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• **Congratulations:** Mick Harford congratulates Roy Wegerle for his goal against Villa (top) and (below) shows his skill as a front-runner.



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Mailbag

**Write to: The Editor, Luton Town F.C.,
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Welcome to Mark

Dear Sir,
On Saturday 17th December Aston Villa game my grandson Mark Curey will be attending his first game.

Through "Mail Bag" I would like to wish him good luck as a 'Junior Hatter'.

I would love to have been with him but I have been ill for 3 months and unable to attend matches yet. He will be in the enclosure with his father.

Best wishes to you all for Christmas. I am looking forward to 1989 and getting back to cheering on the 'Hatters' again.

Many thanks to you all.

I'm yours sincerely
Colin C. Maxey

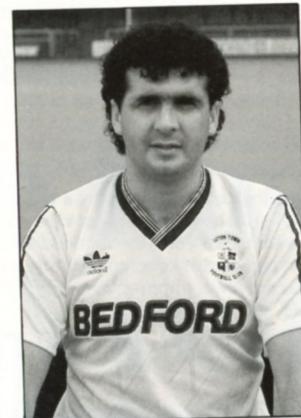
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Dear All,
Thank you for so much this year. Thanks to everyone who have made Luton what it is, the most friendly club out.

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•Best of '88: Steve Foster.

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DRESSING ROOM TALK

with David Preece

Born in Bridgnorth in May 1963, David Preece began his career with Walsall for whom he made 111 league appearances before joining the Town in December 1984. As a skilful and industrious midfielder, he quickly established himself in the First Division until the intervention of a run of injuries in recent years. He fought back from injury last season to play in our Littlewoods Cup-winning team and this season has bounced back after being overlooked after the opening matches. Today in Dressing Room Talk, he reflects on the ups and downs of his career:

Take a chance

"Obviously, I was very disappointed not to win a regular place in the team at the start of the season, but the manager picks his team and that was that. It was hard for me because I believed I was worth my place.

"I knew I did not fit into the manager's plans at the time, but I did my best and put in some good performances in the reserves. You never know in football. Players get injured or something happens and suddenly you have your chance again.

"But it did get me down and at one stage I put in a transfer request. Nothing came of it, of course, and now I am back in the team and we have had a good run. I have always wanted to play first team football and that is what I am happy doing.

"One thing I did learn is that being dropped is better than being injured! You may not be in the team, but at least you are fit to play and can enjoy the game.

"I have learned to appreciate that. After three seasons with disappointing starts - I have been injured in both the last two seasons before this one - I know you have to be prepared to really work for your place.

"There are so many good young players coming through here that you have to take each game as it comes. Everyone in the team is wary about that because we are not safe in Division One and there is the pressure from the youngsters.

"Mind you, although we have a lot of good youngsters I do not think the overall level of the First Division or our team has improved.



• **Happy again:** David Preece

You cannot expect the youngsters to come in and do a top quality job immediately. "In my time here I have seen a lot of top-class players at the club, some of whom have been approaching the end of their careers, and I think some of them were great players. I was sad to see them go.

"In my early days, Everton and Liverpool set the standard. Well, they don't set such a high standard now and everyone is catching them - though I think we still have a little way to go yet. It is much more even altogether. If you can win six games on the trot, you can go from the bottom to the top.

"One thing, which I don't think our fans always appreciate, is the quality of some of our players. In particular, Mick Harford. He may not be scoring goals regularly this season, but he is the best big man centre-forward in the country.

"His first touch is brilliant and he is as good on the ground as in the air. We should all appreciate him more for that.

"My hopes for 1989? To stay in the team, to get more than 40 points and make sure we are safe and to play in the Littlewoods Cup final again. That would be great and would prove our win last season was really deserved."



by BILL TOMLINS

WELCOME TO IAIN



• New boy: We all wish Iain Dowie a long and happy career at Kenilworth Road.

THE TOWN

LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW YEAR FULL OF THRILLS AND SUCCESS

Good afternoon and a very happy New Year to all our supporters. At one time, we thought today's fixture with Southampton would be the first of possibly four meetings during January with our friends from the south coast, but the F.A. Cup third round draw and Crystal Palace's win at the Dell ended that brief dream.

