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DEBUT GOAL FOR MICHAEL



• **Near miss:** Les Sealey was in fine form at Wigan for the first leg. Pictures by John Callon of the Wigan Observer.

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Weir's goal proved to be
the first leg winner.

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RAY'S REVIEW



Welcome to Wigan, a club who have made remarkable progress in recent years and have established themselves now as one of the most successful clubs in the Third Division. They gave us a very hard game in the first leg of our Littlewoods Cup tie and have a very formidable away record to defend tonight. I am sure we shall be in for a highly-entertaining game. When we went there, they were on top of their league and buzzing. They were full of confidence and the ground was really alive. As it was, our lads did a very good professional job to win 1-0 and set up this leg of the tie. But we shall take nothing for granted as Wigan have been on a run of 15 away games without defeat and lost only two of their last 22 on their travels.

Frozen

We learned from the first leg that they are a good footballing side too even though they may well have frozen a bit on the night last time. They did not quite live up to their reports, but they did enough to show us what they are capable of. They are sure to be psyched up tonight for another big effort.

As everyone knows, we have been busy in the transfer market this season mostly as the selling club - Mike Newell, incidentally, began his career with Wigan and would have enjoyed tonight's reunion if it had come before his move to Leicester - and people ask me about my own efforts to sign players. Well, I can say I have made a lot of enquiries without much luck and I am prepared to wait. There is not any point in signing someone for the sake of it. We only want players coming here who are as good as or better than those we already have in the squad. We have a lot of very good players already including some of the youngsters on the fringe of the squad and I am only prepared to move for a really top-quality player to come in. Enjoy tonight's match.

Ray Harford

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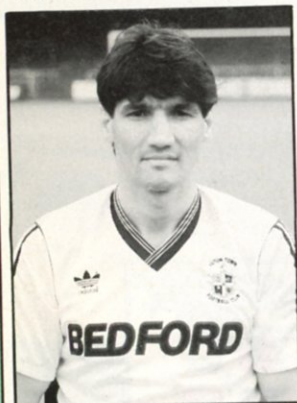
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Kenilworth Road, Luton by Tuesday a.m.

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Dear Sir,

May I thank all the Luton supporters who have given such tremendous support and an enthusiastic response to the opening of our two Betting Shops at the club. We have spent a great deal of time trying to produce a betting coupon which has something to offer everyone who would like a flutter on the match they are watching. So far the coupon has proved a great success and we will be looking at ways to improve it, so your ideas and comments will always be



• Good luck: Mick Harford

appreciated. Since we opened our two shops the Luton supporters have managed to "take us to the cleaners", when Mick Harford scored the first goal against west ham at 7/1 and again when Luton beat Everton 2-1 at 8/1. Please don't forget, if you have a Bet on the first player to score and he does not play you can collect your stake money back after the match.

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Luton are now opening the ground at 1.10pm to give you a chance to use the club facilities and miss the late rush, so if you fancy a flutter as part of your afternoon's fun, call at our shop and see what's on offer.

Good luck

Barry Fulton

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I trust, therefore, that you will convey the Association's thanks to those in Management who made this possible and to everyone else who did their bit to make it not only a very successful event but a very enjoyable experience, too. I am in this connection particularly appreciative of the advice and assistance received from Wendy and Colin.

Yours sincerely

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CHIT CHAT



Welcome to you all!

My colleagues have taken to jeering at me lately about David Evans "backing down" over the away fans 'ban' in order to stay in the Littlewoods Cup. I can remember the club saying that the ban was an experiment for a year as far as cup competitions were concerned and then the rule would be relaxed, but it is clearly not as newsworthy to say 'Luton Town stick to original plan' as 'Luton Town back down'. And even if the press coverage was totally accurate and Mr Evans had changed his mind why report that as 'backing down'? Could it not as easily be that he and the Board have responded to improvements in football crowd control and now feel it's safe to allow a limited number of opposition fans access to the match? Or perhaps the League has given the Club some very powerful arguments to modify the crowd control experiments here at Kenilworth Road and the Board, being reasonable people, have been persuaded by them?

Controversy

Controversy and disagreement make better headlines, unfortunately, and Mr Evans is reported as doing a U-turn

in order to make money out of cup games. Not only is this reporting somewhat distasteful but unfortunately is believed by people not connected with the club. Newspapers are powerful.

There is one aspect of the admittance of away fans, and we all welcome the Wigan supporters who've made the journey here tonight, and that's the segregation of those fans from the rest of us. I thought the original plan was for the opposition supporters to be fully integrated with the Luton followers. This would have had the advantage of preventing a build up of large groups of opposition people and also would have encouraged us to talk to each other.

People who support our opponents aren't the enemy - we'd discover that if we spoke to them! They might have strange accents and sing different songs but they're only dedicated to their team as we are to ours. I think it's a pity we're not being allowed to mix. Segregation is never good. They do it in South Africa - it's called Apartheid.

