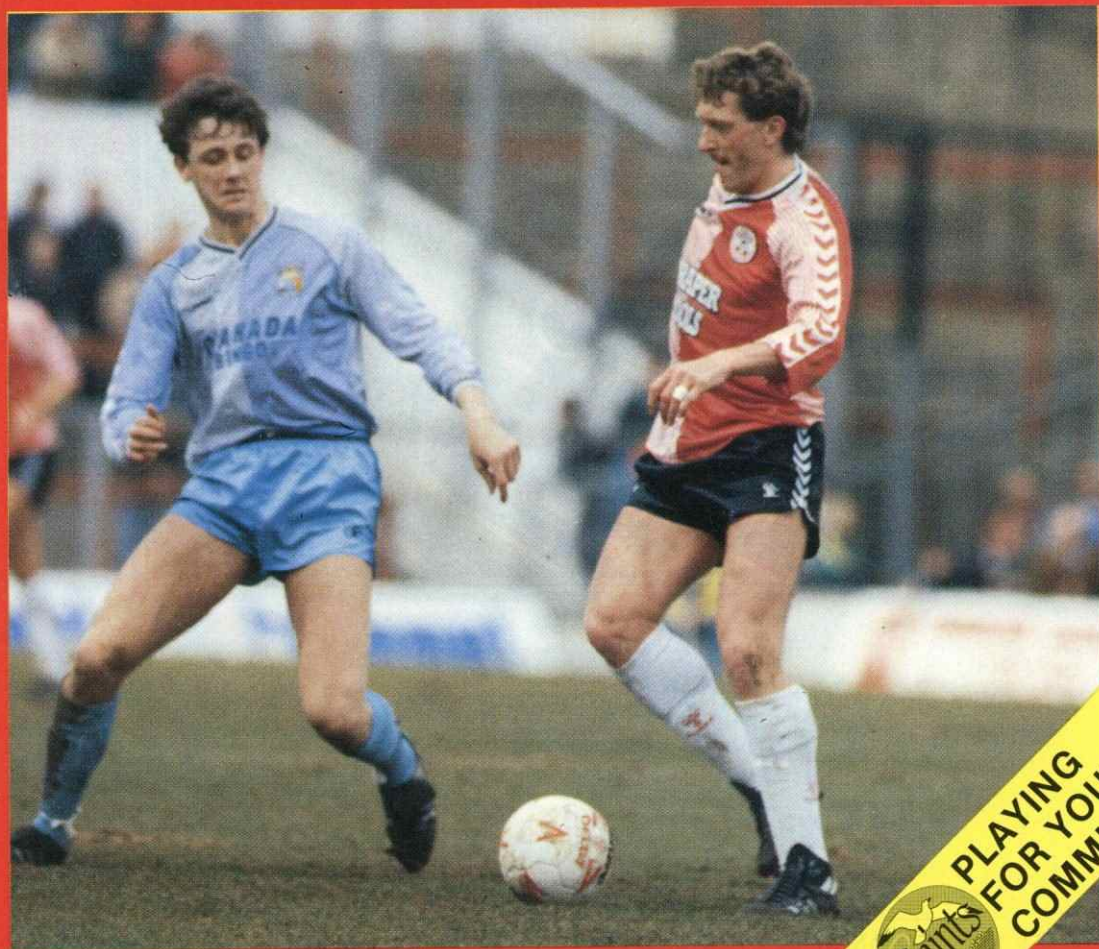


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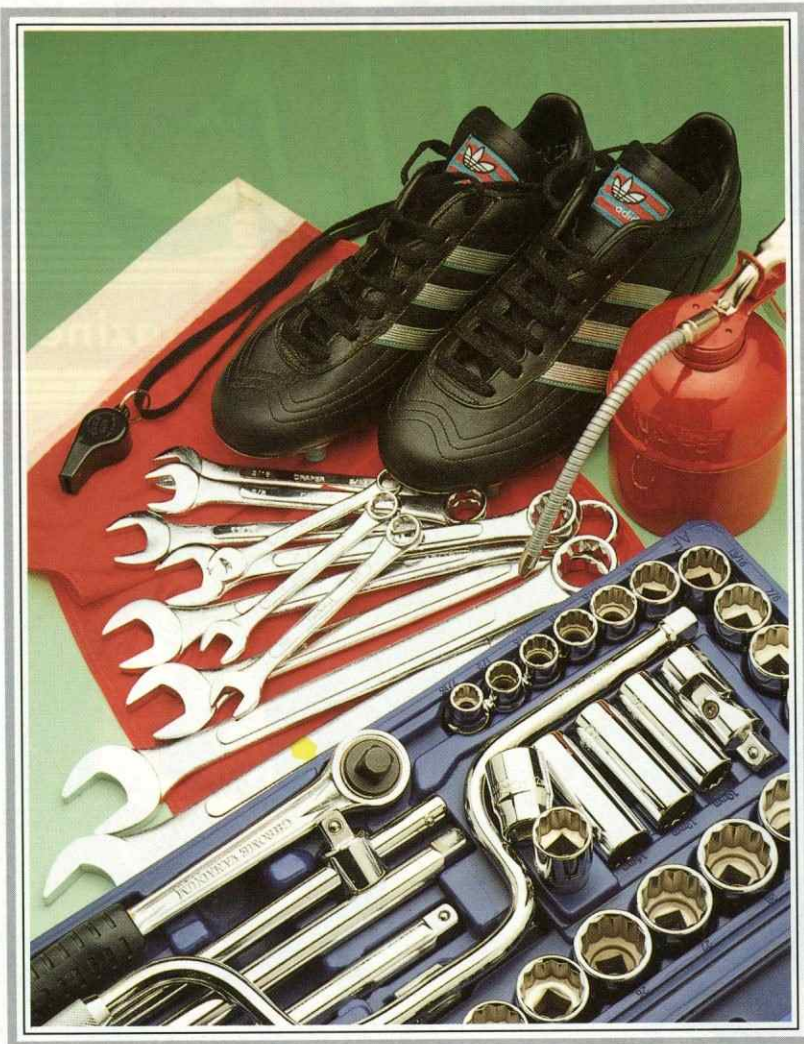
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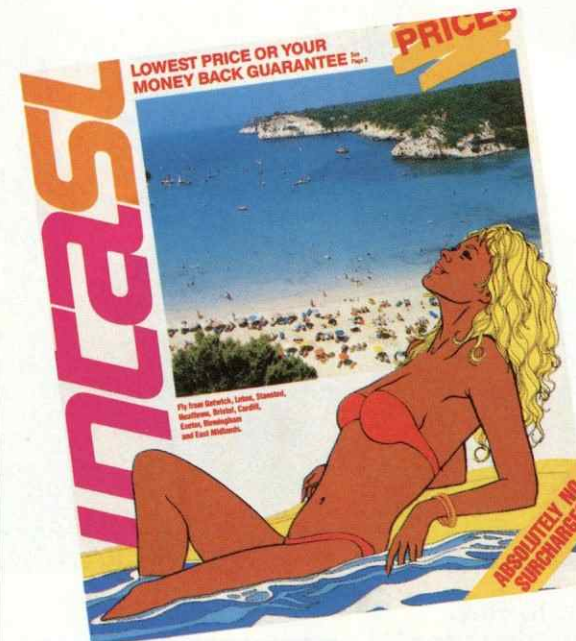


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Some people automatically think we are expected to win at home. Derby disproved that theory in the FA Cup.

Obviously, I was pleased with the performance at Luton. The defence was changed around, but they kept it tight and the players who came in did well.

League results have been disappointing recently, but Saturday's match at Liverpool was a superb experience for a number of our younger lads, especially in defence.

It was 90 minutes of learning and I think they will be better for it.

We have now played Liverpool home and away this season and in my mind they are still the best team in the country. They have quality all over the pitch.

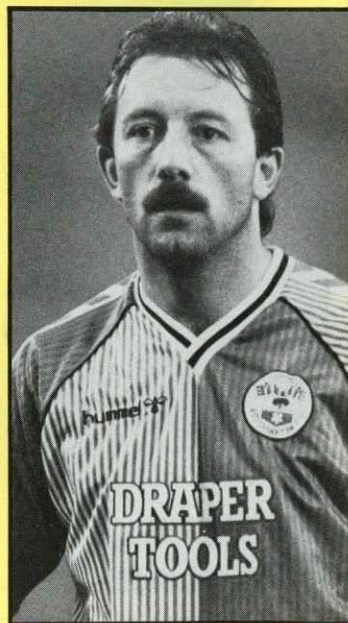


Welcome to Ray Harford and his Luton team. Tonight's Cup-tie is vital to us and your attitude will be all-important.

What we all want is to win through to the semi-finals. There is only one way. I will be telling the team that only if they stick together will they do it.

That applies to our fans, too. Stay behind your team and encourage your players and we have a chance. If you don't, we don't.

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Front cover: Saints' mid-fielder Glenn Cockerill, whose goal at Luton earned tonight's replay, as well as being a contender for one of the 'Goals of the Season'.

Left: Jimmy Case hoping to head Saints to Wembley in the Littlewoods Challenge Cup and (far left) his mid-field partners Glenn Cockerill and Graham Baker.

TONIGHT'S VISITORS

LUTON TOWN

Luton Town are, quite understandably, desperately keen to hang onto the Littlewoods Cup which they won so dramatically at Wembley last April.

Luton have not found it easy defending the trophy, though. They had great problems with Fourth Division Burnley in this season's second round. The Hatters were held to 1-1 in the first-leg at Kenilworth Road and squeezed through in the return game with a solitary goal from Ricky Hill.

