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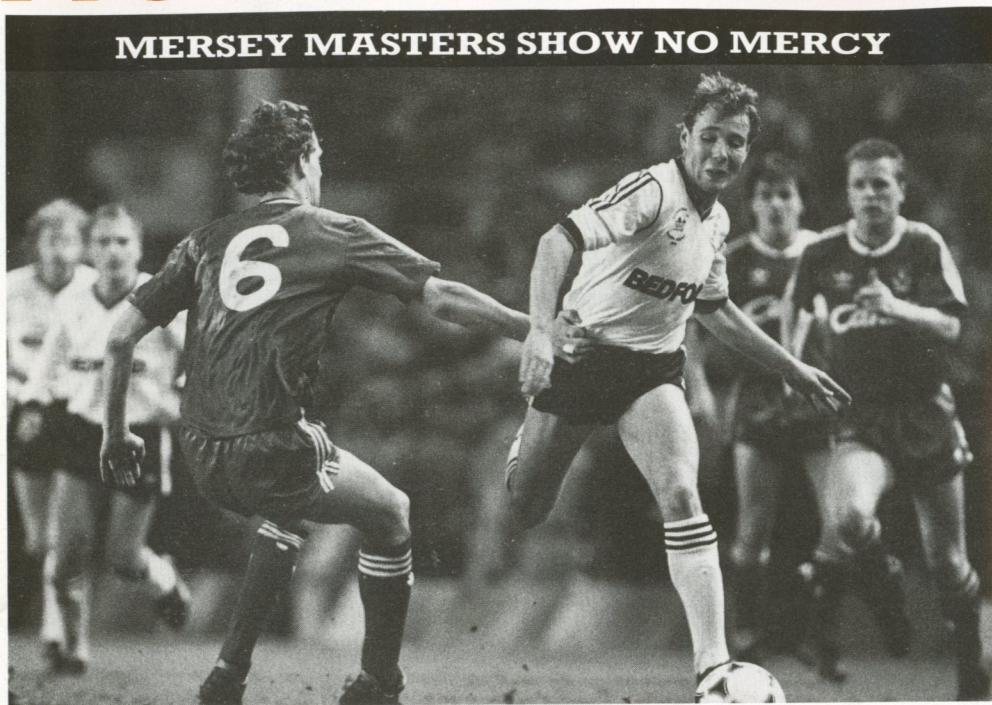
Saturday, March 18, 1989 Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

LUTON TOWN

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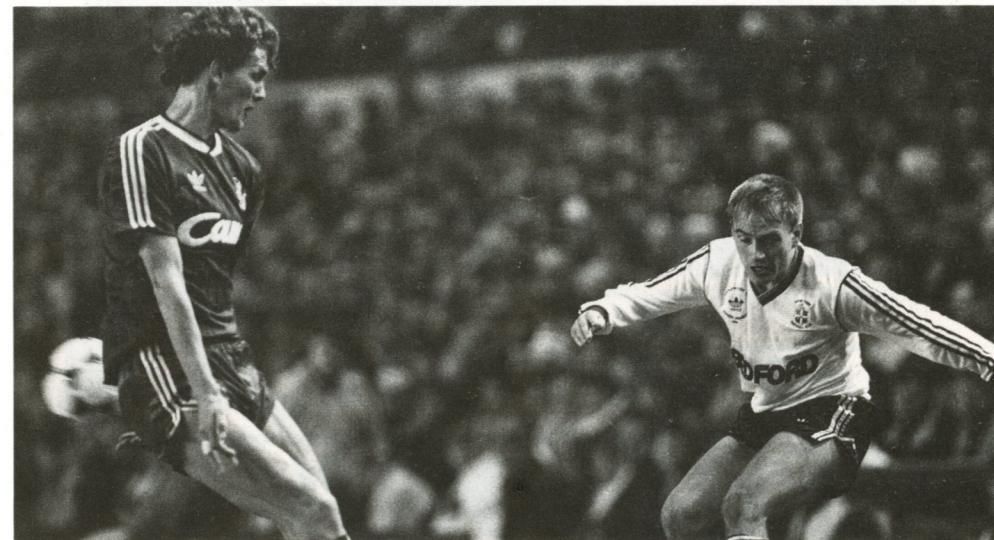
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After two defeats in the last week, it is obviously important for us to recapture our best form and collect three points this afternoon against Sheffield Wednesday. But that does not mean we are about to start worrying like mad. We have to remain calm and professional to do the job and it is down to all of us to work hard and pull together to ensure we climb up the league table. Our 5-0 defeat at Liverpool probably sounds worse than it was. They were very much back in the groove on the night and played like champions. But we worked very hard at playing a withdrawn style of play and attempting to work our way out to support Mick Harford. For spells it worked, but Liverpool were in such form we still found ourselves stretched to contain them and the two goals before the interval came at a bad time for us. Even so, I thought we continued to battle well and it was not until the final quarter that we were overrun. Last Saturday, we were very stuttery in the first half, but much more forceful after the interval when I thought we were unlucky not to gain any reward.

Today I have a chance to welcome Richie Barker back to Kenilworth Road with Ron Atkinson and his team. Richie did a good job for us while he was here and we shall all remain very good friends. I hope we are the ones with a result to celebrate tonight. Steve Foster will be available again today after suspension, but I fear we shall be without Roy Wegerle for another week or two. He strained his hamstring against Millwall. It is ironic - and bad luck - of course that Roy should be injured only 24 hours after David Oldfield joined Manchester City. We had accepted two offers for David and were disappointed to see him go, but it is the club's policy to keep players informed of all bids and inquiries. David had not been able to command a first team place and I felt we had plenty of cover in attack with Iain Dowie and the high-scoring youngsters in our reserves. This afternoon, your support could be vital to the team - please give them all the vocal encouragement you can. Enjoy the match.

