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RAY'S REVIEW



Welcome to Manchester United, one of the biggest clubs in our game, for a match in which we hope to continue our improved performances and pick up our first victory. The result at Southampton did not do us justice. We did well to pull ourselves back into the game after a difficult first half and when we drew level, I felt we were on our way to a deserved point. But we were not able to keep our level of concentration and allowed Southampton to score again for victory.

That result at the Dell in which we followed our 2-2 draw at home to Wimbledon with some good football leaves us searching for our first win of the season this afternoon. You can be sure we shall be doing our utmost to continue our recent good home record against United by claiming all three points.

This week has been one of international recognition for Luton Town as we have had three players involved with Billy Bingham's Northern Ireland in their World Cup qualifying match against the Republic of Ireland in Belfast and also had Mick Harford selected to lead the England attack at Wembley against Denmark in a friendly. We were all delighted for Mick who won his second cap on Wednesday when the club was represented by a party of coaching staff and players at Wembley. As I write, I can only say I hope that all four of the lads came through their matches without any injury problems and reported back fit and available for selection for today's match.

With Darron McDonough continuing to make progress from his knee injury last season and close to full match fitness and also Ricky Hill back to full fitness after his hamstring injury, I have close to a full squad to choose from. My only serious worry this week was over Ashley Grimes who had an annoying knock around his achilles tendon. He was of course very keen to be considered for a match against United, one of his former clubs. It is sure to be a tough and competitive match with plenty of skillful football. Enjoy it. And give the lads your full support.

Ray Harford

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Mailbag

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

Major force

Dear Sirs,

A reporter was rounding up the charity shield match the other day on the radio and when talking about Liverpool he said, "who can stop them from winning the League, FA Cup and Littlewoods Cup?" I was shocked to hear that anyone had the audacity to even mention that the Littlewoods Cup could even belong to anyone else except us. I was relieved, however, when returning back to the studio the Disk Jockey said "The Littlewoods Cup? Nah you'll never get it back out of Luton's hands" (or words to that effect).

The League season has already started and soon we shall begin the defence of our cup. Even if we don't win again there will still be the little notice under Ray's Review stating 'WINNERS-LITTLEWOODS CUP'.

No-one can take it away from us. Luton are in their greatest era and you can't just brand us as a cup team, we are a strong force in the League also, top ten positions are very consistent and in the last two seasons we have beaten **ALL** the major teams.

Luton were slammed early season for our poor results but about 8,000 of us stayed with you, then the cup run started. Me and my mates stuck with them through the pain-Simod Cup defeat to lowly Reading (we were barracked at schools for weeks) and through the sheer happiness of winning the cup (we were told we were lucky) but there again you just can't win in this funny old game!

James Bancroft

6 Brooklands Road,
Riseley,
Bedford.

My sweetest tears

Dear Sir,

Having been a supporter of 'The Town' over the last 21 seasons, naturally I have seen some 'ups and downs' real good times and occasionally some big disappointments, but at the recent home match with our rivals Watford, with for the very first time my wife and two sons aged 9 and 6, the sight of the team with the cup and the reception given by the fans old and new filled my eyes with tears of pride.

May I thank everyone associated with Luton Town F.C. especially the players for the sweetest tasting tears of my life.

Yours

Melvyn R. Taylor

4 Sheepcote Crescent,
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Signed footballs auction

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TALK

with Kingsley Black

Kingsley Black still remembers the night he stood on the pitch at Kenilworth Road as a fan to cheer his heroes in 1982 after they had won the Second Division championship and clinched promotion to the First Division. Now, more than six years later, he finds himself not only sharing a dressing room with Mal Donaghy, Ricky Hill and Co, but also hoping to build a future international career. In today's Dressing Room Talk, he reflects on his rapidly-changing fortunes and his ambitions for the new season:



• **Kingsley Black:** Future international.

Irish ambitions

"Sometimes it is difficult to take in all that has happened to me recently particularly the events before and after our Littlewoods Cup win. Being picked for the Northern Ireland squad, then being spoken to by Bobby Robson produced a lot of questions from the press and the media and it came as a bit of a shock.

"But I have got used to it and still see myself as just an ordinary member of the first team squad here, trying to secure a regular place in the team. I was only a reserve a year ago so my ambition this season is just to get established and to try and score a few goals.

"Choosing Northern Ireland was always very easy for me and not as difficult as it seemed. My father has a lot of relatives over there and I go over quite often to visit them so it does not seem too unusual to me. And having Mal and Danny already established in the squad has obviously made it much easier.

"I shall hope I was given a run-out for some of the game at least this week when we played the Republic in a World Cup qualifier. But as this article goes to press I don't know if I shall be playing or not!

"The Irish lads were very friendly to me when I first joined the squad and made me feel very welcome and at ease. After all the fuss, I was a bit worried they might not take to me so quickly, but they were all fantastic.

"My Irish family connections come from Castlerock, which is about seven miles from Coleraine and having relatives - uncles and aunts and cousins - there made me feel very good about it.

"Now I am hoping to get in the team and, if possible, score a goal. That would be tremendous. My goal for Luton against Wimbledon was my first at senior level for the club, but not my first altogether. Mind you, it is so long since I last scored I could hardly remember the previous goal!

