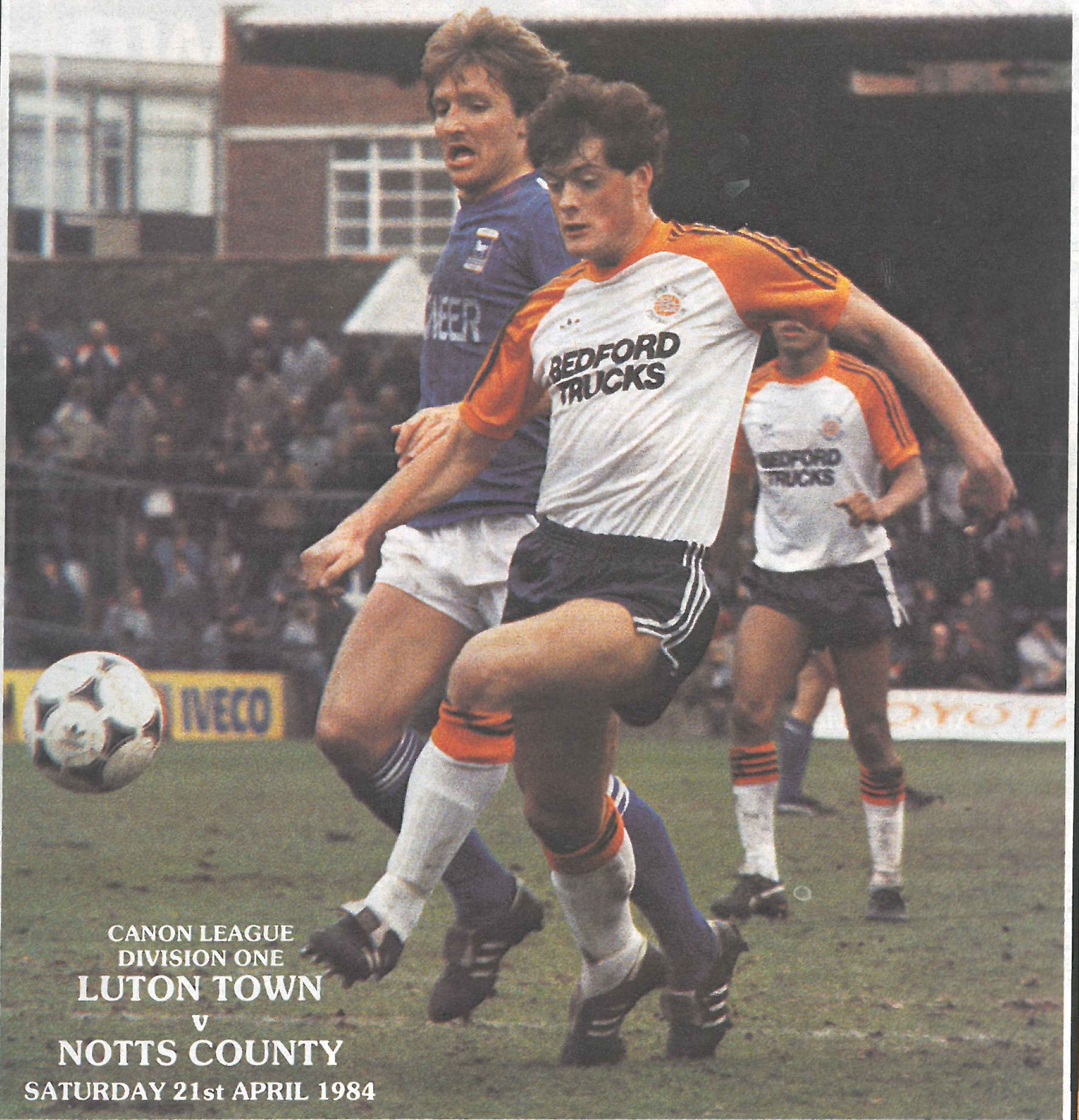


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MY VIEW

Welcome to our friends from Notts County who will be anxious to reverse the December scoreline when we won 3-0 at Meadow Lane. Like ourselves Notts County will always have difficulties accumulating First Division points. Whilst withstanding a nervous bank manager. I well remember the old days prior to the '60s when Forest were very definitely the second club in Nottingham. Now it seems even a city the size of Nottingham cannot maintain two clubs with the necessary support!