Ray Harford.

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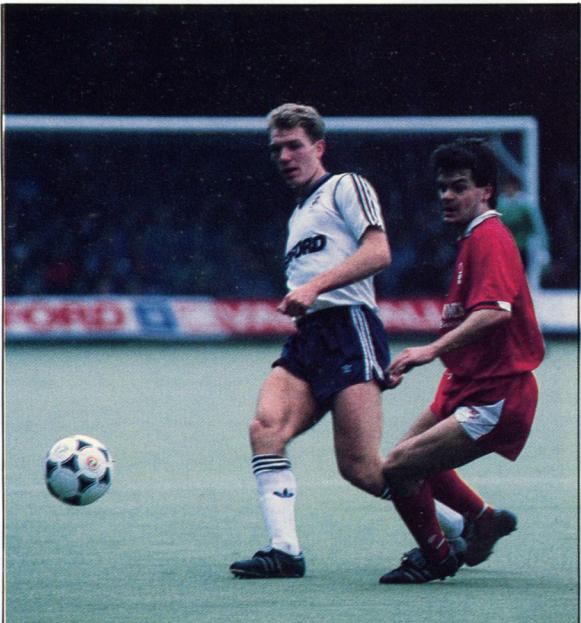
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DRESSING ROOM TALK

with Roy Wegerle

Roy Wegerle freely admits he did not expect to be looking forward to a Wembley appearance in his first season at Kenilworth Road after joining the Town from Chelsea last summer. After a frustrating time at Stamford Bridge, he had more limited ambitions as he explains in today's Dressing Room Talk:

Very Excited

"It was something I would not even have dared to dream about last year after moving here from Chelsea, but now it is a reality I have to admit I am thinking about it more and more. To play at Wembley is a great thing for an Englishman but for a foreigner like me it is even more fantastic.

"I have only ever been to the stadium once and that was a couple of years ago to see England play against one of the South American teams so it is obviously going to be a novel experience for me. And, of course, I am very excited by it all.

"I am not a nervous sort of guy so I am not worried about anything from that point of view. I expect there will be a few butterflies on the day of course, but nothing to be too worried about. I am sure I will be alright on the day – if selected.

"I didn't feel too nervy about the semi-finals, but then I suppose the result in the first leg made a lot of difference. I am sure the match is going to be very different in the final as Nottingham Forest are obviously one of the best teams around.

"Their 3-1 win at Arsenal proves that because they and Arsenal are the two form sides for consistency this season. But I am glad we are playing against Forest in the final. It would have been an entirely different thing if we had been playing Bristol City – I think a cup



• **Wembley Dreams:** Roy Wegerle

final needs to have a big-name team there to grace the occasion and this time there will be two!

"Like everyone else, I am really looking forward to it. When I came to Luton I was really just hoping to get a consistent run in the first team and hopefully score some goals. Fortunately, that has worked out for me. The manager has opened the door for me and I have tried to take the opportunity with both hands if you like.

"It has been quite fantastic really because settling in at a new club is a big enough job on its own, but scoring goals and playing regularly has been great for me. Now I am dreaming about other things like the cup final and maybe the World Cup finals.

"My mother is Scottish you see so I am pretty certain I could qualify to play for them, but they have plenty of good strikers already, and my wife Marie is American. That means I could play for them – maybe in the 1994 finals when they are the hosts. That really might be worth looking into seriously!"



by BILL TOMLINS

IT'S THE TOWN

PRAISE FOR A TRULY POSITIVE APPROACH

A warm welcome this afternoon to Sheffield Wednesday and, of course, their recently-appointed chief coach Richie Barker, who was with us until only a short time ago.

When Richie joined us at Kenilworth Road, it was clearly understood that it was not expected to be a permanent arrangement and so, when Ron Atkinson, made his approach, we were not surprised that Richie took the chance to return to work closer to his home in northern England. No-one stood in his way here and we all wish him the very best of luck – but not, of course, this afternoon.

Memories

Last week's home match against Millwall was obviously disappointing for us all but we were not too surprised with the attendance. Our supporters have long memories and many clearly felt there was a chance of unwanted trouble. As it was, the match went off peacefully and we all now have a chance to 'forgive and forget' as the poster in the Oak Stand suggested.

This is particularly appropriate since Millwall made such positive steps themselves to take the possible heat out of the situation on their first visit to Luton since 1985 by relaying the match back to the Den. Their board deserve to be con-

gratulated for their initiative.

On the day, there were two arrests outside the ground and three known trouble-makers were ejected.

Tomorrow is our big day for selling the allocated Littlewoods Cup final tickets and, judging from the letters I have received, it seems our efforts to improve the allocation and distribution have been appreciated.

There are always those who complain about queuing, of course, but I have read just as many who said they felt 'if it is good enough for Harrods or Wimbledon then it is good enough for us' and that is very satisfying.

Same again

Our supporters will once again be accommodated in the west side at Wembley as they were last year and, if two good omens are worth recounting, the team are going to be using the same south dressing room as they had last April.

Supporters hoping to travel to Wembley with our Bobbers Travel Club will be pleased to know we have linked our arrangements together and they will be selling their tickets for travel on April 9 on Sunday from Beech Hill Path by the entrance to the Executive Boxes. Full details of all the arrangements are on pages 6 and 15 of this programme.

JUNIOR STRIKER



• Chip off the block: Mick Harford's young son William is pictured developing a taste for some special silverware!

SKINNY INFLATABLE ENJOYS THE VIEW



•**Taking his seat:** Some of our junior supporters have taken the inflatables craze to a skinny extreme – by bringing a life-size skeleton along to the Littlewoods Cup semi-final against West Ham.



