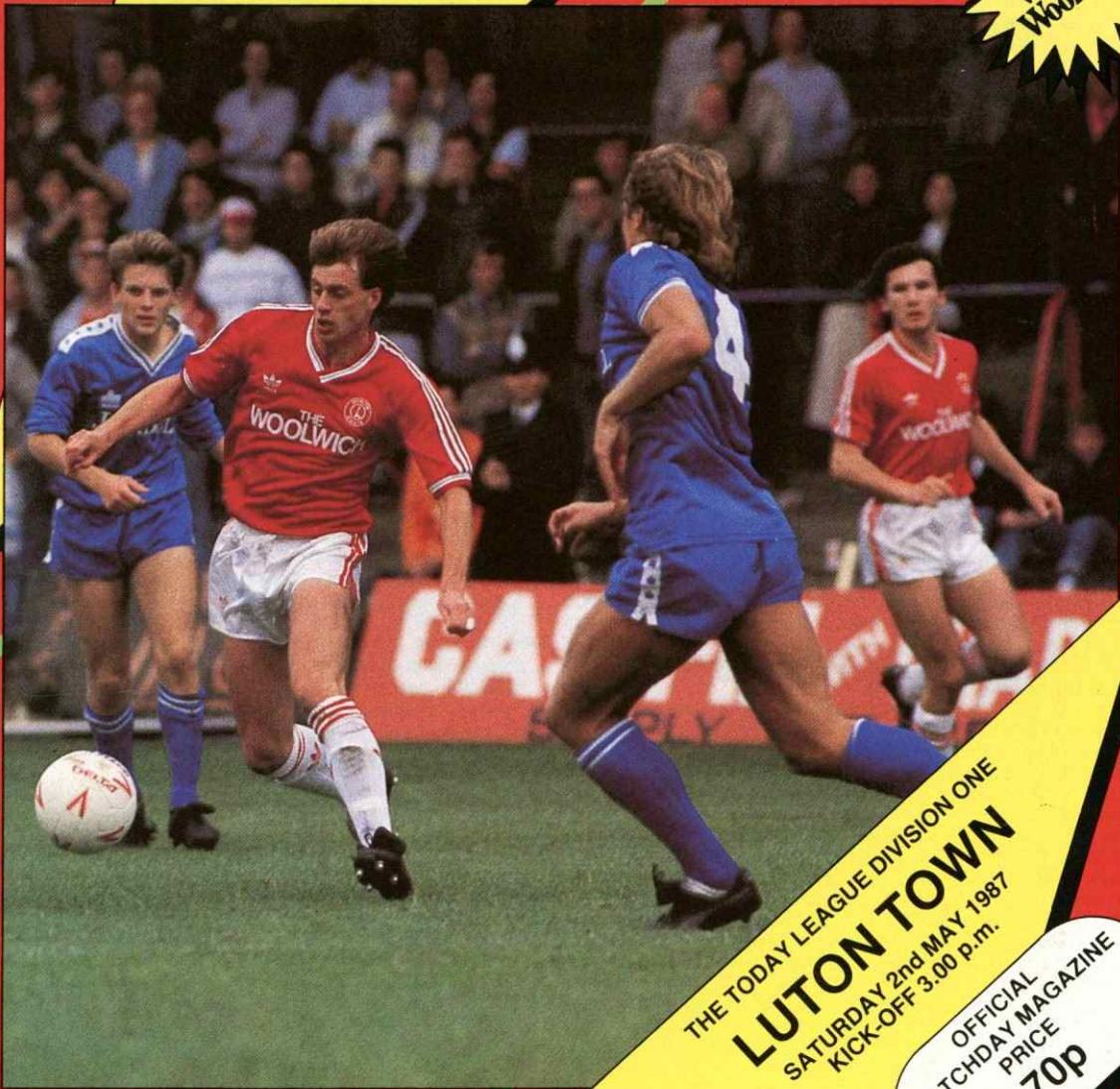


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SCENE ONE TAKE ONE

Kendall's top boss (again)

By Simon Veness

Howard Kendall can comfortably claim the Manager of the Year award this season.

Despite Everton's 3-1 setback at Liverpool last week, the Goodison men remain firm favourites for the championship.

And I am convinced Kendall will ensure his team picks up the seven points they need from their final four matches to lift the game's biggest prize for the second time in three years.

Over the last month, the Everton boss has underlined the sound thinking of nine months' hard work by coaxing his team into their best form of the season at the most crucial time.

He has spent a lot of money, made some big-name signings, and ridden a crippling injury list that at one time seemed sure to ruin their challenge.

Now, with the final hurdle in sight, it is clear he has groomed his Goodison thoroughbreds with expert timing.

Just two months ago, Everton went down 2-1 at Watford and looked a disjointed, lacklustre unit.

All the hard work they had put in since November, when they climbed from eighth to first with hardly a hiccup, seemed just so much wasted effort in the 42-game marathon.

Kendall had splashed out well over £1 million on Ian Snodin and Wayne Clarke, to add to his expenditure on Dave Watson and Paul Power at the beginning of the season, and there was no sign of a pay-off.

But, when it really mattered, the blend was right and the results immediately followed.

Seven straight victories, conceding only two goals, saw them stride into a different gear to their Mersey rivals Liverpool and move imperiously back to the top of the table.

