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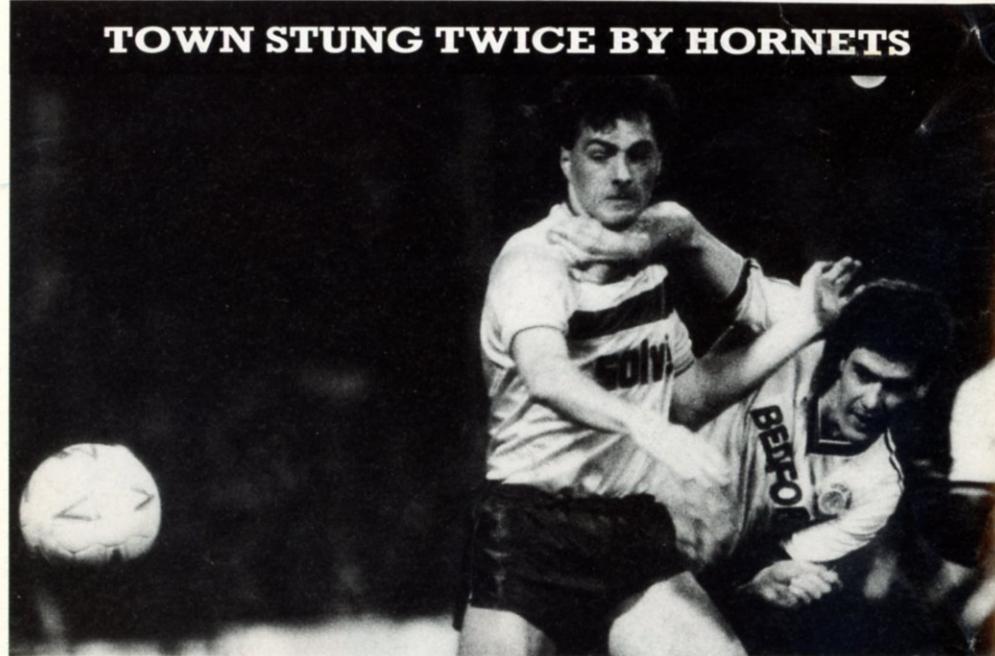
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TOWN STUNG TWICE BY HORNETS



• **Hard struggle:** Mike Newell feels the strain in this challenge with David Bardsley during our 2-0 defeat at Watford on Tuesday.

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MOORE ABOUT FOOTBALL

Welcome to Sheffield Wednesday and their manager, staff and players. They are unexpectedly struggling for points at the present time and are sure to give us a very hard match today. We, after our disappointing defeat at Watford on Tuesday, will be working to avoid being the victims of another double. As we have already lost to Wednesday in Sheffield, we shall be very wary of that possibility and also doing our utmost to maintain our home record and our high league position. Wednesday play a forceful sort of game which gives the Yorkshire public plenty of excitement and it should make for an entertaining game today.

Like us, Wednesday have had to play several games in a short space of time. We lost goalkeeper Les Sealey with a kick on the knee after our win over Coventry and Andy Dibble was called back from loan at Huddersfield to take over at Vicarage Road on Tuesday. We shall be hoping Les will recover his fitness to come into contention for his place in the side again today. Mick Harford also joined the injured list again this week when he strained an Achilles tendon during the pre-match warm-up.

Incentive lacking

I was less than happy at our recent performances. It is hard to raise the enthusiasm at the end of the season when there is little to play for and no incentive without the lure of a place in Europe. However, the players are also disappointed at suffering defeat twice this season by Watford and keen to guide the club to its highest-ever finish in the Football League. Away from home, we have let ourselves down. Our counter-attacking game is not as good as it could be.

I was delighted with the victory won by the youth team at Chelsea on Tuesday. It is a big bonus for us to have a team in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup final and I hope all our supporters will make an effort to come and support the boys who are the future of the club in the second leg of the final here on Tuesday night.



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Mailbag

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

Hurrah! for the 'nobodies'

Dear Sir,

Congratulations! You and your colleagues on the F.A. Cup Committee must feel extremely proud of your ban on synthetic pitches. It is yet another example of the 'nobodies' in our national game being crushed by power and influence.

The truth is, of course, that that is merely a cheap excuse and clubs like Liverpool, who are so accustomed to success, react like spoilt children in defeat and blame extraneous circumstances to cover their own shortcomings. Unfortunately for clubs like Preston, and supporters like me, it is the Liverpools of this world who hold the balance of power.

Yours disgustedly

R S Kirkman

51 Sunny Bank Avenue,
Bispham, Blackpool,
Lancs.

Editor's note: This letter was addressed to the Football Association with copies circulated to the Football League, Preston, Oldham, QPR and Luton Town.

Training session

Dear Sir,

During my school holidays, boredom usually sets in, but this first week of being away from school was different.

Many Thanks

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•Mike Newell: Signed on
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the stadium, I sat in the Maple
Road seats (autograph book
and pen at the ready!).

After about ten minutes or so,
most of the players went inside
and I plucked up enough courage
(I'm very shy!) to move
further forward. Four players
remained: Mick Harford, Mike
Newell, Tim Breacher and
Marc North. John Moore, Ray
Harford, Dave Kirby and John
Faulkner also stayed to watch.

After about 45 minutes they
gathered their belongings and
came in one by one.

I was standing with a young
girl who had pulled a ligament
in her ankle and was on
crutches. Every player went
past and asked her, "What have
you been at then?" They then
signed autographs and chatted
for a while longer.

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GIRL TALK



The fastest game of all

It is widely believed that football descended from medieval inter-village battles fought over an inflated pig's bladder. But the game of lacrosse boasts perhaps the strangest history of all. Apparently it was first played on horseback by North American Indians, passing a skull from stick to stick!

