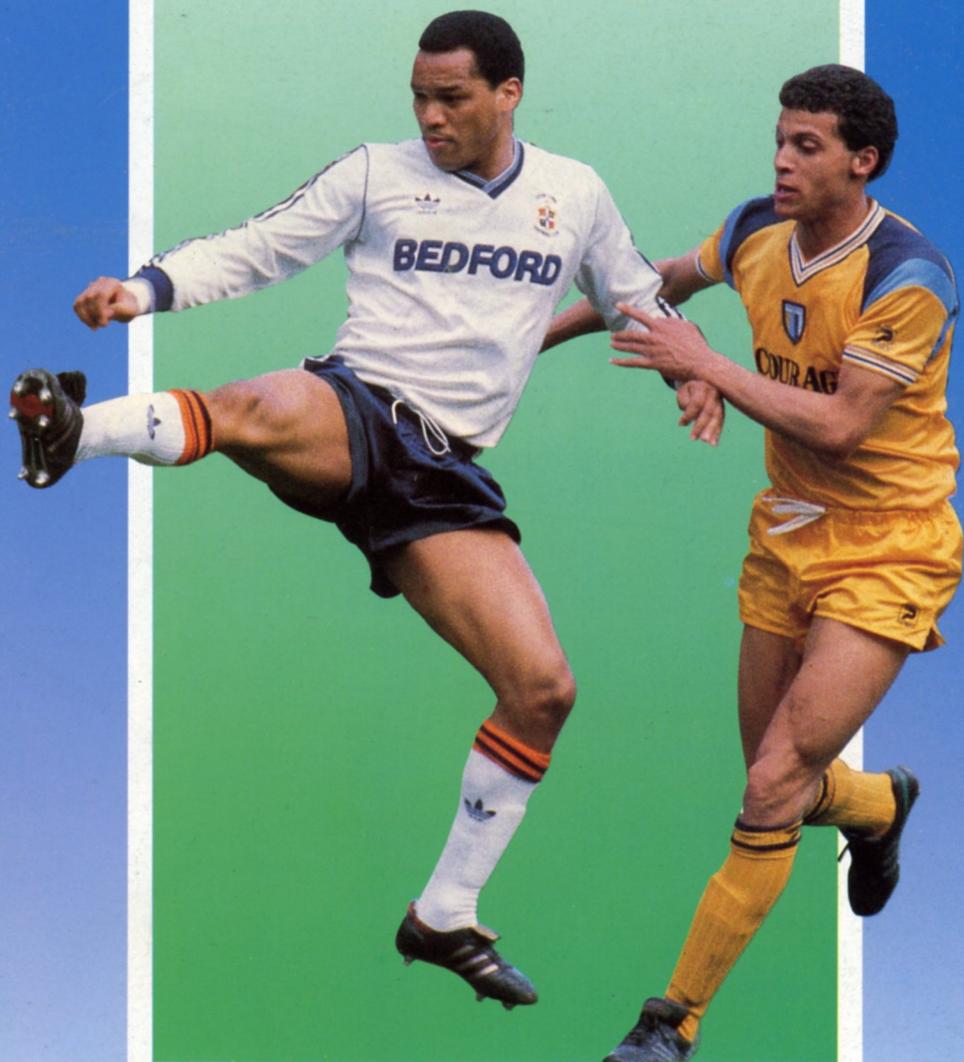


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RAY'S REVIEW



Welcome to Sheffield Wednesday, a hardened and experienced First Division team who are sure to give us a tough match tonight. We came away from Sheffield last November with a 2-0 victory so they are certain to be determined to try and prevent us from achieving the 'double' over them. Tonight's match will be our third in eight days following the Simod Cup final when we were well beaten and, as I am writing these notes before our Easter visit to Newcastle, I feel I must make some reference to that huge disappointment we all felt at Wembley.

People say that losing semi-finals is the worst feeling in football, but our defeat by Reading was much worse. I was pleased that the players were able to bounce back and beat Portsmouth 4-1 last week, but the deep hurt of our Wembley defeat was not wiped away. It was a terrible feeling for everyone. And I think it may be a while before we have replaced all that which was lost in that defeat. At least we have recovered some of our shape and picked up three vital points in the First Division by beating Portsmouth. If we had lost, it would have been a worrying experience to look at the First Division table.

Worst feeling of all

We know we have good players and they proved in the second half of last week's match that they can pass and play well. I think we have learned our lesson from the Simod Cup final defeat. The Wembley experience will have been a good thing in that respect. It is no place to go and lose. That is the worst feeling in the world and we do not want it to happen again. We got a few things sorted out afterwards and, as I have always said, it is the First Division league table which will finally tell us what sort of season we have had. In that respect, I am hoping we can improve our away record and still challenge for a place in the top eight. Give the team your full support tonight. We are a family club and every voice can help. Enjoy the match.

Ray Harford

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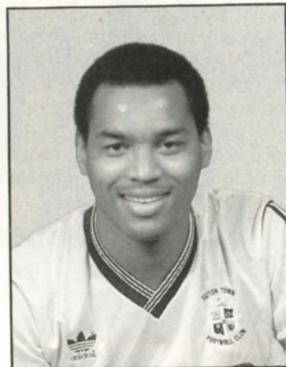
Mailbag

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

Long road to Wembley

Dear Sir,
As a dedicated Town supporter for many years, it has given me great pleasure and pride to tell the local Africans in this part of the world that British football consists of more than just Liverpool and Manchester United. My task here has been made easier by the fact that **my** team are finally at Wembley in the Littlewoods Cup and looking very promising in the FA Cup. The exposure that Luton are receiving in Africa is quite amazing with every sports program televising highlights of one game or another, with special emphasis on the Stein brothers, who are fast becoming 'not so local' heroes.

I have waited the full 29 years to see Luton play at Wembley and am blown if I will miss the greatest moment in their history now. As such I will be catching the 18.40 flight out of Gaborone on the 23rd April landing at Gatwick 06.20 on the morning of the Littlewoods Cup final. After being collected by relatives, will have a quick breakfast in Luton before going off to Wembley to see the boys put one over on the Arsenal. Now if



•Local hero: Brian Stein.

that isn't a long road to Wembley, all 6,000 miles of it, I'd like someone to tell me what is!! Mind you I could be feeling very weary by the final whistle especially if there is extra time, still as a fully qualified Town supporter of many years all I can say is, it's sure worth coming home for. Mind you as I am back for three weeks can I ask for the Town to squeeze in another visit for me on the 14th May, if it is not too much trouble, as I want to **prove** to the Afri-

cans that Lutons' football is simply the best of British.

See you at Wembley, I'll be the one sleeping by the players tunnel.

Yours faithfully
Roger P. Davies

Gaborone,
Botswana

My special thanks

Dear Sir,

A big thank you to everyone in the ticket office, especially Cherry Newbery, for making two seat tickets available to me for the Littlewoods Cup final in April.

I wrote to you a short while ago expressing my upset at only being able to have standing tickets, I have a sight problem, and standing at Wembley would have been impossible because of these special glasses I have to wear.

You have proved to me that you do care about your supporters, and I for one will be telling everyone so. Once again a big thank you for making the Wembley trip possible for me.

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CHIT CHAT



THANKS BRIAN

To those outside the Kenilworth Road faithful, Brian Stein may not be a household name. But his life and career show he is no ordinary footballer - he is a very special man. Like his long time colleagues Mal Donaghy and Ricky Hill, his loyalty to the club is unquestioned. Over the last ten years, successive managers have been able to pencil in those three names automatically.

Flung into the cauldron of a vital cup replay at Maine Road on his debut, he has done little wrong since. Soon afterwards he made an immediate impact with a two-goal home debut and has gone on to score many memorable goals. Everybody must have their own particular favourite. Mine is a spectacular net-buster against Barnsley in the final home game of the 1981-82 promotion year.

