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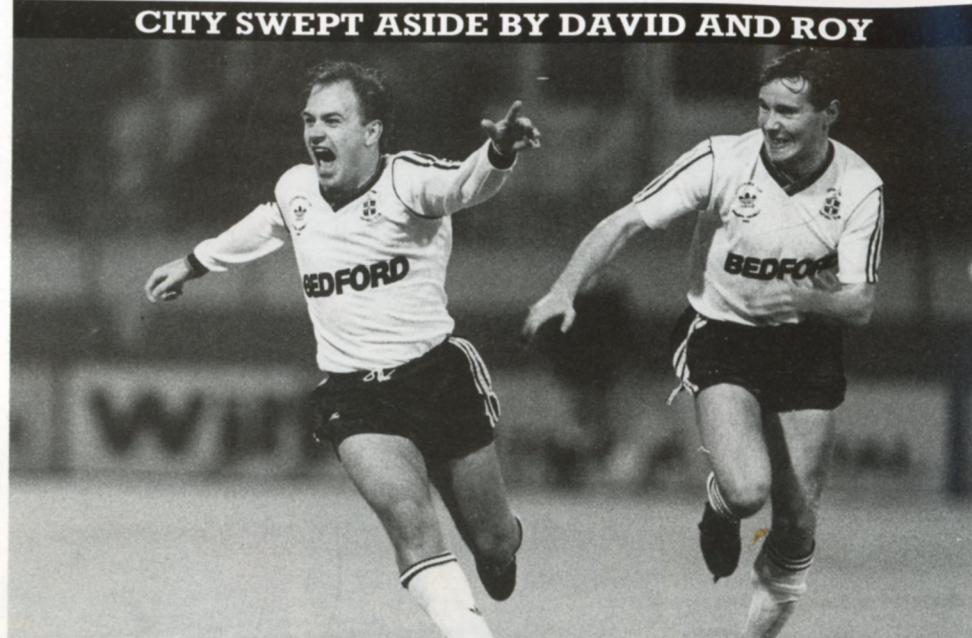
Saturday, December 3rd, 1988 Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

LUTON TOWN

This match is sponsored by: Rotary Club of Luton North

ACTION

CITY SWEPT ASIDE BY DAVID AND ROY



• **Unlucky David:** David Preece 'scored' twice during a five-minute spell in the second half when we had three goals disallowed on Tuesday night as we beat Manchester City 3-1 in the Littlewoods Cup.

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Sean Devlin

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Support for Mal

Dear Sir,
Seeing the departure of one of the
most truly professional players in the

game today 'Mal Donaghay', I had fo
write on behalf of myself and my
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else they will support him in his Testi
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Yours faithfully

John Pyper

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• David Preece congratulates Roy Wegerle for his goal against West Ham.

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DRESSING ROOM TALK

with Danny Wilson

Born in Wigan on New Year's Day, 1960, Danny Wilson was manager Ray Harford's first major signing when he joined the Town in the summer of 1987 from Brighton and Hove Albion. Danny made his league debut with Bury in 1977-78 and has played for Chesterfield, Nottingham Forest and Scunthorpe on his way to becoming an established member of Billy Bingham's Northern Ireland team for whom he has qualified through parentage. In Dressing Room Talk today, he reflects on the Town's recent improved showings after an inconsistent start to the season.:

Good point

"We have had two good results recently in the First Division against West Ham and then at Norwich and I think things are starting to improve for us now. For me, the draw at Norwich was a lot more satisfying than the win over West Ham. We won that because we took our chances and that was great, but at Norwich I thought we played really well throughout.

"Not many teams are going to get much reward from playing up there against them and I thought we showed how we can really play. We might have won and were unlucky not to especially as I missed a very good chance near the end when I think I should have scored. I hurried a bit and did not take enough time over it.

"For me it was our best performance of the season and it showed how much it helps our style of play to have three players up front. We don't invite the opposition to come and attack us when we have three in attack and we seem to win the ball more, nick bits and pieces off their back four. It means we are defending in their half a lot of the time.

