

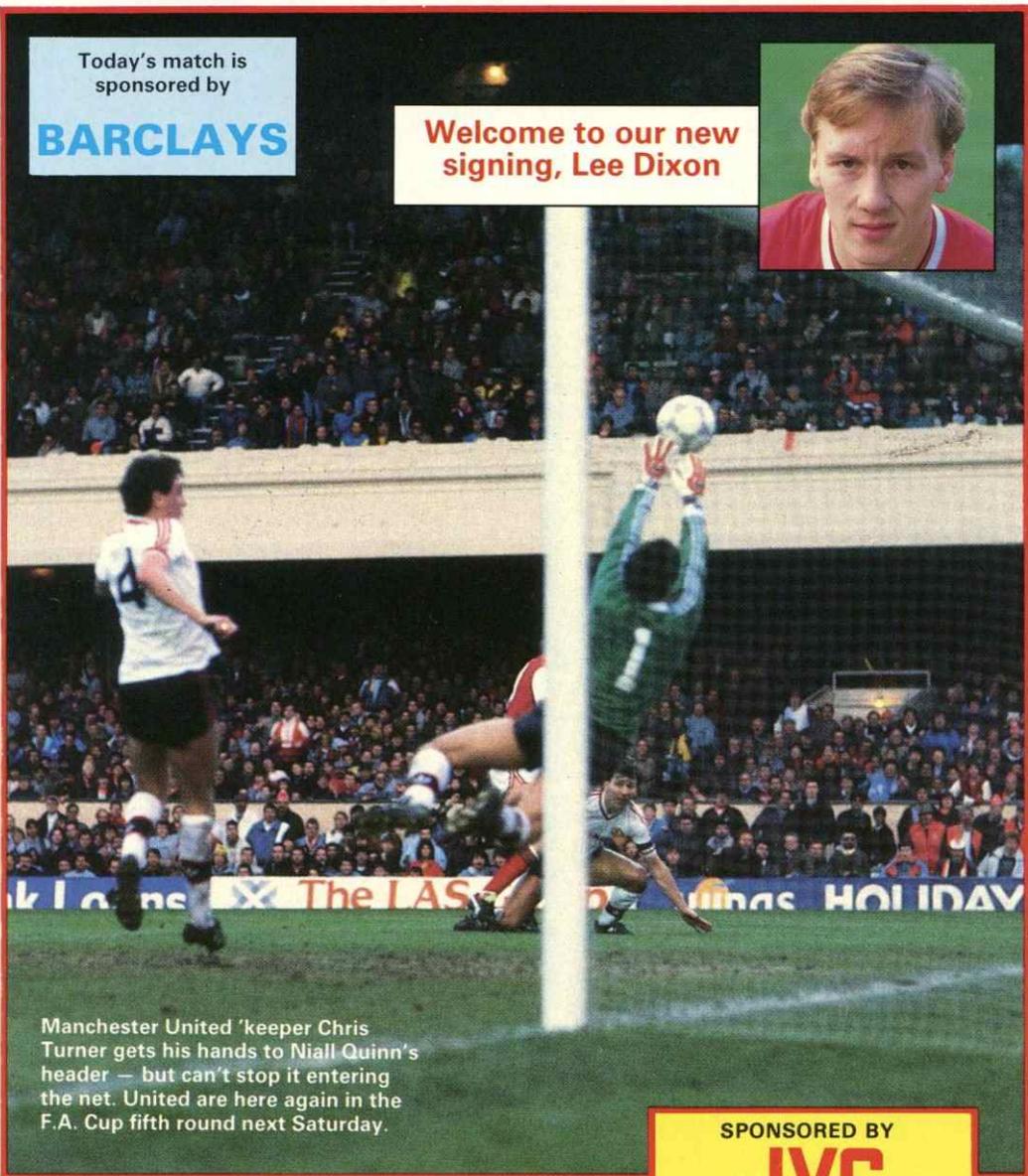
# The Gunner



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Welcome to our new signing, Lee Dixon



Manchester United 'keeper Chris Turner gets his hands to Niall Quinn's header — but can't stop it entering the net. United are here again in the F.A. Cup fifth round next Saturday.

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Barclays League Division One  
**v LUTON TOWN**  
Saturday, February 13, 1988  
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

## SUNSHINE CURE STARTS PAUL ON HIS WAY BACK

**5** YEARS AGO: Our game at West Ham — and Luton's First Division fixture at Manchester United — were two of many games postponed because of the weather.

**10** YEARS AGO: Liam Brady shot us into the lead with a 48th minute penalty at Leicester. But Tommy Williams scored midway through the second-half to salvage a point for the home side.

Luton went down 0-2 at Blackburn in a Second Division game. Paul Round and Noel Brotherston got Rovers' goals.

**15** YEARS AGO: Once again both Arsenal and Luton were out of action, icy weather causing the postponement of our fixtures.

**20** YEARS AGO: The Gunners were held to a goalless draw by Newcastle at Highbury.

Goals from Bruce Rioch, Keith Allen, Ian Buxton and Terry Branstons earned Luton a 4-1 home victory over Rochdale in a Fourth Division game.

**25** YEARS AGO: John Macleod, Laurie Brown and George Armstrong were on target for the Gunners in a 3-2 victory over Bolton at Highbury. Fred Hill and Dennis Butler replied for the Wanderers.

Luton had a free day because of the weather.

Paul Davis is on his way back — thanks to a week in Tenerife.

Midfielder Paul, who underwent a hernia operation just before Christmas, expects to be available for first team action very soon.

He hasn't played a first team game since our 1-1 draw here against Everton on December 19. But he's confident he'll be available for the second leg of our Littlewoods Cup semi-final against them. If all goes well, he could even be considered for next Saturday's FA Cup tie against Manchester United.

Regaining full fitness has meant a long haul for Davis — and it was only after a week's convalescence in Tenerife last month that he was ready to begin his bid.

Explains Paul: "It was a very valuable break — and not just to escape from the rain in England!"

By Kevin Connolly

"The pelvic area had been feeling extremely tight after the operation. During my week away I did some light training — jogging, press-ups and sit-ups — and those activities loosened me up so I was ready to start training again."

Paul came in for a long session of running with physio Gary Lewin three weeks ago, and he was delighted with his progress.

Running freely was Paul's first test. His second was kicking a ball again. "That was the



crunch — and I came through it. It was a good feeling."

Next came full training — and nine days later a comeback match in our reserves against QPR last Saturday.

The cold February afternoon must have seemed light years away from Tenerife. But Paul surged through. "I still need a game or two to regain the sharpness I've lost. But, overall, I was happy with my fitness, especially considering how long I've been out" he said: "I got involved quickly and came through some hard tackles."

Paul played another practice match this Wednesday — and England manager Bobby Robson was even ready to call him into the U-21 squad for next Tuesday's game against Scotland. Paul wasn't quite ready for that. But he looks poised to make a welcome return — just as we approach the most crucial stages of our season.

WELCOME TO THE PLAYERS, OFFICIALS AND SUPPORTERS OF LUTON TOWN

### CUP TIE TICKETS

Our two forthcoming cup matches — against Manchester United in the F.A. Cup fifth round next Saturday, and against Everton in the Littlewoods Cup semi-final on February are not all ticket. For more information about these two games, see the message on page 18.

### BRIGHTON PROGRAMMES

Apparently many of our supporters who went to the F.A. Cup fourth round tie at Brighton were deceived into buying pirate programmes. Brighton tell us that they still have official programmes for the game which are available from the Goldstone Ground.

WELCOME TO TODAY'S MATCH SPONSORS BARCLAYS, AND THEIR GUESTS

### SUNDAY v SPURS

Our Barclays League match against Tottenham will now be played here on Sunday, March 6, kick-off 3.05 p.m.

### FEBRUARY SOCCER SCHOOL

Our February 'Soccer School' is once again proving very popular — and we have only a few places

left. The course runs from February 22 to 26 inclusive during school half term. If you'd like to take part, please contact Vic Akers at Arsenal Stadium as soon as possible — and include a stamped addressed envelope.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ALISON

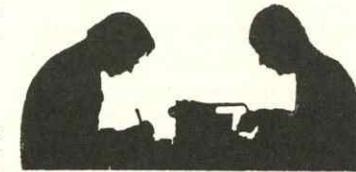
Happy birthday to one of our supporters in Nottingham, Alison Clark, who'll be 16 on Monday.

### COME EARLY NEXT SATURDAY

We are expecting a very big crowd for next Saturday's F.A. Cup tie against Manchester United — so please, arrive in good time, to avoid any unnecessary queuing and congestion at the turnstiles. Thank you.

### GRAHAM'S GOLF DAY

Graham Rix's testimonial continues with a celebrity golf tournament at Dereham Park golf club on Wednesday, May 4. The tournament is for teams of three players plus a guest celeb-



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Runners-up: 1927, 1932, 1952, 1972, 1978, 1980

Littlewoods Cup winners: 1987

Football League Cup runners-up: 1968, 1969

European Fairs Cup winners: 1970

European Cup Winners Cup runners-up: 1980



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## MAKE MONEY WITH ARSENAL

Be among the winners with Make Money lottery tickets! You too could win a major prize! Look out for the Make Money girls all round the ground this afternoon. Tickets only 25p each.

