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OOD evening.

The 1988-89 Season has passed its half way mark since I last had the opportunity of writing to you and we at Crystal Palace find ourselves the victims of our own inconsistency some way adrift of the pace setters in our division and in amongst a pack of fellow aspiring contenders. At this stage that is not a major concern because as we have repeatedly seen in the first half of the season, there is actually very little to choose between most of the clubs in Division Two and a consistent run of even just a few matches soon provides a team with a move up the table.

After the Brighton match we went up to Oldham on their plastic pitch, prior to the match we spent some of our training time at Monks Hill School which has a recently installed artificial surface. Our efforts were duly rewarded, helped along by the first class turn out of supporters at Boundary Park.

When we took the lead just before the break it was no more than our hard working performance deserved, but we were all relieved to see Geoff Thomas drill home low and hard from just inside the penalty area. Our plans for the second half took a double blow when Geoff Thomas had to come off and then Oldham equalised. We continued to try to take the game to our hosts and it was as a result of Ian Wright pressurising their defender that we were awarded the penalty from which Ian himself restored our lead and our third goal some ten minutes from time was a perfect strike.

We then entertained Walsall on New Year Bank Holiday Monday. Ian Wright and Mark Bright putting us firmly in control within the opening quarter of an hour and the latter increasing our lead before the match was 30 minutes old. In fact it seemed as if we might go on to score a hatful of goals, but we had to be content with just one more, a goal which gave Mark Bright his hat-trick. Obviously all the lads were pleased for Mark but there were other performances

of quality, notably I felt from Ian Wright and Perry Suckling. The return of the latter for the Oldham and Walsall games seemed to provide an extra confidence for our defence.

I felt that last Saturday in the F.A. Cup at Stoke we were unfortunate to lose by the odd goal. Football is all about taking chances and we had our fair share at the Victoria Ground. We were not disgraced and let's hope that we can make amends tonight and take a further step towards Wembley in the Simod Cup.

As you will all now know the club have signed Eddie McGoldrick from Northampton Town for a fee of £200,000. Eddie was born in London and I have been interested in signing him for almost a year. The achievement of getting him to Selhurst Park is even greater when you consider that Leicester City, Norwich, Derby and Newcastle all have shown interest in Eddie. The signing is another step in strengthening the squad in what I hope will be the start of the final important run-in for a promotion place.

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IN TONIGHT'S programme we have a centre spread featuring goalkeeper Perry Suckling. Perry has been back in first team action recently after a long injury lay off.

Neil Everitt's action pages feature our home game against Walsall as time prevents us from including shots from Saturday's game at the Victoria Ground.

Taff's Talkabout this week gives details of the winners of the popular Clubcall festive competition and Ian makes an appeal for the maximum support at Stamford Bridge this coming weekend for the important fixture against Chelsea. Even more winners are named on the Lifeline page and in our Around The Ground feature proving just how beneficial it is to be a Lifeline member or to purchase the club's lottery tickets.

RESULTS

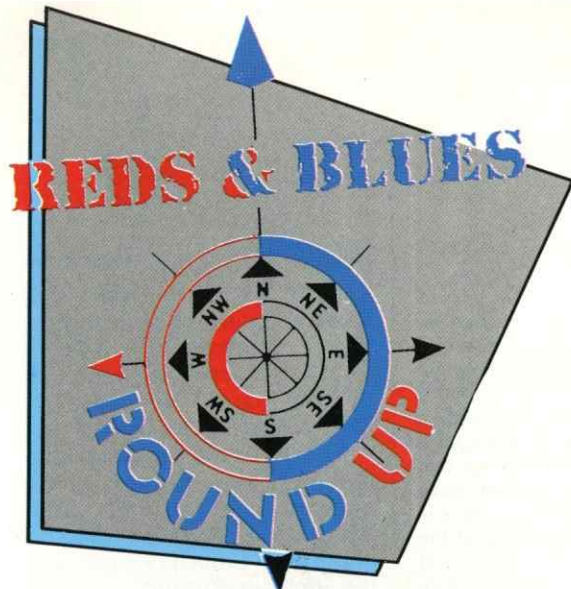
Results off the field are featured in Ron Noades' run-down on the club's financial year and on the field in our Stats And Facts double-page spread. Adam Sells looks at how the Second Division clubs fared in the F.A. Cup Third Round on Saturday and News From The Training Ground gives details of the Junior results over the Christmas period.

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COVER NOTE

Ian Wright gets the better of Walsall's Brian Forbes in the New Year Bank Holiday game at Selhurst Park.



'PROFITABLE YEAR FOR PALACE' SAYS CHAIRMAN RON NOADES

The following press release was issued by Palace Chairman Ron Noades last week:

"I am pleased to announce that in the year ending 30th June 1988, the Football Club's first year of trading since the new Company was formed, a gross profit of £291,136 has been achieved.

The operating profit before interest of £283,333 is the highest we have achieved during my period in office.

Another plus is that we actually received interest on deposits for the year amounting to £8,803 – in the past we have always paid interest in varying amounts, the lowest being £58,485 in 1987, and the highest £122,441 in 1985.

The overall loss on the year of £113,864 has only come about because of our investment in the transfer market which totalled £405,000.

However, I am pleased to say that we should look on this expenditure as an investment for the future as our squad is continuing to improve in value thanks to the intelligent buying policy being operated.

Clearly this is our best trading year for a considerable time, and the Club's last recorded loss was as far back as 1982."

The chairman was keen to point out in detail some of the reasons for the financial stability of the club: "All the departments within the club have contributed towards the end result and for the third year running we had an increase in the average gate.

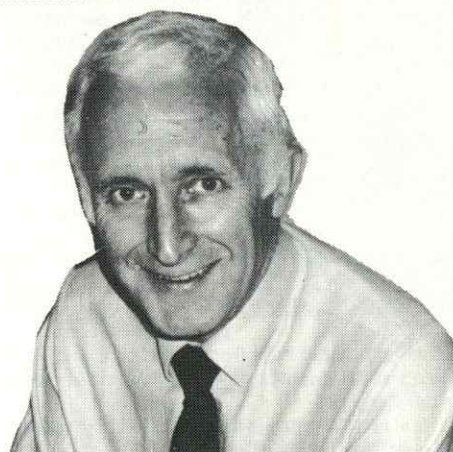
SQUAD CHANGES

Since the year end on 30th June 1988 we have added the names of JEFF HOPKINS, ALEX DYER, RUDI HEDMAN and EDDIE MCGOLDRICK to the squad with a view to improving our quality and depth. We have sold Neil Redfearn and Steve Claridge during the same period.

In our push for promotion we must be willing to spend further monies over and above our present income levels to maintain a realistic challenge for a place in the First Division. Although it is not our normal policy to spend at a higher rate than our income levels in my opinion if ever there was a time to speculate now is that time.

APPRECIATION

I sincerely hope that our supporters appreciate all the work that has been put into the club in order to build the stability that we can now demonstrate. Our very many 'Lifeline' members and those who support the clubs lottery operation or attend matches show their support in a positive way. Steve Coppell, myself and everyone at the club gratefully appreciate this fine support as it shows just how much everyone is committed to helping Palace work towards promotion to the First Division.



