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WELCOME TO WHITE HART LANE

This afternoon we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Wimbledon and Luton Town for this eagerly awaited F.A. Cup semi-final tie.

With Wembley and that premier day in English football – the F.A. Cup Final – just one step away, the importance of this game cannot be overstated.

And although that sort of pressure can rarely make for the best of games in purely footballing terms, we are all certain that today can be an exception.

QUALITY

In any case, an F.A. Cup tie is as much about coping with tension and the incredible atmosphere these games generate and we sit back in the confident knowledge that Wimbledon and Luton possess all the necessary quality, experience and determination to make this a day to remember.

Indeed, it will be something of a release for the players when referee Keith Hackett sounds the first whistle. Because the build-up to this game will have been intense on both sides.

Luton have already been this way before, having reached Wembley via this ground back in 1959. They drew 1-1 with Norwich City at White Hart Lane, won the replay at Birmingham but lost 1-2 in the Final to Nottingham Forest.

And victory today will ensure an incredible third Wembley appearance having already reached the finals of the Simod Cup and the Littlewoods Cup this season.

It's an incredible turn around in fortune for the Hatters who, like Wimbledon, have never won the F.A. Cup. That 1958-59 season represented their best ever run in this competition but they have finished as Champions in Divisions Two, Three (South) and Four.



Wimbledon's emergence is a truly romantic tale. Indeed, it is hard to believe that they were only elected to the Football League in 1977 when they replaced Workington. By 1986 they had reached the top flight and are now well established among this country's soccer elite.

Their best F.A. Cup campaign came last season when they reached the sixth round but before they gained their present League status, they

were already renowned as Cup fighters having drawn with the then mighty Leeds United before losing narrowly in the replay. That happened in 1975 and since then their climb has been meteoric.

So the stage is set for a real cracking game and all that remains is to wish both teams the best of luck.

Today is also a special occasion for the two sets of fans who have journeyed here from South London and Bedfordshire. It is their day too – and one we hope they'll all enjoy.

If, at the end of the 90 minutes, the score is level, then an extra half hour will be played. If that additional period still fails to separate the sides, then the replay will take place here on Wednesday.

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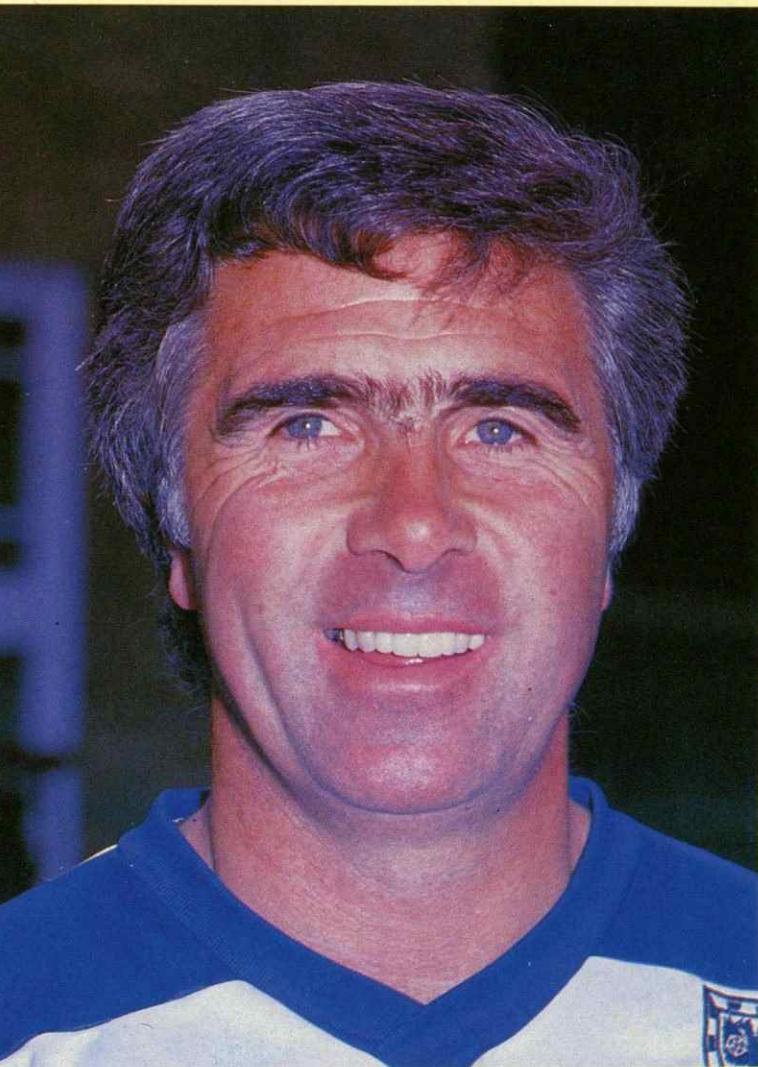


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BOBBY GOULD

Today, as on so many occasions over that period, Wimbledon are in uncharted territory. Gould, however, has experienced the atmosphere of Cup semi-finals before.

Indeed 20 years ago, he was a member of the Arsenal side, coached by Howe, that was victorious on aggregate at White Hart Lane in the second-leg of their League Cup semi-final with Tottenham.

Arsenal went on to lose 3-1 to then Third Division Swindon in the Final. "The pitch was at its worst then", says Bobby. "It had just been used for the Horse of the Year Show and my boots just disappeared into the mud."

SATISFACTION

"I got some personal satisfaction from scoring our goal but it was heart-rending to get that far and lose."

"Don and I have often discussed that day and we feel that defeat was the making of the double side. Often people come back from failure much stronger-minded."

Seven years later Bobby returned to Wembley with West Ham for the 1975 FA Cup Final but spent the match sitting on the bench as Alan Taylor, drafted in after Gould broke a leg in the third round, scored the Hammers' winning goals.

"All I got on my shirt was champagne stains, but I am still privileged to have a winner's medal and I enjoyed the atmosphere. The FA Cup is a bit special."

That is what Gould will be drilling into his players today. "I think this is the minnows' semi-final", he says. "Neither of us can compete with the gates of the other two but it is good for the game that one of us will be at Wembley."

"Semis are real pressure pots. I played at Villa Park in the 1975 semi with Ipswich. My wife said I looked 80 years old – I felt 120."

FOR a team that was supposed to be battling against relegation this season, Wimbledon have proved that reports of their imminent demise were greatly exaggerated.

That was the prospect thought to be facing manager Bobby Gould when he took over from Dave Bassett.

After their meteoric rise from non-League to Division One, the only answer to the question "where can they go from here?" seemed to be: "Down".

But not only have the Dons reached today's FA Cup semi-final they have also flourished in the League, much to the pleasure of Bobby who is relishing his second chance to manage a top-flight club.

"I was given the sack after 18 months at Coventry, having laid the foundations for their success last

season", says Bobby.

"When the opportunity arose to manage a First Division Club again, I felt I had a point to prove."

One of his first moves was to recruit the experienced Don Howe, who had been Arsenal's coach when Bobby was a player at Highbury.

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"Don and I have known each other for a long time", he says. "As well as understanding the manager's job he has, like me, something to prove."

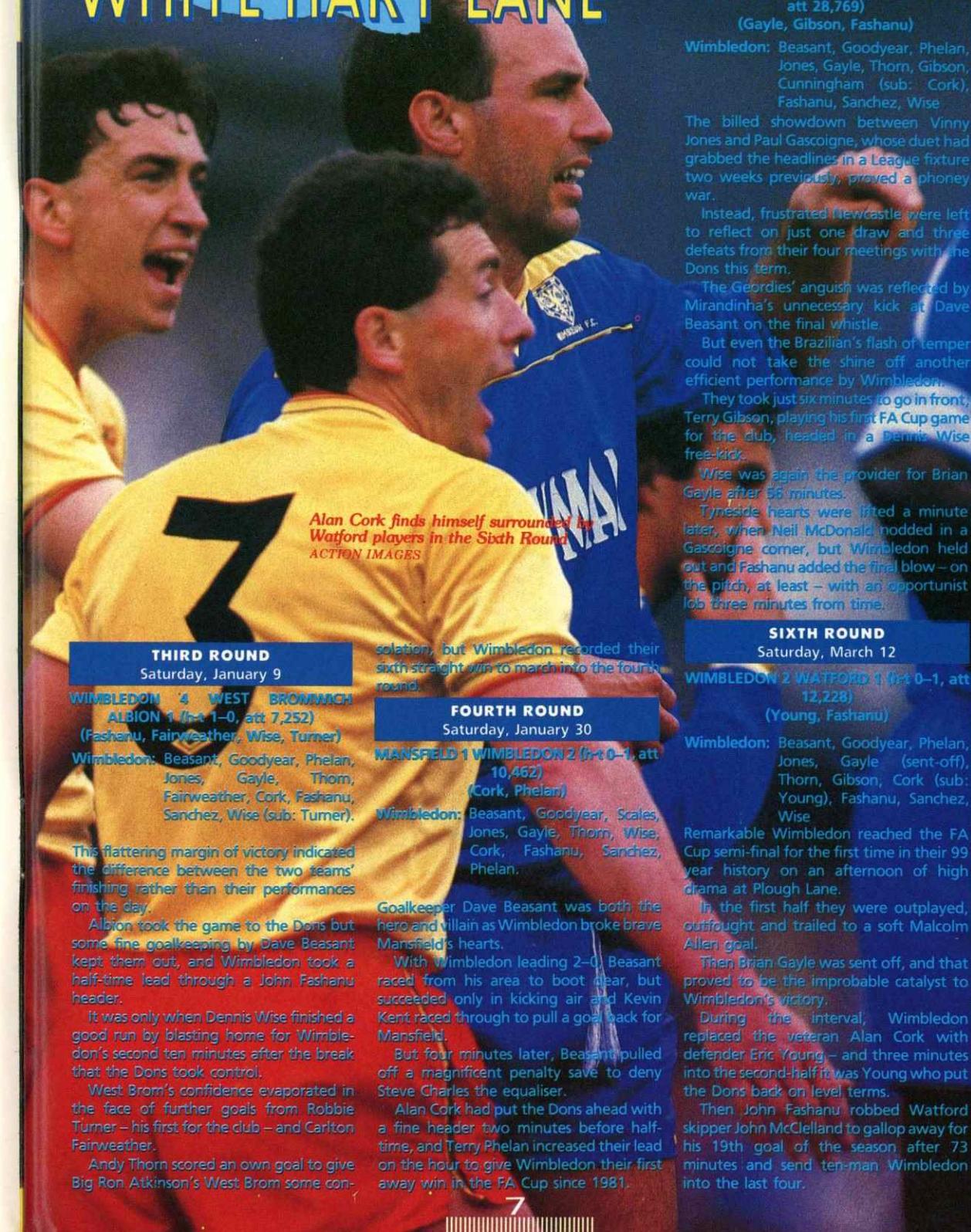
"We have worked diligently and, while Wimbledon are never going to be recognised as a good footballing side, the players are tremendous competitors. We inherited that and it has influenced us greatly."

"What we have done is to maintain the impetus of the last ten years."

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WIMBLEDON'S ROUTE TO WHITE HART LANE



FIFTH ROUND

Saturday, February 20

NEWCASTLE 1 WIMBLEDON 3 (h-t 0-1, att. 28,769)
(Gayle, Gibson, Fashanu)

Wimbledon: Beasant, Goodyear, Phelan, Jones, Gayle, Thorn, Gibson, Cunningham (sub: Cork), Fashanu, Sanchez, Wise

The billed showdown between Vinny Jones and Paul Gascoigne, whose duet had grabbed the headlines in a League fixture two weeks previously, proved a phoney war.

Instead, frustrated Newcastle were left to reflect on just one draw and three defeats from their four meetings with the Dons this term.

The Geordies' anguish was reflected by Mirandinha's unnecessary kick at Dave Beasant on the final whistle.

But even the Brazilian's flash of temper could not take the shine off another efficient performance by Wimbledon.