### STADIUM TOURS

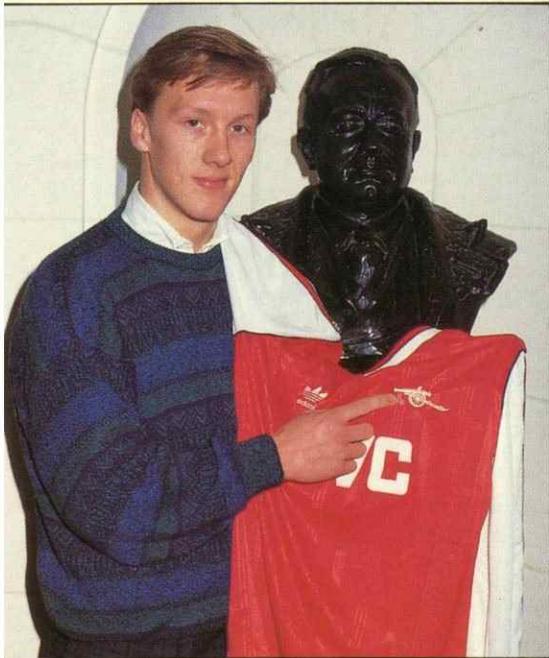
Arsenal are running regular weekday stadium tours for parties. These tours are separate from the Junior Gunners stadium tours, which are exclusively for JG's. The stadium tour takes you behind the scenes at Arsenal, from the dressing room to the boardroom. For all details, please ring: Stadium Tours on 01-226 0304.

\* Please note: We regret we cannot make arrangements for parties of children under the age of 11.

### OBITUARY

We were sad to hear of the recent death of one of our most loyal supporters, Ernie Compton, Mr Compton, who was 90, watched us regularly up until the time he suffered a stroke in 1981. We send our condolences to his family.

# I'M A GUNNER NOW!



rebuild their squad for a promotion challenge next season."

If Dobson and Casper had set Dixon on the way, Stoke boss Mills — a former England full back himself — and his assistant Sammy Chung polished Lee up.

"They both did a lot to shape my game too," says Lee: "They worked very hard to improve my defensive qualities, and I've grown a lot stronger in that aspect of my play."

Mind you, Lee has already noticed a couple of very big differences between the Potteries and North London... the house prices, and the traffic.

Lee, wife Joanne and son Joshua aim to move down to London as soon as they can. But after a quick look at some of the local estate agents, Lee mused: "The way prices are down here, compared with where we've been living in Newcastle-under-Lyme, I'll just be able to afford a tent!"

Likewise the traffic jams. "I thought Stoke was notorious for queues," he says: "But when I drove here to have the X rays to complete my medical, it took me 80 minutes to get to Highbury after leaving the A1." And Lee says he couldn't believe the jams around Highbury Corner!

They're aspects of London life to which Dixon will adapt himself. But what about the football?

"It's a similar situation to when I left Bury for Stoke," he says: "I'm confident about handling a tougher challenge."

"Stoke have played six first division teams — including Arsenal — in cup competitions this season. I've been reasonably pleased with my

## LEE'S METEORIC RISE LEADS ON TO Highbury!

"The last two years have turned out great for me!" reflects our new signing Lee Dixon — who this time in 1986 was turning out at right back for Bury in the third division!

But Lee acknowledges, it was the year he spent at Bury that set up his career for lift-off.

The 23 year-old from Manchester — who'd spent spells at Burnley and Chester, before moving to Gigg Lane — remembers his time at Bury with obvious affection. "I have to thank Martin Dobson and Frank Casper there. Some players mature early. I was a late developer — and I owe Martin and Frank so much for all the encouragement they gave me," he says.

Dixon's confidence grew and grew. Scouts from the big clubs started arriving at Bury to check his potential. Stoke snapped him up, for a £40,000 fee in the summer of 1986.

"I felt sure I was ready to step up," recalls Lee: "I was confident I could handle the jump."

He did. And his reputation kept growing; so that by the end of last season, speculation was rife that he'd soon be moving to one of the first division giants. That speculation continued... till George Graham's £350,000 swoop the day before we played Manchester United last month.

"I'd heard the rumours. But it was all paper talk, until Mick Mills told me Arsenal had made a firm offer," says Lee: "I was delighted. I couldn't wish for a better club — and the money will help Stoke

performance each time. I'm sure I can do myself justice in the first division... And after playing twice against Liverpool in the F.A. Cup recently, I'm looking forward to enjoying that atmosphere more often."

So what can Highbury fans expect to be Lee's trademark characteristic? "Pace," he replies quickly. "My game is built around my speed and I love to use my pace to attack!" If you watched Lee against Queens Park Rangers reserves last Saturday you'll know what he's talking about!

But Lee knows he's stepped into a high pressure situation, with Michael Thomas, Nigel Winterburn and Kenny Sansom competing for first team places too.

"The boss will pick the best two every week," he says: "That competition must be good for the club. It will certainly keep me on my toes."

Dixon, who's signed a three-and-a-half year contract, is cup-tied for the rest of the season. "OK, I won't be available for all our remaining games. But I aim to get some first team games under my belt to prove what I can do; then establish myself firmly next season," says Lee: "Long term, I'd love to play for England — but my first priority must be to build my career with Arsenal."

By Kevin Connolly

## THE BOSS'S VIEW

# GEORGE GRAHAM



I was very satisfied with our Littlewoods Cup result at Everton last Sunday. It was an excellent performance against one of the best sides in the League.

We used the wind to good advantage in the first half. We looked much the sharper side then, and created enough chances to have added a couple more to the excellent goal Perry Groves scored.

It was a pity Martin Hayes couldn't have forced home the rebound after Perry's shot had come back off Neville Southall.

In the second half, Everton put us under intense pressure. We defended with a lot of resilience throughout the team — and justice was done when Trevor Steven fired that penalty over the bar.

It was a great team effort, but I particularly want to praise Michael Thomas and Perry Groves. They were both outstanding. Michael did a very effective midfield marking job and Perry always threatened danger.

We took Alan Smith off at half time because he aggravated his hamstring knock again on the heavy surface. Niall Quinn played a valuable role in the second half though — particularly when we were defending against Everton's dead ball kicks.

Martin Hayes also came in and did a sound job covering a lot of ground up and down the flanks.

Thank you very much to our travelling fans. You were tremendous. It would be great to hear that sort of support more often at Highbury. It would really give us a lift, with so many important games taking place here over the next few weeks.

But let's not think the tie is over. We proved against Tottenham last season that we could cancel out an away victory in the first leg. Everton played very well here in the 1-1 draw just before Christmas. So we know we still face a hard task to get to Wembley.

Today it's back to the League — and our League form has been causing me concern. We've won four recent cup ties but we're still searching for a League win in 1988.

That's very disappointing. We set our standards last weekend and we need to maintain them today.

Luton boast an excellent record over the past few months — and they scored seven goals in their last League game. So we'll have to match our form of last Sunday. There's no excuse for taking it easy — and I'll ensure that doesn't happen.

Paul Davis is making rapid progress towards full fitness again. He played his first comeback match against Queens Park Rangers last weekend and, though he wasn't quite fit enough to join the England party for next Tuesday's Under-21 International against Scotland, we hope he'll soon be available. It will be good to have him back with so many important games coming up.

Our new signing Lee Dixon also impressed in that reserve game. He looked very sharp and showed a nippy turn of speed.

The intense competition for full-back places must be good for the team, and it's that sort of competition I'm also trying to foster in other areas of the squad.

# IMPRESSIVE VICTORY DELIGHTS STEWART

By KEVIN CONNOLLY



Stewart Houston



Pat Rice

Rix later split the defence again and Paul Merson's clever lob dropped narrowly wide. Then Merson was inches off target after a brilliant Davis through ball had wrong-footed Rangers.

Right-back Dixon also made an impressive impact repeatedly surging forward to join in our attacks.

Arsenal: Wilmot, Dixon, Carstairs, Ball (Donnelly, 57 minutes), Scully, Hillier, Milton, Davis, Campbell, Merson, Rix.

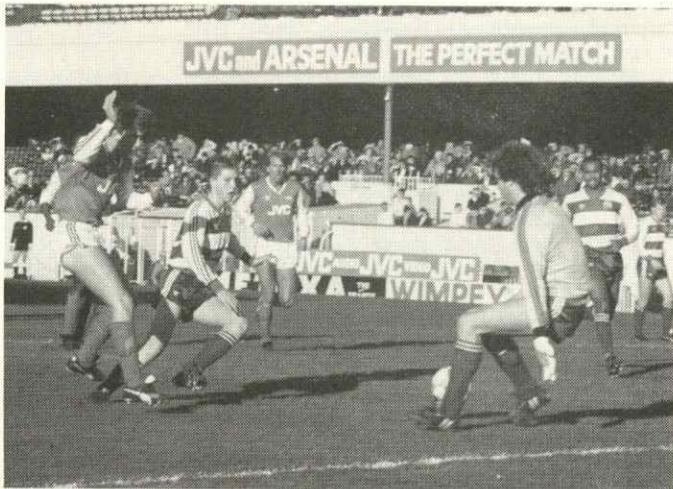
## UNLUCKY STEPHEN ON THE WAY BACK

Unlucky young Stephen Ward is hoping to step up his attempts to regain full fitness next week.

Our former England schoolboy winger got the all clear from an orthopaedic specialist to start more intensive

Seaman, before setting up our second, after 72 minutes.

He won the ball on the left, jinked inside and fed Kevin Campbell, who calmly drilled his shot past Seaman.



Steve Ball beats David Seaman for our first goal against Queens Park Rangers.

Our reserve line-up delighted coach Stewart Houston with an impressive 2-0 win over Queens Park Rangers last Saturday.

"I was very pleased. At times, we played some of our best football of the season," commented Stewart: "Queens Park Rangers' sweeper system always sets you problems. I was impressed with how we overcame them. A lot of our one and two touch stuff was excellent. My only complaint is that we didn't win by more!"