This will not deter the great character of Jimmy Sirrel who has been through all the experiences of managing under strain for many years. County have showed good improvement recently winning at Norwich and Wolves, and beating Manchester United at home.

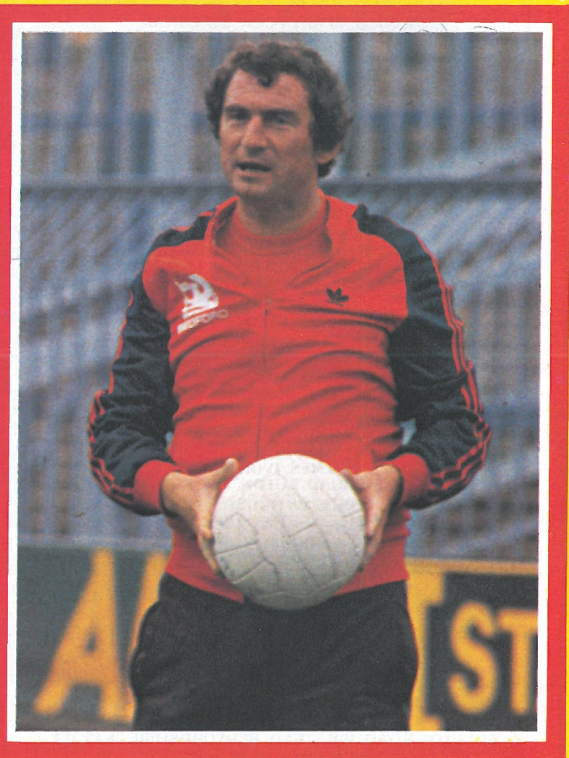
We need to make the most of our home games. A win would be most welcome after recent setbacks. With five games left all against teams in the danger area we need points to ease any threat of last minute worries. The lads greatly appreciated the support at Tottenham.

It was good to see the team trying to construct the football by passing the ball around and breaking quickly from defence. At the moment, we are missing the chances created but this is better than against Ipswich or Everton where we failed to open up their defence.

Once again in recent weeks the supporters have seen one or two new faces. Encouragement is vital when a boy of 17 or 18 takes his first strides in League football. Jeers can break a boy whilst cheers can give him the confidence to stick his chest out and develop.

This season four players of last year's youth side have been given their chance. Ray Daniel, Tim Breacker, Mark Stein, Gary Parker, and both Stacey North and Mark North will be given an opportunity soon to see if they can take the challenge also.

Much has been said about our pitch, but we must not use this as an excuse for indifferent performances. The problem has been with us for several seasons, because we have poor drainage and compacting the soil by heavy rolling compounds the problem. However we shall have to find a solution because a flat pitch is vital to our



style of attempting to pass the ball around freely. Bad bounces increase concern and breed lack of confidence.

Notts County today, Watford, whom we all wish well, on 19th May and Stoke City will be interesting opposition and the season is far from over.

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BURKINSHAW AIMS TO BOW OUT IN GLORY

By Tony Pullein

When Keith Burkinshaw sadly announced he would be retiring as Tottenham's manager at the end of the season he promised fans that he would try to bow out in a blaze of glory. 'It would be nice to bring home the UEFA Cup as a parting gift' he said.

Spurs are due to play the second leg of their semi-final against the Yugoslav side Hajduk Split at White Hart Lane on Wednesday.

Burkinshaw also aims to see that Spurs finish high enough in the First Division so that his successor will be able to have a crack at next season's UEFA Cup.

During his eight years as manager, Tottenham have already won the FA Cup twice and appeared in a Milk Cup final. 'What the club really wanted was the League Championship,' he explained.

'A big club like this expects to win the Championship and I haven't done it. We've had so many injuries this season but I'm not using that as an excuse.'

BACK IN ACTION

Indeed, Spurs were for many weeks without the services of an all international midfield. England's Glenn Hoddle has recently undergone an operation and Ossie Ardiles, the little Argentinian genius, suffered yet another injury. But, at least, Tottenham expect to have England's Gary Mabbutt back in action for the Easter games.

