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## RAY'S REVIEW



Welcome to our final home match of a memorable season. We shall all look back on 1987-88 with our own thoughts and a special feeling of pride when we recall the Wembley triumph of April 24, but we must also remember that any football team is only as good as its last result. For that reason, I am now facing up to the close season with a determination to build on our success this year to help make certain our Littlewoods Cup triumph is the start of something big for Luton Town.

This evening we face Nottingham Forest whose reputation over the years has been fully deserved and earned through playing clever and attractive football. We know we shall face another tough match – and again, of course, on Sunday when we visit the City Ground – but we shall hope to end our season on a high note at Kenilworth Road. Our last home fixture against Watford may not have provided the sort of memorable football which was enjoyed at Wembley – I have to rely on reports for this information as I was away scouting that day – but it did seal another double and make sure of an extension to our long unbeaten home run. As we go into tonight's match, we have not lost at home since last year. It is a record we shall hope to preserve and extend.

As the season ends, I cannot sign off my last column without expressing my thanks to everyone associated with the club from the board room to the terraces. The chairman and directors have been magnificently supportive, the coaches, players and ground staff have been very professional and enthusiastic and the administrative, office and match-day staff have been great. It has been a huge team effort this season from top to bottom and everyone deserves thanks and congratulations. In this I include all our fans who showed at Wembley how much the club means to the town and then surprised us all with that moving evening on April 25 when we brought the cup back to Bedfordshire. It has been a very moving and exciting season. Enjoy the rest and I look forward to seeing you all again in August.

*Ray Harford*

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# Mailbag

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

## Thank's to Cherry

Dear Sir,  
On behalf of all the "Hatters" supporters in the disabled enclosure, I would like to say a "BIG" thank you, for looking after the disabled supporters. By looking after I mean, making sure that disabled supporters always get their regular tickets. But not only does she make sure that we get these regular tickets. But she has made sure that we all get the chance to go to Wembley.

I know that I'm speaking for everybody in the disabled enclosure when I say, once again a "BIG" thank you. Cherry we think you're great!

Yours sincerely  
Larry York,  
Secretary,  
The Oaks Social Club,  
8 School Lane  
Leagrave, Luton.

## Best of luck!

Dear Sir,  
Some fifteen years ago I met a young man who was an ardent LTFC supporter. I fell madly in love with him and was besotted enough to accompany him to a few home games at Kenilworth Road. I won't pretend that I enjoyed standing around in the cold, being crushed and

deafened by the crowds and to be quite honest, Luton never won on any of the occasions that I was there!

Unfortunately the relationship dwindled and we've now been divorced for 3 years. However, despite not being a football fan, I like to keep an eye on the league tables and check Luton's result every week.

My present husband (a Chelsea supporter!!) and I have an annual bet that Luton will finish up higher in the league than Chelsea. So far - so good!

My main reason for writing though is to say CONGRATULATIONS for achieving as much as you have this season.

Good luck to you all.  
Yours faithfully

Linda Hoar

28 Hill Cottages,  
Flag Hill,  
Gt. Bentley,  
Colchester.

## Good on yer!

Dear Sir,

Being an old 'Hatter' fan from Joe Payne days, I hope you won't mind me first writing these few lines to congratulate you all on your great win at Wembley last Sunday. What

made it so good was I was able to watch it live via our ABC television network.

Such a crowded and hectic season with a congestion of games in the latter half must have made your task much harder. I do follow your weekly games as we have a newspaper called 'British Soccer Week' which gives games scores, crowds, reports, transfer news, club news, overseas results, so although I'm quite some distance away I'm up to date with you all.

Perhaps now that the names on the cup, the press and administrators will write something nice. We are not an unfashionable club, and keep on with your efforts to control soccer hooligans, and let's hope they soon get off your back about the plastic pitch.

Perhaps one of these days we might see you tour Australia! I will buy you a beer if you make it!

Once again fellows, best wishes thanks from all and as we say in Aussie. "Good on yer".

Best wishes  
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# Mailbag EXTRA

From Scotland with pride

Dear Sir,

I would like to congratulate the club on their wonderful victory on Sunday. They have been so unlucky in the past in cup matches. From 1950 to 1953 I was stationed at Leighton Buzzard with the RAF, during that time I became an ardent Luton fan. I had just returned from Egypt and had not seen first class football for a long time. In those days Luton were the best footballing side in Division Two: Bernard Stretton in goal, half-back line - Morton, Owen, Shanks; Syd Owen, a great captain who played for England.

Stretton was also capped as was his successor Ron Baynan. Jessie Pye who scored a hat-trick when they beat Blackburn 6-1 in the cup season 51-52 I think. In those days my wife often came to matches with me - never any trouble at Kenilworth Road!

Nowadays it is all so different and I am glad the club had the courage to ban visiting supporters. Pity more clubs did not do the same as I am sure it would end the hooligans. Later this year I hope to be in Leighton Buzzard, all being well.

I am now 73 years of age and since the 50's I have always followed the fortunes of Luton Town FC. On Sunday we only had the highlights of the game up here when the third goal went in I nearly fell out of my chair. And wasn't the keeper marvellous with the penalty save! All the best for the future to the Hatters.

Yours sincerely

**Jim Robertson**

Freeburn, Burnside Lane, Ross-shire, Scotland  
Anyone wanting to contribute please write to: The Editor,  
Luton Town F.C., Dunstable Road, Luton, Beds.

**Luton News**

## BRILLIANT!

Well done you Hatters! Congratulations - and sincere thanks - to everyone at Luton Town FC from all at the Luton News. Producing the best reports and pictures was never a greater pleasure and we look forward to covering the UEFA Cup Final next year!

**THURSDAYS 14p**

## SATISFYING DOUBLE

Luton Town 2 Watford 1

A blistering shot from David Oldfield and a coolly-converted penalty by Danny Wilson ensured the Town of a narrow, but thoroughly-deserved victory over relegated Watford. In our last home match at Kenilworth Road on Monday, May 2, Oldfield, making his full First Division debut as deputy for the injured Mick Harford, struck with a perfect left-foot effort to draw the Hatters level after unlucky Marvin Johnson had scored an own goal to put the Hornets ahead.

