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## JOHN BIRD WRITES . . .

Today's F.A. Cup 3rd Round game against First Division Luton Town is, in the view of many people, the biggest game the Club has had in nine years. They are referring to 1979 when Hartlepool played hosts to Leeds United in the 3rd Round and went down 6-2 against the 1st Division Club. Since that day, Hartlepool have not reached the 3rd Round again until now. Today's cup-tie is, therefore, long overdue. It is very pleasing for us to have this fixture, especially at home, and I should like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who have passed on their good wishes for the match.

Our neighbours, Darlington have, by coincidence, already played Luton's neighbours, Watford, in the Littlewoods Cup this season. They found out that even though 'The Hornets' were struggling in Division One they could not be treated lightly. The 'Quakers' lost 3-0 at home and then conceded 8 goals in the away leg, in a tie which really emphasised the gulf between First and Fourth Division sides. But that gulf has been bridged many times before, by many Clubs, and if there are to be any surprise results at this stage of the competition, we are just as capable of springing one as anyone else.

Luton will be aware of this and will certainly not have been jumping for joy when they were drawn from the hat against us. Accordingly, their Manager will have done all he can to ensure that his team are ready for this match. It is just as imperative that we are in the right frame of mind because this is more important than anything else in a game of this nature. Luton are three Divisions above us and have a team full of skill, pace and experience, as well as many other qualities. However, the most important aspect for me this afternoon is for everyone connected with the Club, the fans and players alike, to simply enjoy the day — they have deserved it. Nevertheless, if each player and supporter, as individuals, adopt a positive approach to the game, and a strong belief in winning, it is often surprising what force, collectively, can be created. Please give the players all the support you can and I assure you they will give their all in their quest for victory.

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## NORTHERN INTERMEDIATES with Albert Kelleher

Hartlepool United Intermediates have recently had a mini-break in their League programme, having had only one game in the past month for various reasons. It will be hoped that they will be able to re-find the form that has given them their best position for a number of years when they resume. During the break I have been doing some research into the progress that has been made since "Pools" first entered the Northern Intermediate League in the 1977/78 season. It shows what a tremendous breeding ground it has proved to be for "Pools", for up to date I find that 33 players have played for the first team since then, and to jog your memories here is the list . . .

McMaster, Hogan, Houchen, Larkin, Evans, Brown, Lowe, Normanton, Smith, Lawrence, Staff, McNamee, Clarke, Andy & David Linighan, Stimpson, Linacre, Howard, Dobson, Bainbridge, Finch, Wright, Smithies, Farnaby, Gollogly, Borthwick, Taylor, Venus, Robinson, Proudlock, Hewitt, Dixon and present first teamer John Tinkler.

Another interesting statistic is currently a full team can be found of players who played Intermediate League football for "Pools", who are now with other clubs. In a 4-3-3 system, it reads as follows . . .

Roberts (*Darlington*)/Brown (*Halifax*); A. Linighan (*Oldham*); D. Linighan (*Shrewsbury*); Venus (*Leics.*); Proudlock (*Boro*); Robinson (*Halifax*); Mark Taylor (*Blackpool*); Bob Taylor (*Leeds*); Keith Houchen (*Coventry*) and Paul Dobson (*Torquay*).

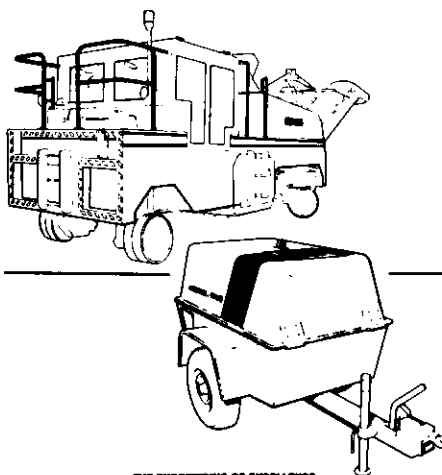
"Not a bad side, would you say?"

So I suppose John Bird and Alan Little will be over the moon if the trend continues.

### SPORTS QUIZ

- 1—Who was the first soccer player to win the BBC Sports Personality of the Year Award and what was the year?
- 2—Who was the last winner of TV's Pot Black Competition?
- 3—Who was the first athlete to run one hundred sub-4 minute miles?
- 4—Which British soccer player holds the record of 30 goals scored in European Competitions?
- 5—On which course is the Midland Grand National run?
- 6—Richard Dodds captained the England team that reached the World Cup Final in 1986. At what sport?

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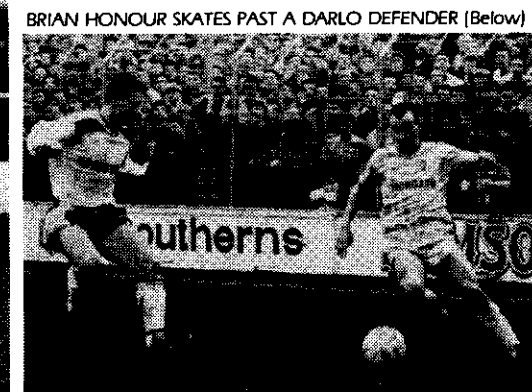
BAKER OUTJUMPS SAUNDERS AGAINST CARLISLE  
YOUNG ROBBIE WHELLANS IN ACTION AT DARLO



WES SAUNDERS AGAIN IN TROUBLE, THIS TIME AGAINST ANDY TOMAN IN THE CARLISLE GAME. (Above)



WHELLANS TAKES ON THE CUMBRIANS DEFENCE (Above)



BRIAN HONOUR SKATES PAST A DARLO DEFENDER (Below)

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ALAN BROWN.