"I remember I did score eight in my first season as a professional in the Football Combination team and I got two or three last year in the reserves in seven appearances early in the season. That was before I became a member of the first team squad.

"Now I am hoping to claim a regular first team place, but with at least 10 players challenging for just four midfield positions in the biggest and best squad in the club has had it is not going to be easy.

Winger

"I know a lot of people think of me as just a winger, but I like to think of myself as a midfield player who can go wide. I have played sometimes on the left side of a three man midfield and enjoyed it. So, I am not just a winger I don't think.

"Like everyone else, though, I am sure we have a good chance of success against this year whatever position I play in. So, I am just hoping to be consistent enough to try and hold down a regular place."



by BILL TOMLINS

THE TOWN

PROVISIONAL PLANS MADE TO POSTPONE ARSENAL'S VISIT

As many supporters will already be aware, we have made provisional arrangements to postpone our home match against Arsenal on October 15 and rearrange it later in the month, as detailed in Box Office Information on page 15 of this match day programme.

This is due to the Football League Management Committee's desire to support the England manager in preparing his players - possibly including our own Mick Harford - for the World Cup qualifying match against Sweden on October 19.

Since we and Arsenal may have players involved in the match, it was quickly agreed to reschedule the meeting for Tuesday, October 25, kick-off 7.45 pm, rather than go ahead and play without the participation of selected international players.

Everyone in the game was saddened by the death of the chairman of Queen's Park Rangers David Bulstrode. We all knew him well and had supported him as a member of the Football League Management Committee.

His enthusiasm and knowledge of the game will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Mick Harford's selection for England on Wednesday night against Denmark at Wembley was a

source of great satisfaction to everyone at the club. We hope he did enough to satisfy Bobby Robson and earn another chance next month when the squad to play Sweden is selected.

I was disappointed - but I am getting used to it now - by the continuing absence of Luton Town in connection with the international squads when they are discussed in the media. And this, in spite of the fact that we supplied not only Mick to England but also three players for Billy Bingham's Northern Ireland squad.

We feel we deserve more recognition as a club with several talented full international players at senior level and a host of young under-18 internationals bursting through at youth and junior levels.

Finally, a thank-you in advance to all our regular supporters for the necessary arrangements to be made for the accommodation of visiting supporters from Burnley in 10 days time when we begin our defence of the Littlewoods Cup.

We shall be making 2,500 standing spaces available in K1 of the Kenilworth Road terrace and 1,000 seats in blocks F and G of the main stand. Full details are on page 15. Thanks for your co-operation.

LUCKY SADI!



• **Happy Winner:** Pensioner Sadi Micylmont of Keepers Close, Luton, won a £500 holiday for two in our Midas Daily Draw and Discount Club. She is pictured receiving her prize brochures from Les Sealey. Full story on page 15.

FRIENDSHIPS EXTENDED AT THE DELL

• **A special handshake:** Our Sales Supervisor Bev Tyler stood in for Danny Wilson at Southampton last week and received a friendship trophy on behalf of the Junior Hatters from the Junior Saints. The trophy was to help establish the best of relationships in football.



• **Welcome back:** The Major of Luton, Cllr Mrs Patuline Wolsey presents Steve Foster with a commemorative tankard to mark the Littlewoods Cup win over Arsenal.



• **Top Hatter:** David Oldfield was voted our sponsors' Man of the Match against Wimbledon. The match was sponsored by Luton International Airport.



• **Cup-winning captains:** Lawrie Sanchez of Wimbledon, the FA Cup winners, and our own Steve Foster line-up together with the officials and mascot Matthew Hall for our first home match.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY

STEVE FOSTER

Well done, Mick



Hello and welcome to another big match at Kenilworth Road against today's visitors Manchester United. There are few clubs with a bigger reputation than United, but we have enjoyed some good home results against them in the last few years and will be trying to win another one this afternoon.

All the lads were obviously delighted this week with the news that Mick Harford had won his first England call-up for a full 90 minutes at Wembley against the Danes. Mick has worked very hard all through his career and particularly since he has been here at Luton in the last four years to keep improving his game and he fully deserved his opportunity.

Irish lads

As this column is being written before I know the result of the match, I can only say I hope Mick did himself justice on the night and maybe managed to score a debut goal. That would have been great. Both for him and the club.

Mick, of course, has not been the only player away on international duty as we had Mal Donaghy, Danny Wilson and Kingsley Black away with Northern Ireland for their vital World Cup clash with the Republic in Belfast. All three lads have been in great form and fully deserve to represent their country - though I am not sure about Kingsley's Irish accent! Let us hope they all played well and reported back fit for this afternoon's big match.

FIRST POINT EARNED

Luton Town 2 Wimbledon 2

The Town earned their first point of the season on September 3 when they drew 2-2 at home to Wimbledon in a match billed as a clash of the First Division's leading cup specialists.

