was held at the Vale Crematorium, Luton, on Thursday and was conducted by former Luton Town captain Alan West. Members of the club, past and present, were in attendance.

Several players and ex-players who knew Fred well recalled his warm-hearted and generous outlook. Club manager John Moore said: "He would do anything for anyone to help. He was a marvellous man. Part of the club. A great character!"

Fred will be greatly missed by all his colleagues at the club. The club offers its deepest sympathy to Mary.



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# ACTION



• **On the mark:** David Preece made a goalscoring return in the reserves' defeat at Watford last week.

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
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>26</b>
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	<b>Arsenal</b>	<b>2-3</b>	Jan 10	Arsenal	2-1
Aug 26	Ipswich Town	1-2	Jan 17	<b>Ipswich</b>	1-2
Sept 6	<b>Brighton</b>	<b>3-1</b>	Jan 20	<b>Fulham</b>	<b>3-0</b>
Sept 10	Reading	1-2	Feb 7	<b>Swindon</b>	<b>3-0</b>
Sept 20	<b>Southampton</b>	<b>4-1</b>	Feb 14	Southampton	1-2
Sept 27	Chelsea	<b>0-0</b>	Feb 21	<b>Chelsea</b>	1-1
Sept 30	<b>Charlton</b>	<b>1-3</b>	Feb 26	Charlton Ath	1-1
Oct 4	<b>Watford</b>	<b>4-2</b>	Mar 7	<b>Tottenham</b>	1-1
Oct 10	Norwich City	1-2	Mar 14	Brighton	2-0
Oct 18	<b>Bristol R</b>	<b>3-0</b>	Mar 21	<b>Norwich</b>	<b>4-0</b>
Oct 21	Swindon	3-1	Mar 24	Fulham	1-0
Oct 25	Tottenham	1-3	Mar 28	Watford	1-5
Oct 28	QPR	0-6	Apr 1	Crystal Palace	6-1
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	Millwall	
Dec 6	<b>Millwall</b>	<b>9-2</b>	Apr 25	West Ham	
Dec 20	<b>West Ham</b>	<b>6-1</b>	May 2	<b>Oxford</b>	



• **Treble hit:** David Oldfield scored a hat-trick against Crystal Palace on Wednesday.

## Reserve & Youth



JIM RYAN



JOHN FAULKNER

### DATES FIXED FOR YOUTH CUP FINAL

The Town youth team will meet Chelsea in a two-legged final of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup on Tuesday April 21 and Tuesday April 28, the first leg being played at Stamford Bridge with a 7 pm kick-off and the second leg here at Kenilworth Road, kicking-off at 7.30 pm.

Fixture congestion, particularly involving the London club, prevented any other dates being possible and it is an unfortunate but unavoidable fact that the youngsters will be travelling to Stamford Bridge for such an important match on the same night that our title-chasing first team are in action for league points at Watford.

However, we do urge all our fans to turn out at Kenilworth Road on April 28 and give the youngsters their full support in what should be one of the highlights of the season for the club.

### Reserves in goal glut

Last weekend, the youth team were not in action as their fixture at Southend was postponed. They were due to meet Bristol Rovers at home today.

The reserves, however, after an unbeaten run of six games, came a cropper at Watford last Saturday where on a heavy pitch they were beaten 5-1. David Preece, in his first comeback match after knee surgery, scoring the Town's goal from a penalty.

Normal service was resumed with a vengeance, however, on Wednesday night when the reserves won 6-1 at Tooting against Crystal Palace - David Oldfield hitting a hat-trick, Emeka Nwajiobi, Kingsley Black and David Preece, from another penalty, scoring the goals.

# REPLAY

# INTRODUCING...

## WIMBLEDON

Wimbledon arrive at Kenilworth Road this afternoon fresh from a victory last Saturday which raised eyebrows throughout the soccer world. The Dons travelled to Anfield and beat Liverpool 2-1 on their own ground with a performance which drew praise from all those who witnessed it. Nigel Winterburn, one of the most admired left-backs in the First Division, and veteran striker Alan Cork grabbed the goals with Kenny Dalglish replying for the defending champions.