For many of us though it is the strength of character that Brian has shown in adversity that will be remembered. Life has not always been easy either on or off the pitch. He would never call football a matter of life or death. Brian knows that there are far more important things to fight for. Even though he was only eight when he came to Britain he still remembers the realities of apartheid. Like his father, he has consistently spoken out against this injustice.

There have been a lot of hard knocks on the field too. All too often he and Ricky have had to endure the taunts of mindless racists. The many goals conjured by their almost telepathic understanding have proved the best possible answer to these morons. And there is the way he bounced back after that brief appearance in an England shirt.

Looking back it hardly seems possible that almost five years have passed since Brian's most telling contribution to the Town's cause. The Hatters travelled to Manchester City needing a win to ensure First Division survival. Brian took painkillers to play.

He had started the season well with 15 goals in 20 league games. Then in early December disaster struck. In the home game against City he broke a bone in his foot. Most Town fans thought he was out for the rest of the season. Manchester City must have wished he had been. In the week leading up to the crucial showdown David Pleat decided he needed the experience of a half-fit Stein.

Brian was in agony throughout the game. He could not even run properly because of the pain. Then with only four minutes left he received the ball on the right wing. Gathering all his remaining strength he tried to cross the ball. It simply bounced back to him off City centre half Tommy Caton. Undaunted he got round Paul Power and banged in a centre the City goalkeeper could only palm away.

The rest is history Raddy Antic volleyed home that rebound. The Town have since become an established First Division force. Surely nobody deserves Wembley glory more than a man who did so much to take Luton to the top and made sure they stayed there.

David Forman, Selangor, West Malaysia.

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UP THE TOWN!

WEMBLEY NIGHTMARE

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The Town's first appearance at Wembley for 29 years turned into a nightmare on Sunday, March 27, when they were comprehensively beaten by Reading in the Simod Cup final. In front of a crowd of 61,740, the team from the Second Division all but outclassed the Hatters as they scored twice in each half on their way to a less than flattering victory.

"It was embarrassing," said manager Ray Harford afterwards. "It was painful. This was as bad as I have seen us play. We deserved nothing."

Mick Harford headed the Hatters into a 13th minute lead when he dived bravely to connect with Mark Stein's knockback from an Ian Allinson corner. But Reading stormed back to lead within the opening 25 minutes as the Town, who appeared complacent and lethargic, were ripped open by the running of Michael Gilkes and Neil Smillie.

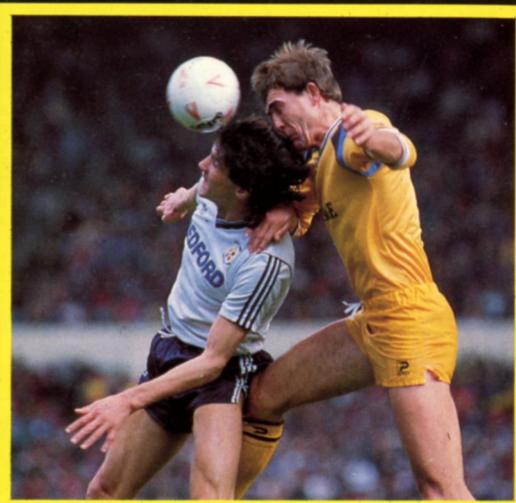
Gilkes who scored the equaliser, was brought down by Tim Bracker to earn the second – a penalty by Stuart Brown – and then saw Smillie take over by setting up an easy third for Mick Tait. Smillie himself hit the fourth.

Had Reading made the most of further chances in both halves, the score might have been enlarged to six or seven. Les Sealey and Mick Harford both fought with great heart to rally their team-mates, but few other Town players could look back on the day with any satisfaction at all. **Teams:** Luton – Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, McDonough, Foster, Donaghy, D. Wilson, B. Stein (Johnson 80), Harford, M. Stein (Black 68), Allinson.

Reading – Francis, Bailie, Richardson, Beavon, Hicks, Curle, Jones (Williams 68), Taylor, Tait (Peters 83), Gilkes, Smillie.

Referee: J. Martin (Alton)

1st Team ACTION



• Painful memories: Wembley was not a happy hunting ground for the Town on March 27. Our action pictures today show Mick Harford in a heading duel with Reading's Martin Hicks, manager Ray Harford leading out the team and Danny Wilson and Mark Stein trying to find a way through. Pictures by Josh Levy of Apex Photography.

FOOTBALL FOCUS



Our cup exploits this year have attracted attention far and wide from all over the world. They have also set many people recalling our last trip to Wembley for the FA Cup final in 1959. Tonight, in Football Focus, we reproduce a section of an article which appeared in The Independent last month and which recreates the feelings of many of our older supporters:

"In a Spring when Luton Town already in the Littlewoods Cup final and at home to Portsmouth in the FA Cup quarter-finals on Saturday, may reach Wembley four times it is appropriate to recall their last visit. They were a band of brothers, those Hatters of 29 years ago who took Luton Town to their only cup final.

Syd Owen, captain, centre-half, coach and soon to be manager of the team who lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest at Wembley on 2 May 1959, went on to serve Leeds United and Manchester United in coaching and scouting capacities, but the tone in his voice suggests his footballing home remains in Kenilworth Road.

"It was a joy to go to the ground every day," he recalls, "a pleasure to see your mates, a dressing room with a marvellous atmosphere, a small-town club with a great deal of love and affection around the place."

Luton was still a pleasant hat-town on the edge of a car factory just after the war with a grey stone Carnegie Library under a green copper roof, a 1,000-year-old parish church and

a quaint little Corn Exchange as a reminder of Bedfordshire's rich fields outside. All that was swept away for the building of an Arndale Centre which for sheer ugliness is surpassed only by Manchester's. Luton's developers would surely win a first prize for desecration; in more sensible times the Prince of Wales would have had them flung into Harlech's dungeons.

Luton was also affected by post-war immigration, drastically changing the nature of the town. After such a catharsis it is not surprising that the football club, a depository of the memories and traditions of the old Luton, should draw into itself and say "No strangers" on match-days. In Owen's time Kenilworth Road was a place a parent could send a small boy, or girl, without the slightest fear, where if a policeman was present he was not noticed and where the excitement was provided by a succession of gifted players - 10-goals-in-a-game Joe Payne, Hugh Billington, Frank Soo, Bobby Brennan, Gordon Turner and the man who personalised Luton for 13 years, Owen.

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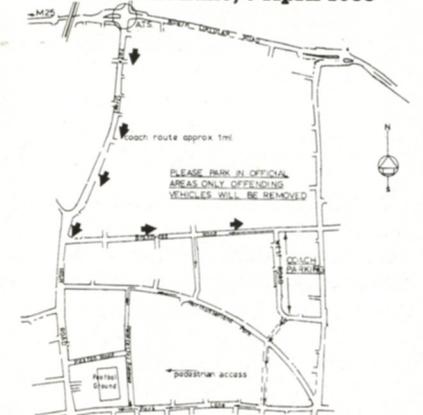
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by BILL TOMLINS

THE TOWN

TIME TO SWALLOW OUR FEELINGS AND GET BEHIND THE TEAM

EVERYONE at the club was disappointed that we fell at the last hurdle when we went to Wembley for the Simod Cup final on March 27. It was a big blow to us all, but we must now swallow our feelings on that and look forwards again and get behind the team.

Some fans, I know, felt very depressed by the result and the performance. Mick Harford summed everyone's feelings up after the game when he said on television that he felt he had cheated himself and the fans. But football is a game about winning and losing and we must move on - and remember we still have our best team in 103 years.