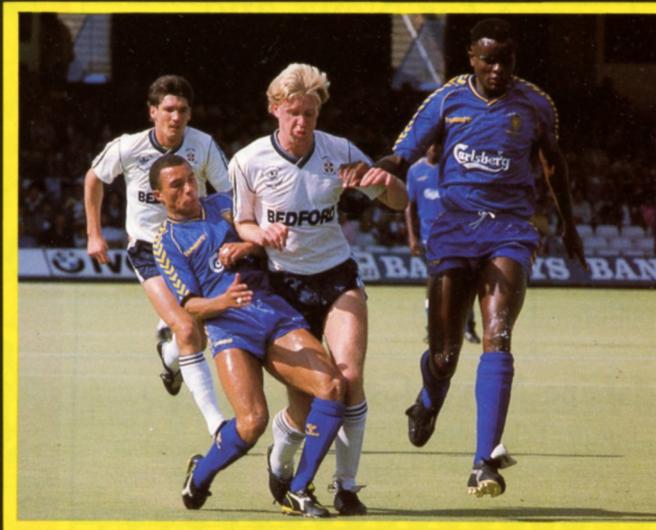
Wimbledon took the lead after 42 minutes when big John Fashanu scored from a penalty after Steve Foster was adjudged to have brought down Dennis Wise.

But the Town played their way back into the game with plenty of intelligent possessive football and drew level deservedly when Vaughan Ryan scored an own goal after 44 minutes.

Ten minutes into the second half, the Town struck again, Kingsley Black heading his first senior goal to make it 2-1. But, despite some further good play, they were unable to increase their lead and a simple late goal by Carlton Fairweather levelled the scores.

Teams: Luton Town - Sealey, Johnson, Grimes, Williams, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, Preece, Harford, Oldfield, Black.
Wimbledon - Green, Joseph, Phelan, Ryan, Young, Scales, Gibson (Turner 59), Fairweather, Fashanu, Sanchez (Brooke 57), Wise.
Referee: B.T. Stevens (Gloucester)

1st Team ACTION



• **Points shared:** Despite falling a goal behind in the first half, the Town fought back to lead 2-1 against Wimbledon on September 3 before being forced to settle for a point in a 2-2 draw. Our action pictures today show Kingsley Black in typical action and celebrating his first senior goal with a rare header, Danny Wilson and David Oldfield. Pictures by Josh Levy of Apex Photography of Milton Keynes.

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Unsold tickets can be purchased up to kick-off time from the ticket office. Entry to the standing sections K2 and K3 will be open to members up to kick-off by cash payment.

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Littlewoods Cup, Second Round Second Leg BURNLEY v LUTON TOWN, Tuesday, October 4. Kick-off 7.30 pm.

For our supporters who wish to travel to Turf Moor, tickets will be on sale from our ticket office in Kenilworth Road. Seat tickets cost £6 and standing tickets cost £3. Standing supporters may pay on the night if they wish.

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Turf Moor by car

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MAN IN CHARGE

Tony Ward (London)

An office manager, Tony is married with two teenage daughters. He began refereeing in 1962 and progressed via local leagues to the South East Counties, Athenian and Isthmian Leagues. He became a Football League referee in 1980. He was a linesman when West Germany played Brazil in 1981. He enjoys all sports and the theatre.

HOLIDAY WINNER

Pensioner Sadi Miclymont of Keepers' Close, Luton, recently won a £500 holiday for two in our MIDAS Daily Draw and Discount club.

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Littlewoods Cup Second Round 1st Leg
Tuesday, September 27, 1988
Luton Town v Burnley
Kick-off 7.45p.m.

PLAYER PROFILE

DANNY WILSON

After a marvellous first season during which he won a Littlewoods Cup Winners medal and established himself as a member of Billy Bingham's Northern Ireland squad, Danny Wilson has extended his horizons this week to include Italy and the 1990 World Cup finals.

