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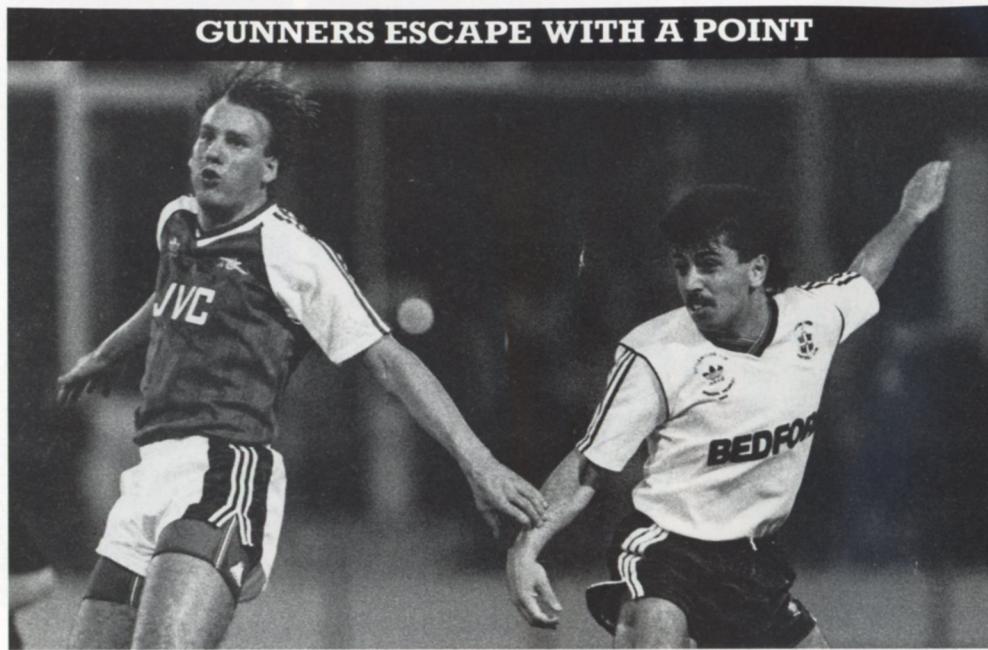
Saturday, October 29th, 1988 Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

LUTON TOWN

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• **Happy Hatters:** Kingsley Black is congratulated by Steve Foster after scoring our equaliser and Roy Wegerle moves in to challenge Nigel Winterburn.



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RAY'S REVIEW



Welcome to Queens Park Rangers. We always seem to have closely-fought tussles with them and I am sure today's match will be no exception. I hope we are able to repeat our second-half form from Tuesday night's match against Arsenal. If we do, I am sure we shall provide an entertaining match and hopefully a victory.

I felt we pressurised Arsenal very well and played some good football in the second period of Tuesday's match. After the defeat at Middlesbrough last Saturday, we were hoping for a good result and a good performance to set us off another run, but injuries and team changes hampered our preparations. We were without John Dreyer, who I hope will be fit to be considered again today, Steve Williams, who had the flu, and, of course, Mal Donaghy. Add to those absentees the fact that Darron McDonough suffered an ankle injury in the warm-up before the match and the continuing injuries to our astonishingly brave captain Steve Foster and you can see we were struggling. Steve, incidentally, collected a total of a further 13 stitches. That makes 29 for the season so far.

Since I regard Arsenal as one of the favourites for the title, I have to consider our performance an encouraging one given the circumstances. Marvin Johnson in particular did very well. It is very good to see a young player like him wanting to try and play football from the back. The crowd certainly seemed to appreciate it and I was delighted for him. He also had an excellent game at Middlesbrough.

QPR will be tough opposition today. In Jim Smith and Peter Shreeves they have a very experienced and shrewd pair who are capable of bringing the best out of their team. We shall have to be at our best to take the points. Enjoy the match. The team appreciate your vocal support.

Ray Harford.

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Write to: The Editor, Luton Town F.C.,
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A wonderful wedding!

Dear Sir,

You may be interested to know that my wife (Sherry-Lynn) and I held our Wedding Reception in the Joe Payne Lounge on August 26th. A great time was had by all and our thanks go to the catering and bar staff.

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I would therefore like to ask your co-operation again in helping get the Department's safety message

across in whatever way you can. I do hope you will be able to give our campaign your support once more and help reverse the rising trend of injuries.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

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DRESSING ROOM TALK

with Mick Harford

Twelve months ago, Mick Harford was setting his ambitions on winning a place in the England squad, helping the Town to a Wembley appearance and winning a major honour for the first time. In the time which has passed he has achieved all three and last month was picked to lead the England attack at Wembley against Denmark. In Dressing Room Talk today, he discusses his international experiences and his own form this season:



• **Mick Harford:** Goal hunting.

