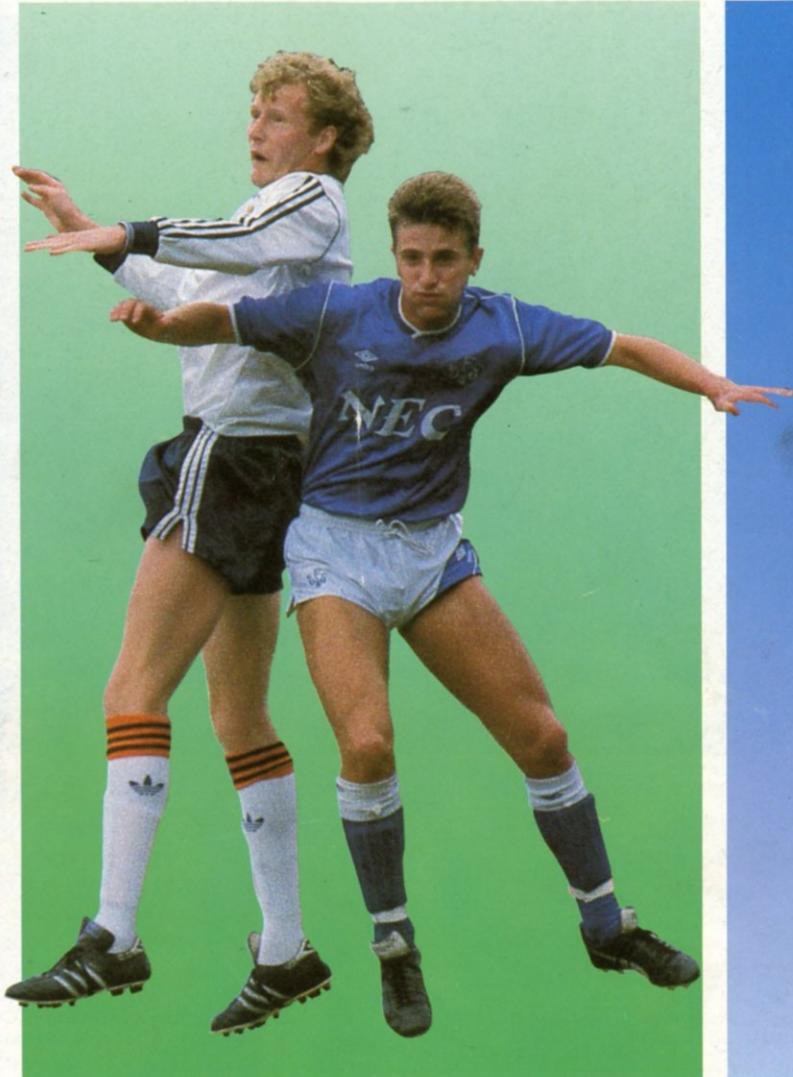


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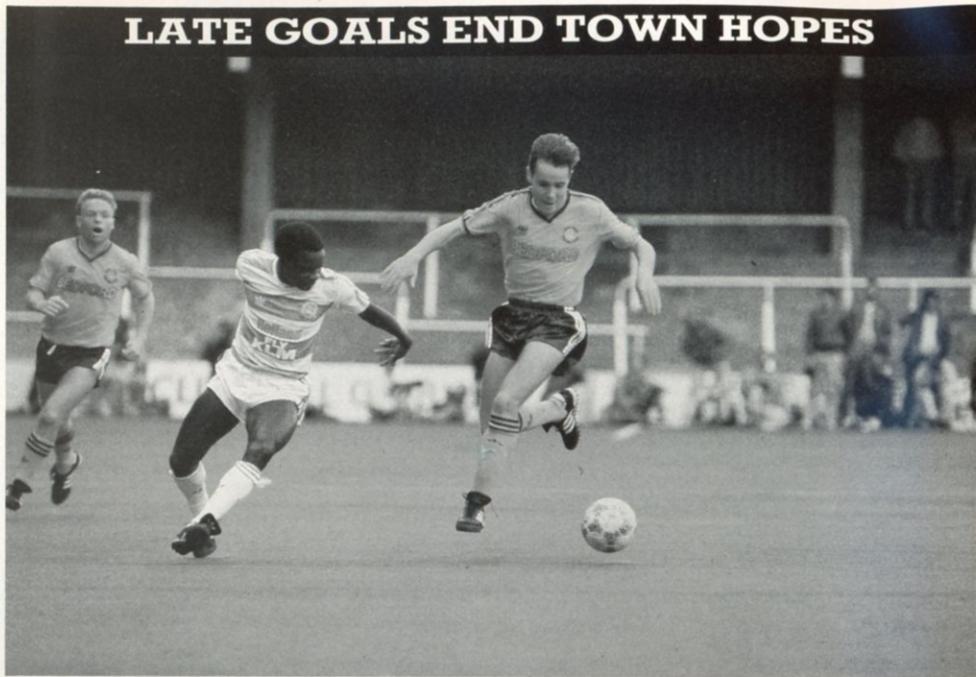
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• **Driving hard:** Mal Donaghy fires in a shot at Loftus Road during our 2-0 defeat against leaders QPR last Saturday.

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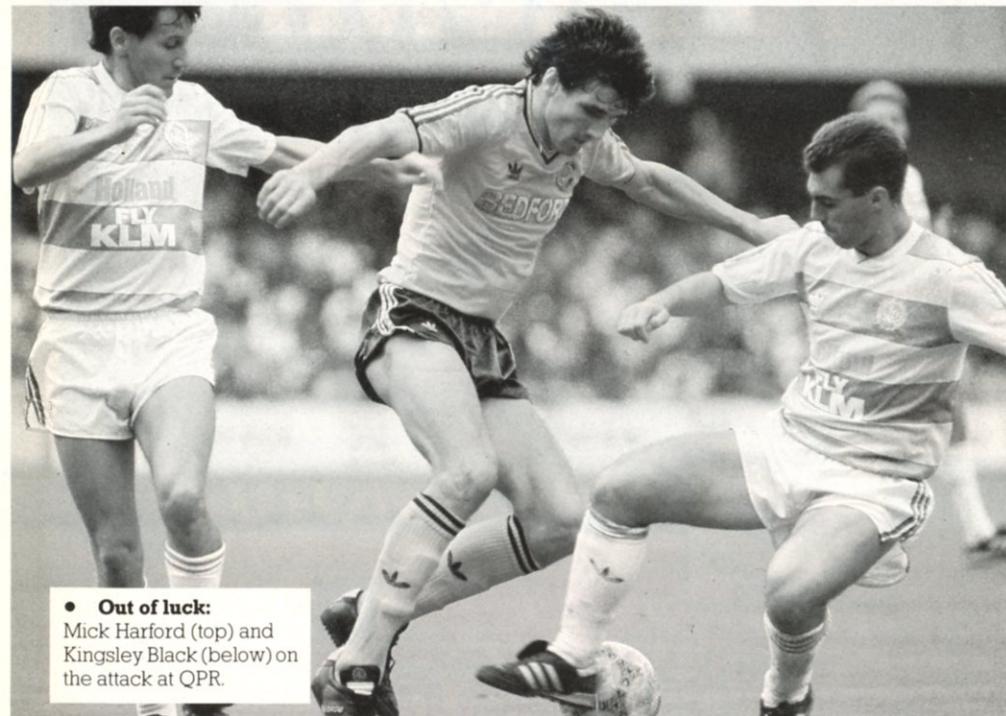
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## RAY'S REVIEW



