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Wednesday, February 24th, 1988 Kick-off 7.45 p.m.

# LUTON TOWN

# ACTION

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- **Not this time:** Brian Stein's second-half shot beat Alan Judge but flew narrowly wide. Brian scored a brilliant first-half goal.

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## RAY'S REVIEW



A warm welcome tonight to Queen's Park Rangers and their manager Jim Smith, a good friend and a real football character. After our tough tussle with QPR on Saturday, we know we shall face another close match tonight for a place in the sixth round. We have enjoyed ourselves this season in the cup competitions and hope to maintain our progress. A win would mean we have reached the quarter-finals or better in the Littlewoods Cup, Simod Cup and FA Cup – a great achievement by the players. Their level of professionalism has been very special this season and I am sure the example of the senior players has rubbed off. It was shown in the great victory at Everton last week in the Simod Cup when we bounced back from the defeat at Arsenal – our first in 10 games – in the best possible way.

### Delighted for Mick Harford

Since my last notes, we have experienced that extraordinary league match with Oxford, drawn at Oxford in the Littlewoods Cup – and it is still only half-time in that semi-final with everything to play for when the teams meet at Kenilworth Road on Sunday – gone down at Arsenal, where they scored two quick goals to get on top, and won in the Simod Cup at Everton, with David Oldfield grabbing both our goals in a 2-1 win. We had several youngsters on duty for the first time in that match and they all acquitted themselves well. Further good news came later in the week when Mick Harford, who won his long-awaited chance in the England squad in Israel, came on for the last 20 minutes in Tel Aviv to earn his first full international cap. Everyone at the club was delighted for Mick who has worked very hard for his chance. Exactly the same feelings went with Danny Wilson and Mal Donaghy who played for Northern Ireland in Greece, Mal adding yet another cap to the collection which makes him Luton Town's most-capped player in the history of the club. It was more than a little worrying when they were unable to leave Athens for home after the match and we spent most of an anxious Thursday worrying about them returning on time for Saturday's clash at Loftus Road.

That match was a tight one and another night of excitement is in prospect. Give the team plenty of vocal support. Enjoy the match.

*Ray Harford*

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# Mailbag

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

## Ben Appeal

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your donation to our appeal to buy an electric wheelchair for Ben. The 'grand auction' of all the soccer memorabilia raised approximately £200.00 and we are pleased to say that we have attained our fundraising objective and Ben has been presented with his new wheelchair.

May I, once again, take this opportunity of thanking you for your very kind donation.

Yours faithfully

S.C. Mellor  
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## Calling all Dons' fans

Dear Sir,  
My name is Andrew Dewar, aged 17 and I live in North London.

I'd like to mention the London Branch of the Aberdeen Supporters Club, of which I am a member. I was wondering whether there are any Luton Town fans who follow the interests of "The Dons". The club has a membership of over 40 and is always looking for new members.

## A great pleasure

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for the excellent afternoon I spent at your club on Saturday last. The hospitality and organisation was superb and of course the game was one for the history books.

It was wonderful having a chat

with your chairman who I remember seeing when he played for us some years ago. He expressed a wish to visit us at Hendon before the end of the season which we will look forward to very much.

It is indeed my honour to be your representative on the football Association and after meeting you all it is now also going to be a great pleasure.

Thanks again, I hope I can make another visit before the end of the season and maybe have a little more time. With kind regards to all and my very best wishes to the team in the Littlewoods Cup. Hope to see you all at Wembley.

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# CHIT CHAT



## A long-distance fan

No-one should forget the 'out of town' fan and the 'missionary' work we long distance supporters do for the club. Being a Scot and never having lived near Luton in my life I am asked, on average, three times a week 'why do you support Luton?' Well, 'there is no answer to that' as a late great Town supporter used to say but I have followed the Town for 18 years now.

Over those years I have lived in a variety of places - Bristol, Leicester, Peterborough, Norwich, Ipswich and Bromley and travelling has been expensive for home games. At the moment, I am living in Wimbledon, so my 'home' game will be our away fixture against the Dons in March. Rest assured that I always wear my scarf in order to maintain a high Luton profile!

The first time I saw the Town play was in March 1975 - against (the then) mighty Leeds. It was my first ever English first division game and totally different from watching Hibernian at Easter Road. The trip was worth it: Town won 2-1. What I cannot

understand is why the people of Luton do not follow the best team in the world. I am prepared to travel miles and yet so many Lutonians stay away.

It has been difficult to defend our controversial 'away fans ban' and our artificial surface to other football supporters. Fans of the big clubs argue that we have an unfair advantage. Well there are two answers: (1) When they learn to behave they can come back and (2) last season, when I went to Old Trafford to see the Town lose 1-0, there were 200 Luton fans cheering (defiantly) in one corner and 38,000 United fans. Is this not home advantage?

Finally I swore years ago that I would never go to Wembley unless Luton got there (you can imagine the various tacky, tasteless comments I get) - well I am hoping that I shall soon be standing under the twin towers. On the pitch will be a small South Bedfordshire team playing in the now famous white, navy and orange.

**Ian Gordon Davitt**

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

## **Luton News**

### PICTURE QUIZ



• Syd Owen, player of the year, 1959, with his trophy. To win a fiver in our free fun quiz, tell us what makes Syd unique in the history of Luton Town? And bear in mind we ask on a day when we hope to take another step forward down the FA Cup trail.

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.

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## GOAL FEAST

Luton Town 7 Oxford United 4

An incredible game, full of goals and thrills, left everyone exhausted after Oxford had become the first visitors to score four goals on our synthetic surface here earlier this month. The 7-4 win was the highest-scoring First Division match in our history, producing one more goal than the famous 8-2 win over Sunderland in 1955.

Both managers were puzzled, annoyed and deflated by events with Ray Harford at least able to console himself with three points for the Town after nothing less than an amazing 90 minutes. "But I'd rather have won 3-0" he said. Oxford boss Maurice Evans said it could have been 10-10... "and change service."