They took just six minutes to go in front, Terry Gibson, playing his first FA Cup game for the club, headed in a Dennis Wise free-kick.

Wise was again the provider for Brian Gayle after 56 minutes.

Tyneside hearts were lifted a minute later, when Neil McDonald nodded in a Gascoigne corner, but Wimbledon held out and Fashanu added the final blow – on the pitch, at least – with an opportunist lob three minutes from time.

SIXTH ROUND

Saturday, March 12

WIMBLEDON 2 WATFORD 1 (h-t 0-1, att. 12,228)
(Young, Fashanu)

Wimbledon: Beasant, Goodyear, Phelan, Jones, Gayle (sent-off), Thorn, Gibson, Cork (sub: Young), Fashanu, Sanchez, Wise

Remarkable Wimbledon reached the FA Cup semi-final for the first time in their 99 year history on an afternoon of high drama at Plough Lane.

In the first half they were outplayed, outfought and trailed to a soft Malcolm Allen goal.

Then Brian Gayle was sent off, and that proved to be the improbable catalyst to Wimbledon's victory.

During the interval, Wimbledon replaced the veteran Alan Cork with defender Eric Young – and three minutes into the second-half it was Young who put the Dons back on level terms.

Then John Fashanu robbed Watford skipper John McClelland to gallop away for his 19th goal of the season after 73 minutes and send ten-man Wimbledon into the last four.

THIRD ROUND

Saturday, January 9

WIMBLEDON 4 WEST BROMWICH

ALBION 1 (h-t 1-0, att. 7,252)

(Fashanu, Fairweather, Wise, Turner)

Wimbledon: Beasant, Goodyear, Phelan, Jones, Gayle, Thorn, Fairweather, Cork, Fashanu, Sanchez, Wise (sub: Turner).

This flattering margin of victory indicated the difference between the two teams' finishing rather than their performances on the day.

Albion took the game to the Dons but some fine goalkeeping by Dave Beasant kept them out, and Wimbledon took a half-time lead through a John Fashanu header.

It was only when Dennis Wise finished a good run by blasting home for Wimbledon's second ten minutes after the break that the Dons took control.

West Brom's confidence evaporated in the face of further goals from Robbie Turner – his first for the club – and Carlton Fairweather.

Andy Thorn scored an own goal to give Big Ron Atkinson's West Brom some con-

FOURTH ROUND

Saturday, January 30

MANSFIELD 1 WIMBLEDON 2 (h-t 0-1, att.

10,462)

(Cork, Phelan)

Wimbledon: Beasant, Goodyear, Scales, Jones, Gayle, Thorn, Wise, Cork, Fashanu, Sanchez, Phelan.

Goalkeeper Dave Beasant was both the hero and villain as Wimbledon broke brave Mansfield's hearts.

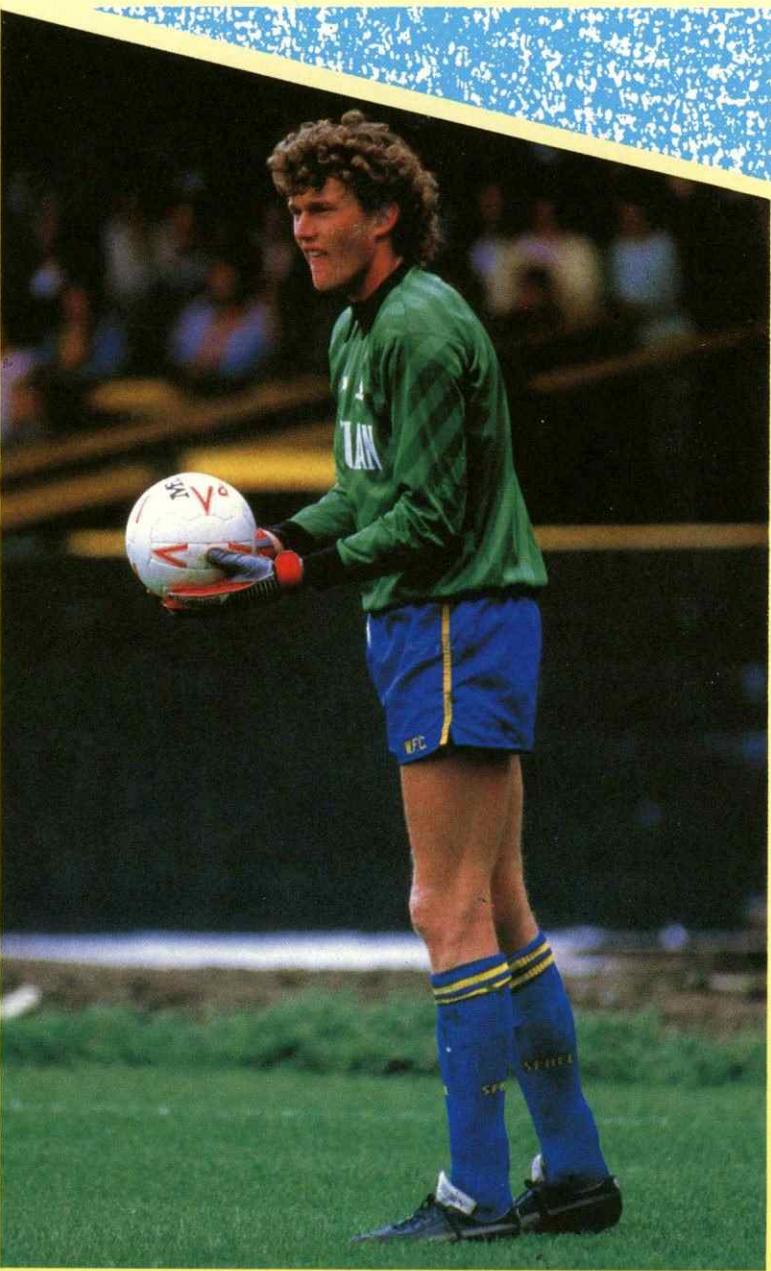
With Wimbledon leading 2-0, Beasant raced from his area to boot clear, but succeeded only in kicking air and Kevin Kent raced through to pull a goal back for Mansfield.

But four minutes later, Beasant pulled off a magnificent penalty save to deny Steve Charles the equaliser.

Alan Cork had put the Dons ahead with a fine header two minutes before half-time, and Terry Phelan increased their lead on the hour to give Wimbledon their first away win in the FA Cup since 1981.

CAPTAIN'S LOG

DAVE BEASANT



SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

DAVE BEASANT can see Wembley's twin towers from the bedroom of his Kingsbury home.

"I've often thought to myself that, one day, I would actually play there", says Wimbledon's giant goalkeeper and club captain.

"The nearest I've come so far is going to the dogs there on my stag night before I got married!"

In fact, Beasant and Plough Lane's First Division upstarts will have their wish granted next weekend, when the Dons join in the Football League's

Centenary birthday party at the Mercantile Credit Classic.

Before that, however, Wimbledon are planning a White Hart Lane party of their own this afternoon.

Dave says: "We are all very pleased the semi-final is being staged at White Hart Lane because we have enjoyed two good wins over Tottenham here on our last couple of visits.

CONTRAST

"We have performed quite well here – in stark contrast to our displays

against Arsenal at nearby Highbury, where we have yet to do ourselves justice.

"I'm also pleased for the fans because they only have to make a short hop across London for what is undoubtedly the biggest day out in the history of Wimbledon Football Club.

"This will be nothing like the quarter-finals. We are just 90 minutes, or one good performance, from a Wembley Cup Final, we're on somebody else's ground – and we are

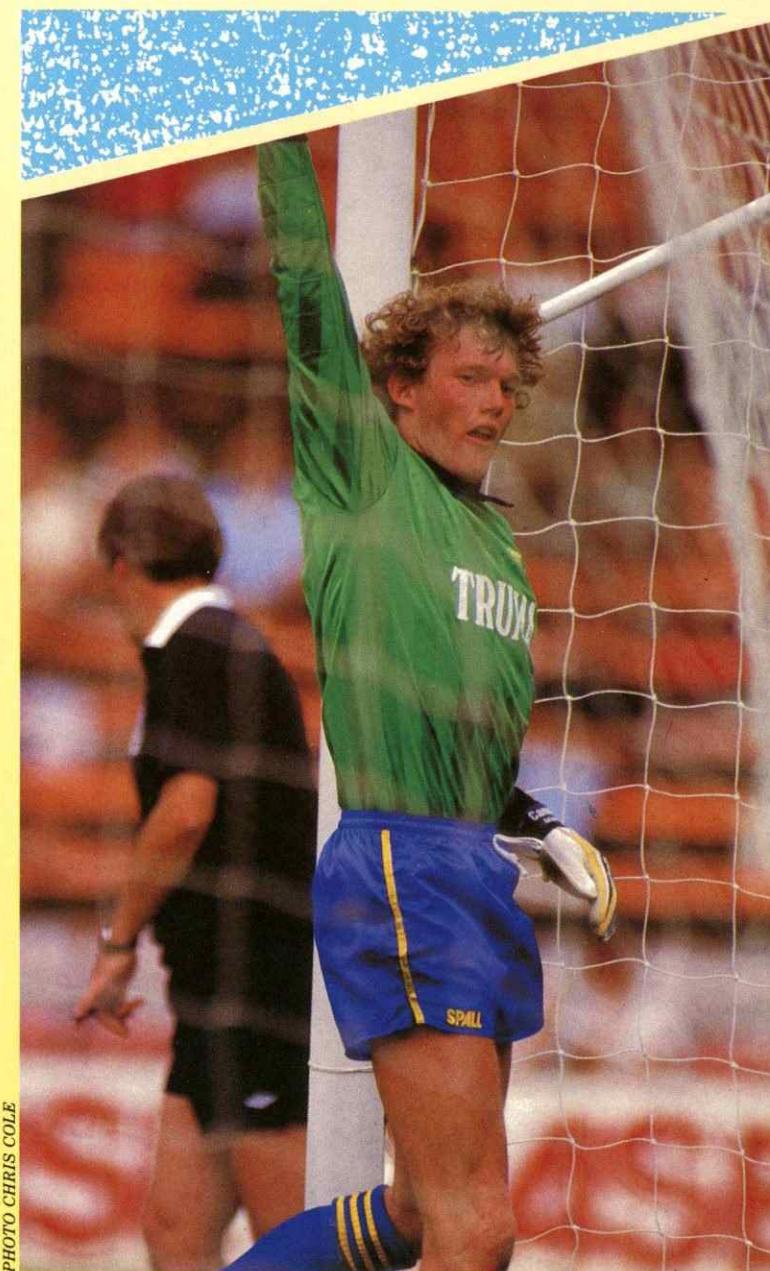


PHOTO CHRIS COLE

determined to be the ones throwing the party at the end of the day."

Dave is pleasantly surprised at the Dons' quick atonement for their slip-up in last season's quarter-finals against their hosts today, Tottenham.

"It's satisfying to make the last four this year after the disappointment of losing to Spurs last season", he says.

"When we beat Everton in the fifth round we made the mistake of thinking we'd done the hardest part by knocking out the best team left in the competition.

CHANCE

"It's a relief for me personally. When we lost to Tottenham last season, I

wondered if I'd blown my best chance of playing in a Cup Final.

"Our coach, Don Howe, told us when he came to the club that a top pro will only get ten chances of getting to Wembley – one chance per season.

"I've been playing for nine seasons now, so I think it's time I made my move."

Beasant has, in fact, been on the move with the Dons throughout his career. He played in all four divisions under former boss Dave Bassett as the club made its rapid climb to its current status as one of the country's most feared teams.

"It seems like an eternity since I was rolling around in thick mud at Hartlepool or playing at Halifax on a wet Tuesday night", says Beasant.

"But we feel we deserve to be where we are now. We may not be the most popular club to have reached the Cup semi-finals and the top half of the First Division – but it's a fact that we are there and we have earned it."

Dave, for one, is relieved that Wimbledon are facing Luton on a one-off basis, rather than in a two-legged, home-and-away semi-final.

