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## TOWN TRIUMPH WITH LATE DOUBLE



• **Brian's late show:** Brian Stein scores our winning goal against Southampton last week.

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# RAY'S REVIEW



Welcome to Oxford United for the first of our three forthcoming meetings in the next few weeks. I must stress that today's league match is going to be a tough one, as Oxford need points just as urgently as we do but for quite different reasons, and that it will in no way be a 'dress rehearsal' for our Littlewoods Cup semi-final. Remember, that will be played in a quite different atmosphere and over two legs. Also, we shall be down at the Manor on Wednesday night and not here at Kenilworth Road. That said, we shall be going flat out for another important victory today in our bid for a finish in the top six of the First Division.

### League points vital

That for me would be a major achievement and my main success of the season. I would trade a top six place now for an appearance in a Wembley cup final. To achieve it though, we must keep winning all our home games, especially as after today we shall only have five left in the First Division. I am sure the Oxford Manager Maurice Evans would agree with me. All professionals feel the same way about the league. It is the main event. I shall be pleased to welcome gentleman Maurice today as he is one of the most respected men in the game.

Last weekend, we struggled but won by playing poorly against Southampton. At half-time I told the lads we should concentrate on playing more direct, typical cup-tie football. We caused them far more problems in the second half with this approach and managed to win. Now we face Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road in the fifth round. It is not my ideal draw, but we have the chance to get revenge for last year. And the game is a long way off at the moment with league points taking precedence right now. Enjoy the game and give the lads your full support.

*Ray Harford*

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### Penpal please

Dear Sir,  
Please could you put my name and address in your 'mailbag' page for penpals who support Luton Town.

I am very interested in the Hatters. I am a 19-year-old West Ham United supporter and my other interests are speedway, wrestling, penpals and music, especially level 42, A-Ha, Wet Wet Wet and Madonna.

May I wish you all the best of luck in the Littlewoods Cup semi-finals. I would very much like to see Luton get to Wembley.

Thank-you  
Jennie Harttree

49 Manor Road,  
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### Wembley winner?

Dear Sir,  
I read with interest an article in the Bradford City programme, about the youngest member of Luton Town.

Our son Michael was born on June 12 1987 and registered as a member within a month! His number is J006015 I believe he's a lucky mascot, and that in March this year will proudly



watch Steve Foster running around Wembley with a cup in his hands.

I've been watching Luton now for 15 years, through the lean years and now into the entertaining period. I'm sure my son will, in time take his son to watch Luton and get as much enjoyment as I have down the years.

See you at Wembley  
Mr C.J. Wilson

41 Dunstable Street  
Amphill,  
Bedfordshire.

### Heartwarming feeling

Dear Sir,  
I am writing to thank you for the tickets you sent to me.

The atmosphere in the area

reserved for your disabled supporters was heartwarming and the relationship between those fans and your senior pros' (Donaghy, Foster) was a delight to see.

Although I was disappointed by our performance, I thought a draw was, a balance, a fair result. I recall Danny Wilson being the "Player of the Year" twice with my hometown club.

In closing may I thank you again for your attention and wish you every success in the forthcoming season (with the exception of 13th February 1988).

Yours sincerely

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# CHIT CHAT



## Not always a glory game

Once upon a time, there was a pretty young girl who was jealous of her brother. She had to get up very, very early to go to work. She had to walk to the bus stop and, as the route was so busy, she had to stand all the way to her dull job. She started at 8.30am and as the bus rarely arrived in town before 8.25am she had to run to avoid being late.

Her brother, on the other hand, didn't have to be at work until 10 o'clock - and usually finished at lunchtime. She admitted that his afternoons were often spent opening fetes or hospital visiting, but that didn't really count as work. Besides, he earned enough to drive a car and he had good clothes and enjoyed himself at nightclubs and discotheques, all beyond her means.

Her brother was a professional footballer and our heroine, like so many people, was fooled by the game's glamorous image. Her brother, she claimed, just played games for a living: he didn't really work. She didn't consider he set-backs. Last season he'd cracked a bone in his ankle but the

club physiotherapist had thought it was a sprain. It took him a long time to overcome that injury; at one point he thought he'd never play again. He became very depressed. He was not receiving any appearance or win bonuses so it was difficult paying his mortgage or repayments on his car.

If he never played again what would his future hold? His sister kept telling him he was silly, that he'd be alright, he'd get a job on television. He knew better. How many ex-stars, let alone ordinary players, ever had the chance to succeed in the media?

His job had problems like hers; and he had the extra pressure of thousands of people criticising him every week. She thought he had an easy life. How many fans, less closely involved with football than our player's sister, think as she did?

Gale Waller

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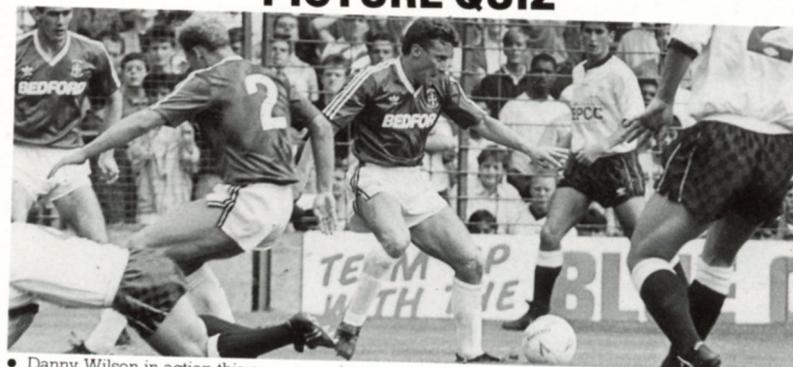
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## Luton News

### PICTURE QUIZ



• Danny Wilson in action this season against a club whose chairman is Robert Maxwell. But it's not Oxford. To win a fiver in our free fun quiz, where was the picture taken (it was in August last year) and what is the connection between Danny and Oxford?

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**

## SAINTS UPSET

### Luton Town 2 Southampton 1

With luck like that which seemed to help the Town overcome Southampton last week, we could be forgiven for dreaming of Wembley's twin towers this Spring. Not until substitute Ashley Grimes appeared to provide a natural left-foot on the left flank with 15 minutes to go – and the Town trailing 1-0 – did Luton seem likely to gain any reward.

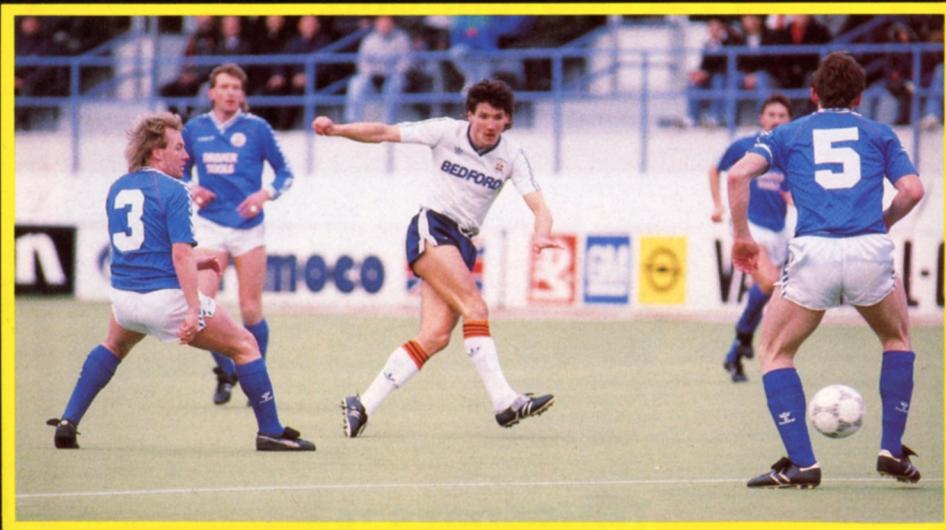
Southampton, thanks to a speculative Colin Clarke shot, took a 71st minute lead and looked in no danger. But a short corner by Grimes led to Ian Allinson driving in an 83rd minute equaliser with an angled shot through a crowded goal area. And then Brian Stein, latching on to a pass from brother Mark, broke away to hit the winner just 45 seconds later.

