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● **Double stop:** Mal Donaghy and Steve Foster combine to block George Oghami's progress. Pictures by Lancashire Evening Telegraph.

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RAY'S REVIEW



Welcome to Arsenal for our first league meeting since the Littlewoods Cup final last April. I am sure their manager George Graham will be keen to motivate his players tonight for revenge for that defeat and a continuation of the good form they have enjoyed for much of this season, particularly away from home. We know we shall face another very tough match.

Printer's deadlines required these notes to be written before our visit to Middlesbrough on Saturday when we were hoping to extend our recent run of unbeaten matches and clean sheets. It was possible that we went into the game without at least one of our two experienced central defenders Steve Foster and Mal Donaghy. Steve has been struggling with a thigh injury and Mal was involved in transfer talks with Manchester United who last week made a substantially increased offer for his services. There were very good reasons for accepting the offer for Mal - he is 31, his contract ends this season and he had expressed a desire to play for United if it was possible, but we only reluctantly accepted the offer.

Earlier in the week, I was in a similar position when Sheffield Wednesday made an approach for me. I did not take up the opportunity to talk with them because, though I was flattered by the attentions of such a distinguished First Division club, my allegiance is with Luton Town. We have a job to do here and I aim to see it done successfully.

On top of these events, last week was also an international week which meant calls upon Mick Harford (England), Mal Donaghy, Danny Wilson and Kingsley Black (Northern Ireland) and David Oldfield (England under-21's). All these players deserved their recognition for the hard work they have put into their game. Our run of unbeaten matches was built on sound collective defensive play and the efforts of everyone in the team. The team has shown a lot of character with Steve Foster, 16 stitches in two matches against Burnley, epitomising the spirit. Enjoy the match tonight.

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.

Pride of the fans

Dear Sir,
There's no doubting the pride all 'Town' supporters feel for their club and players following brilliant performances against Everton, Nottingham Forest and those 'mighty Reds' - Liverpool.

I go along with everyone's judgement that our superb 'back four' of Rob Johnson, Steve Foster, Mal Donaghy and John Dreyer have been the cornerstone of the recent excellent results. Add to that Les Sealeys faultless goalkeeping and Danny Wilson's 'hard-graft' in midfield and it's not difficult to see why the Hatters have been doing so well.

Mind you, the 'Star' performer so far this season has to be young Kingsley Black. I'm so impressed with all aspects of his game. Besides his undoubted fitness and enthusiasm it's refreshing to see a young lad with the confidence, pace and skill to 'take-on' his full back and 'drive' for the 'dead ball' whenever possible. Kingsley's so exciting to watch and he is not afraid to have a shot from outside the opponents penalty area - no matter what the angle or distance. The amount of 'ground' he must cover helping out his own full back, closing down opponents in midfield or supporting his forward players is nothing short of remarkable.

To me Luton have one 24 carat 'Jewel' in their ranks. Mick Harford's goal against Liverpool was a 'text-book' old fashioned centre-forwards strike. But in 'mighty Micks' case he has 'modern skills' to go with his

strength and dominance in the air. David Oldfield, like Kingsley has so much enthusiasm and like 'Supermac', Malcolm McDonald in his 'heyday' relishes chasing the through-ball with his speed and determination. I'm sure our 'Wizard from Oz' will more than justify Norwich's valuation of him!

Yours faithfully

Geoff Evans

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•Jewel: Mick Harford.
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Dear Sir,

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Thank you very much.

Yours faithfully

Ian Runham

Secretary
Wirral Programme Club
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Well done, lads!

Dear Sir,

Just a small note to say how much I enjoyed your match against Liverpool, not only the result but the professionalism and sportsmanship of your players.

I found, at times, Liverpool did display their championship qualities - contrary to what it said in the papers the next day. Luton defended well, especially in the second half. Well done.

Yours sincerely

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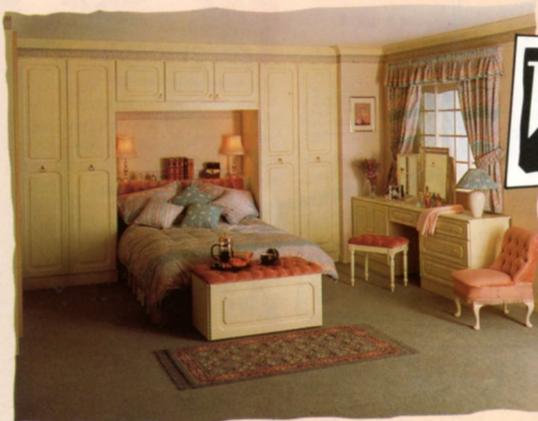
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DRESSING ROOM

with David Oldfield

David Oldfield was born in Perth, Australia, but was brought up in England. He joined the Town as an apprentice and has worked his way through the ranks successfully. This season he has been appearing regularly in the First Division team and last week he made his international debut when he came on as a substitute for the England under-21 team in their match against Sweden. In today's Dressing Room Talk he reflects on his progress:



• David Oldfield: New Cap.