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Luton were constantly at the top of the qualifying table for the tournament among the Liverpools and Nottingham Forests. It is another bite at the cherry of Wembley finals for us all - players, fans and members of the club. Like all big clubs, we want to bounce back quickly and well.

The players certainly felt the pain of the Wembley defeat deeply. Last week, they were very sensitive to our supporters' reaction and pleased to perform so well in the second half. I thank the 6,740 loyal fans who came and gave the team their support.

Call-up

Finally, a word of praise for our international players who have been in action recently. Ashley Grimes was selected for the Republic of Ireland, Danny Wilson and Mal Donaghy for Northern Ireland and Mick O'Brien has been picked for the Republic's under-18 team to meet the Welsh Schools FA on April 16.

Marvin Johnson was selected to play in an England under-20 training weekend but we were unfortunately obliged to withdraw him as the sessions clashed with our appearance in the Simod Cup final. I am sure Marvin will earn a further chance for representative recognition.

Ashley, a busy man these days, has chosen to present his £1,000 voucher as man-of-the-match during our televised Littlewoods Cup semi-final second leg against Oxford to the Friends of the Luton and Dunstable Hospital. Lastly a news note: Sean Farrell, our young centre-forward, has joined Colchester on loan to gain some valuable first team experience.

ON AIR



•Chat show: Brian Stein is interviewed at Wembley before our Simod Cup final defeat by Reading.

BRIAN BALANCED AS HARFORD HEADS IN

•In the net: Mick Harford heads the Town ahead at Wembley against Reading. Brian Stein is poised for a rebound. Brian wore a plaster cast to protect his broken arm and strapped his other arm heavily to assist his balance.



•Juniors at Wembley: Our Junior Hatters were out in force for the Simod Cup final. Let's hope we all have more luck next time!



•Testing 'that' turf: The Town squad and officials sample the Wembley atmosphere on the big day.



•Up the steps: Steve Foster and Mal Donaghy lead the way as the Town step up to receive their Simod Cup final losers' medals. Our chairman David Evans MP is standing next to Football League Secretary Graham Kelly.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

A BAD DAY

The Simod Cup final turned out to be a big disappointment for everyone at the club and not least the players. It was a day when nothing went right for us and we all felt we had let down everyone involved. There is nothing more to be said - believe me it is a bad experience for us all and one we do not want to repeat.

Luckily, we have another opportunity to try and make amends and put that defeat by Reading behind us. Not many clubs have more than one bite at the cherry when it comes to Wembley cup finals so we have to count our blessings. And I do not think we shall make the same mistakes twice.

Important

We were glad to have a home match so soon afterwards as it gave us a chance to put things right straightaway. And I think our win over Pompey probably allowed us to show what we can do. It was an important win.

When things are not going quite right we need all our supporters to give us their backing. That is when it counts. We were sorry not to be able to perform at our best at Wembley but hope everyone will back us now as we bid to do well on the next two visits and in all our other important games.

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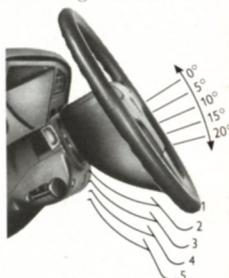
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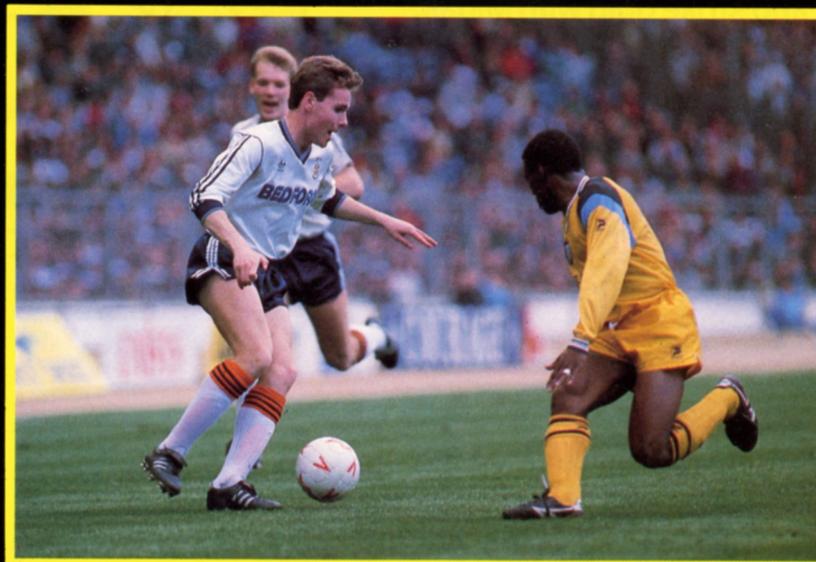
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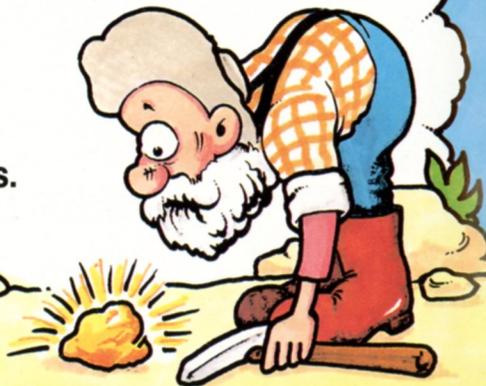
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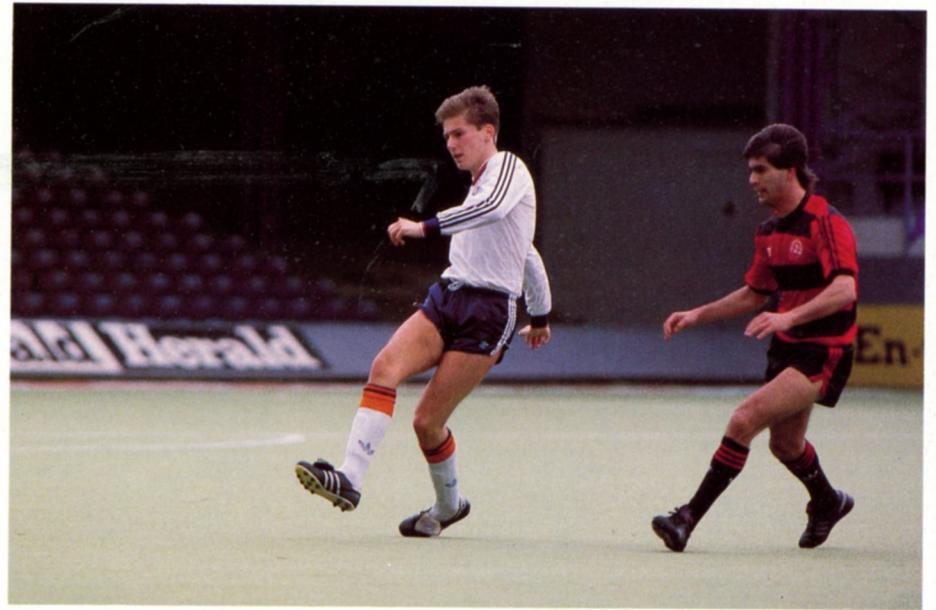
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• **Talented young midfielder:** Ian Scott in action against QPR reserves.