The relief could be felt all round the ground. Earlier, after an anonymous first half during which Mark Stein had a shot turned on to the bar, Southampton had failed with three good chances. And Les Sealey had been forced to a fine save from Danny Wallace. In reply, Brian Stein had a goal disallowed for hands when a linesman flagged after Brian had driven home from 15 yards.

**Teams:** Luton Town – Sealey, Breacker, Johnson, (Grimes 75), McDonough, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, B. Stein, Harford, M. Stein, Allinson. Southampton – Burridge, Forrest, Statham, Baker, Moore, Blake, Hobson, Cockerill, Clarke, Townsend, Wallace.

Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford).

# 1st Team ACTION



• Cup tie progress: Mick Harford, Mark Stein and Tim Breacker are pictured in action during our 2-1 win over the Saints last week when two late goals earned us our fifth round tie away to Queen's Park Rangers. Photos by Josh Levy of Apex Photography.

# FOOTBALL FOCUS



## Ashley Grimes

England and the Republic of Ireland travel in June to West Germany to take part in what promises to be one of the most exciting football tournaments in years – the 1988 European Championship finals. Who will be the winners in succession to 1984 victors France? And who will be the new star of the world game to emerge from the frantic finals? Robert Alexander reports in today's Football Focus:

### Ashley in line to face Dutch star Gullit

Few observers of the European game would argue with Dutchman Ruud Gullit's claim to being not only the current European Footballer of the Year (he was declared the winner of the 1987 title in Paris over Christmas), but also the current top player in the world.

If he sustains the form which has seen him inspire Italy's AC Milan to challenge Diego Maradona's Napoli for the Italian league title, he could well be the star man to emerge in West Germany where Holland, England, Eire and the Soviet Union have been drawn together in one of the two preliminary groups. The second group has thrown together West Germany, Italy, Spain and Denmark. Picking the overall winner is nothing but a gamble.

Gullit, however, is different. So different, he is likely to be one of the top attractions at the finals whether Holland hit form – and reproduce the Total Football form they invented in the early 1970's – or not. He started his career at PSV Eindhoven under Johan Cruyff and has been dubbed by many as the 'new Cruyff'. He is a goal-scoring all-round player who can play as sweeper, midfielder or striker. Elegant, skilful, powerful and fast, he could be the dreadlocked hero of Holland in the summer.

Holland have never won a World Cup or European Championship and 1988 could be their year, but first they would have to overcome the challenge of Russia, England and Ireland to clinch a semi-final place. That will be no easy task particularly as

England and Russia have established themselves as forces in the world game in recent years.

Bobby Robson knows he will need to have his highly-respected squad at top form – particularly the 1986 World Cup's top scorer Gary Lineker, who has been struggling at Barcelona – to go through to the last four. And so too does Jack Charlton, leading the Irish squad into their first major finals with Liam Brady suspended for the opening two games. The Soviets, beaten finalists in 1964, could be dark horses. They have so many quality players with plenty of experience.

Our own Ashley Grimes could be there in the Irish squad and it is a shame that Mal Donaghy, our most respected international player, will not be going. Doubtless Mal, who appeared for Northern Ireland in the 1982 and 1986 World Cup finals series, will be passing plenty of tips on to Ashley.

In the hosts' group, the competition is likely to be even more fierce with the 1984 beaten finalists Spain, the 1982 World Cup winners Italy and the swashbuckling Danes sure to make life very difficult for the Germans, who were beaten finalists in the Mexico World Cup. One thing is for sure, with so many tough, talented and exciting teams around, the tournament is going to provide terrific entertainment.

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# CLUB NEWS

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The appeal and today's charity action, backed by four sponsoring local companies, falls directly in line with our pioneering tradition and continuing pursuit of both community involvement and a happy family atmosphere.

The children will enjoy today's match free of charge, thanks to the backing of the four companies who deserve full acknowledgement and gratitude. The sponsors and companies involved are Graham White of Scotts Commercial Vehicles, Mike Brookes of C & R Plastics, Ken Daniels of ABC International Travel Guides and our own director Terry Bailey and his company Wallspan Bedrooms.

We shall be privileged also this afternoon to have with us the organisation behind the Bedfordshire appeal on behalf of Great Ormond Street hospital: Mr and Mrs Nicholas Philips of Luton Hoo, who along with Mrs Mary Biswell MBE and her husband Ken Biswell, and the national director of publicity for the appeal Robin Phipps, will be launching the appeal officially on the pitch before kick-off.

It has always been our policy to encourage and assist local charities and in addition to the financial support from the sponsoring companies, we shall be adding further support with a collection today around the ground. I hope all our supporters will recognise the worthiness of the appeal and give it their usual generous backing.

The Bedfordshire appeal is part of a national appeal. Bedfordshire has been set a target of £120,000 and the national target is £25 million. The total cost of rebuilding the hospital is expected to be about double that figure and more in the region of £50 million. It is a huge sum, but I hope we at Kenilworth Road can give the Bedfordshire appeal a most encouraging start this afternoon. We extend our best wishes for the appeal to Mary and Ken Biswell.

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## MATCH REFEREE

Noel Butler  
(Surrey)

A banker, Noel is married with three children. He began refereeing in 1963 and progressed via the Spartan and Isthmian Leagues to the Football League list. He enjoys reading and playing squash. He was a linesman at the 1984 FA Cup Final.

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# THE TOWN

## SCANDINAVIAN VIEWERS TO SEE US LIVE ON THEIR SCREENS TODAY

It is strange the way football throws up unexpected coincidences isn't it? We were due to meet QPR in the First Division and we draw them in the FA Cup. Not here, unfortunately, but at Loftus Road. And, today, we face Oxford United in the league in the first of three meetings this month, including our Littlewoods Cup semi-final.

The fixtures are beginning to pile up - have a look at Club Comment to see my thoughts in that direction - and this afternoon we welcome the live television cameras. It is all part of our success and something to be enjoyed. We shall be beamed live to Scandinavia and recorded highlights of the game will be shown in a further 55 countries.

### Swedish fans

It is the fourth time we have been televised live to Scandinavia. Little wonder, then, that we have several Swedish supporters and enjoy our visits there for pre-season tours. We shall, inci-

dentally, be playing in Stockholm again in the summer.

Live television provides us with great commercial opportunity to be exploited by Wendy Greaves and her team and I trust our supporters are getting used to seeing so many different advertising boards around the ground.

This afternoon, I am pleased too that we shall welcome seven of the major advertisers to our Executive Sponsors lounge thanks to our Swedish agent. I hope they enjoy their day - and the live experience of being at the match their colleagues at home are watching on television.

### Sponsors

Finally, a special welcome to our match sponsors Tony and Fred Lambert of Broad Street Print. Tony and Fred are Club 82 members and follow the club to most away matches. Today is there fifth sponsorship and we hope their guests have an enjoyable afternoon.



CUP SCORER

•Happiness: Ian Allinson celebrates our late equaliser against the Saints last week.

## STANDING IN LINE FOR CUP-TIE TICKETS

•Cup fever: Our ticket office has been working all hours in the last few weeks to cope with the demand for cup tickets - as this picture shows. But Cherry and her staff have coped admirably with all the pressure.



•Man of the match: Mark Stein was our sponsors' man of the match against Southampton. He is pictured with Jack Sapsworth and his prize - a bottle of bubbly.



•Forecast winner: David Grimmins was our match forecast winner against the Saints. He was presented with an autographed ball by Danny Wilson.



•Ball sponsors: Mark Stein is pictured with Mr & Mrs Vic Green who sponsored our match ball last week.

# CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

### Best wishes, Dave

Hello everyone. Today we can put cup football on one side and concentrate on the league again, though our opponents Oxford will be our semi-final opposition in the Littlewoods Cup again next week. The points are vital because we want to finish as high in the league as possible.

