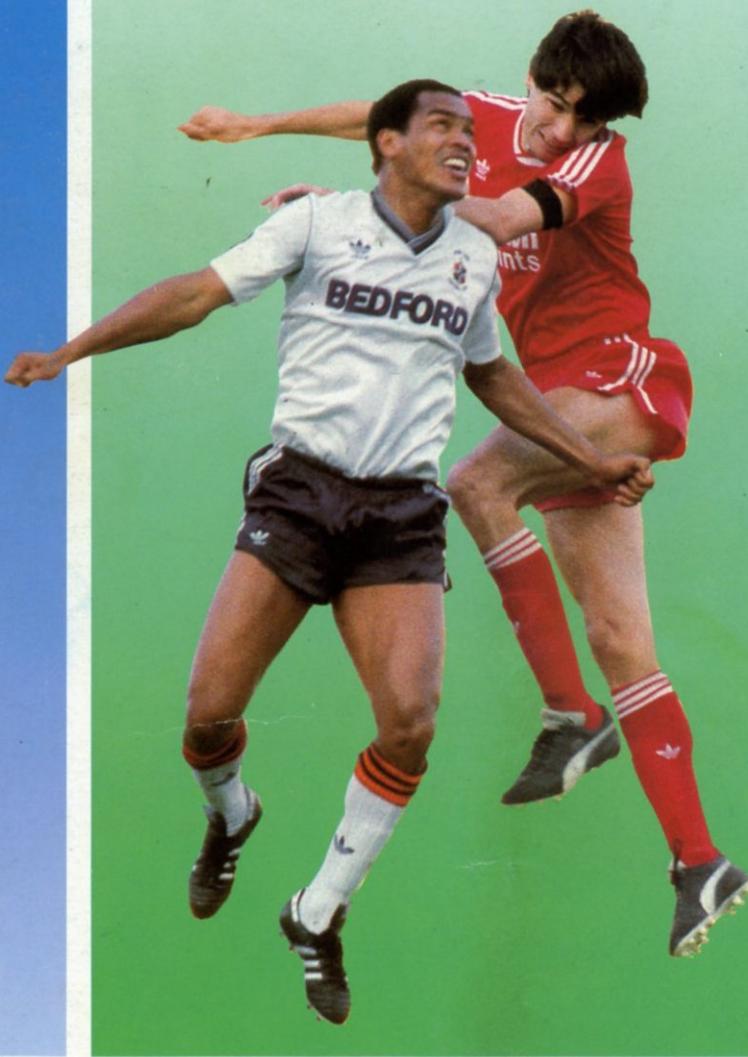


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RAY'S REVIEW



A warm welcome to Newcastle United who have made one of the boldest transfer moves of the season in signing the Brazilian striker Mirandinha. He has already proved his worth to a team who are playing some very good football. We shall hope to match them this afternoon in what should be a cracking game.

Since my last notes, we have knocked Coventry City out of the Littlewoods Cup and gone down to a narrow home defeat to Liverpool. I felt we played well against Liverpool in the first half, made some chances, but were unable to sustain our form after the interval. We met Coventry at Leicester on a wet pitch and overcame something of a psychological barrier in playing as well after half-time, when we scored twice, as we had before the interval. As you know, we won the tie 3-1 and now have an away match at Ipswich Town to look forward to in the fourth round on Tuesday, November 17. I hope I am not tempting providence when I say there is a certain feeling in the air about the cup matches.

Injuries progress

On the injury front, we continue to be without both Ricky Hill and David Preece. Ricky has been into hospital for an operation to clear calcification around the scar tissue of an earlier and similar operation on his thigh and he is likely to be out of action for about another three weeks. We hope, of course, that he makes a full and speedy recovery. David has made some progress with his ankle ligaments injury, but is still finding it difficult. I hope to see him closer to recovery and in full training shortly. We have had a Finnish midfielder Passi Rantanen with us, but it seems there is a great deal of red tape obstructing his signing.

We are always on the lookout for top quality players – as are all the clubs in the First Division – but, as I have said before, there is no point in signing anyone who is not as good as or better than the players already in the squad. Enjoy the match, give the team your support.

Ray Harford.

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Mailbag

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

A great day out!

Dear Sir,
I would like to say how much we all enjoyed coming to Luton Town F.C. on Saturday.

The boys really enjoyed themselves and we were delighted with the seats in the stand allocated for us.

We would like to repeat it perhaps later in the season and will get in touch nearer the date when we have decided on which game to come and see.

Yours sincerely

Pamela Rutter (Mrs)
Club Secretary,
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Top of the Pops!

Dear Sir,
Here is the Luton Town Top 10.

1. Never gonna give you up, Tim Breacker when he has the ball.
2. Pump up the volume, A message to Kenilworth Road.
3. Causing a commotion, Micky Weir in the Oppositions defence.
4. Bad, What Les Sealey never is.
5. Heart and soul, What Mal Donaghy puts into his game.
6. Wipeout, What Danny Wilson does to the opposition.

•Number five: Heart and Soul!

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that I have decided to sell my vast collection of Luton programmes from 1967-1977, virtually all home programmes, especially copies of the ultra rare Luton v Bury League cup tie on October 31st 1973, over a hundred away from the same period, plus most copies of the Hatter newspaper from 1975.

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CHIT CHAT



The fifth generation!

Saturday October 17 saw the debut of a fifth generation Luton Town supporter at Kenilworth Road when I brought my seven-year-old son Philip along for the first time.

My great-grandfather Sam Wash was a supporter from the earliest times and my grandfather started watching from the turn of the century. My father first came to Kenilworth Road just before the war with me following in 1960.

My grandfather, in particular, was instrumental in my interest in the history of the club and had a rich fund of stories about characters at the club especially from the 1920's which to most with a knowledge of that time was a "grey" period. It was far from that when you listened to tales about Andy Rennie, George Butcher and local derby games against Northampton, Watford and believe it or not

Brighton who in those days were the "enemy".

A Wash family actually lived at 27 Ivy Road from when the house was built in 1897 until 1969 when my parents moved from Bury Park. Cows rested their heads on the fence in the back garden as what is now Kenilworth Road and Hazelbury Crescent were fields when the house was first built.