"It suits me a lot better. I am not so keen on playing wide on the right even though I will always fill in and have a go wherever I am picked to play in the team. I like to get up and score goals if I can and always aim for 10 goals every season. This year, I was beginning to worry if I would get any at all at one stage!



• **Danny Wilson:** World Cup ambitions

"We have got so many players with flair that we are always going to look a much better side going forward and giving our skilful players a chance to play. That is what has happened in the last few games and we have all enjoyed it more.

"That does not mean we do not have to be disciplined in defence or anything like that—the way Fossie has been playing has shown that it is not possible in our team. He has so much physical presence in a team you have to do everything properly. I am sure he is a great influence for the youngsters in the side.

"Roy and David have both got tremendous pace and Kingsley has got bags of skill so it is great to see them performing. Kingsley has matured with every game for us and at international level which is not an easy thing to do in the First Division.

"On the international scene, we have a very tough World Cup game coming up in Seville against Spain – one I am going to miss through suspension. I am sore about it because I hate to miss any Northern Ireland games and that is going to be a very important game for us... But if the lads get a result there it would be a terrific boost."



by BILL TOMLINS

ANDY BACK FOR A BOOKING



• In the book: Andy Dibble returned to Kenilworth Road on Tuesday and was presented with a copy of our new cup book

ROY WINS THE MAN OF THE MATCH AWARD



• **Top Hatter:** Roy Wegerle, who has hit five goals in his last three games, shows off his award as the sponsors' man of the match for Tuesday's two-goal show against Manchester City. Roy is pictured with Dave Gordon of Pyrene.

THE TOWN

DELIGHTED WITH OUR SUCCESS ON AND OFF THE PITCH!

We were all delighted on Tuesday night with the result which carried us through to the quarter-finals in the defence of the Littlewoods Cup. Arrangements on and off the pitch appeared to go very smoothly even though our police costs went up by two-thirds with the visit of Manchester City's supporters!

I was particularly pleased to see so many visitors clearly enjoying the match and supporting their team in such a spectacular and colourful way. The support of our own Luton and District Transport company in helping to provide buses to transfer visiting supporters to the ground from their train and their co-operation with both the police and the club was much appreciated.

Busy week

The trophy itself had a busy week as well. After figuring prominently at the launch of our latest book - 'Luton Town - A Pictorial Celebration of Their Cup History' - it was taken off to appear on television on Wednesday's Sports Special and then again on TV-AM on Thursday. But, of course, it remains ours until next year at least now.

While the visiting Manchester City fans accepted their disappointment with good grace on Tuesday, it was a shame from our point of view that their team manager felt it necessary to make comments about our pitch after the match. I think it has been proved often enough that it is the

football which wins matches and not the surface.

On the playing front, we were delighted to hear of the continued selection of our young defender Darren Salton for the Scottish under-18's team and the selections of Alan O'Sullivan and Ken Gillard for Eire.

Alan has only recently recovered from appendicitis and will undoubtedly enjoy the trip to Israel for an international youth tournament from December 27th to January 5th.

Back soon

On the subject of recoveries, it was nice to see Tim Breacker back in light training this week after his hernia operation. We are all looking forward to seeing Darren McDonough back again soon as well. His presence around the place is missed.

This afternoon, we welcome Newcastle United whose appearance on television last Sunday highlighted the work of the Football Trust, advertisers in our programme. This was seen in the trust's contribution towards the new stand at St James Park as shown last week.

Finally, our newly-formed Luton Town Supporters Club held a very successful first fund-raising night last Monday when a full house in the Joe Payne lounge were entertained by Luton News sports editor Brian Swain. All tickets for Ray Harford's talk on Monday, December 12, have been sold.



• **Facing the camera:** Mick Harford and Steve Foster provided their usual impromptu double act when they were asked to sign copies of our new cup history at the book's launch last Monday. Well done, lads.