Plenty to smile about Chairman Ron Noades

RULES FOR TONIGHT'S MATCH

One of the most attractive features of the Simod Cup is that there **MUST** be a conclusive result at each match for there are no replays.

Therefore, if the scores are level at the end of 90 minutes, extra time will be played, and if that fails to separate the sides, a penalty competition will be held in accordance with the rules of the game.

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JEFF HOPKINS



ALEX DYER



RUDI HEDMAN

Now that our average gates are back at around 10,000, after showing an increase in each successive season that Streve has been in charge. The atmosphere around the club is bubbling. Now is the time that we need to convince a few more of our absent fans to return so that all our good work can be carried on.

Our sponsors and advertisers have continued to assist us and the 'Croydon Advertiser' has played a big part in its promotion of the club and our family enclosure as well as fairly and positively reporting our games and club news.

The thing that I would now like to see is our local authority playing a more active roll – Crystal Palace Football Club belongs to the local community and with help from them we could do so much more in providing social needs for the inhabitants of our borough."

The healthy situation reported by Ron Noades in the press release and his subsequent comments show the very positive attitude at Selhurst Park. As Steve Coppell put it speaking on Palace clubcall "Crystal Palace will in the end be promoted to the First Division" it is this ambition that is shared by everyone connected with the club and it is this ambition that will see Palace take their rightful place in the top flight of football.

Draw for Round Four

Watford v Sheffield Wednesday or
Queen's Park Rangers
Wimbledon v Everton
Middlesbrough or Coventry City v
Crystal Palace or Luton Town
Ipswich Town or Blackburn Rovers v
Chelsea or Nottingham Forest

Wherever possible, the ties are due to be played on the ground of the first-named club during the week commencing 9th January, 1989.

IPSWICH v PALACE

Seats sold to visiting supporters at Portman Road will be restricted to members of that Club only.

If they wish to attend a match and sit in the stands at Portman Road they will be asked to show their membership card together with a match ticket on entry into the ground.

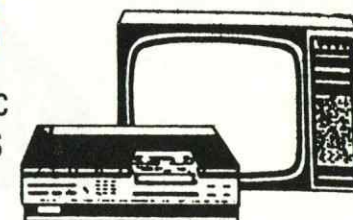
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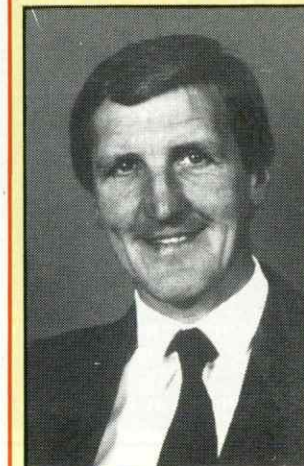
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WELCOME TO LUTON TOWN



MANAGER



RAY HARFORD

Ray Harford has been the Manager of Luton Town since June 1987, when he was elevated from the position of chief coach upon the resignation of his predecessor, John Moore.

Born in Halifax, Ray's playing career began at Charlton Athletic in 1964 but after two seasons and just three League appearances for the Valiants as a half-back he moved down to Exeter City in January 1966. He played 55 League games for The Grecians before going to Lincoln City where he was a first-team regular for four years and put in 161 League matches for City, scoring 10 goals in the process.

Spells at Mansfield, Port Vale, and Colchester followed before Ray finished playing League football at the end of 1974-75, but he continued at Layer Road as coach under Manager Jim Smith.

Ray was subsequently invited to become first-team coach at Fulham, but when his friend and mentor Malcolm Macdonald left Craven Cottage in 1984 Ray was appointed Manager in his stead, although he relinquished the post after two years and joined Luton almost immediately.

Mr Harford's first season of management in Division One was supremely successful for it reads almost like a fairy story. He led the Kenilworth Road club to three Wembley appearances (Simod Cup, Littlewoods Cup and the Mercantile Credit League Centenary Festival), an F.A. Cup semi-final, and 9th position in the 1st Division – and that is an impressive record by any standard.

THE LUTON HATTERS: WEMBLEY REGULARS IN 1988

Luton Town, tonight's distinguished visitors from the 1st Division, earned themselves two Wembley Cup Finals last spring – and that was something which even the most illustrious clubs from the proposed and so-called Super-League couldn't boast in 1987-88.

Luton in fact have become a proven side of doughty Cup fighters. Not only did they twice grace the Wembley turf in the Cup finals referred to above, and in more detail below, but they were also somewhat unfortunate semi-final losers to Wimbledon in the F.A. Cup itself and appeared with The Palace in the League Centenary celebrations – no mean record by any criteria.

SIMOD CUP SLIP-UP

Luton reached the Final of last season's Simod Cup by disposing of Everton at Goodison Park no less, in the 3rd round, and then Stoke City and Swindon Town on their own plastic pitch at Kenilworth Road. But, against Reading in the Final, they were overwhelmed by the (then) 2nd Division strugglers and were embarrassed to the tune of a 1-4 defeat – and that after Mick Harford had bravely headed The Hatters in front after just 13 minutes from an Ian Allinson left-wing corner!

Now, presumably, had Lady Bracknell had the good sense to have been a football follower, she might well have remarked that to lose one Cup Final was unfortunate, but to lose two was carelessness! But Luton were in no humour to fail twice. . . .

LITTLEWOODS REDEMPTION

A month later, Luton were back at Wembley in the Littlewoods Cup Final, although this time it was The Hatters who were cast in the role of underdogs, for their opponents were Arsenal, sitting majestically in sixth place in the 1st Division table and with a pedigree of Wembley successes behind them.

The occasion was remarkable for a number of reasons. Luton beat Arsenal 3-2 in a thrilling Final with Brian Stein netting early and very late on, but the game will remain in Football's annals for a very long time because stand-in goalkeeper Andy Dibble (now with Manchester City and largely responsible for the point his new club prised from us in 2nd Division action at the start of December) saved a penalty at a critical stage and became the first goalkeeper to do so in a Wembley Cup Final.

The day was remarkable in another context too, because whilst Luton's celebrations were in full swing the Littlewoods Cup itself broke in two, severing at its fragile neck!

FEARSOME CUP FIGHTERS

Luton then are fearsome Cup fighters, and there is no doubt whatever that The Hatters provide us with formidable opposition in our own more humble quest for long overdue Cup glory.

THEY PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS

By IAN KING with acknowledgements to David Keats

Space will only allow me to detail players with a reasonable number of appearances for both clubs. In the 1920s goalkeeper BILLY HARPER, who joined Palace from Manchester City in 1924, then moved to Luton in 1926 and a few years later another goalkeeper, JAMES IMRIE, who was one of several players, including Peter Simpson, who joined the club from Kettering after an F.A. Cup-tie between the two sides, and then went on to Luton after a couple of seasons with Palace. In the 1930s another forward from that area was ALBERT DAWES who, along with his brother Fred, joined Palace from Northampton but whereas Fred stayed at Palace throughout his career, Albert, a prolific goalscorer, had a season with Luton in 1937/8 before returning to Palace and playing through the war with his brother. Forward BRIAN LEWIS began his career in 1960 at Selhurst Park and numbers Luton, in 1968/9, amongst several clubs that he played for, and also in the 1960s defender JACK BANNISTER played over 100 games for Palace and then joined the Hatters in 1968 before moving on to Cambridge United. Former Spurs defender ROGER ROY had displaced Jack and after helping Palace into Division 1 he also transferred to Luton in June 1970 and then to Cardiff. Currently playing for Chelsea is Welsh International PETER NICHOLAS who began his career with Palace as one of the young stars in the side that rose to Division 1 again in 1979 and subsequently went to Arsenal but returned to Palace for a year and then to Luton and Aberdeen before reverting back to the London area. Lastly is forward TREVOR AYLOTT who came to Palace in part-exchange with VINCE HILAIRE in 1984 and is now playing with Bournemouth.