"I got on in Israel earlier in the year and that was very important for me because I felt I then had a chance of being picked again. It was tremendous to be selected against Denmark and then again for the Sweden squad. Like every professional, it is obviously one of my main ambitions to play for my country.

"The England manager Bobby Robson said he was quite pleased with my display against Denmark and I was quite hopeful of getting on for a bit of a game against Sweden. Especially, later in the game, when it looked like a change was going to be made. I was disappointed not to play.

"Deep down, I suppose I know that I am only filling in in the squad at the moment. Mark Hateley is injured and Alan Smith is much younger than me. He is bound to be given a chance sooner or later. But I aim to enjoy it as long as I can and to do my best.

"I can quite understand Bobby Robson sticking with his old guard. He knows them and what they can do at that level. It is very difficult. Sometimes it is not right to make changes for their own sake.

"My own form especially in front of goal is not what it could be at the moment, but I feel I am making a real contribution to the team and just hoping for a change of luck. I could have had four goals against Manchester

United for example. I had the chances, but not the luck to finish them off. Sometimes it goes like that and I am not allowing it to get me down or affect me at all.

"Obviously, it is different for me this season playing with different players up front. I had a good understanding with Brian Stein who I considered to be a brilliant player but he left the club. Now we have to get on with it as it is and of course it is not the same. I am sure chances will come again.

"The team is still settling down and we have had some bad luck recently. I am sure that will change just like my goalscoring form. We are not playing badly. Against Arsenal, for example, we had most of the game in the second half. I had one chance and I thought I should have scored, but I didn't.

"Sometimes it just goes like that. You need to have the breaks. They just have not been going our way recently. But all in all I have to look back on the last year and say I have had more good luck than bad. So maybe it is evening itself out now."



by BILL TOMLINS

STITCH THAT!



• In the wars again: Steve Foster collected another 13 stitches on Tuesday night against Arsenal to add to the 16 he had in the two matches against Burnley.

THE TOWN

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE GUINNESS SOCCER 6 TOURNAMENT

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to our visitors Queens Park Rangers, including our former forward Mark Stein. The Loftus Road club have always commanded my respect and I am pleased to say we have always had a good relationship between the clubs.

This has been apparent recently for example in that we have readily agreed to the switching of our scheduled reserve game there from the Shepherds Bush stadium to Hayes to assist them in protecting their newly-laid cellular pitch.

Pleased to help

We were pleased to assist them. The fixture will be on November 9, incidentally and it made me wonder if one day we may be in a position where we are asking them to reciprocate.

In December, we shall be travelling to Manchester again for the Guinness Soccer 6 championships. These are scheduled to take place at the G-Mex Centre from December 4 to 7.

All 20 First Division clubs have been invited to compete together with Manchester City and the competition to be staged has

been billed as the richest ever to be staged in this country. There will be more than £25,000 prize money.

We have been drawn to play in group D together with Millwall and Sheffield Wednesday on Monday night. The winners of the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights all go forward to the finals round on Wednesday.

Good crowd

I had hoped we might have been among the privileged seeded teams and, in fact, I have written to the Football League to inquire why, in a league competition they have seeded the champions, the previous winners and the Football Association Challenge Cup winners, but not seeded the winners of their own knockout tournament, the Littlewoods Cup.

It was very encouraging to have such a good attendance at last Tuesday night's home match against Arsenal. It showed we have a good hard-core support. It was an exciting second half and the good response from our supporters clearly assisted the players, as Steve says in his column this afternoon.

RESOUNDING SUCCESS OF DISABLED ENCLOSURE

• **Special area:** Our disabled fans in the enclosure have a special loop hearing system to enhance their enjoyment of the game. The system supplies commentary of the game and is particularly important for blind and partially-deaf fans in our 70-seater disabled area. Any of our fans wishing to make use of the area should apply to our Ticket supervisor Cherry Newbery at the Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road.



• **That winning feeling:** Chief coach Richie Barker was in high spirits after our recent victory over Liverpool.



• **The cup that cheers:** Television sports presenter Nick Owen and his son try out the Littlewoods Cup for size.



• **Man of the match:** Steve Foster was our sponsors man of the match against Liverpool when we won 1-0.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

Unbeaten run ends

Hello everyone and welcome to Queens Park Rangers. Our unbeaten run unfortunately came to an end at Middlesbrough but I thought we played very well in the second half there and against Arsenal as well on Tuesday night. In both matches, we had enough of the play to have won.

For both matches, as you know, we were without Mal Donaghy who was involved in talks with Manchester United. Marvin Johnson came into the team in the number six shirt and did a superb job. I thought he looked really good in the Arsenal match at home and the crowd seemed to enjoy his performance too.