They then achieved a comfortable 2-0 away victory over Second Division Leeds United before facing a home tie against another Second Division side, Manchester City. Here Luton came up against last April's Wembley hero Andy Dibble, who moved to Manchester during the summer. But there were no heroics from Dibble as Luton coasted to a 3-1 victory.

It was not until this quarter-final stage that Luton encountered First Division opposition for the first time. They looked set for victory over the Saints when Ricky Hill's volley gave them the lead in the 71st minute but, within eight minutes, Glenn Cockerill put the Saints on terms... and so we meet again at The Dell this evening.

Luton had one or two key players missing, because of injury, when we met at Kenilworth Road last week. Strikers Mick Harford and David Oldfield were among those who missed the game.

Harford, who won his second England cap against Denmark in September, has been more of a provider, than a scorer, this season. Before Saturday's game with Everton, Mick had scored four times. Last season his tally of 21 included six goals



Luton Skipper — Steve Foster.

on their run to Wembley in the Littlewoods Cup. Mick first became top scorer with Lincoln and commanded a record fee (£200,000) for a Fourth Division player when he moved on to Newcastle in 1981.

His stay at St James Park was brief, though. He was soon playing for Bristol City but when they hit their cash crisis he had to be sold to Birmingham in 1982. It was after his 1984 transfer to Luton that he hit his best form and in 1985/86 he was the Hatters' leading marksman with 25 goals.

South African born Oldfield served his apprenticeship at Kenilworth Road and, though he was only introduced to their First Division side last season, he attracted some substantial offers last summer. David preferred to remain at Luton and had scored three times before last weekend.

The Luton attack against the Saints last week comprised of Roy Wegerle, Ian Dowie and Kingsley Black.

Wegerle has really struck top form since his £75,000 transfer from Chelsea last summer and he is now their top scorer, with eight goals before the Everton game. Roy was playing in the U.S.A. for Tampa Bay Rowdies when he was recommended by their manager Rodney Marsh to Chelsea. At Stamford Bridge he got only just over 20 outings in their League eleven but he has now come into his own at Luton.

Two months ago Dowie was playing in the Vauxhall-Opel League with Hendon but his remarkable scoring record for them inevitably led to an offer from a bigger club. Previously with St Albans, Hertford and Cheshunt, Ian had scored 80 goals in two-and-a-half seasons for Hendon. Luton signed him for £30,000 last month and he celebrated his senior debut with a goal against Crystal Palace in the Simod Cup.

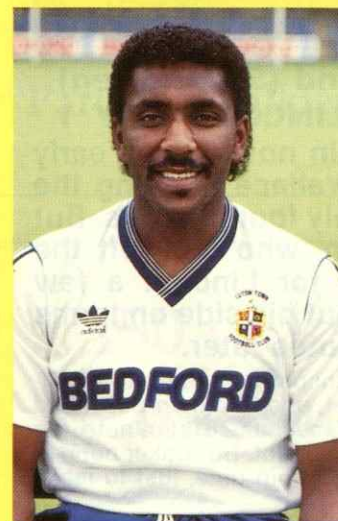
Black was only introduced to the Luton side a few weeks before their Littlewoods Cup final last season but he was one of the stars of the show. He was quickly recognised by N. Ireland manager Billy Bingham and Kingsley won his fifth full international cap against Spain last month.

Danny Wilson, who scored Luton's equaliser against Arsenal seven minutes from time at Wembley, was one of the players missing for the side last week. Another N. Ireland international, Danny picked up

his 11th cap against Hungary in October. Once with Bury and Chesterfield, he joined Nottingham Forest for £100,000 in 1983. His stay at the City Ground was not too successful so, after a loan spell at Scunthorpe, he joined Brighton in 1984. Danny was transferred to Luton for £150,000 in 1987.

Former Saint Steve Williams, Ricky Hill and David Preece formed the midfield against the Saints.

Steve developed into an England player here at The Dell after making his League debut for the Saints in 1976. In addition to his six full England caps, Steve played for England at under-21 and "B" levels. He moved on to Arsenal in 1984 and played for them when they defeated Liverpool 2-1 in this Littlewoods Cup final two seasons ago.



Ricky Hill's headed goal put Luton into the lead last Wednesday.

Hill is Luton's longest-serving player and he should chalk up his 500th senior game for the club before the end of the season. He has developed an uncanny art of scoring vital goals this season. Ricky has scored three to date — all in the Littlewoods Cup. He hit their winner at Burnley, contributed to their 2-0 win at Leeds and then got the one which earned them this replay at The Dell. During more than a decade as a Hatters' first-teamer, Ricky won three England caps.

Preece got his League

chance with Walsall in 1981 and Luton paid £150,000 to sign him in 1984. He was a member of their winning side at Wembley last season.

Centre-back Marvin Johnson was another player missing from last week's encounter. Left-back John Dreyer switched to partner Steve Foster in the middle of the back four.

Prior to this season Johnson had played only ten senior games but he took over so splendidly after the departure of N. Ireland international Mal Donaghy to Manchester United in October.

Dreyer developed in the junior teams at Oxford but played League soccer on loan for Torquay and Fulham before gaining his place in the Oxford side in 1986. Luton signed him for £140,000 last summer.

Foster, who skippered Luton's Wembley winners, began his career as a striker with Portsmouth but switched to defence and moved to Brighton in 1979. He played at Wembley for the Seagulls when they were beaten by Manchester United in 1983 F.A. Cup final replay and he won three England caps whilst at the Goldstone Ground.

Rob Johnson has been the right-back for most of the season but Tim Breacker returned for the Saints' game.

Johnson overcame many in-

jury problems before making his mark with Luton. He spent a loan spell with Lincoln before establishing himself in the Hatters' side.

Breacker, like Johnson, is a former Luton apprentice. He got his chance in their League eleven in 1984 and was for four years a regular member of the side, winning two England under-21 caps.

An injury to left-back Richard Harvey enabled Ashley Grimes to return for the Saints' game.

Harvey is a former England youth international who made his League debut in 1986. He won a regular place in the Luton line-up in November, holding it until his injury at Charlton a couple of weeks ago.

Grimes, whose cross created the chance for Luton's last-minute winner at Wembley, is a player of vast experience who has been capped by the Republic of Ireland on 16 occasions. In his Manchester United days he played both in midfield and defence. He moved on to Coventry in 1983 and to Luton a year later.

Goalkeeper Les Sealey, a regular for most of the time since his £120,000 transfer from Coventry in 1983, had the misfortune to miss last season's final because of injury. He entered League soccer with Coventry in 1977.

LUTON SQUAD

Player	Position	Previous Clubs	Age	Honours
Les Sealey	Goalkeeper	Coventry, Plymouth (loan)	31	—
Rob Johnson	Defender	Lincoln (loan)	26	—
Tim Breacker	Defender	—	23	England u-21 (2)
Steve Foster	Defender	Portsmouth, Brighton, Aston Villa	31	England (3), England u-21 (1)
Marvin Johnson	Defender	—	21	—
John Dreyer	Defender	Oxford, Torquay (loan), Fulham (loan)	25	—
Richard Harvey	Defender	—	19	—
Ashley Grimes	Defender	Manchester United, Coventry	31	Rep. of Ireland (16)
Steve Williams	Midfield	Southampton, Arsenal	30	England (6), England "B" (4), England u-21 (15)
Danny Wilson	Midfield	Bury, Chesterfield, Nottm. For., Brighton	28	N. Ireland (11)
Ricky Hill	Midfield	—	29	England (3)
David Preece	Midfield	Walsall	25	—
Roy Wegerle	Forward	Chelsea	25	—
David Oldfield	Forward	—	20	—
Mick Harford	Forward	Lincoln, Newcastle, Bristol City, Birmingham	30	England (2)
Ian Dowie	Forward	St. Albans, Hertford, Cheshunt, Hendon	—	—
Kingsley Black	Forward	—	20	N. Ireland (5)

MATCH REPORT



Second Round (First-leg) LINCOLN CITY 1 SAINTS 1

The visit of First Division Saints attracted Sincil Bank's largest crowd (5,404) so far but they were stunned to silence after only 10 minutes when Southampton took the lead.

Jimmy Case's corner kick was flicked on by Colin Clarke for Paul Rideout to guide into the net.

But the Red Imps put up stern resistance after that, keeping the Saints fairly subdued. Then, with 13 minutes to go, substitute David Clarke equalised for the home side.

SAINTS: Burridge, Forrest, Statham, Case, Moore, Osman, Wallace (Rodney), Baker, Clarke, Rideout, Wallace (Danny).