Under-21 debut

"I didn't hear about the England under-21 team wanting me until Monday afternoon after training. I went grabbed my boots and stuff and went straight up there in the afternoon. The squad were based at Coventry where the match was played and I got there in time for dinner.

"I met the team manager Dave Sexton over dinner and he welcomed me to the squad and thanked me for coming at such short notice. He seemed to be a very nice man. The match was the next day – Tuesday – so there was not much training that day but a session on dead ball routines, free-kicks and that sort of thing.

"I felt I settled in quite quickly as I already knew several of the lads from when we played in the reserves. Lads like Brian Statham and Vinny Samways of Tottenham. I didn't expect to get a game but hoped I would be on the bench.

"I knew they had a lot of injuries and my chances were quite good. And I was able to get on for the second half when Jason Dozell of Ipswich came off with a knock. I enjoyed it and I was disappointed we did not win.

Fluent team

"It ended in a 1-1 draw and I thought I did okay. They were a good side. It was quite an experience. They played four at the back and did not have a sweeper as such, but they were a very fluent side. A lot of

movement. Very fluent.

"I had a shot deflected wide and also had a chance of going through but was brought down after I had taken the ball off the centre-back's toes.

"In the First Division, I have to say I am not really satisfied because I have only scored once and I really need to look hard for more goals. Scoring goals is the hardest thing of all at that level.

Experience

"But playing alongside Mick Harford is a great experience. He is such a good player. He talks to me all the time and helps me a lot. All the senior professionals have been really good to me. It makes a lot of difference.

"Luckily, I have escaped having a bad knock so far which is good for me as I have been able to have a run of games. But I would love to be able to score another goal, especially at home. It is different playing at home and away because of the pitch and the pressure you are under away from home. But a goal tonight against Arsenal – if I am picked to play – would be great."

TALK



by BILL TOMLINS

THE TOWN

GUNNERS VISIT STIRS MEMORIES AFTER A BUSY WEEK

Good evening and welcome to Arsenal for our re-arranged fixture postponed from October 15 because both clubs had players involved in England's World Cup qualifying match against Sweden. Tonight is also our first meeting since Wembley last April, a memorable occasion and a fine match which I am sure all our fans recall with pleasure.

Last week I attended two commissions, one regarding a claim by Cardiff to a share of the fee we received for the transfer of Andy Dibble and the other a claim by Bradford City over the sale of tickets last season. Our positions were upheld in both.

Busy week

Cardiff had claimed compensation as they believed they should receive 50 per cent of any fee above £125,000 on the sale of Dibble by Luton Town while he was in contract. As he was out of contract and joined Manchester City as a free agent - the fee being set by a tribunal - our case was upheld, although Cardiff have a right to appeal.

It was a busy week I was as pleased as anyone at the club last week that our manager Ray Harford publicly expressed his feelings of loyalty to Luton Town. We work together very closely so I was delighted.

At the time of writing, it looks as if Mal Donaghy will be leaving for

Manchester United. He has been a loyal and faultless professional for 10 years, but his heartstrings had been pulled. I am sure his testimonial committee will honour all the arrangements made if he goes, and if he stays we shall be able to start talking about a new contract.

The new Luton Town Supporters Club held its first committee meeting recently and an open meeting for all members of Luton Town FC has been called on November 7, at 7.30pm, in the Joe Payne lounge, with entry via the Directors' entrance from Maple Road. A detailed leaflet will be issued on Saturday.

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WELL DONE, DAVID



● England calling: David Oldfield was called up to make his debut as a second-half substitute for England under-21's last week.

TIM AND ROY TAKE A TIP FROM THE TOP!

●Showing the way: Former World Champion Jackie Stewart and his motor racing son Paul came to Kenilworth Road recently for a Ford demonstration with Trimoco. Jackie and Paul are pictured with Tim Breacker and Roy Wegerle.



●Ball sponsors: Alan McKay of Vauxhall Bedford receives an autographed football from Mick Harford after our last home match against Liverpool.