**Welcome** to Manchester United for our first home match in three weeks. On our travels we have won one match and lost two – at Charlton and at Queen's Park Rangers. It is not a very successful record and I must admit I am not happy with our away form. We did win at Wigan, however, so overall I am not too depressed. The performance at Charlton was terrible. I have to admit that. But we showed a great improvement at Wigan and had a lot of possession without doing much with it at QPR. I am hoping we shall change our fortunes a bit this afternoon and get back to the form we were showing before we started on our away run. I am certainly not thinking of changing my philosophy overnight.

Since the Everton game, we have been busy off the pitch as well as on it. We have said goodbye to two of our senior players – Mike Newell who has signed for Leicester City and Robert Wilson who has moved to Fulham. I wish them both the best of luck with their new clubs – Mike of course returning to work with one of his former managers, Bryan Hamilton, and Robert to one of his former clubs. In addition, to these two, Mark Walton has had his loan period at Colchester extended by another month and congratulations are due to Ashley Grimes who, after his recall to the Republic of Ireland team last month, has been retained again by Jack Charlton. Neil Poutch and Michael O'Brien have also won international recognition. They have been called up by the Republic's youth squad.

On the injury front, things should be showing signs of improvement today. I hope Richard Harvey came through his reserve outing in midweek unscathed and without a reaction and also hope David Preece will be fit to return. In David's absence, Kingsley Black made his senior debut at QPR last week and did very well. He has had a bleeding now and will be all the better for it.

*Ray Harford*

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# Mailbag

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

## An amateur's thankyou!

Dear Sir,  
I am just writing to thank you very much for an excellent and most enjoyable day I spent at Kenilworth Road on 12th September. Although I am only a keen amateur photographer, not attached to any newspaper or magazine, you granted me a Press Pass to attend the game against Everton - the League champions.

From the time I arrived at the Press Gate to the time I left the ground, I found everybody, without exception, to be friendly, helpful and extremely hospitable. Apart from the opportunity of watching the game from a privileged position and taking photographs, it was a real insight to see a football club and particularly, the Press Room from 'behind the scenes' on a match-day. The only problem I encountered all day was the weather. Dark skies and pouring rain are far from ideal for photography but that is an occupational hazard.

The whole day was an experience I won't forget and indicates how friendly and perceptive top football clubs can be; having seen the hospitality shown to the Press and the efforts made in Public Relations I would recommend your club to Ken Bates any day.

Perhaps, one day in a future season, I might be able to return to Kenilworth Road. In the meantime I would repeat my thanks to you and your staff for a most enjoyable day.

Yours faithfully  
Andrew Cope  
89 Grove Crescent  
Kingsbury  
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## Super skills

Dear Sir,

Congratulations on your fine display of skilful football against West Ham, Arsenal and Everton.

The skills of Tim Breacker, Ricky Hill, Danny Wilson and Mick Harford stood out in a team where all the players were in brilliant form.

If the players can steer clear of injuries and suspensions I'm sure this will be a very successful season for the Hatters.

Good Luck and Best wishes  
Tracey Hansell

22 Cloisters Road  
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## Les billets s'il vous plaît

Dear Sir,  
Would it be possible to publish this letter in one of the following matchday magazines.

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# CHIT CHAT



## Nightmare journey

For 21 years I have been going to football matches home and away, from Portsmouth to Sunderland, Bristol to Ipswich, but never have I been so uncomfortable as on the journey to Selhurst Park this season.

The behaviour of the gangs of young men I encountered at the railway station and on the train were so disturbing I almost turned round and went home.

Their 'songs' were the most obscene I've ever heard – and I've been to some rugby club dos – and their conversation, at full volume, was so liberally peppered with sexually oriented swearing that it was impossible to follow what they were actually trying to say.

They stood on platforms either side of a three line track throwing coins across the line in an attempt to hit each other – and didn't care who else they hit in the bargain. They were spitting, too, and jostling other travellers.

Once on the train other passengers had to move; and when I got off the train they leant out of the windows and, in the basest Anglo-Saxon, made their fantasies towards me perfectly clear.

## Not fans

These young men, aged about 18-25, were the sort who've got English football a bad reputation. But the people who advocate National Service to discipline them have got it wrong because these particular young men weren't football fans, they were squaddies let loose on weekend passes. Their behaviour and regard for fellow travellers was far worse than anything I have ever seen from football hooligans.

It's all very well for the media and, indeed, the Government, to criticise Football for the problems caused by some supporters and we all know that the Football Authorities have not all been 100% active in trying to improve matters, but the reasons behind hooliganism cannot be cured by membership schemes, family enclosures or, indeed, banning fans.

All these worthy measures succeed in doing is moving the trouble away from football. We need, instead, to consider how we have educated these young men to make them behave in such an antisocial and threatening manner.

**Gale Waller**

Anyone wanting to contribute to *Chit-Chat*, please write to: The Editor, Luton Town F.C., Dunstable Road, Luton, Beds.

## Luton News

### PICTURE QUIZ



Gary Bailey saves from Brian Stein during last season's game against Manchester United. But there were three goals, and to win a fiver in a free fun quiz, who scored them? Answers to the Sports Editor (Comp), Luton News, Grosvenor House, Alma Street, Luton LU1 2PL by noon on Saturday. The first correct entry drawn out will win £5, so don't forget to include your name and address. Results will be published in the Luton News, along with all the best match coverage and pic-

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## STYLISH VICTORY

### Luton Town 2 Everton 1

The Town maintained their good form shown the previous week at Oxford when they came from behind to beat Everton by the odd goal in three at Kenilworth Road three weeks ago. Neil Pointon put Everton ahead after only five minutes, Brian Stein equalised 14 minutes later and Ricky Hill drilled in the winner six minutes into the second half.

