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T O U C H L I N E S

JOIN THE CHELSEA MEMBERS CLUB. That is the message to all true-Blues fans. The Government are pushing for membership schemes and in accordance with their recommendations we have extended our Membership Only area at Stamford Bridge to cover the whole of the lower-tier in the East Stand.

Consequently, seats in this section of the ground can only be purchased by Club Members and applications have to be made in person. Tickets will then only be issued on production of the official Membership Card. This identification will also be needed to gain access to the area when entering through the special gates, 1, 4 and 7.

This area of course is in addition to the Family Enclosure and Club Membership provides you with many benefits... You can watch the Blues for example from the comfort of a seat for just £4 a match, yes £4! Great isn't it. Members can pay their special admission charge of £3 through the 'Bovril' gate (the cost is £4 to non-members) and then if they wish, transfer through to the West Stand for just another £1.

Just think of the savings. On 21 home games you will save yourself £21 on entry to the ground and that is not all. Our Family Enclosure is restricted to Club Members only as well... Members also receive a free copy of Bridge News for every month of membership, a Birthday card and Christmas card... Members are also given the opportunity to purchase tickets for the Player of the Year Dinner Dances and are given free admission to special events such as the very popular Family Day.

If you like to follow the Blues away as well then Membership is a must. When we are allocated tickets by other clubs these are sold exclusively to our Members — they are not put on general sale... Members also benefit from our special chartered trains to away games and are given a special 10% discount on all goods in the Club Shop. So there are plenty of benefits which YOU can enjoy by becoming a Chelsea Club Member... Don't delay join today. Application forms can be obtained from the office.

SOCCER SIXES — Good news. Chelsea have once more been invited to compete in the national "Soccer 6" tournament which will be held in the G-Mex Centre, Manchester... Sixteen clubs will compete over the three-day tournament which will be between the 7th and 9th of December... Watch this space for further information.

CONGRATULATIONS to star winger PAT NEVIN (pictured), who will make his 200th competitive senior appearance today... Pat's Chelsea record is: 157 (2) in the League; 8 F.A. Cup; 23 (1) League Cup, and 8 Full Members Cup games. The figures in brackets denote substitute appearances.



FRONT COVER ACTION — Sheffield Wednesday defender Mel Sterland looks amazed as Gordon Durie spins off him during our home game on the opening day of the season.

It has been a good start to the season for us despite the disappointment of losing to Tottenham last Saturday. If you were there I think you will agree we produced some fine football and most of the papers agreed that we were "unlucky" to lose, but the lasting memory I have of that game is of YOU our supporters.

Once again you were absolutely fantastic I can't praise you enough. All I can say is that we were as disappointed as you were when Tottenham pinched that winning goal near the end of the match, but I'm sure, like me, you could see signs of great things to come from our team.

The headlines focused on a mistake by goalkeeper Eddie Niedzwiecki and there is no doubt that Eddie thought he should have held Waddle's shot. He didn't and it showed that even the most experienced players can make mistakes.

There is no point in making noises about it. At Portsmouth, in the week preceding the Tottenham game, Eddie was the hero. He most certainly kept us in the game at Fratton Park with two tremendous saves performed at vital times in the game. That's the way football is, it is unpredictable.

We all make mistakes. The players do, I do, everybody does, and the defeat we suffered on Saturday does not detract from a tremendous team performance and Eddie was very much a part of that team.

Still reflecting on that game I must say what an advantage I think it is to be able to use two substitutes. Gordon Durie took a nasty knock on the side of the calf muscle and had this happened last season he would have probably battled on causing himself more damage. But now we can cover most positions with two on

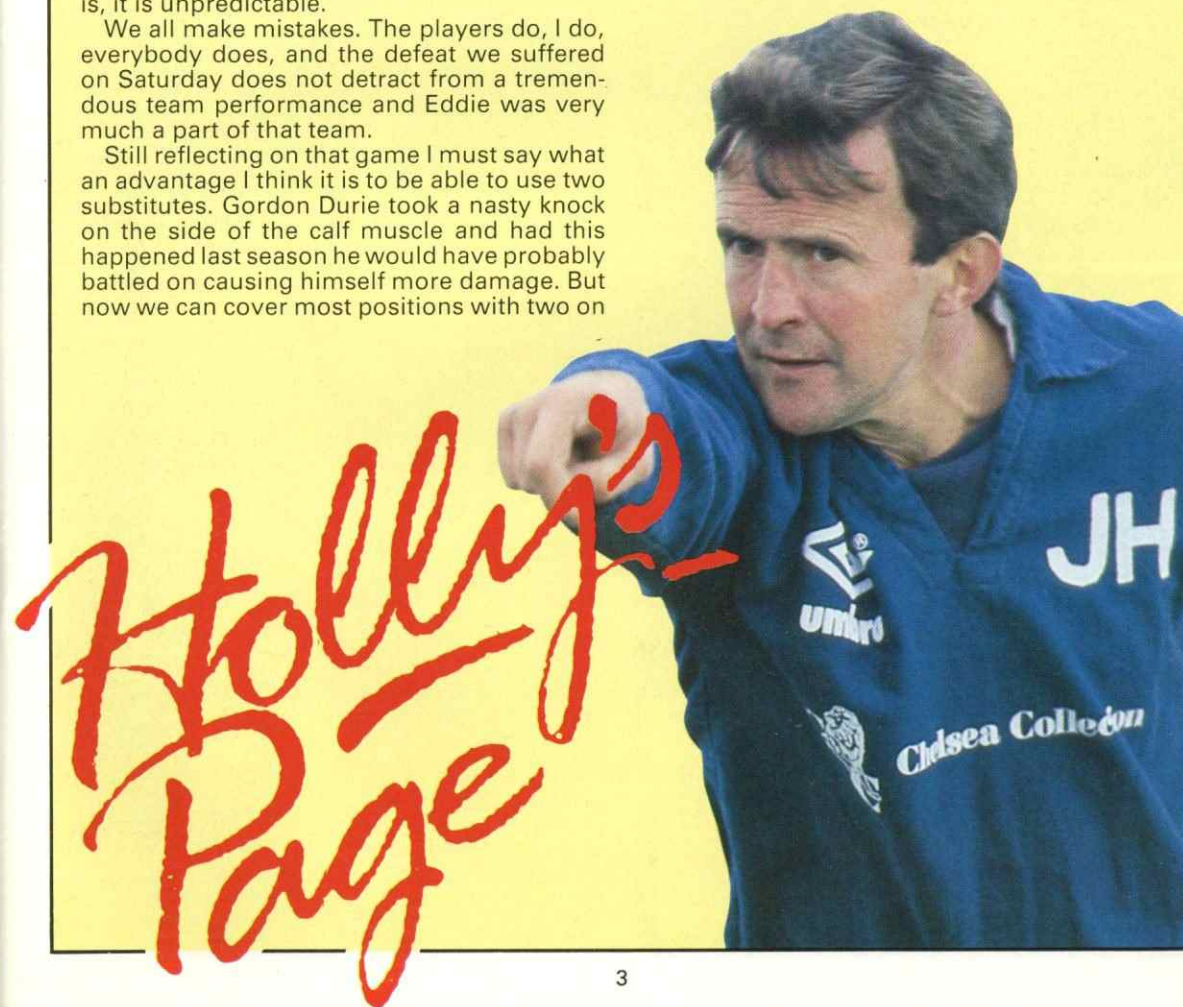
the bench and Gordon was able to leave the field so avoiding further aggravation to the injury. Consequently we fully expect him to be available for selection this afternoon.

That is important because one of the keys to our success this season will be a settled side. We have been unchanged for the opening three games and the results speak for themselves. It is also good for the fans as well because the stronger the squad the better the entertainment and competition. It means that a team will not be restricted by little knocks during a match.

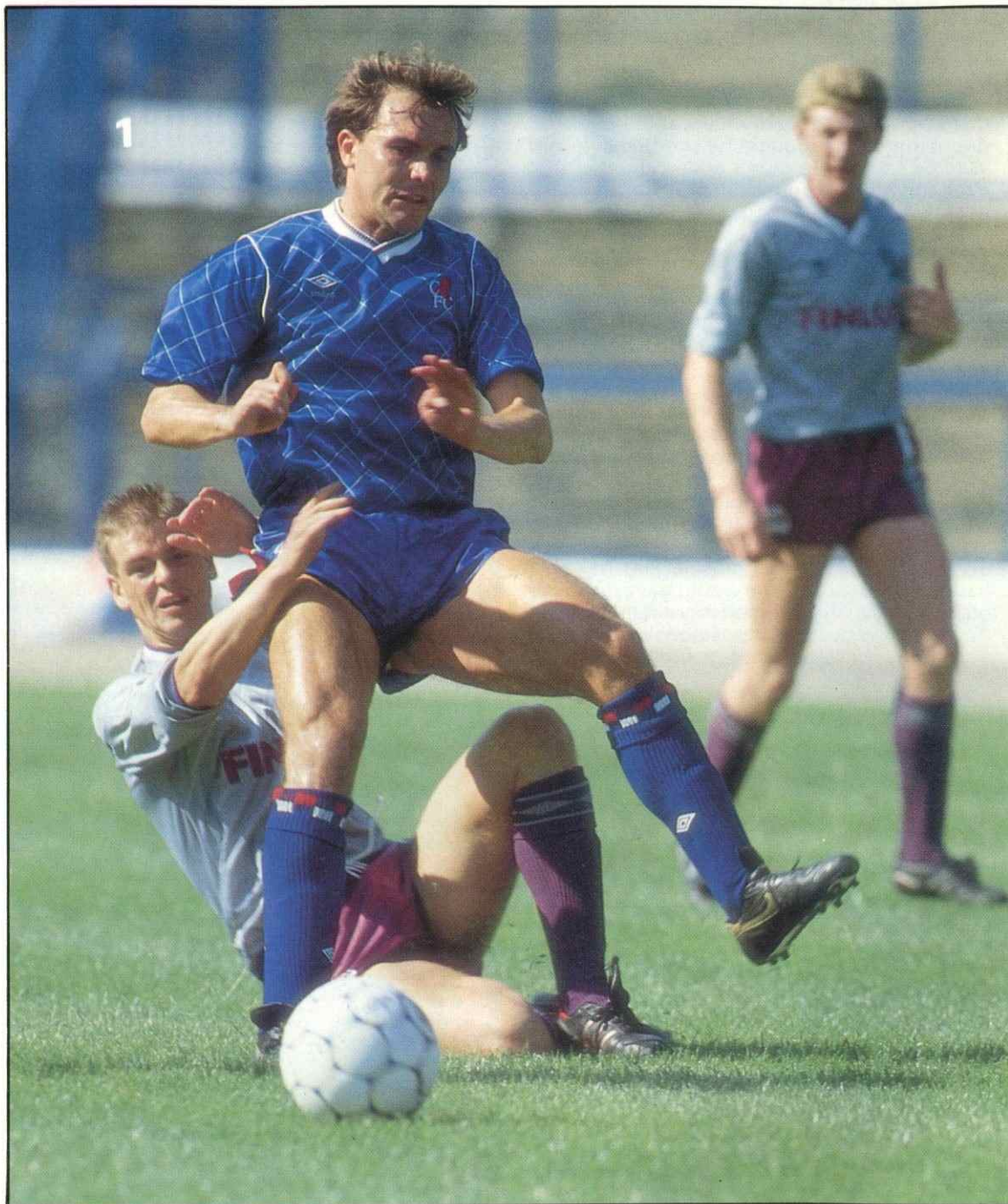
Today we face Luton and we have a special score to settle with them. Last season the Hatters did the double over us and we are looking to get our three-pennyworth this afternoon.