●Big match line-up: Mascot Leigh Dunn joins Liverpool captain Ronnie Whelan and our own Steve Foster with the match officials.



●Presentation picture: Eric Fountain of Vauxhall Bedford, our match sponsors against Liverpool, was presented with the 1988-89 squad picture by our managing-director John Smith.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

Zero Les!

Hello everyone. Welcome to Arsenal. We travelled to Middlesbrough for last Saturday's match against Bruce Rioch's team hoping to be able to extend our current good run of clean sheets. We have had three on the spin and four in our last five matches, all unbeaten.

Les Sealey, of course, has allowed it all to go to his head a bit. You can imagine he's never one to blow his own trumpet. He is going around calling himself 'zero'... We don't want to tempt providence too much on that one I think!

David's call

Last week was a busy week for everyone despite the fact we were not involved in a match and have currently just returned to action after a 10-day break. There were a lot of international calls and probably the most dramatic came for David Oldfield who was asked to join the England under-21 squad at short notice and ended up winning a cap for his 45 minutes appearance as a second-half substitute.

David did very well in the game and has worked hard for his recognition this season. Now he has joined the growing number of lads in the dressing room with international caps to their credit. Enjoy the match and give the team your full support.

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Luton Town 1 Liverpool 0

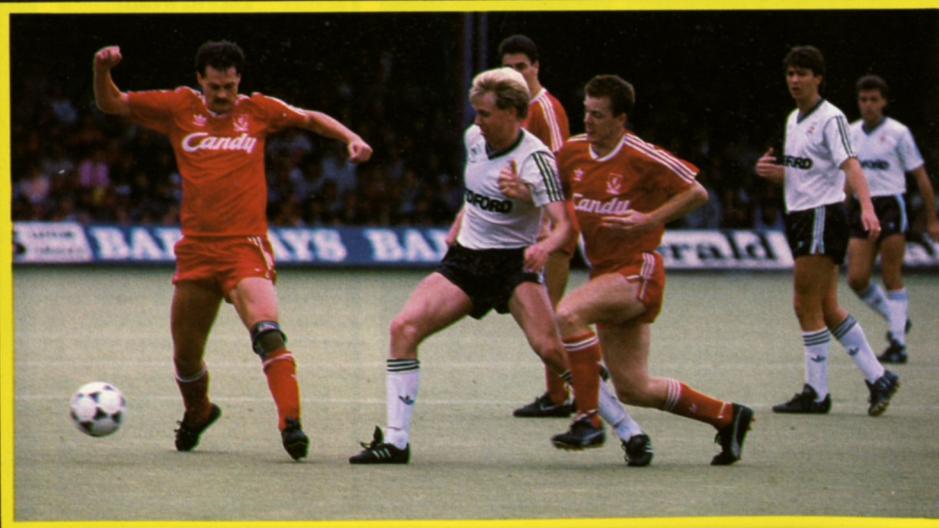
A third-minute header by Mick Harford from an accurate free-kick by Steve Williams proved to be the decisive difference between the teams when the Town met First Division champions Liverpool at Kenilworth Road on October 8. Our England centre-forward timed his movement and his header perfectly to beat Mike Hooper, but the defence deserved as much praise as the forwards for a hard-earned victory.

Once they were ahead the Town were forced to defend in depth and sometimes in desperation with the Reds forwards often carving open inviting opportunities during a purple 15-minute passage in the first half. Fine goalkeeping by Les Sealey and some stoic resistance helped the Town survive, however, and they finished the game as the stronger team.

John Barnes was Liverpool's main culprit in front of goal and could have paid more dearly in the second half if David Oldfield had been luckier with one bold effort which flew narrowly over the bar. With Oldfield and Harford keeping the Liverpool rearguard fully occupied, the Town became more and more dominant as the game wore on and nervous defence turned to polished control by the finish.

Teams: Luton Town – Sealey, R. Johnson, Dreyer, Williams, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, Oldfield, (Wegerle 68), Harford, Hill, Black.
Liverpool – Hooper, Gillespie (Ablett 28), Venison, Nicol, Whelan, McDonald, Beardsley, Houghton, Rush, Molby, Barnes.
Referee: J. Martin (Alton, Hants).

1st Team ACTION



• **Impressive victory:** Some superb defending by everyone in the Town team helped us to our 1-0 win over Liverpool on October 8 at Kenilworth Road. Our pictures today show Mick Harford's goalbound header flashing into the net, David Oldfield and Harford in determined action. Pictures by Josh Levy of Apex Photography, Milton Keynes.

