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FOSTER FIRES TOWN INTO LAST FOUR



• **That winning feeling:** Steve Foster and Danny Wilson celebrate the captain's goal against Bradford City in our Littlewoods Cup quarter-final win.

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• **Over and out:** Mark Stein (top) is out of luck and so too is Paul Tomlinson (below) as Foster's shot goes in.

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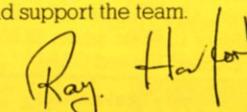
Welcome to Southampton and their officials, staff and supporters. Another exciting match is lined up for this afternoon as we continue to enjoy our runs in this season's knockout tournaments. Having drawn with Southampton in the league shortly before Christmas, we know what to expect from them and know it will be a tough match today.

We were very pleased, and relieved, to beat Bradford City last week and go through to the quarter-finals of the Littlewoods Cup. The draw was kind to us as well. We wanted to avoid meeting Arsenal or Everton at this stage. But we know, again, that we face a difficult pair of matches against Oxford. Nothing can be taken for granted in this game and we shall have to be properly prepared and play to our full strength to make sure we reach the final at Wembley. Naturally, we are all delighted, but it is vital that we keep our feet on the ground, avoid too much excitement, and keep doing a proper professional job in every match.

Semi-final tension

This season, I have been impressed with the cool professionalism and the determination of the players. Many of them have experienced the tensions of semi-finals before and know what to expect. It will be my first semi-final. We fully realise it will be vital to stay mentally attuned to the job in hand.

Since my last notes, Mick Harford has added to our recent successes by signing a new contract with the club. We are all delighted. At the time of writing, I have no fresh injuries to worry about and look forward to seeing the long-term injured players making full recoveries. The spirit is excellent within the club. Let us hope, it continues to provide fine entertainment on the pitch. Enjoy the match and support the team.



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Mailbag

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

Youngest yet?

Dear Sir,

In response to a letter headed 'Our Youngest Fan' in the Bradford City programme, may we proudly introduce to all town fans our son Steven. He was registered as a Junior Hatter (No 007197) 3 days after arriving into the world. Steven was born on the 23rd Sept 1987 and was the proud owner of a Junior Hatter card by the 1st October, 1987. Beat that!

Lets hope he can also be the proud owner of two cup final programmes!

Good luck.

Yours faithfully

Lee & Lynn Oldfield
44 Lilac Walk,
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VIDEO FOR SALE

Anyone interested in purchasing a video of our 2-1 victory at Hartlepool in the FA Cup earlier this month should contact the commercial office at the club. The video costs £12.50 including VAT and includes the full 90 minutes of match action.

BOBBERS TRAVEL CLUB

Oxford Utd v Luton Town Littlewoods Cup semi-final 1st leg

The club is running coaches for the above game. Travel tickets are available to personal callers only at the club souvenir shop in Oak Road before and after the games on January 30 and February 6, 1988. LTFC members only. Prices: £3.60 for adults. £2.90 for under-15's and OAPs.

The best news!

Dear Sir,
In a week which brought the Town a cup semi-final place and a wonderful chance of a return to Wembley (at long last!), perhaps the best news of all came with the announce-

ment that Mick Harford had signed a new three-year contract.

I still meet supporters who haven't forgiven the Luton Board for selling Malcolm Macdonald at a time when Luton were looking like returning to the First Division. Now I feel David Evans deserves much credit for putting such a lucrative contract on offer and so preventing a similar 'tragedy'.

I'm sure I won't be alone in making comparisons between Malcolm and Mick - their styles are not dissimilar and both of course share a deadly goal-scoring instinct. Perhaps the following statistics which compare the Luton careers of the two players will make interesting reading.

Malcolm Macdonald

League Apps 88
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Goals 9

Mick Harford

League Apps 93
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Goals 13

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CHIT CHAT

Short wave agony



As one who has endured the many difficulties of following the Hatters on their travels, I can identify with the away-day blues described by Gale Waller.

However, being an armchair supporter has its trials and tribulations too, particularly if that armchair is on the other side of the world.

To expatriates like myself the infinite pleasures and black despair that go with following any football team are received over the crackling air waves via the BBC World Service. Every Saturday night during the season sees a vigil stretching from 11.00pm until the early hours of the morning, often invoking the wrath of a wife and family of unbelievers.

Just as the fan at the game stretches and cranes to see the play from behind the giant who invariably stands before him, so I frantically twiddle and tune to hold on to a frequency that fades as the night goes on. All too often the dulcet tones of Paddy Feeney are drowned out by a combination of Chinese Opera or the news in Bulgarian.

As the final scores are read, the tension mounts further with one tingling with anticipation, only to hear Luton Town 1 - Watford (bzz-crackle-pop). This can mean a one or two-day wait before the chance comes to gingerly open a local

paper and see whether that one goal really was enough.

Throughout the season, this anxious scanning of the small print serves to determine my mood for the rest of the week. My three-year-old already knows that three points in the bag means her sweet tooth will be indulged whilst the group of students I teach are able to judge the kind of lesson they will have as soon as I walk into a monday morning class.

Malaysians fed on a Mersey-rich diet of English football cannot understand how these teams, great and glamorous as they are, will never usurp the unsung heroes who have made up the Hatters teams over the years.

Veterans who have anxiously stood through many tense promotion battles and stirring cup runs will have no such problems in identifying with the symptoms of someone who has given his heart to a football team. Just remember as you watch the lads battle towards Wembley and the action becomes so tense that you can't bear to watch any more that there is somebody on the edge of his seat 10,000 kilometres away in an even worse position.