Sunderland manager, 1968.

*"And they were lucky to get nil."*

LEN SHACKLETON.

after six goal debut for Newcastle in 13-0 defeat of

Newport, 1946.



*"It is our new tactics. We equalise before the others have scored."*

DANNY BLANCHFLOWER, 1958.

SOURCE: THE BOOK OF FOOTBALL QUOTATIONS, PETER BALL AND PHIL SHAW (STANLEY PAUL, AN IMPRINT OF CENTURY HUTCHINSON LTD).

## POOL NEWS & VIEWS

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to this afternoon's 3rd Round F.A. Cup-tie against our First Division friends, Luton Town.

On behalf of our Chairman and the Board of Directors, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Cleveland Council, Hartlepool Police, Lloyds British and the Hartlepool Fire Brigade for their excellent co-operation over the past two weeks. The speedy manner in which they sanctioned the testing of the walls behind each of the goals at the ground enabled us to increase the capacity of the 'Vic' to 6,620.

Our thanks are also due to Yuills Limited who are our main sponsor for today's game and to T.H.C. Fabrications for their help with the scaffolding equipment necessary for the segregation of supporters.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to you, our valued supporters, who have shown superb co-operation by purchasing tickets for today's game early, thus avoiding the administrative problems associated with a last minute rush for tickets. We realise that the early purchase of tickets inconvenienced many people, our gratitude, however, cannot be over emphasised . . . many thanks once again!

A major cause of concern for us this afternoon is that there will be many ladies, mothers and children present, perhaps for the first time, supporting the 'Pool against Luton. This will, no doubt, be a new experience for them and we would appreciate the co-operation of our regular supporters in making this an experience they would wish to remember. Let's show them that, contrary to many peoples' beliefs, that a football game can be watched and enjoyed in complete safety and harmony, without any fears of being subjected to violence or foul language.

Hoping that each and everyone of you has a great afternoon's entertainment and that you will get the maximum enjoyment out of watching, what we have no doubt will be, one of the most memorable and exciting games seen here at the Victoria Ground for many a year!

. . . MALCOLM KIRBY, Secretary & EDDIE BARNETT, Commercial Consultant

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I am absolutely delighted that we have reached the 3rd Round of the F.A. Cup and even more delighted that a First Division side are the visitors. It is not only a big day for the Football Club, but also a big day for the Town. The publicity received nationally from this game will greatly benefit the Town as a whole. This is borne out by the number of local companies wanting to sponsor, or part-sponsor, this game. In addition, we have received several requests from business people in the Luton area wishing to take advantage of the excellent publicity made available by this 3rd Round Cup-tie. National media will be represented by television, radio and the big daily newspapers, so on Saturday, 9th January, 1988, Hartlepool will be in the national spotlight!

This day makes up for any disappointments I have experienced and, at this moment in time, I am the proudest Chairman in the Football League. I am certainly going to enjoy my biggest day since joining the Club, and my message to all loyal Hartlepool followers is to enjoy it all and let the Football public, nationally, see what tremendous supporters we have here in the North East.

My parting message is: enjoy it and please keep it trouble-free. Once again, many thanks for your outstanding support.

. . . JOHN SMART, Chairman



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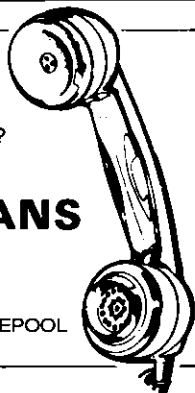
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## POOL PROFILE



**TONY SMITH**

Full Name ..... Anthony Smith  
Birthplace ..... Sunderland  
Age ..... 30 Years  
Birthday ..... 20th February  
Height ..... 6 Feet  
Weight ..... 12 Stone  
Married? ..... Yes, to Margaret  
Any Children? ..... Yes, Richard, 2 years  
Home ..... East Herrington, Sunderland  
Car ..... Toyota Corolla  
Previous Clubs ..... Newcastle, P'bro, Halifax  
Nickname ..... Smithy (what else?)  
Team supported as a boy ..... Sunderland  
Childhood Football Hero ..... Charlie Hurley  
Player to look out for ..... John Tinkler  
Team to look out for ..... Wolves  
Can 'Pool beat Luton Town today? .....  
Yes of course we can. After all, it's only eleven against eleven!  
Long Term Ambitions .....  
To be happy and get promotion to Division Three and even higher.

## LOOKING BACK with Geoff Wilkinson

Today we welcome back to the Victoria Ground a team whom we have met before in Third and Fourth Division matches during the mid 60's. Their history dates back to 1885 when 'Luton Wanderers' and 'Luton Excelsior' joined together to become the first Club in the South of England to use professional players. From 1894 to 1897 they were members of the Southern League before replacing Burton Wanderers in the League Division Two.

Three seasons after their election in 1897, Luton finished second bottom of Division Two and were replaced by Stockport County, returning to the Southern League before rejoining the League as founder members of Division Three South in 1920, where they remained until 1936-37 when they finished as champions. They stayed in Division Two until 1954-55 when they gained promotion to Division One as runners-up to Birmingham City and brought First Division football to Kenilworth Road for the first time ever.