If anything, the win at Liverpool once and for all dispelled the notion that Wimbledon do not 'belong' among the big boys of the First Division. With earlier victories over Tottenham, West Ham, Manchester United and Sheffield Wednesday to show in the league and Everton among their FA Cup scalps, Wimbledon have shown that the big city reputations count for nothing when they set to work.

Some style critics, however, have said that their methods of play rely solely on the long ball and the battling attributes of a powerful super-fit team. But this is another notion dispelled by their impressive results both at home and away and the praise they earned from rival managers. Indeed, Lawrie Sanchez and Glyn Hodges have both been on international duty this week.

Players likely to be on duty today:

**Dave Beasant** – A tall and agile goalkeeper who captains the team. Dave is a showman and crowd favourite. Born

Willesden, he joined from Edgware in May 1979. Born in London in 1959, he is a Dons ever-present.

**Kevin Gage** – The youngest-ever Dons debut player, Kevin made his Wimbledon debut just a few weeks after celebrating his 17th birthday. An England youth international, he was born in Chiswick in April 1964, and has settled down to claim the right-back spot as his own.

**Nigel Winterburn** – Born in Nuneaton in December, 1963, Nigel was an apprentice at Birmingham City. Moved on to Oxford without a first team appearance and joined Wimbledon on a free transfer in August 1983. Since then, he has blossomed as a fearless left-back, won player-of-the-year awards in both 1985 and 1986 and won an England under-21 cap.

**Vince Jones** – Signed from Wealdstone in November 1986 for £8,000, Vince was born in Watford in 1965. He is a hard-working midfielder or defender with a good touch. He scored the winning goal against Manchester United only a week after his Dons debut against Nottingham Forest.

**Brian Gayle** – Central defender Brian was born in London in March 1965. He was a product of the Dons youth scheme and has shown all his strengths and talent this season after missing much of last term through injury.

**Andy Thorn** – Born in Carshalton in November 1966, Andy is another central defender who came through the ranks at Wimbledon as a schoolboy and youth player. He made only



Back Row from left: Lawrie Sanchez, Brian Gayle, Stewart Evans (now West Brom), David Beasant, John Fashanu, Colin Gordon, Mark Morris. Middle row: Derek French (Physiotherapist), Mick Smith, Alan Cork, Nigel Winterburn, Simon Tracey, Andrew Thorn, Carlton Fairweather, Glyn Hodges, Alan Gillett (Assistant Manager), Geoff Taylor (Youth Team Manager). Front row: John Gannon, David Martin (now Southend), Steve Galliers, John Kay, David Bassett (Manager), Kevin Gage, Wally Downes, Paul Fishenden, Dennis Wise.



Dave Bassett, known by his friends at Wimbledon as 'Harry', is the manager who has taken the credit for lifting the club to their present previously uncharted position in the First Division. A player with Watford and Chelsea, where he failed to make the grade, he made his name at Walton and Hersham and then Wimbledon. He became manager in January 1981 when Dario Gradi left for Crystal Palace and has since steered the Dons to promotion through all the divisions of the Football League. They are currently in the first-ever season at the top and also enjoyed their best-ever FA Cup run this term when they reached the quarter-finals before going out to Tottenham. Bassett, who has a down to earth approach to life is a popular figure with experience in the insurance business.

29 appearances last season through injury but is making up for it this year.

**Carlton Fairweather** – Signed from Tooting and Mitcham for a small fee in December 1984, Carlton is a striker. He gained experience by playing for KPT in Finland through the summer of 1985 and has a good scoring record. Born Dulwich, December 1961.

**Andy Sayer** – Born Brent, London, in June 1966, Andy is a nippy and skilful striker who was a prolific scorer in the Dons youth team. He was Fiat Uno young player of the month for February 1987.