Only three Football League managers have been with their clubs longer than Burkinshaw — Lawrie McMenemy (Southampton), John Lyall (West Ham) and Brian Clough (Nottingham Forest).

Tottenham's decision, plus the departure of Peter Taylor from Derby, meant that 25 League clubs have changed managers since the start of this season. By the end of the campaign, up to a third of the clubs could have made a change and this makes the average life of a Football League manager just three years — the time most coaches would agree gives a manager the chance to create a new team.

It's interesting to reflect upon the fact that Southampton have employed only two managers — Ted Bates and Lawrie McMenemy — over the past 29 years and, during that time, have risen from the Third to the First Division and won the FA Cup.

Hartlepool, on the other hand, have employed 15 managers since the war and are about to make their umpteenth application for re-election. Maybe there's a moral in that somewhere?

DESPERATE FOR POINTS

● Notts County, who come to Kenilworth Road today, are desperate for points to help them pull clear of relegation danger and the tussle at the bottom is certainly more open than it was at one stage. Although time seems to have run out for Wolves, County have been staging a brilliant recovery and several other clubs have now been drawn into the battle.

● Meanwhile, other First Division clubs are interested in how the Second Division's promotion battle is going. And most will be welcoming the fact that three famous clubs — Chelsea, Sheffield Wednesday and Newcastle — look like regaining their First Division status.

If one should fail then Manchester City — the side the

Hatters doomed to the drop on the final day of last season — were poised to step in.

● Chelsea showed their true character in a recent game at Cardiff where they trailed 0-3 with only six minutes to play. They then scored three times to salvage a point. Chelsea have suffered enormous problems since they were relegated in 1979 and nobody seems quite sure at the moment whether they will be playing at Stamford Bridge next season.

It had been planned for the club to move out for a couple of years whilst the site is redeveloped. Then there were legal arguments over the sale of the stadium and this week it appeared that no plans had been finalised to share another London ground.

Wherever they play, Chelsea are likely to command attendances of at least 25,000 in the First Division.

LAST APPEARANCE

● Kevin Keegan made his last appearance in London when he helped Newcastle defeat Charlton 3-1 at The Valley. He didn't score but, as usual, played his heart out as Newcastle extended their unbeaten run to nine matches.

Newcastle have been one of the biggest attractions in the Second Division — the 15,289 at The Valley was almost three times their average — and the Geordies are likely to continue to be an attraction in Division One.

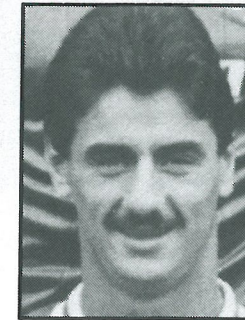
Attendances at their own St James Park ground this season are not far short of 30,000 and, during the opening weeks of next season, St James Park expect to reach their capacity of 37,000.

● Sheffield Wednesday anticipate crowds of around 40,000 when they return to the First Division after an absence of 14 years. Wednesday's biggest League crowd of the current season was 41,134 for Newcastle's visit but this was exceeded for cup-ties against Southampton (43,030) and Liverpool (49,357).

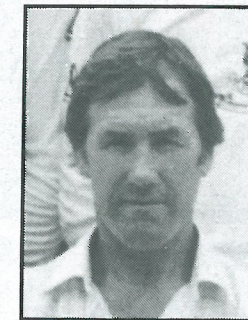
It's clear that the Owls will draw close to their 50,000 capacity for the visit of the First Division's leading clubs next season.

● One club which was still clinging on, in the hope of breaking into the promotion bracket was Carlisle United whose average home attendance is 5,935. Beaten only twice in a recent sequence of 25 League games, the Cumbrians have one of the oldest teams in the Football League with only one player under the age of 26. Even the babe of the team, Russell Coughlin, is 24.

Manager Bob Stokoe has done a remarkable job at



IAN RUSH



KEITH BURKINSHAW

Brunton Park, working with a squad of only 15 professionals and only one experienced goalkeeper. Even his assistant manager, Tommy Craig, is still playing.

BRIEF SEASON

Carlisle spent one brief season as a First Division side with the Hatters in 1974-75. We both went up together and came down together.