The Gunners — who included new boy Lee Dixon, comeback-making Paul Davis, Graham Rix and Paul Merson — dominated from first to last.

Midfielder Steve Ball broke through after some definite interplay on the edge of the box and coolly beat David Seaman to give us the lead after seven minutes.

Rix hit the post, saw a free-kick whistle narrowly wide, then had a shot well saved by



Paul Davis ... made an impressive comeback in our reserve game against Queens Park Rangers.

exercise — and get fit for action for the first time in two years.

"I'm feeling a lot happier now," says Stephen, whose Highbury career has been devastated by a broken leg and related injuries: "I spent a useful two weeks at Lilleshall building myself up and I'm looking forward to going back there for another fortnight's work next Monday."

## YOUTH LEAD SLIPS

Our youth team lost an early lead and went down 1-2 to

Portsmouth in last Saturday's South East Counties League game.

Neil Heaney scored at the far post to give us the lead. But two second half strikes clinched the points for Pompey.

"I was disappointed with our performance. It was a scrappy display from our point of view," said youth coach Pat Rice.

However, Pat said the game had been valuable because it had given him another chance

to assess several schoolboys who might be joining us in the summer.

Arsenal: Marriott, Donnelly, Morgan, McKeown, Hannigan, Flanagan, Lee, Givens (F. Foley), Hoyle, Connelly, Heaney.

● The youth team pulled off a great 2-1 win in our midweek F.A. Youth Cup fourth round tie at Southampton. Steve Ball and Kevin Campbell were our scorers. For full details see next Saturday's programme.

## SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION FIXTURES

1987-88

Aug. 22	Norwich City	2-0
Aug. 25	Fulham	4-0
Sept. 1	Bristol Rovers	3-0
Sept. 9	Portsmouth	1-2
Sept. 12	Luton Town	1-1
Sept. 15	Queens Park Rangers	0-3
Sept. 24	Millwall	1-0
Oct. 3	Oxford United	4-0
Oct. 17	Charlton Athletic	2-0
Oct. 31	West Ham United	4-2
Nov. 7	Chelsea	3-2
Nov. 14	Brighton & Hove Albion	4-0
Nov. 21	Reading	5-0
Nov. 28	Watford	0-1
Dec. 1	Southampton	1-0
Dec. 5	Tottenham Hotspur	1-2
Dec. 12	Swindon Town	2-3
Dec. 16	Crystal Palace	1-2
Jan. 7	Norwich City	1-1
Jan. 16	Fulham	7-0
Feb. 6	Queens Park Rangers	2-0
Feb. 13	Luton Town	
Feb. 24	Oxford United	
Mar. 1	Charlton Athletic	
Mar. 12	Southampton	
Mar. 16	Ipswich Town	
Mar. 23	West Ham United	
Mar. 26	Brighton & Hove Albion	
Apr. 2	Chelsea	
Apr. 9	Reading	
Apr. 12	Ipswich Town	
Apr. 16	Watford	
Apr. 19	Swindon Town	
Apr. 30	Tottenham Hotspur	
May 4	Crystal Palace	
To be arranged:		
	Portsmouth	
	Bristol Rovers	
	Millwall	

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES 1987-88

Aug. 15	Cambridge United	1-0
Aug. 19	Charlton Athletic	5-0
Aug. 22	Chelsea	2-6
Aug. 26	Fulham	5-0
Aug. 29	Gillingham	4-1
Sept. 2	Ipswich Town	2-4
Sept. 5	Millwall	7-0
Sept. 8	Gillingham (SJFC)	4-1
Sept. 12	Norwich City	5-1
Sept. 19	Luton Town (LC1)	5-1
Sept. 26	Leyton Orient	6-0
Oct. 3	Portsmouth	4-2
Oct. 10	Queens Park Rangers	2-2
Oct. 24	Watford	1-3
Oct. 31	Ipswich Town (LC2)	4-1
Nov. 7	West Ham United	5-1
Nov. 14	Tottenham Hotspur	0-1
Nov. 23	Millwall (FAYC 2)	5-1
Nov. 28	Charlton Athletic	1-2
Dec. 5	Chelsea	3-0
Dec. 12	Fulham	2-0
Dec. 19	Southampton (LC3)	3-7
Jan. 2	Gillingham	2-2
Jan. 9	Ipswich Town	7-1
Jan. 12	Wimbledon (FAYC3)	2-1
Feb. 6	Portsmouth	1-2
Feb. 9	Southampton (FAYC4)	2-1
Feb. 13	Queens Park Rangers	
Feb. 20	Southend United	
Feb. 27	Watford	
Mar. 5	West Ham United	
Mar. 12	Tottenham Hotspur	
Mar. 19	Southend United	
Mar. 26	Cambridge United	
Apr. 2	Millwall	
Apr. 9	Leyton Orient	
Apr. 16	Norwich City	

## SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION Up to and including Saturday, 6th February 1988

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Watford	18	15	1	2	43	12	31
Tottenham Hotspur	21	14	3	4	49	24	31
Luton Town	23	12	5	6	49	38	29
Arsenal	21	13	2	6	49	19	28
Southampton	24	10	8	6	49	29	28
Queens Park Rangers	22	12	4	6	46	28	28
Ipswich Town	22	10	7	5	45	31	27
Norwich City	19	10	6	3	41	22	26
Portsmouth	20	10	4	6	39	37	24
Millwall	21	7	6	8	34	28	20
Chelsea	21	8	4	9	38	35	20
West Ham United	20	8	4	8	35	32	20
Swindon Town	22	8	3	11	36	50	19
Charlton Athletic	20	6	5	9	25	35	17
Oxford United	23	7	2	14	45	64	16
Fulham	22	5	5	12	31	62	15
Brighton & Hove Albion	20	5	3	12	20	49	13
Reading	21	4	2	15	32	55	10
Crystal Palace	20	4	2	14	14	45	10
Bristol Rovers	20	3	2	15	30	55	8

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIVISION ONE Up to and including Saturday 6th February 1988

	P	W	D	L	Goals	F	A	PTS
Watford	21	17	2	2	60	21	36	
Tottenham Hotspur	20	16	2	2	53	15	34	
Queens Park Rangers	23	12	5	6	36	24	29	
Arsenal	20	12	2	6	65	28	26	
West Ham United	22	10	5	7	40	35	25	
Chelsea	20	10	4	6	46	28	24	
Ipswich Town	23	12	0	11	38	47	24	
Charlton Athletic	18	10	3	5	36	28	23	
Gillingham	22	7	5	10	32	44	19	
Southend United	21	7	2	11	37	45	18	
Millwall	22	7	4	11	37	52	18	
Portsmouth	16	8	1	9	45	35	17	
Leyton Orient	22	6	5	11	18	36	17	
Norwich City	18	6	4	8	27	36	16	
Fulham	21	1	2	18	14	58	4	
Cambridge United	21	1	0	20	20	73	2	

## PAUL: 'I CAN COPE BETTER NOW'

### Eager Merson waits in the wings

By  
KEVIN  
CONNOLLY

Young forward Paul Merson is praying he'll get another first team chance. Because he reckons he's far better equipped now than when he arrived in the side around Christmas.

"I had my chance and I didn't grab it" says the youngster from Northolt: "O.K., I played against high quality defenders, like Forest's Des Walker and Paul Parker from QPR. But I should have been able to cope. My most disappointing game was against Millwall though. I really had the chance to make my mark then. Instead I was substituted — and I know it's going to be hard to get back in."

Merson had made several impressive short appearances as a sub. His entrance against Sheffield Wednesday in December swung the game our way. We turned a 0-1 deficit into a 3-1 victory. Paul scored — and suddenly many fans started hailing him as the man who could solve our goalscoring problems.

"At this stage in my career I can't produce the form I showed against Sheffield Wednesday every week" he says: "I don't expect that and neither should the fans. But that's my target because that's the form I have to show week in and week out if I'm to gain a regular place.