There can now be little doubt that Kendall knew what he was doing all along.

And the lesson for the rest of the Division is quite a sobering one. At the moment there is no one to touch the power and consistency of Everton, and when they have the talents of Sheedy, Reid, Sharp, Bracewell, Snodin and Van Den Hauwe available for the full season, they are going to take a lot of stopping.

Liverpool have also had their share of injuries, but for once the Anfield giants have failed to cope fully, and at times during this campaign they have looked a shadow of their great sides of the recent past.

Boss Kenny Dalglish has slipped out of the Manager of the Year reckoning, despite taking his men to Wembley, by displaying a remarkable lack of composure at key intervals, remarkable by Liverpool standards anyway.

A couple of well-publicised disagreements over results have served to show there is a weakness in Dalglish's hitherto impenetrable and all-conquering armour.

Indeed, you have to look lower in the table for Kendall's real challengers in the managerial stakes this term.

George Graham has proved himself in no uncertain terms at Arsenal, and if his team hadn't slipped in their last couple of months in the league, he would be a realistic co-favourite after collecting the Littlewoods Cup.

David Pleat has also emerged as a top flight manager of distinction after a less than convincing start at White Hart Lane. Tottenham slipped down to the half way mark three times in 1986 before bursting into 1987 on a wave of real conviction and style.

Rightly, they are the purists' favourites for the FA Cup, and are probably only one player short of being genuine championship contenders.

PRAISE-WORTHY

Not bad for a manager who inherited a mid-table club which consistently failed to live up to its potential, and also gave England the revitalised talents of Chris Waddle, Gary Mabbutt and Clive Allen (Glenn Hoddle doesn't count — he has been playing brilliantly for the last three seasons.)

In fact, if comparative achievements were to be taken into account, the likes of Ken Brown, John Moore, Dave Bassett and George Curtis and John Sillett would all be in the queue for praise ahead of Dalglish this season.

All the others may have finished among the League also-rans, but the ways in which they have handled this season have been equally worthy of a place at the top.

Brown's Norwich have lost just seven league games, less than Everton, while Luton have continued to flourish under the low-profile Moore.

Wimbledon have confounded the critics by establishing themselves in the top flight (they were favourites for relegation back in August), and Coventry have been one of the major success stories under their managerial double act.

And don't think I'm being too hard on Dalglish.

Although nearly all the other clubs in the First Division would be happy to swap results with Liverpool this season, their relative success will not be seen as that by their fans.

It is a cliché, but the Kop have become complacent under the steady influx of trophies, and they will not view 1986/87 as a season to savour.

Indeed, you can expect some bitter recriminations in Merseyside pubs this summer if, as seems increasingly likely, Howard Kendall's Everton carry off the major prize.

MANAGER'S NOTES



The Today League programme this weekend brings to a climax most of the promotion and relegation issues, not least of which is our own fate. The last two league games have brought us four valuable points and two respectable performances.

The home win over Aston Villa was accomplished with more comfort than I had anticipated and the draw with Southampton was well earned, coming back from 2-1 down with 10 men. If we can win these last two home games and get a result at Newcastle on Monday I am sure we can avoid relegation, albeit by the play-offs.

Leicester have two away games and a difficult home local derby against Coventry City whilst Oxford United are away to Luton Town and finish up at home to Leicester on the last day of the season.

If Oxford win their home game today against Norwich City I think we will need to win our three remaining matches to avoid relegation and the play-offs, but if they falter it could mean two wins and a draw from us may be enough to get to the fifth from bottom spot and avoid prolonging our season.

Today we welcome the directors players and supporters of Luton Town Football Club to Selhurst Park for what will obviously be a hard match for us.

They have enjoyed a very successful season and I think congratulations are due to John Moore and his staff for guiding the club through a difficult and sticky period following their upheaval last summer.

The youth team did well last Tuesday evening in the first leg of the FA Youth Cup Final drawing 1-1 with Coventry City a hard working well or-

ganised side and hopefully we can just pip them in the second leg in 10 days time to win the trophy.

The success of the youth team and the strength of the first team squad augers well for the future and I believe this club is now better off for players at all levels than at any time in the last 20 years since the days of Mike Bailey, Billy Bonds, Lennie Glover, Vic Halom, Martin Hinton and Peter Reeves.

An essential part of all players development will be the chance to pit themselves against the best players in the land and that can only be achieved in the First Division.

We have come a long way in a short time and just three more steps are required to continue and maintain the club's progress.

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LUTON TOWN



Back Row: Marcus Tuite, David Preece, Mark Stein, Emeka Nwajiobi, Marc North, Ricky McAvoy, Rob Johnson.

Middle Row: Jim Ryan (Coach), Tim Breaker, Les Sealey, Mick Harford, Stacey North, Andy Dibble, Mike Newell, John Faulkner (Coach).

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

Luton Town have probably the best team in their 102-year history and they aim to prove it by securing their highest-ever placing in the First Division.

They were well on course to beat the club record — eighth in 1957-58 — when they entered the run-in, holding fourth position and aiming for a top-six finish at least.

What makes their development all the more satisfying is that it has been achieved against the odds.