Gale Waller

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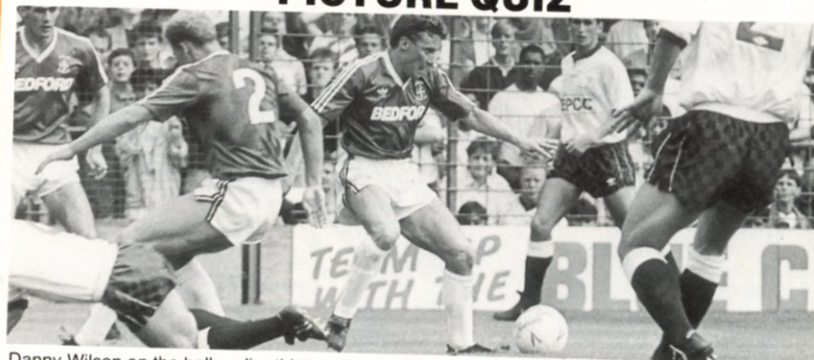
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Luton News

PICTURE QUIZ



Danny Wilson on the ball earlier this season, on his debut at Derby. And to win a fiver in our free fun quiz tell us why Danny will get an extra kick out of playing in tonight's game.

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 pictures from today's game.

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SWEPT ASIDE

QPR 2 Luton Town 0

Two late goals earned Queens Park Rangers a flattering victory for their sweeper system and kept them on top of the First Division at Loftus Road. The Town were upset at the awarding of a late penalty, converted by Terry Fenwick, but could have few complaints at the first Rangers' goal scored by Dean Coney, just 20 minutes from time.

For much of the match, Rangers were content to sit back and absorb the Town's pressure and then hope to strike on quick counter-attacks. This Continental-style approach paid off in the end, but provided little entertainment for the fans of either team on a bright afternoon in West London.

The controversial penalty came seven minutes from time when John Byrne fell after attempting to round Mal Donaghy and falling. The referee saw it as a foul, pointed to the spot and – despite the protests of the angry Luton team – Fenwick scored. Les Sealey was particularly angry and risked further punishment after being cautioned in the first half for handling outside his area.

For the Town it was rough justice after a good general performance, particularly by the defence. But it was not a good day for the attack with Brian Stein close-marked by Paul Parker and Mick Harford closely followed by Alan McDonald.

Teams: Luton – Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, Hill, Foster, Donaghy, D. Wilson, B. Stein, Harford, Weir, Black.

QPR – Seaman, Fereday (Neill 13), Dawes, Parker, McDonald, Fenwick, Allen, Coney, Bannister, Byrne, Brock.

Referee – K.P. Barrett (Coventry).

1st Team ACTION



• **Out of luck:** After dominating most of last Saturday week's fixture at Loftus Road, the Town ran out of luck in front of goal and were unable to find the net. The QPR sweeper system was very difficult to penetrate. Tonight's action pictures by Josh Levy of Apex Photographry show Kingsley Black, Michael Weir, Mick Harford and Brian Stein battling to find a way through.

FOOTBALL FOCUS

Brian Horton



Former Luton captain Brian Horton is now in charge as player-manager at Hull City. Tonight, in Football Focus, he talks about his change of role and the demands and pressures of his new job:

"I was always shouting at everyone"

Brian Horton began to look like managerial material early on in his career.

"I was always shouting and telling people what to do as a player," smiles the Hull City manager.

"Long before I ever thought of becoming a manager, or became the captain of a team, I always used to shout a lot.

"But it was really only later on in my career that I thought seriously about becoming a manager.

"I think I've always found it easy to lead people and I enjoy responsibility.

"When I was at Brighton, Alan Mullery said that the ideal situation for him as a manager was to have a side that had 11 captains in it and I can see exactly what he meant by that."

Horton has been in charge of the Humberclub for the last three years and is showing the same kind of thoughtful and competitive qualities he always displayed as a player.

His is still available to play for the club if necessary but admits that he is more likely to concentrate solely on the managerial side of things this season.

Toughest

Horton joined the club as player-manager and helped them to promotion in the Third Division. In his second season, Hull finished in sixth place in Division Two and last season, he

had his toughest campaign, finishing in 14th place.

"It was my worst season since I jointed the club...but in many ways, it was my best," insists Horton.

"I probably learnt more in that one season than I have done in all my others in football and I'm sure it's got to do me good as a manager.

"Looking back, I suppose that we could easily have got relegated. But we pulled through and towards the end of the season, we started to put some useful results together."

Horton admits that starting of as a player-manager is tough to begin with, but believes that it's a trend that will become much more familiar in the future.

"It's a great way to get started on the managerial ladder," he says, "and I think it's something that will happen a lot more because of the way that football is going.

"It makes sense for most clubs to get someone who is two things in one, because of the financial restraints put on clubs these days.

"I think it's also true to say that the job of player-manager tends to attract a certain type of person.

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Monday, November 16: The Brian Stein Celebrity Boxing Night. This is going to be another great night at the Queensway Hall, Dunstable. A dinner-boxing event with sporting celebrities. Tickets cost £18.50 and are available from Hans Lindner, chairman of the Brian Stein Benefit Year Committee, Grange Burns, Hexton, Hitching, Telephone Luton 881902.

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by BILL TOMLINS

THE TOWN

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Good evening and welcome to our first home Cup-tie of the season. We would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to the Wigan club, officials and supporters who have made the long journey to Kenilworth Road. As everyone knows, they are the first visitors to bring a following with them since the introduction of our membership scheme.

