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Simod Cup Third Round – Tuesday 16th February 1988

EVERTON v LUTON TOWN

Official Programme 20p

COLIN HARVEY

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Tonight we come to our tenth Cup match in 38 days, and, again, there is a route open to Wembley in the newly-sponsored Simod Cup competition.

The almost non-stop diet of Cup football has been such that we have played only two League games in the last six weeks, and it won't stop here because our next date is against Liverpool in the FA Cup.

The atmosphere in Cup matches is that little bit more intense than in the regular League programme, and not surprisingly, we have had our share of injuries along the way.

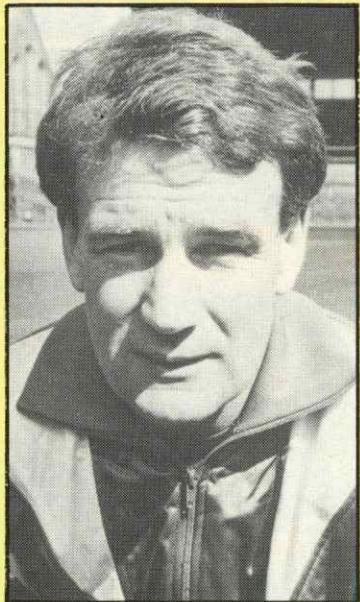
We lost two international players before overcoming Sheffield Wednesday. Kevin Ratcliffe has been out since the first meeting at Hillsborough with a groin injury and Ian Wilson need an operation after fracturing his cheekbone in the second replay.

Other players had to carry on with knocks and strains because there was no time to rest them with as little as two or three days between games, but I should stress that fatigue was not as big a problem as some people made out. It's only when you lose Cup-ties that you begin to worry about being tired.

As we were seeded through to the third round of the Simod Cup, we start tonight with a place in the quarter-final open to the winners.

Last season, when the competition was known as the Full Members' Cup, we got past Newcastle United convincingly enough but then went out on penalties to Charlton Athletic, so you might say we haven't got a lot to do to improve on that! The good thing is that it offers a Wembley appearance for the successful teams, and this is never to be sneezed at.

Like ourselves, Luton are involved in the Littlewoods Cup semi-finals. This is a measure of their consistent progress in



end of the season, and the friendly internationals will be of great value if they contribute towards the end-product we all want to see in the summer.

From our point of view, it means we will be without more than half of our regular side tonight because of injuries or international calls, but I am sure that the players who come in will do as good a job as they have in the past.

All being well, Paul Bracewell should be available for a full game. This is an ideal situation to ease him back into a higher grade of football against good First Division opposition.

After playing in the Reserve team and having a taste of the senior atmosphere as substitute, this is the next step-up – a full 90 minutes in which to gauge how far he has come. The only way to find out is to play in the first team in a competitive match.

Paul Power took a similar opportunity against Middlesbrough last week. Considering how long he had been out of the side, I thought he did a tremendous job for us. Hopefully, he will be available for another outing this evening.

In recent weeks we have made very few changes to the team, though we have asked one or two individuals to do other jobs for the benefit of the side. Alan Harper, as always, slotted into midfield as if he had been playing there regularly, yet he didn't have a full game in six weeks before we pushed him into important cup-ties.

Trevor Steven did extremely well when he went on to the left side of midfield and Pat Van den Hauwe adapted quickly to the different demands of playing in the middle of the defence.

It helps, of course, that he has played most of his international football for Wales in that position.



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LUTON TOWN

Form check . . .

Luton Town's visit to Goodison Park on Boxing Day brought about one of only two defeats in an 18-game run which helped them to the semi-final of the Littlewoods Cup and the last 16 of the FA Cup.

After taking only 12 points from 13 games - their position after losing at home to Liverpool in October - they lifted their League form with eight wins in 12 matches and easily qualified for the Mercantile Credit Centenary Festival at Wembley in April.

New manager Ray Harford was pleased with the way his side developed over the season, especially as they were without two of their most important contributors for long periods.

Ricky Hill, the former England midfield player, had a knee operation in October and then broke a leg at Goodison, while top scorer Mick Harford had two months off with a knee problem before serving a suspension for a sending-off.

New signing Ian Allinson and former Oldham player Darren McDonough settled into a re-structured midfield, and goals were in plentiful supply, notably when 22-year-old Mark Stein scored a hat-trick in a recent 7-4 thriller against Oxford.

Harford was back in business with one of the goals that accounted for Bradford City in the Littlewoods Cup quarter-final and made it a profitable day for The Hatters by agreeing to sign a three-year contract.

Two outgoing transfers went through after Christmas. Reserve defender Stacey North joined West Brom for £100,000 and homesick Scotsman Micky Weir returned to Hibernian for £200,000.