• **Pure gold:** Our highly-successful gold medal winning Olympic hockey team were with us at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday and our own fans enjoyed a chance to examine their special medals.



• **Special occasion:** Ken Hawkes, one of the heroes of our 1959 Cup Final team, author Tim Collings, Mick Harford, Steve Foster and Danny Wilson pictured at the launch of the Pictorial Celebration of our Cup History.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

A tough tussle

We were pleased to get Tuesday night's cup tie over and clinch our place in the quarter-finals of the Littlewoods Cup again. It was a tough match and we had to battle, but I thought we were clear winners. There cannot be many games where we have had the ball in the net six times and had three disallowed!

We all felt sorry for David Preece afterwards because he gets a nose-bleed every time he gets into the penalty area. On Tuesday night he got in twice and ended up having two goals disallowed. It was a bit tough on him.

More goals

Apart from clinching our place in the last eight of the cup, it was good as well to keep our little run going. We have been playing with a bit more emphasis on attack recently and have scored a few goals. It certainly makes life a little easier to have a winning margin to defend.

We shall be hoping to produce another entertaining and winning performance today against Newcastle. We know they have a lot of good players and we shall be aiming for a convincing win to keep us climbing the league table.

CANARIES WINGS CLIPPED
Luton Town 2 Norwich City 2

Two well-taken goals by Roy Wegerle enabled the Town to take a well-deserved point at Carrow Road last Saturday when the First Division leaders were frequently outplayed for spells during a highly-entertaining and skilful match. Rob Johnson, under pressure from Trevor Putney, put Norwich in front when he diverted a cross from the dangerous Dale Gordon past Les Sealey in only the third minute, but the Town did not allow this to deter them and came storming back on to the attack.

Wegerle, thriving on the extra space and movement provided by the team's more attacking formation, was unlucky with an overhead kick before he found the target to equalise after 38 minutes. A cross from Kingsley Black was knocked down by Mick Harford and Wegerle sidestepped a defender before scoring from 18 yards.

Wegerle was on target again in the 56th minute when he ran on to a wonderful flighted through ball by the influential David Preece to beat the goalkeeper with an angled right-foot shot.

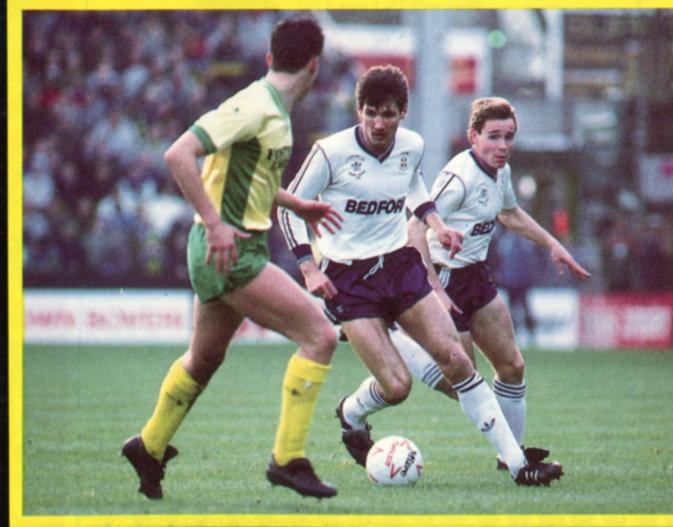
Gordon levelled for the Canaries in the 62nd minute with a solo effort, but the Town finished the strongest team as David Oldfield had a volley headed off the line and Danny Wilson went through only to shoot wide.

Teams: Norwich City – Gunn, Culverhouse, Bowen, Butterworth, Linighan, Townsend, Gordon, Fleck, Allen (sub Rosario 80), Phelan, Putney.

Luton Town – Sealey, R. Johnson, Harvey, Preece, Foster, M. Johnson, Wilson, Wegerle, Harford, Oldfield, Black.

Referee: P. Danson (Blaby, Leicester).