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PLAYER PROFILE

KINGSLEY BLACK

Kingsley Black's progress last season and match-winning performance in the Littlewoods Cup final was fairy tale stuff. And this year he is proving he has the talent and professionalism to carry on from where he left off. He has already scored his first goals in the First Division and established himself as a member of both the Town and Northern Ireland teams.

Kingsley joined the Town after playing in the reserves as a schoolboy and soon won the respect of his Luton colleagues for his ball skills. He made his league debut in September 1987 in our 2-0 defeat at then-leaders of the First Division Queen's Park Rangers.

By the end of last season he had made a total of 13 league appearances and, of course, been acclaimed an overnight star by the national media for his brilliant performance at Wembley against Arsenal. A call-up to the Northern Ireland squad followed, but Kingsley never allowed any of it to go to his head as he firmly set his sights on establishing a sound base for his professional career. "I am just aiming to prove myself and try to become a regular at Luton Town," he said. "I am a member of the squad and that is how I see myself."



•Kingsley Black: Full of potential.



KINGSLEY BLACK

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JUNIOR HATTERS!



BY DANNY WILSON

A GREAT DAY OUT AT WATFORD

The Junior Hatters had a good day out at Watford on the 15th October when they were entertained by the Junior Hornets and the Junior Seagulls of Brighton. We played football in the morning with both junior clubs. It was nice to see so many junior supporters enjoying themselves. The standard of football was very good and not one foul was committed in all of the games.

To give you an update, the under-11's beat the Junior Hornets 6-2 and drew with the Junior Seagulls 1-1. The under-14's beat the Junior Hornets 1-0 and the Junior Seagulls 4-0. It is not often that I have a Saturday off to come and see you all, well done and keep up the good work.

We then went to Vicarage Road in the afternoon to see Watford v Brighton. It was an entertaining game which ended up with a 1-1 draw.

Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is H0188090838. 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.

Tonight we give a warm welcome to the Junior Gunners who are sitting in our Oak Road Family Enclosure. They are here at the invitation of our Junior Hatters. Please make them feel at home.

Have a good time and I will see you all on Saturday when our next home fixture is against Queens Park Rangers. Let the team hear you cheering us on to victory.



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COMMENT

BY DAVID EVANS MP



CLUB

Much has been made in the last week of the approaches from Sheffield Wednesday and Manchester United respectively for our manager Ray Harford and Mal Donaghy. I feel the time has come to explain what has happened.

Sheffield Wednesday did approach us for our manager. I felt it was in all our best interests to allow him to talk to them but I was delighted when, under no pressure from me, he decided not to take up the chance but to stay at Luton Town on a three-year contract only recently agreed.

The Mal Donaghy saga began six weeks ago when United offered £250,000 for the defender I consider to be the best in the country. Although 31, he is a model professional and at his peak. We told them we would want a very heavy premium in compensation if Donaghy was to be allowed to break his contract which was due to end next May.

Two weeks later, United increased their offer to £400,000. I said they would need to double that offer. Mal was kept informed and we discussed the situation with him. It came as some surprise last week when Manchester United returned with an offer in the region of £800,000.

The board of directors decided to leave it to the player and the manager to resolve a final decision. We felt we had at Luton several central defenders - Darron McDonough, Marvin Johnson and John Dreyer - who would give us more than adequate cover. At the time of writing nothing has been resolved.

We have 29 professionals. At least 16 are first team players. It is the strongest squad in the club's history and man-for-man as good as anyone else and certainly strong enough to win the championship. I am sure Mick Harford, David Oldfield and Roy Wegerle will solve our goal-scoring problem. Steve Williams is a world-class midfielder with vision. Alec Chamberlain has been playing so well in the reserves that Manchester United wanted him on loan as soon as Jim Leighton was injured.

We are seeking further honours and face the task of making certain team changes at the same time. My message to you is this: The ambition and the spirit are right throughout the club as we progress and change in pursuit of more success. So give the club your full support and understanding.



HELPING THE GAME

The Football Trust receives £9 million annually from the Spotting-the-Ball competition run by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters and spends it all on projects which benefit football throughout the United Kingdom.

Since 1979 it has been committed to the development of the game at every level and its broad and varying initiatives have ranged from essential safety work at Tottenham to social work at Toxteth; refurbishment at Wembley to repairs at Welling; closed circuit television at all League clubs to community facilities at Oldham Athletic; transport improvements at Sheffield Wednesday to storm damage in the South East of England; from policing costs at Hull City to an artificial pitch at Hyde United.