HIGHLIGHTING LUTON TOWN

PALACE – LUTON

COMPLETE RECORD OF PREVIOUS CUP TIES

Season	Div.	At Selhurst Park	At Kenilworth Road
F.A. CUP			
1905-06	4P	★ Palace 1 Harker Luton 0	
1928-29	3	Palace 7 Havelock 3, Griffiths, Wilde, Butler, Hamilton Luton 0	Luton 0 Palace 0
1985-86	3	Palace 1 K. Taylor Luton 2 B. Stein, Preece	
FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP			
1971-72	2	Palace 2 T. Taylor, Queen Luton 0	
SOUTHERN FLOODLIT CUP			
1958-59	SF	Palace 1 Barnett Luton 0	

★ Played at The Crystal Palace

LES SEALEY (Goalkeeper). Transferred to Luton from Coventry City in August, 1983. He's a Londoner from Bethnal Green and a cousin of Alan Sealey, the former West Ham United winger. Les developed through the apprentice ranks at Coventry, and had made his debut away to Queens Park Rangers in April, 1977. Back in season 1984-85 he played six League matches on loan to Plymouth Argyle.

MARVIN JOHNSON (Defender). First appeared in League football for Luton last season, making his First Division debut in the No. 5 shirt away to Wimbledon in March of this year. Marvin developed through the apprentice ranks at Kenilworth Road and was upgraded to professional in November, 1986. He was born at Wembley.

RICHARD HARVEY (Defender). A 19-year-old who was born at Letchworth in Hertfordshire and has developed steadily in the apprentice ranks at Kenilworth Road. He first appeared in Luton's League team in the No. 3 shirt at home to Queens Park Rangers in November, 1986. He's been a full professional since January, 1987.

STEVE FOSTER (Defender). A key figure at centre-half, and a powerful influence on the rest of the team. He was transferred to Luton from Aston Villa in November, 1984. Born at Portsmouth, he developed through the apprentice ranks of the Portsmouth club to full professional status, and later joined Brighton and Hove Albion. He attained full international status as a Brighton player, making three appearances for England, and was in Brighton's F.A. Cup final team with our own Gary Stevens in 1983. He left Brighton for Villa in March, 1984.

JOHN DREYER (Defender). Joined Luton from Oxford United last June. He was introduced to First Division football two seasons ago by Oxford after playing for Wallingford Town. He's been a full contract professional since January, 1985. Born at Alnwick.

ASHLEY GRIMES (Defender). A full Eire international, who was born in Dublin and made his name with Manchester United. Previously, he had played for the Bohemians, who transferred him to the Old Trafford club in March, 1977. He left United for Coventry City in August, 1983 and made the further move to Luton in August, 1984.

IAN SCOTT (Midfield). A 20-year-old who was born in Luton and is therefore another of the club's home products. Has come through the apprentice ranks at Kenilworth Road.

DAVID PREECE (Midfield). Born at Bridgnorth and established himself as a League player with Walsall. Developed through the apprentice ranks at Walsall, making 111 League appearances for the Staffordshire club before moving to Luton in December 1984.

ROB JOHNSON (Midfield). He was drafted into Luton's League team three seasons ago and has since established himself as a First Division player. He was born at neighbouring Bedford and can therefore be classed as a local discovery. He was signed as a full contract professional in August, 1985 and has made rapid progress.

DANNY WILSON (Midfield). Transferred from Brighton and Hove Albion to Luton in July, 1987. He's a well-travelled player with varied experience acquired in the



BACK ROW: David Preece, Mark Stein, Gary Cobb, Ian Allinson, Richard Harvey, Kingsley Black, Rob Johnson.

MIDDLE ROW: David Galley (Physiotherapist), John Faulkner (Coach), Roy Wegerle, John Dreyer, David Oldfield, Les Sealey, Mick Harford, Alec Chamberlain, Marvin Johnson, Ashley Grimes, Darron McDonough, Jim Ryan (Coach).

FRONT ROW: Steve Williams, Danny Wilson, Steve Foster (Captain), Ray Harford (Manager), Mal Donaghy, Ricky Hill, Tim Breacker.



service of a number of clubs. He was born in Wigan and started his career with Bury, for whom he made 90 League appearances before signing for Chesterfield. After playing in 100 League games for Chesterfield, he joined Nottingham Forest and later signed for Brighton. At one time he was a loan player with Scunthorpe United. He's a full Northern Ireland international.

RICKY HILL (Midfield). A full English international, who was born in London and developed through Luton's apprentice ranks to achieve full professional status in May 1976. At that time he had already made his League debut as a substitute in a home match with Bristol Rovers in the preceding month. He celebrated that debut with a goal in a 3-1 win. Has made three appearances in the full England team.

MICK HARFORD (Forward). A full England international who joined Luton from Birmingham City in December 1984. He had joined Birmingham from Bristol City in an unusual "three club" deal just before the deadline for transfers in March, 1982. He had signed for the Bristol club from Newcastle United in August, 1981 and it was necessary for him to be registered again with the Tynesiders before the transfer to Birmingham could be completed. He was born in Sunderland and started his League career with Lincoln City.

DAVID OLDFIELD (Forward). He's a 20-year-old from Perth in Australia who came to England as a child with his family and was introduced to first-team football by Luton last season. He was groomed in the apprentice ranks at Luton and was upgraded to full professional in May, 1986.

ROY WEGERLE (Forward). A newcomer to the Luton colours this season, his transfer was secured from Chelsea in July. He was born in South Africa but his club before Chelsea was Tampa Bay Rowdies in the United States. Made 23 League appearances with Chelsea and seven with Swindon Town while on loan from Stamford Bridge last season.

IAIN DOWIE (Forward). Luton paid a substantial transfer fee to Hendon, the Vauxhall Opel League club, for his services just before Christmas. Iain had scored 27 goals for Hendon this season, and he is regarded as a first-class prospect.

THE CLUBS' LAST MEETING AT SELHURST PARK

Monday 6th January 1986

F.A. Cup 3rd Round

CRYSTAL PALACE 1 (K. Taylor)
LUTON TOWN 2 (B. Stein, Preece)

Attendance: 9,886

Palace: Wood, Locke, Hughton, K. Taylor, Droy, Cannon, Irvine, Wright, Gray, Barber (sub Higginbottom), Ketteridge.

Luton: Sealey, Breaker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, M. North, Preece.

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Well, it was ALL right on the night. Over 300 girls and boys, mums and dads, crowded in from 7 p.m. onwards; Neil's disco-kit was providing great background music and lights; by 7.30 Crystals was full. The entertainment was terrific; first our own LEO and his two pretty assistants Lisa and Hic-Up did a professional clown turn. Then there was a First Team Quiz. Leslie, our resident MC, asked the questions, and the Lads did their best to answer them. Ian Wright and Brian Parkin were given yellow cards for cheating.