Ian tackles his path to the top



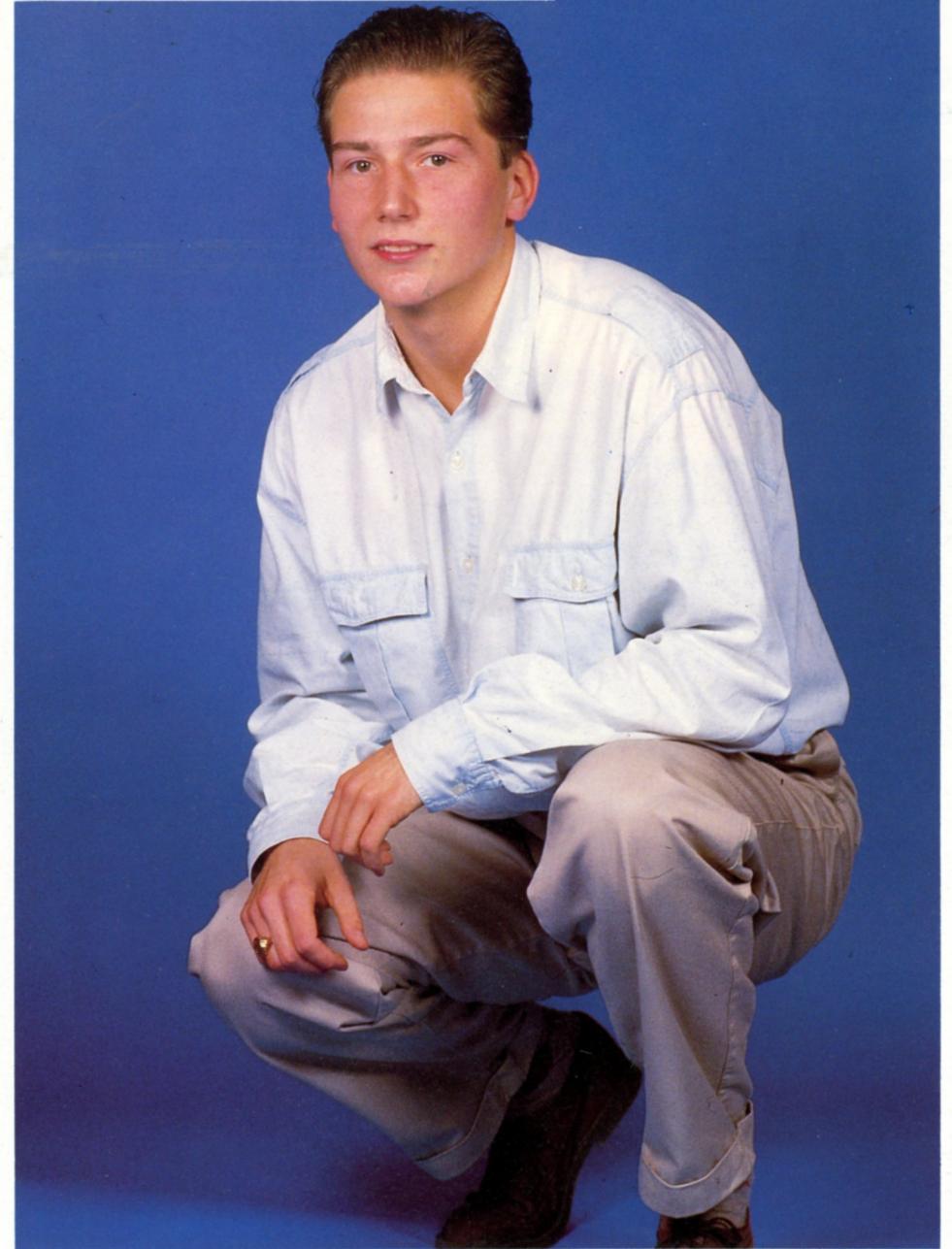
• **Promising:** Ian Scott.

Born in Luton, Ian Scott is one of the most promising products of the Town's youth policy and is pressing hard for a place in the first team squad. A hard-tackling and skilful midfielder with good distribution, he is 19 and already a favourite with regular supporters at our reserve matches.

His powerful performances in the middle of the pitch have earned him much praise, particularly during the reserves recent run of victories as they climbed the Sunday Mirror Combination table. Ian is a full professional and a former England youth international.

Last season, Ian was a prominent member of our youth team which won the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup. This term he is working to get the consistency to claim a place in the first team squad.

IAN SCOTT



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DRESSING ROOM

with Rob Johnson

Although the day ended in defeat, our Simod Cup final appearance at Wembley enabled several Town players a first opportunity of visiting and playing at the national stadium. Rob Johnson was one. And tonight, in Dressing Room Talk, he explains his feelings on that experience and reflects on his part in the Town's extraordinary season of success in the cup competitions:

Wembley experience

"It was my first visit to Wembley as a player and I must admit it is an exciting place to go to play. I had been there before three times altogether - once to a Rod Stewart concert and twice to see schoolboy international matches. The concert was the best! Now, of course, I have been four times and played there myself. Even though we lost, it is a great feeling.

"I wanted to get on during the match. You always do when you are a substitute. It is only natural. But it is even more keenly felt at Wembley. When you walk down the tunnel and out onto the pitch, you realise what a huge and impressive place it is and it makes you really want to get out there and play.

"Of course, by the time I got my chance to come on and play we were losing 4-1 so there was not a great deal I felt I could achieve. Of course, I did my best, but even in the circumstances I felt it was something special to play at Wembley. The result was depressing though. Most of the lads were really brought down by it.

"It is the kind of result that knocks your confidence and it was good to get straight back into the league with the game against Portsmouth. We needed a good result and we were able to get one. Now we only really need a few more points and we shall be safe and able to relax a little bit in the league.

"For me personally, it has been a mixed season as I have played in a lot of the cup



• **Great feeling:** Rob Johnson.

matches, but not so many league games. I have also played in several different positions. Recently, last week against Portsmouth for example, I have been picked to play in midfield. I like it there. In fact, I like playing centre midfield very much.

"I have played in these positions a lot in my career with Luton, particularly in my younger days in the youth and reserve teams. So they are not foreign to me. In fact, I prefer midfield to full-back. But I am always pleased to play, wherever I am picked.

"Obviously, I am hoping to stay in the squad and keep a chance alive of making another Wembley appearance, but I have to face up to the fact that there will be competition for places with the injured players fighting their way back. All professionals want to play at Wembley in a cup final."

TALK

WE'RE TALKING FOOTBALL.

"Blimey, the ground looks a bit different to Watford. Where's the dog track?"

LUTHER BLISSETT,
at Milan's San Siro Stadium, 1983.

"If ye dinnae score, ye dinnae win."

JIMMY SIRREL,
Notts County manager, 1983.

"No footballer of talent should play in the back four."

MALCOLM ALLISON, 1975.



"All visiting teams complain about the pitch - but they all seem to win."

ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS,
to Dunfermline players visiting Cyprus, 1968.

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BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP FINAL

Luton Town

v

Queen's Park Rangers

This is a two-legged final. The first leg will take place here at Kenilworth Road on **Thursday, April 14, 1988**, kick-off 7.30pm.

Admission will be restricted to members by payment of cash on the night. Tickets: £1 (50 pence for Senior Citizens and children).

The second leg will be at Loftus Road on Monday, April 18, kick-off 7pm. Our youth team are the holders of the trophy and deserve your full support as they bid to retain it.

TICKET OFFICE



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

The ticket office is at the top of Kenilworth Road (telephone Luton 30748 or 411622).

BEDS SENIOR CUP FINAL

Dunstable v Potton United
Wednesday, April 6, 1988,
kick-off 7.30pm

Entrance via two turnstiles at Kenilworth Road and two at Maple Road. Tickets: £1 (50 pence for Senior Citizens and children).

POSSIBLE REPLAY TICKET ARRANGEMENTS

Football Association Cup semi-final, Luton v Wimbledon

If our FA Cup semi-final tie against Wimbledon at White Hart Lane, Tottenham, on Saturday results in a draw, the replay will take place at White Hart Lane on Wednesday, April 13, kick-off 7.45pm.

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

Ticket sale from 9.00am - 5.00pm on Sunday 10 April 1988 from The Hatters Club (Entrance - Maple Road).

