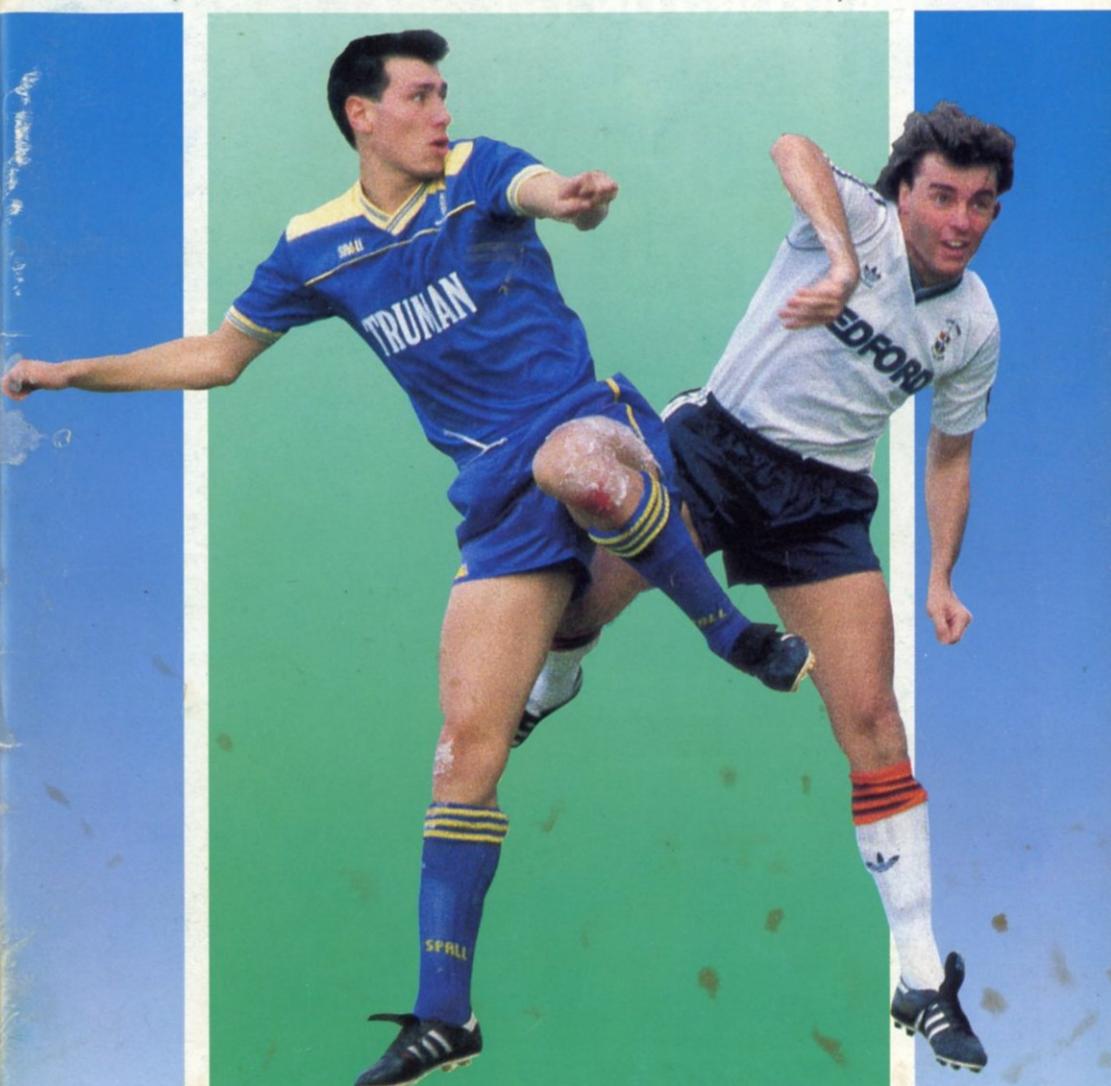


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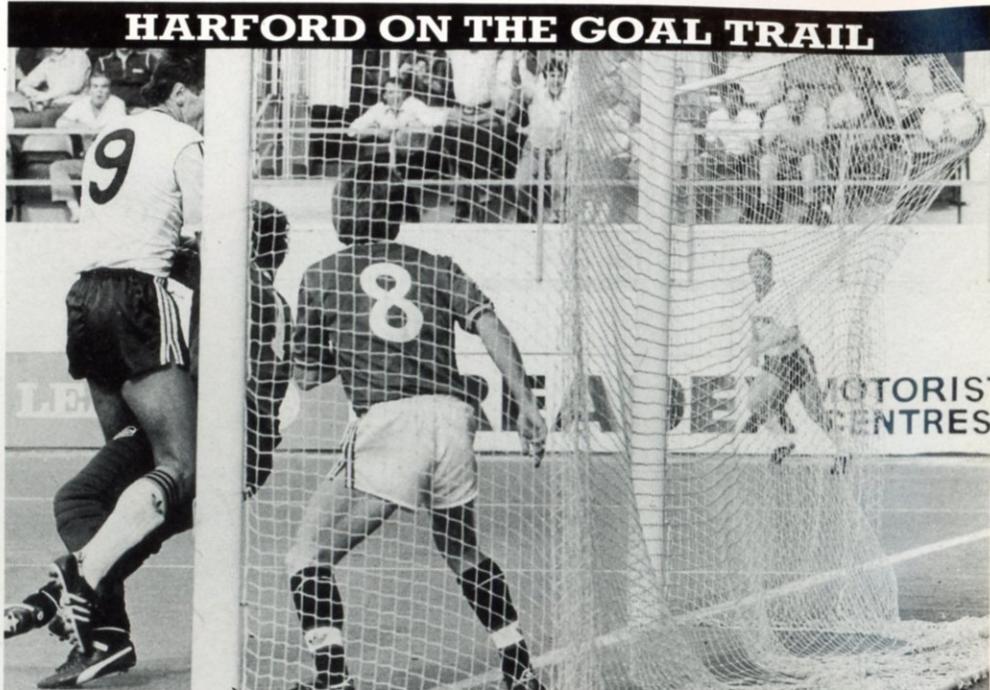


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# ACTION



• **In the net:** Mick Harford's header puts the Town ahead against Man Utd.