The winner came shortly before the half-time interval when Steve Foster was held as he jumped to meet a corner and the referee immediately pointed to the penalty spot. Wilson, who had scored in his previous three successive matches for the Town, made no mistake with a low shot beyond the reach of Tony Coton.

With Marvin Johnson taking the injured Mal Donaghy's place in the centre of the defence alongside Steve Foster, Rob Johnson playing the 'anchor' role in midfield and Ian Allinson and Oldfield leading the attack in the absence of Harford and both Brian and Mark Stein and David Preece, there was a makeshift look about the Town team.

But they shrugged this off with a positive and often adventurous display which deserved further goals before the match went off the boil during a tepid second half.

Teams: Luton - Dibble, Breacker, Grimes, Rob Johnson, Foster, Marvin Johnson, Wilson, Allinson, Oldfield, Hill, Black. Watford - Coton, Gibbs, Rostrom (Hodges 73), Jackett, Morris, McClelland, Thomas, Rimmer (Sherwood 73), Roberts, Porter, Holden.

Referee: K.J. BREEN (Liverpool)

# 1st Team ACTION



• Double completed: Danny Wilson's penalty ensured not just victory over the Hornets on Bank Holiday Monday, but also the completion of a satisfying double over our Hertfordshire rivals from down the motorway. Had further shots from Wilson, Rob Johnson and Oldfield beaten an impressive Coton in goal, the Town would have secured a more emphatic victory to add to the 1-0 win at Vicarage Road last December. Action pictures by Josh Levy of Apex Photography.

# FOOTBALL FOCUS



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE DAVID EVANS MP

As the final whistle went at 4.00 pm on Sunday 24th April, and we had beaten Arsenal and won the Littlewoods Challenge Cup, the first major honour for the Club after 103 years, I could not help thinking about the hundreds of thousands of supporters, stewards, players, Management, coaches, Directors and Chairmen who have passed through the Club during that time, and feeling that somehow their spirit was there to enable us to win the Cup by climbing back from dead, which we surely were as Winterburn ran up to take the penalty.

How privileged we all were – all 30,000 of us – to be the ones who will be able to say to their children and grandchildren "we were there" and I am sure none of us will ever be the same again.

We have had our battles over the years and certainly in the last two or three, and have become well known across the world perhaps sometimes for the wrong reasons. This time with live television in countries far and wide, even as far as Australia, the quality of Luton Town's football was there for all to see, as during the whole game we comprehensively beat an International, star-studded Arsenal side apart from ten minutes when Andy Dibble stood his ground.

Almost equal to the emotion of Brian Stein's winning goal was the tumultuous reception the team and its Management received, which I have to admit made me cry, first on the open deck bus and then the memorable walk from the bus to the Town Hall where the crowd, police, players and staff were all as one, together with the emotion of seeing Steve Foster and Ray Harford present the Cup to the 20,000 supporters in the main street – this was something which will live in my memory forever.

To be Chairman of Luton has been a privilege and an honour and I would take this opportunity of sincerely thanking the 8,000 hard core supporters who have supported this season throughout. If you wish us to go on and win further honours, which I believe is possible, then it is imperative that you bring a friend to Home matches as this would make every difference to the long term future of the Club.

You may read in the newspapers that I may be standing down as Chairman in the summer. However, following a recent board meeting and a heart-to-heart with my family, I am pleased to announce that I shall be carrying on for another year, all things being equal.

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# CLUB NEWS

## Mal Donaghy Testimonial Year

A provisional calendar of events has been arranged by the Mal Donaghy Testimonial Year committee for the new season starting in August. The highlight is planned to be a testimonial match against the Northern Ireland international team. Other planned events include a Dinner and Dance in September, a Sportsman's Night with a celebrity sporting speaker, an Irish evening with Brendan Shine and Irish dancing groups, a Boxing Night on March 1, 1989, at the Queensway Hall, Dunstable, and a Golf Day on Dunstable Downs on April 27, 1989.

## Charity collection raises £482 for Luton and Dunstable Hospitals

The collection carried out at our last home match against Watford on Bank Holiday Monday, May 2nd, 1988, raised a total sum of £482.49 for the Friends of Luton and Dunstable Hospitals.

This was a superb effort by our members and supporters and the club, on behalf of the charity organisers, would like to thank everyone for their generosity.

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## MATCH REFEREE

**Michael Reed  
(Birmingham)**

An assistant bank manager, Michael is married with two children. He began refereeing in 1972 and progressed via the West Midlands Regional League to full Football League list. He enjoys all sport and is interested in gardening, photography and wine making. He was on the line for an FA Cup semi-final in 1985.

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by BILL TOMLINS

## THANKYOU ALL ROUND AS A HECTIC BUT MEMORABLE SEASON ENDS

### TOP BOSS



•Manager of the Month: Ray Harford won the top award in April - a well deserved recognition of his achievement in leading the club to a Littlewoods Cup triumph against Arsenal.

Tonight a very busy and incident-packed season draws to an end at Kenilworth Road with our last home match. Who would have thought we would be playing this fixture on May 13 with another meeting to come when the season began? It is a clear sign of our success in the cup competition - under Ray Harford - a well deserved winner of April's Manager of the Month Award. Congratulations, Ray.

I cannot let this occasion go by, of course, without saying a special thank-you to all the staff who have helped make our match days such smooth operations: our turnstile operators, led by Ken and Fred, the stewards, under chief steward Mike Williams, and the ground stewards, under Ron Hutchins, who coped so well with the return, after 18 months, of visiting supporters for cup-ties at Kenilworth Road.

#### Brilliant job

Our front-line staff in the ticket office have also done a brilliant job. We learned a lot from our cup experiences. Thanks are also due to our programme-sellers, the St John's Ambulance, the public address and scoreboard system operators and all involved with the club.

Everyone, I am sure, will be proud to look back on this season which has been one of the most memorable in our 103-year history. Not least our

fantastic hard-core fans who have dug deep into their pockets to follow the team.