In the wars

Unfortunately, I was in the wars again and needed a total of 13 stitches in my facial wound and a reopened leg injury. Luckily, it did not stop me coming on again to get involved in the game. Kingsley's free-kick was a beautifully-struck shot.

This afternoon we face another tough match against London opponents. It should be just as entertaining as it was on Tuesday and I hope everyone gets behind the team. The lads certainly appreciate the support. Enjoy the match.

UNBEATEN RUN ENDS

Middlesbrough 2 Luton Town 1
Our five match unbeaten run came to an end at Middlesbrough last Saturday when we were beaten 2-1 at Ayresome Park in an entertaining match. A goal by Danny Wilson just six minutes from time from the penalty spot was not enough to revive our hopes after we had trailed in 2-0 down at the interval. But the general level of the performance was encouraging on a day when the Town were without Mal Donaghy and Steve Williams.

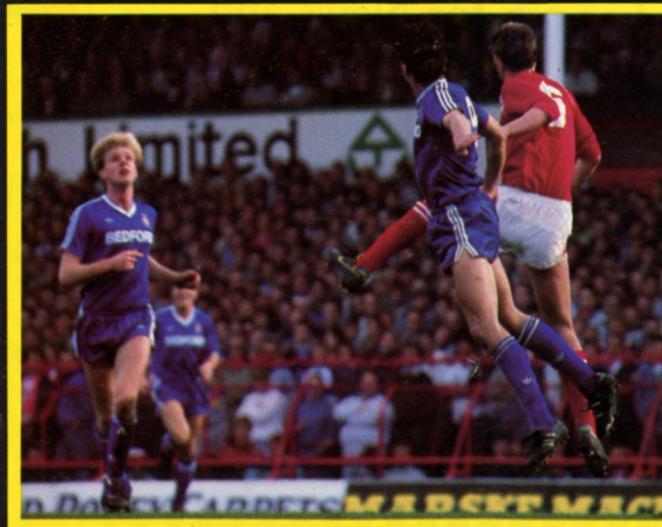
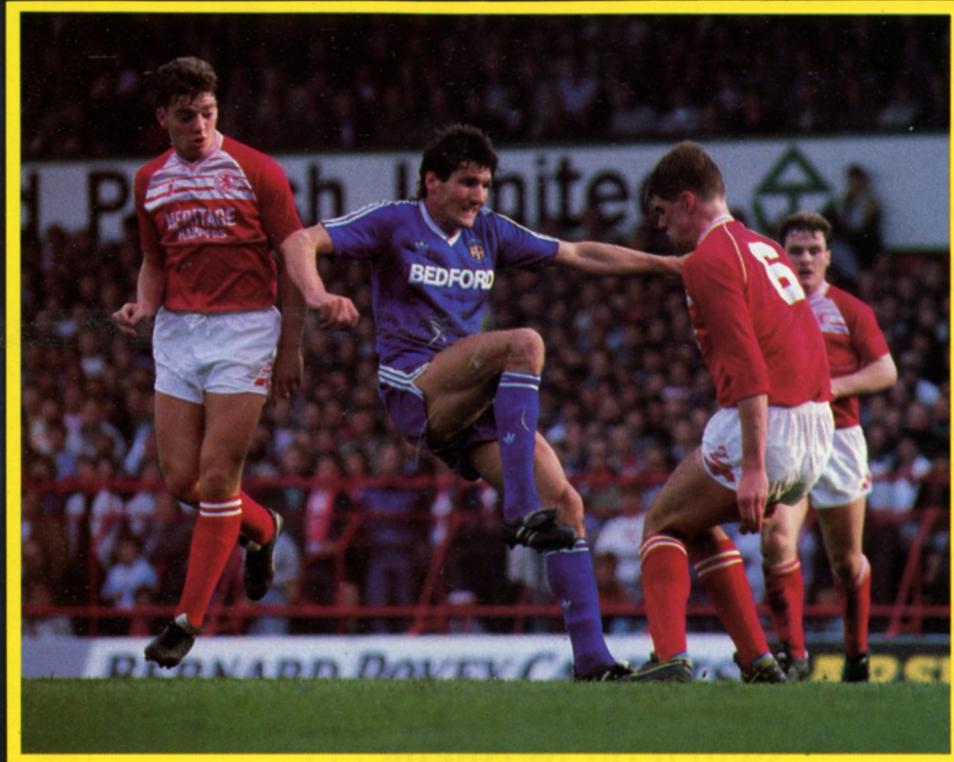
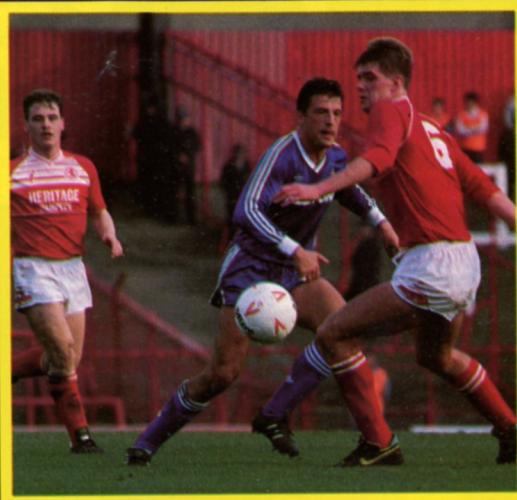
Middlesbrough took an early and decisive lead when they scored after only three minutes, Bernie Slaven scoring after Gary Pallister had headed on. It was just the start Bruce Rioch's team needed and roared on by 17,000 home fans they played with great passion, forcing the Town back on defence.