● Liverpool have a critical game over the Easter holiday, at home to West Bromwich Albion. They then travel to Rumania to take on Dinamo Bucharest taking with them a slender 1-0 lead.

Over the past eight seasons Liverpool have three times taken the title in successive seasons but the last club to string together three in a row was Arsenal in 1935.

Everything ran for Liverpool when they met West Ham at Anfield. Three goals up in 18 minutes and 4-0 at half-time, the Reds coasted to a 6-0 victory to equal their best of the season. The Hatters were also beaten by six goals in October.

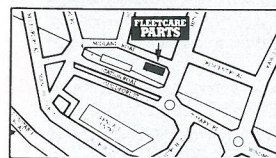
With two goals, Ian Rush took his tally to 38. He then seemed certain to surpass Roger Hunt's record of 42 goals for Liverpool in 1960-61.

Rush had scored 25 times in First Division football and was aiming to become the first player to top 30 in the highest division since Bob Latchford hit 30 for Everton in 1977-78.

The only other player to surpass the 30 mark since 1967 in the First Division was Manchester City's Francis Lee in 1971-72. But 13 of his 33 were scored from the penalty spot.

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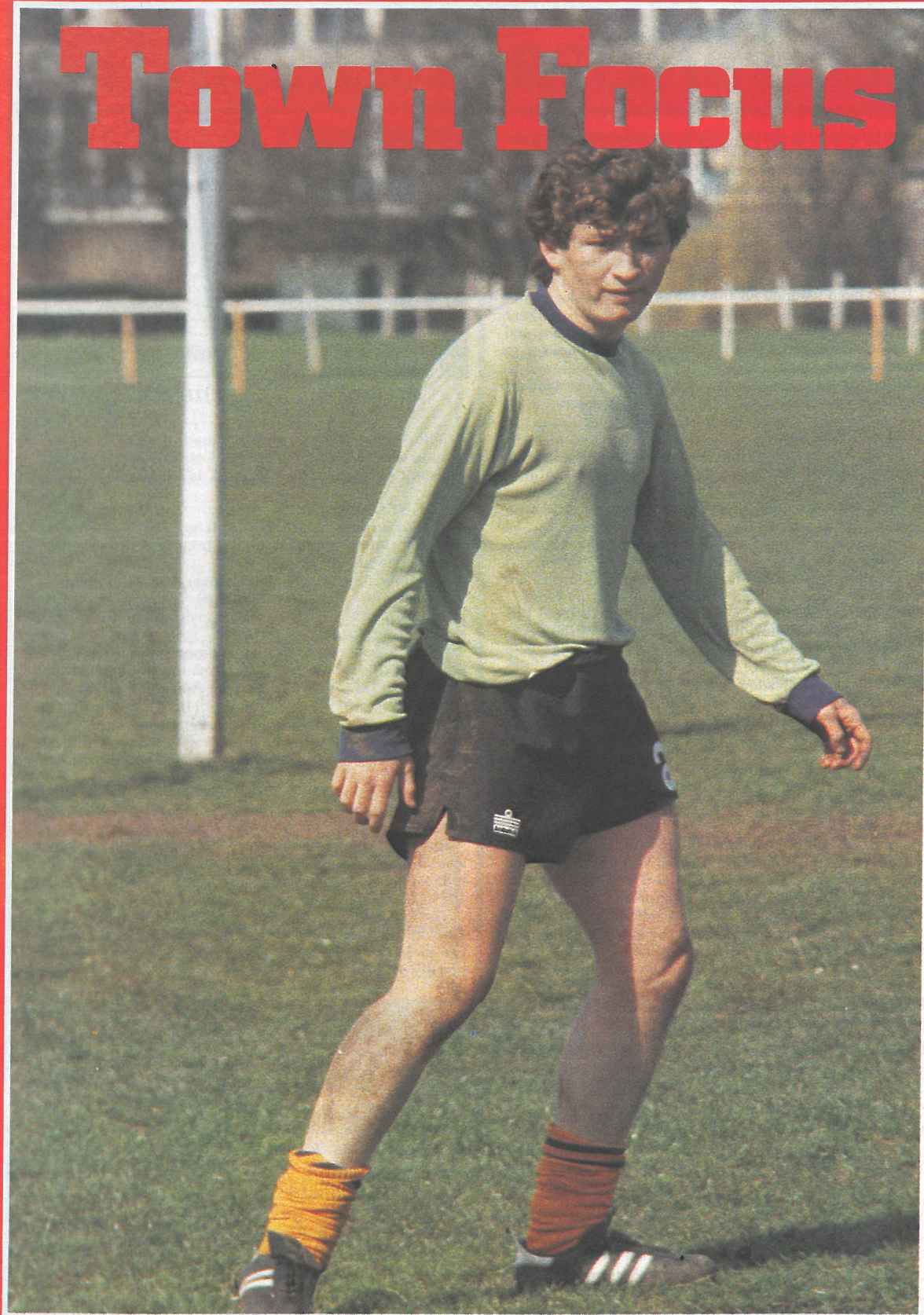
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MARK WATTS CAREER RECORD