Chris Nicholl, Southampton's manager who enjoyed several happy years here as a Town player, might not have been keen on four matches and I am sure he will be satisfied with two visits, today's and the Littlewoods Cup quarter-final on January 18.

emotive

In the F.A. Cup, of course, we were drawn to meet Millwall at the Den, a tie which all three parties involved - ourselves, Millwall and the F.A. - agreed was an emotive one, particularly as it created the possibility of Millwall returning to Kenilworth Road for replay four years after their widely-publicised tie here in 1985.

Things have changed a great deal since then and Millwall are in Division One and have made great strides in combating the unfortunate reputation they gained in the past. No questions were asked when we considered their possible return for a replay and we immediately

applied to the police for permission to stage the tie.

As last year, the F.A. agreed to allow us to accommodate visiting supporters for an F.A. Cup tie and, as before, these will only be standing supporters. This means, in the event of a replay, there will be no disturbance to our seated areas.

Sensible

At the time of writing, I should add that Millwall are also considering the very sensible move in the interests of all involved of not taking up their allocation for the possible replay and instead relaying the match back to the Den on closed-circuit television.

I cannot let this column pass without also saying goodbye and thank you to Ian Allinson who left us shortly before Christmas on a free transfer to Colchester. He did a vital job for us and we hope he will prove equally valuable to Colchester. Ian's departure has been balanced by the arrival of striker Iain Dowie, signed from Hendon, and we all wish Iain the very best in his career with Luton Town.

Finally, a thank you to all our fans for our improving support in 1988. We all hope it continues in 1989 with another memorable and successful year.

THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS!

• **Happy memories:** The launch of the club's latest book 'Luton Town: A Pictorial Celebration of their Cup History' in December revived all the best moments from last year.



• **A festive day:** Our chairman David Evans MP (right) presents Eric Fountain with an autographed photograph to mark Vauxhall-Bedford's sponsorship against Aston Villa.



• **Flying high:** On the ball: Roy Wegerle, our scorer against Villa, presents Margaret Word with a signed football.



• **Man-of-the-match:** Roy Wegerle was our sponsor's top Hatter against Villa.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER

Happy New Year

A Happy New Year to everyone here this afternoon and all the fans who have supported us this season and last. We are all hoping to kick off 1989 with a good result today against Southampton who we are due to meet here again in a few weeks time in the F.A. Cup.

Since our last home match, we have had a bit of a break for Christmas and there have been a few parties among the players and the club staff. Everyone has had an opportunity to relax and take part in the seasonal spirit although the players, as usual, have had to keep a strict eye on their diet and fitness.

Turkey

We are used to that even though it does mean we cannot tuck into the Christmas turkey with the same appetite that other people do. It is all part of the job of being a professional footballer and we are also used to accepting that means being away from our families on Christmas day to prepare for Boxing Day matches.

This year we were at Tottenham and then went to play Wimbledon last Saturday. Because of the early deadlines, I do not know what the results were but you can be sure we all did our best to keep up our good form in December and send the year out with a bang. Enjoy the match.

VILLAINS RUN OFF WITH A POINT
Luton Town 1 Aston Villa 1

One moment of wretched luck which produced an own goal by Marvin Johnson in the 62st minute prevented the Town from recording their 15th league victory over Aston Villa in 25 meetings when the sides met at Kenilworth Road on December 17.

Roy Wegerle, with his sixth goal in six games, had shot the Town ahead four minutes before the interval with a glorious example of his own individual skills and marksmanship. The goal followed a move on the right developed by Rob Johnson, Danny Wilson and Kingsley Black whose final pass gave the South African-born striker the chance to beat his man and then fire an accurate angled shot inside the far post.