David Forman, Selangor, West Malaysia

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

Luton News

PICTURE QUIZ



• We make no apologies for reprinting this picture in honour of Southampton's visit. To win a fiver in our free competition, name the goalkeeper and tell us how many he let in for Southampton at Kenilworth Road in October 1985.

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

RAMS TAMED

Luton Town 1 Derby County 0
Darron McDonough was the Town hero here a fortnight ago when he blasted in the late winner which finally beat Peter Shilton to earn all three points. The goal came after 86 minutes of frustration during which Shilton had produced a series of dazzling saves, most notably one low instinctive stop from Ian Allinson midway through the second half.

Danny Wilson, who enjoyed another busy afternoon in midfield, broke away on the right to create the Town goal in the closing stages. His cross fell kindly for McDonough in the goalmouth and, though Shilton managed to move his hands in the way, his powerful strike ballooned into the net.

The win was the Town's fourth in five matches since going down to Everton at Goodison Park on Boxing Day and helped establish them in the top eight of the First Division. And further good news was provided with the very promising performance of Kingsley Black on the left side of midfield, filling in for Ian Allinson who had moved forward to replace the suspended Mick Harford.

Teams: Luton Town - Sealey, Breacker, Johnson, McDonough, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, B. Stein, Black, M. Stein, Allinson.
Derby County: Shilton, McLaren, Forsyth, Williams, Wright, Blades, Callaghan, Gee, Garner, Gregory, McLaren.

Referee: K.A. Cooper (Swindon).

1st Team ACTION



- Late winner: Darron's goal ended the frustration against Peter Shilton and Derby. Our action pictures today show Brian Stein, Mark Stein, Danny Wilson and Tim Breacker pressing forward in that match. Photos by Josh Levy of Apex Photography.

FOOTBALL FOCUS



Hugh Billington



Hugh Billington, one of the Town's finest centre forwards, died in the Luton and Dunstable Hospital on January 16, aged 71. Hugh, who succeeded Joe Payne in the number nine shirt at Kenilworth Road, was regarded as a player as fine as his predecessor and would have equalled his reputation had it not been for the interruption to his career of the second world war. His funeral took place on January 22. Robert Alexander pays tribute to one of our greatest goalscoring heroes in today's Football Focus:

Had it not been for the interruption of World War Two, Hugh Billington would almost certainly have become as big a favourite as Joe Payne in the hearts of all Luton Town fans. Born in Ampthill, but brought up in Luton, he followed Payne as a scoring sensation in the Hatters team, but was robbed of his most productive and glorious years by the war.

The Town knew him well long before he joined them from Spartan League Waterloows in 1938. He had been in the Luton schoolboys side and had played local league soccer for several clubs. He made his league debut for the Town in November, 1938, when he scored twice in a 3-2 win over Tramme. In his first season, he topped the Second Division scoring charts with 28 goals in 27 appearances.

But, at 24, when he was approaching his peak, war broke out. Army service kept him out of the game for six years. He resumed his career in 1946 and his output that term was 35 goals. How many would Hughie have scored if there had been no war?

In 1948, as with Joe Payne, Billington joined Chelsea. His three-year spell at Stamford Bridge yielded a further 28 goals in 83 appearances. He went on to play for Worcester City. In one of his most memorable times for the Town, he scored two hat-tricks against Southampton over Easter in the space of four days. Hugh is survived by his wife Rene to whom we all send our deepest sympathy.

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CLUB NEWS

LUTON TOWN V SOUTHAMPTON

Replay arrangements

If this afternoon's FA Cup fourth round tie ends in a draw, the replay will take place at The Dell on Tuesday, February 2, 1988, kick-off 7.30pm. Tickets for the match, if it is necessary, will be on sale tomorrow (Sunday) from 9am to 2pm from our Ticket Collection booth in Kenilworth Road and not the ticket office (which will be selling only Littlewoods Cup semi-final tickets).

We have been allocated 500 seats in the visitors section of the West Stand, priced at £6.50, and standing space on the Archers Road terrace, priced at £3.50, at The Dell. Full Littlewoods Cup details are on page 25.

Fixture rearrangements

Our Barclays League Division One fixture against Nottingham Forest at the City Ground has been postponed again. It will not take place on its provisional rearranged date of February 3. This week has been set aside for Simod Cup fixtures or FA Cup fourth round replays.

Our postponed Simod Cup third round tie at Everton has been arranged for Tuesday, February 2, 1988, kick-off 7.30 pm, subject to FA Cup replays. This fixture will be postponed again if we are involved in a replay with Southampton or Everton are involved in an FA Cup replay.

Our youth team have succeeded in reaching the semi-finals of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup. They will meet Aston Villa at Villa Park, Birmingham, on Monday, February 22, kick-off 7pm. We are the holders of this trophy. The provision replay date for this semi-final is Monday, February 29, kick-off 7pm.

FORTHCOMING MATCHES AT KENILWORTH ROAD

Barclays League Division One
Saturday, February 6, 1988
Luton Town v Oxford United
Kick-off 3.00 pm.

Sunday Mirror Combination
Saturday, February 13, 1988
Luton Town v Arsenal
Kick-off 2.00 pm.

MATCH REFEREE

Danny Vickers
(Ilford)

A staff welfare officer in local government, Danny is married and has four children. He began refereeing in 1967 and progressed through the Metropolitan London League and the South East Counties League to the Football Combination and the Football League. He is chairman of Ilford Referees' Society. He enjoys all sports, DIY and gardening.