A big welcome though to Ray Harford who is no stranger here and I wish him all the best in his new role as manager of Luton. The Hatters are recognised as a footballing side and it should be quite a game.

I hope you enjoy it.



PICTURE BOOK



DARREN WOOD rides this challenge from behind during the game against Sheffield Wednesday (pic 1)... CLIVE WILSON runs at the Spurs defence at White Hart Lane (pic 2)... MICKY HAZARD emerges from a ruck of Spurs players (pic 3).

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FOREST ON FIRE

BRIAN CLOUGH'S young team were quoted at 33-1 for the League Championship at the start of the season and last Saturday they inched into second place in the First Division table after holding current champions, Everton, to a goalless draw.

With a bit of luck they could have won to go two points clear of QPR, who nudge them out on goal-difference, for Everton had to show the true grit of champions to keep Forest's persistent attack at bay.

Last season too the Forest started in a blaze of glory and after thumping six goals past the Blues at Stamford Bridge were tipped to break the Merseyside dominance of the League title. But Mr Clough's team faded from the picture to eventually finish eighth.

This time of course they are a year more experienced but they will not find us such an easy touch this time out. It certainly promises to be a cracking game when the two sides meet here NEXT SATURDAY and a fixture not to be missed.

So make a date in your diary: CHELSEA v NOTTINGHAM FOREST, Saturday 5th September at 3.00 p.m. With players such as Eddie Niedzwiecki, Steve Clarke, Pat Nevin, Micky Hazard and Kerry Dixon up against the likes of Franz Carr, Neil Webb, Nigel Clough and Paul Wilkinson we are surely in for a feast of football. Make sure you're here to share in the thrills.

FOR LUTON FANS

We welcome you all to Stamford Bridge and ask you to be patient after the game. It may be necessary for visiting supporters to be held back at the end of the match and although the ground may appear empty there could still be considerable congestion in the Fulham Road... We apologise for any inconvenience caused but it is in the interests of your comfort and safety.

TRUE BLUES

HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY JANE — Love from Nightmare (Kerry) and Atmosphere (Colin).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PAT and JOHN DONALDSON (Dad's birthday was yesterday, Mum's is today)... From John Junior.

BELATED 21st Birthday Wishes — Good Luck, Good Health and Happiness to PAUL PAVLOVIC — From Mum and Dad... Good luck also to Chelsea for the season.

MANDY B — Wishing you a very happy birthday — From all the Chelsea team.

SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL LUTON TOWN FANS

TODAY we welcome Luton Town for our second home game of the season. It is an unfortunate club dogged by controversy which must give their genuine supporters great pain.

Here at Chelsea we are loyal members of the Football League and the Football Association and although we don't agree with all the decisions that are made we feel that it is only right to abide by the rules and regulations drawn up by both organisations and support them implicitly in both the letter and spirit.

Regrettably, and to the dismay of the overwhelming majority of their supporters, Luton Town seem unable to act in a likewise manner.

Their banning of visiting supporters at their Kenilworth Road ground is, of course, their prerogative — within the League every club can make those decisions which they judge to be best for themselves irrespective of the effects they may have on other clubs and other supporters — this far we are in agreement. Where Luton Town part company with the rest of the League is that they will not conform and abide by the rules as laid down. All the time they want to move the goalposts. It is always Luton who want the rest to change.

Last season we had the scene over the Littlewoods Cup. They refused to allow Cardiff City supporters into Kenilworth Road yet requested their full allocation of tickets for the away leg... When the League offered them several alternatives they declined. After the meeting Mr Evans presented his argument to the media slanting it as if they had been thrown out of the cup. They hadn't. They had just refused to comply with the rules of the competition and had demanded that the rules be changed just for them.

Now we have a situation where the FA have ruled that FA Cup ties must be played on grass. So Luton Town are the club who are taking the Football Association to court!

Last season when they banned all Chelsea supporters from our match at Luton I didn't go either, I went away for the weekend on the grounds that I'm a Chelsea supporter and if Chelsea fans aren't welcome then I'm not welcome.

Now we have the reverse situation and I've said that Luton's directors are not welcome at Stamford Bridge. We would have thought that they would have accepted that in a good spirit for, after all, it is consistent with their public attitude that away supporters should be banned. But no. All of a sudden there is a great outcry. But if Luton directors don't come today they will appreciate first hand what it is like not to be able to see their favourite team play away from home.

I sympathise with the average Luton supporters who are really pawns in Mr Evans' political game. We have nothing against the true supporters, that is why we spent over £400 to advertise in a local Luton paper to emphasise that all Luton supporters are very welcome here today and I'm sure our fans will give them a special round of applause... Perhaps they have noticed that it costs only £4 to stand at the Bridge compared with £5 at Kenilworth Road?

K E N

Bates

ON THE same theme it's a source of deep personal regret to me that the FA have seen fit to ban all Wolves supporters following the incidents at Scarborough. I respect their decision but as an individual I regret it because I think it is quite wrong that the innocent should be punished along with the guilty. I just don't agree with collective punishment... We condemned Nazi Germany for wiping out whole villages when a few of the inhabitants committed what the Germans regarded as crimes. Now we are talking about a matter of degree not principle.

What we should be doing is seeking out the wrong-doers and punishing them.

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IF YOU were one of those lucky people to walk away from White Hart Lane last Saturday you must have felt proud to be a Chelsea fan. When the press as one man were in unison that we were much the better team and "unlucky" to lose it is time to pause and think... It augurs well for the team and the season. We make no predictions, we just promise to always try our best to play good exciting, entertaining football. We have achieved that in our first three results.

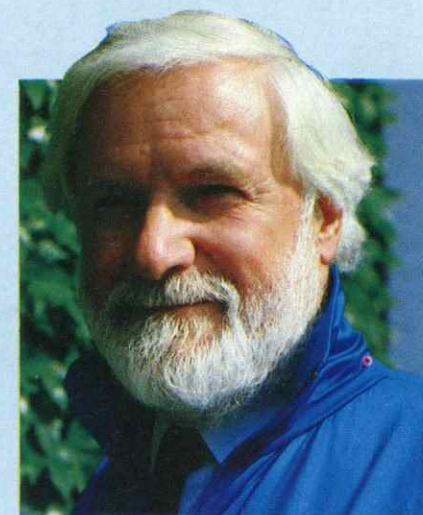
One sour point though. It gave me no pleasure on Saturday to hear the idiots chanting anti-Jewish songs. I am fully aware that Tottenham supporters describe themselves as 'Yiddos' and I am also aware, much to the Spurs Chairman's concern, that there was an Israeli flag — the Star of David — suspended from the stand. These things are no justification for the racist chanting by some of our so called fans... I've said it before and I'll say it again. Chelsea is as Jewish a club as Arsenal or Spurs. We have Jewish Directors; Vice-Presidents; Patrons and loyal supporters of the club. All are very welcome here. People who do not accept this will be better advised to leave now.

Please let us not give ammunition to the Club's detractors. Instead let us support the team and the game through thick and thin, in good weather and bad.

Enjoy the game.

K E N

KEN BATES





**STEVE
CLARKE**

BLUES

Diary

August 13th

The Football League unveiled its new backers, **Barclays Bank** who are to sponsor the League for the next three years with an agreement which will pump £4.55 million into the oldest league competition in the world... Chelsea chairman **Ken Bates**, a member of the League's Management Committee was at the launch at the Tower Hotel in London.

August 15th

John Hollins is without four players for the opening game of the season at Stamford Bridge. The most serious injury concerns former skipper **Colin Pates** who has had a cartilage operation and will be out for at least six-weeks... The Blues include new signings **Clive Wilson** and **Tony Dorigo** in the starting line-up with **Kevin Wilson** on the bench... The season is just four minutes old when **Kerry Dixon** opens the scoring. Sheffield Wednesday equalised through Lee Chapman in the 56th minute but Chelsea clinch the match with a **Gordon Durie** penalty (83 minutes) after Steve McCall had taken **Pat Nevin's** legs away... Chelsea 2 Sheffield Wednesday 1.

August 18th

After **Eddie Niedzwiecki** passes a fitness test before the game there is no change to the side to open Portsmouth's home return to the First Division after 28 years. **Pat Nevin** capitalises on a mistake by Billy Gilbert to score a brilliant goal in the 27th minute... The match, played at a fast pace and producing some delightful football, is dominated by Chelsea in the second-half, and **Kerry Dixon** put the match beyond Pompey in the 74th minute with an accurate low shot after **Gordon Durie** had distracted the defence with a diagonal run... **Clive Wilson** then emphasised the Blues' superiority with his first goal for Chelsea in the 81st minute, a blistering shot

which gave England Under-21 goalkeeper Ian Knight no chance... Portsmouth 0 Chelsea 3!

August 19

Keith Dublin becomes the sixth Chelsea player to sign for Third Division Brighton... The Sussex club put a ridiculous £15,000 price tag on the former England Youth international and so the transfer fee must be settled by a Football League tribunal... Dublin, signed pro for the Blues in January 1984, after completing a two year apprenticeship. He made his senior debut against Barnsley in the Second Division championship side in May 1984 and made 28 League appearances last season to bring his overall first team total to 68 league and cup games.



Steve Wicks sends this header against the Tottenham post.

August 22nd

Once again John Hollins is able to announce an unchanged team for the game at White Hart Lane... The Blues put on a stylish show and Steve Wicks hits the post but a Nico Claesen goal five minutes from time gives Spurs the points.

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John Quinton (left), Chairman of Barclays Bank, presenting Football League President Philip Carter with the first Barclays League sponsorship payment of £1.3 million.

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FOOTBALL COMBINATION FINAL TABLE 1986-87

Our opening game in the Football Combination was the derby match with Fulham and as so often happens in local clashes the result did not mirror the play.

We were very much in command yet Fulham took the lead in the 25th minute against the run of play... We hit back quickly however **John McNaught** taking a good ball from **Billy Dodds** to go on and dummy the goalkeeper before slotting his shot in the net.

That was how the score stood at the break and in the 53rd minute we took a deserved lead. **McAllister** put West away down the right and his pulled back cross was fired in from 12 yards by **John McNaught** again.

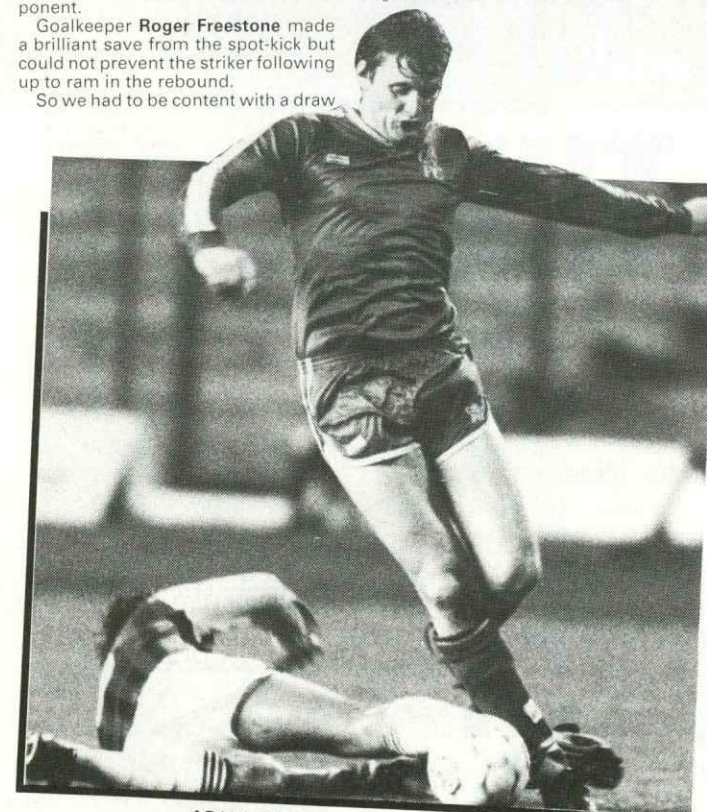
We continued to dominate the play without capitalising on our chances and with just a quarter-of-an-hour to go Fulham were awarded a very controversial penalty... Fullback **Gareth Hall** was judged the culprit although he didn't touch his opponent.