•**Big match line-up:** Mascot Stephen Watts poses with Mick Harford, Les Briley and the match officials.



•**Top hatter:** Captain-for-the-day Mick Harford is congratulated for his efforts.



•**Sponsors' special:** Our chairman David Evans is pictured with our Millwall match sponsors' Trimoco Group's happy representatives and guests last week.

CAPTAIN'S DIARY



STEVE FOSTER LOUD CHEERS!

Hello everyone and welcome back for a match we must try to win to boost our league position. I shall be glad to be back in contention after suspension and once again I hope you give us some really loud vocal support.

Last Saturday's result is one we want to forget – and so was Tuesday's at Liverpool – and the best way to do that is to go out and win today. We must all work together with your help.

Richie's return

Today will also see Richie Barker making an early return to Luton after his recent move. I am sure all the lads will be pleased to see him afterwards.

Another farewell last week went with David Oldfield who has joined Andy Dibble at Manchester City. We wish David all the best and hope to see him here again in the First Division next year.

LIONS ROAR ON

Luton Town 1 Millwall 2

Two first half goals from winger Jimmy Carter put Millwall in command and on the way to a comfortable victory at Kenilworth Road last Saturday long before the Town roused themselves to produce a stirring but vain fightback in the second half.

Carter, formerly with Queen's Park Rangers, showed speed, control and accuracy as he volleyed a fine opening goal and then hit his second on the half-hour to leave the Town trailing 2-0.

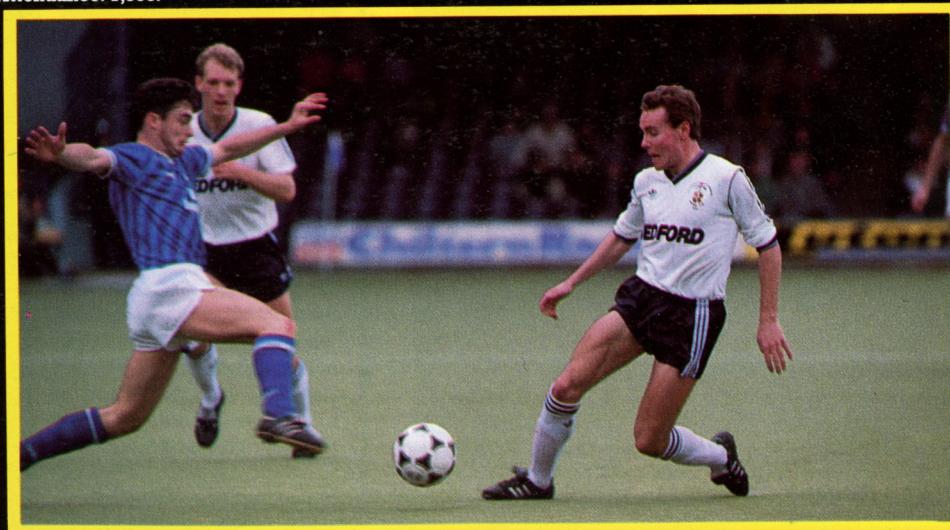
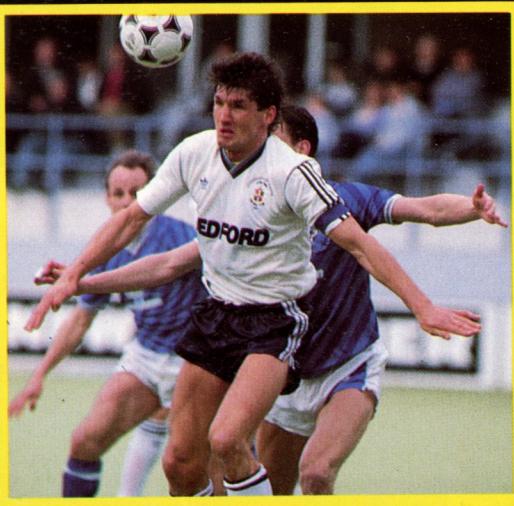
Long shots from Danny Wilson and Kingsley Black were the Town's only first-half efforts but a change of tactics after the interval changed all that. With Iain Dowie on in attack and the formation switched to 4-2-4, there were several openings after Danny Wilson had pulled a goal back from the penalty spot after David Preece was pushed by Terry Hurlock.

Mick Harford, Dowie three times, Wegerle and Black were all out of luck as Horne dived into action to preserve Millwall's advantage and keep them in the championship race. To make matters worse for the Town, Wegerle was forced to limp off shortly before the end when he pulled a hamstring.

Teams: Luton Town - Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, Preece, (sub Dowie 70), McDonough, Beaumont, Wilson, Wegerle, (sub Dreyer 98), Harford, Hill, Black.
Millwall - Horne, McLeary, Sparham, Hurlock, Thompson, Wood, Carter, Briley, Sheringham, Cascarino, O'Callaghan.

Referee: J.B. Worrall (Warrington).
Attendance: 7,838.

1st Team ACTION



• No joy against Millwall: Our bold second-half revival was not enough to avoid defeat against the Lions last Saturday when Danny Wilson hit our only goal from the penalty spot. Our action pictures today show Mick Harford, Kingsley Black, Ricky Hill and Roy Wegerle in action. Pictures by Josh Levy of Apex Photography, Milton Keynes.

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MAN IN CHARGE Darryl Reeves (Uxbridge)

A manager in business, Darryl is married with two children. He began refereeing in 1961 and progressed via the Spartan and Isthmian Leagues to the Football League list. He enjoys golf, coarse fishing and listening to music. Darryl's linesmen today are Messrs T. W. Ash and G. P. Barber and the reserve official is A. A. Pross.