I hope both teams are able to provide a thrilling and enjoyable evening's entertainment to make it a memorable experience – with the Town duly taking their place in the next round! That said, however, I know Ray and the lads are full of respect for Wigan's tremendous record this season and last and the club's tradition as cup fighters.

Hockey

Next weekend sees Kenilworth Road hosting the Lada International Hockey Classic, as I wrote in my notes for Saturday's match against Manchester United. I hope all our supporters will give the event their backing if possible. Experts in the hockey world are keen to see their showpiece event at Luton. Indeed, Sydney Friskin of The

Times wrote recently: "The event is the showpiece of the English season. The Hockey Association, in close harmony with the sponsors, have invited four teams, Great Britain, Pakistan, Malaysia and Poland, each of whom find in this tournament a new purpose and meaning."

"For the Minet Great Britain squad, containing several members of the 1986 silver medal winning England team, it is the start of the long road to next year's Olympic Games in Seoul and a victory will be an important incentive. The stirring performances of Ian Taylor in goal, the thundering penalty corner conversions of Paul Barber and the brilliant opportunism of Sean Kerly still linger in the minds of those who witnessed the World Cup."

Sponsors

Finally, a word about the sponsorship of tonight's match. Tonight's match is being sponsored by a local businessman enabling 50 children from local schools to enjoy this evenings match. They will also have the opportunity to see behind the scenes and meet the players.

WEDDING SPECIAL



•Bride and groom: Avid Town fans Robert and Karen Pickstock held their wedding reception at Kenilworth Road. Congratulations and best wishes for the future!

MUSICAL WARM-UP IS A TREAT

•Dixieland special: The Horace M. Smith Jazzband entertained our crowd magnificently before the clash here with Everton and really did help us banish the Blues! We hope you enjoyed it. Well done lads.



•Pleasure all round: It was a great day for all the visually-handicapped players when they held an England-Scotland international at Kenilworth Road. Our pictures show special events manager Mike Beevor presenting the winning trophy and the triumphant lads on a lap of honour.



•Under starters' orders: Television's Nick Owen, with his family, and Miss Luton were among the competitors in the Football League's centenary fun run. The full story on page 26!

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER
Cup-tie fighters

Hello everyone. I hope you enjoyed last Saturday's match here against Manchester United. Unfortunately, printing deadlines have made it impossible for me to write this column after that game and so I cannot really talk about the result or the performance. But whatever happened, we know we face another tough game tonight against another team from that part of the world.

Wigan gave us a really hard time up at their place, but we did a good job to pinch a 1-0 win and set up tonight's match like a real cup-tie. They will have to come at us to snatch a result if they want to go through and our style makes it impossible for us to sit back and try and sneak another result.

Debut goal

Michael Weir, Micky to the lads, is sure to remember that first leg for a while because he made his Town debut and scored the winner. And it was a cracking goal too. He has really settled in quickly and it was nice to see up playing with two wingers when we went to QPR last week.

Not many teams do that these days and we tried to use the system to open up the QPR defence with a sweeper. It nearly worked a few times, but we did not really give Kingsley Black, who made his senior debut that day, or Micky enough of the ball after the break. I hope tonight's match is more exciting! All the best and enjoy the game.

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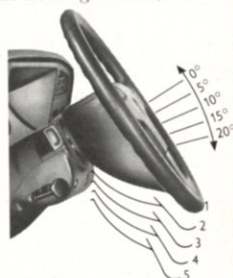
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MARK STEIN



•Under control: Mark shows his skill as he moves away with the ball.