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Mark Stein (below) in the  
thick of the action against  
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## RAY'S REVIEW



Our opposition this afternoon need few words of introduction from me as they have earned a well-deserved reputation as one of the best teams not only in Britain, but also Europe and the world in the last 20 years. Their consistency has been remarkable and I am not among those surprised to see them performing so well again following the departure of Ian Rush. Liverpool have so many international players – and sign up the cream of the market every time they can – that they seem to have a monopoly on the top talent available. But football is a team game and though their team deserves respect – and we recall that our record against them, last season in particular, is worth looking at again – we know we have players of the very highest ability too and a team more than capable of beating anyone.

### Tin hats approach

Last week, for example, we faced a tricky fixture against Wimbledon. They may not be at the top of the league, but they have proved themselves capable of upsetting anyone and everyone in the First Division and we had to dig in and compete with their game to take the points. We deserved our win with a good "tin hats" approach to the battle.

This afternoon, we could be without David Preece and Ricky Hill again, though I am hopeful that Ricky has a chance of being fit, at the time of writing. Ian Allinson was signed last week from Stoke for a small fee and he can play in midfield or attack and his strengths were shown in his promising short performance against Wimbledon, after coming on as a substitute. With our present injury situation, we need to have plenty of players fighting for places. Ian's arrival will be good for everyone.

Sometimes, it is not easy to play open attractive football because the opposition do not allow it and, as a result, I felt last week's game was not much of a spectacle for the discerning fan. We did the job however and now hope to start building up for a more solid run. Enjoy the game.

*Ray Harford.*

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# Mailbag

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

## Pen pal, please

Dear Sir,  
I am an 18 year old Forest supporter and I would like a female Luton Town pen-pal who is aged between 16-19 years old and supports Luton Town. My interests are football, listening to music and writing.

Yours faithfully

David Lucas

8 Davedale Avenue  
Alvaston, Derby  
DE2 6QB.

## Happy fan

Dear Sir,

Many thanks to Mr Tomlins for letting me and my dad meet up with Mick Harford. It was brilliant. Not only did we meet up with Mick but half of the team. I was able to hold Mick's glass!!

I think he enjoyed it as much as us. He told us to fix up a date to come up to Luton and Mick will get us the tickets for the match and afterwards meet up with him in the bar and have a chat and a drink with him and the players I didn't get to meet, such as, David Preece, Ricky Hill, Danny Wilson, Micky Weir, Rob Johnson and Les Sealey.

My dad and I have suggested a date, December 5th, because it will be a couple of weeks

before my 21st birthday which is on December 22nd. I have also written to Charlton Athletic thanking them for a really super day and their hospitality.

When Luton's bus was moving off the lads waved goodbye to us as the coach was pulling away.

A very happy fan of LTFC

Yours sincerely

Jane Sellers

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•Mick Harford

## A Northern fan's plea

Dear Sir,

I write to ask if you know anybody who regularly travels to Kenilworth Road from either

the Blackburn area, (where I am at college) or from the York area (my home when not at college), who would be interested in sharing transport costs to games.

This would enable me to see more matches, as at present I am restricted in the main to away games in the North.

Yours faithfully

Robert Handstaff

3 Bryers Croft,  
Wiltshire, Blackburn  
Lancs.

## Any swaps!

Dear Sir,

I should be very grateful if you can help me. I'm an Italian boy 21 years old and a football souvenir collector and I'm trying to have a Luton Town fan who can swap them with me. I'm an AC Turin fan and can send souvenirs from my team and from other Italian teams.

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Best wishes

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# CHIT CHAT



## Local pride is important

The new football season has inevitably seen changes and modifications to some teams' kits. The new Southampton shirt does a good impersonation of Denmark's colour arrangement with red and white stripes flying here, there and everywhere while Chelsea's new effort looks more like a duvet cover than a football shirt. Although most teams still favour the 'V' neck shirt there is some variation this season with Derby County adopting the new England style fangled press-stud arrangement around the neck and Spurs reverting to the old 1970's flared collar look (but at least they've managed to get their sponsor's name on **every** shirt now). Of course some clubs have not changed their kit at all and on April 4th we will be treated once more to Sheffield Wednesday's somewhat unusual away-strip.

The Town, however, have made some quite

tasteful changes with the re-introduction of the Borough crest and a reduction in the amount of orange reminding us of the days when Bruce Rioch and Malcolm Macdonald were Luton players. That Luton should once more be displaying the town's coat of arms is very important. A look at the history of British football reveals the close ties between football clubs and local working committees - our nickname, "The Hatters" is, of course, an illustration of this. Local pride is still an important aspect of the game and in cities like Liverpool with more than its fair share of problems the achievements of the teams can only boost the spirit of local people.

Let's hope The Hatters can give us something to be proud of this season.

**Andrew Jamieson**

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

## **Luton News**

### PICTURE QUIZ



• **TAKE THAT:** Flash-back to a Luton Town goal against Liverpool in the First Division match a year ago. To win a fiver in our free fun quiz, who was the other Luton man on target in that 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.

**THURSDAYS 14p**

## DONS OUTFOUGHT

### Luton Town 2 Wimbledon 0

It may not have been a pretty sight, but for Town fans it was more important to see three vitally-needed points put safely in the bank for the season. A Wimbledon team intent on survival by almost any means were beaten by a determined Luton showing and goals in each half from Brian Stein and Danny Wilson. The win lifted the Town back up to 14th in the table, a position of reasonable security and victory was only the third in 12 games this term.

The first goal came after 20 minutes to provide Stein with his second goal in nine league appearances this season. Winger Michael Weir, recovered from the ankle injury which prevented him collecting a Scottish under-21 cap in midweek, set it up. He put Darren McDonough clear in the penalty area and his cross was put away by Stein with an adroit finish at the near post. The second goal came on the hour and was instigated by substitute Ian Allinson's first touch. He crossed low and hard and, following a half-clearance in defence, Wilson picked his spot for his second goal of the season.

