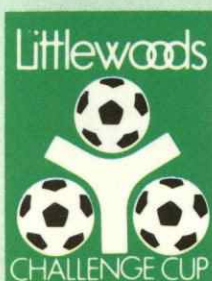


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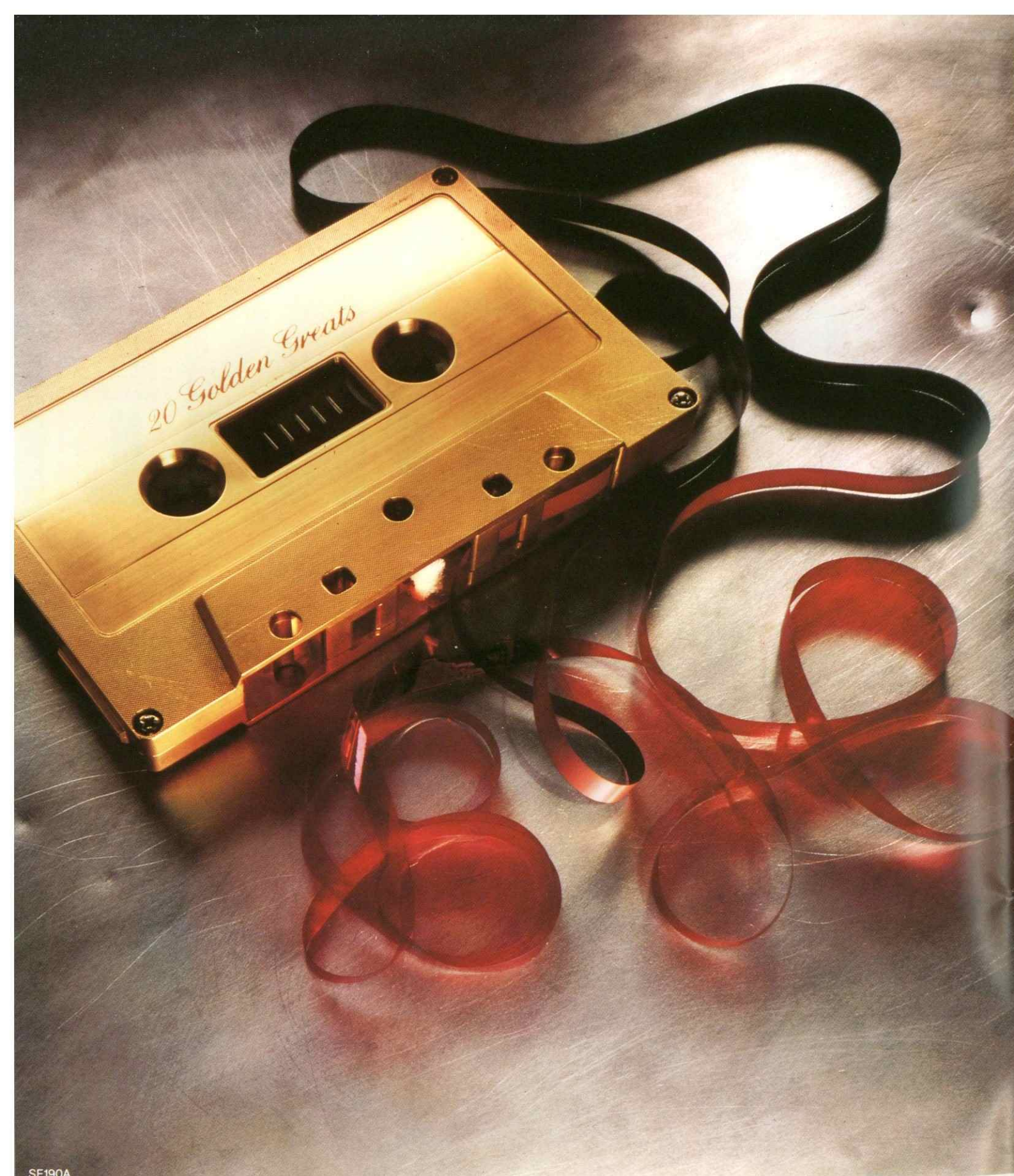
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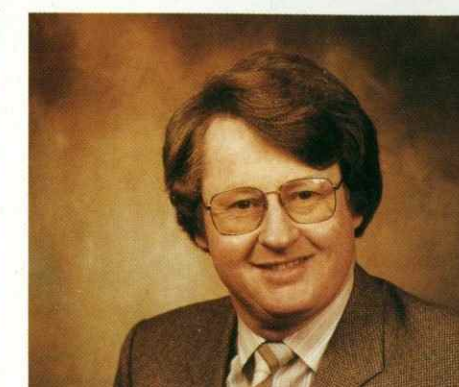
TODAY'S TIMETABLE



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Wembley Stadium's 75-acre site includes the Arena, Squash Centre, Conference Centre and new Exhibition Hall.

Wembley was built as the centre-piece of the British Empire Exhibition of 1924 and was first opened to the public on 28th April, 1923 for the F.A. Cup Final between Bolton Wanderers and West Ham United. That match has gone down in history as the "White Horse" final — the only time it was pay at the gate!

Wembley holds so many great soccer memories. It is the home of England and its greatest moment was undoubtedly 30th July, 1966 when Bobby Moore proudly held the World Cup aloft.

Through the years it has also played host to the Olympic Games, The Papal Visit and the top names in rock music. Last year alone over 5½ million people visited the complex, while the Stadium itself is currently under-going a major development programme, upgrading facilities for the benefit of all patrons.

It continues to be a hive of activity each and every week, with Greyhound Racing every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

12.45 p.m. Selections by the Quebec Band of the Queen's Regiment

1.30 p.m. Littlewoods Junior Challenge 6-a-Side Exhibition Match organised by the National Association of Boys' Clubs featuring the Finalists of the Littlewoods Junior Challenge Cup Competition.

2.05 p.m. Presentation of a Vauxhall Astra Challenge Car to Sun newspaper Competition Winner

2.10 p.m. Further Selections by the Quebec Band

2.20 p.m. Presentation of the Teams to Lady Grantchester, Director, The Littlewoods Organisation plc
 The National Anthem

2.30 p.m. KICK-OFF

3.15 p.m. HALF-TIME (15 minutes)
 Display by Junior Members of the British Amateur Gymnastics Association

4.15 p.m. End of Match. Presentation of Littlewoods Challenge Cup by Lady Grantchester



Lady Grantchester

COVER CAPTION:

The style may have changed but the tradition remains... back to 1910-11 with Blackburn Rovers' Bob Crompton (left) and Bob Steel of Spurs, at White Hart Lane. *Cover Design: Creative Services, Hertford.*

Like the Football League, The British Amateur Gymnastics Association, the governing body for all forms of gymnastics within Britain, proudly celebrates its Centenary during 1988. A varied and exciting programme of events has been prepared, in particular our CENTENARY SPECTACULAR to be held at Wembley Arena on July 23rd, 1988.

We are proud and honoured today to present a demonstration of general recreational gymnastics. It will be performed by 210 school children, ranging in age from 7 to 17 years, representing schools and clubs from the Inner London, Greater London and Kent areas.

Franklyn Edmonds, OBE & DMA,
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The chances are that amongst the players at Wembley today will be at least one who started out on the road to stardom through Boys' Clubs football.

However, Boys' Clubs are not just about providing sporting opportunities for young people. They provide a valuable community service developing character, giving leadership and support to 200,000 boys and young men and encouraging family involvement.

These are the qualities that have attracted the support of The Littlewoods Organisation which, in association with its sponsorship of the Football League Cup — The Littlewoods Challenge Cup — sponsors the Boys' Clubs Five-a-Side Championships and has introduced the Littlewoods Junior Challenge Cup competition.

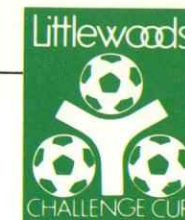
Mr. Prodip Guha, Littlewoods Group Marketing Director says "The Association makes a valuable contribution to community life and has a strong commitment to helping football become a family game again. This commitment is particularly important to Littlewoods which has a long-standing interest in the game and is, first and foremost, a family organisation.

Boys' Clubs also have a reputation for providing professional football with numerous talented players.

We are proud to be associated with NABC and hope our support will help them achieve their objectives."

In addition to the encouragement of skills and support provided in competition, the standards and disciplines of the NABC are key factors in the success of its football programme, a point made by Brentford player-manager, Steve Perryman. Steve, who played for Boys' Clubs and is now Vice President of the Middlesex Association says "Character, personal discipline and the ability to work as a member of a team, all of which are developed within the NABC, are the qualities football managers look for in young players. I, like many managers, keep in close contact with the Association and I would commend any boy seeking a career in sport to membership of Boys' Clubs."

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STEPPING STONES TO SUCCESS



The Littlewoods Junior Challenge Cup, a half size silver replica of the senior trophy, is competed for by Boys' Clubs in the United Kingdom.

To qualify for the Junior Challenge Cup Competition clubs have to enter the NABC Five-a-Side Championships, which is also sponsored by The Littlewoods Organisation.

One of the three age groups in the championships is selected to act as the qualifying competition for the Junior Challenge Cup. This season the honour of playing at Wembley falls to the finalists of the under sixteen years age group.

Following competition at county level, eight regional finals are held to determine the clubs to compete in the national final which took place yesterday at Bletchley

Leisure Centre, Milton Keynes.

The match today will be contested by the finalists from yesterday's competition and will be drawn from the following clubs:-

Northern Ireland	- Newington Youth Club, Belfast
Scotland	- Oakley Youth Centre, Fife
Wales	- Ystrad Rhondda Boys' Club, Glamorgan
Midlands	- Small Heath Community Centre, Birmingham
North	- Rice Lane Community Assoc., Liverpool
South	- Bushey Rangers Boys' Club, Hertfordshire
South West	- Newquay Youth Centre, Cornwall
South East	- Samuel Lithgow Boys' Club, London

RULES

The match will consist of two periods of six minutes with the teams changing straight round at half time. If the scores are level at the end of normal time, the match will be decided on the basis of the number of corners gained by each side. Two substitutes will be allowed at any time and a substituted boy may return to the field should a team be unable through injury to field six boys. There will be no offside.

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: T. South (Liverpool)
Linesmen: M. Adams (Wales), I. Hart (London)



John Lindsay, Dee Boys' Club, Dundee, Lifts the Junior Challenge Cup in triumph last year watched by Desmond Pitcher, Littlewoods Group Chief Executive (right) and Derek Harris NABC National Director (centre)



CITIZEN OF SUBSTANCE

by DAVID LACEY,
The Guardian

The original Football League Cup began life as an upstart child. Wembley gave it a home and status, live television coverage increased its financial clout, and the competition provided early access to the UEFA Cup.

The tournament is twenty-eight years old but as the players of Arsenal and Luton Town walk up the tunnel this afternoon they will be marking the twenty-first anniversary of the day the ugly duckling shed its grey down and became fully established in the English soccer calendar.

The final was played over two legs during the first six seasons of the fledgling competition.

But this all changed in 1967 when, by the happiest of coincidences, the decision to end the tournament with a one-off game at Wembley produced a final that fans dream about.

West Bromwich Albion were the holders, having defeated West Ham in the last of the two-legged finals. Their opponents, Queens Park Rangers, were on their way to winning the Third Division championship.

This was the first time the Third Division had been represented in a Wembley final. Millwall, Port Vale, York City and Norwich City had all reached the semi-finals of the FA Cup but fallen at the penultimate stage.

The League Cup now had the opportunity to prove itself as the competition that gave the smaller clubs a second chance of glory. But when Clive Clark gave the First Division team a 2-0 lead at half-time the critics began to give each other knowing looks. What an anticlimax!

The second half is part of the game's history. With half-an-hour remaining Roger Morgan's header brought QPR back into the match. Then, in one of the greatest pieces of individual skill seen at Wembley, Rodney Marsh set off on one of those dribbles designed to delight or infuriate, you were never quite sure which. This time Rodney brought the house down, not to mention the West Bromwich defence. QPR had drawn level and with eight minutes to go Mark Lazarus scored their winner.

The 1967 final established two traditions which the tournament has never really abandoned: the capacity of less fashionable teams to provide first-class entertainment,



High hopes for Chelsea as the teams come out in 1972 — but victory went to underdogs Stoke by 2-1.

no matter what their League positions, and the ability of unfancied sides to confound the logic of form and status on the day.

Two years later Arsenal, re-establishing themselves as a major force in the First Division, reached Wembley confident that they would be able to overcome the disappointment of the 1968 final which they had lost to Leeds United by a single, controversial goal. Their opponents were Swindon Town, who like QPR were on their way to promotion from the Third Division.

Surely history would not repeat itself so soon. But as a match played on a pitch churned up after heavy rain went into extra time Don Rogers took the trophy to Swindon with two goals in a 3-1 triumph.

No Third Division team has won the tournament since that memorable, muddy day but from time to time the underdogs have still wagged their tails. In 1972, for example, Stoke City faced Chelsea, who had won the FA Cup and European Cup-Winners' Cup in the two previous years, with a team which was football's answer to "Dad's Army."

Stoke had Gordon Banks in goal and Peter Dobing and George Eastham in attack. Chelsea had Peter Osgood, Alan Hudson, Charlie Cooke, John Hollins, David Webb and Ron Harris. Chelsea were favourites but Stoke won 2-1 with Eastham getting the winner. For the veteran Eastham Stoke's first major honour meant as much as Stanley Matthews' FA Cup winner's medal in 1953.

Eight years later Wolverhampton Wanderers found themselves even less fancied as

they prepared to meet Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest who in the space of two seasons had emerged from obscurity in the Second Division to win the League championship, the European Cup and, more pertinently so far as Wolves were concerned, the League Cup twice.

