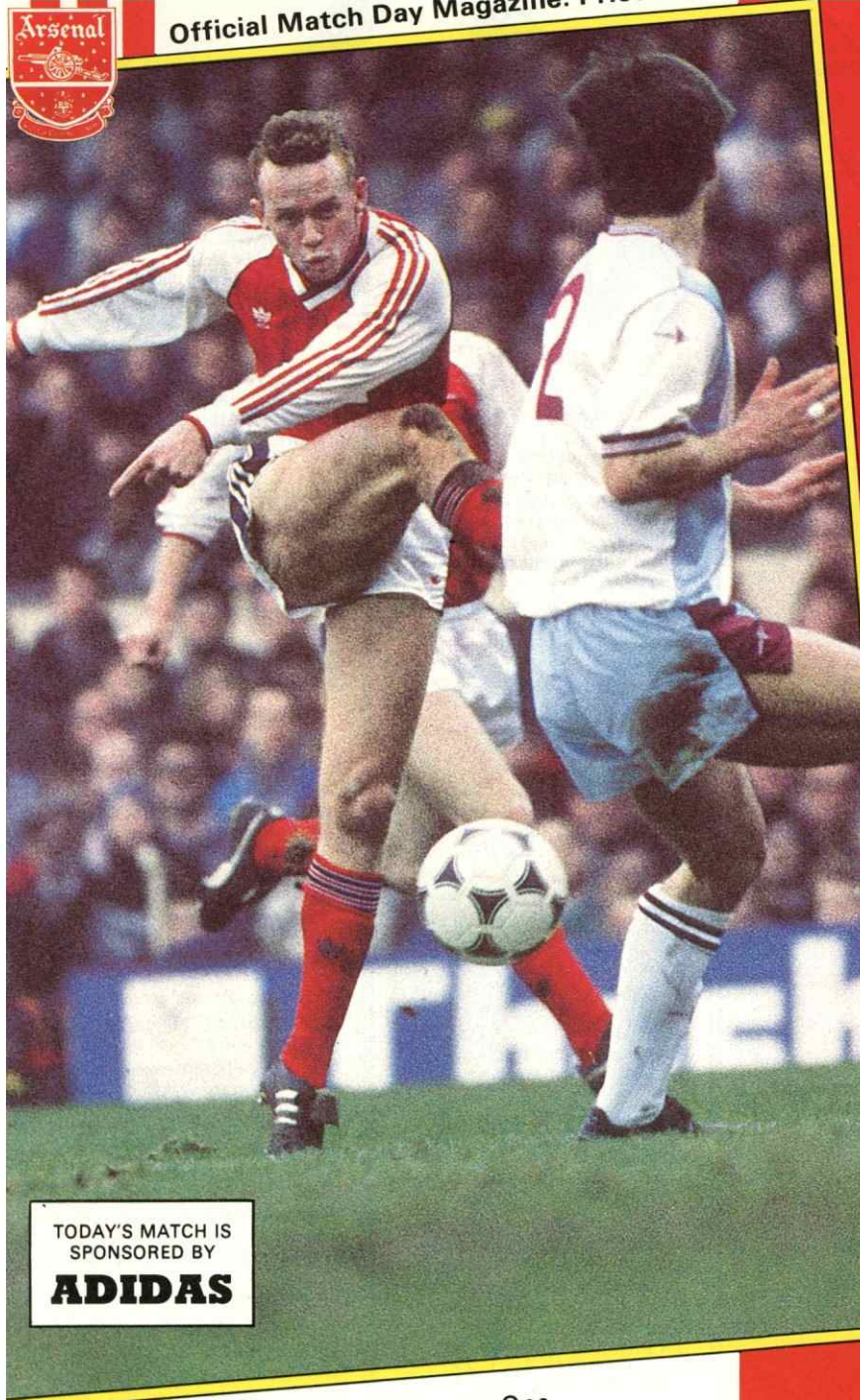




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COME EARLY ON TUESDAY

We are expecting a big crowd here on Tuesday night for our match against Millwall. If you can, please arrive earlier than usual, to avoid congestion at the turnstiles. We had to cope with tremendous turnstile congestion for our last home game, against France, when thousands of spectators arrived only a few minutes before kick-off, and unfortunately, many missed the start. With your help, we hope this problem can be avoided on Tuesday night. Thank you.

P.S.: Tuesday night's game kicks off at 7.45pm.

FIXTURE CHANGES

Our game against Wimbledon, scheduled here for Saturday, March 18, will be postponed, because of Wimbledon's F.A. Cup sixth round tie at Everton. This match will **not** now be played on March 21, in case Wimbledon are involved in a cup replay. We hope to announce the new date over the PA this afternoon.

The dates of our forthcoming games at home to Charlton and Norwich, and our match at Manchester United may also have to be changed. Check with Arsenal ClubCall (0898 121170) or our ansaphone service (01-359 0131) and keep watching this page for updated information.

NEWCASTLE AWAY IN YOUTH CUP

We have been drawn away to Newcastle United in the F.A. Youth Cup quarter-final, on Monday (February 27). If

a replay is needed, it will take place at Highbury on Monday, March 6 (kick-off 7pm)

BERT DIAPER AT 80

Hello and belated birthday greetings to ex-Gunner Bert Diaper, who was 80 earlier this month. Older fans will remember Bert, who played for us between 1929 and 1932.

SWIMATHON TEAMS

Thank you to all the local teams who are taking part in this weekend's 'Swimathon,' to raise money for children in need. Three teams of Arsenal staff are also participating. See our forthcoming magazines to find out how they got on!

BLACKWALL TUNNEL SHUT

Here's a police message for our supporters who use the Blackwall Tunnel. The tunnel's southbound lane will be closed from 10pm on Friday until 5am on Monday, between the following dates... March 3 to March 6; March 10 to March 13; and March 17 to March 20.

ILLEGAL PARKING - THE POLICE VIEW

The Metropolitan Police have told us that cars found illegally parked on match days are likely to be removed to a car pound - and it will cost offenders £57 to recover their vehicles in addition to a parking fine of £12. So don't park illegally around the stadium. (If your car is removed the number to ring is 01-252 2222).

WELCOME TO THE PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS OF LUTON TOWN

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The sessions will last from 9.45am to 2.30pm, each day - except for the trip to Highbury which will finish at 4pm. Prize giving will take place on Thursday, March 30, and parents are welcome to attend.

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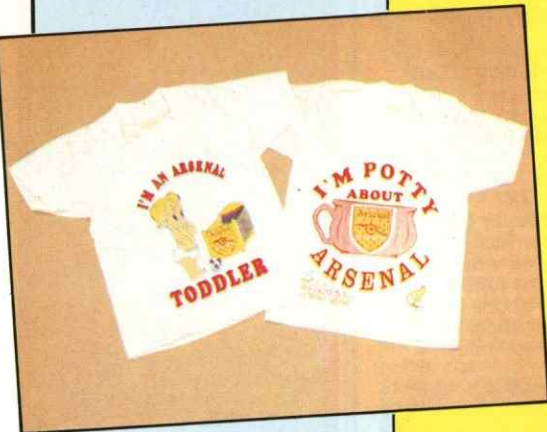
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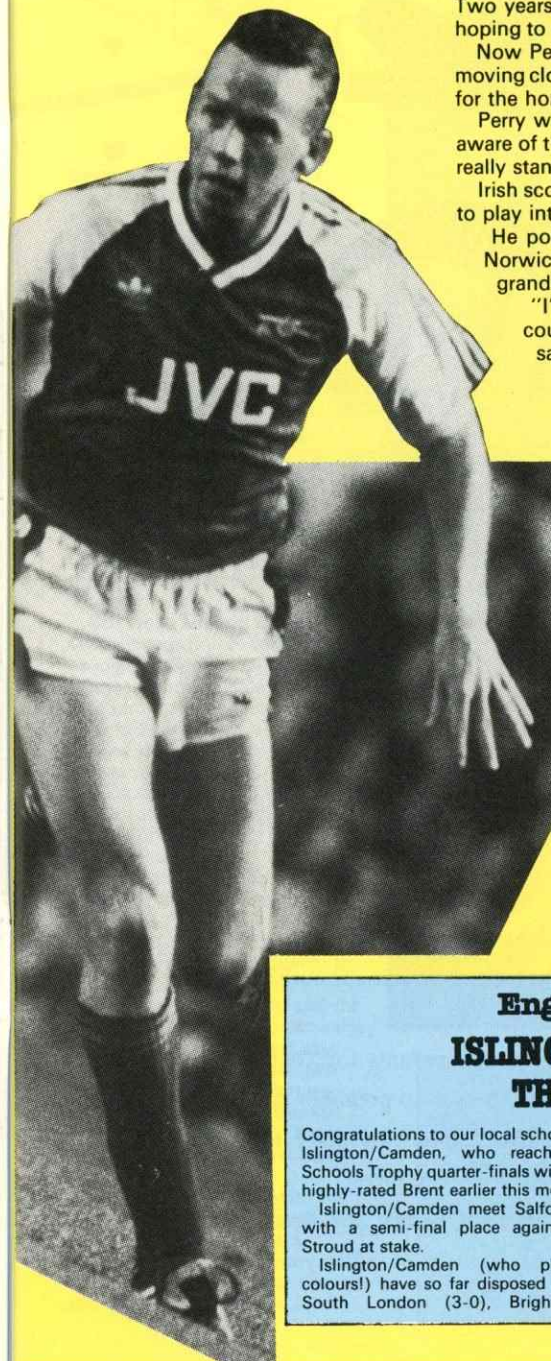
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WAITING IN THE WINGS...

Perry hopes his chance will come



Two years ago, Perry Groves revealed in these pages that he was hoping to earn an international chance with the Republic of Ireland.

Now Perry (who qualifies through an Irish grandparent) may be moving closer to his ambition – but he won't be trumpeting his claims for the honour.

Perry was born in Bow and grew up in Suffolk – and he's well aware of the Dublin joke, that FAI (Football Association of Ireland) really stands for 'find another Irishman'.

Irish scouts have checked Perry's form and Groves says: "I'd love to play international football, but I realise the implications."

He points to the furore in Ireland over the recent selection of Norwich's Andy Townsend, who qualified under the same grandparent regulation.

"I'd never go touting for a place. I realise how offensive that could seem to Irish-born players who hope to be picked," says Perry. One photographer found that out recently when he asked Perry to pose with a giant shamrock!

Anyway Perry reckons he's got enough problems trying to win a regular place in Arsenal's line-up, without upsetting people in Ireland!

Groves has spent most of the season on the subs bench.

"Paul Merson has come on fast, while David Rocastle and Brian Marwood have been so consistent. When I did get a chance, against West Ham, I found myself on the left wing. That's the wrong side for me. I'd never started there before and I kept drifting inside on to my stronger right foot, when the manager wanted me to go down the line and cut the ball across" recalls Perry.

By KEVIN CONNOLLY

"I missed a good chance just before half-time. So I was delighted, and relieved, to head us in front soon after the interval."

Perry says he's happy to be involved 'anywhere along the front line'. But he's sure he performs better in the centre or on the right.

He showed his pace again against France 11 days ago – seconds after climbing off the bench – when he sped down the right wing and sent over an early cross for Alan Smith to hit our second goal.

English Schools Trophy ISLINGTON/CAMDEN REACH THE QUARTER-FINAL

Congratulations to our local schools district team, Islington/Camden, who reached the English Schools Trophy quarter-finals with a 2-0 win over highly-rated Brent earlier this month.