The next landmark in the Club's history came in 1959 when they reached their first and only F.A. Cup Final, only to lose to Nottingham Forest 2-1. The following season saw a rapid decline in the fortunes of the Club, 1959-60 bottom of Division One, 1962-63 bottom of Division Two, 1964-65 relegated to Division Four where they remained until 1967-68 when the Fourth Division Championship was taken, with Pool lying in 3rd position. 1969-70 saw Luton finish as runners-up to Orient to return to Division Two before finally reaching Division One as runners-up to Middlesbrough at the end of season 1973-74. Sadly, Luton couldn't hold on to their prized position and were relegated just one season later in December, 1975, with debts of £724,000. They were saved from liquidation by transferring forward Peter Anderson to the Belgian Club, Royal Antwerp, for £80,000.

Luton went through a period of consolidation before running away with the Second Division Championship of 1981-82 by a margin of 8 points, suffering only four League defeats. During season 1983-84 Luton announced that, because of road development close to the ground, they would move to Milton Keynes, 23 miles away. Amid strong protests, those plans were shelved and season 1985-86 opened with Luton still at Kenilworth Road and playing on a newly-installed £350,000 artificial pitch.

Back in the 30's, emergency centre-forward, Joe Payne put Luton in the headlines and himself in the record books, by scoring ten goals in a 12-0 win at home to Bristol Rovers. That was a Third Division (South) game on Easter Monday, 1936.



### PREVIOUS RESULTS HARTLEPOOL —v— LUTON (Pool score first)

**AT THE VICTORIA GROUND**  
March 5th, 1966 (Attendance 4,896) ..... 2-0  
March 24th, 1967 (Attendance 8,442) ..... 2-1  
Jan. 31st, 1968 (Attendance 4,728) ..... 2-1  
Dec. 14th, 1968 (Attendance 3,887) ..... 1-0

**AT KENILWORTH ROAD**  
Feb. 12th, 1966 (Attendance 6,112) ..... 1-2  
March 27th, 1967 (Attendance 7,370) ..... 2-0  
Sept. 9th, 1967 (Attendance 8,347) ..... 0-1  
Oct. 12th, 1968 • (Attendance 13,145) ..... 0-3  
(all matches played in Div. 4 except • Div. 3)

**SENDINGS OFF**  
March 5th, 1966 ..... J. Reid (Luton)  
March 5th, 1966 ..... F. Jardine (Luton)

**LUTON TOWN HONOURS**  
Division 2 Champions ..... 1981/82  
Division 2 Runners-up ..... 1954/55 & 1973/74  
Division 3 Runners-up ..... 1969/70  
Division 4 Champions ..... 1967/68  
Division 3 (South) Champions ..... 1936/37  
Division 3 (South) Runners-up ..... 1935/36  
F.A. Cup Finalists ..... 1959

LUTON'S LEAGUE RECORD						
League	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
Division 1	462	159	114	189	641	712
Division 2	1148	438	286	424	1792	1695
Division 3	184	75	46	63	266	265
Division 4	138	67	29	42	236	187
Division 3 (S)	714	308	175	231	1295	1038

**LUTON TOWN'S  
HIGHEST LEAGUE POSITIONS**  
Division 1 ..... 7th, 1986/87  
Division 2 ..... Champions, 1981/82  
Division 3 ..... Runners-up, 1969/70  
Division 4 ..... Champions, 1967/68  
Division 3 (South) ..... Champions, 1936/37

# PREVIOUS MEETINGS

## Hartlepool Utd & Luton Town

**Hartlepool United** and **Luton Town** played each other for the first time on 12th February, 1966, at Kenilworth Road, Luton, in a Fourth Division fixture. The Hatters were victorious by two goals to one in front of a crowd of 6,112. This was the first of eight League meetings between the two teams. Luton stood seventh in the table, with Pool struggling third from bottom. Pool defended well and, although Luton had more of the game territorially, we finished strongly and might have rescued a point in the final fifteen minutes. Luton were one of the 'form teams' of Division Four at the time having taken twelve points from a possible sixteen. In the Luton squad for the match were John O'Rourke, who later joined Middlesbrough, Bruce Rioch, now the 'Boro manager and David Pleat, ex-manager of Luton Town and Tottenham and recently appointed manager of Leicester City. Pool won the return fixture at 'The Vic' by 2-0 with Ernie Pythian and George Wright netting for Pool. Referee, Mr. C. M. Cooke of Blackburn, had a rather busy afternoon, sending off both John Reid and Freddie Jardine of Luton. The following season, 1966/67, saw Pool score the only double to be recorded between the two teams. A victory by two goals to one at 'The Vic' on March 24th with a Pythian penalty and Jimmy Mulvaney netting for Pool was followed, just three days later, by a convincing 2-0 win at Kenilworth Road. Pool travelled to that fixture as promotion outsiders and returned with the points thanks to a rare Tony Parry goal and a John McGovern special, both before half-time, to become only the third side to win at Luton that season.

1967/68 saw Luton win their home fixture 1-0 in front of a crowd of 8,347 on 9th September. This was Pool's first defeat of the season in their sixth League and Cup outing. When the second meeting came around on the 13th January, 1968, Pool stood 7th in the table with Luton three places above in 4th position. Pool had an impressive home record of 11 wins from 11 matches and had games in hand over the sides above them. Goals from Terry Bell and Ernie Pythian, in a fine 2-1 victory, ensured Pools unbeaten home record remained intact. The season ended with both Pool and Luton gaining promotion to Division Three.