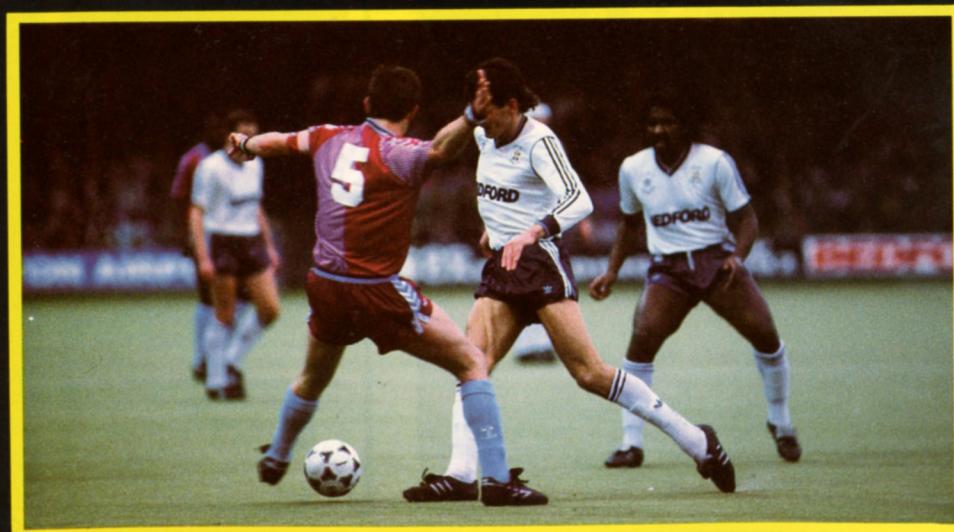
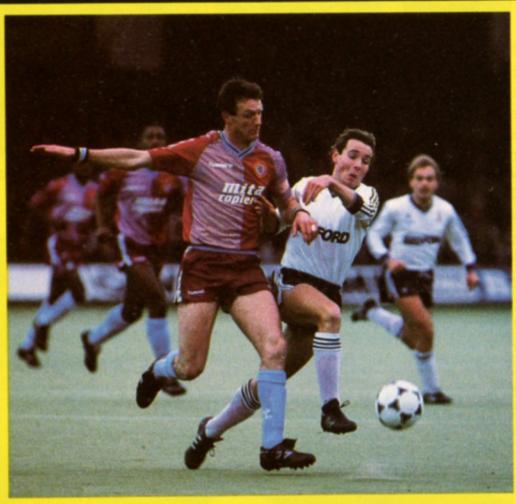
With Ricky Hill, Wilson and David Preece in command in midfield, Villa were rarely able to give the First Division's top scorer Alan McInally a chance and he was well held by Steve Foster and Johnson.

Preece, Black and Wilson were all unlucky not to add to the Town's goal before misfortune hit Johnson on the hour. Chasing back to cover a long clearance by Villa goalkeeper Nigel Spink, he succeeded only on lobbing the ball over the advancing Les Sealey from 25 yards. It was spectacular but painful.

Teams: Aston Villa - Spink, Price, S. Gray, Gage, Evans, Keown, A. Gray, Platt, McInally, Cowans, Daley, (Birch 72).
Luton Town - Sealey, R. Johnson, Harvey, Preece, Foster, M. Johnson, Wilson, Wegerle, Harford, Hill, Black.

Referee: A. Gunn (South Chailey, Sussex).

1st Team ACTION



• Frustrating day: Roy Wegerle grabbed our goal against Villa but we had to settle for a point. Our action pictures today show Kingsley black, Mick Harford and Danny Wilson in action in that game. Pictures by Josh Levy of Apex Photography.

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LITTLEWOODS CUP FIFTH ROUND

Luton Town v Southampton Wednesday, January 18, 1989. Kick-off 7.45 pm.

This will be an all-ticket match for visiting supporters only. For our own supporters, the arrangements will be as they were for the fourth round tie against Manchester City on November 29.

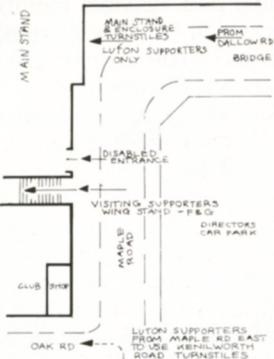
Prices for this quarter-final tie will be at the normal pricing structure for our First Division fixtures, as last season. Season ticket holders may purchase their reserved seats after today's match until Monday, January 2, 1989, inclusive. (See Opening Hours).

ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITING SUPPORTERS VIA MAPLE ROAD

Visiting supporters will be accommodated in the K1 section of the Kenilworth Terrace and E, F, and G blocks of the Main Stand.