My grandfather gave me a complete run of "Luton News" handbooks from 1898 shortly before his death in 1971 and this probably forms the basis of my memorabilia collection – the legacy now lives on with Philip although I am sorry to say he was actually born in Watford. He has been threatened with the Boy Home if he changes allegiance though!

Roger Wash

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

Luton News

PICTURE QUIZ



• Flashback to the Luton Town game at St. James's Park, Newcastle, last season. No prizes for identifying Tim Breacker's smiling face, but to win a fiver in our free fun quiz tell us why he looking so happy.

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

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REDS MARCH ON

Luton Town 0 Liverpool 1

Despite a brave effort, particularly in the first half when they had good opportunities to take the lead, the Town were not quite able to halt the all-red Mersey machine in our last home match here at Kenilworth Road two weeks ago. A second-half header by Scottish international defender Gary Gillespie from a corner proved to be the difference between the teams on an afternoon when Liverpool were well below their best.

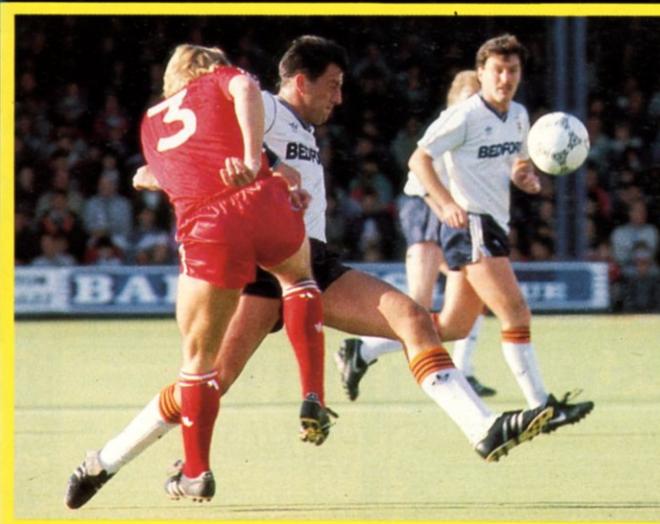
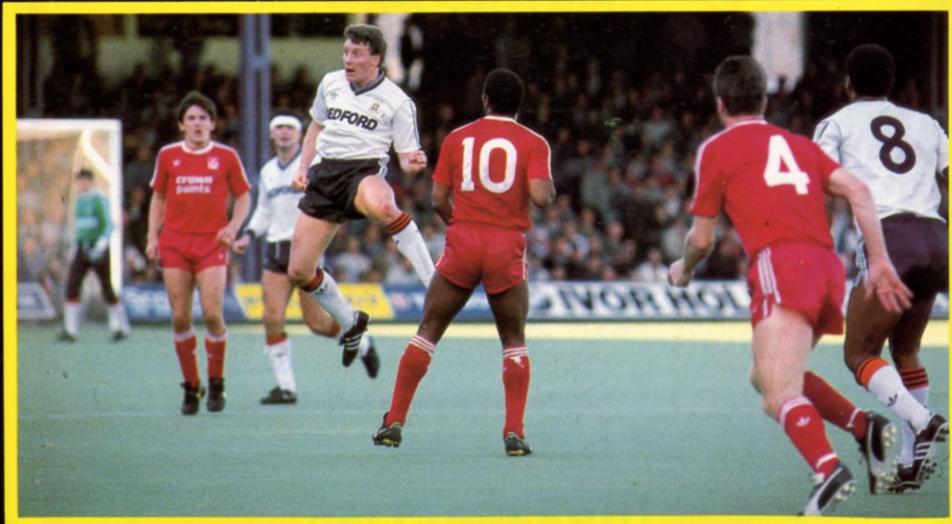
Striker Mick Harford supplied Luton's two best efforts with an early shot against a post and a late header against the bar, but these two efforts apart, there was not a lot of penetration in the Town attack and Liverpool, most notably after the interval, always seemed to have a higher gear in reserve.

In the opening period, Ian Allinson, Brian Stein and Michael Weir all showed up well in creative Luton movements, but after half-time it was all Liverpool save for a final flurry when, after Harford's header had rebounded from the woodwork, Darren McDonough was unable to volley an equaliser. Nevertheless, the Town produced a very workmanlike performance and could count themselves unlucky not to have beaten Everton to the honour of being the first team this season to topple Liverpool.

Teams: Luton - Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, McDonough, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, B. Stein, Harford, Allinson, Weir.
Liverpool - Grobelaar, Gillespie, Venison, Nicol, Whelan, Hansen, Beardsley, Aldridge, Houghton, Barnes, McMahon.

Referee - A. Seville (Birmingham).

1st Team ACTION



• **Tough tussle:** The Town were unlucky not to gain a point from the recent clash here with Liverpool who had a champion look about them in the second half. Our action pictures today show Brian Stein, Danny Wilson, Ian Allinson and Darren McDonough enduring frustration in the Liverpool goalmouth. Pictures by Josh Levy of Apex Photography.

FOOTBALL FOCUS

John Faulkner

Town coach John Faulkner was a dependable and inspirational old-fashioned centre-half in his days as a player. Now, as a coach, he finds the game becoming more and more riddled with tactical changes. In today's Football Focus, he reflects on these ideas:

Too many tactics can spoil the game

"A lot of people talk confusingly when they start discussing tactics, especially people outside the game who express their opinions on football purely through tactical phrases, i.e. 442, pushing up, 2nd ball etc. etc. etc., they think they know a lot. I know a lot of people do know what they are trying to say, but it sometimes needs remembering that football is really a simple game. At its best it can be played positively simply and the players are the ones who are most important. Not systems or tactics."

"At Luton we have always believed in passing control of the ball. At least we always have during my time in association with the club. Passing the ball is the most important thing, passing it forwards under control and then moving forwards. If you can do that, it allows you to get men forward, you will then be passing the ball in the other team's half. Once near their goal and under control you can get in your shots or crosses. If it rebounds, then, with players in the box, you have a chance. That is what it is about at the most basic level."