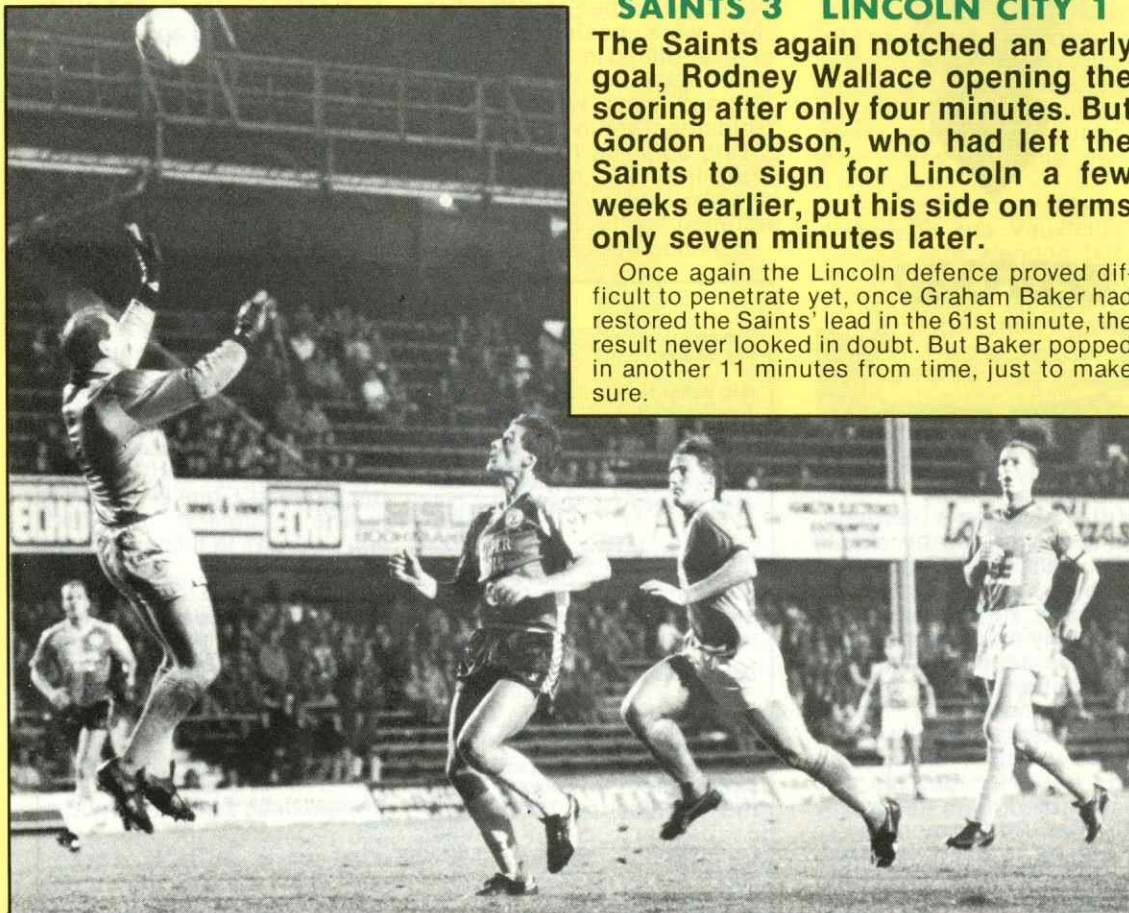
Right: Paul Rideout scorer of Saints goal at Lincoln misses out on this occasion.
Below: Lincoln's Mark Wallington comes out to defy Saint's Paul Rideout.



Second Round (Second-leg) SAINTS 3 LINCOLN CITY 1

The Saints again notched an early goal, Rodney Wallace opening the scoring after only four minutes. But Gordon Hobson, who had left the Saints to sign for Lincoln a few weeks earlier, put his side on terms only seven minutes later.

Once again the Lincoln defence proved difficult to penetrate yet, once Graham Baker had restored the Saints' lead in the 61st minute, the result never looked in doubt. But Baker popped in another 11 minutes from time, just to make sure.



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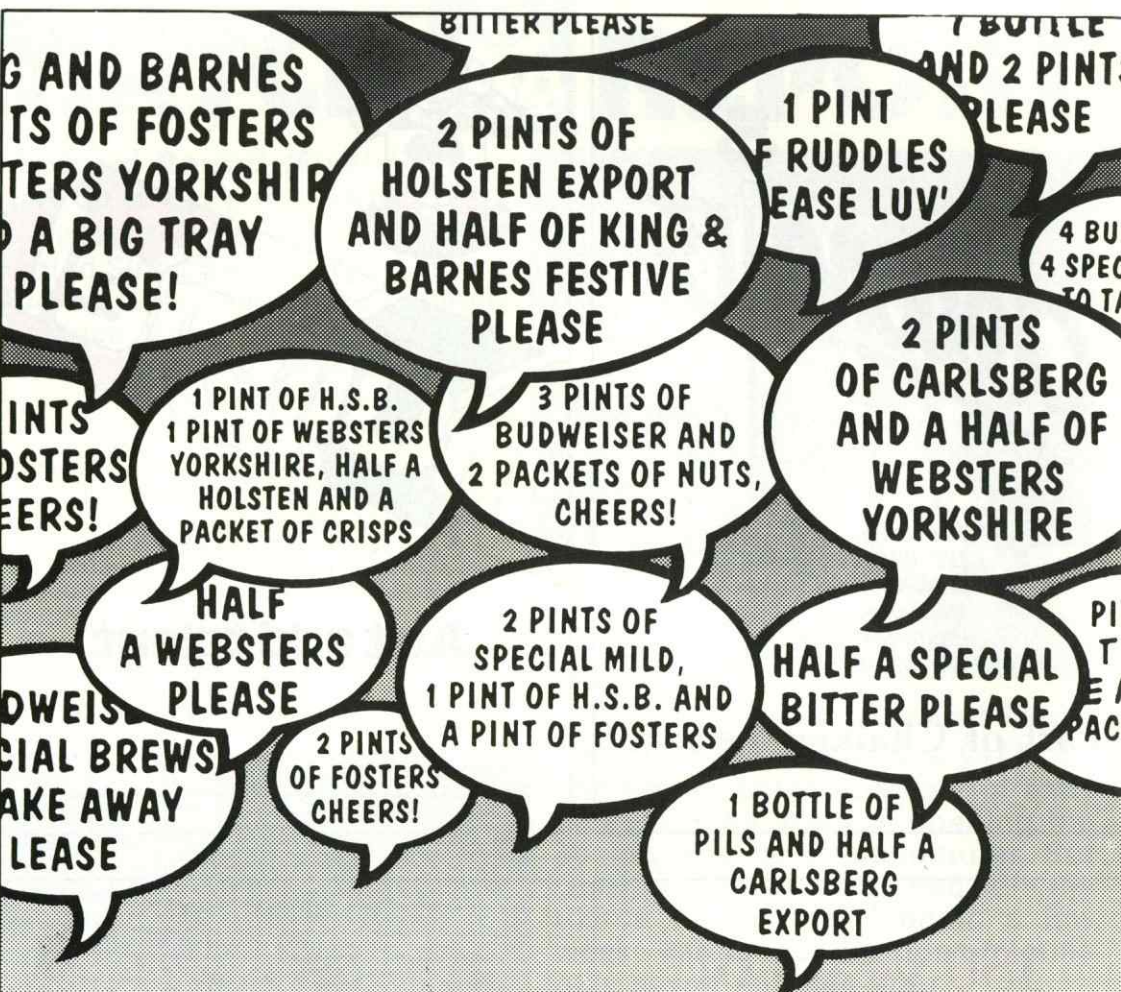
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MATCH REPORT



Third Round

SCARBOROUGH 2 SAINTS 2

Scarborough showed why they are one of the Fourth Division's best side by recovering from a two-goal deficit to earn tonight's replay at The Dell.

They played attacking football from the outset and were, perhaps, unfortunate to go behind in the 23rd minute when Jimmy Case thundered home a 25 yard volley, following a corner.

A good save from John Burrige, who pushed Gary Brook's shot round for a corner, denied the home side an equaliser three minutes later.

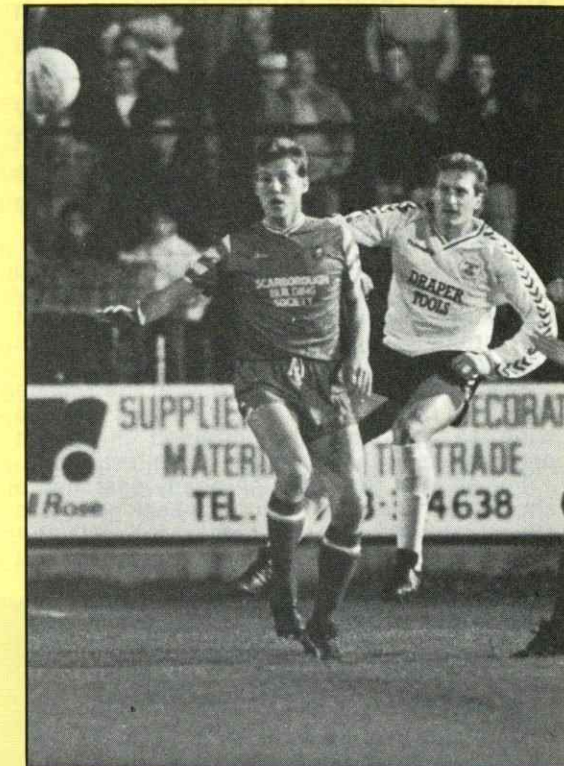
But it was the Saints who scored again, five minutes before the interval. Graham Baker headed down for Matthew Le Tissier to fire home from 14 yards.

It was then that Scarborough showed their character, pulling a goal back a couple of minutes before half-time, Steve Norris placing the ball home following a throw-in.

The Saints dominated most of the second-half without being able to add to their lead. Then, with 10 minutes remaining, Mitch Cook picked up a loose ball and hit a low shot from 20 yards to beat John Burrige and enter the net off a post.

SAINTS: Burrige, Wallace (Ray), Statham, Case, Osman, Moore, Wallace (Rodney), Baker, Le Tissier, Cockerill, Wallace (Danny).

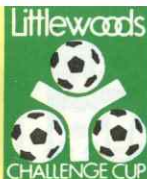
Below: Glenn Cockerill fires in another thunderbolt despite the attention of two defenders.