The second goal came in the 45th minute only shortly after Mick Harford had been unlucky not to equalise with a great header which forced an equally fine save. A speculative shot by full-back Colin Cooper flew in off a post from 25 yards.

The Town had more of the game after the interval and were unlucky not to get back into the game earlier than the 86th minute when Roy Wegerle, on as a substitute for Rob Johnson, was brought down and Wilson converted the spot kick.

Teams: Middlesbrough - Pears, Parkinson, Cooper, Mowbray, Hamilton, Pallister, Slaven, Brennan, Burke (Kernaghan), Kerr, Ripley. Luton Town - Sealey, R. Johnson (Wegerle), Dreyer, McDonough (Breacker), Foster, M. Johnson, Wilson, Oldfield, Harford, Hill, Black. Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton).

1st Team ACTION



• No luck at Ayresome Park: Despite a bold comeback in the second-half when they trailed 2-0, the Town were unable to secure a point at Middlesbrough where Darren McDonough returned to the team for the first time in six months following the knee injury which ruled him out of the Littlewoods Cup final last April. Our action pictures today show Darren McDonough, David Oldfield and Mick Harford in the thick of it as the Town search for an equaliser. Pictures by Josh Levy of Apex Photography, Milton Keynes.

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Wednesday, November 2, kick-off 7.30 pm.

This is **NOT** an all-ticket game. Seats and standing room tickets will be available for purchase on the night. Seats will cost £6 and standing room £3.50. Our Ticket Office in Kenilworth Road will have a number of seats available for sale until 3pm on November 2.

LEEDS UNITED v LUTON TOWN

Littlewoods Cup Third Round Possible Replay Arrangements

If the tie ends in a draw, a replay will take place here on Tuesday, November 8, kick-off 7.45. Visiting supporters will once again be admitted. For them, it will be an all-ticket match. Their tickets will only be sold at Elland Road. Visitors will be accommodated in the K1 section of the Kenilworth Stand and in F and G blocks of the main stand. We request, once again, the support of our own members. Entry for the main stand and the enclosure will only be from Kenilworth Road. Luton members can purchase their tickets on the night. THERE WILL BE NO GUEST TICKET FACILITIES ON THE DAY.

Members wishing to bring a guest must buy their tickets in advance. Ticket prices: Standing £3.50 (Senior Citizens and children £1). Main stand seats £6 (£2). Enclosure and Oak Stand £5 (£1).



MAN IN CHARGE

Joe Worrell (Warrington)

An accountant, Joe is married with two boys. He began refereeing when he was 19 and progressed through the Warrington District League and the Cheshire League to the Football League list and the FIFA panel. He is interested in all sports. He was in charge of the FA Vase Final in 1977 and our Littlewoods Cup final against Arsenal. He has experience of FA Cup semi-finals and international matches. This afternoon's reserve official is J. Casey.

FORTHCOMING MATCHES AT KENILWORTH ROAD

Ovenden Papers Football Combination

Tuesday, November 1, 1988
Luton Town v Fulham
Kick-off 2.00 p.m.

Ovenden Papers Football Combination

Saturday, November 5, 1988
Luton Town v Ipswich Town
Kick-off 2.00 p.m.

Ovenden Papers Football Combination

Saturday, November 12, 1988
Luton Town v Chelsea
Kick-off 2.00 p.m.

South East Counties League

Saturday, November 12, 1988
Luton Town v Bournemouth
Kick-off 11.00 a.m.

Barclays League Division One

Saturday, November 19, 1988
Luton Town v West Ham United
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

PLAYER PROFILE

RICKY HILL

Now in his 13th full season at Kenilworth Road, Ricky Hill continues to draw gasps of admiration from his colleagues and opponents alike with his enduring ball skills and imaginative play. Few would argue if he was labelled as the club's finest all-round player such has been his contribution to the team since his debut as a substitute against Bristol Rovers over Easter 1976.