CHAPTER

"As far as I'm concerned this is the final chapter in a best-of-three encounter", says the 6ft 4in man-mountain.

"They beat us 2-0 at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season and we beat Luton 2-0 at Plough Lane in the return to level things up.

"This one's the decider – winner take all."

Skipper Beasant's influence on the outcome of today's clash will not be confined to shot-stopping and marshalling his troops.

We can expect to see "Lurch" – a nickname bestowed upon him by former colleague Wally Downes, who likened him unto the Addams Family TV character – acting as an emergency sweeper, too.

"In our Third Division days, Dave Bassett asked me to dribble the ball out of my area before kicking it upfield to give my clearances more direction.

"I thought he was winding me up at first – but it's a tactic which has so far stood the test of time.

"It makes a change from me punting it straight up in the air and the ball coming down with snow on it!"

John Fashanu

WIMBLEDON sharpshooter John Fashanu has become a wise old man in terms of defying the odds.

Ever since soaring into League football with Norwich City, Fashanu's talents have either been dismissed or belittled – or so it would seem.

John says: "Since I can remember I've always had to prove people wrong. 'He's not good enough, he won't be able to do that' are phrases to which I've become accustomed. It doesn't bother me; in fact, it only serves to spur me on."

Certainly Wimbledon's No. 9 has enjoyed the last laugh on more than one occasion recently. Since joining the Dons for a then record £125,000 in March 1986, Fashanu's career has gone in one direction . . . upwards.

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"My philosophy is to aim for the stars. If you don't make the stars then you will reach the sky", says John, who has established himself as one of the most feared strikers in the country this season.

"Without a shadow of a doubt this has been my best season", he says. "I originally set myself a target of 25 goals, which I am confident of passing."

John's tally is even more impressive considering he is not a recognised penalty taker. His main rivals in the race to become Division One's top scorer, Brian McClair and John Aldridge, have boosted their totals from the penalty spot while Fashanu has struck exclusively in open play.

Indeed the Fashanu factor has not just been noted in London SW19. There have been calls for his inclusion in the England squad and the 25-year-old striker admits that an England cap remains his main ambition.

"I think the spirit and comradeship of Wimbledon has brought the best out of me", adds John, who was signed from South London rivals Millwall just six weeks before Wimbledon's fairy-tale promotion to Division One nine years after gaining League status.

"When I joined I could not envisage



what has taken place. I still don't think we receive the credit our achievements deserve and that can upset the players at times.

"We have a lot of players whose efforts are not recognised. Only now is Vinny Jones getting recognition. He has made a name for himself this season and people forget that 18 months ago he was still playing non-League football.

"He has developed into a very good midfielder and I'm sure he will receive a call-up to the full Welsh squad soon. He is hyper-active 24 hours a day and his energy rubs off on everybody else.

"Along with Brian Gayle and Dave Beasant, Vinny forms the backbone of the side. Those three are our key players and they epitomise the Wimbledon spirit", adds John, who says he is still learning his trade.

"I suppose in footballing terms I'm a bit wet behind the ears, but regarding international recognition I have time on my side.

"A lot of players have been working hard and have earned their international chance, so there is no point in rushing myself. It's flattering to be linked with the England team and I'm prepared to bide my time."

Fashanu is quick to praise the efforts of manager Bobby Gould and coach Don Howe since they teamed up at Plough Lane at the beginning of the season.

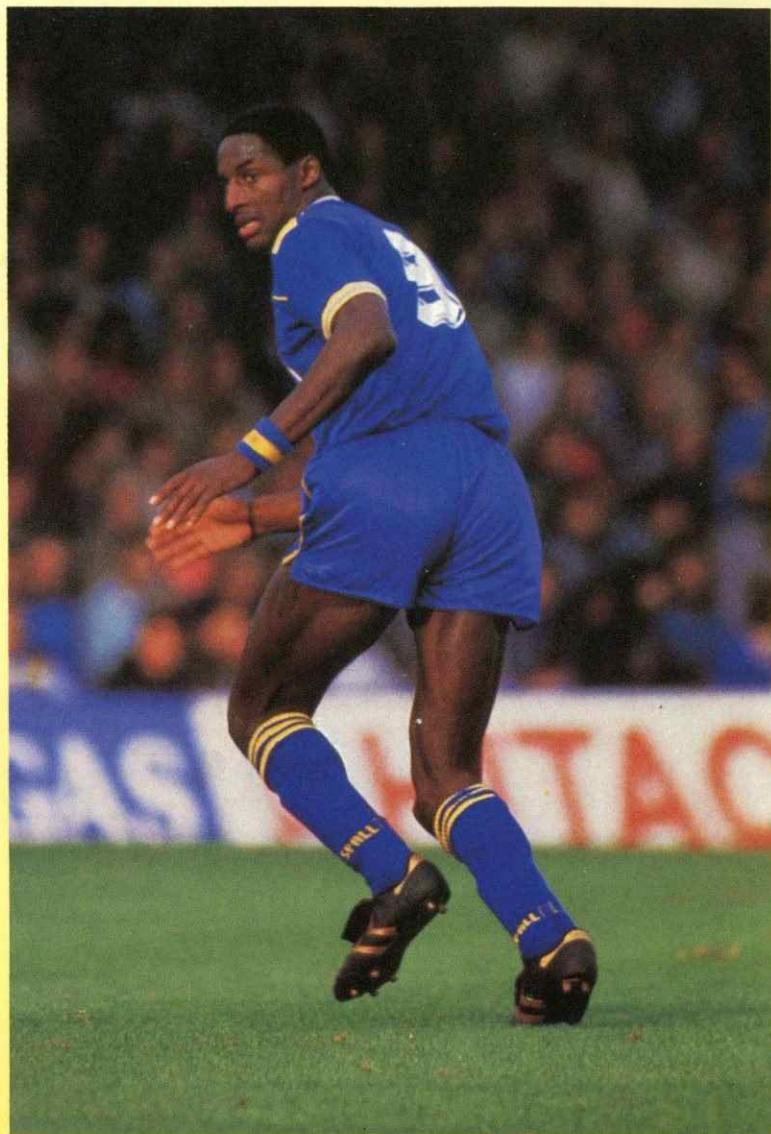
"Bobby has done a magnificent job. When he came he was facing a mountain but he has kept things basically the same, brought in a few new players and reaped the rewards.

"These are very successful times for the club and I think today's semi-final should prove to be a great match.

"Luton are an exciting team and possess an extremely effective front-line with the two Stein brothers and Mick Harford. They play good football and I won't place any relevance on our two matches this season.

"It will be about how the teams react on the day and how much they want to win. Last season in our quarter-final against Tottenham, we froze and lost. I'm sure we won't repeat that performance."

For years Fashanu lived with the



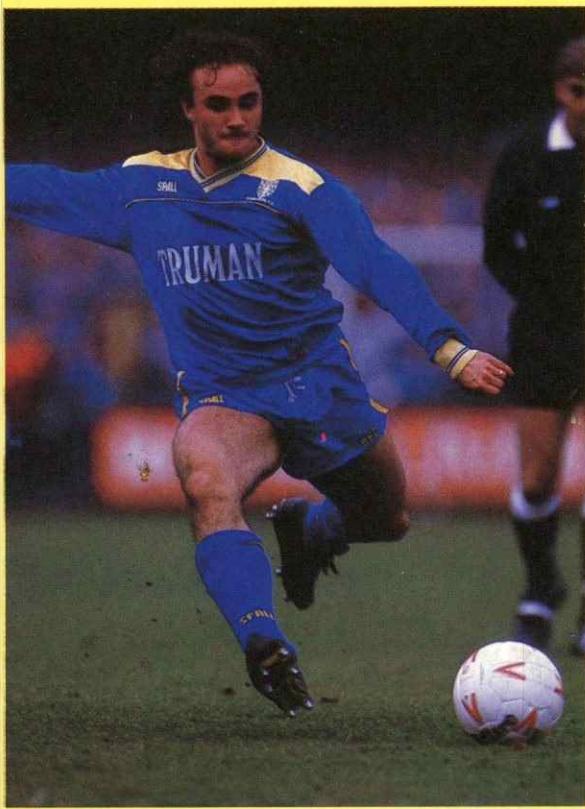
shadow of his £1 million brother Justin lingering over him. Many thought Fash Junior would fail to match the lofty heights achieved by Justin in the early part of his career.

Justin collected England Under-21 honours, was one of the country's most consistent marksmen at the beginning of the decade and looked destined for a glorious career after a £1 million move from Norwich to Nottingham Forest.

But injury and loss of form knocked

the stuffing out of Fash the elder. Now John aims to carry on where his brother left off.

"In terms of experience I have now gained as much as Justin acquired in his career. I have worked under some great coaches and managers – George Graham, Don Howe, Dave Bassett, John Bond, Mel Machin, Ken Brown and Bobby Gould have all helped me tremendously. If they haven't made me a better player then I have no chance."



▲ TERRY GIBSON — ALAN CORK ▼



ACTION IMAGES

DAVE BEASANT: Club captain and goalkeeper. Is also a makeshift "sweeper" and free-kick taker in his half of the field. Spotted by Wimbledon in May 1979, when they played his former team Edgware. He signed for the Dons in August 1979, and has been ever-present for the last seven-and-a-half seasons. Born: Willesden. Age: 29

JOHN SCALES: A versatile defender who has spent much of this season at right-back. A former apprentice with Leeds United, he followed manager Bobby Gould from Bristol Rovers in the summer of 1987, for £75,000 and has become an important part of the Wimbledon defence. Born: Harrogate. Age: 21

TERRY PHELAN: Former Republic of Ireland youth international who signed from Swansea City for £90,000 in the close-season. He began his career at Leeds United, but made just 14 appearances before moving to Wales. Scored his first goal for Wimbledon in the FA Cup Fourth Round tie at Mansfield (won 2-1). Born: Manchester. Age: 21

ANDY THORN: A central defender who progressed through the club's junior ranks to become a regular member of the first team during the Second Division promotion season of 1985/86. His form at the heart of the Dons defence earned him a call-up to the England Under-21 side, and he made his international debut against West Germany in September last year. Born: Carshalton. Age: 21

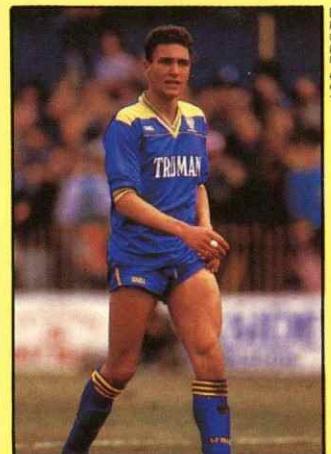
BRIAN GAYLE: Central Defender who has had mixed fortunes in the FA Cup this season. He scored in the Fifth Round victory over Newcastle, but was sent off in the last round against Watford. A product of the Wimbledon youth scheme, he made the break-through into the first-team in season 1984/85. Born: London. Age: 23

LAWRIE SANCHEZ: Began his career as an 18-year-old at Reading, making his debut against Wimbledon on October 1, 1977. He went on to make 262 appearances (28 goals) for Reading before joining Wimbledon for £20,000 in December 1984. Northern Ireland international who qualified through his mother's nationality. Born: Lambeth. Age: 28

CLIVE GOODYEAR: Versatile performer who has played in both defence and midfield this season. Joined the club from Plymouth Argyle during last summer for £50,000. Was previously at Luton Town, before moving to Home Park in August 1984. Suffered a serious knee injury in the League win over Spurs last month. Born: Lincoln. Age: 27

VINCE JONES: Midfield player who combined playing non-League football at Wealdstone with working as a hod-carrier. Signed for the Dons in November 1986 for a bargain £8,000. He quickly started to repay that fee with the winning goal against Manchester United on his home debut (29.11.86). He missed the first two months of the season with a knee injury sustained during pre-season training. Born: Watford. Age: 23

JOHN FASHANU: Joined Wimbledon two seasons ago from London neighbours Millwall for a then club record fee of