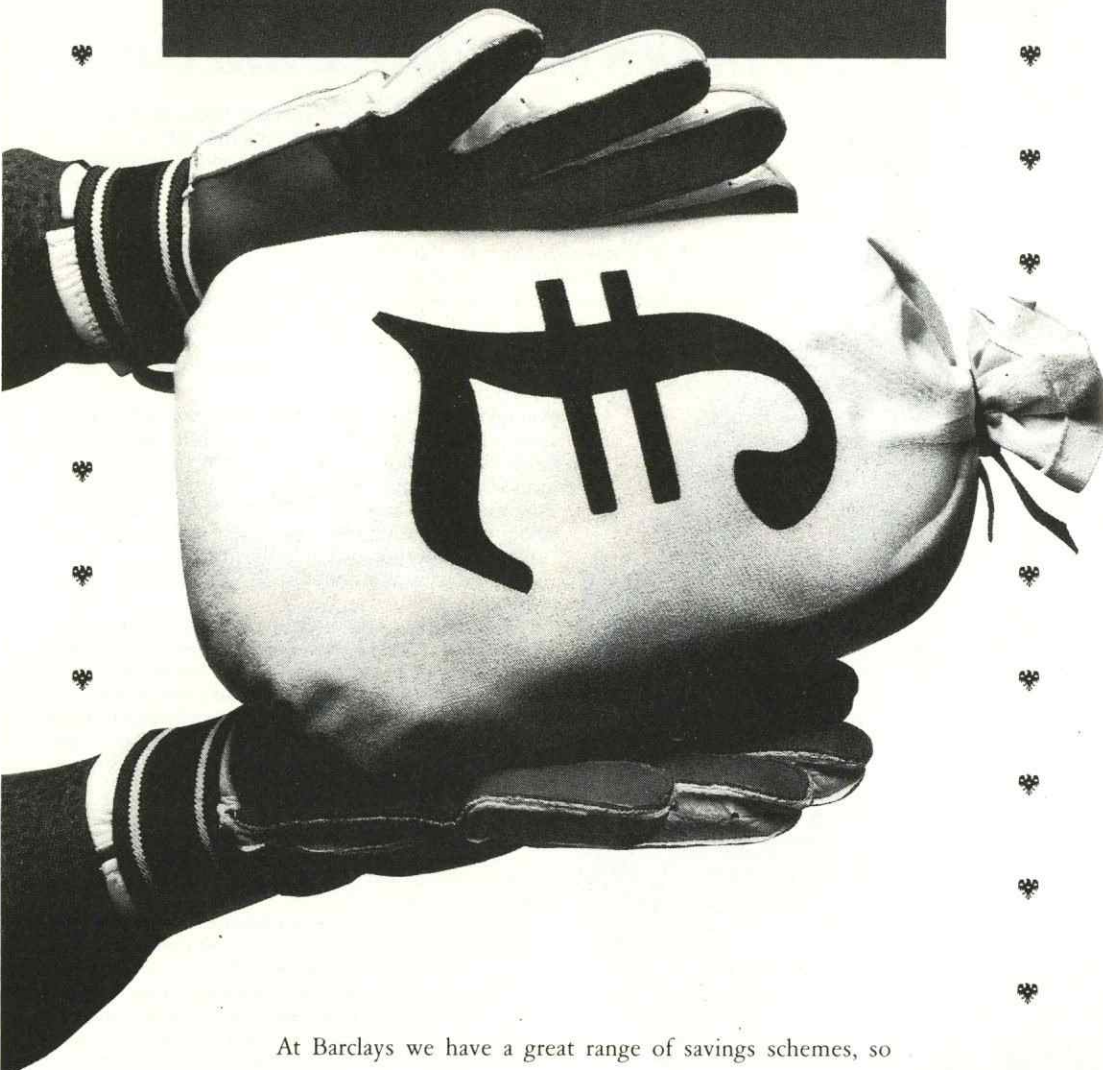
Islington/Camden meet Salford on March 4, with a semi-final place against Plymouth or Stroud at stake.

Islington/Camden (who play in Arsenal colours!) have so far disposed of Barnet (2-0), South London (3-0), Brighton (3-0) and

Southampton (2-1) and Brent.

Our links with the local schools' association stretch back many, many years. Several Islington/Camden youngsters have gone on to play for Arsenal – Charlie George, Pat Rice, John Matthews, Chris Whyte and Raphael Meade quickly spring to mind. Our former assistant manager Terry Burton was another Islington schoolboy star. So was our present youth team skipper, Al James Hannigan.

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I was disappointed with the result at Coventry on Tuesday night. It was a frustrating evening for us, because all the major decisions fell in Coventry's favour. However, the Sky Blues are one of the best teams we've played this season, and on the night I'd have been happy with a draw. John Lukic made a superb save from Brian Kilcline's early penalty, but it was asking a lot to expect he could stop two penalties in one match.

You'd have thought the universe had moved, judging by the headlines which greeted the news that Arsenal had lost a game – though that's really a tribute to the standards we've set ourselves.

But we're still top of the League, four points clear of our nearest challengers, with a chance to consolidate our position against Luton today, then Millwall here on Tuesday.

Now is the time for us to stay calm and keep doing the things that have taken us to the top of the League. And if our fans can roar us on today, that will be a great bonus!

A 0-0 draw at Shepherd's Bush last Saturday was a fair result. All our players worked really hard, but we couldn't summon up the extra quality to turn one point into three.

The state of the pitch, and the swirling wind, made constructive football difficult. Rangers also closed us down very fast. Our only consolation was that we collected a point even though we weren't at our best. That's always the sign of a successful side.

I was much happier with our performance against France. We boosted English football's reputation – and our own – with that 2-0 win, which was shown live on French television.

We played a lot of skilful football, particularly in the second-half. Our goals from Martin Hayes and Alan Smith, were both crackers. I was delighted with my substitutions too... Martin scored with his second touch, and Perry Groves's first contribution set up Alan's goal. It's not often that substitutions produce such speedy results!

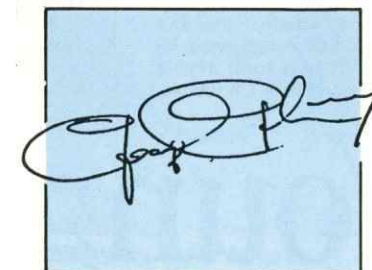
I hope English clubs will be allowed back into European competitions next season. That would help our players because they'd gain valuable experience against different styles of play. It would also create extra interest for the fans, because they could see top class continental teams again.

I appreciate the reasons why English clubs were banned from Europe after the Heysel disaster. But our clubs, in co-operation with the police, have been working tremendously hard to curb the hooligans, and I hope that work will be recognised.

I'm sure that if we were allowed back, our teams would once more prove themselves among the best in Europe.

I've been pleased with the progress of our two on-loan youngsters – goalkeeper Alan Miller and striker Kevin Campbell. Alan has earned praise from colleagues and opponents alike during his spell at Plymouth, while Kevin has been in impressive form for Leyton Orient. He's already netted four goals for them.

Thank you to all our travelling fans, who gave us such tremendous support at Millwall, Queens Park Rangers and Coventry. We really do appreciate you shelling out to cheer us in three successive away matches. Keep cheering today!



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ALL CHANGE AGAIN FOR STEPHEN! Morrow returns to the centre

Last summer, Northern Ireland youth international Stephen Morrow expected he'd spend this season at left-back, the role he filled in our F.A. Youth Cup-winning triumph.

Kenny Sansom had gone on the transfer list. So Stephen seemed Nigel Winterburn's natural understudy.

Instead, Morrow has reverted to the centre-back role he's filled for most of his two years at Highbury – and he says he's happy with the move.

"I'd expected to have a run at left-back. But it never happened. Kenny played regularly for the reserves until he joined Newcastle at Christmas. So Stewart Houston chose me again for the centre, which is the position I prefer anyway," explains Stephen.

"Before I joined Arsenal, I played most of my Irish League games for Bangor at centre-back. There's a much greater emphasis on full-backs getting forward, and I'd rather be facing the game.

"I made a rare left-back appearance for the reserves against Charlton recently. I didn't enjoy it. That game helped confirm my preference for the centre.

By KEVIN CONNOLLY

"I might get a chance if Nigel were injured or suspended. But the boss would probably consider other options – like switching Michael Thomas, Gus Caesar or Kevin Richardson – before he'd turn to me."

Morrow accepts that trying to win a first team centre-back place looks like the toughest job in the club. David O'Leary, Tony Adams, Steve Bould and Gus Caesar all stand in front of him, while Stephen's friend and reserve partner Pat Scully is aiming for the same target.

"It looks hard, but we saw what happened early in the new year. Tony and David were injured, and Gus was called up, though he'd only just returned after injury," says Stephen optimistically.

The young defender from Kilclenny recently signed a new contract, which has two-and-a-half years to run. "That gives me a while to develop – and if I don't break through in that time, then I never will!" he says.

A recent knee ligament injury came as a big blow, because Stephen reckoned he was re-discovering his best form after a disappointing spell just before Christmas.



"I had a few off-field problems and I was feeling homesick. Those worries did affect my form," he continues: "But I felt much more confident when I came back after Christmas. I think that's shown in my play. Now I'm seeking more consistency. Even during our great youth run last season, I still felt my performances were a bit up-and-down."

Stephen also hopes to spend a spell on loan before the end of the season. Goalkeeper Alan Miller and forward Kevin Campbell – his colleagues in our Youth Cup-winning side – have already benefited from loan moves and Morrow would like to follow them.

"They've both gained valuable first team experience, which will speed up their development. Now I hope I'll get my chance later this year," says Stephen.

Ken Goldman reviews a Highbury tradition

It was the Saturday before Christmas on a lovely crisp morning and I was standing on the pavilion balcony at the London Colney Training Ground waiting to grab some interviews. As the players walked back to the dressing-rooms a slim figure was noticeable jogging past them.

Without immediate recognition, I wondered which new player George Graham had brought to the club. It was only when the figure drew much closer that the realisation dawned: it was George himself who had just finished taking the training that morning!

George pointed out "I enjoy the coaching and training side of things very much. I often join in the five-a-sides and the various training games. I feel that it all helps to keep me mentally as well as physically fit."

That session prompted thoughts of Arsenal's special place in the coaching world. Both George Graham and Theo Foley have long had a history of coaching players – not only at their previous club Millwall, but with their earlier clubs as well.

However, the coaching tradition shows that in the last 20 years Arsenal have had no fewer than six F.A. staff coaches (one of the highest coaching honours in football) in charge of either the managerial or tactical sides of their game. The six? First Ron Greenwood as coach; followed by Billy Wright as manager and his coach Les Shanon. Then came Dave Sexton. And latterly, Don Howe – both as



Dave Sexton

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Bob Wilson

manager and coach – and John Cartwright.

In addition both Ron Greenwood and "double-winning" manager Bertie Mee (who was also a full-badge coach as well as a top physiotherapist) were founder-members of the London Football Coaches Association, the largest coaching association in the world.

The coincidence does not stop there, because Arsenal have supplied no fewer than three of the five LFCA chairmen in its 25 year history. The respected Bob Wall, then Arsenal's secretary was the Association's second chairman and he was followed after a six year stint by Ken Friar, who is now, of course, the managing director at Highbury.

After Ken's ten year reign, the 'Arsenal connection' surfaced again, with the appointment of the current chairman Bob Wilson, for so long a Highbury favourite son and still the club's goalkeeping coach.

In the brilliant indoor facilities of the JVC Centre (soon to be restored in the new development) the London coaches have been privileged to take part in sessions conducted by Howe, Cartwright, Terry Burton and Theo Foley.