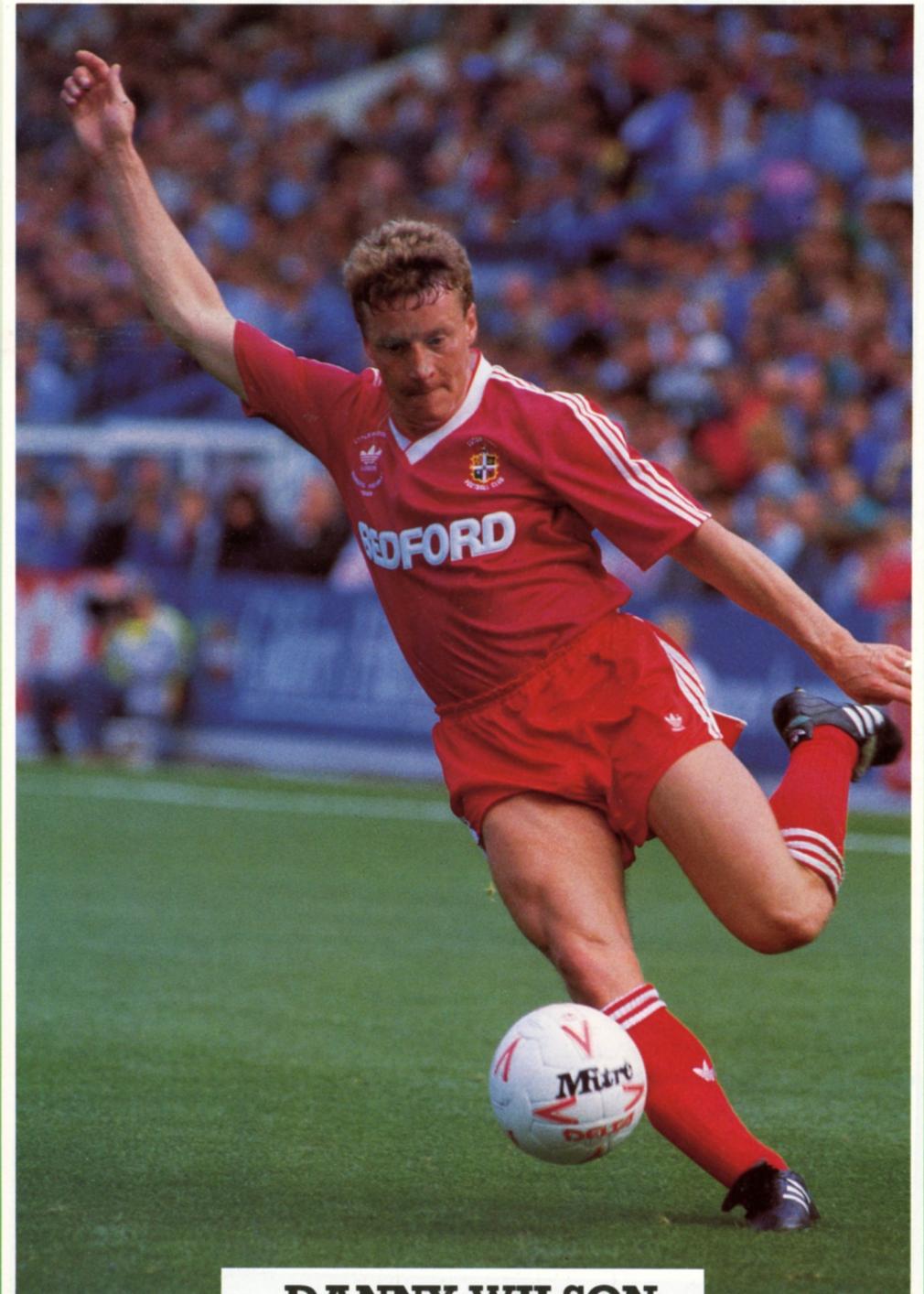
Danny, a busy midfielder who scored 10 goals in 52 senior outings last season, was in Belfast on Wednesday night for Northern Ireland's World Cup qualifying clash with Jack Charlton's Republic of Ireland team.

A successful qualifying campaign would enable Danny to have a chance of lining up alongside Mal Donaghy and Kingsley Black in the 1990 finals due to be played in Italy.

Born in Wigan on January 1, 1960, Danny has qualified through parentage for Northern Ireland even though he has spent his life in England playing for Bury, Chesterfield, Nottingham Forest and Brighton before joining the Town as Ray Harford's first major signing in 1987.



• **Skilful midfielder:** Danny shows the style which has earned him a regular place in the Town team and Billy Bingham's Northern Ireland World Cup squad.



DANNY WILSON

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JUNIOR HATTERS!



BY DANNY WILSON

A GOOD DAY FOR ALL AT THE DELL

The Junior Hatters had a good day out at Southampton last Saturday, they were entertained by the Junior Saints of Southampton, when in the morning they played five-a-side football. All the juniors who travelled on the coach had a game. I understand there was some good football played by both sides. The results were that the Junior Hatters under 11 years team won all their matches scoring 10 goals on the way and the under 13's drew both of theirs.

The Junior Hatters were presented with a friendship trophy by the Junior Saints to help promote the best of relationships in football.

The tracksuits that the Mascot and Escorts wore for the last home game against Wimbledon were a one off, as the football shirts had not arrived in time in the Souvenir Shop. Let's hope they are in stock for today's game.

Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is H0188070150.

The winning member should contact Bev Tyler in the Souvenir Shop at Oak Road with his or her membership card, for two free tickets to one of our home matches.

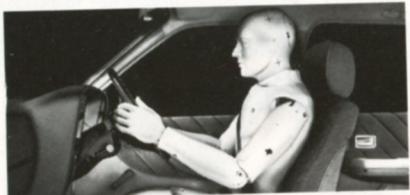
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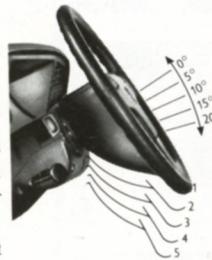
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We hope they enjoy a very good day all round today with Luton Town and take full advantage of the opportunities offered by our range of facilities within the club's sponsorship package.

MAL DONAGHY TESTIMONIAL

I felt privileged when, in the summer, I was approached to become Chairman of a Committee being set up to show our appreciation for 10 years loyal service given by Mal Donaghy to Luton Town Football Club.

One does not necessarily mention the fact that Mal has played 475 games for Luton Town and furthermore, represented his country, Northern Ireland on 56 occasions to know he is one of the most reliable and successful of Luton Town players.

We have already held a successful Sportsmen's Dinner at the Chiltern Crest Hotel, and this will be followed shortly by a Gala Dinner at the Bell Inn at Aston Clinton on the 27th October. A variety of further events including a Golf Day and further entertaining Sportsmen's Evenings are planned and will be announced in the programme from time to time.