While everyone was eating and drinking there were videos of Palace goal-scoring. The Blue Bear (our good friend Steve, from the ADVERTISER) arranged some disco dancing for volunteers from the children and Ian Wright, Mark Bright and Geoff Thomas acted as partners. At this point Pete the Eagle flew in onto the dance-floor; he just couldn't resist the 'Bare Necessities' beat!

The highlight of the evening was the PANTOMIME, the Family Lounge's version of Cinderella. The puns on players' names were greeted by screams of EA-GLES!! from the audience; the 7 dwarfs had come to the wrong pantomime, but it didn't matter; the two Ugly Sisters frightened everyone, and were loudly hissed. The real sensation of the performance was the entry of two 'very realistic' WITCHES - underneath the horrid make-up were our beautiful Croydon Advertiser girls. Their wicked spells were undone by the Fairy Godmother, and everything ended happily with Cinders marrying the handsome Prince.

Steve came on and offered a prize for the first answer to a question about the team; the terrific turn-out of Palace first team players cheerfully



gave lots of autographs to all the boys and girls. Father Christmas paid a visit; and lots of valuable raffle prizes were won by lucky people with the right tickets.

The evening ended with everyone dancing; and of course some clearing up afterwards. It was the Party-Of-The-Year for everyone who attended; and the catering staff said that we were the best behaved crowd they had ever had in Crystals. Thanks, Paul, for all the arranging you did beforehand; and a big 'thank-you' to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the Party a 100% success.

NEW YEAR TREAT

For an exciting run-in to the end of the season - and possible promotion or play-offs? ... Buy your family an extra special New Year's present and take up this superb offer of a FAMILY ENCLOSURE SEASON TICKET.

From now until the end of the season, it will cost you just ...

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BOOK NOW! - ring the Club Office for further details.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

AN EAGLES DIARY

High up in the rafters of the Members Stand after the Walsall game, much lively squawking could be heard as both our Giant Eagles, Pete and Neil looked back over Christmas and looked forward to the New Year ...

PETE: "That was some Family Party in Crystals!"

NEIL: "You were a real star in the Pantomime Pete, fancy YOU getting the job of flying beautiful Cinderella to the Ball!"

PETE: "Well I must say Neil, me and the bright lights do go together rather well, did you see the way I moved to the Birdie Song?"

NEIL: "I thought someone had set your tail alight actually!! But weren't you offered the part of the Parrot in 'Long John Silver'?"

PETE: "NO I WAS NOT! But I did apply for 'THE EAGLE HAS LANDED' although they wanted me to drive a tank and speak German! I prefer Shakespeare, you know, 'THE TAMING OF THE SHREWSBURY'."

NEIL: "Never heard of that one, still, have you any New Year's resolutions Pete?"

PETE: "I have. To try not to hit people when we throw sweets to the Away Supporters and to try not to trip up the visiting team when they're warming up." Do you have any?"

NEIL: "Mine are to wipe my feet each time I go in the Family Room and also to try to be nice to that Jingle Bear if I see her again - if she hasn't eaten so much over Christmas that she can't even get through the turnstiles!"

PETE: "I think you'll agree our joint No.1 resolution is to cheer Palace as loudly as possible into Division One!"

PETE & NEIL: HAPPY NEW YEAR!



The Family Enclosure is pleased to record some details in the life of a regular Family supporter and demon footballer following his appearance in Fordingbridge in November. ...

SPOTLIGHT ON VINNY

FULL NAME: William 'Vinny' West.
BIRTHPLACE: Too long ago to remember.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Brixton, Wormwood Scrubs.
LIKES: Over the thigh tackles (pic).
DISLIKES: Getting up in the mornings.
FAVOURITE FOOD/DRINK: Guinness/Guinness
AMBITION: (probably) To get his own back on whoever wrote this!!



"It was an accident ... honest!"

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ANNIVERSARY

Book your tickets for the Swindon match on Sat. 21st January - this game will mark the 1st Anniversary of the new Croydon Advertiser Family Enclosure and Lounge.

We'll have a bumper free raffle and entertainment. Don't miss it!

JUNIOR EAGLES

COACHING ... The second Junior Eagles Coaching Day was successfully held at Selhurst College the other day - what great facilities they provided for us! Look out for a report in the next Programme.

NEXT DATE ... The next Coaching Day will be held during the half-term holiday which commences Monday 12th February - date and details to be announced soon.

REMINDER ... The Summer Coaching Week at Mitcham will be on August 14th-18th.

SWINDON ... Swindon Town are bringing two junior football teams to play us on Saturday 21st January, an Under 10's and an Under 13's XI. Those boys wishing to be considered please register your name with Paul Welch before or after the match tonight in the Family Lounge.

WHAT SHOULD THE REF DO?

A direct free-kick is awarded to the defending team just outside their goal-area. The defender who takes the free-kick decides to pass back to his goalkeeper. The goalkeeper is taken by surprise, and lets the ball go past him into the net. Should the Ref (a) award a goal to the opposing side, (b) have the free-kick taken again, or (c) give a corner to the opposing side?

(Answer to this will be in the Swindon programme, 21st January, 1989.)

ANSWER TO LAST PROGRAMME'S BRAIN-TEAZER

Q. During a fierce goal-mouth struggle the Ref is accidentally pushed against a goal-post; he falls unconscious to the ground. A second later the ball enters the net. The Ref recovers; should he allow the goal scored while he was unconscious?

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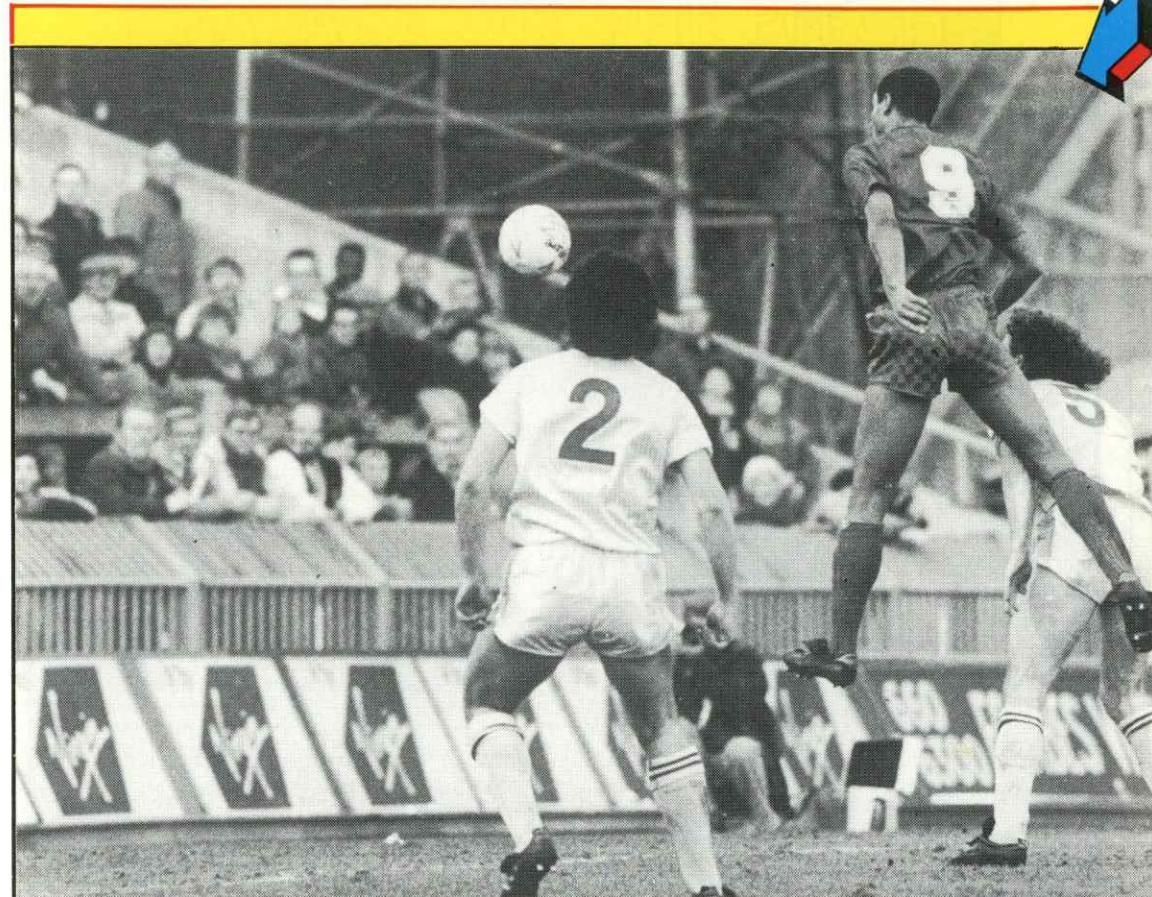
Having gone eight games without a goal, Mark Bright (left) is relieved to notch the second goal against Walsall after a fine through-ball from David Burke.