1988-89 will see The Football Trust increase its commitment by investing further: sums in closed circuit television, transport facilities for supporters and projects to bring Football League clubs closer to their local community.

WARNING

At the beginning of the season more than 110 League grounds in England, Wales and Scotland will be equipped with CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION which has been funded by The Football Trust.

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CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION

SAFETY FIRST

Football grounds in England and Wales have reached their highest ever level of safety thanks to the £23,671,425 invested by the Football Grounds Improvement Trust since 1975.

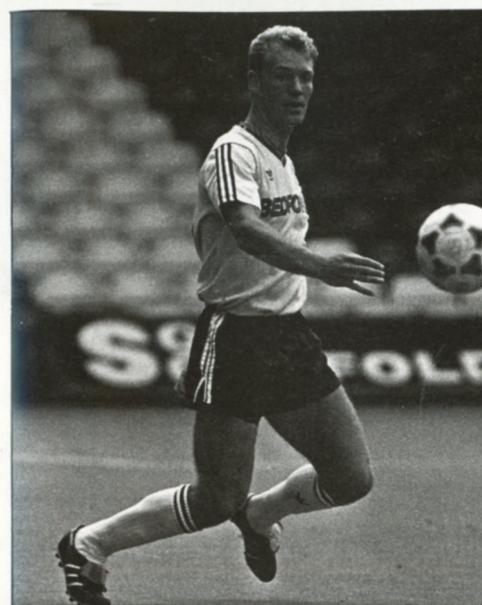
Almost every League club has been assisted with essential safety work and further substantial sums have been spent to enable them to improve facilities. In the past year alone FGIT grants to Football League clubs totalled:

	£
Safety	2,254,723
Improvements	770,561

In addition to its safety programme, FGIT has also allocated £1.5 million to build or improve family and disabled facilities at League grounds during 1988.



● **Scoring striker:** Ian Allinson was on target against Watford in our recent Combination game.



● **Fighting fit:** Tim Breacker has been in top form in the reserves.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 1988/89

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon Town	8	6	2	-	20	12	14
Luton Town	9	5	3	1	27	12	13
Southampton	8	4	3	1	22	9	11
Crystal Palace	9	5	1	3	19	13	11
A.F.C. Bournemouth	9	5	1	3	17	12	11
Colchester United	8	4	1	3	18	13	9
Wimbledon	8	4	1	3	22	18	9
Oxford United	8	4	1	3	13	12	9
Bristol City	9	2	5	2	10	9	9
Brentford	8	3	2	3	13	12	8
Brighton & Hove Albion	8	2	3	3	12	12	7
Northampton Town	8	2	1	5	16	25	5
Tottenham Hotspur	9	2	1	6	11	26	5
Reading	9	2	-	7	14	31	4
Bristol Rovers	8	-	1	7	6	24	1

OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1988/89

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	10	9	1	0	31	10	19
Tottenham Hotspur	7	6	1	0	12	4	13
Luton Town	9	5	2	2	26	13	12
West Ham United	10	4	3	3	21	16	11
Chelsea	7	5	0	2	15	6	10
Fulham	8	5	0	3	11	9	10
Norwich City	8	4	1	3	22	15	9
Brighton & Hove Albion	7	4	1	2	16	12	9
Southampton	8	4	1	3	13	10	9
Crystal Palace	7	4	0	3	14	11	8
Wimbledon	7	3	1	3	12	11	7
Watford	8	2	3	3	12	15	7
Oxford United	9	3	0	6	17	31	6
Portsmouth	6	2	1	3	11	12	5
Millwall	6	2	1	3	8	11	5
Swindon Town	7	2	1	4	8	16	5
Ipswich Town	8	1	2	5	14	25	4
Charlton Athletic	7	1	1	5	12	15	3
Reading	9	1	0	8	8	29	2
Queens Park Rangers	6	0	0	6	4	16	0

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	2-2	Jan 17	Chelsea	
Sept 24	Oxford United	7-1	Jan 28	Southampton	
Oct 1	Arsenal	2-3	Feb 7	Millwall	
Oct 4	Norwich	2-1	Feb 14	Swindon T	
Oct 11	Brighton	3-0	Feb 25	West Ham	
Oct 15	Watford	4-0	Mar 4	Arsenal	
Oct 18	Charlton A	1-0	Mar 15	Crystal Palace	
Oct 22	Wimbledon		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 20	Wimbledon				

COACHES' CORNER



YOUNGSTERS RUN ENDS BUT RESERVES MARCH ON

Since our last first team home match the youth team's early season unbeaten run has come to an end, but the reserves have gone on winning and scoring goals freely. The youngsters' run unfortunately ended in our Southern Junior Floodlit Cup second round tie at Watford when we were beaten 2-1. It was a game the Town youth team might have won with a little more luck and determination however.