COVER STORY

Brian Stein is pictured in action against Derby County on our front cover today. Brian is in his testimonial season and has hit seven goals this term.

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THE TOWN

BOOMING BUSINESS AS CUP FEVER KEEPS US ALL IN ACTION

Busy? We have been inundated with arrangements and work in the last week as the excitement mounts with the club enjoying success on the pitch in three major competitions.

Today we welcome Southampton in the FA Cup, next month we face Oxford in the Littlewoods Cup semi-finals and Everton in the Simod Cup...and we are still going strong in the First Division. It must rank as one of the most exciting periods in the club's history.

Delighted

The success against Bradford City was capped perfectly when our England 'B' striker Mick Harford signed a new three-year contract. We were all delighted. Mick, like us all, has a belief that we are now establishing ourselves among the country's leading clubs and growing increasingly accustomed to a condensed fixture calendar.

Our ticket office staff have worked very hard to keep up with the demands and, as most of our members and regular visitors will know, have coped extremely well with the pressure. To them, a seven-day week has become routine.

Arrangements for fixtures and tickets for all our forthcoming

matches are published on the Club News and Box Office Information pages of this programme. With so many matches, occasional communication failures are inevitable. I hope anyone disappointed will bear with us.

While we are delighted to have progressed through to the semi-final stages of the Littlewoods Cup, we are trying to keep a sense of perspective. Our two-legged meeting with Oxford is sure to be a great occasion, but it is not the final itself...and Wembley must be our main ambition.

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ACTORS VISIT



•Face in the crowd: Television actor George Leyton was here for our clash with Bradford City.

AROUND

SPORTS MINISTER VISITS FOR DERBY MATCH



•Planning ahead: Our chairman David Evans is pictured with Luton MPs Graham Bright and John Carlisle, flanking Sports Minister Colin Moynihan, who visited the club two weeks ago.



•Top Hatter: Player-coach and captain Steve Foster was our sponsors Graham Builders Merchants man of the match against Derby. He is pictured with Tony Neville.



•Signing on: Mick Harford completes the formalities of his new three-year contract with the Town. Mick is pictured with director Ed Pearson and manager Ray Harford.



•Man of the night: Tim Breacker was sponsors ITL's top player against Bradford City. He is pictured with Mr Finch, ITL's executive director.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

Single-minded aims

We all enjoyed a great night against Bradford City and were delighted to clinch a place in the last four of the Littlewoods Cup. But we shall be putting all that out of our minds today as we continue our bid to get through to the fifth round of the FA Cup.

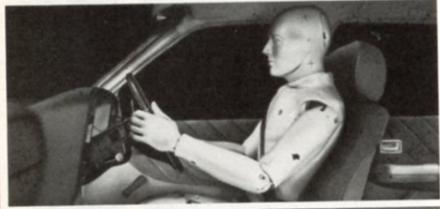
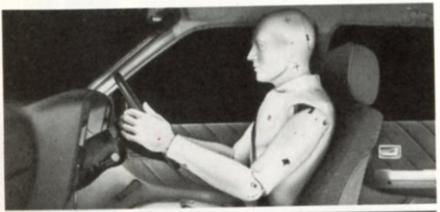
We have a score to settle with Southampton who came here and took a point in a 2-2 draw shortly before Christmas and we all remember last year when we felt we should have beaten QPR at the same stage of this competition. Ambition will not be lacking.

Relaxation

Having last weekend's game at Coventry called off was an upset to our routine, but may have been a blessing in disguise. Really, you cannot tell. It means we have been able to concentrate on this game for the last 10 days without any distractions.

In the week, we went out to Helow Grange for a bit of special cup-tie preparation and relaxation...The lads always enjoy it. It is a bit of fun and takes away from the everyday routine and pressure of the club. Enjoy today's match and give us plenty of real vocal support.

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• In the thick of the action: Danny Wilson on the attack for the Town against Derby County.





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IN PROFILE....

GARY COBB



• Happy on the right side: Gary Cobb.

Working for a first team breakthrough



• Hoping: Gary Cobb.