Nowadays a ball is used, similar in size to hockey, and the goal resembles that used in ice hockey. Lacrosse, a game with no boundaries demands a very high level of fitness and dedication. It is very fast and flowing with few stoppages, with the players either running with the ball held in the small net on their sticks or giving high passes which are caught in the net and on the run.

On Sunday 29th March, 1987, England's Women's U 21's met Scotland here at Luton Town FC. The match was a first in two aspects; one being a new fixture and the second that it was played on astro-turf. Most players were slightly apprehensive over the surface. The result was an even faster game, demanding more skill, speed and stamina, bringing out the attractive aspects of the game. The main difficulty was that picking up ground passes was awkward with the ball running away from the player.

Spectators commented that they'd rarely seen a faster game with a lot of running involved and the ball moving from one end to the other within seconds. This unique characteristic of lacrosse was highlighted on the astro-turf and supports the claim that lacrosse is the fastest game on two feet. By comparison to grass, the astro-turf didn't drain your energy while playing, with its soft spongy surface, and it got a vote of approval from most players.

The match was very competitive with England coming out on top. The young Scots though much less experienced, never gave in, being encouraged by vocal Scots support and your score-board displaying 'Come on you Jocks!.. We'll be back.'

Scottish lacrosse is on the up and up at present, targeted towards improving on the current Bronze medal position. Sights are set on the 1988 World Cup in Sydney, Australia.

Perhaps one day, we can return to Luton Town and demonstrate lacrosse prior to one of the home games.

Meanwhile thanks a lot Luton Town.

Kirsty Barber, Captain, Scotland Under 21.

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

Luton News



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THURSDAYS 14p

Luton Town 2 Coventry City 0

Brian Stein scored with a superbly-taken header and Mike Newell with a volley at the end of a flowing move to clinch the Town's second home win in 35 years against the Sky Blues at Kenilworth Road last Saturday. The win gave us a rare double against a club which has been a bogey opponent for a long time.

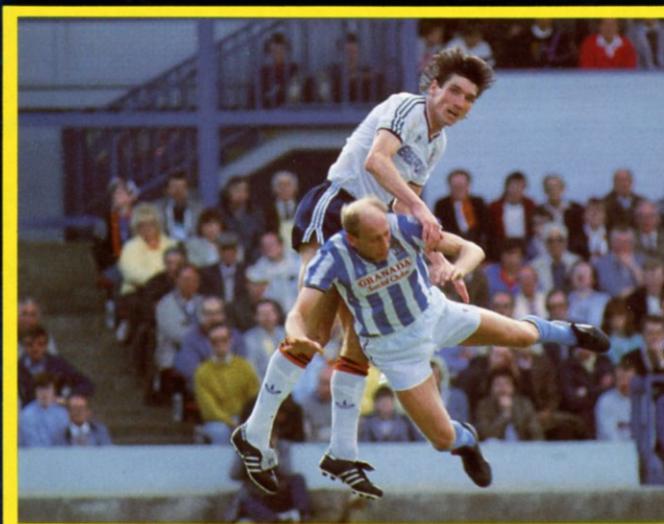
Stein's goal was a classic. It came in the ninth minute, six minutes after a Greg Downs shot had rebounded from a post, and followed a Luton attack on the right which ended with Tim Breacker firing in a head-high cross. Stein moved alertly to beat Brian Borrows and then steer a downward header across Steve Ogrizovic.

The Town then went on to dominate in midfield and control most of a lively and interesting game. Coventry frequently showed their own powers in attack with David Phillips and David Bennett both playing well and Livingstone and Gynn missing from good openings.

The Town ended all doubts about the result with their second goal in the final minute. Stacey North won a ball in midfield, fed Ricky Hill who in turn found Brian Stein wide in space on the right. His accurate cross found Mike Newell at the far post and a clinical finish secured all three points.

Teams: Luton - Sealey, Breacker, Grimes (Sub McDonough 70), Nicholas, North, Donaghy, Hill, B. Stein, Newell, Harford, Preece. Coventry - Ogrizovic, Borrows, Downs (Livingstone 66), McGarth, Kilcline, Peake, Bennett, Phillips, Houchen, Gynn, Sedgeley. **Referee** - H. Taylor (Leicester).

1st Team ACTION



• Two goal win: Brian Stein and Mike Newell scored the goals as the Town beat Coventry 2-0 here last weekend. Our action pictures today show them celebrating Mike's clincher in the final minutes (top left), Brian in an aerial duel for the ball (above), Mike scoring his goal with a fine volley to a cross by Brian (left) and captain Mick Harford showing his skill in the air (above). Pictures by Sportswide Photography.

Membership Renewal

John Smith Executive Director

This club has made several innovations recently, notably our synthetic pitch and membership schemes. And, in the next few days, we shall be taking another step forward.

Each member will receive a personal letter from the chairman, with a simple form and Freepost envelope, to renew supporters' cards for next season. With 30,000 members in all, I suspect this is the biggest personal mailing operation ever undertaken by a football club in this country.

Please help us by returning the form immediately. The scheme has brought added safety and enjoyment to matches here. We have spent £1 million on recent ground improvements - including toilets - and these improvements will continue. On the field, John Moore's team have had a truly exceptional season, so there is every reason to "Follow the Town" next season.

It seems a long way off, with holidays and the entire cricket season in between, so you might not see the urgency. However, we need you to write quickly, so we can ensure everyone has a card in good time for the first match of the new season.

Inevitably, we have had to increase membership fees to an economic level but we have made it even better value. I am delighted to say we have negotiated a special discount with the RAC, saving you almost £10 on motoring breakdown and recovery services - details are in the letter. This is in addition to discounts at 100 shops and garages, and a

revised list of these will be available soon.

To thank you for your support, you can renew at a special rate, providing you do so by May 31 - another reason for not forgetting! For adults, this is £3, compared to £5 for new members.