We are now approaching another busy period when the secretary, in conjunction with the manager will be involved in work on the retained lists, new contracts and re-engagements. David Galley, his team of physios, the club doctor and the surgeons who have provided their skills to help our injured players have also been kept busy lately with the continuing run of injuries.

Let us hope all our injured men make full recoveries, particularly Mal Donaghy who, as he approaches his testimonial year, has an important World Cup qualifier against Malta to prepare for with Northern Ireland.

It has been a successful year throughout the club with the younger players doing well in the proving grounds of the South East Counties and Sunday Mirror Combination leagues. The examples have been set by Brian Stein, who marked his testimonial season with a two-goal performance in a Wembley cup final. Our manager has shown he will give players a chance - at any age.

Enjoy the close season. Thank-you for your support. We all look forward to seeing our supporters back at Kenilworth Road again in August for, we hope, Brian Stein's long-awaited testimonial match against Aberdeen.

## LAUNCH OF A SPECIAL CLUB

#### •Setting up a winning team:

The Luton Town Corporate Club was launched at our last home match against Watford. The club is a special initiative aimed at local businesses and it is hoped it will help raise revenue for the club at Kenilworth Road. Seen here, Mr David Mellor, Minister of State, presenting a tantalus set to Mr Chennells, President of the Chamber of Commerce, who together with Luton Town set up the Corporate Club.



•Memorable scoreline: Our electronic scoreboard beamed out the result from Wembley when the lads paraded the cup.



•Magic moments: Richard Harvey, Mick Harford, Mark Stein, David Preece and Brian Stein with the cup.



•A wave to the crowd: Steve Foster leads the team on a lap of honour at Kenilworth Road.

## CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

#### Fine season ends

Hello everyone and welcome to our last home match of the season. We shall be meeting Nottingham Forest twice in three days so we have a chance of making up some ground in the First Division in extra quick time, but we know Forest will be very tough opposition.

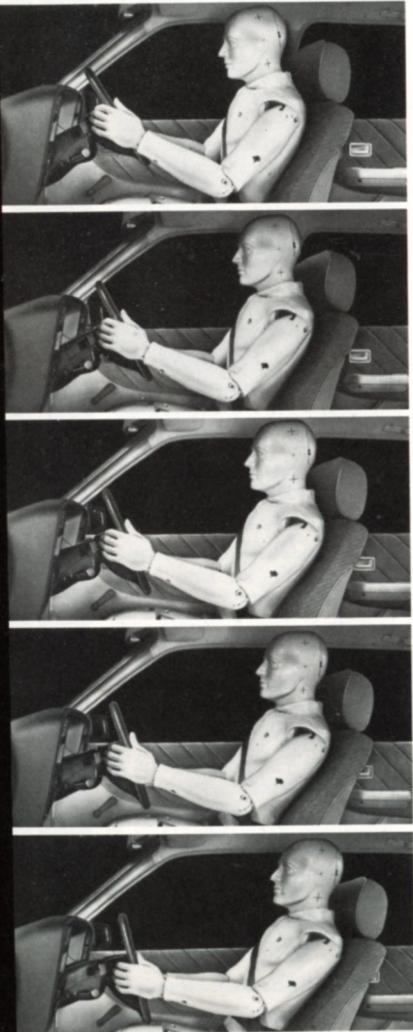
Like us, they have had a good season and have ambitions of going into Europe if English clubs are readmitted next season. The lads are obviously keen to play in Europe if they get the chance, but it is one of those theoretical things which are not really worth serious consideration until they happen.

#### Injuries

Looking back, we have had a marvellous season. It has been fantastic to reach Wembley three times and to win the Littlewoods Cup. That win more than made up for the other disappointments and it has been a bit of a shame that we have had so many injuries recently.

By the end of the season, we shall have played a total of 58 matches. It is no wonder we have picked up a few knocks along the way. It has been good, though, to see the long-term injured lads back in action. I think everyone is looking forward to a good end to the season and the end-of-season tour to Florida. Have a good close-season - and I hope to see you again in August.

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## PHOTO FILE



• Flashback to Carrow Road: Ricky Hill, Tim Breacker and Danny Wilson are pictured in action at Norwich where our late fightback earned a point. Pictures by Josh Levy of Apex Photography.



# 1987-88 IN FOCUS – A SPECIAL SEASON



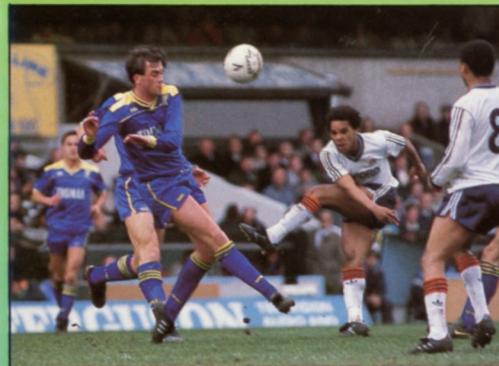
• **Turning point:** Mick Harford is set to score in our 5-2 win at Oxford last September.



• **At the double:** Ian Allinson scored twice in a 2-0 home win over Tottenham – our fifth consecutive win.



• **Hat-trick hero:** Mark Stein hit a hat-trick in the amazing 7-4 League win over Oxford in January.



• **Cup-tie specials:** From Wigan and Hartlepool, the Town marched on Wembley in all the knock-out tournaments. Josh Levy's pictures capture the action, the agony and the glory of an extraordinary season from our semi-final win over Oxford, the Simod Cup Final, the FA Cup semi-final, the Centenary Festival and the Littlewoods Cup triumph over Arsenal.



# THE 1988 LITTLEWOODS CUP WINNERS



Standing (left to right): **Kingsley Black, Emeka Nwajiobi, Ian Allinson, Steve Foster, Marvin Johnson, Brian Stein, Ricky Hill, David Oldfield, Mal Donaghy, Richard Harvey, Ashley Grimes, Mick Harford.**

Crouching (left to right): **David Preece, Andy Dibble, Mark Stein, Rob Johnson, David Oldfield, Tim Breacker, Danny Wilson.**

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# DRESSING ROOM TALK

with Ray Harford

*After just one full season in charge as manager of Luton Town, Ray Harford finds himself as the first man in the club's history to have guided the club to triumph in winning a major trophy. Now he has to face up to the new challenges which lie ahead as the Town seek to build on that success and consolidate their position among the elite trophy-winning clubs at the top of the league, as he reflects in tonight's Dressing Room Talk:*

### Ambitions achieved

"At the start of the season I said I wanted to see us play with style, score more goals, finish in a high position in the league, improve our away record and, with a bit of luck, have a cup run and make an appearance in a Wembley cup final. Well, with a great deal of luck, I have managed to achieve most of those - with the away record improvement proving the most elusive.