"To talk about systems is not the right approach. In the youth team, for example, because of the calls upon the senior apprentices for the reserves through injuries or promotion, I am sometimes looking around to make up my team. Obviously I look for players whom we know about who are potential apprentices. Schoolboys often. Sometimes, I have to dig deep."

Players come first

"I draw on the kids, but I don't deliberately think 'I need a left-back' or something and go and look for a left-back for the sake of it. No, I just try and bring in a good boy who I think will have a good chance. Then, we try to form a team with the best players we have. The players come first. Sometimes, you have a centre-forward who you know might be an apprentice next year. You want to give him a game. So you do. You don't just go out for the left-back to fill a position."

"It might mean sometimes that you are having to juggle around with the system to suit the players. You might have too many midfield players, for example. So, then you ask them to get forward a lot to make up for the lack of strikers."



• Big defender: John scoring against Fulham in October 1977 with George Best looking on.

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PRE-MATCH ENTERTAINMENT

This afternoon's pre-match entertainment will be provided on the pitch by a match at under-14 level between the Bovis Homes Chiltern Youth League's representative team and the Leighton Linslade and District Junior League's representative team. Please give both sides your full support.

Further musical entertainment will be provided by a performance by the Marching and Concert Band of Braintree. The band will also perform at half-time.

We hope you enjoy the entertainment, and the match. Thank you for coming.

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Saturday, November 21, 1987
Luton Town v Tottenham Hotspur
Kick-off 3 pm.

MATCH REFEREE

Mike James
(Horsham)

A regional sales manager for an electrical firm, Mike is married with two children. He began refereeing in 1971 and progressed via the Sussex County League and the Southern League to the full league list. He enjoys all sports, gardening and reading. He has officiated at an FA Cup semifinal and a European Cup Winners' Cup tie.

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REDS JOKER!



•Comic moments: Liverpool fan Jimmy Tarbuck entertained our sponsors before our last home match. Thankyou, Jim!

THE TOWN

TRAVELLING FANS A CREDIT IN OUR 'HOME' TIE AT FILBERT STREET

Congratulations to our Northern Ireland internationals Mal Donaghy and Danny Wilson for their selection to play against Turkey and also to our travelling fans who were in such good form at Leicester for the Littlewoods Cup tie.

Their rapport with our own stewards was a credit to the club that night at Filbert Street.

In a busy fortnight since our last home match, these have been two of the happiest items of news together with the re-signing of Les Sealey on a three-year contract.

Also, on the football front, we have arranged for Mark Walton, our youth team goalkeeper, to go on loan again for a month to Colchester where he is sure to gain valuable experience in the league and FA Cup.

Tickets

Tickets for the Guinness Soccer 6 tournament in Manchester from December 7 to December 9 will be on sale at £5, £4, and £3 through our ticket office in Kenilworth Road. We meet Manchester United, holders Oxford, today's visitors Newcastle United, Wimbledon and Watford in our preliminary group.

In the same week, we shall be sending a team to Wealdstone to play in a testimonial match for our former midfielder Robin Wainwright on Monday December 7th.

Our regular fans at reserve matches were disappointed last Saturday when Swindon Town were unable to field a team for our Sunday Mirror Combination fixture. The fans, including TV's Nick Owen and his sons, were like us upset that the Town were left with no football at any level for the weekend.

Later this month, we meet Ipswich in the Littlewoods Cup at Portman Road and, if we draw, the replay will take place here at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday, November 24, with a 7.45 pm kick-off.

As with the Wigan Athletic replay, we are able to stage this game with the approval of the police. This means the same entrance arrangements for main stand and enclosure as against Wigan will be used. Special prices will apply - main stand £7, Oak Road, enclosure and wing stand £5. More details, if necessary, in the Tottenham programme.

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Finally, a warm welcome to today's match sponsors who are Terry Bailey of Wallspan Bedrooms, Tony Hunter of Swifts of Luton Ltd., David Boniface of JSB Business Forms and Mike Peart of Garwood Ltd.

All of the companies will be entertaining a number of important guests and client customers and we hope they all have an enjoyable and satisfying afternoon.

INTERVAL MUSIC IS A NOTE OF PLEASURE



•Marching music: The Falcon Marching Band entertained our fans at half-time during the recent clash with Liverpool. Many fans enjoy this traditional form of interval music.



•Man of the match: Steve Foster was the Town's top player v Liverpool. He is pictured collecting his 'bubbly' from one of our match sponsors, Mike Hayes.



•Santa's girls: These two lovely ladies were helping to promote Brian Stein's Benefit Year at our last home match! And what did the posters say?



•Ball sponsors: Reg Kitchener and his father-in-law Hubert were our ball sponsors v Liverpool. They are pictured with Ashley Grimes.



STEVE FOSTER

Golfing capers

Hello everyone. I hope you enjoyed the trip up to Leicester for the cup tie against Coventry. It was a good win and keeps us on the Wembley trail. We are looking forward to the next round match at Ipswich, who are a very good footballing side. Let's hope for the best again.

All the lads enjoyed a good day out last week when we went to Brian Stein's Pro-Am Celebrity Golf Day. It was part of the programme for Brian's benefit year and was great fun. None of us did particularly well, yours truly neither shining nor disgracing himself - but I must let you know about Danny Wilson... He went round in 127. And that was after a lot of cheating.

Short cut

You can imagine the jokes were flying, but one player who has taken a bit of stick has been Andy Dibble. His haircut has to be seen to be believed. I reckon it is one of the worst I have seen - it makes him look so different. It is very short - I mean, very, very short!

Mind you, Dibble has had a few words to say about it on his own behalf. He reckons there is nothing wrong in looking like an athlete, he said! We all have our own views, don't we? Enjoy the game today. And give the lads plenty of support.

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• Flashback: Mick Harford (top) and Emeka Nwajiobi (below) in action at St. James' Park, Newcastle in February 1985. The Town went down 1-0.