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£125,000 (see Terry Gibson). Had a spell at Cambridge United before making his League debut with Norwich City. He then spent a period on loan with Crystal Palace in November 1984. His goal in the Sixth Round against Watford took him past his previous best total for a season of 18 goals, which he set while at The Den. Born: Kensington. Age: 25

ALAN CORK: Joined Wimbledon on a free transfer from Derby County in 1978, and is now in his testimonial year with the club. He is the Dons' longest serving player, having played in all four divisions with the club, and is also Wimbledon's all-time top scorer. Born: Derby. Age: 29

TERRY GIBSON: Won England caps at schoolboy and youth levels. Learned his trade with Tottenham (4 goals in 18 games) before moving to the Midlands when Bobby Gould, then manager of Coventry City, signed him (43 goals in 98 games). Left Highfield Road for Manchester United in a deal worth £650,000, but he could not establish himself at Old Trafford, and moved to Wimbledon last summer for a club record £200,000. Missed 16 games earlier in the season following a hernia operation in December last year. Born: Walthamstow. Age: 25

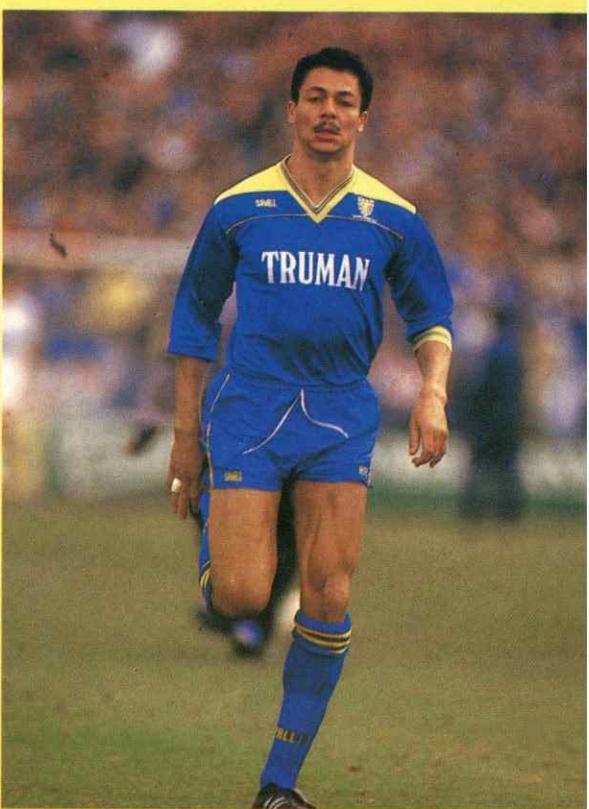
THE MEN FROM PLOUGH LANE

DENNIS WISE: Arrived at Plough Lane on a free transfer from Southampton in March 1985. A Londoner, he served his apprenticeship at The Dell. His goal against West Bromwich Albion in the Third Round was his fifth of the season – taking him past his previous best of four goals in one season. Born: Kensington. Age: 21

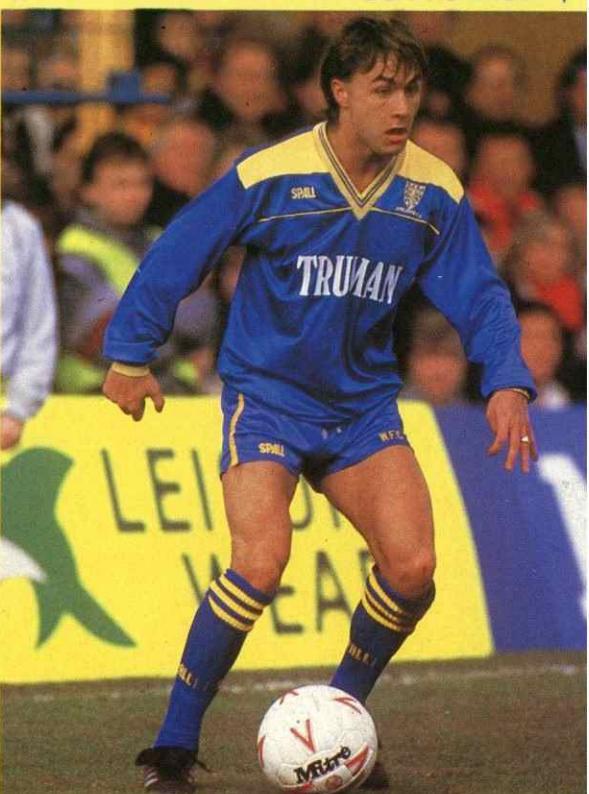
VAUGHAN RYAN: Midfield player who was a regular first-team member for the first three months of this season, until he sustained a fractured jaw on November 7 against Southampton. He was out of the side for 11 games, returning on January 2. Born: Westminster. Age: 19

LAURIE CUNNINGHAM: Former England international (6 caps). Started his career at Orient before moving, via West Brom to Real Madrid for £995,000. Had mixed fortunes while in Spain, despite helping Real to a League and Cup double in his first season and a subsequent European Cup Final in 1981, suffered several serious injuries (one of which kept him out for nearly two years) and a loss of form. Was loaned by Real for short spells to Manchester United and Sporting Gijon (Spain) before moving to Marseille in 1984. After another loan spell at Leicester City in 1985/86 he moved to Charleroi (Belgium) before returning to England with Wimbledon on a free transfer in February. Made his debut for the Dons in the FA Cup Fifth Round victory over Newcastle (3-1). Born: London. Age: 32

ERIC YOUNG: A 6ft 2in defender signed from Brighton for £60,000 in the summer of 1987. Joined the "Seagulls" from Vauxhall-Opel League side Slough Town, and made 126 appearances for them before moving to Wimbledon. Returned after six matches out of the side to score Wimbledon's equaliser three minutes after coming on as sub in the FA Cup Sixth Round win over Watford. Born: Singapore. Age: 28

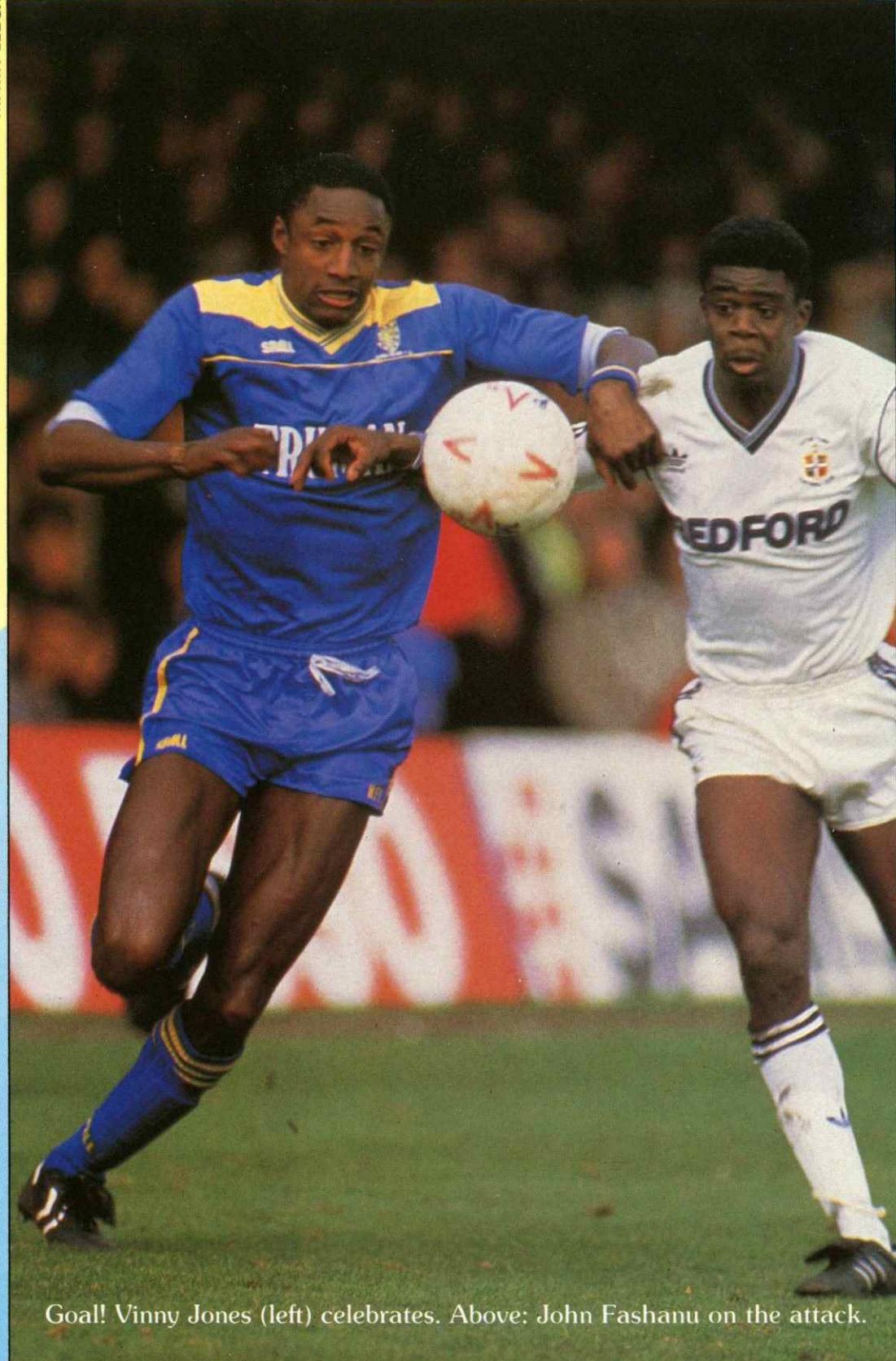


▲ BRIAN GALE — DENNIS WISE ▼





MARK LEECH



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Goal! Vinny Jones (left) celebrates. Above: John Fashanu on the attack.

Wimbledon

Manager: Bobby Gould

Colours: Royal blue shirts with yellow trim, Royal blue shorts with yellow trim, Royal blue socks

- 1 DAVE BEASANT
- 2 JOHN SCALES
- 3 TERRY PHELAN
- 4 VINCE JONES
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- 6 ANDY THORN
- 7 LAURIE CUNNINGHAM
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V Luton