This shows Arsenal's dedication to coaching: a commitment which has reaped its own rewards with a conveyor-belt of youngsters – found by Steve Burtenshaw and his staff – which over the years has produced so many gifted players and saved the club millions in transfer fees.

The Young Ones

RESERVES

QUINN GOAL REWARDS RECOVERY

Niall Quinn netted a second-half equaliser, to reward our reserves fight back in a 1-1 draw at Wimbledon, on February 15.

Wimbledon grabbed an early lead when our defence let a Dons midfielder unleash a dipping 25-yarder that swerved past Andrew Marriott.

Quinn broke clear onto a through-ball and slipped a low shot past the 'keeper for our equaliser.

"We started brightly, then conceded a bad goal, and Wimbledon's long ball game put us under pressure most of the first-half" said reserve team coach Stewart Houston.

"In the second-half, we started believing in ourselves, and we took the game to them. We created enough chances to have won. But we're going through a low spell now. We need a win and a few goals, to lift us."

Stewart was pleased with young 'keeper Marriott, and he reckoned youth team skipper Al James Hannigan learned some valuable lessons by facing experienced forward Alan Cork.

Another youngster, sub Colin Hoyle, almost clinched both points with a header that crashed off the bar. Russell Milton also went close with two second-half efforts.

Arsenal: Marriott, Francis, Carstairs, Hillier (Ball, 70 minutes), Scully, Hannigan, Lee (Hoyle, 70 minutes), Milton, Quinn, Groves, Hayes.

LOAN 'KEEPERS SWOP OVER

Goalkeepers Rhys Wilmot and Alan Miller are to swop places.

Alan, who's been on loan with Second Division Plymouth, has returned to Highbury, and reserve team skipper Rhys is due to join the Second Division side on a month's loan.

Alan starred for Plymouth in their 1-1 F.A. Cup fourth round tie against Everton, at Home Park last month - when Everton 'keeper Neville Southall remarked what a good prospect Miller looked.

Alan received a big ovation from the Plymouth fans after his last match for Argyle, against Second Division leaders Chelsea last Saturday.

Meanwhile, on-loan striker Kevin Campbell kept up his scoring streak, with Leyton Orient's first goal in their 2-3 defeat by Fourth Division promotion chasers Scarborough last Saturday. That was Kevin's fourth goal in four games for the Os.

STEVE SAVES A POINT

Steve Ball's equaliser earned our reserves a 1-1 draw against West Ham at Highbury on February 11.

Ball swept home the rebound after Niall Quinn headed Raymond Lee's centre against the underside of the bar.

OVENDEN COMBINATION FIXTURES 1988-89

Date	Opponents	F-A
Aug. 27	BRIGHTON & H.A.	2-2
30	Ipswich Town	6-1
Sept. 6	Charlton Athletic	2-1
10	WIMBLEDON	2-1
21	Fulham	2-0
24	IPSWICH TOWN	4-0
27	Swindon Town	2-1
Oct. 1	LUTON TOWN	3-2
6	OXFORD UNITED	4-1
12	Millwall	4-0
25	Portsmouth	3-0
29	Tottenham Hotspur	3-3
Nov. 5	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	2-1
9	Crystal Palace	1-1
26	SOUTHAMPTON	3-2
Dec. 10	SWINDON TOWN	4-1
17	Watford	1-1
Jan. 7	West Ham United	1-0
14	CHELSEA	5-1
Feb. 1	Brighton	3-1
7	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	1-1
11	WEST HAM UNITED	1-1
14	Wimbledon	1-1
21	Reading	0-0
Mar. 4	Luton Town	A
7	WATFORD	H
14	MILLWALL	H
20	CRYSTAL PALACE	H
22	Oxford United	A
25	PORTSMOUTH	H
Apr. 1	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H
11	Queens Park Rangers	A
15	Chelsea	A
22	READING	H
29	Southampton	A
May 6	NORWICH CITY	H
To be arranged:		
	Norwich City	FULHAM

OVENDEN COMBINATION

(up to and including February 22)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham H.	25	18	6	1	63	20	42
Arsenal	23	16	7	0	60	24	39
Wimbledon	27	16	5	6	53	27	37
Watford	24	14	7	3	62	32	35
Luton Town	30	12	10	8	66	44	34
Chelsea	25	12	6	7	48	36	30
Norwich City	26	12	4	10	48	35	28
Oxford United	25	11	5	9	57	57	27
Millwall	23	9	6	8	44	31	24
Swindon Town	23	10	4	9	46	40	24
Southampton	26	9	6	11	43	52	24
West Ham United	28	7	9	12	40	45	25
Brighton & Hove Albion	26	6	11	9	35	51	23
Crystal Palace	24	7	8	9	32	36	22
Fulham	24	9	3	12	34	49	21
Ipswich Town	23	8	4	11	33	44	20
Charlton Athletic	23	5	5	13	37	49	15
Queens Park Rangers	23	3	4	16	19	47	10
Portsmouth	22	4	2	16	20	60	10
Reading	24	2	2	20	21	72	6

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES 1988-89

Date	Opponents	F-A
Aug. 27	Cambridge United	5-0
30	Charlton Athletic	1-3
Sept. 3	Chelsea	4-4
6	Fulham	7-1
10	Gillingham	6-2
13	MILLWALL (SJFC-1)	2-0
17	Wimbledon (SLC)	2-3
24	IPSWICH TOWN	3-2
Oct. 1	MILLWALL	3-0
3	Brentford (SJFC-2)	1-2
8	NORWICH CITY	0-0
15	LEYTON ORIENT	3-2
22	Portsmouth	0-0
29	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	1-1
Nov. 12	Southend United	4-0
19	WATFORD	7-0
26	WEST HAM UNITED	4-0
Dec. 3	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	1-0
6	Epsom (FAYC)	11-0
17	QUEENS PARK R.	2-2
31	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	2-0
Jan. 5	LUTON TOWN (FAYC)	3-2
7	CHELSEA	3-2
14	FULHAM	2-0
21	GILLINGHAM	6-0
25	WEST BROM. (FAYC-4)	2-0
28	Ipswich Town	3-0
Feb. 4	Millwall	1-1
11	Norwich City	0-0
25	PORTSMOUTH	H
27	Newcastle (FAYC-Q/F)	A
Mar. 4	Queens Park Rangers	A
11	SOUTHEND UNITED	H
18	Watford	A
Apr. 1	Tottenham Hotspur	A
8	West Ham United	A
To be arranged:		
	Leyton Orient	

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

(Up to and including February 22)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	23	15	7	1	68	20	37
Tottenham H.	20	16	2	2	46	17	34
Queens Park R.	23	10	7	6	47	30	27
Watford	19	7	9	3	28	23	23
Wimbledon	23	9	5	9	40	44	23
Leyton Orient	23	9	4	8	44	38	22
Chelsea	21	9	4	8	38	40	21
Gillingham	21	8	5	8	35	26	21
Norwich City	19	6	9	4	35	26	21
Millwall	22	7	7	8	30	36	21
Southend U.	21	7	6	8	34	37	20
Ipswich Town	24	9	2	13	39	53	20
Charlton A.	21	8	3	10	31	45	19
West Ham U.	24	6	4	14	26	42	16
Cambridge U.	24	6	4	14	26	53	16
Portsmouth	20	5	4	11	26	38	14
Fulham	23	5	4	14	24	42	14

and YOUTHS

Paul Hilton had nodded Hammers in front midway through the second-half. "It was a frustrating game. Our passing wasn't good enough. We couldn't find any pattern" said Stewart Houston:



Steve Ball and Niall Quinn (partly obscured) contest an aerial challenge with West Ham's Paul Hilton.

"We never carried out our plans to unlock West Ham's sweeper system. Our wide players and the full-backs didn't get to the by-line as we'd hoped."



Busy midfielder Raymond Lee, in action against West Ham.

We also lost defender Gus Caesar, who suffered a recurrence of an old ankle injury.

Arsenal: Wilmot, Francis, Carstairs, Hillier, Scully, Caesar (Lee, 30 minutes), Ball, Milton, Quinn, Hayes, Esquant.

A report on the reserve game against Reading will appear in our next magazine.

YOUNGSTERS DRAW AT NORWICH

Our youngsters grabbed a 0-0 draw at Norwich on February 11, despite having to field five schoolboy players.

"A throat infection swept through our squad two days before the match. In the circumstances, I was very pleased with our performance. We looked very sound in defence and we penned them inside their box in the second-half. Only the 'keeper stopped us winning" said youth coach Pat Rice.

Arsenal: Marriott, Webster, Hartfield, McKeown, Hannigan, Nethercott, Hoyle, Cole, Mockler (Warden), Ampadu, Dickov (Parlour).

FULHAM OFF LAST SATURDAY

We apologise to supporters who turned up here last Saturday, expecting to see our reserves play Fulham. This game had to be called off at short notice, because Fulham were unable to field a team.

By KEVIN CONNOLLY



Pat Rice



Stewart Houston



by Tony Pullein

While Luton have been busily engaged in trying to hold onto the Littlewoods Cup – which they won in dramatic style against the Gunners at Wembley last season – their position in the First Division has become a little precarious.

Having disposed of Burnley, Leeds, Manchester City and Southampton, Luton set themselves up for a return to Wembley by scoring a 3-0 win at West Ham in the first leg of their Littlewoods Cup semi-final.

But the Hatters have lost both their last two away league games at Wimbledon (0-4) and Charlton (0-3).

Manager Ray Harford felt obliged to go into the transfer market to sign experienced centre-back Dave Beaumont from Dundee United for £150,000 and he made an impressive debut in their Littlewoods Cup win over West Ham. Beaumont joined Dundee United from school, made his League debut in 1983/84 and became a Scotland under-21 international the following season.

Beaumont looks likely to settle in alongside Steve Foster to fill the void left by the departure of Mal Donaghy to Manchester United in October.

Foster, who skippered Luton's Wembley winners, began his career as a striker with Portsmouth but switched to defence before moving to Brighton in 1979. He played at Wembley for the Seagulls when

they lost to Manchester United in the 1983 F.A. Cup final replay and he won three England caps while at the Goldstone Ground. Aston Villa signed him in March 1984 but eight months later he was on the move again, to Luton.

Marvin Johnson and John Dreyer had both been used in the middle of the back four.

Before this season Johnson had played only ten senior games but he took over initially when Donaghy went.

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

Right-back Tim Breacker is a former Luton apprentice. He got his chance in their League eleven in 1984. He's been a regular member of the side for four years, and won two England under-21 caps.

An injury to Richard Harvey enabled Ashley Grimes to return at left-back.

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, and

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stayed in until his injury at Charlton.

Grimes, whose cross created the chance for Luton's last-minute Wembley winner, is a player of vast experience. He 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.

Rob Johnson is hoping he can regain the right-back position. Johnson overcame many injury problems before making his mark with Luton. He spent a loan spell with Lincoln before establishing himself in the Hatters' side.

Former Arsenal midfielder man Steve Williams has only made occasional first team appearances of late. Steve developed into an England player at Southampton 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 us when we beat Liverpool 2-1 in the Littlewoods Cup final two seasons ago. But he was not in the side which faced Luton at Wembley. Luton signed him for £300,000 last summer.