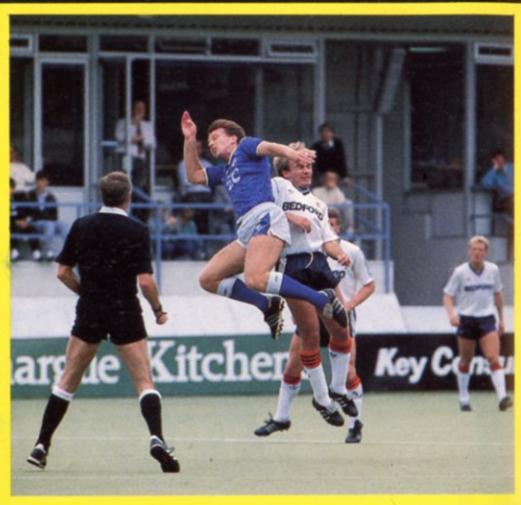
But while it was a team victory achieved through fluid football and precise finishing, there were outstanding individual performances by several players, notably Mick Harford, which caught the eye. Everton, lacking several regular first team men and using a system with five men in midfield, were unable to cope with Harford's power in the air and sheer presence around their penalty area and ended the game in desperate search of an equaliser.

On a rain-affected and therefore slippery pitch, there were plenty of thrills and spills before Pointon took advantage of a loose ball to open the scoring. Harford led the Town revival, heading down an Ashley Grimes cross to give Brian Stein the opening for a brilliant half-volley. Harford was in the thick of it again when he laid on Hill's winner - jumping to challenge for Mal Donaghy's centre, Pat Van Den Hauwe misheading his clearance and Hill shooting accurately, low and true, past the recalled Neville Southall.

**Teams:** Luton - Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, Hill, Foster, Donaghy, D. Wilson, B. Stein, Harford, Nwajobi (sub M. Stein), Preece (sub R. Johnson). Everton - Southall, Harper, Van Den Hauwe, Ratcliffe, Watson, Reid, Steven, Heath, Adams, Snodin, Pointon.

**Referee - A. Gunn (Burgess Hill, Sussex).**

# 1st Team ACTION



- **Toffees licked:** A tremendous display of character and good open football brought the Town a well-deserved 2-1 success over Everton in our last home match three weeks ago. Today's action pictures show Mick Harford and Ricky Hill threatening the Everton goal and Mal Donaghy and David Preece in the thick of the action. Action pictures by Josh Levy of Apex Photography.

# FOOTBALL FOCUS

**Jim Ryan**



As a former player with both the Town and today's visitors Manchester United, Town coach Jim Ryan looks forward to today's match with extra anticipation. In his spell at Old Trafford, he was kept out of the side by such players as Denis Law, Bobby Charlton, George Best and another former Town star John Aston. The last two as wingers were Jim's principal rivals for a place in the team with Best, naturally, commanding a regular place on his world-class ability. Today, in Football Focus, Jim looks at the heritage every player has to live with at Old Trafford and reflects on the great days he enjoyed with both clubs:

#### Memories revived as my old club visits

"For me, both clubs have a bit of magic. I enjoyed my time as a player at both and I am now working for Luton Town. Manchester United will always have a bit of special charisma. They are one of the world's greatest clubs. But all my allegiance today will be with my present club Luton Town... and not just for professional reasons. I won't be tempted to shout for anyone other than our team because I know all the players personally, because I am a Town fan now through and through and because I want them to win."

"I don't know the current United players. But I do know the pressures and the problems they face. I am sure their manager Alex Ferguson has also learned a lot more about them in a short space of time. It is not like anywhere else I know of. I remember being in the party for all the great European trips in the 1960's. The semi-final in Madrid and the final against Benfica at Wembley when United won the European Cup and became the first English side to do so."

#### Romantic

"They were vivid memories and still are. I shall not forget them easily. It was a very romantic period. Billy Foulkes, a survivor of the Munich air disaster in 1958, scored the crucial goal in Spain to take United to the final and then Bobby Charlton, another survivor, scored twice in the final. That made it a very emotional and very special final. That decade from 1958 to 1968 really created the whole magic of Manchester United. They had a team made up of really great individuals and no club has measured up to it since."

"Law, Best and Charlton and Co were all great players. Lots of very fine English club teams have

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**Michael Reed  
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An assistant bank manager, Michael is married with two children. He started refereeing in 1972 and progressed via the West Midlands Regional League to the Football League list. He enjoys all sport, gardening, photography and wine-making.

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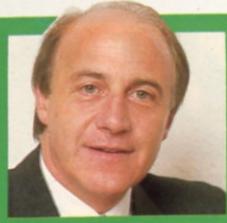
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## BULLY FOR DAVID AND THE GIRLS

•Anyone for hockey?: Young striker David Oldfield is pictured with the England Ladies' hockey team. They provided our pre-match entertainment against Everton three weeks ago. By the look on his face, David obviously enjoyed the session!



Welcome to Manchester United, one of the most famous clubs in Britain. We wish them and all their players and officials a pleasant, but hopefully pointless, afternoon! Thinking of Manchester reminds me of our invitation to play there later this season in the highly-successful Guinness six-a-side tournament to be held at the G-Mex Centre in December. That tournament and the Simod Cup in which we have been seeded, have added much interest to the middle part of the season.

We have had an eventful season already and the two tournaments will add to the excitement. In the Guinness Soccer 6 Championship, we have been drawn in group B to play on Monday December 7 against today's visitors Manchester United and Wimbledon.

If we are successful we shall go through to the finals on Wednesday night. It is a very exciting prospect for us and for the television audience who will enjoy it, as the Football League secretary Graham Kelly remarked. "It is our belief," he said, "that soccer 6 can become the television sport of the 1990's in the way snooker has dominated the 1980's".

### Alison's cushions

As you know, we try to encourage enterprise at Luton Town. I am sure, therefore, that you will all welcome a scheme dreamed up by Alison McDonough - Darren's wife - to provide cushions for hire. These

into which Alison has put many hours' work at her own cost, can be hired from a kiosk on match days at the entrance to the enclosure.

I know we all wish Alison good fortune and success. We had some luck when our youth team, who were holders, were knocked out of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup at Birmingham, beaten 3-1, but found themselves reinstated in the tournament because Birmingham had failed to register their team. The same happened to Arsenal. As a result, we are away to West Ham in the second round on a date yet to be confirmed.

Next weekend, Kenilworth Road plays host to the Lada International Hockey Classic. With no matches here, this has given our footballing operation a welcome chance of a break at Henlow Grange, this should enable the lads to keep their routine as much as possible and allow the hockey stars to make the most of our synthetic surface.

### Bedford GM

Finally, a very warm welcome today to our match sponsors Bedford GM who have not only been vital and loyal supporters of the club, but also regular supporters of our match sponsorship system. They are, of course, our club sponsors and we hope they and all their guests have a very enjoyable afternoon with Nick Owen, television's top Hatter, as their after-lunch speaker to set up a first class day.



•Man-of-the-match: Ricky Hill was voted top player by our sponsors for the Everton match. He was presented with a bottle of champagne by the RNIB's Roger Moon.