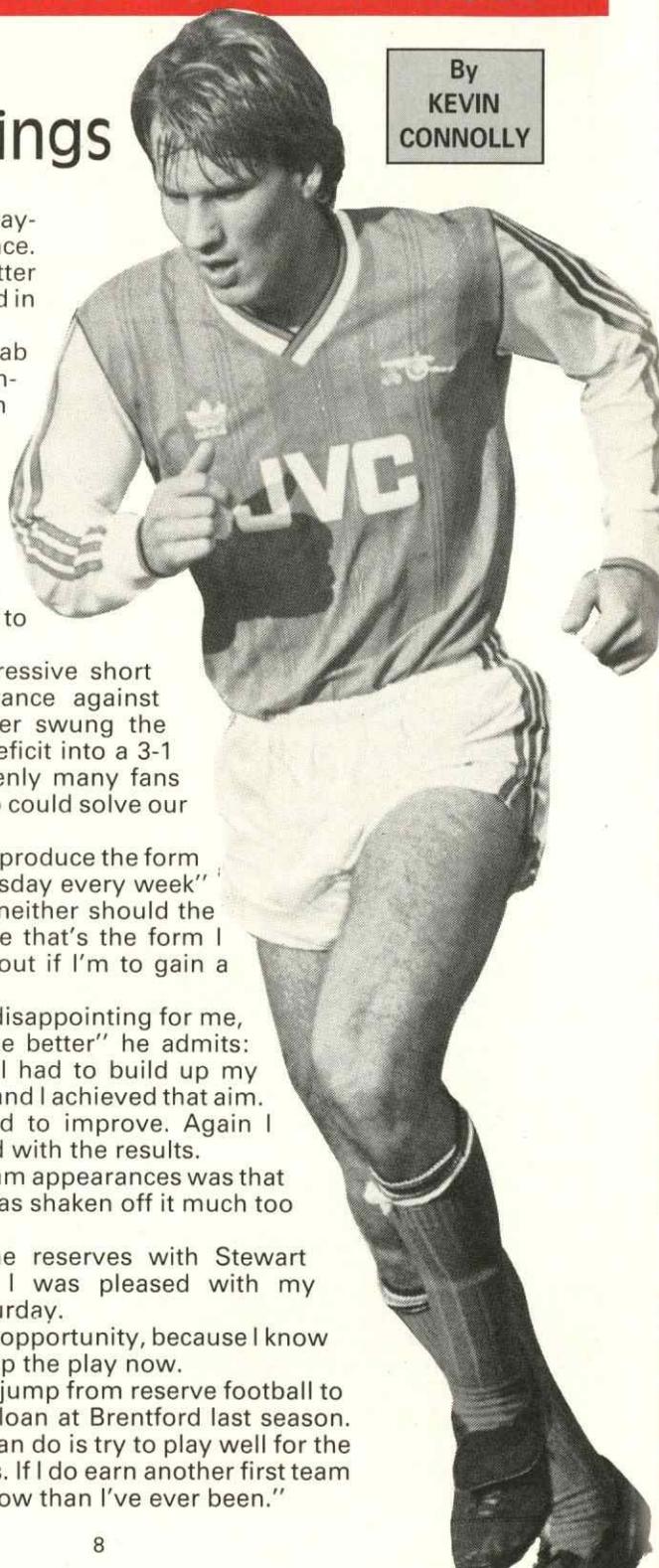
"The last few weeks have been disappointing for me, because I know I could have done better" he admits: "When I was in the youth team, I had to build up my stamina. I worked hard in the gym and I achieved that aim. My heading was something I had to improve. Again I worked hard and I've been pleased with the results.

"What let me down in my first team appearances was that I needed to hold the ball — but I was shaken off it much too quickly.

"I've been working hard in the reserves with Stewart Houston to put that right and I was pleased with my performance against QPR last Saturday.

"I'd love to get another first team opportunity, because I know I can hold the ball and help build up the play now.

"It was hard enough making the jump from reserve football to the Third Division when I was on loan at Brentford last season. First Division is even harder. All I can do is try to play well for the reserves and keep banging in goals. If I do earn another first team chance I feel I'm better prepared now than I've ever been."



## WE'RE TALKING FOOTBALL.

*"Football is not a matter of life and death. It's much more important than that."*

BILL SHANKLY.

*"Soccer is the biggest thing that's happened in creation, bigger than any 'ism' you can name."*

ALAN BROWN,

*Sunderland manager, 1968.*

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

LEN SHACKLETON,

*after six goal debut for Newcastle in 13-0 defeat of Newport, 1946.*

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

DANNY BLANCHFLOWER, 1958.

Source: *The Book of Football Quotations*, Peter Ball and Phil Shaw (Stanley Paul, an imprint of Century Hutchinson Ltd).



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# NO HIDING PLACE FOR THE HOOLIGANS

OKAY, you've handed out all these warnings... but what has the club actually DONE?

That's a comment we've heard frequently over the past few months. Well, we're glad to tell you that our policy has already claimed some spectacular successes!

For instance, at our last home game, against

Manchester United, our close circuit video cameras immediately picked out the offender who threw a coin from the North Bank onto the pitch. He was arrested within a few minutes. He has since been fined £500 and banned from all matches at Highbury for a year.

*to try and cause trouble... BE WARNED. There's no hiding place for you any more. The police and stewards are out to stop you — and the video cameras can pin-point you in seconds.*

## Ban for hooligan caught by television camera

By John Goodbody

A football supporter has been fined £500 and banned from going to matches at Highbury for a year after video cameras caught him throwing a coin during Arsenal's 2-1 home defeat by Manchester United on Sunday.

It was learned yesterday that Denis Bartlett, aged 17, a butcher from Weybridge, pleaded guilty to the disorder offence at Highbury Corner Magistrates Court after the video showed him throwing coins from a position 20 yards

up on the North Bank terracing.

On Sunday, police, linked by two-way radio to colleagues in other parts of the ground, recorded certain incidents with their telescopic cameras. This efficiency and organization is having a profound impact on the nature of football violence because increasing numbers of supporters are realizing that they are being easily identified and legal proceedings can be speeded up.

**ABOVE: From "The Times", Wednesday, January 27.**

**RIGHT: From the "Daily Telegraph", Thursday, February 4**

## 19 arrested in crackdown on violence

By John Weeks  
Scotland Yard  
Correspondent

IN A series of co-ordinated dawn raids in London and the Home Counties yesterday, Scotland Yard arrested 19 people and seized a cache of weapons including a crossbow, flick-knives and coshes.

In the major crackdown on soccer thugs, mainly supporters of Arsenal, British Transport Police assisted Yard detectives. They said that they hoped the raids had "broken the back of a hard-core element who are bent on violence".

More than 90 officers raided addresses in north London and in Margate, Milton Keynes, and Reading in an operation code-named "Evid".

In addition to the weapons, police also seized photographs, diaries and scrapbooks which they believe could lead to other arrests and prevent trouble planned for matches later in the season.

Those arrested were taken to Holloway Police Station and were still being interviewed last night.

### YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED...

Despite various articles that have appeared in our programme, the offensive practice of foul and abusive language and racist chanting appear to continue.

Therefore, it is now our intention to take appropriate action through the courts to stamp out this unacceptable behaviour by a small minority.

Where evidence exists — which will include the use of our close circuit TV system — prosecutions will follow.

You have been warned...our programme message earlier this season... and we mean it!

Thanks to the combined efforts of the police and our stewards — plus the video cameras — we were able to curb potential ground disturbances at our F.A. Cup-tie against Millwall.

Seventy-three people were ejected from the ground that day. Forty-one others were arrested.

And, last week, after a long period of police surveillance, 19 people were arrested — and a cache of weapons was seized.

So, if you come to football

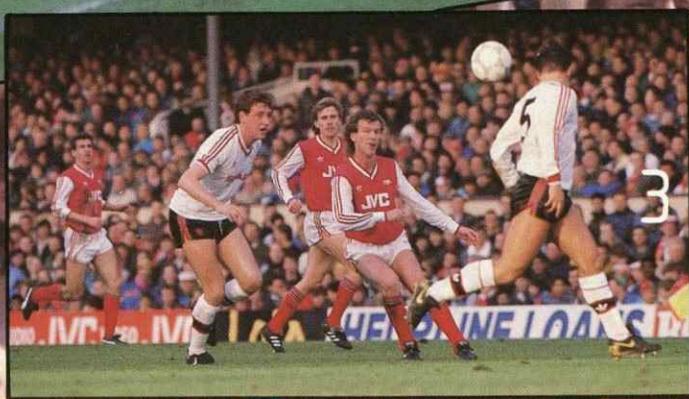
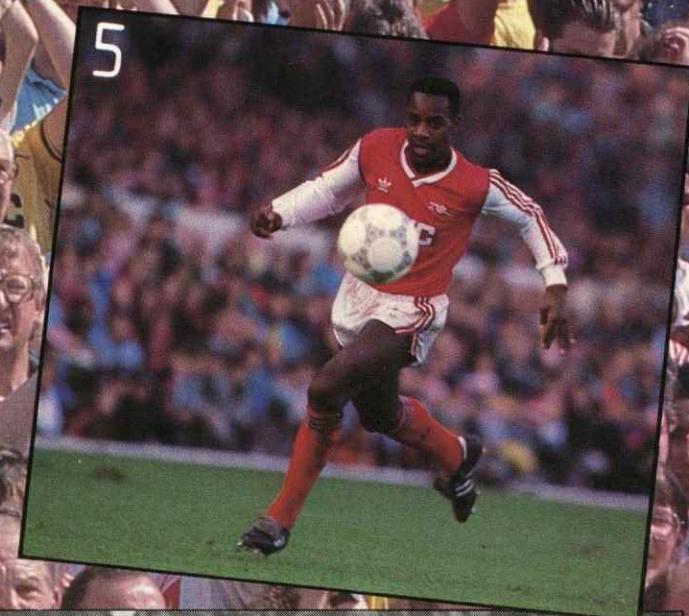
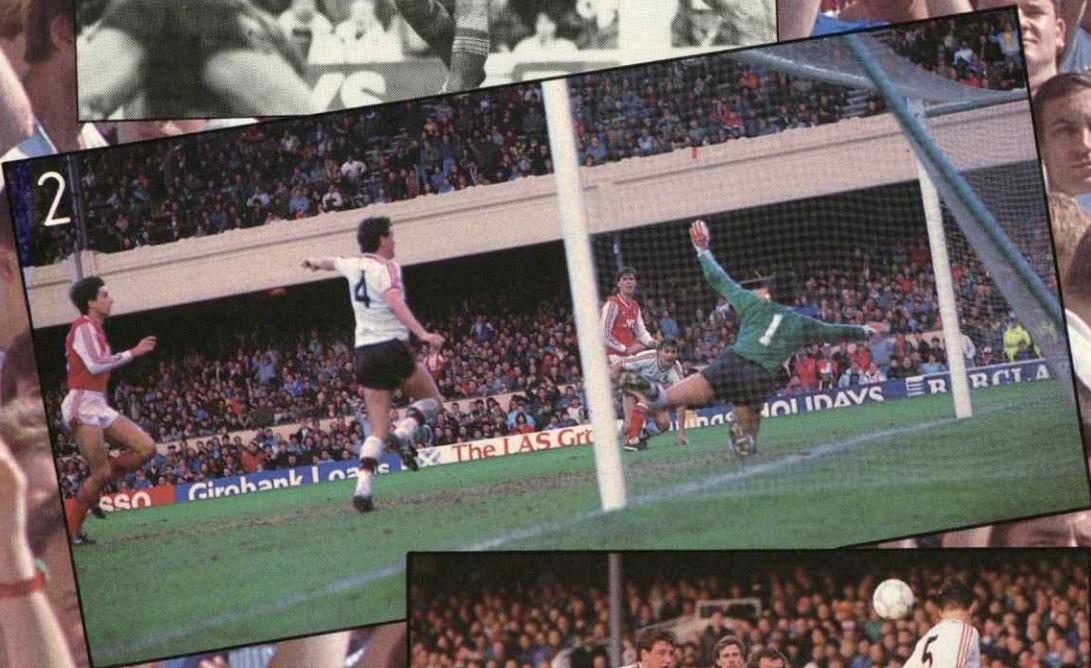
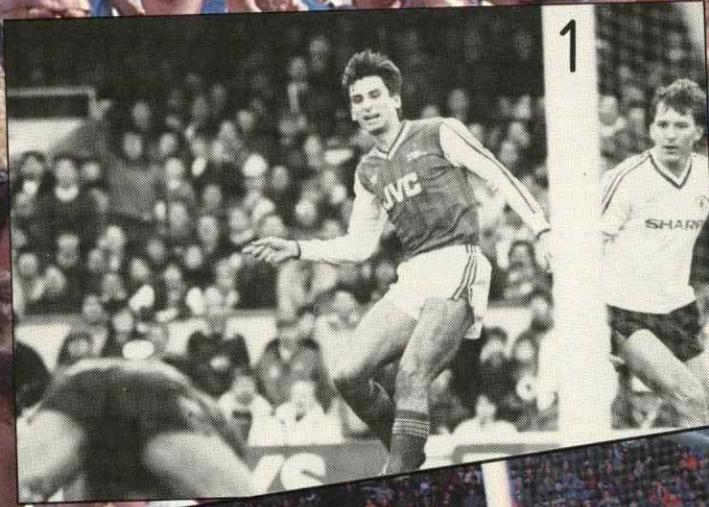
# ACTION