Below: Matthew Le Tissier's volley rockets into the Scarborough net to put Saints two up.



MATCH REPORT



Third Round Replay SAINTS 1 SCARBOROUGH 0

An inspired display by Scarborough goalkeeper Kevin Blackwell kept the Saints at bay for 58 minutes in this exciting Littlewoods Cup tie. Danny Wallace twice went close with headers in the early stages, the second being well saved by the visiting 'keeper.

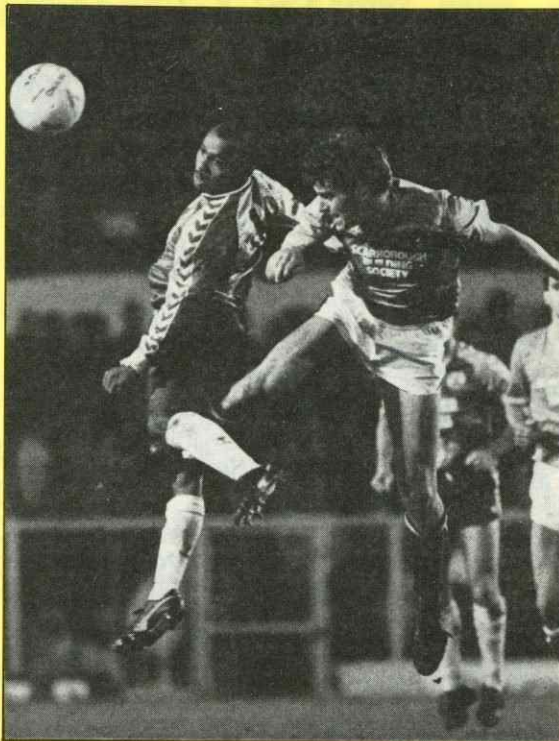
A shot from Glenn Cockerill, following a corner in the 20th minute, was deflected by Matthew Le Tissier and seemed certain to beat the wrong-footed goalkeeper. But Blackwell changed direction swiftly to push the ball away.

Blackwell finger-tipped away a short-range shot from Danny Wallace and Cockerill volleyed wide as the Saints maintained incessant pressure upon the Fourth Division leaders.

For all this, Scarborough nearly snatched a shock lead when Kevin Moore's back pass was almost intercepted by two visiting forwards. But John Burridge dived into the fray to push the ball away.

The deadlock was finally broken in the 58th minute when Le Tissier timed his run to perfection as he headed home Derek Statham's free-kick. It was his eighth goal of the season.

SAINTS: Burridge, Wallace (Ray), Statham, Case, Moore, Osman, Wallace (Rodney), Cockerill, Le Tissier, Baker, Wallace (Danny).



Above: Danny Wallace and Scarborough's Graig Short in a mid-air duel.

Below: Matthew Le Tissier scorer of Saints winner lets fly as the Scarborough defenders dive for cover.



MATCH REPORT



Fourth Round SAINTS 2 TOTTENHAM 1

This was a match that had all the ingredients of a fine cup-tie — two zany goals, plenty of goalmouth mix-ups and a shot hitting the crossbar — even if it lacked some of the finer elements of the game.

In a rough and tumble affair, luck finally favoured the Saints as we achieved our first Cup victory over Spurs since 1902.

Spurs came to The Dell needing to win to keep their season alive. After a dismal opening, Terry Venables' expensive side had slumped to the bottom of the First Division and desperately needed some Cup success to placate unhappy fans.

But it was the Saints who got to grips in midfield, with Jimmy Case using all his experience to direct operations. And Glenn Cockerill, who had scored both the goals when the Saints defeated Spurs 2-1 at White Hart Lane in a First Division game in October, was the man who opened the way to victory in this match, even

though his goal had an element of luck about it.

Glenn drove goalwards from fully 30 yards out and Bobby Mimms, in the Spurs' goal, appeared to have it covered until the ball hit Terry Fenwick and ricocheted into the opposite side of the net four minutes into the second-half.

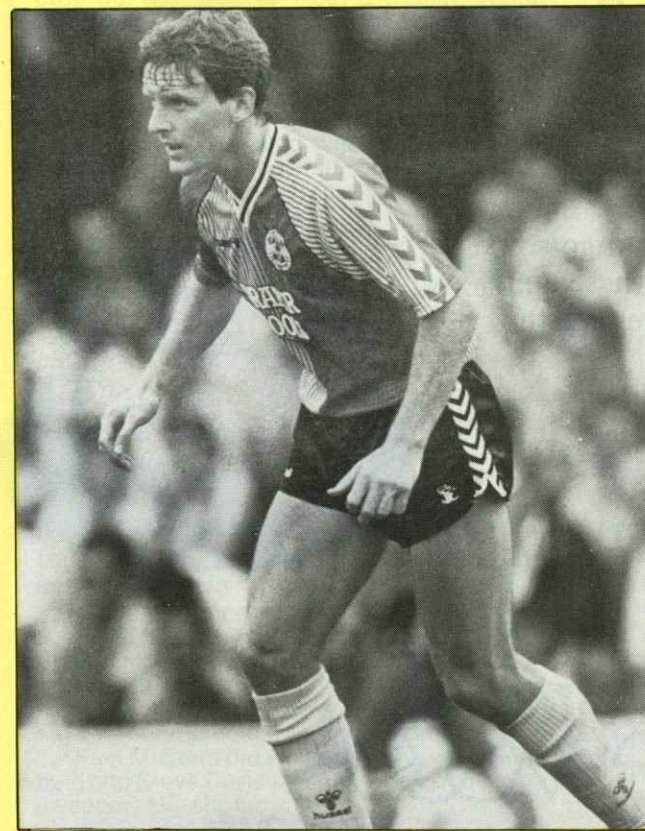
Matthew Le Tissier looked set to increase the Saints' lead but Mimms saved superbly. The 'keeper only delayed Spurs' further misery, though, for from the resultant corner, Kevin Moore powered the ball home with his head to put the Saints 2-0 up.

Spurs then began to throw everything into attack and Paul Gascoigne made some dangerous runs from midfield. In halting one of Gascoigne's sorties, Case conceded a free-kick.

Though 40 yards out, Gascoigne's kick brought Spurs back into the game for it cannoned off Russell Osman's body to fly past John Burridge for the second deflected goal of the night.

With the Saints' defence under severe pressure, Paul Stewart volleyed onto the bar. But the rearguard stood firm until the final whistle.

SAINTS: Burridge, Ray Wallace, Statham, Case, Moore, Osman, Rodney Wallace, Cockerill, Le Tissier, Baker (Maddison), Danny Wallace.



Kevin Moore and Russell Osman, Saints central defensive partnership hope to keep Luton at bay tonight.

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Saints Youth swept into the semi-finals of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup with a 2-1 replay victory over Charlton at Selhurst Park on Monday night.

Alan Shearer's pressure at the near post led to Saints opening the scoring with an own goal. Shearer then made it 2-0 with an explosive 30-yarder.

In the semi-finals Saints will be at home to the winners of tonight's match between Watford and Leyton Orient.

On Saturday, Saints Youth, fielding an inexperienced team, came from behind to win 2-1 at Tottenham in the South-East Counties League.

"I was really pleased because the lads did as I asked and kept their nerve and plugged away passing the ball," says Youth team manager Dave Merrington.

"I told them they could get something out of the match and they took the responsibility of not being afraid. They're maturing quite nicely and working together as a unit. Lee Luscombe, playing wide on the left, was outstanding.

"Jason Peters, who's a schoolboy, had to drop out late and so I put a trialist, Jason Dodd, alongside another schoolboy, Nicky Good, in the middle of defence.

"We also had a schoolboy in midfield and up front, while the Spurs Youth coach, Pat Holland, told me they put out their best side."

Nicky Banger scored a good equaliser for Saints in the second half and then Darren Burnett came forward from midfield to strike the winner.

A week earlier, Saints Youth gained a hard-earned 1-0 home League win over Oxford United. Alan Shearer scored the 15th-minute decider.

Saints are now on the look-out for accommodation in Southampton for the 13 new trainees being taken on at The Dell in July.

People with suitable accommodation should contact Saints' Youth Development Officer, Bob Higgins, at The Dell.

Saints Reserves sent Fulham packing from The Dell on Saturday after putting four goals past the Londoners for the second time in 11 days!

This latest success, by a 4-1 margin, was achieved by a side bolstered by Derek Statham, Matthew le Tissier and Colin Clarke.

"We started a bit sloppily, but finished the match well and scored some good goals," says Reserves coach George Horsfall.

"Paul Masters did exceptionally well in midfield and Steve Davis again looked good as the sweeper. He scored, too!

"Davis is one of the plusses from our sweeper system. He gets forward — as good sweepers should — has fine close control, accuracy of passing and reads the game."

Clarke, with a good finish, gave Saints a 1-0 half-time lead and Davis made it 2-0, turning in Barrie Wilson's low cross at the near post.

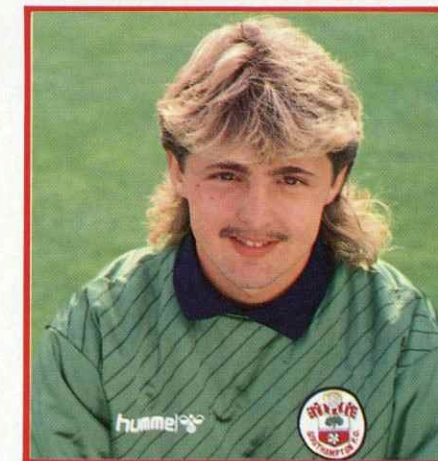
Le Tissier then scored a superb solo goal and Fulham went 4-0 behind when, from a flowing crossfield move, Clarke's centre was met by Wilson's diving header.