Pressing for a regular place



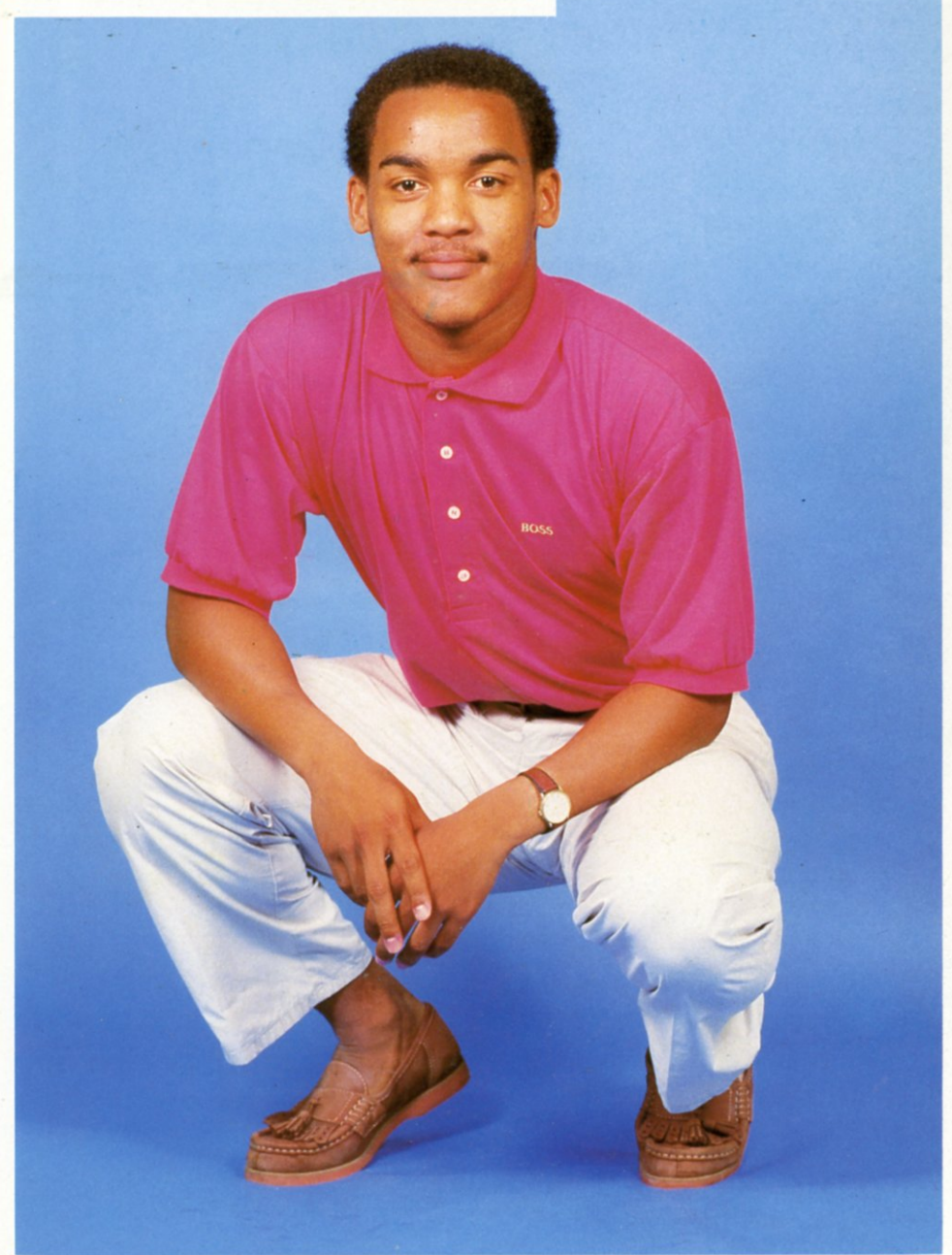
•Nimble and quick: Mark Stein.

After two seasons proving his worth, Mark Stein is now bursting to force his way into a regular place in the First Division and jump from the shadow of his older brother Brian in the Town attack. Up to the end of last season, Mark had accumulated a total of 32 appearances for the Town including eight as a substitute.

Nimble and skilful, Mark is always a handful for big defenders with his ability to turn so quickly and beat players on the ground with the ball under tight control. "I like to have a lot of the ball and to run at people," said Mark. "But it is a team game and you have to work hard for the good of the whole team."

"No-one could argue with Marks' work-rate whenever he has come into the Town side and his attitude has helped to make him a popular player with the crowd who always love to see some individual skills. Mark will be pressing hard for the rest of this season to push his way into the Town team on a regular basis again after his goalscoring spells in recent seasons.

MARK STEIN



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with Roy Tunks

At 36, goalkeeper Roy Tunks is the senior citizen of the Wigan Athletic side, and in a career spanning 21 years, he has amassed 662 Football League appearances with Rotherham United, Preston North End and Wigan. After the departure last season of manager Bryan Hamilton to Leicester City and the appointment of Ray Mathias as his successor, Roy also stepped up to become Wigan's assistant manager.

He was forced to miss the first leg at Springfield Park because of injury. But he is back tonight. And in Dressing Room Talk he looks forward to the big match:



• Assistant manager: Roy Tunks.

Cup tie tradition

He says "we are not coming to Kenilworth Road as lambs to the slaughter. We know we didn't play well in the first leg and all the lads were disappointed with their performance.

"Before our first round game at Bolton people had written us off. We lost 3-2 at Springfield Park and then proved everyone wrong by winning the return 3-1.

"Wigan has something of a tradition in cup games and it seems to spur us on. Like Altrincham we built up quite a reputation in knock out competitions as a non league side.

"I missed the first leg with a groin injury sustained the day before the match. But I felt we showed Luton a bit too much respect. We had quite a few opportunities but didn't manage to score, and the lads were generally disappointed with the result.

"As for the return we have no reservations about playing on a plastic pitch. Personally I would rather play on Luton's than a frozen one in the middle of January.

"You have to go out with a positive attitude. We have already played on a similar pitch at Preston this season – and won.

"And although there is a gap between first and third division clubs, it's not a great one.

"The difference is that in the first year, you have to keep your eye on more individuals. But team work is the same without any difference in fitness etc.

"So this tie is by no means over yet. Luton have a talented side but we are a good unit and don't fear anyone. They are in for a hard battle."

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FOR YOUR DIARY

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 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.