PAST MATCHES BETWEEN ARSENAL AND LUTON TOWN

(Arsenal's score shown first)

DIVISION TWO			FOOTBALL LEAGUE/ LITTLEWOODS CUP
Season	H	A	
1897/98	2-1	1-3	1970/71 Third Round: Arsenal won 1-0 at Luton
1898/99	3-0	1-4	1988 Final: Luton won 3-2 at Wembley
1899/1900	5-1	0-3	
DIVISION ONE			F.A. CUP
1955/56	3-0	0-0	1952 Sixth round: Arsenal won 3-2 at Luton
1956/57	1-3	2-1	1986 Fifth round: Luton won 3-0 at Luton after a 2-2 draw at Luton and a 0-0 draw at Highbury
1957/58	2-0	0-4	
1958/59	1-0	3-6	
1959/60	0-3	1-0	
1974/75	2-2	0-2	
1982/83	4-1	2-2	
1983/84	2-1	2-1	
1984/85	3-1	1-3	
1985/86	2-1	2-2	
1986/87	3-0	0-0	
1987/88	2-1	0-0	
1988/89		1-1	



BACK ROW (left to right): David Preece, Mark Stein, Gary Cobb, Ian Allinson, Richard Harvey, Kingsley Black, Rob Johnson.
MIDDLE ROW: David Galley (Physio), 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 (Capt), Ray Harford (Manager), Mal Donaghy, Ricky Hill, Tim Breacker.



Action from our 1-1 draw at Luton in October... Alan Smith sweeps home Brian Marwood's cross to put us ahead.

Danny Wilson, David Preece, Ricky Hill and Kingsley Black have been filling the midfield positions.

Wilson scored Luton's equaliser against the Gunners seven minutes from time at Wembley. A Northern Ireland international, Danny picked up his 12th cap against Spain last month. Once with Bury and Chesterfield, he joined Nottingham Forest in a £100,000 move in 1983. After a loan spell at Scunthorpe, he joined Brighton in 1984. Danny was transferred to Luton for £150,000 in 1987.

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.

Hill is Luton's longest-serving player and 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 – five to date. During more than a decade as a Hatters' first-teamer, Ricky won three England caps.



Ricky Hill, Rob Johnson and Mick Harford, in action against us at Wembley last April.

FORM GUIDE

Luton's league results this season...

Opponents	Score	Scorers	Crowd
Sheffield Wed (a)	0-1		16,433
Wimbledon (h)	2-2 Black, own goal		8,067
Southampton (a)	1-2 Foster		13,214
Manchester Utd (h)	0-2		11,010
Everton (a)	2-0 Oldfield, Black		26,170
Forest (a)	0-0		15,340
Liverpool (h)	1-0		12,117
Middlesbro' (a)	1-2 Wilson		17,749
Arsenal (h)	1-1 Black		10,548
O.P.R. (h)	0-0		8,453
Millwall (a)	1-3 Wilson		12,511
Coventry (a)	0-1		12,631
West Ham (h)	4-1 Black 2, Wegerle, Wilson		9,308
Norwich (a)	2-2 Wegerle 2		13,541
Newcastle (h)	0-0		8,338
Derby (a)	1-0 Harford		15,228
Aston Villa (h)	1-1 Wegerle		8,785
Tottenham (a)	0-0		27,337
Wimbledon (a)	0-4		4,899
Southampton (h)	6-1 Harford 2, Black, Wegerle 2, Hill		8,637
Charlton (a)	0-3		5,212
Everton (h)	1-0 Wegerle		9,013
Forest (h)	2-3 Harford, Black		10,465
Middlesbro' (h)	1-0 Foster		8,187

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

Roy Wegerle and Mick Harford have been filling the attacking positions with David Oldfield often being used as substitute.

Wegerle has really struck top form since his £75,000 transfer from Chelsea last summer and he is now their top scorer, with ten goals. 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 little more than 20 league outings. But he has really come into his own at Luton.

Harford, who won his second England cap against Denmark in September, has been more of a provider than a scorer, this season. He's scored seven times so far. Last season his tally of 21 included six goals on the Hatters' run to Wembley in the Littlewoods Cup. Mick first became a topscorer 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, in 1982, he had to be sold to Birmingham. He hit his best form after his 1984 transfer to Luton and in 1985/86 he was the Hatters' leading marksman with 25 goals.

Australian-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 has scored three times this season.

Luton scored their two away league victories at Everton (2-0) and Derby (1-0). The Hatters drew at Nottingham Forest (0-0), Norwich (2-2) and Tottenham (0-0) but lost at Sheffield Wednesday (0-1), Southampton (1-2), Middlesbrough (1-2), Millwall (1-3), Coventry (0-1), Wimbledon (0-4) and Chester (0-3).

TEN-YEAR REVIEW

Luton have established themselves as a strong First Division club over the past three years. Their victory over Arsenal in last season's Littlewoods Cup final earned the Hatters their first-ever major trophy. They also reached the Wembley final of the Simod Cup last season – losing to Reading – and the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup.

Season	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	Rounds reached	FAC	LC
Division Two											
1978/79	42	13	10	19	60	57	36	18th	3	5	
1979/80	42	16	17	9	66	45	49	6th	3	1	
1980/81	42	18	12	12	61	46	48	5th	4	3	
1981/82	42	25	13	4	86	46	88	1st	4	2	
Division One											
1982/83	42	12	13	17	65	84	49	18th	4	4	
1983/84	42	14	9	19	53	66	51	16th	3	2	
1984/85	42	15	9	18	57	61	54	13th	SF	4	
1985/86	42	18	12	12	61	44	66	9th	6	3	
1986/87	42	18	12	12	47	45	66	7th	4	—	
1987/88	40	14	11	15	57	58	53	9th	SF	W	

PUZZLE

PAGE

ARSENAL CROSSWORD No. 543

Compiled by John Barrett

FIRST ELEVEN

Look at these soccer surnames and find the eleven matching first names hidden in any direction in the square – cross them through as you do. Get a goal if the uncrossed letters spell out a club.

W	Y	I	A	Y	N	M
M	F	L	M	B	A	A
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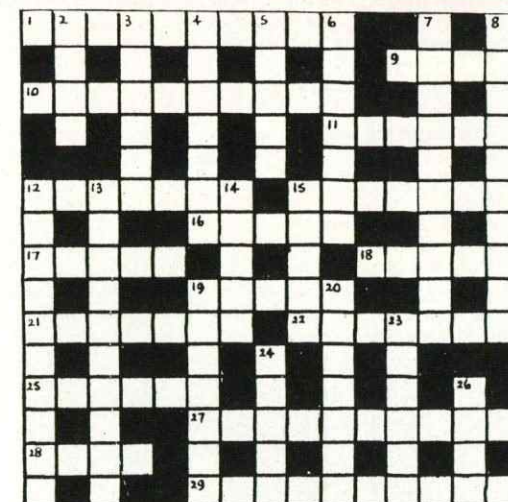
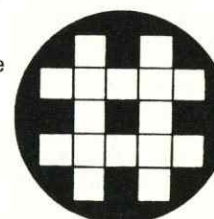
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Graham
Greaves
Huxford
Kaltz
Malpas
Marwood
McMichael
Parkes
Rodaway
Rowley.

ON THE BALL

No. 16

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Farnworth, for instance
Linesmen's
accoutrements
Richards, 1980s
Scotland defender
A managerial McNeill



ACROSS

- Former Forest 'keeper' (4,6)
- Didn't he do well! (4)
- Newcastle's Brazilian signing (10)
- Key worker! (6)
- Kept defenders busy (7)
- Those who let you in (7)
- Fantasy (5)
- The Road for Huddersfield Town (5)
- Nicknamed The Potters (5)
- Those looking for players? (5)
- TV critic and goalscorer (7)
- They are named in print (7)
- Awards for actors (6)
- Where wasted shots can go (4,3,3)
- They stop the goals (4)
- Eric Gates second team (10)

DOWN

- Very keen (4)
- Wimbledon's John (6)
- Put up with (7)
- Taylor or Howe (5)
- Former W.B.A. full back (7)
- He left Oldham for Southampton (5,5)
- Those challenging (10)
- Where players need four legs (4,6)
- St. James Park team (6,4)
- Leaves out (5)
- Matches tennis and cricket (5)
- Times to play (7)
- Move quickly (7)
- Gary, once of Sunderland (6)
- These brothers were at Luton (5)
- Issue a caution (4)

ANSWERS TO ON THE BALL No. 15
Simon, flags, Gough, Billy.

ANSWERS TO FIRST ELEVEN
Phil, Billy, Arthur
Alan, Dick, Jimmy, Cliff, Manni, Maurice, Brian, Alf.

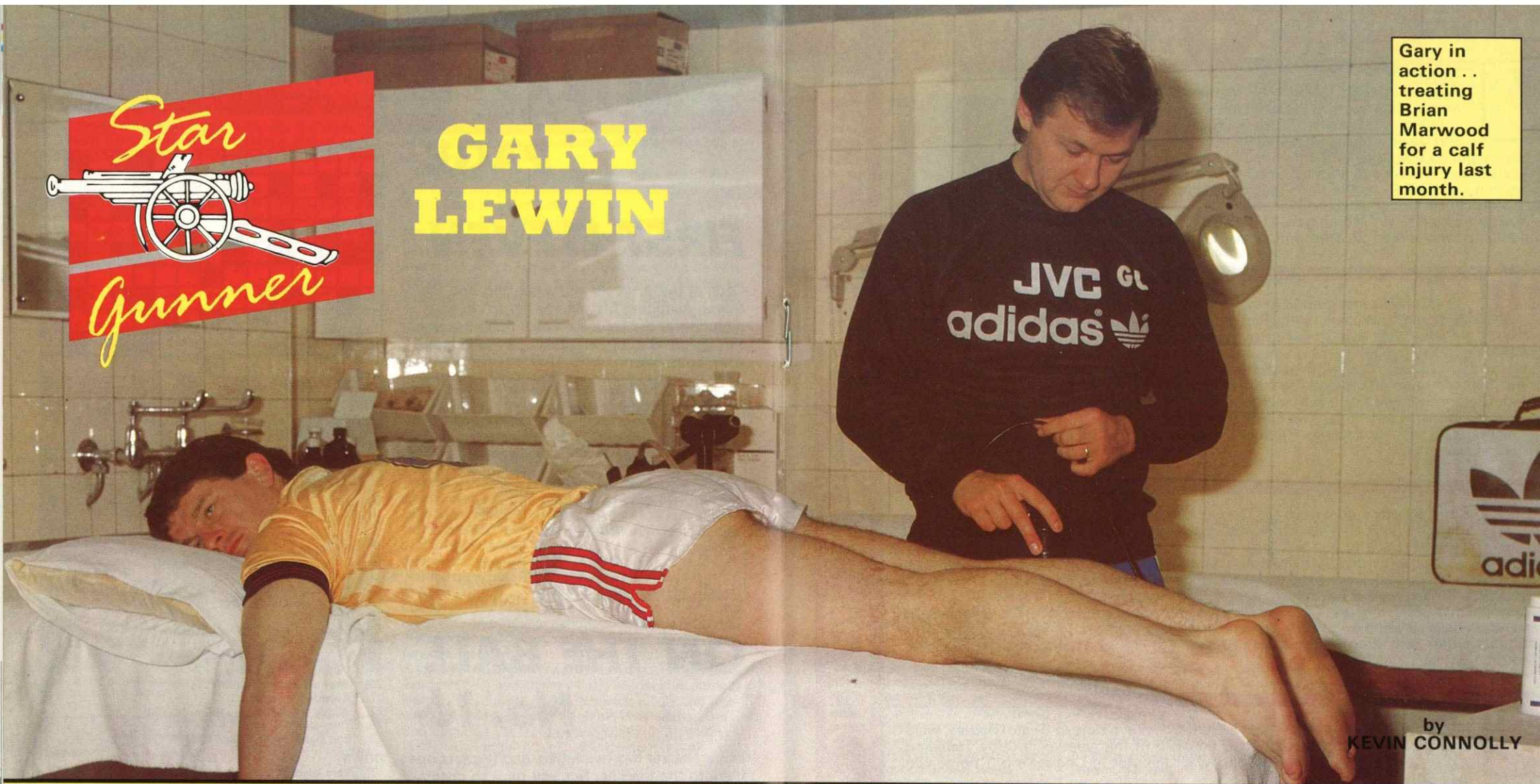
ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD No. 543

ACROSS: 1. Hans Segers, 9. Hero, 10. Mirandinha, 11. Typist, 12. Pressed, 15. Gatenen, 16. Dream, 17. Leeds, 18. Stoke, 19. Spies, 21. Greaves, 22. Scorer, 25. Oscars, 27. Over the bar, 28. Nets, 29. Sunderland.
DOWN: 2. Avid, 3. Scales, 4. Endured, 5. Ernie, 6. Statham, 7. Kevin Moore, 8. Contenders, 12. Polo ground, 13. Exter City, 14. Drops, 15. Games, 19. Seasons, 20. Scuttle, 23. Rowell, 24. Stein, 26. Warn.