"It was a good advert for youth football," said coach John Faulkner. "Both teams showed a high level of skill and good chasing ability. But we lost because we gave away two poor goals." Mick O'Brien was the Town scorer.

Following that disappointment, the Town youth team were held to a 2-2 draw at home by Bristol City, Salton and Pembridge scoring and went down 2-1 at Oxford.

The reserves, by contrast have been in improving form and recently enjoyed a 4-0 win over Watford in a Football Combination fixture. Roy Wegerle hit a hat-trick and made the other goal for Ian Allinson. Wegerle then scored the winner at Charlton in our 1-0 win last week.

Lots of changes

Jim Ryan said: "This season the reserves side has seen a lot of changes mainly because of our larger pool of first team players. We have had four or five who travel with the first team one week and then need a game the following week. Given this, I have been very pleased with the form of the players who have had to make way for them, it has been not only good, but consistent!"

"I am sure they have understood the reasons why they have not played sometimes but they have shown a really terrific attitude and got on with the job. I am particularly thinking of Ian Scott, Aaron Tighe, Jason Rees, Paul Gray, Neil Poutch and Mick O'Brien. They have always given their best despite playing one week and maybe not the next."

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LUTON TOWN

Goal'den Oldies

ALLAN BROWN ALWAYS HAD A TASTE FOR THE ARSENAL

Although regular League meetings with Arsenal are a fairly recent happening the Gunners were amongst our first opponents when we joined the Football League 90 years ago, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

We only lasted three seasons in the Second Division before the cost of travelling forced us back into the Southern League leaving Arsenal as the only Southern based club in the competition. Their decision to remain was obviously helped by the fact that they had a much stronger side than the Town as six straight victories in our three seasons together proved.

Apart from three cup meetings, which all ended in defeat for the Town, League fixtures were not resumed until 1955 with our promotion to Division One. The first clash, at Kenilworth Road, on 22nd October 1955 finished 0-0 but we were soon back to our losing ways with a 3-0 defeat at Highbury the following March.

Twelve months later the long awaited victory was celebrated when two goals from Allan Brown and a penalty by Gordon Turner cancelled out an early strike by Derek Tapscott. The Luton supporters in that Highbury crowd of 41288 must have thought that the jinx was finally broken but the following August we were back to our losing ways with a 2-0 defeat in North London despite hitting the woodwork three times.

Revenge was not long in coming, however, with an emphatic 4-0 win at Kenilworth Road over Christmas 1957 watched by a near record League attendance of 27,493. Brown, who had obviously taken a liking to Arsenal, scored a hat-trick and followed it up with a pair as the Town thumped the Gunners 6-3 the next season, again in a Christmas fixture at Kenilworth Road.

Season 1959-60 turned out to be the parting of the ways with the Towns relegation from Division One but not before we surprised the critics by winning 3-0 at Highbury in what were now turning out to be our annual Christmas games against Arsenal. The same eleven lost the return at Kenilworth Road 1-0 the following day!

Our paths crossed briefly in 1974-75 and the two games stick long in the memory. At Highbury a rare goal from full-back Don Shanks, with a spectacular volley, helped earn a 2-2 draw while at Kenilworth Road with the Town in the middle of a late-season "purple-patch" a 2-0 Luton victory could easily have been six such was the total determination.

Since our promotion back to Division One in 1982 Highbury has seen six straight defeats for the Town with only the 1983-84 opening day game giving thoughts of feeling hard done by.

Form at Kenilworth Road has not been much better with only one win recorded but that was probably the most vital of the lot, coming at the end of the 1984-85 season when the Town were at last winning their fight against relegation.

Two goals from Mick Harford and another from Emeka Nwajiobi put the Town in a commanding lead but a penalty converted by Charlie Nicholas following a foul by Les Sealey on a certain Ian Allinson had the Luton fans anxiously awaiting the final whistle.

All in all our League record against Arsenal is not impressive but the fact pales into insignificance as any Luton supporter will agree that the game played on April 24th 1988 was the one that really mattered!!