Goalkeeper **Roger Freestone** made a brilliant save from the spot-kick but could not prevent the striker following up to ram in the rebound.

So we had to be content with a draw

	P	W	D	L	FA	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	38	25	8	5	87	38 58
Chelsea	38	24	8	6	87	33 56
Arsenal	38	23	7	8	77	42 53
Watford	38	22	8	8	81	40 52
Luton Town	38	21	6	11	95	53 48
Norwich City	38	20	6	12	82	63 46
Queens Park Rangers	38	19	8	11	78	69 46
West Ham United	38	19	6	13	79	58 44
Swindon Town	38	19	5	14	100	87 43
Charlton Athletic	38	15	10	13	58	59 40
Ipswich Town	38	17	5	16	56	64 39
Southampton	38	16	5	17	66	68 37
Fulham	38	14	8	16	58	66 36
Oxford United	38	10	9	19	63	79 29
Portsmouth	38	11	7	20	50	80 29
Crystal Palace	38	8	11	19	52	73 27
Reading	38	10	4	24	42	95 24
Millwall	38	6	8	24	41	82 20
Bristol Rovers	38	6	5	27	49	104 17
Brighton & Hove A.	38	6	4	28	44	92 16

	FA
Aug 22 Fulham	2-2
25 Swindon Town	5-0
Sep 2 Crystal Palace	A
9 Norwich City	H
12 Millwall	H
19 Tottenham Hotspur	A
26 Luton Town	A
29 Brighton & H.A.	H
Oct 17 Reading	H
10 Watford	A
24 Southampton	H
27 Ipswich Town	A
Nov 7 Arsenal	H
14 West Ham United	A
21 Oxford United	H
24 Charlton Athletic	A
Dec 5 Bristol Rovers	H
8 Portsmouth	A
15 Queens Park Rangers	A
Jan 5 Fulham	A
16 Swindon Town	H
30 Crystal Palace	H
Feb 6 Tottenham Hotspur	H
9 Millwall	A
16 Luton Town	H
24 Brighton & H.A.	A
Mar 5 Watford	H
9 Reading	A
15 Southampton	A
19 Ipswich Town	H
23 Norwich City	A
29 West Ham United	H
Apr 2 Arsenal	A
6 Oxford United	A
16 Charlton Athletic	H
23 Portsmouth	H
26 Bristol Rovers	A
May 3 Queens Park Rangers	H



JOHN McNAUGHT

in a game we should have won convincingly. As I said we created plenty of chances but if you don't accept them in front of goal then you will not win matches. That aspect is obviously something for us to get to work on.

Apart from that it was a good all-round performance with **John McNaught** looking particularly dangerous.

Football Combination
22 August, 1987
CHELSEA (1)2 FULHAM (1)2
Blues: Freestone, Hall, Coady, Lee, Cundy, McNaught, Jones, McAllister, West, Dodds, Byrne. Sub: Fenlon.
Scorer: McNaught 2.



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DID you come to John Bumstead's Testimonial match on Tuesday? It was a good game and I'm only sorry I wasn't fit enough to play. I suffered a slight hamstring pull at Portsmouth and was only 50-50 for the game last Saturday at Tottenham, so I was back on the treatment table on Monday.

But the lads took the game against Real Sociedad quite seriously and everyone was eager to play. It was just unfortunate that it followed on so closely to a very hard game with Spurs which left us with a lot of knocks and bruises.

Hardly any of us have had experience against top Continental sides so it was a great opportunity to get a foretaste of hopefully what is to come. I've played against Italy and Belgium at Under-21 level for Scotland but never against a Spanish team.

The suggestion is that English clubs will be allowed back into Europe next season and we certainly hope so. The game against John Toshack's side on Tuesday whet our appetite considerably and we are even more determined to make sure we qualify for European entry next season should the ban be lifted.

We have had a great start so far. We didn't play too well against Sheffield Wednesday it's true but we will put that down to the heat. The result was the important thing at that time and at Portsmouth and Spurs I think we produced performances we can be pleased with.

If we had won that game at White Hart Lane we would have been top of the League and there is no doubt we could have. I had a couple of chances I should have stuck away – the best being the second. But I was tired, I'd run 100-yards to get there and was going on memory when I made contact.

But Spurs never really troubled us all afternoon and the one they did get squirmed away from Eddie. Encouraging signs though that our old form is coming back. We didn't go and lie down but took the game to them and that's what we will do today against Luton and at Old Trafford on Monday.

This is an attacking team and we shall be looking to win every match. If we succeed it will be fantastic if we don't it will not be for the want of trying.

There is a tremendous spirit in the dressing room these days and we are all pulling for each other but after our first defeat of the season this afternoon's game provides a good test of our ability and character. I don't think we will be found wanting.

With your support – it is different class again – how can we fail.

Joe McLaughlin

LUTON TOWN

TOOK full advantage of their plastic pitch and the ban on away supporters at Kenilworth Road to finish in a best ever seventh position in the First Division table last season. It was a triumph for manager **John Moore** who had picked up the pieces following the departure of David Pleat to Tottenham, but Moore found the pressures of management too much and he quit at the end of the season.

Coach **Ray Harford**, who had a spell in charge of Fulham, was given the job and was quickly forced to make some changes following the decision of Welsh International midfielder **Peter Nicholas** to sign for Aberdeen. The Hatters collected £350,000 as compensation and spent £150,000 of it on Brighton midfielder **Danny Wilson** as a replacement.

Wilson made his Luton debut on the opening day of the season at Derby County, the only new face in the Hatters line-up which included fit again striker **Mick Harford**. But the club's record signing lasted only four minutes, being shown the red card by referee George Courtney for a late challenge. That unfortunate incident will cost him his place this afternoon.

Otherwise the side has been very much as last season with East Ender **Les Sealey** in goal; **Breacker** and **Grimes** at full back; **Foster** and **Donaghy** in the middle; **Ricky Hill** and the two **Wilson**s, **Robert** and **Danny** in midfield with **Preece**, and **Brian Stein** and **Harford** in the attack.

Despite playing virtually the whole game at Derby with ten-men the Hatters lost by just a single goal but then suffered a shock 0-1 defeat at home — where they lost just twice last season — to F.A. Cup winners Coventry City.

MAL DONAGHY — Defender/Midfield. Luton's most capped International, with over 50 to his credit, he has now played in two World Cup campaigns for Northern Ireland. Started his career with Larne. Within months of making his debut for Larne he was being chased by many English First Division sides and it was regarded as an astute piece of business by former Manager David Pleat when Donaghy was "stolen" for £20,000 in June 1978. Solid and dependable he forms, with Steve Foster, arguably the best central defensive partnership in the country. Ever present last season as he has been for six out of the last nine. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 426 — Goals 20.

ASHLEY GRIMES. Now 30, Dublin born Grimes enjoyed his longest spell in the Luton first team in 1986/87 after almost being transferred to Swindon during the previous close season. He played the early part of his career with Manchester United where he had 90 League games and appeared regularly for Eire. Transferred to Coventry in August 1983 he joined Luton a year later in a straight swap for Kirk Stephens but was then plagued with injuries during his first two seasons at Kenilworth Road. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 52 — Goals 2.

TIM BREACKER. Bicester born Breacker has been a regular member of the first team since his debut at Ipswich in 1984. This England Under-21 International can perform in midfield but his normal position is

right back where his surging runs on the overlap have become a strong feature of his play. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 121 — Goals 1.

ROB JOHNSON. Born in Bedford and turning professional for the Town in August 1979 his career was almost over before it started. He suffered two extremely serious knee injuries which would have put most players out of the game but he fought back to make his debut against Birmingham in November 1983. He played most of last season at left-back but prefers the right-side. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 62 — Goals 0.

MICK HARFORD. Luton Town's record cash signing, at £250,000, from Birmingham in December 1984. Sunderland born, Harford commenced his League career with Lincoln where 46 goals in 126 appearances encouraged Newcastle to pay £180,000 for his services in December 1980. He never really settled at St James Park and the following close season Bristol City took him to Ashton Gate. City were in a parlous financial state and were unable to fully pay the fee so six months later he was re-signed by Newcastle and promptly transferred to Birmingham. He was therefore on the books of three clubs on the same day! He enjoyed some success with Birmingham in a struggling side but was prised away by Luton where he has played the best football of his career and can count himself unlucky not to have won England recognition. He missed the first half of last season following knee operations. Total League & Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 99 — Goals 48.

RICKY HILL. He joined Luton straight from school and is currently enjoying his 12th full season. He made his League debut at home to Bristol Rovers over Easter 1976 coming on as substitute for current Town coach John Faulkner. Layed on a goal with his first touch and scored with his second. Was included in Bobby Robson's first squad in 1982 and made his England debut against Denmark. Still in Robson's thoughts as proved by his call-up against Egypt. An Ambassador for the game who enjoyed a successful testimonial in 1986. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 445 — Goals 57.

DARRON McDONOUGH. Belgium born McDonough scored on his League debut for Oldham against Notts County in December 1980 thereby joining an exclusive club. He signed for Luton early last season in exchange for £87,000 to become a versatile and valuable member of the squad. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 19 — Goals 1.

RICHARD HARVEY. Born at Letchworth in April 1969 Harvey, following a number of fine performances for the Combination side as well as captaining the successful Youth Team, made his deserved full League debut at home to Queens Park Rangers in November 1986. Made four further appearances towards the end of last season, showing maturity beyond his years and is now recognised as a first team squad member. He toured South America with the England Under-19 squad. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 5 — Goals 0.

ANDY DIBBLE. Made 71 League and Cup appearances for Cardiff before signing for Luton in the summer of 1984. Born in Cwmbran in 1965 Dibble started each of his first two seasons with Luton as first choice goalkeeper but injury on both occasions cut short his appearances. Due to exceptional performances by Les Sealey he was unable to win his place back last season and instead spent time on loan to Sunderland where he was hoping to impress the Welsh International selectors in order to add to his two full caps. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 21 — Goals 0.

MIKE NEWELL. Born at Liverpool in January 1965 Newell signed on for Crewe in 1983 but after three games was transferred to Wigan where he enjoyed considerable success including scoring in the 1985 Freight Rover Final at Wembley. After signing for Luton in 1985/86 he managed to score on his home debut against Aston Villa and has retained his place ever since. An ever present last season, scoring 12 goals including a hat trick against Liverpool. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 63 — Goals 19.

MARC NORTH. Locally born North was originally signed as a goalkeeper but proved his versatility by making his debut against Manchester United in 1985/86 as a forward. All his subsequent appearances for Luton have been outfield as were his loan spell games with Scunthorpe and Birmingham last season. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 24 — Goals 5.

STACEY NORTH. Luton born North is regarded as Steve Foster's deputy and since making his debut against West Bromwich Albion in the final game of 1983/84 has performed well when called upon. A dislocated hip sustained during a reserve game threatened his career but 14 League games last term proved he was back to full fitness. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 25 — Goals 0.

EMEKA NWAJIOBI. Unpredictable Nigerian International who burst on the scene with a scoring debut against Nottingham Forest on 2nd January 1984 only weeks after transferring from Dulwich Hamlet. On his day a matchwinner who makes goalscoring look easy. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 71 — Goals 17.