Last Tuesday, Saints Reserves were involved in a piece of English football history when Sergei Baltacha became the first Russian to play a competitive match for a Football League Club.

Baltacha was in midfield for Ipswich Reserves in their 0-0 home draw with Saints. Wilson was twice clean through for Saints — one shot was saved, the other cleared off the line — and Davis missed a penalty.

This Saturday, Saints Reserves are at home to Luton in the Football Combination.

JUNIOR PROFILE Shane Wheeler



A second-year trainee, the 5ft 10in goalkeeper from Totton in Southampton celebrates his 18th birthday next Wednesday.

Shane had eight stitches inserted in a nasty facial injury while playing for Saints Youth earlier this season. He has represented Southampton and Hampshire at Under-14 and Under-15 level and also enjoys a game of tennis and snooker.

MATCH REPORT

Fifth Round LUTON 1 SAINTS 1

With both teams missing players through injury and suspension, the game expectedly developed into a dour defensive battle with neither side keen to give much away.

The absence of Luton's England striker Mick Harford was nullified by the missing Russell Osman in the Saints' defence.

Both sides showed several other changes

following disappointing results.

Fear of mistakes dominated the proceedings. So the situation began to look bleak for the Saints when the home side took the lead in the 71st minute. A foul on David Preece produced a free-kick for Luton. Preece floated this to the far post where Ricky Hill headed home his third Littlewoods Cup goal of the season.

The Saints hit back eight minutes later when Danny Wallace struck a fine ball through for Glenn Cockerill to drive home with his left foot.

SAINTS: Burridge, Ray Wallace, Cook, Case, Moore, Blake, Rodney Wallace, Cockerill, Rideout, Baker, Danny Wallace.

Ricky Hill hidden by Saints' keeper John Burridge heads Luton into the lead at Kenilworth Road last Wednesday.



Danny Wilson's free-kick clears the Saints' wall, but drifts wide in the 1-1 draw at Luton.



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Jimmy Case

profile

Liverpudlian Jimmy Case, 34-year-old Saints skipper, has proved a bargain buy since his £25,000 transfer from Brighton almost four years ago.

The midfield ace won honours galore with Liverpool and then played for Brighton in the 1983 FA Cup final.

A former England Under-23 international and nowadays a keen fisherman, Jimmy lives at Chandlers Ford with his wife Lana and their young daughters Emma and Jodie.

"I'm enjoying my football as much as ever," he says.



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Two winners! Gary Green (left), guest of matchday sponsors Phoenix Brewery, receives an autographed football from Middlesbrough goalscorer Mark Burke in the Draper Tools Lounge.



Super sub! Middlesbrough's Mark Burke, a 58th-minute substitute, collects the man-of-the-match award after starring in Saints' 3-1 defeat. Presenting a silver salver and bottle of champagne in the Draper Tools Lounge are Phoenix Brewery's Steve Pepe (left) and Hugh Fisher, key account manager and sales representative respectively. Dell hostess Tracy completes the picture.



Presentation time! Peter Wintle (second left), managing director of matchball sponsors Coopers of Wessex, receives an autographed football in the Ted Bates Lounge from Middlesbrough's man-of-the-match Mark Burke. Tony Phillips (left), Coopers of Wessex sales representative.



It's his birthday! Jeff Cooper, guest of Saints' Executive Club member Alby Healey, receives a special presentation on his 40th birthday from star striker Danny Wallace.



Dell day out! Darren Guy, from Masons News of Swanmore, celebrates as autographed ball winner along with other happy newsboys and newsgirls who were guests at Saints' match against Middles-

brough. Making the presentation are Cheryl Brenton (right), merchandising manager of Bishops Wholesale Newsagency in Southampton, and Dell courier Marlene.



Young Scott Lambert, from Romsey, receives his award from Saints star Danny Wallace after being named Dekkersport Junior Saint for December. The club's community officer, Alan Smith, was there, too.

Eleven-year-old Scott was presented with a signed Dekkersport football and a medal before Saints' match against Middlesbrough at The Dell.



The youngster's big day out, with his father, brother and a friend, included seats for the match, a tour of the ground, a meeting with some of the players and a presentation pack.

"It was a brilliant day and I loved every minute of it," he says. "John Burridge is my favourite Saints player and I also like Danny Wallace a lot."

Scott, who attends Romsey Community School, joined Junior Saints a year ago. A regular at The Dell, he also travels to several away matches.

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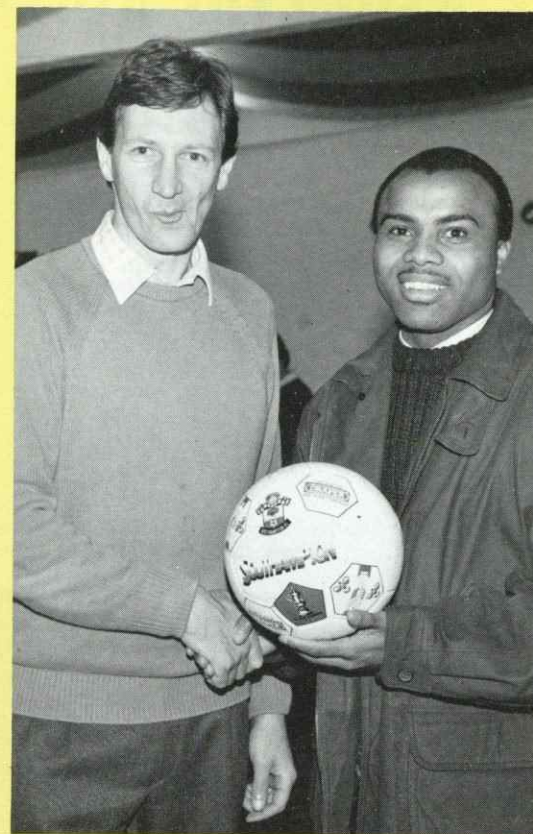


Prize winner! Graham Ozzard, director of Epec Ltd, receives an autographed ball after winning the draw prize at a recent office requirements exhibition at The Dell. Making the award are Saints' Danny Wallace and Dell hostess Denise.



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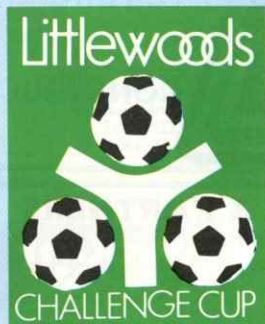
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review

LEAGUE AND CUP ARE TWO DIFFERENT GAMES

Who could have believed that we would be approaching the semi-finals of the Littlewoods Cup with nearly all the big guns having been eliminated?

Liverpool, the hot favourites, bit the dust in remarkable fashion to the First Division's bottom dogs of the time, West Ham.

Everton sensationally lost to Second Division Bradford City. Tottenham went out here at The Dell whilst Manchester United disappeared in the third round at Wembleton.

Arsenal, winners two seasons ago and finalists last term, were beaten in a three-game marathon by Liverpool.

Luton Town, the trophy holders, still survive and they come to The Dell tonight battling for a place in the semi-finals.

Though Nottingham Forest have become firm favourites to win the trophy, and Bristol City will be expected to bow to them in the semi-final, the other three survivors must stand a very good chance of reaching Wembley and winning the competition.

Having drawn 1-1 at Luton in this fifth round tie, we shall be hoping to capitalise upon ground advantage by beating the Hatters at the second attempt though we all appreciate that Luton will not loosen their grip upon the Cup very easily.

To the uninitiated, it might appear that the winners of tonight's replay will have an "easy" task in the semi-finals. West Ham have been close to

the bottom of the First Division all season and are being strongly tipped for relegation.

Yet the Hammers have proved an entirely different proposition in Cup football.

In the third round of the Littlewoods Cup, West Ham played host to Derby County, who have one of the best away records in the First Division. Yet the Hammers found their Cup inspiration to crash five goals past England goalkeeper Peter Shilton in a 5-0 victory.

West Ham then took on hot favourites Liverpool, who had just eliminated Arsenal. Again, the Hammers lifted their game and demolished Liverpool as no other opponent has done in years. It ended 4-1 to West Ham for what was the Reds' heaviest defeat in domestic Cup football since before the Second World War!

Last week West Ham took on an Aston Villa side that had scored 16 goals in four games in this competition this season. But West Ham could even afford to miss a penalty — Liam Brady's fourth-minute spot-kick was saved by Nigel Spink — and still beat the Villans 2-1. Goals from Paul Ince, who had netted twice in the Liverpool game, and David Kelly earned the Hammers a place in the semi-finals.

West Ham have scored 16 goals in five Littlewoods Cup

games this season. They no longer rely upon one man — as they did, for so long, on Tony Cottee — to get their goals. Eight different West Ham players — plus one opponent! — have scored for them during their current run.

David Kelly (4) leads the way, followed by Paul Ince (3), Alvin

Paul Rideout's header keeps Luton 'keeper Les Sealy at full stretch.



Martin (2), Leroy Rosenior (2), Alan Dickens, Tony Gale, Kevin Keen and Ray Stewart with one each.

The surprise team of the tournament is Bristol City, managed by former Saint Joe Jordan. They have equalled a club record by reaching the semi-finals for the second time in their history. When they last reached the final four in 1970/71 they put up a fine performance against Tottenham. After drawing 1-1 at Ashton Gate, they held Spurs to 0-0 at the end of normal time at White Hart Lane. They eventually lost to two extra-time goals.