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In these days of limited finance, a home produced player can save clubs spending valuable revenue of transfer fees — and Luton Town are no exception.

Thanks to a rigorous Youth Policy, we have been fortunate to find several youngsters who have, or are beginning to — graduated to the first team.

Mark Watts is typical of a youngster attempting to force his way into the first team after making his debut in the First Division match against Spurs last season and then playing in the FA Cup-tie against Peterborough.

Those two games have been only ones in the first team for a winger who can operate on the right or the left.

A regular member of our successful Football Combination team this season 18-year-old Mark comes from Hatfield and has made two appearances in the England Youth side.

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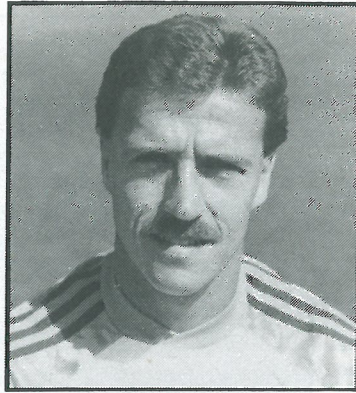
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COACH REPORT



DAVID MOSS

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Football Combination

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Sub: Watts.

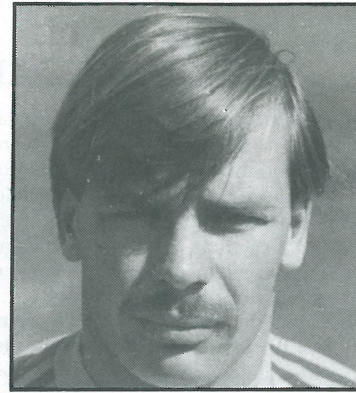
Emeka Nwajiobi opened the scoring after ten minutes of Luton domination by powering in a fine through pass from Gary Parker.

The goal merely lifted Ipswich and they responded with two goals in a bleak 15 minute period where we hardly got out of our penalty area.

However, we pulled ourselves together but, by half-time, felt aggrieved that we had not got on terms when Raynes, Nwajiobi and Moss had good chances to put us back on equal terms.

The second period was end to end with Stacey North coming closest following corners, but Ipswich grabbed the vital third goal 15 minutes from time, only for David Moss to close the gap with a cheeky back heel two minutes later.

The grand finale produced much action, but no equaliser for the Hatters as they dominated the final minutes in what was a very open and entertaining game.



WAYNE TURNER

BIRMINGHAM CITY 1 LUTON TOWN 3

Football Combination

Team: North (M), Breacker, Turner, Antic, North (S), Goodyear, Parker, Nwajiobi, Stein (M), Daniel, Moss.
Sub: Raynes.

Mark North was called into action straight away when he tipped a fierce drive over the bar. Town, however, played some good controlled football and should have scored earlier through Nwajiobi, before Mark Stein put the Hatters ahead following forceful play by Wayne Turner. Luton continued to dictate the course of the game but were stunned when the Blues equalised following a poor defensive clearance shortly before half-time.

Blyth, the City keeper, had to be on his toes as we peppered his goal but even his acrobatics failed to halt Emeka Nwajiobi's fiercely hit drive to put us ahead once again.

Our clinching goal was from free-kick specialist Raddy Antic with a typical dipping shot.

Some of our quick inter-passing play was pleasing to watch but our finalising could be a little more clinical.