Manager: Ray Harford

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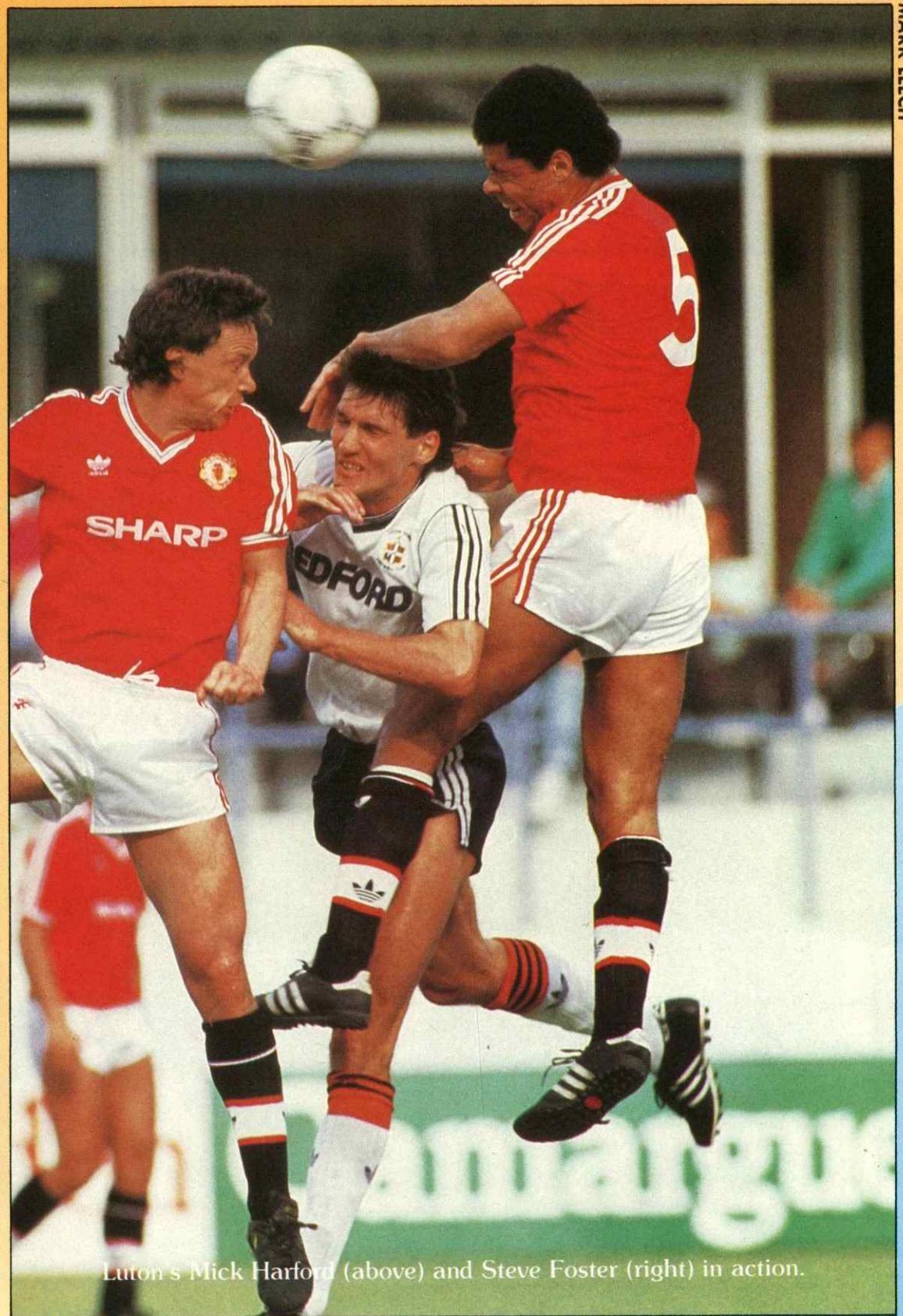
BACK ROW (left to right): Lawrie Sanchez, Peter Cawley, Eric Young, Dave Beasant, Andy Thorn, Brian Gayle, Alan Cork.
MIDDLE: Carlton Fairweather, John Scales, Paul Miller, Simon Tracey, John Fashanu, Vince Jones, Clive Goodyear.
FRONT: Andy Clement, Ian Hazel, Terry Gibson, Terry Phelan, Dennis Wise, Vaughan Ryan, Laurie Cunningham, John Gannon.



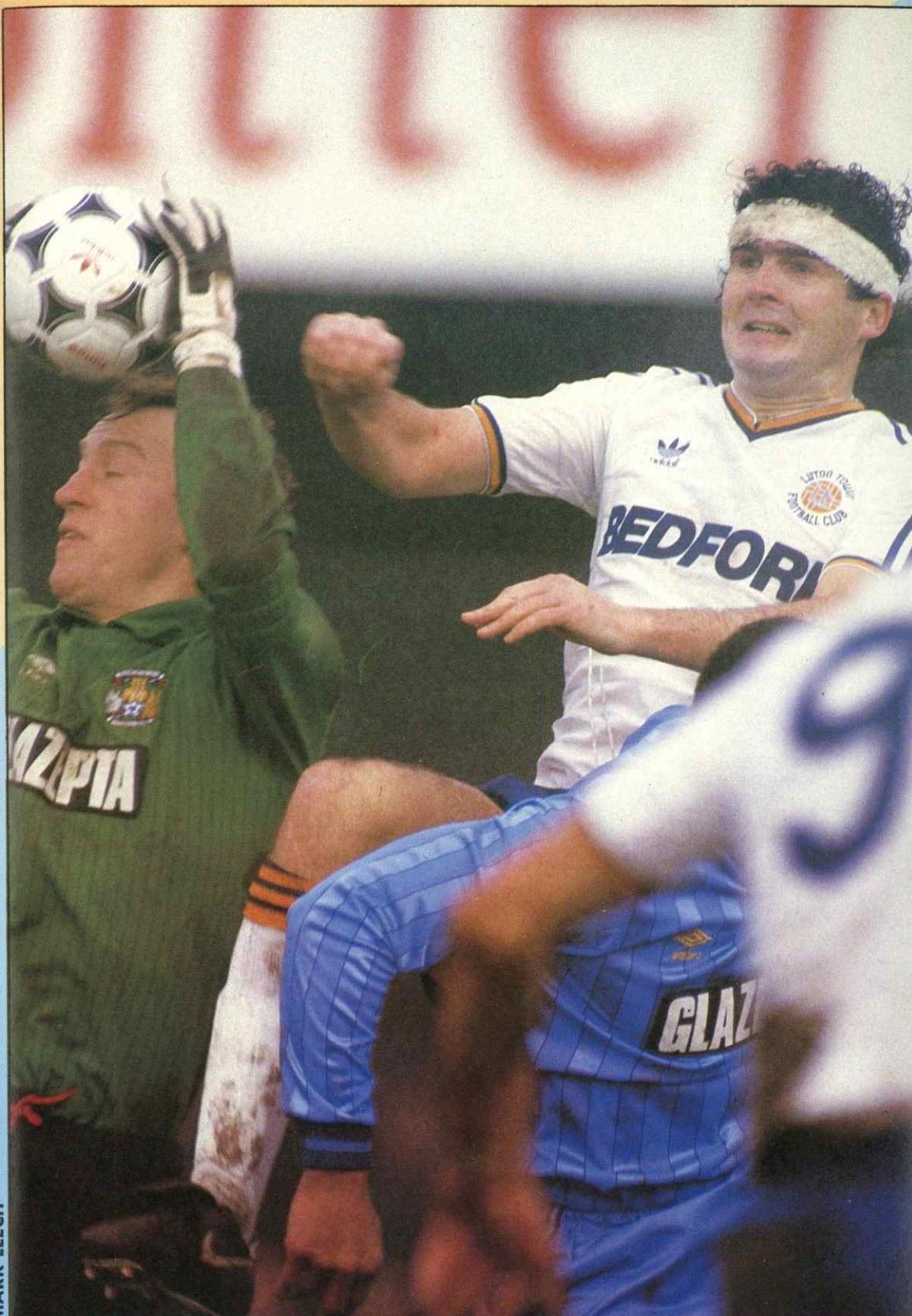
BACK ROW (left to right): Rob Johnson, Richard Harvey, Tim Breacker, Gary Cobb, Kingsley Black, Paul Gray, Ricky McEvoy.
MIDDLE ROW: Emeka Nwajiobi, Mal Donaghy, Darren McDonough, Andy Dibble, Les Sealey, Mick Harford, Marvin Johnson, David Oldfield
FRONT ROW: Danny Wilson, Ashley Grimes, Steve Foster, Brian Stein, Ian Allinson, Mark Stein.

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Luton's Mick Harford (above) and Steve Foster (right) in action.





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RAY HARFORD is 90 minutes away from a fourth Wembley appearance for his Luton side in his first season as manager at Kenilworth Road.

He must be thankful that fate decided that he ring his close soccer pal, Jim Smith, the Queens Park Rangers manager, and turn down the chance of a job with him.

Ray had been at Luton a matter of days when Smith asked former Rangers chairman Jim Gregory if he could recruit the former Fulham coach and manager. Smith and Harford played together at Lincoln; Smith

later signed Ray as a player when he was managing Colchester.

PRESSURE

Gregory agreed, and Smith made a phone call to his pal offering him a lucrative deal to move to Loftus Road. Harford, to his credit, decided to honour his decision to join John Moore at Kenilworth Road ... and now finds himself on the threshold of at least three Wembley appearances.

When John quit at the end of last season because he did not like the

RAY HARFORD

front-line pressure of the manager's role, Ray stepped in.

A modest, unassuming type, he doesn't like the attendant duties of office work and dealing with the media any more than Moore – he is every inch a players' man.

He sums up his role as manager of top First Division side now very much in the limelight by saying: "The bit I love the best is working with the players ... particularly the next batch."

"My first team, to some extent, takes care of itself. My role there is to organise them and discipline them."

Victory against Wimbledon this afternoon will give Ray pleasure. But he swears he won't get a bigger kick than the day last season when his youth side won the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup.

His "next batch" includes some exciting youngsters who are making their mark this season – Harford will tell you to watch out for Kings Black as one for the future – and have been blooded in the Simod Cup and the occasional League game.

REPUTATION

Ray earned a reputation as a coach at Fulham, where he brought players such as Ray Houghton, Paul Parke and Dean Coney to prominence.

While the names of Mick Harford, Steve Foster, Mal Donaghy, Brian Stein, and so on, might be known in the soccer world, the Luton boss is quick to point out that five home-grown youngsters have made it into his first team this season.

If his "next batch" carry on the season's achievements, Harford's decision to say 'No' to QPR will make even more sense.

YOURS FOR THE PRICE OF MICK HARFORD'S BIG TOE.



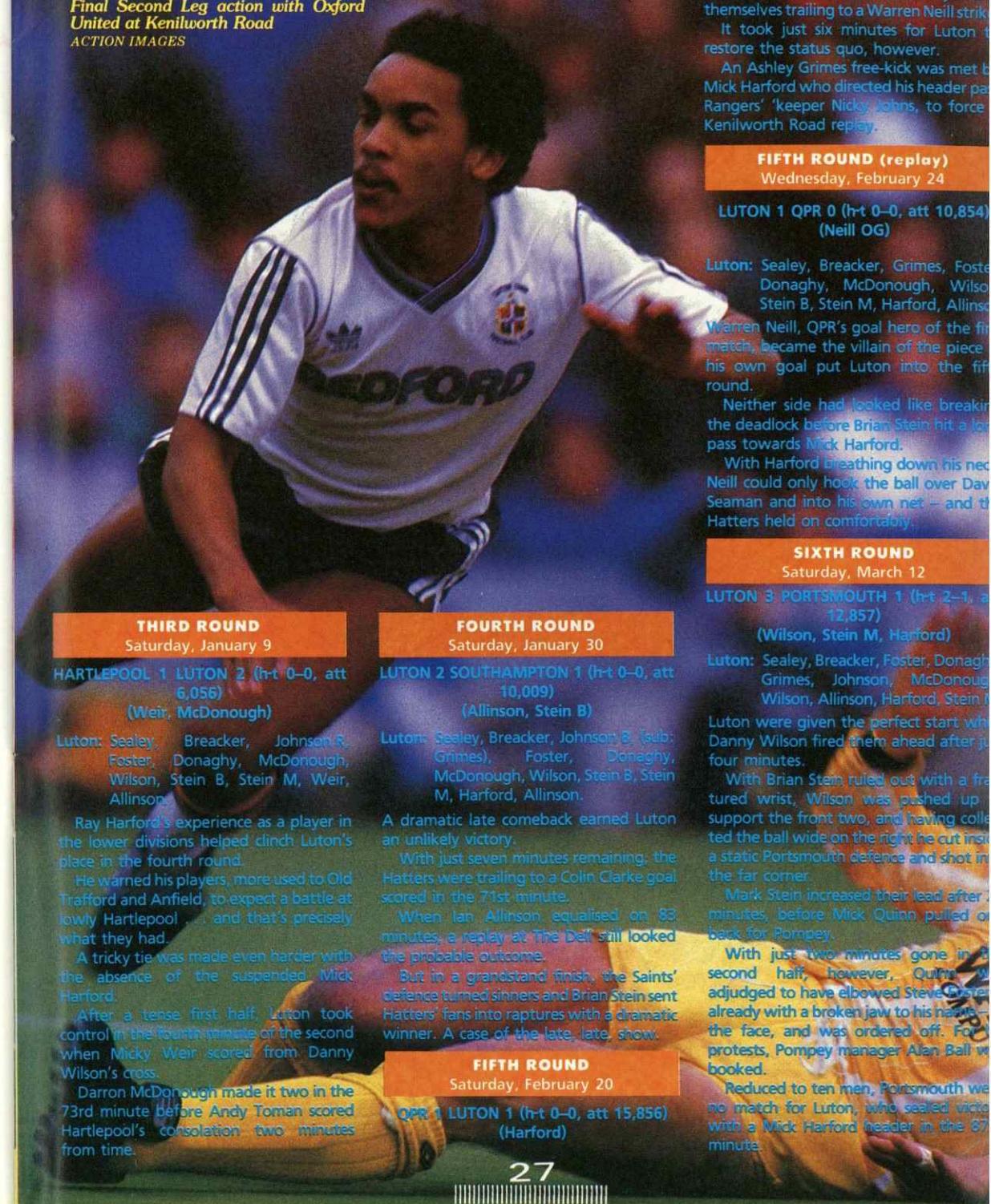
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LUTON'S ROUTE TO WHITE HART LANE

Mark Stein in Littlewoods Cup Semi-Final Second Leg action with Oxford United at Kenilworth Road
ACTION IMAGES



THIRD ROUND

Saturday, January 9

HARTLEPOOL 1 LUTON 2 (h-t 0-0, att 6,056)
(Weir, McDonough)

Luton: Sealey, Breacker, Johnson R, Foster, Donaghy, McDonough, Wilson, Stein B, Stein M, Weir, Allinson

Ray Harford's experience as a player in the lower divisions helped clinch Luton's place in the fourth round.