Barclays  
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Division One

January 24

**ARSENAL 1**  
**MANCHESTER**  
**UNITED 2**

Photos by Doug Poole



1. Bryan Robson watches anxiously as United's keeper Chris Turner goes down to grab the ball before Alan Smith closes in.
2. Niall Quinn heads our equaliser.
3. A grimace from Graham Rix — but he fires his cross in, all the same.
4. We'd already had one good-looking goal disallowed. Now it's two. Niall Quinn has put the ball in the net for the third time, and Alan Smith celebrates. But referee Roger Milford ruled out this one too.
5. Michael Thomas races clear of Mike Duxbury on another of his surging runs down the right.
6. It was one of those days... Turner is beaten by sub Perry Groves's last minute header — but the ball bounced off the bar. Let's hope for better luck next Saturday.

# LUTON TOWN



by TONY PULLEIN

LUTON have recovered from a catastrophic start to achieve success in the First Division and both cup competitions. The Hatters collected only two points from their opening five League matches and seemed destined for a long battle against relegation.

They broke their duck with a 5-2 win at Oxford and, though they later suffered another barren spell, they have looked a revitalised side since October. They have a fine chance of smashing a club record by improving upon the seventh place they achieved last season.

Away form has not been too impressive, though. Luton have only scored three away wins in the League, at Oxford (5-2), Sheffield Wednesday (2-0) and Watford (1-0). Their only other away point came from a draw at West Ham (1-1) last month.

Luton lost at Derby (0-1), Chelsea (0-3), Charlton (0-1), Q.P.R. (0-2), Portsmouth (1-3) and Everton (0-2).

Their run to the semi-final of the Littlewoods Cup — another club record — included victories over Wigan, Coventry, Ipswich and Bradford City. They drew 1-1 at Oxford in the 1st leg of the semi-final on Wednesday night.

from Larne Town in 1978 and has built a wonderful record of consistency, missing only seven League games in nine years. He has also established himself in the Northern Ireland team, winning his 50th cap last season.

**ROB JOHNSON (Defender).** A Luton discovery, Rob was first introduced to League soccer in 1983/84 when he also played for Lincoln on loan.

**ASHLEY GRIMES (Defender/Midfield).** Ashley used to be a midfield player but he seems to have settled again at left back, a position he has filled in the past. He came into English football when Manchester United signed him from Bohemians and he completed some 100 games for the Old Trafford club before signing for Coventry in 1983. He moved on to Luton a year later. Ashley has won 13 Republic of Ireland caps.

**DANNY WILSON (Midfield).** Danny was signed from Brighton for £150,000 last summer. He began his League career with Bury, moving on to Chesterfield in 1980. Nottingham Forest paid £100,000 for him in 1983 but he didn't settle at



LES SEALEY      STEVE FOSTER      ASHLEY GRIMES      DARRON McDONOUGH      BRIAN STEIN

**LES SEALEY (Goalkeeper).** Les developed with Coventry City and held a first-team place at Highfield Road for five years before joining Luton in 1983. In a brief period when he was out of the side in 1984/85 he was loaned to Plymouth.

**TIM BREACKER (Defender).** Tim is a Luton discovery. He got his senior chance in 1984 and has been a regular for the past three seasons.

**STEVE FOSTER (Defender).** Centre half Steve started as a striker with Portsmouth but switched to defence and joined Brighton in 1979. Whilst with the Seagulls, he won three England caps and also played in the 1983 F.A. Cup final replay. Aston Villa signed him in 1984 and he moved on to Luton a year later.

**MAL DONAGHY (Defender).** Mal was signed

the City Ground so he joined Brighton a few weeks later. Last season he won three Northern Ireland caps.

**DARREN McDONOUGH (Midfield).** Darren, signed from Oldham for £85,000 last season, is a versatile player who can also play in defence. Introduced to Oldham's League XI in 1980/81, he made more than 200 first-team appearances for the Latics.

**RICKY HILL (Midfield).** Ricky, who joined the club from school, made his debut in 1976 and has now played well over 400 games. He has also been capped by the full England team on three occasions.

**BRIAN STEIN (Forward).** Brian was blooded in Luton's first-team in 1977 and headed their scoring list for the first time in 1980/81 with 19

goals. The following term, when they won promotion, he led the way again with 21. Brian has played once for the full England team and also has three Under-21 caps.

**MARK STEIN (Forward).** Brian's younger brother, Mark made his League debut in 1983/84. Further opportunities were rare and, after a loan spell at Aldershot two seasons ago, Mark was anxious to establish himself. He went on the transfer list last season but later got his long-awaited chance to play regularly in the Luton first team.

**MICK HARFORD (Forward).** Mick was once top scorer with Lincoln City and commanded a then record fee of £200,000 for a Fourth Division player when he signed for Newcastle in 1981. A few months later he moved on to Bristol City but, when they could not afford to maintain payments on his transfer, he was sold to Birmingham. Luton signed him in a £250,000 deal three seasons ago. He is currently the Hatters top scorer with 15 goals.

**IAN ALLINSON (Forward).** Former Gunner Ian was signed from Stoke City in October. He began his League career with Colchester in 1975 and, after leading their scorers for two successive seasons, he was snapped up by Arsenal in 1983. He made 105 senior appearances for the Gunners before joining Stoke last summer.

## PAST MATCHES BETWEEN ARSENAL AND LUTON TOWN

DIVISION TWO			FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP	
Season	Home	Away	CUP	
1897/98	2-1	1-3	1970/71 Third Round: Arsenal won 1-0 at Luton	
1898/99	3-0	1-4		
1899/1900	5-1	0-3		
DIVISION ONE			F.A. CUP	
1955/56	3-0	0-0	1951/52 Sixth Round: Arsenal won 3-2 at Luton	
1956/57	1-3	2-1	1985/86 Fifth Round: Luton won 3-0 at Luton after a 2-2 draw at Luton and a 0-0 draw at Highbury	
1957/58	2-0	0-4		
1958/59	1-0	3-6		
1959/60	0-3	1-0		
1974/75	2-2	0-2		
1982/83	4-1	2-2		
1983/84	2-1	2-1		
1984/85	3-1	1-3		
1985/86	2-1	2-2		
1986/87	3-0	0-0		
1987/88	—	0-0		

*Arsenal's score shown first*

## FORM GUIDE

Luton Town results so far this season as follows (all League matches unless stated):