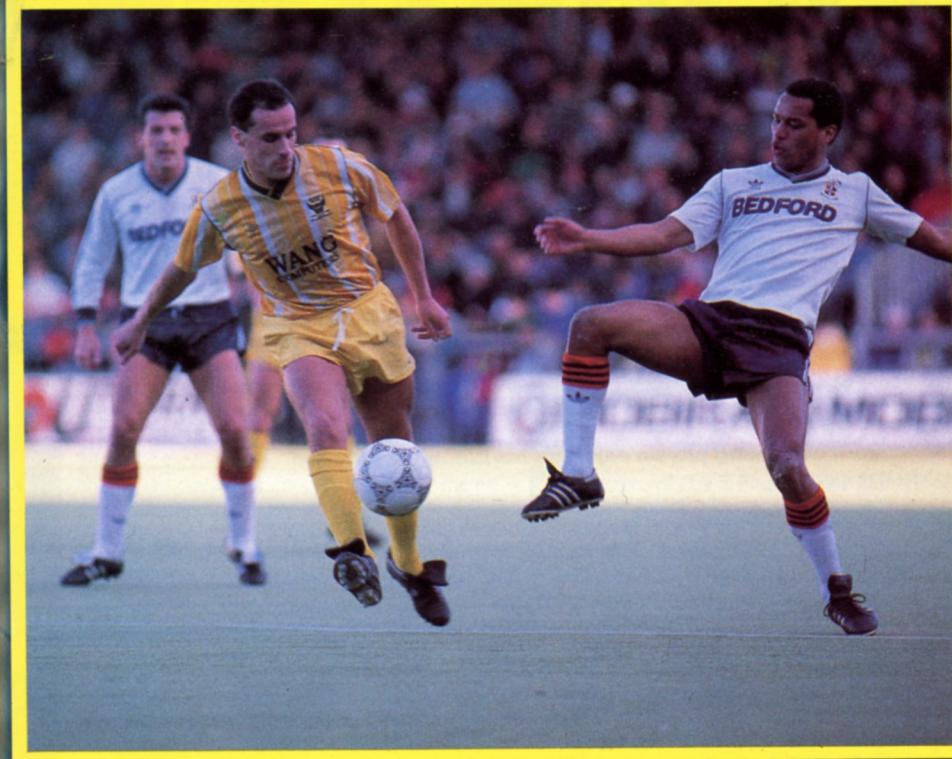
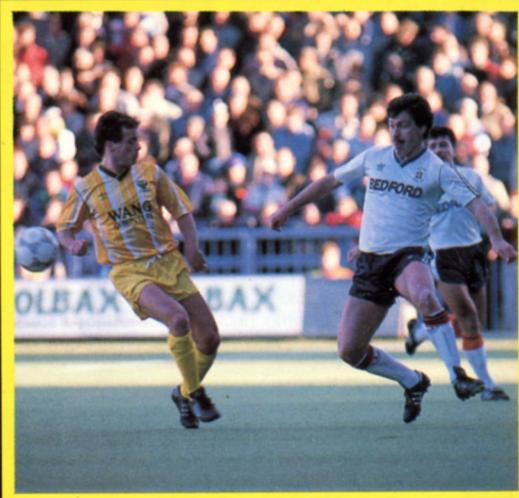
For the record, Mark Stein smashed his first league hat-trick in 11 minutes early in the second half during a spell when everything seemed to be goalbound at both ends. The details were:

1-0 (6 mins) Mick Harford shot  
2-0 (20) Brian Stein header  
2-1 (34) Dean Saunders penalty after Tim Breacker handball  
3-1 (35) Darren McDonough volley  
3-2 (41) Martin Foyle shot  
4-2 (51) Mark Stein solo run and shot  
5-2 (53) Mark Stein header from corner  
5-3 (61) Richard Hill run on his own  
6-3 (62) Mark Stein shot from Brian's pass  
6-4 (65) Les Phillips lob  
7-4 (71) Harford header

Teams: Luton Town - Sealey, Breacker, Johnson (Grimes 45), McDonough, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, B. Stein, Harford, M. Stein, Allinson. Oxford - Hardwick, Hebbard, Bardsley, Briggs, Caton (Whitehurst 72), Rhoades-Brown, Shelton (Mustoe 82), Hill, Phillips, Saunders, Foyle.

Referee: Noel Butler (Surrey).

# 1st Team ACTION



• Goal glut action: It was action all the way from start to finish against Oxford United at Kenilworth Road on February 6, with our striking trio of Mick Harford, Mark Stein and Brian Stein leading the way with six goals between them. Our action pictures tonight show Ian Allinson, Mark Stein and Brian Stein in the action against the battered Oxford defence. Pictures by by Josh Levy of Apex Photography.

# FOOTBALL FOCUS

**David Galley**

One of the youngest physios in the First Division, Dave Galley took over in succession to Dave Kirby when he left the Town to devote more time to looking after his wife. Now Dave is on the verge of a possible Wembley final in less than three months with the club. He talks about his career and hopes in today's Football Focus:

#### Young physio enjoying his life in the big time

"I don't think I am actually the youngest physio in the First Division. I think Gary Lewin at Arsenal is only 23, but, as far as I know, I am the second youngest. One of the good things about being so young - I am 25 - is that I can do the exercises myself that I ask the injured players to do! I can make them work hard and be with them more."

"I was born in Stoke and grew up there. I was football-mad and used to play all the time. I played for Staffordshire schoolboys and joined Stoke as a schoolboy. I used to play four games every weekend, but in the end I had cartilage and then knee ligament trouble and that put paid to my hopes of a professional career."

"I had to have a lot of treatment at my local hospital and I got chatting to the physio and soon decided I was very interested in the job. It became my career and I was qualified by the time I was 21."

"I worked in general hospitals before joining my first club Port Vale as a physio and later moving on to Fulham. I had three years there

before leaving to go into private practice. Obviously, that was where I got to know Ray Harford. His offer to come to Luton came out of the blue but I jumped at it when the chance came and I love the job here. It is such a friendly club."

"I am married. My wife's name is Sue, but we have not got any children. Just a dog! We have bought a house in the area and everything seems to be going very well at the moment. I don't have any special feelings about tactics or playing styles or anything. But I do not like to give players injections if it can be avoided. Usually, it means the injury might be aggravated and it is often best not to play."