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CLUB COMMENT

Colin Moore, Stadium Sales & PR Manager A LIGHTER VIEW OF LIFE

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•**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
Luton Town	6	5	1	0	14	7	11
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	Reading	
Aug 29	Ipswich Town	3-2	Jan 12	Ipswich Town	
Sept 5	Charlton Ath	2-0	Jan 19	Charlton Ath	
Sept 9	Oxford	4-3	Jan 30	Oxford	
Sept 12	Arsenal	1-1	Feb 6	West Ham	
Sept 19	West Ham	1-0	Feb 13	Arsenal	
Sept 26	Chelsea	0-2	Feb 16	Chelsea	
Sept 29	QPR	0-4	Feb 27	QPR	
Oct 6	Portsmouth		Mar 2	Bristol R	
Oct 13	Bristol R		Mar 5	Portsmouth	
Oct 20	Fulham		Mar 16	Fulham	
Oct 31	Swindon		Mar 19	Swindon	
Nov 4	Millwall		Mar 22	Tottenham	
Nov 14	Tottenham		Apr 2	Millwall	
Nov 20	Norwich City		Apr 9	Norwich City	
Nov 28	Crystal Palace		Apr 13	Crystal Palace	
Dec 5	Watford		Apr 23	Southampton	
Dec 12	Southampton		Apr 30	Watford	
Dec 16	Brighton		May 7	Brighton	

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 1987/88

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	4	4			22	0	8
Northampton Town	5	3		2	15	8	6
Oxford United	4	3		1	6	3	6
Tottenham Hotspur	5	3		2	5	8	6
A.F.C. Bournemouth	5	1	3	1	10	8	5
Luton Town	5	2	1	2	6	7	5
Brighton & Hove Albion	5	2	1	2	5	11	5
Swindon Town	4	2		2	11	8	4
Wimbledon	4	2		2	7	6	4
Colchester United	5	1	2	2	11	12	4
Bristol City	4	2		2	5	7	4
Reading	5	1	2	2	5	14	4
Brentford	4	1	1	2	8	11	3
Crystal Palace	5	1	1	3	5	13	3
Bristol Rovers	4		1	3	3	8	1

COACHES' CORNER



ANOTHER DEFEAT ROCKS RESERVES

After a brilliant start to the season the reserves have been unable to sustain their good form and last week went down 4-0 at Queens Park Rangers in a Sunday Mirror Football Combination fixture. This followed hard upon the team's defeat by Chelsea. 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."

INTRODUCING...

WIGAN ATHLETIC

Welcome to a side relatively new to the Football League but currently in the Third Division promotion race and with a good cup record behind them. They reached the sixth round of the FA Cup last season just two years after winning the Freight Rover Trophy while in the Milk Cup they reached the last 16 in 1981-2.

The present Wigan Athletic arose out of the ashes of the old Wigan Borough, who were members of Division Three (North) in the 1920's when we were in Division Three (South). Borough dropped out in October 1931 in the midst of severe financial problems and the present club took over the Springfield Park ground and joined the Cheshire League in time for the 1932-3 season. They won it three times in the thirties, moved to the Lancashire Combination and won that four times in the forties and fifties. Then they returned to the Cheshire League and topped it three seasons out of four in the early seventies.

Meanwhile they had built up something of a reputation in the FA Cup, beating Carlisle and Torquay in 1934/5 and Scarborough and Hereford in 1953-4 before going down after a replay to First Division Newcastle. Then in 1965/6 they beat Doncaster and in 1970-1 a second round win over Peterborough was followed by a brave fight against Manchester City that ended in a single goal defeat. Gordon Milne was their manager at that time and as the seventies proceeded Halifax, Shrewsbury, York and Sheffield Wednesday all bit the dust at Springfield Park.

This win over Wednesday was probably a key factor in their election to the Football League in 1978 when they pipped Southport for a Fourth Division place. As early as 1950 they had tried for one of the four extra Football League places on a first vote, but missed out to Scunthorpe on a second vote and though they applied every year after that the unhappy experience of Wigan Borough probably counted against them.

Be that as it may they have fully justified their Football League place. They finished successively 5th, 6th and 11th in Division Four before winning promotion in 1982-3, taking third place behind Bradford City and Sheffield United, two teams now in Division Two. In the last five seasons in Division Three they have finished successively 18th, 15th, 16th, 4th and 4th again. Two seasons ago they missed promotion by just one point while last season they earned a play-off place and went down 3-2 to Swindon on aggregate.

This season, Wigan have put Bolton out of the Littlewoods Cup 5-4 on aggregate and have chalked up successive away wins at Preston, Bristol Rovers and Mansfield after drawing 4-4 at Notts County. At home they have drawn with Gillingham and have beaten Doncaster. Leading scorer so far is Northern Ireland international Bobby Campbell, who began his career with Aston Villa in 1973-4 and has since had two spells each with Huddersfield and Bradford City and single spells at Sheffield United, Halifax and Derby. He got 20 goals last season, his first with Wigan and up to the time of writing



Back Row: Dave Philpotts (Coach), Chris Thompson, Mark Hilditch, Bobby Campbell, Nigel Adkins, Andy Holden, Paul Beesley, Paul Cook, Roy Tunks (Assistant Manager). Front Row: Andy Ainscow, John Butler, Paul Jewell, David Hamilton, Ray Mathias (Manager), Alex Cribble, Ian Griffiths, Stuart Storer, Barry Knowles.