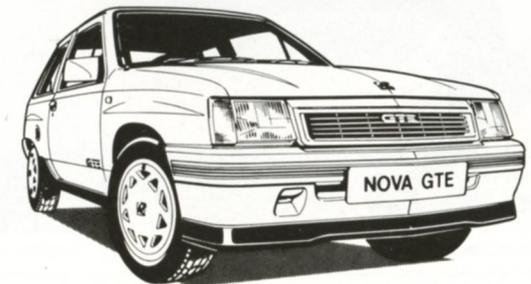
Ultimately, there will also be a match against the full Northern Ireland team. Details will be announced when finalised.

I do hope that you will join myself and my Committee members in giving a little of your time in supporting Mal in this, his Testimonial Year.

John Peters

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•**In control:** In front of a home crowd at Kenilworth Road, young Telfer shows his skills against Tottenham.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 1987/88

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southampton	28	25	1	2	100	18	51
Wimbledon	28	16	6	6	60	33	38
Northampton Town	28	16	5	7	77	39	37
Tottenham Hotspur	28	15	6	7	50	32	36
Oxford United	28	13	4	11	68	50	30
Swindon Town	28	13	4	11	70	58	30
Crystal Palace	28	13	4	11	55	49	30
Brentford	28	12	5	11	55	59	29
Colchester United	28	7	9	12	47	64	23
Luton Town	28	8	5	15	46	65	21
A.F.C. Bournemouth	28	7	7	14	49	74	21
Bristol City	28	9	3	16	44	89	21
Bristol Rovers	28	4	11	13	29	49	19
Reading	28	5	8	15	27	67	18
Brighton & Hove Albion	28	5	6	17	46	77	16

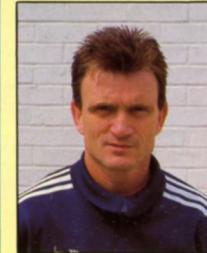
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION FINAL TABLE 1987/88

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	38	25	3	10	92	43	53
Watford	38	21	7	10	71	37	49
Norwich City	38	18	13	7	69	41	49
Southampton	38	16	14	8	76	46	46
Luton Town	38	19	8	11	76	61	46
Ipswich Town	38	17	10	11	67	46	44
Queens Park R.	38	18	8	12	68	54	44
Arsenal	38	19	5	14	77	48	43
West Ham United	38	17	7	14	62	52	41
Chelsea	38	16	8	14	60	54	40
Charlton Athletic	38	16	8	14	60	54	40
Portsmouth	38	16	7	15	64	73	39
Swindon Town	38	15	8	15	64	72	38
Brighton & Hove A.	38	15	8	15	58	72	38
Millwall	38	13	9	16	49	48	35
Oxford United	38	10	6	22	61	95	26
Fulham	38	8	9	21	48	91	25
Reading	38	10	4	24	51	85	24
Crystal Palace	38	8	7	23	38	78	23
Bristol Rovers	38	4	9	25	52	103	17

OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1988/89

Date	Opponents	Result	Date	Opponents	Result
1988			1988		
Aug 27	Southampton	3-2	Jan 4	Brighton	
Sept 6	Norwich City	2-3	Jan 7	Crystal Palace	
Sept 10	Swindon T	1-1	Jan 14	Reading	
Sept 17	Watford		Jan 17	Chelsea	
Sept 24	Oxford United		Jan 28	Southampton	
Oct 1	Arsenal		Feb 7	Millwall	
Oct 4	Norwich		Feb 14	Swindon T	
Oct 11	Brighton		Feb 25	West Ham	
Oct 18	Charlton A		Mar 4	Arsenal	
Oct 22	Wimbledon		Mar 15	Crystal Palace	
Oct 25	Watford		Mar 21	Charlton A	
Oct 29	Reading		Mar 25	West Ham	
Nov 1	Fulham		Apr 1	Fulham	
Nov 5	Ipswich Town		Apr 11	Ipswich T	
Nov 8	QPR		Apr 22	Portsmouth	
Nov 12	Chelsea		May 13	Tottenham	
Nov 15	Portsmouth				
Nov 22	Millwall				
Nov 30	Oxford United				
Dec 10	Tottenham				
Dec 20	Wimbledon				

COACHES' CORNER



YOUTH TEAM BEAT SPURS 6-2

Kurt Nogan hammered a hat-trick here on September 3 as the Town youth team romped home to a 6-2 win over Tottenham in an exciting South East Counties League match at Kenilworth Road.

The youngsters were 3-1 ahead at half time after making a bright start and commanding the game and went on to lead 6-1 after the interval. Apart from Nogan, the other goals came from Crawshaw, Hughes and Alpress.

John Faulkner said: "We were playing against a very young Spurs team and we totally dominated them. We played some very good football and the result will do the confidence of our younger players a lot of good."