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IN PROFILE.... **ASHLEY GRIMES**



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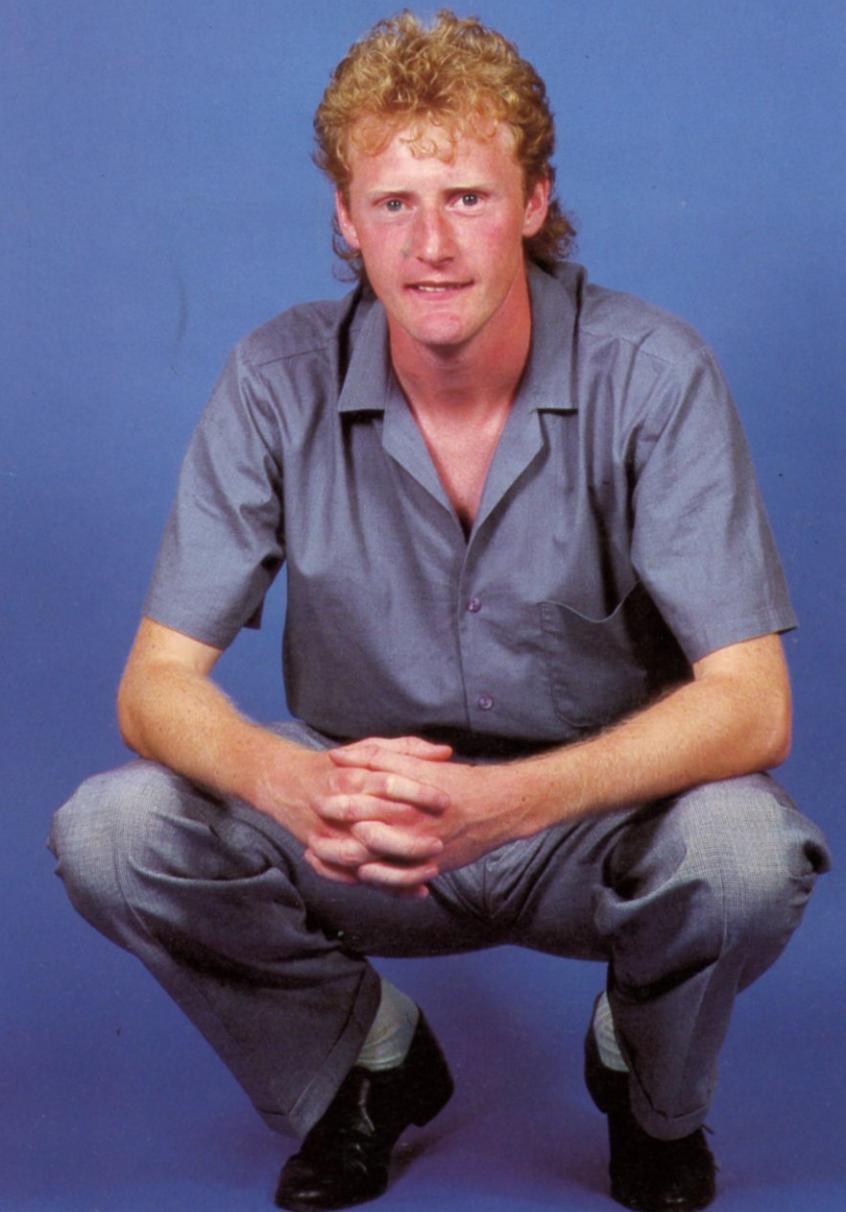
• Versatile man: Ashley Grimes.

Ashley Grimes' progress this season and return to the Republic of Ireland international team has been one of the happiest stories at Kenilworth Road. For in the summer of 1986, following the Mexico World Cup, it seemed as if Ashley was on his way to join Swindon Town. The Town were prepared to release him, but the deal did not work out and he returned to Kenilworth Road for the 1986-87 season.

It turned out to be a profitable move for Ashley and the Town as he went on to enjoy his best season to date at Kenilworth Road playing mostly at left-back, where he has recovered his place in the international squad.

Ashley was born in Dublin and began his league career with Manchester United where he played 90 times in the senior team and earned his first Eire call-up. He joined Coventry in August 1983 and came to Luton in 1984 in exchange for Kirk Stephens. Injuries interrupted his early progress, however, until last season when he marauded up and down the left flank in great style. Up to the end of last season, Ashley had made 52 appearances for the Town and scored two goals.

ASHLEY GRIMES



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DRESSING ROOM TALK

with Mick Harford

Born in the north-east at Sunderland, Mick's career saw him play for Lincoln, today's visitors Newcastle United, Bristol City and Birmingham before his arrival at Kenilworth Road for a club record fee of £250,000 in December 1984. Since then he has established himself as a leading contender for the England centre-forward's position and one of the most respected marksmen in the first Division. Last season, he missed five months because of a knee injury, but now he is back to top form and playing as well as ever, as he reflects in Dressing Room Talk:

Always plenty of chances

"I have always said, since I have been at Luton, that I should be able to score goals because the team is always looking to go forward and make chances. So, I am not surprised to be scoring regularly this season at all. I just keep on playing and always try hard and hope to be able to find the net if a chance comes my way."

"It will be the same today against Newcastle. They have some of the best fans in the country and like their football a great deal, but I shall be looking to score and play well against them. They need a player like Mirandinha. He is the kind of personality the fans up there need. And he has done brilliantly for them. He has not let them down at all. I know he might not play because of a hamstring injury and that should make our job easier, but it is a shame as well because he looks a good player. He has a lot of pressure on him too. It is like a pressure-cooker to play up there."

"I am pleased for the Newcastle fans and the club that the Mirandinha move has worked out. And I am pleased for the manager Willie McFaul. He took a risk by selling Peter Beardsley and then signing the Brazilian."

Hat-tricks

"People ask me about my hat-trick and the one I didn't get in the two cup-ties and I keep remembering the penalty at Leicester against Coventry. It would have been nice to have put it in to have scored my second hat-trick in the competition but the shot was straight at the keeper."



• **Scoring regularly:** Mick Harford.