"With a bit of luck Dave could be on the Wembley trail in April with his bucket and sponge. If he is he will thank the players. He said: 'They are a great bunch of lads and really stick together well. That is the great thing about the club and the players.'



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#### GREAT ORMOND STREET CHARITY DAY

We thank all our supporters who contributed so generously to the bucket collection at our last home match against Oxford United on February 6. The appeal for the Great Ormond Street hospital was supported by a bucket collection of £730.05. The total was raised on the day - when the Bedfordshire appeal was launched - was £1730.05. This is a terrific sum and proved the backing given to the scheme to invite 1,000 children to the match by 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 of Wallspan Bedrooms was totally worthwhile. Thankyou.

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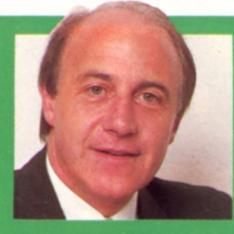
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# THE TOWN

## WEMBLEY HONOUR FOR OUR CONSISTENT FIRST TEAM PLAYERS

A warm welcome to everyone tonight and congratulations to our players on qualifying for the Mercantile Credit Centenary Festival to be played at Wembley on April 16 and 17. Our last Wembley appearance was 29 years ago and the players have done brilliantly to take us to this showpiece occasion.

It is particularly special for us that we have qualified on our consistency in the Barclays League during the last few months and have always been in the top three in the qualifying table. We are looking forward to two full days of Wembley and then being delayed on return.

Further details on the arrangements for this two-day special competition will appear in our programme for next week's Simod Cup tie against Stoke City.

Our last league match here certainly produced some goals, didn't it? Scandinavian television viewers have now seen 18 goals in the fixtures between us and Oxford this season.

After our Littlewoods Cup semi-final visit to the Manor I was very

pleased that John Motson confirmed we would be hosting the live second leg next Sunday. It ended the speculation of the last few weeks and made arrangements possible at last.

I was also delighted with our support at Oxford, particularly considering the restricted facilities at the Manor ground, and at Everton last week where we enjoyed a memorable win.

Since then, we have had an eventful international week with Mick Harford gaining a deserved first England cap in Israel and Mal Donaghy and Danny Wilson playing for Northern Ireland in Greece and then being delayed on return.

At one stage, it seemed tonight might see our tie being played at Loftus Road for the first time as Mal and Danny were not able to come home. The Football Association were very understanding and sympathetic to our dilemma and fortunately the players were not injured during the international match.

### ON THE LINE



•A smart job: One of the busy men behind the scenes hard at work, our recreational supervisor Charlie Garner.

### SMILES ALL ROUND AFTER GOAL GLUT



•Happy winners: Mick Harford is pictured presenting a football to our match forecast winner after the 7-4 win over Oxford. Mick scored twice and this week was with England in Tel Aviv. Well done, Mick.



•Man of the match: Mark Stein's 11-minute hat-trick against Oxford won him a bottle of champagne. He is pictured with the match sponsors Tony and Fred Lambert of Broad Street Print.



•Great success: We welcomed 1,000 children to our Oxford fixture when the Bedfordshire appeal on behalf of the Great Ormond Street hospital was launched. The day was a great success and £730 was raised with the bucket collection towards the day's total of £1,730. Our picture shows the organisers of the appeal (above) and many of the happy children (below).



## CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

### Cup-ties continued!

Hello everyone and welcome to another tough-looking Cup-tie against Queens Park Rangers. Since my last diary, we have been to Oxford, Everton and Loftus Road in three different competitions without suffering defeat. We are hoping to carry on tonight!

Our young players did really well in what was a big character test for them at Goodison Park, where David Oldfield scored twice. Marvin Johnson looked after me nicely too!

### Poor conditions

The Oxford league match was a one-off affair and never going to be repeated at The Manor where the conditions were not good – as they weren't either in Israel for Mick Harford on his well-deserved England debut. Well done, Mick!

Finally, special thanks to our fans for their great support in the last few weeks. Please keep it up!

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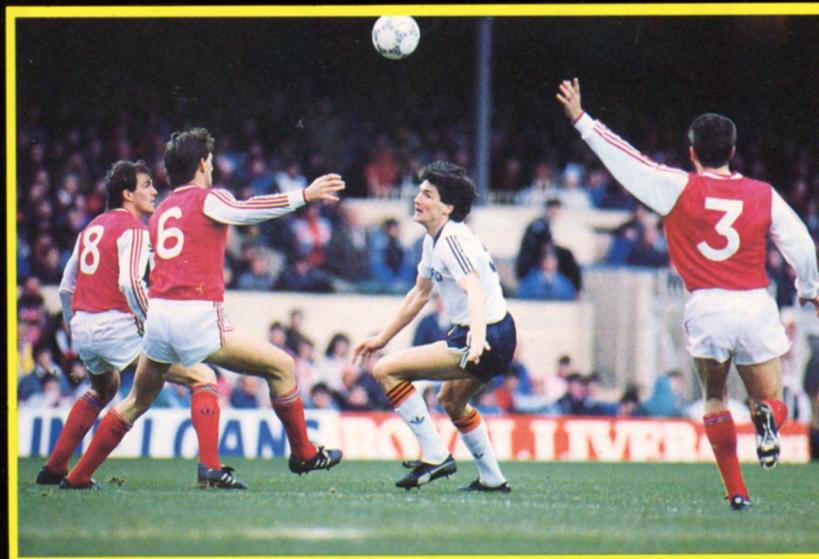
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## PHOTO FILE



- **Highbury disappointment:** Our nine-match unbeaten run came to an end at Arsenal last Saturday week when we went down 2-1. Our pictures show Mark Stein and Mick Harford trying to find a way through the Londoners' defence. Mark grabbed our goal in the final minute.



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# IN PROFILE.....

## IAN ALLINSON



• Enjoying a new lease of life: Ian Allinson.