•Happy victors: The victorious England visually-handicapped team are pictured with their trophy after beating Scotland here three weeks ago. This was an historic match - the first 11-a-side international of its type.



•Boy hero: Young Simon O'Connell walked from John O'Groats to Lands End for the RNIB's Sunshine Fund for Children. He is pictured with our captain Steve Foster.

## CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

### Change of luck

Hello everyone and welcome to Manchester United. It is always a big game whenever they are the visitors. But we have got it right against them in the last few games here at Kenilworth Road and will be looking to end our poor away run with a good home win today.

In the last few weeks we have said our farewells to Mike Newell and Robert Wilson. Mike has gone to Leicester and made a great start with goals in his first two games. He is a great professional with a terrific attitude and we all wish him and Robert all the best at their new clubs.

### Sweepers

Last weekend we were up against the sweeper system at QPR and found we had a lot of the ball without being able to break through. Rangers just sat back and let us have all the possession and then tried to catch us on the break. I thought we did quite well, particularly in the first half, until the final 20 minutes or so when they made the breakthrough.

Now we want to make sure we have put the away run behind us with a good win today. United have been having a good season so far and last week they beat Spurs at Old Trafford in a tight game. We know it will be a tough match but we are all capable of getting a result against anyone if we play to our best form.

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# PHOTO FILE



• Unhappy visit: Mark Stein and Tim Breacker are pictured in action at Selhurst Park where the Town were beaten 1-0 on September 19 by Charlton.



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# IN PROFILE..... **STEVE FOSTER**



•**Strong and steady:** Steve about to make a clearance during our recent league defeat against Charlton at Selhurst Park.

## Steady Steve all set for Town century



•**Player-coach:** Steve Foster.

Captain and player-coach Steve Foster celebrated his 30th birthday last week, but shows no sign of easing off as one of the top defenders in the country. Our match this afternoon against Manchester United will be the big centre-half's 98th in the First Division since he arrived at Kenilworth Road from Aston Villa at the end of 1984. And, as most Town fans would quickly testify, he has given a tremendous series of influential performances for the club in that time.

As the senior professional at the club now, he is an example to the younger players and an inspiration to his team-mates, as well as one of the most popular men on the books. His head-band has become a famous part of the English football scene in recent years and Fossie has been at the top since breaking into the England team for the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

He is sure to have many more years among the best – and many people believe he could be worth an international recall. But for Steve, an honest and sincere professional, his ambitions at Kenilworth Road are as far ahead as he is looking at the moment – starting today with a win against the Reds.

# STEVE FOSTER



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# DRESSING ROOM TALK

with Tim Breacker

*It was an overlooked landmark at the start of the season when the Town lost 1-0 at Derby County, but on that day Tim Breacker started his 100th First Division match for the club to join a healthy number of experienced players with experience in three figures – in league games – behind them. This term Tim has held down the number two shirt with a series of confident and often swashbuckling displays and he scored in the 5-2 win at Oxford to add to the goal he scored at Newcastle last season, his first for the club. Today he reflects in Dressing Room Talk on the Town's recent performances and the various tactics being used in the First Division:*

### Happy with open style

"It's been a bit of an in-and-out start for us. We have played well and we have got good results, but we have also had a lot of possession without getting a result, like we did at QPR, when we were beaten on the break really. They were just waiting for that sort of chance for a breakaway goal. The second goal was one we could not believe. I thought it was not a penalty. But it counted.

"Everyone is talking about the QPR style. The way they play with a sweeper and so on. It was a difficult system to play against. We had two wingers playing – Micky Weir and Kingsley Black playing – Kingsley making his senior debut. The idea was to try and get around them and stretch them at the back. But it was difficult. I thought we did well, but they seem to play so deep with their back men marking man for man and a sweeper behind them that they always have a spare man.

### Sweeper

"It is not a style I would like to play. And I am glad to say we don't play that way here. In fact, we play a much more open style this season and it has led to quite a few really open games, I think. The way that QPR play it is difficult to open the game up and it makes it all very tight. It is a bit like the Continental teams, but they at least play with a versatile sweeper, a midfielder behind the defence who can come out and attack. You often see them making long runs. Like Raddy Antic when he was with us.

"Raddy always played as a sweeper when he was in Spain with Real Zaragoza. In England it is more usual for the sweeper to be a centre half who has moved over a bit. It makes it more defensive really.



• Looking for goals: Tim Breacker.

"I don't think we shall have that sort of game today against Manchester United. They are a more attacking team like us. It is going to be a difficult game but we know we are capable of a good result when we hit our form.

### Midfield

"Last week we had two wingers and it has meant quite a change in our tactics. But we have to get used to different systems all the time in the First Division. We have not played with a four man midfield before since I have been in the team but it is still quite good in a defensive way even when we have two attacking wide players.

"Micky Weir for example, who has really settled in well with the lads, likes to go forward, but he is also good at getting back and tackling and getting into good defensive positions. You know, since he came into the team, or rather since he came to the club, he has been playing for the youngsters' team in our five-a-sides and we haven't lost a match yet! He is a good omen.

"He got off with a goal at Wigan which is a good start too. Talking of good starts, I have been quite pleased with my form this season and will be looking for another goal if I get the chance today. Although I keep a low profile as the PFA rep at the club, I like to get the chance to have a shot now and then and make some headlines."

# WE'RE TALKING FOOTBALL.

*"It's worse than losing a war, a national crisis of the highest magnitude."*  
LORD WIGG,  
after Poland had knocked out England, 1973.

*"I suppose it will be an all-ticket match."*  
DANNY BLANCHFLOWER,  
on being put into the reserves.

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CHRIS CATTLIN,  
Brighton manager, 1983.

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Source: The Book of Football Quotations, Peter Ball and Phil Shaw (Stanley Paul, an Imprint of Century Hutchinson Ltd).

*"The best team always wins. The rest is only gossip."*  
JIMMY SIRREL,  
Notts County manager, 1985.

## BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

### Littlewoods cup tickets Luton Town v Wigan Athletic

As part of our overall membership experiment, special arrangements have been made for the return leg on Tuesday, which will see visiting supporters at Kenilworth Road for the first time since the membership scheme was introduced. It is an all-ticket match, with no ticket sales on the day of the match itself.

Special prices apply: Main Stand, Blocks A to E, £6; Blocks F and G (visiting supporters only) Main Stand Enclosure and Oak Stand, £5; Kenilworth Stand, £3; juniors and pensioners in all areas, £1.

To assist in crowd control and to meet the segregation requirements of our police and the Football League, Wigan supporters will use the K1 section of the Kenilworth Stand and the Maple Road turnstiles leading to Blocks F and G of the Main Stand.

This means home supporters accustomed to using the Maple Road entrance to the Main Stand and Enclosure must instead use the alternative turnstiles at the top of Kenilworth Road.