Season 1968/69 saw the only 3rd Division fixtures between the two Clubs. It also, sadly, saw the parting of the ways, with Pools unsuccessfully fighting against relegation. Luton, on the other hand, almost reached Division Two at the first attempt just missing out in the later stages of the season. Twelve months later, however, they achieved their ambition and reached Division Two status. The first Division Three fixture took place at Kenilworth Road with Luton running out easy winners by three goals to nil (Luton dropped just three home points during the season, all draws). Pool, however, had a shock in store for the promotion-chasing Bedfordshire side, winning the return match with Peter Blowman getting the all-important goal for Pool. Luton stood in 8th position with 23 points from 19 games whilst Pool struggled 5th from bottom with 17 points from 20 games.

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# LUTON TOWN QUIZ???

- 1—WHAT IS THE NICKNAME OF LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB?
- 2—WHO IS LUTON TOWN'S MOST CAPPED PLAYER?
- 3—WHAT IS THE RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED BY LUTON AND WHO WAS THE PLAYER INVOLVED?
- 4—WHAT IS THE RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID BY LUTON TOWN AND, AGAIN, WHO WAS THE PLAYER INVOLVED?
- 5—WHAT IS THE FURTHEST THAT LUTON TOWN HAVE REACHED IN THE F.A. CUP COMPETITION AND ALSO THE YEAR?
- 6—WHAT IS LUTON TOWN'S RECORD VICTORY, WHO WERE THE OPPOSITION AND WHAT WAS THE YEAR?
- 7—WITH WHICH TEAM DID MICK HARFORD MAKE HIS DEBUT?
- 8—A LUTON PLAYER HOLDS THE RECORD FOR THE NUMBER OF GOALS SCORED IN A SEASON IN THE 3rd DIVISION SOUTH. WHO WAS IT AND HOW MANY GOALS DID HE SCORE?
- 9—NAME ALL THE LUTON TOWN MANAGERS SINCE 1946.

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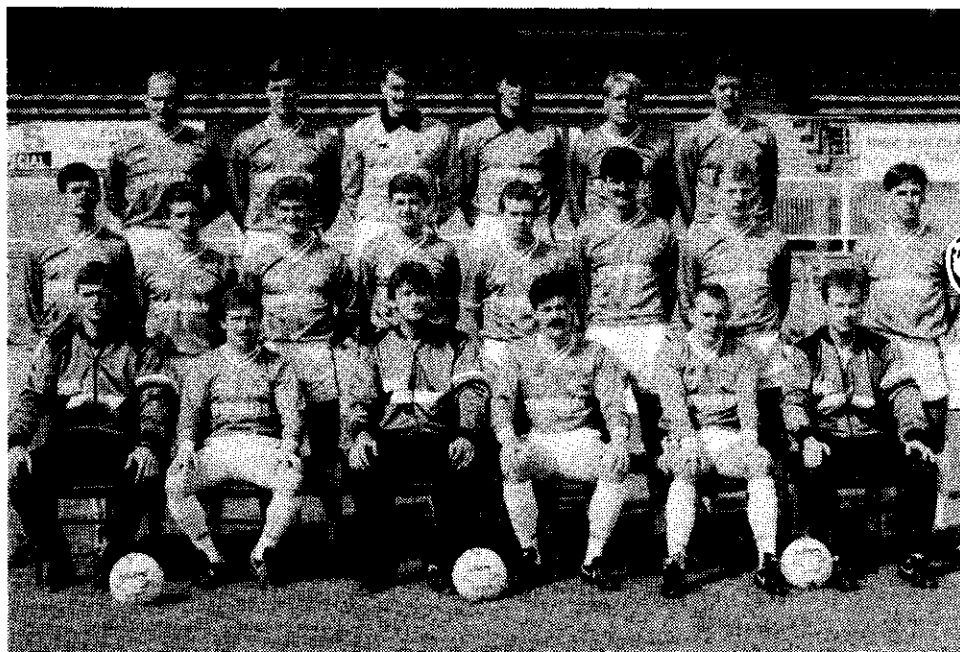
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# LUTON TOWN



BACK ROW (left to right): Marcus Tuite, David Preece, Mark Stein, Emeka Nwajobi, Mark North, Ricky McEvoy, Rob Johnson.  
CENTRE ROW (left to right): Jim Ryan (Coach), Tim Breacker, Les Sealey, Mick Harford, Stacey North, Andy Dibble, Mike Newell, John Faulkner (Coach). FRONT ROW (left to right): Ray Harford (Manager), Ricky Hill, Mal Donaghy, Steve Foster (Captain), John Moore, Peter Nicholas (now with Aberdeen), Brian Stein, Ashley Grimes, Dave Kirby (Physio)

## TODAY'S OFFICIALS

Hartlepool United extend a warm welcome to today's officials.

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Linesmen:

**R. FURNANDIZ** ..... Doncaster

**C. BASSINDALE** ..... Doncaster



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**PAUL BAKER**

**ROB WHELLANS**

**DEAN GIBB**

**JOHN BORTHWICK**

**JOHN TINKLER**

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**LES SEALEY**

**TIM BREACKER**

**ROB JOHNSON**

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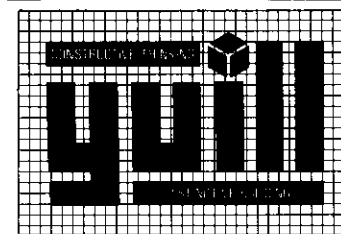
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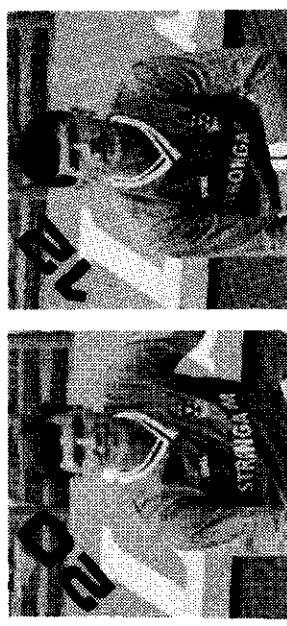
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# 87/88 POOLS STATISTICS

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## POOLS LEADING GOALSCORERS...