Ray Mathias was appointed manager in June 1986 when Bryan Hamilton left to join Leicester City. He led Latics to their most successful season to date with an FA Cup 6th Round place and a play off place. Played all his football for Tranmere Rovers and made over 600 appearances for them.

he has seven this season including a hat-trick at Bolton.

Former Liverpool apprentice Paul Jewell in his fourth season and ex-Bolton and Blackburn man Chris Thompson in his second season are also likely to be up front today while in midfield David Hamilton, another former Blackburn man, recent debutant Andy Ainscow and Paul Cook in his third season have all found the net so far this season, as has long-serving defender Alex Cribble, the side's penalty king.

Alex is likely to be in the centre of the defence today with Wigan-born Paul Beesley with John Butler, who came from Prescott Cables in 1981 and Jim Knowles, an experienced local lad, on the flanks. In goal Roy Tunks who made his debut for Rotherham way back in 1968-9 is also club coach and in a career that has also taken him to Preston he has played in over 750 league and cup games. He is currently being challenged for his place by former Tranmere man Nigel Adkins while another player who may come into the reckoning in midfield or attack is Stuart Storer on loan from Everton after figuring in a controversial transfer from Birmingham last season.

Wigan's best run in the Cup was in 1981-2 when they beat Stockport, Aldershot and Chelsea, the latter by a 4-2 margin before going down 2-1 to Aston Villa.

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JUNIOR HATTERS!

BY BRIAN STEIN

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Tonight sees us back in the Littlewoods Cup. The players are thrilled to be back in the competition as it gives us a chance to play at Wembley.

We have a good game on our hands tonight after the 1-0 score we had at Wigan in the first leg. Wigan were at the top of the Division Three the last time that I looked, so it will not be easy for us tonight.

We can't sit back on a one-goal lead and hope that Wigan don't score. We will have to play our usual attacking football.

Tonight's lucky Junior Hatters membership number J005736. 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.

To-night we give a warm welcome to Wigan and any junior supporters from Wigan that might have travelled to Kenilworth Road to support their team. Have a good night and enjoy the game. I will see you at our next home game when we play Wimbledon.

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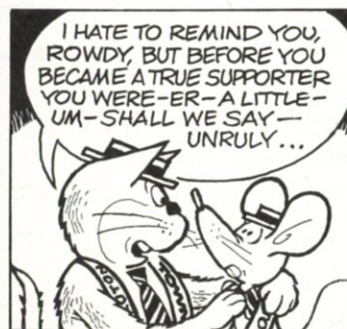


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KENILWORTH THE CAT



QUIZ TIME

Spot the Difference no. 1



Can you spot the 10 differences between the two pictures?

junior spot no. 2

CAN YOU MATCH THE CHRISTIAN NAMES AND SURNAMES OF THE TEN FAMOUS PLAYERS?

1 TOM	A SWIFT
2 MICHEL	B LAW
3 NAT	C MATTHEWS
4 DIEGO	D BRADY
5 JOHAN	E FINNEY
6 FRANK	F MEREDITH
7 DENIS	G LOFTHOUSE
8 LIAM	H PLATINI
9 BILLY	I MARADONA
10 STANLEY	J CRUYFF



The answers to last week's Quiz Time are:
Mystery Star is Diego Maradona.

Star is born is Ian rush, born in St. Asaph, Wales.
Soccer Girl is a Coventry supporter.

The answers to today's Quiz Time will appear in our next home game programme.

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Views from the media

NARROW ESCAPE FOR RANGERS

The European Cup threw up an unusual story last week as this excerpt from the sports pages of The Times revealed:

Rangers were within 20 centimetres of going out of the European Cup. After employing the unusual tactic of decreasing the width of their pitch on Wednesday night, they were accused by their opponents, Dynamo Kiev, of unsportsman-like behaviour, but were found to be innocent of the more serious charge of malpractice.

Jan Huijbregts, UEFA's Dutch observer at the second leg of the first-round tie, was approached by concerned officials of the Soviet Union champions at half-time. He was asked to measure the distance between touchline and touchline, but rejected the request "as it was not possible to do so at that stage".

But after Rangers had won, by 2-0 on the night and by 2-1 on aggregate, he went out into the empty arena to check the dimensions. Accompanied by Graeme Souness, the Rangers player-manager, Walter Smith, his assistant, and Kiev's representatives, he used the halfway line as a straight and suitable guide. He then confirmed what Rangers already knew. The width was exactly 64.20 metres, a mere 20cm inside the minimum requirements for a European fixture. Souness had deliberately reduced the size of the normal pitch, which is the biggest in Scotland by some 10 yards, for several specific purposes.

He wanted to limit the span of Kiev's counter-attacks, crowd the area in midfield and increase the danger of the Scottish champion's long throw-ins - a particular speciality of his. "We have thought about doing it for some time," he said, "and we are now more than likely to make the move permanent."

Mikhail Oshenkov, Kiev's secretary, regarded the cut as unkind. When the Soviet team trained at Ibrox on Tuesday night, the markings around the perimeter were drawn along the lines that they had expected. But for the match itself they found that their style was curiously cramped.

"We practiced on one pitch and played on another," Oshenkov said. "The changes were made only after we had used the training facilities. Souness was clever. He used a psychological weapon and we have learned a valuable lesson. But there used to be gentlemen in British football. That is clearly not the case at Glasgow Rangers." He added that "their methods are contrary to the spirit of the game."