From now on, all youngsters under 16 automatically become Junior Hatters, for an inclusive price of £3. A new section is being launched for supporters between 16 and 21 years old. The 16-21 Club will enable juniors to retain their close ties with the club as well as offering special benefits. Renew membership now and it costs £3, saving £1. Finally, all pensioners are entitled to a special card, at the lowest possible price of £2.

If your letter has not arrived by May 15, please contact the ticket office for a duplicate. New cards will be posted during June and July.

Season ticket holders will also receive a letter in May, enabling them to renew an existing season ticket by post. Of course, they get the same benefits as other members, plus substantial savings on match ticket prices.

As well as looking rather different, the 1987/88 cards will use new technology designed to overcome the irritating problem suffered at the turnstiles occasionally. This will also give us the ability to reward regular supporters and those who recruit new members, with special offers and discounts.

One thing's for sure: Kenilworth Road will be an exciting place to be next season so make sure of your place and send back that form!



CLUB NEWS

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Pre-match Entertainment

We again welcome the Luton Ladies football team who are playing Watford Ladies today. Supplementing the entertainment is Fantastic Fireworks who will be giving a rousing welcome to both teams. Please give the ladies your support and approval.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

An extraordinary general meeting of Luton Town FC shareholders was held on April 23. It was called to agree a proposal to increase share capital by £100,000 and to assist the appointment of new directors.

For news on the appointment and the meeting please read Club Comment on page 26.

FORTHCOMING MATCHES AT KENILWORTH ROAD

Southern Junior Floodlit Cup Final
Tuesday, April 28, 1987
Luton Town v Chelsea
Kick-off 7.30 pm.

Today League Division One
Tuesday, May 5, 1987
Luton Town v Oxford United
Kick-off 7.45 pm.

MATCH REFEREE

JOHN MARTIN (Alton)

A credit control manager, John is married with a teenage son. He began refereeing in 1958 and progressed via local leagues, the Surrey Senior League and the Isthmian League. He was appointed to the FIFA panel in 1984. He enjoys all sports, particularly athletics, tennis and badminton.

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WELCOME BACK



•Tough return: Andy Dibble was recalled from loan to play at Watford on Tuesday. Unlucky Andy!

KIRK AND SON HIT THE AIRWAVES



•In the press box: Former Hatters' favourite Kirk Stephens and his son Quinton were back at Kenilworth Road on Saturday when we beat Coventry 2-0. Kirk was working with Murcia Sound radio, providing expert analysis, but Quinton was joining in the fun.

THE TOWN

SUPPORT THE YOUTH TEAM IN THEIR CUP FINAL WITH CHELSEA
By Bill Tomlins

Good afternoon and welcome to our final Saturday home match of the season at Kenilworth Road. Although we did not manage to pull off a good result at Watford on Tuesday evening, I am sure all our members would agree with me that the first team have played quite superbly this season and deserve the maximum of praise and encouragement today.

The disappointment at Vicarage Road was offset considerably by a tremendous result by our youth team who won 2-1 at Stamford Bridge in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup final first leg against Chelsea. This was a great performance and said a great deal about the quality of our youngsters and the fine work of our coaching staff, in particular John Faulkner and Jim Ryan.

Cup final

The stage is now set for a splendid evening here on Tuesday for the second leg when Luton Town are offered an opportunity to show how promising the future really is. I know how exciting the matches are and how attractive this fixture will be to our loyal supporters, but I would urge everyone to make an effort and support the team in their cup final.

The success of our youth team, incidentally, may have something to

do with the recent crop of goals harvested by the reserves. Many of our youngsters have been turning out in the Football Combination and the experience can only be good for them.

I hope a good crowd will be at the match which is, after all, the second most prestigious youth tournament for professional clubs in which we enter a team. An overall triumph and a trophy for the club would be a fine and worthy achievement.

I hope an equally good crowd will be here today and for our final home match of the season when we entertain Oxford United on May 5.

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Finally a warm welcome to this afternoon's match sponsors Hans Jürgen (Importers) Ltd and executive sponsors Pyrene Chemical Services. Hans Lindner and his wife Kathryn established Hans Jürgen (Importers) Ltd 11 years ago. They supply wine and spirits and ale to clubs and firms in the area.

Hans and his family are all Kenilworth Suite members and avid Town fans. This is their second match sponsorship and we hope they and their guests, like all our members and supporters, enjoy a satisfactory and happy afternoon.



•Farewell you snappers: Luton News photographer and avid Town fan Mark Richards was working for his paper for the last time at Kenilworth Road on Saturday. He is going freelance - good luck Mark.



•On the ball: Reg & June Kitchener of Clarendon Hats, who supply our club boaters, were presented with the match ball by Tim Breacker and Mike Newell.



•Man of the match: Ricky Hill was voted as our sponsors' man of the match against Coventry. He is pictured receiving a bottle of bubbly from Jim Shorey of Shorey Travel.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



MICK HARFORD

Baffling away form

Hello everyone - that's what Steve always said, isn't it? I'm sorry for our fans who travelled down to Watford on Tuesday. We never really got going and Watford played very well in the second half to clinch their double over us for the season. We shall do our best to stop it happening again by beating the Owls today.

We were unlucky on Tuesday to meet our rivals when they were really in the mood, but it still doesn't make up for some poor away showings. It is something which baffles us a bit and we are working hard on sorting out the problems. I was also unlucky at Vicarage Road as I injured my Achilles tendon during the pre-match warm-up.

Seven stitches

It has meant having treatment this week. We also went without Les Sealey who had a whack on his knee last week against Coventry and Ashley played with seven stitches in a head wound. Typically, Ashley didn't complain but just got on with the game.