FORTHCOMING MATCHES AT KENILWORTH ROAD

Barclays League Division One

Tuesday, March 28, 1989
Luton Town v Tottenham Hotspur
Kick-off 7.45pm.

Ovenden Papers Football Combination

Wednesday, March 22, 1989
Luton Town v Charlton Athletic
Kick-off 2.00p.m.

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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.

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The Football Trust receives £9 million annually from the Spinning the Ball competition run by Littlewoods. Venors and Zetters will spend it on projects which benefit football throughout the country.

Since 1979 it has been committed to the development of the game at every level and its broad and varying initiatives have ranged from essential safety work at Tottenham to social work at Luton. It has also provided £1.5 million for the building of closed circuit television at all League clubs to community facilities at Oldham Athletic. Transport improvements at Shrewsbury Wednesday, storm damage in the South East of England, and the building of a new artificial pitch at Hyde United.

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

PLAYER PROFILE

DARRON MCDONOUGH

After a long spell out through injury Darron McDonough has fought his way back to the first team squad this last week and last Saturday took over Steve Foster's number five shirt for the home fixture against Millwall. For Darron, who missed out on last season's Littlewoods Cup final triumph against Arsenal, it was a source of great satisfaction to prove his fitness against after a long fight against injuries.

Born in Antwerp, Darron began his league career with Oldham Athletic where he scored on his debut against Notts County in December 1980. He joined the Town in 1986 and quickly became a favourite for his whole-hearted effort and strong tackling following his £5,000 transfer. After outings in various positions, he settled down to play the defensive midfield role which helped stabilise the team and set up the Wembley run.

Always popular in the dressing room, Darron is noted for his outings on a dance floor and his outgoing personality. He never shirks a challenge and has an infectious affect on the crowd and the players around him. We wish him all the best in steering clear of injuries for the rest of this season.



•Infectious Character: Darron McDonough.



DARRON MCDONOUGH

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JUNIOR HATTERS!



BY DANNY WILSON

NOW'S THE TIME TO GATHER IMPORTANT LEAGUE POINTS

Today we extend a warm welcome to Sheffield Wednesday. After the last two games with Millwall and Liverpool, today we will have to try to gather some points as our position in the League is not looking too good.

After the overwhelming response from our Easter Egg competition the following members have been lucky to be drawn out of the hat as winners: Andrew Burgess 070209, David Mumford 092726, Stuart Mumford 091388, James Beechey 070061, Ben Tommey 07319, Lesley Skinner 002033, Wendy Skinner 002042, Clare Fuller 091846, Craig Toyer 070198, Stuart Gray 070242, Anna Clayton 090515, Stuart Wells 002839, Donna Wells 002838, Jonathan Trower 091260, Stewart Smith 091605, Joseph Bradbury 070410, James Parsons 091250, and Peter Hercock.

The three goalkeepers were Jake Findlay, Kirk Stephens and Mal Donaghy. The score was Liverpool 3 – Luton 3. Well done to all of you. You can collect your eggs from the Souvenir Shop.

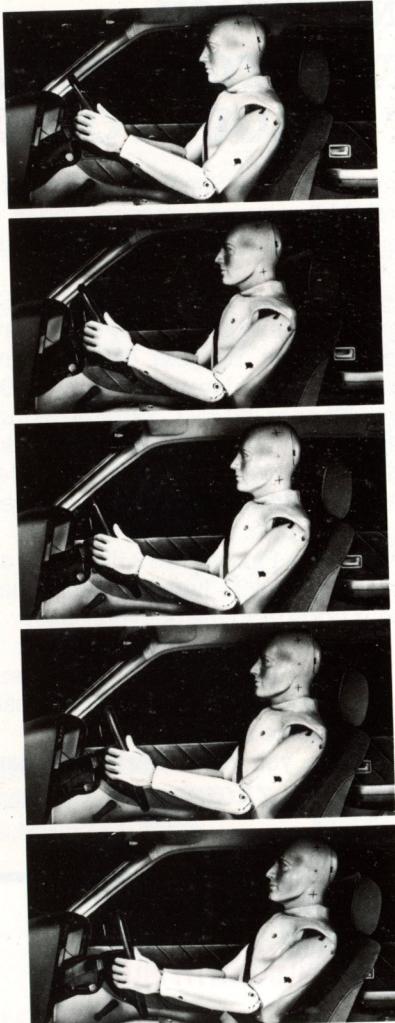
Today's lucky Junior Hatters membership number is H0188070123. The winning member should contact Bev Tyler in the Souvenir Shop at Oak Road with his or her membership card. For two free tickets to one of our home matches.

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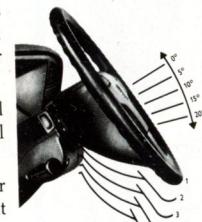
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BY WENDY GREAVES



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They are also top of the league in bathrooms with a choice of suites to please everyone and again a complete range of accessories are offered.

Today they will be entertaining some of their special customers in the Joe Payne Lounge. We hope all their guests have a truly memorable day and that there is a good result to celebrate for everyone here at Kenilworth Road.