No doubt there were many people who thought it inevitable that Luton would decline from last season's ninth position following the departure of manager David Pleat, chief coach Trevor Hartley, physiotherapist John Sheridan and England Under-21 full back Mitchell Thomas.

The bookies were clearly thinking that way when they made The Hatters 50 to 1 outsiders

for the championship. Yet the progressive Kenilworth Road club remained quietly confident in their ability to do well after re-structuring the management set-up last summer.

John Moore, a 43-year-old Scot who first joined Luton as a player in 1965, was promoted from the coaching staff and Ray Harford, manager of Fulham in the previous two years, was brought in as the assistant.

They indicated their faith in the established team from the outset. The loss of Thomas was covered from within the squad and they were able to get by without powerful goal-scorer Mick Harford for the first half of the season.

The only additions were two players from the Second Division — Robert Wilson (Millwall) and Darren McDonough (Oldham) — and the total investment was barely half of the £250,000 received from Thomas's move to Spurs.

Unfortunately, the political rumblings over Luton's membership scheme — and their eventual withdrawal from the Littlewoods Cup — tended to make more news than their talented team in the early weeks of the season.

But they were soon in the headlines for the best possible reasons, notably when Merseysider Mike Newell scored a hat-trick in the 4-1 demolition of Liverpool in October. The other main title challengers, Everton and Spurs, were also beaten at Kenilworth Road in the League, and Liverpool were disposed of again on a return trip in the FA Cup.

Luton's passing ability is well suited to their artificial surface and their home record is undoubtedly of championship-winning class. Indeed, they would have been an even bigger threat to the top clubs had they been able to turn some of their away draws into victories. Injuries have tested the depth of the squad. Apart from losing Harford for nearly five months, they were without midfielder David Preece for much of the season and skipper Steve Foster from March onwards with a ruptured knee ligament.

England midfield man Ricky Hill, who received £53,000 from a testimonial match, was also absent for a couple of months with a knee injury.

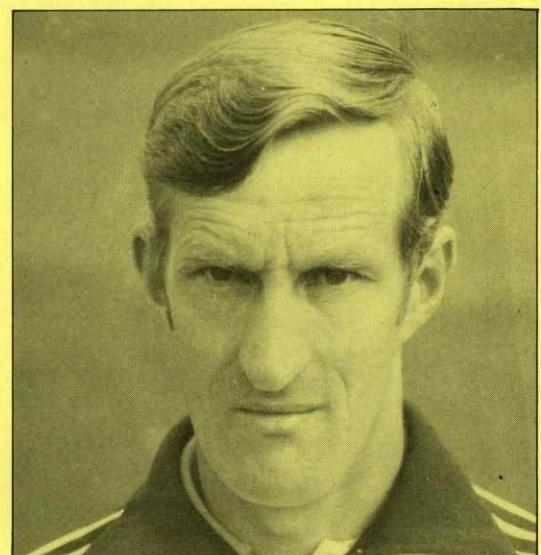
Eire international Ashley Grimes became a key figure, playing at full back or in midfield, while the newcomers, Wilson and McDonough, who was the subject of a transfer deadline bid by Manchester City, plugged gaps in midfield.

Rob Johnson, happily recovered from a series of knee operations, has pinned down a regular berth at full back, more often than not with England Under-21 cap Tim Breacker as his partner. Youth international Richard Harvey, aged 17, has filled in when necessary.

Les Sealey is the first-choice goalkeeper, having seen off the competition from Welshman Andy Dibble, who went on loan to Huddersfield, and Northern Ireland regular Mal Donaghy is a fixture in the middle of the defence.

Stacey North, a 22-year-old local discovery, took over the No. 5 shirt when Foster was injured, but midfield was back up to strength last month when a two-match suspension for Grimes made way for Preece's return alongside Hill and Welsh international Peter Nicholas.

With Harford fit again, Luton used him with Newell and former England player Brian Stein in a three-man strike force. Emeka Nwajiobi, Mark Stein and Marc North, who recently had a loan spell at Birmingham, have also featured in the attack.



MANAGER — JOHN MOORE

LEAGUE RESULTS: Leicester (A) 1-1, Southampton (H) 2-1, Newcastle (H) 0-0, A. Villa (A) 1-2, Chelsea (A) 3-1, Arsenal (H) 0-0, West Ham (A) 0-2, Man. City (H) 1-0, Spurs (A) 0-0, Norwich (H) 0-0, Man. Utd. (A) 0-1, Liverpool (H) 4-1, QPR (H) 1-0, Wimbledon (A) 1-0, Nottm. For. (H) 4-2, Sheff. Wed. (A) 0-1, Charlton (H) 1-0, Oxford (A) 2-4, Everton (H) 1-0, Arsenal (A) 0-3, Watford (H) 0-2, Nottm. For. (A) 2-2, Coventry (A) 1-0, Chelsea (H) 1-0, Leicester (H) 1-0, Newcastle (A) 2-2, A. Villa (H) 2-1, Man. City (A) 1-1, West Ham (H) 2-1, Liverpool (A) 0-2, Man. Utd. (H) 2-1, Norwich (A) 0-0, Southampton (A) 0-3, Spurs (H) 3-1, Wimbledon (H) 0-0, QPR (A) 2-2, Coventry (H) 2-0, Watford (A) 0-2, Sheff. Wed. (H) 0-0.