He created a goal with his first touch of the ball and scored with his second to turn a 1-1 draw into a 3-1 home win after replacing current Town coach John Faulkner. Since then, Ricky has gone on to establish himself as a regular part of the Town's midfield and a contender for the England side despite cruel luck with injuries, particularly when international squads were due to be selected.

Last season, for example, he broke a leg at Everton on Boxing Day, but made a fantastic recovery in time to star in the Town team which beat Arsenal 3-2 at Wembley to lift the Littlewoods Cup. It was a remarkable performance of great maturity, skill and intelligence from a player in his first full 90 minutes match since that injury. By the end of last season, he had made a total of 463 first team appearances for the club and scored 59 goals.



•Ricky Hill: Tremendous club servant for 13 years.



RICKY HILL

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JUNIOR HATTERS!



BY DANNY WILSON

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Today we give Queens Park Rangers a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road. The Junior Hatters have been invited by the Junior Canaries of Norwich, to visit them when we play on November 26th. This will only be to watch the Norwich v Luton game, as the Junior Canaries have no junior football teams organised at this time of the season.

If you would like to go on this trip, we will be leaving from the Oak Road car park at 9.00am.

We will be going to the Duxford Imperial War Museum in the morning to have a look at the military aircraft and vehicles including Concorde. Don't forget to bring your camera with you. The price for this day out will be £5.50 for Junior Hatters and £8.50 for parents, this price includes the coach and entry to the museum and Carrow Road.

This trip is for Junior Hatters and their parents only, please book from the Souvenir Shop as we are expecting a good response for this trip. To save any disappointment book early.

Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is H0188091113. 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.

On Sunday 27th November, I have arranged a game of football with a team of local Asian boys. The age group is 10 to 12 years. If you would like to play call Bev Tyler.

Have a good day and let the lads hear you cheering us on. I will see you all at our next home game when our visitors are West Ham United.



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The company's turnover is now edging towards the £1 million mark and the future looks promising. Like Wallspan, Modplan have recognised the opportunity offered here at Kenilworth Road to promote their company and we wish both companies and their guests a very enjoyable afternoon with a good result to celebrate.

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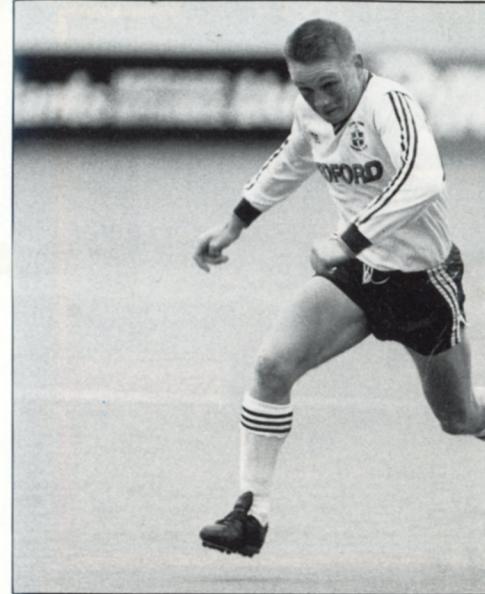
•Bursting through: Paul Telfer shows his pace in a recent game at Kenilworth Road.

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



•On the ball: Gary Crawshaw in action for our youth team at Kenilworth Road.

COACHES' CORNER



YOUNG RESERVES BEATEN AS YOUNGSTERS BOUNCE BACK

First team calls due to injuries and illness meant a large squad travelled to Middlesbrough last Saturday leaving a depleted reserves team in action against Wimbledon. The result was that a much changed team from those seen in action recently was in action and the Town's good run came to an end with a 2-0 defeat. The boot was on the other foot so far as the youth team were concerned however as they ended a briefly disappointing run with a resounding 4-1 home success over Colchester in a South East Counties fixture at Kenilworth Road.

Energy

Youth team coach, John Faulkner was pleased with his young side's performance against Colchester. "It was always good to watch," he said. "There was a lot of energy and enthusiasm. When the passing improved we made a lot of chances and ran out worthy winners." The Town scorers were Nogan 2, O'Sullivan and Brown. Team Watkiss, Husband, Pembridge, Hughes, Salton, Jackson, McGonagle, Crawshaw, Nogan, Telfer, O'Sullivan.

The Town's young talent has been added to with the signing of Paul Hancock, 14, from St Neots. Goalkeeper Paul has signed Associate Schoolboy forms. We welcome him and wish him every success.