Results . . .

LEAGUE: Derby (A) 0-1, Coventry (H) 0-1, West Ham (H) 2-2, Chelsea (A) 0-3, Arsenal (H) 1-1, Oxford (A) 5-2, Everton (H) 2-1, Charlton (A) 0-1, QPR (A) 0-2, Man Utd (H) 1-1, Portsmouth (A) 1-3, Wimbledon (H) 2-0, Liverpool (H) 0-1, Newcastle (H) 4-0, Sheff Wed (A) 2-0, Tottenham (H) 2-0, Norwich (H) 1-2, Watford (A) 1-0, Southampton (H) 2-2, Everton (A) 0-2, Charlton (H) 1-0, Chelsea (H) 3-0, West Ham (A) 1-1, Derby (H) 1-0, Oxford (H) 7-4. LITTLEWOODS CUP: Wigan (A) 1-0, (H) 4-2, Coventry (H) 3-1, Ipswich (A) 1-0, Bradford (H) 2-0, Oxford (A) 1-1. FA CUP: Hartlepool (A) 2-1, Southampton (H) 2-1. (Up to and including Wednesday 10th February 1988)

Team Group . . .

Back row (left to right): David Preece, Rob Johnson, Richard Harvey, Stacey North (now WBA), Darren McDonough, Robert Wilson (now Fulham), Mark Stein.

Middle row: Jim Ryan (Coach), John Faulkner (Coach), Emeka Nwajobi, Ashley Grimes, Les Sealey, Mick Harford, Andy Dibble, Mike Newell (now Leicester), Danny Wilson, Dave Kirby (Physio).

Front Row: Peter Nicholas (now Aberdeen), Brian Stein, Steve Foster, Ray Harford (Manager), Mai Donaghy, Ricky Hill, Tim Breacker.

History . . .

1886: Founded by amalgamation of Luton Wanderers and Luton Excelsior.

1885: First club in the south to employ professional players.

1894: Joined Southern League.

1897: Elected to Football League Division Two.

1900: Failed to gain re-election and returned to Southern League.

1905: Moved to Kenilworth Road.

1920: Admitted to Football League Division Three.

1936: Joe Payne scored ten goals in club record victory - 12-0 v Bristol Rovers.

1937: Division Three (South) Champions, with Payne scoring 55 of their 103 League goals.

1955: Promoted to First Division.

1959: Defeated 2-1 by Nottingham Forest in their first FA Cup Final appearance.

1960: Relegated for the first time.

1964: Retirement of club record holders, Bob Morton (494 League appearances) and Gordon Turner (243 League goals).

1968: Fourth Division champions.

1970: Promoted as runners-up in Division Three.

1974: Back in Division One but for only one season.

1982: Division Two champions.

1987: Finished seventh in Division One (their highest-ever position) and Mai Donaghy (Northern Ireland) became the first Luton player to win 50 full international caps.



