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• **Winning goal:** Danny Wilson scores the decisive goal against Charlton.

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RAY'S REVIEW



Welcome to Bradford City and all their officials, staff and fans. We are in for a real Cup-tie tonight. They are one of the best footballing outfits in their division and have several experienced quality players. We know we shall be in for a tough contest, but we believe we have the quality and experience ourselves to claim a place in the semi-finals of the Littlewoods Cup. Bradford have been going through an inconsistent patch recently in the league and will be trying extra hard to put that behind them. We shall be playing to maintain our progressively improved form of the entire season.

Moving on

Last week, we were involved in transfer negotiations with Hibernian for the resale of Michael Weir to his former club. I expect this deal to have been completed by the time of tonight's match. Michael was never able to produce his best for Luton Town, unfortunately, but I believe he is a good player and will go on to prove it. He did not settle quickly in the south after moving from Scotland and this affected his form and his general outlook. We wish him well.

While we are involved in so many Cup-ties, it has become important to try and keep our players fit and in good condition and to bring our injured players back quickly. Unfortunately, we shall be without Ricky Hill for a long spell and also David Preece. Emeka Nwajiobi may be available again next month, we hope. With Ian Allinson Cup-tied for the Littlewoods Cup, we are hoping Ashley Grimes is fit to return tonight and that Mick Harford is ready again after serving his recent two-match suspension. An exciting night is in prospect. I hope everyone enjoys it and gives the team plenty of vocal support.

Ray. Harford.

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Mailbag

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

Our youngest fan?

Dear Sir,
Please find enclosed a photo of our son Charlie, now aged 4½ months, who we think must be one of your youngest Junior Hatters (No: J006613) having joined in December.

Charlie already possesses T'm a Junior Hatter baby suit' and 'Best Dribbler' bib, and is hoping to get a scarf soon, maybe when the weather improves and he makes his first trip to Kenilworth Road.

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What amused me? Well, I'm a Luton Town fan and the club has been ridiculed for our plastic pitch ever since it was laid - ridiculed by the very same people describing Saturdays "natural" conditions - and we haven't had any real winter yet!

I have long been of the opinion that if instead of the smaller clubs it had been the "super" clubs that had first introduced artificial surfaces the league by now would have issued directives to the effect that all grounds would have to have such surfaces by a certain date.

These surfaces have also helped to stave off property developers masquerading as football lovers, such as Robert Maxwell, which has plunged the authorities into their own quagmire.

In addition to Luton's artificial surface we have been attacked for our away fans ban. The very "fans" that instigated this move by tearing up our ground and pilfering the town were very much alive, kicking and "welcome" as could be seen at Highbury on Saturday.

Yours sincerely
R.G. Bates

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CHIT CHAT



Happy all round

There have been times since we won through to the quarter finals of the Littlewoods Cup that I wondered whether this tie would be played at all! Certainly, having been drawn at home, it seemed unlikely that the Local Authority and the police would allow 3,500 visiting supporters. Fortunately for us Bradford City's fans have a good reputation and it seems that it is possible to erect temporary barriers, and so everyone is satisfied – at least as far as arrangements inside the ground are concerned. Outside, of course, has caused more controversy.

I'm still not sure why it should be like this. The match against Wigan, the first to which we officially welcomed away fans since our "ban", was peaceful enough. One elderly gentleman I saw, clutching umbrella and shopping bag, made the most of his evening as his bag disgorged a veritable picnic at half-time. He was on his own and obviously enjoyed himself, unmolested. Ironically, there were probably fewer away supporters that night than at any League game here for the last two years.

However, it's not just when we play the lowly clubs with few away fans that the atmosphere's so relaxed. At a recent First Division game, coinciding with the Christmas sales, I saw two supporters enter the ground clutching huge carriers containing the spoils of their bargain hunting. They viewed going to a match as simply part and parcel of their everyday lives. And that is how football should be: another form of entertainment that's as relaxed to attend and as much fun as going to the cinema or pub. It's a pity that clubs have to have membership schemes, or "lock in" away fans at the end of matches. But that is still the soccer climate in this country, and in Europe, too.

Tonight our sympathies extend to our guests from Bradford as we remember the tragic fire at their ground, and hope that we all have a peaceful and entertaining evening.

Gale Waller

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

Luton News

PICTURE QUIZ



• No prize for guessing this is Ron Fletcher, now playing at Bradford City. To win a fiver in our quiz where did he score his first division one goal.

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

HAMMERS NAILED

West Ham 1 Luton Town 1

The Town completed their Christmas and New Year holiday programme with a well-deserved draw at Upton Park on January 2. In a thoroughly entertaining match on a wet pitch, a late goal by Mark Stein earned the Hatters a point after Hammers' substitute Paul Ince had beaten Les Sealey with a well-struck volley which escaped the goalkeeper's grasp.