Today we are at home to Sheffield Wednesday who also give everyone a tough match. I know what to expect and so do the rest of the lads. They have been criticised sometimes for their style, but they can play well on their day and deserve to be a force in the top flight next season. Enjoy the match.

Graham



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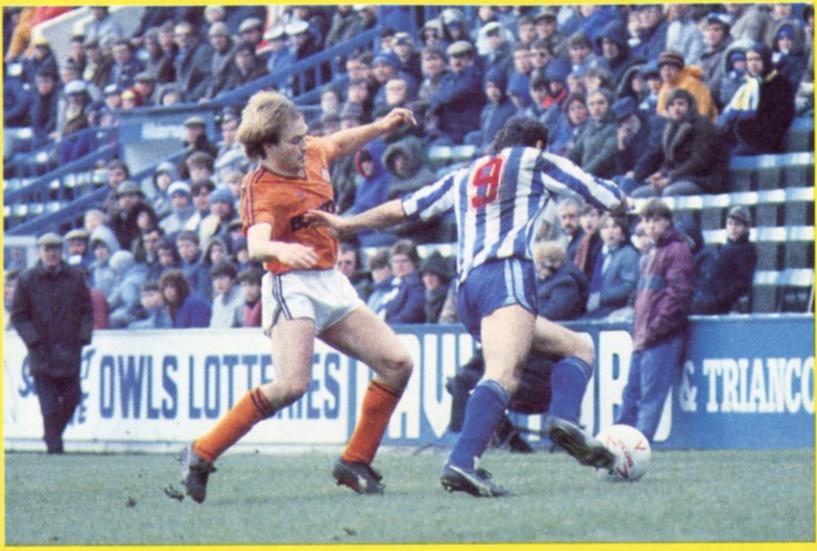
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• Flashback: David Preece in action at Hillsborough in March 1985 (top) when the teams drew 1-1 and Mal Donaghy on the attack here in October 1984





• **ACTION EXTRA:** Peter Nicholas and Mike Newell in action during last week's 2-0 win over Coventry.



IN PROFILE.....

JOHN MOORE



• **Robust defender:** John Moore in action during his playing days at Kenilworth Road.

Town favourite for two decades



• **Town manager:** John Moore

John Moore has been a favourite for more than 20 years at Kenilworth Road where he began his career in England as a player in 1965, signing on from Motherwell where he had spent his early days. Now the club manager and proudly steering the club towards its highest-ever finish in the First Division, John can justifiably look back and say a lot has changed during his spell in Bedfordshire.

When he arrived as a player, Luton were in the Fourth Division. He made 263 appearances during his Town playing career, scoring 13 goals, before leaving in 1974 when the club were on their way to the First Division. He was a leading figure, a sterling, robust defender, in the 1968 and 1970 promotion teams. He completed his playing days with spells at Brighton and Northampton before moving into management at nearby Dunstable.

He returned to Kenilworth Road as youth coach in 1978, climbed to take charge of the reserves and took over the first team and the manager's office last summer.

JOHN MOORE



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DRESSING ROOM TALK

with John Moore

Luton Town manager John Moore has enjoyed a highly-successful first season in charge at Kenilworth Road, leading the team towards a very high finishing position in the First Division. Demands upon him and his time have grown with the increased success of the club and the team and he has been able to take a close look at the pressures of his job and those of other top managers. Today, in Dressing Room Talk, he reports on the way such pressures have affected the managers of First Division clubs:

"Recently I joined the other First Division managers at a meeting to discuss ways we could improve the image of the game. We talked about the precarious nature of a manager's job and how the fear of being fired can lead to over-cautious football.

"Also, we talked about whether or not you can manufacture a more exciting game by changing its laws.

"We didn't put the world to rights, but just by giving these issues an airing we did some good. And at the next meeting, we will invite representatives of the lower divisions too. In this way a manager's view of football should gradually emerge, just as the PFA now so ably represents the players.

Eliminating risk

"But what about fear? No one can do a good job if he has to look over his shoulder all the time. When one mistake on the field brings defeat and one defeat sometimes costs the manager his job, its no wonder that managers sometimes set out to eliminate risk at the expense of entertainments.

"Managers need more job security. Not just for themselves but for the good of their team and spectators. Contracts binding on both sides for an agreed time would encourage managers to risk going for a win.

"But this still would not eliminate cautious play entirely. Managers are highly competitive and if they like to win, they hate losing even more.



• Security vital: John Moore.

"Would new laws help? Well, the introduction of three points for a win has certainly made it worthwhile for sides to risk going for the winning goal. But changes to the laws of the game itself could do more harm than good.

Slower game

"You could easily double the size of the goal, for example, but the resulting cricket scores would soon devalue the game. Another popular suggestion is to ban offsides except in the last 18 yards of the pitch. This would stretch out the play and prevent midfield congestion, but it would create a slower game.

"What British spectators want is fast and thrilling end-to-end stuff with plenty of goal attempts. Everyone can help achieve this, without teams committing themselves to reckless attack of new laws.

"Referees too can keep the game flowing and young players should develop a 'get on with the game' attitude, not waste time talking to the referee and suchlike. In the end, the future is down to the application of sound good sense on the field."

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Thankyou.



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.

For Your Diary

On Saturday, May 2nd, we are away to Charlton Athletic in a Today League Division One fixture. Kick-off 3.00 pm.

On Tuesday, May 5th, we are at home to Oxford United in a Today League Division One fixture. Kick-off 7.45 pm.

On Saturday, May 9th, we are away to Everton 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.

BRIAN STEIN TESTIMONIAL

April 28, 1987: Sportsman's Dinner at Luton Town FC (sold out).

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

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

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

December, 1987: Christmas Ball.

Videos and scarves to be available. Ask at the Souvenir Shop. For details of testimonial events please contact Brian Cole or Elaine West on 01-449-9237.