He warned his players, more used to Old Trafford and Anfield, to expect a battle at lowly Hartlepool... and that's precisely what they had.

A tricky tie was made even harder with the absence of the suspended Mick Harford.

After a tense first half, Luton took control in the fourth minute of the second when Micky Weir scored from Danny Wilson's cross.

Darron McDonough made it two in the 73rd minute before Andy Toman scored Hartlepool's consolation two minutes from time.

FOURTH ROUND

Saturday, January 30

LUTON 2 SOUTHAMPTON 1 (h-t 0-0, att 10,009)
(Allinson, Stein B)

Luton: Sealey, Breacker, Johnson B, (sub: Grimes), Foster, Donaghy, McDonough, Wilson, Stein B, Stein M, Weir, Allinson, Harford, Stein M, Harford, Allinson

A dramatic late comeback earned Luton an unlikely victory.

With just seven minutes remaining, the Hatters were trailing to a Colin Clarke goal scored in the 71st minute.

When Ian Allinson equalised on 83 minutes, a replay at The Dell still looked the probable outcome.

But in a grandstand finish, the Saints' defence turned sinners and Brian Stein sent Hatters' fans into raptures with a dramatic winner. A case of the late, late, show.

FIFTH ROUND

Saturday, February 20

QPR 1 LUTON 1 (h-t 0-0, att 15,856)
(Harford)

Luton: Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, Foster, Donaghy, McDonough, Wilson, Stein B, Stein M, Harford, Allinson
Mick Harford's 65th minute header earned Luton a replay in this clash of the Football League's plastic pioneers.

After weathering Rangers' early bombardment, Luton began to find the rhythm but after 59 minutes they found themselves trailing to a Warren Neill strike.

It took just six minutes for Luton to restore the status quo, however.

An Ashley Grimes free-kick was met by Mick Harford who directed his header past Rangers' keeper Nicky Johns, to force Kenilworth Road replay.

FIFTH ROUND (replay)

Wednesday, February 24

LUTON 1 QPR 0 (h-t 0-0, att 10,854)
(Neill OG)

Luton: Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, Foster, Donaghy, McDonough, Wilson, Stein B, Stein M, Harford, Allinson
Warren Neill, QPR's goal hero of the first match, became the villain of the piece as his own goal put Luton into the fifth round.

Neither side had looked like breaking the deadlock before Brian Stein hit a long pass towards Mick Harford.

With Harford breathing down his neck, Neill could only hook the ball over David Seaman and into his own net – and the Hatters held on comfortably.

SIXTH ROUND

Saturday, March 12

LUTON 3 PORTSMOUTH 1 (h-t 2-1, a 12,857)
(Wilson, Stein M, Harford)

Luton: Sealey, Breacker, Foster, Donaghy, Grimes, Johnson, McDonough, Wilson, Allinson, Harford, Stein M, Harford, Allinson
Luton were given the perfect start when Danny Wilson fired them ahead after just four minutes.

With Brian Stein ruled out with a fractured wrist, Wilson was pushed up to support the front two, and having collected the ball wide on the right he cut inside a static Portsmouth defence and shot in the far corner.

Mark Stein increased their lead after 33 minutes, before Mick Quinn pulled one back for Pompey.

With just two minutes gone in the second half, however, Quinn was adjudged to have elbowed Steve Foster already with a broken jaw to his nose, the face, and was ordered off. Foster protests, Pompey manager Alan Ball was booked.

Reduced to ten men, Portsmouth were no match for Luton, who sealed victory with a Mick Harford header in the 87th minute.

STEVE FOSTER

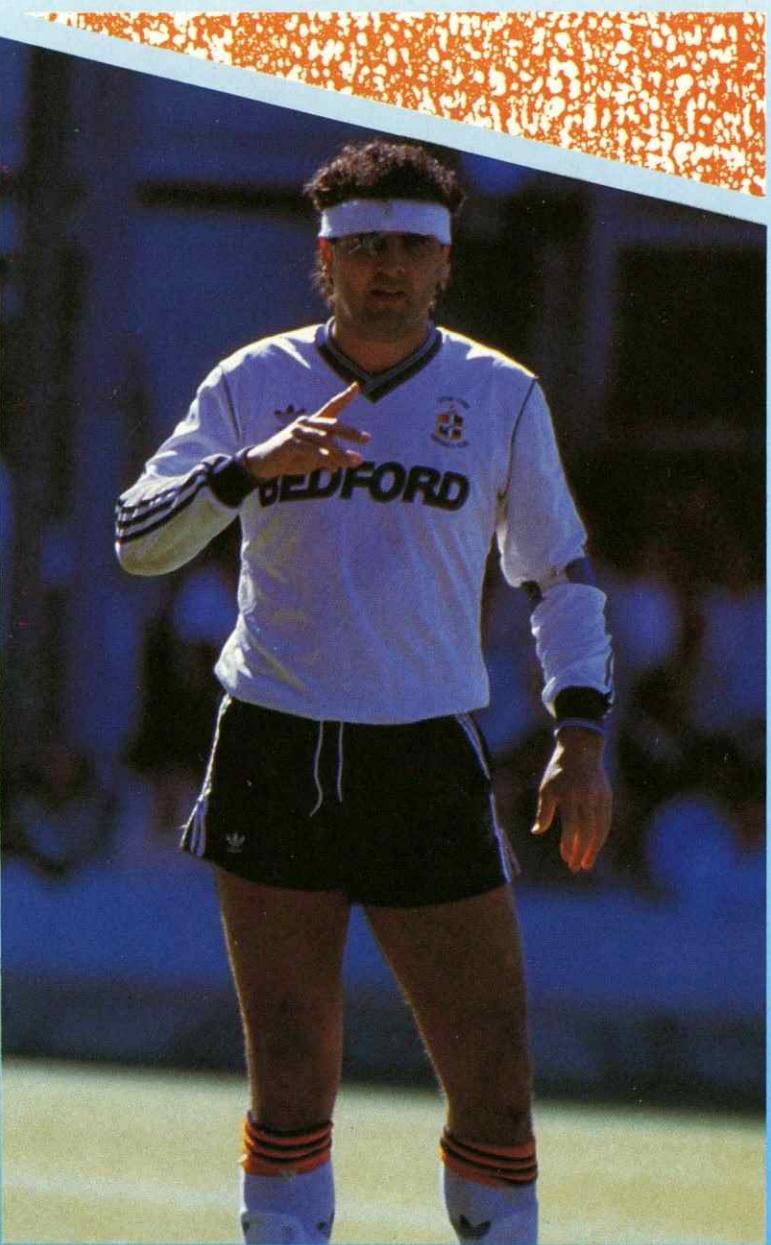
CAPTAIN'S LOG

STEVE FOSTER can justly claim to be one of football's genuine trend-setters.

For the distinctive white headband he wears for every match, to protect scar tissue on his forehead, has become his personal trademark.

And, indeed, it has been adopted by other centre-halves in his rugged mould (Eric Young of Wimbeldon among them) who have suffered needle-and-thread treatment aplenty as the legacy of marking the country's top centre-forwards.

Luton's player-captain-coach, in fact, was originally destined for a



ALL SPORT

career as a striker; now he stands on the brink of leading the Hatters to a remarkable quartet of Wembley appearances as their defensive kingpin.

Steve recalls his early days as a centre-forward with Portsmouth with not a little embarrassment.

"I was a lousy centre-forward", he says. "I lost count of the number of times I had a goal at my mercy and blasted my shot miles wide."

RELEASED

With a finishing pedigree like that, it

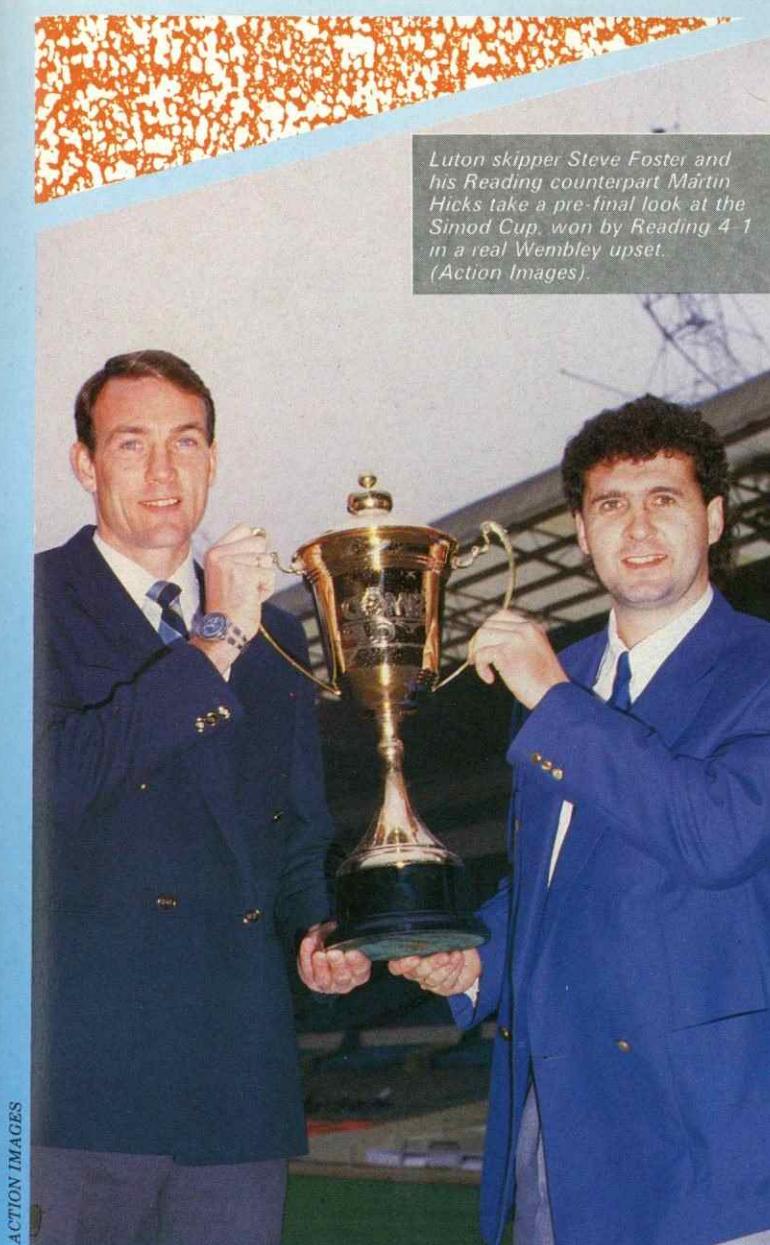
was little wonder that Southampton, Foster's first club, released him after a three-year apprenticeship at The Dell on schoolboy forms.