"The away form has been a concern to me. But I think we have shown some improvement recently. At Tottenham, for example, we were better drilled and I saw some encouraging signs. I have thought for a while in fact that we might need to have a different system to play away matches - a more indirect style with the accent on retaining possession.

### Smoothly

"The biggest challenge of the season for me was the three weeks period leading up to the Littlewoods Cup final. I really had to do my job then. When you are winning it is easy, but when things are not running so smoothly it is much more difficult.

"To get a good performance at Wembley and to win in the way we did with an ambitious team was a marvellously satisfying achievement. It was the way we played that pleased me. A lot of fellow-professionals in the game have spoken to me since then of how much they admired our performance and that means a lot.



• **Planning ahead:** Ray Harford.

"Now I face the next stage in the progress of the club. We may have to introduce some changes, but that is all part of it. Liverpool have done it and so will we. It is all part of a long-term programme of progress. Managing a First Division club is not a one-year job, but a five-year job or more.

### Staked claims

"We have a very good standard of youngsters at the club and this has been shown by our progress in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup in the last two seasons and by the way lads like Kingsley Black, Marvin Johnson and David Oldfield have come in and staked their claims for next year.

"It has been easily the most memorable season of my career. To win like that at Wembley is like a dream. At least it was... Now I've seen a video of it four or five times, it has really sunk in and I can really appreciate it."

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## BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

### McGUIGAN TEAMS UP WITH THE TOWN

THE WORLD sporting spotlight turns on Kenilworth Road next month when former world boxing champion Barry McGuigan continues his comeback campaign.

Battling Barry tops the bill in a Super Featherweight world title eliminator against Tomas Da Cruz, which is expected to pack the ground on Saturday, June 25. Millions more fight fans will be watching live on television across the United States, as well as in many other countries.

The evening's boxing also includes Ilford's Dark Destroyer – unbeaten Commonwealth middleweight champ, Nigel Benn – in his 19th fight – and Mo Hussein, the Commonwealth lightweight title-holder from West Ham. There will be several other supporting bouts and we are even making plans for a Laser light show to complete the programme.

Demand for tickets is terrific and up to 20,000 spectators are expected, with 9,000 on special seating around the ring on the pitch. Apart from valuable income for the club, this prestigious event will bring much extra business to the town's shops, restaurants and hotels, as Luton makes its mark on the international boxing map.

To cope with the influx of visitors, special transport arrangements are being planned, including park-and-ride schemes and possibly additional trains. There will be no general parking in the vicinity of the ground but all the local public car parks will be clearly sign-posted.

The event is part of Luton Town's policy to fund improved spectator facilities by using the stadium and its synthetic pitch to the full. Now Professional Boxing joins American Football and international Hockey on the list of major Kenilworth Road attractions.

The Town faced strong competition from other centres that wanted McGuigan, one of the world's top box office attractions. But promoter Frank Warren shares the Club's conviction that Kenilworth Road is the ideal outdoor arena for what could be Britain's fight of the year.

Special events Manager Mike Beevor has been tracking the bout since last October and says: "The strong backing and commitment of our chairman and directors made all the difference to persuading Frank to stage the fight here. We are also grateful for the co-operation and support of the police, local authorities and business community in staging this event in just six weeks.

"If the event is a success and Barry wins, there is even a chance of staging his world championship fight here. So with Barry now living in Milton Keynes and training in Luton there's even more reason for our football supporters to swap sports for the evening!"

Ticket prices are comparable to other top-quality boxing programmes, starting at £15 for the Kenilworth terraces and £25 for seats in the Oak Stand, Enclosure or Blocks F and G. Main Stand tickets are £40 each, with Directors Box, Century Club area and Outer Ring seats on the pitch at £50. A seat in the Inner Ring area will cost £75 and in addition, there are several executive and sponsorship offers available, which include dinner and refreshments.

There are several ways to buy a ticket:

In person, Monday to Friday, from our Oak Road Souvenir Shop (enquiries 0582 405234);

By post, from McGuigan Box Office, PO Box 141, London SW6 5AS, enclosing a cheque or postal order and stamped, addressed envelope and allowing 14 days for delivery;

By Credit Card Hotline, to Keith Prowse (01-741 8999), Premier Box Office (01-240 0771), Ticketmaster (01-379 4444), or Stargreen (01-734 8932).

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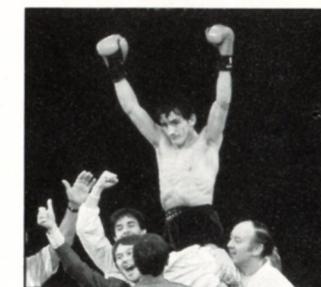
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• On the comeback trail:  
Barry McGuigan.

# SEASON TICKET AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 1988-89

Season Ticket Holders and Club Members will be able to renew their membership for next season as detailed below.

## Season Ticket Holders

Season ticket holders can renew their season tickets from 1 May 1988. If, however, you wish to renew in person we cannot accept personal applications until after 31 May 1988. Your own seat will be reserved until 30th June 1988. Seats will be available to the general public after July 12.

Prices are as follows:

	<b>Renewals</b>	<b>Renewals</b>
	<b>Prior to</b>	<b>From</b>
	<b>30/6/88</b>	<b>1/7/88</b>
<b>Main Stand (A-E)</b>	£	£
Adult	135	153
Junior/OAP	65	80
<b>Main Stand (F)</b>		
Adult	105	119
Junior/OAP	45	51
<b>Main Stand Enclosure</b>		
Adult	105	119
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Blocks B and J	75	85
<b>Oak Stand</b>		
Adult	105	119
Junior/OAP	45	51

In the Oak Stand, there will be a special family discount of 20% off season tickets purchased. To qualify, the minimum requirement will be at least two adults, plus at least one juvenile under 16, all of whom must be from the same family.