GARY LEWIN

Gary in action... treating Brian Marwood for a calf injury last month.



by
KEVIN CONNOLLY

You can easily spot physio Gary Lewin on away trips... He's the one with all the luggage!

Gary, the First Division's youngest physio, is completing his third season in the job: and this year he can count on even more state-of-the-art technology to help him.

"Our medical room has always been one of the best equipped in the country - and now the club have invested in a shortwave treatment machine and an ultrasound machine. They're both portable, so I can take them with me on away trips. I even lugged them along when we went to Bermuda... So it looked like I had twice as much baggage as the rest of the team!" says 24-year-old Gary.

Ex-goalkeeper Lewin quit playing at 19 to concentrate on a career in physiotherapy, first at Guys Hospital, then with the Gunners.

"I first came here as a 12-year-old schoolboy, so I'm continuing a long association" he says.

Gary's role means that he, and his gadgets, are available seven days a week to help injured players recover.

"If a player gets a knock, I treat him straight after the game. Then I have him in the next day to continue the treatment, even on Sunday," he says.

"I expect to be working part of every day; because, with a staff of more than 40, it's very rare when we have no injuries for me to treat" continues Gary, who also runs physiotherapy classes for our trainees!

"An injured player usually spends the week working with me. One of our club doctors will check him out on Monday and then again on Thursday.

"If he expects to come back and play on Saturday, we always like him to train on Friday to test for any reaction."

Who decides if a player is fit to appear? "That's up to the medical staff - Doctor Crane, Doctor Sash and myself" says Lewin.

The medical staff decide the treatment an injured player receives. But Gary works out the player's recovery programme.

"My short term priority is to get players fit for matches," he says.

"A bump or a knock is usually simple to handle, through intensive treatment over a short period. Long term injuries are a different matter. It's important for players to maintain their general fitness while they recover - otherwise they have to regain that fitness level before they can even consider playing again."

Gary leaves nothing to chance. He maps out an exercise schedule for each player, and notes the recovery time for each injury (he's also used that research for a learned article about sports injuries, which he hopes will appear in the British Medical Journal).

Lewin uses a variety of methods: running, weight exercises, and the famous bikes - which recuperating Gunners pedal for 10 miles a day around the Hertfordshire lanes near our London Colney training ground.

Mind you, Gary often accompanies his 'victims' during their exertions. "I share the pain... and all the exercise helps keep me fit too!" he says.

Lewin expects to be a busy man between now and May 13. Not, he hopes, having to treat serious injuries. (Fortunately, we've suffered few of those so far.) But he'll be a key figure in patching up the wounded and preparing them for their next appearance.

"Up until Christmas I wasn't too busy. Now the first team and the reserves are facing two games a week, I expect I'll be dealing with a lot more knocks and bruises in the next two months!" he says.

BACK TRACK • BACK TRACK

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YEARS AGO:

A last-minute goal from Paul Mariner clinched the Gunners a 1-0 victory at Nottingham Forest.

Luton went down 1-2 at Southampton, Mark Wright and David Armstrong netted for the home side before Mal Donaghy pulled one back in the final minute.

Goals from Ian Rush and Michael Robinson earned Liverpool a 2-0 home win over Q.P.R. so the Reds maintained their four-point lead over Manchester United at the top of the table.

Two goals from Kevin Moran gave United a 2-1 home victory over Sunderland who scored first through former Gunner Lee Chapman.



Paul Mariner

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YEARS AGO:

The Gunners lost ground in the Championship chase when we went down 0-1 at home to Wolves, John Richards grabbed the only goal.

Alan West and Chris Turner scored in Luton's 2-1 home win over Blackburn in Division Two.

Liverpool won 2-0 at Derby with goals from Kenny Dalglish and ex-Gunner Ray Kennedy, so we slipped five points behind the Anfield club.

Mick Channon scored twice in Manchester City's 3-0 away win at Coventry. Brian Kidd, yet another former Arsenal man, hit City's third goal.

Paul Mariner, later to come to Highbury, scored the goal which gave Ipswich a 1-0 success at Everton.

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YEARS AGO:

Ray Kennedy's goal gave the Gunners an interval lead at Birmingham but the Blues hit back after the break with goals from Joe Gallagher, Bob Hatton and Trevor Francis to win 3-1.

Luton extended their unbeaten run to five games with a 2-1 home win over Crystal Palace in Division Two. Jim Ryan converted a penalty and Barry Butlin made it 2-0 before Derek Possee replied for Palace.

Leeds United's unbeaten run of 29 First Division games since the start of the season came to an end at Stoke – even though Billy Bremner and Allen Clarke put them 2-0 up after only 18 minutes. Goals from Mike Pejic and Alan Hudson put Stoke on terms, and Dennis Smith netted their winner.

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YEARS AGO:

Our game at Everton, and Luton's Third Division fixture at Bristol Rovers, were among many matches postponed because of the weather. Bobby Tambling scored four times within 18 second-half minutes in Chelsea's 5-1 home win over Sunderland.

Roger Morgan hit an early goal for Tottenham but they were held 1-1 at home by Wolves. Hugh Curran scored for the visitors.

John Sissons gave West Ham an interval advantage at home to Liverpool but Roger Hunt scored soon after the break to earn the Reds a 1-1 draw.

Alex Dawson hit four goals as Brighton won 5-2 at Hartlepool in Division Three.

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YEARS AGO:

Spurs were top of the First Division when we travelled to White Hart Lane for a derby game that drew 57,358 fans. Jimmy Greaves converted a penalty for the home side with Cliff Jones scoring twice. Geoff Strong replied for the Gunners as we went down 1-3.

Luton sank into relegation danger in the Third Division after losing 1-3 at Bournemouth. John Reid scored the Hatters' goal.

Liverpool kept within three points of Spurs by winning 2-1 at home to Birmingham, Ronnie Moran and Ian St John scored their goals.

Johnny Byrne netted a hat-trick – one from the spot – as West Ham ran up a 4-3 home win over Sheffield Wednesday. Geoff Hurst got their other goal.

THE I.D. CARD SCHEME... FOR

I write in support of the government's I.D. Card Scheme. Together with my family we have four season tickets at Highbury.

While I accept that there is rarely any trouble at Arsenal, I feel this is mainly due to a large police presence both inside and outside the stadium, and crowd segregation. If it were possible to guarantee a friendly atmosphere in which rival supporters could mix together, coupled with a minimum of policing I would then agree with your view opposing the I.D. scheme.

However, if the scheme is introduced it would leave the way open for the return of families to football stadia in an atmosphere where supporters could cheer on their teams standing and sitting side by side with one another, as was the case many years ago.

I do realise that there are problems of processing fans through the turnstiles quickly, and of course the casual supporter. However, I cannot believe overcoming these obstacles should be beyond the realms of modern technology and methods.

Norman Hyman

Surbiton

Surrey

... AND AGAINST

If further evidence is needed that the identity card scheme WILL NOT WORK, then Colin Moynihan should have been sitting on the 17.05pm train from St. Pancras on February 4.

Having been to Highbury with my 11-year-old son to watch our team play West Ham, we caught the 17.05pm bound for Loughborough. At 17.30pm the train pulled in to Luton. On jumped at least a dozen Nottingham Forest 'fans', who had obviously been to Kenilworth Road despite Luton's home fans only policy.

For the rest of our journey we and the rest of the passengers had to listen to a torrent of four letter words.

Surely this discounts Mr Moynihan's argument, that fans will not travel without an identity card?

R Cooke

Shepshed

Leicestershire.

PARENTS AND GOVERNMENT REALLY TO BLAME?

For over 100 years we have all been free to go to a football match. Now the government want to restrict that freedom. They say the I.D. cards will combat hooliganism, but I.D. cards will not cure this disease.

It is created by couldn't-care-less

parents breeding couldn't-care-less children. Is sport once again to carry the can because of the failure of governments to curb this problem?

An I.D. card scheme will only send the hooligans on to the streets and public transport.

The police and the F.A. and the Football League have done excellent work in reducing what once was an epidemic. Now the F.A. and the clubs must fight this I.D. system tooth and nail, if necessary through the ballot box.

L. F. Dowell

Hammersmith

Thank you to everyone (literally hundreds of you!) who wrote to tell us the words of the old Arsenal 'Anchors Aweigh' song. We never realised our appeal would call forth such a huge response!

LET'S WEAR RED!

As a regular follower of the Gunners both at home and away, I would like to voice my concern about Arsenal's reluctance – when playing away – to appear in the red strip.

After all, it is the team's No 1 kit. Why can't the team be provided with red shorts, so that at away matches e.g. Everton, Millwall, Q.P.R., we can retain our red?

This policy is followed at several other clubs, by Manchester United for instance, who, when playing away often wear black shorts so they can retain their red shirts.

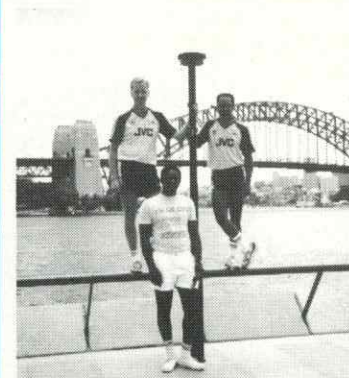
I have nothing against the current away strip and obviously at some away games we have to change (e.g. against Liverpool). But I feel the club should do as much as possible to ensure we can turn out in our famous red and white shirts!

Tim Johnson

Highbury

● What do other supporters think?

Highbury Mailbag
Arsenal FC
Avenell Road
Highbury London
NS 1BU



GUNNERS IN SYDNEY

I would like to prove that there are loyal fans spreading the word of Arsenal right around the world.

Here am I and my two friends Terry Swan and George Bromfield parading 12,000 miles away in Sydney Australia... and we met lots of Arsenal fans while we were out there!

Mark Potton

Wood Green

REPORTS WANTED URGENTLY!

Richard Taylor, who's currently on remand in Lewes Prison, has been following the Gunners home and away for the past nine years and says the thing he misses is not seeing Arsenal play. He would like Arsenal supporters to send him reports of our matches every week. Please write to: Richard Taylor, No. NF2817, A Wing, Lewes Prison, Brighton Road, Lewes, Sussex BN7 1EA.