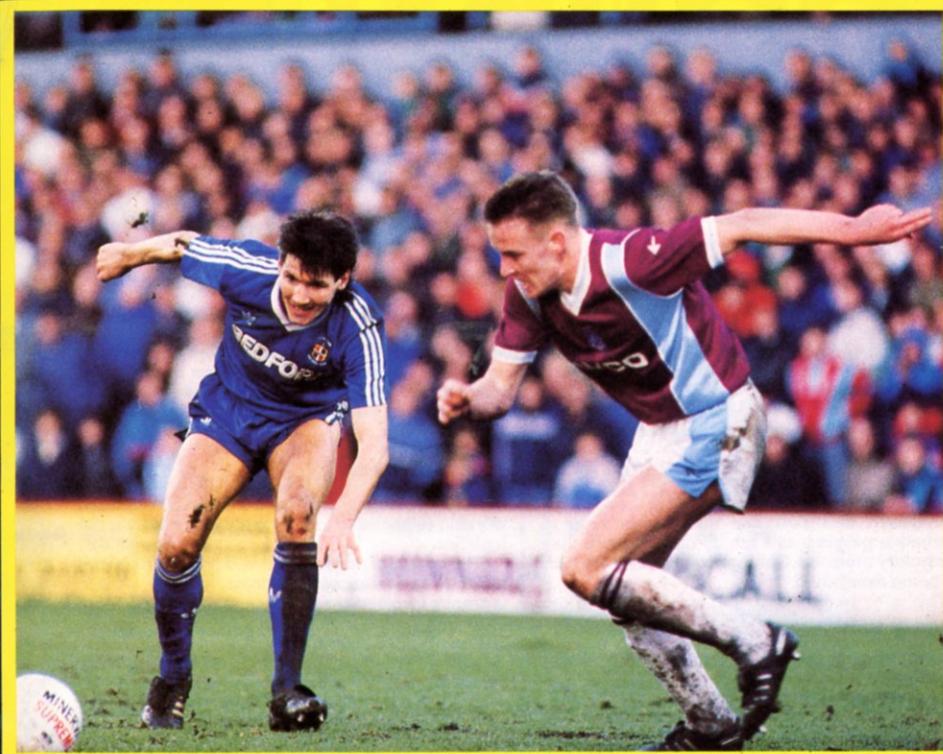
The Town side was unchanged from that which had beaten Charlton and Chelsea in the two previous home matches, following the sad loss of Ricky Hill with a broken leg suffered at Everton. West Ham, desperate for a result after three successive defeats, played with furious effort inspired by veteran midfielder Billy Bonds MBE, but little fluency or belief.

Ince's goal came on the hour. He had replaced the unfortunate George Parris on the left of midfield after Parris was carried off with a broken right ankle. It set up a storming finish in which the Town levelled through Stein's close-range goal and might have won with several other efforts.

Teams: West Ham - McAlister, Bonds, Parris (Ince 28), Strodder, Stewart, Potts, Ward, Gale, Hilton, Cotté, Robson.
Luton Town - Sealey, Breacker, Johnson, McDonough, Foster, Donagh, Wilson, B. Stein, Harford, M. Stein, Allinson.

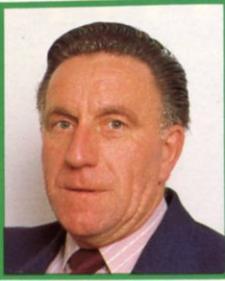
Referee: P. Foakes (Clacton).

1st Team ACTION



• Upton Park action: The Town did plenty of attacking to earn their point in East London. Mark Stein, Brian Stein, Mick Harford and Tim Breacker are pictured in action by Josh Levy of Apex Photography.

FOOTBALL FOCUS



Ron Howard

Chief scout Ron Howard has used a lifetime's experience in the game in his judgement and valuation of players all over the country. But he is nearly always most enthusiastic and excited when he uncovers a young talent who he feels will "make the grade". Ron is delighted to see so many young players at Kenilworth Road proving themselves successfully. And today, in Football Focus, he reflects on the current crop of youngsters as the season passes the half-way mark:

Delighted by youngsters' progress

"Having reached the half-way period in the season, I am pleased to report that the current crop of apprentice professionals are all making more than satisfactory progress. Our high standards at the club are being maintained.

"This is extremely encouraging. Already, in the last couple of seasons, home-grown players like Ricky McEvoy, Kingsley Black, Gary Cobb, Richard Harvey and David Oldfield have all made appearances in the senior side while Marvin Johnson has sat on the substitutes' bench.

"Others who look set to press hard and make a challenge in the near future include those who have already made the professional ranks like Ian Scott, Aaron Tighe, Sean Farrell, Colin Barker and Mick O'Brien.

"When consideration is taken of the fact that already many young second year trainees have made numerous appearances in the reserves side, it is easy to see that the future looks rosy. Indeed, it seems to be so promising that one is tempted to hope that the outlay of big fees for transfers can be kept to a minimum - so proving that all the hard work with the youngsters has been really worthwhile.

"It will have been noticed by our regular supporters that we have been acquiring a steady stream of young players from the Republic of Ireland. This is in no small way due to Eddie Corcovol who is in charge of our operation in that

country and with whom I have built up a very close working relationship following my journeys over the Irish Sea.

"The quality of players received has led to several making appearances for their country. Those currently involved are Neil Poutch and Mick O'Brien at youth level and Alan and Brian O'Sullivan and Ken Gillard at under-16 level.

"In Wales, mention must be made of our first class representative Cyril Beech who looks after all our schoolboy scouting in the south. Here again, the quality is of a high standard and against intense competition success only comes after constant hard work.

"At present, on the staff, we have Jason Rees and in their first year Kurt Nogan and Ceri Hughes. Two young 14-year-olds have just signed Associate Schoolboy forms and I am already excited at the prospect with several more as yet not old enough to sign.

"In our bordering counties, Ken Hoffman and Brian Bond operate and although only with us for a couple of seasons, Brian has already produced a trainee professional.

"Ken has been with the club for many years and his tireless efforts on our behalf have been invaluable. Let us hope that the flow of talent continues. I can assure our supporters every effort will be made to ensure that it does."

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CLUB NEWS

LUTON TOWN v BRADFORD CITY REPLAY DATE

If tonight's match ends in a draw, the replay is scheduled to take place at Bradford's Valley Parade stadium on January 27, kick-off 7.30pm.

Arrangements regarding tickets will be announced later - if a replay is necessary.

LUTON TOWN v SOUTHAMPTON

FA Cup Fourth Round
Saturday, January 30, 1988
Kick-off 3pm.