Pompey, then managed by Ian St John and Frank Burrows, gave him one last chance to make the grade.

His debut at Fratton Park, as a raw, temperamental target man at 17 years of age, was hardly inspiring.

"I was petrified", he recalls. "My performance was disastrous. I spent the whole match running around like a chicken with no head, chasing anything that moved."

Foster's undistinguished career as a



ACTION IMAGES

Luton skipper Steve Foster and his Reading counterpart Martin Hicks take a pre-final look at the Simod Cup, won by Reading 4-1 in a real Wembley upset. (Action Images).

striker was mercifully soon to come to an end. As fortune would have it, an injury crisis at Portsmouth prompted St John to switch him to centre-back for a reserve game.

At the time, it smacked of a managerial move borne out of desperation. Instead, it proved to be the moment at which a career, culminating in international honours and – this season at least – Wembley appearances galore, took root.

HAPPY

"From that point, my career changed

dramatically", says Steve. "I thought it was only going to be a temporary arrangement, but the boss asked me to have a go in that position for the first team and I was happy to help out.

"I did OK and I even scored with a beautiful header from 20 yards. Everything about it was perfect ... except that it went in the wrong net!"

Despite that aberration, the genesis of one of the game's most consistent centre-halves had been formed.

Such was Foster's transformation from failed striker to accomplished

stopper – "It's much easier to be destructive than constructive", he says – that "Fozzie" and headband went to Wembley, Luton's adopted second home this season, as long as five years ago.

That, of course, was a bitter-sweet-bitter experience with another of his previous clubs, Brighton and Hove Albion.

Steve was suspended from the Cup Final against Manchester United in 1983 after totting up too many disciplinary points at the wrong time.

He was the second of a hat-trick of captains to miss FA Cup Finals because of suspension; Glenn Roeder, of QPR, played against Tottenham in the 1-1 draw in 1982, only to miss the replay, and Watford's Wilf Rostron missed Elton John's big day out against Everton in 1984.

REPLAY

For Rostron, there was no reprieve; but Brighton's 2-2 draw with United forced a replay for which Foster was eligible.

So that headband led the Seagulls up football's most famous tunnel after all – but there was no happy ending, as United cruised to a 4-0 replay win.

It was, nonetheless, an emotional occasion for Steve; so desperate had he been to play in the original game that he even took the Football Association to the High Court to dispute the legality of the caution at Notts County which took him over the 30-point disciplinary mark.

"Sitting in court has been very slow, like having your teeth pulled out at the dentist's", he said at the time of the hearing.

When he was ruled out of that 1983 Cup Final, Steve feared his only chance of glory in domestic cup competitions might have gone.

He could hardly have envisaged booking a season ticket for the twin towers with the Hatters.

Likewise, in those dark days as a hapless striker at Portsmouth, he could scarcely have expected to go on and win three England caps as a central defender, to play in the World Cup Finals (in Spain in 1982) ... and for that headband to become a symbol of the Hatters' repetitive march on Empire Way.

Mick Harford

AN England cap and a Wembley Cup Final appearance were the personal targets of Luton centre-forward Mick Harford when he began his career with Lincoln City eleven years ago.

Fittingly, he has chosen Luton's most successful season in which to realise both dreams.

When he was overlooked for the 1986 World Cup squad, it looked as if Harford may have missed the international boat. But his consistent form at Kenilworth Road earned him a call-up for the 'B' team match in Malta in February, a game in which he scored in England's 2-0 win.

And when Mark Hateley dropped out of the squad for the friendly in Israel, Mick at last received his first senior call-up – and his season has been a catalogue of successes ever since.

PRESSURE

He says: "I felt very proud when I won an England 'B' cap earlier this season and I was obviously delighted to get on the scoresheet.

"The feeling I had when I was called into the full squad was something else, though.

"I had never given up hope of playing for England – but I still couldn't believe it when I was named for the Israel trip.

"Now I just hope to continue playing well and put pressure on the more established players like Mark Hateley."

Luton's astonishing Cup record this term, with Harford its spearhead, will keep Hateley looking over his shoulder for a while yet.

So far as his Wembley dreams go, Harford could scarcely have hoped to be aiming for the twin towers on four fronts this season.

DREAM

Luton have already appeared in the Simod Cup Final; next week they return there for the Mercantile Credit Classic Festival of Football; and just a week after that, they are back at



Wembley again for the Littlewoods Cup Final against Arsenal.

Mick says: 'Naturally I share every footballer's dream of appearing at Wembley.

"But just playing there won't be enough. I want to be a winner."

When the season began, however, Harford was anything but a winner. The opening game of the campaign, at Derby, was just four minutes old when he was sent off. He saw red again at Everton on Boxing Day.

He says: "It's more a case of the odd moment of madness rather than being tough, but I know I have got to curb it.

"Being sent off only harms your team and sitting out the two-match bans is agony."

GLAMOUR

Indeed, Harford could easily have missed out on Luton's cup successes for entirely different reasons.

At one stage, it looked as though he would leave Kenilworth Road for a move to one of the country's glamour clubs.

He says: "The fact that Luton valued me at £1 million did not really put me under any pressure. In fact, I was rather flattered.

"When I think of some of the players who have been sold for that sort of money, I feel pleased to be bracketed with them.

"The only offer that I know of that was acceptable to Luton was from West Ham.

HAPPY

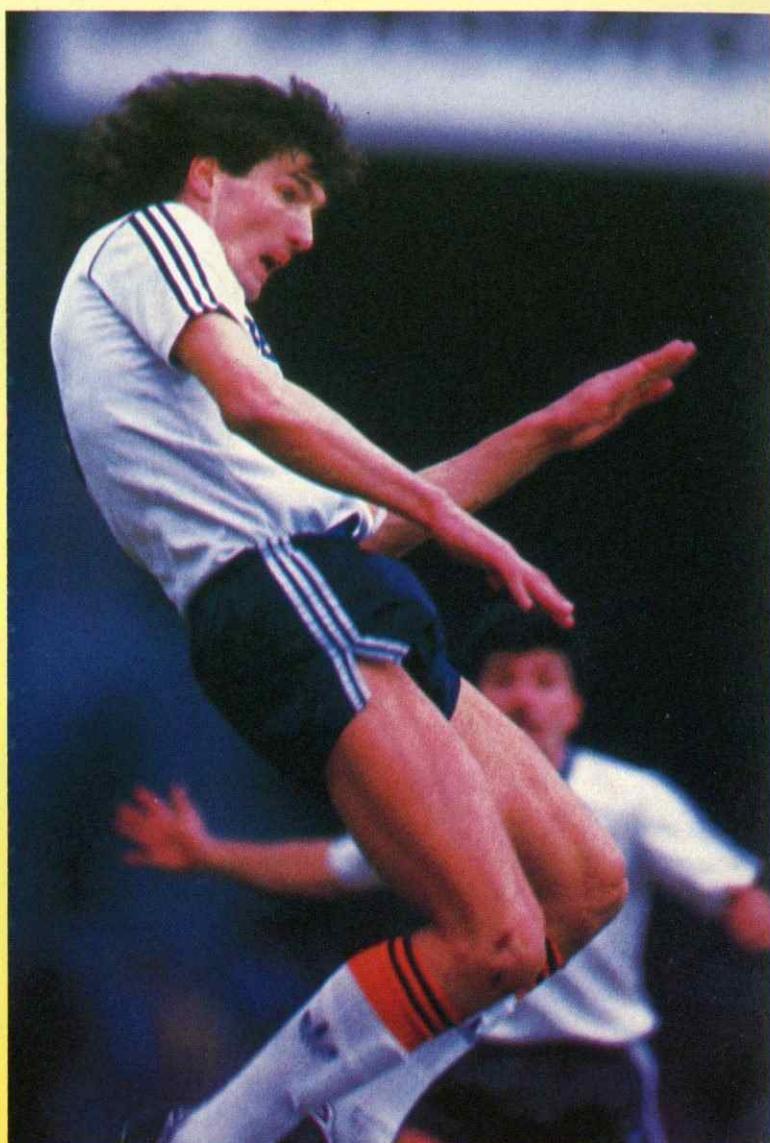
"I gave the offer a lot of thought, but although West Ham are a very good club, I did not think that the move was the right one for me at the time.

"I was very pleased to sign the contract that Luton offered me.

"It was a very good deal and, as I had recently moved house, the best thing to do seemed to stay put.

"I have always been happy at Luton. We are a happy club and that is important. They were especially good to me when I was out injured for a long period.

"They really looked after me, they were patient, and they didn't put me



under pressure at all. My time at Luton has been the best and happiest of my career."

Conversely, it could be said Luton's happiest days as a footballing force have coincided with Harford's tenancy of the No. 9 shirt; certainly his decision to stay with Bedfordshire's sole League representatives has worked out well for both club and player.

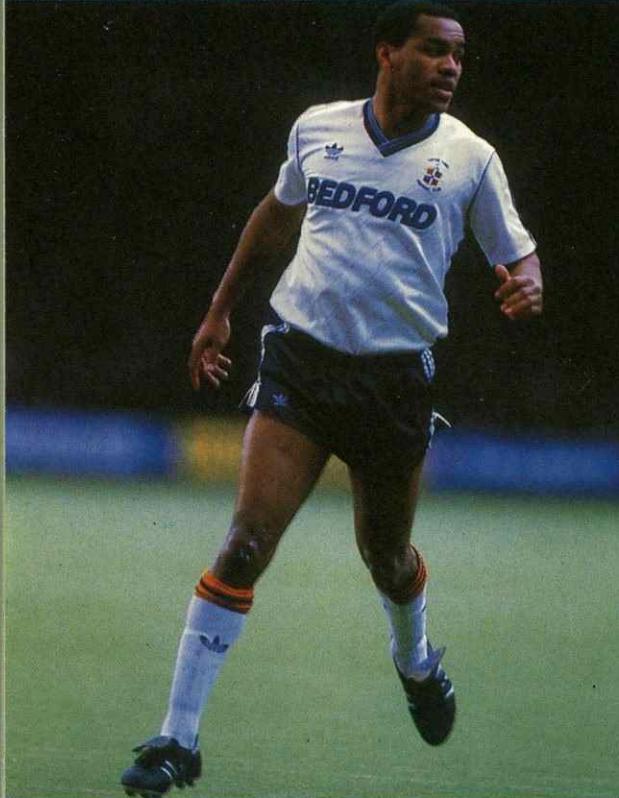
Ominously for Wimbledon, Mick lists White Hart Lane as one of his

favourite away grounds.

"I don't know why, but I always seem to play well here", he says.

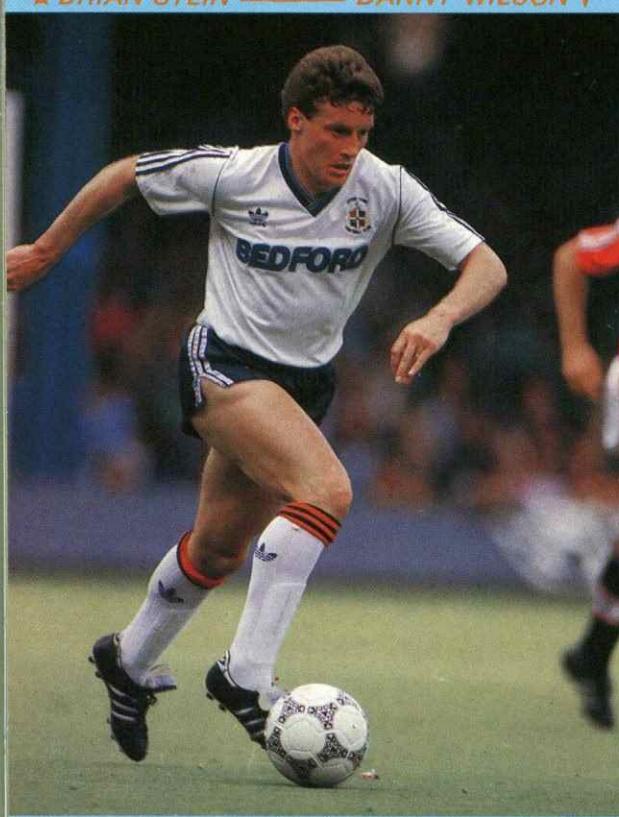
Luton's fans will be hoping he has another good game today because, despite the assurance of three Wembley appearances already this season, they would all love to reach the biggest of the lot – the FA Cup Final.