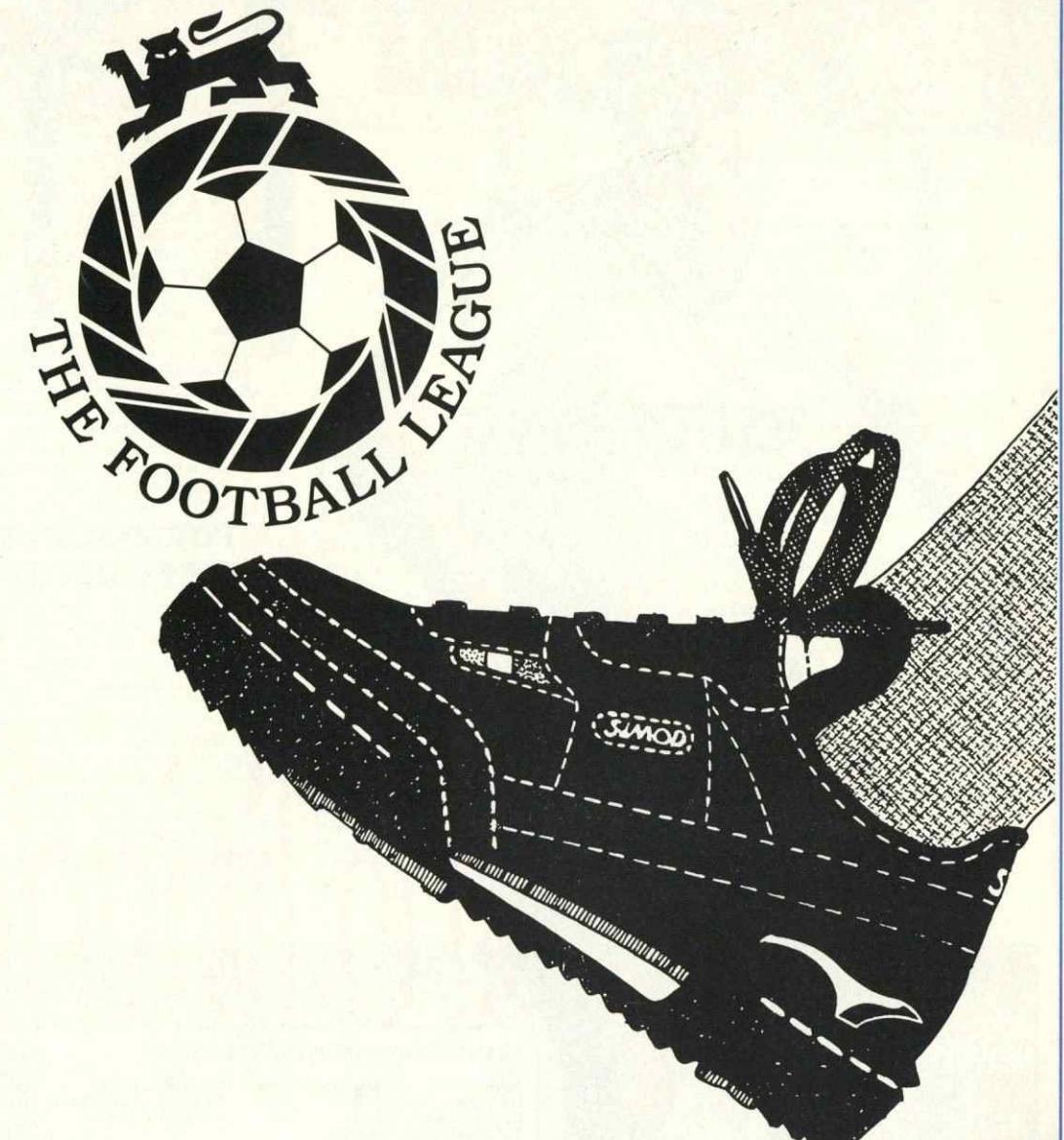
FORMER ARSENAL
STRIKER IAN ALLINSON

LUTON TOWN STATISTICS 1987-88

Player	Birthplace	Previous Clubs	League Career	1987-88 League/C
			Apps	Goals Apps
Ian Allinson	Hitchin	Colchester, Arsenal, Stoke	414	88 15(1) 4
Kingsley Black	Luton	-	4	6(1) -
Tim Breacker	Bicester	-	127	2 33 1
Gary Cobb	Luton	-	4	- 2 -
Andy Dibble	Cwmbran	-	100	- -
Mai Donaghy	Belfast	-	395	15 31 -
Steve Foster	Portsmouth	-	408	22 33 2
Ashley Grimes	Dublin	-	185	13 22(2) -
Mick Harford	Sunderland	-	350	132 22(1) 15
Richard Harvey	Leitchworth	-	5	- 1 -
Ricky Hill	Paddington	-	401	51 18(1) 2
Rob Johnson	Bedford	-	66	- 14(4) -
Darren McDonough	Antwerp	-	221	18 24(3) 4
David Oldfield	Perth (Australia)	-	-	- (1) -
Emeka Nwajobi	Nigeria	-	70	17 9(3) 2
David Preece	Bridgnorth	-	196	9 9 -
Les Sealey	Bethnal Green	-	333	- 33 -
Brian Stein	Coventry	-	382	125 30 10
Mark Stein	Capetown	-	46	17 15(5) 8
Danny Wilson	Wigan	-	Bury, Chesterfield, Nott'm Forest, Brighton	365 61 32 3

ALSO PLAYED: Robert Wilson (now Fulham) 2 apps; Mike Newell (now Leicester) 4(1) apps; Stacey North (now WBA) -1 app; Micky Weir (now Hibernian) 11(1) apps, 3 goals. League Career covers English and Scottish Leagues but does NOT include appearances on loan to other clubs this season.

In 1987-88 record (League and Littlewoods Cup and FA Cup), substitute appearances are in brackets. (Up to and including Wednesday 10th February 1988)



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ROUND UP

COVENTRY MARCH ON...
Coventry City may have surrendered their hold on the FA Cup, but the Simod Cup offers them the chance of a return trip to Wembley this season.

They became the first qualifiers for the semi-final with a 2-0 home win against Ipswich Town, though there was a high price to pay when midfield man Lloyd McGrath broke a leg in three places.