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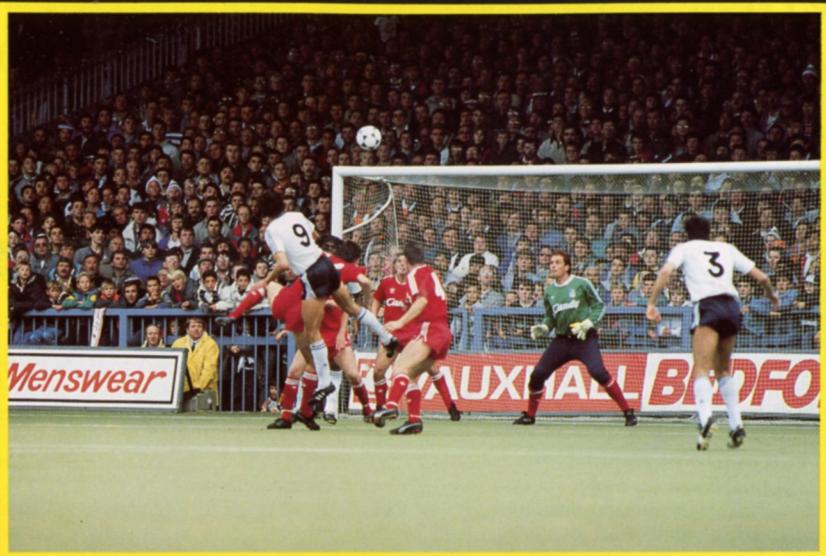
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- A great win: Our action pictures today show Mick Harford in the thick of things against Liverpool. Mick scored our goal in a 1-0 win on October 8.



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STILL PLAYING ON AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!

We have played more League games against todays opponents than any other club and when you tot-up the Southern League fixtures in the early part of the century and FA Cup clashes we have met well over 100 times, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

Due to our recent form against Rangers the balance of power has now tipped in our favour with 28 League wins against 25. Danny Wilson has the proud honour of scoring our 100th League goal against the West London team when he notched our first in the 2-1 home win last season.

With very few exceptions, games went with the home side in the period from our re-entry into the Football League in 1920 until our eventual promotion in 1937 but following Rangers elevation in 1948 results became less predictable.

Billy Arnison with two and Bobby Brennan secured our first away win at Loftus Road since 1923-24 on 18th December 1948 to avenge the previous seasons 5th Round FA Cup defeat but Rangers turned the tables by completing the double the following season.

"After leading 3-0 and then 4-1 the Town still had to settle for a point in a thriller in 1963"

With Rangers relegation in 1952 we had to wait for 11 years before renewing acquaintances but the 4-4 draw at Kenilworth Road on 23rd November 1963 was worth the wait. The Town were 3-0 and 4-1 up at different stages of the game but Rangers fought back to level the score and send the crowd of 6,598 home with something to talk about.

The following season saw a 7-1 defeat at Loftus Road with Mike Keen scoring three and a 2-0 home win when a young David Pleat registered with a wind-assisted cross-cum-shot which completely shocked the Rangers defence and I dare say Pleat as well.

The Town were relegated at the end of that season but after climbing back up through the divisions rejoined Rangers in 1970-71 in Division Two.

The game at Loftus Road on 29th September 1970 will live long in the memory not just because of the Towns 1-0 win but more for the sheer joy on the

faces of goalkeeper Mike Keen and manager Alec Stock both discarded by Rangers two years before.

The rest of the games leading up to Rangers decision to lay "Omniturf" in 1981 were fairly uneventful apart from a scintillating 3-0 home win in 1980-81 and a 30-yard headed goal from David Moss at Loftus Road in the same season.

Lutons early success on Rangers artificial pitch must have had some bearing on our own decision to install, as it was only last season that we suffered our first defeat in six attempts. Our first three visits all ended in victory with the game on September 1st 1981 being the most historic.

Old boy Andy King gave Rangers an interval lead on this, the first game to be played on an artificial surface, but the Town stormed back and secured a famous win with goals from Mark Aizlewood and Ricky Hill.

Our post-war encounters with Queens Park Rangers

	Home	Away
1948/49	0-0	3-0
1949/50	1-2	0-3
1950/51	2-0	1-1
1951/52	0-1	0-0
1963/64	4-4	1-1
1964/65	2-0	1-7
1970/71	0-0	1-0
1971/72	1-1	0-1
1972/73	2-2	0-2
1974/75	1-1	1-2
1979/80	1-1	2-2
1980/81	3-0	2-3
1981/82	3-2	2-1
1983/84	0-0	1-0
1984/85	2-0	3-2
1985/86	2-0	1-1
1986/87	1-0	2-2
1987/88	2-1	0-2

Summary of all results from 1920-21

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	35	22	5	4	68	28
Away	35	6	8	21	33	64
	70	28	17	25	101	92

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• **Captain in action:** Mike Keen jumps to get in a header against Brighton in 1969. Mike captained both Luton and QPR during the 1960's.