LOOKING FOR COMPANY

I am writing to ask whether there are any Arsenal fans living in Buckinghamshire, Berkshire or Oxfordshire who would care to travel with me to most Arsenal away games. I am 16-years-old. I am looking for people aged 15-19 to join me.

Simon Cooper

2, Mill Court
Cores End Road
Bourne End
Buckinghamshire
SL8 5HT.

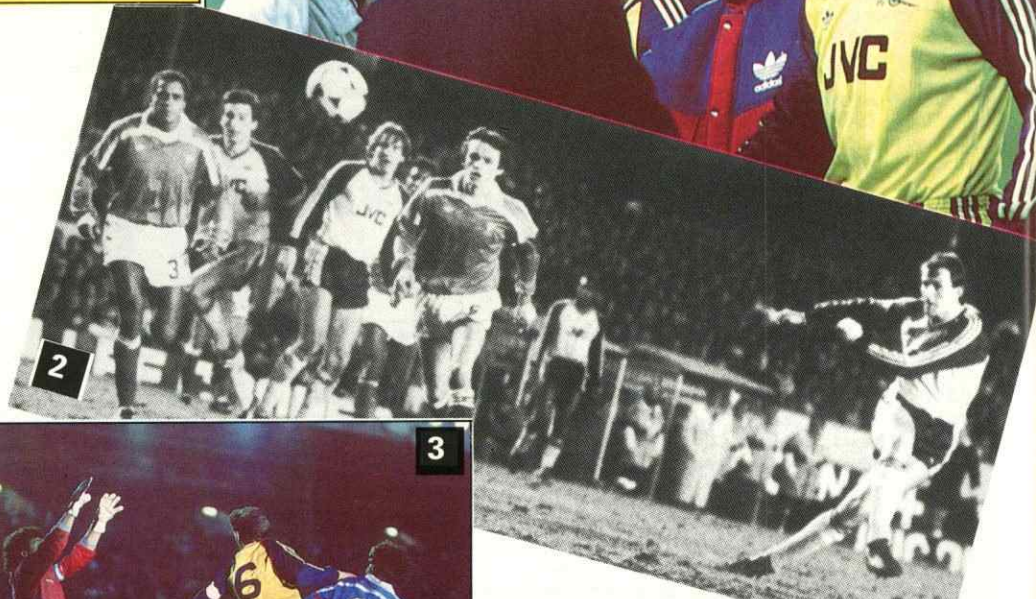
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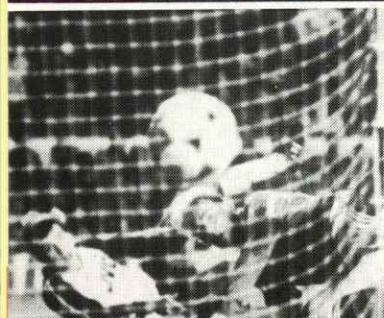
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Allez les jaunes!
(Come on, you
yellows!) ...

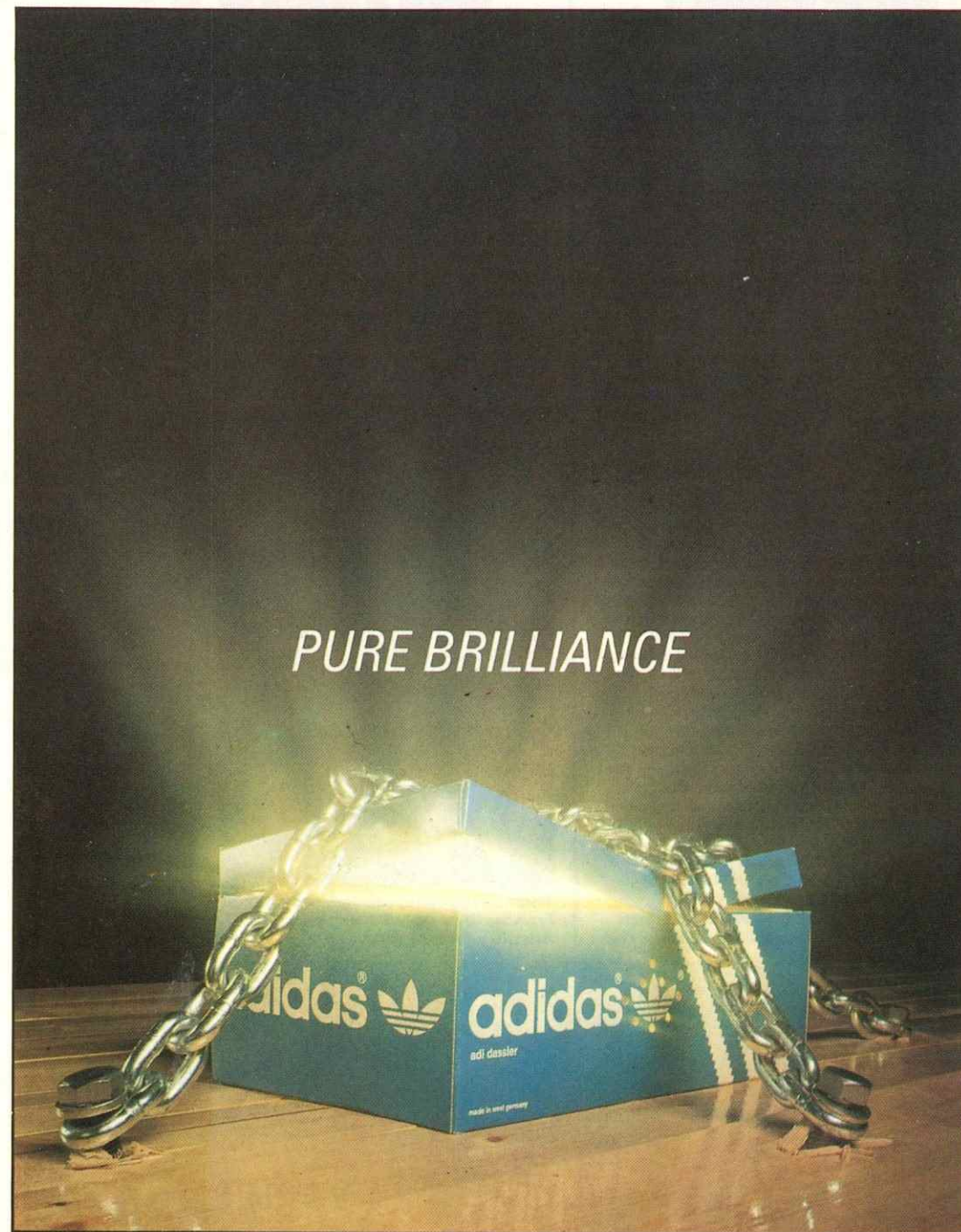
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**ARSENAL 2
FRANCE 0**



1. Former F.A. general secretary Ted Croker was presented to both teams before the game - and here he is enjoying a joke with David O'Leary.
2. Take that! Sub Martin Hayes had only been on the pitch a minute when he cracked home this stinging 25-yarder to put us in front.
3. Ballet without the ball ... Joel Bats comes out to claim a cross as Tony Adams jumps to challenge him.
4. Our second goal: Bats looks back to see the ball enter the net ... put there by Alan Smith who met Perry Groves's low cross with a clever flick over the 'keeper.



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NEWSLETTER COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to some members who have won competitions which appeared in our last Junior Gunners newsletter.

First, to Richard Tillett from Highgate, who won a video of our victory over Bayern Munich in the Wembley International Tournament in August. Richard correctly told us that Bayern play in the Bundesliga. Many thanks to Eric Thatcher from Margate who donated the prize.

Second, congratulations to Gideon Brennan from Upper Norwood who wrote a terrific sequel to our 'Super Gunner' story, thereby winning a 'Soccer Star' video for himself. You can read Gideon's story (and some of the other entries) in the March edition of the newsletter. Well done to everyone who sent in stories, and a special mention for Jason Conway's marvellous illustrations.

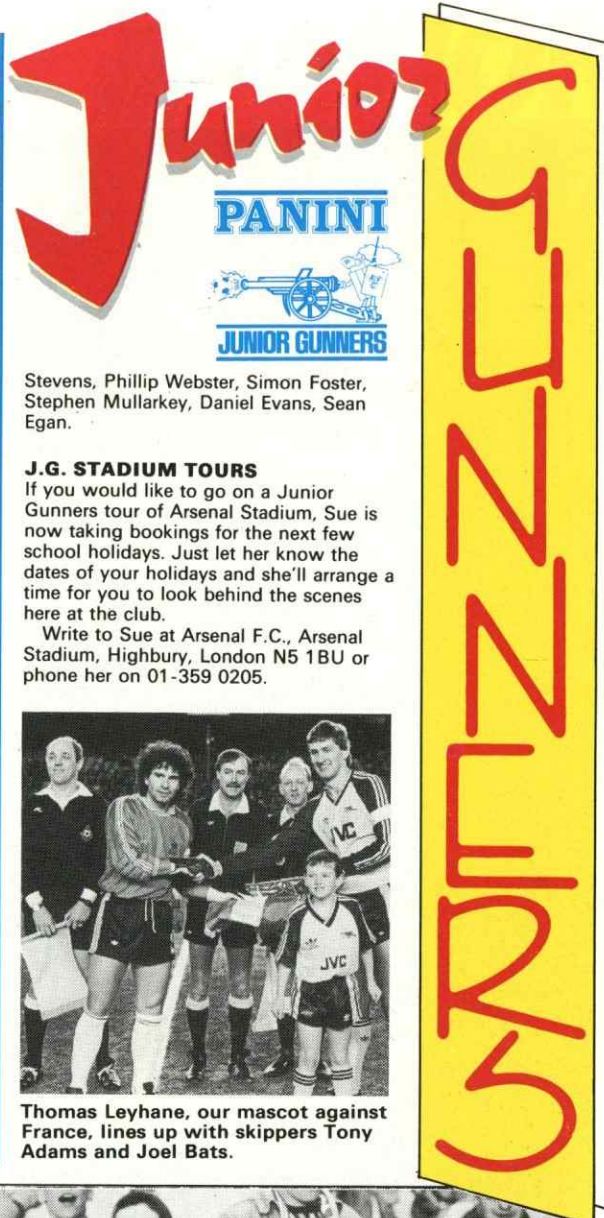
Finally, well done Matthew Luck from Dunmow who won the book 'Arsenal - A Complete Record 1886-1988' for telling us that Bertie Mee was the Arsenal manager before Terry Neill. Thank you very much to Maurice Cooper from Cheltenham who donated the book to Junior Gunners.

We felt a special mention was due here to five-year-old Matthew Robson from Letchworth after reading this letter from his mum Lorraine: "We have always taken the time to explain the contents of the JG newsletters to Matthew, particularly the competitions, although of course he has always been too young to know the answers. It was therefore with interest that we noted in the recent edition an invitation to 'ask your dad' who was manager before Terry Neill. Even allowing for this Steve (Matthew's dad) still felt it was a little inappropriate so we decided to ask Matthew the following: 1. What is the name of the bus in the Thomas the Tank Engine stories? 2. Who wants sausage and chips for tea? Matthew's answers were: 1. Bertie and 2. Me(e)!"

We reckon he deserves 'A' for effort!

TODAY'S BALLBOYS

Thank you to our ballboys this afternoon who are: William Sparks, Ian Beach, David



Stevens, Phillip Webster, Simon Foster, Stephen Mullarkey, Daniel Evans, Sean Egan.

J.G. STADIUM TOURS

If you would like to go on a Junior Gunners tour of Arsenal Stadium, Sue is now taking bookings for the next few school holidays. Just let her know the dates of your holidays and she'll arrange a time for you to look behind the scenes here at the club.