DAVID PREECE. Bridgnorth born Preece signed professional forms for Walsall in July 1980 and made 134 appearances for the "Saddlers" before Luton paid £150,000 for his services in December 1984. He made a scoring debut that same month at home to Aston Villa and has since become a firm crowd favourite because of his busy style of play. He appeared in only 15 League and Cup games last term through injury. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 86 — Goals 6.

LES SEALEY. Although born and raised in the East End of London Sealey made his League bow with Coventry for whom he signed in March 1976. Played 178 times for the "Sky Blues" before transferring to

Luton in August 1983 for £100,000. Has found himself out of favour on more than one occasion but has fought back with many superlative displays to become the acknowledged number one. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 171 — Goals 0.

GARY COBB. Local lad Cobb made his debut in the win at Charlton towards the end of last season where he set up the only goal of the game. He earned his elevation after several fine performances in the Football Combination side. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 2 — Goals 0.

RICKY McEVOY. Although born in Gibraltar, McEvoy qualifies for Eire through parentage and has become a Youth International. He made his League debut against Watford last season and following a spell on loan to Cambridge for experience will be hoping to make the breakthrough this term. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 1 — Goals 0.

BRIAN STEIN. South African born striker who was signed from Edgware in October 1977 and within weeks was appearing for Luton at Old Trafford in a twice replayed Football League Cup tie against Manchester City. He scored twice in his first full League home game and has not looked back since, netting freely in all subsequent seasons. Deceptively fast and difficult to knock off the ball Stein has been extremely unlucky not to have added to his solitary England cap won against Turkey in France in 1983/84. Currently enjoying a deserved testimonial season. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 410 — Goals 132.

MARK STEIN. Brian's younger brother who signed professional forms for Luton in January 1984 making his debut three months later in a 3-0 home defeat by Everton. He had to wait nearly 18 months for his next League game but has gradually forced his way into the side with last season being his most successful to date as 8 goals in 21 League appearances proved. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986-87 32 — Goals 10.

ROBERT WILSON. Signed professional forms for Fulham in June 1979 making his League debut the following season in a 3-2 defeat at Preston as the "Cottagers" tumbled to Division Three. In the next five seasons he made 200 appearances for Fulham before being transferred to Millwall for £57,500 in the summer of 1985, where, the following term he scored a creditable 12 goals in only 28 games from midfield. Luton invested £40,000 in him at the start of last season and he scored a goal on his home debut against Peter Shilton's Southampton. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton to end 1986/87 21 — Goals 1.

DANNY WILSON. Ray Harford's first major signing, from Brighton, in the close season. Born in Wigan on January 1st 1960 he made his League debut for Bury in season 1977/78 before being transferred to Chesterfield three years later. His performances for the "Spireites" inspired Brian Clough to take him to Nottingham Forest in January 1983 but things did not work out at the City Ground and he moved to Brighton only ten months later. Qualifies for Northern Ireland through parentage and made three International appearances last season.



FOR THE RECORD CHELSEA v LUTON TOWN

LEAGUE

Season	Home	Away
1955-56	0-0	2-2
1956-57	4-1	4-0
1957-58	1-3	2-0
1958-59	3-3	1-2
1959-60	3-0	2-1
1962-63	3-1	2-0
1974-75	2-0	2-1
1975-76	2-2	0-3
1976-77	2-0	0-4
1979-80	1-1	3-3
1980-81	0-2	0-2
1981-82	1-3	2-2
1984-85	2-0	0-0
1985-86	1-0	1-1
1986-87	1-3	0-1

SUMMARY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	15	7	4	4	26-	18	20
Away	15	4	6	5	20-	22	14
Total	30	11	10	9	46-	40	34

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	F	A
Derby County	0-1	
COVENTRY CITY		0-1
WEST HAM UNITED		2-2
	Harford 2.	

The Man in Charge of Luton

RAY HARFORD after a successful season as First Team Coach, Halifax born Harford's talent and belief in attractive play made him the natural successor to John Moore, as manager of Luton Town and he took over in the close season.

A former half-back he learnt his trade at Charlton making his League debut in 1965. Following a transfer to Exeter in January 1966 Ray made over 350 League appearances for several clubs in the lower divisions before finishing his playing career at Colchester who offered him his first coaching post.

He arrived at Luton in the summer of 1986 following a spell as Manager of Fulham.



100 YEARS OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

As you are no doubt aware, this is the Football League's Centenary year and part of the celebrations is a Fun Run in aid of the local Mayor's charities. Each of the 92 Clubs is arranging its own Fun Run and these are to take place at 12.00 noon on Sunday 20th September 1987.

Chelsea's Run is being held at Hurlingham Park, Fulham and will be a day to be enjoyed by supporters, players and staff. The total distance of the Run will be 2½ miles although it doesn't matter whether you run, walk or crawl to complete the course. All runners will receive a signed Certificate on completion.

Transport to Hurlingham Park will be provided from Stamford Bridge if required. An entry fee of £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for children will be levied in order to cover costs and thereby maximise Chelsea's donation to the charities.

Please lend your support to this worthy cause. Let's show the rest of the Clubs that Chelsea are the best on and off the field!!

I wish to participate in the Fun Run on Sunday, 20th September and agree to abide by the Rules.

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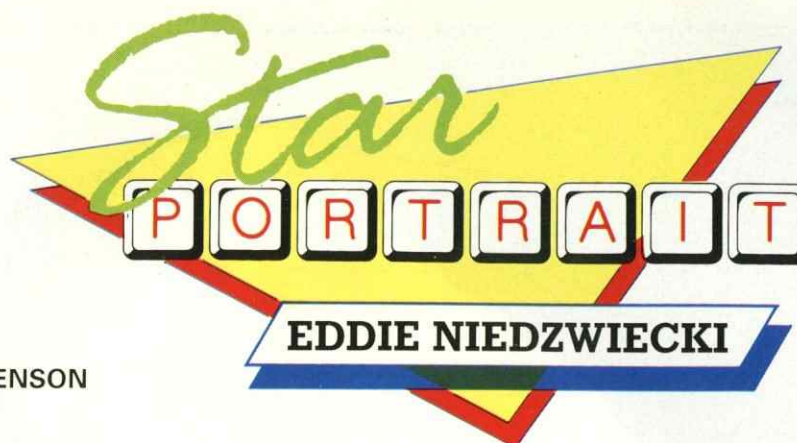
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Please return this form to the Fun Run Office, Chelsea FC, Stamford Bridge, London SW6 1HS in order to receive your sponsorship form.

Information: 01-381 6221



By COLIN BENSON

ECSTATIC young fans buzzed round the Chelsea players like a swarm of inquisitive bees as they alighted from the team coach outside the gates of Fratton Park. Autograph books, scrap books and pictures were thrust at them from all angles. Cheeky faces, grubby faces, studious faces, jostled and shoved as the competition to get those treasured autographs raged.

Through it all emerged the stars, one by one eager to please yet feeling a little tense and maybe nervous as they tried to focus their attentions on the job in hand. It was a big night for Portsmouth celebrating their return to the First Division after 28 years in the wilderness, but it was also a big night for Chelsea and for Eddie Niedzwiecki in particular.

Our Welsh international goalkeeper is still discovering himself again after two injury wracked seasons which have seen him undergo two operations on his knee. Another bad knock received on the opening Saturday of this season resurrected those seeds of doubt in the mind and when I asked him if we could have this chat after the game he looked me straight in the eye and said: "It depends how it goes Colin...I'm a temperamental guy you know."

A spring-heeled twisting dive to his right to tip over a scorching header from Lee Sandford in the first half set the pattern for a highly commendable performance and it was no surprise when my entry into the dressing room was greeted with a thumbs up sign from the Welshman.

A contented smile sat serenely on Eddie's face as he reflected back on last season's desperate disappointments... "I played in only 12 games and can honestly say I wasn't fit in any of them," he mused. "It was hard because it was a season in which I would have hoped the injury would have got better. It didn't and eventually we learned that a piece of cartilage had torn and got around behind the knee to cause the discomfort... In the end I wasn't doing myself any justice, wasn't doing the team any justice, so it was a case of getting back into hospital to see what was wrong."

The surgeon removed ten little bits of cartilage and thankfully since then Eddie has been able to see and feel the improvement.

I asked if it had been harder to push himself back through the pain barrier for a second time?

"It takes a lot out of you mentally you know," he responded, a serious note in his voice. "You see the other players doing things in which you want to be involved. I was lucky because I went nearly everywhere with the team last season to try and add that little bit of support in difficult times... I like to think I did my little bit to keep the harmony going. It was a tough season but one we can all learn from."

"Being injured has certainly been an experience for me. It has taught me not to take anything for granted in this game."

The confidence shown in Eddie by Welsh team chief Mike England also boosted his ego. He hadn't played for about three weeks yet England still named the Chelsea 'keeper in his squad to play Russia.

"It was actually while I was training with them that they noticed I was limping when I was running," reveals Eddie... "Neville Southall was actually down with a bug at the time and there was every indication that I would be playing. But the Welsh F.A. said it would not have been fair on them for the insurance and it would not be fair on me, and Wales in particular, to take the chance. In the end Neville recovered his fitness and they drafted another 'keeper in... That was the final straw for me. If someone on

the outside was noticing that I was doing things slower and limping still then there was only one conclusion. To get back into hospital and get it put right."

Those traumas are now hopefully behind Eddie although the psychological scars have yet to heal. His comeback game against Sheffield Wednesday was a tense test of character and I asked what went through his mind as he went through his warm-up routine in the dressing room.

"I was probably more tense and more on edge than I have ever been," reflects Eddie. "It seemed a long time since I had played in the first team and I knew this was where I had to prove myself. You can talk until the cows come home but people want to see you put your point across out there on the pitch."

"I was really tense and wanted so much to do well. Then when I went down I thought, oh no here we go again. I actually had double vision for the second half." There was a pause before Eddie added, "The only bonus to that was that there was a lovely girl in the stand and I was seeing two of her." The phrase trailed into a hearty laugh.

"No. If I tell the wife that, she will kill me... No. It was quite painful but it was such a relief to finish the game and to have won. That was the great thing for me."

That Saturday evening the pain was so fierce that Eddie phoned physiotherapist Norman Medhurst for advice. Norm's prescription did the trick for at that stage Eddie didn't give himself "a cat in hell's chance" of playing at Fratton Park.

Even by the Monday evening Eddie was giving up hope. "I was very doubtful but I always believe in leaving these decisions to the last minute, and giving yourself every chance. After missing so much football I'm prepared to give myself that chance every game now."

The injury sustained against Sheffield Wednesday was on the other knee and came as the result of a direct blow which Eddie is quick to point out was an accident, "just one of those things."

I suggested to Eddie that he was more than a little apprehensive when I spoke to him before the Pompey game.

The Welshman with the Polish sounding name ran his finger around the inside of his shirt collar: "Yeah... I'm never one to predict. I like to get my priorities right and go out there and do the right thing. But if we lose I am a pig. I'm not the best person to be with. I like to win and I like to keep a clean sheet. You need to have that ambition and that will get to the top always."

"That is why we never make firm arrangements for a Saturday night. My wife used to like to book up but she has come to the point now of not bothering because if we have had a bad result I'm not in the mood to go anywhere... It is probably a little bit selfish of me but it is something I can't help, it's in my nature. It was in my dad's nature as well. But I can't help it. I can't smile if we get beat."

Eddie's father was a bit of a player himself. He played left back and actually played against Joey Jones in his later years. He was 45 when he finished playing for Conway British Legion the team he managed.

"He's given me a lot of help and you need advice from time to time," says Eddie philosophically.

Eddie Niedzwiecki is one of the most pleasant young men you could hope to meet but come match day he is totally absorbed by the job in

hand, wrapped in a shroud of intensity which excludes all else.