F.A. CUP: Liverpool (H) 0-0, (A) 0-0, (H) 3-0, QPR (H) 1-1, (A) 1-2.
(Up to and including Saturday 25th April 1987)

JUNIOR NEWS

YOUTH TEAM

LEVEL AFTER FIRST LEG OF CUP FINAL

Our youth team drew 1-1 against Coventry City at Selhurst Park on Tuesday in the first leg of the FA Youth Cup Final and the teams meet in the second leg at Highfield Road on Wednesday May 13 with everything to play for.

In an evenly contested match Coventry took the lead after 21 minutes when Craig Middleton ran from his own half of the field to score after a defensive mistake.

Steve Thurlow had a goal disallowed before Ronnie Mauge equalised for Charlton after 68 minutes scoring from close range after a good cross from Paul Bacon.

Both teams had chances to go into the second leg with a lead but the game ended all square.

Charlton's youth team coach Colin Clarke was pleased with the way the team battled after going a goal down but said the side could play better and improve on their teamwork.

"Coventry are a well organised side but I am confident of success in the second leg," he said.

Charlton's team was: Nat Amato; Paul Bacon, Scott Minto; Darren Pitcher, Geoffrey Thomas, Peter Evans, Paul Murray, Michael Bennett, Carl Leaburn, Ronnie Mauge, Steve Thurlow. Subs: Gordon Watson and Mark Tivey who replaced Thurlow after 82 minutes. Attendance: 833.



Ronnie Mauge scores our equaliser.



Peter Evans chips the ball forward.



Micky Bennett beats a Coventry defender as he advances from the wing.

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Augustus Barnett



THE FIRST DIVISION WINE MERCHANT

REDS IN RESERVE

The Reserves face a busy end of season to their Football Combination programme with a number of matches still to be played including four in one week later this month.

On Tuesday the reserves play Norwich City at Carrow Road, on Wednesday Q.P.R. away and on Thursday Arsenal are the visitors to Bromley. The reserves drew their games at home to Brighton and away to Portsmouth. On Thursday they were at home to Ipswich.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

(Results to Monday, 13th April 1987)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	33	22	6	5	72	32	50
Tottenham H.	31	21	7	3	76	29	49
Chelsea	33	20	8	5	73	27	48
Watford	33	17	8	8	64	38	42
Q.P.R.	33	18	6	9	70	57	42
Norwich City	31	17	5	9	72	55	39
Luton Town	32	17	4	11	81	47	38
Swindon Town	33	17	3	13	85	72	37
Southampton	32	15	5	12	60	53	35
West Ham Utd.	31	14	6	11	58	47	34
Ipswich Town	33	14	4	15	46	57	32
Charlton Ath.	27	11	7	9	41	42	29
Fulham	34	11	7	16	46	60	29
Crystal Pal.	32	7	9	16	44	61	23
Oxford Utd.	31	8	7	16	52	70	23
Reading	29	9	3	17	38	76	21
Portsmouth	31	7	6	18	36	69	20
Millwall	32	5	6	21	36	75	16
Bristol Rovers	32	6	3	23	46	89	15
Brighton	33	6	2	25	38	83	14

FOOTBALL COMBINATION SEASON 1986-87

Aug 23	Tottenham Hotspur	1-5
Aug 28	Queen's Park Rangers	0-3
Sept 4	Fulham	1-0
Sept 10	Millwall	2-2
Sept 25	Bristol Rovers	0-0
Sept 30	Luton Town	3-1
Oct 9	Southampton	2-0
Oct 11	Chelsea	1-2
Oct 18	West Ham United	0-1
Oct 30	Swindon Town	3-4
Nov 1	Arsenal	1-0
Nov 6	Watford	0-0
Nov 13	Oxford United	4-1
Nov 17	Swindon Town	2-5
Dec 2	Brighton & Hove Albion	0-4
Dec 10	Norwich City	3-1
Dec 16	Crystal Palace	0-0
Jan 27	Millwall	1-0
Feb 4	Oxford United	2-2
Feb 10	Portsmouth	3-1
Feb 19	Bristol Rovers	4-1
Feb 24	Luton Town	1-1
Mar 5	Ipswich Town	4-2
Mar 12	West Ham United	2-1
Mar 19	Chelsea	1-1
Mar 27	Southampton	1-0
Apr 4	Watford	0-3
Apr 16	Brighton & Hove Albion	2-2
Apr 23	Portsmouth	1-1
Apr 30	Ipswich Town	1-0
May 5	Norwich City	1-0
May 6	Q.P.R.	1-1
May 7	Arsenal	1-0
May 12	Reading	1-0
May 14	Tottenham	1-0
May 15	Reading	1-0
May 16	Fulham	1-0
May 18	Crystal Palace	1-0