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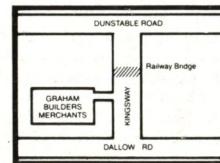
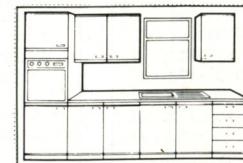
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SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 1988/89

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brentford	23	15	5	3	50	24	35
Luton Town	25	13	7	5	77	45	33
Swindon Town	24	13	5	6	42	36	31
Wimbledon	23	14	2	7	49	31	30
Crystal Palace	23	11	4	8	52	31	26
Southampton	20	11	4	5	44	26	26
Oxford United	22	12	2	8	40	39	26
A.F.C. Bournemouth	25	10	4	11	43	40	24
Bristol City	20	6	9	5	33	28	21
Tottenham Hotspur	25	7	3	15	38	54	17
Northampton Town	23	6	5	12	39	57	17
Brighton & Hove Albion	25	4	9	12	29	52	17
Colchester United	25	6	4	15	36	46	16
Reading	23	6	4	13	39	73	16
Bristol Rovers	22	4	5	13	24	53	13

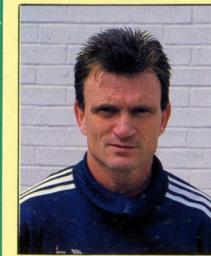
OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1988/89

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	28	18	6	4	67	27	42
Arsenal	25	16	8	1	61	26	40
Luton Town	32	14	10	8	71	46	38
Watford	26	15	7	4	66	37	37
Wimbledon	28	16	5	7	54	30	37
Chelsea	26	12	7	7	48	36	31
Oxford United	26	12	5	9	60	57	29
Swindon Town	25	12	4	9	50	42	28
Norwich City	27	12	4	11	48	48	28
Southampton	28	11	6	11	50	55	28
Millwall	25	10	6	9	49	34	26
Brighton & Hove Albion	28	7	11	10	38	53	25
Ipswich Town	25	10	4	11	37	44	24
West Ham United	30	7	9	14	42	52	23
Fulham	26	10	3	13	35	52	23
Crystal Palace	24	7	8	9	32	36	22
Charlton Athletic	25	6	6	13	40	50	18
Queens Park Rangers	24	3	4	17	20	49	10
Portsmouth	23	4	2	17	21	64	10
Reading	27	3	3	21	24	75	9



•Powerful defender: Darren Salton.

COACHES' CORNER



YOUTH TEAM KEEP TITLE HOPES ALIVE

A home defeat for the leaders Brentford combined with a bold fightback for a 3-3 draw at Bournemouth meant the Town youth team maintained their fierce challenge for the South East Counties League Division Two championship last weekend.

While Brentford were going down at home to Bristol City, the Town's youngsters proved their grit and character with a great fightback from 3-1 down to grab a point.

Two goals from Mick O'Brien, one from a free kick, and a penalty converted by Mark Pembridge when Kurt Nogan was brought down enabled the Town to keep the scores level for a well-deserved point.

Coach John Faulkner said: "It was a very interesting and entertaining game. I thought the goals we conceded were poor, but we were strong going forward and hit the woodwork three times and could have ended up scoring six goals."

"We started off by trying a new formation with Tim Allpress sweeping behind Darren Salton and Matthew Jackson and with five players in midfield. We dominated the game but were not able to score and were soon 2-0 down before a penalty brought us back to 2-1."

"A long ball down the middle gave them a 3-1 lead but we came back again to finish up drawing 3-3."

The result kept the Town youngsters firmly on the trial of Brentford with an impressive record of 80 goals scored in only 26 matches.

The reserves were without a match last weekend but travelled to play Crystal Palace in midweek. Dealines prevent us bringing you the outcome of their bid to keep among the leading pack in the Football Combination.

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• Action flashback to the opening day: One goal was enough to give Sheffield Wednesday victory over the Town on August 27. Mick Harford and Kingsley Black are pictured in action during that match at Hillsborough.



LUTON TOWN

Goal'den Oldies

ALWAYS PLENTY OF GOALS WHEN THE OWLS ARE IN FULL FLIGHT

Our first meeting with Sheffield Wednesday – and the last for nearly 40 years – took place at Sheffield on 2nd December 1899 during the last of our ill-fated seasons in the Football League, writes club statistician Roger Wash.

Wednesday were on their way to Division One and we were destined for the Southern League and the scoreline of 6-0 did not fully reflect the "Owls" supremacy as Luton goalkeeper Daw prevented "an even heavier defeat".

The return at Luton four months later summarised the Towns plight with six team changes from the original fixture. The 1-0 defeat was, however, more respectable.

When we finally met again in Division Two immediately before the War results tended to go Wednesdays way as they have done since but we finally broke our duce in a game that is not officially counted in the record books. Only one home game was played by the Town in 1939/40 but a 3-0 win over Wednesday coupled with a victory at Bradford P.A. and a draw at Fulham left Luton proud League leaders as war broke out. A position we were to hold for seven years!

"Mel Daniel hit a hat-trick on our first appearance after the War"

The same fixture list was retained for 1946/47 making Sheffield Wednesday our first visitors after the War and with only two players – Hugh Billington and Horace Gager – still present, a 4-1 win before a crowd of 21,105 was the outcome with Mel Daniel scoring a hat-trick.

During the rest of that decade results tended to favour Wednesday who then became known as the "Yo-Yo" club because of the way they bounced between Divisions One and Two. During one of their spells in Division Two – 1951/52 – Wednesday were hammered 5-3 at Kenilworth Road but that was the only real bright spot.

After our relegation in 1960 we, of course, went through the Divisions and it was not until 10 years later that our paths crossed again with those of the "Owls". We had been to Hillsborough eleven times previously without a win but the Second Division fixture on 10th October 1970 changed all that.

The game, which was televised, had the football world buzzing for weeks because it discovered something we had known for over a year – that Malcolm MacDonald was a natural goalscorer.

MacDonald scored a hat-trick that day aided by the unselfish play of Don Givens who also scored twice on a 5-1 win.

We have not repeated that domination of Wednesday at Hillsborough with only one win since, that being last season when goals from Ian Allinson and Mark Stein put an end to the Owls five match winning streak. We did, however, come close during our promotion season of 1981/82 when a 3-3 draw resulted which partially avenged the 3-0 mauling administered by Wednesday at Kenilworth Road earlier that campaign.