### Ian enjoying new life with the Hatters



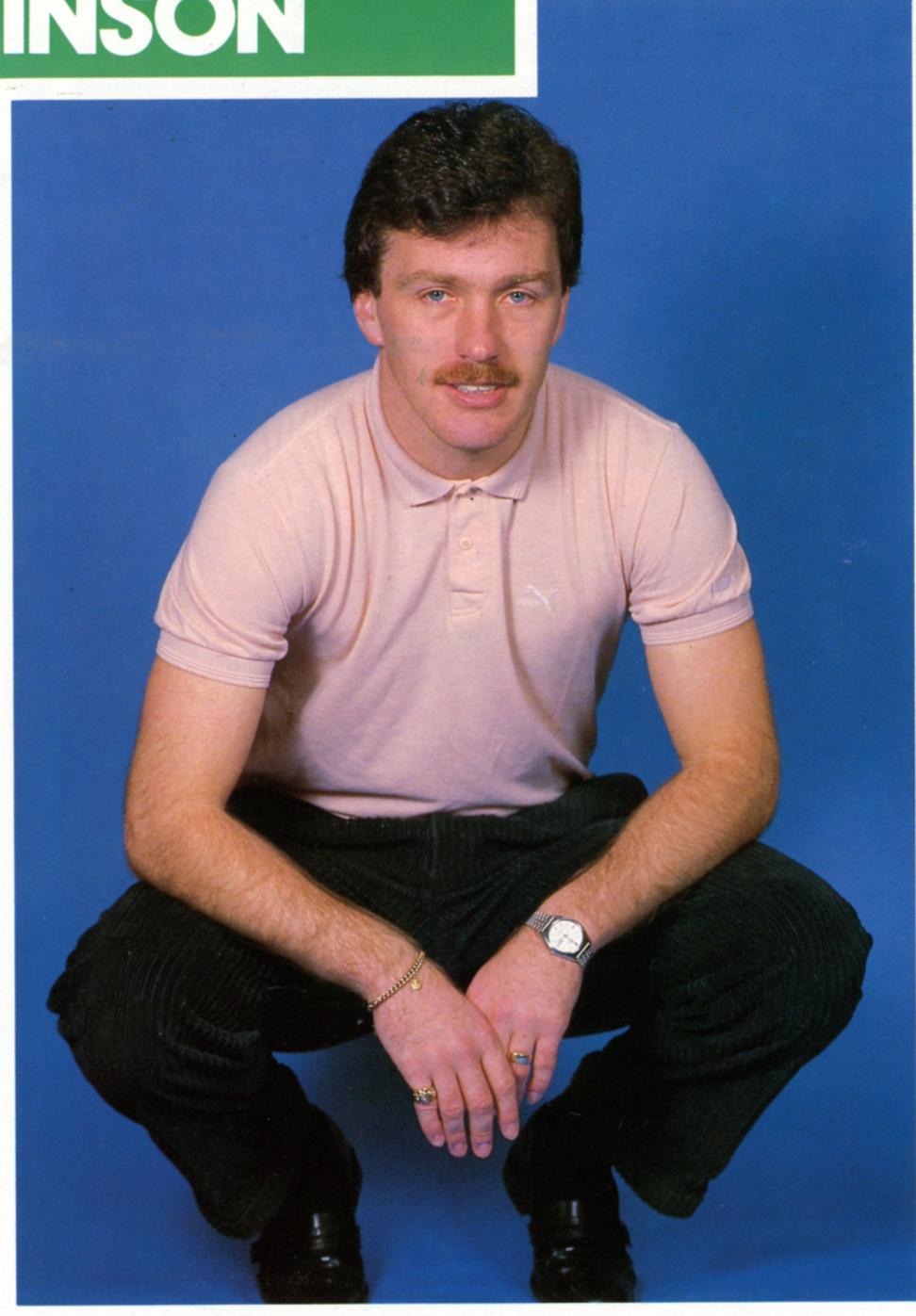
• Versatile: Ian Allinson.

Ian Allinson is enjoying one of the best and most successful seasons of his career since he made the move to Kenilworth Road from Stoke City last autumn. Indeed, since making his home debut as a substitute against Wimbledon last October he has only experienced four defeats with the Town – the last one unfortunately for him being at Arsenal on February 13.

A versatile midfielder or striker, Ian lives in Stevenage with his wife Jean and little boy Lee. Jean is due to give birth to their second baby in April. Ian began his career at Colchester and in 1982 moved to Highbury where he enjoyed four successful years with the Gunners before moving on to Stoke.

Things did not work out for Ian in the Potteries and he was very happy to make the transfer back to the First Division when our manager Ray Harford moved in. Ian played with Ray when they were at Colchester together.

# IAN ALLINSON



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# DRESSING ROOM TALK

with David Oldfield

David Oldfield travelled up to Liverpool last week for our Simod Cup third round tie against Everton full of excitement and anticipation. Manager Ray Harford on Monday told him and the rest of the young debutant Hatters that they would be playing at Goodison Park on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday morning, he woke up to find he was a hero after scoring both goals in a famous 2-1 win. But David, as he explains in tonight's Dressing Room Talk, does not believe a word of it:

## Great experience

"It was a great night for me, but I am not going to be fooled into thinking I have even claimed a place in the first team squad, let alone the team, on one match. In fact, I am not really sure of my place in the reserves. the competition for places is very hot, especially for front players.

"We have got international players in attack in the first team so I have got to just keep on working to try and match their standards before I can even think of anything else. And in the reserves and youth teams there are a lot of good players coming through. Sean Farrell and Paul Gray for example score goals regularly and have been making progress all the time. So, I have to work hard to just keep my place in the reserves' attack.

"The Everton match was not my first taste of first team football, though, as I came on during our win at Ipswich in the Littlewoods Cup. And I have been sub a few times as well without coming on. I have been included in the squad quite a bit in the last few months so I have got used to that part of it – but it did seem different to be in the hotel before the match and to know I was going to play.

"It is a great place to play and to make your full debut. I was lucky with the goals. The first one came from only about a yard out after Gary Cobb had played a one-two with me. His shot was stopped by Southall, but it fell to me and I scored from close in.