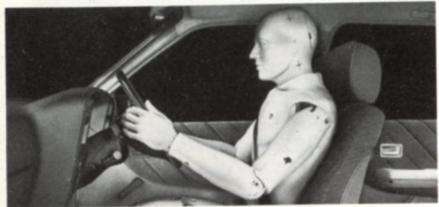
Most of our fans will already have noticed that we have a new physio Dave Galley. He took over from Dave Kirby for last week's match against the Saints and he has settled in really quickly. We wish him all the best.

### Engaged

Dave Kirby gave up his duties as first team physio to spend more time at home looking after his wife Val who has not been well. We all feel a great deal for Dave in the dressing room and hope he and his wife have the best of luck and health in the future.

Apart from on the field success, we have had some news off it recently with David Preece getting engaged to his girlfriend Louise. All the lads are delighted for David and hope he soon gets off the treatment table and up the aisle! Congratulations from all the lads! I hope you all enjoy the match today and give the team plenty of vocal support.

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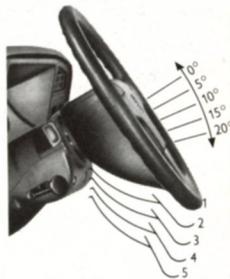
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• **Cup replay: Brian Stein and Danny Wilson in the thick of the action against the Saints last week.**



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# IN PROFILE....

## ANDY DIBBLE



• Hoping for a change of luck: Andy Dibble.

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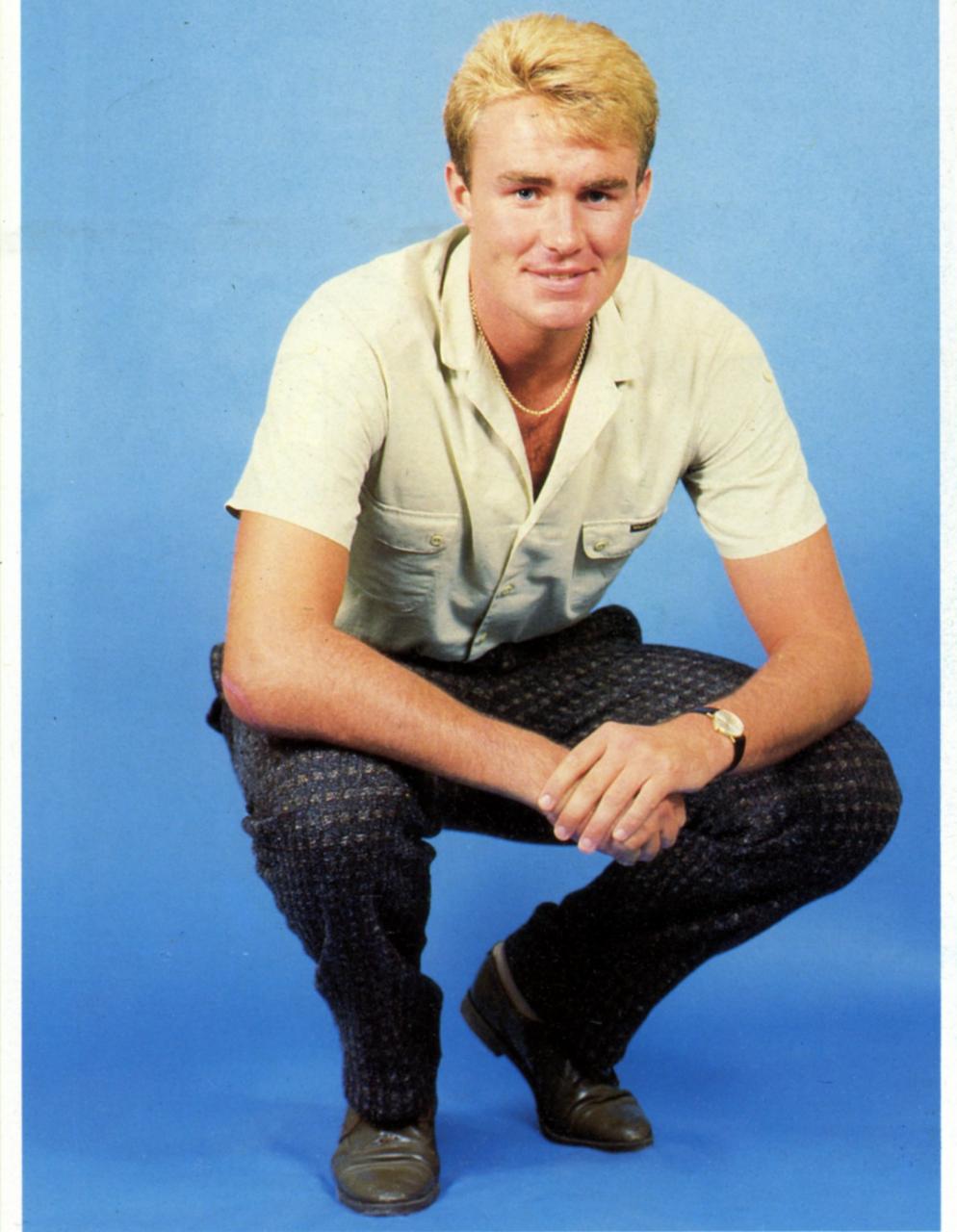
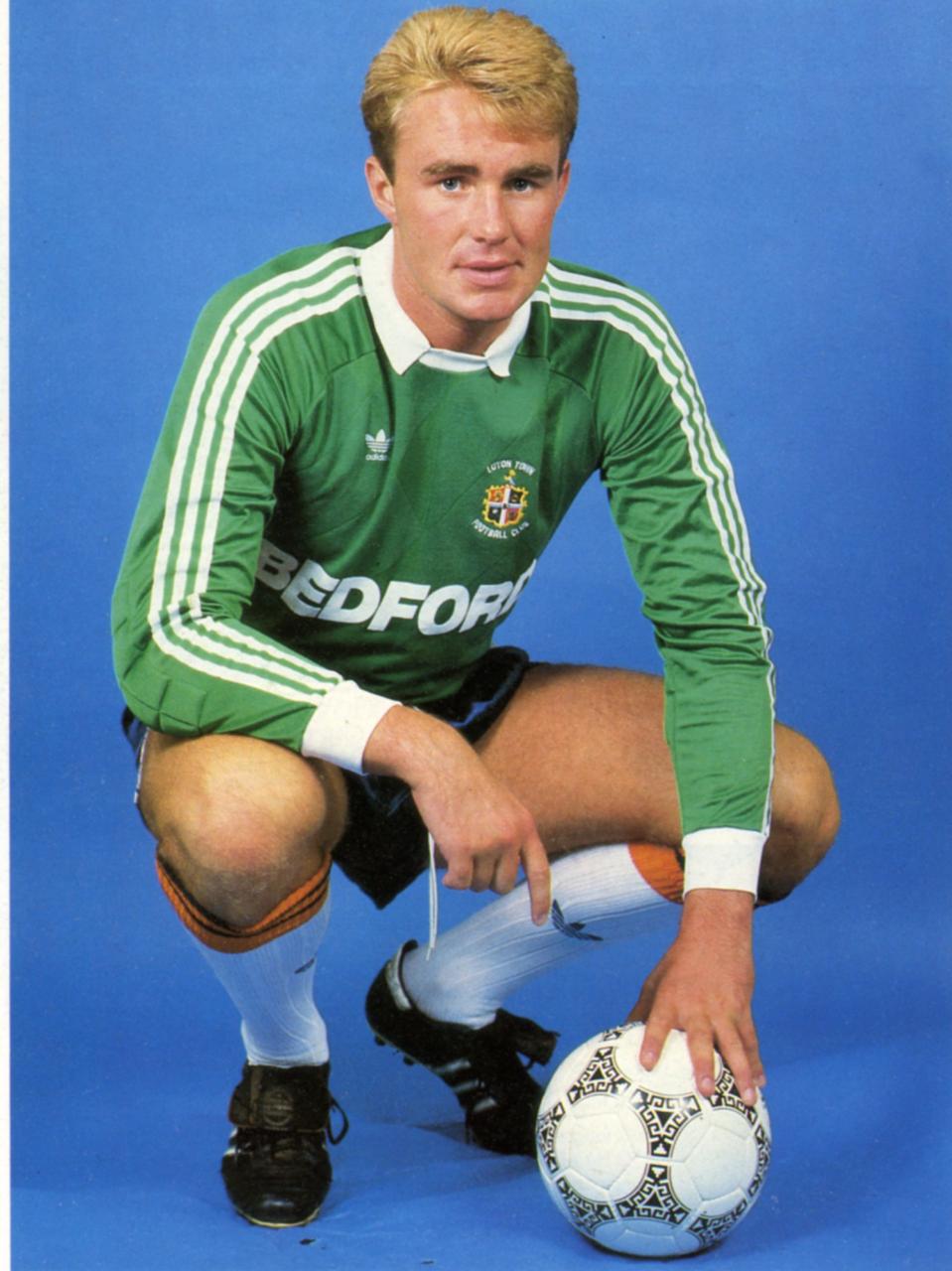
• In reserve: Andy Dibble.