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Aizlewood	26	1	6	0	32	1	170	10
Beggs	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bennett	2	0	1(1)	0	3(1)	0	3(1)	0
Bolder	23	0	6	0	29	0	29	0
Crooks	0(2)	0	0	0(2)	0	0(2)	0	0
Curbishley	9(1)	0	3	0	12(1)	0	69(1)	6
Gritt	13	1	4	1	17	2	313(23)	23
Humphrey	37	0	8	0	45	0	88	2
Jacobs	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Johns	16	0	4	0	20	0	316	0
Leaburn	0(1)	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0
Lee	28(4)	3	7(1)	4	35(5)	7	113(20)	29
MacDonald	2	0	1(1)	0	3(1)	0	3(1)	0
Melrose	29(4)	14	8(1)	0	37(5)	14	48(5)	19
Milne	9(1)	0	1	0	10(1)	0	10(1)	0
Miller	11	0	3	1	14	1	14	1
Peake	26	0	6	0	32	0	32	0
Pearson	10(9)	1	3(3)	0	13(12)	1	60(12)	16
Pender	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Reid	39	0	10	1	49	1	96	9
Shipley	21	2	8	0	29	2	70	6
Shirtliff	31	3	7	0	38	3	38	3
Stuart	30(3)	9	6(1)	2	36(4)	11	64(16)	25
Thompson	33	0	9	1	42	1	81	1
Walsh	29(1)	5	7	3	36(1)	8	36(1)	8
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Note: Substitutes appearances in brackets

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OFF THE PARK



STEVE GRITT

Ever-reliable Steve Gritt hasn't been a regular in the first team this season, but he's had his hands full just the same.

With two young children and a house that still demands plenty of attention, his spare time off the park is rarely allowed to go to waste.

And like young Robert Lee (see Players Page), Steve is a fully paid up member of Charlton's D.I.Y. society.

He explains: "We moved to New Eltham in 1985, but I am still trying to do things to the house, and you've got to get it looking right.

"And a lot of the lads have come down from the north are either moving in or have just moved in, so there is quite a decorating club going on.

"At most First Division clubs, players probably discuss which night clubs to go to, at Charlton we pass on D.I.Y. tips!

"Mind you, the wife has to get on and do a lot of it at the moment. There is so much sport on TV, I spend a lot of time in front of it!"

The children are also at the age when mum and dad are kept very busy, and Steve admits: "They are quite a handful."

"The little girl is nearly three, so she will be going to play group after the summer, while my little boy is one (just!), so it won't be long before he is kicking a ball round as well."

And is he hoping that son grows up to be like father?
"Well, I wouldn't push him into it but I certainly wouldn't discourage him. Football is a super profession and I would advise anyone to have a go at it."

"Mind you, at the moment I would also advise them to finish their education first. It is always a good idea to have something to fall back on."

And despite his comparative handful of appearances this term, it has been a thoroughly enjoyable experience for 29-year-old Steve on the park as well.

He says: "I like to think I have done fairly well, and I have really enjoyed every game I've played in, even the defeat at Nottingham Forest, because it has been something different."

"It is something I have never experienced before, so I was determined to enjoy every chance I got."

"Playing against better players obviously helps your own game, but it has always been my ambition to play at the Liverpools and Manchester Uniteds, and it should be every player's ambition to play in the First Division."

"I have been fortunate enough to play in all four divisions, (if you can call that fortunate!) and this is without doubt the best league to play in."

GREAT INVOLVEMENT

"The Manchester United game was obviously a tremendous day for everyone, but I also got a great thrill out of the Watford match here when I got my first goal in the First Division."

"Wembley was also great to be involved in. Once you have been there it goes so quickly you have to try to get back again so you can really savour it. Our day there just flew by."

"More importantly, I think we have shown we can compete with the best. Take the last few games at Arsenal and Tottenham; we should have got points at both of them."

"I was out for a long time this season, which was very frustrating watching the lads play well and get beaten, and I was itching for a chance to get back."

"But I am the sort of player that will go in and just try my best, which is all you can do."

"But I feel I have got to take it on from here now. I have had a lot of years of regular first team football and it is only in the last year or so I haven't played regularly."

"It has been frustrating because I know I can do a job and I have got to be looking for first team football at my age."

"But I will stick at it. My contract is up in the summer and I will be hoping for another chance to show what I can do."

Steve has been awarded a Testimonial by the club.

JUNIOR REDS



by Alan Honey

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY FINAL

Have you applied for your FREE trip to Wembley on 24th May, for the Freight Rover Trophy Final? As previously outlined, this outing is completely free of charge to members of Junior Reds. Parents and other adults wishing to accompany children will need to pay a coach fare of £3 plus the cost of admission to the stadium. Adult supervision is to be provided for Junior Reds whose parents are unable to come along. Please make your intentions known to us as soon as possible so as we are able to finalise arrangements.

LONDON MARATHON

Sunday, 10th May, is the date of the London Marathon and **Bob Petty**, a member of our Committee, is running on behalf of Junior Reds. Naturally, we are organising vocal support along the

route, as well as providing sponsorship forms to enable funds to be raised for Junior Reds. Those seeking sponsor forms and further information should contact Jackie Monahan this afternoon.

EASTER PARADE



Although only a small number of you entered the Supporters' Hat Competition on Easter Monday, it nevertheless provided a good measure of fun. **Gemma Haycox** was declared the winner, but all other entrants were awarded prizes. Our picture records the happy occasion with George Shipley and Nicky Johns.