Derby County	(A)	0-1	17,204
Coventry City	(H)	0-1	7,506
West Ham United	(H)	2-2 Harford (2)	8,073
Chelsea	(A)	0-3	16,075
Arsenal	(H)	1-1 Wilson (pen)	8,745
Oxford United	(A)	5-2 Stein B., Breacker, Nwajobi, Harford, Hill	6,804
Everton	(H)	2-1 Stein B., Hill	8,124
Charlton Athletic	(A)	0-1	5,003
Wigan Athletic (LC2 1L)	(A)	1-0 Weir	5,018
Queens Park Rangers	(A)	0-2	11,175
Manchester United	(H)	1-1 Harford	9,137
Wigan Athletic (LC2 2L)	(H)	4-2 Harford (3), McDonough	4,227
Portsmouth	(A)	1-3 Harford (pen)	12,391
Wimbledon	(H)	2-0 Stein B., Wilson	7,018
Liverpool	(H)	0-1	12,452
Coventry City (LC3)	(H)	3-1 Harford (2), Weir	8,113
Newcastle United	(H)	4-0 Stein M. 2, Nwajobi, Stein B.	7,636
Sheffield Wednesday	(A)	2-0 Stein M., Allinson	16,960
Ipswich town (LC4)	(A)	1-0 Stein B.	15,643
Tottenham Hotspur	(H)	2-0 Allinson 2	10,091
Norwich City	(H)	1-2 Stein B.	7,002
Watford	(A)	1-0 Foster	12,152
Southampton	(H)	2-2 McDonough, Harford	6,618
Everton	(A)	0-2	32,242
Charlton Athletic	(H)	1-0 Wilson	7,243
Chelsea	(H)	3-0 Stein M., Stein B., Harford	8,018
West Ham United	(A)	1-1 Stein M.	16,716
Hartlepool United (FAC3)	(A)	2-1 Weir, McDonough	6,056
Derby County	(H)	1-0 McDonough	7,175
Bradford City (LC5)	(H)	2-0 Foster, Harford	11,022
Southampton (FAC4)	(H)	2-1 Allinson, Stein B.	10,009
Oxford United	(H)	7-4 Harford 2, Stein B., McDonough, Stein M. 3	8,063
Oxford United (LCSF 1L)	(A)	1-1 Stein B.	12,943

## INSTANT SUCCESS FOR RAY HARFORD



Ray Harford has guided Luton to their most successful season in this his first campaign in charge at Kenilworth Road. Since taking over from John Moore last summer, he has seen the Hatters rise well up the First Division table with a great chance of finishing higher than ever before. Luton's best was seventh place last season.

Mr Harford masterminded Luton's run to the semi-final of the Littlewoods Cup for the first time in their history. And they are through to the fifth round of the F.A. Cup.

Mr Harford initially joined the club as coach in 1986 following two seasons as Fulham's manager.

A central defender towards the end of his playing days, Mr Harford spent a complete decade as a Football League player.

He started off with Charlton Athletic, making his League debut during the early weeks of the 1965/66 season. But, within weeks, he was on the move to Exeter City and it was at St. James' Park that he really established himself as a regular.

In 1967 he moved on to Lincoln City and for four years he was a regular member of their senior team, making 161 League appearances before joining Mansfield Town.

His stay at Field Mill was very brief, though. After only seven first team games, he signed for Port Vale where he remained for just over a year.

Colchester United signed him in January 1973 and for the next two-and-a-half years he was a fixture in their defence. He was released in 1975 and, with a total of 354 League games behind him, he retired from League football.

Colchester gave him his first coaching job and he initially joined Fulham in a similar capacity.

Perry Groves has discovered his goal touch — at just the right time! Perry's winner at Everton last Sunday was his second crucial cup goal in two games. The previous Saturday he'd rescued us from a replay against Brighton with a 78th-minute score. And the weekend before — when he came on as substitute against Manchester United — only the woodwork stopped his last-minute header saving us a point.

But Perry's sudden flush of success around the box owes nothing to luck. It's a reward for hours of practice and hard work on the training ground.

"I feel that I've been going through a learning process about how to play up front," he says: "I've said before, I was a winger till I came to Highbury — and I never thought of myself as a natural finisher."

"Funnily enough, the rest I had in the middle of January helped me, because I could watch some matches and see just what the manager thought I should be doing."

"I've also been working really hard to improve my heading and my finishing — and in the past few weeks I believe I've come on a lot in both departments."

"I'm arriving in scoring positions much more often and getting in more strikes on target."

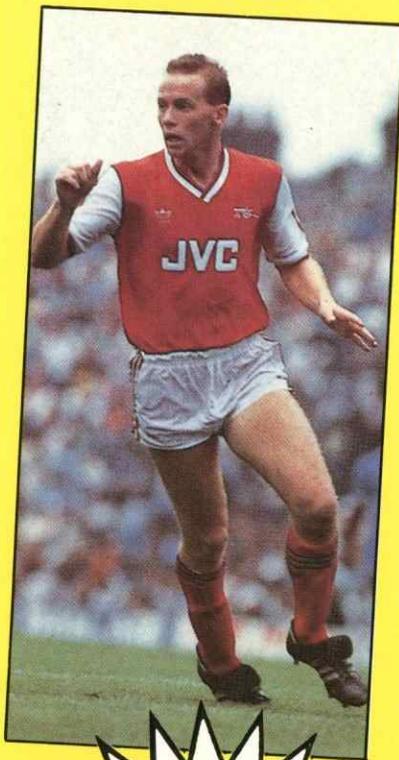
"Even with two in my last two games, I've still only netted six this season. So I've plenty of catching up to do. But those goals at Brighton and Everton have given me a lot of confidence because it shows I'm developing my scoring instincts."

"My goal at Everton must be the most spectacular I've scored," adds happy Perry: "I nipped ahead of the defender on to Alan Smith's knock-on and hit it over Neville Southall's dive. It reminded me of the first goal I scored for Arsenal — against Watford, when I turned John McClelland and hooked a shot in."

"Last Sunday's goal could prove a lot more important though — and it gave me special pleasure to grab a goal with a piece of opportunism around the box!"

# PRACTICE PAYS OFF FOR CUP HOT SHOT PERRY

By KEVIN CONNOLLY



Photos of our F.A. Cup win at Brighton and our Littlewoods Cup semi-final first leg success at Everton will appear in the programme for next Saturday's game against Manchester United.

## CLOCK END REDEVELOPMENT... AND THE PITCH

It must be 30 years since I raised the development of the Clock End with Bert Rutt, then groundsman, but his reaction was that this would prevent a drying wind from reaching the pitch.

At that time, fully covered-in Tottenham, was experiencing considerable pitch difficulties. But, although Spurs cure seemingly has since been found, the fully covered-in Derby County pitch remains a veritable quagmire in bad weather.

Perhaps up-to-date techniques would enable the Clock End to be covered in without difficulties arising, but I wonder.

However, one of the finest games I have ever seen was an F.A. Cup tie in 1928 between Arsenal and Everton at Highbury. The pitch was a morass. It poured with rain throughout, yet the crowd (with three sides of the ground uncovered!) was enthralled with the end-to-end nature of the game and the quality of the football. For the record Arsenal won 4-3!!

A. G. Pearce,  
Stapleford,  
Nottingham.

### ROOM FOR THE CLOCK

I read in one of the national papers last weekend that if the club builds the new stand at the Clock End, there would be no room for our famous clock.

I hope this is wrong, because the clock is one of the most famous features at Highbury. It should remain as part of any re-development.

M. Proctor,  
Bristol.

For more information about the Clock End re-development see next Saturday's programme.

### SEAT THEM ALL!

I cannot understand the reason for the clamour in your correspondence page for standing room at the Clock End if the new stand is erected.

The sooner you eliminate terracing throughout football the sooner you will eliminate hooliganism.

During the recent match against Millwall I doubt if there was one incident in the stands, there was only trouble where thugs had room to manoeuvre. I'd like to see a large Family Enclosure encompassing most of the Clock End, our team would then have the added advantage of getting support from all sides of the ground.

Max Kester,  
Newick, Sussex.

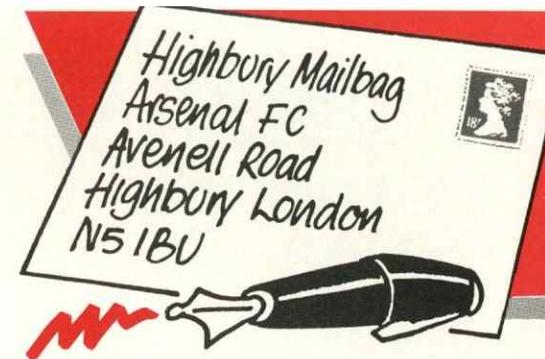
### HIGHBURY BALLBOYS AND GIRLS

I was delighted to see the club using ball boys (and girls) at our last home game against Manchester United. This is a good move, because it will get youngsters involved with the club, and speed up the game because it won't take so long to get the ball back when it goes out of play.

I hope the ball retrievers will be appearing regularly at Highbury from now on, and not just for our TV games.

J. Mason,  
Highbury.

Yes, the ballboys and ballgirls are here to stay!



### ARSENAL ON TV

A year or two ago we heard lots of complaints that Arsenal hardly ever appeared on TV. But in the next few weeks, we'll hardly be off it. I don't think that's fair to the club. It will certainly hit attendances for what should be some of our biggest games of the season.

I understand both our Littlewoods Cup semi-finals and our home league game against Spurs are to be shown live. We've already seen what happened to the gate, when we were shown live against Manchester United in our last home game.

Surely the TV companies can reach some happy medium about the clubs they show?

A. Porter,  
Hatfield,  
Herts.

Point taken! However, BBC will be screening Luton v Oxford for the live semi-final second leg rather than our game against Everton.

### PEN PAL WANTED

I am 23 years old and a great Arsenal admirer. I would like to correspond with Gunners fans — boys or girls — to exchange information, programmes and souvenirs.

All letters will be answered — please write in English or French.

Terry Vandenberghe,  
187 Avenue Nouvelle bte 15,  
1040 Brussels,  
Belgium.

### PROG v DONCASTER NEEDED

I would like to appeal to any other Arsenal fans who would like to exchange a copy of this season's match against Doncaster at home in the Littlewoods Cup for a copy of last season's Littlewoods Cup Final programme.

Charlie Morgan,  
8 Reculver Walk,  
Senacre,  
Maidstone, Kent, ME15 8QE.