Reserves Fixtures

On Saturday, May 2nd, the reserves are at home to Oxford United in a Football Combination game, kick-off 2.00 pm.

On Saturday, May 9th, the reserves are away to Bristol Rovers in a Football Combination game, kick-off 2.00 pm.

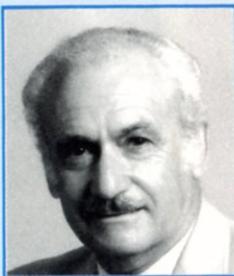
Vauxhall Motors v Luton Town

On Wednesday, April 29th, Luton Town will be playing a friendly match with Vauxhall Motors. This game will be played at Branche Estate, kick-off 7.30 pm.

NEW DIRECTORS



We are pleased to welcome Brian Cole (left) and Mike Watson-Challis (right) to the board of directors of Luton Town, writes our chairman David Evans:



"The Board of Luton Town FC has appointed two new directors, following a shareholders' extraordinary general meeting to increase the club's share capital.

The new directors are businessmen Brian Cole, a Vice President of the club, and Mike Watson-Challis, President of St Albans FC.

I am delighted to welcome them to the Board. Their business expertise and financial support will help to ensure our future as a leading First Division club.

However, this does not close the door on new appointments. Sufficient new shares were created for one or two more directors, when people of the right calibre can provide the time.

I intend to remain as a director after resigning as chairman this autumn, during which period, my successor for the next three years will be appointed.

About 800 shareholders were invited to the meeting which voted to create an additional 100,000 'B' Supporters Shares at £1 each, providing an authorised capital of £371,000. This allows each of the new directors to hold approximately 20,000 shares.

Both new directors share a sporting background

and past connections with Blue Arrow, a company founded by Mr Watson-Challis' wife, Sheila.

A former Blue Arrow director himself, Mr Watson-Challis is director of various travel companies, Freeman of the City of London, Lord of the Manor of Debenham, Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Farriers, and member of the Guild of Freemen.

A footballer at school and in the Army, he also competed at cricket, athletics and fencing. Nowadays he is a keen golfer, motor racing driver, and pilot. He is a long-standing Luton Town supporter.

Mr Cole, aged 45, was born in Letchworth, where he still lives, and has supported Luton Town since he was a boy. Married with three sons, he used to row and play badminton, though now he prefers golf. He is president of the boys' Welwyn Pegasus FC and is a Freeman of the City of London.

He was a founder of Cleandustrial Services Ltd, which was sold to Blue Arrow two years ago. Subsequently, he became a director of Blue Arrow Cleaning Group and then Aldwick Associates Ltd, another Blue Arrow company.

Last September, he became chairman of his own company, Cole Management Services."

David Evans, Chairman



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ACTION



•David Oldfield: Finding the net.



•Marc North: On the mark at Pompey.

THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION TABLE
1986/87

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	33	22	6	5	72	32	50
Tottenham Hotspur	30	20	7	3	72	27	47
Chelsea	32	19	8	5	71	27	46
Watford	32	17	8	7	64	36	42
Queens Park Rangers	31	17	6	8	65	49	40
Norwich City	31	17	5	9	72	55	39
Luton Town	31	16	4	11	75	46	36
Southampton	30	14	5	11	54	46	33
Swindon Town	30	15	2	13	77	68	32
Ipswich Town	32	14	4	14	45	55	32
West Ham United	29	13	5	11	54	43	31
Charlton Athletic	27	11	7	9	41	42	29
Fulham	33	10	7	16	43	59	27
Crystal Palace	30	7	9	14	43	58	23
Oxford United	31	8	7	16	52	70	23
Reading	27	8	3	16	35	71	19
Portsmouth	29	6	6	17	34	65	18
Millwall	32	5	6	21	36	75	16
Bristol Rovers	31	6	3	22	44	86	15
Brighton & Hove Albion	31	6	2	23	37	76	14

FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1986/87

Date	Opponents	Result	Date	Opponents	Result
1986			1987		
Aug 23	Arsenal	2-3	Jan 10	Arsenal	2-1
Aug 26	Ipswich Town	1-2	Jan 17	Ipswich	1-2
Sept 6	Brighton	3-1	Jan 20	Fulham	3-0
Sept 10	Reading	1-2	Feb 7	Swindon	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	1-5
Oct 28	QPR	0-6	Apr 1	Crystal Palace	6-1
Nov 8	Crystal Palace	1-2	Apr 4	Oxford	3-0
Nov 22	Portsmouth	5-1	Apr 11	QPR	7-1
Dec 6	Millwall	9-2	Apr 18	Portsmouth	6-2
Dec 20	West Ham	6-1	Apr 23	Reading	
			Apr 25	West Ham	
			May	Oxford	



•Gary Cobb: Among the goals.

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 Ut	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 21	Oxford	2-3
Oct 11	Southend	5-1	Mar 28	Wimbledon	1-3
Oct 18	Wimbledon	2-0	Apr 1	Swindon	5-2
Oct 25	Colchester	3-1	Apr 4	Bristol R	5-2
Nov 1	Northampton	6-1	Apr 11	Wimbledon	1-1
Nov 8	Reading	5-2	Apr 18	Brentford	1-1
Nov 11	Charlton (SJFC)	3-3	Apr 21	Chelsea (SJFC F)	2-1
Nov 11	Charlton (SJFC-R)	3-1	Apr 28	Chelsea (SJFC F)	
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
TBA: Southend (A)

Reserve & Youth



JIM RYAN



JOHN FAULKNER

CUP FINAL PROGRESS AS YOUTH TEAM WIN

Our youth team enjoyed a tremendous win at Chelsea on Tuesday night when they beat the Londoners 2-1 in the first leg of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup final. The second leg is due to be played here at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday evening, kick-off 7.30 pm. Youth team coach John Faulkner said: "Half of the job is done. The lads attitude was first class. It was a deserved victory."