Right, top: It's 3-0 as Mark Bright rises unchallenged to head home Ian Wright's cross.

Right, bottom: That's the hat-trick. Phil Barber and Ian Wright congratulate Mark on completing his hat-trick – a feat which Ian Wright achieved last season against Plymouth. Prior to that you have to go back to October 1980 to find another Palace hat-trick hero when Mike Flanagan hit all three goals against Southampton in a First Division match.

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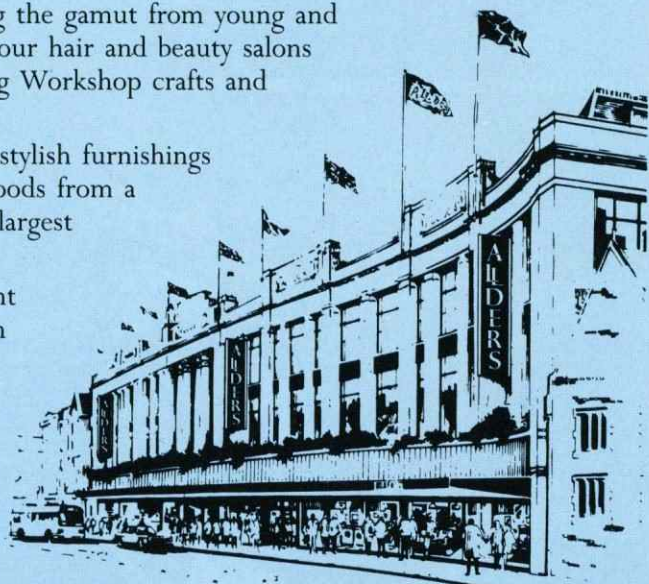
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PALACE ON THE PITCH

Palace 'keeper' PERRY SUCKLING came back into the first team for the last game of 1988 at Oldham. The ex-England Under-21 man then went on to keep a clean sheet in the home game against Walsall. Palace's other 'keeper BRIAN PARKIN picked up the Player of the Month award for December.

Full-back JOHN PEMBERTON hails from Oldham and was well pleased with our recent victory at Boundary Park. His full-back colleague DAVID BURKE also comes from the north and signed for Palace from Huddersfield Town.

Central defender JEFF HOPKINS admits to enjoying a physical game and often breaks through with strong attacking runs. Now recovered from injury GAVIN NEBBELING is looking as strong and competitive as ever. A third central defender is 6ft. 1in. GARY O'REILLY who is well on the way to full fitness after being sidelined since mid-November.

Another tall man is latest signing RUDI HEDMAN who is a 6ft. 3in.



PERRY SUCKLING

midfielder with an attacking style. He signed from Colchester just prior to Christmas and made his debut at Brighton on Boxing Day.

Team captain GEOFF THOMAS is a stylish midfielder with a non-stop work rate. Born in Manchester he came to Palace from Crewe. ALAN PARDEW is another bargain player for the club. He came to Palace from non-League Yeovil Town.

Young JOHN SALAKO returned to first team duty at Oldham. A tricky right-winger with first team ambition. ALEX DYER can play on either wing and his last club, Hull City, also used him as a striker. PHIL BARBER on the Palace left-wing is always a danger to defences. Although he has only scored four League goals this season the player is always keen to cut in and shoot.

Palace top scorer IAN WRIGHT is a danger in any company and is always liable to do the unexpected. His striking colleague MARK BRIGHT, the ex-Leicester man, hit a hat-trick against Walsall.

Signed this week from Northampton Town, EDDIE MCGOLDRICK could well make his Palace debut tonight. He has played on both the right side of defence and also in the midfield for Northampton this season.

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PALACE PROFILE



FULL NAME: Perry Suckling
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Hackney/12th October 1965
HEIGHT AND WEIGHT: 6' 2"/13st.
MARRIED: No
HOME: Purley, Surrey
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Coventry, Manchester City
BOYHOOD HERO: Pat Jennings
SUPERSTITIONS: Always put right boot on first, and shorts last!
LIKES/DISLIKES: Evening meal with fiancé Sharon/Driving
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT: Spain
HOBBIES: Playing golf and walking the dogs
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Cricket
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: EastEnders
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Charles Bronson/Morgan Fairchild
FAVOURITE MUSIC: George Benson
FAVOURITE FOOD/DRINK: Steak/Tea
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My three debuts for my professional clubs
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Whenever I play badly
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Mum and Dad
AMBITION: To help take Palace to Division One and Wembley again

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		Apps.
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1983-84	Coventry City	24
1984-85	Coventry City	—
1985-86	Coventry City	—
1986-87	Manchester City	37
1987-88	Manchester City	2
	Crystal Palace	17
1988-89	Crystal Palace	4