"I want to do so well," he repeats in a tone fizzing with enthusiasm. "I'm pleased when I do make a save of course it does give you a great boost but there are other parts of the game to consider. At the moment I badly need games because I am getting very tired mentally. It is not a bad thing because it means that I am keeping my concentration going through a match but it is taking a lot out of me."

"But we've won tonight and that is even better. We can go and have a few drinks and enjoy it... Dai Davies once told me to enjoy the good times because you have a lot of bad times... I've had a lot of bad times over the last 18 months... I have been kept going through people on the medical staff here. People like Peter Bonetti, Norman, Jimmy and of course my family and friends like Joey Jones who is a great pal. They have all helped, and now I just want to put something back."

"It is a matter of working hard for the team and trying to enjoy it. I'm really trying to enjoy my football more because of the frustrations I have had."

"Can you enjoy it when you are so desperate to win?" I posed.

Eddie adjusted his position and wiped a few beads of sweat away from his brow with his finger: "Um... It's hard but if you can have a little laugh and a joke, maybe with the fans or someone it does help to take the edge off the game. I suppose. But Bruce Grobbelaar has got a wonderful attitude, absolutely fantastic attitude, and Neville's the same. He might look very stern but I can assure you he is very relaxed... I'm just trying to take a little bit off them. Enjoy it and keep smiling."

"Losing is very much part of the game but when you do lose it is horrible. It is not a nice thing. I'm just happy tonight because I've kept my first clean sheet for God knows how long. The most important thing though is for the team to win. Then I look at my own performance and if I've played well I get a lot of pleasure out of it."

"I have a long way to go yet. I'm just lucky I have got good people around me. I can't talk too highly of Peter Bonetti... There are times when you are injured that you do feel out of it but I have had a lot of lovely letters from Chelsea supporters, lovely letters. In fact I had one the other day from a man in Northumberland who had undergone an operation the same as mine 55 years ago. He told me that he is still enjoying life and now has eleven grandchildren!... I don't know if they are as a result of the operation (Eddie chuckles loudly); but it was a very nice letter."

It is responses like this which make football much more than just a game and that is why Eddie always makes time for supporters. He says: "You are never too big. I'm just the same as them. Joey Jones and I have always had the motto 'we are all ham and egggers'. I just like a pie and a pint like everyone else does. If someone is an electrician or a plumber I would expect them to be better at their job than I would be. As I expect to be better than them at my job... We are no different we are all working for a living and if you can communicate with each other then even better."

"I'm fortunate that since I have been at Chelsea I have enjoyed a good relationship with the supporters. If I've had a bad game they are entitled to give me stick but they have always been good to me and good for me and I appreciate that. I only hope that in these coming months I can repay them."

EDDIE NIEDZWIECKI



Star

PORTRAIT

EDDIE NIEDZWIECKI

FACT SHEET

THE BEST IS STILL TO COME

FOR a professional assessment of Eddie we turned to the expert, **Peter Bonetti**, who says: "Eddie is doing brilliantly at the moment. He has got his confidence back and I think now all he needs is games, games, and games to get the timing and everything else. He was absolutely superb and one goal against in the opening two matches says it all as far as I'm concerned."

The most difficult thing after a long lay-off is getting your judgement back. Eddie has dealt superbly with crosses and they are the bugbear for any goalkeeper — the timing under pressure. He has coped with them all quite confidently. Hopefully he is going to get stronger, more confident and perform better still.

As far as I'm concerned Eddie is definitely in the top three goalkeepers in the League and I think he has more to prove ... The best of Eddie is still to come.

He has everything going for him and lends a lot of confidence to the back four because of his calling. He talks non-stop and is dominant and these are overall qualities of a goalkeeper.

I just hope he has the element of luck to steer clear of further injury."

Born: Bangor.

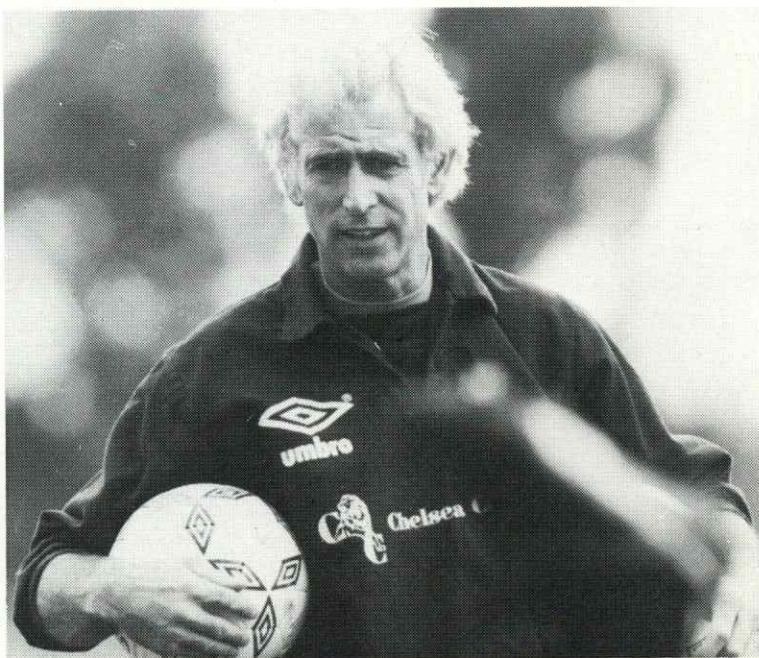
Signed from Wrexham, May 1983 — £45,000.

Debut: versus Derby County 27th August, 1983 (Home) Division Two Won 5-0.

Appearances season by season for Chelsea.

Season	League	F.A. Cup	Appearances		Total
			Lge. Cup	Full Members Cup	
1983-84 Division Two	42	1	5	—	48
1984-85 Division One	40	3	9	—	52
1985-86 Division One	30	2	8	5	45
1986-87 Division One	10	2	1	1	14
1987-88 Division One	3	—	—	—	3
TOTAL	125	8	23	6	162

Previous career: Joined Wrexham as an amateur after gaining Welsh Schoolboy honours and made his debut at the age of 16, and played in the European Cup-Winners' Cup. In all he made 111 League appearances for Wrexham and also played seven F.A. Cup ties and 10 Milk Cup games.



LONG LAY-OFF FOR PATES

THERE was no one looking forward more to the new season than defender Colin Pates, then it happened, that searing pain in the knee which tells you there is something wrong and there was. Colin has now had a cartilage operation and will be out for about six weeks.

"I didn't expect it," says Colin from his home. "I started pre-season training as normal and did all the hard work — two-weeks solid running — and was getting down to the bit I like with the ball when I started to feel my knee."

"We played a friendly against Brighton and it became swollen after that — not too bad but there. I had treatment and it responded so I played in the game against Millwall but the following day it blew up like a balloon."

"I've always had a dodgy knee and thought it was just normal wear and tear and when Norman Medhurst arranged for me to go into hospital for a

because I don't want any disappointments. I'll get myself right and not worry about football too much."

"I'll be here today of course shouting the lads on. They are winning, that's the main thing and looking set for a good season."

CHARITY MATCH

CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH in aid of Imperial Cancer Research Fund/Leah Firth Association.

At Barnet Football Ground, Underhill, High Barnet.

On Sunday 6th September, 1987. Doors open 1.30 pm. Game starts 3.00 pm.

EASTENDERS 11 v ST. PHILIPS FOOTBALL CLUB and GRANGE HILL.

See Lofty, Wicksy and the rest playing live.

Other celebrities from showbusiness and sport have promised to attend.

Admission by programme at the gate £2.50.

FIRST TEAM—PRE SEASON

July 24 BRIGHTON (Harlington) W 3-1 Team: Freestone; Clarke, Dorigo, McLaughlin, Wicks, Bumstead (Wood), Wilson C., Durie (Wilson K.), Dixon, Hazard (Murphy), Nevin. Scorers: Dixon 2, Durie.

July 28 MILLWALL (Harlington) W 3-1 Team: Niedzwiecki; Clarke, Dorigo, McLaughlin, Pates (Wicks), Bumstead (Wood), Murphy (Hazard), Wilson C., Nevin (Wegerle), Durie, Wilson K. Scorers: Wilson K. 2, Durie.

July 31 ALDERSHOT (Away-Private) W 1-0 Team: Niedzwiecki; Clarke, Dorigo, Wicks, McLaughlin, Bumstead (Murphy), Nevin (Wegerle), Hazard, Dixon (Wilson K.), Durie, Wilson C. Scorer: Hazard (Pen).

Aug 3 FULHAM (Away) W 2-1, att: 4,406. Team: Niedzwiecki; Clarke, Dorigo, Wicks, McLaughlin, Bumstead, Nevin, Hazard, Dixon (Wegerle), Durie (Wilson K.), Wilson C. Scorers: Dixon, Durie.

Aug 5 MAIDSTONE UNITED (Away) W 3-0, att: 1,101 Team: Niedzwiecki (Freestone); Clark (Hall), Dorigo, Wicks, McLaughlin, Wood, Nevin, Murphy, Dixon, Wilson K., Wilson C. (Coady). Scorers: Wilson K. 2, Nevin.

Aug 7 LEYTON ORIENT (Away) W 4-1, att: 3,100 Team: Niedzwiecki; Hall, Dorigo (Wegerle), Wicks, McLaughlin, Wood, Durie, Wilson C., Dixon, Wilson K., Coady. Scorers: Wilson K. 2, Durie, Dixon.

Aug 10 BRENTFORD (Away) W 3-0, att: 3,391 Team: Niedzwiecki; Clarke, Dorigo, Wicks, McLaughlin, Wood, Nevin (Wilson K.), Hazard (Coady), Dixon, Durie, Wilson C. Scorers: McLaughlin, Dixon, Own Goal.



check-up I expected them to just look and leave alone ... When I woke up I learned that the doctor had removed some fat and fluid.

"In retrospect it was the best thing that could have happened because I would have only tried to hide the problem so that I didn't lose my place in the team."

"These things happen and I'm pleased it is out now. I'm fine up' and down the stairs already. In fact I'm hoping that after this week's rest I shall be able to start the hard graft next week."

"The good thing is that I have all that pre-season training under my belt so my muscles and stamina were built-up. But I'm setting myself no targets

CHELSEA

Chat

KERRY GOLD

IT was reported by the media as 'a simple goal' that opening strike by Kerry Dixon against Sheffield Wednesday in the fourth minute of the new season. The fact that he made it look so easy merely underlines the class of the England striker.

To say, as one reporter in the Sunday nationals did, that; "Unmarked Dixon guided his shot low past Martin Hodge," is detracting somewhat from Kerry's contribution to the very first goal of the 1987-88 season in the First Division.

It was a superb strike contrived and executed perfectly against a well organised defence. When midfielder Micky Hazard gained control of the ball and glanced up both he and Dixon read the same situation. Hazard played the perfectly weighted ball into the space while Dixon shook off the attentions of Wednesday defender Larry May by making to go for the far post before peeling off to make it to that same space... Kerry arrived, the ball arrived and poor Martin Hodge had no chance.

It was a great boost to Dixon who had lost his goal scoring knack last season when he netted just 12 goals — 10 in the First Division — a dismal haul for him.

"Last season was a bad time for us all," reflects Kerry. "I just want to put that behind me and get on with the job this season."

The former Reading star, who shot his way into the record books last season when he scored his 100th goal for the Blues — against Aston Villa in December — to become only the seventh player to hit a ton for Chelsea, has shaken off the rumours and talk about transfers to put his heart back where it belongs.

"The arrival of the new players has made everyone keen to do well," says Kerry. "There's a better atmosphere around the place and I'm determined to get things moving in the right direction again."