**John Fashanu** – Tall and powerful striker John was born in London in September 1962 and was the Dons record buy when he signed from Millwall for £120,000 in March of last year. Previously with Norwich, Crystal Palace and Lincoln. Brother of Justin, the former Norwich, Forest and Brighton striker.

**Lawrie Sanchez** – Experienced midfielder who has won recognition with Northern Ireland this season. Born Clapham, October 1959. A university graduate, he joined the Dons from Reading in December 1984 for £20,000. Scored goal which clinched promotion last season.

**Glyn Hodges** – Welsh international left-winger and midfielder. Born Streatham, April, 1963, Glyn has progressed from a schoolboy to a full international with Wimbledon. Skilful with a fine left foot.

**Alan Cork** – Veteran striker. Wimbledon's record all-time goalscorer. Born Derby, March 1959. Had scored 117 goals in 265 matches before the start of the season.

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BY PETER NICHOLAS

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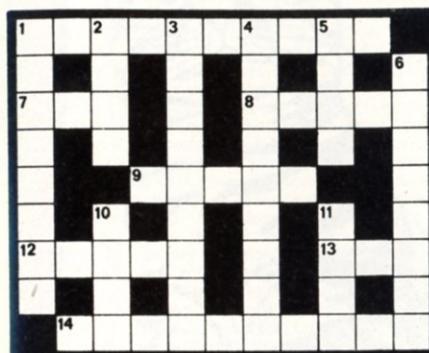
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## KENILWORTH THE CAT



# QUIZ

## Soccer Ninety-Niner No. 11



### Across

- Famous former referee from Stonehouse who was on duty at the 1972 Leeds v Arsenal Cup final (5,5)
- A score... well, not really (3)
- One of soccer's Simons, he sounds like an old make of motorcycle (5)
- Scotland midfielder/defender Tommy — completed ten years of Celtic service in 1986 (5)
- One of soccer's Simons, he sounds like someone who works on the roof (5)
- This Chapman could be the chap (3)
- Keeper whose career commenced with Cardiff on his seventeenth birthday in 1982 — he later left for Luton (4,6)

### Down

- Explosive nickname given to former Brazil striker Roberto (8)
- Half of a club's name or half its ground's name (4)
- Defender who began as a teenager with Cardiff and completed 400 games before serving Swansea and Newport (and **Scotland** as Under-23 level (3,6)
- One of the Argentinian internationals seen in the League after the 1978 World Cup (9)
- England defender seen with Sunderland, Derby, Everton, Birmingham, Forest, Oxford and Luton (4)
- Popular label for a free-kick (3-5)
- He could be Rough! (4)
- Most spectators support one (4)

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

### Answers to First Eleven Competition No. 10

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## Views from the media

### Mixed reaction to win over Spurs

Last week's tremendous victory over Tottenham lifted the Town to third in the First Division - their highest placing this season. But the comments in the national media scarcely gave the team any credit for their achievement. Here are a few selected comments which show the mixed reactions to the Town's rise to eminence:

*Sunday Mirror* - "The 28-year-old midfield maestro totally overshadowed Glenn Hoddle, hampered by a groin strain. Hill set the skids under shabby Spurs with a fifth-minute cross superbly swept home by Mick Harford. And he killed off any question of a late Suprs revival when he beat three defenders before crossing for Darren McDonough to volley his first goal in the First Division."

*Sunday Today* - "It is a pity that England manager Bobby Robson was not at Kenilworth Road to see Luton achieving their highest place in the First Division when they climbed to third with this win over Spurs. Robson would have discovered that he must take on Northern Ireland in Belfast next week without his midfield maestro Glenn Hoddle, but he might have found an immediate replacement in Luton's superb Ricky Hill."

*The Independent* - "Luton for the League Championship? Anyone suggesting as much in pre-season would have been dismissed as... well, mad as a Hatter. It remains an unlikely scenario, but by outplaying Tottenham on Saturday, they moved to third place, demanding recognition as genuine contenders for the title."