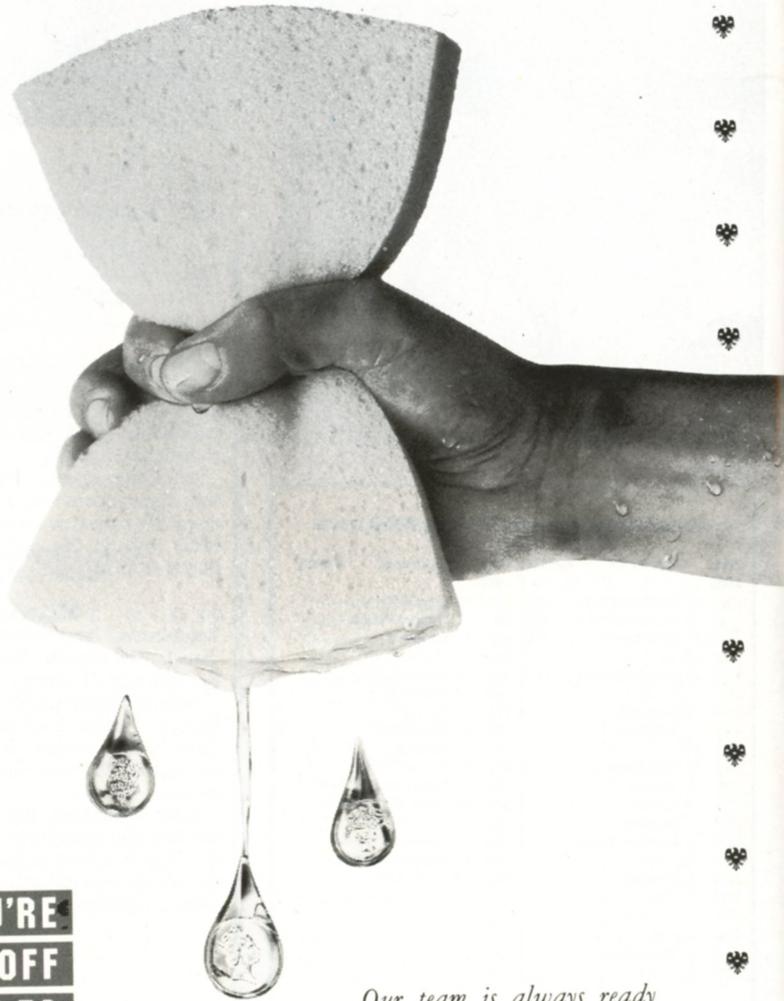
Mixed results

The reserves have started the season with mixed results: a 3-2 win over Southampton, a 3-2 defeat at Norwich and a 1-1 home draw with Swindon.

Several senior players were included in the team at Carrow Road where Roy Wegerle and Gary Cobb scored. But Jim Ryan was not impressed. "We were always chasing the game," he said.

Against Swindon, the Town coach was more satisfied after Sean Farrell head put the Hatters 1-0 up. Despite a lot of possession and good football, the second goal did not come and Swindon broke away to equalise.

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• Out of luck at the dell: Mick Harford (top) and Danny Wilson (below) are pictured trying to find a way through the Southampton defence at the Dell last Saturday.



LUTON TOWN Goal'den Oldies

UNITED THE 'BOGEY' TEAM WE LOVE TO BEAT AT HOME!

In welcoming Manchester United to Kenilworth Road, we are fully aware that the opposition rank as the Towns biggest 'bogey' side, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

It makes miserable reading when you consider that we have never won at Old Trafford – our only win in Manchester was 90 years ago at United's previous ground in Bank Street, Clayton – and we have yet to even score there since our return to Division One in 1982.

"Two home wins in our last four meetings"

On a brighter note the Reds have not won here since 1983-84 and in our four subsequent meetings we have actually won twice – a feat only performed once before in 1937-38 when an Albert Dawes goal secured a 1-0 victory before a crowd of 20,610.

Our home win in 1984-85 was perhaps the sweetest as we badly needed the points to retain our First Division place. In a televised Sunday game Mick Harford gave the Town the lead in the 68th minute only for Norman Whiteside to equalise shortly afterwards.

The game was entering its final stages when Harford, again, got his head to a bouncing ball.

In the following season United came to Kenilworth Road having won their first ten games and were out to beat the record set by Tottenham in 1960-61. They seemed to be on their way to the record books when Mark Hughes scored on the hour but a tremendous shot by Brian Stein levelled the proceedings and it was only an amazing miss by substitute Paul Elliott in the closing minutes that prevented the Town from recording an unlikely victory to send a best of the season crowd of 13,454 home happy.

Season 1986-87 saw the Town back to winning ways when goals from Stein and Harford gave Luton a 2-0 interval lead which was only partly pegged back by a Bryan Robson scrambled effort

just before the end.

Last year saw honours even once again when goals from Harford and Brian McClair cancelled each other out in a game marking the home debut of Kingsley Black.

As well as a win today (2-1 looks likely) a win at Old Trafford this season would bring a welcome end to the Towns longest losing sequence. We can point to strange refereeing decisions there in 1983-84 and a penalty miss by Brian Stein two years ago that would have secured a point but the goals against column since our return to Division One in 1982 is a sorry story.

For the record, Anfield is the only other current First Division ground we have failed to win at but at least we have drawn there on several occasions!!

Our previous encounters with United

	Home	Away
1897/98	2-2	2-1
1898/99	0-1	0-5
1899/00	0-1	0-5
1937/38	1-0	2-4
1955/56	0-2	1-3
1956/57	0-2	1-3
1957/58	2-2	0-3
1958/59	0-0	1-2
1959/60	2-3	1-4
1982/83	1-1	0-3
1983/84	0-5	0-2
1984/85	2-1	0-2
1985/86	0-1	0-5
1986/87	2-1	0-1
1987/88	1-1	0-3

Summary

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	15	3	6	6	14	23
Away	15	1	0	14	8	43
	30	4	6	20	22	66



• **England striker:** Mick Harford in action at the Dell last weekend. Mick has a good scoring record against United.