Paul Baker with 20  
and Andy Toman with 12

## BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Wolves	25	9	1	3	27	9	6	6	3	21	11	50
Lorient	26	8	1	3	35	16	5	3	3	21	20	46
Colchester	26	6	1	5	15	14	8	3	3	21	12	46
Cardiff	25	9	3	1	24	12	3	6	3	21	20	42
Scunthorpe	26	8	3	3	23	14	3	6	3	21	20	42
Bolton	25	10	3	1	25	8	2	3	6	9	17	42
Torquay	24	6	1	4	19	10	6	4	3	19	15	41
Darlington	25	6	4	3	20	15	5	2	5	22	20	39
Scarbrough	26	7	5	1	24	10	3	0	8	17	19	38
Burnley	26	6	5	2	16	12	5	4	5	16	16	37
WPOOL	26	5	6	2	16	13	4	5	5	21	21	36
Crewe	26	4	7	1	18	12	4	5	6	14	18	36
Swansea	26	6	3	4	23	18	4	3	6	15	18	35
Cambridge	26	5	2	5	18	13	5	3	5	10	16	35
Peterborough	25	7	2	5	21	16	3	4	5	9	15	33
Halifax	24	7	3	22	14	2	2	3	5	7	11	32
Hereford	26	6	3	5	16	12	4	3	5	7	11	32
Wrexham	26	6	3	5	20	19	4	2	8	22	29	28
Tranmere	26	7	0	6	23	11	2	3	8	9	23	28
Exeter	25	6	2	4	18	14	3	2	8	15	25	27
Carlisle	25	6	2	4	29	22	1	2	10	11	34	25
Stockport	26	3	4	7	12	17	3	2	7	10	20	24
Rochdale	26	2	5	6	16	22	3	3	7	10	33	23
Newport	24	2	2	6	10	12	1	1	12	10	33	23

## LEADING GOALSCORERS

Hartlepool United	Luton Town
Paul Baker.....20	Mick Harford.....12
Andy Toman.....12	Brian Stein.....5
Tony Barratt.....2	Mark Stein.....4
Rob McKinnon.....2	Ian Allinson.....3
	Emeka Nwajobi.....2
	Danny Wilson.....2
Barclays Division Four	Barclays Division Four
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Platt (Crewe).....21	Platt (Crewe).....21
Baker (Hartlepool).....20	Baker (Hartlepool).....20

## BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Liverpool	22	11	1	0	34	3	6	4	0	21	8	56
Notm. F.	22	6	2	2	23	7	3	3	2	21	12	43
Arsenal	24	7	2	3	22	9	5	4	3	14	12	42
Man Utd	23	6	5	0	18	9	5	4	3	18	13	42
Everton	24	9	2	1	23	5	2	5	5	10	11	40
Wimbledon	24	6	5	1	20	11	5	2	5	17	17	40
QPR	24	7	3	2	19	10	4	4	4	11	17	40
Luton	23	6	4	3	21	11	3	1	6	10	15	32
Tottenham	24	7	1	4	17	13	2	4	6	7	14	32
Sheffield W	24	6	1	5	15	16	3	3	6	13	22	31
Chelsea	24	6	5	0	18	10	2	1	10	13	29	30
Newcastle	23	3	4	4	11	14	4	4	4	17	21	29
Southampton	23	4	3	4	15	15	3	4	5	16	21	28
West Ham	24	4	5	4	15	16	2	4	5	12	18	27
Norwich	23	4	2	5	17	15	3	1	8	6	15	24
Derby	22	3	3	5	10	10	3	3	5	10	17	24
Poverty	22	2	4	4	10	17	4	2	6	12	19	24
Portsmouth	24	3	6	4	14	16	2	3	6	8	24	24
Oxford	23	5	1	6	19	24	1	3	7	7	20	22
Charlton	23	3	4	5	12	16	1	3	7	9	18	19
Watford	23	3	2	6	8	13	1	4	7	7	18	18

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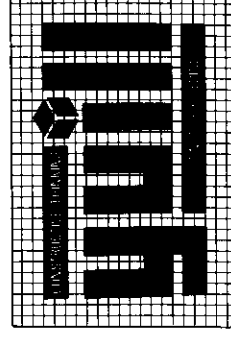


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# LUTON TOWN

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The Luton side is managed by Halifax born **Ray Harford**. After a successful season as First Team Coach his talent and belief in attractive play made him the natural successor to John Moore. A former half-back he learnt his trade at Charlton making his League debut in 1965. Following a transfer to Exeter in January, 1966, he made over 350 League appearances for several clubs in the lower divisions before finishing his playing career at Colchester who offered him his first coaching post. He came to Luton in the summer of 1986 following a spell as Manager of Fulham.