"I thought Cobbie did well to ride the tackle by Alan Harper before he shot. He was trying to bring him down but he got through to shoot. The second goal came after a nice move and a great cross by Ashley. I just put it in from about six or seven yards. It was a tremendous feeling – not too many people score twice against Southall!



• **Realistic:** David Oldfield.

"I know that after the match in the reports I was called the 'Wizard of Oz' and so on, but I was actually brought up in England. I was born in Perth, Australia, but came back with my family when I was four. My parents were teachers and went to Australia when they were campaigning for people to emigrate. My sister Beth and I were born there. Now we live at Ravenstone, near Newport Pagnell.

## Moved up front

"I have always loved kicking a football around as long as I can remember. I used to be a midfield player before I came to Luton. Then John Moore who was youth team manager at the time moved me up to centre-forward. I started to score goals too which was something I had not done before at all! I've been there ever since except for a few games in defence in the last year when other players have been injured. Now I prefer it to any other position."

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#### TICKET OFFICE



- **Our ticket office team:** (left to right) Sallyanne Bedward, Cherry Newbery (Ticket Supervisor), Mark Burnage and Beth Jenkins.

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# CLUB COMMENT

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Our club chaplain Mervyn Terrett, who is also the secretary to the Hertfordshire Society for the Blind, has been closely involved with all the work. He has told me that he tested the system fully under match conditions during our extraordinary and entertaining victory over Oxford United on February 6. He said the Loupe system which surrounds the entire part of the enclosure devoted to disabled supporters helped to ensure that reception of the radio commentary via a special hearing aid was excellent.

Mervyn has discussed the success of the system with the chairman of the Hertfordshire Hard of Hearing League who were originally

responsible for putting us in touch with the Government's chief scientific officer. Mr Shaw indeed visited the club on two occasions to assist us with the establishment of the system.

Mr Shaw also said the Loupe system and its success at Kenilworth Road was sure to stimulate a great deal of interest among people with aural handicap throughout the country and could well prove to be something that may be adopted by other league clubs. We, at Luton Town, are proud to be the pioneers in such a valuable scheme for our own loyal and satisfied disabled supporters.

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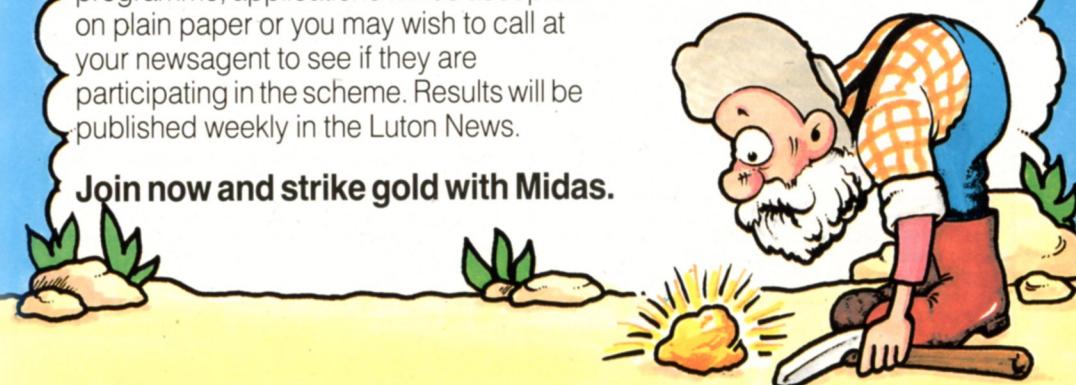


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# RESERVE



•**Shielding the ball:** Paul Gray who earned a first-team debut at Everton in the Simod Cup and a Northern Ireland call-up.

## THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1987/88

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	22	15	3	4	51	25	33
Watford	19	15	1	3	44	14	31
Queens Park Rangers	23	13	4	6	48	28	30
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>
Arsenal	22	13	3	6	51	21	29
Norwich City	20	11	6	3	43	23	28
Southampton	25	10	8	7	50	31	28
Ipswich Town	22	10	7	5	45	31	27
Portsmouth	20	10	4	6	39	37	24
Chelsea	22	9	4	4	39	35	22
Millwall	22	7	6	9	34	29	20
West Ham United	20	8	4	8	35	32	20
Swindon Town	22	8	3	11	36	50	19
Charlton Athletic	21	6	5	10	25	37	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

## SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION 1987/88

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



•**On the ball:** Jason Rees scored in the reserves 2-2 draw with Arsenal and earned a call-up by Wales.

## COACHES' CORNER



### FARRELL IN FORM FOR THE RESERVES

Since our last notes following the reserves 5-2 win over Oxford on January 25, the Sunday Mirror Combination team has been involved in three league matches resulting in a victory, a draw and a defeat. The victory came at West Ham on February 6 when a Sean Farrell goal was sufficient to claim the points. The draw came at home to Arsenal on February 13 when Jason Rees and Ian Scott scored the goals in a 2-2 draw and the only loss was at Chelsea last week when we went down 2-1. Farrell again the Town scorer.

Reserves coach Jim Ryan was particularly pleased with the victory at West Ham. He said: "It was a deserved victory and a just reward for a game that we played with energy, honesty and not a little skill." Jim said it was a good, open game with plenty of good football, adding that we might have created more chances and were unlucky when a very good penalty claim was turned down.

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"We had 75 per cent of the possession," said Jim. "If we had been a bit more positive in the box, it could have been a different story. As it was, they were able to come back at us a bit and Andy Dibble had to make a couple of good saves."

Since their 4-2 victory over Oxford on January 30, the youth team have drawn 1-1 at Colchester – with a goal from Tim Allpress – and gone down 7-1 against Swindon. But with all the team at the club stretched by a formidable fixture list and international calls, it has been understandable that the youngsters have occasionally felt the strain.

# & YOUTH

# INTRODUCING...

## QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS

An FA Cup replay brings to Kenilworth Road tonight a team now well established as a First Division club but who are, like ourselves, keen to win a major honour. Rangers have, been at Wembley just once before in an FA Cup final, taking Spurs to a replay in 1981-82.

Interestingly, if the fifth round FA Cup draw had not taken us to Loftus Road, we should have been meeting QPR here on the same day in a league game.