Reading, struggling all season at the bottom end of the Second Division, were the next team through to the last four with a 2-1 victory over Bradford City. Despite their poor League form, Reading have taken the First Division scalps of Chelsea, QPR and Oxford in various cup competitions this season.

The winners of tonight's tie at Goodison will meet Stoke City at home for a semi-final place, and the other quarter-final is between Swindon Town and Norwich City.

The Final is due to be played at Wembley on Sunday March 27th.

SUDDEN DEATH...
All Simod Cup matches are played on a sudden-death basis.

If the scores are level after 90 minutes tonight, an extra half-hour will be played, and in the event of a draw at the stage, the tie will be decided on penalties.

The Simod sponsorship has given the competition a cash boost of £250,000 from the Italian sports shoe firm. Their backing will extend to next season as well.

DOUBLE ACT...
Adrian Heath got a close-up view of what makes Luton striker Mick Harford such a dangerman when they played together in a 'B' international in Malta last October.

The 29-year-old centre forward proved to be the ideal partner for 'Inchy'. "For a little man like me, he's great to play off," said the Everton man.

"He's big, strong and competitive, but he also has a very good touch for a player of his type. He has improved tremendously since he joined Luton, and but for injuries, he could well have won a few full caps by now.

"Personally, I think he was

EVERTON v LIVERPOOL

FA Cup - Round 5
Sunday 21st February
(3.05 p.m.)

Following the sale of tickets for the above game to season ticket holders and holders of priority vouchers or match ticket stubs (issued at the Littlewoods Cup-tie with Arsenal), any unsold tickets will be offered to holders of the Everton Clubcard on Thursday from the Goodison Road Box Office, 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

We regret that due to the short time available, postal applications cannot be accepted.

If any tickets remain after Thursday's sale a further announcement will be made on Friday on our 24-hour information line: 051-523 6642.



ADRIAN HEATH - Partnered Mick Harford in the England 'B' team.

unlucky not to have been given a chance in the England squad before this week."

FIXTURE CHANGES...
The Littlewoods Cup semi-final, second leg, will be played at Arsenal on Wednesday 24th February.

Therefore, the immediate first-team programme is:
Feb 21 H Liverpool (FAC 5)
Feb 24 A Arsenal (LCSF-2L)
Feb 27 H Southampton

The home League match with Liverpool has been switched to Sunday 20th March, but dates have still to be re-arranged for Wimbledon (H), Spurs (A) and Coventry (A).

The FA Youth Cup replay with Nottingham Forest will be played at Goodison Park on Tuesday 23rd February (7.00 p.m.).

BACKTRACK...
After avoiding Luton Town for so many years in various Cup competitions, we find ourselves in

opposition tonight for the third time in four seasons.

The 1985 FA Cup semi-final at Villa Park was a real nail-biter after The Hatters had opened the scoring through Ricky Hill after 37 minutes.

Luton were within four minutes of reaching Wembley when they conceded a free-kick a few yards outside the penalty area. Kevin Sheedy then produced one of his special, curling shots which crept in at the far post and took the tie into extra time. Another Sheedy free-kick resulted in the winning goal for Derek Mountfield.

When we met again, at Kenilworth Road, in the following season, Luton seemed on the way to revenge. Mick Harford and Mark Stein made the score 2-0 after 63 minutes, but the quarter-final thriller had a twist in the tail.

Graeme Sharp brought Everton back into the game and Adrian Heath forced a replay which was settled by a Gary Lineker goal back at Goodison.

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Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ptd	GD
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<i>Manchester Utd</i>	14	9	2	3	19	12	29	7+
<i>Wimbledon</i>	15	7	6	2	25	16	27	9+
<i>Luton Town</i>	13	8	2	3	26	13	26	13+
<i>Sheffield Wed</i>	13	8	1	4	19	15	25	4+
<i>Everton</i>	13	7	3	3	17	7	24	10+
<i>Nottm Forest</i>	13	6	4	3	26	13	22	13+
<i>Newcastle</i>	14	5	5	4	16	19	20	3-
<i>Norwich</i>	13	5	3	5	16	15	18	1+
<i>West Ham</i>	14	4	5	5	15	19	17	4+

Qualification for participation in the Centenary Festival at Wembley on April 16 and 17, 1988 will be based on the total number of Barclays League points gained from the first 15 matches from November 1st 1987.

16 clubs will qualify - 8 from Division 1, 4 from Division 2 and 2 each from Division 3 and 4.

Teams printed in *italics* are qualified.



MATCHFAX

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NEIL ADAMS	7	DANNY WILSON
ADRIAN HEATH	8	BRIAN STEIN
WAYNE CLARKE	9	MICK HARFORD
IAN SNODIN	10	MARK STEIN
PAUL POWER	11	ASHLEY GRIMES
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