Although Wimbledon contrived to hit the woodwork, it was more effort than poise or elegance which gave them such chances and the Town ran out deserved winners on the day.

**Teams:** Luton - Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, McDonough, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, B. Stein, Harford, Black (Allinson 56), Weir. Wimbledon - Beasant, Ryan, Phelan, Jones, Gayle, Thorn, Gannon, Cork, Fashanu, Sanchez, Fairweather (Clement 63).

**Referee - B. Hill (Kettering).**

# 1st Team ACTION



- Hard-won triumph: Goals by Brian Stein, who opened the scoring with a well-taken effort at the near post, and Danny Wilson secured a well-deserved win in our last home match against Wimbledon. Today's action pictures taken by Josh Levy of Apex Photography capture Danny Wilson, Mick Harford and Michael Weir in action at that match.

# FOOTBALL FOCUS

## Malcolm Macdonald

Former Town striker Malcolm Macdonald returned to football last week when he took over as manager at struggling Huddersfield Town. For Malcolm, who worked with current Town boss Ray Harford when they were together at Fulham, it was the end of a three-year spell out of the game he loved. Now 37, he relishes his new chance to revive his happiest days when he hammered in goals galore at Kenilworth Road:

### Great to be back in the game

"The years in the wilderness were the worst of my life. Even before I was a professional, I used to go to Bishop's Park near the Fulham ground and play in 30-a-side games. One thing that taught you was close control. Then, when I was in my teens, I'd play for the school on Saturday morning, the borough team in the afternoon, turn out on Sunday morning and again in the afternoon.

"I loved the game and when I was out of the game it left a terrible void. My Saturdays were never the same again without the involvement I'd had all my life. I would still go to games, but you were somehow one step removed from everything that went on.

"You could strike a business deal that might be worth quite a few quid to you, but it still wouldn't bring the same satisfaction of running on to a ball, letting fly and seeing it whiz into the net.

### Audacity

"The thing I really enjoyed in management was seeing a player develop. Seeing the things you had worked on and practised coming off on the field... At Fulham, we had one of our finest results when we took Liverpool to three games in the Milk Cup. We got a draw at Anfield by sheer audacity, going there and playing only three at the back, five in midfield and crowding them out. But I was so proud of the way a young and inexperienced side had done that to a team who went on to win the trophy.

"Absence doesn't diminish talent or ambition. I applied for the job at Huddersfield last year, but I understood why they stuck with the man who was doing the job. When the chairman approached me I

jumped at the opportunity and already my wife says I am a new man.

### Promotion

"I want to get this club into the First Division. Within two months, we will have moved here lock, stock and barrel. I cannot see any one reason why we cannot go up and up. The first thing is to take away the fear, build confidence and stop the rot.

"I always used to say that Jimmy Greaves scored hundreds of goals and I missed thousands, but the object is to have a go. There's nothing wrong with shooting and missing half-chances. The crowd loves to see it.



• Action man: Malcolm Macdonald in his playing days.



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# CLUB NEWS

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Each week, a panel of club managers will select a Barclays League club for the 'Performance of the Week Award'. The winners will nominate a local boys' club for the award, worth £650.

Each month, a panel including former leading managers will name the 'Barclays Young Eagle Award' for the Young Player of the Month, culminating at the end of the season in the Barclays Young Player of the Year, whose major prize will be a Barclayshare portfolio valued at £5,000.

Both panels will be chaired by England team manager, Bobby Robson.

The Barclays League Goalscoring Awards will reward the clubs in each division who score the most goals each month from October to April/May.

John Quinton, Chairman of Barclays, announcing the awards, said: "I'm sure the Eagles Awards will stimulate additional interest in the performance of clubs and individuals on a regular basis throughout the season."

### PRE-MATCH ENTERTAINMENT

Today's pre-match entertainment is in support of Bedfordshire's 'Industry Matters' campaign, a programme of action building on the achievements of 'Industry Year 1986' to stress the importance of industry and its role in our community: a match between education and industry.

Once the idea of a football match was suggested, the local 'Industry Matters' committee appointed a representative from SKF (U.K.) Limited and St. Thomas More Upper School to select 22 or more players from local industries and schools.

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### MATCH REFEREE

**Alan Seville**  
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A toolmaker, Alan is married with three children. He started refereeing in 1962, progressed via the Birmingham and District Works and West Midlands Leagues, to the Football League list. He enjoys football, family and bowls. He is an experienced referee and has taken charge of several big matches.

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•Fifth in line: Our club statistician Roger Wash is pictured with his son Philip and Kenilworth the Cat.

Philip is the fifth generation of his family to support the Town dating back to Sam Wash in the earliest days.



## THE TOWN

## WELCOME TO LIVERPOOL AND OUR YOUNG VISITORS FROM DENMARK

This afternoon we welcome Liverpool who are making a great start to the season and also we are pleased to welcome the boys and families of Norhalne IF, a small football club from Jutland in Denmark. I am sure Jan Molby knows exactly where that is!

The club are on a tour of East Anglia and have already visited Ipswich and Norwich. I am sure a visit to Kenilworth Road will add to their football education. They have played in Cambridge and Peterborough and will be going home to Denmark tonight after watching this afternoon's match.

For the club and most of the visitors, it is their first visit to England and to Luton and we wish them a very warm welcome and a pleasant afternoon in our company.

## Awards

You will see on our Club News page that the league's sponsors Barclays Bank have introduced incentive award schemes for teams and individual young players and goalscorers. I know these will be popular with everyone. England manager Bobby Robson has already expressed his delight at the scheme.

It will not only encourage youngsters, but also give him regular and accurate feedback on how future possible international players are performing. Barclays are to be praised for making such an investment in the future of the game.

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•Face in the crowd: Sebastian Coe, representing the Sports Council, is caught at Kenilworth Road at the Lada Hockey Classic.



•Man of the match: Michael Weir is pictured with Ian Mann, the president of the Luton North Rotary Club, our match sponsors against Wimbledon.