Our previous encounters with Arsenal

	Home	Away
1897/98	0-2	0-3
1898/99	0-1	2-6
1899/00	1-2	1-3
1956/56	0-0	0-3
1956/57	1-2	3-1
1957/58	4-0	0-2
1958/59	6-3	0-1
1959/60	0-1	3-0
1974/75	2-0	2-2
1982/83	2-2	1-4
1983/84	1-2	1-2
1984/85	3-1	1-3
1985/86	2-2	1-2
1986/87	0-0	0-3
1987/88	1-1	1-2

Summary

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	15	4	5	6	23	19
Away	15	2	1	12	16	37
	30	6	6	18	39	56



• Spectacular scorer: Don Shanks hit the net with a tremendous volley at Highbury in 1974-75.

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ARSENAL

We welcome tonight an Arsenal side looking for their first win here for five seasons and with the memory of last season's splendid Littlewoods Cup final still very fresh in our memories. Away wins at Tottenham, Wimbledon and West Ham, with a total of 13 away goals to date, added to a Mercantile Credit Final win against Manchester United give a warning that the 'Gunners' are in quest of major honours again after a season without any since their Littlewoods Cup win in 1986-87, writes *Geoff Allman*.

Founded in 1886 as Woolwich Arsenal by young men employed at the Royal Woolwich, they turned professional in 1891 and joined the Second Division in 1893. They were known as Woolwich Arsenal at that time and it was under that label that they gained promotion at the end of 1903-04.

Though relegated in 1913, they regained their First Division place in 1919 when that division was increased by two clubs with Chelsea and Arsenal (who by that time had dropped the Woolwich from their title) filling the vacancies.

The history of Arsenal really took off in 1925 with the appointment as manager of Herbert Chapman, who immediately signed Sunderland striker Charlie Buchan. In his very first season at Highbury, Arsenal won the FA Cup in 1930 and went on to three successive League Championships.

"Chapman's name is synonymous with all the highest qualities in management"

Sadly Herbert Chapman died suddenly midway through the second of the three successive championships, but his name is still synonymous with the highest qualities in football management.

Arsenal, by then managed by former commentator George Allison, won the Championship again in 1937-38 and despite the fact that most of their players were over 30 at the time they repeated this success in 1947-48 in the days of Joe Mercer and ace goalscorer Ronnie Rooke. Then in 1950 they won the FA Cup beating Liverpool 2-0 in the final with brothers Leslie and



Standing (left to right): **Theo Foley** (Assistant Manager), **Rhys Wilmot**, **Paul Merson**, **Tony Adams**, **Niall Quinn**, **Steve Bould**, **Alan Smith**, **David O'Leary**, **Gus Caesar**, **John Lukic**, **Gary Lewin** (Physiotherapist). Seated: **Kevin Richardson**, **Michael Thomas**, **Nigel Winterburn**, **Lee Dixon**, **Perry Groves**, **George Graham** (Manager), **Kenny Samson**, **Paul Davies**, **David Rocastle**, **Martin Hayes**, **Brian Marwood**.

Denis Compton in their side.

Then came another First Division Championship in 1962-63 and though there was then quite a gap before the two successive League Cup final appearances in the late sixties Arsenal were still more often than not in the top ten in Division One. Then came another run of major successes as they took the European Fairs Cup in 1969-70 and then in 1970-71 became the first team this century to win the Football League and the FA Cup in the same season.

Playing a key role in midfield at this time was present-day manager George Graham while goals flowed freely from Ray Kennedy, Charlie George and John Radford. Frank McLintock skippered the side.

1978-79 saw another thrilling FA Cup win with Allen Sunderland getting a late winner at Wembley and just a year later Arsenal lost the final on both the FA Cup and the European Cup Winners Cup in the space of five days. And so to two successive Littlewoods Cup final appearances with a win over Liverpool in 1986-87 and a 3-2 defeat by us in 1987-88. Meanwhile they have finished 6th, 7th, 7th, 4th and 6th respectively in the last five seasons.

"fine form being shown away from home"

This season, Arsenal have fared rather better away than at home where they have lost to Aston Villa and drawn with a last minute goal against Southampton. By contrast, they have won three away games out of four, their solitary defeat being at Sheffield Wednesday. They also won at Hull in the Littlewoods Cup and at QPR in the Mercantile Credit semi-final.

Alan Smith, who scored against us in last season's Littlewoods Cup final, has already scored goals this season and this one-time Alvechurch player is joined up front by former Sheffield Wednesday man **Brian Marwood**, who is also among the leading First Division scorers.

Former Colchester winger **Perry Groves** may be adding breadth to the attack today while in midfield **Kevin Richardson**, who was signed from Watford last season, is joined by home-grown **David Rocastle** and **Michael Thomas**.