### JUNIOR HATTERS



• Brian Stein has taken over as the president of the Junior Hatters in succession to Peter Nicholas. Brian's column is on page 32.

### Special Offer

Vouchers issued at today's match give £2 off the adult admission price for our next home Barclays League fixture, against Wimbledon on October 17.

This means adults with the voucher will pay only £3 for the Kenilworth Stand, £7 for the Main Stand and £5 for Main Stand blocks F and G, Enclosure and Oak Stand.

### £2 Guest Charges and Star Vouchers discontinued.

Juniors and pensioners can also use their voucher to bring an adult guest at the same price, because for this and all other matches the additional charge for guests has been discontinued.

So have the £2 additional Star Match charges, with effect from the visit of Liverpool on October 24.

### BULLY FOR US!

Next month, Kenilworth Road is the location of a seven-nation hockey tournament.

The Lada International Hockey Classic features Great Britain, the Olympic bronze medallists, Olympic Champions, Pakistan, plus two other top sides, Malaysia and Poland. In addition, the event, on October 9, 10 and 11, features under-21 European qualifying matches between England, Belgium and Gibraltar. There are three matches daily.

Day tickets cost £3, £5 and £7 on the first day; £5, £6 and £10 on the following two days, and are on sale at the Kenilworth Road ticket office right now.

### FOR YOUR DIARY

Our next home fixture is the Littlewoods Cup Second round second leg match against Wigan Athletic on Tuesday, kick-off 7.45 pm.

Next Saturday, the first team visit Fratton Park to play Portsmouth in the Barclays League, kick-off 3 pm.

On October 17th and again on October 24th we are at home, playing Wimbledon and Liverpool respectively. Both matches start at 3 pm.

### SUNDAY MIRROR FOOTBALL COMBINATION

On Tuesday, the reserves are away to Portsmouth. On October 13th, we are at home to Bristol Rovers. On October 20th we are away to Fulham and on October 31 we play Swindon Town at Kenilworth Road. Each match starts at 2.00 pm.

### SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE

On October 10th we are playing Swindon Town away at Lydiard Park. On October 17th, we are at home to Bournemouth. Both matches kick-off at 11 am.



# CLUB COMMENT

**John Smith, Chief Executive**

## CHANGES IN OUR PRICE STRUCTURE

Today we have issued £24,000 worth of vouchers, to thank you for your loyalty this season.

Each voucher, allowing £2 off adult admission to our match against Wimbledon, was distributed at the turnstiles. We hope every one will be used and look forward to your support for the team at that match too.

This special offer also marks a change in our price structure for the Barclays League. We have listened to the advice and comments from supporters and have decided to abandon our experimental Star Match vouchers and £2 guest charge, with immediate effect.

The idea behind these was to encourage people to become members rather than remain guests, and to give regulars a benefit not available to 'once a season' supporters. Regular supporters redeeming Star vouchers would thus have had to pay no more than for an ordinary match.

### Special offer

Sadly, for whatever reason, very few Star vouchers were handed in and the scheme was generally unpopular. So, after the Wimbledon special offer, our standard Barclays League prices apply; £5 to £9 for adults and £3 for juniors and pensioners.

These prices stand any comparison with other

First Division clubs in the London area, particularly when the total package is considered. Spectator facilities at Kenilworth Road are now much improved, with everyone under cover, and everyone is entitled to free admission to Reserve fixtures.

### Half-price travel

We have also done more than any other club to reduce supporters' travelling costs. On your behalf we have negotiated half-price matchday travel to Kenilworth Road, with Luton and District Transport, and British Rail has offered you free parking at many of its mainline stations on Saturdays, which benefits railway season ticket and Rail Card holders in particular. Benefits such as these are part of what makes following Luton Town so special but we do recognise it is easy to forget them in a straight price comparison.

Our thanks go to those who did not allow Star Match and guest charges to deflect their support, and to those who made their views known. They said removing the charges would encourage bigger crowds. Now these obstacles to supporting your team have been removed, please bring a friend along, and prove we were right to follow your advice.

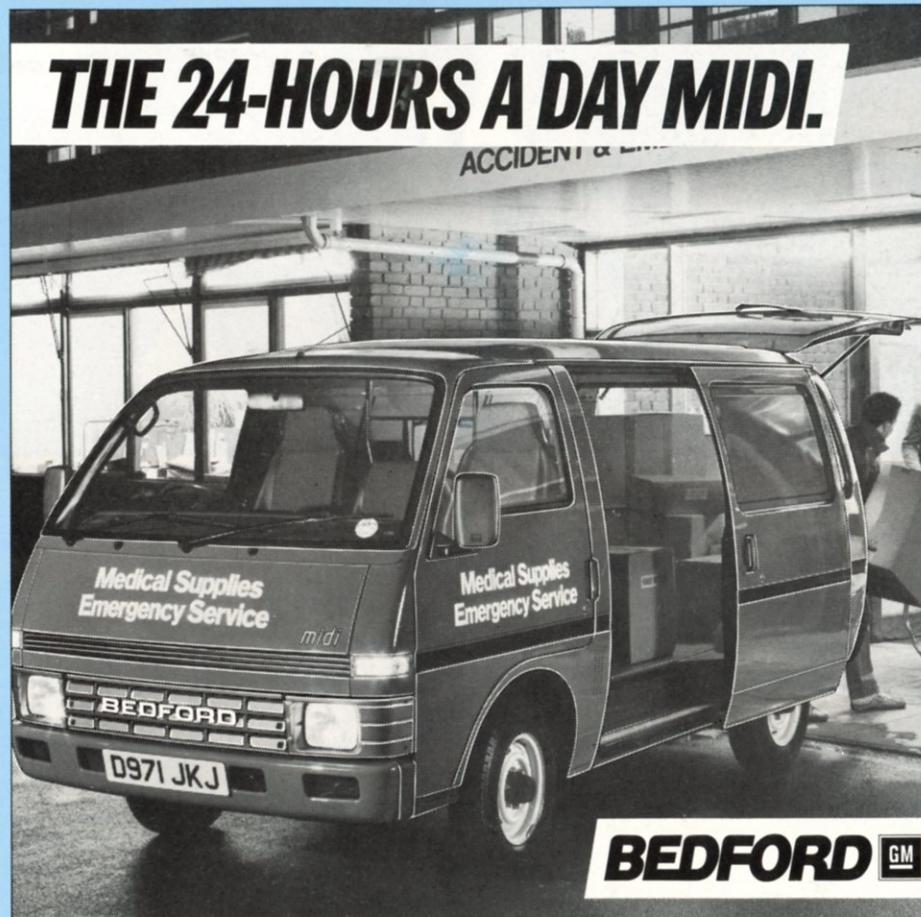


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# RESERVE



•**Steady progress:** Julian James has been in good form playing in the young reserves' team in recent weeks this season.

## THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1987/88

|                        | P        | W        | D        | L        | F         | A        | Pts       |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Portsmouth             | 6        | 5        | 1        | 0        | 25        | 10       | 11        |
| <b>Luton Town</b>      | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>11</b> |
| Watford                | 6        | 5        | 0        | 1        | 9         | 4        | 10        |
| Tottenham Hotspur      | 6        | 4        | 1        | 1        | 14        | 6        | 9         |
| Millwall               | 6        | 3        | 2        | 1        | 10        | 7        | 8         |
| Queens Park Rangers    | 5        | 3        | 1        | 1        | 12        | 6        | 7         |
| Arsenal                | 6        | 3        | 1        | 2        | 11        | 6        | 7         |
| Chelsea                | 6        | 2        | 2        | 2        | 10        | 6        | 6         |
| Norwich City           | 6        | 3        | 0        | 3        | 13        | 10       | 6         |
| Southampton            | 6        | 3        | 0        | 3        | 11        | 9        | 6         |
| West Ham United        | 6        | 3        | 0        | 3        | 11        | 10       | 6         |
| Ipswich Town           | 5        | 1        | 3        | 1        | 11        | 8        | 5         |
| Charlton Athletic      | 5        | 2        | 1        | 2        | 8         | 10       | 5         |
| Swindon Town           | 6        | 2        | 0        | 4        | 6         | 16       | 4         |
| Fulham                 | 4        | 1        | 1        | 2        | 8         | 10       | 3         |
| Crystal Palace         | 6        | 1        | 1        | 4        | 3         | 10       | 3         |
| Brighton & Hove Albion | 6        | 1        | 1        | 4        | 5         | 14       | 3         |
| Oxford United          | 5        | 1        | 0        | 4        | 15        | 22       | 2         |
| Bristol Rovers         | 6        | 0        | 1        | 5        | 5         | 17       | 1         |
| Reading                | 6        | 0        | 1        | 5        | 8         | 21       | 1         |

## SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION 1987/88

| Date    | Opponents             | Result     | Date   | Opponents           | Result |
|---------|-----------------------|------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| 1987    |                       |            | 1988   |                     |        |
| Aug 22  | Reading               | 3-1        | Jan 9  | <b>Reading</b>      |        |
| Aug 29  | <b>Ipswich Town</b>   | <b>3-2</b> | Jan 12 | Ipswich Town        |        |
| Sept 5  | <b>Charlton Ath</b>   | <b>2-0</b> | Jan 19 | Charlton Ath        |        |
| Sept 9  | Oxford                | 4-3        | Jan 30 | <b>Oxford</b>       |        |
| Sept 12 | Arsenal               | 1-1        | Feb 6  | West Ham            |        |
| Sept 19 | <b>West Ham</b>       | <b>1-0</b> | Feb 13 | <b>Arsenal</b>      |        |
| Sept 26 | <b>Chelsea</b>        | <b>0-2</b> | Feb 16 | Chelsea             |        |
| Sept 29 | QPR                   |            | Feb 27 | <b>QPR</b>          |        |
| Oct 6   | Portsmouth            |            | Mar 2  | Bristol R           |        |
| Oct 13  | <b>Bristol R</b>      |            | Mar 5  | <b>Portsmouth</b>   |        |
| Oct 20  | Fulham                |            | Mar 16 | <b>Fulham</b>       |        |
| Oct 31  | <b>Swindon</b>        |            | Mar 19 | Swindon             |        |
| Nov 4   | Millwall              |            | Mar 22 | Tottenham           |        |
| Nov 14  | <b>Tottenham</b>      |            | Apr 2  | <b>Millwall</b>     |        |
| Nov 20  | Norwich City          |            | Apr 9  | <b>Norwich City</b> |        |
| Nov 28  | <b>Crystal Palace</b> |            | Apr 13 | Crystal Palace      |        |
| Dec 5   | Watford               |            | Apr 23 | Southampton         |        |
| Dec 12  | <b>Southampton</b>    |            | Apr 30 | <b>Watford</b>      |        |
| Dec 16  | Brighton              |            | May 7  | <b>Brighton</b>     |        |



## COACHES' CORNER



### RESERVES RUN COMES TO AN END

The reserves bright start to the season came to an end last weekend when they were beaten 2-0 by Chelsea, but after six matches without defeat it was a good run for the youngsters which was halted. The previous week, the reserves beat West Ham 1-0 to take a grip on second place in the Sunday Mirror Football Combination, as the table opposite shows. The winning goal in that game was scored by midfielder Ricky McEvoy.

Coach Jim Ryan said: "Although we won, it was not a very pleasing performance at all especially after the very good performances in the previous weeks. We might have had 11 strangers playing the way we set about the game. It was a bad day and I hope we don't have too many more of them!"

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The youth team meanwhile continued their unpredictable pattern of results by going down to Bristol City and Arsenal and then coming back and beating Oxford United 3-1. Coach John Faulkner said he was pleased with the youngsters performance in that game.

### Consistent games

He said: "It was a good win. We had four players of only schoolboy age involved and began playing like a real team. Our players are starting to show some consistency. We started brightly and moved the ball well. The defence looked tight and well organised. We deserved to take the lead through Paul Gray and then added a second goal shortly before the interval through Cranshaw.

"In the second half, we were not able to keep the standard up, but held out and finally put the game beyond doubt with a third goal by Paul Gray again."

# & YOUTH

# INTRODUCING...

## MANCHESTER UNITED

Manchester United arrive at Kenilworth Road today keen to avenge their defeat here last season. They are likely to provide a stern test in what many people feel could be the season in which they end their long spell without a major honour. New boy Brian McClair, from Celtic, could be just the vital piece in Alex Ferguson's jigsaw that was missing last season. His penalty match winner against Spurs last week was his sixth goal of the season.

Founded in 1878, as Newton Heath, by a body of Lancashire and Yorkshire railway workers, they secured their first ground on a piece of land adjoining the North Road. They won the Manchester Senior Cup in 1888 and joined the Football Alliance a year later, just two years before their neighbours Adwick, now Manchester City, joined that league.

While City became founder-members of Division Two in 1892, United were elected directly into Division One in the same year. They were still known as Newton Heath at that time and by the time they changed their name to Manchester United in 1902 they had slipped into Division Two. They won promotion in 1906, took their first Division One Championship in 1908 and won the FA Cup for the first time in 1909.

In five separate spells, they have spent a total of 23 seasons in Division Two, the most recent of these comparatively short spells lasting just one season in 1974-5. They bounced back

with what was virtually the fourth great United side since the war. The first of these sides had been captained by Johnny Carey in the late forties and had won the FA Cup of 1947-8, with a front line of Delaney, Morris, Rowley, Pearson and Mitten that has rarely been equalled at club level.