**DATE**

**OPPONENTS**

**FA**

**ATT.**

**POS.**

Aug. 15	Liverpool	1-2	54,703	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Groves(74)	Caesar
Aug. 19	Queens Park Rangers	0-2	42,890	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Groves(74)	Caesar
Aug. 22	Porsmouth	6-2	18,981	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Rix(74)	Caesar
Aug. 26	Luton Town	1-0	30,785	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Merson	Richardson
Sept. 1	Nottingham Forest	1-1	18,440	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Sept. 12	Wimbledon	3-0	27,732	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Sept. 13	Doncaster Rovers (LC2 1L)	3-0	5,497	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Sept. 20	West Ham United	3-0	42,127	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Sept. 26	Charlton Athletic	3-0	19,326	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Oct. 6	Doncaster Rovers (LC2 2L)	1-0	18,321	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Oct. 10	Oxford United	2-0	25,244	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Oct. 18	Tottenham Hotspur	2-1	36,690	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Oct. 21	Derby County	2-1	32,374	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Oct. 27	FC Bourneouth (LC3)	3-0	26,050	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Oct. 31	Newcastle United	1-0	23,622	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Nov. 1	Chelsea	3-1	40,230	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Nov. 14	Stoke City (LC4)	4-2	20,598	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Nov. 17	Southampton	3-0	30,038	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Nov. 21	Sheffield Wednesday	0-1	32,477	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Nov. 28	Coventry City	0-2	19,598	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Dec. 1	Nottingham Forest	0-0	17,557	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Dec. 13	Everton	0-2	31,211	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Dec. 19	Wimbledon	1-1	12,473	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Dec. 26	Portsmouth	1-3	17,366	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Jan. 1	Queens Park Rangers	0-0	28,271	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Jan. 2	Millwall (F.A. Cup 3)	2-0	42,063	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Jan. 16	Liverpool	0-2	44,294	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Jan. 20	Sheffield Wednesday (LC5)	1-0	34,535	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Jan. 24	Manchester United	1-2	28,332	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Jan. 30	Brighton and Hove A. (FAC4)	2-1	26,467	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Feb. 7	Everton (LCSP1L)	1-0	25,476	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Feb. 13	Luton Town	1-1	17,366	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Feb. 20	Manchester United (FAC 5)	1-1	17,366	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Feb. 24	Everton (LCSP2L)	0-0	28,271	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Feb. 27	Charlton Athletic	2-0	42,063	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Mar. 6	Tottenham Hotspur	0-2	44,294	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Mar. 12	Oxford United (F.A. Cup 6)	1-0	34,535	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Mar. 19	Newcastle United	1-2	28,332	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Mar. 26	Derby County	2-1	26,467	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Apr. 4	Chelsea	1-0	25,476	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Apr. 9	Notwich City	1-1	17,366	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Apr. 16	Southampton (F.A. Cup semi-final)	1-1	17,366	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Apr. 19	West Ham United	0-0	28,271	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Apr. 23	Watford	2-0	42,063	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Apr. 24	Littlewoods Cup Final	0-2	44,294	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
Apr. 30	Sheffield Wednesday	1-0	34,535	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
May 7	Coventry City	1-2	28,332	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
May 7	Everton	2-1	26,467	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson
May 14	F.A. Cup Final	1-0	25,476	Lukic	Thomas	O'Leary	Adams	Rocastle	Davis	Smith	Nicholas	Hayes	Mason	Richardson

**CUP TICKET LATEST**

**ARSENAL v MANCHESTER UNITED**  
**F.A. Cup fifth round, Saturday, February 20. Kick-off 3.00 pm**  
 This is NOT an all ticket game, but all seat tickets have been sold. Seat season ticket holders should use coupon E from their books.  
 Terrace admission on the day costs £4.  
**ARSENAL v EVERTON**  
**Littlewoods Cup semi-final, second leg. Wednesday, February 24. Kick off 7.45pm.**  
 This is NOT an all ticket game.  
 We understand we will be receiving a number of returned seat tickets (price £7) from Everton. These will go on sale on Monday February 22 from the clockend turnstiles in Avenell Road, between 6 pm and 8 pm — one ticket per person (subject to availability).  
 Seat season ticket holders should use coupon F from their books.  
 Terrace admission for non-season ticket holders costs £5.

( ) Time Substitute used. † Player substituted. \* Own goal. ‡ After extra time.

**BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE**

(Up to and including Wednesday 10th February 1988)

Team	Goals			Goals			Goals			Goals			Top Goalscorers	Avg. Gates
	P	W	D	L	F	A	L	F	A	L	F	A		
Liverpool	25	12	2	0	36	3	7	4	0	23	8	63	Aldridge 19, Beardsley 8, McMahon 8	40,097
Manchester United	27	7	5	1	19	11	7	4	3	22	15	51	McClair 13, Whiteside 7, Robson 6	41,819
Nottingham Forest	25	9	3	2	28	11	7	3	3	21	12	48	Clough 13, Webb 7	19,669
Everton	25	9	2	1	23	5	3	5	3	13	11	43	Sharp 12, Heath 7, Clarke 6	29,654
Queens Park Rangers	26	8	3	4	23	11	4	4	4	11	17	43	Bannister 8, Falco 5	13,495
Arsenal	26	7	2	4	21	5	4	4	4	14	14	42	Smith 7, Rocastle 5, Thomas 5	33,167
Wimbledon	26	6	6	2	21	13	5	2	5	18	17	41	Fashanu 11, Cork 9, Wise 5	7,773
Luton Town	26	4	3	29	15	3	3	6	10	15	38	Harford 9, Stein M. 8, Stein B. 7	8,193	
Sheffield Wednesday	25	8	1	5	20	17	3	6	13	22	37	Chapman 11, West 6, Stierland 3	19,545	
Newcastle United	25	4	4	13	14	4	5	4	17	21	33	Mirandinha 9, Goddard 5, Gascoigne 4	22,258	
Tottenham Hotspur	26	7	2	4	19	15	2	4	7	16	33	Allen C. 8, Claesen 8, Fairclough 3	29,181	
Southampton	26	4	4	4	15	4	4	6	19	23	32	Clarke 13, Wallace 10	15,256	
West Ham United	26	4	5	4	15	16	3	5	5	13	18	31	Cottee 9, Stewart 4	19,400
Chelsea	27	6	0	18	10	2	1	12	15	35	31	Dixon 9, Durie 8, Nevin 4	18,925	
Portsmouth	27	4	7	4	18	19	2	4	6	8	24	29	Dillon 6, Quinn 5, Connor 3	16,045
Norwich City	26	4	3	6	17	18	3	2	8	6	15	26	Drinkell 7, Biggins 4, Gordon 3	19,370
Coventry City	24	2	4	10	17	4	3	7	14	22	25	Regis 6	16,947	
Derby County	25	3	3	6	11	12	3	3	7	11	20	24	Gregory 5, Garner 4, Gee 4	14,760
Watford	26	3	6	1	6	24	1	4	7	9	19	23	Allen 3, Blissett 3	8,449
Oxford United	25	5	1	6	19	24	1	5	8	13	29	23	Saunders 9, Foyle 7	8,449
Charlton Athletic	26	3	4	6	12	18	1	4	8	11	22	20	Jones 6, Stuart 5	9,351

**COMING GAMES AT HIGHBURY**

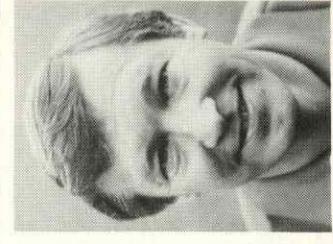
**F.A. Cup Fifth Round**  
**v MANCHESTER UNITED**  
 Saturday, February 20  
 Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

**Littlewoods Cup Semi-Final**  
**Second Leg**  
**v EVERTON**  
 Wednesday February 24  
 Kick-off 7.45pm

**Next at Highbury: MANCHESTER UNITED**

Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson is fully aware that, unless his side produces something very special, their season could effectively come to an end in next Saturday's F.A. Cup fifth round tie.  
 Surprisingly knocked out of the Littlewoods Cup in the quarter-final by Oxford, and with little chance of catching Liverpool for the Championship, the F.A. Cup offers United their last chance of winning their first trophy in three years.  
 But United, who come here for a fifth round tie next week, seem to specialise in the F.A. Cup. Over the past 12 years they have won the F.A. Cup more often (three times) than any other club and have also appeared in more finals (five) than any of their rivals.  
 What's more, in six years they have lost only one away tie in this competition. That was at Third Division Bournemouth where, as

holders, they went down 0-2 in 1984.  
 So, for all United's failings in other tournaments, they have an impressive track record in the F.A. Cup. And luck seems to run for them in this competition.  
 They opened their run this season with a 2-1 win at Ipswich, aided by a bizarre own-goal from Mich D'Avray. They then achieved a comfortable 2-0 home win over Chelsea in the last round.  
 Luck ran for United too, when they scored that 2-1 victory over us at Highbury in the League last month.  
 But, of course, League form counts for little when it comes to the F.A. Cup.  
 An afternoon of high drama is absolutely guaranteed. Don't miss it!