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INTRODUCING...

QUEENS PARK RANGERS

Today we welcome a QPR side two points ahead of us in Division One at the time of writing, but looking for what would be their first goal in their last six visits here and their first point in five visits. Rangers are a side who, without making many headlines in recent seasons, have managed to establish themselves as a First Division club after being members of Division Three (South) for the whole of the pre-war period. In fact, they had had little experience even of Division Two until the late sixties, writes Geoff Allman.

"Rangers started life carrying their posts and tape to the ground"

Founded in 1885 from some members of Droop Street Board School, Rangers started their active life carrying their equipment of four goalposts and two pieces of tape from their headquarters to their first ground at Welfords Fields, Loftus Road, where they first played in 1917, was, in fact, their sixth ground and by that time they had won the West

London Cup three times. They had been in the Southern League from 1899 onwards and had topped the table in both 1908 and 1912.

They became members of the new Division Three in 1920 and this became Division Three (South) a year later. Despite gaining a notable third round FA Cup win over Arsenal in 1922-23 they had to seek re-election in both 1924 and 1926 and they were in general not one of the leading Third Division teams between the wars though at various times they had two extremely prolific strikers Arthur Chandley (later to join Leicester) and George Goddard (later to join Wolves) in their line-up.

After the war they had their best side up to then with Reg Allen in goal, Arthur Jefferson in defence and Bert Addinall and Cyril Hatton up front and they gained promotion to Division Two in 1948. They never really settled there, however, and they were back in Division Three from 1952 to 1967.



Back Row (left to right): Mark Dennis, David Kerslake, David Pizanti, Martin Allen, Brian Law, Alan McDonald, Gavin Maguire, Justin Channing, Simon Barker. Middle Row: Danny Maddix, Keith Peacock (Reserve Team Manager), Ron Berry (Kit Manager), Tony Roberts, Peter Shreeves (Assistant Manager), Nicky Johns, Frank Sibley (Youth Team Manager), Dave Butler (Physiotherapist), Wayne Fereday. Front Row: Kevin Brock, Ian Dawes (now Millwall), Mark Falco, David Seaman (Captain), Jim Smith (Team Manager), Dean Coney, Trevor Francis, Paul Parker.

Then, on the crest of a wave, they romped to promotion from Division Three in 1966-67 and also won the League Cup for good measure, beating West Brom the first time the final was played at Wembley.

On the crest of another wave they climbed into Division One a year later, but then slipped straight back down again. They then returned in 1973 and with Gerry Francis in his prime they came near to the First Division Championship when pipped by Liverpool by just one point in 1975-76.

1979, however, saw them back in Division Two and while there, they took Spurs to an FA Cup final replay in 1982. A season later they returned to Division One since when they have finished 5th, 9th, 13th, 16th and 5th respectively. Last season, they made a tremendous start with six wins and a draw in their first seven games and then after losing a little momentum they enjoyed a similar run in March and April. All in all they won seven and drew six of their twenty away games.

"Mark Stein is part of a very useful spearhead"

So far this season, Rangers have won at Derby, drawn at Manchester United and lost at Norwich, Millwall and Arsenal while at home they have beaten Sheffield Wednesday and West Ham, and lost to Southampton.

Goals have been rather scarce and manager Jim Smith, now in his fourth season at the helm, must be wondering whether the change back to grass has had any effect.

Our former player **Mark Stein**, former Spurs and Watford man **Mark Falco** and much-travelled former million pound player **Trevor Francis** present a useful front line and all have been on the mark this season, as has home-grown midfielder **Martin Allen**.

He links up with another former apprentice **Wayne Fereday** and ex-Oxford man **Kevin Brock**, while in defence **Paul Parker** (ex-Fulham) links up with three home-grown players **David Kerslake**, **Alan McDonald** and **Gavin Maguire** and, when available, **Mark Dennis** (ex-Birmingham and Southampton).

In goal, **Nicky Johns** has had considerable experience with Millwall and Charlton and in America while others who may come into the reckoning are former Spurs defender **Gary Maddix**, ex-Blackburn midfielder **Simon Barker** and former Fulham striker **Dean Coney**. There has been much shuffling of the line-up in recent weeks.