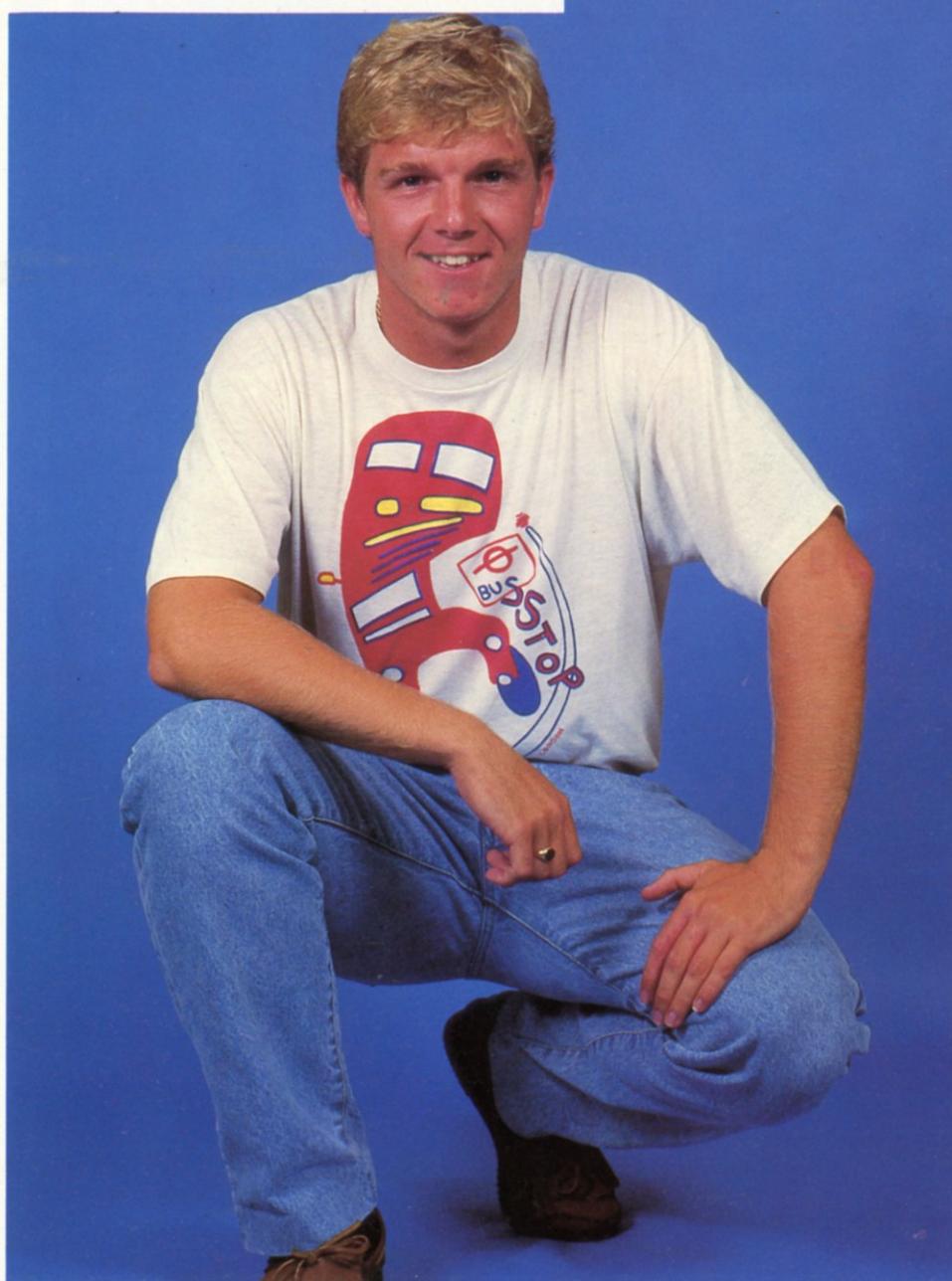
Several fine performances in the reserves' Football Combination fixtures towards the end of last season earned Gary Cobb his deserved first team breakthrough. He responded by helping to lay on the only goal of the game in a Town win.

Born in Dunstable, Gary is a true local boy who has made the grade after working his way up through the youth system. He signed full professional forms for the Hatters on his 18th birthday in August 1986.

Gary is at home in any position on the right side of the pitch, but has been used most regularly in a midfield role where his strength and pace can be used to great effect. He has enjoyed playing in central defence.

Earlier this season, Gary made two first team appearances for the fixtures at home to West Ham and then at Stamford Bridge against Chelsea. His target is now to recover his best form and win a place in the first team again.

GARY COBB



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DRESSING ROOM TALK

with Kingsley Black

After just 18 months as a professional, Luton-born Kingsley Black has begun to establish himself as a regular member of our first team squad and impress experienced judges with his balance, temperament and high-quality ball control. Now 19, Kingsley has shown remarkable maturity – particularly as he did not have the benefit of a spell with the club as an apprentice professional, as he explains in Dressing Room Talk today:

Special honour

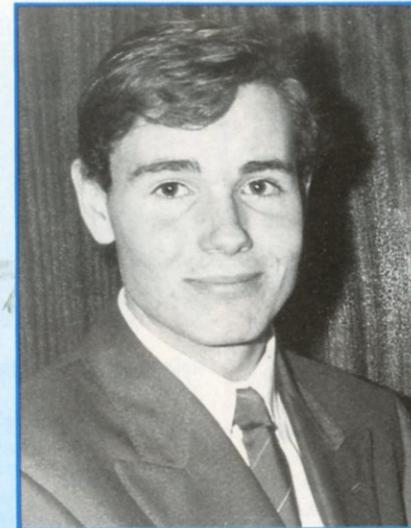
"I was born in Luton and have grown up in the town as a local schoolboy player and supporter of the club. So, for me, it is a special honour when I pull on the Luton Town shirt to play for the first team. It really means a lot.

"I played a lot of local football and obviously enjoyed it. I was watched by club scouts and, while I was playing regularly for St Joseph's in the Chiltern Youth League, was approached and invited by John Moore to come down to Kenilworth Road.

"I started off playing a few games in the youth team and then later on I played in the reserves. But I did not get offered apprentice professional forms. When I finished at Cardinal Newman School, I went on to Luton Sixth Form College to study my 'A' levels in maths and economics. That kept me busy for two years up to my 18th birthday.

"At the same time, I kept on playing for Luton and enjoying it. I played quite a lot in the reserves. I signed full professional forms and a one-year contract when I was 18 in June 1986. My contract was updated and I signed a new two-year contract at the start of this season.

"When I was at school I used to play a few games at centre-forward, but I have always been mostly an attacking left-side player. I am naturally left footed. I prefer to play the wide role in a four-man midfield than to play as a pure out-and-out winger – there is more involvement. I don't have to wait for the ball.



• Home-town boy: Kingsley Black.

"When I was younger I used to come and watch the team regularly. Ricky Hill was an attacking midfield player on the right side then and David Moss was on the left. It was a very exciting team. I used to watch regularly from the terraces and I can remember running on to the pitch when we won the Second Division title in 1982 and standing below the directors' box!

