

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 30p

Luton Town v Stoke City

SIMOD CUP QUARTER FINAL



Tuesday, March 1st, 1988 Kick-off 7.45 p.m.

LUTON TOWN

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RAY'S REVIEW



Tonight we play our fifth cup tie in a fortnight dating back to that fine win at Everton when thanks to us being seeded in the early rounds, we made our first appearance in the competition. It is also our 13th cup match in all this season with another semi-final place beckoning in a competition that offers a Wembley final on March 27. We already have enough fixture congestion to stop me even contemplating dreams of the famous twin towers. I have said all along that the league is most important... after all, it is the league position which will ultimately reflect our season.

Tension showed

One of the side effects of so much cup football is that the players get used to playing regularly. They virtually play instead of train, although, of course, they do continue to go through regular training routines to maintain peak fitness. Writing these notes before our meeting last Sunday with Oxford United in the Littlewoods Cup semi-final second leg, I cannot comment on our performance in that match. After our showing against QPR last Wednesday, I hope we were able to find our rhythm and pattern better. I felt we were tense in that game as we secured an FA Cup quarter-final meeting here with Portsmouth on March 12. We did, however, create the best chances of the night and the lads all worked very hard right to the finish.

Sometimes things do not 'click' easily into place and that seemed to be one of those nights, but we soldiered on and our sheer hard work and professionalism earned a narrow victory over Jim Smith's team. A similarly difficult game is likely tonight as we welcome Stoke City who have promised much under the guidance of Mick Mills. Give the lads your full support and enjoy the match.

Ray Harford.

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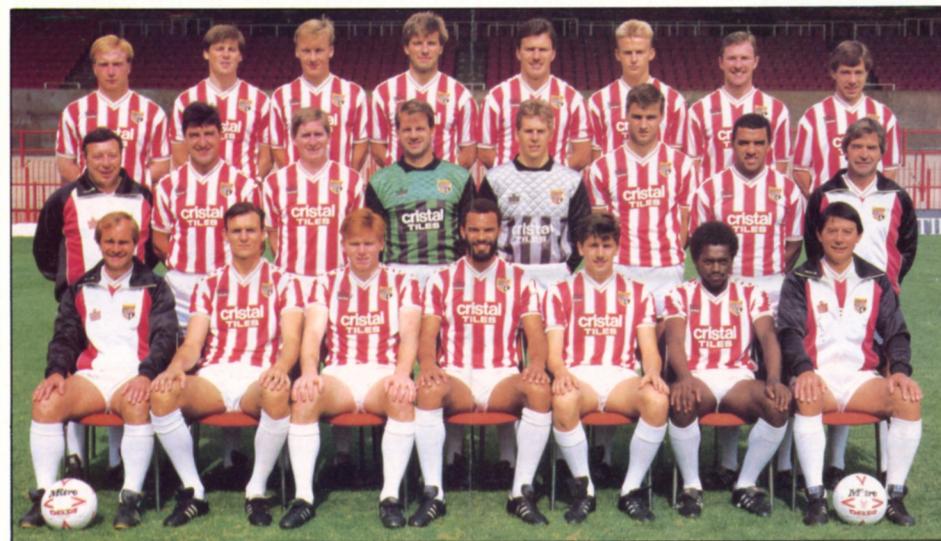
INTRODUCING...

STOKE CITY

Founded in 1863, Stoke City are the second oldest Football Club in England, though it was only in recent times that the Potters enjoyed their best successes. At one stage in their history, the club dropped from the First Division to the Third Division but made a rapid recovery and in 1972 the side won their first major trophy, the Football League Cup. Stoke have qualified twice for Europe in the seventies, being beaten by Kaiserslautern (West Germany) and then Ajax (Holland).

When the original Football League was formed in 1888, Stoke City were invited to become one of its 12 founder members. After finishing bottom of the table in the first two campaigns, they failed to gain re-election. After another expansion they were given a fresh chance. The Potters began to find their feet and held their First Division place until relegation overtook them in 1907. Financial problems then reached such proportions that when, in 1908, an appeal was launched to rally around them and only three shareholders bothered to attend a crisis meeting, the club resigned from the League.

After 11 years of non-league football, Stoke regained a place in Division Two in 1919 to commence a hectic yo-yo period which saw them rise into Division One for one campaign (1922-23), then only four years later drop into Division Three (North). They were champions of the section at the first attempt and eventually returned to Division One in 1933, to remain until 1953. Then followed 19 seasons of Second Division football until promotion was achieved in 1963. Steady progress was made since then and in 1972 the club reached Wembley for the first time, defeating Chelsea 2-1 to win the Football League Cup.



Back Row: Terry Williams, Philip Heath, Lee Dixon (now Arsenal), Nicky Morgan, Ian Allinson (now Luton), Graham Shaw, Steve Parkin, Cliff Carr. Middle Row: Keith Rowley (Physio), Brian Talbot (now WBA), Gerry Daly, Peter Fox, Scott Barrett, Andy Holmes, Tony Ford, Tony Lacey (Youth & Reserve team coach). Front Row: Mick Mills (Manager), Steve Bould, Chris Hemming, George Berry, Carl Beeston, Carl Saunders, Sammy Chung (Assistant Manager).