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CLUB COMMENT

John Smith, Chief Executive AN EVENT OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

Much attention has been paid recently to the slow sales of tickets for the Football League's Centenary Festival, in which we will be one of the 16 participating clubs at Wembley on April 16 and 17.

This event may not have captured the imagination of many fans or the sports writers, but it is of historic significance and deserves a more widespread feeling of support.

Opportunity

It is, after all, planned to be the chief event in the season-long programme of events to celebrate the 100 years of existence of our Football League and that, in itself, should be sufficient reason for it to attract support from all true football people.

For ourselves, it is a chance to play again at Wembley. This, as we saw at the Simod Cup

final against Reading, is a wonderful opportunity and can be particularly rewarding for the smaller clubs from towns around the country which rarely have such opportunities.

Reading certainly made the most of it, just as Bristol, Blackburn and Bolton have done in the past in the other Football League knockout tournaments not given great support by the media.

The festival should be a marvellous weekend for those who love their football and are too used to commercialism and competition to enjoy it for its own sake.

There may not be a famous trophy or league points at stake, but there is a part to be played in the celebrations surrounding the 100th birthday party of the oldest and greatest league in the world.

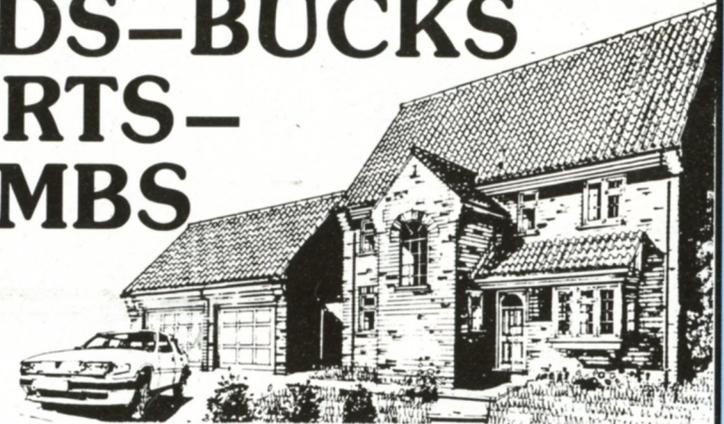


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●**Moving in:** Ricky McEvoy moves in to challenge QPR's Mark Dennis during the reserves' clash last week.



●**On the run:** Mick O'Brien, our Eire youth international, against QPR.

COACHES' CORNER



RESERVES RUN COMES TO AN END

The reserves run of four consecutive victories came to an end on March 26 when they were beaten 3-1 at home by Queen's Park Rangers, whose team included Mark Dennis. The young Hatters' side had previously enjoyed successive wins against Portsmouth (twice), Fulham and Swindon and was unbeaten since February 27.

The only goal of the game for the Town came from Julian James. The team was: Lansbury, Pouch, Pembridge, McEvoy, Barker, James, Scott, O'Brien, Gray, Nwajobi, Tighe. Sub: Rees.

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All the lads joined up with the rest of the club for the trip to Wembley for the Simod Cup final the following day. The team were back in action last Saturday against Millwall, but, owing to early deadlines for Easter, we cannot tell you the result of that match as this report goes to press. Let's hope we have started out on another winning run.

The reserves home match against Norwich City on April 9 and the youth team's fixture with Northampton have been postponed to allow everyone to travel to London and support the first team at White Hart Lane in the FA Cup semi-final against Wimbledon.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION 1987/88

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

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION 1987/88

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Watford | 27 | 18 | 5 | 4 | 57 | 19 | 41 |
| Tottenham Hotspur | 28 | 18 | 3 | 7 | 62 | 31 | 39 |
| Luton Town | 32 | 16 | 7 | 9 | 67 | 54 | 39 |
| Southampton | 31 | 14 | 10 | 7 | 60 | 33 | 38 |
| Queens Park Rangers | 28 | 16 | 6 | 6 | 57 | 33 | 38 |
| Norwich City | 28 | 14 | 9 | 5 | 54 | 29 | 37 |
| Arsenal | 29 | 16 | 4 | 9 | 66 | 32 | 36 |
| Ipswich Town | 30 | 14 | 8 | 8 | 55 | 37 | 36 |
| West Ham United | 29 | 14 | 5 | 10 | 49 | 39 | 33 |
| Chelsea | 28 | 12 | 5 | 11 | 47 | 42 | 29 |
| Millwall | 28 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 40 | 32 | 28 |
| Portsmouth | 27 | 11 | 4 | 12 | 47 | 51 | 26 |
| Charlton Athletic | 28 | 9 | 7 | 12 | 37 | 49 | 25 |
| Swindon Town | 29 | 9 | 7 | 13 | 44 | 62 | 25 |
| Brighton & Hove Albion | 29 | 8 | 7 | 14 | 33 | 62 | 23 |
| Oxford United | 31 | 8 | 4 | 19 | 53 | 81 | 20 |
| Fulham | 28 | 6 | 7 | 15 | 37 | 71 | 19 |
| Crystal Palace | 27 | 5 | 5 | 17 | 21 | 59 | 15 |
| Reading | 28 | 6 | 2 | 20 | 41 | 73 | 14 |
| Bristol Rovers | 29 | 3 | 7 | 19 | 42 | 80 | 13 |

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 1987/88

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Southampton | 24 | 22 | 1 | 1 | 93 | 17 | 45 |
| Wimbledon | 26 | 16 | 6 | 5 | 57 | 29 | 36 |
| Tottenham Hotspur | 26 | 15 | 4 | 7 | 48 | 30 | 34 |
| Northampton Town | 25 | 14 | 5 | 6 | 69 | 35 | 33 |
| Brentford | 26 | 11 | 5 | 10 | 54 | 56 | 27 |
| Swindon Town | 26 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 66 | 56 | 26 |
| Oxford United | 26 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 53 | 49 | 26 |
| Crystal Palace | 26 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 51 | 49 | 26 |
| Luton Town | 25 | 8 | 5 | 12 | 44 | 55 | 21 |
| A.F.C. Bournemouth | 28 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 49 | 74 | 21 |
| Colchester United | 26 | 6 | 8 | 12 | 44 | 62 | 20 |
| Reading | 26 | 5 | 8 | 13 | 26 | 62 | 18 |
| Bristol City | 23 | 8 | 2 | 13 | 36 | 76 | 18 |
| Bristol Rovers | 25 | 4 | 9 | 12 | 27 | 46 | 17 |
| Brighton & Hove Albion | 26 | 5 | 6 | 15 | 45 | 66 | 16 |

INTRODUCING...

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

We welcome a Sheffield Wednesday side tonight who, at the time of writing, have just lost five games out of six, but who are still relatively safe in Division One after a generally sound season in which the highlights have probably been the six battles with Everton in league and cup, writes *Geoff Allmann*.

Wednesday were founded in 1867 when a football section was added to the Wednesday cricket club. Their name came from the fact that sporting activities usually took place on the Wednesday afternoon off from work.

Wednesday first entered the FA Cup competition in 1880-81 and a season later reached the semi-final. They were first elected to Division One in 1892 and before the First World War they chalked up two FA Cup wins and two Football League wins. They topped Division One in both 1928-29 and 1929-30 and won the FA Cup again in 1936, but this turned out to be their last major honour so far.

'A see-saw existence in post-war years'

They have had a see-saw existence in post-war years in particular and this is their eighth spell in

Division One and their 55th season there.