1st Team ACTION



• Deserved draw: Roy Wegerle's marksmanship and a great all-round team performance led by Mick Harford in attack enabled the Town to take a well-deserved point away from Carrow Road, Norwich, last Saturday. Our action pictures today show the lads hunting for all three points in that match.

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Barclays League Division One

Saturday, December 17, 1988
Luton Town v Aston Villa
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Ovenden Papers Football Combination

Saturday, December 31, 1988
Luton Town v Tottenham Hotspur
Kick-off 2.00 p.m.

F.A. YOUTH - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1988 ASTON VILLA v LUTON TOWN KICK-OFF 3 pm

If this match ends in a draw, the replay will be at Kenilworth Road on Monday, December 19, Kick-off 7.30 pm. Admission: £2 for adults and £1 for Juniors and Senior Citizens on the night.

MAN IN CHARGE Roger Milford (Bristol)

A district manager for a leisure company, Roger started refereeing in Bristol during November 1972 and progressed via the Gloucester County League and the Western League to the Football League list. Roger is married with two children and he enjoys photography, keep fit and railways. He was in charge of an F.A Cup quarter-final in 1986, and F.A. Cup semi-final in 1987 and the Sherpa Van Trophy final in 1988. Roger's linesmen today are P.J. Cobey and A.S. Foot and the reserve officials is M. Billington.



GUINNESS soccer

GUINNESS SOCCER 6

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We are in group D for this tournament on Monday, December 5, 1988, and hope to make progress to the final rounds to be played on Wednesday, December 7. Application forms for tickets are available from our club offices.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR v LUTON TOWN

Barclays League Division One
Monday, December 26, 1988
Kick-off 11.30 am.

This will be an ALL-TICKET match. Tickets will be on sale from our Kenilworth Road ticket office on Saturday after our Newcastle United home match. Seats for visitors to White Hart Lane will cost £9. Standing tickets will cost £5.

BEDFORDSHIRE PREMIER FLOODLIT CUP

Wootton Blue Cross v Luton Town
Tuesday, December 6, 1988
Kick-off 7.30 pm

If this match ends in a draw, the replay will take place at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday, December 15, kick-off 7.45 pm.

PLAYER PROFILE

ROY WEGERLE

Two goals at Norwich after claiming his first for the Town at home last time, have finally enabled our quick and skillful striker Roy Wegerle to make a start on his goalscoring career at Kenilworth Road. And no-one is more delighted about that than Roy himself.

After his brace at Carrow Road last weekend, he said: "That would have to count as my best game to date in the English first division. Obviously, I am very happy to be scoring goals, but it is tremendous to be playing alongside such good players in this team."

Roy, born in South Africa in March 1984, began his career in the United States with Tampa Bay Rowdies before joining Chelsea in 1986. He moved to Luton in 1988 and has now established himself as one of the most dangerous and fleet-footed forwards at the club.



ROY WEGERLE

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JUNIOR HATTERS!



BY DANNY WILSON JUNIOR HATTERS PARTY ON DECEMBER 21

Today we give Newcastle United a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road, lets hope we play as well as we did against West Ham and Norwich, then we will start to climb up the table and improve our position in the League.

Today I am letting you know all the details for this years Junior Hatters Christmas Party. It will be held at The Holy Ghost Church Hall in Westbourne Road.

The date is Wednesday, December 21st, the time 7 pm till 9 pm. This year we will be having a Disco and some fun and games, you can book for this party from The Souvenir Shop in Oak Road after todays game or in the week. You must bring your membership card with you. Book early to save any disappointment.

The Juniors played a team of Asian boys last Sunday and had a heavy defeat by boys that were bigger in build than our Juniors, but they put up a good fight and made the game entertaining, the final score line was 8-1.

We are going to give them a re-match in the near future for the under 14's. This will make it a bit more even. I will let you know some time in the New Year when it will be.

Today's Lucky Junior Hatters membership number is H0188092537. The winning member should contact Bev Tyler in the Souvenir Shop with his or her membership card, for two free tickets to one of our home matches.