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LUTON TOWN GOALDEN OLDIES

MEMORIES OF THE BAD OLD DAYS

After narrowly missing out on promotion in 1965-66 the Town entered their second season in the Fourth Division full of optimism, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

Manager George Martin had transferred out his 'troublemakers' but in doing so had seriously weakened the team as it was not proposed to directly replace the leading scorer John O'Rourke or centre-half Matt Woods who had been sold to Middlesbrough and Stockport respectively.

The campaign opened brightly enough with a 2-0 home win over Halifax but then three successive away defeats showed us that this was going to be a season of struggle with the inexperienced Town youngsters not able to make much impression against the cynical old pro's that graced most teams in the Fourth Division at the time.

Entrenched

By the end of October the Town were firmly entrenched in a re-election position and following the 2-2 home draw with Bradford P.A. a weary George Martin, decided to quit leaving the way open for the Luton directors to approach former player Allan Brown, then successful player manager of Cheshire League Wigan Athletic, to ask if he would like to return to the fold.

He agreed but must have soon regretted his decision as his first game in charge resulted in a dismal 1-0 defeat at Port Vale. "There is much to do" was his terse after match comment.

A home win over high-flying Crewe followed but this proved to be a 'flash in the pan' as another three successive away defeats were suffered culminating in an 8-1 thrashing at bottom placed Lincoln which must be the all time low spot in the Towns 102 year history.

"A centre-forward and centre-half must be my priority" said Brown, realising what he had known all season, and promptly went out to secure Max Dougan from Leicester and much travelled ex-England striker Derek Kevan from Peterborough.

Dougan made an immediate impact in a 3-2 home win against Chesterfield while Kevan made a scoring debut the following week in the 1-1 draw at Halifax which gave the Town their second away point of the season from twelve starts.

Euphoria swept the Town and a letter to the 'Luton News' can be recalled where the writer talked about previous teams that had won promotion after being near the bottom of the table at Christmas! The optimism spread to the terraces and a crowd of 9001 came to Kenilworth Road on December 27th 1966 to witness the new boys star again in a 2-0 win over Tranmere.

Winning habit

With youngsters Bruce Rioch and Alan Slough now being harnessed by seasoned professionals the Town got into the habit of winning again and although Kevan did not stay long he waited until the first away win of the season – a 2-1 victory at Notts County on March 4th 1967 – before agreeing to an exchange deal that brought Keith Allen to Kenilworth Road.

Despite the relative upsurge in fortunes the early season form and the abysmal away record still left the Town dangerously near the re-election positions and it was not until the penultimate home game of the season, when Lincoln were beaten 2-1, that we could sleep soundly at night.

With the pressure off the most dismal season in the Towns history finished with a flourish as York were walloped 5-1 at Kenilworth Road but by that time Allan Brown was already making plans for the following year when the Fourth Division championship was won. But that, of course, is another story.



• **Alan Slough:** Local boy who broke through.



• **Bruce Rioch:** Firing in another left-foot blockbuster.



• **Keith Allen:** Getting down to business

FIRST TEAM

UPDATE

1987-88 SEASON

BARCLAYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1987-88

HOME										AWAY									
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	Pts
10	4	1	0	9	2	Queens Park Rangers	4	0	1	7	3	25	4	0	1	7	3	25	
8	4	0	0	13	2	Liverpool	3	1	0	11	4	22	3	1	0	11	4	22	
10	5	0	0	11	2	Tottenham Hotspur	1	2	2	3	4	20	1	2	2	3	4	20	
10	4	1	0	12	6	Chelsea	2	0	3	8	7	19	2	0	3	8	7	19	
9	3	0	1	11	2	Arsenal	2	2	1	5	3	17	2	2	1	5	3	17	
9	1	2	1	4	4	Nottingham Forest	4	0	1	11	5	17	4	0	1	11	5	17	
10	3	2	0	8	3	Manchester United	1	3	1	7	6	17	1	3	1	7	6	17	
9	2	1	2	4	8	Coventry City	3	0	1	7	4	16	3	0	1	7	4	16	
10	3	1	1	8	3	Everton	1	2	2	6	4	15	1	2	2	6	4	15	
9	3	0	1	11	7	Oxford United	1	2	2	3	7	14	1	2	2	3	7	14	
10	1	3	1	8	6	Wimbledon	2	0	3	4	7	12	2	0	3	4	7	12	
9	1	2	2	3	4	Derby County	1	2	1	4	7	10	1	2	1	4	7	10	
10	2	2	1	7	8	Portsmouth	0	2	3	2	14	10	0	2	3	2	14	10	
10	1	3	1	6	6	LUTON TOWN	1	0	4	5	9	9	1	0	4	5	9	9	
9	1	0	3	4	8	Newcastle United	1	3	1	7	8	9	1	3	1	7	8	9	
9	1	2	2	2	5	Watford	1	0	3	3	6	8	1	0	3	3	6	8	
9	1	2	2	4	6	West Ham United	0	2	2	4	6	7	0	2	2	4	6	7	
9	0	2	2	3	8	Southampton	1	2	2	8	9	7	1	2	2	8	9	7	
10	1	1	3	5	7	Norwich City	1	0	4	1	7	7	1	0	4	1	7	7	
10	1	1	3	5	8	Sheffield Wednesday	0	2	3	4	11	6	0	2	3	4	11	6	
9	1	0	4	3	9	Charlton Athletic	0	1	3	4	10	4	0	1	3	4	10	4	