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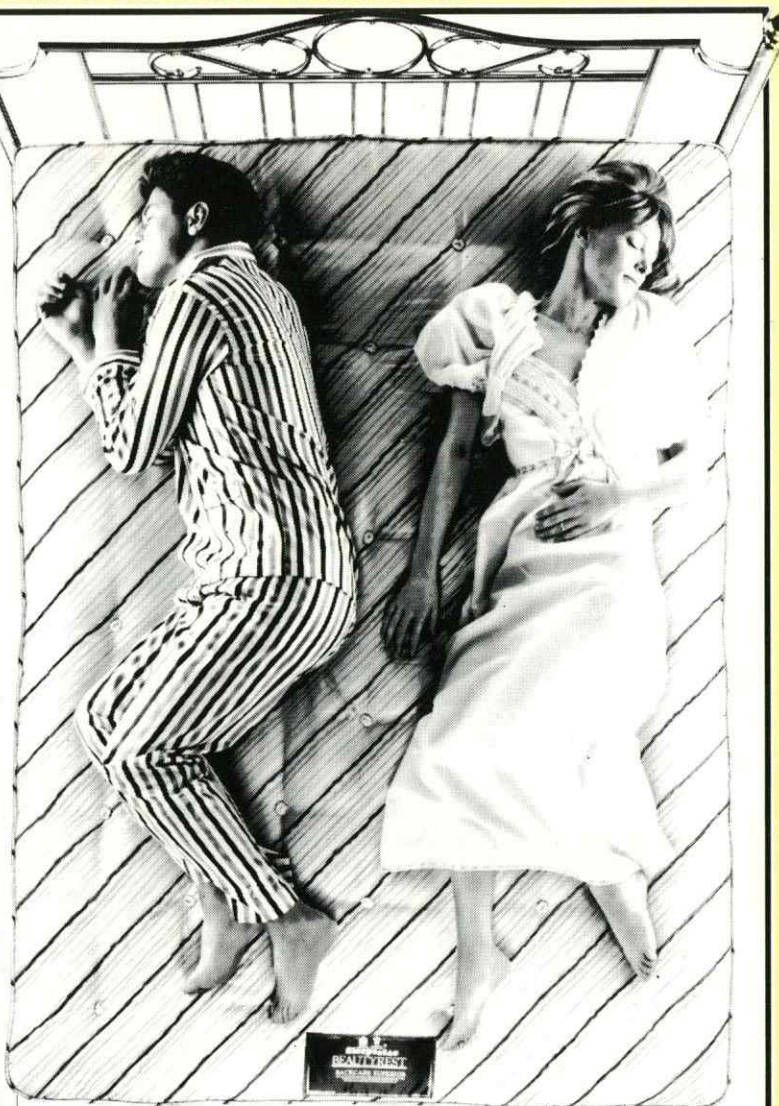
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PALACE THROUGH THE AGES

1930-31

DIVISION THREE (SOUTH)

GOALS GALORE!

Crystal Palace Football League Record:
(Palace scores first in every case)

OPPONENTS	HOME	AWAY
Bournemouth	1-0	0-0
Brentford	5-1	2-8
Brighton & Hove Albion	0-1	1-1
Bristol Rovers	0-2	1-2
Clapton Orient	3-1	2-3
Coventry City	1-0	5-3
Exeter City	7-2	3-4
Fulham	5-2	0-2
Gillingham	5-0	2-6
Luton Town	5-1	2-1
† Newport County	7-1	1-2
Northampton Town	0-0	0-0
† Norwich City	2-1	1-2
* Notts County	1-1	2-2
Queens Park Rangers	4-0	0-4
Southend United	3-1	4-2
Swindon Town	3-1	4-4
Thames	2-1	2-0
Torquay United	5-0	1-3
Walsall	6-3	1-2
Watford	6-1	2-0

* Promoted club. † Clubs seeking re-election (Newport County were unsuccessful and were replaced by Mansfield Town).

End of Season record: P42 W17 D2 L21-20 W5 D5 L11 36-51 Pts 51

Final Position: 2nd



Chairman Sydney Bourne

Players' Appearances: G. Barrie 17; T. Brennan 2; H. Butler 39; W. Callender 25; G. Charlesworth 1; S. Charlton 33; G. Clarke 39; T. Crilly 36; L. Fishlock 2; J. Frost 4; R. Greener 38; J. Hamilton 9; A. Harry 41; H. Havelock 13; J. Imrie 17; J. Lane 14; H. Legg 1; J. Lloyd 2; G. Nicholas 7; W. Rivers 24; P. Simpson 42; W. Turner 21; G. Watson 2; T. Wetherby 7; W. Wilde 26.

Goalscorers: Simpson 46; Clarke 21; Butler 14; Harry 9; Havelock 5; Lane 4; Turner 3; Frost 2; Crilly, Rivers, Wilde 1 each. TOTAL 107 goals.

Points of Interest

Peter Simpson's 46 League goals is easily the best for a single season in the entire history of the club.

Palace's 107 League goals was a club record and has only been exceeded once, in 1960-61 (110 goals) but from 46 matches.

Peter Simpson hit six goals in our 7-2 defeat of Exeter City on 4th October 1930 and altogether in this League season scored three goals or more on seven occasions.

There was a managerial change in October 1930 when **Jack Tresadern**, former England and West Ham wing-half, took over from Fred Mavern.

Palace's original Chairman, **Mr. Sydney Bourne**, died at the age of 77 years in mid-September 1930.

George Clarke's 21 goals from the wing is also a club record.

Assessment of 1930-31

Peter Simpson's prodigious scoring achievements took The Palace to the runners-up place, but in those days you had to finish top to gain promotion.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE (SOUTH) 1930-31

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts County	42	24	11	7	97	46	59
Crystal Palace	42	22	7	13	107	71	51
Brentford	42	22	6	14	90	64	50
Southend United	42	22	5	15	76	60	49
Brighton	42	17	15	10	68	53	49
Northampton	42	18	12	12	77	59	48
Luton Town	42	19	8	15	76	51	46
Queens Park Rangers	42	20	3	19	82	75	43
Fulham	42	18	7	17	77	75	43
Bournemouth	42	15	13	14	72	73	43
Torquay United	42	17	9	16	80	84	43
Swindon Town	42	18	6	18	89	94	42
Exeter City	42	17	8	17	84	90	42
Coventry City	42	16	9	17	75	65	41
Bristol Rovers	42	16	8	18	75	92	40
Gillingham	42	14	10	18	61	76	38
Walsall	42	14	9	19	78	95	37
Watford	42	14	7	21	72	75	35
Clapton Orient	42	14	7	21	63	91	35
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Here's to an even more successful 1989 for YOU the members, Lifeline and The Eagles.

Andy Bryant

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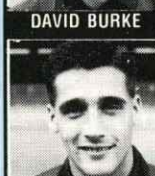

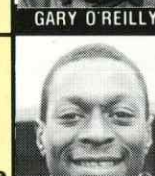
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The Palace Clubcall festive competition gave us all a few laughs on Christmas Day and three supporters won nice cash prizes. Many correct entries were received and Alex Dyer made the draw for the winners at half-time during the game against Walsall.

The winners were as follows:

£150 – Joanne Humphries, Forest Close, Chislehurst.

£100 – Paul Tilley, Alvia Gardens, Sutton.

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MASCOT

Carrie-Anne attends Howard Junior School and her hobbies include trampolining, swimming and watching Palace. Carrie-Anne, who is 10 years old, also attends the Girl Guides every week. Her favourite Palace player is team captain Geoff Thomas.



Well done all of you and our thanks to everyone who supported our competition. The answers to the competition were as follows: Buttons – Phil Barber; Peter Pan – Alan Pardew; Captain Hook – Geoff Thomas; Big Bad Wolf – Gary O'Reilly; Long John Silver – John Salako; Prince Charming – Perry Suckling; Robinson Crusoe – Jeff Hopkins; Wizard of Oz – Ian Wright; Man Friday – John Pemberton; Jack – Gavin Nebbeling; Aladdin – Glenn Pennyfather; Dick Whittington – Brian Parkin.