Few players can have enjoyed such wretched luck over such a lengthy period of time as goalkeeper Andy Dibble has at Kenilworth Road. The tall and powerful Welsh international has found serious injury to be his constant companion and Les Sealey to be a near-immovable occupant of the first team goalkeeper's jersey in the last 18 months.

Born in Cwymbran in 1965, Andy was signed from Cardiff City for a fee of £125,000 in the summer of 1984. He had made 71 league and cup appearances for the south Wales club and was tipped as a future international number one. Andy went on to start his first two seasons at Kenilworth Road as the first choice man between the posts only to lose his place early on because of injury.

The setbacks did not deter him completely however and he fought back to make a powerful challenge for the jersey each time. He also continued to capture the attention of Welsh international manager Mike England and won two full Welsh caps on their tour of Canada in 1986. Last season he had a successful spell on loan at Sunderland.

# ANDY DIBBLE



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## New contract

"I had to take all things into consideration when it came to deciding my future but had little doubt in the end that it was right for me to sign the new contract. We have got a great bunch of lads at Kenilworth Road and an ambitious manager, chairman and board of directors. The club is thinking big and is on the verge of winning something.

"I feel we have a good chance of getting to Wembley and that was obviously a big factor. Everyone is ambitious. The team is playing well and we are trying to be progressive and to succeed. A lot was made of my possibilities elsewhere, but I always said the offer from Luton was a good one. And I have proved that by signing it.

"I think my England chances are just as good here too. I won recognition earlier this season when I was elected for the England 'B' team and that proves the manager is still watching me and has not forgotten me. Of course, I would probably get more exposure at a bigger club - one of the big city clubs - but that might not make much difference.

"I have settled in the area and we've got a baby now which has made me feel more settled too. And the way I was looked after and treated by the club when I had a long spell out with injury was another important thing. I was never troubled about it. No questions were asked. I was looked after properly and well and able to make a proper recovery.

"The lads of course have been a big factor. I've been here three years and had a good spell of success, except for injuries. So that is important for me. They have given me a fair bit of stick about it all too.



• **Ambitious:** Mick Harford.

## The million man

"Les has been calling me "Million" because of all the transfer speculation and that has tended to stick with some of the lads. It's almost become a permanent nickname now. I'm very flattered to be considered to be worth all that really.

"It really comes down to what you do on the pitch and how much you enjoy your game a lot of the time. That affects everything else. And it is obvious we all enjoy the game here.

"Mind you, we could have had a better FA Cup draw for the fifth round than away to QPR. It is not going to be an easy tie. But it could have been a lot worse. And it gives us the chance to gain revenge for last year when they knocked us out in the fourth round, in a replay after drawing at Kenilworth Road."

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|---------------------------------------|----------|
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## TICKET OFFICE



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# CLUB COMMENT

**Bill Tomlins, General Secretary**

## **ALL-TICKET ARRANGEMENTS FOR CUP TIES**

Our recent experiences in welcoming back visitors to our cup-ties against Bradford City and Southampton have highlighted the difficulties we face in pleasing all our supporters, particularly those who live beyond sight and earshot of our local press, radio and television. Some supporters unfortunately did not know such matches were ticket-only games, turned up on the day and were not able to get in. We are sorry for these disappointed fans, but must point out that every effort is made to ensure all regular supporters have a good opportunity to purchase their match tickets in advance.

I learned from Southampton's administrators that they sold all their allocation of tickets for their visit here last weekend on the night of their previous home Saturday match. That was the only allocated period of sale. It may seem a tough line to draw, but – as Southampton proved then – it may be the best way of doing these things. We at Luton have been seeking this sort of success for a long time and I am sure all our regular hard core of supporters are pleased to see the big matches coming thick and fast even if it does mean making a special effort to buy match tickets and an increase in demand and attendances.

From the club's point of view – and with us still running well in the major cup competitions and the league – success is always the ambition. It leads to more demand and bigger crowds. And it is something we shall clearly have to cope with. I am sure we are all agreed on that. I recommend to all our supporters that they stay abreast of all match ticket arrangements via the programme, local press, radio and television or telephone the club if they are worried.

Unfortunately, it is not possible at the present time to finalise all our fixtures for the forthcoming month. This, again, is part of the pressure of being successful and aiming for a place in Europe, if we return next year. Our FA Cup fifth round tie at Queen's Park Rangers, for example, cannot have a finalised replay date until we know the decision of the television companies on which of the two Littlewoods Cup semi-finals is to be broadcast live on February 28.

If we are chosen to play Oxford that Sunday, then the programme will be further complicated by the postponement of our league visit to Manchester United the previous day...but then Tuesday, February 23, would be free for a replay. If we are not chosen, then we shall play Oxford here on Wednesday, February 24 (recorded television highlights dictate a Wednesday and not a Tuesday), unless that possible QPR FA Cup replay gains precedence. As you can see, it is a fluid, and confusing, situation only made worse by the consideration of our outstanding Simod Cup tie at Everton, now provisionally arranged for February 16.

For all these particular complications, we can thank the contractual agreement between the Football League and the television companies which permits the television people to make decisions affecting the dates of football matches at such short notice.



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### THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1987/88

|                        | P         | W         | D        | L        | F         | A         | Pts       |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Watford                | 18        | 15        | 1        | 2        | 43        | 12        | 31        |
| Tottenham Hotspur      | 20        | 13        | 3        | 4        | 45        | 21        | 29        |
| Queens Park Rangers    | 20        | 12        | 4        | 4        | 46        | 23        | 28        |
| Arsenal                | 20        | 12        | 2        | 6        | 47        | 19        | 26        |
| Southampton            | 22        | 10        | 6        | 6        | 45        | 25        | 26        |
| Norwich City           | 19        | 10        | 6        | 3        | 41        | 22        | 26        |
| Ipswich Town           | 21        | 9         | 7        | 5        | 42        | 31        | 25        |
| <b>Luton Town</b>      | <b>21</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>25</b> |
| Portsmouth             | 19        | 9         | 4        | 6        | 36        | 35        | 22        |
| West Ham United        | 19        | 8         | 4        | 7        | 35        | 31        | 20        |
| Millwall               | 20        | 7         | 5        | 8        | 33        | 27        | 19        |
| Chelsea                | 19        | 7         | 4        | 8        | 31        | 30        | 18        |
| Charlton Athletic      | 20        | 6         | 5        | 9        | 25        | 35        | 17        |
| Swindon Town           | 19        | 7         | 2        | 10       | 29        | 42        | 16        |
| Oxford United          | 21        | 7         | 2        | 12       | 41        | 56        | 16        |
| Fulham                 | 22        | 5         | 5        | 12       | 31        | 62        | 15        |
| Brighton & Hove Albion | 18        | 5         | 2        | 11       | 18        | 45        | 12        |
| Reading                | 21        | 4         | 2        | 15       | 32        | 55        | 12        |
| Crystal Palace         | 19        | 4         | 1        | 14       | 13        | 44        | 9         |
| Bristol Rovers         | 20        | 3         | 2        | 15       | 30        | 55        | 8         |

### SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION 1987/88

| Date 1987 | Opponents             | Result     | Date 1988 | Opponents           | Result     |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|
| Aug 22    | Reading               | 3-1        | Jan 11    | Reading             | 3-2        |
| Aug 29    | <b>Ipswich Town</b>   | <b>3-2</b> | Jan 13    | Ipswich Town        | <b>1-4</b> |
| Sept 5    | <b>Charlton Ath</b>   | <b>2-0</b> | Jan 19    | Charlton Ath        | <b>2-2</b> |
| Sept 9    | Oxford                | <b>4-3</b> | Jan 23    | Swindon             | <b>1-0</b> |
| Sept 12   | Arsenal               | <b>1-1</b> | Jan 25    | <b>Oxford</b>       | <b>5-2</b> |
| Sept 19   | <b>West Ham</b>       | <b>1-0</b> | Feb 6     | West Ham            |            |
| Sept 26   | <b>Chelsea</b>        | <b>0-2</b> | Feb 13    | <b>Arsenal</b>      |            |
| Sept 29   | QPR                   | <b>0-4</b> | Feb 16    | Chelsea             |            |
| Oct 13    | <b>Bristol R</b>      | <b>7-0</b> | Feb 27    | QPR                 |            |
| Oct 20    | Fulham                | <b>3-3</b> | Mar 2     | Bristol R           |            |
| Nov 4     | Millwall              | <b>3-2</b> | Mar 5     | <b>Portsmouth</b>   |            |
| Nov 14    | <b>Tottenham</b>      | <b>0-1</b> | Mar 16    | <b>Fulham</b>       |            |
| Nov 20    | Norwich City          | <b>1-3</b> | Mar 19    | Swindon             |            |
| Nov 28    | <b>Crystal Palace</b> | <b>5-0</b> | Mar 22    | Tottenham           |            |
| Dec 5     | Watford               | <b>1-4</b> | Apr 2     | <b>Millwall</b>     |            |
| Dec 12    | <b>Southampton</b>    | <b>1-1</b> | Apr 9     | <b>Norwich City</b> |            |
| Dec 16    | Brighton              | <b>1-1</b> | Apr 13    | Crystal Palace      |            |
|           |                       |            | Apr 23    | Southampton         |            |
|           |                       |            | Apr 30    | <b>Watford</b>      |            |
|           |                       |            | May 7     | <b>Brighton</b>     |            |

### SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 1987/88

|                        | P         | W        | D        | L        | F         | A         | Pts       |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Southampton            | 17        | 15       | 1        | 1        | 77        | 14        | 31        |
| Tottenham Hotspur      | 20        | 13       | 2        | 5        | 37        | 24        | 28        |
| Northampton Town       | 18        | 11       | 3        | 4        | 62        | 31        | 25        |
| Wimbledon              | 18        | 10       | 5        | 3        | 42        | 19        | 25        |
| Swindon Town           | 21        | 9        | 3        | 9        | 52        | 42        | 21        |
| Brentford              | 21        | 8        | 5        | 8        | 40        | 48        | 21        |
| Oxford United          | 19        | 9        | 2        | 8        | 42        | 35        | 20        |
| Crystal Palace         | 21        | 7        | 4        | 10       | 37        | 46        | 18        |
| <b>Luton Town</b>      | <b>17</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>17</b> |
| Colchester United      | 20        | 5        | 6        | 9        | 36        | 52        | 16        |
| Bristol City           | 18        | 7        | 2        | 9        | 30        | 58        | 16        |
| A.F.C. Bournemouth     | 23        | 4        | 7        | 12       | 35        | 60        | 15        |
| Reading                | 20        | 5        | 5        | 10       | 24        | 52        | 15        |
| Bristol Rovers         | 19        | 3        | 7        | 9        | 21        | 35        | 13        |
| Brighton & Hove Albion | 20        | 4        | 3        | 13       | 31        | 54        | 11        |

## COACHES' CORNER



### OXFORD TROUBLED AS YOUNGSTERS HIT WINNING FORM

After our two convincing 5-2 victories over Oxford United in the Barclays League and Sunday Mirror Combination this season, it was perhaps tempting providence to hope for a third identical result when the teams met in the South East Counties League last weekend.

But, the unexpected almost became a reality with the youngsters running out winners by four goals to two to improve their league record to eight wins and three draws in 18 matches.

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The goals came from Mick O'Brien, Julian James, Jason Rees and Darren McLean in a thrilling performance which provided excellent entertainment for the fans who arrived early for the FA Cup clash with Southampton here last Saturday afternoon.

The Town team was: Watkiss, Pouch, Pembridge, O'Brien, James, Allpress, Rees, Gray, Nogan, Shanley, McLean. Substitutes: Hughes, Crawshaw.

# INTRODUCING...

## OXFORD UNITED

We welcome Oxford United, who have won here in each of the last two seasons, but whom we beat 5-2 at the Manor Ground last October, to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Founded as Headington United in 1896, they did not turn professional until 1949. They joined the Southern League a year later. They topped the table in 1952-53 and were runners-up in 1953-54 while in the latter season they beat both Millwall and Stockport in the FA Cup before going out.

They were runners-up again in 1959-60 and changed their name to Oxford. Those were the days of Arthur Turner as manager and in 1962 they took over the place in Division Four that had been vacated by Accrington Stanley.

### 'Smith and Maxwell steered Oxford into the top division'

In only their second season there, they reached the last eight of the FA Cup, the first Division Four team ever to do so. They climbed to Division Three in 1965 and to Division Two in 1968. Under Ron Saunders and Gerry Summers they consolidated their position, but then, after several narrow escapes, they slipped back to Division Three in 1976. Times were hard and at one stage a merger with Reading was suggested, but under Jim Smith the storm was weathered and they regained their Second Division place in 1984 - with Smith's shrewdness backed by publishing magnate chairman Robert Maxwell.

Remarkably, they were there for only one season, topping the table in 1984-85 to win a place in Division One for the first time ever. In that remarkable Second Division season, John

Aldridge netted 34 goals. After proving himself in division One, he moved to Liverpool for £800,000 just over a year ago.

In both the last two seasons, Oxford have finished in eighteenth spot in Division One, but 1985-86 was enlivened by a remarkable Littlewoods Cup win, new manager Maurice Evans steering them to a convincing 3-0 triumph at Wembley over QPR, who were in the charge of former manager Jim Smith.

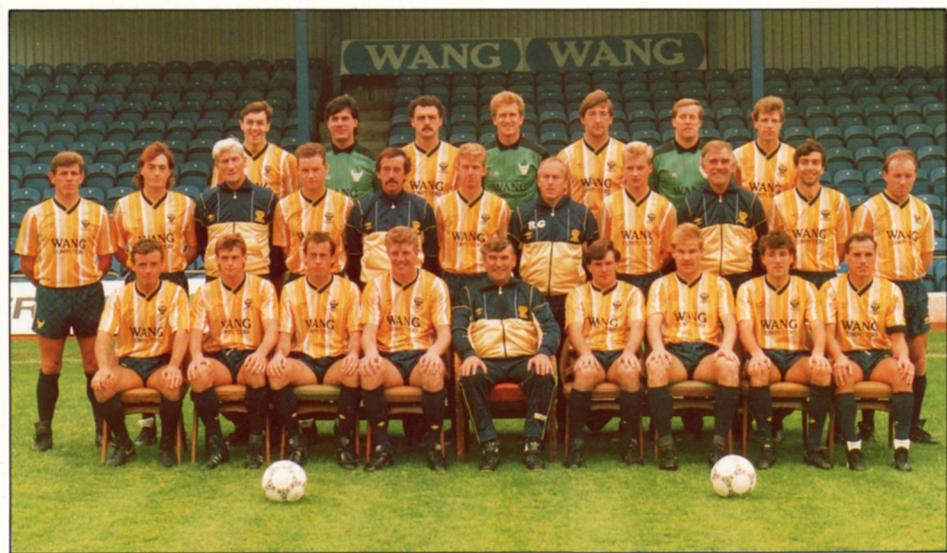
Last season, they were in mid-table at the turn of the year, but then came a steady decline and the last-minute goal that Dean Saunders scored here in May ensured safety.