Write to Sue at Arsenal F.C., Arsenal Stadium, Highbury, London N5 1BU or phone her on 01-359 0205.



Thomas Leyhane, our mascot against France, lines up with skippers Tony Adams and Joel Bats.

FACE IN THE CROWD

Are you the face ringed in the photograph, right? If you are, you've won two tickets for an Arsenal home game this season.

All you have to do is bring along your programme and Junior Gunners Membership Card to Debbie at the Junior Gunners office and claim your tickets.

You can do this between 9.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday or between 12 midday and 2pm on Saturday first team home match days.



OUR MASCOT: MARK LUPINE

Our mascot this afternoon is Mark Lupine from Sudbury in Middlesex. Mark, who is 11, attends Wembley High School. Although he is not in the school team he enjoys playing football and cricket in the playground. He also likes reading (especially football magazines) and playing snooker. He's also keen on computers.

Mark's favourite television shows are football, EastEnders and Neighbours. He says that his favourite school lesson (after PE!) is Maths. Mark has been supporting Arsenal for two years, and his favourite Gunner is midfielder man Michael Thomas.



CHOOSE YOUR 'PLAYER OF THE SEASON'

The spring edition of the Junior Gunners newsletter will be on its way to you next month - and we'll be asking you then to vote for your Player of the Season.

So now's the time to start deciding who you will choose.

The player with the most votes will be presented with a crystal decanter and a gallon bottle of scotch (we'd like to thank Maurice Cooper and Michael Guise for their generosity in donating such marvellous prizes).

We've found in the past that many JGs do not take part in the voting. That's a shame - because if you don't vote you miss the chance to make the presentation to the winning player!

As usual we'll choose one of the Junior Gunners who voted for the eventual winner to come along to a first team game and make the presentation on the pitch just before kick-off. We hope that Maurice and Michael will be able to join us on that day too. So don't miss out. Make sure you vote - and it could be you on the pitch!

MYSTERY PRIZE

Today's mystery Junior Gunner is called Don and he lives at 48 Wynford Road. If this is you, then you have won a £5 voucher

to spend in the Gunners Shop.

To claim your prize please contact Debbie in the Junior Gunners office (01-359 0205), and tell her your surname and the rest of your address.

WELCOME, JUNIOR HATTERS

Welcome to Bev Tyler and all the Junior Hatters, who played against Junior Gunners this morning at Clissold Park, and who are now our guests in the Panini Stickers Family Enclosure. We hope you enjoy your visit to Highbury.

TRISTAN ON THE DOOR TODAY!

Today we welcome Tristan Cork from Chippenham who won the Junior Gunners newsletter 'Commissionaire Competition'. Tristan will be assisting our Chief Commissionaire Sergeant Clarke in the marble halls today. We'll let you know how he gets on!

FACE IN THE CROWD WINNER

Congratulations to Face in the Crowd winner Nicola Laws from Bexleyheath, who was ringed in the programme for our game against West Ham earlier this month. Nicola has chosen two tickets for our match against Charlton Athletic.

JG MESSAGE LINE

Julie Belsham - hope you get better soon, love Sara and family.

Christopher Naunton - happy birthday from Mum and Dad - also for Rachel, who was eight last month.

Happy ninth birthday to Philip Andrews, from his family.

Emma-Jane Sinfield - happy 16th birthday tomorrow - love from Mum, Dad, Richard and George.

Rob Betchley - happy 29th birthday on the 22nd, and thanks for bringing me to Highbury for the last four seasons - Ian Beach.

Happy birthday to Paul and Dad, from Michael Rose.

JUST FOR FUN

We asked in the last programme if you knew which French club Graham Rix plays for. The answer is: Caen. Today we have an anagram for you, which when unscrambled will reveal someone or something connected with Luton.

FARM HID ROCK

As usual we'll give you the answer in our next magazine.

THANKS TO ADIDAS

Junior Gunners would like to thank Adidas for kindly donating a set of Arsenal kit to our mascot Mark Lupine.

Here's the latest news from ... the PANINI FAMILY ENCLOSURE



Junior fans in the Panini Family Enclosure will no doubt be well on their way to filling their Football 89 sticker album, after getting a head start with a free 'starter pack' recently. In fact, judging by the orders received at our London office, some collectors have already finished!

There will be plenty of other collections to come this year though for those who are 'stuck' on Panini. If you've seen the great 'Who Framed Roger Rabbit' film recently, you may be interested to hear that there is a fantastic all colour Panini sticker album featuring all the crazy antics of Roger and his friends (and enemies!).

Other collections due out in March and April to look out for are the great 'Smash Hits 1989' pop sticker album, with all the top pop stars in full colour on extra large stickers! This album has full colour on every page, and bigger stickers than any other pop collection! Also due out in March is the WWF Nature in Danger album, all about the world's endangered wildlife, and with lots of things to do for wildlife lovers.

April sees the arrival of one of the most famous cartoon characters - he's fat, furry, and only loves one person - himself! Guessed who it is? Yes, that star of a thousand car windows, Garfield!

So you see, although Panini are famous all over the world for their football stickers (you'll remember that even Norwegian fans collect the British football stickers!) Panini's sticker collections are for all the family - just like the Family Enclosure at Highbury!

KEVIN SEEKS A EURO CHALLENGE

By KEVIN CONNOLLY

KEVIN RICHARDSON isn't just the only Gunner who's won a championship medal. He's also the only one of our players to have won a European medal – when he was one of Everton's subs in their 4-1 triumph over Rapid Vienna in the 1985 Cup Winners' Cup final.

That game was played a few weeks before English clubs were banned from Europe, after the Heysel disaster. Now Kevin hopes our teams will be re-admitted to European competition next season; and he's confident Arsenal would do well against continental opposition.

"If the I.D. card scheme goes through, it might give us a chance, because people on the Continent can see the government is taking action, as well as football trying to put its own house in order," says Kevin.

"English fans' behaviour has improved since the tragedy at the Heysel Stadium; certainly at club level. Many other countries seem to suffer hooligan problems which are just as bad, maybe even worse, than those which English fans have caused."

For instance, only two years ago, eight different town councils refused to stage the Dutch cup final because they were worried about potential trouble.

Neo-Nazi groups have long been active at German Bundesliga grounds.

Greek fans fought each other when England won there 2-1 last month. The effects of hooliganism have reduced league attendances and Greek referees are demanding increased protection from angry fans.

The Real Madrid goalkeeper Buyo recently had to endure a firecracker attack in a Spanish league game; while all the other big Spanish and Italian clubs have to contend with their 'ultras' – a hard core of hooligans, often linked to extremist movements.

They're all worries which UEFA might investigate.

But Richardson's real preoccupation is on the pitch. "I'm convinced that Europe has missed our teams, because we provide plenty of excitement and give 90 minutes value for money," says Kevin.

Many critics have claimed the Euro ban has caused a deterioration in English standards, because our top teams can't face their continental equivalents.

Richardson agrees League players can learn a lot from such encounters. But he points out that most of the Everton squad who clinched the Cup Winners' Cup had never played in European competition before.

"It would be a great experience for our players – particularly for the younger lads – to meet a completely different style of football. They could put that knowledge to good use if they became international players," says Kevin.

"Yet even the best foreign sides don't relish meeting English teams, because of our determination and competitiveness. They know we'll put them under pressure for 90 minutes. That's one of our clubs' great strengths."


Kevin recalls our 3-0 victory over Bayern München last August and our recent 2-0 win over France as evidence of the Gunners European potential.

"We put together some penetrating moves in the second-half against Bayern, and we could have won by more against the French. Okay, we can't read too much into that result, because France were missing several experienced players from Monaco and Bordeaux. But that performance showed how well we can play against unfamiliar opposition. It also pointed the way for Scotland to approach their World Cup qualifier against France next month."

Kevin also believes our victory demonstrates the adaptability of British players too. "We'd come straight from a hard game at Millwall, when we had to compete and hustle: to play a typical 'English' game, if you like. We changed our approach to meet the French and played plenty of flowing football. That showed our flexibility," he continues.

"I was impressed with the French players technique and short passing. But they couldn't change their style. They kept playing the same way even after they'd gone two down."

"I'm not saying we'd dominate the European competitions straightaway, like we used to," concludes Kevin. "But if we were allowed back next season, I'm sure our best sides would do well."



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DATE	OPPONENTS	F A	Att.	Pos.
Aug. 27	Wimbleton	5-1	15,710	-
31	Queens Park Rangers (MCT-Q/F)	2-3	10,019	-
Sept. 3	Aston Villa	2-0	37,417	-
10	Tottenham Hotspur	3-2	32,621	6
17	Southampton	2-2	31,384	5
20	Liverpool (MCT-S/F)	2-1	29,135	-
24	Sheffield Wednesday	1-2	17,830	-
28	Hull City (LC2 1st Leg)	2-1	11,450	-
Oct. 1	West Ham United	2-1	27,658	-
9	Manchester United (MCT-Final)	2-1	22,182	-
12	Hull City (LC2 2nd Leg)	3-0	17,885	-
22	Queens Park Rangers	2-1	33,202	4
25	Luton Town	1-1	10,548	3
29	Coventry City	2-0	31,273	2
Nov. 2	Liverpool (LC3)	1-1	31,951	-
6	Nottingham Forest	4-1	19,038	2
9	Liverpool (LC3R)	0-0	54,029	-
12	Newcastle United	1-0	24,033	2
19	Middlesbrough	3-0	32,294	2
23	Liverpool (LC3R2)	1-2	21,708	-
26	Derby County	1-2	21,708	-
Dec. 4	Liverpool	1-1	31,863	2
10	Norwich City	0-0	23,069	2
17	Manchester United	2-1	37,422	2
26	Charlton Athletic	3-2	18,439	1
31	Aston Villa	3-0	32,486	1
Jan. 2	Tottenham Hotspur	2-0	45,129	1
8	West Ham Utd. (FAC3)	2-2	22,017	-
11	West Ham Utd. (FAC3R)	0-1	44,124	-
14	Everton	3-1	34,825	1
21	Sheffield Wednesday	1-1	33,490	1
Feb. 4	West Ham United	2-1	40,139	1
11	Millwall	2-1	21,854	1
18	Queens Park Rangers	0-0	20,543	1
21	Coventry City	0-1	21,390	1
25	Luton Town	-	-	-
28	Millwall	-	-	-
Mar. 11	Nottingham Forest	-	-	-
25	Southampton	-	-	-
27	Charlton Athletic	-	-	-
Apr. 1	Manchester United	-	-	-
8	Everton	-	-	-
15	Newcastle U. (FAC SF)	-	-	-
22	Liverpool	-	-	-
29	Norwich City	-	-	-
6	Middlesbrough	-	-	-
May 13	Derby County	-	-	-

February 14: International Friendly v FRANCE (h) 2-0 Half-time: 0-0

Scorers: Martin Hayes (62 minutes); Alan Smith (74 minutes).
Arsenal: Lukic, Dixon, Winterburn, Thomas, O'Leary (Bould, 64 minutes), Adams, Rocastle (Groves, 73 minutes), Richardson, Smith (Quinn, 77 minutes), Merson, Marwood (Hayes, 61 minutes).
Attendance: 21,785.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

(Up to and including Wednesday, February 22)