"That was a good win. We have had two difficult draws so far – at Wigan and against Coventry. We are not too displeased with the trip to Ipswich in the next round. It could have been a lot worse. Some people think the Littlewoods Cup is not too important, but we know it is. It is important for the revenue it brings in and it offers a chance of a final at Wembley."

"The team have been unlucky with injuries and so on this season, but maybe things are working out a bit better now. In my opinion, one of the problems has been that teams come here to play for a draw now. They pack their defence and make it very difficult to play."

"Still, we are doing all we can. I was very proud to play for England B and to score on my international debut. It is a great honour and a fantastic experience. I have not given up hope of more caps, but I don't think about it. My job is to keep on playing, doing my best and trying to score goals."

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FIXTURES - NOVEMBER 1987

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07.11.87	Sat	Newcastle	H	BL	3.00pm
07.11.87	Sat	Wimbledon	A	SEC	11.00am
14.11.87	Sat	Sheffield Wed	A	BL	3.00pm
14.11.87	Sat	Tottenham	H	FC	2.00pm
14.11.87	Sat	Brentford	H	SEC	11.00am
17.11.87	Tues	Ipswich Town	A	LC	7.45pm (4th round)
20.11.87	Fri	Norwich City	A	FC	7.30pm
21.11.87	Sat	Tottenham	H	BL	3.00pm
21.11.87	Sat	Crystal Palace	H	SEC	11.00am
28.11.87	Sat	Notts Forest	A	BL	3.00pm
28.11.87	Sat	Crystal Palace	H	FC	2.00pm
28.11.87	Sat	Reading	H	SEC	11.00am

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LC LITTLEWOODS CUP

FC THE SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION

SEC SOUTH EAST COUNTIES

Littlewoods Cup Fourth Round Ipswich Town v Luton Town

This match takes place at Portman Road on November 17, kick-off 7.45 pm.

Seat tickets are expected to be available from our Kenilworth Road Ticket Office after today's match, price £6 for adults; £3 for juniors and pensioners. Terrace tickets are available only at the turnstiles on the day, price £3.50p and £1.70p for juniors and pensioners.

In the event of a replay being required, it would be at Kenilworth Road on November 24. Replay tickets would be available from November 18.



CLUB COMMENT

John Smith, Chief Executive A WORD OF SUPPORT FROM THE BOROUGH

Luton Borough Council, recognising the benefits our membership scheme has brought to the town and the financial sacrifices the club has made, has written to the Football League requesting the rules of the Littlewoods Cup be reconsidered.

Under these rules, the visiting team can claim up to 25 per cent of spectator capacity (3,500 in our case). However, our safety certificate, issued by Bedfordshire County Council, prohibits visiting supporters, except with the express consent of the police. The police have indicated that they will not usually agree to more than 2,000 visitors.

In these conflicting circumstances, we are grateful for Luton Council's moral support, and part of their letter to the Football League is printed below:

"It is fully recognised that, ultimately, it is a matter for the Football League to determine the conditions under which Clubs may enter any competition for which they are responsible and that it is a decision for each individual Club as to whether or not they enter a competition, but nevertheless the Council wish to reiterate their full support for the policy determined by Luton Town Football Club in relation to their Home Supporters Only Scheme.

Furthermore, I am instructed to advise that my Council will hold the Football League solely responsible for any acts of vandalism, hooliganism and violence which may occur outside the Ground of Luton Town Football Club on any occasion when, as a result of the requirements of the Football League, away supporters are admitted to home matches of Luton Town Football Club.

In reaching the above decision my Committee were fully aware of the fact that (a) Luton Town Football Club have a choice as to whether or not they enter the Littlewood's Cup, and (b) the Club have behaved most

responsibly in arranging to play a home match in the competition away from Luton. Equally, however, the Committee are aware that such decisions of the Club are and must be governed by the wish of the players, the Club and their supporters that Luton should be represented in all Cup Competitions and should do well.

Furthermore, it is appreciated the decisions taken by Luton Town Football Club have a very severe financial impact upon the Club's finances.

My Council have fully supported the Club in their introduction of the Home Supporters Only Scheme which has been extremely successful.

My Council feel very strongly that the Scheme fully deserves the widest possible support, particularly from the Football Authorities. It is recognised that different circumstances may apply in different towns throughout the country but my Council very strongly urge that individual Clubs should be free to take such action as they think fit to deal with the very poor record which football has as regards problems caused by vandalism, etc. and the Club should not in any way be constrained by the Football Authorities in ensuring success for whatever action Luton Town Football Club or any other Club may feel it appropriate in their particular circumstances.

By sending a copy of this letter to the Minister of Sport and the local Members of Parliament for Luton it is hoped that the Football Authorities and the Government, will take such action as is appropriate to ensure that Luton Town Football Club, and indeed any other Club, are able to adhere to their Home Supporters Only Scheme and at the same time are able to enter various competitions which are open to them without suffering the financial and other penalties now imposed as a result of the conditions for entry to the Littlewood's Cup."

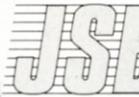


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RESERVE



•On the move: Mark Stein scored for the Town reserves at Fulham in our 3-3 draw.

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 13	Bristol R	7-0	Mar 2	Bristol R	
Oct 20	Fulham	3-3	Mar 5	Portsmouth	
Oct 31	Swindon	PP	Mar 16	Fulham	
Nov 4	Millwall		Mar 19	Swindon	
Nov 14	Tottenham		Mar 22	Tottenham	
Nov 20	Norwich City		Apr 2	Millwall	
Nov 28	Crystal Palace		Apr 9	Norwich City	
Dec 5	Watford		Apr 13	Crystal Palace	
Dec 12	Southampton		Apr 23	Southampton	
Dec 16	Brighton		Apr 30	Watford	
			May 7	Brighton	



•On the ball: David Oldfield was a Town marksman at Fulham.

COACHES' CORNER



YOUTH TEAM MARCH ON

The reserves high-scoring reputation was maintained with a 3-3 draw at Craven Cottage on October 20, David Oldfield, Mark Stein and Sean Farrell, who came on as a substitute scoring the goals.