Our own supporters who normally use the Maple Road entrance will be able to do so as usual for this match. We request that they only use the entrance as access and approach the entrance only via the bridge in Maple Road and not via Oak Road.

Thank you for your co-operation.



F.A. YOUTH CUP THIRD ROUND

ARSENAL v LUTON TOWN

This match is due to be played at Highbury on Wednesday, January 4, 1989, kick-off 7 pm.

We urge as many of our fans as possible to travel and support our youth team.

SIMOD CUP THIRD ROUND PROVISIONAL DATE

Crystal Palace v Luton Town
Tuesday, January 10, 1989
Kick-off 7.45 pm.

This is a provisional date subject to any F.A. Cup replays.

Prices: Seats - £7. Standing - £5.
Senior Citizens and Juniors £3
on the Armadale Terrace.

MAN IN CHARGE

Danny Vickers (Ilford)

A staff welfare officer, Danny is married with four children. He began to referee in 1967 and progressed via the Metropolitan League to the South East Counties League, the Football Combination and the Football League list. He is the chairman of Ilford Referees Society and enjoys all sports. Danny's linesmen today are: Mr. T.W. Ash and B.J. Hawes and the reserve official is G. Salton.

FORTHCOMING MATCHES AT KENILWORTH ROAD

Ovenden Papers Football Combination

Saturday, January 7, 1989
Luton Town v Crystal Palace
Kick-off 2.00pm.

Ovenden Papers Football Combination

Saturday, January 14, 1989
Luton Town v Reading
Kick-off 2.00pm.

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE CUP Third Round Proper

Millwall v Luton Town Saturday, January 7, 1989. Kick-off 3 pm.

This game at the Den is **NOT** an all-ticket match. However, due to the segregation problems at the ground, we are being allocated only 162 seats at £7.50 each. These will be available from the ticket office in Kenilworth Road only. Standing available on the day.

POSSIBLE REPLAY ARRANGEMENTS

If a replay is necessary, it will take place at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday, January 11, 1989, kick-off 7.45 pm.

No guest tickets - Ticket Office Opening Hours: Sunday 10am-4pm; Monday, Tuesday 9am-7pm; Wednesday 9am-Kick-off. Normal League Match Prices will Apply.

PLAYER PROFILE

JOHN DREYER

Born in Alnwick, in June 1963, John Dreyer was one of manager Ray Harford's four major close-season signings and has since proved a reliable and valuable member of the defence when picked. But with competition for places hotting up in recent weeks and the setback of a recurring ankle injury to contend with John has found his opportunities limited since November.

John, who joined the Town from Oxford United after starting his career with Wallingford Town, is a versatile player who is equally at home in the centre of the defence or at left-back. He played at left-back for Oxford last season in the Littlewoods Cup semi-final against the Town – one of the experiences he is happy to forget:

"Here I have to fight for the left-back position against the challenge of at least three other players," he said, "but at Oxford I always knew I was virtually sure to get a game."

John has settled down in the Luton area and is now aiming to make a concerted effort to hold down a regular place in the Town rearguard in the New Year.



•Tenacious defender: John Dreyer takes charge against Ian Rush.



JOHN DREYER

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JUNIOR HATTERS!



BY DANNY WILSON
A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO
ALL OUR JUNIOR HATTERS

I would like to wish all the Junior Hatters a Happy New Year and hope that you had a very good Christmas. I hope you did not get up too early on Christmas morning – like my little boy did!

I hope you received all the presents that you wanted. I know that a lot of you had our new tracksuits and football kits in your stockings this year.

It is nice for our Junior Supporters to have the same kit the players in the first team are wearing. Today, we give Southampton a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road. We will be meeting them again on January 15th at home in the Littlewoods Cup.

I hope that as many of you that can, turn up for this game to give the lads some support. If we win against Southampton it will put us in the draw for the semi-finals for the second year running.

The Junior Saints will be our guests for that game, so they will have plenty of support.

Today's Lucky Junior Hatters membership number is J0188070010. 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.

I will let you know all about the Junior Hatters Christmas Party in the next programme. Have a good day and I will see you all at our next home game when we entertain Southampton in the Littlewoods Cup.



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•Mick O'Brien: Two goals at Villa Park.