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HOME	AWAY				
	W	D	L	F	APts
8 3 1 1 9 7	Norwich City	3 0 0 6 2 19			
8 3 1 0 8 5	Millwall	1 3 0 7 4 16			
8 1 1 1 6 6	Arsenal	3 1 1 14 7 14			
8 1 1 2 6 5	Coventry City	3 1 0 6 1 14			
9 2 1 2 8 6	Southampton	2 1 1 6 7 14			
7 3 0 1 5 3	Sheffield Wednesday	1 1 1 3 4 13			
8 1 2 1 3 3	Liverpool	2 1 1 7 3 12			
7 2 1 0 3 0	Manchester United	1 2 1 5 4 12			
8 3 0 1 6 4	Middlesbrough	1 0 3 6 8 12			
9 1 3 1 6 5	Aston Villa	1 2 1 7 7 11			
8 2 1 1 9 4	Everton	1 0 3 3 6 10			
9 2 0 2 5 4	Queens Park Rangers	1 1 3 4 6 10			
9 0 3 2 6 12	Charlton Athletic	2 1 1 6 5 10			
8 0 3 0 2 2	Nottingham Forest	1 3 1 7 7 9			
8 2 1 2 3 2	Derby County	0 2 1 1 2 9			
9 1 2 1 4 5	LUTON TOWN	1 1 3 4 5 9			
8 1 1 3 4 9	Wimbledon	1 1 1 3 3 8			
9 1 1 2 6 9	West Ham United	1 0 4 2 9 7			
8 1 1 2 8 9	Tottenham Hotspur	0 3 1 6 8 5			
8 0 1 2 2 7	Newcastle United	1 1 3 4 11 5			

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS (1988/89)

	League		Littlewoods Cup		
	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	
Ian Allinson	(2)	-	-	-	
Kingsley Black	9	2	2	-	
Tim Breacker	2(1)	-	(2)	-	
Gary Cobb	-	-	-	-	
Mal Donaghy	6	-	2	-	
John Dreyer	6	-	2	-	
Steve Foster	9	1	2	-	
Ashley Grimes	2	-	-	-	
Mick Harford	9	1	2	-	
Richard Harvey	-	-	-	-	
Ricky Hill	6	-	2	1	
Julian James	-	-	-	-	
Marvin Johnson	3	-	-	-	
Rob Johnson	8	-	2	1	
Darron McDonough	1(1)	-	-	-	
David Oldfield	8(1)	1	2	-	
David Preece	2	-	-	-	
Les Sealey	9	-	2	-	
Roy Wegerle	2(4)	-	-	-	
Steve Williams	7	-	2	-	
Danny Wilson	9	1	2	-	

© The Football League FAC = F.A. Cup () indicates player substituted

Luton Town F-A Att Pos 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Aug 27 Sheffield Wednesday	0-1	-	-	Sealey	Breacker	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	(Wegerle)	Harford	Oldfield	Black
Sept 3 Wimbledon	2-2	8067	12	Sealey	R. Johnson	Grimes	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Preece	Harford	Oldfield	Black¹
Sept 10 Southampton	1-2	13,214	16	Sealey	R. Johnson	Grimes	Williams	Foster¹	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Oldfield	Harford	(Preece)	JD/RW
Sept 17 Manchester United	0-2	11,010	18	Sealey	R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	M. Johnson	D. Wilson	Oldfield	Harford	Hill	Black
Sept 24 Everton	2-0	26,170	15	Sealey	R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Oldfield ¹	Harford	Hill	TB/RW
Sept 27 Burnley (LC2)	1-1	6,282	15	Sealey	(R. Johnson)	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Oldfield	Harford	Hill	Black
Oct 1 Nottingham Forest	0-0	15,340	17	Sealey	R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Oldfield	Harford	Hill	[TB/RW]
Oct 8 Liverpool	1-0	12,117	13	Sealey	(R. Johnson)	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	D. Wilson	Oldfield	Harford	Hill	[R/W/TB]
Oct 11 Burnley (LC2)	1-0	14,031	13	Sealey	(R. Johnson)	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	(M. Johnson)	D. Wilson ^{1P}	Oldfield	Harford ¹	Hill ¹	TB/IA
Oct 22 Middlesbrough	1-2	17,749	16	Sealey	(R. Johnson)	Dreyer	(McDonough)	Foster	(M. Johnson)	D. Wilson	Oldfield	Harford	Hill	[IA/TB]
Oct 25 Arsenal	1-1	10,548	16	Sealey	R. Johnson	Breacker	(McDonough)	Foster	M. Johnson	D. Wilson	Wegerle	Harford	Hill	[RW/TB]



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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.

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770,561

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- 9 Mick Harford
- 10 Ricky Hill
- 11 Kingsley Black

Subs

Queens Park Rangers

- 1 David Seaman
- 2 Simon Barker
- 3 Martin Allen
- 4 Paul Parker
- 5 Alan McDonald
- 6 Danny Maddix
- 7 Mark Falco
- 8 Trevor Francis
- 9 Wayne Fereday
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