But they were outscored for a change by the youth team who followed up a recent 6-3 victory over Bournemouth in the South East Counties League with a great 2-1 win at West Ham in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup.

The goals in the win over Bournemouth came from O'Brien, James, Crawshaw, Nogan (two), and substitute O'Sullivan.

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At Upton Park, both goals were scored by Jason Rees. Coach John Faulkner said: "We had some very good spells of football, but apart from that the attitude of the team was very good. We resisted West Ham with some very mature play and just the right attitude.

"Some of the time we dominated the game with some good passing movements, but West Ham came back well at times too. They gave us some problems in the second half when we really showed our resilience.

"We had a half-time lead, West Ham came back, but we took the lead again with Rees' second goal when we had a good spell and might have scored again. In the end, it was a good game and we hung on to win it."

& YOUTH

INTRODUCING...

NEWCASTLE UNITED

Newcastle have drawn twice and lost twice on their last four visits, but have fared considerably better in away games than home games this season and have lost only one of six league fixtures on opponents' grounds.

Founded in 1893, with the amalgamation of Newcastle East End and Newcastle West End, they joined Division Two immediately and despite severe financial problems in their second season they took the name Newcastle United and won promotion in 1898.

From then until the First World War, they were among the country's leading teams with three First Division wins and a runners-up place and one FA Cup win and three runners-up positions.

They held their First Division place until 1934, by which time they had chalked up another Division One win and a famous FA Cup final win over Arsenal in 1932.

Striker Jack Allen scored both goals on that occasion, following in the footsteps of Hughie Gallacher, who set a club record 36 goals in the 1926-27 Championship win. By the time Newcastle climbed out of Division Two in 1947, other major strikers were emerging – Charlie Wayman, Roy Bentley and Jackie Milburn.

Three times in the fifties, Newcastle won the FA Cup. Other big names of that era were goalkeeper Ronnie

Simpson, defenders Frank Brennan and Bob Stokoe and winger Bobby Mitchell.

MAGNIFICENT RALLY

After another spell in Division Two from 1961 to 1965, they spent another 13 seasons in Division One in which they reached the FA Cup final in 1974 and the F.L. Cup final in 1976. They won the European Fairs Cup in 1969, the Texaco Cup in 1974 and 1975 and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1973.

They were in Division Two from 1978 to 1984, since when they have finished 14th, 11th and 17th. Last season, they failed to win any of their first six games and at the beginning of March were in bottom place. But they rallied in March and April with six wins and three draws in nine games.

Willie McPaul, who played in goal for the Magpies from 1966 to 1975, is now in his third season at the helm since succeeding Arthur Cox. He has seen his side win at Sheffield Wednesday, Norwich and Coventry and draw at Manchester United and Chelsea.

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Back Row: Martin Thomas, Ian Bogie, Ken Wharton, Andy Thomas, Brian Tinnion, Paul Stephenson, Gary Kelly. Middle Row: Paul Gascoigne, Neil McDonald, John Cornwell, Kevin Scott, Peter Jackson, John Anderson. Front Row: Darren Jackson, Paul Goddard, Glenn Roeder, Mirandinha, David McCreery.



This season sees Irishman Willie McPaul in his twenty-first year at St. James' Park. With the club since November 1966, firstly as a goalkeeper, Willie was appointed manager in September 1985 succeeding Jack Charlton. He was 10 years as coach under five different managers. McPaul was born in Coleraine and started with his home town club and then Linfield. Making the keepers spot his own by 1968, Willie had a great European era with the Magpies. He took part in the 1974 FA Cup final and was capped six times by Northern Ireland as understudy to Pat Jennings. With over 350 games for United behind him, McPaul became trainer to the youth side in 1975.

SAMBA SIGNING'

Wimbledon have also beaten them at St. James Park where Newcastle have also lost to Nottingham Forest and Liverpool. They beat Southampton and drew with Everton.

Big signing **Mirandinha** from Brazil got both goals in the 2-2 draw at Old Trafford and clearly is one of the top individual strikers in the game. Former West Ham man **Paul Goddard**, who was leading scorer last season, his first at St. James's Park, has found goals a little scarce this season but home-grown midfielders **Paul Gascoigne** and **Neil McDonald** have been snapping up the odd chances.

They link up with Northern Ireland international **David McCreery** and **Darren Jackson**, a former Meadowbank Thistle man who came into the side last season in midfield.

In defence, **Peter Jackson** came from Bradford City last season to link up with ex-QPR skipper **Glenn Roeder**. **Brian Tinnion**, in his first full season, one-time Preston man **John Anderson** and long-serving local lad **Ken Wharton** compete for the flank positions.

In goal **Gary Kelly** is a former apprentice gradually establishing himself. Both his father and brother have given good service to Preston North End as goalkeepers.

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BY BRIAN STEIN

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Each week members can catch up with all the news in their own column in the Herald and in the Match Day Programme.

Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is J005870. 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 Newcastle to Kenilworth Road. Enjoy the game.

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MASCOT



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QUIZ TIME

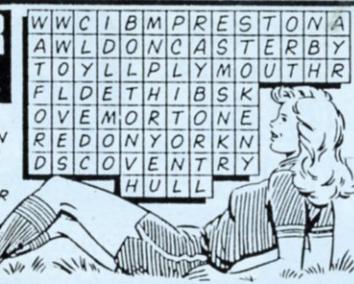
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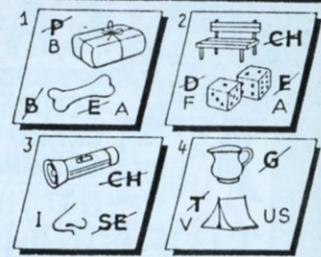
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junior spot no. 5

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The answers to last week's Quiz Time are:
Spot the Difference: 1. Stripe on shorts.

2. Goalie's badge. 3. Band on hat. 4. Girl's collar. 5. Player's collar black. 6. Boy's cuff. 7. Scarf longer. 8. Player's badge. 9. Goalie's collar. 10. Line on boys hat.

Junior Spot: Coach number Three reaches the Stadium.

Mystery Star: The Mystery Star was Goalkeeper Peter Shilton.