Ticket details on page 25.

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Saturday, January 30, 1988
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MATCH REFEREE

**John Martin
(Alton, Hants)**

A credit manager, John is married with one son. He began refereeing in 1958 and progressed via the Surrey Senior League and the Isthmian League to the Football League. He joined the International Panel in 1984. He was in charge of our FA Cup semi-final against Everton in 1984. He enjoys all sport, particularly athletics, badminton and bowls. John is chairman of the Alton Referees' Society and President of the Isthmian Referees and Linesmen's Association.

COVER STORY

Our cover picture features Tim Breacker who has had a magnificent season for the Town in action. Tim has been in terrific form and played very consistently and is sure to be increasingly recognised as one of the top right-backs in the First Division.

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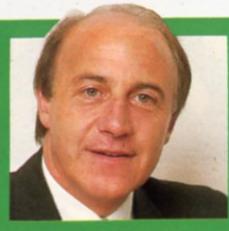
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by BILL TOMLINS

UNLUCKY RICKY



•Out of action: Ricky Hill is in plaster and resting after breaking his leg. We all wish him well and hope for a full recovery.

ASHLEY EYEING HIS EURO CHANCE

•Euro ambitions: Ashley Grimes has set his sights on winning a place in Jack Charlton's squad in the European Championship where Eire will meet England, Holland and the Soviet Union.



THE TOWN

EXCITEMENT IN STORE AS THE TOWN CATCH CUP FEVER AGAIN

A warm welcome to everyone tonight for a match sure to tingle with excitement as the prospect of a place in the semi-finals of the Littlewoods Cup lies ahead for the winners.

I am pleased to welcome Bradford City, their new chairman, Jack Tordoff, his fellow-directors, players, staff and supporters. They have taken their full allocation of tickets for the match and a real Cup-tie atmosphere is promised.

Remarkable

What Bradford City have achieved in recent years on and off the pitch since their tragic fire is quite remarkable and sums up the character of the club and city. I hope to be able to further welcome their former chairman Stafford Heginbotham this evening although, at the time of writing, it is not clear if he will be with us or not. Ill health forced Mr Heginbotham to retire recently after several years of success at the club's helm.

For both clubs, tonight will be a high profile occasion. I hope our own fans are on their best behaviour and help to ensure the continuing

good reputation of the club as we house a large following of visitors for the first time since 1986, on an official basis at least.

As all our regulars will know, we have accommodated large numbers of visiting supporters already this season and last through the guest facilities of our membership scheme. Indeed, we had more than 2,000 guests here for the visit of Tottenham Hotspur this season and it was evident on the day that many of them carried an allegiance to the London club.

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•Happy day: Danny Wilson is pictured with a happy young Town fan who was one of the guests at our Christmas fixtures.



•Presentation: Worldsport were the executive sponsors of our clash with Southampton before Christmas.



•Summer sport: This is the tough action which keeps everyone entertained at Kenilworth Road during the summer – with the Luton Flyers in action.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

Cup-tie special

Hello everyone and welcome to our quarter-final against Bradford. There will be a big crowd tonight with Bradford bringing down their own fans and the lads will enjoy the big match atmosphere although we are used to it from games here and all over the country in the First Division.

The cup competitions have been lucky for us so far this season and we shall be going flat out to keep our run going. Ten days ago, we went up to Hartlepool and did a good job in the FA Cup.

Chicken

It was a tricky match and we were glad to survive on a heavy pitch. Once we had gone through the first half, we took control and were able to win with some comfort after the interval.

On the way back, there were no big celebrations. We have given up stopping for fish and chips now. Instead, we had a chicken salad – thanks to the new diet imposed to counter Les Sealey's seriously rising weight problem! Enjoy the match tonight and give the lads plenty of vocal support.

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RICHARD HARVEY



• On the way forward: Richard Harvey.

Experienced youngster waiting in the wings



• Promising defender:
Richard Harvey.

Highly-talented young left-back Richard Harvey has already proved an able deputy for the left-back spot in the first team during his few appearances and the Town are very fortunate to have such an experienced youngster waiting in the wings.

Born in Letchworth in April, 1969, Richard played a vital part in our 1-0 win at Ipswich in the last round of the Littlewoods Cup last November. He made his debut in the first team a year earlier as a 17-year-old when he played at left-back against Queens Park Rangers.

Richard has captained the Town's youth side and established himself as a regular in the reserves side. He won England schoolboy and youth international caps and also toured South America with England's under-19 squad last year.

RICHARD HARVEY



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DRESSING ROOM TALK

with Mark Stein

Young striker Mark Stein has fought his way into the first team on a regular basis this season and scored five goals in his first eight starts in league matches before Saturday's home game with Derby County. Tonight, in Dressing Room Talk, he reflects on his successful run in the first team:

Happy striker

"I don't think I am established yet...whatever anyone may think. I am still on the fringe and fighting to hold on to my place. But I have enjoyed playing in the team and, of course, managing to score goals.

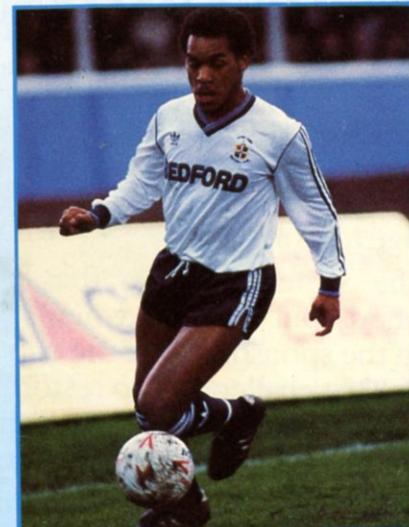
"I do go out with the idea and the hope of being able to score a goal, but I must say I also enjoy being involved in helping to create goals too. It is all part of the game. The boss just tells me to go out and enjoy myself without any real restrictions.