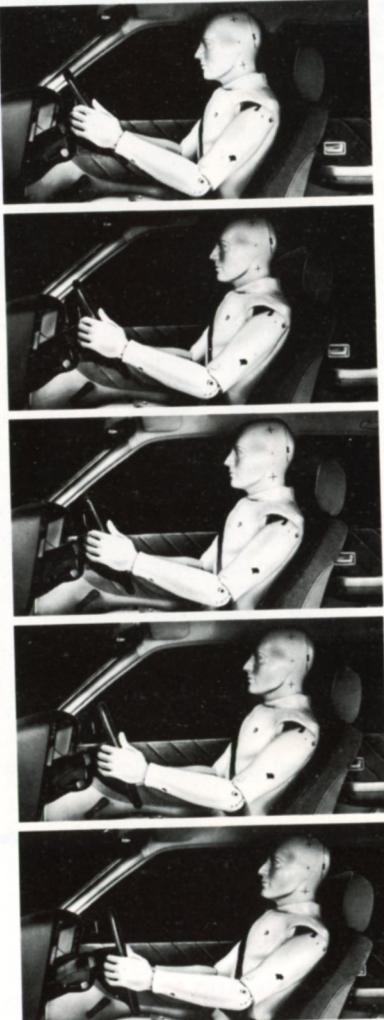
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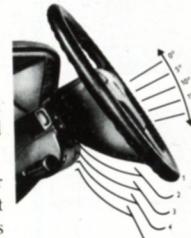
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BY WENDY GREAVES



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Wimbledon	13	8	1	4	31	20	17
A.F.C. Bournemouth	14	8	1	5	25	19	17
Oxford United	14	8	1	5	22	22	17
Luton Town	13	6	3	4	32	19	15
Crystal Palace	14	6	2	6	30	19	14
Southampton	12	5	4	3	27	17	14
Colchester United	14	5	3	6	25	26	13
Bristol City	12	3	6	3	14	14	12
Brighton & Hove Albion	14	3	5	6	19	22	11
Reading	15	5	—	10	24	47	10
Tottenham Hotspur	14	4	1	9	21	37	9
Northampton Town	12	2	3	7	20	32	7
Bristol Rovers	14	3	1	10	15	36	7

OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1988/89							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	14	11	3	0	40	15	25
Luton Town	17	10	3	4	42	22	23
Tottenham Hotspur	13	10	2	1	28	11	22
Watford	14	7	4	3	30	19	18
Chelsea	11	8	1	2	24	11	17
Wimbledon	13	7	2	4	22	15	16
West Ham United	15	6	4	5	25	22	16
Norwich City	13	6	1	6	27	23	13
Fulham	11	6	1	4	18	14	13
Oxford United	15	5	3	7	30	43	13
Southampton	12	5	2	5	22	22	12
Crystal Palace	12	5	1	6	17	20	11
Brighton & Hove Albion	12	5	1	6	22	26	11
Swindon Town	11	4	2	5	17	20	10
Charlton Athletic	12	3	2	7	22	25	8
Millwall	10	3	1	6	14	18	7
Ipswich Town	12	2	2	8	17	30	6
Queens Park Rangers	12	2	1	9	9	21	3
Portsmouth	12	2	1	9	13	32	5
Reading	13	1	1	11	12	42	3



COACHES' CORNER



**NOGAN GOAL KEEPS UNBEATEN RUN
GOING FOR THE RESERVES**

The reserves extended their unbeaten run to six matches last Saturday with a 1-1 home draw against Queens Park Rangers, the second meeting between the two teams in a matter of weeks and highlighted by another goal from the prolific young striker Kurt Nogan.

Coach Jim Ryan said he felt the Town performance was fair in the first half but not so good after the interval when the visitors were able to creep back into the game. The goal was converted by Nogan from a cross by Steve Williams.