**STEVE FOSTER**. Harford's first move as Manager was to appoint Club Captain Foster as Player/Coach. Portsmouth born Foster joined his local club as an apprentice, breaking into the first team as a forward in the 1975/76 season, his home debut was actually against Luton Town. He moved to centre-back during the following season and after 135 appearances was transferred to Brighton for £150,000 in 1979 following the Seagulls promotion to Division One. During his spell at the Goldstone Ground he earned three England caps, played in the 1982 World Cup as well as appearing in the 1983 F.A. Cup Final. He moved to Aston Villa for £200,000 after Brighton's relegation and from there joined Luton Town in December, 1984, for a bargain £70,000. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton Town to end 1986/87: 111; goals: 8.

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

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

**TIM BREACKER**. Bicester born Breacker has been a regular member of the first team since his debut at Ipswich in 1984. This England Under-21 International can perform in midfield, however, his normal position is right back where his surging runs on the overlap have become a strong feature of his play. Total appearances for Luton Town up to the end of last season: 121; goals scored: 1.

**ROB JOHNSON**. Born in Bedford and turning professional for the Town in 1979, his career was almost over before it started! He suffered two extremely serious knee injuries which would have put most players out of the game. He fought back, however, and made his debut against Birmingham in 1983. He played most of last season at left back but prefers to play on the right. Total appearances for Luton Town up to the end of the 1986/87 season: 62; goals: 0.

**MICK HARFORD**. Luton's record cash signing at £250,000 from Birmingham in 1984. Sunderland born, Harford commenced his League career with Lincoln City where 46 goals in 126 appearances encouraged Newcastle United to pay £180,000 for his services in 1980. He never really settled at St. James Park and the following close season he signed for Bristol City. City were in a parlous financial state and were unable to fully pay the transfer fee. Six months later he was re-signed by Newcastle and promptly transferred to Birmingham. Since being signed by Luton in December, 1984, he has played the best football of his career. Sent off last month but should be available today. Total appearances for Luton Town to end 1986/87 season: 99; goals: 48.

**RICKY HILL**. He joined Luton straight from school and made his debut at home to Bristol Rovers in 1976 coming on as substitute. Layed on a goal with his first touch and scored with his second! Ricky was included in Bobby Robson's first England squad in 1982 and made his international debut against Denmark. Recently suffered a broken leg and will not be available for today's game. Total appearances for Luton Town up to the end of the 1986/87 season: 445; goals: 57.

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

**MIKE NEWELL**. Signed for Luton in 1985 and scored on his home debut against Aston Villa and has retained his place in the first team ever since. An ever-present last season scoring 12 goals, including a hat-trick against Liverpool! Total League and Cup appearances for Luton Town up to the end of the 1986/87 season: 63; goals: 19.

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

**EMEKA NWAJIOBI**. Unpredictable Nigerian international who burst on the scene with a scoring debut against Nottingham Forest on 2nd January, 1984, only weeks after signing from Dulwich Hamlet. On his day a matchwinner who makes goalscoring look easy. Total appearances for Luton Town to end of 1986/87 season: 71; goals: 17.

**DAVID PREECE**. Bridgnorth born Preece signed professional forms for Walsall in 1980 and made 134 appearances for the 'Saddlers' before Luton paid £150,000 for his services in December, 1984. He made a scoring debut that same month at home to Aston Villa and has since become a firm crowd favourite because of his busy style of play. He appeared in only 15 games last season due to injury. Total appearances for Luton Town up to the end of the 1986/87 season: 86; goals: 6.

**LES SEALEY**. Although born and raised in the East End of London, Les made his League debut with Coventry for whom he signed in March, 1976. Played 178 times for the 'Sky Blues' before joining Luton in August, 1983, for £100,000. He has found himself out of favour on more than one occasion but has fought back with many superlative displays to become the acknowledged number one. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton Town up to the end of last season: 171; goals: 0.

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

**MARK STEIN**. Brian's younger brother who signed professional forms for Luton in January, 1984, making his debut three months later in a 3-0 home defeat by Everton. He had to wait nearly 18 months for his next League outing but has gradually forced his way into the side. Last season was his most successful to date as 8 goals in 21 games proved. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton Town to the end of the 1986/87 season: 32; goals: 10.

**ROBERT WILSON**. Signed professional forms for Fulham in June, 1979, making his League debut the following season. In the following five seasons he played 200 games for Fulham before being transferred to Millwall for £57,500 in the summer of 1985, where, the following term, he scored a creditable 12 goals in only 28 games from midfield. Luton invested £40,000 in him at the start of last season and he scored a goal on his home debut against Southampton. Total League and Cup appearances for Luton Town up to the end of last season: 21; goals: 1.

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

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SMITHY HEADS JUST OVER IN THE REPLAY (L) PAUL BAKER SALUTES THE POOLS FANS AT YORK (R)



## SECOND ROUND F.A. CUP ACTION

ANDY TOMAN GRABS BAKES AFTER THE EQUALISER AT YORK (L) BAKER HITS THE YORK POST (R)