"The only thing I have to try and do defensively is to stop their full-backs getting out on the attack when our own attacks break down. I must admit I am not the best of trainers, but I find I am getting much fitter with regular first team games and enjoying everything a lot.

Cricketer

"I find I am usually okay once I have caught my second wind after the first 20 minutes or so. That is usually the toughest time during a match. Then I just get on with it. I have always been with Luton and they are my club, so I know the way we play well. I just get on with my game - the way I think and like to play. It seems to work out fine.

"As a boy, I used to support Manchester United. They were the glamour team, but I never actually went to see them play. I used to come here when I was about 13 and watch Brian playing. That was when I decided to give up cricket and concentrate on football



• **Understanding striker:** Mark Stein.

- I was in the Middlesex Colts XI as a batsman.

"Who is the best player, the most talented in our family? Not Brian or me! Or my brother Edwin...I think it is probably Karl. He had a lot of ability with the ball. Lots of skills and so on. He is a decorator now!

Understanding

"Playing in the same team as Brian has lots of good and bad points. Of course, we both enjoy it...but it is not always a perfect thing. We have a good understanding and we tend to know what the other one is going to do, but for me there are always comparisons and so on.

"I have really enjoyed playing alongside Mick Harford in the team. He works hard all the time. He talks and so on and keeps me going. And he really does take the weight off me. I enjoy it a lot and have no ambitions to take over his job behind the front two!"

FACING THE CHALLENGE

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v LUTON TOWN

Our Barclays League Division One fixture at the City Ground, Nottingham, against Nottingham Forest, has been rearranged for Wednesday, February 3, 1988, kick-off 7.30 pm.

This fixture is provisional and subject to neither club being involved in replays of Football Association Cup fourth round matches.

The original fixture in Nottingham on November 28 was postponed because of fog.

TICKET OFFICE



Ticket Supervisor: Cherry Newberry is Luton Town FC Ticket Supervisor, following in the footsteps of Bev Tyler who has taken over as the Souvenir Shop Supervisor. The Ticket Office is at the top of Kenilworth Road (telephone Luton 30748 or 423293/4) and the Souvenir Shop is on the corner of Oak Road (telephone Luton 412418).

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CLUB COMMENT

John Smith, Chief Executive
ALL WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE TOWN

After more than two years of hard work, it was very satisfying to attend the meeting last week at which the interim report of the Luton Town Football Club Joint Working Party was announced. The most impressive point was the unanimous determination now being shown by the Party - which represents a cross-section of our entire community in Luton - to satisfactorily solve the problem of our need to relocate. Where once there was division, there is now unity of purpose.

Despite many setbacks and disappointments, as the Working Party chairman Eric Fountain pointed out, the effort to find a new site has finally ended in agreement to move to the new Sundon Springs development on the Borough boundary adjacent to the M1, subject, of course, to planning approval.

This decision has been made recognising the fact that it will take between five and seven years to develop the site. So, Kenilworth Road will remain our home for that period. Bearing this in mind, the Working

Party has agreed upon ways of providing the club with positive financial support, until relocation.

Several meetings have taken place since November, 1987, when the club made a presentation to the Working Party and an audience which included many councillors and local businessmen. As a result of these, the Working Party has formulated proposals which should assist the club in that period.

These include various sponsorship arrangements, community use of the Kenilworth Road stadium and a possible sale of the ground to the council, who would then lease it back to the club.

Most encouragingly for those of us who love Luton Town FC, the attitude of everyone involved and notably that of the business community has been able to sustain the club in the First Division. The Luton area benefits from the club and this has been recognised. And everyone is now working to ensure we have a safe, secure and successful future.



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RESERVE



•Eyes on the ball: Paul Gray in action. Paul scored twice against Reading last week.

THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1987/88

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford	18	15	1	2	43	12	31
Tottenham Hotspur	18	12	2	4	43	20	26
Queens Park Rangers	17	12	1	4	41	18	25
Norwich City	18	10	5	3	40	21	25
Arsenal	18	11	1	6	39	18	23
Southampton	19	9	4	6	38	22	22
Portsmouth	16	9	3	4	34	25	21
Luton Town	17	8	4	5	36	28	20
Ipswich Town	18	7	6	5	34	27	20
Millwall	18	7	5	6	31	20	19
Chelsea	18	7	4	7	31	28	18
West Ham United	17	7	3	7	29	30	17
Oxford United	19	7	2	10	38	49	16
Charlton Athletic	17	5	4	8	18	29	14
Swindon Town	16	6	2	8	26	39	14
Fulham	19	4	4	11	28	54	12
Brighton & Hove Albion	18	5	2	11	18	45	12
Reading	19	3	2	14	27	52	8
Crystal Palace	17	3	1	13	11	40	7
Bristol Rovers	19	2	2	15	29	52	6

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION 1987/88

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



•In the squad: David Oldfield has been a fine example to our reserve and youth players and is now pressing for a regular place in the first team squad.

COACHES' CORNER



YOUTH TEAM START NEW YEAR ON A WINNING NOTE

The Town youngsters shook off the last effects of the Christmas and New Year break with a victorious first outing in their opening 1988 fixture against Bristol Rovers on January 2. Goals by Pembridge and Gray secured a narrow 2-1 win on a wet and windy afternoon in Luton.

Coach John Faulkner was pleased with the performance. He said: "In general, we had some good performances in the team and we also produced some good team play. It was a solid winning performance and one that came from hanging on to a position that we might not have been able to hang on to earlier in the season."

The youngsters started well playing with the wind and the rain in their favour and made several good chances from crosses. They well deserved their single goal lead at the interval.