Paul Gray scored both the Town goals in the second half as the team came back from 1-0 down at half-time to sweep to victory. Faulkner added: "If Chelsea thought they were going to brush past us, they soon realised it wouldn't be easy. Not without a lot of effort. Our commitment was excellent. Our passing was not quite good enough, however, and we did not get too many controlled moves going."

Dominant

"We did not panic when they scored and the centre of our defence was really dominant in the second half. That is when we took control. The passing movements got better and we began to penetrate. The players started to relax. When the chances came we put two away and might have had more. In addition to scoring twice, Paul Gray had a good goal disallowed and also shot over the bar."

"Several others had chances too. It should be a good game on Tuesday when we hope to complete the job in front of our own fans."

The reserves meanwhile have continued their extraordinary scoring streak with a 6-0 win at Fratton Park against Portsmouth. They are now the Football Combination top scorers and have hit 22 goals in their last four games. Sean Farrell hit a hat-trick, with further goals from Gary Cobb, Marvin Johnson and Marc North.

REPLAY

INTRODUCING...

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Sheffield Wednesday arrive at Kenilworth Road this afternoon urgently in need of points to maintain their drive away from the play-off zone at the bottom of the First Division. At one stage earlier this season, they seemed on course for a high finish, but their form fell away and a run of defeats was only ended on Monday with a vital victory over Manchester City. That result followed with a 1-1 draw at Southampton on Wednesday night.

The goal at the Dell came from the former Stoke and Arsenal striker Lee Chapman who has now hit 21 this season in a struggling team - proof of this danger to the Town defence this afternoon.

When the teams met at Hillsborough last November, Sheffield Wednesday won by the only goal of a dull game supplied by Gary Megson. Last season, the Town won at home 1-0 with a goal by Mick Harford and lost 3-2 away at Hillsborough.

Players likely to be on duty today:

Martin Hodge - Goalkeeper. Born Southport. One of Wednesday's most reliable and consistent players and pressing for international recognition. Renown for his bravery. Has played in every league game for Wednesday since arriving from Everton in September 1983.

Chris Morris - Midfielder, born Newquay, Cornwall. An England schoolboy player, he signed as a professional in September 1982. Played at right-back at the Dell on Wednesday.

Mel Sterland - A local product who has progressed to an international-class right-back. Joined the Owls as an apprentice in 1978. England under-21 cap with a goalscoring taste.

Glynn Snodin - Midfield. Born in Rotherham, Glynn joined from Doncaster Rovers in June 1985. Competitive and powerful, he is a popular player with the fans.



Back Row from left: **Mel Sterland, Lee Chapman, Paul Hart, Martin Hodge (Captain), Kevin Pressman, Ian Knight, Mark Smith, Lawrie Madden, Nigel Worthington, Alan Smith (Physio).** Front row: **Colin Walker, Carl Shutt, David Hirst, Howard Wilkinson (Manager), Glynn Snodin, Chris Morris, Tony Gregory.**



Sheffield Wednesday manager Howard Wilkinson joined the club as a player in 1962 and left for Brighton in 1966. He returned to Sheffield in 1971 and became a physical education teacher at Abbeyvale Grange School. He was always interested in coaching and training and became a Football Association staff coach. He joined Notts County in 1980 as first team coach under Jimmy Sirrell, stepping up to manage the team. He joined Wednesday as manager in 1983 and steered them back to the First Division in his first season.

Lawrie Madden - Defender. An ex-Millwall player who joined the Owls in August 1983 to become a vital member of the squad in the last three seasons.

Nigel Worthington - Left-back. An Irish international signed from Notts County in February 1984. He was an important part of the Owls promotion-winning side and is a fast and competitive player.

Brian Marwood - Winger. Joined from Hull City at the beginning of the 1984-85 season and is a fast, direct player who can play on either flank. A consistent and regular player who can also score goals.

Greg Megson - Midfielder. Joined from Everton in 1981, left for Nottingham Forest in 1984 but left for Newcastle without making a first team appearance for Brian Clough. Rejoined the Owls in 1986. A proven player and goalscorer.

Lee Chapman - Striker. Tall and powerful. Joined from Sunderland in July 1984 for £100,000 after spells with Stoke City and Arsenal.

David Hirst - Striker. Born Barnsley, December 1967. Signed for Wednesday from Barnsley in August 1986. An England youth international for whom a big future has been predicted.

Gary Shelton - Midfielder and one of the club's most popular players. A busy, hard-working and consistent left-footed midfielder.

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JUNIOR HATTERS!

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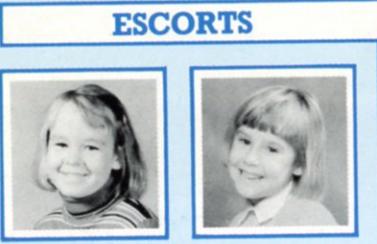
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Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is 38. The winning member should contact Bev Tyler in the ticket office at Oak Road, with his, or her, membership card for two free tickets to one of our home matches.

Brian Stein scored a good goal last Saturday against Coventry and made the pass for Mike Newell to score the second goal. It is Brian's testimonial year so if all you Junior Hatters would like to support Brian you can purchase a special scarf that has been made for him.

It has a picture of Brian in the middle with all the first team players autographs on it. You can buy one from the souvenir shop at £2.50 each.

Today we give a warm welcome to Sheffield Wednesday to Kenilworth Road. Have a good day and I will see you all at our next home game when we play Oxford United.