Enjoy a dribble

"I made my first team debut at Queens Park Rangers in September last year when we lost 2-0, but that has been my only losing appearance in the team. I had a run of three games, playing against Manchester United and Wigan after that. And since then I have played a few more, mostly at home, so I am feeling more and more at home in the first team.

"Last season, I scored eight goals in the reserves. But, although I like to try and get a shot in and enjoy a dribble, I think my main job is to get crosses in. Like David Moss, I am working on my game in the air! I think that is typical of wide players."



CLUB COMMENT

**John Smith, Chief Executive
DYNAMIC LEADER NEEDED FOR THE FUTURE**

The administration of our great game has been the subject of considerable discussion in private and public this season with many suggestions made as to the future direction we should be taking. Bobby Charlton went so far as to suggest the answer lay in the appointment of a 'supremo' who could over-see the purpose and direction of football...and I must confess to holding great sympathy with this viewpoint.

Bearing in mind that the football Association Secretary Ted Croker will be completing his term of office in 1989 after a long and loyal period of service and that the FA Chairman Bert Millichip's term of office will also be due for renewal or change in the same year, it may be that we are approaching a time when we should give such possibilities all serious thought.

With so many changes already taking place in football, and so many more obviously lying ahead, it seems that someone capable of taking a really strong and radical look at the top administration of the game is going to be needed. We need to consider all the possibilities and to study, for example, the way both the FA and the Football League are run.

It seems to me that the time has come to consider appointing a high-profile high-powered forward-

thinking person. We need someone who can not only maintain all the various good things being done within football, but also lead the game forward, who can have good connections in order to keep the commercial side right, but also to open doors for the game at the highest level in business, politics and education.

It would need to be someone who could command the respect of everyone within the game both locally and nationally, but also internationally. And it needs to be someone who is well-known and respected in all walks of life. A natural leader. Someone who can take football into the next decade, a person capable of achieving such formidable ambitions as the creation of a new national stadium and headquarters for football, who can lift the game to new, respected and successful heights.

Many of us may think we would struggle to find the right man, but we must think along these lines and consider such men as leaders of industry and commerce if we are to bring back the game's reputation, morality and popularity.

One man I would offer as an example would be Lord Aberdare who is well-known and respected in the House of Lords and also in industry. He is also chairman of the Football Trust.



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•Eyes down: Darren McLean is one Town youngster with an eye for the future...and the ball.

THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1987/88

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford	18	15	1	2	43	12	31
Tottenham Hotspur	19	13	2	4	44	20	28
Norwich City	19	10	6	3	41	22	26
Queens Park Rangers	17	12	4	4	41	18	25
Arsenal	19	11	2	6	40	19	24
Southampton	19	9	4	6	38	22	22
Luton Town	18	9	4	5	39	30	22
Ipswich Town	19	8	6	5	37	29	22
Portsmouth	16	9	3	4	34	25	21
Millwall	19	7	5	7	33	23	19
Chelsea	18	7	4	7	31	28	18
West Ham United	17	7	3	7	29	30	17
Swindon Town	17	7	2	8	29	40	16
Oxford United	20	7	2	11	38	51	16
Charlton Athletic	18	5	4	9	19	32	14
Fulham	19	4	4	11	28	54	12
Brighton & Hove Albion	18	5	2	11	18	45	12
Reading	20	3	2	15	29	55	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	2-2
Sept 9	Oxford	4-3	Jan 23	Swindon	1-0
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	



•Defensive strength: Julian James consistency and strength has earned him a regular place in the reserves' defence.

COACHES' CORNER



RESERVES BACK IN WINNING FORM

After their Christmas and New Year break, the reserves have bounced back into winning action with some great recent results spoilt only by a defeat at Ipswich early in the month. On January 19, they travelled to draw 2-2 at Charlton and then followed that with a 1-0 home win over Swindon and a 5-2 triumph over Oxford.

Sean Farrell and Aaron Tighe scored the goals at Charlton and Aaron was on target again in the victory over Swindon, a match which was postponed last October. The scorers in the big win over Oxford – a scoreline which was a repeat of the first team's win at the Manor Ground earlier in the season – were Ricky McEvoy, Mick O'Brien, Aaron Tighe and Paul Gray, who came on as a substitute and netted twice.

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The youth team face a big match at Villa Park, Birmingham, on February 22, when they face Aston Villa in the semi-finals of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup. The kick-off for this match will be 7.00 pm. As holders, we are particularly keen to make progress to our second successive final. If a replay is required, it will take place at Kenilworth Road on Monday February 29, kick-off 7pm.

RESERVES & YOUTH

INTRODUCING... SOUTHAMPTON

We welcome for the second time this season a Southampton side who were here six weeks ago, forcing a draw in a First Division game. They followed up that result with a win at Reading in the FA Cup and two wins in the course of their next four league games.

Southampton began life in 1885, as Southampton St. Mary's, one of their players at that time being George Muir, who was later Secretary of Hampshire County Cricket Club. They first entered the FA Cup in 1891-92 when after beating Reading 7-0 in the second qualifying round they were disqualified after protests about the eligibility of two players. They joined the Southern League in 1894-95 and in the same season progressed to the first round proper of the FA Cup for the first time, losing 4-1 to Nottingham Forest.

Saints reached the semi-finals in 1898

They topped the Southern League in 1896-97 and reached the second round proper for the first time, losing in a replay at Newton Heath (now Manchester United). The following season not only did they win the Southern League Championship again but they reached the semi-final, before going out in a replay to Nottingham Forest.