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The opening goal was a lucky one, however, coming as it did from a cross by Pembridge which sliced into the top of the net. A goal on a wet day! A good passing movement led up to the second.

This arrived early in the second half. Cranshaw, Rees and Gray were all involved before Gray converted the chance to make it 2-0. For a spell, Bristol fought back into the game, but the Town were able to hang on despite the conditions for a good victory to start off the New Year.

& YOUTH

INTRODUCING...

BRADFORD CITY

Bradford City arrive at Kenilworth Road tonight determined to continue their Littlewoods Cup success this season to help boost their Second Division promotion challenge. When the draw for this round was made back in November following our victory at Ipswich, Bradford were top of the division, but in recent weeks they have slipped back. But, whatever the final outcome tonight or in the league, Bradford City have made a magnificent recovery from the tragedy of the Valley Parade fire in May 1985.

'the first Yorkshire club to take on professionals'

Founded in May, 1903, Bradford City were immediately elected to the Second Division of the league without even playing a match. Not one match at any level, anywhere! One day they were the Manningham Rugby League club and the next they had changed their code and become members of the Football League. They went on to become the first club to take on professionals in Yorkshire.

By 1908, with a settled side, they had graduated to the First Division as Second Division champions. It was to be the start of their glory years. They stayed in the top flight until 1922, reached fifth place in 1911, and won the FA Cup in the same season. They beat Newcastle 1-0 in a replay after a goalless draw at the Crystal Palace in the initial match.

Newcastle were regarded as red hot favourites to win as they were appearing in their fifth final appearance in seven years. But the Paraders had other ideas and a goal from Jimmy Spiers did the trick in the replay at Old Trafford. A huge 100,000-strong crowd cheered the team through the streets when they returned with the cup to Bradford.

Alas, Bradford City lost their First Division status in 1922. A fall through the divisions gradually followed with them ending up in the newly-formed Fourth Division in 1961. In 1969, they won promotion. But they fell back again in 1972.

It was in this period, however, that local businessman Stafford Heginbotham became club chairman and began to infect the club with his ideas and energy. He salvaged the club from the brink of extinction and finally earned lasting promotion for the club when they went up in 1982 as runners-up to then-Fourth Division champions Sheffield United.

Three years later they were champions of the Third Division - but their celebrations were soured by the dreadful fire which took 56 lives. The response from the club and the city has been extraordinary since then.

Under Trevor Cherry and Terry Yorath, with Heginbotham at the helm, they became a force. Then, when the former Leeds pair were dismissed, Terry Dolan took over and consolidated their earlier successes, leading them to the brink of their first taste of First Division Football in 54 years.



Back Row: Brian Mitchell, Lee Sinnott, Ron Futcher, Mark Leonard, Ian Ormondroyd, Chris Withe. Middle Row: Stan Ternent (Assistant Manager), Leigh Palin, Dave Evans, Paul Tomlinson, Peter Litchfield, Gavin Oliver, Mark Ellis, Bryan Edwards (Physiotherapist). Front Row: Aidy Thorpe, Karl Goddard, Stuart McCall, Terry Dolan (Manager), John Hendrie, Greg Abbott, Rob Savage.



Terry Dolan had an unenviable task when he took over from Trevor Cherry last year as the former Leeds man had done a marvellous job in leading City to recovery after the traumatic fire at Valley Parade. But Dolan has proved himself to be his own master with a considerable impact as City have joined powerfully in the promotion race. He has twice broken City's transfer record with the signings of Lee Sinnott from Watford for £130,000 and then Mick Kennedy from Portsmouth for £250,000. Remarkably, Dolan was on the staff of Bradford Park Avenue when that club went out of business. He went on to play for Huddersfield and Rochdale. He became City's youth team coach in 1983.

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JUNIOR HATTERS!

BY BRIAN STEIN

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THE JUNIORS FROM BRADFORD TOO!

Tonight brings us to a vital stage of the Littlewoods Cup against Bradford City as it is the quarter-final. If we manage to get through this round it puts us in to the draw for the semi-finals, which are played on a two-legged basis home and away.

Bradford have done very well to get to this stage of the cup, so tonight's game will not be an easy one for us.

We have done well over the Christmas and New Year holidays to improve our position in the League table, when I look at some of the teams that are

behind us in the table we are doing well keeping up with the big clubs.

Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is A030402. 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 matches.

Tonight, we give a warm welcome to Bradford and any junior supporters from Bradford that might have travelled to Kenilworth Road to support their team. Have a good night and enjoy the game

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Mark Edwards



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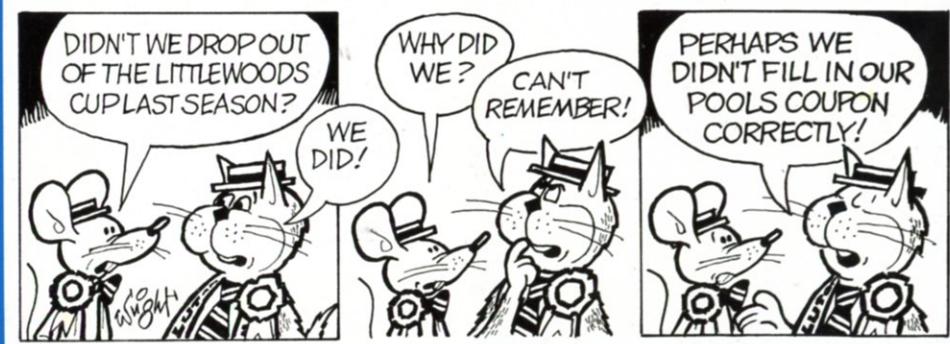


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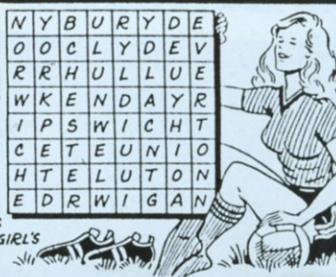
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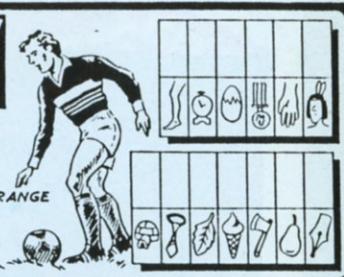
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PUT THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH OBJECT INTO THE SPACE ABOVE IT AND THEN RE-ARRANGE THE LETTERS TO FIND THE NAME OF A WORLD CUP STAR.