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Swindon Town	15	10	3	2	32	19	23
Wimbledon	14	9	1	4	36	20	19
Brentford	14	8	3	3	31	18	19
Oxford United	15	9	1	5	24	23	19
A.F.C. Bournemouth	15	8	1	6	26	21	17
Luton Town	14	6	4	4	36	23	16
Southampton	13	6	4	3	28	17	16
Crystal Palace	14	6	2	6	30	19	14
Bristol City	13	3	7	3	16	16	13
Colchester United	15	5	3	7	25	27	13
Brighton & Hove Albion	15	3	5	7	19	26	11
Reading	16	5	1	10	26	49	11
Northampton Town	13	3	3	7	25	33	9
Tottenham Hotspur	15	4	1	10	21	38	9
Bristol Rovers	15	3	1	11	16	41	7

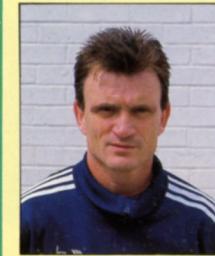
OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1988/89

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	16	13	3	0	47	18	29
Tottenham Hotspur	16	13	2	1	46	13	28
Luton Town	20	10	6	4	48	28	26
Wimbledon	17	10	2	5	34	17	22
Chelsea	15	10	2	3	30	17	22
Watford	16	8	5	3	37	23	21
West Ham United	18	7	5	6	28	24	19
Oxford United	18	6	5	7	37	48	17
Crystal Palace	15	6	3	6	22	24	15
Brighton & Hove Albion	16	5	5	6	23	27	15
Southampton	16	6	3	7	26	31	15
Fulham	14	6	2	6	22	21	14
Norwich City	15	6	1	8	28	27	13
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Millwall	13	3	4	6	19	23	10
Ipswich Town	13	3	2	8	19	31	8
Queens Park Rangers	16	2	3	11	12	30	7
Portsmouth	16	3	1	12	17	44	7
Reading	16	1	2	13	12	51	4



•Richard Watkiss: Confident goalkeeper.

COACHES' CORNER



BRILLIANT YOUNGSTERS WIN AT VILLA PARK

Our youth team turned in one of their best displays of the season on December 17 when they travelled to Villa Park and knocked Aston Villa out of the FA Youth Cup with a well-deserved 3-1 victory.

In a game full of top-class entertainment, there were several very fine individual performances with the defence looking particularly strong and the attack always looking dangerous on the break.

Coach John Faulkner said: "It was a top-class entertaining display by everyone. We deserve to win and looked very secure."

The goals came from Nick O'Brien (2) and Gary Crawshaw – all coming in the second half after the teams had gone in goalless at the interval. After a nervous start, both teams played well and after Villa had created a couple of half-chances, the Town began to get on top and take command.

Opening goal

After the interval, the Town continued to produce plenty of slick passing and Villa were starting to look worn down when O'Brien opened the scoring from a free-kick after Crawshaw had broken clean through and looked certain to score.

O'Brien hit his second to make it 2-0 before Villa could reply and the Town instantly hit their third when Crawshaw wrapped up the scoring on a day of excellent football at Villa Park.

Team: Watkiss, Husband, Gillard, O'Brien, Salton, Allpress, Shanley, Crawshaw, Nogan, Pembridge, O'Sullivan.

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• Sheer frustration: David Preece and Roy Wegerle are pictured in action during our 0-0 draw with Newcastle in December.



LUTON TOWN Goal'den Oldies

DAY TO FORGET FOR PETER SHILTON

We welcome again the 'Saints' to Kenilworth Road for what has become a regular fixture over the last dozen seasons, writes club statistician Roger Wash. Goals have been fairly plentiful in games between the sides with none more so than the 7-0 home win on 19th October 1985.

Goals from Emeka Nwajiobi, Ricky Hill, David Preece, Ray Daniel and a hat-trick from Brian Stein gave the Town their biggest win in Division One in a game where everything attempted came off much to the annoyance of Peter Shilton.

Our first ever league meeting took place at Kenilworth Road on Christmas Day, 1920, when a crowd of 14,000 saw Ernie Simms score in a 1-1 draw. The return was played at the Dell the following day before 19,793 festive souls who saw a similar scoreline - Allan Mathieson netting for the Town.