United manager Alex Ferguson

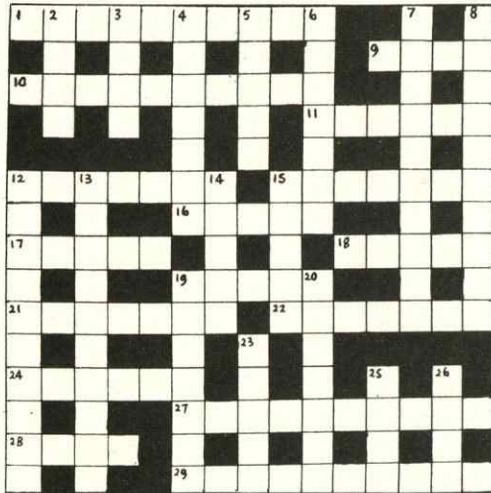
**FIRST TEAM STATS**

# Puzzle CORNER

## ARSENAL CROSSWORD

No. 520

Compiled by John Barrett



### ACROSS

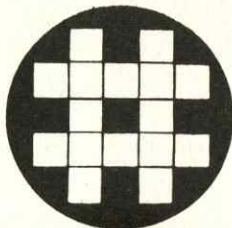
1. Middlesbrough's manager (5, 5)
9. It's players need four legs (4)
10. In control (10)
11. Cliff, once of Watford (6)
12. Former Carlisle Stan (7)
15. Truthfulness (7)
16. Usually follows a miss (5)
17. Gunner Quinn (5)
18. Managed by Mick Mills (5)
19. Former W.B.A. manager (5)
21. Footwear for heavy going (7)
22. Lou Macari's team (7)
24. Got out of the way (6)
27. Sought by foreign players here (4, 6)
28. Way out (4)
29. Away, obviously (3, 7)

### DOWN

2. Created by good players (4)
3. Perry or Lake (4)
4. Moving for the ball? (7)
5. Leaves out (5)
6. Tottenham defender (7)
7. Home of Q.P.R. (6, 4)
8. Former Leicester City player (6, 4)
12. Joined Chelsea from W.B.A. (4, 6)
13. Famous Spanish team (4, 6)
14. Characteristic right among Mick (5)
15. Old Charlton goalkeeper (5)
19. Freddie, once Birmingham's manager (7)
20. Has a defensive role (7)
23. World Cup hero, 1966 (5)
25. Team from Castlereagh Park (4)
26. Join a club (4)

**ON THE BALL No. 11**  
Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Old World Cup hosts  
Aldershot's nickname  
Boot projections  
Glasgow club



Siobhan Harding, our mascot for the league game against Manchester United, meets Tony Adams before the kick-off.



Junior Gunners organiser Debbie leads out our mascot Richard Booker and Millwall's Darren Salter, before the F.A. Cup tie.

## FACE IN THE CROWD

Are you the face ringed in the photograph below? If you are, you've won two tickets for an Arsenal home game this season.

All you have to do is bring along your programme and Junior Gunners Membership Card to Debbie at the Junior Gunners office and claim your tickets.  
You can do this between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday or between 12 midday and 2 p.m. on Saturday first team home match days.



# JUNIOR Gunners

### BALLBOYS AND BALLGIRLS

Thank you to our ball boys and ball girls today, who are: Scott Connelly, Terry Holt, Nancy Holt, Ian Drummond, Julie Gillespie, John Gillespie, Chris Devine, Paul Akers and Justin Downing.

We've had a terrific response to our request for ballboys and ballgirls, and we now have quite a long waiting list.

However, if you're a Junior Gunner aged 10 to 16, and you're interested in helping out, please call Debbie on (01) 226 0304 ext 239. You'll need to tell her your daytime phone number, your membership number, and your height.

A tracksuit will be provided for you to wear at the match, and you'll also receive a seat ticket so a guest can accompany you.

### JUST FOR FUN

The answer to Just For Fun in our programme for the game against Manchester United was: Old Trafford's version of the North Bank is called the Stretford End.

This week's question is: which former Arsenal midfielder player, who joined us from Crystal Palace, had a spell at Luton, before moving on to Aberdeen recently? Answer in next Saturday's programme.

### JG SEASON TICKETS NOT VALID

Please remember: Junior Gunners season tickets are NOT valid for next Saturday's F.A. Cup tie against Manchester United. Please produce your membership card and pay cash at the JG turnstile.

### COME EARLY NEXT SATURDAY

WE ARE EXPECTING A VERY BIG CROWD FOR NEXT SATURDAY'S GAME. SO PLEASE GET HERE EARLY. THE GATES WILL OPEN AT 1PM - AND THERE'LL BE A SURPRISE GUEST HERE TO ENTERTAIN YOU ... SO, COME EARLY NEXT SATURDAY!

### LUCKY NUMBER

Today's lucky 1987/8 membership number is...4936. The winning member should call Debbie to claim the prize, which is a £5 voucher for the Gunners Shop.

### JIMMY THE WINNER AGAIN

Congratulations to Jimmy Kasap, who has just clocked up his second 'Face in the Crowd' win! Jimmy has chosen two tickets for the second leg of our Littlewoods Cup semi-final against Everton.

### THANKS TO ADIDAS

Junior Gunners would like to thank Adidas for kindly donating a set of Arsenal kit to our mascot, Elaine Hooks.

### JUNIOR GUNNER T-SHIRTS

We still have Junior Gunners T-shirts available in a large range of sizes: 22/24" - £4.00; 26/28" - £4.00; 30/32" - £4.00; 32/34" - £4.50; 36" - £4.50; 36/38" - £4.50; 40" - £4.50; 42/44" - £4.50. Please include 30p for postage and packing if you're applying by mail. T-shirts are on sale from the Junior Gunners office.

### JOINING JUNIOR GUNNERS

If you are not a Junior Gunner but would like to become one, please send a s.a.e. to Debbie, Arsenal Stadium, Highbury, London, N5 1BU or phone her on 01 226 0304 ext 239.

### MOHAMED KERSHA

We are sorry to hear of the death last November of one of our members Mohamed Kersha. We send our condolences to his family.

### JUNIOR GUNNERS MESSAGE LINE

Karen Last - happy belated 15th birthday on February 7 from Mum, Dad and Sister Nicola.

Happy Birthday to Paul and Dad from Michael Rose.

Nicholas Marlborough - happy 8th birthday from Mum, Dad and Kerrie.

Stuart Riddell - happy 15th birthday tomorrow love Mum and Dad.

Birthday wishes to Russell Clements love from Mum, Dad and Stephanie.

Happy birthday Samantha Garland love from Mum, Alan, Phillip and Natalie.

Siobhan Harding - very good game but very unlucky. From Maria Paraskava.

## OUR MASCOT: ELAINE HOOKS



Our mascot this afternoon is seven-year-old Elaine Hooks from Wisbech.

Elaine is a pupil at Fridaybridge junior school in Wisbech, where her favourite subject is writing.

She also enjoys reading, playing with her dolls, and football games. Her favourite TV programmes are cartoons and sport, particularly football and bowls.

Elaine has always supported Arsenal, though this is her first season as a Junior Gunner. Her brother Alan is also a JG. They have a sister Pat, and a brother, John, who is a regular in the east stand.

Elaine's favourite Gunner is Alan Smith.

## Here's the latest news from ... the PANINI FAMILY ENCLOSURE



It was great to see Alan Smith, John Lukic and the two Davids (Rocastle and O'Leary of course!) studying their Football 88 albums in our last programme.

No doubt Junior Gunners will be keeping an eye out for them now, as they wait at the shop for a chance to make sure that their own sticker is stuck in their album! We expect that on most match days they'll be busily warming up when most Junior Gunners are swapping their

football 88 stickers - we certainly wouldn't want them to be late for the kick-off because they still needed to swap Diego Maradona for the Arsenal Badge!

Today's the day of course that the Panini team will start swapping Football 88 stickers in the swap shop, so you can make sure that Kenny Sansom's head is as firmly stuck on his shoulders in the album as it is in real life! Unfortunately the swap shop will not be swapping stickers at the Manchester United game: with a large crowd expected, it is safest for all fans if the swap shop area is kept clear.

We'll be back soon though - and remember, when you are doing your swapping with the Panini team, to find out the numbers of the players you need, as this helps to speed up the swapping for everyone!

Happy collecting, swapping and sticking!!

FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH...

adidas 



# THE TEAMS



## ARSENAL

*Red shirts, white neck and sleeves, white shorts, red socks*

JOHN LUKIC  
 NIGEL WINTERBURN  
 KENNY SANSOM  
 MICHAEL THOMAS  
 DAVID O'LEARY  
 TONY ADAMS  
 DAVID ROCASTLE  
 MARTIN HAYES  
 ALAN SMITH  
 PERRY GROVES  
 KEVIN RICHARDSON

## LUTON TOWN

*White shirts, black shorts, white socks*

LES SEALEY  
 TIM BREACKER  
 ROB JOHNSON  
 DARRON McDONOUGH  
 STEVE FOSTER  
 MAL DONAGHY  
 DANNY WILSON  
 BRIAN STEIN  
 MICK HARFORD  
 MARK STEIN  
 IAN ALLINSON

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## SCOREBOARD

CHARLTON ATHLETIC  
 WIMBLEDON  
 CHELSEA  
 MANCHESTER UNITED  
 COVENTRY CITY  
 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY  
 EVERTON  
 QUEENS PARK RANGERS  
 NEWCASTLE UNITED  
 NORWICH CITY  
 OXFORD UNITED  
 TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR  
 SOUTHAMPTON  
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## OFFICIALS

**Referee:**  
 George Courtney (Spennymoor, Co Durham)  
 George is a headmaster of a primary school. Married with one child. Commenced refereeing in 1962 in local leagues, progressing to Football League in 1971 and on to the F.I.F.A. list in 1977. Officiated in many important matches including F.A. Cup Final in 1980, Milk Cup Final in 1983 and the World Cup in Mexico in 1986. Hobbies include anything physical!

**Linesmen:** G. P. Barber *Red Trim*  
 D. C. Clark *Yellow Trim*  
 The reserve official today is P. Watts who has been appointed by the North Middlesex Referees Society.

ARSENAL F.C.  
 VOUCHER 18  
 1987-88

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**Sounds even  
better  
than signing  
Maradona.**

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**JVC**