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Can you spot the 10 differences between the two pictures?

The answers to the last Quiz Time are:
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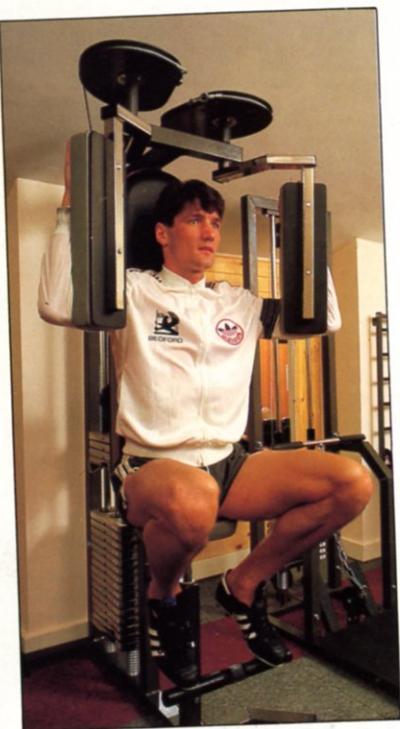
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Views from the media

TOWN SURVIVE UPSET THREAT

The Town did a good professional job, particularly in the second half, to win at Hartlepool in the third round of the FA Cup ten days ago. Here is a selection of the comments in the national media after that match:

Today: "Fourth Division Hartlepool made a mess of their giant-killing chance. The game was there to win, but we made a mess of it," said Hartlepool manager John Bird. But Luton manager Ray Harford said: "Once we settled, we were always in control." Once the Stein brothers, Brian and Mark, had goals disallowed late in the first half, the writing was on the wall. Micky Weir put Luton in front in 49 minutes and Darron McDonough grabbed a second in the 78th minute."

Sigh of relief

The Star: "Luton boss Ray Harford sighed with relief after his side avoided humiliation at humble Hartlepool. 'We won comfortably enough in the end and I was very pleased with our approach to the game,' he said. 'When they tried it on we wouldn't let them rattle us.'

Daily Mail: "Luton survived the potential danger of an upset but it would have been a different story if the Fourth Division side had taken their chances."



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LUTON TOWN GOAL'DEN OLDIES

HATTERS HOPING CUP HISTORY WILL REPEAT ITSELF

We welcome City to Luton for tonight's Cup-tie and obviously hope that the result is similar to the last time they visited Kenilworth Road - for a 4th Round FA Cup tie on 26th January 1974 - when the Town won 3-0, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

That particular game was over almost before it started as City full back John Fretwell put through his own net very early on and a further goal by Barry Butlin gave us a comfortable half time lead. Jimmy Ryan scored in the second half to earn a Fifth Round tie at home to Leicester when we were well and truly walloped 4-0.

If our cup record against City is something to crow about our league results most certainly are not as we have won only once in our eight meetings.

'Graham French made his Luton debut against Bradford City'

Our first league meeting took place at Valley Parade on 16th October 1965 during our initial season in Division Four. Graham French, to become a star of so many Luton games in the late 60's, made his debut that day but did not particularly shine in a 2-2 draw.

It was inevitable that goals would be scored that day as in the Towns previous two games they had beaten Doncaster 4-3 and Barnsley 5-4 after being 4-0 up after only 20 minutes.

In the game at Bradford City Roy Ellam gave City the lead but John Moore equalised within minutes. Goalkeeper Colin Tinsley was injured after 34 stitches and had to be taken to hospital to have stitches inserted in a head wound his place being taken by goalkeeper turned inside forward Tony Read with Billy Stark coming on as substitute.

John O'Rourke put Luton into the lead shortly before half time but Ellam equalised in the second half and was denied his hat-trick by some five saves by Read which were warmly applauded by the crowd of 2635.

The return took place on December 18th shortly after the infamous cup defeat by non-league Corby and a reshuffled Town side despite controlling the game contrived to lose 3-2 before a crowd of 5550. The Luton goals were scored by Bruce Riach and Read now back in the forward line while City's marksmen were Peter Rodon and Ken Leek with two.

Season 1966-67 proved to be the most dismal in Luton's history and the 0-0 home draw with City on 20th October 1966 was typical of the Towns performances of that time - desperate stuff with little goalmouth action to excite the 4150 crowd which turned out to be the lowest of the season.

If the Towns home record was nothing to write home about the away performances were terrible - only one away point and two goals in the eight games played prior to the visit to Valley Parade on 16th November - the worst in the Football League.

The Town lost again that night but at least scored a goal in the 2-1 defeat.

David Pleat opened the scoring in the 12th minute to shock the 3097 crowd, but Leek headed an equaliser 10 minutes from half time.

As he had played so well in goal at Bradford the previous season Read was back between the sticks and performed miracles to prevent the City forwards from scoring a hatfull. He was however unable to stop Steve Ingle scoring the winner in the 75th minute and was grateful to see a John Hall shot hit the bar and rebound back into play in the closing minutes.