## POOL TO BE GIANT-KILLERS?

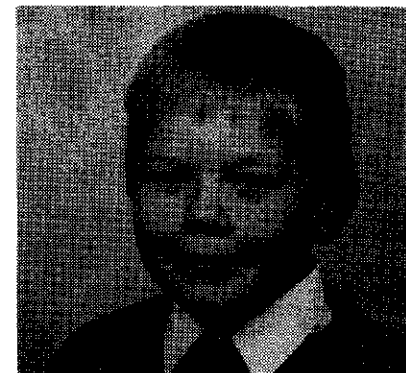
Today's game gives us a short, but hopefully enjoyable, break from the rigours of Fourth Division Football as we try to become one of the Season's F.A. Cup giant-killers against Luton Town. Many teams currently in the Fourth Division have, of course, been giant-killers themselves in the past, and there is little doubt that some of them will do it again in this year's third round and perhaps even later in the competition. There is nothing at all to suggest that Hartlepool can't be one of those teams, and that is why it is such a pity that the crowd for today's game has to be limited for safety reasons. The last time we reached the Third Round was in 1979 when Leeds United — then in the First Division and managed by Jimmy Adamson — visited the Victoria Ground in a game which was postponed a number of times because of an icy pitch. When it did finally go ahead on a pitch which many people felt was still unplayable, there was little doubt about the result as Leeds — still boasting some of the players from their glory days under Don Revie — coasted in 6-2. Our goalkeeper, Graham Richardson, had a tremendous game and saved the side from more embarrassment, while the two Hartlepool goals were scored by Bob Newton.

But, not too long before that, 'Pool managed a better result when they beat Crystal Palace, then in Division Two, 2-1 here, with both goals coming again from Bob Newton. Each of them was made by Malcolm Poskett and nobody who was at that match, watched by almost 10,000 people, will forget the tremendous atmosphere from start to finish as the crowd slowly but surely began to realise that a giant-killing was possible.

Then came a Fourth Round visit to Ipswich, where Bobby Robson's First Division aristocrats won 4-1, Hartlepool's goal being scored by Derrick Downing just before half-time. We lost the game, but the team and the fans won a lot of friends that day, while Poskett's performance won him a lot of praise from Robson. Eventually, of course, the striker moved on for £60,000 — a fee which is still a Hartlepool record. But, since those glory days of the seventies, when games against Aston Villa, a win at Blackburn and other big matches provided occasional glimpses of Cup success, Hartlepool have done little of note in knock-out competitions. Now is the chance to change all that!

Next week, of course, it's back to the Fourth Division. But win, lose or draw today, there is no doubt that a good performance could work wonders for our League promotion hopes.

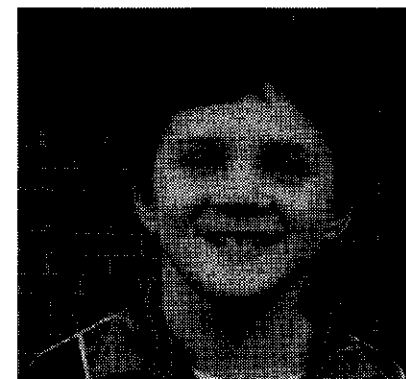
## MASCOT No.1



### CHRISTOPHER GRIFFITHS

Christopher Martin Griffiths, to give him his full name, lives in Hartlepool and is a keen 'Pool supporter. Six years of age, he attends Jesmond Road Infant School and his hobbies include computers and, of course, football. His favourite player is Tony Smith.

## MASCOT No.2



### THOMAS MILLER

Thomas is nine years of age and lives at Peterlee. He has been a 'Pool supporter for as long as he can remember and rates top scorer, Paul Baker as his favourite. (He did say, in actual fact, that Kenny Dalglish was his No.1, but we talked him out of it!)

# 5th JANUARY, 1957

## GREAT 'POOLS RALLY SHOOK THE BABES

### HARTLEPOOLS UTD...3 MANCHESTER UTD...4

Speedy, smooth, Manchester United slid into a three goal lead, then 'Pools, fighting dourry, and with an injured Johnson hobbling on the wing, came back into the game. Stamper touched a Johnson pass into the goal in the 35th minute and seven minutes after the resumption Johnson headed a beauty. The mighty Manchester were shaken and 'Pools battled like heroes as the visitors' defenders took to safety measures. 'Pools weren't to be denied, however, and the crowd went mad when Newton equalised. With 14 minutes left Whelan put Manchester ahead again, but the champions won't forget Saturday, 5th January, 1957 and Hartlepool United in a hurry. It was a Cup-tie crazy crowd when the gates opened at 1 o'clock. The earliest 'Pools supporters had been there since 9 o'clock this morning and though the weather was fine at that time it rained just after noon and was pouring quite steadily an the hour before the game.

### BY SENTINEL

Manchester were well supported but were outnumbered and outshouted by 'Pool supporters liberally decorated in blue and white colours. There was a heavy contingent of Pressmen and one photographer was perched precariously on the roof of the Mill House stand. While bells and rattles clattered around the ground a 'Pools supporter dressed completely in blue and white walked round the ground with the effigy of the "West Docker," and behind him was a Manchester United supporter in red and white carrying the colours of his team aloft.

The scene was set for the most remarkable match ever to be seen at the Victoria Ground. Sentinel, in his 'Summing Up' column in The Northern Daily Mail, Monday, 7th January, 1957 continues . . .

The toast of Manchester United and their supporters this week-end was . . . Hartlepool Utd. For in the most remarkable soccer match I have ever seen, including F.A. Cup Finals and internationals, 'Pools came dramatically near to toppling the internationally famed 'Busby Babes'. Matt Busby, Manchester United manager, hadn't words to describe 'Pools when he spoke to the Club's ailing manager, Fred Westgarth, immediately after the game. "They were simply great Fred" he said. "I've never known such shock. You're boys had us really worried."

'Pools manager, who was ill at the time and was unable to see the match, had the score phoned to him every quarter-hour. He said "I'm proud of the team. They did magnificently."