Confidence is the key and Kerry certainly seems to be showing no lack of that this season. The way he held on to the ball at Fratton Park, when nobody showed on the right to take a pass, and then snapped up the opening for a shot before the Portsmouth defence could react, demonstrated the sharpness that could win him back his England shirt.

A strong powerful athlete with a deadly shot Kerry Dixon is once more a forward to be feared. Ask former England number nine Paul Mariner. He had a close insight into the Chelsea spearhead's form when he operated as a makeshift centrehalf for Portsmouth the other evening and no quarter was given by either man.

"I thought Kerry looked very sharp," says Mariner. "He's big and strong and always there in the thick of the action. You can't give him an inch. We did and look what happened!"

The battle of the two England centreforwards was described by Kerry as "interesting" but it proved beyond doubt that Chelsea's blonde bomber is back on form and given two or three more games should be as sharp and lethal as ever.

Kerry showed further evidence of his re-found form with another fine goal against Spain's former glamour goalkeeper, Arconada, during Tuesday night's impressive 1-0 win over Spanish Cup winners Real Sociedad in John Bumstead's Testimonial match.

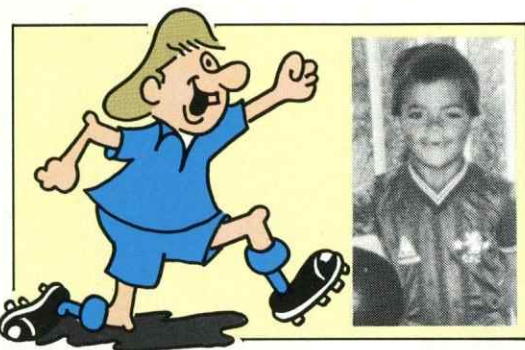


TODAY'S MASCOT

DEAN LANGLEY is the Blues mascot this afternoon and the young man, who will be eight on September 14th, has been a keen supporter since he was five.

Dean says he hopes to be able to play for Chelsea when he is grown-up but in the meantime he plays his football at the Greenwood First School in Northolt... This is a big day for him and he is most anxious to be introduced to his favourite players, Steve Clarke and Gordon Durie.

Have a nice day with us Dean.



SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES 1987/88

AUGUST			
SAT 15	WEST HAM UNITED	4-2	
TUE 18	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	1-4	
SAT 22	Arsenal	6-2	
WED 26	Gillingham	A	
SAT 29	IPSWICH TOWN	H	
SEPTEMBER			
TUE 1	Millwall	A	
SAT 5	Charlton Athletic	A	
SAT 12	Orient	A	
SAT 19	Fulham	A	
SAT 26	PORTSMOUTH	H	
OCTOBER			
SAT 3	Queens Park Rangers	A	
SAT 10	FULHAM	H	
SAT 17	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H	
SAT 24	NORWICH CITY	H	
SAT 31	League Cup (2)		
NOVEMBER			
SAT 7	Southend United	A	
SAT 14	WATFORD	H	
SAT 21	West Ham United	A	
SAT 28	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
DECEMBER			
SAT 5	ARSENAL	H	
SAT 12	GILLINGHAM	H	
SAT 19	League Cup (3)		
JANUARY 1988			
SAT 9	MILLWALL	H	
SAT 16	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	
SAT 23	ORIENT	H	
SAT 30	Portsmouth	A	
FEBRUARY			
SAT 6	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	
SAT 20	Cambridge United	A	
SAT 27	Norwich City	A	
MARCH			
SAT 5	SOUTHEND UNITED	H	
SAT 12	Watford	A	
APRIL			
SAT 9	Ipswich Town	A	
Southern Junior Floodlit Cup			
TUE 8.9.88	Round 1 v Wimbledon	H (7.00pm)	
F A Youth Cup			
1st Round	Bye		
2nd Round	Bye 4.12.87		

Y.O.U.N.G BLUES

with Gwyn Williams

WEST HAM HAMMERED

We opened our season with a most entertaining game against West Ham United and although we were awarded two penalties the match was played in a good spirit.

It was the 12th minute when we took the lead **Graham Stuart** scoring at the far post after a corner had been flicked on... In the 20th minute the Hammers equalised but we regained the lead in the 38th minute when **Jason Morris** scored from the penalty spot after **Flaherty** had been tripped.

Graham Stuart scored again in the 55th minute and then a right wing cross was handed to give **Morris** a second goal from the spot 4-1! West Ham netted a late consolation goal but the day was ours.

South East Counties League 15/8/87
CHELSEA (2) 4 WEST HAM UNITED (1) 2
Blues: Phillips; Jenkins (Lindsay), McGill, Lee, Cundy, Morris, Flaherty (Matthew), Byrne, Cousins, Stuart, Cunningham.
Scorers: Stuart 2, Morris (2 pen).

HOT SPURS

Lapses of concentration and individual errors set the pattern for a dismal defeat at Tottenham... A bad back pass from **Cundy** in the 12th minute set Spurs on their way and they were 2-0 ahead in 17 minutes... We clawed back into the game with an individual goal from **Graham Stuart**, who ran half the length of the field to shoot under the 'keeper in the 24th minute.

A brilliant save by goalkeeper Dearden from a **Cousins** header denied us an equaliser but then further errors from **McGill** and **Lee** cost us two more goals... We hit the bar and the post in the second half but this was a disappointing performance by us.

South East Counties League 18/8/87

CHELSEA (1) 1 TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (3) 4

Blues: Phillips; Jenkins, McGill, Lee, Cundy, Morris, Flaherty, Byrne, Cousins, Stuart, Cunningham.
Scorer: Stuart.

OUTGUNNED!

SIX GOALS in a 20-minute spell in the second half destroyed Arsenal after the Gunners had taken the lead following a mix-up in our defence in the 40th minute.

Two minutes into the second-half **Stuart** scored following a corner, then in the 50th minute **Flaherty** rounded off a right wing burst to make it 2-1. **A Cunningham** dribble on the left and **Stuart** scored at the far post (55 minutes)... Arsenal hit back to make it 3-2 before **Morris** rammed in a penalty after **Flaherty** had been flattened... Interplay then put **Morris** away. He drew the 'keeper and slid in number five. **Flaherty** then completed the rout... A most pleasing display.

South East Counties League

ARSENAL (1) 2 CHELSEA (0) 6

Blues: Phillips; Jenkins (Newton), Lawson, McGill, Lindsay, Morris, Flaherty, Matthew (Wilkinson), Cousins, Stuart, Cunningham.

Scorers: Stuart 2, Morris 2 (1 pen), Flaherty 2.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIVISION ONE (Up to and including Saturday 22nd August 1987)

	Goals					
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Millwall	3	3	0	0	10	3 6
Queens Park Rangers	3	2	1	0	4	2 5
Portsmouth	3	2	0	1	12	4 4
Watford	3	2	0	1	8	2 4
Ipswich Town	3	2	0	1	7	2 4
Gillingham	3	2	0	1	8	4 4
Chelsea	3	2	0	1	11	8 4
Arsenal	3	2	0	1	8	6 4
Tottenham Hotspur	3	1	1	1	5	5 3
Southend United	3	1	1	1	6	7 3
Cambridge United	3	1	0	2	6	10 2
Charlton Athletic	3	1	0	2	1	8 2
Leyton Orient	3	0	1	2	2	6 1
Norwich City	3	0	1	2	2	8 1
West Ham United	3	0	1	2	2	8 1
Fulham	3	0	0	3	3	12 0

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SAVE THE BRIDGE

COLIN HUTCHISON REPORTS

Melane Trykush will certainly stand out in a crowd — or to be more precise she will after around 2.30 pm today!

This 16 year old from Bath has arrived at the Bridge complete with hairdresser **Bryan Striecher**. She is to have an unusual hairdo. Not for her crimping charisma. Indeed Melane is going bald to help Save the Bridge! She is sponsored for several hundred pounds to become hairless!

While many a macho man battles to keep the hair on his head, Melane can't wait to lose all hers! She is having her head close shaved in Kojak fashion.

Seeing is believing. Melanes' hair will disappear before your very eyes on the touchline before the kick-off.

As she jokingly told us about her hair (e) raising idea: "At least I will finish up without a hair out of place!"

The tragedy, horror and hurt of the Zeebrugge Ferry Disaster will be etched on the minds of the nation for years to come.

Chelsea fan **Alan Woodall**, 24 was one of those that lost his life. This week we had a very moving letter from his mum enclosing £5.22 — the loose change that Alan had collected for the Save the Bridge campaign.

With great dignity and courage Mrs Woodall has told us about Alan's passion for Chelsea, his Blues memorabilia and the fact that today would have been very special for him for he lived in Luton but would still have been cheering for a Blues win.

Mrs Woodall wrote: "Alan would have been absolutely delighted if he had been able to know that Save the Bridge had received his money. I wish you great success." Thank you Mrs Woodall.

Tickets at £5.00 each are selling fast for the **Save the Bridge Disco Party** at the Chelsea Venue on Saturday 12th September 9.00 pm — 2.00 am. Numbers are strictly limited so if you haven't got yours yet and don't want to miss this fun night get your ticket now from the STB Office.

Go for Goals pledges are still shooting in but the more we net the greater the benefits for Save the Bridge. If you haven't made your goals pledge yet you will find an insert leaflet with this programme.

We still need a few more dog nominations for the **Greyhound Benefit Night** at Wimbledon Stadium on Friday September 25th. For £50.00 you can have a dog in your name; four-course dinner with a view of the racing. Restaurant Tickets on sale at £25.00 each. Enclosure admission tickets £1.50 plus a suggested donation of £1.50=£3.00.

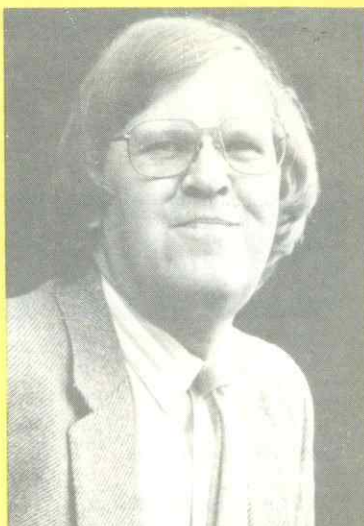
The stars are lining up for the **Save the Bridge Celebrity-Am Golf Tournament** at Leatherhead on Tuesday 20th October. Frankie Vaughan, Tim Brooke-Taylor, Richard O'Sullivan, Trevor Brooking, Jimmy Hill, Jess Conrad, John Hollins, Dave Bassett. Invitations have also gone out to Chelsea player golfers. You can team up

with the celebrities by entering your three person side. Contact Save the Bridge Office for further details.

You are coming up with some humorous and ingenious non-de-plumes with your donations. Two that particularly caught the eye: anonymous sent £1,000 and asked that this be acknowledged U.P. Bulstrode! Another 'cracker' Sheddock Holmes. **David Wells** of Canterbury sent us £10 with a note to say that his wife is expecting a baby and if it is a girl, they intend to call her Chelsea.