John Barnwell's Wolves team were not expected to prevent the competition's first hat-trick. They were having a good season in the First Division, had potential match-winners in Andy Gray, John Richards, Willie Carr and Kenny Hibbitt and were led by a player who knew all about winning trophies, old Crazy Horse himself, Emlyn Hughes. But their defence was suspect and Forest were adept at punishing errors.

In the event the worst error of a moderate match was committed by Forest and punished by Wolves. Just past the hour Peter Daniel played a long high ball forward from inside his own half. There should have been no problem for the defence but David Needham and Peter Shilton left the ball to one another and as it ran loose Gray, ever alert to such opportunities, prodded it into an empty net. And so Molineux basked in one last triumph before the decline set in.

Nottingham Forest's first League Cup success had in itself caused a surprise. In 1978 they shared a goalless match with Liverpool at Wembley and were not expected to win the replay at Old Trafford because Liverpool so rarely give anybody a second chance.

Nevertheless John Robertson's penalty, after Phil Thompson had clearly brought down John O'Hare outside the area, was

enough to bring Clough his first major prize with Forest.

Altogether four League and Milk Cup finals have gone to replays. In fact the 1977 final between Aston Villa and Everton went to three games — no goals at Wembley and a 1-1 draw at Hillsborough before Villa won an entertaining match 3-2 at Old Trafford.

Liverpool have been involved in two replayed finals at the start and finish of their four-year domination of the competition. Until they met Nottingham Forest at Wembley in 1978 Liverpool had only been vaguely aware of the League Cup's existence. The financial rewards and the European connection increased Anfield's interest in the eighties.

The 1981 final brought one of the tournament's biggest controversies. Nearly two hours of closely-contested football had failed to produce a goal, then Alan Kennedy beat Phil Parkes with a well-struck shot. But as Kennedy made contact Sammy Lee, lying in the penalty area in an offside position, kept his head down.

"Goal," roared the Liverpool fans, "Rubbish," said West Ham, but the referee, Clive Thomas, ruled that Lee was not interfering with play and so the goal stood. With three minutes left to play Liverpool looked certain winners, only for Ray Stewart to bring the scores level with a penalty in the eighty-ninth minute. The final went on to Villa Park, Liverpool winning 2-1.

After decisive wins against Tottenham — Ronnie Whelan's final — and Manchester United in 1982 and 1983 Liverpool faced Everton in the final of what had now become the Milk Cup, sponsored by the Dairy Council. Once again the upstart competition of the early sixties had created history. This was the first time that the Merseyside clubs had met in a major final.

With the rival fans mingling happily the match was, predictably, close-fought and goalless. Back went the teams to Maine Road, and Liverpool won the tournament for a fourth successive year with a snap shot by Graeme Souness.

Two years later the competition's capacity for providing an attractive spectacle with an unlikely cast was gloriously resurrected. QPR were back at Wembley, but this time as victims. After half-an-hour of scrappy football Jim Smith's Oxford United side produced a superb exhibition of positive, uninhibited play that swept QPR to a 3-0

defeat. Two members of that Oxford side, John Aldridge and Ray Houghton, are now at Liverpool.

When Liverpool returned to the final last season it seemed that order had been restored. Not only that, the competition had a new sponsor whose Liverpoolian credentials were impeccable. The prize had become the Littlewoods Cup although the actual silverware had begun life as the Viscountess Furness Trophy, first played for by shipyard workers at Haverton Hill, near Middlesbrough, nearly a hundred years earlier.

Liverpool's opponents were Arsenal whose manager, George Graham, had played in the Gunners' side which had completed the League and FA Cup double by beating Bill Shankly's team 2-1 at Wembley in 1971. Arsenal lacked Liverpool's experience and apart from their supporters few people thought they would win.

They were also up against a remarkable statistic. In the five-and-a-half years that Ian Rush had been at Anfield, during which time he had played 145 matches, Liverpool had never lost a game in which Rush had

scored, and he had scored 201 goals.

So when Liverpool went ahead through Rush after twenty-three minutes the rest seemed a formality. But Arsenal had already demonstrated considerable powers of recovery in the semi-finals, when they had defeated Tottenham Hotspur over three games after being behind three times.

Before half-time Charlie Nicholas brought the scores level. For the second half Graham introduced extra pace into his attack in the shape of Perry Groves who launched himself at the right flank of the Liverpool defence to resounding effect.

Nicholas was credited with the winning goal, although the ball took a nasty deflection on its way past Bruce Grobbelaar. Nevertheless Arsenal were worthy winners and, as they showed against Everton in this season's semi-finals, have retained the appetite for success that last season's triumph gave them.

The competition has come a long way since Aston Villa and Rotherham, and the eyes of the English football world will be on Wembley today. The infant who craved affection is now a citizen of substance.

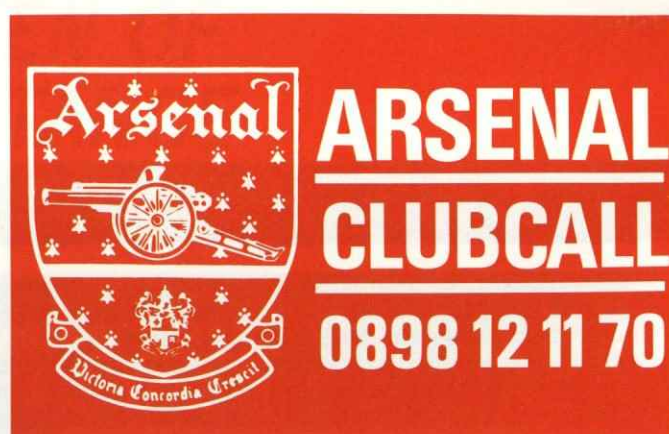


Ronnie Whelan retains the trophy for Liverpool in 1983 as the ball goes way beyond the reach of Manchester United's Gary Bailey

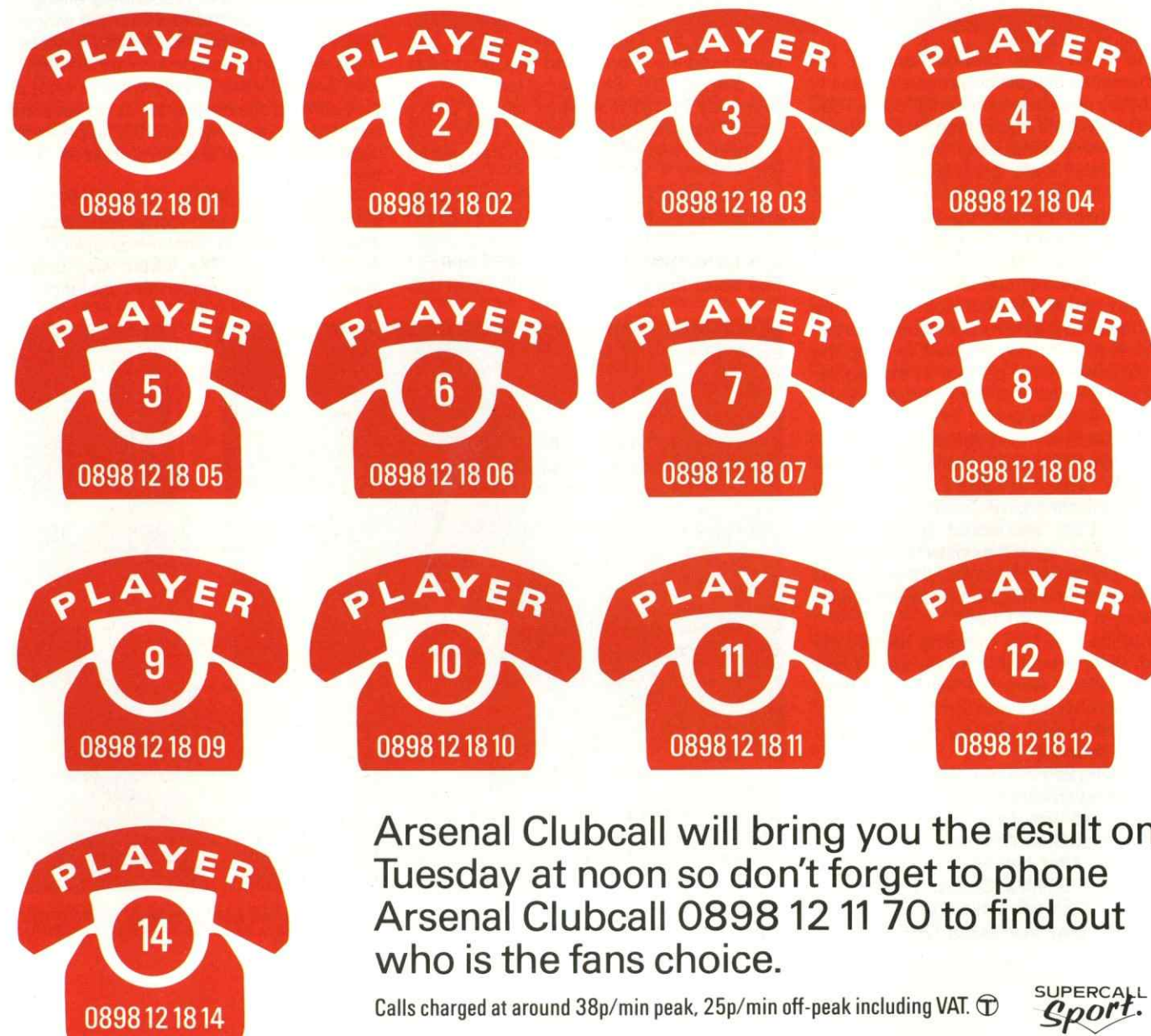
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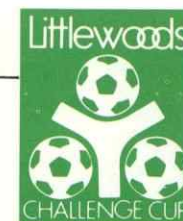
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Manager: George Graham.
Assistant Manager: Theo Foley.

Ground: Arsenal Stadium, Highbury, London N5. Tel: 01-226 0304 (Admin). Club Call: 089 812 1170. **Capacity:** 57,000. **Record attendance:** 73,295 v Sunderland, Div 1, March 9, 1935. **Pitch measurements:** 110 yds x 71 yds. **Colours:** Red shirts white sleeves, white shorts, red and white stockings. **Founded:** 1886. **League career:** Div 2: 1893-1904; Div 1: 1904-13; Div 2: 1913-15; Div 1: 1919-. **Honours:** Div 1 champions: 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1938, 1948, 1953, 1971. Runners-up: 1926, 1932, 1973; Div 2 runners-up: 1904; FA Cup winners: 1930, 1936 1950, 1971, 1979; Runners-up: 1927, 1932, 1952, 1972, 1978, 1980; League Cup runners up: 1968, 1969; Cup Winner's Cup runners-up: 1980; Fairs Cup winners: 1970. Littlewoods Cup Winners: 1987.

Arsenal provided seven players for the England team against Italy at Highbury on 14 November 1934. There were: Frank Moss, George Male, Eddie Hapgood, Wilf Copping, Ray Bowden, Ted Drake and Cliff Bastin. England won 3-2.

During the 1936-37 season Arsenal had 14 international players on their books. In addition to the seven mentioned previously there were Jack Crayston, Joe Hulme, Bernard Joy, Alf Kirchen and Herbie Roberts (all England), Alex James (Scotland) and Bob John (Wales).

In 1937-38 Arsenal became the only club which ever had in its simultaneous service five Englishmen credited with career centuries of Football League goals. They were Hulme, Bowden, Drake, Bastin and George Hunt.

On 14 December 1935, Arsenal won 7-1 at Villa Park against Aston Villa with Ted Drake scoring all seven goals for the Gunners. He actually had eight attempts at goal, the unlucky effort rebounding from the crossbar.

Though Arsenal won their first League title in 1931 and their last in 1971, the eight championships achieved put them in third place among clubs with the highest number of such wins.

Arsenal's highest scoring draw was achieved on 21 April 1930 when they drew 6-6 at Leicester City. Five days later they beat Huddersfield Town 2-0 in the FA Cup Final.

The Highbury club are the only one in the Football League to have supplied captains of all five countries in the British Isles for full internationals since the war. They were: Alan Ball (England), Frank McLintock (Scotland), Walley Barnes (Wales), Terry Neill (Northern Ireland) and Liam Brady (Republic of Ireland).

Arsenal hold the record for the highest number of first class competitive matches played in one season by a Football League club. In 1979-80 their 70 matches comprised 42 in Division One, 11 in the FA Cup, 7 League Cup, 9 in the Cup-Winner's Cup and one in the Charity Shield.

At the end of the 1949-50 season Arsenal retained all of their 59 professionals. The club finished sixth in Division One and won the FA Cup beating Liverpool 2-0 with the oldest side to win the trophy. Its average age was 31.



Manager: George Graham



BIDDING FOR A DOUBLE



The goal that provided the ultimate bonus for Arsenal — as Charlie Nicholas scores the winner in last year's Littlewoods Cup Final.

by **ALBERT SEWELL**

George Graham has done the Double once before, as an Arsenal player in the League Championship and F.A. Cup-winning team of 1971. Today, as Arsenal's manager, he is back at Wembley in search of a different double success by adding the 1988 Littlewoods Cup to last year's triumph in the same competition.

That was the season when Littlewoods Pools Division declared the first seven-figure dividend in their history. Now Arsenal have joined the company's millionaire beneficiaries.

The difference is that, while it needs a once-in-a-lifetime slice of luck to land the coupon jackpot, Arsenal have made their million from this season's Littlewoods Cup with a combination of skill, hard work and an entertainment value that has grown round by round from the start of this particular Wembley pursuit, away to Third Division Doncaster back in September.