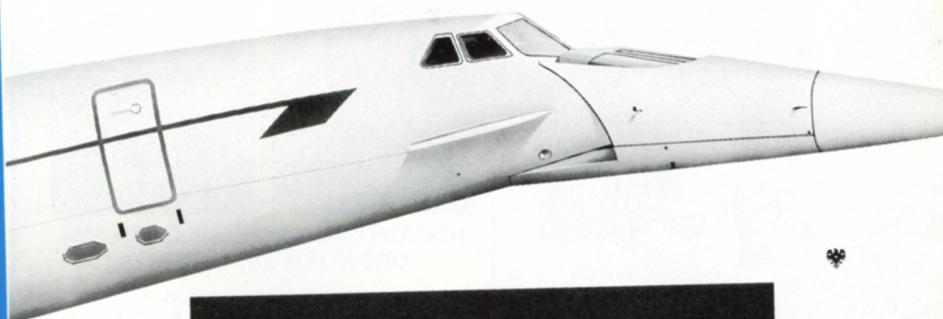
In his notes for the reserve team programme, Jim Ryan wrote about the difficulties he faced in keeping all the important components of a successful team intact at the same time, comparing himself with a 'juggler.' It was an apt description, given Jim's former wizardry on the wing.

A brief taste: "Sometimes the Juggler despairs of ever getting all the plates to spin at the same time. The plate that is 'team spirit' only spins intermittently, dependant upon the individuals' own problems at the time. The plate that is 'good movement' spins sometimes, but only for short periods. And the plate that is 'good accurate passing' is often dependent on the plate of good movement and when that has stopped..."

While Jim has been scribbling his feelings and working towards greater consistency, John Faulkner's youth team have been forced to introduce several very young players to the South East Counties League.

Last week they played Wimbledon and lost 2-0. John said: "We had a very young team out and they played well. We did not have much luck or help from the referee but could have won the match with the amount of possession we had. Some of our passing was excellent."

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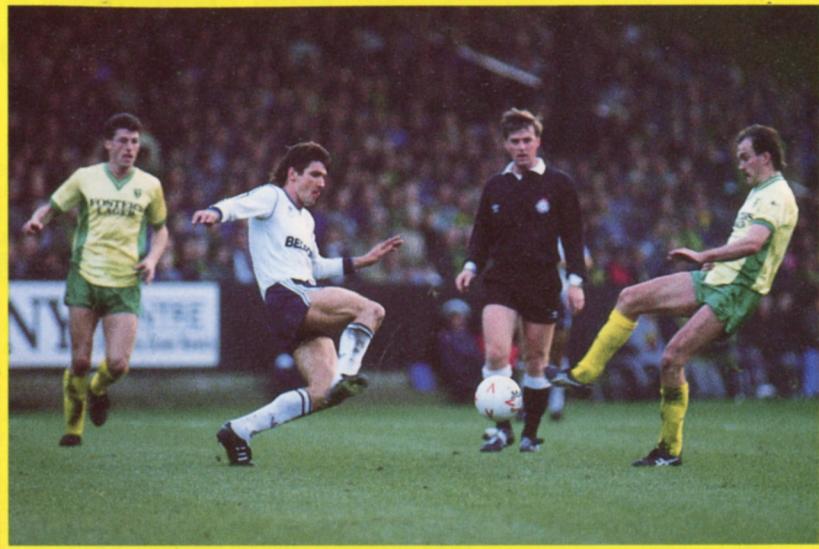
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LUTON TOWN

Goal'den Oldies

ANOTHER GOAL-LADEN CLASH WITH
THE MAGPIES IN STORE TODAY

We welcome today a Newcastle side in what is becoming a regular fixture with only one season being missed in the last ten, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

Goals figure strongly in the games between the sides with an average of almost four each meeting stretching back to our first clash 90 years ago during our initial League season. A crowd of 3,000 saw goals from Birch, Donaldson and Stewart as we won 3-1 on 19th February 1898 at Dunstable Road but this was avenged by a 4-1 defeat on Tyneside as Newcastle strode on to promotion to Division One.