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

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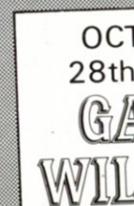
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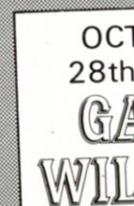
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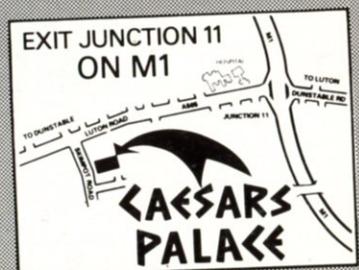


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Views from the media

MICK THE HERO SINKS SKY BLUES

Mick Harford was the Town hero and the man who stole the headlines when the team beat Coventry 3-1 at Filbert Street, Leicester, in the Littlewoods Cup. This is how a selection of the Fleet Street newspapers reported the match:

The Times: "The loss of home advantage as a result of their own ban on visiting fans mattered little to Luton at neutral Filbert Street last night as they swept assuredly into the last 16 of the Littlewoods Cup on the back of a double strike from Mick Harford."

"Nick Pickering's 70th minute goal was no more than a consolation for Coventry who on present form are a pale shadow of the side that won the FA Cup last season."

Productive talent

Daily Mail: "Two more goals from the productive talent of Mick Harford took Luton through to the third round of the Littlewood's Cup at Leicester's Filbert Street. The centre-forward increased his season's haul to double figures on a night when his side shrugged off the disadvantage of being forced to switch the tie from Kenilworth Road on the advice of local police."

Daily Express: "Mick Harford wasted the chance of a hat-trick last night but destroyed FA Cup winners Coventry. Harford, rated at £1 million by Luton, was priceless as he knocked out Coventry and inflicted their fourth defeat in as many games."

Today: "The rain-sodden Leicester pitch was a far cry from the Kenilworth Road plastic surface, but Luton were quicker to familiarise themselves with the conditions."



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LUTON TOWN GOAL'DEN OLLDIES

SALUTE O'ROURKE - THE GOALSCORING SAVIOUR

From Cup Finalists in 1959 to relegation to the Third Division only four years later was the Towns unfortunate recent history as they kicked off season 1963-64, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

Gates had halved, board takeovers had been threatened and morale was obviously low but hopes were still high that a team, half of which had played for the Town in Division One would reverse the downward trend.

Much was expected of Ron Davies who had finished the previous season with 21 goals in only 29 games, but the new term was only three matches old before the lure of a £40000 cheque from Norwich sent him packing to Norfolk.

The goalscoring brunt then fell on the shoulders of veteran Gordon Turner but with no adequate support it was no surprise that when the season reached its halfway stage only 22 goals had been scored in 23 games.



• **Staying up:** Viv Busby, one of several forwards to have played for the Town and the Magpies.



• **Wembley, 1959:** Tom Hodgson led out the team for the FA Cup final...a few years later it was a different story.

For the 24th game Luton introduced their new free transfer signing from Chelsea John O'Rourke who starred in the 2-1 home win over Reading and was unlucky not to score a hat-trick.

It was now evident that the forward line, with Turner assisting O'Rourke and other new signing John Reid, was now functioning but goals conceded were now a problem with three being let in four consecutive games after the Reading win.

Gradually things began to turn in the Towns favour culminating in an incredible 6-2 win at Brentford with O'Rourke scoring four. This was the first Luton away win in 27 attempts, a record going back 16 months.

Unfortunately three defeats in the next six games sent the Town plummeting to the foot of the table once again and with only nine games to go the situation looked hopeless.

The start of a fantastic revival began at Meadow Lane, Nottingham on 26th March 1964 where a crowd of 4406 witnessed a fighting 1-1 draw with Tom McKechnie scoring the Towns goal.

Two days later with promotion chasing Bristol Rovers the visitors to Kenilworth Road the Town got off to a flying start with O'Rourke scoring twice in the first four minutes and then going on to get a hat-trick in a 4-2 win.

The crowds were now returning and 8387 saw O'Rourke on target again with both goals in the 2-0 return win over Notts County and 7094 in the 3-1 home victory over Wrexham the following week - O'Rourke scoring the second goal.

Three successive away games now followed and it was anticipated that the bubble might burst having regard to the Towns previous poor form on their travels but the pessimists were made to eat their words with five points being picked up from the six on offer.

O'Rourke was on the mark again scoring both in the 2-0 win at Bristol Rovers and followed this up with the Towns goal in the 1-1 draw at Colchester where Luton were making their first ever visit.

In the next away game at Oldham, O'Rourke, for once, failed to score but Mark Lowndes scored the all important goal thus setting the season up for a nailbiting climax with two points being needed from the final two games to ensure survival.

The visitors to Kenilworth Road for the last home game were local rivals Watford who needed to win to cling on to the hope of promotion to Division Two.

The best home crowd since the visit of Norwich in September 1960 - 19779 - gathered to see if relegation could be avoided and were heartened by an all-action first-half display by the Town with O'Rourke and Turner going close and Watfords Ken Nicholas surviving a penalty appeal when he brought down O'Rourke who had beaten him for speed.

Disaster struck however when 10 minutes after half-time Watford left winger George Harris put the Hornets into the

lead and with the minutes ticking away and the Towns pounding away at a packed defence, relegation stared Luton in the face.

With nine minutes left Luton got the breakthrough their play deserved when O'Rourke latched on to a loose ball in the area to slip the ball past Watford keeper Pat Jennings.

The excitement now reached fever pitch and with barely two minutes left O'Rourke capped a marvellous display to beat Jennings at the second attempt to send the crowd delirious.

At the end of the game Chairman Tom Hodgson cracked open the champagne to toast the amazing run of 14 points out of 16 and the scoring prowess of O'Rourke who had notched 21 goals in only 22 appearances.

Churlish Watford boss Ron McGarry refused to accept the champagne sent to the visitors changing room!

O'Rourke had not yet finished as he scored the Towns equaliser in the final game of the season at QPR which Luton drew 1-1. Some 500 Town supporters made the trip for what was a meaningless fixture to prove the upsurge in support and the hope of better things.