The following season saw an upturn in fortunes for both clubs and when they met at Valley Parade on 2nd December Luton were third in the Fourth Division table while City were fourth.



• **Barry Butlin:** Brave striker.

The Town had won eight league games on the trot whilst City had won seven and drawn one over the same period so the stage was set for a classic and the largest crowd to watch the fixture at the time - 7957 - gathered to see which unbeaten record would go.

Keith Allen who had been ever present since joining the Town from Stockport the previous season twisted his ankle in training and his place was taken by 19 year old trialist Hugh McLeish.

City started the game at a searing pace and it was no surprise when Paul Aimson, whom the town had tried to sign earlier in the season, put the Bradford side in front. The Town, more by luck than judgement, managed to hold out until half time but early in the second period Charlie Rackstraw scored the second leaving the Hatters with mountains to climb. To their credit Luton did not give up and it was a post that prevented McLeish scoring on his debut ten minutes from time.

The Town were crowned champions of Division Four on 24th April 1968 before an ecstatic crowd of 18904 and three days later Bradford City came to Kenilworth Road with ideas on promotion themselves.

"Too much champagne" was the excuse offered for the Towns 3-1 defeat that afternoon - the only home reverse of the season - and although Luton credited plenty of chances City were fully deserving of their win.

Bobby Ham capitalised on a misunderstanding between Alan Slough and goalkeeper Read in the 12th minute but Ray Whittaker equalised from the spot early in the second half following a handling offence by City's Barry Swallow.

Swallow got his own back in the 73rd minute sending over a speculative centre which completely deceived skipper Terry Branston and Read before bouncing in the net and then seven minutes into injury time Max Dougan was adjudged to have tripped Bruce Walker in the penalty area and Rackstraw saw his spot-kick saved by Read.

The referee, however, ordered the kick to be retaken because of an encroachment offence which must have been a relief to Rackstraw, who had scored from all his 38 previous penalties, and who this time made no mistake.

City still missed out on promotion but joined the Town in Division Three a season later and when the teams met at Valley Parade on 13th September 1969 it was in a similar situation to that two years before at Bradford in as much that both sides had got off to a flying start and the contest which attracted 10851 was seen to be another "Clash of the Titans".

As it turned out the match was a non-event with Allen heading in a cross from French in the 52nd minute and Ham

equalising 13 minutes from the end. The first goal scored against the Town on their travels that season.

Amongst all these tales of woe the best story is kept until the end for in our last league meeting, at Kenilworth Road on 13th December 1969, the Town actually managed to beat City and 5-0 to boot!

'Malcolm Macdonald rapped in a hat-trick'

The Town were leading the table at the time but had lost at non-league Hillingdon in the FA Cup the week before and although we had remained unbeaten at home since the last time City had been here we were all apprehensive about playing one of our bogey sides.

So often happens in these situations we need have had not fears for the Town played brilliantly that afternoon and were two up in the first 14 minutes courtesy of Matt Tees and Malcolm Macdonald and three up at half time with John Collins scoring just before the break seconds after Ham had hit a post for City.

Luton slackened the pace in the second half but still managed to score two more both by Macdonald - his hat trick being scored from the penalty spot in the last minute.



• **Jim Ryan:** Spot-kick specialist.

A summary of our results against Bradford City

	Home	Away				
1965/66	2-3	2-2				
Summary	P	W	D	L	F	A
1966/67	0-0	1-2				
1967/68	1-3	0-2				
1969/70	5-0	1-1				
	4	1	1	2	8	6
	4	0	2	2	4	7
	8	1	3	4	12	13

FIRST TEAM

UPDATER

1987-88 SEASON

BARCLAYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

1997-98

1967-68							
HOME				AWAY			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	APts
23 12 1 0 36 3	Liverpool				6	4	0 21 8 59
26 6 3 2 25 9	Nottingham Forest				7	2	3 21 12 44
25 9 2 1 23 5	Everton				3	5	5 13 11 43
25 7 2 3 22 9	Arsenal				5	4	4 14 14 42
24 6 5 1 18 11	Manchester United				5	4	3 18 13 42
25 6 5 2 21 13	Wimbledon				5	2	5 18 17 40
25 7 3 3 19 11	Queens Park Rangers				4	4	4 11 17 40
24 7 4 3 22 11	LUTON TOWN	11	3	1	6	10	15
25 7 1 5 18 16	Sheffield Wednesday				3	3	6 13 22 34
25 7 2 4 19 15	Tottenham Hotspur				2	4	6 7 14 33
24 4 3 4 15 15	Southampton				4	5	18 21 31
25 4 5 4 15 16	West Ham United				3	4	5 13 18 30
25 6 5 0 18 10	Chelsea				2	1	11 13 32 30
23 3 4 4 11 14	Newcastle United				4	4	4 17 21 29
23 2 4 4 10 17	Coventry City				4	3	6 14 21 26
25 3 7 4 16 18	Portsmouth				2	3	6 8 24 25
23 3 3 5 10 10	Derby County				3	3	6 10 18 24
24 4 2 6 17 18	Norwich City				3	1	8 6 15 24
24 5 1 6 19 24	Oxford United				1	4	7 9 22 23
24 3 2 6 8 13	Watford				2	4	7 9 19 21
24 3 4 5 12 16	Charlton Athletic				1	4	7 11 20 20

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

(1987/88)