Played seven, won seven, goals 15 to one is the 1987-88 Littlewoods Cup record Arsenal bring to Wembley. No fewer than eight players have shared those 15 goals, and only Everton, in the semi-final second leg, have scored against them. That is a measure of Luton's task today.

Half the current Arsenal first-team squad were recruited as youths, and eight of the 14 players who took part in the two-leg semi-final against Everton began as juniors with the club.

On that theme, George Graham says: "There are great benefits in building a side round a group of young players. As they grow up together, they establish a good camaraderie, and if you are successful they discover a belief in what they are doing."

Steve Burtenshaw, whose eye for teenage talent has brought many of these starlets to Highbury, stresses the club's belief in good habits: "Our youngsters have matured because of the way we treat them. They are the most exciting crop of young players in the country, and from the time they came to us as juniors they have learned habits that are traditional at Highbury."

On the eve of this season, George Graham was quoted: "I am dedicating myself to surpassing the achievements of all the former Arsenal managers, no matter how famous. That means consistently winning honours, especially the League title. If I am going to challenge the records of Herbert Chapman, Tom Whittaker and Bertie Mee, I've got to start now."

By November, Arsenal led the First

Division and were in a record club run of 14 successive victories. It ended with a mini slump — no win in eight League games (four drawn, four lost).

"I wasn't surprised when we hit that sticky patch," says Graham. "That will happen with youngsters in a team. We were flying in that good run and the youngsters were playing it off the cuff."

"Suddenly, they were stopping, thinking and wondering what had gone wrong. But that is part of growing up in the game, adding to the education of young players. Rediscovering our true form was more important than scrambling a few results in the short term."

While the accent is on youth, Arsenal have certainly not forgotten how to use the transfer system when it suits them. A combination of occasional, carefully assessed buying and profitable selling means that in his two seasons up to the time Arsenal reached today's Final, George Graham's transfer account showed a profit.

Five players had been bought for an outlay of £1,800,000: Perry Groves, Alan Smith, Nigel Winterburn, Kevin Richardson and the Cup-tied Lee Dixon. Six were sold for £1,875,000: Martin Keown, Tony Wood-

cock, Stewart Robson, Tommy Caton, Viv Anderson and Charlie Nicholas, whose two goals won the Littlewoods Cup a year ago.

When Arsenal appointed Graham as Don Howe's successor in May 1986, he took with him to Highbury, as his No. 2, Irish coach Theo Foley. It is the third time they have worked together — first at Q.P.R., then for three years with Millwall and now with Arsenal.

Together, they have fashioned one of the youngest First Division sides with an average age of 24 for the players who clinched today's Wembley place, and every one of them in his twenties. With quality abounding, too, Highbury looks forward with confidence to the nineties.

The season before Graham took over, Arsenal's average crowd was 23,824. In

1987-88 it is 35,000 and last year's profit of £934,000, built largely from winning the first Littlewoods Cup, will be surpassed this time.

This is Arsenal's fourth appearance in the final of the League's Cup competition. They lost the first two here, to Leeds in 1968 and Swindon a year later, and then came an 18-year wait for the next — the 2-1 victory last April, when Arsenal came from behind and ended the six-year legend that Liverpool never lost when Ian Rush scored.

Eleven of the 13 players who beat Liverpool in last year's Final are still at Highbury, the exceptions Viv Anderson, who joined Manchester United last summer, and Charlie Nicholas, now back in Scotland with Aberdeen.

For comparison with today's line-up, this was Arsenal's Littlewoods Cup-winning

team a year ago: Lukic; Anderson, Sansom (captain), Williams, O'Leary, Adams, Rocastle, Davis, Quinn (Groves), Nicholas, Hayes (Thomas).

Liverpool were the favourites that day. Now it is Arsenal in that position, and they will need no further spur than to remember what happened to the favourites in last year's Final.

With so much exciting, young talent wearing Arsenal red, they look a team of the future as well as today and it would be fascinating to see them tested in the European arena next season.

For that to happen, there are two requirements: first, victory in today's Final that could bring qualification and secondly, but crucially more essential, UEFA to re-open their doors to English clubs when they reconvene in Scotland on May 3.



Now established in the England squad and set to lift the trophy for Arsenal this afternoon ... new captain, Tony Adams.

ARSENAL'S TRANSFER ACCOUNT UNDER GEORGE GRAHAM

SIGNED

Player	From	Fee
Perry Groves	Colchester	£50,000
Alan Smith	Leicester	£750,000
Nigel Winterburn	Wimbledon	£350,000
Kevin Richardson	Watford	£250,000
Lee Dixon	Stoke	£400,000
Brian Marwood	Shef. Wed.	£600,000
		£2,400,000

SOLD

Player	To	Fee
Martin Keown	Aston Villa	£125,000
Tony Woodcock	FC Cologne	£140,000
Stewart Robson	West Ham	£700,000
Tommy Caton	Oxford Utd.	£160,000
Viv Anderson	Man. United	£250,000
Charlie Nicholas	Aberdeen	£500,000
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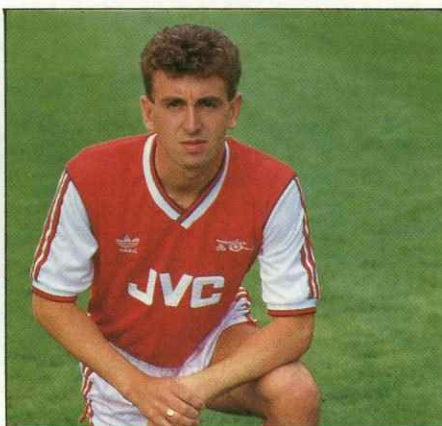
Paul Mariner to Portsmouth; Ian Allinson to Stoke.

GUNNERS' STARS



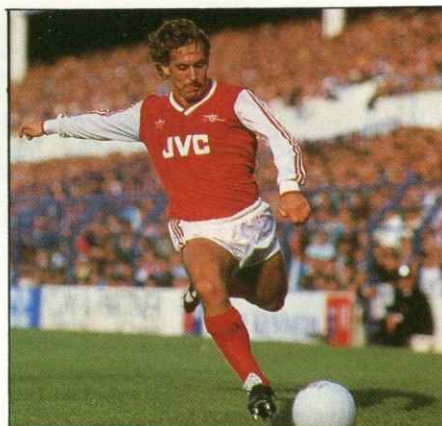
JOHN LUKIC

6 ft 4 in. England Under-21 goalkeeper who joined Arsenal from Leeds in July 1983 for an initial fee of £75,000, which doubled when he eventually replaced the legendary Pat Jennings. Kept seven consecutive clean-sheets earlier this season. Born at Chesterfield of Yugoslavian parents and speaks fluent Serbo-Croat. Age 27.



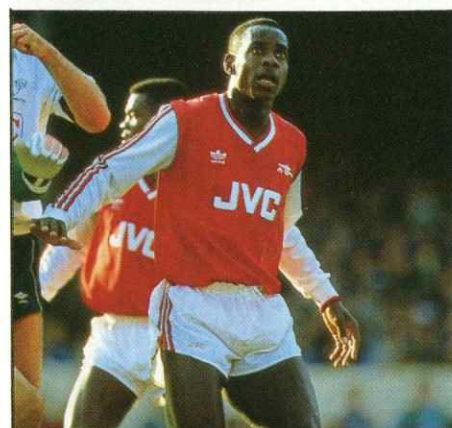
NIGEL WINTERBURN

England Under-21 full-back who had to wait until New Year's Day for his first full Arsenal appearance following a £350,000 transfer from Wimbledon last May. His first goal for his new club brought victory at Sheffield Wednesday in the Littlewoods Cup quarter-final. Previously with Birmingham City and Oxford United. Born Nuneaton. Age 24.



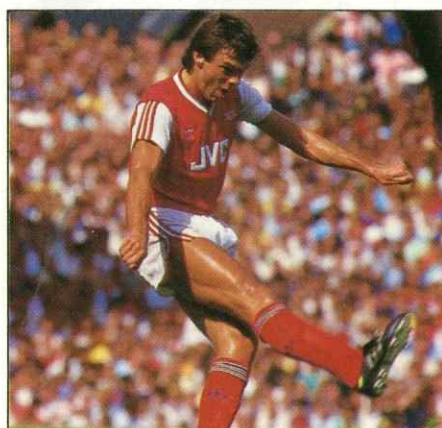
KENNY SANSOM

Arsenal's most-capped player, having played regularly for England since his debut against Wales in 1979. He led Arsenal to victory here against Liverpool in last season's Littlewoods Cup. Began with Crystal Palace, and was valued at £1.35m when moving to Highbury in August 1980 with Clive Allen going the other way. Born Camberwell. Age 29.



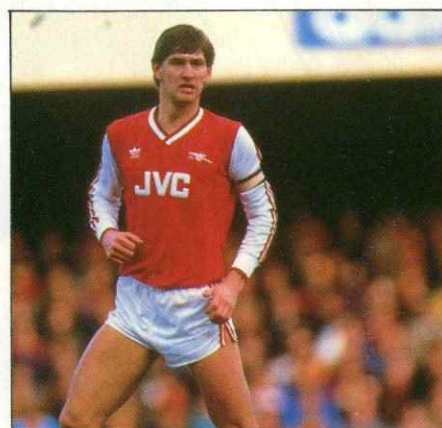
MICHAEL THOMAS

A former captain of England Schoolboys, he joined Arsenal as an apprentice and has established a place at right-back since Viv Anderson moved to Manchester United last summer. After a loan period with Portsmouth, he made his Arsenal debut in the Littlewoods Cup semi-final against Tottenham last season. Born Lambeth. Age 20.



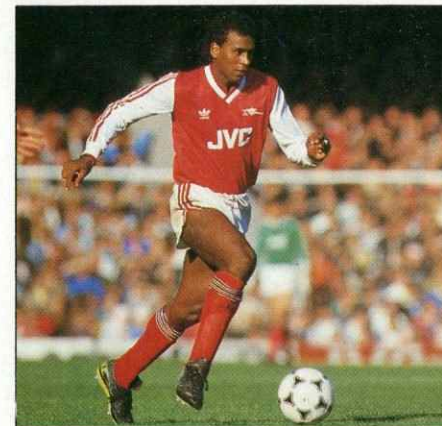
DAVID O'LEARY

Arsenal's longest-serving player, he has been with the club since apprentice days and is now approaching his 600th senior appearance. A Republic of Ireland defender, he missed several club games with Achilles tendon trouble early in the New Year. Born London. Age 29.



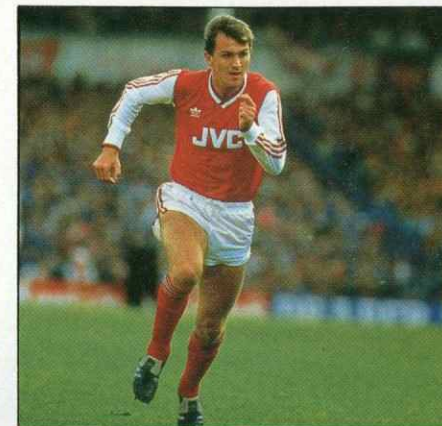
TONY ADAMS

Central defender who has risen rapidly to the full England ranks after making his Arsenal debut in November 1983. Still only 21, he won his first International cap in the 4-2 win in Spain in February 1987 and last month took over the Arsenal captaincy from Kenny Sansom. Voted PFA "Young Footballer of the Year" last season. Born London.



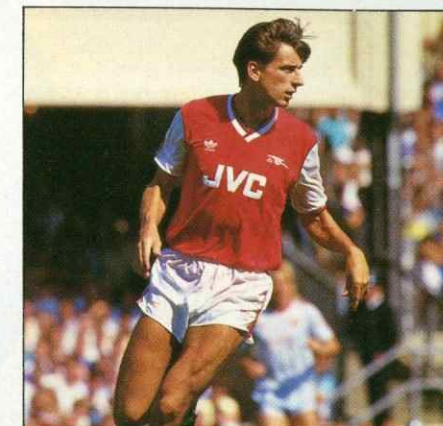
DAVID ROCASTLE

England Under-21 cap who joined Arsenal as an apprentice, having played for their Youth team while still at school. A strong-running midfield player, he made his first-team debut at Newcastle in September 1985 and was in the Under-21 side a year later. Born Lewisham. Age 20.



MARTIN HAYES

Arsenal's top scorer last season with 24 goals (12 penalties), he has re-established a place in the second half of 1987-88. Played in both semi-final legs against Everton. He was close to joining Huddersfield early last season but his decision to stay at Highbury was rewarded with a Littlewoods Cup winners' medal. Aged 22.



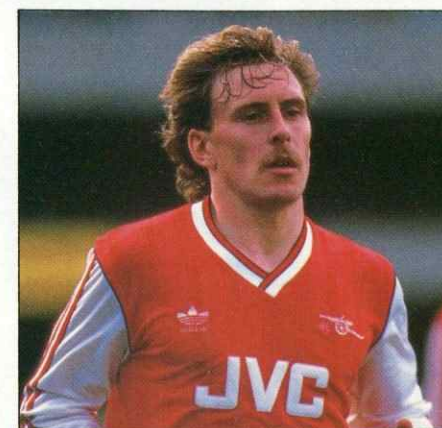
ALAN SMITH

Signed for £750,000 a year ago and was immediately loaned back to Leicester City until the end of that season. Scored 82 goals in 196 games for the Midlands side, and started at Highbury with six goals (including a hat-trick against Portsmouth) in his first eight appearances. Began career with non-league Alvechurch. Born Birmingham. Age 25.



PERRY GROVES

Made his League debut as a 16-year-old for Colchester United, where he played more than 150 games before he became George Graham's first signing for Arsenal (£75,000) in September 1986. He is the nephew of former Arsenal forward Vic Groves. Born London. Age 23.