By the time they became founder-members of Division Three (South) in 1920, they had won the Southern League title another three times and had reached the FA Cup final of 1899-1900, going down to Bury, and again in 1901-02, going down to Sheffield United in a replay.

It took the Saints' only two seasons to win promotion to Division Two, conceding only 21 goals in the process, a

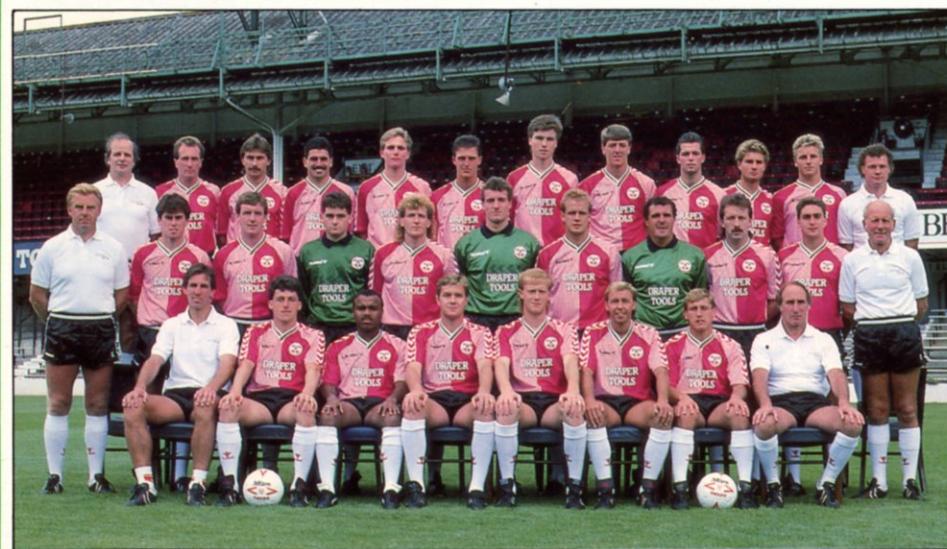
Football League record that was finally beaten by Liverpool in 1978-79. They made another semi-final appearance in 1924-25, going down to Sheffield United and another in 1926-27, going down to Arsenal.

Saints players of the thirties included Ted Drake, before his move to Arsenal, and Surrey cricketer Laurie Fishlock. In the forties, defender Alf Ramsey and striker Charlie Wayman were amongst their stars. In the fifties, Terry Paine started his long career during their spell in Division Three (South).

They eventually emerged from Division Three in 1960 and in 1960-61 reached the fifth round of the FA Cup for the first time for many years. In 1962-63, they reached the semi-final, losing to Manchester United by a single goal.

Martin Chivers, Mike Channon and one of Saints' best-ever signings Ron Davies helped them climb into Division One in 1966 for the first time ever and hold their own there. Then in 1975-76 Bobby Stokes' matchwinner gained them a magnificent first-ever FA Cup win just two seasons after slipping back to Division Two. On the crest of a wave they won promotion a season later and they have stayed up ever since.

They went down to Nottingham Forest in the 1978-79 League Cup final, were sixth in Division One in 1980-81 and runners-up in 1983-84. They also reached the FA Cup semi-final, losing by a single goal to Everton. 1985-86 brought them another semi-final appearance against Liverpool, when they went down 2-0, and last season they took Liverpool to two semi-final replays. By this time, Kevin Keegan had been and gone and Chris Nicholl had succeeded Lawrie McMenemy as manager.



Back Row: Don Taylor (Physiotherapist), Gordon Hobson, Gerry Forrest, Francis Benali, Phillip Parkinson, Mark Blake, Steve Davis, Matthew Le Tissier, Craig Maskell, Andy Cook, Gary Bull, Dennis Rofe (First Team Trainer). Middle Row: Dave Merrington (Youth Team Trainer), Alan Tankard, Kevin Moore, Keith Granger, Glenn Cockerill, Tim Flowers, Colin Clarke, John Burridge, Jimmy Case, Ian Hamilton, George Horsfall (Reserve Team Manager). Front Row: Chris Nicholl (Manager), Andy Townsend, Danny Wallace, Kevin Bond, Mark Wright, Graham Baker, Steve Baker, Tony Barton (Assistant Manager).



Chris Nicholl, the one-time Town centre-half who became a regular in the Northern Ireland team for many years, is the man in charge of Southampton. He took over when former Saints boss Lawrie McMenemy left to move on to Sunderland. As a tall and commanding centre-half, Nicholl was one of the favourites at Kenilworth Road alongside Malcolm Macdonald and Co. He played for Northern Ireland, in the same team as Mal Donaghy, during the 1982 World Cup finals. As manager, he has helped rebuild the Saints team in recent seasons into an entertaining and established First Division force.

'Colin Clarke scored twice at Old Trafford'

This season, Chris's team made a good start with a win at Norwich and draws at Portsmouth and Nottingham Forest. They have since won at Coventry for the first time for many years, ended Arsenal's long winning run, by beating them at Highbury, and drew here and won at Old Trafford with two **Colin Clarke** goals in his second season since moving from Bournemouth.

He is likely to link with Guernsey-born **Matthew Le Tissier**, who scored the winner in the third round tie at Reading. **Gordon Hobson** (ex-Lincoln and Grimsby) is in his second season, giving width to the attack, while in midfield **Graham Baker** is in his second spell with the Saints after moving from Manchester City this season and **Glenn Cockerill** is in his third season since moving from Sheffield United.