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League				Litt Cup				League				Litt Cup			
Aps	Cls	Aps	Cls	Aps	Cls	Aps	Cls	Aps	Cls	Aps	Cls	Aps	Cls	Aps	Cls
Kingsley Black	2	-	-	-	-	Mike Newell	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tim Breacker	10	1	1	-	-	Stacey North	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gary Cobb	2	-	-	-	-	Emeka Nwajobi	4(2)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mai Donaghy	8	-	1	-	-	David Preece	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Steve Foster	10	-	1	-	-	Brian Stein	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ashley Grimes	9	-	-	-	-	Mark Stein	1(4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mick Harford	8	4	1	-	-	Les Sealey	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ricky Hill	10	1	1	-	-	Michael Weir	2(1)	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Rob Johnson	(3)	-	1	-	-	Danny Wilson	8	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Darron McDonough	2(2)	-	-	-	-	Robert Wilson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



• Scored v Everton: Brian Stein.

Luton Town F.A. Att Pos 1

Aug 15	Derby County	0-1	17204	-	Sealey
Aug 18	Coventry City	0-1	7506	-	Sealey
Aug 22	West Ham United	2-2	8073	16	Sealey
Aug 29	Chelsea	0-3	16075	19	Sealey
Aug 31	Arsenal	1-1	8745	18	Sealey
Sept 5	Oxford United	5-2	6804	14	Sealey
Sept 12	Everton	2-1	8124	16	Sealey
Sept 19	Charlton Athletic	0-1	5003	12	Sealey
Sept 22	Wigan Athletic (LC2R 1L)	1-0	5018	14	Sealey
Sept 26	Queens Park Rangers	0-2	11175	14	Sealey
Oct 3	Manchester United	1-1	9137	14	Sealey
Oct 6	Wigan Athletic (LC2R 2L)				
Oct 10	Portsmouth				
Oct 17	Wimbledon				
Oct 24	Liverpool				
Nov 7	Newcastle United				
Nov 14	Sheffield Wednesday				
Nov 21	Tottenham Hotspur				
Nov 28	Nottingham Forest				
Dec 5	Norwich City				
Dec 12	Watford				
Dec 18	Southampton				
Dec 26	Everton				
Dec 28	Charlton Athletic				
Jan 1	Chelsea				
Jan 2	West Ham United				
Jan 9	F.A. Cup Round 3				
Jan 16	Derby County				
Jan 23	Coventry City				
Jan 30	F.A. Cup Round 4				
Feb 6	Oxford United				
Feb 13	Arsenal				
Feb 20	Q. Park Rangers (FAC 5)				
Feb 27	Manchester United				
Mar 5	Wimbledon				
Mar 12	Portsmouth (FAC 6)				
Mar 26	Liverpool				
Apr 2	Newcastle United				
Apr 4	Sheffield Wednesday				
Apr 9	Tottenham Hotspur (F.A. Cup)				
Apr 23	Nottingham Forest				
Apr 30	Norwich City				
May 2	Watford				
May 7	Southampton				
May 14	F.A. Cup Final				

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Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	(R. Wilson)	(Preece)	♦M.N./D.M.
Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	McDonough	D. Wilson	Harford	Newell	(R. Wilson)	D. Preece	♦Nwajobi
Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	(McDonough)	D. Wilson	Cobb	Harford ²	Newell	Preece	♦S. North
Breacker	Grimes	Donaghy	Foster	R. Wilson	Hill	Cobb	Newell	Nwajobi	Preece	K.B./S.N.
Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson [*]	B. Stein	(Newell)	Nwajobi	Preece	♦M. Stein
Breacker ¹	Grimes	Hill ¹	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	(B. Stein) ¹	Harford	Nwajobi	(Preece)	♦M.S./R.J.
Breacker	Grimes	Hill ¹	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein ¹	Harford	(Nwajobi)	(Preece)	♦M.S./R.J.
Breacker	(McDonough)	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	M. Stein	(Preece)	♦M.W./R.J.
Breacker	Johnson	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	Weir ¹	(Preece)	♦Nwajobi
Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	Black	Preece	R.J./E.N.
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- 2 Tim Breacker
- 3 Ashley Grimes
- 4 Ricky Hill *Donna McInerney*
- 5 Steve Foster
- 6 Mal Donaghy
- 7 Danny Wilson
- 8 Brian Stein
- 9 Mick Harford *III*
- 10 David Preece
- 11 Michael Weir

Subs

Wigan Athletic 2

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John Butler
- 3 Barry Knowles
- 4 David Hamilton
- 5 Alex Cribbley
- 6 Paul Beesley
- 7 Stuart Storer
- 8 Mark Hilditch
- 9 Bobby Campbell
- 10 Paul Jewell
- 11 Paul Cook

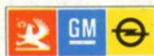
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