Suzanna Butcher Wendy Skinner

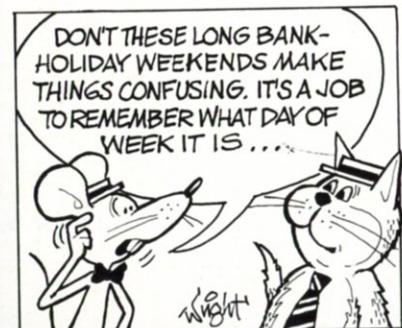


Angela Walker



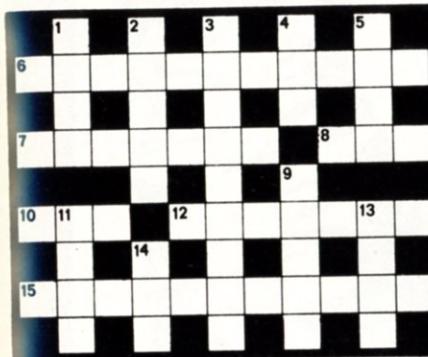
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KENILWORTH THE CAT



QUIZ

Soccer Ninety-Niner No. 12



Across

- Defender (who sounds like a fuel-merchant) who has mainly been seen with Millwall, Colchester and Aldershot (4,7)
- It sounds as if defender Floyd has the address (7)
- Fenton, one of West Ham's few managers (3) of motorcycle (5)
- This Chapman could be the chap (3)
- "Guy the —", one of the nicknames of Scunthorpe's most famous stand-in (7)
- Ever-present forward who helped Derby win promotion in 1986 (11)

Down

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

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

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Sunday Express - "Luton struck with a text book goal after only nine minutes - six minutes after Coventry's Greg Downs hit the Luton post with a drive from the wing."

"Tim Breacker set up the move with a pinpoint cross and with the Coventry defence frozen like table top footballers, Stein rose to head forcefully and powerfully past Coventry keeper Steve Ogrizovic."

The Times - "As it was Luton showed Coventry how chances should be taken with splendid goals that kept them in fourth position."

"After eight minutes, Stein reacting quicker than Borrows converted Breacker's cross with a fierce downward header. With two minutes remaining, Coventry were caught upfield as the ball broke to Hill. His perceptive pass released Stein, whose excellent centre was met by Newell's decisive volley."

The People - "Luton demolished FA Cup finalists Coventry with two of the sweetest goals they've ever put together on their plastic pitch."

Sunday Mirror - "Luton capitalised on Coventry's pre-Wembley jitters to stay among the top four in Division One."

"Brian Stein and Mike Newell notched a goal apiece while the Sky Blues were thinking more about the FA Cup Final than this encounter."

"Stein's 15th goal of the season after nine minutes was a perfectly placed glancing header from eight yards that bounced inches inside Oggy's far post."



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LUTON TOWN Golden Oldies

THE FORMER OWLS GOALKEEPER WHO HIT A HAT TRICK FOR LUTON

We welcome the 'Owls' to Kenilworth Road for our 40th league meeting today. As we have won only ten of our previous encounters, some catching up is needed to improve our record writes club statistician Roger Wash.

Nine of those ten wins have been here which must make Hillsborough one of our least favourite away grounds. Our solitary win was on 10th October 1970 when Malcolm MacDonald scored the perfect hat trick in a 5-1 win.

He also hit the national headlines due to the presence of Yorkshire TV cameras.

Attending the game that day was Jack Ball who before the war had given sterling service to Manchester United, Sheffield Wednesday and Huddersfield from whom he was signed by the Town in October 1934.

He made his debut against Bristol City at Kenilworth Road on 27th October 1934 and scored the Town goal in a 1-1 draw. The 8,956 crowd were first to witness the almost telepathic understanding between Ball and Sam Bell and it was obviously a great disappointment when Bell was transferred to Spurs in February 1935.



• **Malcolm Macdonald:** Ace striker Mac the knife (left) hit a treble at Hillsborough for the Town.

Even so, Jack Ball scored an astonishing 30 goals in only 31 league games in his first season, but unfortunately could not maintain the average the following year.

After an initial flurry of goals in 1935-36 the supply dried up, but because he had become such a crowd favourite many letters of encouragement were sent to the 'Luton News'. These letters did not work, however, and Ball was relegated to the reserves from where he saw his first team position further undermined by the remarkable exploits of Joe Payne.

Injured Payne

During the early games of 1936-37 the Town could not come up with a winning forward combination with the absence through injury of Payne and after a disastrous 3-0 defeat at Cardiff Jack Ball was recalled for what was regarded as his 'swansong'.

He, however, did very well playing as a foil for Joe Payne and managed a creditable 8 goals in 15 appearances before Albert Dawes was signed from Crystal Palace and took his place. Ball waited for the Town to win promotion at the season's end before linking up with Vauxhall Motors.

Another player with Sheffield Wednesday connections later to become a firm Town favourite was Tony Read - Beryl to the Oak Road faithful.

Signed as a 17-year-old by Wednesday in 1960, he had four years at Hillsborough without making the first team before being transferred to Peterborough where he enjoyed two league appearances in 1964-65.

The Town, that season, were fighting a rearguard action against relegation to Division Four and the situation became even more serious when England International goalkeeper Ron Baynham was severely injured, coincidentally, at Peterborough on February 6th 1965.

The injury, in fact, forced Baynham out of the game completely and left the Town with only one recognised keeper, Colin Tinsley.

Another goalkeeper was therefore a priority and the Town signed Read, but typical of the club's ill-luck or perhaps lack of forward thinking, bordering on panic, it was discovered that the new keeper had a broken bone in his foot and was unable to play for the rest of that season.

Tinsley remained an ever-present and started off season 1965-66 wearing the goalkeeper's jersey. Read however had shown his aptitude as a striker in the reserves and his first 27 league appearances for the Town were in the forward line.

Never particularly graceful, he nonetheless notched twelve goals, including a hat-trick against Notts County at Kenilworth Road in a game where he could do no wrong.