"BOY IN THE LOGO" CONTEST

This contest was announced in the latest issue of Junior Reds News and your response, at least so far, has been somewhat disappointing. This lad is, of course, featured throughout all literature associated with our organisation (including this page) and we feel it is time that he is given the dignity of a name. Perhaps you can suggest one for him? Please send your ideas to Jackie Monahan, marking entries "Boy in the Logo Contest."



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FLASHBACK



CHARLTON ATHLETIC v LUTON TOWN

Since our thrilling 4-3 win over the Hatters in September 1976, courtesy of a Derek Hales hat-trick and a Bob Curtis penalty, our record against today's visitors has been pretty abysmal. We have managed a couple of goalless draws and been beaten in each of the other eight contests. This would seem to be a good time to reverse that trend!

Our complete League Record now reads:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	23	11	6	6	42	33	28
Away	24	4	3	17	23	52	11
	47	15	9	23	65	85	39

As can be seen, our form at Kenilworth Road is particularly poor. How typical of Charlton, then, that our record away win should be one of those four victories. We were

CONTINUING THE HISTORY 1952/3

Two veterans of our 1947 Cup winning team, Peter Croker and Harold Phipps, joined Watford during the Summer. Our other departure was reserve goalkeeper Eric Gill who moved to Brighton. Jimmy Seed persisted with a policy of developing homegrown talent; our three new professionals, Morris, Banks and Bobby Ayre, had all been on the club's books as amateurs the previous season.

After losing the opening League match, 2-1 at Sunderland, Charlton were unbeaten in their next seven games, this run including a 4-3 win at Arsenal. Charlton took a 3-0 lead which was then surrendered before Gordon Hurst coolly slotted home the winner ten minutes from time. A fortnight later, we lost 8-4 at Blackpool, reserve goalkeeper Albert Uyttenbogaardt having a torrid time against Stanley Matthews and Co. It could have been worse though; Charlton were 8-1 down after sixty-five minutes and staged a mini-revival to reduce the deficit to four goals. In October Leslie Fell joined Crystal Palace for £3,000.

Billy Kiernan's performances on the left wing were attracting the attention of the International selectors as we continued our steady progress up the table. In November Eddie Firmani bagged a hat-trick in our 5-1 win over Stoke but despite our improved League showing, gates were down on 1951/2. In December terrace admission prices were reduced from 2/6d (12½p) to 2/- (10p) in an effort to bring back the fans. For the third year running, we lost in the Third Round of the FA Cup, this time to Hull City (3-1). In March there were two significant departures. Charlie Vaughan was transferred to Portsmouth for £11,350 and Chris Duffy left to enter the hotel trade in Northern Ireland. After our 2-1 win at Liverpool, we found ourselves second in the table with only Preston's superior goal average

bottom of the Second Division when we travelled to Luton on 10th February 1962. It was no surprise when Gordon Turner gave the home side the lead with a crisp volley after twenty-three minutes. Two minutes later Charlton equalised when David Pacey launched himself at Brian Kinsey's cross, to send a powerful header past his own goalkeeper! Now came a telling contribution from Charlton inside-left, Dennis Edwards. He headed home Kinsey's accurate cross to give us the lead and scored again before half-time, burying the rebound after Ronnie White's shot had struck the bar. On the hour, Dennis completed a memorable hat-trick by finishing off Charlton's best move of the afternoon. Goal number five came from Stuart Leary who burst through a demoralised defence to unleash a furious shot past the unfortunate Baynham, and it was left to Brian Kinsey to complete the scoring with a clever goal shortly before the final whistle. Final score: Luton 1 Charlton 6.

Charlton: Duff, Sewell, Hewie, Tocknell, Hinton, Bailey, White, Matthews, Leary, Edwards, Kinsey.

Luton: Baynham, McNally, Bramwell, Groves, Cope, Pacey, Walden, Ashworth, Turner, McKechnie, Legate.
Attendance: 9,827.

Luton's manager at that time was none other than Sam Bartram and he described Charlton's performance as the best he had seen since he had left the club. The Hatters almost equalled that feat with a 5-1 win at The Valley in December 1975 and actually bettered it with a 7-1 score-line at Luton in September 1977. Who'd be a goalkeeper?

keeping us off the top spot. However, our poor showing over Easter, with just one point secured from three games, effectively ended our improbable Title challenge. Nevertheless, we still finished in fifth position, just five points behind League Champions Arsenal. This represented our best performance since finishing third in 1938/9 and was as much as we could hope for in view of the limited resources which Jimmy Seed had at his disposal. Skipper Benny Fenton and left-half Cyril Hammond were both ever-present and our leading scorer, with fourteen goals, was Billy Kiernan. Firmani, Hurst and Leary all reached double figures and our total of seventy-seven goals remains our best tally in Division One. John Hewie played for Scotland 'B' against England 'B' and would later play nineteen times for the full Scotland side to become our most capped player.

Despite this marked improvement in our League position, our average attendance of 25,298 was over 2,300 down on the previous season. Our biggest gate was against Arsenal (66,555) and our smallest was in our final home game of the season, a re-arranged Thursday evening match against Spurs (9,269).