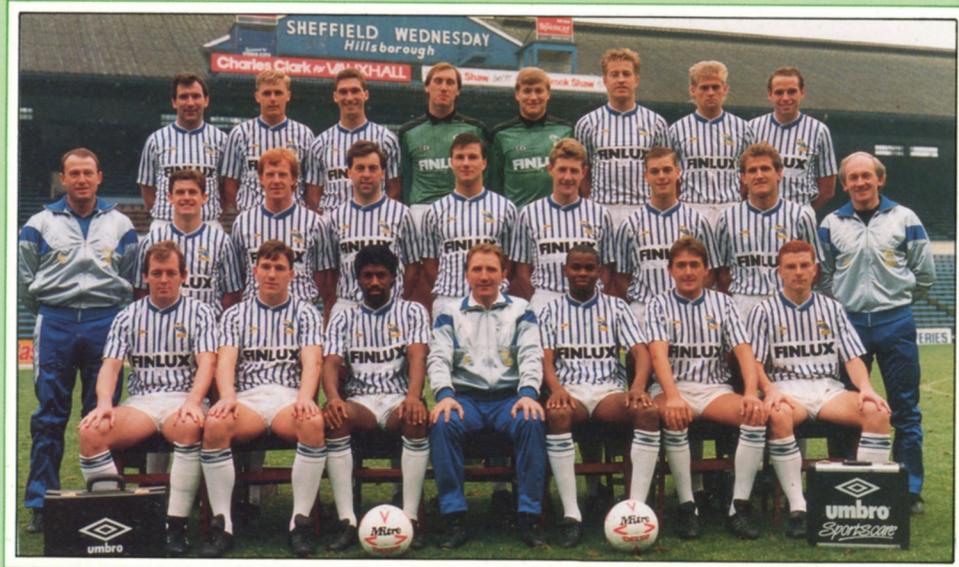
The nearest they have come to a major honour since the war was when they held a 2-0 goal lead in the 1966 FA Cup final and then went down 3-2 to Everton. As recently as 1982-83 they reached the semi-final, going down to Brighton at Highbury.

They had never played outside the top two divisions until 1975, but that was the year in which they slipped into Division Three and a season later they came perilously close to Division Four. After five seasons in Division Three they climbed out in 1980 and then in 1984 they regained their First Division place. Since then they have finished successively 8th, 5th and 13th. All of which reflects great credit on Howard Wilkinson, who succeeded Jack Charlton as manager in 1984.

Last season was a mixed one, but they ended on a high with only one defeat in their last six games and a 7-1 win over QPR.

'The Owls recovered from a poor start this term'

They did not exactly begin on the same note this



Back Row: Lawrie Madden, Colin West, Nigel Pearson, Martin Hodge, Kevin Pressman, Lee Chapman, Siggs Jonsson, Mel Sterland. Middle Row: Peter Eustace, Brian Marwood, Gary Megson, Tony Calvin, Greg Fee, Nigel Worthington, Carl Bradshaw, Mark Proctor, Alan Smith. Front Row: Steve McCall, David Hirst, Mark Chamberlain, Howard Wilkinson, Des Hazel, Gary Owen, Wayne Jacobs.



Sheffield Wednesday manager Howard Wilkinson (above) was born in Sheffield and joined the Owls as a player in 1962. He was transferred to Brighton in 1966 but returned to his home town in 1971 to become a PE teacher at the Abbeydale Grange School. He became an FA Staff coach and joined Notts County in 1980 as first team coach. He stepped up to become manager at Meadow Lane before joining Wednesday again as manager in 1983. He steered them back to the First Division in his first season. He has been one of England manager Bobby Robson's assistants, taking charge of the FA Youth team and the under-21 team and worked with him in the World Cups in Spain and Mexico.

season, however, and it was nearly the end of September before they won their first game at home to Charlton.

Since then they have won at Portsmouth, West Ham and Watford and have added a draw at Newcastle to the early-season points they picked up at Southampton and Derby. Recently however they have gone down 3-1 at Charlton, 3-0 at Coventry and 4-1 at Manchester United.

Lee Chapman, now in his fourth season after spells with Stoke, Arsenal and Sunderland got the goals at Charlton and Old Trafford and is leading scorer. Home-grown **David Hirst** is likely to be the other front-runner.

In midfield, **Gary Megson**, in his second spell at Hillsborough, links up with **Mark Procter**, a £220,000 signing from Sunderland this season, and **Mark Chamberlain** (ex-Port Vale and Stoke) with Icelandic **Sigurdur Jonsson** also in the running for a place.

Mel Sterland a goalsnatching defender has been with Wednesday for ten years and links up with Irish international **Nigel Worthington** (ex-Notts County) on the flanks with **Lawrie Madden** (from Millwall in 1983) and recent signing **Ian Cranson** from Ipswich in the centre and **Martin Hodge** (from Everton in 1983) in goal.

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JUNIOR HATTERS!

BY BRIAN STEIN

LEAGUE POINTS STILL BADLY NEEDED

I hope that you enjoyed your day out at Wembley. It was nice to see so many of you wearing your boaters and scarves waving your flags and singing Ola, Ola. We would like to hear you tonight as we need the league points.

A few seats are still available on the coach for the Football League Centenary Festival, if you would like to go to Wembley on Saturday April 16th and see us playing against Manchester United contact Bev Tyler in the Souvenir Shop in Oak Road.

Would you like a day out on Saturday April 23rd? If so there will be a free day planned for 50 Junior Hatters to meet the Junior Gunners in a fun

day at Bletchley Leisure Centre to play football, short tennis, skittles, table tennis and swimming.

Book your seat now, for a great day out, from the Souvenir Shop in Oak Road today.

Would you like to have your photograph taken with the Littlewoods Cup? You can if you call into the Littlewoods store in Luton from Monday April 11th this would be a real souvenir to keep.

Tonight's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is J007779. The lucky member should contact Bev Tyler in the Souvenir Shop in Oak Road with his or her membership card for two free tickets to one of our home games.

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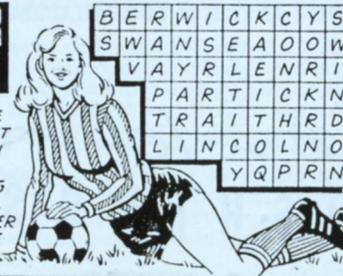
KENILWORTH THE CAT



QUIZ TIME

SOCCER GIRL

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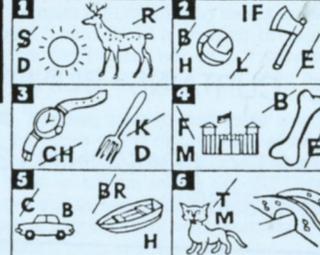
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Views from the media

SIMOD DEFEAT IS ROYAL FOR READING

Our surprise defeat in the Simod Cup final against Reading at Wembley produced all the wrong sort of headlines for Luton Town. The 4-1 thrashing was the team's second successive heavy defeat and ensured the struggling Second Division team won a trophy for the first time in their history. Here is a selection of the comments from the press:

Daily Telegraph: "The critics who regard the competition as little more than an intrusion into an already overcrowded programme would have been hard-pressed to find anything negative to say about the match which contained much creative attacking football, mainly by Reading."

Today: "Reading manager Ian Branfoot was not surprised his side won the Simod Cup at Wembley yesterday - but he did admit to being shocked at the ease with which they swept aside Luton."

Daily Mirror: "Luton faced a stinging dressing room attack from furious manager Ray Harford who said: 'I was embarrassed and totally ashamed. It is as bad as I have ever seen us play - a complete disgrace.'"

Daily Mail: "Reading showed that there is still room for romantic endings in the harsh world of professional football by winning the Simod Cup in a marvellously entertaining and open game at Wembley yesterday. Next to bottom in the Second Division and seemingly doomed to relegation, they inflicted such damage on the Littlewoods Cup finalists that Ray Harford's team could now see their season blow up in their faces."