### Rangers recorded several Cup wins as a Third Division outfit'

Founded in 1885 as St. Jude's Institute, they became Queens Park Rangers two years later and joined the Southern League in 1898, moving with most members of that league to become founder members of the new Division Three in 1920. Though it was not until 1948 that they first won promotion to Division Two, they did pull off a number of FA Cup feats while in Division Three (South) including a win over Arsenal in 1922-23.

Their first spell in Division Two lasted only four seasons until 1952, but when they went up again from Division Three in 1967 they were on the crest of a wave, not only topping the table by a clear 12 points, but also winning the League Cup in the first final to be played at Wembley.

What is more they pulled back from a two-goal deficit to beat West Bromwich Albion. Maintaining the momentum, they went up again a year later, this time to Division One for

the first time. 1968-69, however, saw them tumbling straight back down again out of Division One.

Then came a period of stabilisation in Division Two before their next move forward. This was another spectacular one for in 1973 they regained their Second Division place and in 1975-76 they came close to the First Division Championship before ending as runners-up to Liverpool, only one point behind.

They were relegated again in 1979, but in 1981-82 they were runners-up to Spurs in the FA Cup final and just missed promotion to Division One. A year later they went up as Second Division champions and in the last four seasons they have finished successively 5th, 16th, 13th and 16th in Division One. Last season they averaged only just above one goal a game and they ended on a low note with only three points from their last seven games.

### 'Falco returned from Scotland to boost the Rangers attack'

This season has been a happier one with five wins and a draw in their first six games and though they won only one game in December they have recently drawn at Arsenal. In the FA Cup they have won so far 3-0 at Yeovil and 3-1 at home to West Ham.



Back Row: Wayne Fereday, Peter Shreeve (coach), Justin Channing, Ron Berry (Kit Manager), David Seaman, Bobby Campbell (coach), John Byrne, Dave Butler (physio), David Pezanti. Middle Row: Gavin Peacock, David Kerslake, Dean Coney, Gary Waddock, Danny Maddix, Martin Allen, Leslie Ferdinand, Gavin Maguire, Mark Dennis, Warren Neill. Front Row: Jim Smith (Manager), Ian Dawes, John O'Neill, Alan McDonald, Terry Fenwick, Gary Bannister, Paul Parker, Kevin Brock, Frank Sibley (Assistant Manager).



Jim Smith, Queens Park Rangers' popular and respected boss, is a widely-experienced manager. Formerly with Oxford United, under chairman Robert Maxwell, he surprisingly left after a very successful spell in charge when he had taken them to the First Division. Dubbed the 'bald eagle' Jim also had a highly-successful spell in charge at Blackburn Rovers. He began as a player with Sheffield United and later played for Aldershot, Halifax, Lincoln and Boston. As a manager, he has worked for Boston, Colchester, Blackburn, Birmingham and Oxford.

**Mark Falco** the former Spurs and Watford man has been in good scoring form recently since coming South again from Glasgow Rangers and **Gary Bannister** (from Sheffield Wednesday three years ago) may also pose a threat up front. **John Byrne** the former York striker has been substitute recently while in midfield **Kevin Brock** (who was with manager Jim Smith at Oxford) links up with home-grown **David Kerslake**, **Gary Maguire** and **Martin Allen**.

In defence **Paul Parker** has arrived from Fulham this season to link up with established home-grown **Alan McDonald**, **Wayne Fereday** and **Alan Dawes**. In goal **Nicky Johns** has had a wealth of experience with Millwall, Charlton and Tampa Bay Rowdies before arriving at Loftus Road this season.

### QPR FORM-GUIDE

			FA
Jan	1	BL (H)	3-0 Falco, Bannister, Fereday
Jan	2	BL (A)	0-0 -
Jan	9	FAC3 (A)	3-0 Falco 2, Brock
Jan	16	BL (H)	0-1 -
Jan	30	FAC4 (H)	3-1 Pizanti, Allen, Bannister
Feb	6	BL (H)	2-0 Falco, Byrne
Feb	13	BL (A)	0-2 -

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# JUNIOR HATTERS!

BY BRIAN STEIN

## EVENLY-BALANCED CONTEST IN PROSPECT

Back on the Wembley trail again, here we are with another home game. We drew with Queens Park Rangers on Saturday. So it shows how evenly-balanced tonight's game will be.

As Easter is only a few weeks away, I am going to give away 12 easter eggs to the first 12 Junior Hatters who can make as many words as you can out of the names "Brian & Mark Stein," by using only four letters in each word, I will start you off with one of the words it is (rain).

This competition is only open to Junior Hatters members. All entries to be sent to Bev Tyler by

Wednesday March 23rd, you must put your membership number on your entry please.

Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is J005561. 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.

Have a good time and let the lads hear you cheering us to victory.

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John Rowe

### ESCORTS



Donna Wells



Martin Ingle

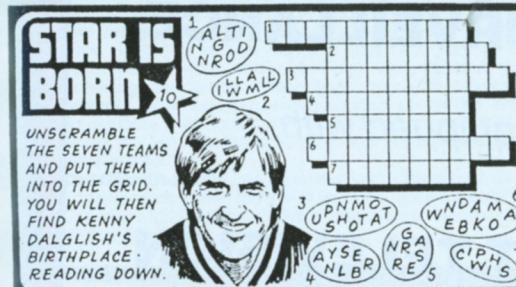
## KENILWORTH THE CAT



# QUIZ TIME



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GIRL'S FAVOURITE TEAM  
READING DOWN.



UNSCRAMBLE  
THE SEVEN TEAMS  
AND PUT THEM  
INTO THE GRID.  
YOU WILL THEN  
FIND KENNY  
DALGLISH'S  
BIRTHPLACE.  
READING DOWN.



SEE IF YOU  
CAN MATCH  
THE PICTURES  
WITH THE  
EIGHT CLUBS  
ON THE  
RIGHT.

A	TOTTENHAM
B	EVERTON
C	ARSENAL
D	SHEFF. WED.
E	HEARTS
F	SHEFF. UTD.
G	QUEENS PARK
H	LUTON TOWN

The answers to the last Quiz Time are:  
Soccer Girl supports Everton.