### 'Manchester United beaten en route to Littlewoods Cup semi-final'

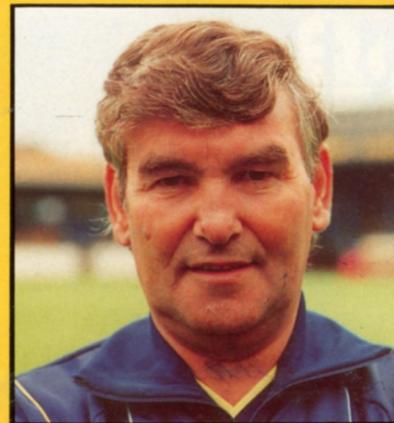
They made a good start this season with a win over Portsmouth and draws at Sheffield Wednesday and Wimbledon: Then they crashed at home to us and went down at Liverpool and, in general, they have struggled away from home though a win at Derby in September and a draw at Everton in November showed what they are capable of.

The real highlight this season has been the Littlewoods Cup run that has seen them put out Wimbledon and Manchester United to take their remarkable record to 27 home games in this competition without defeat. They are, of course, our opponents in the semi-finals.

Last week, they went out to Bradford City in the FA Cup while in their last away league game they forced a draw at Portsmouth, who like themselves are struggling to get away from the relegation zone.



Back Row: John Dreyer, Alan Judge, Gary Briggs, Peter Hucker, Billy Whitehurst, Steve Hardwick, Trevor Hebbard. Middle Row: David Leworthy, David Bardsley, Ken Fish (Physiotherapist), Sean Reck, David Fogg (Reserve Team Manager), Robbie Mustoe, Ray Graydon (Assistant Manager), Paul Swannack, David Coates (Chief Scout), Peter Rhoades-Brown, David Langan (now Bournemouth). Front Row: Les Phillips, Neil Slatter, Martin Foyle, Tommy Caton, Maurice Evans (Manager), Ray Houghton, (now Liverpool), Richard Hill, Dean Saunders, Gary Shelton.



Oxford manager Maurice Evans (above) played all his football for Reading before joining Andover as player-manager. He returned to the league at Shrewsbury before taking over as manager before moving back to Reading as coach, then manager. In 1984, he was dismissed and moved to Oxford as chief scout, eventually succeeding Jim Smith when he moved to QPR.

Leading scorer **Dean Saunders** (a £60,000 signing from Brighton last season) and long-serving defender **Gary Briggs** were on the mark in the recent 2-2 draw at Portsmouth and also in the Littlewoods Cup win over Manchester United while **Martin Foyle** (from Aldershot last season) netted in the third round FA Cup win over Leicester.

Since the move of Ray Houghton to Liverpool, **Gary Shelton** (from Sheffield Wednesday this season), **Trevor Hebbard** (from Southampton six year ago) and **Les Phillips** (from Birmingham two years ago) have been the midfield operators with one-time Chelsea man **Peter Rhoades-Brown** in the fluid position between midfield and attack. In defence, **Tommy Caton** came from Arsenal last season and is likely to be in the centre with **Gary Briggs** with **David Bardsley** (from Watford this season) and **John Dreyer**, in his second season as a regular, on the flanks. In goal **Steve Hardwick** had played over 200 games since moving from Newcastle. The substitutes recently have been **Robbie Mustoe** and **Lee Nogan**. Others who may come into the reckoning include young defender **Phil Swannack**.

### OXFORD FORM-GUIDE

|             |                   | FA  |                         |
|-------------|-------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| Jan 2BL     | Wimbledon (H)     | 2-5 | Foyle, Saunders         |
| Jan 9FAC3   | Leicester (H)     | 2-0 | Foyle, Saunders         |
| Jan 13Simod | Reading (A)       | 0-1 | -                       |
| Jan 16BL    | Portsmouth (A)    | 2-2 | Briggs, Saunders        |
| Jan 20LCS   | Man Utd (H)       | 2-0 | Briggs, Saunders        |
| Jan 30FAC4  | Bradford City (A) | 2-4 | Rhoades-Brown, Saunders |

Leading scorers: Saunders 16, Foyle 7.

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# JUNIOR HATTERS!

BY BRIAN STEIN

## THE FIRST OF THREE MEETINGS WITH OXFORD

Today's game is the first of three we will play against Oxford in the next few weeks. The first leg of the Littlewoods Challenge Cup is next Wednesday when we will be challenging for a place in the final at Wembley. I hope that you have all got your tickets for the game as the lads like to see you supporting the team.

Last Saturday, we entertained the Junior Saints of Southampton. We should have played them at football, but with all the rain we had last week we ended up with a 5 a side competition in a school sports hall. The Junior Saints won the final after an even match with no score, so it had to be decided

on penalties.

Well done boys, keep up the good work, I hope to come and see you play one of these Saturdays.

Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is J006057. 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.

Today, we give a warm welcome to Oxford and their junior supporters who are sitting in our family enclosure in Oak Road. Please make them welcome.

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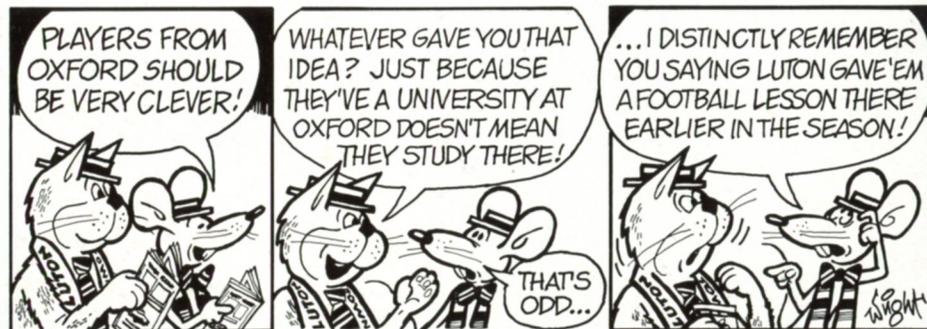


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The answers to the last Quiz Time are:  
**Star is Born: Gary Lineker was born in Leicester. Soccer Girl is a Celtic supporter. Junior Spot: 1. Sturrock 2. Shilton 3. Beardsley 4. Strachan.**

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

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# Views from the media

## LATE FLOURISH WINS GLORY

Our dramatic late escape and victory over Southampton last weekend captured the imagination and the headlines. Here is a selection of the comments in the national newspapers after Ian Allinson and Brian Stein had shot us into the fifth round of the FA Cup:

**Sunday Telegraph:** "Two goals inside 60 seconds served to illustrate why Luton are regarded as dark horses for the FA Cup. Despite having key players injured, they came from behind to win in the last 10 minutes. The drama at the death belied the overall quality of the football. If anything, Southampton were the better side, but Luton's superior commitment and knowledge of their own pitch ultimately told."

**The Mail on Sunday:** "One minute of slackness left Chris Nickoll and his Southampton players furious as they allowed Luton to pull off a remarkable but unfortunate escape act. The Saints were seven minutes away from the fifth round of the FA Cup when, in the words of their manager, they went to sleep."

"From a quickly-taken corner, Ashley Grimes found Ian Allinson, who had time to control the ball, tee it up and smash it through a crowd of players into the net off the right knee of Derek Statham on the line."