•Ball sponsors: Jane and David Sheridan were the Wimbledon match ball sponsors. They are pictured with Mal Donaghy.

## CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

## Tough triumph

Our last two games against Portsmouth and Wimbledon have been tough and physical and we have had to get stuck in to earn anything. I hope everyone appreciated how hard it can be sometimes as they watched our game against Wimbledon last week. Today, it should be a bit different.

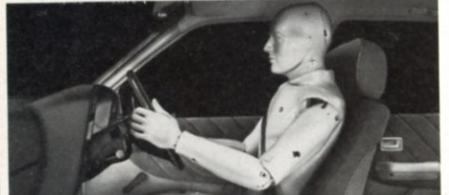
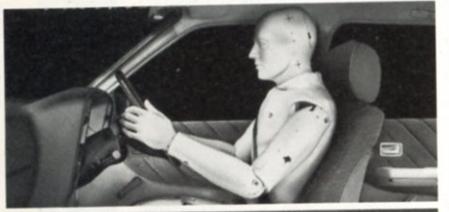
We were pleased to come out on top last Saturday after – as the boss puts it – getting our "tin hats" on and scrapping hard. Dazmo (that's Darren McDonough's nickname) did well for the first goal, laying it on for Steinie and Ian Allinson, newly arrived from Arsenal via Stoke, did just as well for the second.

## Cameo show

That quick cameo performance on his debut should do Ian a power of good as he settles in to the club. Micky Weir has settled very quickly and he was helped by a goal on his full debut in the Littlewoods Cup at Wigan remember.

With Micky – his clothes' sense has earned some stick from me! – and Ian around (Ian can play wide midfield or up front), we have plenty of options even while so many injuries keep cropping up. Preecie is still not off the treatment table as I write... and it looks as if Ricky may struggle to make the team today. But we have plenty in reserve and it should be a really good game. All the best.

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• **Wingers in action: Kingsley Black and Michael Weir showed their skills on the flanks against Manchester United.**



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## MAL DONAGHY



• Reliable defender: Mal Donaghy in action against Everton earlier this season.

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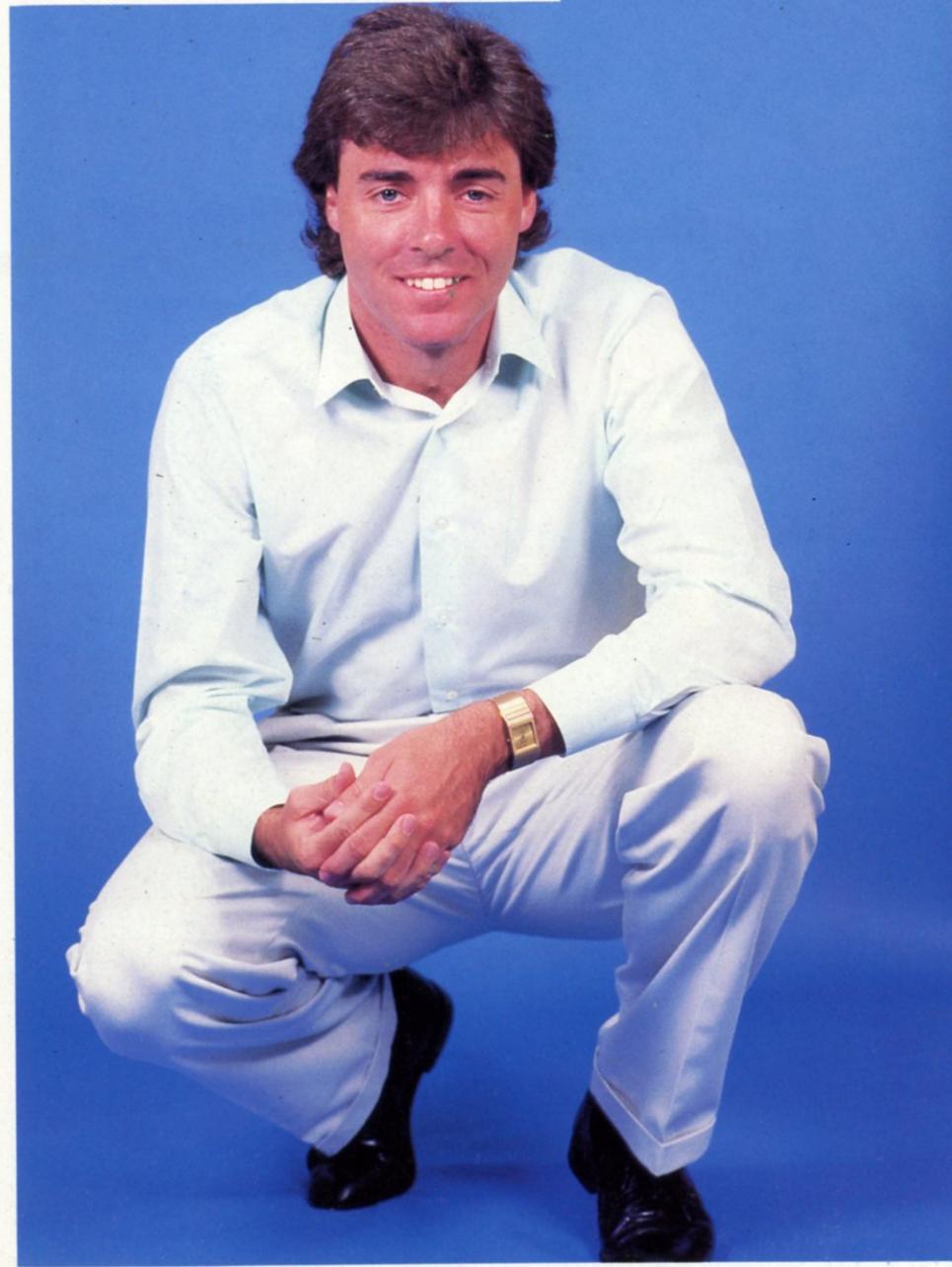
• Loyal servant: Mal Donaghy.