The second was the 'Busby Babes' side so cruelly destroyed by the Munich air disaster of 1958 when such giants of the game as Tommy Taylor, Roger Byrne and Duncan Edwards were killed. The third was the European Cup winning team of 1968 which included Bobby Charlton, George Best and Brian Kidd. In the meantime Harry Gregg and Denis Law had shared in their triumphs of the earlier sixties that included the FA Cup in 1963 and the Football League in 1965 and 1967.

The Doherty team that climbed out of Division Two in 1975 went on to win the FA Cup in 1977 just a year after losing in the final. The key men by then were Alex Stepney, Stuart Pearson and Martin Buchan. Since coming back from Division Two they have finished successively 3rd, 6th, 10th, 9th, 2nd, 8th, 3rd, 3rd, 4th, 4th 4th and 11th.

Last season they kicked off with three successive defeats and a Littlewoods Cup defeat at Southampton left them without an away win by Bonfire night. This signalled the end of Ron Atkinson's five-year run as manager.

Alex Ferguson moved in from Aberdeen and on Boxing



Back Row: Norman Whiteside, Chris Turner, Paul McGrath, Viv Anderson, Billy Garton, Graeme Hogg, Liam O'Brien, Gary Walsh, John Sivebaek. Middle Row: Nicky Wood, Brian Whitehouse (reserve Team Manager), Jim McGregor (Physiotherapist), Joe Brown (Youth Development Officer), Archie Knox (Assistant Manager), Eric Harrison (Youth Team Manager), Norman Davies (Kit Manager), Jimmy Curran (Youth Team Coach), Terry Gibson. Front Row: Gordon Strachen, Peter Davenport, Mike Duxbury, Brian McClair, Kevin Moran, Alex Ferguson (Manager), Bryan Robson (Captain), Remi Moses, Colin Gibson, Arthur Albiston, Jesper Olsen.



Alex Ferguson. Born Govan, Glasgow on New Year's Eve, 1941, Alex took over at Old Trafford last season after establishing a reputation for himself as one of the most successful managers in the Scottish game. He was in charge of Scotland's 1986 World Cup campaign following the untimely death of Jock Stein and earlier in his managerial career led East Sterling, St Mirren, and Aberdeen. He took over from Ron Atkinson last November and has quietly rebuilt the United squad declaring nothing less than a challenge for the league title will do this season.

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# JUNIOR HATTERS!

BY BRIAN STEIN

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Today sees us start the first of four home games this month. After today's game we play Wigan in the Littlewoods Cup and

Wimbledon and Liverpool in the League. So that will give you plenty of football to see.

Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number J005290. The winning member should contact Bev Tyler in the Sports Shop at Oak Road with his or her membership card for two free tickets to one of our home games.

Enjoy today's game against one of the oldest and most famous clubs in the football League. Have a good day and do your best to cheer on your team.

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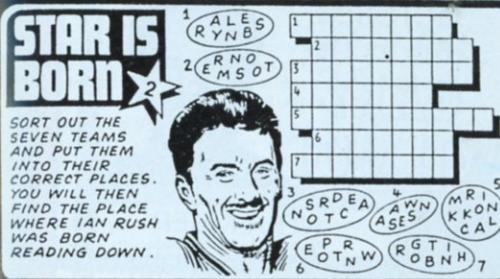
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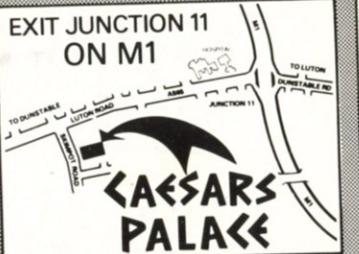
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# Views from the media

## TOWN SWEEP ASIDE BY LEADERS

After a trio of promising results against Arsenal, Oxford and Everton, the Town's fortunes have fallen with defeats at Charlton and QPR in the First Division. Last week's defeat by the leaders at Loftus Road came with two late goals, one a penalty, and reporters at the match noted with interest how much possession the Town enjoyed. Here is a selection of the newspaper comments:

**Sunday Telegraph:** 'Ray Harford the Luton manager, summarised the tactics that have carried Rangers four points clear at the top of the First Division. "I thought we'd got sick of the ball" he said. Luton certainly enjoyed territorial advantage for something like 75 per cent of the game, but with Mick Harford subdued by Alan McDonald they could not capitalise.'

### Angry Sealey

**Sunday Times:** 'QPR's win was achieved through a spectacular diving header by Dean Coney and a fiercely disputed Terry Fenwick penalty in the last 20 minutes. The penalty was awarded when John Byrne appeared to be tripped by Mal Donaghy, Luton goalkeeper Les Sealey who had earlier been booked angrily threw the ball at Byrne and then clashed with Bary Bannister. Later Luton manager Ray Harford praised Bannister for telling the referee that Sealey had not made contact with him. "But for that, he could easily have been sent off."

**Mail on Sunday:** 'It might not be pretty but eh QPR sweeper system rehains effective. After last week's hiccup at Oxford they regained a four-point lead at the top of the First Division. But it took two late goals after a stuttering display to calm manager Jim Smith's nerves.'

Readers with verdicts on the reports or comments on any other aspects of the game or Luton Town FC are welcome to write in to the Programme Editor, c/o Luton Town FC.



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# LUTON TOWN

# GOAL'DEN OLDIES

## MEMORIES OF MUNICH

Season 1957/58 proved to be the most successful in the history of the Town to that date with a final position of eighth being attained. In direct contrast today's visitors suffered a year of extreme tragedy with so many lives lost in the Munich air disaster, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

Gordon Turner, who had finished top scorer with 30 league goals the previous term, started the Town off on a winning stretch by scoring the only goal of the home game against Bolton at Kenilworth Road watched by a crowd of 17591.

### Telepathic

Early season displays were excellent with Turner, once again, forming a telepathic partnership with Allan Brown and Bob Morton reverting to the forward line weighing in with important goals. Five of the first six games were won to put the Town up amongst the leaders and although this fine form was not maintained we were always challenging for the top spot.

Highlights of the first half of the season included a 3-1 win at Chelsea with Turner scoring a hat-trick on his first visit to Stamford Bridge and a 5-1 home win over bogey team West Bromwich. This win came only a week after a 5-0 reverse at Portsmouth!

### Caring Planners

In those days games were played on both Christmas and Boxing day and true to the form of the caring fixture planners the Town were down to play Manchester United over the holiday period! One has visions of a 'five-a-side' kickabout being arranged in the corridors of the train taking the two teams to the return game.

Luton fans did not care about the players' problems as Manchester United, the reigning league champions, were then, as now, a major attraction. The first game at Old Trafford saw the Town suffer their customary defeat - 3-0 - before a crowd of 39594 but excuses could be made as Morton, Turner and Captain Syd Owen were all injured and as a league debut was made by Dave Pacey and first games of the season given to Terry Kelly and Tony Gregory.