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LUTON TOWN GOLDEN OLDIES

HOT AND COLD SEASON ENDS WITH A PLACE BACK IN DIVISION TWO

Following the disappointment of the Towns failure to gain promotion to Division Two in 1968-69, the clubs supporters were in two minds as to whether a further challenge could be made after the sale of top scorer Bruce Rioch to Aston Villa for a record £100,000, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

The only signing of note had been a young full-back from Fulham by the name of Malcolm Macdonald who cost £18,500 and who was found to be rather better in the forward line during the pre-season friendlies.

The Town got off to a nice start beating Barrow at home 3-0 before Macdonald scored his first goal for the club in the 1-0 win at Bournemouth the following week. The execution of that goal was to be a Macdonald speciality over the next two seasons – racing clear of the defence to be first to a through ball, drifting round the goalkeeper before placing the ball into the net with his left foot.

A 3-2 home win over Orient followed after the Town had been 2-0 down before Halifax escaped with a point in a 1-1 draw at a rainsoaked Kenilworth Road.



• **International player:** Chris Nicholl joined the Town from Halifax for £35,000.

Manager Alec Stock was impressed with the Halifax centre-half, Chris Nicholl, so immediately paid £35,000 for him – "He will play for England one day" was Halifax manager Alan Ball's brave promise!

Stock also thought that Macdonald needed someone up front with him showing stealth and guile and so paid Charlton £25,000 for Matt Tees.

Both Tees and Nicholl made their debuts in the 2-0 win at Gillingham on 30th August 1969 to be followed up by a 4-0 home win over Bristol Rovers as the Town strode away at the top of the Division.

The Town in fact went the first 13 matches undefeated before losing at Doncaster 2-0 in front of a crowd of 17,380 before bouncing back in style with a fine 2-1 win at Brighton, who were seen to be major threats, the following week.

A string of draws then followed before Rochdale were seen off 2-0 at Kenilworth Road. Rochdale were the surprise team of that season and the game was a fitting choice for the Towns debut on "Match of the Day".

After the 5-0 home thrashing of Bradford City on December 13th the Towns fortunes inexplicably took a dive with four straight defeats.

Firstly on Boxing Day Orient beat the Town 1-0 on a quagmire at Brisbane Road followed by the loss of an undefeated home run stretching back 18 months the next day when lowly Gillingham won 2-1 at Kenilworth Road.

The Town were then thrashed 5-1 at Shrewsbury and the 2-0 home defeat by Plymouth was more comprehensive than the scoreline suggested as witnessed once again (and for the last time that season) by the BBC cameras.

It was now a case of clawing back up the League table and pride was restored somewhat in a 3-1 win at Bury in a game where Graham French could do no wrong.

This win however was fairly isolated as the Town struggled to put together another sequence similar to that which had carried them to the top of the table earlier in the season.

Following a series of draws and defeats Luton had to travel to Reading for a genuine "four pointer"



• **Shrewd boss:** Alec Stock steered the Town back to the Second Division with a series of shrewd signings.

on March 11th 1970. A crowd of 18,783 turned up to be soaked to the skin but enthralled by a highly entertaining game settled by Malcolm Macdonald's last minute goal.

Luton lived to fight another day but spoiled it by drawing their next two home games and then losing at lowly Tranmere where the home team celebrated their 3-2 win as they would had they been at Wembley.



• **Mac the knife:** Malcolm Macdonald in action against Norwich City.

Another glimmer of light with home wins over Rotherham 2-1 and Reading 5-0 over Easter was clouded over by a disastrous 2-1 defeat at Barnsley and an abysmal 0-0 draw at Halifax.

With five games to go it looked odds on that Orient and Bristol Rovers would win promotion with Fulham perhaps the next best placed.

By coincidence the Town travelled to Fulham on April 8th 1970 and with the crowd of 18,987 fully expecting a home win a further lifeline was thrown when a single Macdonald goal earned another victory.

'Roars of relief as Viv Busby's goal beats Southport'

Viv Busby's rising shot seemed to be going over the bar but dipped at the last second. The roars of relief at this goal were doubled when it was realised at the end of the game that Bristol Rovers had lost at home to Gillingham which meant that a single Town point from the final two away games would ensure promotion.

We all travelled to Mansfield on 20th April 1970 to witness, frankly speaking, a poor excuse for a game of football but as the final score was 0-0 the Town were back in Division Two.

The final game, at Rochdale, would probably have been called off had there been any importance riding on the result due to the state of the pitch but a 2-1 win was a fitting end to a season that really did blow hot and cold.

FIRST TEAM

UPDATE

1987-88 SEASON

Luton Town F-A Att Pos 1

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|-----------|--------------------------------|-----|--------|----|--------|
| Aug 15 | Derby County | 0-1 | 17204 | - | Sealey |
| Aug 18 | Coventry City | 0-1 | 7506 | - | Sealey |
| Aug 22 | West Ham United | 2-2 | 8073 | 16 | Sealey |
| Aug 29 | Chelsea | 0-3 | 16075 | 19 | Sealey |
| Aug 31 | Arsenal | 1-1 | 8745 | 18 | Sealey |
| Sept 5 | Oxford United | 5-2 | 6804 | 14 | Sealey |
| Sept 12 | Everton | 2-1 | 8124 | 16 | Sealey |
| Sept 19 | Charlton Athletic | 0-1 | 5003 | 12 | Sealey |
| Sept 22 | Wigan Athletic (LC2R 1L) | 1-0 | 5018 | 14 | Sealey |
| Sept 26 | Queens Park Rangers | 0-2 | 11175 | 14 | Sealey |
| Oct 3 | Manchester United | 1-1 | 9137 | 14 | Sealey |
| Oct 6 | Wigan Athletic (LC2R 2L) | 4-2 | 4240 | 14 | Sealey |
| Oct 10 | Portsmouth | 1-3 | 12391 | 16 | Sealey |
| Oct 17 | Wimbledon | 2-0 | 7018 | 14 | Sealey |
| Oct 24 | Liverpool | 0-1 | 12452 | 14 | Sealey |
| Oct 27 | Coventry City (LC3R)* | 3-1 | 11448 | 16 | Sealey |
| Nov 7 | Newcastle United | 4-0 | 7638 | 17 | Sealey |
| Nov 14 | Sheffield Wednesday | 2-0 | 16960 | 16 | Sealey |
| Nov 17 | Ipswich Town (LC4R) | 1-0 | 15643 | 12 | Sealey |
| Nov 21 | Tottenham Hotspur | 2-0 | 10091 | 12 | Sealey |
| Dec 5 | Norwich City | 1-2 | 7002 | 13 | Sealey |
| Dec 12 | Watford | 1-0 | 12152 | 9 | Sealey |
| Dec 18 | Southampton | 2-2 | 6618 | 9 | Sealey |
| Dec 26 | Everton | 0-2 | 32242 | 11 | Sealey |
| Dec 28 | Charlton Athletic | 1-0 | 7243 | 9 | Sealey |
| Jan 1 | Chelsea | 3-0 | 8018 | 8 | Sealey |
| Jan 2 | West Ham United | 1-1 | 16716 | 8 | Sealey |
| Jan 9 | Hartlepool (FAC3) | 2-1 | 6187 | 8 | Sealey |
| Jan 16 | Derby County | 1-0 | 7175 | 8 | Sealey |
| Jan 19 | Bradford City (LC5) | 2-0 | 11,022 | 8 | Sealey |
| Jan 30 | Southampton (FAC4) | 2-1 | 10009 | 8 | Sealey |
| Feb 6 | Oxford United | 7-4 | 8063 | 8 | Sealey |
| Feb 10 | Oxford (LCSF1) | 1-1 | 12943 | 8 | Sealey |
| Feb 13 | Arsenal | 1-2 | 22615 | 8 | Sealey |
| Feb 16 | Everton (Simod Cup) | 2-1 | 5204 | 8 | Dibble |
| Feb 20 | Q. Park Rangers (FAC5) | 1-1 | 15856 | 8 | Sealey |
| Feb 24 | Q. Park Rangers (FAC5) | 1-0 | 10854 | 8 | Sealey |
| Feb 28 | Oxford United (LCSF2) | 2-0 | 13010 | 8 | Sealey |
| Mar 1 | Stoke City (Simod QF) | 4-1 | 4580 | 8 | Sealey |
| Mar 5 | Wimbledon | 0-2 | 4858 | 9 | Sealey |
| Mar 8 | Swindon (Simod SF) | 2-1 | 10027 | 9 | Sealey |
| Mar 12 | Portsmouth (FAC6) | 3-1 | 12,857 | 11 | Sealey |
| Mar 15 | Coventry | 0-4 | 13,711 | 12 | Sealey |
| Mar 27 | READING (SIMOD FINAL) | 1-4 | 61740 | 14 | Sealey |
| Mar 29 | Portsmouth | 4-1 | 6740 | 10 | Sealey |
| Apr 2 | Newcastle United | 0-4 | 20565 | 13 | Sealey |
| Apr 5 | Sheffield Wednesday | - | - | - | - |
| Apr 9 | Wimbledon (FACs/fat Tottenham) | - | - | - | - |
| Apr 12 | Manchester United | - | - | - | - |
| Apr 16/17 | Centenary Festival (Wembley) | - | - | - | - |
| Apr 19 | Queens Park Rangers | - | - | - | - |
| Apr 24 | ARSENAL (LCF, WEMBLEY) | - | - | - | - |
| Apr 30 | Norwich City | - | - | - | - |
| May 2 | Watford | - | - | - | - |
| May 7 | Southampton | - | - | - | - |
| May 14 | F.A Cup Final | - | - | - | - |