The club's most capped international player of all time, an utterly reliable defender with 51 Northern Ireland caps to his credit, Mal Donaghy is probably the best signing ever made by the club. He joined the Town from Larne in June 1978 for a fee of about £20,000 and has since become one of the most respected defenders in the First Division with a tremendous record of consistency.

For six of the last nine seasons, Mal has been an ever-present in the Town team and by the end of last season he had clocked up a total of 426 senior appearances – scoring 20 goals. Modest both on and off the field, he has also represented Northern Ireland in two World Cup final series in Spain in 1982 and Mexico in 1986.

"I have been very happy at the club," he said, "and they have looked after me. It would be really satisfying if we could break through and win an honour to cap a great period of progress."

# MAL DONAGHY



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# DRESSING ROOM TALK

with Michael Weir

*Born in Edinburgh in January 1966, Michael Weir joined the Town earlier this season from Hibernian. He is a winger in the traditional Scottish mould, a skilful dribbler with an eye for goal. Michael joined Hibs from school and has twice been called up to play for the Scotland under-21's, but both times without luck. Indeed, he is still waiting to make his international debut as he reveals in today's Dressing Room Talk:*

### Feeling at home already

"The first time I was called up, I could not play because I had the flu and the second time, a few weeks ago after I had joined the Hatters, I had an ankle injury. It was just one of those things. I caught my studs and I strained ankle ligaments. It was quite swollen, but if the match had been a day later, I think I could have been fit. Instead, I am still waiting for the chance.

"Altogether, I am really enjoying myself a lot though since I moved down South from Scotland. Everyone has made me feel very welcome and I have found the club and the town to be very friendly. At first I was a bit worried that no-one would understand me because of my Scottish accent, but it has been no problem at all. Jim Ryan has been a great help to me in that because he is a Scot too and we speak the same language!

"Seriously though, I have been made to feel very welcome and feel as if I have settled in very quickly. The lads in the dressing room have been great and I am enjoying my football. I am still living in an hotel though, but I am looking at some property. But I'm not in any great hurry. The main thing is to settle in and be happy.

### Less physical

"I find the game here is much less physical than in Scotland. There is more time to play. It is quite different. Harder football-wise, I think, but easier physically. I am not getting half as many knocks.

"I think teams give you a bit more time on the ball to express yourself in England and I have been enjoying that. For me, it is a great big new world, and I am really relishing every second at the moment. I find, for example, that everyone is much more relaxed here. There is also a lot more going on.



• Enjoying life: Michael Weir.

"In Scotland, there was less happening away from the club for the players but here there is always something happening and I am always busy. I like that. That is also why I think it is important for me to relax properly and not to do too much else. I like the whole atmosphere though I must tell you the lads have given me a bit of stick at times about my accent. You've got to expect that of course.

### Happy with form

"I've been feeling okay on the park too. Maybe the team's results have not been too consistent, but I think we are close to playing very well. I am pretty happy with my own form. I am enjoying it and that is always a good sign.

"Away from the club, I like to play a bit of snooker - or I should say I used to as I don't do it much anymore - and I like to go to dog-racing. I have been a few times already down here with Preecie. It makes a good evening out.

"Like everyone else, I think the pitch is really great. I have got no complaints at all. I think it might favour skilful players a bit so I think that is a good thing. It means it will help a skilful team too. I think it suits my kind of game. I can see the defenders slipping around a bit so I like that!"

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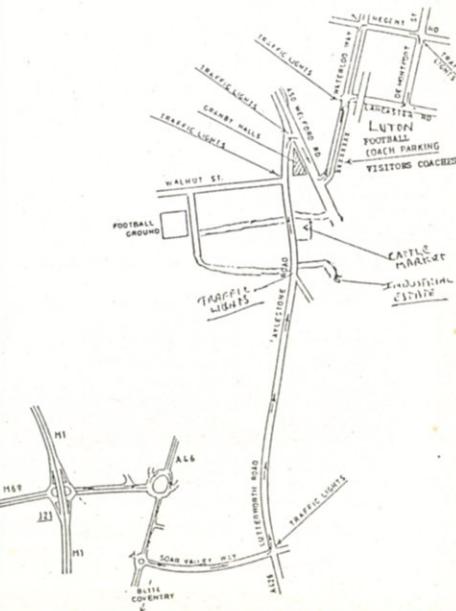
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# CLUB COMMENT

**John Smith, Chief Executive**

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# RESERVE



•**Andy in action:** Andy Dibble throws to start another attack during our recent 7-0 win over Bristol Rovers.

## 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	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	Feb 6	West Ham	
Sept 12	Arsenal	1-1	Feb 13	Arsenal	
Sept 19	West Ham	1-0	Feb 16	Chelsea	
Sept 26	Chelsea	0-2	Feb 27	QPR	
Sept 29	QPR	0-4	Mar 2	Bristol R	
Oct 13	Bristol R	7-0	Oct 20	Fulham	
Oct 31	Swindon	3-3	Mar 5	Portsmouth	
Nov 4	Millwall		Mar 16	Fulham	
Nov 14	Tottenham		Mar 19	Swindon	
Nov 20	Norwich City		Mar 22	Tottenham	
Nov 28	Crystal Palace		Apr 2	Millwall	
Dec 5	Watford		Apr 9	Norwich City	
Dec 12	Southampton		Apr 13	Crystal Palace	
Dec 16	Brighton		Apr 23	Southampton	
			Apr 30	Watford	
			May 7	Brighton	



•**Back from injury:** Richar Harvey has recovered his fitness. He is pictured playing against Bristol Rovers.

## COACHES' CORNER



### ATTACKING ALL THE WAY

After their 7-0 thrashing of Bristol Rovers, our reserves were made to taste a little of their own medicine when they went to Fulham in midweek and conceded three goals...but managed to score three themselves as well. Another high-scoring game for coach Jim Ryan to chew over!

The result, while not perfect, at least backed up the general philosophy of the club in trying to attack and entertain. To get forward and play good passing football and get in plenty of shots. "That is what the game is about," said John Faulkner. "Too much is made of tactics at times and not enough about the players."