At the other end, it was nice to see Stacey North dominating not only by his actions but in his verbal instructions to his colleagues.

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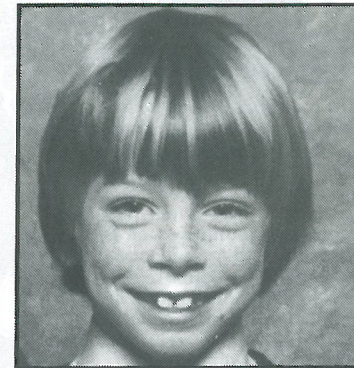
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THE MASCOT



MARK SELLER

Two of this afternoon's escorts, Alastair Davidson and Philip Thoroughgood, arrive at Kenilworth Road after responding to Brother Louie's Saturday lunchtime show, Kid's Stuff, on Chiltern Radio, co-sponsors of the Junior Hatters with the Herald.

Listeners were invited to answer questions on Brother Louie's show which revolved around the Luton Town scene.

Alastair and Philip managed to find the correct answers, and we hope they — and their young colleagues — enjoy their afternoon with us.

MASCOT

Mark Seller is nine and lives in Wheathampstead. He attends St Helens School, Wheathampstead and plays football for his school team and First Wheathampstead Cub Pack. His interests are football, cubs, table tennis, snooker, cricket and athletics.

ESCORTS

Philip Thoroughgood is seven and comes from Hughton Regis. Philip attends Tithe Farm Lower School. His interests are bike riding, snooker, and cubs.

David Eves is fourteen years old and comes from Luton. David attends Stopsley High School. He plays football for his school team and his interests are football, snooker, computers, cricket and basketball.

Scott Francis Watson is eight and from Woburn Sands. He is a pupil at Swallowfield Lower School. He plays football for his school team and his interests are football, chess and clubs. Alastair Davidson is 12 and lives in Luton. Alastair attends Putteridge High School and lists his interests as football, basketball, hockey and collecting stamps.

THE ESCORTS



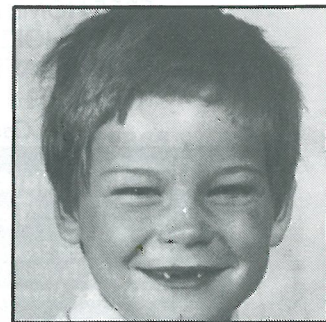
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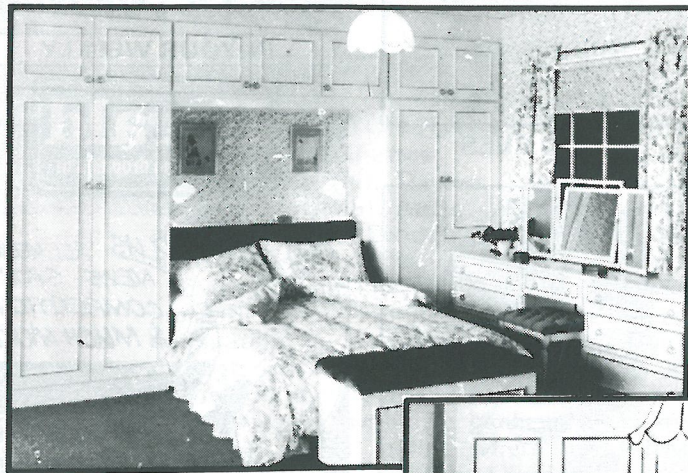
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READERS LETTERS

I join a queue for every home match on the A6 at Barton and it is obvious all those people won't mind a journey to a better stadium — better facilities and, with luck, continued First Division football.

If the board feel it a viable financial step to move for better facilities, I for one support them 100 per cent. I congratulate them on their progress so far and wish them good speed with their efforts.'

Name and address supplied

Dear Sir, As a long time supporter of Luton Town Football Club can I say how ashamed I was to hear the words of a vociferous minority condemning the board of directors and making outlandish comments at the annual meeting.

To overhear a Lutonian telling a supporter from south of Watford 'that he had no right to come to the club, and in fact should support "The Arsenal"' belittles the efforts of David Pleat (who I believe originates from Nottingham), Ricky Hill from Cricklewood, North London, Paul Walsh, from Woolwich, and Brian Stein, born in South Africa, but very proud to wear a Luton and in turn, England shirt.