We did not meet again until 1937/38 during which season our only League win at St James Park was recorded. A 3-1 victory was a fine reward for a much re-shuffled team which included debut boys Freddy Hogg and Edward Griffiths.

We finished off the last season before the war with a 2-0 defeat at St James Park before a crowd of only 10,341 as the threat of conflict loomed but the next meeting - at Kenilworth Road on 30th October 1946 - is still talked about by older Luton supporters.

"Newcastle were the team of the season"

Newcastle were the team of the season, although narrowly missing out on promotion, drawing large crowds wherever they went because of their star-studded forward line which included Jackie Milburn and Len Shackleton. A near record crowd of 25,410 saw the Magpies go 3-0 up at half-time only for the Town to rear back with goals from Billy Waugh, Hugh Billington, Mel Daniel and Allen Driver.

The Magpies made no mistake the following season winning promotion under the management of George Martin who had been enticed from the Town to teach the prevention of second half collapses and our next meeting had to wait until our own elevation to Division One in 1955.

The visit of Newcastle on 10th September 1955 came at the start of a Luton "purple patch" when all the top teams of the time including Blackpool, Wolves and Sunderland were soundly thrashed at Kenilworth Road. The Magpies, current F.A. Cup holders were beaten 4-2 with Gordon Turner amongst the goals - a feat that he was able to repeat quite regularly in games against Newcastle throughout the 1950's.

After our relegation in 1960 it was only one season before our paths crossed again, but as we slipped into Division Three in 1963 we said goodbye for eleven years when we again met in the top league with both teams winning their home fixture 1-0 Ron Futcher netting the all important goal at Kenilworth Road.

In recent times the outstanding fixture took place in our promotion season of 1981/82 when, at Kenilworth Road, the Town, rivalling their performance of 1946, beat Newcastle 3-2 after being 2-0 down. Brian Stein scored a hat-trick that day including two penalties that could reasonably have been saved by goalkeeper Kevin Carr.

Carr had received his moment of glory, however, when in the previous season he brought off a tremendous save to a spot-kick from David Moss. Newcastle pinched the points that day with a 1-0 win. The scorer for the Magpies was a certain Mick Harford!

Our previous encounters with Newcastle United						
	Home	Away				
1897/98	3-1	1-4				
1937/38	4-1	3-1				
1938/39	2-1	0-2				
1946/47	4-3	2-7				
1947/48	2-1	1-4				
1955/56	4-2	0-4				
1956/57	4-1	2-2				
1957/58	0-3	2-3				
1958/59	4-2	0-1				
1959/60	3-4	2-3				
1961/62	1-0	1-4				
1962/63	2-3	1-3				
1974/75	1-0	0-1				
1978/79	2-0	0-1				
1979/80	1-1	2-2				
1980/81	0-1	1-2				
1981/82	3-2	2-3				
1984/85	2-2	0-1				
1985/86	2-0	2-2				
1986/87	0-0	2-2				
1987/88	4-0	0-4				
Summary						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	21	14	3	4	48	28
Away	21	1	4	16	24	56
	42	15	7	20	72	84



• **Mick Harford:** Noted striker for both clubs

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INTRODUCING...

NEWCASTLE UNITED

These are difficult days for Newcastle United who lost three games in a row and conceded nine goals in the process before last Sunday's 0-0 draw with Manchester United. They may also recall losing 4-0 on their last visit here just over a year ago, writes *Geoff Allman*.

Known originally as Newcastle East End our visitors came into existence in 1882, turned professional in 1885 and then became Newcastle United in 1892. It was in the following year that they joined the Second Division along with other newcomers Liverpool, Rotherham, Arsenal and another team from the North-East, Middlesbrough Ironopolis.

They won promotion in 1898 and settled in Division One so well that they remained there until 1934, winning the Championship in 1905, 1907, 1909, and 1927. They also won the F.A. Cup in 1910, 1924 and 1932, the latter win being best remembered for the

'over the line' incident when the ball was clearly out of play before it was crossed for Allen to get the winner against Arsenal.