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Faulkner's youth team have found form an elusive matter this season with every good result seemingly followed by a disappointment, but John said: "We have a very young side and it makes a lot of difference. I think the lads have shown a lot of attitude and recently produced some great football."

The youth team's Southern Junior Floodlit Cup tie against West Ham has finally been arranged. The match will take place at Upton Park on October 28, kick-off 7.30 pm. If there is a replay it will take place at Kenilworth Road on November 10 at 7 pm. Do not forget, we are the holders of this trophy and support will be greatly appreciated.

# & YOUTH

# INTRODUCING...

## LIVERPOOL

After finishing runners-up in both the Football League and the Littlewoods Cup last season, there are clear signs Liverpool are getting into overdrive as they come here today. They have failed only once this season to win a league game and have also progressed to the third round of the Littlewood Cup in which they take on their great Merseyside rivals Everton.

Today's match is given even greater edge by the fact that we achieved something last season that no other team has achieved in the last 25 years - we beat them by 3-goal margins in both the Football League and the FA Cup.

It is fascinating in view of the tremendous rivalry between Liverpool and Everton today to reflect that Liverpool only came about because of a dispute between Everton, who had played at Anfield from 1884 and the owners of the ground. Everton moved to pastures new at Goodison Park and Liverpool were formed and moved in at Anfield.

Immediately, they gained admittance to the new Division Two in its second season and celebrated by topping the table without losing a game. They had a topsy-turvy existence in their first few years, however, with relegation in 1895 and promotion again in 1896. They were then runners-up in Division One in 1899 and champions in 1901 before slipping back to Division Two again in 1904.

Then they topped Division Two in 1905 and Division One in 1906 before reaching the FA Cup final of 1914 and then topping Division One again in both 1922 and 1923.

They were in Division One for the whole of the period

between the wars, but were in the lower half of the table several times in the thirties. They came good again, however, when they topped Division One in 1946-7 winning a dramatic final game at Molineux when Wolves seemed to have the title in their grasp. Those were the days of skipper Jack Balmer, striker Albert Stubbins and winger Billy Liddell with a future manager Bob Paisley in midfield.

In 1950 they lost to Arsenal in the FA Cup final and then came eight seasons in Division Two from 1954 to 1962. They roared to promotion in 1962 with Bill Shankley at the helm. He signed Ron Yeats and Ian St. John and the first great Liverpool side came off the assembly line. New parts have been fitted regularly since then, but the engine has not faltered for a quarter of a century.

No English club has ever achieved such sustained success. Between 1964 and 1986 they chalked up 11 Football League Championships, taking their full tally to 16, and four Football League/Milk Cup wins. They won the European Cup in 1977, 1978, 1981 and 1984. They also won the UEFA Cup in 1975 and 1976. The only competition they have not monopolised is the FA Cup, which they won for the first time in their history in 1965 and won again in both 1974 and 1986.

### This season

This season, they have climbed to the top of Division One despite playing fewer games than their rivals because Anfield was out of action until September. Once they started there, however, they swept all before them and chalked up



Back Row: Mark Lawrenson, Mike Hooper, Jan Molby, Gary Gillespie, Bruce Grobbelaar, Kevin MacDonald. Middle Row: Ronnie Moran (Coach), John Wark, Nigel Spackman, Alan Irvine, Gary Ablett, John Aldridge, Barry Venison, Roy Evans (Trainer). Front Row: John Barnes, Steve Nicol, Ronny Whelan, Kenny Dalglish (Player Manager), Craig Johnston, Paul Walsh, Steve McMahan, Peter Beardsley.



Kenny Dalglish has made himself a legend in his own time at Liverpool by leading the club to an historic double triumph in the Football League and F.A. Cup in only his first full season in charge as player-manager. Together with former manager Bob Paisley, who has continued to act as a consultant to the club, Dalglish took over from Joe Fagan following the ill-fated and tragic 1985 European Cup final against Juventus.

In recent months, he had reduced his own appearances as a player in the team and remained more often on the substitutes' bench. He has used himself cleverly in isolated bursts. Injury prevented him playing in the Mexico World Cup finals but he has since returned to the Scotland team and remains their most-capped player.

4-0 wins over Derby, Portsmouth and previous leaders QPR, a 2-0 win over Oxford and a 3-2 win over Charlton.

In away games, they won 4-1 at Coventry and Newcastle and 2-1 at Arsenal. In fact, the only times they failed to win were a 1-1 draw at West Ham and a similar scoreline at Blackburn in the Littlewoods Cup.

Former Newport and Oxford striker John Aldridge, who settled in gradually at the end of last season, has blossomed with a goal in every Football League game. John Barnes, newly signed from Watford, is also hitting top form, following his two goals for England against Turkey with two more against QPR.

Another England man Peter Beardsley is also making it a good first season at Anfield after moving from Newcastle, both prompting from midfield and scoring goals. Ronnie Whelan has now played over 300 games for his one and only club and has scored nearly 50 goals, linking up in midfield with Craig Johnston, who is enjoying one of his best spells.

Steve McMahon, a powerful ball-winner who previously served both Everton and Aston Villa, completes the midfield in his third season at Anfield while in defence Alan Hansen (from Partick in 1977) and Mark Lawrenson (from Preston in 1981) are usually at the heart with Gary Gillespie (who captained Falkirk as a teenager and came from Coventry in 1983) on the opposite flank from former Sunderland captain Barry Venison.

Steve Nicol, who got a hat-trick at Newcastle recently, is equally happy in midfield or defence while Paul Walsh, who was substitute last week, has scored 25 goals in two seasons since moving from Luton.

It will be interesting to see how last weekend's signing Ray Houghton from Oxford fits into the Anfield set-up.

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# JUNIOR HATTERS!

BY BRIAN STEIN

## GET READY FOR A BIG DAY OUT AT WATFORD

Today I am going to give you some more information on the invitation from Watford when we play them on 12th December, it will include a game in the morning with the Junior Hornets. The age group will be 11 to 13 years old. As we can only pick a team of fourteen players, the team will be selected from the juniors that book for the trip.