KEVIN RICHARDSON

Signed from Watford for £250,000 last August, he scored six goals from midfield in his first eleven full appearances for Arsenal. Previously with Everton, with whom he won Championship and FA Cup medals. Scored in earlier rounds of this season's Littlewoods Cup against both Bournemouth and Stoke. Born Newcastle. Age 25.

On the Gunners' Bench

PAUL DAVIS

Made his debut in season 1979-80, having joined the club as an apprentice. An England Under-21 international, he has formed an effective Arsenal partnership with Williams and Rocastle in midfield over the past two seasons. A hernia operation kept him out of the side for a lengthy spell at the start of the New Year. Born London. Age 26.

NIAL QUINN

6ft 4in. Republic of Ireland striker who was an Arsenal regular for most of last season. Recalled in time for this year's Littlewoods Cup quarter-final at Sheffield Wednesday, and his height makes him a major threat when the crosses come in. Born in Dublin, he joined Arsenal from youth football in Eire. Age 21.



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Arsenal: Lukic; Thomas, Sansom, Williams, O'Leary, Adams, Rocastle, Davis, Smith, Groves (sub. Quinn), Rix (sub. Richardson).

Second Leg: Tuesday, October 6

ARSENAL 1 DONCASTER 0 (h-t 1-0, att 18,321)
(Rocastle)

Arsenal: Lukic; Thomas, Sansom, Williams, Caesar, Adams, Rocastle, Davis, Smith, Groves, Hayes.

THIRD ROUND

Tuesday, October 27

ARSENAL 3 BOURNEMOUTH 0 (ht 1-0, att 26,050)

(Thomas-pen,
Smith,
Richardson)

Arsenal: Lukic; Thomas, Sansom, Williams, O'Leary, Adams, Rocastle, Davis, Smith, Groves (sub. Merson), Richardson.

FOURTH ROUND

Tuesday, November 17

ARSENAL 3 STOKE CITY 0 (h-t 1-0, att 30,058)

(O'Leary,
Rocastle,
Richardson)

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FIFTH ROUND

Wednesday, January 20

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(Winterburn)

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SEMI-FINAL

First Leg: Sunday, February 7

EVERTON 0 ARSENAL 1 (h-t 0-1, att 25,476)

(Groves)

Arsenal: Lukic; Winterburn, Sansom, Thomas, O'Leary, Adams, Rocastle (sub. Caesar), Hayes, Groves, Smith (sub. Quinn), Richardson.

Second Leg: Wednesday, February 24

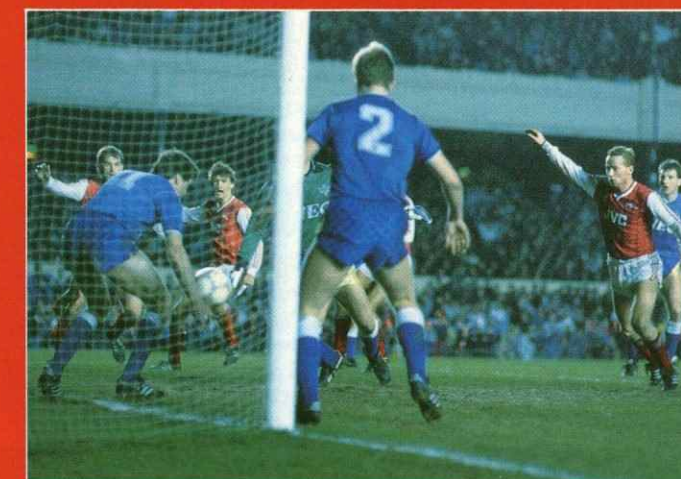
ARSENAL 3 EVERTON 1 (h-t 0-0, att 51,148)

(Thomas,
Rocastle,
Smith)

Arsenal: Lukic; Winterburn, Sansom, Thomas, O'Leary (sub. Davis), Adams, Rocastle, Hayes, Smith, Groves, Richardson.

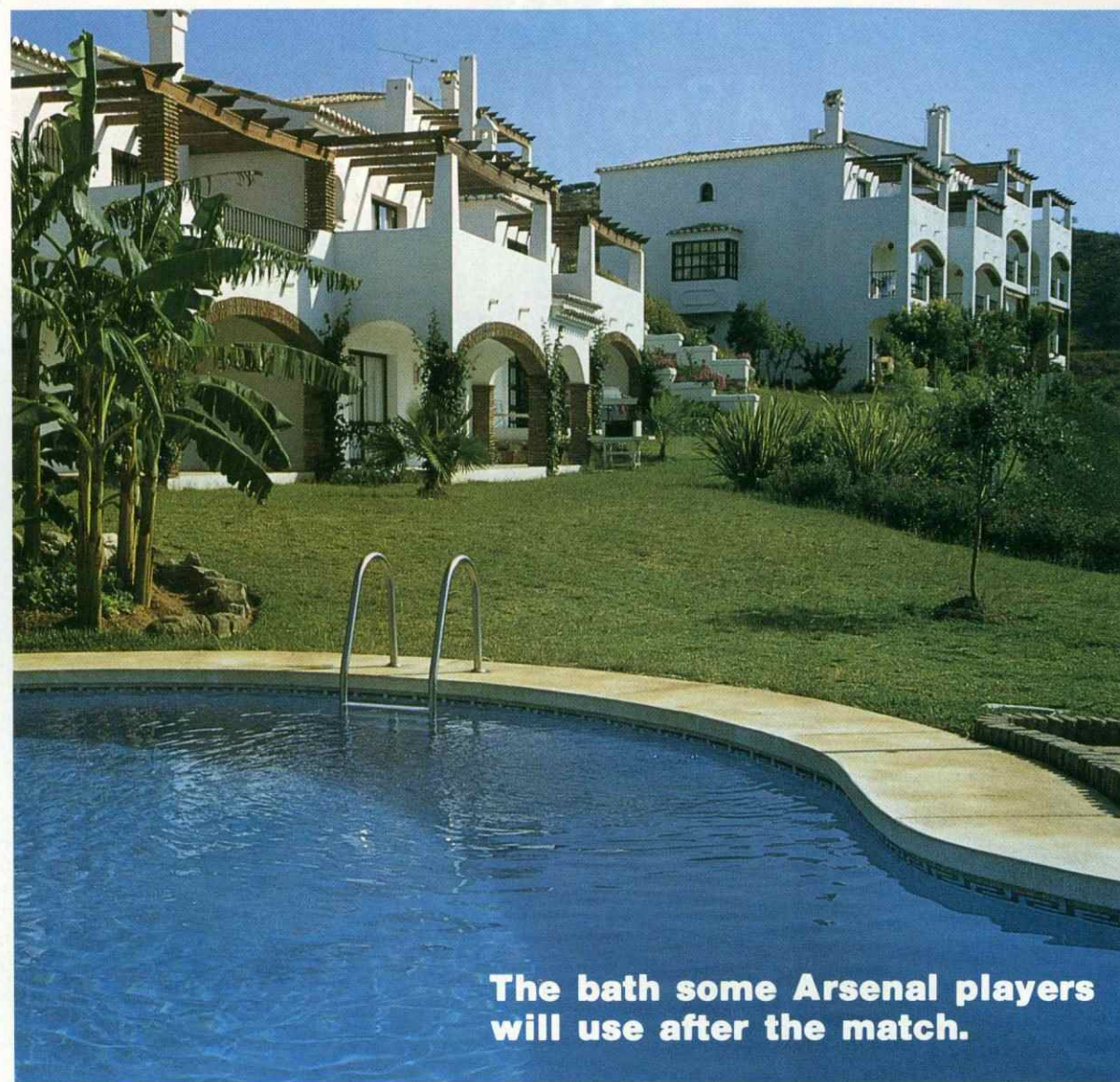


Well on the way — as David Rocastle fires the second goal past Neville Southall in the second leg.



Almost another in the semi-final but Tony Adams' header is blocked on the line by Paul Power.





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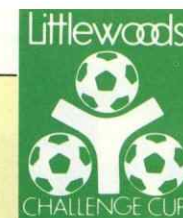
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PERRY'S INCENTIVE



It would be no exaggeration to say that Arsenal fans, if not the whole of football, confidently expected manager George Graham's first excursion into the transfer market to be more spectacular than the modest capture of one Perry Groves.

Now, however, around 18 months after the £75,000 purchase of the jet-propelled forward from Colchester United, even the most sceptical North Bank regulars would have to admit that it wasn't so much money well spent as a bargain of massive proportions.

Few were more taken back when Graham made his move than the player himself — and he was stunned that Arsenal didn't require him to serve a lengthy apprenticeship, Liverpool-style, in the Highbury second string.

Within seven months of joining the club his whole family followed — Uncle Vic played for the Gunners between 1955 and 1963 — he was making a significant contribution towards winning the trophy that Arsenal defend today.

He recalls: "I'd spent five or ten minutes warming up when the boss gave me a shout to get ready. There wasn't time for a whole set of instructions. All he said was 'Work the flanks'.

"I hadn't been on very long when Kenny Sansom knocked a good ball down the left and I got on the end of it. Gary Gillespie came across to challenge but I managed to slip the ball under him and headed for the box.

"It crossed my mind to shoot but when I looked up I saw Charlie Nicholas in a good position and I decided to pass to him. Thank goodness I did!"

Charlie's shot took a wicked deflection and rolled agonisingly over the Liverpool goal line for what proved to be the winner. In American soccer parlance, goalscorer Nicholas, assist Groves.

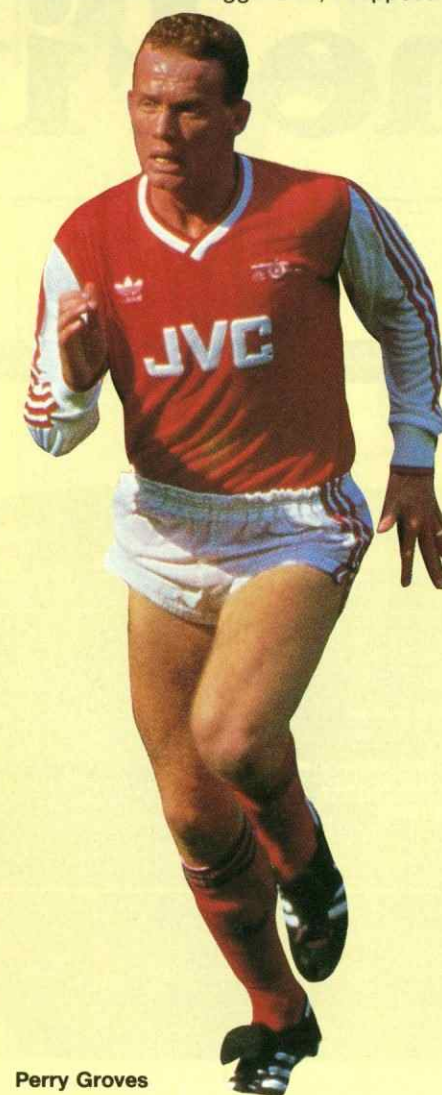
Perry's family travelled to Wembley last year in a luxury coach and will be repeating the exercise second time round as they once again occupy a block of 40 seats.

"It's going to be a great day out for them," he laughs, "and I only hope it's the same for me. I was determined to make the most of it last year because I didn't know when I'd get another chance to play at Wembley, so I'm more relaxed this time and know exactly what to expect.

"We've proved we can handle the big occasion but it's going to be different this time. Last year we were the underdogs but I feel we'll be most people's favourites against Luton."

Perry, who spent his time with Colchester as a winger, is delighted to have coped so well with the switch to a striker's role. "But," he is quick to add, "I've still got a lot to learn.

"Not being used to playing with my back to goal so much of the time made it a strange role at first. But I've done quite well and my scoring record's fair, I'd say. I'd like to add a bit more aggression, I suppose.



Perry Groves

"We work a lot on finishing in training and I've benefitted tremendously. I scored our goal in the first leg of the semi-final against Everton and then hit a similar one in our League game against Spurs.

"Both left foot shots, that's why they pleased me so much. I'm far stronger on my right, you see, so it's obvious all the hard work put in at London Colney through the week is paying off."

Perry and Mandy, his bride of less than a year, have set up home in Colchester. It takes him around an hour to drive to work each morning and he admits: "The other lads reckon I'm a bit of a country yokel. They're always giving me stick.

"But I can take it. What they don't seem to realise is that I was born at Bow, which makes me more of a Cockney than any of them."

The dressing room atmosphere at Highbury took the rather shy newcomer by surprise. He remembers: "I really didn't expect it to be so friendly. Arsenal are a big, big club but it still seems like a family and that kind of spirit about the place is a big bonus.

"I never really had time to settle in. I was virtually straight into the first team and there's no better place to learn. Obviously, I've had my games for the reserves but I'm not planning any more, if you see what I mean.

"We've had 50,000 crowds at Highbury this season and who in their right mind would want to go back to playing in front of a few hundred. Empty stadium, no atmosphere... it's horrible. There's no greater incentive to stay in the first team."

Perry has long since come to terms with the constant newspaper speculation linking Arsenal with a big-money striker and takes a realistic view of the situation.

"According to the papers I've been on my way for months now," he laughs. "In fact, almost from the day I arrived at the club some people have been trying to sell me off. It annoyed me at first but not any more. I don't see myself as a permanent fixture in the team, however, or that really could be the end of me.

"My aim is simple. I'm not looking too far ahead and just want to keep playing and learning. That's my immediate ambition, apart from winning a second Littlewoods' Cup medal of course!"



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WE'RE OFF TO WEMBLEY



Lap of the reds — Arsenal's last Wembley appearance brought that thrilling victory over Liverpool in the 1987 Littlewoods Cup Final

by BRIAN GLANVILLE,
Sunday Times

Joe Hulme, one of the fastest wingers between the wars, and a Middlesex cricketer too, used to joke that when he and Huddersfield Town reached the F.A. Cup Final of 1938, Preston objected, because he would be playing on his own ground!