Southampton were promoted at the end of the following season and we did not meet again for 15 years when we, in turn, were promoted to Division Two.

"Hugh Billington had a special appetite for goals against the Saints"

Following our promotion, the two seasons before the war saw four fixtures with 25 goals being scored - 17 in the Southampton net with Hugh Billington notching two hat-tricks over Easter, 1939.

The Town won 6-2 at Kenilworth Road on Good Friday, 1939, after leading 5-0 at half-time and followed it up with a 4-0 win at the Dell on Easter Monday in an attempt at a last ditch charge to promotion which only narrowly failed at the last.

After the War, it was Southampton's turn to miss out on promotion but they managed it three times in succession in the period 1947-1950 before giving it all up as a bad job and suffering relegation in 1953.

Games between the sides resumed in 1960 with Gordon Turner scoring twice in the clash at Kenilworth Road on 3rd December 1960 with the Town winning 4-1 before a crowd of 12,927. An early memory for this Town supporter is finding one of the match balls which had been hammered out of the ground by a Saint's' defender lodged under a car halfway down Ivy Road. The ball was, of course, returned albeit on the Monday after the game!

After the Town's relegation, in 1963, twelve years elapsed before games resumed and in the three seasons leading up to Southampton's eventual promotion the fixtures were certainly not without

incident.

In 1975/76 a solitary Jim Husband goal at Kenilworth Road effectively put paid to Southampton's promotion surge, but the compliment was returned the following season when Alan Ball scored what proved to be the decisive goal in the 2nd minute in the game at the Dell thus bringing to an end a Town run of eleven wins and a draw from the previous 12 games.

In more recent times, the 3-3 draw at Kenilworth Road in 1982/83 remains in the memory of those lucky enough to see it - and some in the ground did not because of the thick fog - whilst the following season's 3-1 home win ranks as one of the best Town performances since our return to Division One.

Our previous encounters with Southampton						
	Home	Away				
1920/21	1-1	1-1				
1921/22	0-0	1-2				
1937/38	1-3	6-3				
1938/39	6-2	4-0				
1946/47	2-2	3-1				
1947/48	0-2	1-3				
1948/49	1-1	1-1				
1949/50	1-1	1-2				
1950/51	0-1	1-1				
1951/52	2-1	3-2				
1952/53	1-2	3-1				
1960/61	4-1	2-3				
1961/62	1-4	0-3				
1962/63	3-2	2-2				
1975/76	1-0	1-3				
1976/77	1-4	0-1				
1977/78	1-2	1-0				
1982/83	3-3	2-2				
1983/84	3-1	1-2				
1984/85	1-1	0-1				
1985/86	7-0	2-1				
1986/87	2-1	0-2				
1987/88	2-2	1-1				
1988/89	-	1-2				
Summary						
Home	P 23	W 8	D 8	L 7	F 44	A 37
Away	24	7	6	11	38	40
	47	15	14	18	82	77



• Brian Stein: enjoyed hitting a hat-trick against the Saints in 1985.

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INTRODUCING...

SOUTHAMPTON

We open 1989 today with a visit from Southampton, who have not won here since April 1978, but who are currently well-placed in Division One and up to the time of writing have lost only at Everton and Wimbledon.

Founded in 1885, as Southampton St. Mary's, they first played in the F.A. Cup in 1891/2 and joined the Southern League in 1894/5. They topped the table three seasons in succession in the 1890's and also reached the F.A. Cup final in 1900, when beaten 4-0 by Bury at the Crystal Palace.

They took Sheffield United to a replay in the final of 1902 and chalked up two more Southern League Championships before the First World War.

In 1920, they became founder-members of the new Division Three, finishing runners-up in their first season there and winning promotion a year later.

Among their players between the wars were Laurie Fishlock, the Surrey and England cricketer, and future Arsenal and England striker Ted Drake, but they remained in Division Two.

"Ted Drake was with the Saints in his early days"

With Alf Ramsey in his pre-knighthood days in their defence, they just missed promotion to Division One in both 1947/8 and 1948/9, the latter after an alarming decline when they won only one of their last seven games and missed out by just one point.

1953, however, saw them relegated to Division Three and though they were unusually in a challenging position they did not win promotion again until 1960.