Top Goalscorers (up to end of February)																								Average Gates
HOME												AWAY												
P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Top Goalscorers												
25	6	3	1	19	10	9	3	3	31	15	51	Smith 17, Merson 8, Marwood 8												35,361
25	5	6	2	17	14	8	2	2	20	13	47	Fleck 7, Rosario 4												16,468
25	7	2	4	20	12	4	5	3	14	13	40	Speedie 12												18,287
24	7	4	1	20	7	3	5	4	14	12	39	Hughes 12												41,052
24	8	1	3	22	12	3	5	4	15	18	39	Casciano 12, Sheringham 6												15,125
24	3	6	2	13	10	6	5	2	21	16	36	Hodge 5, Clough 5, Gaynor 2, Foster 2												20,933
23	4	5	2	12	7	5	4	3	18	13	36	Aldridge 9												36,645
23	5	2	6	15	12	5	3	2	11	6	35	Saunders 12 (4 for Oxford)												15,789
24	5	5	2	20	13	3	4	5	9	13	33	Cortee 9												28,140
23	6	2	4	14	13	3	3	5	13	17	32	Fashanu 6, Gibson 5												6,617
25	5	4	23	21	2	4	5	13	16	30		Waddle 9, Stewart 7, Fenwick 6												24,354
25	6	3	19	14	1	6	6	15	24	30		McNally 13												21,934
25	6	4	2	18	13	2	2	9	12	25	30	Slaven 8												19,827
24	5	5	2	19	11	2	3	7	8	18	29	Black 7												8,935
25	4	5	4	21	20	2	5	6	16	27	28	Le Tissier 9, Cockerill 3, Rideout 3												15,060
25	4	3	5	12	10	2	5	6	12	14	26	Francis 7, Stein 3												16,042
24	2	5	6	16	22	3	4	4	10	13	24	Williams 10												8,115
24	3	4	5	11	17	2	5	8	17	24		Sterland 6, Hirst 2												23,647
24	2	4	6	12	18	3	2	7	9	25	21	Mirandinha 6												26,664
23	1	3	7	11	22	3	2	7	9	19	17	Kelly 6, Dickens 2, Rosensor 2, Stewart 2												22,858

The prices of our numbered and reserved seats for home League matches are:

	Normal	Grade A*
Centre Blocks	Price	Price
Next to Centre	£11.00	£12.00
Wing Blocks	£8.00	£9.00
Lower Tier	£7.00	£8.00
Family Enclosure	£5.50	£6.50
Members only		
Adult	£5.50	£5.50
Juvenile/OAP	£2.75	£2.75

BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

The majority of available seats at Highbury are priced at £5.50 (£6.50 grade 'A' matches). Tickets for all our League matches are bookable throughout the season by ringing our Dial-A-Seat service on 01-226 4050. We accept both Visa/Access cards. Please apply at least 72 hours before the game you want to see. You can make a postal application by writing to the Box Office, Arsenal Football Club, Highbury, London N5 1BU. Please enclose the appropriate remittance and a stamped and addressed envelope. Personal application can be made between 9.30am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday, and on first team Saturdays from 9.30am.

*Grade A Matches — Tottenham, Liverpool, Everton, Manchester United, West Ham.
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COMING GAMES AT HIGHBURY

Barclays League Division One
v MILLWALL
 Tuesday, February 28
 Kick-off 7.45pm

Football Combination
v WATFORD
 Tuesday, March 7
 Kick-off 2pm

FIRST TEAM STARTS

ALAN BIDS FOR FRENCH REPEAT

Smith hopes for international vote



Alan signing autographs for his young fans. They have no doubts about his England status!

FIRST Division topscorer Alan Smith is eager to keep his England place for the World Cup qualifier in Albania on March 8.

And the 19-goal striker hopes his next display against international opposition will be as successful as his last, when he netted a brilliant goal to clinch our 2-0 win over France 11 days ago.

Alan reacted faster than anyone to reach Perry Groves's low cross – and flick a spectacular effort over on-rushing 'keeper Joel Bats. That effort gave him particular pleasure, because he'd suffered some hefty marking from his French shadow, William Prunier.

"He showed a liking for my shirt right from the first whistle. In fact he took hold of it so often, I thought he wanted to swap jerseys after about half-an-hour rather than at the end!" recalls Alan.

By KEVIN CONNOLLY

But the England centre-forward was pleased with the service he received – especially that skidding centre from sub Groves.

"Perry's quick cross was exactly what I needed against such tight marking" says Alan: "It gave me the chance to escape for a split second. That accurate early service is just what forwards want against man-to-man markers.

"If the build-up is too deliberate, it becomes really hard for a striker to turn or try and twist away."

Alan remembers that experience from his first full England start, in Greece on February 8. Smith, and his old Leicester striking partner, Gary Lineker, had to make do with a patchy service.

They also had to shrug off frequent fouls by their Greek markers – often before the ball arrived. "The bad

thing about those defenders was that they were two-footed..." reflected Lineker ruefully, counting his bruises afterwards.

"I hadn't faced man-to-man marking often before. So that game was a real eye-opener" says Alan: "My marker kept tugging me before the ball arrived, and the referee just let it go on. It was hard to adjust to those tactics."

Peter Beardsley subbed for Alan just before Bryan Robson hit England's winner. That switch disappointed Smith, who wanted to play the whole 90 minutes, after making a brief sub appearance in England's previous outing in Saudi Arabia.

"Obviously I didn't want to come off. I've read that Bobby Robson knows the team he wants to field in Albania. I don't know his plans. But I hope I'm part of them. I've still got something to prove at England level" says Alan.

"I hope the goals I've scored since then, against Millwall and France will count in my favour when the manager picks his squad."

Alan wonders if media and fans expected too much of his renewed link-up with Lineker in Greece. Still, he'd like more opportunities to revive the partnership that brought Leicester so many goals a few years ago.

"Gary and I have been apart for four seasons. There's a world of difference between training and playing together every week, and meeting again just a few days before an international" he says: "Maybe we've changed a bit as players, because of the new demands placed on us as we've changed clubs. It would take time for us to reforge our old partnership. But I'm confident Gary and I can strike up a successful understanding again. I just hope I get the opportunity."

ARSENAL TRAVEL CLUB GUNNERS AWAY TRAVEL

Barclays League Division One
SOUTHAMPTON v ARSENAL
Saturday, March 25, kick-off 3pm

This match is ALL TICKET. We have received a limited allocation of seat tickets (price £9) and terrace tickets (£5).

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS: May now make a postal application only, for tickets. Please send your application to the Travel Club, and include a blank cheque (suitably endorsed), a completed voucher 23 from your season ticket book(s) and a sae. Please state clearly if terrace tickets would be acceptable if we have already sold our seat ticket allocation.

Match tickets will be sold at the rate of one per season ticket book, subject to availability.

TRAVEL CLUB MEMBERS: The Travel Club has organised a rail/terrace ticket package to this match, which costs £12.50 inclusive. We have received a very limited allocation of rail and terrace tickets, and these will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Travel Club members may make a personal application only, at the Travel Club office, from Tuesday, March 7. Please show your membership card when you buy your ticket.

The Travel Club is open from 9.30am to 4.45pm, Monday to Friday. It will also be open after today's game.

Arsenal Travel Club, Arsenal Stadium, Avenell Road, Highbury, London N5 1BU.
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HELPING THE GAME

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1988-89 will see The Football Trust increase its commitment by investing further sums in closed circuit television, transport facilities for supporters and projects to bring Football League clubs closer to their local community.

WARNING

At the beginning of the season more than 110 League grounds in England, Wales and Scotland will be equipped with CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION which has been funded by The Football Trust

It is there to increase crowd safety and to help the police. Recording facilities enable film and photographs to be taken of disorder, which may subsequently be used in a court of law

CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION

SAFETY FIRST

Football grounds in England and Wales have reached their highest ever level of safety thanks to the £23 671 425 invested by the Football Grounds Improvement Trust since 1975

Almost every League club has been assisted with essential safety work and further substantial sums have been spent to enable them to improve facilities. In the past year alone FGIT grants to Football League clubs totalled

Safety	£ 2 254 723
Improvements	770 561

In addition to its safety programme, FGIT has also allocated £1 5 million to build or improve family and disabled facilities at League grounds during 1988

NEXT

AT

HIGHBURY

MILLWALL

Tuesday February 28, kick-off 7.45pm



The Gunners have the opportunity of becoming the first club ever to complete a double over Millwall in First Division football when the Lions come to

Highbury next Tuesday night.

When we visited The Den a couple of weeks ago, we came from behind to win 2-1 with goals from Brian Marwood and Alan Smith, after Jimmy Carter had given the Lions an early lead.

Millwall have made a tremendous impression during their debut as a First Division Club.

The Lions have never been out of the top eight all season.

And, for experienced players like midfielders Les Briley and Terry Hurlock, this season has marked the pinnacle of their careers.

Millwall's style is simple enough: they get the ball forward early to prolific strikers Tony Cascarino and Teddy Sheringham, whose finishing rate has been phenomenal. It's rare for both to score in the same match but only on eight occasions in their opening 23 League games did the opposition manage to hold both of them.

Cascarino, the Republic of Ireland international, has scored 14 goals so far while Sheringham has netted 12.

Millwall's visit will give former Arsenal midfielder man Frank McLintock, a nostalgic trip back to Highbury. Frank is assistant-manager to John Docherty at The Den.

Millwall have won three away games in the League – at Charlton (3-0), Derby (1-0) and Q.P.R. (2-1). They drew at Aston Villa (2-2), Norwich (2-2), Coventry (0-0), Liverpool (1-1) and Southampton (2-2).



Millwall skipper Les Briley.

The Lions suffered their only away defeats at Middlesbrough (2-4), Tottenham (0-2), Wimbledon (0-1) and Manchester United (0-3).

It will be a fascinating contrast of styles when the Lions come here. The Gunners will be hoping our approach will pay off again.



Arsenal

Red shirts, white neck and sleeves, white shorts, red socks

JOHN LUKIC	1	LES SEALEY
DAVID O'LEARY	2	TIM BREACKER
NIGEL WINTERBURN	3	ASHLEY GRIMES
MICHAEL THOMAS	4	DAVID PREECE
STEVE BOULD	5	STEVE FOSTER
TONY ADAMS	6	DAVID BEAUMONT
DAVID ROCASTLE	7	DANNY WILSON
KEVIN RICHARDSON	8	ROY WEGERLE
ALAN SMITH	9	MICK HARFORD
PAUL MERSON	10	RICKY HILL
BRIAN MARWOOD	11	KINGSLEY BLACK
	12	
	14	

White shirts, black shorts, white socks

Luton Town

OFFICIALS

Referee: John Deakin (South Glamorgan)

John is an RAF warrant officer. He is married, with two sons. He started refereeing in the RAF, and progressed through the South Midlands League and the Football Combination to become a League linesman in 1977. He was promoted to the referees list three years later. John's hobbies are classical music, steam locomotives, cricket and running.

Linesmen:

P. J. Brennan (Benfleet) red trim

B. N. Crew (Whitstable) yellow trim

The reserve official today, is Mr. G. Moore, who has been supplied by the North Middlesex Referees Society.

SCOREBOARD

Today's other First Division matches are...

ASTON VILLA v CHARLTON ATHLETIC

DERBY COUNTY v EVERTON

MILLWALL v COVENTRY CITY

NORWICH CITY v MANCHESTER UNITED

SOUTHAMPTON v TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

WEST HAM UNITED v QUEENS PARK RANGERS

WIMBLEDON v SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

The MIDDLESBROUGH v NEWCASTLE UNITED game kicks off at 12 noon tomorrow.

TODAY'S MATCHBALL SPONSOR

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See programme v Nottingham Forest for details

VISITING TERRACE SUPPORTERS...

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