The celebrations had not finished either as the Town party was treated to a "slap-up" meal at Stanmore on its way home from QPR.



• **A new era:** The 1967-68 squad which won the Fourth Division title.

FIRST TEAM

UPDATE

1987-88 SEASON

BARCLAYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1987-88

HOME						AWAY						
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
11	6	0	0	19	2	Liverpool	4	1	0	12	4	31
13	5	0	1	15	3	Arsenal	4	2	1	8	4	29
13	5	1	0	11	3	Queens Park Rangers	4	1	2	8	2	29
13	3	2	1	10	4	Nottingham Forest	5	1	1	14	7	27
14	4	3	0	12	6	Manchester United	2	4	1	12	9	25
14	6	1	0	15	7	Chelsea	2	0	5	9	14	25
14	5	1	1	14	4	Everton	1	3	3	7	7	22
14	5	0	2	12	7	Tottenham Hotspur	1	2	4	4	9	20
13	2	2	2	7	8	Southampton	2	3	2	12	12	17
13	4	0	2	14	10	Oxford United	1	2	4	4	11	17
13	2	2	3	5	5	Derby County	2	2	2	6	9	16
13	2	1	4	7	14	Coventry City	3	0	3	7	7	16
12	1	3	1	8	6	Wimbledon	3	0	4	7	9	15
13	1	4	2	6	8	West Ham United	2	2	2	8	8	15
12	1	1	4	5	10	Newcastle United	2	3	1	10	9	13
13	3	2	2	11	11	Portsmouth	0	2	4	3	16	5
13	2	3	2	8	7	LUTON TOWN	1	0	5	6	12	12
14	2	1	4	8	12	Sheffield Wednesday	1	2	4	6	15	12
14	2	2	3	8	9	Norwich City	1	0	6	2	10	11
12	1	2	3	3	7	Watford	1	0	5	3	9	8
13	1	1	5	4	11	Charlton Athletic	0	2	4	6	13	6

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS (1987/88)

League		Litt Cup		League		Litt Cup	
Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls
Ian Allinson	2	-	-	Mike Newell	4	-	-
Kingsley Black	3	-	1	Stacey North	(1)	-	-
Tim Breacker	13	1	3	Emeka Nwajobi	4(3)	1	-
Gary Cobb	2	-	-	David Preece	8	-	1
Mal Donaghy	11	-	3	Brian Stein	10	2	3
Steve Foster	13	-	3	Mark Stein	1(4)	-	-
Ashley Grimes	12	-	2	Les Sealey	13	-	3
Mick Harford	11	5	3	Michael Weir	5(1)	1	3
Ricky Hill	11	1	1	Danny Wilson	11	2	3
Rob Johnson	1(3)	-	2	Robert Wilson	3	-	-
Darton McDonough	4(3)	-	2				



• In form: Mick Harford

Leading goalscorers Division One

League	Lit Cup	Total
11	1	12
8	4	12
6	4	10
5	5	10
7	2	9
6	2	8
8	0	8
6	2	8
8	0	8
8	0	8

12 Aldridge (Liverpool)
12 McLair (Man Utd)
10 Dure (Chelsea)
10 Harford (Luton)
9 Claesen (Tottenham)
8 Fashanu (Notts Forest)
8 Dixon (Chelsea)
8 Smith (Arsenal)
8 Sharp (Everton)

*This fixture played at Leicester. © The Football League

FAC = F.A. Cup

① indicates player substituted ② indicates substitute used Home fixtures in **Bold** Scorer's name in **Bold** P = Penalty + denotes own goal

Luton Town

F-A Att Pos

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2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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
		0-1	5003	12	Sealey
Sept 19	Charlton Athletic	0-1	5018	14	Sealey
Sept 22	Wigan Athletic (LC2R 1L)	0-2	11175	14	Sealey
Sept 26	Queens Park Rangers	1-1	9137	14	Sealey
Oct 3	Manchester United	4-2	4240	14	Sealey
Oct 6	Wigan Athletic (LC2R 2L)	1-3	12391	16	Sealey
Oct 10	Portsmouth	2-0	7018	14	Sealey
Oct 17	Wimbledon	0-1	12452	14	Sealey
Oct 24	Liverpool	3-1	11448	16	Sealey

Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	(R. Wilson)	(Preece)
Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	(McDonough)	D. Wilson	Cobb	Newell	(R. Wilson)	D. Preece
Breacker	Grimes	Donaghy	Foster	R. Wilson	Hill	Newell	Nwajobi	Preece	\$N. Stein
Breacker ¹	Grimes	Hill ¹	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Harford ²	Newell	Nwajobi	Preece
Breacker	Grimes	Hill ¹	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Harford ¹	Nwajobi	Preece	♦M.S/R.J.
Breacker	(McDonough)	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Harford ¹	Nwajobi	Preece	♦M.S/R.J.
Breacker	Johnson	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Harford ¹	Stein	Weir	♦M.W/R.J.
Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Harford ¹	Black	Preece	♦J.E.N.
Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Harford ¹	(Black)	Weir	♦M.S.D/M.
Breacker	Grimes	McDonough ¹	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Harford ³	Black	Weir	M.S.R.J.
Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Harford ²	Johnson	Weir	♦L.A.E.N.
Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Harford ²	Stein	Weir	M.S.R.H.

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- 3 Ashley Grimes
- 4 Darron McDonough
- 5 Steve Foster
- 6 Mal Donaghay
- 7 Danny Wilson
- 8 Brian Stein 1
- 9 Mick Harford ~~Encore~~ 1
- 10 Ian Allinson ~~Encore~~ 1
- 11 Michael Weir ~~Encore~~ 1

Subs

Newcastle United

- 1 Gary Kelly 0
- 2 John Anderson
- 3 Brian Tinnion
- 4 David McCreery
- 5 Peter Jackson
- 6 Glenn Roeder
- 7 Neil McDonald
- 8 Paul Gascoigne
- 9 Paul Goddard
- 10 Darren Jackson
- 11 John Cornwell

Subs

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