Hulme, in fact, had already appeared in no fewer than four Cup Finals for Arsenal, going back as far as 1927, that strange occasion when the Arsenal goalkeeper, Danny Lewis, fumbled an easy ball over his own line and gave Cardiff City the Cup: the only time that it has ever been out of England.

Luton made no protest against Arsenal playing on their "home" ground. Why should they? Though they had not till this season been to Wembley since the Cup Final of 1959, the Hatters themselves have been using Wembley almost as an annexe to Kenilworth Road. They reached not only the Littlewoods Cup Final, but warmed up for that by playing in the Simod Cup Final, against Second Division Reading. Not content with all that, they embarked on a splendid F.A. Cup run which took them to the semi-finals against Wimbledon at White Hart Lane.

This will, however, be Arsenal's SEVENTEENTH appearance in a Cup Final at

Wembley; even if their attempt to be in the F.A. Cup Final too came to grief at Highbury on the boots, and heads, of Nottingham Forest.

True, two of those appearances were made during the war. Arsenal took part in the 1941 Final of the short lived Football League War Cup, when they drew with a Preston North End team graced by the brilliant young Tom Finney, who would return from service in the Middle East and Italy to do great things for club and country. That was a 1-1 draw, and Preston won the replay at Blackburn.

In 1943, Arsenal were back again, this time to contest the Final of the League (South) Cup. As a very young schoolboy, I watched that game, and still remember Reg Lewis scoring four goals, Ted Drake two, in a 7-1 win. Drake, seven years earlier, had scored the only goal of the F.A. Cup final against Sheffield United from a pass by Cliff Bastin; who was the Gunners' inside-left that afternoon in 1943. Reg Lewis would return to Wembley fully seven years later for an F.A. Cup Final in which he elegantly put two goals past Liverpool, enabling Arsenal to win, 2-0.

Strange how often Arsenal seem to play Liverpool in Wembley's Finals. A year ago, the two met in a dramatic Littlewoods Cup Final, in which Arsenal, the underdogs — quite a rare thing in their impressive history

— surprised Liverpool by winning, 2-1.

Cometh the hour, cometh the man. It may surprise you to know that for me, the decisive player of the game was not Charlie Nicholas, the maverick Scottish forward who was credited with both Arsenal's goals (though the second clearly went in off Whelan) but the much less publicised Perry Groves, who should be on duty today.

The red headed striker, who had been picked up by Arsenal for a relative song, from Colchester, came on as substitute for the last 17 minutes (together with Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool player-manager) to transform the game with his tremendous pace.

Joe Hulme himself would surely have admired the burst on the left with which Groves created the game's winning goal, seven minutes from the finish. Nicholas shot, Whelan inadvertently deflected, and the ball was home. It had taken Arsenal a very long time to win a League Cup Final. This was their third, having lost in consecutive years in 1968 and 1969.

The other Arsenal-Liverpool Final at Wembley, and note that Arsenal have won them all, came in 1971, and enabled the Gunners to emulate their North London rivals Spurs of ten years earlier; they thus did the double.

As for Arsenal's first two League Cup finals, one was a rather sterile affair, in which they lost to Leeds United in 1968, the other a vibrant match in which, astonishingly, Swindon Town of the Third Division upended them.

In the first, Terry Cooper, that exciting, adventurous left-back, scored the only goal of the game for Leeds, with a colossal left footed drive, after the ball had been headed out of the goalmouth. There wasn't much else to remember, that day. But I shall always remember the 1969 Final for the superb exhibition given by Swindon Town's left winger Don Rogers, a powerful runner of immense natural gifts who never displayed them to so large an audience and to such public acclaim as he did that afternoon.

Swindon, making light of their lower status, stood up splendidly to Arsenal, not least through their brave goalkeeper, Downsborough who flung himself about with desperate abandon, to keep Arsenal at bay. This he effectively did till late in the game till Bobby Gould followed up a spiralling rebound, to find the empty net and equalise.

Rogers and Swindon, however, were still not done for. They shrugged off both weariness and disappointment, carried the battle to Arsenal once again, regained the lead in extra time, and made double sure when, with Arsenal stretched in desperate attack, Smart put Rogers through, inexorably to score Swindon's third. Having recalled the goal Bob Wilson let through in 1971 against Liverpool, let me say that on this occasion, he too made a number of remarkable saves, notably one with his feet, when all seemed lost.

If Arsenal seem to have the Indian sign on Liverpool at Wembley, the Newcastle United would appear to have it on Arsenal. Newcastle beat them in 1932 with the super controversial over the line goal, beat them again in 1952, exactly two decades later, thus winning the Cup in consecutive years. Arsenal, between 1978 and 1980, would make three F.A. Cup Final appearances in a row, but rather surprisingly, they lost two of these, to Ipswich and West Ham.

In 1952, once again, you could scarcely speak about Lucky Arsenal. Early in the first half, Arsenal's elegant Welsh international fullback, Walley Barnes, went for a ball, stretched, got his studs stuck in the turf, and went down writhing; his knee had been wrenched. The ten Arsenal players held out bravely till late in the second half, when Newcastle's Chilean international, George Robledo, headed in off the bar.

One of the curiosities of Arsenal's three finals in a row, a decade or so ago, was that Brian Talbot played in all three; twice on the winning side, once for Ipswich, once for Arsenal. He was also on the losing side when Arsenal were beaten 1-0 in 1980 by West Ham United. The curiosity of that game and its only goal was that it was headed by West Ham's immaculate playmaker, Trevor Brooking, whose headed goals down the years had been so few and far between.

The Arsenal-Manchester United Final was a splendid see-saw. The Gunners seemed to have it well won when Manchester United, inspired by their Northern Irish midfielder Sammy McIlroy, got up from the canvas. McIlroy wriggled his way through floriously to equalise, and extra time seemed on the cards. But then Graham Rix got away down the left wing, his sweeping centre passed across the United goalkeeper, Gary Bailey, and Alan Sunderland made it 3-2.

Prior to this season, Luton Town's solitary visit to Wembley dated back to 1959, when they lost the F.A. Cup Final 2-1 to Nottingham Forest, even though Forest played from the 35th. minute without their right winger, Roy Dwight, who collapsed with a fractured tibia and could not be substituted; there was no such provision in those hard old days. Dwight was, of course, the cousin of Elton John, alias Reg Dwight, now Chairman of Watford, who will no doubt be watching his local rivals today.

Luton had done astoundingly well to reach Wembley at all, given the fact that for seven months they'd had no manager. Dally Duncan, who had played outside-left for the

ball in the air, but he climbs slowly, like an old and steady lift, and he marshals his men from far, far behind, as a good general should."

Ebullient on Luton's right wing was the present Northern Ireland team manager, little Billy Bingham, whose splendid play had done so much to get them to Wembley. Four minutes from time, his excellent long cross was headed only just past the post by the pelting Alan Brown, once a star of Blackpool's famous Cup teams. Pacey, their left-half, scored Luton's only goal.

Ken Hawkes, the left-back, recently told the INDEPENDENT's Patrick Barclay how life in a little club house near the Kenilworth



The late Syd Owen introduces his Luton side to HRH The Duke of Edinburgh at the 1959 FA Cup Final.

Derby County team which won the F.A. Cup in 1946, was dismissed, Syd Owen, that diligent centre-half, took over the running of the team. The game over he retired to become actual manager, as Footballer of the year.

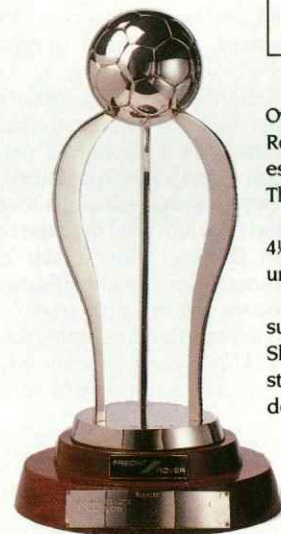
Of Owen I wrote that day that it would have been "the poetic, almost the too obvious, climax to the match" for Owen to bear away the Cup, the reward for years of pale persistence... Tall, slight, his mitigated triumph has been one of applied science; he does not dominate, he simply contrives to be there, anticipation taking the place of physical strength. He is usually first to the

Road ground became impossible as people clamoured for tickets. "One chap even offered me a racehorse." Advised to relax, Hawkes feels Luton took the advice too literally, "and were still relaxing when Forest went two up."

He's surely right when he says he can't see the present team making that kind of mistake.

The present team, indeed, though its plastic pitch is so different from the lush turf of Wembley, is battle hardened to a degree. If it is relaxed, it should only be in the best sense. Wembley, after the Simod Cup Final, will not, after all, be unknown territory.

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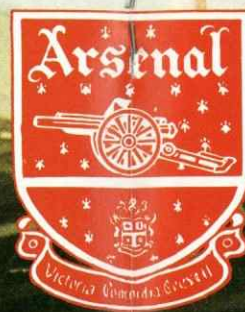
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- 6 TONY ADAMS (Captain)
- 7 DAVID ROCASTLE
- 8 MARTIN HAYES
- 9 ALAN SMITH
- 10 PERRY GROVES
- 11 KEVIN RICHARDSON

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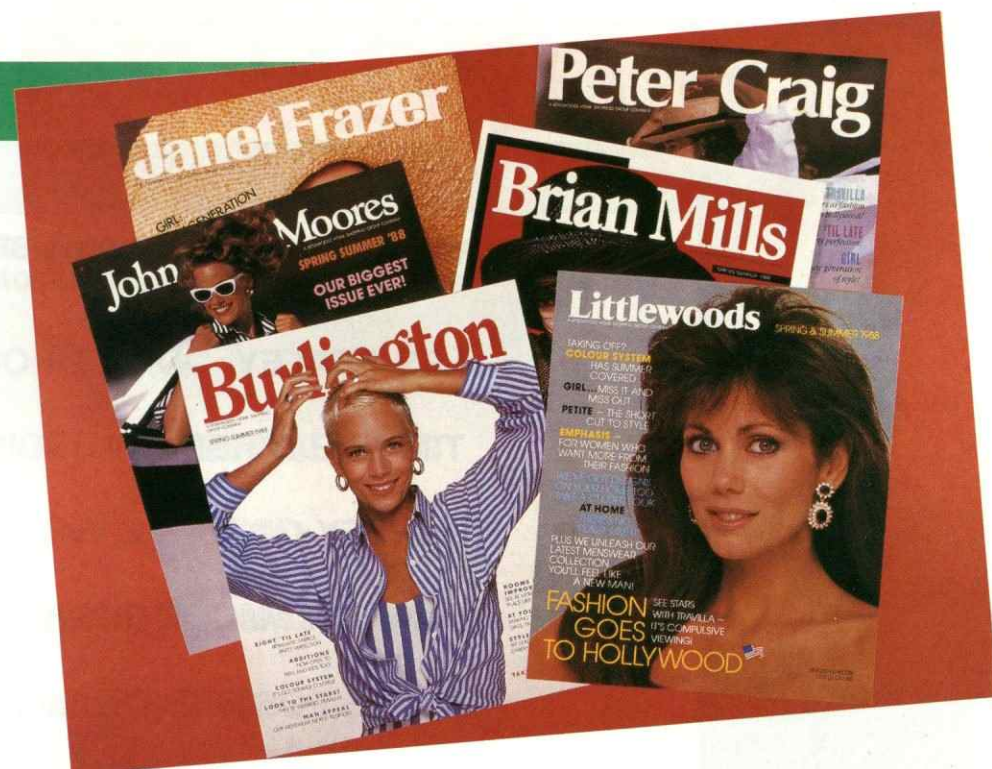


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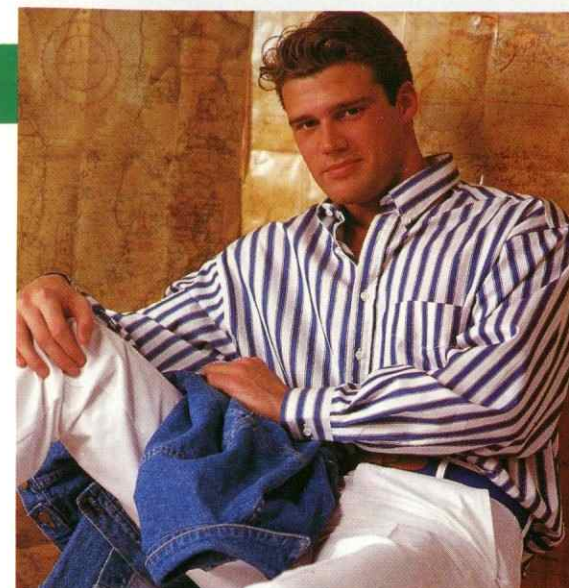
fashion specialogues and brochures which include French Connection, Top Man, Sprint, Moods and Secret Additions. By far the most exciting new project is the recent launch of 'Imagination'. This stylish and innovative direct mail catalogue brings a totally new look to Home Shopping. It contains 24 fashion shop concepts and a range of High Street names and styles at prices not to be missed.