BILLY KIERNAN

STATISTICS

MATCH BY MATCH FACTS & FIGURES

TODAY LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

(Up to and including 28th April, 1987)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	APts
Everton	38	14	3	1	45	10	9	4	7	26	20
Liverpool	39	14	3	3	42	16	8	4	7	26	22
Tottenham	38	13	3	4	36	14	7	5	6	28	25
Arsenal	39	11	5	3	28	9	7	5	8	23	22
Luton	39	14	5	1	27	10	3	7	9	16	29
Norwich	39	9	10	1	27	19	6	7	6	23	30
Watford	38	11	4	3	34	16	6	4	10	29	33
Notm. Forest	39	10	8	1	32	13	6	3	11	28	36
Wimbledon	39	10	5	5	30	21	6	4	9	22	28
Coventry	37	13	2	3	32	15	2	7	10	11	25
Man. United	38	12	3	4	35	16	1	10	8	13	22
Q.P.R.	39	9	7	4	30	23	4	4	11	15	28
Chelsea	39	7	5	7	24	26	5	7	8	22	32
West Ham	39	9	3	7	30	27	4	6	10	19	38
Southampton	39	10	5	5	43	24	3	3	13	23	42
Sheffield Wed.	39	8	7	4	32	21	3	6	11	17	33
Newcastle	39	10	4	6	33	26	2	6	11	12	33
Oxford United	39	8	7	4	30	24	2	5	13	11	42
Leicester	39	9	6	5	38	23	2	1	16	14	49
Charlton	39	6	7	6	24	20	3	4	13	16	33
Aston Villa	39	7	7	6	24	23	1	5	13	18	49
Man. City	39	7	6	7	27	24	0	8	11	8	31