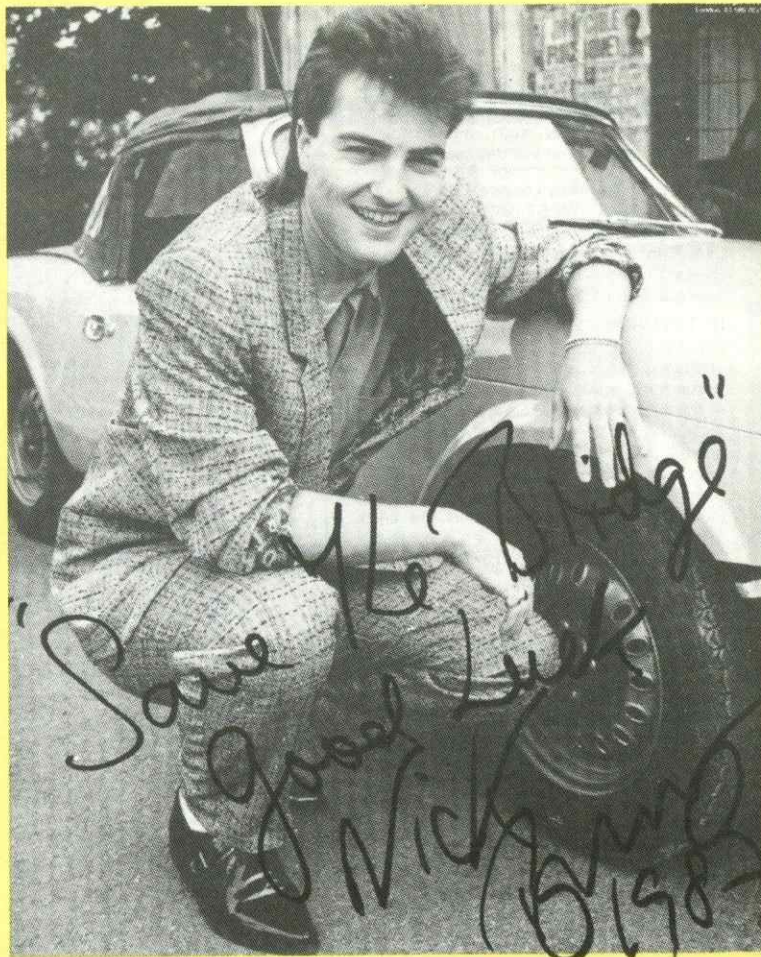
International actress **Glenda Jackson** expects to be in hot water with her son for sending us an autographed photograph — he is a Liverpool supporter.

You could be a winner in the Save the Bridge Autumn Draw. Tickets are now on



sale at 25p. each. 1st prize is £1,000. If you can help the campaign by organising draw ticket sales please call in at the Save the Bridge office.

Small change boosts Save the Bridge. Nearly £500. was given at the Sheffield Wednesday match. The blue collecting buckets will be inside the turnstiles today.



CALLING SUPPORTERS IN BASINGSTOKE

It is my intention to organise a branch meeting of the Basingstoke Chelsea Supporters Club on Thursday 10th September at the Great Western public house — adjacent to Basingstoke Railway Station.

The meeting will start at 8.00 p.m. and there is ample car park spacing for everyone. Chelsea Club Secretary Sheila Marson will be in attendance and we are hopeful that one of the players will be there as well, together with someone from the 'Save the Bridge' team.

The meeting is open to all Blues fans and we will be delighted to see you.

M. R., Tregent,
247 Quilter Road,
Basingstoke,
Hants RG22 4HE.
Tel: 0256 29506

A LIFT FROM STAINES WANTED

I am a supporter of Chelsea Football Club and have been for most of my life. I am 18 years old and disabled.

I am writing to you to ask if you have a transport system to take disabled supporters to matches for a small fee as I am unable to go to most home matches.

I have tried on a number of occasions to get a party together from college to go to matches but because the party is not big enough we could not go.

I would be really grateful if you could put this in one of our programmes. Could you please see if anything can be done about this?

K. A. Hance,
The Willows,
Green Lane,
Staines.

THE COLOUR IS BLUE

I have been a Chelsea fan for a number of years now, and I love everything about the club. Everything, that is, but two things. Racism and separatism. It is, sadly, very noticeable, that whenever a black player gets the ball (even a Chelsea player) they are mocked and teased with silly racist comments.

I find this particularly disturbing, because I am coloured, and I feel that many black players have played a major part in our great club's success (Paul Canoville and Keith Dublin for example). Also, I know of some young black players who, when talking about what youth team they would like to play for, say they would like to stay away from Chelsea, because of the abuse. I don't blame them.

Coloured fans do not come to matches, in fear of being attacked. I keep coming because I come to watch the football and I like to see Chelsea win no matter who scores, or who plays well. I AM NOT going to be driven away by mindless louts who have nothing but violence in mind.

Separatism is another problem. I am also a Celtic supporter and like many other Chelsea/Celtic fans, I have been called names at away games (and some home games).

I feel that if Rangers fans (whom I hold nothing against) are such avid supporters of the club, they should go to watch them every week, instead of using the Bridge as lbxox!

They should put THEIR club CHELSEA first.

I feel the club should do something about these two points, as, if they are just ignored, then I am afraid Chelsea will lose many supporters. That is the last thing the club needs at such a crucial time, when we need as many supporters as we can get.

For season 1987-88, I will be at the Bridge at ALL home games and I will cheer on EVERYONE in the famous blue shirt, no matter what colour, what religion, or what political views they have. My only hope is that every Chelsea fan reading this will do the same and be the extra man to spur our great club to success.

A Marwaha,
Hounslow.

P.S. I would not be surprised if this letter, was not printed.

SING ALONG BABE

I watched your oldest supporter and you Chelsea team on Cilla Black's "Surprise Surprise". When the team were singing "Blue is the colour". My son started going "La La" to the song.

I have always been a Chelsea Supporter and have visited Stamford Bridge quite a few times. I have enclosed a photo of my son, with his favourite football team's scarf. And his football team's colours on. As you can see, he also supports Chelsea.



My son was only 5 months old in the photo, and I am quite sure he must be one of your youngest supporters.

Miss D. Barnes,
Crawley,
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THE CHELSEA TROPHIES

By
SCOTT CHESHIRE

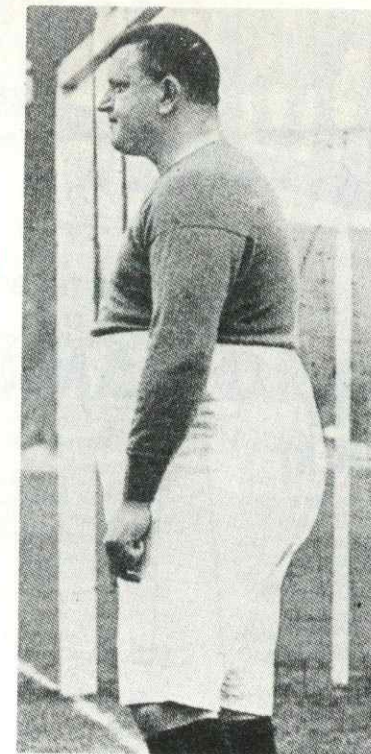
Football historians, almost to a man, have tended to devalue Chelsea's one Football League championship success as something of a freak event — one of those inexplicable things that occur from time to time. The 1950s were a period when soccer's headlines were captured by the emerging Busby "Babes", at Old Trafford, Newcastle United's three F.A. Cup victories in five seasons, and by Stan Cullis's rampant Wolves, who devoured all Europe's top teams beneath the hostile Molineux floodlights.

Any thought of Chelsea stepping on to the stage to interrupt the triumphs of these giants was not to be taken seriously. Yet that is what happened in the season of 1954-55. Ted Drake had been appointed the club's manager two years earlier, inheriting an ageing patchwork squad of 38 full-time professionals well capable of producing stirring deeds on their day (two F.A. Cup semi-final appearances in 1950 and 1952) but, more usually, allowing themselves to be sucked into the First Division relegation slip-stream. In 1951, and again two years later, they escaped the indignity by the skin of their teeth.

Drake's team contained a good leavening of men whose experience had largely been confined to the lower divisions. From Brighton & Hove Albion came the rugged full-back Stan Willems and that cultured inside-forward Johnny McNichol. Peter Sillett, like his boss Hampshire born and bred, was from Southampton. Stan Wicks had served his apprenticeship at Reading, Len Stubbs plucked from obscurity with Southend United and 17-year old Frank Blunstone was spotted after a handful of games at Crewe Alexandra. More experience was provided by such stalwarts as goalkeeper Bill Robertson, defenders John Harris and Ken Armstrong, Winger Eric Parsons (from West Ham United) and, of course, the legendary Roy Bentley. The ranks of amateur football were also to prove a valuable recruiting ground. Walthamstow Avenue threw up Derek Saunders and Jim Lewis, while Seamus O'Connell had won an F.A. Amateur Cup winners' medal with Bishop Auckland.

However, much more telling than the varying talents of those Ted Drake had assembled was the club spirit which he instilled into them. Discipline was tightened. The "Pensioner" image, which had hung heavily over Stamford Bridge for nearly 50 years, was banished and a new determination, typical of the manager's style when playing centre-forward for all-conquering Arsenal in the 1930's, replaced the previous mood of haphazard inconsistency.

From the beginning of the campaign it was



WILLIE FOULKE — Chelsea's 22 stone goalkeeper in our very first Football League season.

clear that the Championship was to be no 'one-horse' race. Manchester United were first to make the running, with Chelsea, three draws and one defeat from their opening 6 games, modestly placed in 10th position. The first half of September produced a mere one victory; October a single point and four defeats. Chelsea found themselves in those regions of the order to which they had become only too familiar down the years. A 3-3 draw against leaders Sunderland at Roker Park on November 6th prompted Drake to acclaim, prophetically as it turned out, "I am confident we have broken the barrier". Indeed, the next eight fixtures included 5 wins and 2 draws, a 5-2 away win at Bolton on New Year's Day meant fourth spot in the table and only one point behind the leaders. The challenge of the Championship was on.

In fact, apart from one hiccup at The Bridge, when Manchester City won 2-0, and an odd goal defeat at Villa Park in March, Chelsea never faltered and produced a consistency their rivals were unable to match. Particularly crucial were wins over West Bromwich Albion (4-2 at The Hawthorns), 2-1 at home to Sunderland and, then, 1-0 on this ground against arch-enemies Wolverhampton Wanderers in a match which has, rightly, gone down as one of the most famous ever played by Chelsea Football Club. On that Easter Saturday more than 75,000 had squeezed into the ground by the time the gates were closed shortly after 2 p.m. And that morning the First

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Division table read:

	P	W	D	L	Gls	Pts
1. Chelsea	38	18	11	9	76-55	47
2. Wolves	35	16	10	9	79-57	42

For 75 minutes the battle moved from end to end. Chelsea directed their attacks down the middle, Wolves relied on the flanks and the penetration of Smith and Hancocks. Gradually the visitors gained control and Chelsea's defence was continually tested and at full stretch. Then, in a trice, the match was decided. The Chelsea forwards broke away and O'Connell's shot, creeping underneath the bar, was fisted away by centre-half Billy Wright. To the horror of the majority the referee, obviously unsighted, pointed to the corner flag. Surrounded by a sea of blue shirts, the official was then "persuaded" to consult his linesman before, after what seemed an eternity, he turned dramatically towards the penalty spot. Sillett's shot was struck with tremendous power beating Bert Williams' despairing dive to his right and Chelsea were almost home. Almost, but not quite. There was still time for Johnny Hancocks to hit a post, and Peter Broadbent forced a fine save from Chick Thomson before the final whistle brought thunderous cheers of sheer relief.

Seven days later a 0-0 draw at Portsmouth all but sealed things up and then Chelsea's championship was mathematically confirmed with a joyous 3-0 win in the last home game against Sheffield Wednesday amid great celebration and speech-making from the front of the Directors' Box in the old East Stand.

The English football world was in a state of shock, yet the tributes were warm hearted, even if the quality of the team was not universally recognised. But from the reliability of Bill Robertson (or Thomson) in goal to the exciting flair and spectacular goalscoring feats of Bentley in attack everyone played their part. Harris, Sillett, Wicks, Willems and Ron Greenwood were solid pillars in defence. Armstrong and Saunders combined toughness with artistry at wing-half. Parsons' speed, Blunstone's ball-skills and Lewis's directness provided contrasting threats down the wings. McNichol provided a steady stream of goals from inside-forward with O'Connell (seven from 8 games) and Stubbs also sharing this responsibility.