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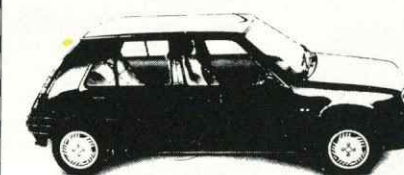
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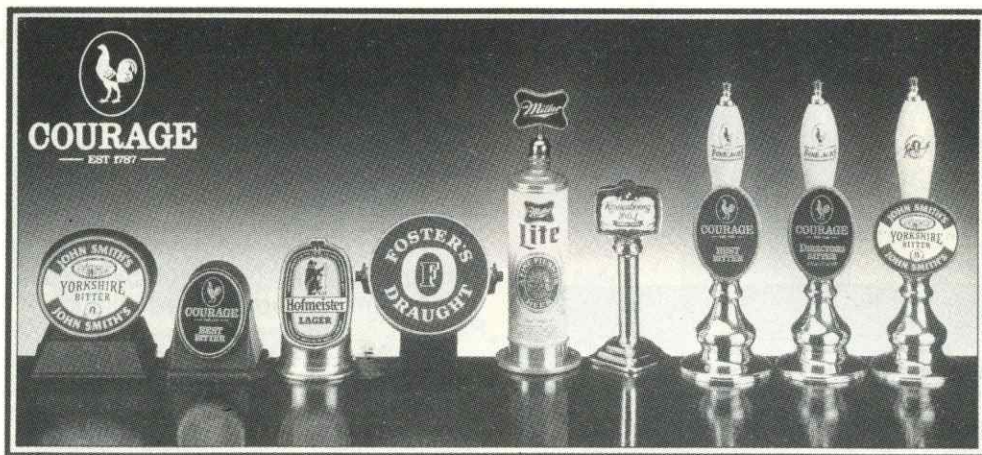
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PALACE REVIEW

PALACE AT THE BRIDGE



Next Saturday the Palace make the short trip across London to meet Chelsea at Stamford Bridge in what should be one of the most memorable games of the season for Eagles' fans.

Chelsea, of course, are going pretty well and look a fairly good bet to at least finish in the top six places even if the promotion places

are going to be contested right to the last.

But, even if we haven't quite got the sparkle that Chelsea currently possess, Chelsea know they won't be able to take us lightly - no club ever does that with us these days. We are actually undefeated at Stamford Bridge on our last four visits and usually play well enough to cause the Blues some problems.

Get there, if you can, to help support our cause! And, who knows? It could well be Palace supporters who are singing in the Fulham Road on Saturday evening!

See you there.

DIRECT VIEW

GOOD EVENING ALL.

I DON'T think I will take my holiday in Brighton this year, I fancy Oldham, it's even better, that's the end of the subject.

There was a great atmosphere around the ground at our home game against Walsall, I thought you lot in the non-Members area of the Arthur Wait Enclosure were tremendous. I thought some of you would do well at The Last Night Of The Proms, anyway next time you get the Holmesdale, Members Stand and the Sainsburys in vocal support of yourselves, what about the Holmesdale hanging in there with the Arthur Wait and when they're up to a certain pitch followed by the other areas of the ground until it's right round the ground? Try that tonight, we should get all the stadium shouting 'Eagles', not once or twice but carry it on for half-a-dozen times or more. When it builds up to such a crescendo while Ian and Mark are passing to each other on their way to the goal, Ian says to Markie "Ere Mark, what's going on here then?" Let's give it a whirl tonight.

Chelsea Football Supporters Club have their own football team and would like to play our

supporters team on the morning of the 14th and I know our All Stars are itching to play once again. I've still got all your names but to make it easier for me if you ring Terry Byfield at the club (01-653 4462) and after giving your name and phone number to him, I will be in touch with you.

On another subject, I presume the message got through to those in Block A and B of the Members Stand not to use foul language and shout racist remarks within earshot of those around them. I did not hear any at the Walsall match, let's hope it stays like that. I watch most games from different parts of the ground mainly to feel the enjoyment and atmosphere around me, I'm certainly no angel but there are times when you have to control your frustration and think of those around you. I can tell you if I hear anybody swearing continuously just for the sake of swearing, I will have them ejected, no matter where they are.

Anyway, back to tonight - enjoy the game and remember what I said at the beginning and the end. Let's really get behind the lads tonight.

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NEWS FROM THE TRAINING GROUND

It's not only the first team that has suffered from injuries recently. To produce a youth team at Brighton last Saturday several of the Associate Schoolboys on the club's books had to be used including Ben Harding, John Myatt, Dean Gordon and Paul Brazier. The pressure on coach Alan Smith and youth man Bob White was even greater as a strong reserve team had to be found on that day for a visit to Luton Town.



CHRISTMAS CHEER

The club's junior sides did well over the holiday period with a couple of creditable victories.

At under-16 level our boys won away 3-1 against Dulwich Hamlet under-18s.



MARK BRIGHT'S PALACE CENTURY

Palace's ace striker, Mark Bright, completed his first century of appearances for The Eagles when he lined up for our New Year Bank Holiday fixture against Walsall.

Mark joined The Palace from Leicester City in November 1986 and has achieved the praiseworthy goal ratio of something rather better than one goal in every three games.

	Football Lge.		All Cups		Totals	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
1986-87	28	8	2	—	30	8
1987-88	38	24	3+1	1	41+1	25
1988-89	24	9	5	1	29	10
	90	41	10+1	2	100+1	43

(All details correct to 2nd January, 1989)

BACK HOME

Recent visitor to Selhurst Park was Alan Collins who is with the British Embassy in Addis Ababa. Alan, a Palace supporter of many years, was back in England for a short holiday from his demanding work in the poverty-stricken Ethiopian capital.



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The under-15s drew 3-3 with Brighton whilst the under-14s unluckily went down by 3-2. Both these matches were played at Mitcham.

Two junior select sides played at Wimbledon, one winning well be 3-1 and the other securing a creditable 1-1 draw.

CUP ACTION

The under-16s are in action later this week when they travel to Ramsgate under-18s for the John Ullman Cup match, the kick-off for this one is 7.30pm on Thursday (12th January).