I would like to see the club stay in Luton. I believe the board would as well. But we live in an age where a football stadium has to have an income seven days a week, whether it be from other sporting activities, or from commercial ventures within the site. Milton Keynes has offered Luton Town FC these facilities. Luton Borough Council has not.

The accounts of the club shows to what extent Mr Mortimer and his colleagues have kept Luton alive. Efforts by other clubs to raise funds through the supporters have been a dismal failure and with the second worst gate receipts in the First Division this form of cash injection would clearly not

meet with success.

There can be little doubt that the off-the-field problems are finding their way to the dressing room reducing the pleasure that the team gives to its 8,000 hardcore supporters, certainly not bringing the lost legions back, and perhaps even driving a few more spectators away.

Putting together any financial package is far from simple. Let the board sort out their jigsaw and then, as promised, make the sort of presentation that will convince all but the most blinkered diehards, that the future of Luton Town Football Club lies away from Kenilworth Road.

If they don't succeed in doing that, maybe Luton will follow Derby County with one foot in the Third Division, and possible extinction just around the corner.

Name and address supplied

Dear Sir, I would like to thank you all for all the enjoyment I have received while watching your football matches recently. Until lately I did not attend this sport very much but I am glad to say that I have really become attached to your football club. I have even started going to the reserve matches too.

I would like you to thank, on my behalf, everyone involved in the matches, particularly the players and David Pleat.

I would also like to thank Danny Driscoll and Mark Stein for assisting me after the Leicester game with a minor problem concerning Ricky McEvoy. They were very helpful and well mannered.

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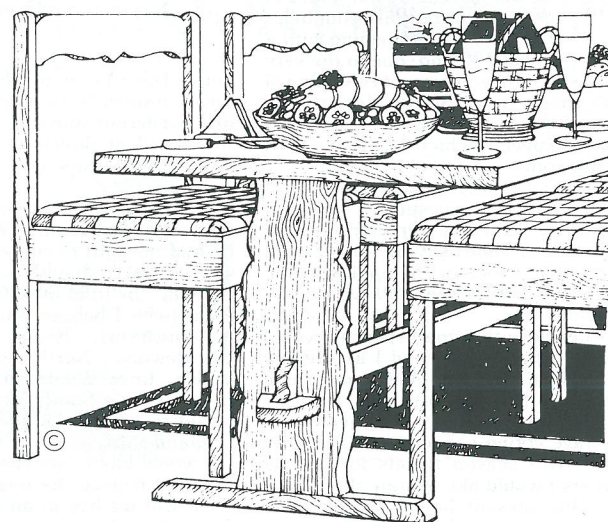
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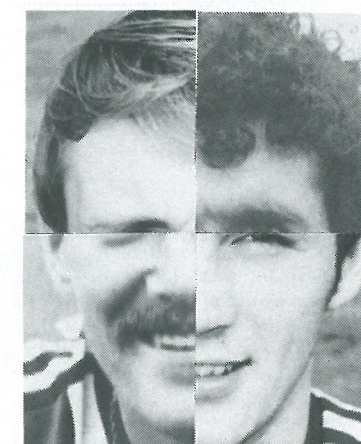
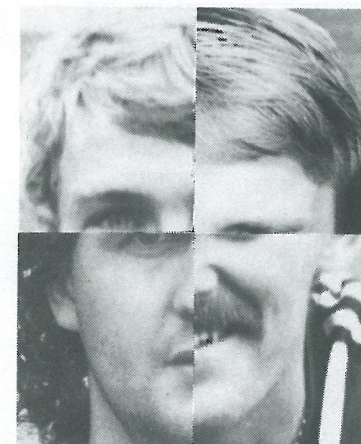
The winner of our competition in the Everton magazine was Mark Wilson from Oxford, who correctly named Mick Vinter (Oxford United), Phil Parkes (West Ham) and Ashley Grimes (Coventry City). Mark will also receive one of our super videos.

Here is a new phototeazer with again a prize of a super commemorative video. The photo caption shows three players heads mixed up. All you have to do is name the three players and their current clubs. Send your entries to: Luton Town FC, 70/72 Kenilworth Road, Luton, Beds. LU1 1DH.