Jimmy Case has of course had extensive experience with Liverpool and has played in an FA Cup final for Brighton while up and coming **Rod Wallace** has been substitute recently.

In defence, **Kevin Moore** (from Oldham) and **Derek Statham** (from West Bromwich) are new this season, linking up with **Gerry Forrest** (from Rotherham two years ago) and **Kevin Bond**, who came from Manchester City in 1984.

In goal, **John Burridge**, who began his remarkable career with Workington and has won a League Cup medal with Aston Villa is now with his 10th league club and has, in his mid-thirties, taken over from Tim Flowers, the young goalkeeper who succeeded him in Wolves goal three seasons ago. Nor must we forget Weymouth man **Andy Townsend**, who may be pressing for a place in midfield.

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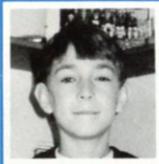
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We have home advantage today, so we will have to make it count, as we know that Southampton can put up a good fight.

They managed to beat Reading 1-0 away at Elm Park in the third round. It was only a few weeks ago we played them at home and the match ended in a 2-2 draw. So I am counting on all you Junior Hatters today to let me and the lads hear you cheering us on with plenty of vocal support.

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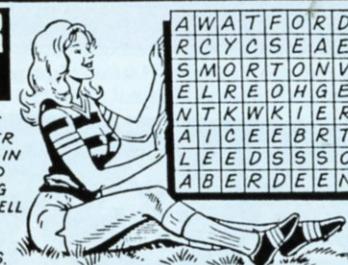
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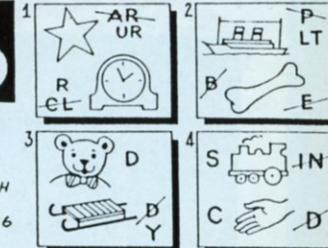


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4. Girl's hair black 5. Rim of cup black 6. Top of player's sock 7. Man's mouth 8. Boy's cup black
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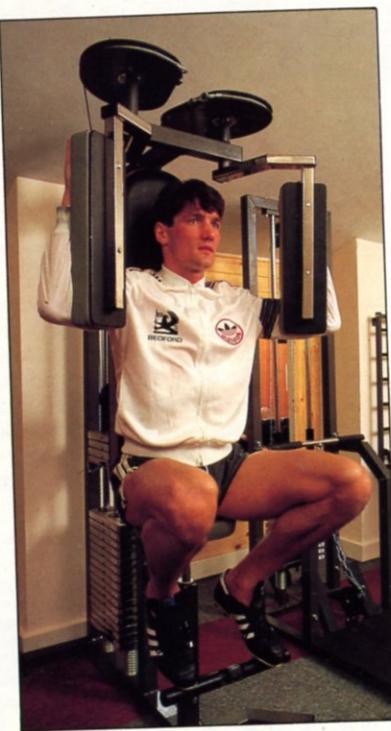
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Views from the media

CUP DRAMA GRABS HEADLINES

Our exciting Littlewood Cup quarter-final win over Bradford City attracted a great deal of attention, but little of it concentrated on the team's good second-half performance. In Views from the Media today, we have selected a few of the comments from the newspapers the following day:

The Sun: "Burly Mick Harford swept Luton to within one step of Wembley last night. He scored the killer goal that buried Bradford just hours after snubbing London's top clubs. England B striker Harford, a target for West Ham, Spurs and Arsenal, rejected the chance of a glamour move by agreeing a £1,200-a-week contract."

Daily Express: "Luton could be denied the home leg of their Littlewoods Cup semi-final because of a Bradford fan's moment of madness... Sadly, the mindless antics of a few once again cast a shadow over what should have been a joyous night for Luton."

Daily Telegraph: "Steve Foster, the Luton captain, put his side on the way to a place in the semi-finals of the Littlewoods Cup and gave himself the opportunity to atone for his Wembley disappointment of five years ago when suspension cost him a place in the FA Cup final."

The Independent: "One moment's casual incompetence betrayed Bradford City just as they appeared to have acquired the poise to thwart a keen but ordinary Luton."



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LUTON TOWN GO ALL'DEN OLDIES

RIDING ALONG ON THE CREST OF A WAVE

Back in the Second Division for the first time in seven years the Town were riding on the crest of a wave as season 1970-71 approached, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

Three seasons of unprecedented success had seen the Hatters rise from the depths of Division Four and it was an unwise man who was not prepared to put money on Luton Town walking straight back to the top League.

Don Givens, Jim Ryan, David Court and Roger Hoy had been purchased to strengthen a squad that already boasted the likes of Chris Nicholl and Malcolm Macdonald but the Town were brought back to earth with a bump when they were thrashed 4-2 at Bolton in the opening game.

'Oxford were seen off in a convincing fashion'

It was not until the fourth game that a win was recorded but Oxford, the visitors that evening were seen off in a convincing fashion as two goals from Matt Tees and another from Macdonald gave the Town a comfortable interval lead. Macdonald popped up again early in the second half and the Hatters were able to cruise home to the delight of the 16,173 crowd.

A run of home wins stretching through September and October then followed and such was the confidence running through the squad that away performances had to improve.

The all important first away win took place at QPR on 29th September in a happy return for skipper Mike Keen and manager Alec Stock who had both left Rangers two seasons before in acrimonious circumstances.

It was Keen, in fact, who scored the only goal of the game in the first minute direct from a 30 yard free kick.