*Mail on Sunday* - "Luton could hardly have chosen a more poignant occasion to ride their magic carpet to the highest league position in their history. The return of David Pleat, whose nine-year reign contributed so much to their rise coincided with an outstanding exhibition of plastic pitch football. Luton up into third place cannot seriously be considered championship threats, yet their domination of the nation's best in their own fortress is undeniable."



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# LUTON TOWN GOAL'DEN OLDIES

## WIMBLEDON VISIT COMPLETES THE SET

In welcoming Wimbledon on their first visit to Kenilworth Road for league points, we would like to remind them that we are protecting a proud record going back to season 1965-66, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

Bradford City in winning here 3-2 in that season were the last team to return home with full points following their first ever visit to this ground.

From the historical point of view, today is a momentous occasion as all 91 other league clubs will now have visited Kenilworth Road for a competitive match.

Savour the memory, though, as in a couple of months time Barnet may put "a spanner in the works" by being elected. Scarborough, their main rivals, appeared here in an FA Cup tie in 1937-38!



• **Rising high:** Keith Allen, a hero of season 1967-1968, and Bruce Rioch.

### Contrasting visits

Wimbledon were elected to the league in 1977 replacing Workington who themselves had only appeared twice at Luton for league action in 1964-65 and 1967-68.

Workington's two visits were in complete contrast to each other - in 1964-65 they were our final guests in our relegation season and a boring 0-0 draw brought to a close one of the most dismal seasons in our history.

Depressed after an 8-1 defeat at Scunthorpe, the Town players "entertained" a paltry crowd of 2,915 on a wet and windswept evening and with the retained but already announced the team merely went through the motions. Gordon Fincham and John Bramwell were making their final Town appearances that night.

Workington's next visit made more pleasant reading however as the Town were in the middle of a "purple patch" on their way to promotion from Division Four.

This time the Town were fresh from four straight wins including a 5-0 victory at Exeter and were thirsting for a game after a gap of almost three weeks.

The previous Saturday had seen the game at Aldershot called off because of a waterlogged pitch while the week before the Town faithful had seen seven minutes of football before the referee abandoned the home game against Darlington.

The crowd of 9,415 were not kindly disposed towards the official as, in truth, the game should not have started and the short time that was played was utter farce with the pitch resembling a lake with rain cascading down.

### Delayed start

The game against Workington was almost over before it started because the referee was late and the kick-off had to be delayed. This further setback did not upset the Town however as Alan Slough had the ball in the net in the first minute.

The rest of the first half proved to be a bit of a bore as the Town attack only functioned in fits and starts presumably because of the long layoff.

Manager Allan Brown had strong words to say at half time and the Town started the second period like worldbeaters.

Ray Whittaker scored twice following good work from Ian Buxton and Keith Allen and a fine solo effort from Bruce Rioch near the end sealed a convincing victory and sent the 10,935 crowd home happy dreaming of promotion. The win put Luton in fifth position two points behind the leaders Chesterfield with two games in hand.



• **That champion feeling:** Terry Branston is held aloft by the Town's 1968 promotion stars (left to right) Fred Jardine, John Moore, Graham French, Bruce Rioch and Ray Whittaker.



# Vauxhall Teamcheck.

## Luton Town

- 1 Les Sealey
- 2 Tim Breacker
- 3 Richard Harvey
- 4 Peter Nicholas
- 5 Stacey North
- 6 Mal Donaghy
- 7 Ricky Hill
- 8 Brian Stein
- 9 Mike Newell
- 10 Mick Harford
- 11 Darron McDonough

Sub

## Wimbledon

- 1 Dave Beasant
- 2 Kevin Gage
- 3 Nigel Winterburn
- 4 Vince Jones
- 5 Brian Gayle
- 6 Andy Thorn
- 7 Carlton Fairweather
- 8 Andy Sayer
- 9 John Fashanu
- 10 Lawrie Sanchez
- 11 Glyn Hodges

Sub

Referee: J.M. KEY (Rotherham) Linesmen: M.K. BULLIVANT (Red Flag) S. MILLIDGE (Yellow Flag)



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