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Adult	67.50	76.50
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## Membership

Membership may be renewed by post from 1 May 1988, or by personal application after 31 May 1988.

Membership categories are:

	<b>Fee</b>
Adult	£1
Junior Hatter (Under 8)	£1
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# RESERVE



•In the tackle: Young defender Mark Pembridge is pictured in action for the reserves.

#### SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION 1987/88

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

#### SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION 1987/88

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	32	20	3	9	74	36	43
Norwich City	32	16	11	5	62	34	43
<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>43</b>
Watford	31	18	6	7	59	28	42
Queens Park Rangers	33	17	8	8	63	41	42
Southampton	33	15	11	7	64	36	41
Ipwich Town	35	15	9	11	59	43	39
Arsenal	34	17	4	13	70	39	38
West Ham United	33	15	6	12	57	46	36
Chelsea	32	15	6	11	54	44	36
Charlton Athletic	33	12	8	13	47	54	32
Swindon Town	33	12	8	13	55	65	32
Millwall	32	11	9	12	44	38	31
Portsmouth	33	13	5	15	54	67	31
Brighton & Hove Albion	34	12	7	15	48	65	31
Fulham	31	7	8	16	41	78	22
Reading	32	9	3	20	46	75	21
Oxford United	33	8	4	21	53	90	20
Crystal Palace	31	6	6	19	24	65	18
Bristol Rovers	33	3	7	23	44	91	13



•Goalmouth excitement: Paul Gray grimaces as the goalkeeper clears during a recent clash at Kenilworth Road.

## COACHES' CORNER



#### HIGHLY-SUCCESSFUL SEASON COMES TO AN END

The 1987-88 season will go down in history as one of the most successful ever at Kenilworth Road at all levels of the club. It has not only seen the winning of the Littlewoods Cup, two further Wembley appearances and an FA Cup semi-final appearance, but has also seen the reserves challenge for a top placing in the Sunday Mirror Combination table and the youth team carry their defence of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup right through to the final again.

But, at another level, it has also been a very successful season for the club - a large number of young players and juniors have shown their ability and fought their way through the ranks to make promising appearances in the first team and the reserves. Everyone knows, of course, of the success of Kingsley Black who has emerged this season as one of our most promising younger players and who has won international recognition, but it should not be overlooked that Kingsley has been joined in the first team during the season by Marvin Johnson, Richard Harvey, David Oldfield, Gary Cobb, Paul Gray, Julian James and Ricky McEvoy at various times. For all of these younger players, the experience will have been invaluable.

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Jim Ryan has already noted this point. He recently said of his own reserve team and their successful results with a young side: "Those young players that have been introduced, some of which had their chance because of severe injuries sustained by senior players, have accepted the challenge superbly. The bonus, apart from the results, has been the way the team has continued to play an open attractive formation which should have pleased our regular faithful fans throughout the season."

# 8 & YOUTH

# INTRODUCING...

## NOTTINGHAM FOREST

We entertain tonight a Nottingham Forest side who shared our experience of losing an FA Cup semi-final but who proved this season they are one of the best young teams in the League. Since then they have crashed heavily at Anfield, but since they have also beaten the Anfield club it is not without good reason that they are regarded as one of the teams of the future with so many talented players currently in the side who have yet to reach their peak. *writes Geoff Allmann*

Nottingham Forest were founded in 1865, playing a sort of hockey game called 'shinney' for a time, but changing to soccer in time to reach the semi-final of the FA Cup in 1878-79, losing 2-1 to Old Etonians.

They were elected to Division One in 1892, by which time they had got their name in soccer history by the introduction of shinpads and the referee's whistle. They lost their First Division place 1906 and in fact until 1957 they had spent only 21 seasons in Division One.

### 'their team included our own former defender Horace Gager'

They even slipped to Division Three (South) for a couple of seasons from 1949 to 1951, their side at that time including our former defender Horace Gager and both he and former Rotherham sharpshooter Wally Ardron helped them climb



Back Row (left to right): Philip Starbuck, Terry Wilson, Stephen Chettle, Neil Webb, Brian Rice, Lee Glover. Middle Row: Liam O'Kane (Coach), Paul Wilkinson, Colin Foster, Steve Sutton, Hans Segers, Billy Stubbs, David Campbell, Ron Fenton (Assistant Manager). Front Row: Nigel Clough, Kjetil Osvold, Des Walker, Brian Clough (Manager), Stuart Pearce, Franz Carz, Gary Fleming.

back to Division Two. They reached Division One again in 1957 and in the course of 15 seasons there they won the FA Cup in 1959 despite losing Roy Dwight with a broken leg after he had scored the opening goal against ourselves.

Forest lost their First Division place in 1972, but from the time of the appointment of Brian Clough as manager in 1975 the situation at the City Ground was transformed. Promotion in 1977 was followed by a League Cup and First Division win in 1978, a European Cup win and another League Cup win in 1979 and a second successive European Cup win in 1980.

Though that incredible rate of success has not been maintained Forest have still managed not to fall below twelfth place in Division One during the last seven seasons while the side has been revamped completely.

In the last four seasons they have ended up successively 3rd, 9th, 8th and 8th again. Last season they topped Division One until early November and stayed up in the top three until Christmas.

Even though they lost a little momentum after that, they still lost only once at home, (to Chelsea), all season.

### 'spectacular form away from home'

This season began spectacularly with four wins in their first five away games and Forest has, up to the time of writing, won a total of nine away games and in fact picked up 32 of



Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough has been one of the most-talked about figures in the English game for several years, but this season his team have earned most of Forest's headlines. His strong views and forthright comments attract attention, but the football team he creates earn respect and have prompted many respected critics to suggest Clough is the best team manager in the First Division today. Brian Clough's playing career which was a highly-promising one ended prematurely by injury after he had become one of the most prolific scorers in the land. As a manager he has had success with Harlepool, Derby County and Forest, as well as spells with Brighton and Leeds United. He has won the league title with both Derby and Forest and twice led Forest to the European Champion's Cup.

their first 63 points away from home. They have lost only two away games (at QPR and Liverpool) since early January.