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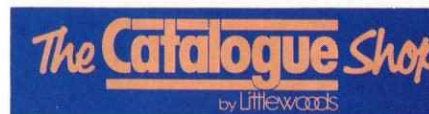


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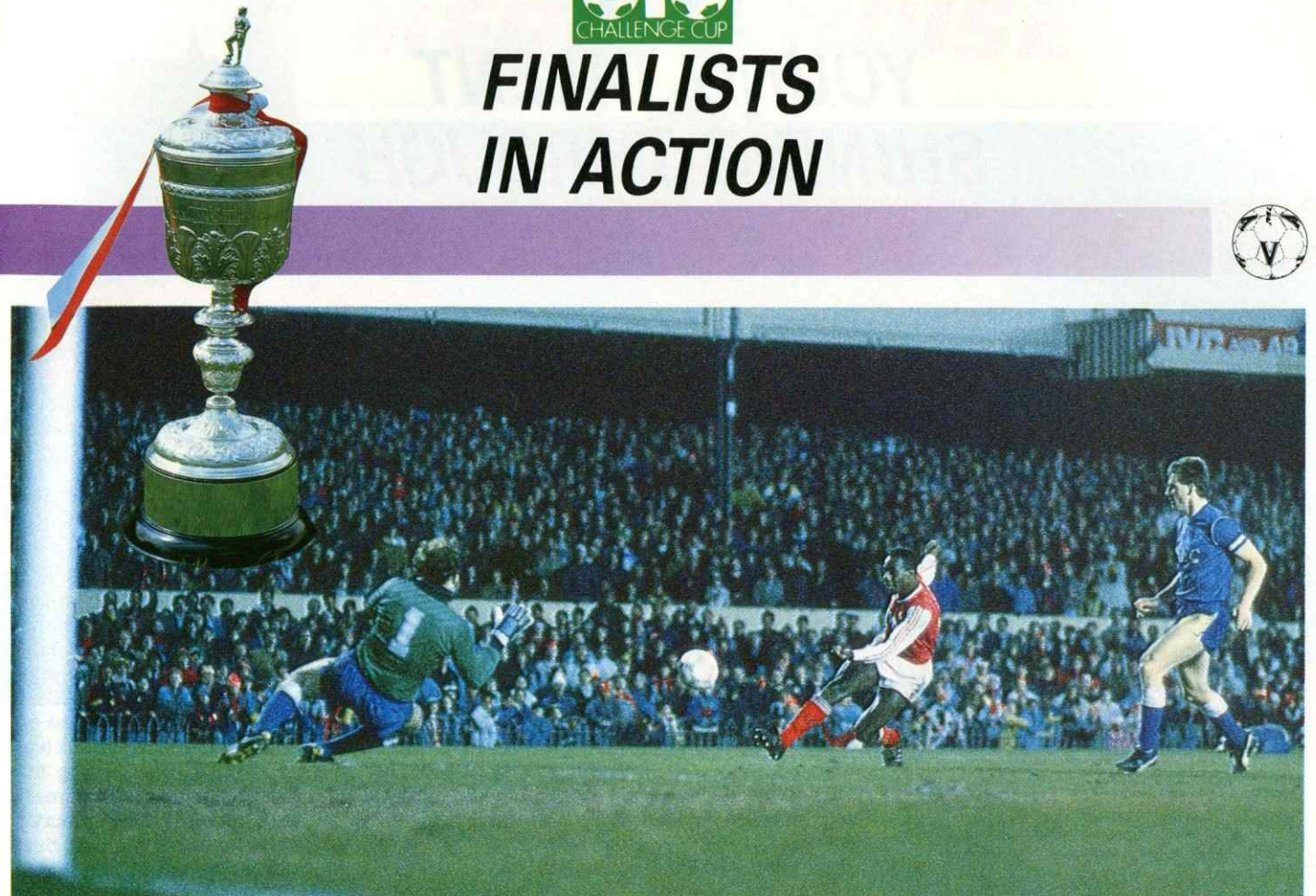
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FINALISTS IN ACTION



Gunners are surely on the way back to Wembley as Michael Thomas scores the opening goal in the 3-1 second leg win over Everton.



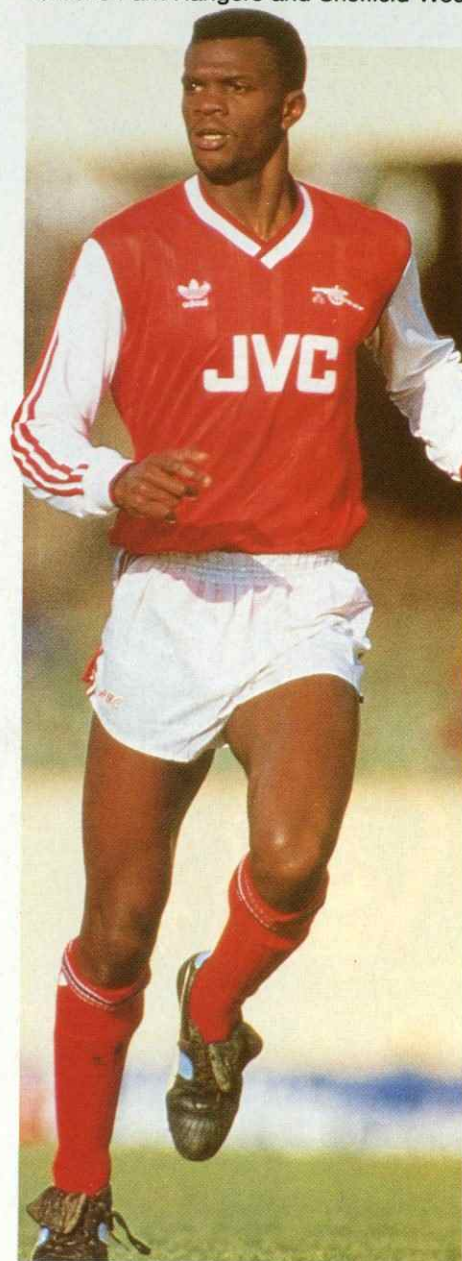
Mick Harford moves away from Oxford defender Tommy Caton at Kenilworth Road during the 2-0 second leg victory.



YOUNG TALENT SHINING THROUGH

by DENNIS SIGNY

One man with a VIP seat will look down with particular pride as manager George Graham leads out the team this afternoon... former Queens Park Rangers and Sheffield Wed-



Home grown talent,
Paul Davis

nesday manager Steve Burtenshaw.

For Burtenshaw, one of Graham's closest confidantes, is the Gunners' chief scout and the man responsible for organising the club's superb youth policy.

Whilst the media has urged Graham to spend millions on star players, the Scot has persisted with a policy of picking players who have come through the ranks... Arsenal's home grown £1 million men.

How much would this group fetch in the current transfer market — Tony Adams, Michael Thomas, David Rocastle, Paul Davis, Martin Hayes and Niall Quinn? Plus, of course, David O'Leary, who came up through the Gunners' ranks in the days when Bertie Mee was manager and Bobby Campbell, now with Chelsea, the coach.

O'Leary and Davis were the only two of this impressive list who were on the Highbury scene when Burtenshaw arrived. Adams is now an England regular, Davis is on the fringe of selection for Bobby Robson's European Championship squad and he, Thomas and Rocastle are England Under-21 choices. Quinn is a Republic of Ireland international.

Burtenshaw is quick to point out that the influx of such talent is not a one man job. "It has taken a lot of hard work by myself and many others up and down the country to find these players and sign them for Arsenal," he says.

"At times like this it is good to be able to say 'Well done' to the backroom boys, because they get every bit as much satisfaction as I do," he says.

Hard work is not the only secret, however, in not only spotting the talent but making sure they find their way to Highbury.

Scouting is a highly competitive game on its own and the talented schoolboys in all the home countries are known to all the big clubs.

Where Burtenshaw has been able to score is the fact that Arsenal, despite their ability to write huge cheques for the cream of the top level established talent, have a reputation for a good youth policy and letting their youngsters have their head.

Once a couple of youngsters make the grade it is a good advertisement for the club. The young players "sell" the club to other aspiring hopefuls.

Patience, like hard work, is an attribute

that Burtenshaw acknowledges. Take the case of Quinn, who he brought over from Ireland just before his 17th birthday.

Burtenshaw, the professional judge, smiles as he recalls: "He could have fooled a lot of people... he had so little strength... he was like a wet lettuce."

The scout has an eye for seeing more than that. He saw more to Quinn than a beanpole lad eager for success. "His appearance could have fooled those who did not appreciate he had a very soft touch on the ball. He was also superb in the air, but had so little strength he could only show that ability for 10 or 15 minutes in a game.

"It was a question of taking him just on what we saw in that time and waiting for him to get stronger. We are now seeing the results and I feel his best is yet to come."

Quinn and the other imports to Highbury's marble halls are taught lessons in the best Arsenal traditions going back to the Herbert Chapman era. They don't just learn how to use a knife and fork in public; they are brought up to appreciate caviar rather than fish and chips in newspaper and a good claret as opposed to a pint of lager. A visit to a French restaurant in Islington formed part of the training for Adams, Rocastle and Co.

The successful 1971 Arsenal team had ten home-bred players. Graham, who was Man of the Match in the '71 FA Cup Final incidentally, and Burtenshaw are maintaining that sort of flow.

It was in 1980, when the Gunners' fortunes were at a lower ebb, that Terry Neill, then the manager, brought in Burtenshaw to work as youth development officer with Wilf Dixon, then the chief scout. His brief was to get the Gunners back to being the number one club at producing their own players. It was one of Arsenal's best "signings".

The Gunners have 26 scouts around the country, including Ireland. Adams, who has shown his leadership qualities as club captain, has today, like the other young first teamers, become a household name. The good news for Arsenal supporters is that there is another crop of equally promising youngsters in the pipeline. Burtenshaw and his team will be out looking for the batch after that next week.

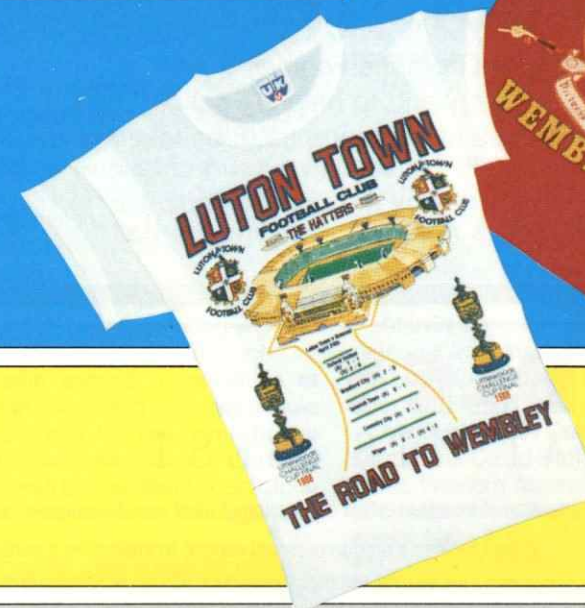
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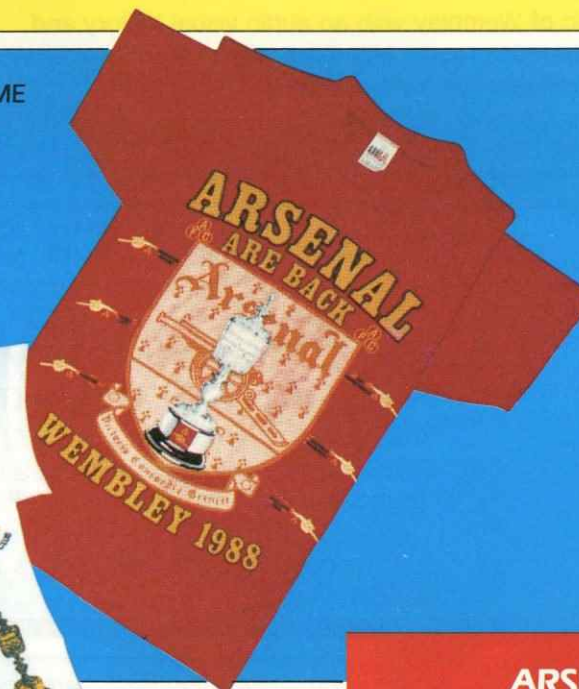
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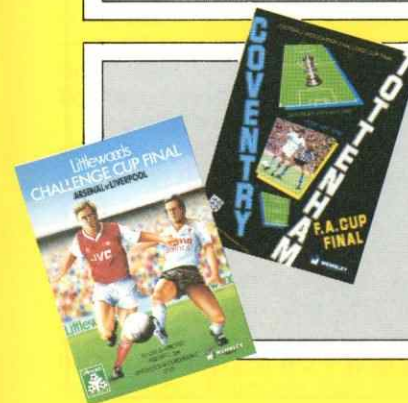
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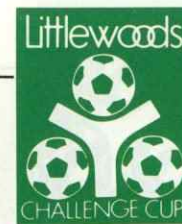


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Football League: Division 1 best season, 7th, 1986-87; Division 2 - Champions 1981-82; Runners-up 1954-55, 1973-74; Division 3 - Runners-up 1969-70; Division 4 - Champions 1967-68; Division 3(S) - Champions 1936-37; Runners-up 1935-36. **FA Cup:** Runners-up 1959. **Football League Cup:** previous best season: 5th rd, 1978-79.

Luton Town were arguably the first professional club in the south of England. Club minutes revealed that three players were paid as early as December 1890.

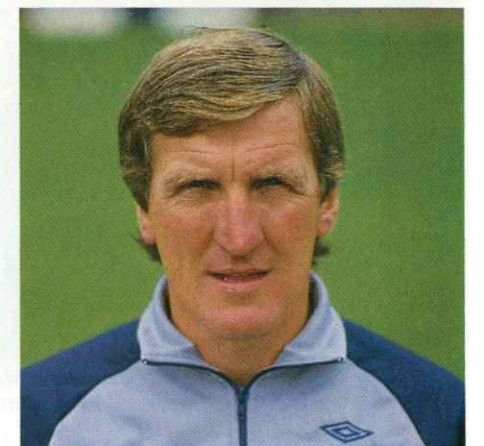
When Luton were formed in 1885 the club adopted colours of navy blue and pink halves for shirts and caps. It was a rule that both caps and shirts had to be worn on the field.