As he travelled with his team to play Second Division Bradford City last week, Joe Jordan was shocked to receive a transfer request from his Cup hot-shot Carl Shutt, who has scored four goals in each of the F.A. and Littlewoods Cup tournaments this season.

But it was Alan Walsh, back after injury, who did the business for Third Division

Bristol City at Bradford. He scored the only goal to help his side succeed where mighty Everton had failed in the previous round.

So what chance Bristol City now?

Though, in over 100 years, no Third Division club has ever appeared in an F.A. Cup final, three Third Division clubs have been to Wembley in the Littlewoods Cup (when it was known as the League Cup) — and two of them won it!

Queen's Park Rangers came from 0-2 down to beat W.B.A. 3-2 in the first final staged at Wembley in 1967. Two seasons later Swindon humbled Arsenal 3-1 after-time. In 1971 Aston Villa went to Wembley as a Third Division club but they lost 0-2 to Tottenham.

On paper, Bristol City face a near-impossible task over two legs against a Nottingham Forest side that has run into top form. Lee Chapman scored four times as Forest bundled Q.P.R. out of the competition

last week. A Nigel Clough penalty lifted the final score to 5-2 in Forest's favour.

Forest crushed Chester 10-0 on aggregate in round two, then ousted fancied Coventry City (3-2) at the City Ground. Surprisingly held by Second Division Leicester (0-0) in round four, they won the home replay 2-1 before destroying Q.P.R.

That was Forest's sixth consecutive victory in a sequence that had seen them build up a goals record of 19-4.

It's difficult to find any positive hope of a Bristol City upset. But, of course, the joy of Cup football is — you never can tell!

Now that the competition's leading scorer, six-goal David Platt of Aston Villa has no further interest in the competition, the Forest-Bristol City tie brings into contention four of the highest scorers surviving.

Lee Chapman and Nigel Clough have each scored five Littlewoods Cup goals this season for Forest whilst Alan Walsh and Carl Shutt claim four each for Bristol City.

Bristol City now provide our last chance of seeing a major giant-killing act this season. Several of the smaller clubs put up stout opposition before going under.

Two of the three remaining Fourth Division clubs bowed out in third round replays. Scarborough put up a game battle here at The Dell but Matthew Le Tissier's header sent them out of the tournament.

Manchester United are one of the major clubs never to have won this competition but they had quietly fancied their chances this term — until they went to Wembley. There they met their former cast-off Terry Gibson who scored twice to give Wembley a 2-1 win.

Tranmere Rovers produced a magnificent second round result when defeating First Division Middlesbrough on aggregate. After drawing 0-0 at Ayresome Park, Tranmere won their home leg 1-0 with a goal from Mark Hughes.

FIRST ROUND

Bolton	1:1	Chester	0:3
Bournemouth	1:0	Bristol Rovers	0:0
Bristol City	1:1	Exeter	0:0
Bury	2:2	Wrexham	1:2
Cambridge	1:1	Gillingham	2:3
Cardiff	0:2	Swansea	1:0
Carlisle	1:0	Blackpool	1:3
Colchester	0:0	Northampton	0:5
Crewe	1:1	Lincoln	1:2
Doncaster	1:0	Darlington	1:2
Fulham	2:0	Brentford	2:1
Grimsby	0:0	Rotherham	1:1
Hartlepool	2:0	Sheff. United	2:2
Hereford	0:2	Plymouth	2:3
Leyton Orient	2:0	Aldershot	0:0
Notts. County	5:0	Mansfield	0:1
Port Vale	3:1	Chesterfield	0:1
Rochdale	3:1	Burnley	3:2
Scarborough	1:2	Halifax	1:2
Scunthorpe	3:2	Huddersfield	2:2
Shrewsbury	2:0	Walsall	2:3
Southend	2:1	Brighton	0:0
Stockport	0:1	Tranmere	1:1
Torquay	0:1	Reading	1:3
W.B.A.	0:2	Peterborough	3:0
Wigan	0:0	Preston	0:1
Wolves	3:0	Birmingham	2:1
York	0:0	Sunderland	0:4

SECOND ROUND

Barnsley	0:1	Wimbledon	2:0
Birmingham	0:0	Aston Villa	2:5
Blackburn	3:3	Brentford	1:4
Blackpool	2:1	Sheffield Wed.	0:3
Bournemouth	0:1	Coventry	4:3
Darlington	2:0	Oldham	0:4
Derby	1:2	Southend	0:1
Everton	3:2	Bury	0:2
Hull	1:0	Arsenal	2:3
Leicester	4:2	Watford	1:2
Leyton Orient +	1:2	Stoke	2:1
Lincoln	1:1	Saints	1:3
Liverpool	1:3	Walsall	0:1
Luton	1:1	Burnley	1:0
Man. City	1:6	Plymouth	0:3
Middlesbrough	0:0	Tranmere	0:1
Millwall	3:3	Gillingham	0:1
Northampton	1:1	Charlton	1:2
Norwich	2:3	Preston	0:0
Nottm. Forest	6:4	Chester	0:0
Notts. Co.	1:1	Tottenham	1:2
Oxford	2:0	Bristol City	4:2
Peterborough	1:1	Leeds	2:3
Portsmouth	2:1	Scarborough	2:3
Port Vale	1:0	Ipswich	0:3
Q.P.R.	3:4	Cardiff	0:1
Reading	1:1	Bradford	1:2
Rotherham	0:0	Man. United	1:5
Scunthorpe	4:2	Chelsea	1:2
Sheff. United	3:0	Newcastle	0:2
Sunderland	0:1	West Ham	3:2
Swindon	1:0	C. Palace	2:2

+ Leyton Orient won 6-5 on pens.

THIRD ROUND

Aston Villa	3	Millwall	1
Bradford	1:1	Scunthorpe	1:0
Bristol City	4	Crystal Palace	1
Everton	1	Oldham	1
Ipswich	2	Leyton Orient	0
Leeds	0	Luton	2
Leicester	2	Norwich	0
Liverpool	1:0:2	Arsenal	1:0:1
Manchester City	4	Sheff. United	2
Nottm. Forest	3	Coventry	2
Q.P.R.	2	Charlton	1
Scarborough	2:0	Saints	2:1
Tottenham	0:2	Blackburn	0:1
Tranmere	1	Blackpool	0
West Ham	5	Derby	0
Wimbledon	2	Man. United	1

FOURTH ROUND

Aston Villa	6	Ipswich	2
Bradford City	3	Everton	1
Bristol City	1	Tranmere	0
Leicester	0:1	Nottm. Forest	0:2
Luton	3	Man. City	1
Q.P.R.	0:1	Wimbledon	0:0
SAINTS	2	Tottenham	1
West Ham	4	Liverpool	1

FIFTH ROUND

Bradford City	0	Bristol City	1
Luton	1	SAINTS	1
Nottm. Forest	5	Q.P.R.	2
West Ham	2	Aston Villa	1

SEMI-FINAL DRAW

West Ham v SAINTS or Luton
Nottingham Forest v Bristol City

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6 goals	Platt (Aston Villa)
5 goals	Chapman (Nottingham Forest) + Clough (Nottingham Forest) +
4 goals	Cook (Scarborough), Flounders (Scunthorpe), Gaynor (Nottingham Forest) + Kelly (West Ham) + McCarthy (Plymouth), McInally (Aston Villa), Moulden (Manchester City), Shutt (Bristol City) +, Walsh (Bristol City) +

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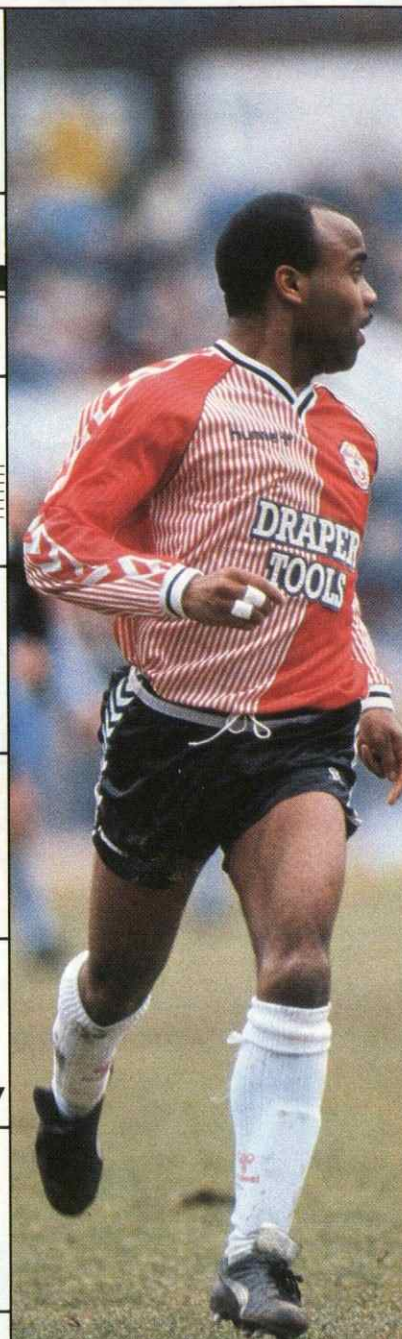
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Coventry City	22	4	6	2	16	14	22
Liverpool	22	4	6	2	16	14	22
Nottingham Forest	22	4	6	2	16	14	22
Manchester United	22	4	6	2	16	14	22
Millwall	22	4	6	2	16	14	22
Derby County	21	7	1	2	19	10	29
Everton	21	4	2	6	12	11	18
Middlesbrough	21	5	3	2	18	11	21
Wimbledon	22	6	3	2	17	12	22
Tottenham Hotspur	21	5	2	4	13	3	18
Luton	22	4	4	2	19	2	16
Aston Villa	22	4	4	2	19	2	16
Southampton	22	4	4	2	19	2	16
Queens Park Rangers	22	4	4	2	19	2	16
Charlton Athletic	22	2	5	5	15	20	11
Sheffield Wednesday	21	3	3	4	10	14	13
West Ham United	21	3	3	4	10	14	13
Newcastle United	22	2	3	6	10	16	11