### Brilliant Start

The first half craftsmanship of Manchester United against a 'Pools United overawed by the reputations of their rivals promised goals by the cart load. The Babes made it look easy. With Berry and Pegg running amock on the wings and smacking in tremendous drives, the match looked to be as good as over after half an hour.



Nor did it look anything more than a consolation when Frank Stamper got to Johnson's cross and netted in 35 minutes. Down went Johnson with an injured ankle seemingly to end his soccer quota for the day. 'Pools were sick and depressed at half time.

### The Comeback

Billy Anderson paved the way for 'Pools comeback with his move up the left wing which led to Robinson's centre and limping Ken Johnson's brilliant scoring header. And it was the brilliant snap shooting of Jackie Newton which stunned Manchester supporters and brought about the panic in United's ranks. 'Pools, backed by a roaring crowd, threatened to shatter the Babes. For 'Pools looked like winners and shots from Johnson and George Luke went mighty close to finishing the job. In the end, however, Manchester regained their poise and their greater fitness and speed did the trick as Whelan hit the winner. Truly a memorable game fought out with splendid spirit by both sides and scarcely an offence worth noting in the whole match.

### LEADING GOALSCORERS

7th January, 1957

#### DIVISION ONE

Charles (Leeds United) . . . . .	23
Mudie (Blackpool) . . . . .	21
Turner (Luton Town) . . . . .	20

#### DIVISION THREE NORTH

Stewart (Accrington Stanley) . . . . .	23
Johnson (Hartlepool United) . . . . .	21
Straw (Derby County) . . . . .	21

### TODAY'S F.A. CUP 3rd ROUND FIXTURES



Arsenal . . . . .	-v-	Millwall
Barnsley . . . . .	-v-	Bolton
Blackburn . . . . .	-v-	Portsmouth
Bradford City . . . . .	-v-	Wolves
Brighton . . . . .	-v-	Bournemouth
Coventry . . . . .	-v-	Torquay
Derby County . . . . .	-v-	Chelsea
Gillingham . . . . .	-v-	Birmingham
Halifax . . . . .	-v-	Nottingham F.
Hartlepool . . . . .	-v-	Luton Town
Huddersfield . . . . .	-v-	Man. City
Leeds United . . . . .	-v-	Aston Villa
Mansfield . . . . .	-v-	Bath City
Newcastle . . . . .	-v-	Crystal Palace
Oldham . . . . .	-v-	Tottenham
Oxford United . . . . .	-v-	Leicester
Plymouth . . . . .	-v-	Colchester
Reading . . . . .	-v-	Southampton
Scunthorpe . . . . .	-v-	Blackpool
Sheffield Utd . . . . .	-v-	Maidstone
Sheffield Wed . . . . .	-v-	Everton
Shrewsbury . . . . .	-v-	Bristol Rovers
Stockport . . . . .	-v-	Leyton Orient
Sutton United . . . . .	-v-	Middlesbro
Stoke City . . . . .	-v-	Liverpool
Swindon Town . . . . .	-v-	Norwich
Watford . . . . .	-v-	Hull City
West Ham . . . . .	-v-	Charlton
Wimbledon . . . . .	-v-	West Brom
Yeovil Town . . . . .	-v-	Q.P.R.

## H.U.F.C.S.A. with Ian Newton

A happy New Year and welcome to today's 3rd Round F.A. Cup-tie against Luton. There is a special feeling about reaching the Third Round of the Cup. Since the draw was made the whole Town has been buzzing in anticipation of playing against First Division opposition in the Third Round. The stories about Manchester United (*see elsewhere in today's programme*), Leeds, Ipswich, Chelsea, Crystal Palace all come flooding back. Everybody in the pubs and clubs are talking about the tie, generating that special excitement which is unique to the the F.A. Cup. I would like to give a very warm welcome to the Luton Town supporters. Some 1,500 will have made their way up the A1 to be here today, so let's give them a warm welcome to the Victoria Ground for the first time in the Cup, and let's make it a day to remember. Let everyone enjoy themselves, and remember that Luton supporters and Hartlepool supporters are not known for causing trouble, so let's keep it that way! The Hatters won't relish playing at the 'Vic' as it's over 20 years since their last visit, so let's get right behind our Team and give them the support that might just help put us in the Fourth Round for the first time for ages.

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3—John Walker, New Zealand 4—Peter Lorimer, Leeds  
5—Uttoxeter 6—Men's Hockey

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6—12-0 v Bristol Rovers, 3rd Div.(S), 13th April, 1936  
7—Lincoln City 8—Joe Payne with 55 goals  
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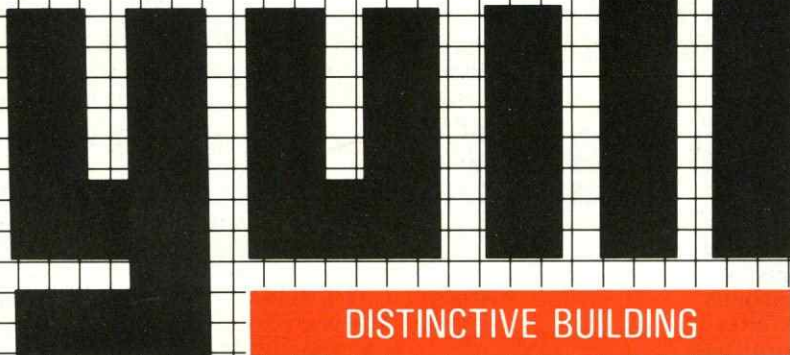
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