Agility noticed

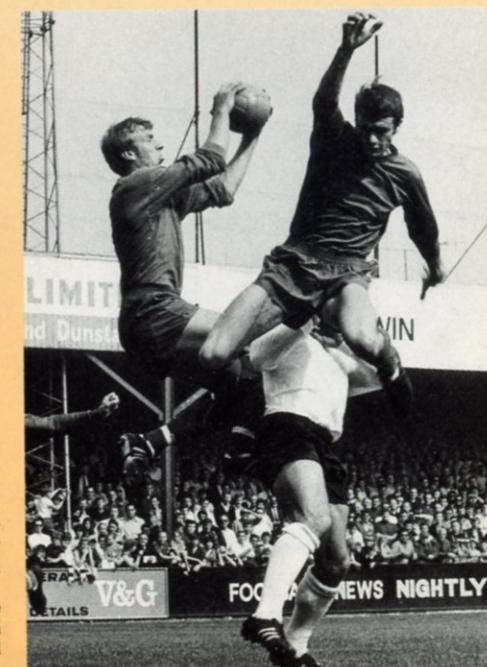
Towards the end of that particular season the goal supply started to dry up and with Tinsley suffering from a recurring injury, Read went back in goal from where he started to make a name for his agility and safe handling.

Tony Read then enjoyed six further seasons with the Town before finally losing his place to Keith Barber following a 2-1 home defeat by Sunderland on 19th February 1972.

I say finally losing his place' because during his time with the club he had to fight off goalkeeping claims from Ron Swan, George Ramage, Bill Taylor, Sandy Davie and Alan Starling, but he always bounced back.



• **Tony Read:** The Town goalkeeper who scored a hat-trick for the Hatters on one occasion after starting his career with the Owls (above and below).



FIRST TEAM

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(Up to and including 21 April 1987)

HOME						AWAY						
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	APs	
37	14	3	1	45	10	Everton	9	4	6	25	17	76
38	13	3	3	39	15	Liverpool	8	4	7	26	22	70
37	12	3	4	33	13	Tottenham Hotspur	7	5	6	28	25	65
38	11	5	3	28	9	Arsenal	7	5	7	23	19	64
38	14	4	1	27	10	LUTON TOWN	3	7	9	16	29	62
38	9	9	1	26	18	Norwich City	6	7	6	23	30	61
38	10	8	1	32	13	Nottingham Forest	6	3	10	27	34	59
36	11	4	3	34	16	Watford	5	4	10	27	32	56
40	9	5	5	28	20	Wimbledon	6	4	9	22	28	54
36	13	2	3	32	15	Coventry City	2	6	10	20	24	53
37	12	3	4	35	16	Manchester United	1	9	8	12	21	51
38	9	6	4	29	22	Queens Park Rangers	4	4	11	15	28	49
38	7	5	7	24	26	Chelsea	5	7	7	22	31	48
38	9	3	7	30	27	West Ham United	4	6	9	19	34	48
38	10	4	5	41	22	Southampton	3	3	13	23	42	46
38	8	7	4	32	21	Sheffield Wednesday	3	5	11	17	34	45
38	9	4	6	32	26	Newcastle United	2	6	11	12	33	43
38	8	7	7	30	24	Oxford United	2	5	12	10	39	42
38	9	6	4	37	21	Leicester	2	1	16	14	49	40
38	6	7	6	24	20	Charlton Athletic	3	3	13	14	31	37
38	6	7	5	20	23	Aston Villa	1	5	13	18	49	33
38	6	6	7	24	24	Manchester City	0	8	11	8	31	32

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

(1986/87)

Player	League		FA Cup		Player	League		FA Cup	
	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls		Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls
Tim Breacker	27	1	4	-	Mike Newell	38	11	5	1
Andy Dibble	1	-	-	-	Peter Nicholas	38	1	5	-
Mal Donaghy	38	-	5	-	Marc North	(2)	-	-	-
Steve Foster	28	2	5	-	Stacey North	10	-	-	-
Ashley Grimes	30	2	5	-	Emeka Nwajobi	6	-	-	-
Mick Harford	16	2	5	3	David Preece	10	-	1	-
Richard Harvey	3	-	-	-	Brian Stein	36	14	5	1
Ricky Hill	26	2	5	-	Mark Stein	15(3)	6	-	-
Rob Johnson	32	-	5	-	Les Sealey	37	-	5	-
Darron McDonough	9(6)	1	(1)	-	Robert Wilson	16(4)	1	-	-
Ricky McEvoy	(1)	-	-	-					

Today's action

Leading goalscorers

Division One

47 - C. Allen (Tottenham)

35 - Rush (Liverpool)

29 - Cottee (West Ham)

24 - Clarke (Everton)

23 - Stewart (Manchester City)

22 - Aldridge (Liverpool)

Aston Villa v West Ham

Leicester v Watford

Liverpool v Everton

Manchester City v Arsenal

Newcastle v Chelsea

Norwich v Coventry

QPR v Manchester United

Southampton v Charlton

Tottenham v Oxford

Wimbledon v Notts Forest

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(*) indicates player substituted (♦) indicates substitute used Home fixtures in **Bold** Scorer's name in **Bold** P = Penalty + denotes own goal



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- 2 Tim Breacker
- 3 Ashley Grimes
- 4 Peter Nicholas
- 5 Stacey North
- 6 Mal Donaghay
- 7 Ricky Hill
- 8 Brian Stein
- 9 Mike Newell
- 10 Mick Harford
- 11 David Preece
- Sub

Sheffield Wednesday

- 1 Martin Hodge
- 2 Mel Sterland
- 3 Glynn Snodin
- 4 Larry May
- 5 Lawrie Madden
- 6 Nigel Worthington
- 7 Brian Marwood
- 8 Gary Megson
- 9 Lee Chapman
- 10 David Hirst
- 11 Gary Shelton
- Sub

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