Probably the highlight of the season, for those lucky enough to witness it, came in the next away game when the Town won 5-1 at Sheffield Wednesday. The Hillsborough side had just been relegated from Division One and were expected to go straight back but they were made to look second rate by a Town side that played brilliantly.

The game was televised and the Macdonald hat trick was often repeated and probably led to his eventual transfer as the big clubs began to sit up and take notice. A word of praise must also go to the unsung Don Givens who scored two himself and by unselfish running paved the way to Macdonald becoming a household name.



• Great striker: Don Givens.

The home bubble did eventually burst when Sunderland won 2-1 at Kenilworth Road on 31st October but the setback was quickly forgotten when the Town went to strongly fancied Hull the following week and came away with a 2-0 win that was rather easier than the scoreline showed.

The outstanding fightback of the season occurred the next Saturday when visitors Carlisle seemed to be in an innsasiable position being 3-0 up with only 17 minutes to go but had to settle for a point as Jim Ryan, Alan Slough and finally Macdonald in the dying seconds scored to send the rainsoaked crowd of 14,837 home happy.

Wins over Sheffield United at home in another thriller and Watford away put the Town in a strong position and it was only a late equaliser by Norwich at Carrow Road that prevented the Hatters from being top of the table as Christmas approached.

Bad weather saw Christmas games missed and the Town were slow to resume after the festivities drawing at home 0-0 to QPR and losing 1-0 away to bottom club Blackburn.

The momentum had been lost and another spate of missed games in late January saw the Town slip down the

In the first game Hull were beaten 3-1 before a crowd of 19,566. Macdonald missed his second penalty in two weeks but made up for it by blasting the decider 10 minutes from the end. The match was televised by the BBC that evening and the commentator was heard to remark "Here we have a game between promotion rivals and only 19,000 have bothered to turn up!" – those were the days.



• Deadly scorer: Malcolm Macdonald.



• Dominant Pivot: Chris Nicholl.

table and a 2-1 defeat at Sheffield United before a crowd of 30,986 increased the gap at the top which successive 1-0 wins over Watford at Kenilworth Road and Portsmouth away did little to help.

A mini revival of form then occurred when successive promotion aspirants in Hull and Birmingham were beaten at Kenilworth Road.

'Birmingham and the wonder boy took an early lead'

The crowd was swelled to 25,172 two weeks later when Birmingham were the visitors but a large proportion were Blues supporters who had seen their team go on a remarkable unbeaten run aided by 16 year old "wonder boy" Trevor Francis. Birmingham were 2-0 up after 20 minutes but in another fightback the Town hit three to win the game and push themselves back in the promotion pack.

Easter has often seen the end of Town hopes over the years and this was probably the finest example. On Good Friday Luton were 2-0 up at Bristol City at half-time but ended up losing 3-2. The next day saw a 4-0 thrashing at Millwall and on Easter Monday a 3-1 home defeat by eventual champions Leicester after being gifted an early lead via an own goal by City's Sjoberg meant the Town were completely out of the promotion scene.

The season drifted to a sad end but the final match of an eventful season left us thinking of what might have been. The Town needed to beat Cardiff by three goals to qualify for the Watney Cup and Macdonald as if stage managed scored a hat-trick in the 3-0 win with the last being blasted home in the 90th minute.

The hat-trick was said to have increased Macdonald's worth from the £150,000 offered by Newcastle to the £180,000 he eventually went for which is good business in anyone's books.

FIRST TEAM

UPDATE

1987-88 SEASON

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1987-88

HOME	AWAY				
	W	D	L	F	APs
24 12 1 0 36 3 Liverpool	7 4 0 23 8 62				
24 6 3 2 25 9 Nottingham Forest	7 3 3 21 12 45				
25 6 5 1 18 11 Manchester United	6 4 3 20 14 45				
25 9 2 1 23 5 Everton	3 5 5 13 11 43				
26 7 2 4 23 11 Arsenal	5 4 4 14 14 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	3 1 6 10 15 35				
25 7 1 5 18 16 Sheffield Wednesday	3 3 6 13 22 34				
26 7 2 4 19 15 Tottenham Hotspur	2 4 7 7 16 33				
25 4 4 15 15 Southampton	4 4 5 18 21 32				
24 4 4 4 13 14 Newcastle United	4 4 4 17 21 32				
26 6 6 0 18 10 Chelsea	2 1 11 13 32 31				
25 4 5 4 15 16 West Ham United	3 4 5 13 18 30				
26 3 7 4 16 18 Portsmouth	2 4 6 8 24 26				
25 4 2 6 17 18 Norwich City	3 2 8 6 15 25				
23 2 4 4 10 17 Coventry City	4 3 6 14 21 25				
23 3 3 5 10 10 Derby County	3 3 6 10 18 24				
24 5 1 6 19 24 Oxford United	1 4 7 9 22 23				
25 3 3 6 8 13 Watford	2 4 7 9 19 22				
25 3 4 6 12 18 Charlton Athletic	1 4 7 11 20 20				

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

(1987/88)

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

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- 5 Steve Foster
- 6 Mal Donaghy
- 7 Danny Wilson
- 8 Brian Stein 1
- 9 Mick Harford
- 10 Mark Stein
- 11 Ian Allinson 1

Subs

Southampton 1

- 1 John Burridge
- 2 Gerry Forrest
- 3 Derek Statham
- 4 Matthew Le Tissier
- 5 Kevin Moore
- 6 Mark Blake
- 7 Andy Townsend
- 8 Glenn Cockerill
- 9 Colin Clarke
- 10 Graham Baker
- 11 Danny Wallace

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