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	L	C	LCSC	Club Total	L	C		LCSC	
Baker	16	2	7	185(7)	4	2	36	282(4)	50
Benali	2(3)		(1)	2(4)	—	—	—	2(3)	—
Blake	3	2	2	24(2)	—	—	2	18	2
Burridge	18	2	7	61	—	—	—	597	—
Case	19	2	8	179(1)	—	1	9	454(1)	39
Clarke	9		2	98	—	—	39	266(1)	105
Cockrill	17(1)	(1)	6	153(6)	3	2	25	398(5)	165
Cook	1(1)		1	4(1)	—	—	—	3(1)	—
Flowers	4		1	25	—	—	—	92	—
Forrest	10	2	2	125(1)	1	—	1	463(1)	8
Le Tissier	15(5)	2	5	48(32)	9	2	23	37(26)	15
Maddison	3(2)		1(1)	4(3)	2	—	2	3(2)	2
Moore	21	2	7	70	2	1	6	468	33
Osman	21	1	7	29	—	—	—	423	25
Rideout	10(3)	(2)	3	13(5)	3	1	4	159(3)	60
Shearer	(2)		—	3(4)	—	—	3	3(4)	3
Slatnam	21	2	7	73	2	1	—	358	10
D. Wallace	17(3)	2	8	289(18)	3	3	75	223(14)	60
Ray Wallace	13(1)	1	6	20(1)	—	—	—	13(1)	7
Rod Wallace	22	2	8	35(3)	6	2	9	231(2)	—

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Date	Opponents	F-A	Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Aug 27	West Ham United	4-0	18,407	—	Burridge	Forrest	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Rideout 2	D. Wallace*	Baker	Le Tissier 1
Sept 3	Q.P.R.	1-0	9,053	1	Burridge	Forrest	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Rideout*	Le Tissier*	Baker	Shearer*
10	Luton Town	2-1	13,214	1	Burridge	Forrest	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Rideout 1	Le Tissier*	Baker	D. Wallace*
17	Arsenal	2-2	31,384	2	Burridge	Forrest	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Rideout	Le Tissier 1*	Baker	D. Wallace*
24	Liverpool	1-3	21,046	4	Burridge	Forrest	Slatnam 1	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Rideout*	D. Wallace	Shearer*	Ray Wallace
28	Lincoln (LC2 1L)	1-1	5,283	—	Burridge	Forrest	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace*	Baker	Clarke	Rideout 1	D. Wallace	Blake	Benali
Oct 1	Derby County	0-0	14,204	4	Burridge	Forrest	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace*	Baker	Clarke	Rideout*	D. Wallace	Le Tissier*	Benali
8	Everton	1-4	25,355	6	Burridge	Forrest	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace*	Baker	Clarke	Rideout	D. Wallace	Le Tissier*	Benali
11	Lincoln (LC2 2L)	3-1	6,401	—	Burridge	Forrest	Slatnam	Case*	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace 1	Baker 2	Clarke	Rideout	D. Wallace	Le Tissier	Benali
22	Sheffield Wednesday	1-2	12,725	10	Burridge	Ray Wallace	Slatnam 1	Baker*	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace	Cockrill 2	Clarke	Rideout*	D. Wallace	Le Tissier*	Benali
25	Tottenham Hotspur	2-1	19,517	5	Burridge	Ray Wallace	Slatnam	Baker	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace	Cockrill 1	Clarke*	Benali	D. Wallace	Le Tissier*	Maddison*
29	Nottingham Forest	1-1	14,808	6	Burridge	Ray Wallace	Slatnam	Baker	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Benali	D. Wallace 1	Clarke	Maddison*
Nov 5	Scarbrough (LC3)	2-2	6,000	—	Burridge	Ray Wallace	Slatnam	Case 1	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Baker	D. Wallace	Blake	Benali
8	Stoke (SC)	2-0	12,827	5	Burridge	Ray Wallace	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Baker 1	D. Wallace 1	Clarke	Benali
12	Aston Villa	3-0	4,026	—	Burridge	Ray Wallace	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Baker	D. Wallace 3	Shearer	Webb
19	Manchester United	2-2	37,277	5	Burridge	Ray Wallace	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Baker	D. Wallace	Clarke	Benali
22	Scarbrough (LC3 R)	1-0	9,398	—	Burridge	Ray Wallace	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Baker 1	D. Wallace	Clarke	Benali
26	Millwall	2-2	15,925	6	Burridge	Ray Wallace	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Baker 2	D. Wallace	Rideout	Benali
29	Tottenham (LC4)	2-1	17,375	—	Burridge	Ray Wallace	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Baker*	D. Wallace	Clarke	Maddison*
Dec 3	Wimbledon	1-2	6,040	7	Burridge	Ray Wallace	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Maddison 1	D. Wallace	Rideout	Benali
10	Nottingham Forest	1-1	15,259	6	Flowers	Ray Wallace	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Maddison 1	D. Wallace	Rideout	Forrest
13	Crystal Palace (SC)	1-2	4,914	—	Flowers	Ray Wallace	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace 1	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Maddison	D. Wallace	Shearer	Benali
17	Newcastle United	3-3	19,986	7	Flowers	Ray Wallace	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace 1	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Maddison	D. Wallace	Rideout*	Forrest
26	Coventry City	2-2	16,008	8	Flowers	Ray Wallace	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace 1	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Baker	D. Wallace	Rideout*	Forrest
31	Q.P.R.	1-4	15,086	8	Flowers	Forrest	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace 1	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Baker	D. Wallace	Rideout	Ray Wallace
Jan 2	Luton Town	1-6	8,637	10	Burridge	Forrest	Slatnam	Case	Moore	Osman	R. Wallace 1	Cockrill 1	Clarke	Baker	D. Wallace	Rideout	Ray Wallace
7	Derby County (FAC3)	1-1	17,178	—	Burridge	Forrest	Slatnam 1	Blake	Moore	Osman	Le Tissier*	Case	D. Wallace	Baker	R. Wallace	Rideout*	Ray Wallace
10	Derby County (FAC3 R)	1-2	16,323	—	Burridge	Forrest	Slatnam 1	Blake	Moore	Osman	Le Tissier*	Case	D. Wallace	Baker	R. Wallace	Rideout*	Ray Wallace
14	Middlesbrough	1-3	13,157	13	Burridge	Forrest*	Slatnam*	Blake	Moore	Osman	Le Tissier	Case	D. Wallace	Baker	R. Wallace	Rideout*	Cockrill*
18	Luton (LC5)	1-1	11,785	—	Burridge	Ray Wallace	Cook	Blake	Moore	Osman	D. Wallace	Case	D. Wallace	Baker	R. Wallace	Cockrill	Cook*
21	Liverpool	0-2	35,565	15	Burridge	Ray Wallace	Cook	Blake*	Moore	Osman	Cockrill 1	Case	Rideout	Baker	R. Wallace	Clarke	Benali
25	Luton (LC5 R)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D. Wallace*	Maddison
Feb 4	Derby County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	Everton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	Sheff. Wed.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	Tottenham Hotspur	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mar 4	Nottingham Forest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	Charlton Athletic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	West Ham Utd.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	Arsenal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27	Coventry City	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apr 1	Newcastle United	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8	Middlesbrough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	Aston Villa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22	Wimbledon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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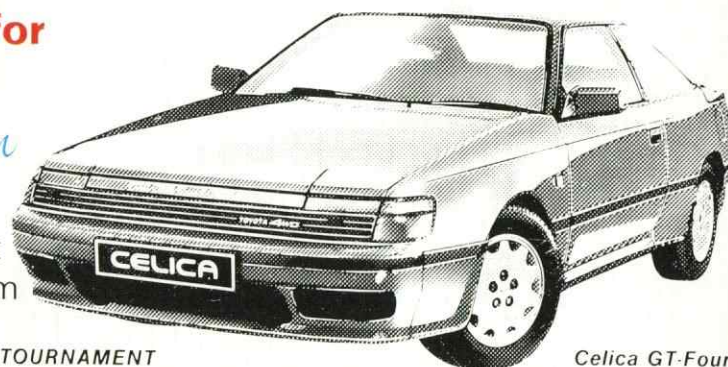
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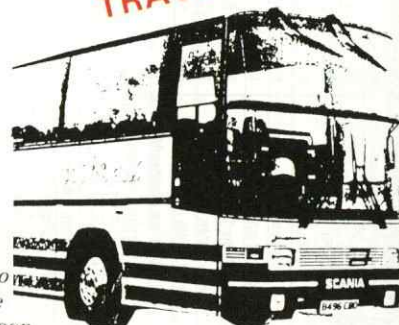
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SAINTS HAVE EDGE IN MEETING OF OLD FOES

Fixtures with Luton Town are among the most long-standing in the Saints' calendar. We have been meeting in competitive football since 1894 when both clubs became founder members of the Southern League.