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INTRODUCING...

MANCHESTER UNITED

For our second home game of the season, we welcome a Manchester United side, who have made a relatively quiet start to the season, but who are expected to be thereabouts when the major honours are distributed. They will today be striving to improve their record here which shows them without a win since that 5-0 success in February 1984, writes *Geoff Allmann*.

Manchester United's original name when they came into existence in 1878 was Newton Heath (LYR) since they consisted of carriage and wagon workers from the Lancs and Yorks Railway Company's engine shed at Newton Heath. They first played on the edge of a claypit in North Road with the changing rooms half a mile away in the Three Crowns public house.

"Test match win helped United survive!"

They turned professional in 1885 and between then and 1891 they appeared in seven successive Manchester Cup finals, winning four of them. They received only one vote when first applying for the Football League in 1889 and joined the Football Alliance in which they finished runners-up to Nottingham Forest in 1891-92. They were elected

to Division One in the following season and finished bottom, but then won their 'Test Match' (the forerunner of the playoffs) against Birmingham City and so survived.

They slipped to Division Two in 1894, however, and after changing their name to Manchester United in 1902 they won promotion in 1906. With the famous Welsh international winger Billy Meredith in their lineup they won the First Division Championship in 1907-08 and the FA Cup in 1908-09.

In February 1910 they moved to Old Trafford where their first game was against Liverpool and they lost 4-3. 1922 saw them slipping back to Division Two from which they emerged in 1925 and went on to an FA Cup final in 1926 in which they lost to Manchester City. They were relegated again in 1931, promoted in 1936, relegated in 1937 and promoted in 1939.

By that time they had Jack Rowley and Stan Pearson in their lineup and they were to be key figures in the first great postwar United side that won the FA Cup under Matt Busby in 1948. Johnny Carey captained that side and other household names in it included wingers Jimmy Delaney and



Back Row (left to right): Nicky Wood, Lee Martin, Steve Bruce, Viv Anderson, Peter Davenport, Paul McGrath, Liam O'Brien, Norman Whiteside. Middle Row: Archie Knox (Assistant Manager), Alex Ferguson (Manager), Clayton Blackmore, Chris Turner, Jim Leighton, Gary Walsh, Billy Garton, Jim McGregor (Physiotherapist), Norman Davies (Kit Manager). Front Row: Kevin Moran, Mike Duxbury, Jesper Olsen, Mark Hughes, Bryan Robson, Brian McClair, Gordon Strachan, Colin Gibson.

Charlie Mitten. United were runners-up in Division One three seasons out of four before winning the title in 1952.

They took the title again in 1957 and were robbed of the 'Double' only by an unfortunate injury to goalkeeper Ray Wood in the FA Cup final against Aston Villa. Then came the Munich tragedy in February 1958 and yet United's patched up side again got to Wembley, losing to Bolton in the FA Cup final.

Incredibly they were second in Division One just a season later and in 1963 despite a lowly league position they won the FA Cup with Denis Law, Bobby Charlton and David Herd their main strike force. After being runners-up in 1964 they topped Division One in 1965 and again in 1967 and then came their European Cup triumph in 1968 with George Best in his prime and Alex Stepney pulling off a wonderful save from Eusebio.

Though relegated to Division Two in 1974 they bounced straight back up again and after being defeated by Southampton in the 1976 FA Cup final they won the trophy against Liverpool at Wembley in 1977. They lost to Arsenal in the final of 1979, were runners-up to Liverpool in Division One in 1980 and then won the FA Cup again in 1983, beating Brighton in a replayed final.

They won it again in 1985, beating Everton despite being cruelly cut down to ten men and in the last three seasons they have finished 4th, 11th and 2nd respectively in Division One. They won seven and drew three of their last ten games last season but were still nine points behind Liverpool in the final reckoning.

"Hughes returns from Barcelona"

Alex Ferguson, who replaced Ron Atkinson as manager in November 1986, has made two major additions to the first team strength during the close season, re-signing **Mark Hughes** from Barcelona and signing Scotland goalkeeper **Jim Leighton** from Aberdeen.

Brian McClair, who got 31 goals last season after moving from Celtic is a major threat, whether in midfield or up front where former Nottingham Forest man **Peter Davenport** is in his fourth season.

Jesper Olsen (from Ajax four years ago) and former Aberdeen man **Gordon Strachan** are key figures in midfield and Gordon also got United's first goal of the season against Everton in the Mercantile Credit competition. England skipper **Bryan Robson** (11 goals last season) and unsettled Northern Ireland giant **Norman Whiteside** needs no introduction while defender **Billy Garton** and ex-Shamrock Rovers midfielder **Liam O'Brien** are now on the edge of the team and may be in the substitutes' shirt today.

In defence, now that Graeme Hogg has gone to Portsmouth, **Steve Bruce** (from Norwich last season) and one-club man **Paul McGrath** are the men in the centre with another home-grown player **Clayton Blackmore** on the right flank and Lee Martin, who made his debut in the last game of last season, on the left.