Most of the goalscoring recently has been done by **Nigel Clough**, the son of the Forest manager, in his third full season, and he is likely to be linking up with **Paul Wilkinson** (a £200,000 signing from Everton last season) and exciting young winger **Gary Crosby** in his first season.

In midfield **Terry Wilson** is another exciting discovery in his first season, linking up with Scotland Under-21 cap **Brian Rice** (formerly with Hibernian) and England man **Neil Webb** who came from Portsmouth three years ago.

In defence **Colin Foster** came from Orient last season and links up in the centre with **Des Walker**, an England Under-21 man with **Stephen Chettle**, yet another exciting discovery this season and **Stuart Pearce**, a snip of a signing at £25,000 from Coventry who could well be on the edge of a regular England place, on the flanks.

In goal **Steve Sutton**, who was 27 last week, is very much the senior citizen of the side and has withstood successive challenges for his place by **Hans Von Breukelin** and **Hans Segers**. Substitutes recently have been two more home grown players, striker **Lee Glover** and defender **Gary Fleming**, while the squad also includes former Town and England Under-21 midfielder **Garry Parker**.

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# JUNIOR HATTERS!

BY BRIAN STEIN

## THE END OF A VERY SPECIAL SEASON

After gaining only our second double of the season, when we beat Watford at home to give us three more points, it is a pity that Watford are being relegated next season as it means we lose a local derby.

It is always good playing Watford at holiday times as our supporters can make the short trip to Watford.

We have been playing a lot of football since our cup win, this week we play three games, Liverpool, Nottingham Forest today and Nottingham Forest away on Sunday. This is the end of a very good season for Luton Town.

Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership

number is J006078. The lucky member should contact Bev Tyler in the Souvenir Shop in Oak Road with his or her membership card for two free tickets to one of our home games next season.

With this being our last home game of the season, I would like to thank all you Junior Hatters for your support through the season and the cup runs that we have had. It is not a bad season when you see how many games we have played this season. It totals 59.

Do not forget to renew your membership for next season. It will only cost you £1.00. Have a good day and enjoy the match. I will see you all next season.

### ESCAPES



Christopher Winslet



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### ESCAPES



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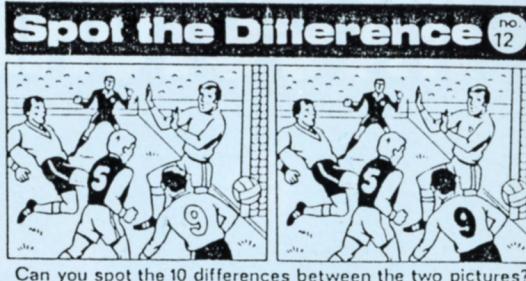
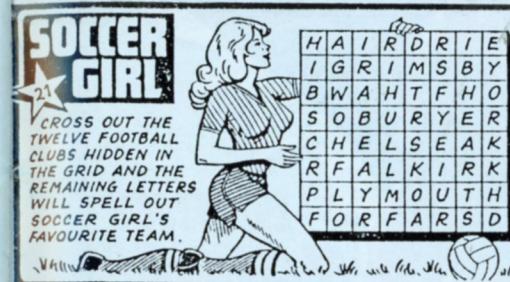
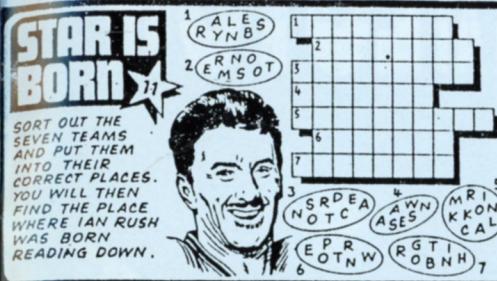


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## KENILWORTH THE CAT



# QUIZ TIME

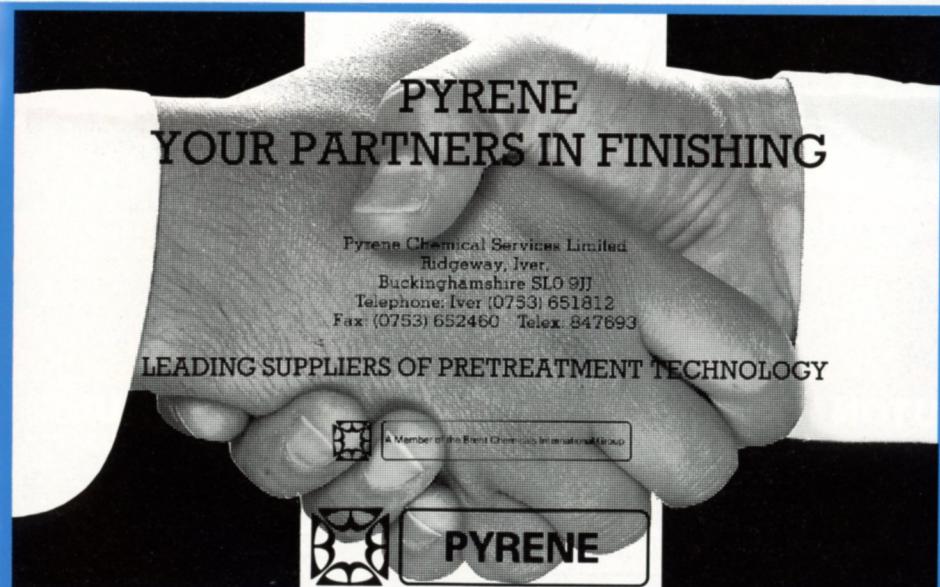


Can you spot the 10 differences between the two pictures?

The answers to the last Quiz Time are:  
Spot the Difference: 1. Bob on bear's hat; 2. Player's sock; 3. Woman's cuff; 4. Stripe on player's boot; 5. Man's collar black; 6. Line on girl's scarf; 7. Player's badge; 8. Line on ball; 9. Stripe on shorts; 10. Player's collar. Soccer Girl's favourite team was Wimbledon. Junior spot: 1. Nicholas; 2. Francis; 3. Dalglish.