Mick Mills commenced a new career as player-manager of Stoke City on 1st July, 1985 and went on to make 31 Second Division appearances for the Potters last season. He began his career as an apprentice with Portsmouth in 1966 and later joined Ipswich, with whom he spent 16 years and made over 700 appearances – a record which may never be bettered at Portman Road. He led Ipswich to success in the FA Cup in 1978 and in the UEFA Cup three years later. Mick Mills' international career took off in 1973 when he won the first of the 42 caps for England against Yugoslavia, and was captain during the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain. In 1982, Southampton paid £50,000 for his services and made 103 appearances for the 'Saints'. In the Queen's New Years Honours list of 1984, Mick Mills celebrated his 38th birthday by being awarded the MBE for his services to football. Mick is happily settled in Staffordshire with his family, after signing a contract that keeps him at the Victoria Ground until 1989.

spending three seasons with Wolves he joined City for £10,000 in 1987.

Steve Parkin (Midfield). Steve was still an apprentice when he made his debut for Stoke City against Nottingham Forest in April 1983. Steve has progressed through the ranks from schoolboy to apprentice and youth team captain in the 1983-84 Youth Cup Final team. He gained an England Under-21 cap as left back last season.

Carl Beeston (Midfield). A product of the Youth Training Scheme, Carl signed his first professional contract on his eighteenth birthday in June 1985. A midfield player, he made his league debut in the Forest Division game against Coventry City FA Cup in 1983/84.

Carl Saunders (Midfield). Born in Birmingham, Carl played for Erdington and Saltley Boys and was spotted playing a tournament in Skegness. Signed as an apprentice and playing mainly up front, Carl, made his league debut as a substitute on 4th April 1983 at Everton.

Tony Ford (Forward). 28-year-old Tony signed from Grimsby Town in summer 1986 where he made 352 league appearances scoring 54 goals he provides extra experience up front. Formed a good understanding with Lee Dixon since scoring 7 goals last season.

Philip Heath (Forward). Born locally in Silverdale, Philip graduated through the schoolboy, apprentice and youth network, before scoring on his league debut at Southampton on the left flank. He hit the net three times this season.

Tony Henry (Midfield). Tony, 29, signed from Oldham Athletic for £40,000 just two days after scoring a penalty kick equaliser against us. Born in Sunderland he made almost 100 appearances for Manchester City before signing for Bolton Wanderers. He then signed for Oldham Athletic in March 1983 making over 175 appearances and scoring 24 goals.

Simon Stainrod (Striker). Previous club was Aston Villa, joined Stoke City at the end of 1987 for a £100,000 fee. Aged 28 and he was born in Sheffield.

BOX OFFICE NEWS

LITTLEWOODS CUP FINAL

Details of ticket allocation for the Wembley final against Arsenal on April 24 will be announced in the next few days. ALL CURRENT MEMBERS will be guaranteed a ticket.

The membership register is now closed until March 31 when it will be reviewed. Dates for ticket sale will be announced later – personal callers only. Full details will be announced in the club official programme, the local Press and radio and on SoccerLine 0898 700273 and the 24-hour service 0582-411622. No telephone applications.

For all other match bookings please ring the Hotline – Luton 30748.

FA CUP 6th ROUND

Luton Town v Portsmouth

Saturday, March 12, 1988, kick-off 3pm.

This will be an all-ticket match.

Season-ticket holders can claim their seats from Thursday, March 3 to Saturday March 5. General sale to members only, from Sunday, March 6 to Friday, March 11.

Ticket office hours: Thurs 3, Fri 4 and Mon 7: 9am-7.30pm; Sat 5, Sun 6: 9am-4pm; Tues 8-Fri 11: 9am-5.30pm.

No tickets will be available on match day.

SIMOD CUP

The winners of tonight's quarter-final will meet Swindon Town at home in semi-finals. If we are successful, the match will take place here on Tuesday, March 8, kick-off 7.45pm. Ticket arrangements will be as detailed for the FA Cup tie against Portsmouth. But prices will be the same as those for tonight's match. The semi-final will be an **all-ticket match**.

THRILLING WIN AT GOODISON PARK



• Goalmouth spills: Andy Dibble returned to first team duty at Everton in the last round of the Simod Cup. He is pictured in action above and below. David Oldfield scored both our goals in a 2-1 win.



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Subs	

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2	Steve Parkin
3	Cliff Carr
4	Carl Saunders
5	Steve Bould
6	Carl Beeston
7	Tony Ford
8	Tony Henry
9	Graham Shaw
10	Simon Stainrod
11	Phil Heath
Subs	

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

Our referee tonight is Ray Lewis from Great Bookham in Surrey. An operations planning manager, Ray is married with a daughter and is a very experienced official.

The linesmen are J.M. Tythcott (red flag) and A.C. Williams (yellow flag) and reserve official is D. Cole.



MASCOT

Tonight's mascot (pictured) is Steven Eade. The escorts are Darren Babb, Jason Haggerwood, Catherine Farnham, Jonathan Edwards.

EXECUTIVE SPONSORS

Our executive sponsors tonight are Scotts of Bedford. The firm has moved into the car retail market with a Peugeot Talbot franchise and in four months has established itself as one of the premier dealers. The company is run by the White family who will be entertaining some of their most valued customers.

MATCH BALL SPONSORS

Tonight's match ball sponsors are Convoy Installations Ltd of Holly Street, Luton.

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