Mystery Star is Charlie Nicholas.

Spot the Difference: 1. Top of Ref's sock.

2. Stripe on shorts black. 3. Ref's badge.

4. Spot on ball. 5. Stripes on player's boot.

6. Leg of white shorts longer. 7. Lines on

player's sock. 8. "V" neck is black. 9. Short

sleeve missing. 10. Grass near boot missing.

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

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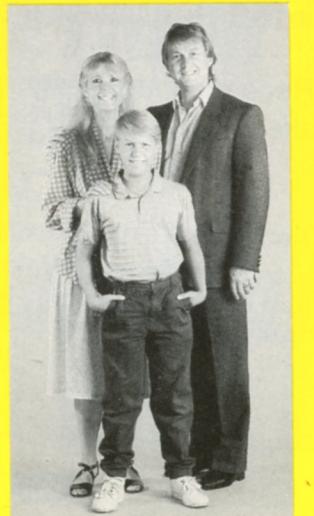


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## Views from the media

### PENALTY PUZZLES OUTSHONE BY STEIN

Two penalties given against us and one appeal that was not rewarded went some way towards overshadowing a brilliant goal by Brian Stein during our 1-1 draw at Oxford in the first leg of our Littlewoods Cup semi-final. Here is a selection of the comments from the national newspapers:

**Today:** "Luton's players left Oxford last night convinced that Dean Saunders had conned referee Keith Hackett into giving the home side two penalties. Their one consolation was that Saunders missed the second penalty to leave Luton the favourites to reach Wembley after a 1-1 draw in this Littlewoods Cup semi-final first leg..."

"It was no real surprise when they fell behind to a Brian Stein goal five minutes before the interval. Luton unbeaten for eight games before arriving at the Manor ground took control right from the start."

**The Times:** "Harford exchanged passes with Brian Stein whose crisp drive from the edge of the penalty area almost up-rooted a stanchion. Oxford's response had been so limited as to be negligible apart from Hebbard's isolated long-range effort."

**The Independent:** "The Stein brothers danced round Harford as if he were an out of season maypole and neat play by Mick and Mark deserved a better finish by Brian who stabbed with the defence slithering. But in the 40th minute, he made amends, advancing on Oxford's harassed rearguard, playing a one-two with Harford, and letting loose a left-footer of low trajectory and perfect placing, just inside a post, that left Alan Judge helpless as it raged home from just outside the penalty area."

**The Guardian:** "The fine touch that Luton Town have developed on their artificial pitch should have won them the opening leg of their Littlewoods Cup semi-final against Oxford United on a mixture of snow, mud and slush at the Manor Ground."



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# LUTON TOWN GOALS IN GOLDEN OLDIES

## ANOTHER YEAR OF EXCITEMENT AND DRAMA IN THE PROMOTION RACE

The summer of 1968 saw intense activity behind the scenes at Luton Town. The club was not going to rest on its laurels with the Fourth Division Championship won the previous season and with an aggressive Board led by chairman Tony Hurst and an ambitious manager in Allan Brown further promotion as quickly as possible was the object, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

Fuelled by Hunt's money and a huge upsurge in support Mike Harrison was signed from Plymouth, Laurie Sheffield from Oldham and Brian Lewis from Coventry for fees totalling £37,000 which was a lot of money in those days.

### 'Ecstasy as Watford are beaten in style'

The season opened with a splendid 4-0 home win over Oldham with the Luton performance matching the brilliant weather followed up with a 3-0 win over local rivals Watford in the League Cup before an ecstatic crowd of 20167.

The sun continued to shine as relegated Rotherham were seen off 3-1 at Kenilworth Road in a game where Bruce Rioch rediscovered his previous seasons form by scoring twice and generally leading Rotherham centre-half Dave Watson a merry dance. We did not know it at the time but the opposition manager that afternoon, Tommy Docherty, was pencilling in the name of Rioch as a future purchase.

Barnsley were seen off 5-1 in another tremendous performance and as if to prove the press wrong that they could only win at home a 3-1 win at Gillingham followed with Lewis in brilliant form scoring twice and Tony Read saving a penalty taken by current Manchester City boss Mel Machin.

With seven games gone the Town were three points clear at the top and with a home game to come against Mansfield enthusiasm had reached a high point with 19315 turning up at Kenilworth Road to see a game that became the high spot of the season.

With the match three minutes old, Rioch was controversially sent off for allegedly striking an opponent in a fierce goalmouth melee (he did not touch anyone!) and from then on the Town faced an uphill struggle roared on by the seething crowd.

Amazingly, the Town took an interval lead courtesy of a Harrison penalty but shortly after the break the extra man told and Mansfield equalised. With Luton down to nine men for a time when John Moore had to leave the field for treatment and with skipper Terry Branston limping the Town began to look a sorry sight but then a lifeline was thrown by the inconsistent referee Malcolm Sinclair.

As if realising his earlier mistake, he sent off Mansfield defender Phil Waller in the 65th minute for an innocuous foul and from then on it was all Luton as first Sheffield and then Lewis put the Town in a commanding lead.

There then followed what is regarded by many as the finest goal scored on this ground when Graham French after receiving the ball in his own penalty area loped the length of the field, beat three defenders and then the goalkeeper to calmly score with a low shot and then collapse with exhaustion under a mountain of celebrating team mates.



• **Penalty expert:** Mike Harrison.

The cost of the victory was high with Moore, French and Branston all injured and it was no surprise when the unbeaten record went at Brighton in a disappointing 1-0 reversal. The home wins kept on coming but they were less convincing and a string of away defeats meant that the top spot was lost to the new pacemakers Swindon and Watford.

In late October, manager Brown dipped into the transfer market again and bought cultured full back Jack Bannister from Crystal Palace and goalkeeper Sandy Davie from Dundee Utd. Both starred in a fine 2-0 home win over Swindon, the eventual League Cup winners, but were unable to help as the poor away form continued.