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1988-89 SEASON

BARCLAYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
1988-89

HOME					AWAY							
P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F	APts			
3	2	0	0	6	1	Southampton	1	0	0	1	0	9
3	2	0	0	3	1	Norwich City	1	0	0	3	2	9
3	1	1	0	5	1	Everton	1	0	0	1	0	7
3	1	0	0	1	0	Millwall	1	1	0	5	2	7
3	1	0	0	1	0	Liverpool	1	1	0	4	1	7
3	0	0	1	2	3	Arsenal	2	0	0	8	3	6
3	2	0	0	3	0	Derby County	0	0	1	0	1	6
3	0	2	0	3	3	Aston Villa	1	0	0	3	2	5
3	1	0	1	2	2	Sheffield Wednesday	0	1	0	1	1	4
3	1	1	0	1	0	Manchester United	0	0	1	0	1	4
2	0	0	1	0	1	Coventry City	1	0	0	2	1	3
3	0	0	2	0	6	Charlton Athletic	1	0	0	3	1	3
3	0	0	1	1	3	West Ham United	1	0	1	1	4	3
3	0	1	0	1	1	Nottingham Forest	0	1	1	2	3	2
2	0	0	1	2	3	Tottenham Hotspur	0	1	0	2	2	1
3	0	1	0	2	2	LUTON TOWN	0	0	2	1	3	1
3	0	0	1	0	1	Queens Park Rangers	0	1	1	0	1	1
3	0	0	2	1	6	Wimbledon	0	1	0	2	2	1
3	0	1	0	2	2	Newcastle United	0	0	2	0	6	1
3	0	0	1	2	3	Middlesbrough	0	0	2	0	2	0

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS (1988/89)

League	Total for Luton Town to end 87/88	
	Cls	APts
Aps	Cls	APts
Ian Allinson	(1)	-
Kingsley Black	4	1
Tim Breacker	1	-
Gary Cobb	-	-
Mal Donaghy	3	-
John Dreyer	1	-
Steve Foster	3	1
Ashley Grimes	2	-
Mick Harford	3	-
Richard Harvey	-	-
Ricky Hill	-	-
Julian James	-	-
Marvin Johnson	-	-
Rob Johnson	2	-
Darron McDonough	-	-
David Oldfield	3	-
David Preece	2	-
Les Sealey	3	-
Roy Wegerle	1	-
Steve Williams	3	-
Danny Wilson	3	-

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2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Aug 27	Sheffield Wednesday	0-1	-	-	Sealey
Sept 3	Wimbledon	2-2	8067	12	Sealey
Sept 10	Southampton	1-2	13214	16	Sealey
Sept 17	Manchester United				
Sept 24	Everton				
Sept 27	Burnley (LC)				
Oct 1	Nottingham Forest				
Oct 4	Burnley (LC)				
Oct 8	Liverpool				
Oct 22	Middlesbrough				
Oct 25	Arsenal				
Oct 29	Queens Park Rangers				
Nov 5	Millwall				
Nov 12	Coventry City				
Nov 19	West Ham United				
Nov 26	Norwich City				
Dec 3	Newcastle United				
Dec 10	Derby County				
Dec 17	Aston Villa				
Dec 26	Tottenham Hotspur (11 am)				
Dec 31	Wimbledon				
Jan 2	Southampton				
Jan 2	West Ham United				
Jan 7	FA Cup 3rd Round				
Jan 14	Charlton Athletic				
Jan 21	Everton				
Jan 28	FA Cup 4th Round				
Feb 4	Nottingham Forest				
Feb 11	Liverpool				
Feb 18	Middlesbrough (FAC 5)				
Feb 25	Arsenal				
Mar 4	Queens Park Rangers				
Mar 11	Millwall				
Mar 18	Sheffield Wednesday (FAC 6)				
Mar 25	Manchester United				
Mar 27	Tottenham Hotspur				
Apr 1	Aston Villa				
Apr 8	Charlton Athletic				
Apr 15	Coventry City (FACs/f)				
Apr 22	Newcastle United				
Apr 29	Derby County				
May 6	West Ham United				
May 13	Norwich City				
May 14	FA Cup Final				

Breacker	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	(Wegerle)	Harford	Oldfield	Black	RJ[IA]
R. Johnson	Grimes	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Preece	Harford	Oldfield	Black	JD/RW
R. Johnson	Grimes	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Oldfield	Harford	(Preece)	Black	TB[RW]

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- 1 Les Sealey
 - 2 Rob Johnson
 - 3 Ashley Grimes
 - 4 Steve Williams
 - 5 Steve Foster
 - 6 Mal Donaghy
 - 7 Danny Wilson
 - 8 David Oldfield
 - 9 Mick Harford
 - 10 David Preece
 - 11 Kingsley Black
- Subs

Manchester United

- 1 Jim Leighton
 - 2 Clayton Blackmore
 - 3 Lee Martin
 - 4 Steve Bruce
 - 5 Billy Garton
 - 6 Brian McClair
 - 7 Bryan Robson
 - 8 Gordon Strachan
 - 9 Peter Davenport
 - 10 Mark Hughes
 - 11 Jesper Olsen
- Subs

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