The Hatters joined the Football League before the Saints — in 1897 — but they were voted out three years later and it was in 1920 that both clubs became founder members of the Third Division (South) of the Football League.

Over the years both clubs have followed a fairly similar existence and we have come into contact regularly over the years in League matches.

Strangely, Cup contests have been very rare. This is only the second time we have met in knockout competitions.

We were drawn together in the first round of the F.A. Cup at The Dell in January 1915. A crowd of 11,000 saw Len Andrews score twice — once from the spot — as the Saints won 3-0. George Kimpton got our third goal.

It was to be more than 60 years before the draw again brought the clubs together in Cup combat this season and it was following our 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road that we meet in tonight's replay to decide who will meet West Ham in the semi-final of the Littlewoods Cup.

The first competitive game between the clubs took place in the Southern League at Luton on October 27, 1894, the Saints going down 1-4. We were also beaten (1-2) in the return game at The Dell.

We recorded our first victory over the Hatters here in October 1895, coming out on top by 2-1.

During those early years Luton finished higher in the table than Southampton but, unlike the Saints, the Hatters never managed to win the Southern League Championship. The Saints landed the title in successive years in

1897-98-99 after Luton had left to enjoy a brief stay in the second Division of the Football League.

When Luton failed to gain re-election in 1900 we did the double over them the following season in the Southern League, winning 2-0 at Luton and 1-0 at The Dell.

by Tony Pullein

In September 1908 we crushed Luton 6-0 here, Albert Hughes scoring a hat-trick. Another Saints' player, McGibbon, claimed a hat-trick the following season when we beat Luton 3-2 here. McGibbon also got two more when we won the return game 4-3 at Kenilworth Road.

The last time we met in the Southern League was over Christmas in 1919, the Saints winning both games. Bill Rawlings scored the only goal at Kenilworth Road on Boxing Day and got another 24 hours later when we won 2-1 at The Dell.

At the end of that season the entire Southern League was taken over to form the new Third Division (South) of the Football League and our first meetings at that level took place the following Christmas, both games ending 1-1.

Since we began meeting at Football League level, the Saints have had slightly the better of exchanges, winning 18 and losing 15 of the 48 clashes in League and Cup.

Most games have been closely-fought affairs and the Saints have never won by more than a three-goal margin. Oddly,

some of our best performances have been at Kenilworth Road.

George O'Brien scored three times as we ran up our then best League victory (4-1) over the Hatters at Luton in September 1961. Harry Penk got our other goal with Gordon Turner replying for Luton.

In October 1976 we again won 4-1 at Kenilworth Road. David Peach scoring one of his two goals from the spot. Ted MacDougall and Nick Holmes made up our total.

It was not until March 1987 that we managed to beat the Hatters by three goals at The Dell. Andy Townsend and George Lawrence (2) were our scorers that day in a 3-0 win.

Our heaviest defeat was by 0-7 at Kenilworth Road in October 1985. Chuk Nwajiobi started the riot with a goal after five minutes. Brian Stein then scored three times, completing his hat-trick from the spot in the last minute. Ricky Hill, David Preece and Ray Daniel all hit the target on a sad day for the Saints.

Since our elevation to League status in 1920 we have never had a goalless game with Luton at The Dell. The most exciting of all games, as far as goalscoring was concerned, took place here in October 1937 thought it was not as happy an occasion as it should have been for Harry Osman. He scored his first hat-trick for the club only to find himself on the losing side — Luton won 6-3.

Since going down 1-2 in a First Division game at Luton in August 1986, the Saints have remained unbeaten in five League and Cup encounters with the Hatters. We won the return game 3-0 at The Dell and last season both games ended in a draw.

Goals from Paul Rideout and Rodney Wallace earned us a 2-1 success when we met at The Dell in a League match last September. Then came our 1-1 draw in the Littlewoods Cup at Kenilworth Road last week.

20 facts you may not know about Luton Town

Since losing 0-2 at home to Norwich in October 1985, Luton are unbeaten in 13 games in the Littlewoods Cup.

Luton have won five and drawn two of their last seven away ties in the Littlewoods Cup. This includes last season's final.

The Hatters' last away defeat in this competition was at Sheffield Wednesday (2-4) in November 1984.

The Hatters were expelled from the competition (then known as the Milk Cup) in 1986/87 because of their ban on away supporters.

Though re-admitted last season, Luton had to relinquish home advantage in their third round tie with Coventry. It was played at Leicester but Luton won 3-1.

When they were next drawn at home — against Bradford in round five — their opponents agreed to play at Kenilworth Road. Luton won 2-0.

In spite of all those disadvantages, Luton went on to win the Littlewoods Cup at Wembley. It was the Hatters' first major trophy in over 100 years of endeavour.

Brian Stein made a wonderful farewell appearance for Luton at Wembley. He scored two goals as they defeated Arsenal 3-2 and didn't play for them again. He was transferred to French club Caen during the summer.

Luton, whose only previous Wembley appearance had been in the 1959 F.A. Cup final, went to Wembley three times last season — in the Littlewoods Cup and Simod Cup finals and the Mercantile Credit Centenary Competition.



Mick Harford.

The last Luton player to score a hat-trick in the Littlewoods Cup was Mick Harford in their 4-2 victory at home to Wigan in last season's second round.

Luton's Joe Payne scored 10 goals in a 12-0 victory over Bristol Rovers in a Third Division (South) game in April 1936. That remains a League record which has never been equalled.

That 12-0 success over Bristol Rovers was an all-time record for the old Third Division (South).

In 1936/37 Payne achieved a club record of 58 goals in a season — 55 in the League plus three in the F.A. Cup.

Luton's club record victory was a massive 15-0 triumph over Great Yarmouth in an F.A. Cup tie in 1914.

Luton have never won a Littlewoods Cup (League Cup) tie by more than a three-goal margin.

The Hatters' worst League Cup defeat was by 1-5 to Everton in the third round of 1968/69.

Their club record defeat was by 0-9 to Birmingham City in a Second Division game in 1898.

No one has ever been able to match Gordon Turner's tally of 265 goals for Luton. Gordon netted 243 times in League football, 18 in the F.A. Cup plus four in the League Cup.

Luton's appearances record is still held by Bob Morton who played 495 League games, 48 F.A. Cup ties and seven League ties for an aggregate total of 550 games.

At the age of 39 years and 11 days, Dally Duncan was the oldest player to appear in Luton's first-team when he took his final curtain call in 1948.

Previous League Meetings

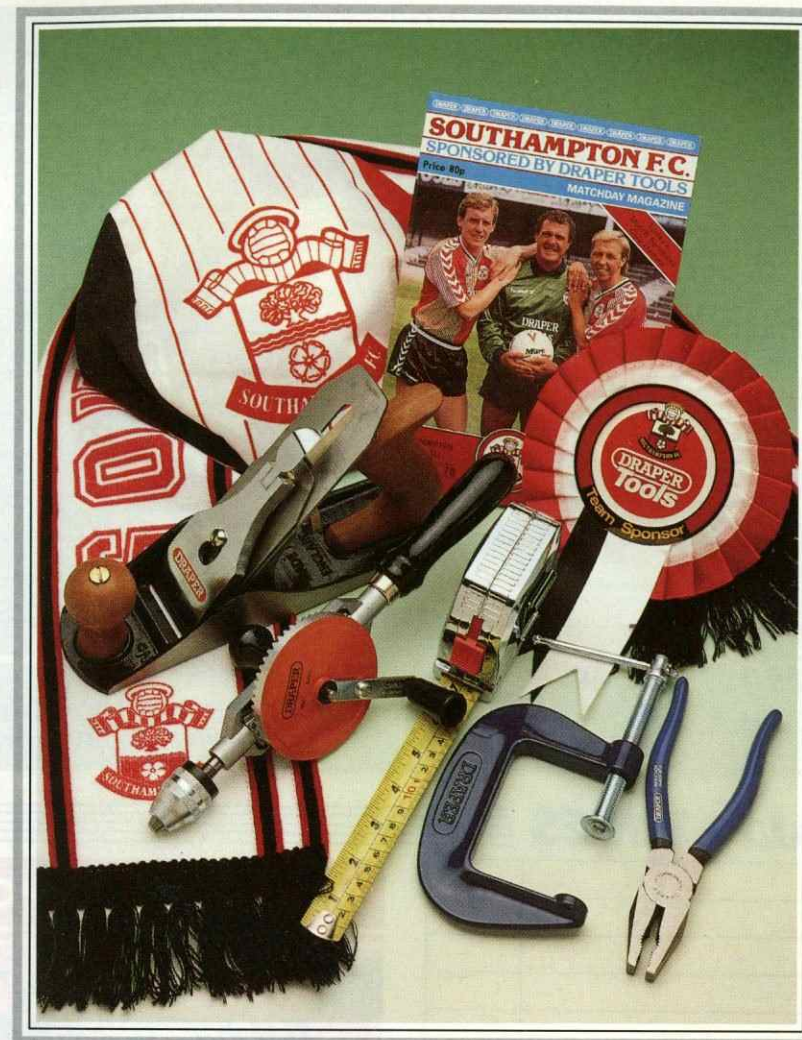
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1951/52	2-3	1-2
1952/53	1-3	2-1
1960/61	3-2	1-4
1961/62	3-0	4-1
1962/63	2-2	2-3
1973/76	3-1	0-1
1976/77	1-0	4-1
1977/78	0-1	2-1
1982/83	2-2	3-3
1983/84	2-1	1-3
1984/85	1-0	1-1
1985/86	1-2	0-7
1986/87	3-0	1-2
1987/88	1-1	2-2
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