And you can bet that Mick Harford would love to be there, too. After all, if you fulfil an ambition once, where's the harm in fulfilling it four times?



ACTION IMAGES

▲ BRIAN STEIN — DANNY WILSON ▼



MARK LEECH

▲ BRIAN STEIN — DANNY WILSON ▼

LES SEALEY: Served his goalkeeping apprenticeship with Coventry City (League debut season 1976-77) and moved to Luton in June 1983 for £80,000. Held off the challenge of Andy Dibble to become the regular first choice. He has been in superb form this season and has conceded just ten goals in 14 cup-ties this season.
Born: Bethnal Green. Age: 30

TIM BREACKER: Former Luton junior who broke into the first-team in 1983-84 and established himself the following season. Attacking full-back who likes to get forward at every opportunity. He has now made over 150 senior appearances for the club. England Under-21 international.
Born: Bicester. Age: 22

ASHLEY GRIMES: Republic of Ireland international signed from Coventry in a part-exchange deal involving Kirk Stephens in July 1984. Can operate at left-back or in midfield. Began his career with Irish club Bohemians before joining Manchester United. During his time at Old Trafford, United reached three Wembley Finals, twice in the FA Cup and once in the Milk Cup, but he was not picked on any occasion.
Born: Dublin. Age: 30

DARRON McDONOUGH: Began as an apprentice at Oldham, progressing through the ranks to make his debut in season 1980-81. Made 183 League appearances for them before joining Luton for £85,000 in September 1986. Scored Luton's winner in the Third Round match at Hartlepool (won 2-1).
Born: Antwerp, Belgium. Age: 25

STEVE FOSTER: Luton's distinctive centre-half, captain and player-coach. Capped three times by England, he was signed for £70,000 from Aston Villa (November 1984). Only member of the current Luton squad to have appeared in an FA Cup Final (for Brighton in the 1983 replay v Manchester United). Played in the Sixth Round tie against Portsmouth just eight days after an operation on a fractured cheekbone.
Born: Portsmouth. Age: 30

MAL DONAGHY: One of the most consistent defenders in the Football League who can play at full-back or centre-half, where he has partnered Foster this season. Signed for the club in June 1978 from Irish club Larne for just £20,000 and has made over 400 senior appearances for them. He has figured in two World Cup campaigns for Northern Ireland (Spain 1982 and Mexico 1986).
Born: Belfast. Age: 30

DANNY WILSON: Northern Ireland international midfielder who was manager Ray Harford's first major signing, from Brighton (£150,000) in July 1987. He qualifies for Ireland through his mother's nationality. Gave Luton the perfect start in the Sixth Round match with Portsmouth with a goal after just four minutes. Began with Bury, then played for Chesterfield and Nottingham Forest.
Born: Wigan. Age: 28



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▲ MAL DONAGHY ▼

BRIAN STEIN: Began his career with non-League Edgware, signing for Luton in 1977. This is his testimonial season, having played some 400 games for the club and capped once by England (v France in Paris, February 1984). Scored Luton's winner in the Fourth Round tie against Southampton, but missed the Sixth Round with a fractured wrist.
Born: Cape Town. Age: 30

IAN ALLINSON: Began his career with Colchester, for whom he hit 80 goals in 357 League and Cup games. Then moved to Arsenal and Stoke, joining Luton in October 1987 for £10,000. He will be hoping for a Town victory as much as anyone today, because he will miss the Littlewoods Cup Final having already played in the competition for Stoke.
Born: Hitchin. Age: 30

MICK HARFORD: Won his first England cap in the international with Israel in February, just a month after signing a new contract with Luton until 1991. Became the club's record signing when he joined from Birmingham in December 1984 for £250,000. Has also played for Lincoln, Newcastle and Bristol City. Has scored twice in the FA Cup this season (v QPR and Portsmouth).
Born: Sunderland. Age: 29

THE MEN FROM KENILWORTH ROAD

MARK STEIN: Eight years younger than brother Brian (they came to England from South Africa as children), Mark joined Luton in 1982 on the YTS scheme, making his first team debut in season 1983-84, and is now firmly established as a regular. Scored Luton's second goal in the Sixth Round tie against Portsmouth. Born: Cape Town. Age: 22

KINGSLEY BLACK: England Under-18 international who made his League debut last September at Queens Park Rangers, but has yet to appear in an FA Cup match. He was an established reserve team player while still attending Luton VI Form College. Can operate on the left side of midfield or on the left wing. Born: Luton. Age: 19

ROB JOHNSON: Courageous left-back or midfield player who has battled bravely to stay in the game after major surgery on both knees. Signed professional from apprentice in season 1979-80 and made his first-team debut four years later. Born: Bedford. Age: 26

DAVID OLDFIELD: Australian-born striker who came to England with his family as a child. Joined Luton as an apprentice and made his debut this season in the Littlewoods Cup match at Ipswich. Scored twice in his first full match in the Simod Cup tie at Everton. Born: Perth. Age: 19



ACTION IMAGES

▲ TIM BREACKER — MARK STEIN ▼



Today Tottenham Hotspur play host to an FA Cup Semi-Final for the twelfth time. And Luton Town played a part in that illustrious dozen having played here at this stage in 1959.

The story of the Semi-Finals at the Lane start back in 1902 – March 15 when Southampton beat Nottingham Forest 3–1. Southampton went on to the final at Crystal Palace drawing 1–1 before losing the replay 1–2 to Sheffield United.

March 26 1910, Newcastle's year. Having disposed of Stoke, Fulham, Blackburn and Leicester, they found non League opponents, Swindon Town, no easy task – being held 0–0 at half time. Newcastle dominated the second half and won with goals from Stewart and Rutherford. After a drawn Cup Final at Crystal Palace, Newcastle beat Barnsley 2–0 at Goodison Park.

Four years later on March 28, 1914, Liverpool beat Aston Villa 2–0, losing to Burnley 0–1 at Crystal Palace in the Final.

Bolton Wanderers and Swansea Town were the next visitors to White Hart Lane for their semi-final on March 27, 1926. Bolton had beaten Accrington Stanley (1–0), Bournemouth (6–2, after a 2–2 draw), South Shields (3–0) Forest (1–0 after two drawn games 2–2, 0–0) and now faced Swansea who had just beaten mighty Arsenal 2–1 at home. A rather one sided game before 25,476 saw Bolton walk away 3–0 winners with goals from Joe Smith 2 and Jack Gaggett.

It was to be 24 years before another semi-final took place at Tottenham, then it was two in seven days! Arsenal and Chelsea met on March 18, 1950, and shared four goals while seven days later Arsenal just managed to win 1–0. Arsenal

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AT THE LANE



SUMMARY OF SEMIS AT TOTTENHAM

| | | | | Att. | Cup Winners |
|---------|-------------|-----|-------------|--------|-------------|
| 15.3.02 | Southampton | 3–1 | Nottm. For. | 30,000 | Sheff. Utd. |
| 26.3.10 | Newcastle | 2–0 | Swindon | 33,000 | Newcastle |
| 28.3.14 | Liverpool | 2–0 | A. Villa | 27,000 | Burnley |
| 27.3.26 | Bolton | 3–0 | Swansea | 25,476 | Bolton |
| 18.3.50 | Arsenal | 2–2 | Chelsea | 67,752 | Arsenal |
| 25.3.50 | Arsenal | 1–0 | Chelsea | 65,482 | Arsenal |
| 5.4.52 | Arsenal | 1–1 | Chelsea | 68,084 | Newcastle |
| 7.4.52 | Arsenal | 3–0 | Chelsea | 57,450 | Newcastle |
| 14.3.59 | Luton | 1–1 | Norwich | 63,500 | Nottm. For. |
| 14.3.70 | Chelsea | 5–1 | Watford | 55,209 | Chelsea |
| 5.4.86 | Liverpool | 2–0 | Southampton | 44,605 | Liverpool |

Two years on – Saturday April 5, again Arsenal faced Chelsea in front of 68,084. W. Gray scored for Chelsea with Cox replying for Arsenal. Just two days later on the Monday, 57,450 turned up to see Arsenal win easily this time 3–0 with goals from Cox 2 and Lishman. Arsenal were within an ace of winning the League or the Cup, or both; but, as in 1931, they won neither. Newcastle defeated them at Wembley 1–0.

March 14, 1959, and the turn of Norwich City and Luton Town to do combat at White Hart Lane. Norwich were paying their second visit to White Hart Lane in the FA Cup, having drawn at Tottenham in the 5th round winning the replay 1–0. Before this semi-final Luton had scored 17 FA Cup goals in six matches. The game was due to be played at Stamford Bridge. But Norwich protested that Luton had played there

the previous week, the FA decided then to play at Tottenham. Luton took the lead through Allan Brown but allowed their former player Greenan to snatch an equaliser. Although Luton won the replay at Birmingham, they lost the final 1–2 to Nottingham Forest.

On March 14, 1970, Chelsea thrashed Watford 5–1 in front of 55,209. Chelsea, who scored sixteen goals in their five previous FA Cup games, were to set themselves up for a Wembley final with Leeds with goals coming from Osgood, Webb, Hutchinson and P. Houseman (2). Terry Garbett replied for Watford. Then, two seasons ago, Liverpool defeated Southampton 2–0 here with Ian Rush scoring both goals. Rush notched another brace in the Final at Wembley as Merseyside neighbours Everton were defeated 3–1.

REPLAY ARRANGEMENTS

IN THE EVENT OF TODAY'S MATCH ENDING IN A DRAW, THE REPLAY WILL TAKE PLACE HERE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH APRIL, KICK-OFF 7.45 P.M.

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SEAT SEASON TICKET HOLDERS:

Ticket sale from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. on Sunday, 10th April, 1988, from The Hatters Club (Entrance – Maple Road)

MEMBERS AND STANDING SEASON TICKET HOLDERS:

Ticket Sale from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. on Sunday, 10th April, 1988, through the Kenilworth Stand turnstiles.

No postal applications will be accepted.

Sunday Credit Line: Luton 411622 and 30748. Tickets booked for collection only.

Prices: Seats £12 (East Stand), £9 (South Stand) and £5 (Standing)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION RING SOCCERLINE 0898 700273

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

We will have a limited number of seats available to season ticket holders and club members in the West Stand Lower Tier priced at £10 each. Season ticket holders should submit special match voucher 5 from their books and club members/junior

Spurs members should submit their membership cards for inspection.

These seats will be on sale to personal callers only on Monday, 11th April, 1988, between 10 a.m.–6 p.m. at the rate of one per voucher or membership card.

Any seats not claimed will go on general sale on Tuesday, 12th April from 10 a.m.

Today's referee

The referee for this afternoon's match is Mr. Keith Hackett whose vast experience includes refereeing the 1981 F.A. Cup Final between Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester City.

Indeed Mr. Hackett, who is on the FIFA List, has a good knowledge of Wembley, having controlled the 1983 Charity Shield between Manchester United and Liverpool and the 1986 Milk Cup Final in which Oxford United defeated Queens Park Rangers. He was also senior linesman for the 1979 F.A. Cup Final.

He has also refereed quarter-final ties in the ULIA Cup and in the FIFA World Youth Championships in 1982.

Married with two sons, he works as a sales and marketing director and lives in Sheffield. He started refereeing in 1960 and progressed through local leagues and then on to the Yorkshire League and Northern Premier League. His hobbies include walking, golf and gardening and he is an F.A. Panel speaker.

Today's linesmen are Mr. Ron Groves, from Weston-Super-Mare, and Mr. William Nuttall, from Mansfield Woodhouse in Nottinghamshire. The fourth official is Mr. Graham Barber, from Guildford.

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