"Newcastle enjoyed a remarkable spell in 1933-34"

The relegation season of 1933/4 was a remarkable one for over Christmas they beat Everton 7-1 and Liverpool 9-2 but then won only one of their last 14 games in. In 1937/8 they missed relegation to Division Three (North) only on goal average, but then during the war years some outstanding talent was fostered ready for the greatest days in the history of the club.

They romped to promotion in 1947 and just missed the First Division championship of 1948/9 before winning the F.A. Cup in 1951, 1952 and 1955. There



Back Row (left to right) Archie Gourlay, Mark Gill, Graeme Carter, Anth Lormor, David Robinson, David Hallam, David Roche, Craig Chapman, Phil Coxall. Middle Row: Derek Wright (Physio), Paul Stephenson, Tommy Wright, Dave Beasant, Kevin Scott, John Cornwell, Peter Jackson, Brian Tinnion, Andy Thorn, Martin Thomas, Gary Kelly, John Anderson, John Pickering (Coach). Front Row: Colin Suggitt (Coach), Darren Jackson, Michael O'Neill, John Robertson, Ken Wharton, Glenn Roeder, Willie McFaul (Manager), Mirandinha, David McCreery, John Hendrie, Ian Bogle, Albert Craig.

were many great names in their line up in that era – Albert Stubbins, Len Shackleton, Charlie Wayman, Roy Bentley and of course Jackie Milburn, who sadly died recently.

Then came decline with relegation in 1961 followed by recovery under Joe Harvey, their skipper in the fifties and their manager in the late sixties when they won the European Fairs Cup in 1968/9. The seventies saw them reaching the finals of both the F.A. Cup and the League Cup without winning either trophy and in 1978 they were relegated.

In 1982, Kevin Keegan was signed and things buzzed again with promotion in 1984, but first Arthur Cox and then Jack Charlton quit as manager and they haven't quite taken the extra step back amongst the country's top teams, though in the past four seasons they have finished respectively 14th, 11th, 17th and 8th. They have continued to be one of the best supported teams and last season they ended on a high note with three successive wins.

"Mirandinha brings his Brazilian skills into the attack"

That momentum was not maintained this season however and just one win in the first eight league games cost former goalkeeper Ian McFaul his job as manager. Ironically just before he went the Magpies won at Liverpool but a 3-0 home defeat by Coventry proved to be the last straw.

Since then with Colin Suggitt in temporary charge they have beaten Middlesbrough 3-0 but have lost five other games without scoring. Brazilian **Mirandinha**, in his second season, is currently leading scorer and he links up with **John Hendrie**, a new signing this season from Bradford City, and one-time Meadowbank Thistle man **Darren Jackson**.

In midfield **John Robertson** is a newcomer from Hearts this season while **David McCreery** is a vastly experienced Northern Ireland international formerly with Manchester United and QPR.

Michael O'Neill is a young player from Northern Ireland who has come into the side this season while in defence **Andy Thorn** has arrived from Wimbledon to link up with **John Anderson**, who came from Preston six years ago, and home-grown **Brian Tinnion** on the flanks and **Dav Beasant**, hero of Wimbledon's F.A. Cup win last May in goal.

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- 1 Les Sealey
- 2 Rob Johnson
- 3 Richard Harvey
- 4 David Preece
- 5 Steve Foster
- 6 Marvin Johnson
- 7 Danny Wilson
- 8 Roy Wegerle
- 9 Mick Harford
- 10 David Oldfield
- 11 Kingsley Black

Subs

Newcastle United

- 1 Dave Beasant
- 2 John Anderson
- 3 Brian Tinnion
- 4 David McCreery
- 5 John Cornwall
- 6 Andy Thorn
- 7 John Hendrie
- 8 Liam O'Brien
- 9 Rob McDonald
- 10 Mirandinha
- 11 Lee Payne

Subs

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