"Luton swept forward, a fortunate bounce fell into the path of Brian Stein and his clinical finish from eight yards settled the tie. Southampton in a state of shock could hardly believe it."

**The Times:** "Luton are on course to make a double appearance at Wembley after an absence of 29 years. They are fancied to reach the final of the Littlewoods Cup and their chance of doing the same in the FA Cup improved when they beat Southampton."



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# LUTON TOWN GOLDEN OLDIES

## TOWN ROB THE BANK OF ENGLAND TEAM BUT INJURIES UPSET A STYLISH TEAM

On August 20th, 1955, Luton Town proudly went to the Valley to take on Charlton Athletic in the clubs first-ever game in Division One, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

On a bone hard pitch and under a blazing sun Luton took the game to Charlton and it was no surprise when Gordon Turner scored in the 31st minute following a cross from Bud Aherne. Goalkeeper Ron Baynham was then left dazed after a brave save at the feet of Stuart Leary and was still semi-concussed when first Jimmy Gauld and then Leary put Charlton in front with goals either side of half-time.

**'Charlton's followers were frantically whistling for time as the Town searched for a winner at the Valley'**

The Town bravely fought back however and following Peter MacEwan's 70th minute equaliser the Charlton faithful in the 28,460 crowd were frantically whistling for time as the Luton forwards battled away for the winner.

MacEwan was on target again in the 2-1 defeat at Preston the following Wednesday in a game which by all accounts the Town should have won easily but contrived to lose 2-1.

The long-awaited first home game took place on 27th August when Tottenham were the visitors to Kenilworth Road. Spurs had consistently broken the league attendance record on their visits to Luton in the late 1940's but the crowd on this occasion was a disappointing 21,143 attributed afterwards to poor packing and the reluctance to move away from the entrances.

The game itself was a thriller and stood finely poised at 1-1 until the final minute when Gordon Turner broke through and hit an unstoppable shot for the winner.

With their first win under their belts the Town began to acclimatise to life in the top division and a 2-1 home win over Preston was followed by a 1-0 victory at Everton in a game watched by 44,237.

The crowds were now flocking to Kenilworth Road and 25814 turned up to watch the FA Cup holders comprehensively beaten 4-2 courtesy of goals by Bob Morton, MacEwan and two by Turner.

In the next away game, at Birmingham, the Towns team coach was involved in an accident just outside Warwick and so badly shaken and bruised were various members of the team that it was almost certain that the game would be called off. The players insisted on turning out, however,

and played magnificently in a 0-0 draw much to the approval of the St Andrews crowd and the national press the following day.



● **Syd Owen:** His injury upset the team.

Two straight defeats followed, at home to West Brom and away at Manchester United and if the Club Notes in the match programme can be believed the Town suffered terrible luck, poor refereeing and blind linesmen – problems that did not occur when the team won!

The beginning of November 1955 saw the Town in a comfortable mid-table position without setting the football world alight but the two home games played that month ensured that the football press followed the fortunes of Luton for a considerable time afterwards.



● **Tony Gregory:** Caused Billy Wright all sorts of problems.

Firstly on November 5th the mighty Wolves came to Kenilworth Road and a record league crowd of 27,911 turned up hoping for seasonal fireworks. Bob Morton was a revelation in this game in his new found position of centre forward as he ran rings around England centre-half Billy Wright, scoring two goals in an amazing 5-1 win.

The next home game was even more incredible as the "Bank of England" team (cost £125,000!) and league leaders, Sunderland, were beaten 8-2 in one of the all time great Luton performances.

A crowd of 25,802 were held spellbound as eleven men all hit top form at the same time. Luton were 4-0 up at half-time with all the goals coming in a 13 minute spell immediately before the break.

Turner scored from a penalty in the 31st minute, Mike Cullen made it two with a 25-yarder three minutes later followed by goals from Jim Adam and Morton in the 41st and 44th minutes.

Early in the second-half, a bad back pass enabled Morton to walk the ball into an empty net and further goals from Turner, Cullen and Morton completed the rout.

**'Injuries and heavy grounds combined to upset the Town's form and fortunes after Christmas'**

Although never again hitting these heights in the period leading up to Christmas creditable home wins over Cardiff and Charlton and a double over Sheffield United saw the Town in a good position as 1956 dawned.

Things then started to go wrong beginning with a serious injury to Syd Owen in the 4-0 home defeat by Leicester in the FA Cup and the advent of heavy grounds which did not suit the Towns style of football.

Six straight defeats after the cup beating sent the Town plummeting down the table and fears were being expressed in some quarters that the Towns stay in Division One would be of short duration.

March proved to be the turning point with the grounds becoming harder again and 2-1 wins at Sunderland and Wolverhampton arrested the slide and sent sighs of relief echoing around the Town. The win at Wolves was particularly satisfying as the Town team was totally unrecognisable from that which won at Luton four months earlier yet the victory was just as easy with this time Tony Gregory, in only his second league game, giving Billy Wright a torrid time.

The season petered out with the Town in a comfortable mid-table position but considering the injury problems after Christmas with Owen, Aherne, Turner and Cummins out for long periods immense satisfaction must have been gained.

# FIRST TEAM UPDATE

## 1987-88 SEASON

### BARCLAYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1987-88

| HOME      |          |          |          |           | AWAY      |                      |          |          |          |           |           |           |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| P         | W        | D        | L        | F A       | W         | D                    | L        | F        | APts     |           |           |           |
| 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        |
| <b>24</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>LUTON TOWN</b>    | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>35</b> |
| 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        | 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        |
| <b>24</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>Oxford United</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>9</b>  | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b> |
| 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)

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

Fixtures TBA: Nottingham Forest (A), QPR (H)