Again, they challenged for a number of



Back Row (left to right): Paul Rideout, Andy Townsend, Matthew Le Tissier, Colin Clarke, Alan Shearer. Middle Row: Rodney Wallace, Gordon Hobson, Graham Baker, Tim Flowers, Glenn Cockerill, John Burridge, Andy Cook, Gerry Forrest, Derek Statham. Front Row: Don Taylor (Physiotherapist), Russell Osman, Kevin Moore, Chris Nicholl (Manager), Jimmy Case, Danny Wallace, Dennis Rose (Trainer).

seasons before gaining a First Division place for the first time in 1966, this time putting together an unbeaten run of 12 games just when it was needed near the end.

After several seasons of mixed fortunes and relegation in 1974, Saints won their first major trophy when beating Manchester United in the 1976 F.A. Cup final, finishing fifth in Division One for good measure in the same season.

They climbed back to Division One in 1978 and since then they have finished successively 14th, 8th, 6th, 7th, 12th, 2nd, 5th, 14th, 12th and 12th again.

They also reached the final of the Football League Cup in 1978/9, the semi-final of the F.A. Cup in 1983/4 and 1985/6 and the semi-final of the Littlewoods Cup in 1986/7.

"Former Town centre-half Chris Nicholl has been in charge now for four seasons."

Now in his fourth season at the helm, former Town defender Chris Nicholl has seen them win at QPR, Tottenham and Newcastle and draw at Arsenal, Norwich and Manchester United while at home they have lost only to Liverpool and Sheffield Wednesday up to the time of writing.

Channel Islander Matthew Le Tissier has been the most consistent goalscorer so far, linking up with **Rodney Wallace** and **Danny Wallace** while in defence another brother **Ray Wallace** is now making his mark also.

There is a powerful midfield in this Saints line-up with sharpshooter **Graham Baker** (ex Manchester City), one-time Liverpool man **Jimmy Case**, who arrived via Brighton and much-travelled **Glenn Cockerill**, who began his career with Liverpool in 1976.

Kevin Moore (ex-Oldham) is likely to be on the opposite defensive flank from one-time England man **Derek Statham** with that great warhorse **John Burridge** still doing well in goal in his 20th season in the Football League.

He has played in nearly 700 league and cup games in a career that has taken him to Workington, Blackpool, Aston Villa, QPR, Wolves and Sheffield United. Now just 37 he is in his second season with the 'Saints'.

The centre defensive work has been done by **Russell Osman** (ex-Ipswich and Leicester) with former Rotherham defender **Gerry Forrest** also appearing regularly.

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UPDATE
1988-89 SEASONBARCLAYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
1988-89

HOME						AWAY						
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	ApTs	
17	4	2	1	4	8	Arsenal	6	2	2	23	12	34
17	3	5	1	13	11	Norwich	6	1	1	13	7	33
18	2	5	2	9	7	Liverpool	5	2	2	13	6	28
17	6	1	1	16	7	Millwall	1	5	3	12	14	27
17	4	3	1	14	7	Everton	3	3	3	8	9	27
18	4	2	3	11	9	Coventry City	3	4	2	10	8	27
17	4	2	4	8	8	Derby County	3	3	1	9	5	26
18	4	4	2	18	12	Southampton	2	4	2	13	15	26
18	4	4	1	13	6	Manchester United	1	5	3	9	10	24
18	4	3	2	14	10	Aston Villa	1	5	3	14	17	23
18	3	4	3	17	17	Tottenham Hotspur	2	3	3	11	11	22
18	1	5	2	7	10	Nottingham Forest	3	5	2	13	13	22
17	3	2	3	8	9	Sheffield Wednesday	2	4	3	7	9	21
18	5	2	2	14	10	Middlesbrough	1	1	7	9	21	21
18	4	1	3	10	6	Queens Park Rangers	1	4	5	8	12	20
18	2	5	1	9	7	LUTON TOWN	2	3	5	8	11	20
17	3	2	4	8	13	Wimbledon	2	2	4	9	13	19
18	2	3	4	10	13	Newcastle United	2	2	5	6	19	17
18	1	4	5	12	20	Charlton Athletic	2	3	3	7	11	16
17	1	3	5	9	17	West Ham United	2	1	5	5	14	13