	League				Litt Cup				(2008-09)			
	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls
Ian Allison	12(1)	3	-	-								
Kingsley Black	4	-	1(1)	-	Mike Newell	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tim Breacker	24	1	4	-	Stacey North	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gary Cobb	2	-	-	-	Emeka Nwajobi	8(3)	2	1	-	-	-	-
Mal Donaghy	22	-	4	-	David Oldfield	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	-
Steve Foster	24	1	4	-	David Preece	9	-	-	1	-	-	-
Ashley Grimes	19	-	2	-	Brian Stein	-	21	6	4	1	-	-
Mick Harford	16	7	3	5	Mark Stein	9(5)	5	1	-	-	-	-
Richard Harvey	-	-	1	-	Les Sealey	24	-	-	4	-	-	-
Ricky Hill	14(1)	-	2	-	Michael Weir	6(1)	1	3	-	2	-	-
Rob Johnson	6(4)	-	3	-	Danny Wilson	22	3	4	-	-	-	-
Sammy Johnson	10(1)	1	0	-	Paul Minter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Aldridge (Liverpool)	20
McClair (Man Utd)	17
Fashanu (Wimbledon)	16
Clough (Forest)	14
Dunc (Chelsea)	13



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Aug 15	Derby County	0-1	17204	-	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	(R. Wilson)	(Preece)	◆M.N.D.M.
Aug 18	Coventry City	0-1	7506	-	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	McDonough	D. Wilson	Harford	Newell	(R. Wilson)	Preece	◆Nwajobi
Aug 22	West Ham United	2-2	8073	16	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	(McDonough)	D. Wilson	Cobb	Harford ²	Newell	Preece	◆S.North
Aug 29	Chelsea	0-3	16075	19	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	Donaghy	Foster	R. Wilson	Hill	Cobb	Nwajobi	Nwajobi	Preece	◆K.B./S.N.
Aug 31	Arsenal	1-1	8745	18	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson ¹	B. Stein	(Newell)	(Newell)	Preece	◆M. Stein
Sept 5	Oxford United	5-2	6804	14	Sealey	Breacker ¹	Grimes	Hill ¹	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	(B. Stein) ¹	Harford ¹	(Nwajobi)	(Preece)	◆M.S./R.J.
Sept 12	Everton	2-1	8124	16	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	Hill ¹	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein ¹	Harford	(Nwajobi)	(Preece)	◆M.S./R.J.
Sept 19	Charlton Athletic	0-1	5003	12	Sealey	Breacker	(McDonough)	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	M. Stein	(Preece)	◆M.W./R.J.
Sept 22	Wigan Athletic (LC2R 1L)	1-0	5018	14	Sealey	Breacker	Johnson	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	Weir ¹	(Preece)	◆Nwajobi
Sept 26	Queens Park Rangers	0-2	11175	14	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	Black	Preece	R.J./E.N.
Oct 3	Manchester United	1-1	9137	14	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford ¹	(Black)	Weir ¹	◆M.S./D.M.
Oct 6	Wigan Athletic (LC2R 2L)	4-2	4240	14	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	McDonough ¹	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford ³	Black	Weir ¹	◆M.S./R.J.
Oct 10	Portsmouth	1-3	12391	16	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	Hill	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford ²	(Johnson)	Weir ¹	◆D.McD.E.
Oct 17	Wimbledon	2-0	7018	14	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson ¹	B. Stein ¹	Harford	(Black)	Weir ¹	◆I.A./E.N.
Oct 24	Liverpool	0-1	12452	14	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	Harford	Weir ¹	◆M.S./R.J.
Oct 27	Coventry City (LC3R)*	3-1	11448	16	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford ²	Allinson	Weir ¹	◆M.S./R.H.
Nov 7	Newcastle United	4-0	7638	17	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein ¹	Nwajobi ¹	Johnson	Weir ¹	◆R.J./R.H.
Nov 14	Sheffield Wednesday	2-0	16960	16	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	M. Stein ²	Nwajobi	Allinson	◆R.J./R.H.
Nov 17	Ipwich Town (LC4R)	1-0	15643	12	Sealey	Breacker	Harvey	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	(D. Wilson)	B. Stein ¹	Nwajobi ¹	(Johnson)	M. Stein	◆K.B./D.O.
Nov 21	Tottenham Hotspur	2-0	10091	12	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	R. Johnson	B. Stein	M. Stein ¹	Nwajobi ¹	Allinson	◆R.H./M.W.
Dec 5	Norwich City	1-2	7002	13	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein ¹	Nwajobi ¹	Weir	Weir ¹	◆R.J./R.H.
Dec 12	Watford	1-0	12152	9	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster ¹	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Hill	Hill	Allinson	R.J./K.B.
Dec 18	Southampton	2-2	6618	9	Sealey	Breacker	Grimes	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	(Hill)	Allinson	◆R.J./M.S.
Dec 26	Everton	0-2	32242	11	Sealey	Breacker	(Grimes)	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Harford	M. Stein	Allinson	◆R.J./M.S.
Dec 28	Charlton Athletic	1-0	7243	9	Sealey	Breacker	Johnson	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson ¹	B. Stein	Harford ¹	Allinson	K.B./D.O.	
Jan 1	Chelsea	3-0	8018	8	Sealey	Breacker	Johnson	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein ¹	Harford ¹	Allinson	K.B./M.W.	
Jan 2	West Ham United	1-1	16716	8	Sealey	Breacker	Johnson	McDonough	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	M. Stein ¹	Allinson	K.B./M.W.	
Jan 9	Hartpool (FAC3)	2-1	6187	8	Sealey	Breacker	Johnson	McDonough ¹	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	M. Stein ¹	Allinson	A.G./M.W.	
Jan 16	Derby County	1-0	7175	8	Sealey	Breacker	Johnson	McDonough ¹	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	B. Stein	Weir ¹	Allinson	K.B./D.O.	
Jan 19	Bradford City (LC5R)												Black	M. Stein	Allinson	R.H./D.D.

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7 Danny Wilson		7 John Hendrie	
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