## Luton Town F.A. Att Pos 1

|         |  |     |        |    |        |
|---------|--|-----|--------|----|--------|
| Aug 15  | Derby County   | 0-1 | 17204  | -  | Sealey |
| Aug 18  | Coventry City  | 0-1 | 7506   | -  | Sealey |
| Aug 22  | West Ham United  | 2-2 | 8073   | 16 | Sealey |
| Aug 29  | Chelsea  | 0-3 | 16075  | 19 | Sealey |
| Aug 31  | Arsenal  | 1-1 | 8745   | 18 | Sealey |
| Sept 5  | Oxford United  | 5-2 | 6804   | 14 | Sealey |
| Sept 12 | Everton  | 2-1 | 8124   | 16 | Sealey |
| Sept 19 | Charlton Athletic                                      | 0-1 | 5003   | 12 | Sealey |
| Sept 22 | Wigan Athletic (LC2R 1L)                               | 1-0 | 5018   | 14 | Sealey |
| Sept 26 | Queens Park Rangers                                    | 0-2 | 11175  | 14 | Sealey |
| Oct 3   | Manchester United                                      | 1-1 | 9137   | 14 | Sealey |
| Oct 6   | Wigan Athletic (LC2R 2L)                               | 4-2 | 4240   | 14 | Sealey |
| Oct 10  | Portsmouth   | 1-3 | 12391  | 16 | Sealey |
| Oct 17  | Wimbledon  | 2-0 | 7018   | 14 | Sealey |
| Oct 24  | Liverpool  | 0-1 | 12452  | 14 | Sealey |
| Oct 27  | Coventry City (LC3R)*                                  | 3-1 | 11448  | 16 | Sealey |
| Nov 7   | Newcastle United                                       | 4-0 | 7638   | 17 | Sealey |
| Nov 14  | Sheffield Wednesday                                    | 2-0 | 16960  | 16 | Sealey |
| Nov 17  | Ipswich Town (LC4R)                                    | 1-0 | 15643  | 12 | Sealey |
| Nov 21  | Tottenham Hotspur                                      | 2-0 | 10091  | 12 | Sealey |
| Dec 5   | Norwich City   | 1-2 | 7002   | 13 | Sealey |
| Dec 12  | Watford  | 1-0 | 12152  | 9  | Sealey |
| Dec 18  | Southampton  | 2-2 | 6618   | 9  | Sealey |
| Dec 26  | Everton  | 0-2 | 32242  | 11 | Sealey |
| Dec 28  | Charlton Athletic                                      | 1-0 | 7243   | 9  | Sealey |
| Jan 1   | Chelsea  | 3-0 | 8018   | 8  | Sealey |
| Jan 2   | West Ham United  | 1-1 | 16716  | 8  | Sealey |
| Jan 9   | Hartlepool (FAC3)                                      | 2-1 | 6187   | 8  | Sealey |
| Jan 16  | Derby County   | 1-0 | 7175   | 8  | Sealey |
| Jan 19  | Bradford City (LC5R)                                   | 2-0 | 11,022 | 8  | Sealey |
| Jan 30  | Southampton (FAC4)                                     | 2-1 | 10009  | 8  | Sealey |
| Feb 6   | Oxford United  | -   | -      | -  | -      |
| Feb 10  | Oxford (LCSF1)   | -   | -      | -  | -      |
| Feb 13  | Arsenal  | -   | -      | -  | -      |
| Feb 16  | Everton (Simod Cup)                                    | -   | -      | -  | -      |
| Feb 20  | Q Park Rangers (FAC5)                                  | -   | -      | -  | -      |
| Feb 24  | Oxford United (LCSF2) or Feb 28 - depending on live TV | -   | -      | -  | -      |
| Feb 27  | Manchester United                                      | -   | -      | -  | -      |
| Mar 5   | Wimbledon  | -   | -      | -  | -      |
| Mar 12  | Portsmouth (FAC6)                                      | -   | -      | -  | -      |
| Mar 15  | Coventry   | -   | -      | -  | -      |
| Mar 26  | Liverpool  | -   | -      | -  | -      |
| Apr 2   | Newcastle United                                       | -   | -      | -  | -      |
| Apr 4   | Sheffield Wednesday                                    | -   | -      | -  | -      |
| Apr 9   | Tottenham Hotspur (FACs/f)                             | -   | -      | -  | -      |
| Apr 23  | Nottingham Forest                                      | -   | -      | -  | -      |
| Apr 30  | Norwich City   | -   | -      | -  | -      |
| May 2   | Watford  | -   | -      | -  | -      |
| May 7   | Southampton  | -   | -      | -  | -      |
| May 14  | F.A. Cup Final   | -   | -      | -  | -      |

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|                       | 2           | 3                      | 4                   | 5           | 6           | 7                       | 8                    | 9                     | 10                    | 11                    | 12 |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----|
| Breacker              | Grimes      | Hill                   | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Harford              | (R. Wilson)           | (Preece)              | [MN/DM]               |    |
| Breacker              | Grimes      | Hill                   | Foster              | McDonough   | D. Wilson   | Harford                 | Newell               | (R. Wilson)           | Preece                | [EN]/SN               |    |
| Breacker              | Grimes      | Hill                   | Foster              | (McDonough) | D. Wilson   | Cobb                    | Harford <sup>2</sup> | Newell                | Preece                | [SN]/EN               |    |
| Breacker              | Grimes      | Donaghy                | Foster              | R. Wilson   | Hill        | Cobb                    | Newell               | Nwajobi               | Preece                | KB/SN                 |    |
| Breacker              | Grimes      | Hill                   | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | P                       | (Newell)             | Nwajobi               | Preece                | [MS]/RJ               |    |
| Breacker <sup>1</sup> | Grimes      | Hill <sup>1</sup>      | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | (B. Stein) <sup>1</sup> | Harford <sup>1</sup> | Nwajobi <sup>1</sup>  | (Preece)              | [MS]/RJ               |    |
| Breacker              | Grimes      | Hill <sup>1</sup>      | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein <sup>1</sup>   | Harford              | (Nwajobi)             | (Preece)              | [MS]/RJ               |    |
| Breacker              | (McDonough) | Hill                   | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Harford              | M. Stein              | (Preece)              | [MW/RJ]               |    |
| Breacker              | Johnson     | Hill                   | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Harford              | Weir <sup>1</sup>     | (Preece)              | [EN]/SN               |    |
| Breacker              | Grimes      | Hill                   | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Harford              | Black                 | Preece                | RJ/EN                 |    |
| Breacker              | Grimes      | Hill                   | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Harford <sup>1</sup> | (Black)               | (Weir)                | [MS/DM]               |    |
| Breacker              | Grimes      | McDonough <sup>1</sup> | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Harford <sup>1</sup> | Black                 | Weir                  | MS/RJ                 |    |
| Breacker              | Grimes      | Hill                   | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Harford <sup>2</sup> | (Johnson)             | (Weir)                | [DMCD]/EN             |    |
| Breacker              | Grimes      | McDonough              | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Harford              | Allinson              | Weir                  | MS/RJ                 |    |
| Breacker              | Grimes      | McDonough              | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Harford <sup>2</sup> | Johnson               | Weir <sup>1</sup>     | MS/RH                 |    |
| Breacker              | Grimes      | McDonough              | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Nwajobi <sup>1</sup> | M. Stein <sup>2</sup> | Allinson              | RJ/RH                 |    |
| Breacker              | Grimes      | McDonough              | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Nwajobi              | M. Stein <sup>1</sup> | Allinson <sup>1</sup> | RJ/RH                 |    |
| Breacker              | Harvey      | McDonough              | Foster              | Donaghy     | (D. Wilson) | B. Stein <sup>1</sup>   | Nwajobi              | (Johnson)             | M. Stein              | [KB/DO]               |    |
| Breacker              | Grimes      | McDonough              | Foster              | Donaghy     | R. Johnson  | B. Stein                | Nwajobi              | M. Stein              | Allinson <sup>2</sup> | RH/MW                 |    |
| Breacker              | Grimes      | McDonough              | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | (Nwajobi)            | Weir                  | Allinson              | [RJ]/RH               |    |
| Breacker              | Grimes      | McDonough              | Foster <sup>1</sup> | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Hill                 | Weir                  | Allinson              | RJ/KB                 |    |
| Breacker              | Grimes      | McDonough <sup>1</sup> | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Hill                 | M. Stein              | (Allinson)            | [MH <sup>1</sup> ]/MW |    |
| Breacker              | (Grimes)    | McDonough              | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Harford              | (Hill)                | Allinson              | [RJ]/MS               |    |
| Breacker              | Johnson     | McDonough              | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Harford              | M. Stein              | Allinson              | KB/DO                 |    |
| Breacker              | Johnson     | McDonough              | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Harford <sup>1</sup> | M. Stein <sup>1</sup> | Allinson              | KB/MW                 |    |
| Breacker              | Johnson     | McDonough              | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Harford              | M. Stein              | Allinson              | AG/MW                 |    |
| Breacker              | Johnson     | McDonough <sup>1</sup> | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Weir <sup>1</sup>    | M. Stein              | Allinson              | KB/DO                 |    |
| Breacker              | Johnson     | McDonough <sup>1</sup> | Foster              | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Black                | M. Stein              | Allinson              | RH/DD                 |    |
| Breacker              | Johnson     | McDonough              | Foster <sup>1</sup> | Donaghy     | D. Wilson   | B. Stein                | Harford <sup>1</sup> | M. Stein              | Black                 | RH/DO                 |    |
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| 2 Tim Breacker       | 2 David Bardsley       |
| 3 Rob Johnson        | 3 John Dreyer          |
| 4 Darron McDonough 1 | 4 Gary Shelton         |
| 5 Steve Foster       | 5 Gary Briggs          |
| 6 Mal Donaghy        | 6 Tommy Caton          |
| 7 Danny Wilson       | 7 Trevor Heberd        |
| 8 Brian Stein 1      | 8 Martin Foyle         |
| 9 Mick Harford 11    | 9 Dean Saunders        |
| 10 Mark Stein 111    | 10 Les Phillips        |
| 11 Ian Allinson      | 11 Peter Rhoades-Brown |
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