Disappointingly, the team was quickly to disintegrate and the replacements were unable to stem a decline which was to lead to relegation in the spring of 1962 after more than thirty years in the top class. But for everyone who can recall that 1954-55 season they were days never-to-be-forgotten.

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PROFILE

MEDICINE MAN OR MECHANIC?

By JOHN NOLAN

Entering the domain of Norman Medhurst is a bit like visiting the dentist or the doctor. There isn't quite the same fear attached but there is that same strange feeling, a sort of aura of confidence laced with uncertainty and respect.

Whether it is the stark cream walls, the bandages and Xylocaine, or the Aids to Anatomy that stares down to you from the bookshelf, I'm not too sure. Maybe it's the hand basin on the wall, or the uncanny tidiness of the room, the clinical smell that fills one with memories.

There is nothing cold about Norman himself though. Clad in a royal blue tracksuit with the initials NM stitched on twice, just in case you forget, he has that happy knack of making you feel at your ease.

Anatomy and Physiology are Norman's forte and his caring personality comes over right away. It was a case of following in father's footsteps when he took over as Chelsea's physiotherapist yet he hadn't planned to carry on the Medhurst tradition.

Says Norman: "When I left school I was going to be a picture renovator. I was very good at art and was going to work on Old Masters. I worked for just over a year for a picture frame company doing work for Sothebys, Christies and people like that.

"While I was waiting to go to a special school my father asked me to join him at the Bridge as the dressing room attendant and it just carried on from there."

That was 1963, and he's been here ever since. Twenty-four years. "I'll get a gold watch next year won't I," he laughed.

Norman became interested and went on FA courses to study anatomy and physiology and came back with all the necessary diplomas. The man who had planned to restore old paintings suddenly found himself restoring torn muscles, the hands healing the broken body.

Harry, his father, became ill and Norman found himself elevated to first team duty by Dave Sexton. When Eddie McCreadie took charge he brought in his own man. Harry left under a cloud and Norman was on the verge of following, applying for a position at Leeds, but he stayed on and was thankful he did.

"I learned a lot from Eddie," says Norman. "He was very good

at diagnosing injuries and was always very positive. He helped me believe in myself.

"Fred Street, the England physio, has also been a tremendous influence on me. There are no magic wands with Fred, he's down to earth won't flannel people, tells them straight what has to be done."

Norman reflects that everything in his career has happened by chance, and that was just how he became a member of the England back-room team: "When Don Revie took over the England squad he invited Ron Suart, who was here at Chelsea, to look after the Under-23 squad. They then asked me to go as the physio and I accepted.

"I must admit I didn't think I was good enough to go. Whether it was because I was an only child I don't know but I had an inferiority complex. But Charlie Cooke was here at the time and he was reading the Power of Positive Thinking books which I got interested in. I haven't looked back."

He certain hasn't for Norman is now a firmly established fixture in the full England squad globetrotting to World Cup Finals and European Championships.

"I'm someone to listen to," says Norman. "Players sometimes want someone to talk to on subjects they don't want to discuss with the manager, particularly when we are abroad."

Norman, who will be 44 next month, is dedicated to restoring players to fitness as quickly and safely as he can. He is I suggested, a bit like a mechanic repairing broken cars.

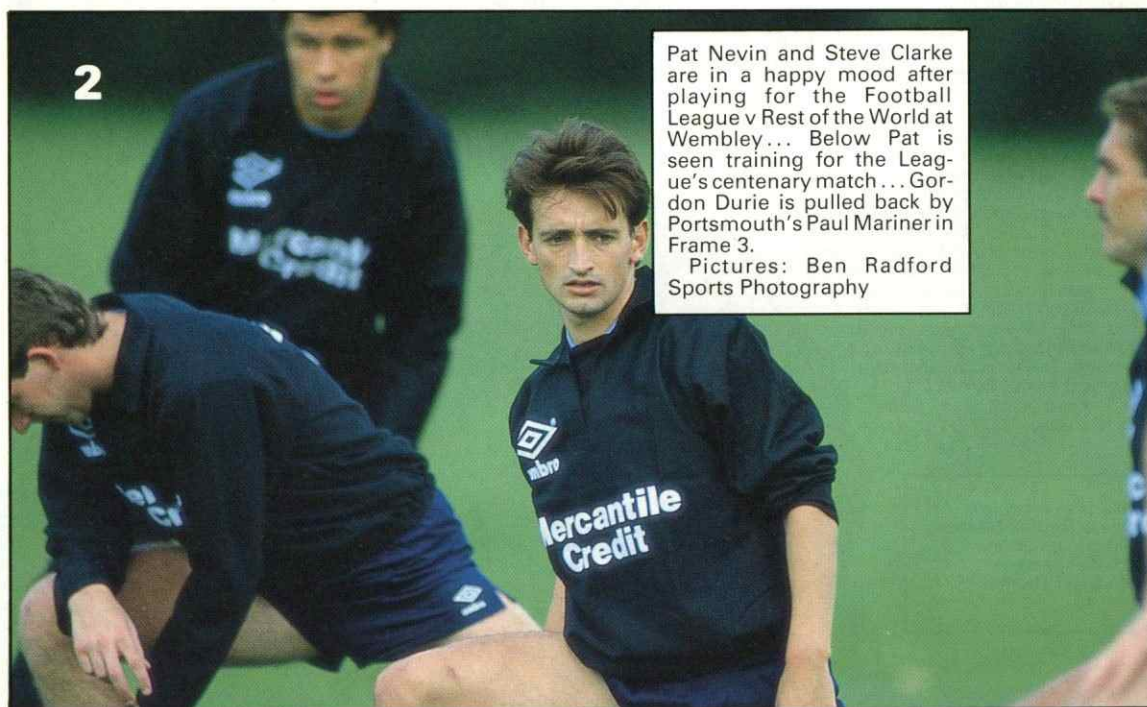
He leaned back in his chair, clasped his hands together and thrust his fingers towards his lips: "I suppose you could be right there," he grinned thoughtfully. "Mending muscles is a bit mechanical!"

Norman Medhurst gives Gordon Durie treatment after a challenge from Mitchell Thomas of Spurs.



ACTION

Pic 1. Pat Nevin and Steve Clarke are in a happy mood after playing for the Football League v Rest of the World at Wembley... Pic 2. Pat is seen training for the League's centenary match... Gordon Durie is pulled back by Portsmouth's Paul Mariner in Frame 3.
Pictures: Ben Radford Sports Photography



Pat Nevin and Steve Clarke are in a happy mood after playing for the Football League v Rest of the World at Wembley... Below Pat is seen training for the League's centenary match... Gordon Durie is pulled back by Portsmouth's Paul Mariner in Frame 3.

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(Up to and including Saturday 22nd August 1987)

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Nottingham Forest	3	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	7	17,486	
Chelsea	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	3	1	6	21,929	
Tottenham Hotspur	3	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	1	2	6	31,670	
Coventry City	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	2	3	6	23,947	
Oxford United	3	1	0	0	4	2	0	2	0	2	2	5	9,174	
Manchester United	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	2	5	40,736	
Southampton	3	0	1	0	2	2	1	1	0	3	2	5	21,214	
Everton	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	5	31,728	
Derby County	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	17,204	
Liverpool	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	3	—	
Norwich City	3	1	0	1	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	3	14,077	
Newcastle United	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	3	—	
Watford	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	3	15,344	
Wimbledon	3	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	2	5,996	
Luton Town	3	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	7,789	
Sheffield Wednesday	3	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	19,949	
West Ham United	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	2	2	1	22,881	
Arsenal	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	2	1	54,703	
Portsmouth	3	0	1	1	2	5	0	0	1	2	4	1	18,539	
Charlton Athletic	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,021	

CHELSEA CAREER APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

	LEAGUE		F.A. CUP		LEAGUE CUP		FULL MEMBERS CUP		TOTAL	
	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.	Apps.	Gl.
Burnstead J.	241(10)	32	14(1)	3	25(2)	1	5	1	285(13)	37
Clarke S.	18(1)	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	20(1)	—
Dixon K.	159(1)	78	7(1)	4	25	20	5	5	196(2)	107
Durie G.	22(7)	5	3	1	—	—	—	—	25(7)	6
Hazard M.	36(3)	7	3(1)	1	3(3)	1	3	1	45(7)	10
McLaughlin J.	156	4	6	—	21	1	7	—	190	5
McNaught J.	8(1)	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	11(1)	2
Nevin P.	157(2)	32	8	1	23(1)	5	8	2	196(3)	40
Niedzwiecki E.	125	—	8	—	23	—	6	—	162	—
Wicks S.	135(1)	6	8	2	4	—	—	—	147(1)	8
Wilson C.	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1
Wilson K.	—(2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—(2)	—
Wood D.	79(9)	1	6	—	9	—	7(1)	—	101(10)	1

Appearances as substitute in brackets.

Today's Referee: VIC CALLOW (Solihull, West Midlands)

Vic is a principal, management services officer. Married with two children. Commenced refereeing in 1966 progressing via local leagues to the Football League line in 1975, and to the referees list in 1979. He is a F.A. panel speaker and a referee instructor.

Home matches and scorers in **bold** type
† Player substituted () Time sub. used
△ Sent off * Own goal p Penalty

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DATE	OPPONENTS	ATTN.	F	A	POS
Aug 15	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	21,929	2-1	—	
18	Portsmouth	16,917	3-0	—	
22	Tottenham Hotspur	37,079	0-1	3	
29	LUTON TOWN				
31	Manchester United				
Sept 5	NOTTINGHAM FOREST				
12	Queens Park Rangers				
19	NORWICH CITY				
M/wk	LITTLEWOODS CUP 2 (1L)				
26	Watford				
29	Luton Town (7.45)				
Oct 3	NEWCASTLE UNITED				
M/wk	LITTLEWOODS CUP 2 (2L)				
10	Everton				
17	COVENTRY CITY				
24	Southampton				
M/wk	LITTLEWOODS CUP 3				
31	OXFORD UNITED				
Nov 7	Arsenal				
M/wk	LITTLEWOODS CUP 4				
21	Derby County				
28	WIMBLEDON				
Dec 5	Liverpool				
12	WEST HAM UNITED				
20	Charlton Athletic (11.30)				
26	QUEENS PARK RANGERS				
28	Norwich City				
Jan 2	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR				
9	F A Cup 3rd Round				
16	Sheffield Wednesday				
	LITTLEWOODS CUP				
23	PORTSMOUTH				
30	F A Cup 4				
Feb 6	Nottingham Forest				
M/wk	LITTLEWOODS CUP S.F. (1L)				
13	MANCHESTER UNITED				
20	WATFORD (FA Cup 6)				
M/wk	LITTLEWOODS CUP S.F. (2L)				
27	Newcastle United				
Mar 5	Coventry City				
12	EVERTON (FA Cup 6)				
19	Oxford United				
26	SOUTHAMPTON				
Apr 2	ARSENAL				
9	DERBY COUNTY (FA Cup S.F.)				
23	Wimbledon				
24	LITTLEWOODS CUP FINAL				
30	LIVERPOOL				
May 2	West Ham United				
7	CHARLTON ATHLETIC				
17	F A Cup Final				



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JOHN BUMSTEAD	6	DANNY WILSON
PAT NEVIN	7	RICKY HILL
MICKY HAZARD	8	GARY COBB
KERRY DIXON	9	DAVID PREECE
GORDON DURIE	10	BRIAN STEIN
CLIVE WILSON	11	MIKE NEWELL
	12	
	14	

LUTON TOWN

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