It will be followed by a tour of the changing rooms etc. at Watford. A packed lunch is advised as we will watch Watford v Luton in the afternoon. The coach fare for this big day out will be £3.00 for

adults, £2.50 for juniors. You can make your booking from the Oak Road Shop.

Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is J005943. 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.

Today, we welcome Liverpool to Kenilworth Road. Enjoy the game and I will see you all at our next home game when we play Newcastle.



## KENILWORTH THE CAT



# QUIZ TIME

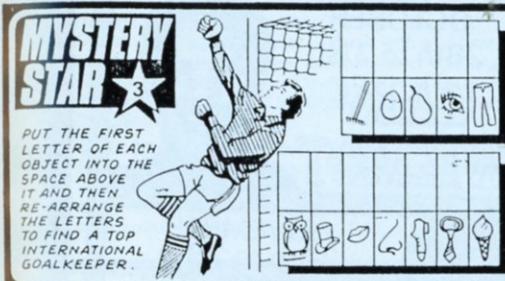
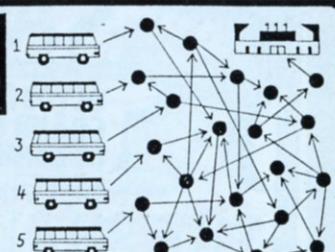
## Spot the Difference 2



Can you spot the 10 differences between the two pictures?

## junior spot 4

ONLY ONE OF THE COACHES REACHES THE STADIUM. FOLLOW THE ARROWS TO FIND WHICH ONE IT IS.



The answers to last week's Quiz Time are:  
**Star is Born:** Pat Jennings was born in Newry (N. Ireland).

**Soccer Girl:** is a supporter of Celtic.

**Junior Spot:** There were fifteen hidden footballs.

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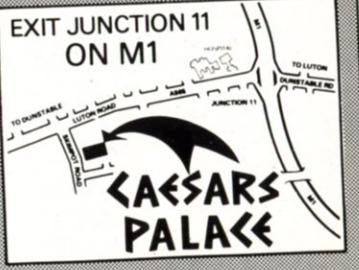
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# Views from the media

## ALLINSON ARRIVAL GRABS THE HEADLINES

New signing Ian Allinson stole the headlines when he came on as a second half substitute and laid on a decisive second goal for Danny Wilson in our 2-0 home win over Wimbledon last week. This is how a selection of the national media reported the match:

**Daily Express:** "Life begins at 30 for Luton's new signing Ian Allinson. The former Arsenal man played just 33 minutes as substitute in the 2-0 win over Wimbledon, but it was enough for him to brighten up a tedious encounter. And he announced delightedly: 'I'm just thrilled to be back in the First Division. Luton seem such a friendly club - and I even like the plastic pitch.' The day belonged to Allinson - signed until 1990 - certainly not to woeful Wimbledon."

### Enjoyment

**Today:** "Luton new boy Ian Allinson, after four miserable months at Stoke, returned to the First Division with a 2-0 win over Wimbledon on Saturday. While the former Arsenal player was up north in the Bottories, his pregnant wife was back home in Stevenage unwell and unable to join him. So when local club Luton made him an offer last week he jumped at the chance."

**Daily Mail:** "He scampered down the wing, shoved team-mate Mick Harford out of the way and saw his low cross cause so much panic that Danny Wilson was able to finish off Wimbledon. Ray told me to go out and enjoy myself and I certainly did, said the 30-year-old forward, unhappy at Stoke since Arsenal discarded him in the summer."



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# LUTON TOWN GOAL'DEN OLLDIES

## GREAT END TO THRILLING PROMOTION CHASE

Season 1954-55 opened with the Town adopting a "continental" style of strip not previously seen worn by a British club and also pinching an idea used successfully by the Hungarians – that of using a deep lying centre forward, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

With Jesse Pye filling this role the Town, after a stuttering start, won six games in a row and talk started in the pubs and clubs of possible promotion. But the first bombshell of the season was soon to be dropped when Pye asked for a transfer and moved to Derby in early October 1954.

With no ready replacement a variety of permutations were used including Terry Kelly and Peter MacEwan but after what was to be the only home defeat of the season – against Swansea on October 30th – the drastic decision was made to switch wing half Bob Morton to centre-forward.



• **Goal machine:** Gordon Turner the scorer.



• **England goalkeeper:** Bernard Stretton in action against Blackpool in an FA Cup replay at Molineux in 1954.

### New role

Morton – relishing his new position – scored twice in his first game in the new role in a 3-3 draw at Notts County and the team began to fire on all cylinders again with ace goalscorer Gordon Turner now given more freedom.

The next bombshell was soon to arrive when Ron Baynham was recalled in goal after 13 months in the wilderness thus bringing to an end a long string of appearances by Bernard Stretton. Arguments raged through the winter as to the respective merits of the two players but the truth is that the Town were extremely fortunate in having two England International goalkeepers on their books at the same time and it was always going to be tough on the man not in the team.

### Seven goals

November 27th 1954 is a day that Town fans will remember for it brought a brilliant performance against the freescoring League leaders Blackburn whose defence was completely unable to combat the power of the Luton

attack which scored seven times and thus set up a new Second Division record for the club.

Taking confidence from the performance the Town began a spell of ten games undefeated which saw them take over top spot and earn rave reviews with their wins at Nottingham Forest 5-1, Hull 4-0 and Rotherham in the Cup again 5-1.

As the season neared its end it was seen that the Town had several of their chief rivals to meet and they effectively pegged back Notts County, who had begun to appear a real threat, 3-1 at Kenilworth Road before earning a point at Anfield in an amazing 4-4 draw against Liverpool after being 3-1 down at one stage.

Easter came as did a crowd of 25,775 to Kenilworth Road on Good Friday who witnessed a disappointing 0-0 draw with Leeds. Undeterred, a best of the season 27,148 turned up the following day to see West Ham beaten 2-0.

It was following this game that the season started to turn sour as in the return with Leeds on Easter Monday the Town were thrashed 4-0 with John Charles hammering two from the penalty spot.