Luton's best start to a season came in 1928-29 in Division Three (South) when they completed their first ten games unbeaten. During that term Andy Rennie scored 43 League goals for the Hatters.

After Luton successfully negotiated the semi-final of the FA Cup in 1959, they had a poor run in the League before playing in the final itself, winning only three games, drawing four and losing seven.

Joe Payne scored ten goals for Luton against Bristol Rovers in a Division Three (South) match on 13 April 1936. Luton won 12-0. He was an unexpected choice at centre-forward, having been either a wing-half or full-back previously.

After Luton had been elected to the Second Division of the Football League in 1897 they failed to gain re-election three years later and did not return to the competition until 1920.



Manager: Ray Harford

Luton provided three players for the Ireland v England international at Windsor Park, Belfast on 22 October 1921 even though they were only members of the Third Division (South) at the time. Alan Mathieson and Louis Bookman formed the Irish left-wing while Ernest Simms led the England attack in a 1-1 draw.

Luton were drawn at home in 11 consecutive FA Cup ties between 1948-49 and 1952-53. But the most unusual home cup game in which they were involved came on 28 January 1961 in a fourth round tie against Manchester City. They led 2-0 but were losing 6-2 when the game was abandoned on a waterlogged pitch with 31 minutes remaining. Luton won the replay 3-1.



THE HAT COMES BACK!



Joy for Luton as Wembley beckons in the Littlewoods' Cup semi-final, second leg.

Suddenly, Wembley is home from home for Luton Town. Only once before had they been seen here, in the 1959 F.A. Cup Final; now they are at Wembley for the third time in a month. It is rather like waiting ages for a bus, and then three come together. In Luton's case, though, the feeling is one of pleasure, not frustration.

How ironic that they have reached the 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final after virtually barring themselves from last season's competition by their total ban on away supporters.

This time, on the allowance of a limited number of visiting fans, their entry was accepted, and the sequel is their presence at Wembley today.

First, though, a little of Luton's history. Founded in 1885, they have the distinction of being the first Southern club to employ professionals. Indeed, in the South, only today's opponents, Arsenal, were members of the Football League before them, for Luton were admitted in 1897.

Their initial stay lasted only three years. In 1900 they failed re-election, went into the Southern League and returned to the Football League fold when the Third Division was formed in 1920.

It took them until 1937 to win promotion, and in 1955 they reached the First Division, but between 1960 and 1965 they plummeted from First to Fourth Division.

They climbed back to Division One in 1974... and lasted one season. But since they returned to the First Division in 1982, Town have improved in stature every year: 18th, 16th, 13th, 9th and, last season, 7th, their highest-ever final place on the League ladder.

Kenilworth Road's attendance record has stood since F.A. Cup Final year, when 30,069 saw them beat Blackpool 1-0 in a sixth round replay on March 4, 1959. The modern capacity is 14,000.

Alongside the giants of the game, clubs like Luton do not expect too many major places in the record books. But one distinc-

tion has been theirs for 52 years and is likely to remain so indefinitely. That is the highest individual scoring feat in 100 years of Football League matches: TEN goals by Joe Payne when Luton beat Bristol Rovers 12-0 in Div. 3 (South) on Easter Monday, 1936.

So much for the ancient, now for the modern Luton. And a memorable first season in charge it is for their 42-year-old Halifax-born manager Ray Harford who, until recent times, spent his career on football's lesser circuit.

As a player, he was a half-back with Charlton reserves, Exeter, Lincoln, Mansfield, Port Vale and Colchester, where manager Jim Smith (now in charge of Q.P.R.) pointed him in a new direction: coaching.

He subsequently coached, then managed, Fulham. Two years ago he became Luton's coach, and when John Moore decided last summer that one season in the managerial limelight was enough, Harford took over. He

did so with an objective — for Luton to finish in the top six for the first time. If that should not happen in 1988, appearing more than once at Wembley in the same season is a more than acceptable alternative.

Although Luton's average gate in the Barclays League is under 9,000, they are guaranteed a much bigger shout this afternoon, with a membership scheme of around 18,000.

Steve Foster, Town's head-banded skipper and player-coach, sees last year's Littlewoods Cup ban as a factor in reaching today's Final: "It made us all the more determined to go all the way this time, and bonded the club even closer.

"We have got a system that works for us. There is a special kind of togetherness about the squad and, thanks to the board's attitude, the flow of players away from Luton has been stopped.

"That signifies ambition. We are showing what can be done by a club with limited resources."

Mick Harford, an old-style centre-forward and unrelated to Ray, not only leads Luton's scorers this season. He has also achieved his ambition of winning full England honours (against Israel in February), and is well supported on Luton's score-sheet by the Stein brothers, Brian and Mark.

For Les Sealey, this Final is "third time lucky." He was in Coventry's goal when West Ham beat them in the last minute of the 1981 Milk Cup semi-final, and three years ago he was in the Luton side that led Everton 1-nil into the closing minutes of their F.A. Cup semi-final at Villa Park. Then Everton equalised and won in extra time.

Sealey's Wembley memories go back 23 years. He was seven when he watched cousin Alan score West Ham's two goals that beat TSV Munich here in the 1965 Cup-Winners' Cup Final.

Amid the excitement of today, Luton fans will spare a thought for Ricky Hill and Ian Allinson. Hill has missed the season's climax and the run to Wembley after breaking a leg at Everton on Boxing Day, while Allinson is a Littlewoods Cup Final spectator for the second time running.

A year ago, he was Arsenal's semi-final hero and match-swinging substitute against Tottenham, but sat out the Final. Today he is again watching instead of playing because he was cup-tied with Stoke back in the autumn.

Long-term injuries (ankle trouble in both cases) have also deprived Luton's small squad of David Preece and Emeke Nwajobi.

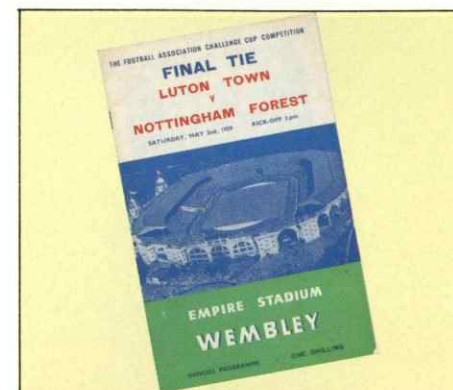
After the horrors of an F.A. Cup 6th Round tie against Millwall three years ago David Evans, Luton's chairman since November 1984, restored peace to Kenilworth Road, and to the town generally on match days, with the decision to ban visiting supporters. It was football's boldest move in the fight against hooliganism.

Yesterday was the 53rd birthday of Mr. Evans, Conservative MP for Hatfield and Welwyn. Coming to Wembley is one way to celebrate; nicer still if the little Bedfordshire team topple the big-city favourites this afternoon.

Under three managers, David Pleat, John Moore and now Ray Harford, Luton have consistently played open, attacking football. They go for results elsewhere, too, and if the nerves hold, Wembley's wide acres should suit them, as does the artificial pitch on which they have now played for three seasons.

What's that adage about experience counting in cup football? Well, five Luton players are 30 — Les Sealey, Steve Foster, Mal Donaghy, Ashley Grimes and Brian Stein — and Mick Harford is 29. They have all been at their peak this season.

Who hasn't, at the club long known as "The Hatters", after the famous straw hats made in the town? If they win today, tomorrow's headline is already waiting: TOP HATTERS!



LUTON'S MEMORY LANE

Luton Town's previous biggest Wembley occasion was in the era of Ron Baynam in goal, Syd Owen at centre-half and Bob Morton, Allan Brown and Billy Bingham up in attack.

They came here for the 1959 F.A. Cup Final against Nottingham Forest without a manager — Dally Duncan had left for Blackburn several months earlier, and popular captain Owen, voted Footballer of the Year, was confirmed in the position soon after the Final.

That was not the first time Wembley's showpiece was marred by injury, with Forest's right-winger Roy Dwight suffering a broken leg after half an hour, when his team led two-nil, scorers Tom Wilson and Dwight himself.

Their ten men, in those pre-substitute days, held on stoutly for a 2-1 victory after David Pacey's reply for Luton, making them the first club to win the Cup at Wembley with a depleted side.

Luton's line-up here in 1959 was: Baynam; McNally, Hawkes; Groves, Owen, Pacey; Bingham, Brown, Morton, Cummins, Gregory.



Captain Steve Foster and Brian Stein pile on the agony for Oxford but this time the ball goes just wide.

HATTERS' STARS



LES SEALEY

Ever-present between the Luton posts (with four clean sheets) in this Littlewoods Cup run to Wembley. Served his goalkeeping apprenticeship with Coventry City, making his League debut with them in season 1976-77, and moved to Luton (£80,000) in June 1983. Held off the challenge of Andy Dibble to become regular first choice. Born Bethnal Green. Age: 30.



TIM BREACKER

Is in his fifth season of first-team football, having first come into the side in 1983-84 and establishing a place the following year. Joined the club as a junior. An attacking full-back, he has played in all this season's Littlewoods Cup games. England Under-21 International. Age: 22.



ASHLEY GRIMES

Defender who turned goalmaker, then goalscorer in the semi-final second leg against Oxford, crossing the ball that led to Luton's opening goal and then swerving a free-kick over the wall for the second. Republic of Ireland International who began with Bohemians, Dublin, on his way to Man. United, and joined Luton from Coventry (part-exchange deal) in July 1984. Born Dublin. Age: 30.



DARRON McDONOUGH

Has deputised admirably for the injured Ricky Hill and played in all seven Littlewoods Cup matches on the way to Wembley. Began with Oldham (debut in season 1980-81) and made 183 League appearances for them before his £85,000 transfer to Luton in September 1986. Born Antwerp, Belgium. Age: 25.



STEVE FOSTER

Player-coach, captain and centre-half, he was the only member of this Luton squad to have appeared in a Wembley Final before last month's Simod Cup decider, having played in Brighton's F.A. Cup Final replay against Man. United in 1983. Originally with his hometown club Portsmouth, he joined Luton from Aston Villa (£70,000) in November 1984. Three England caps. Age: 30.



MAL DONAGHY

Northern Ireland defender from the beginning of the eighties, including two World Cup Final series, in Spain 1982 and Mexico 1986. Luton signed him from Irish League club Larne for a bargain fee of £20,000 in June 1978 and he has made more than 400 appearances for them. Began as a full-back, now in central defence alongside Steve Foster. Born Belfast. Age: 30.



DANNY WILSON

Bought himself a ticket to Wembley last July when, about to leave Brighton, he found himself having to decide between Oxford United and Luton. Chose to become Ray Harford's first signing for Town — fee £150,000. The Northern Ireland midfielder, born at Wigan, qualifies for that country through his mother. Began with Bury, then Chesterfield and Nott'm. Forest. Age: 28.



BRIAN STEIN

Scored in both legs of the Littlewoods Cup semi-final against Oxford, then missed the F.A. Cup 6th. Round because of a fractured wrist. Joined Luton from non-League Edgware Town in 1977 and is now in his Testimonial season. Usually plays just behind the front two — brother Mark and Mick Harford. One England cap. Born Cape Town, S. Africa. Age: 30.



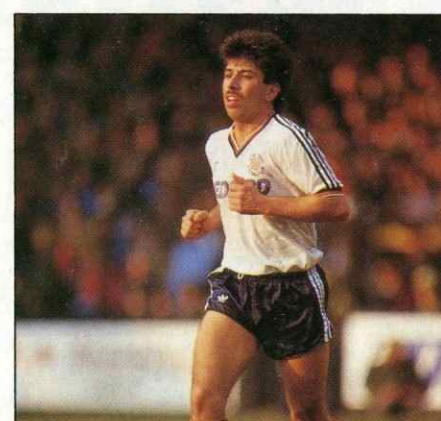
MICK HARFORD

Luton's top scorer this season, six of his goals coming in the Littlewoods Cup. Joined the club from Birmingham City (£250,000) in December 1984 and has recently signed a new contract with the club until 1991. Played for Lincoln, Newcastle and Bristol City before Birmingham. Won first England cap as sub. in Israel in February. Born Sunderland. Age: 29.



MARK STEIN

Like brother Brian (who is eight years older) is into double figures in goals for Luton this season, but none so far in this Littlewoods Cup. Scored an 11-minute second-half hat-trick in the 7-4 League win against Oxford on February 6. Like Brian, came to England from Cape Town as a child, Mark joining Luton on the YTS in 1982. Age: 22.



ROB JOHNSON

Courageous full-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 senior debut four years later. Came into the side this season when Ashley Grimes was injured and has missed only one Littlewoods Cup match. Born Bedford. Age: 26.

On the Hatters' Bench

KINGSLEY BLACK

Locally-born England Under-18 International who made his League debut in September, away to Q.P.R. Has been operating on the left side of midfield and has appeared in three of the Littlewoods Cup games. Was a regular reserve player for Town while still attending Luton Sixth Form College. Age: 19.

EMEKA NWAJIOBI

Nigerian International striker — full first name Chukwuemeka — who appeared in two of this season's Littlewoods Cup matches before breaking an ankle in December. Graduated in pharmacy at Cardiff University, then played for British Universities and Dulwich Hamlet, from whom he joined Luton (£5,000) in December 1983. Born Nigeria. Age: 28.



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SECOND ROUND

First Leg: Tuesday, September 22
WIGAN 0 LUTON 1 (h-t 0-1, att 5,018)
(Weir)

Luton: Sealey; Breacker, Johnson, Hill, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, B.Stein, Harford, Weir, Preece (sub. Nwajiobi).