Date	Opponents	R	F	A	Pos.	Att.
Aug. 30	Chelsea	D	1	1	17,490	
Sept. 10	Walsall	L	0	2	10,474	
Sept. 13	Shrewsbury Town	D	0	18	6,525	
Sept. 17	Blackburn Rovers	D	1	17	7,006	
Sept. 20	Sunderland	D	1	18	13,150	
Sept. 24	Portsmouth	D	1	1	11,249	
Sept. 27	Swindon Town (LC2 1L)	D	1	20	7,084	
Oct. 4	Plymouth Argyle	W	2	1	8,047	
Oct. 11	Swindon Town (LC2 2L)	W	2	0	10,325	
Oct. 18	Blackburn Rovers	W	4	5	8,022	
Oct. 22	Swindon Town (LC2 2L)	W	2	0	11,098	
Oct. 25	Hull City	W	3	1	8,464	
Oct. 28	Hull City	W	1	0	10,114	
Oct. 29	Stoke City	W	1	2	9,118	
Nov. 5	Barnsley	L	1	4	12,167	
Nov. 12	A.F.C. Bournemouth	L	0	2	7,500	
Nov. 19	Leicester City	W	4	2	8,843	
Nov. 26	Walsall (Simod Cup)	W	4	2	2,843	
Nov. 26	West Bromwich Albion	W	3	5	11,099	
Dec. 3	Manchester City	D	0	10	12,274	
Dec. 10	Birmingham City	W	1	0	6,523	
Dec. 13	Southampton (Simod 2)	D	0	1	4,914	
Dec. 17	Leeds United	W	2	0	9,847	
Dec. 20	Brighton & H.A.	D	1	3	13,515	
Dec. 30	Oldham Athletic	L	1	3	6,562	
Jan. 7	Walsall City (FAC3)	W	3	1	9,352	
Jan. 10	Luton Town (Simod 3)	L	0	8	12,294	
Jan. 14	Chelsea	L	0	1		
Jan. 21	Swindon Town	W	4	2		
Jan. 28	F.A. Cup 4	W	4	2		
Feb. 4	Ipswich Town	W	4	2		
Feb. 11	Blackburn Rovers	W	4	2		
Feb. 18	Hull City (5)	W	4	2		
Feb. 25	Bradford City	W	4	2		
March 1	Oxford United	W	4	2		
March 4	A.F.C. Bournemouth	W	4	2		
March 11	Barnsley	W	4	2		
March 14	Stoke City	W	4	2		
March 18	Sunderland (6)	W	4	2		
March 24	Walsall	W	4	2		
March 27	Brighton & H.A.	W	4	2		
April 1	Shrewsbury Town	W	4	2		
April 5	Leeds United	W	4	2		
April 8	Oldham Athletic	W	4	2		
April 15	Portsmouth (SF)	W	4	2		
April 22	Plymouth Argyle	W	4	2		
April 29	West Bromwich Albion	W	4	2		
May 1	Manchester City	W	4	2		
May 6	Leicester City	W	4	2		
May 13	Birmingham City	W	4	2		
May 20	F.A. Cup Final	W	4	2		

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Neibling 1 1 2

O'Reilly 2 1 3

Pardew 1 1 2

Redfern 2 1 3

Thomas 5 1 6

Wright 11 3 14

Own goal 1 1 2

TOTALS 37 11 48

(Correct to 2nd January, 1989)

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Home matches and scores in bold type. (1) Number of goals scored. p Penalty. t Player substituted.
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(Up to and including Sunday, January 8)

West Bromwich Albion

Chelsea

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Walsall

Manchester City

A.F.C. Bournemouth

Barnsley

Crystal Palace

Portsmouth

Sunderland

Leeds United

Ipswich Town

Stoke City

Swindon Town

Leicester City

Plymouth Argyle

Bradford City

Hull City

Oxford United

Oldham Athletic

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Shrewsbury Town

Birmingham City

Walsall

FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1988/89

(up to and including January 8)

Arsenal

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Wimbledon

Chelsea

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Norwich City

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SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIVISION TWO 1988/89

(up to and including January 8)

Swindon Town

Oxford United

Wimbledon

Luton Town

Brentford

Bournemouth

Southampton

Crystal Palace

Colchester United

Brighton & H.A.

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Bristol City

Reading

Northampton T.

Bristol Rovers

HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

Tonight's F.A. Cup Third Round Replays:

Brentford v Walsall

Halifax v Kettering

Southampton v Derby County

Swindon Town v Portsmouth

Watford v Newcastle United

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES DIVISION TWO 1988/89

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Adam Sells reviews

PALACE went out of the F.A. Cup at Stoke on Saturday in an evenly contested clash, the deciding goal coming 16 minutes from time from substitute Graham Shaw.

In another all Second Division clash at Oakwell BARNSELY crushed CHELSEA 4-0. Gwyn Thomas put 'The Tykes' ahead inside four minutes and two goals in 10 minutes from Steve Agnew - the second a brilliant 25-yard free-kick virtually killed off the Londoners before the interval. Though Chelsea came out fighting after the break David Currie struck a fourth with 12 minutes remaining.

Struggling BIRMINGHAM were unable to loosen WIMBLEDON'S grip on the Cup at St. Andrew's, the visitors winning through to round four, thanks to Terry Gibson's far post header on 29 minutes.

BOURNEMOUTH faced a difficult trip to BLACKPOOL but won through, Luther Blissett on the scoresheet yet again, grabbing the only goal on 78 minutes.

BRADFORD who had already sent EVERTON tumbling out of the Littlewoods Cup, did the trick again at Valley Parade where Spurs were the victims. Brian Mitchell's 20-yard drive just before the break securing a place in the fourth round, in what was the best performance of the day by a Second Division side.

BRIGHTON and LEEDS met at the Goldstone Ground where it seemed the home side would run out victors thanks to Alan Curbishley's penalty on the hour but Ian Baird struck twice in the final 20 minutes to make it a happy journey home for Howard Wilkinson's men.

HULL also came from behind to win away at CARDIFF. They trailed to a third minute Steve Lyons goal, but 'The Tigers' won through with Nicky Brown and Keith Edwards on target.

OLDHAM went out here at Selhurst Park, losing to a last gasp winner from Charlton's highly-rated striker Paul Williams. Earlier 'The Latics' had led through Mike Milligan but Gordon Crooks replied for 'The Valliants' this after just seven minutes play.

Neil McNab's 12th minute penalty gave MANCHESTER CITY victory over Second Division rivals LEICESTER though the home side watched by nearly 24,000 had to thank Andy Dibble for a string of excellent saves.

WATFORD take on NEWCASTLE in a replay at Vicarage Road this evening following a 0-0 draw at St. James' Park on Saturday.

IPSWICH had no such luck against First Division opposition beaten 3-0 at the City Ground by NOTTINGHAM FOREST. The home side were

SCENE ON 2

in front after three minutes when Frank Yallop put through his own goal and Tommy Gaynor made it two with a 15-yard drive. Lee Chapman notched Forest's third in the 62nd minute.

PLYMOUTH overcame CAMBRIDGE at Home Park, two second-half goals in seven minutes from Tommy Tynon and Keith Summerfield, putting paid to any hopes the Fourth Division outfit had of a cup shock.

PORTSMOUTH, beaten recently by SWINDON at Fratton Park, got off to a flying start, Mike Quinn scoring inside the first minute, but the visitors struck two minutes from time after constant second-half pressure, Steve Foley the scorer.

SHREWSBURY suffered a surprise defeat, crushed 0-3 at home to the League's bottom club COLCHESTER. Mario Walsh, a Dick Phatley own goal and a late Ian Allinson penalty securing a fine victory at Gay Meadow.

SUNDERLAND and OXFORD replay tomorrow after drawing 1-1 at Roker Park. Richard Ord put the home side ahead after 33 minutes, but another Richard, Hill squared matters on the hour.

WALSALL's bad fortune in the League continued in the cup against BRENTFORD at Fellows Park, being held 1-1 by the Third Division side and having Mark Taylor sent off. Howard Pritchard put 'The Saddlers' ahead on 47 minutes, Keith Jones equalising four minutes later.

WEST BROM and EVERTON must also replay following the 1-1 draw at the Hawthorns. Colin Anderson nodded Brian Talbot's high flyers in front after great work from Don Goodman. Kevin Sheedy levelled for Everton from the penalty spot five minutes before the break.

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