Our home record since returning to the First Division has also not been great with only one win, 1-0 courtesy of a Mick Harford header, in 1985/86 the only shining light. Les Sealey will be glad, however, that Lee Chapman will not be in the Wednesday line-up this afternoon as it was the clash between the pair in last seasons fixture here that resulted in Sealey suffering concussion and subsequently missing the Littlewoods Cup Final.

Our previous encounters with Sheffield Wednesday

	Home	Away
1899/1900	0-1	0-6
1937/38	2-2	0-4
1938/39	1-5	1-4
1946/47	4-1	1-1
1947/48	1-1	0-1
1948/49	2-1	0-0
1949/50	0-0	1-1
1951/52	5-3	0-4
1956/57	2-0	0-3
1957/58	2-0	1-2
1959/60	0-1	0-2
1970/71	2-2	5-1
1971/72	3-1	2-2
1972/73	0-0	0-4
1973/74	2-1	2-2
1980/81	3-0	1-3
1981/82	0-3	3-3
1984/85	1-2	1-1
1985/86	1-0	2-3
1986/87	0-0	0-1
1987/88	2-2	2-0
1988/89	–	0-1

Summary

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	21	9	7	5	33	26
Away	22	2	7	13	22	49
	43	11	14	18	55	75

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• **Malcolm Macdonald:** A hat-trick at Hillsborough in 1970.

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INTRODUCING...

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Today we welcome a Sheffield Wednesday side currently in the danger zone in Division One, but there are now signs that Ron Atkinson is getting things together with a win over Charlton and a single goal defeat at Everton in the last two weeks. They will also be taking heart from the fact that they have won one and drawn two of their last four games here though we shall have other ideas on this score, writes *Geoff Allman*.

Founded in 1867 as the cricket section of the Wednesday cricket club, who gave up their Wednesday halfday holidays to sport they won some local cups before playing in the F.A. Cup for the first time in 1880. They joined the Football Alliance (forerunner of Division Two) in 1889 and not only topped the table but also reached the F.A. Cup final in the same season, losing to Blackburn at Kennington Oval. They gained admission to the Football League in 1892 when joining the enlarged 1896 when beating Wolves in the final.

They spent one season in Division Two in 1899/1900, but then topped Division One in 1902/3 and 1903/4. They won the F.A. Cup again in 1907, beating Everton in the final and they were amongst the leading clubs in Division One up to the last season before the First World War. They kept going during the war years, playing in the Midland Section of the wartime competition, but then came relegation in 1920 and this time they stayed down until 1926. 1929 saw them topping Division One again and repeating this success a year later. They then finished third in the next three seasons, then won the F.A. Cup again in 1935 with a Wembley win over West Brom, but this was in fact the end of their major honours.

They were relegated in 1937 and their next upsurge came during the war years when they reached the War Cup final in 1942/3, losing 4-3 on aggregate to Blackpool in the 2-legged final. After the war came a series of ups and downs with promotion for times and relegation three times by 1959. It was during this

period that Derek Dooley netted 46 goals in 30 games in the 1951/2 promotion season only for his career to be ended a few months later after an injury that made the amputation of a leg necessary to save his life.

In 1960/1 they were runners-up to Spurs in Division One and in 1966 they lost a 2-goal lead to Everton in the F.A. Cup final when the trophy seemed to be within their grasp. An 11 year spell in Division One ended in 1970 and the slide continued despite the romance of having Derek Dooley back as manager. 1975 saw them in Division Three for the first time and a year later only a win over Southend in their final game saved them from Division Four.

Jack Charlton led them back to Division Two in 1980 and Howard Wilkinson led them into Division One in 1983. In their first season back there they finished eighth in 1984/5 and a season later they climbed to fifth and also reached an F.A. Cup semi-final, losing again to Everton. In the last two seasons they have ended up 13th and 10th respectively, recovering well last season after picking up only three points from their first eight games.

"Things have gone badly after a good start for the Owls"

They began well this season, beating us 1-0 and then drawing at Nottingham Forest and by the end of November they had won at Southampton and Middlesbrough and had drawn at Norwich and Manchester United. At the end of the year things began to go badly for Peter Eustace, who had succeeded Howard Wilkinson when the latter took over at Leeds and they did not win a league game from the end of November until beating Charlton at the beginning of this month. By this time Ron Atkinson had taken over.

We may be seeing some of Ron's new signings today with **Darren Wood** (from Chelsea) and **Wilf Rostron** (from Watford) in defence and **Steve Whitton** (from Birmingham) up front. **David Hirst** (from Barnsley two years ago) is also likely to be up front while **Siggi Jonsson**, **Tony Galvin** (from Spurs last season) and former Middlesbrough man **Mark Proctor** are goalscoring midfielders. In defence the men to look out for are **Alan Harper** (ex-Everton) and **Nigel Worthington** (ex-Notts County) on the flanks and **Ian Cranson** (ex-Ipswich) and **Nigel Pearson** (ex-Shrewsbury) in the centre with **Chris Turner** in his second spell in goal after service with Sunderland and Manchester United. Substitutes recently have included seasoned defender **Lawrie Madden** (ex-Charlton and Millwall).



Back Row (left to right): **Nigel Pearson**, **David Reeves**, **Colin West**, **Kevin Pressman**, **Chris Turner**, **Ian Knight**, **Ian Cranson**, **Lawrie Madden**. Middle Row: **Albert Phelan**, **Frank Barlow** (Asst. Manager), **Tony Galvin**, **David Hirst**, **Greg Fee**, **Siggi Jonsson**, **David Hodgson**, **Imre Varadi**, **Alan Smith** (Physiotherapist), **Clive Baker**. Front Row: **Gary Megson**, **Alan Harper**, **Mel Sterland**, **Peter Eustace** (Manager), **Nigel Worthington**, **Mark Proctor**, **Steve McCall**.