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS (1988/89)

	League	Littlewoods Cup		
	ApTs	Gls	ApTs	Gls
Ian Allinson	1(3)	-		
Kingsley Black	17	5	4	-
Tim Breacker	2(1)	-	(2)	-
Gary Cobb	-	-	-	-
Mal Donagh	6	-	2	-
John Dreyer	8	-	3	-
Steve Foster	16	1	4	-
Ashley Grimes	4	-	-	-
Mick Harford	15	2	3	-
Richard Harvey	5	-	-	-
Ricky Hill	13	-	3(1)	1
Julian James	1	-	1	-
Marvin Johnson	12	-	2	-
Rob Johnson	16	-	3	1
Darron McDonough	1(1)	-	-	-
David Oldfield	13(4)	1	4	2
David Preece	8	-	1	-
Les Sealey	18	-	4	-
Roy Wegerle	11(4)	4	2	2
Steve Williams	10	-	3	-
Danny Wilson	18	3	4	1

FAC = F.A. Cup



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sealey	Breacker	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donagh	Wilson	(Wegerle)	Harford	Oldfield	Black	RJ/[IA]
Sealey	R. Johnson	Grimes	Williams	Foster	Donagh	Wilson	Preece	Harford	Oldfield	Black ¹	JD/RW
Sealey	R. Johnson	Grimes	Williams	Foster¹	Donagh	Wilson	Oldfield	Harford	(Preece)	Black	TB/[RW]
Sealey	R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	(Oldfield)	Harford	Hill	Black	[RW]/TB
Sealey	R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donagh	Wilson	Oldfield ¹	Harford	Hill	Black ¹	TB/IA
Sealey	(R. Johnson ¹)	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donagh	Wilson	Oldfield	Harford	Hill	Black	[TB]/IA
Sealey	R. Johnson	Dreyer	(McDonough)	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Oldfield ¹ P	Harford	Hill	Black	[TB]/[RW]
Sealey	R. Johnson	Breacker	(McDonough)	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	(Wegerle)	Harford	Hill	Black ¹	[DO]/IA
Sealey	R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Oldfield	Harford	Hill	Black	[DO]/RH
Sealey	J. James	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Oldfield ¹	Harford	Hill	Black	IA/AG
Sealey	(J. James)	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle	Harford	Hill	Black	[RJ]/AG
Sealey	R. Johnson	Grimes	(Williams)	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle	Harford	Hill	Black	[DO]/JJ
Sealey	R. Johnson	Grimes	Preece	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle ¹	Harford	Oldfield	Black ²	RH/IS
Sealey	R. Johnson	Harvey	Preece	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle ²	Harford	Oldfield	Black	JD/IA
Sealey	R. Johnson	Harvey	Preece	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle ²	(Oldfield)	Hill	Black	[RJ]/JD
Sealey	R. Johnson	Harvey	Preece	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Harford ¹	Hill	Black	DO/JD	[IA]/JJ
Sealey	R. Johnson	Harvey	Preece	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle ¹	Harford	Hill	Black	DO/JD
Sealey	R. Johnson	Harvey	Preece	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle	Harford	Hill	Oldfield	KB/JD

MILLWALL v LUTON TOWN
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE CUP THIRD ROUND

In accordance with Challenge Cup rules, Luton Town have allocated Millwall 2,500 tickets for a possible all ticket replay at Luton on Wednesday 11th January 1989.

After discussion with Luton Town Football Club and the Football Association, Millwall have decided to decline the normal ticket allocation and arrangements as they believe this will be insufficient to accommodate the anticipated large travelling contingent of supporters that they are experiencing this season for League matches. For two local derby's they have averaged 7-7,500 travelling supporters.

Knowing that this potential replay is a match Millwall supporters will want to see they have agreed to beam live via close circuit television this match back to the Den.

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

Southampton 1

- 1 Tim Flowers
- 2 Ray Wallace
- 3 Derek Statham
- 4 Jimmy Case
- 5 Kevin Moore
- 6 Russell Osman
- 7 Rod Wallace
- 8 Glenn Cockerill
- 9 Mathew Le Tissier
- 10 Neil Maddison
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