England international goalkeeper Ron Baynham was injured in the defeat so with Eddie Marsh making his debut the Town team for the return had a rather unexperienced look about it. Despite this a festive 26478 turned up at Kenilworth Road to witness United take a 2-0 interval lead.

### Equaliser

Five minutes into the second half however John Groves pulled one back for the Town and from then on it was all Luton. The deserved equaliser came in the last minute



• **Seasons first:** Gordon Turner, opening goalscorer against Bolton.

when Brown scored with a header to send the crowd wild. Six of the great United team of that day were to lose their lives in the Munich air crash only six weeks later.

If the Town were not going to win the league then the FA Cup was a distinct possibility and with the Third Round draw pairing Luton away to Third Division North Stockport the 'Twin Towers' beckoned.

In the shock of the day, however, the Town were beaten 3-0 by a team who were superior in all departments. A Wembley trip would have to wait until the following season.

Luton bounced back from this defeat with a run of four wins and a draw from the next five games including a 7-1 home win over Sunderland with Turner scoring four. Sadly Sunderland were to be relegated that season (for the first time in their history) as the Town liked playing them at Kenilworth Road - 8-2 in 1955/56, 6-2 in 1956/57 and now the latest thrashing.

### Shock

Soon after this win came the shock that Reg Pearce was to be transferred to Sunderland for £20,000. Liverpool born Pearce was playing particularly well and was on the fringe of an England call-up.

Despite the annoyance of the Town fans it transpired that Pearce had asked for a move saying his health had suffered since coming to Luton. The clean air at Sunderland would apparently ease his sinus condition!

At the same time as the Pearce transfer, respected coach Jack Crompton answered the call of a beleaguered Manchester United and returned to Old Trafford to help set up the 'new' Reds.

These departures, together with a further spate of injuries to senior players meant that the Town's fortunes took a down turn and the remainder of the season was somewhat of an anti-climax. It did however remain a highspot for the Town until last season and Gordon Turner's 33 goals proved to be his best total for the club. Luton's best since the war.



• **Mid-air struggle:** Terry Kelly, up in the air while John Grover and Gordon Turner wait for the ball in the match against Portsmouth.



• **Telepathic partnership:** Allan Brown who together with Gordon Turner made an excellent partnership.

# FIRST TEAM UPDATE 1987-88 SEASON

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1987-88

| HOME                                 | AWAY                |   |   |   |   |   |      |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|------|
|                                      | W                   | P | D | L | F | A | APts |
| 9 4 1 0 9 2 Queens Park Rangers      | 3 0 1 5 2 22        |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| 9 4 0 0 10 4 Chelsea                 | 2 0 3 8 7 18        |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| 9 4 0 0 9 2 Tottenham Hotspur        | 1 2 2 3 4 17        |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| 9 1 2 1 4 4 Nottingham Forest        | 4 0 1 11 6 17       |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| 6 2 0 0 5 2 Liverpool                | 3 1 0 11 4 16       |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| <b>9 3 2 0 8 3 Manchester United</b> | <b>1 2 1 6 5 16</b> |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| 8 3 0 1 11 2 Arsenal                 | 1 2 1 2 3 14        |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| 8 1 1 2 4 8 Coventry City            | 3 0 1 7 4 13        |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| 9 3 1 1 8 3 Everton                  | 0 2 2 2 4 12        |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| 9 1 3 0 7 4 Wimbledon                | 2 0 3 4 7 12        |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| 8 2 0 1 8 7 Oxford United            | 1 2 2 3 7 11        |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| 9 2 2 1 7 8 Portsmouth               | 0 2 2 2 10 10       |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| 7 1 2 2 3 4 Derby County             | 1 1 0 3 2 9         |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| <b>9 1 2 1 5 5 LUTON TOWN</b>        | <b>1 0 4 5 9 8</b>  |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| 8 1 0 3 4 8 Newcastle United         | 1 2 1 5 6 8         |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| 8 1 2 2 2 5 Watford                  | 1 0 2 3 5 8         |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| 8 0 2 1 3 4 Southampton              | 1 2 2 8 9 7         |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| 9 1 1 3 5 7 Norwich City             | 1 0 3 1 4 7         |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| 8 1 1 2 3 5 West Ham United          | 0 2 2 4 6 6         |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| 9 1 1 3 3 5 Sheffield Wednesday      | 0 2 2 4 9 6         |   |   |   |   |   |      |
| 8 1 0 3 3 6 Charlton Athletic        | 0 1 3 4 10 4        |   |   |   |   |   |      |

## APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS (1987/88)

| League           | Litt Cup |     | League        | Litt Cup |     |
|------------------|----------|-----|---------------|----------|-----|
|                  | Aps      | Gls |               | Aps      | Gls |
| Kingsley Black   | 1        | -   | Mike Newell   | 4        | -   |
| Tim Breacker     | 9        | 1   | Stacey North  | (1)      | -   |
| Gary Cobb        | 2        | -   | Emeka Nwajobi | 4(2)     | 1   |
| Mal Donaghy      | 7        | 1   | David Preece  | 8        | -   |
| Steve Foster     | 9        | -   | Brian Stein   | 6        | 1   |
| Ashley Grimes    | 8        | -   | Mark Stein    | 1(3)     | -   |
| Mick Harford     | 7        | 3   | Les Sealey    | 9        | -   |
| Ricky Hill       | 9        | 1   | Michael Weir  | 1(1)     | 1   |
| Rob Johnson      | (3)      | -   | Danny Wilson  | 8        | 1   |
| Darron McDonough | 2(1)     | -   | Robert Wilson | 3        | -   |

• **Winner:** Ricky Hill scored the decisive goal against Everton.



## Today's action

Charlton v Arsenal  
Chelsea v Newcastle  
Coventry v Watford  
Liverpool v Portsmouth  
Oxford v Norwich  
Southampton v Everton  
Tottenham v Sheff Wed  
West Ham v Derby  
Wimbledon v QPR

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## Luton Town

- 1 Les Sealey
- 2 Tim Breacker
- 3 Ashley Grimes
- 4 Ricky Hill
- 5 Steve Foster
- 6 Mal Donaghy
- 7 Danny Wilson
- 8 Brian Stein
- 9 Mick Harford
- 10 David Preece
- 11 Michael Weir

Subs

## Manchester United

- 1 Gary Walsh
- 2 Viv Anderson
- 3 Colin Gibson
- 4 Remi Roses
- 5 Paul McGrath
- 6 Mike Duxbury
- 7 Bryan Robson
- 8 Gordon Strachen
- 9 Brian McClair
- 10 Norman Whiteside
- 11 Jesper Olsen

Subs

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