The answers to today's Quiz Time are below:  
Spot the Difference: 1. Number '9' is black; 2. Cuff of player on left; 3. Goalie's sock. 4. Stripe on No.5's shorts; 5. Ref's sock; 6. Corner flag; 7. Goalie's badge; 8. Number 9's hair; 9. Part of goal-line missing; 10. Stripe on No.9's shorts. Soccer Girl is a Watford supporter. Ian Rush was born in St. Asaph, Wales.

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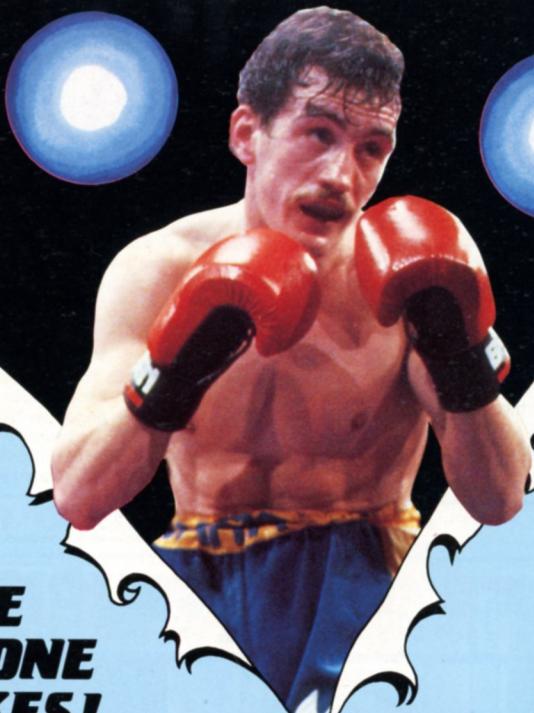
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## Views from the media

### MEMORABLE SEASON COMES TO AN END

Not since 1959 have Luton Town fans had so much to crow about after a season in which Wembley has been turned into our second home and the old straw boaters have been brought back into fashion down Empire Way, writes *Timothy Collings*. It has been a great season, no doubt, but best of all it has been a happy and exciting season for us all.

The highlights stand out like beacons – the Littlewoods Cup run, the FA Cup run, the Simod Cup run, the hammerings of poor Oxford both in the league and the semi-finals of the Littlewoods Cup and the solid progress which carried us to Wembley for the Centenary Festival. It was so good the jokes about being an unfashionable fan were silenced in pubs and offices all over the country.

Now we can all walk in with our heads high. Even neutrals have had to admit that the finish to the Littlewoods Cup final at Wembley took their breath away. One, friend, married to an Arsenal supporter, told me he travelled to Wembley in red and white but only twice left his seat – when Danny Wilson and Brian Stein scored those thrilling second-half goals. He was not popular at home after that!

The scenes at Wembley, on April 24, and afterwards in Luton, were to be beheld. A 20,000 crowd in the town centre...tears running, dancing in the streets. The club and the town grew into a sporting adult that day – and now has to face up to the future with renewed stature and responsibility. For the first time in 103 years, we are the 'holders' of a trophy. We have something to defend. Luton Town are in among the winners and the big clubs and in 1988-89 we must all back the club to hit as we aim to build and achieve even greater successes.



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# LUTON TOWN GOAL'DEN OLDIES

## WORLD CUP HERO BINGHAM SIGNS ON AND THE TOWN SET OFF FOR AN HISTORIC SEASON

With the club finishing in its highest ever position of eighth in season 1957-58 and with Billy Bingham signed from relegated Sunderland in the following summer things seemed set fair for another successful year, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

The best opening day crowd since the Town's promotion to Division One, 24,425, gathered at Kenilworth Road on 23rd August 1958 mainly to see Bingham, but leaving impressed with West Brom's centre forward Derek Kevan who equalised a Gordon Turner penalty. Allan Brown, centre forward for the Town that day obviously kept mental notes as he signed Kevan for Luton – albeit eight years later!

### **'the Hatters embarked on a run that took them to the top of the table for the first time'**

Bingham soon began to show his World Cup form as the Hatters embarked on a run that took them to the top of the table for the first time in their history. Bingham were defeated at St Andrews for the first time, West Ham were thrashed 4-1 at Kenilworth Road before a crowd of 25,715 and Manchester City went the same way only this time 5-1 with Turner and Brown each scoring twice.

Top of the table Preston were the next visitors to Kenilworth Road and with Bingham in scintillating form a 4-1 home win was the reward and with it pole position – a feat not repeated apart from a three-hour spell over Christmas 1983.

This was to be the Towns pinnacle for in game eleven, at Leicester the following Saturday, we were beaten 3-1, but the defeat can be mitigated by the loss of Bob Morton, Bingham and Turner from our normal line-up.

Defeat at Nottingham Forest then followed before it was announced that Dally Duncan, manager for twelve years, had accepted the vacant post at newly-promoted Blackburn. The Town were therefore to be without a manager for the most momentous season in their history.

Performances never really picked up again and a run of five straight defeats leading up to Christmas sent the Town tumbling down the table. A 6-3 home win over Arsenal on Boxing Day sent the pulses racing



**Brilliant winger:** Billy Bingham, now the Northern Ireland manager, joined the Town from Sunderland in 1958.

again, but in the return on 27th December a 1-0 defeat was suffered before a Highbury crowd of 56,501.

With the Town drawn at home against Leeds in the FA Cup third round it was decided that a team reshuffle was needed. Out went Seamus Dunne to be replaced by Brendan McNally with young Tony Gregory coming in for Jim Adam.

The biggest bombshell however was the dropping of Gordon Turner (not for the first time that season) the reversion of Morton to the forward line and the inclusion of John Groves.

The new look team was a revelation as Leeds were taken apart and the 5-1 scoreline fully reflected the Towns superiority. The same eleven was kept together for the fourth round tie as Leicester were taken apart after a replay and with the Town drawn away to Second Division Ipswich in round five cup fever had struck.