The Town were now in the middle of an epidemic of penalty kicks awarded against them but in the next game Blackburn's Bobby Langton shot wide as Luton luckily hung on to a point in a 0-0 draw at Ewood Park.

The "crunch" game followed at Birmingham where a crowd of 36,000 saw the "Blues" win 2-1 with the clinching goal being scored from a dubious penalty award.

This defeat left the Town with three games to play and

needing to win them all to stand a realistic chance of promotion. At a round table conference the players agreed that experience was needed for the run in with the result that Charlie Watkins was recalled to form a left wing partnership with Jim Pemberton who had been moved from the half back line leaving the way clear for Morton to return to probably his best position.

### Gamble pays

These unorthodox moves smacked of being a gamble but they paid off as first Port Vale were thrashed 4-2 at Kenilworth Road followed by Bristol Rovers beaten 2-0 in a game that saw Watkins score both in a fairytale end to his career.

The final game took the Town to Doncaster and only a win would do. A 3-0 victory was the reward for a devastating team performance and it was then a case of hearing how their rivals had fared.

Rotherham were the main danger and if they won their final match then a promotion spot would have been theirs. With the score 1-1 in their away game at Port Vale, Rotherham were awarded a penalty which was saved by Vale's Ray King, later to become a Town coach. The Town were up on goal average!

This turn of events actually put the Town in top spot but they were pipped for the championship, again on goal average, by Birmingham who won their last game the following week. This incidentally had been the only time that the Blues had led the division all season!



• **The answer to the quiz:** Keith Allen, Bruce Rioch, John Ryan and Alan Slough.

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1987-88 SEASON

FIRST TEAM

BARCLAYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

1987-88

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

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS  
(1987/88)

League				Litt Cup				League				Litt Cup				
Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	
Ian Allinson	1	-	-	Mike Newell	4	-	-	Jan 23	Coventry City	Jan 30	F A Cup Round 4	Feb 6	Oxford United	Feb 13	Arsenal	
Kingsley Black	3	-	1	-	Stacey North	(1)	-	-	Feb 20	Q. Park Rangers (FAC 5)	Feb 27	Manchester United	Mar 5	Wimbledon	Mar 12	Portsmouth (FAC 6)
Tim Breacker	12	1	2	-	Emeka Nwajiobi	4(3)	1	-	Mar 26	Liverpool	Apr 2	Newcastle United	Apr 4	Sheffield Wednesday	Apr 9	Tottenham Hotspur (FAs/F)
Gary Cobb	2	-	-	-	David Preece	8	-	1	Apr 23	Nottingham Forest	Apr 30	Norwich City	May 2	Watford	May 7	Southampton
Mal Donaghy	10	-	2	-	Brian Stein	9	2	2	May 14	F A Cup Final	May 16	Derby County	May 22	Sheffield Wednesday	May 27	Charlton Athletic
Steve Foster	12	-	2	-	Mark Stein	1(4)	-	-	May 29	Nottingham Forest	Jun 3	Portsmouth	Jun 10	Wimbledon	Jun 17	Charlton Athletic
Ashley Grimes	11	-	1	-	Les Sealey	12	-	2	Jun 26	Liverpool	Jul 3	Charlton Athletic	Jul 10	Sheffield Wednesday	Jul 17	Portsmouth
Mick Harford	10	5	2	3	Michael Weir	4(1)	1	2	Jul 23	Newcastle United	Aug 3	Charlton Athletic	Aug 10	Sheffield Wednesday	Aug 17	Portsmouth
Ricky Hill	11	1	1	-	Danny Wilson	10	-	2	Aug 27	Nottingham Forest	Sep 3	Charlton Athletic	Sep 10	Sheffield Wednesday	Sep 17	Portsmouth
Rob Johnson	1(3)	-	1	-	Robert Wilson	3	-	-	Sep 24	Charlton Athletic	Oct 1	Charlton Athletic	Oct 8	Sheffield Wednesday	Oct 15	Portsmouth
Darron McDonough	3(3)	-	1	1					Oct 21	Charlton Athletic	Oct 28	Charlton Athletic	Nov 4	Sheffield Wednesday	Nov 11	Portsmouth



Scorer: Danny Wilson

## Luton Town

F-A Att Pos 1

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	(R. Wilson)	(Preece)	♦M.N./D.M.
Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	McDonough	D. Wilson	Newell	(R. Wilson)	D. Preece	♦Nwajiobi	
Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	D. Wilson	Cobb	Harford <sup>2</sup>	Preece	♦S.North		
Breacker	Grimes	Donaghy	Foster	Hill	Cobb	Newell	Nwajiobi	Preece	K.B./S.N.	
Breacker	Hill <sup>1</sup>	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	Preece	♦M. Stein		
Breacker <sup>1</sup>	Grimes	Hill <sup>1</sup>	Foster	D. Wilson	(B. Stein) <sup>1</sup>	Harford <sup>1</sup>	Nwajiobi <sup>1</sup>	Preece	♦M.S./R.J.	
Breacker	Hill <sup>1</sup>	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein <sup>1</sup>	Harford <sup>1</sup>	(Preece)	♦M.S./R.J.		
Breacker	Grimes	Hill <sup>1</sup>	Foster	D. Wilson	Harford	M. Stein	Weir <sup>1</sup>	Preece	♦W.M./R.J.	
Breacker	McDonough	Hill	Foster	D. Wilson	Harford	Black	Preece	R.J./E.N.		
Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	(Black)	(Weir)	♦M.S./D.M.	
Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	Black	Weir	M.S./R.J.	
Breacker	McDonough	Hill	Foster	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford <sup>2</sup>	(Johnson)	(Weir)	♦D.McD./E.N.	
Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	D. Wilson	B. Stein <sup>1</sup>	Harford	Black	Weir	♦I.A./E.N.	

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- 7 Danny Wilson
- 8 Brian Stein
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- 10 Ian Allinson
- 11 Michael Weir

Subs

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## Liverpool

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- 2 Gary Gillespie
- 3 Barry Venison
- 4 Steve Nicol
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