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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Breacker | Grimes | Hill | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | (R. Wilson) | (Preece) | [MN/DM] |
| Breacker | Grimes | Hill | Foster | McDonough | D. Wilson | Harford | Newell | (R. Wilson) | Preece | [EN]/SN |
| Breacker | Grimes | Hill | Foster | (McDonough) | D. Wilson | Cobb | Harford ² | Newell | Preece | [SN]/EN |
| Breacker | Grimes | Donaghy | Foster | R. Wilson | Hill | Cobb | Newell | Nwajobi | Preece | KB/SN |
| Breacker | Grimes | Hill | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | (Newell) | Nwajobi | Preece | [MS]/R |
| Breacker ¹ | Grimes | Hill ¹ | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | (B. Stein) ¹ | Harford ¹ | Nwajobi ¹ | (Preece) | [MS]/R |
| Breacker | Grimes | Hill ¹ | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | (Nwajobi) | (Preece) | [MS]/R |
| Breacker | (McDonough) | Hill | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | M. Stein | (Preece) | [MWR]/R |
| Breacker | R. Johnson | Hill | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | Weir ¹ | (Preece) | [EN]/SN |
| Breacker | Grimes | Hill | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | Black | Preece | R/EN |
| Breacker | Grimes | Hill | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford ¹ | (Black) | (Weir) | [MS/DM] |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough ¹ | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford ¹ | Black | Weir | MS/R |
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| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | (Black) | Weir | [IA]/EN |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | Allinson | Weir | MS/R |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford ² | R. Johnson | Weir ¹ | MS/RH |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | Allinson | Weir | RJ/RH |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | (Black) | (Weir) | [MS/DM] |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford ¹ | (Black) | Weir | MS/R |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford ¹ | (R. Johnson) | (Weir) | [DM/EN] |
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| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | (R. Johnson) | M. Stein | [KB/DO] |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | (Nwajobi) | Weir | Allinson ² |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | (Nwajobi) | Weir | Allinson |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | Hill | Weir | Allinson |
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| Breacker | (R. Johnson) | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | M. Stein | Allinson | Black |
| Breacker | R. Johnson | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | M. Stein | Allinson | Black |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | M. Stein | Allinson | [AG]/KB |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | M. Stein | Allinson | [AG]/KB |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | M. Stein | Allinson | Crimes |
| Breacker | M. Johnson | McEvoy | Foster | Allinson | Cobb | (Gray) | Oldfield ² | Black | Grimes | DM/[RH] |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | M. Stein | Allinson | RJ/KB |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | M. Stein | Allinson | RJ/KB |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | M. Stein | R. Johnson | KB/DO |
| Breacker | Grimes | R. Johnson | M. Johnson | Donaghy | Black | B. Stein ² | (Harford ²) | M. Stein | Allinson | [DO]/GC |
| Breacker | Grimes | R. Johnson | M. Johnson | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | M. Stein | Allinson | KB/RH |
| Breacker | Grimes | (R. Johnson) | McDonough | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | M. Stein | Allinson | [KB]/M |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | M. Stein | Allinson | [KB]/M |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | R. Johnson | Harford | M. Stein | Allinson | KB/DO |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | (R. Johnson) | Harford | M. Stein | Allinson | [KB]/GC |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | (B. Stein) | Harford | (M. Stein) | Allinson | [KB]/GC |
| Breacker | Grimes | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | B. Stein | Harford | (M. Stein) | Allinson | [KB]/[RJ] |
| Breacker | (Grimes) | McDonough | Foster | Donaghy | D. Wilson | R. Johnson | Harford | (M. Stein) | Allinson | KB/DO |

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS (1987/88)

| | League | | Litt Cup | | FA Cup | | Simod Cup | |
|------------------|--------|----|----------|----|--------|----|-----------|----|
| | Aps | Gl | Aps | Gl | Aps | Gl | Aps | Gl |
| Jan Allinson | 17(2) | 3 | - | - | 5 | 1 | 4 | - |
| Kingsley Black | 5(1) | - | 1(1) | - | - | - | 2(1) | - |
| Tim Breacker | 30 | 1 | 7 | - | 5 | - | 4 | - |
| Gary Cobb | 2(1) | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Andy Dibble | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mai Donaghy | 28 | - | 7 | - | 5 | - | 3 | - |
| Steve Foster | 29 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 5 | - | 2 | - |
| Paul Gray | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ashley Grimes | 24(1) | - | 4 | 1 | 3(1) | - | 3 | - |
| Mick Harford | 21 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Richard Harvey | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1(1) | - |
| Ricky Hill | 14(1) | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Marvin Johnson | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| Rob Johnson | 11(4) | - | 6 | - | 3 | - | 2(1) | - |
| Darron McDonough | 21(3) | 3 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | - |
| Ricky McEvoy | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Mike Newell | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stacey North | (1) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Emeka Nwajobi | 8(3) | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| David Oldfield | (-1) | - | (1) | - | - | - | 1(1) | 2 |
| David Preece | 9 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Brian Stein | 25 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Mark Stein | 14(5) | 10 | 4 | - | 5 | - | 3 | 1 |
| Les Sealey | 30 | - | 7 | - | 5 | - | 3 | - |
| Michael Weir | 6(1) | - | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Danny Wilson | 28 | 4 | 7 | - | 5 | - | 2 | - |
| Robert Wilson | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Fixtures TBA: Notts Forest (A), Notts Forest (H), Liverpool (A) Tottenham (A)

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Luton Town

- 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

Sheffield Wednesday

- 1 Martin Hodge
- 2 Mel Sterland
- 3 Nigel Worthington
- 4 Lawrie Madden
- 5 Nigel Pearson
- 6 Mark Proctor
- 7 Ian Cranson
- 8 Gary Megson
- 9 Lee Chapman
- 10 Mark Chamberlain
- 11 Gary Owen

Subs

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