Second Leg: Tuesday, October 6
LUTON 4 WIGAN 2 (h-t 3-0, att 4,277)
(Harford 3, McDonough)

Luton: Sealey; Breacker, Grimes, McDonough, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson B.Stein, Harford, Black, Weir.

THIRD ROUND

Tuesday, October 27 (at Leicester)
LUTON 3 COVENTRY 1 (h-t 1-0, att 8,113)
(Harford 2, Weir)

Luton: Sealey; Breacker, Grimes, McDonough, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, B.Stein, Harford, Johnson, Weir.

FOURTH ROUND

Tuesday, November 17
IPSWICH 0 LUTON 1 (h-t 0-1, att 15,643)
(B.Stein)

Luton: Sealey; Breacker, Harvey, McDonough, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson (sub. Black), B.Stein, Nwajiobi, Johnson (sub. Oldfield), M.Stein.

FIFTH ROUND

Tuesday, January 19
LUTON 2 BRADFORD CITY 0 (h-t 0-0, att 11,022)
(Foster, Harford)

Luton: Sealey; Breacker, Johnson, McDonough, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, B.Stein, Harford, M.Stein, Black.

SEMI-FINAL

First Leg: Wednesday, February 10
OXFORD 1 LUTON 1 (h-t 0-1, att 12,943)
(B.Stein)

Luton: Sealey; Breacker, Johnson, McDonough, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, B.Stein, Harford, M.Stein, Grimes.

Second Leg: Sunday, February 28
LUTON 2 OXFORD 0 (h-t 2-0, att 13,010)
(B.Stein, Grimes)

Luton: Sealey; Breacker, Grimes, McDonough, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, B.Stein, Harford, M.Stein, Johnson.



Brian Stein sets up another attack in the second leg, in the wake of Oxford's Geoff Briggs.



Now brother Mark gets in on the action along with Darron McDonough, in this aerial tussle with Oxford's Hill.

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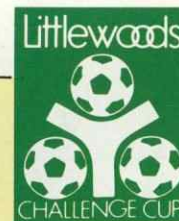
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LES SEALEY . . . BETWEEN THE STICKS



There was a time when Les Sealey began to wonder whether he'd ever get closer to Wembley than on the daily journey between his London home and Luton.

The ebullient goalkeeper has worn out more than one set of radials in driving past the twin towers, always pausing to consider what it would be like to perform there.

The answer came last month, of course, in the Simod Final, but the 4-1 defeat was clearly not the result dreams are made of.

Today's glittering occasion provides another opportunity for a winner's medal he might have been forgiven for thinking had passed him by. "I was very close to a final, on two previous occasions," he recalls in an accent straight out of East-Enders.

"We were leading Everton 1-0 in an FA Cup semi-final at Villa Park three years ago and they scored an equaliser with just four minutes to go. They got another one in extra time and that was that."

Sealey suffered a similar setback with former club Coventry City in the League Cup of 1981, a last-minute goal by semi-final opponents West Ham United denying the Sky Blues what would have been their first-ever Wembley appearance.

Now it's another shot at success for the chirpy Cockney, born and raised in Bethnal Green, whose early football was played on Hackney Marshes.

How the lanky youngster found his way through the maze of pitches to a career as a professional is a story in itself. It's a tale he can't relate without breaking into a wide grin.

He laughs: "I never wanted to be a goalkeeper and that's the truth. I fancied myself more as an outfield player. But one day our 'keeper never turned up and you can probably guess the rest.

"I was 14 at the time and got stuck with the job. It was strange, really, because I wasn't even in the school team. Let's just say the PE master and I weren't seeing eye to eye at the time!"

Within six months Sealey's reputation as a goalkeeper of huge potential earned him invitations to half a dozen leading clubs—and a recall to the school team that eventually reached the London Cup Final.

A school report at the end of his penultimate year in full-time education

offered little hint of what was to follow. "This pupil will never make a living out of kicking a piece of leather around," quotes Sealey from the tattered document, one of his proudest possessions.

The offer of an apprenticeship at Coventry was too good to turn down after the schoolteacher had his say and Sealey turned professional in 1975, making his senior debut two years later, in a 1-1 draw at QPR.

He'd made 158 League appearances by the time he was out of contract at the end of the 1982-83 season. Dave Sexton's dismissal as manager sparked a mass exodus from Highfield Road and Sealey joined a

Luton side who had only escaped relegation with seconds to spare in a last-gasp victory at Manchester City.

He was an ever-present in his first campaign at Kenilworth Road but David Pleat's purchase of Andy Dibble the following summer saw him relegated to the reserves. Even the long-serving Jake Findlay was given another chance before Sealey was recalled for an uninterrupted run of 26 League games.

"I've had to fight off a few other goalkeepers in my time," he points out, remembering a six-match loan spell at Plymouth Argyle as first Dibble and then Findlay were selected ahead of him at Luton.

"I like to think I've done a good job for the club," he says. "Managers aren't mugs and I'd have been out long ago if I didn't have something to offer. I believe you soon get found out in this game if you're not up to it. I've yet to meet a manager who would put his job on the line for a player.

"I've had my ups and downs at Luton but as long as my name's on the team sheet I've got no complaints. I like to be realistic about things. I've got a wife, a family and a mortgage to maintain so I've tried to be level headed.

"I love my job. I still get a kick out of the fact that I'm being paid for doing something I enjoy so much. I get annoyed when I see other players moaning about this and that in the papers."

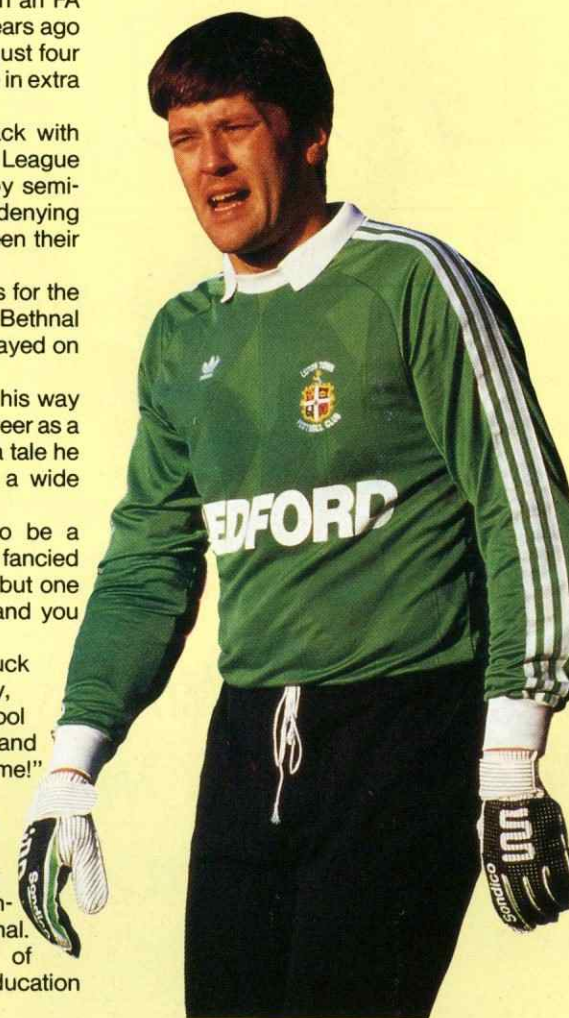
He puts Luton ahead of several others when he quit Coventry and makes no attempt to conceal the fact that its close proximity with his native London played a big part in his decision.

He lives with wife Elaine and sons Joe(4) and George(2) in an area close to where he spent his childhood and it would be fair to say that Sealey is happy with his lot.

"Let's face it, if Luton had the same crowds as Arsenal and could spend the same money as Liverpool, they wouldn't have Les Sealey playing in goal for them," he remarks honestly.

"I know that but it doesn't matter. All that's important is that I'll be playing for Luton in a Cup Final at Wembley and in ten years' time, when all this will be just a memory, I'll have a medal to look at.

"For years and years I've looked at clubs reaching Wembley time and again. Now, we're here for the third time this year and we mean to make the most of it."





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PATH TO THE FINAL



SECOND ROUND THIRD ROUND FOURTH ROUND FIFTH ROUND SEMI-FINALS FINAL

*Everton 3:0	Everton 1	*Everton 2	*Everton 2		
Rotherham 2:0					
*Blackburn 1:0	*Liverpool 0	Oldham 1			
Liverpool 1:1	*Leeds 2:2				
*Leeds 1:4	Oldham 2:4				
York 1:0	Watford 1:4	Watford 1			
*Carlisle 4:1	*Swindon 1:2				
Oldham 3:4	Nott'm Forest 0	*Man City 3			
Watford 3:8	Man City 3				
*Darlington 0:0	Sheff Wed 2				
Portsmouth 1:1	*Barnsley 1	Sheff Wed 2			
*Swindon 3:3	Tottenham 1				
*Nott'm Forest 5:1	*Aston Villa 2	*Aston Villa 1			
Hereford 0:1	*Stoke 2				
Wolves 2:0	Norwich 1	Stoke 0			
*Manchester City 1:2	Bournemouth 0	*Arsenal 3			
Sheffield Wed 1:2	*Arsenal 3				
*Shrewsbury 1:1	*Oxford Utd. 0:3				
West Ham 0:2	Leicester 0:2	*Oxford Utd. 2			
*Barnsley 0:5	Newcastle 1				
Tottenham 0:3	*Wimbledon 2	Wimbledon 1			
*Torquay 1:0	*Bury 1				
*Middlesbrough 0:0	QPR 0	*Bury 1			
Aston Villa 1:1	C Palace 1				
*Stoke 2:1	*Man Utd 2	Man Utd 2			
Gillingham 0:0	Bradford C. 1				
*Burnley 1:0	Bradford C. 1				
Norwich 1:1	*Charlton 0	Bradford C. 0:1			
*Bournemouth 1:2	*Peterborough 0:0				
Southampton 0:2	Reading 0:1	*Reading 0:0			
*Doncaster 0:0	*Ipswich 1				
Arsenal 3:1	Southend 0	*Ipswich 0			
*Oxford Utd 1:2	Coventry 1				
Mansfield 1:0	*Luton Town 3				
*Scunthorpe 1:1					
Leicester 2:2					
Newcastle 0:4					
*Blackpool 1:1					
*Rochdale 1:1					
Wimbledon 1:2					
*Bury 2:1					
Sheffield Utd 1:1					
Millwall 1:0					
*QPR 2:0					
*C Palace 4:2					
Newport 0:0					
Hull 0:0					
*Manchester Utd 5:1					
Bradford C. 5:2					
*Fulham 1:1					
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*Charlton 3:0					
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Derby 0:0					
*Southend 1:0					
Coventry 1:2					
*Cambridge 0:1					
*Wigan 0:2					
Luton Town 1:4					

* Home club (in Second Round and Semi-finals, team drawn at home in first leg)

** Bury's home match but played at Old Trafford

*** Luton's home match but played at Leicester



GOAL-SCORING AWARDS



Spectators love nothing more than to see a feast of goals and the Littlewoods Challenge Cup has this year provided many thrilling games with plenty of goals at both ends. But to help encourage strikers to put the ball in the back of the net Littlewoods have started two new award schemes to provide additional interest for great goal-scoring feats. The leading striker in the Littlewoods Challenge Cup in any season will receive a Littlewoods Strikers Trophy and will also be given £1,000 to donate to a charity of his choice.

Meanwhile, the Littlewoods Hat Trick Awards have been presented to any player in any round of the competition who has completed a hat trick during a tie. So far this season an amazing five hat tricks have been scored and each player concerned has received a Littlewoods cut glass decanter and £500 to give to a charity of his choice.

However, the first player who scores a hat trick today will not only receive one of these awards but will win a brand new Vauxhall Astra Challenge car, designed specially for Littlewoods.

As Mick Harford said, "I always enjoy getting on the scoresheet but the thought of that Astra Challenge will loom large in my mind, especially after the first couple go in. The awards given by Littlewoods for goal



Bobby Campbell, captain of Wigan Athletic receives a cheque for £500 which he will donate to the Body Scanner Appeal.

scoring have undoubtedly created an extra edge in all rounds of the Cup. I think it's a wonderful example to the game that so much money has been able to go to charity through the efforts of footballers and if I score a hat trick today I've already decided that my £500 will go to the Friend's of Hospitals of Luton & Dunstable — the Charity whom Luton Town support.

HAT TRICK AWARDS

The roll call of honour for this year's hat trick awards reads as follows:-

NAME OF PLAYER	CLUB	WHO SCORED AGAINST	CHARITY RECEIVING DONATION
Jimmy Quinn	Swindon Town	Bristol City	Richard Webb Brain Scanner Appeal (Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon)
Jimmy Quinn	Swindon Town	Watford	British Heart Foundation (Swindon & District)
Trevor Morley	Northampton Town	Ipswich Town	Search 88
Bobby Campbell	Wigan Athletic	Bolton Wanderers	Body Scanner Appeal (Huddersfield Royal Infirmary)
Duncan Shearer	Huddersfield Town	Bradford City	Caol Primary School (new sports kits, etc)

Clive goes for Cystic Fibrosis



Keith Hendrick, Littlewoods Trading Director (right) presents the strikers' Trophy to Clive Allen.

It will be remembered that Tottenham's dynamic England striker Clive Allen had an extraordinary season last year, during which he found the net in Littlewoods Challenge Cup rounds no fewer than twelve times. This broke the previous record for the League Cup competition held jointly by Gerry Hitchins (Aston Villa), Geoff Hurst (West Ham), Tony Brown (West Bromwich Albion) and Rodney Marsh (Queens Park Rangers).

Clive chose to give his £1,000 charity donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust and he had a very good reason for doing so as his wife nursed a CF child. 'It was certainly a moving experience for my wife and one can only hope that this money will help in the search for a cure for this terrible illness,' said Clive.



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