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BARCLAYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
28	7	4	2	22	13	Arsenal	9	3	3	31	15	55
27	7	6	2	20	15	Nottingham City	8	2	2	20	13	53
27	9	3	3	23	12	Millwall	4	6	4	17	19	46
26	6	5	2	19	7	Liverpool	6	4	3	22	13	45
25	3	6	2	13	10	Nottingham Forest	7	5	2	24	17	41
27	7	2	4	20	12	Coventry	4	6	4	15	15	41
25	7	4	1	20	7	Manchester United	3	5	5	15	14	39
26	6	3	6	19	15	Derby	5	3	3	11	10	39
26	8	2	4	19	13	Wimbledon	3	3	6	13	18	38
28	6	5	4	25	21	Tottenham Hotspur	3	5	5	16	17	37
26	6	5	2	21	13	Everton	3	4	6	11	16	36
27	6	5	3	19	18	Middlesbrough	2	2	9	12	25	31
27	4	3	5	12	10	Queens Park Rangers	3	6	6	14	15	30
27	6	3	4	20	16	Aston Villa	1	6	7	15	26	30
27	5	3	20	13	LUTON TOWN	2	3	9	8	25	29	
27	4	5	5	21	22	Southampton	2	6	5	18	29	29
28	2	6	6	18	24	Charlton Athletic	4	4	6	13	19	28
27	4	4	5	14	18	Sheffield Wednesday	2	5	7	8	19	27
26	2	4	7	13	20	Newcastle United	3	3	7	10	10	22
25	1	5	7	12	23	West Ham United	3	2	7	9	19	19

LEADING SCORERS: 21 Alan McNally (Aston Villa), 20 Alan Smith (Arsenal), 16 Dean Saunders (Derby), 15 Tony Casciaro (Millwall), Mark Hughes (Manchester United), Brian McClair (Manchester United), John Aldridge (Liverpool), Paul Williams (Charlton).

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

	League		Littlewoods Cup		FA Cup	
	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls	Aps	Gls
Ian Allinson	1(3)	—	—	—	—	—
David Beaumont	2	—	2	—	—	—
Kingsley Black	23	8	8	—	1	1
Tim Breacker	6(2)	—	4(2)	—	1	—
Mal Donaghy	6	—	2	—	—	—
Iain Dowie	(2)	—	1	—	—	—
John Dreyer	10	—	5	—	—	—
Steve Foster	25	2	8	—	1	—
Ashley Grimes	7	—	4	—	—	—
Mick Harford	21	5	6	3	1	—
Richard Harvey	9	—	1	—	1	—
Ricky Hill	20	1	7(1)	3	1	—
Julian James	1	—	1	—	(1)	—
Marvin Johnson	15	—	2	—	1	—
Rob Johnson	19(2)	—	3	1	1	—
Darron McDonough	2	—	—	—	—	—
David Oldfield	15(5)	1	4(1)	2	(1)	—
David Preece	15	—	5	—	1	—
Les Sealey	25	—	8	—	1	—
Roy Wegerle	18(4)	7	6	4	1	—
Steve Williams	10	—	3	—	—	—
Danny Wilson	25	3	8	2	1	1