In defence, England man **Tony Adams** links up in the centre with **Steve Bould**, a close-season signing from Stoke, with another former Stoke man **Lee Dixon** and former Wimbledon man **Nigel Winterburn** on the flanks and **John Lukic** in his fifth season as first choice in succession to Pat Jennings in goal. Others who may come into the reckoning are young home grown strikers **Paul Merson** and **Martin Hayes**.

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1988-89 SEASON

BARCLAYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1988-89

HOME				AWAY			
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D
8	3	1	1	9	7	3	0
8	3	1	0	8	5	1	3
8	1	1	2	6	5	3	1
7	1	1	1	6	6	3	0
7	3	0	1	5	3	1	1
8	1	2	1	3	3	2	1
7	2	1	0	3	0	1	2
8	3	0	1	6	4	1	0
9	1	3	1	6	5	2	1
8	2	1	2	8	6	1	1
8	2	1	1	9	4	1	0
9	2	0	2	5	4	1	1
9	0	3	2	6	12	2	1
8	0	3	0	2	2	1	3
8	2	1	2	3	2	0	2
8	1	1	1	3	4	1	1
8	1	1	3	4	4	1	3
8	1	1	3	4	9	1	1
9	1	1	2	6	9	1	0
7	1	1	1	7	7	0	3
8	0	1	2	2	7	1	1

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS (1988/89)

	League		Littlewoods Cup	
	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls
Ian Allinson	(2)	-	-	-
Kingsley Black	8	1	2	-
Tim Breacker	1(1)	-	(2)	-
Gary Cobb	-	-	-	-
Mal Donaghy	6	-	2	-
John Dreyer	6	-	2	-
Steve Foster	8	1	2	-
Ashley Grimes	2	-	-	-
Mick Harford	8	1	2	-
Richard Harvey	-	-	-	-
Ricky Hill	5	-	2	1
Julian James	-	-	-	-
Marvin Johnson	2	-	-	-
Rob Johnson	7	-	2	1
Darron McDonough	(1)	-	-	-
David Oldfield	8	1	2	-
David Preece	2	-	-	-
Les Sealey	8	-	2	-
Roy Wegerle	1(4)	-	-	-
Steve Williams	7	-	2	-
Danny Wilson	8	1	2	-

Luton Town F-A Att Pos 1

Aug 27	Sheffield Wednesday	0-1	-	-	Sealey
Sept 3	Wimbledon	2-2	8067	12	Sealey
Sept 10	Southampton	1-2	13,214	16	Sealey
Sept 17	Manchester United	0-2	11,010	18	Sealey
Sept 24	Everton	2-0	26,170	15	Sealey
Sept 27	Burnley (LC2)	1-1	6,282	15	Sealey
Oct 1	Nottingham Forest	0-0	15,340	17	Sealey
Oct 8	Liverpool	1-0	12,117	13	Sealey
Oct 11	Burnley (LC2)	1-0	14,031	13	Sealey
Oct 22	Middlesbrough	1-2	17,749	16	Sealey
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 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 (FAC6)				
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	F.A. Cup Final				

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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 ¹	JD/RW
R. Johnson	Grimes	Williams	Foster ¹	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Oldfield	Harford	(Preece)	Black	TB/[RW]
R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	M. Johnson	D. Wilson	(Oldfield)	Harford	Hill	Black	[RW]/TB
R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Oldfield ¹	Harford	Hill	Black ¹	TB/IA
(R. Johnson)	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Oldfield	Harford	Hill	Black	[TB]/IA
R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Oldfield	(Harford)	Hill	Black	[IA]/TB
R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	(Oldfield)	Harford ¹	Hill	Black	[RW]/TB
(R. Johnson)	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Oldfield	Harford	Hill ¹	Black	[TB]/IA
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 - 2 Rob Johnson
 - 3 John Dreyer
 - 4 Steve Williams
 - 5 Steve Foster
 - 6 Marvin Johnson
 - 7 Danny Wilson
 - 8 David Oldfield
 - 9 Mick Harford
 - 10 Ricky Hill
 - 11 Kingsley Black |
- Subs

Arsenal |

- 1 John Lukic
 - 2 Lee Dixon
 - 3 Nigel Winterburn
 - 4 Michael Thomas
 - 5 Steve Bould
 - 6 Tony Adams
 - 7 David Rocastle
 - 8 Kevin Richardson
 - 9 Alan Smith
 - 10 Paul Merson
 - 11 Brian Marwood
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