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Date	Opponents	Res	Attend	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Substitute/s
Aug. 23	Sheffield Wednesday	1-1	8,501	Johns	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee ¹	Gritt	Pearson	Aizlewood	Stuart	Melrose
Aug. 27	Nottingham Forest	0-4	12,970	Johns	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee	Gritt	Pearson	Aizlewood	Stuart	Melrose(8)
Aug. 30	Manchester United	1-0	37,544	Johns	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee	Gritt	Pearson	Aizlewood	Stuart ¹	Melrose
Sept. 2	Wimbledon	0-1	6,531	Johns	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee	Gritt	Pearson	Aizlewood	Stuart	Melrose(4)
Sept. 6	Norwich City	1-2	5,321	Johns	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee	Gritt	Pearson	Aizlewood	Stuart	Melrose
Sept. 13	Liverpool	0-2	37,413	Johns	Humphrey	Reid	Peake	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee	Gritt	Melrose	Aizlewood	Walsh	Stuart(3)
Sept. 20	Coventry	1-1	5,527	Johns	Humphrey	Reid	Peake	Thompson	Shirtliff ¹	Lee	Stuart	Melrose	Aizlewood	Walsh	Pearson
Sept. 27	Oxford United	2-3	8,360	Johns	Humphrey	Reid	Peake	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee	Gritt	Melrose ¹	Aizlewood	Walsh ¹	Pearson
Oct. 4	Chelsea	1-0	15,243	Johns	Humphrey	Reid	Peake	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee ¹	MacDonald	MacDonald	Aizlewood	Walsh	Pearson
Oct. 11	Everton	3-2	10,564	Johns	Humphrey	Reid	Peake	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee	MacDonald	MacDonald	Aizlewood	Walsh	Pearson(8)
Oct. 18	Leicester City	2-0	5,779	Johns	Humphrey	Reid	Peake	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee	Stuart ²	Melrose	Aizlewood	Walsh	Pearson(9)
Oct. 25	West Ham United	3-1	24,141	Johns	Humphrey	Reid	Peake	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee	Stuart	Melrose ¹	Aizlewood	Walsh ¹	Pearson ¹ (11)
Nov. 1	Arsenal	0-2	19,614	Johns	Agboola	Reid	Peake	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee	Stuart	Melrose	Aizlewood	Shipey	Pearson(9)
Nov. 8	Watford	1-4	14,466	Johns	Gritt	Reid	Peake	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee	Stuart	Pearson	Aizlewood	Shipey ¹	Curbishley
Nov. 15	Manchester City	1-2	20,578	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Peake	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee	Stuart ¹	Melrose	Aizlewood	Curbishley	Pearson(4)
Nov. 22	Southampton	1-3	5,930	Johns	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee	Stuart ¹	Pearson	Aizlewood	Peake	Melrose(2)
Nov. 29	Luton Town	0-1	9,373	Johns	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee	Stuart	Pearson	Aizlewood	Peake	Walsh(11)
Dec. 6	Newcastle United	1-1*	7,333	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson	Shirtliff	Stuart	Melrose	Pearson	Aizlewood	Walsh	Lee
Dec. 13	Queens Park Rangers	0-0	10,299	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson	Shirtliff	Stuart	Melrose	Pearson	Aizlewood	Walsh	Lee(8)
Dec. 20	Liverpool	0-0	16,564	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson	Shirtliff	Stuart	Curbishley	Melrose	Aizlewood	Walsh	Lee(5)
Dec. 26	Aston Villa	0-2	16,692	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson	Shirtliff ¹	Stuart	Curbishley	Melrose	Aizlewood	Walsh	Pearson(4)
Dec. 28	Manchester City	5-0	7,697	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley ¹	Peake	Shirtliff ¹	Stuart	Curbishley	Melrose ¹	Aizlewood	Walsh ²	Pearson(7)
Jan. 1	Tottenham Hotspur	0-2	19,744	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson	Shirtliff	Stuart	Curbishley	Melrose	Aizlewood	Walsh	Pearson(4)
Jan. 3	Norwich City	1-1	16,827	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson	Shirtliff	Stuart ¹	Peake	Melrose	Aizlewood	Walsh	Curbishley
Jan. 24	Sheffield Wednesday	1-1	17,300	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson	Shirtliff	Stuart	Peake	Melrose ¹	Aizlewood	Walsh	Curbishley(10)
Jan. 31	Nottingham Forest	0-1	5,050	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Peake	Thompson	Shirtliff	Milne	Stuart	Melrose	Aizlewood	Walsh	Milne(10)
Feb. 7	Manchester United	0-0	15,482	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Peake	Thompson	Shirtliff	Milne	Stuart	Curbishley	Melrose	Lee	Leaburn
Feb. 15	Wimbledon	0-2	6,608	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Pender	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee	Melrose	Curbishley	Walsh	Stuart(4)	
Feb. 28	Coventry	1-2	12,261	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Peake	Thompson	Miller	Stuart	Lee	Melrose ¹	Shipey	Walsh	Curbishley
Mar. 7	West Ham United	2-1	10,100	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Peake	Thompson	Miller	Bennett	Lee	Melrose ²	Shipey	Walsh	Stuart(7)
Mar. 14	Leicester City	0-1	8,159	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Peake	Thompson	Miller	Curbishley	Lee	Melrose	Shipey	Walsh	Milne(10)
Mar. 21	Everton	1-2	27,291	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Peake	Thompson	Miller	Bennett	Lee	Melrose ¹	Shipey	Walsh	Milne
Mar. 24	Oxford United	0-0	4,205	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson	Miller	Gritt	Lee	Melrose	Curbishley	Walsh	Leaburn(4)
Apr. 4	Watford	4-3	4,958	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Gritt ¹	Thompson	Miller	Milne	Lee	Melrose ¹	Walsh ¹	Stuart ¹	Leaburn
Apr. 7	Chelsea	0-0	11,530	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Gritt	Thompson	Miller	Milne	Lee	Melrose	Walsh	Stuart	Crooks(11)
Apr. 11	Arsenal	1-2	26,111	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Gritt	Thompson	Miller	Milne	Lee	Melrose	Walsh	Stuart ¹	Crooks(9)
Apr. 18	Tottenham Hotspur	0-1	26,926	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Gritt	Thompson	Miller	Milne	Lee	Melrose	Walsh	Stuart	Melrose(9)
Apr. 20	Aston Villa	3-0	5,595	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Peake	Thompson	Shirtliff ¹	Milne	Crooks	Melrose ¹	Walsh	Stuart ¹	Lee(9)
Apr. 25	Southampton	2-2	13,534	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Peake	Thompson	Shirtliff	Milne	Crooks	Melrose ¹	Walsh	Stuart	Lee(8)
May 2	Luton Town														
May 4	Newcastle United														
May 9	Queens Park Rangers														
	FA CUP														
Jan. 10	Walsall (Round 3)	1-2	4,541	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson	Shirtliff	Stuart ¹	Peake	Melrose	Aizlewood	Walsh	Gritt Pender
May 16	Final														
	LITTLEWOODS CUP														
Sept. 23	Lincoln City (LC2) 1L	3-1	2,319	Johns	Humphrey	Reid ¹	Gritt	Thompson	Shirtliff	Walsh ¹	Melrose	Pearson	Aizlewood	Stuart ¹	Shipey, Leaburn
Oct. 8	Lincoln City (LC2) 2L	1-0	2,070	Johns	Jacobs	Reid	Gritt	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee ¹	MacDonald	MacDonald	Aizlewood	Walsh	Pearson(8)
Oct. 28	Q.P.R. (LC3)	1-0	6,926	Johns	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson ¹	Shirtliff	Lee	Stuart	Melrose	Aizlewood	Gritt	Pearson(2) MacDonald
Nov. 18	Arsenal (LC4)	0-2		Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson	Shirtliff	Lee	Stuart	Melrose	Aizlewood	Curbishley	Pearson(9) Gritt
	FULL MEMBERS CUP														
Nov. 4	Birmingham C. R2	3-2	821	Johns	Peake	Reid	Beggs ¹	Gritt ¹	Shirtliff	Lee ¹	Stuart	Pearson	Curbishley	Shipey	MacDonald(8) Bennett(5)
Nov. 25	Bradford City R3	2-0	817	Bolder	Humphrey	Reid	Shipley	Thompson	Shirtliff	Stuart					

TEAM CHECK



Charlton Athletic

Colours: Red Shirts, White Shorts

- 1 BOB BOLDER
- 2 JOHN HUMPHREY
- 3 MARK REID
- 4 ANDY PEAKE
- 5 PETER SHIRTLIFF
- 6 PAUL MILLER
- 7 RALPH MILNE
- 8 GARTH CROOKS
- 9 JIM MELROSE
- 10 COLIN WALSH
- 11 MARK STUART
- 12

Luton Town

Colours: White Shirts Black Shorts

- 1 LES SEALEY
- 2 JIM 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
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