Shortly before Christmas, a bombshell was dropped when Brown was forced to resign after being accused by the board of being disloyal in seeking the vacant Leicester City managerial position which he actually did not get. His place was taken by Alec Stock who had recently been dismissed by QPR in similar controversial circumstances.

The players responded with a fighting 2-0 home win over Plymouth before the television cameras and then broke their poor away spell in winning 2-0 at Northampton in a game played on a sheet of ice.

Away performances continued to improve as typified by a 0-0 draw at Swindon but then in late January Bruce Rioch was injured in the home win over Walsall and the first of his many cartridge operations was the outcome.

Despite this setback, the Town, with further signing Mike Keen dominant, continued to string good, but close, results together but they had a big leeway to make up because of their away indiscretions before Christmas.

A 1-0 win at Oldham, courtesy of an own goal after 30 seconds, a 1-1 draw at foggy Reading and a fighting 2-2 draw at Rotherham put the Town firmly in third position but still five points behind second place Swindon.

A string of four home games with three wins and one draw followed by draws at Bristol Rovers and Torquay put the Town level on points with Swindon but then as has often been the case "Easteritis" struck with a vengeance. 3500 Town fans journeyed to Mansfield to see if the unbeaten twelve match run could be extended but returned home disappointed when a lacklustre display earned a 1-0 defeat.

Thoughts of promotion were effectively ended on Easter Monday when Southport, with a ten man defence, managed to hold on to a 0-0 draw at Kenilworth Road. Brian Lewis had a night he will never forget for he started at inside forward dropped back when Fred Jardine went off injured and finished up in goal (in a jersey two sizes too big for him) after Sandy Davie was badly hurt making a brave save at the feet of George Andrews who had been on the Towns books as a youngster.

### 'A 25,000 crowd saw the Town beat the champions-elect 2-1'

With the pressure off, the Town actually played out the final five matches unbeaten and were at one stage within a whisker, once again, of Swindon.

Brighton and Stockport were beaten at home with a win at Tranmere and a draw at Southport sandwiched inbetween before the final match attracted a best of the season 25523 to Kenilworth Road to see if the Town could beat the champions-elect Watford.

The Town won 2-1 with goals by Ian Buxton, in his last game for Luton, and Keith Allen but with over 100 injured in crowd disturbances, three players sent off, and frequent pitch invasions the match is best forgotten. What must be remembered however in a season where only the top two teams were promoted, is that the Town finished ten points ahead of the fourth placed club and remained unbeaten at home boasting 20 wins and three draws.



• **Ambitious manager:** Allan Brown.

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HOME	AWAY					P	W	D	L	F	Apts
	W	D	L	F	A						
26 12 0 36 3 Liverpool	8 4 0 27 9 66										
28 7 5 1 19 11 Manchester United	8 4 3 24 16 54										
26 7 3 2 28 11 Nottingham Forest	7 4 3 22 13 49										
26 10 2 1 25 5 Everton	3 5 6 13 11 46										
27 8 2 4 25 12 Arsenal	5 4 4 14 14 45										
<b>27 8 3 3 21 11 Queens Park Rangers</b>	<b>4 4 5 11 19 43</b>										
27 6 6 2 21 13 Wimbledon	5 3 5 19 18 42										
<b>26 8 4 3 29 15 LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>3 1 7 11 17 38</b>										
28 8 1 5 20 17 Sheffield Wednesday	3 3 8 14 28 37										
27 7 2 4 19 15 Tottenham Hotspur	2 5 7 7 16 34										
27 4 5 4 16 16 Southampton	4 4 6 19 23 33										
26 4 4 5 14 17 Newcastle United	4 5 4 17 21 33										
27 4 6 4 16 17 West Ham United	3 5 5 13 18 32										
28 6 6 1 19 12 Chelsea	2 1 12 15 35 31										
28 4 3 6 17 18 Norwich City	4 3 8 9 16 30										
28 4 7 4 18 19 Portsmouth	2 5 6 9 25 30										
26 3 5 4 13 17 Coventry City	4 3 7 14 22 29										
26 3 3 6 11 12 Derby County	3 4 7 11 20 25										
27 5 3 6 19 24 Oxford United	1 4 8 13 23 25										
28 4 5 6 16 20 Charlton Athletic	1 4 8 11 22 24										
27 3 3 7 9 17 Watford	2 5 7 9 19 23										

## APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS (1987/88)

League	Lift Cup	FA Cup	Simod Cup	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls
Ian Allinson	14(1)	3	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	-
Kingsley Black	4	-	1(1)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Tim Breacker	26	1	6	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-
Gary Cobb	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Andy Dibble	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Mal Donaghy	24	-	6	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Steve Foster	26	1	6	1	3	-	1	-	-	-	-
Paul Gray	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Ashley Grimes	20(1)	-	3	-	1(1)	-	1	-	-	-	-
Mick Harford	18	9	3	6	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
Richard Harvey	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-
Ricky Hill	14(1)	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marvin Johnson	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Rob Johnson	7(4)	-	5	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Darren McDonough	18(3)	3	5	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
Ricky McEvoy	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Mike Newell	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stacey North	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emeka Nwajobi	8(3)	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Oldfield	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
David Preece	9	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brian Stein	23	7	6	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
Mark Stein	11(5)	9	3	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Les Sealey	26	-	6	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michael Weir	6(1)	-	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Danny Wilson	24	3	6	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robert Wilson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

\*This fixture played at Leicester. © The Football League FAC = F.A. Cup

(1) indicates player substituted [ ] indicates substitute used Home fixtures in **Bold** Scorer's name in **Bold** P = Penalty + denotes own goal

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1	Les Sealey
2	Tim Breacker
3	Ashley Grimes
4	Darron McDonough
5	Steve Foster
6	Mal Donaghy
7	Danny Wilson
8	Brian Stein
9	Mick Harford
10	Mark Stein
11	Ian Allinson
	Subs

## Queens Park Rangers

1	Nicky Johns
2	Ian Dawes
3	David Pizanti
4	Paul Parker
5	Alan McDonald
6	Gavin Maguire
7	Martin Allen
8	Mark Falco
9	Gary Bannister
10	Wayne Fereday
11	Kevin Brock
	Subs

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