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Luton Town	F-A	Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 27 Sheffield Wednesday	0-1	16,433	—	Sealey	Breacker	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	Wilson	(Wegerle)	Harford	Oldfield	Black	RJ/[IA]
Sept 3 Wimbledon	2-2†	8067	12	Sealey	R. Johnson	Grimes	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	Wilson	Preece	Harford	Oldfield	Black	JD/RW
Sept 10 Southampton	1-2	13,214	16	Sealey	R. Johnson	Grimes	Williams	Foster¹	Donaghy	Wilson	Oldfield	Harford	(Preece)	Black	TB/[RW]
Sept 17 Manchester United	0-2	11,010	18	Sealey	R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	(Oldfield)	Harford	Hill	Black	[RW]/TB
Sept 24 Everton	2-0	26,170	15	Sealey	R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	Wilson	(Oldfield ¹)	Harford	(Hill)	Black	[TB]/[IA]
Sept 27 Burnley (LC2)	1-1	6,282	15	Sealey	R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	Wilson	(Oldfield)	Harford	Hill	Black	[TB]/[IA]
Oct 1 Nottingham Forest	0-0	15,340	17	Sealey	R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	Wilson	(Oldfield)	Harford	Hill	Black	[IA]/TB
Oct 8 Liverpool	1-0	12,117	13	Sealey	R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	Wilson	(Oldfield)	Harford	Hill	Black	[RW]/TB
Oct 11 Burnley (LC2)	1-0	14,031	13	Sealey	R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	Donaghy	Wilson	(Oldfield)	Harford	Hill	Black	[TB]/[IA]
Oct 22 Middlesbrough	1-2	17,749	16	Sealey	R. Johnson	Dreyer	(McDonough)	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wilson^{1P}	Harford	Hill	Black	[DO]/IA
Oct 25 Arsenal	1-1	10,548	16	Sealey	R. Johnson	Breacker	(McDonough)	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle	Harford	Hill	Black	[DO]/RH
Oct 29 Queens Park Rangers	0-0	8,453	16	Sealey	R. Johnson	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	(Allinson)	Harford	Hill	Black	[DO]/RH
Nov 2 Leeds United (LC3)	2-0	19,447	16	Sealey	R. Johnson	J. James	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson¹	Oldfield	Wegerle	IA/AG	[DO]/AG
Nov 5 Millwall	1-3	12,511	16	Sealey	R. Johnson	J. James	Dreyer	Williams	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson¹	Oldfield	Wegerle	Black	[RN]/AG
Nov 12 Coventry City	0-1	12,631	16	Sealey	R. Johnson	Grimes	(Williams)	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle	Harford	Hill	Black	[DO]/JJ
Nov 19 West Ham United	4-1	9,308	16	Sealey	R. Johnson	Grimes	Preece	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wilson¹	Oldfield	Wegerle	Black ²	RH/IS
Nov 26 Norwich City	2-2	13,541	15	Sealey	R. Johnson	Harvey	Preece	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle ¹	Harford	Hill	Black	JD/MA
Nov 29 Manchester City (LC4)	3-1	10,778	15	Sealey	R. Johnson	Harvey	Preece	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle ²	Oldfield	Hill	Black	[RH]/JD
Dec 3 Newcastle United	0-0	8,338	16	Sealey	R. Johnson	Harvey	Preece	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle ²	Harford	Hill	Black	[IA]/JJ
Dec 10 Derby County	1-0	15,228	15	Sealey	R. Johnson	Harvey	Preece	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle ¹	Harford	Hill	Black	[DO]/JD
Dec 17 Aston Villa	1-1	8,785	16	Sealey	R. Johnson	Harvey	Preece	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle ¹	Oldfield	Hill	Black	DO/DJ
Dec 26 Tottenham Hotspur (11.30 am)	0-0	27,337	16	Sealey	R. Johnson	Harvey	Preece	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle	Harford	Hill	Black	Oldfield/TB/JD
Dec 31 Wimbledon	0-4	4,899	16	Sealey	R. Johnson	Harvey	Preece	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle	Harford	Hill	Black	[KBY]/JD
Jan 2 Southampton (3 pm)	6-1	8,637	15	Sealey	R. Johnson	Harvey	Preece	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle ²	Harford ²	Hill ¹	Black ¹	TD/ID
Jan 7 Millwall (FAC3)	2-3	12,504	15	Sealey	R. Johnson	Harvey	Preece	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle ¹	Harford	Hill	Black	[DO]/JJ
Jan 10 Crystal Palace (S3)	1-4	5,842	15	Chamberlain	R. Johnson	Harvey	Preece	James	M. Johnson	Wilson	Dowie ¹	Harford	Hill	Black	[RW]/RH
Jan 14 Charlton Athletic	0-3	5,212	16	Sealey	R. Johnson	(Harvey)	Preece	Foster	M. Johnson	Wilson	Wegerle	Oldfield	Hill	Black	[TB/ID]
Jan 18 Southampton (LC5)	1-1	11,785	16	Sealey	R. Johnson	Grimes	Preece	Foster	Dreyer	Wilson	Wegerle ¹	Harford	Hill	Black	RJ/DO
Jan 21 Everton	1-0	9,013	13	Sealey	R. Johnson	Grimes	Preece	Foster	Dreyer	Wilson	Wegerle	Harford	Hill	Black	[ID]/[RN]
Jan 25 Southampton (LC5R)	2-1	10,250	13	Sealey	R. Johnson	Grimes	Preece	Foster	Dreyer	Wilson	Wegerle	(Harford ¹)	Hill ¹	Black	[DO]/[RN]
Feb 4 Nottingham Forest	3-0	24,602	15	Sealey	R. Johnson	Grimes	Preece	Foster	Beaumont	Wilson	Wegerle ¹	Harford ¹	Hill	Black	DO/DM
Feb 18 Middlesbrough (FAC5)	1-0	8,187	13	Sealey	R. Johnson	Grimes	Preece	Foster¹	Beaumont	Wilson	Wegerle ¹	Harford ¹	Hill	Black	DO/DM
Feb 25 Arsenal	0-2	31,012	14	Sealey	R. Johnson	Harvey	(Preece)	Foster	Beaumont	Wilson	Wegerle	Harford	Hill	Black	[DO]/DM
Mar 1 West Ham (LC5F)	2-0	12,020	14	Sealey	R. Johnson	Grimes	Preece	Foster	Beaumont	Wilson	Wegerle ¹	Harford ¹	Hill	Black	DO/DM
Mar 11 Millwall	1-2	7,838	15	Sealey	R. Johnson	Grimes	Preece	McDonough	Beaumont	Wilson	Wegerle ¹	Harford ¹	Hill	Black	[JD/ID]
Mar 14 Liverpool	0-5	31,447	15	Sealey	R. Johnson	Grimes	(Preece)	McDough	Beaumont	Wilson	Wegerle ¹	Harford ¹	Hill	Black	[ID]/D

[] indicates substitute used Home fixtures in **Bold** Scorer's name in **Bold** P = Penalty + denotes own goal

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VAUXHALL TEAM CHECK.

LUTON TOWN

Team Manager: Ray Harford
White Shirts, Navy Shorts

- 1 Les Sealey
- 2 Tim Breacker
- 3 Ashley Grimes
- 4 David Preece
- 5 Steve Foster
- 6 David Beaumont
- 7 Danny Wilson
- 8 Roy Wegerle
- 9 Mick Harford
- 10 Ricky Hill
- 11 Kingsley Black

Subs

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Team Manager: Ron Atkinson
Green Shirts, Green Shorts

- 1 Chris Turner
- 2 Alan Harper
- 3 Nigel Worthington
- 4 Darron Wood
- 5 Nigel Pearson
- 6 Ian Cranson
- 7 Mark Proctor
- 8 Ziggy Jonsson
- 9 Steve Whitton
- 10 David Hirst
- 11 Tony Galvin

Subs

Referee: D.V. REEVES (Uxbridge) Linesmen: T.W. ASH (Yellow Flag) G.P. BARBER (Red Trim)

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