The Town's allocation of tickets could have been sold four times over such was the demand, but as the

Hatters triumphed 5-2 after being a goal down in the opening seconds the fans obviously had some sort of premonition hence the clamour to get to Portman Road.

At this time League performances were none too encouraging and due to injuries the "old guard" was brought back only to be replaced yet again as cup ties approached which obviously did not go down too well with the players concerned.

The quarter-finals saw the Town drawn away to Blackpool. The Hatters drew first blood when Bingham scored with six minutes left but following an uncharacteristic (I say that as he is still a regular supporter) error by Ken Hawkes the Tangerines equalised in the final minute.

The replay took place on the following Wednesday afternoon as Blackpool objected to the Towns floodlights but a record crowd of 30,069 still managed to cram into the ground to witness Allan Brown score the only goal of the game.

Giant killers Norwich were our semi-final opponents and although the Town had the better of the play in the game at White Hart Lane a 1-1 draw left the teams ready to thrash it out again at the home of Birmingham City.

### **'Forest were taken apart in a rehearsal for the Wembley showpiece'**

This time, although Norwich played rather better, the Town won through courtesy of a Bingham goal which saw the "Twin Towers" beckon for the first time and with it an unprecedented demand for tickets to see a game no-one thought possible at Christmas.

In the period 21st March to 25th April no fewer than 14 League games had to be played with the Town losing seven and drawing four. Of the three wins the



**Reliable defender:** Ken Hawkes, now a regular fan, in action against Norwich City in the 1959 FA Cup Semi-Final.

most impressive was against the Towns Cup Final opponents Nottingham Forest who were taken apart as Brown scored four in a 5-1 victory.

The Town put out their full "Cup" side whilst Forest wisely rested four players and in retrospect false confidence was gained from the win.

The final itself was a complete letdown full of "ifs" and "buts" after the whistle sounded on a 2-1 defeat. It has taken 29 years to erase those sad memories but it is guaranteed that it will be well before May 2017 when you will read about the Littlewoods Cup Final win against Arsenal in this column!



**Marching out:** Tom Hodgson and Syd Owen lead out the Town at Wembley for the 1959 FA Cup Final against Nottingham Forest.

## FIRST TEAM

# UPDATE

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1987-88

1961-62							
HOME	AWAY			Sept			
	W	D	L	F	Apts	22	
P W D L F A							
39 15 4 0 48 8	Liverpool	11	7	2	38 15 89	Sept 26	Wigan Athletic (LC2R 1D)
39 13 5 1 39 16	Manchester United	9	7	4	30 21 78	Oct 3	Queens Park Rangers
<b>38 11 6 2 39 16</b>	<b>Nottingham Forest</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>26 21 71</b>	Oct 6	<b>Manchester United</b>
40 14 4 2 34 11	Everton	5	9	6	19 16 70	Oct 10	<b>Wigan Athletic (LC2R 2L)</b>
40 12 4 4 30 14	Queens Park Rangers	7	6	7	18 24 67	Oct 17	<b>Portsmouth</b>
40 11 4 5 35 16	Arsenal	7	8	5	23 23 66	Oct 24	<b>Wimbledon</b>
39 8 9 3 32 20	Wimbledon	6	6	7	25 25 57	Oct 27	<b>Liverpool</b>
40 9 6 5 32 23	Newcastle United	6	8	7	23 30 66	Nov 7	<b>Coventry City (LC3R)*</b>
40 6 8 6 23 25	Coventry City	7	6	7	23 28 53	Nov 14	<b>Newcastle United</b>
40 10 2 8 27 30	Sheffield Wednesday	5	6	9	25 35 53	Nov 17	Sheffield Wednesday
<b>37 11 5 3 39 20</b>	<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15 35 50</b>	Nov 21	<b>Ipswich Town (LC4R)</b>
40 6 8 6 27 26	Southampton	6	6	8	22 27 60	Dec 5	<b>Tottenham Hotspur</b>
40 9 5 6 24 23	Tottenham Hotspur	3	6	11	12 25 47	Dec 12	<b>Norwich City</b>
40 7 5 8 26 26	Norwich City	5	4	11	14 26 48	Dec 18	Watford
40 6 7 7 18 17	Derby County	4	6	10	17 28 43	Dec 26	<b>Southampton</b>
40 6 9 5 23 21	West Ham United	3	6	11	17 31 42	Dec 28	Everton
50 7 7 6 23 21	Charlton Athletic	2	8	10	15 31 42	Jan 1	<b>Charlton Athletic</b>
40 7 11 2 24 17	Chelsea	2	4	14	26 51 42	Jan 2	<b>Chelsea</b>
40 4 8 8 21 27	Portsmouth	3	6	11	15 39 35	Jan 9	West Ham United
40 4 5 11 15 24	Watford	3	6	11	12 27 32	Jan 16	Hartlepool (FAC3)
40 5 7 8 24 34	Oxford United	1	6	13	20 46 31	Jan 30	<b>Derby County</b>
						Feb 6	<b>Bradford City (LC5)</b>
						Feb 13	<b>Southampton (FAC4)</b>
						Feb 20	<b>Coventry City</b>

**APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS (1987/88)**

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

— indicates player substituted, [ ] indicates substitute used. Home fixtures in **Bold**. Scorer's name in **Bold**. P = Penalty. + denotes own goal.

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## Luton Town

1	Andy Dibble
2	Tim Breacker
3	Ashley Grimes
4	Rob Johnson
5	Steve Foster
6	Mal Donaghy
7	Danny Wilson
8	Brian Stein
9	Mick Harford
10	Ricky Hill
11	David Preece
Subs	

## Nottingham Forest

1	Steve Sutton
2	Gary Fleming
3	Stuart Pearce
4	Steve Chettle
5	Colin Foster
6	Terry Wilson
7	Gary Crosby
8	Neil Webb
9	Nigel Clough
10	Franz Carr
11	Brian Rice
Subs	

Referee: M.D. REED (Birmingham) Linesmen: M.K. BULLIVANT (Red Flag) R.G. TAYLOR (Yellow Flag)  
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