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GET WELL SOON, ROB

Rob Johnson isn't having the best of luck as far as injuries are concerned. He missed all last season after injuring his knee on a tour of Scandinavia but gradually forced his way back to full fitness.

As part of David Pleat's plans to provide Rob with valuable match practice, the player spent a loan spell with Lincoln City earlier this season before collecting the same injury, this time in the other knee.

One of the first messages of support Rob received while in hospital came from Lincoln manager Colin Murphy which said: 'Just a small line to say how disappointed I was to learn of your injury.'

'It has certainly been a most difficult time for you but if you are able to show the perseverance you have undoubtedly shown in the past, I am sure matters will turn out for the good.'

We thought it was a nice gesture on the part of the Lincoln manager and we send our best wishes to Rob for a speedy recovery.

CENTURY CLUB

Today sees the return of our friends from Notts County. We look forward to meeting John Mehew and other members from the Centenary Club. As usual, when we visited them last Boxing Day, we enjoyed a very warm welcome, and we look forward to reciprocating their hospitality today.

The friendship between our two clubs has grown over a number of years and

they, like ourselves, enjoy our periodic meetings, and the chance to talk football, to reminisce over past games, and to exchange news of other mutual friends we have in football.

We look forward to a good game — naturally wishing our manager and team the best of the encounter.

CRYSTAL CLEAR

There can be no doubt that the futures of Paul Walsh and Brian Stein are crystal clear after our two strikers earned further England honours.

To mark their achievements, the strike duo were presented with crystal decanters by Bedford Trucks who sponsored our home game against Everton.



CHILTERN RADIO POP SPOT

Chiltern Radio presenter Bill Young is becoming a regular visitor to Kenilworth Road to host the station's Pop Spot before every home game.

The service keeps supporters fully informed on all the latest chart sounds in addition to keeping them occupied for 30 minutes. We again take the opportunity of welcoming Bill this afternoon.

HERE NEXT WEEK

A week today, we entertain our good friends and neighbours from Watford at Kenilworth Road.

Over the years, we have enjoyed some rousing games against the Hornets and next week's meeting is not

likely to be any exception.

We would remind supporters that the game is NOT all-ticket. Seating tickets are now available in the commercial offices.

We would also ask supporters to assist the stewarding operation by arriving early for the match. The gates will be open from 1 p.m.

HAPPY YOUNGSTERS

We always strive to improve our relations with younger supporters, particularly at schools level.

Every week, we conduct several parties around our Kenilworth Road facilities in addition to involving more young fans in the Junior Hatters Club.

We recently had the pleasure of welcoming a party of children from St Matthews Junior School, Luton, who — thanks to Everton mini sponsors Anachem Ltd — received a visit from Kirk Stephens and Emeka Nwajobi at the school.

After the school visit, the children were brought to Kenilworth Road —

again by courtesy of Anachem Ltd — where they are pictured enjoying themselves and posing for our photographer.

CALLING COUNTY SUPPORTERS

We have been asked to mention the existence of the London branch of the Notts County Supporters Club.

It has just been formed and any County fan in the area interested in joining should contact Martin Dabell at 102 Bradstock Road, Stoneleigh, Epsom, Surrey (01-393-3657).

MAKING NEW FRIENDS

As you will have seen in various match-day magazines this season, Luton Town and our players and officials are extremely keen to foster further public relations in the area.

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cess and served to cement a good relationship between them and Luton Town FC.

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John Martin started refereeing with the Bromley and District League in 1958. He moved to Surrey in 1964 and progressed through Surrey Senior and Isthmian Leagues to the Football League in 1973. He refereed the Isthmian League Final in 1977, and lined a UEFA Cup match in 1978. Also he refereed an FA Trophy semi-final and Anglo-Italian Inter-League Tournament in 1980, the Athenian League Cup Final in 1981, and the Upton Park Cup Final in Guernsey in 1982.

Mr Martin is a married man, with one son, he is Accounts Manager of a purchase ledger department. Enjoys all sports, particularly badminton and athletics, and is a past member of the Polytechnic Harriers. Is also Chairman of Alton Referees' Association, and their five-a-side league, and President of the Alton United Boys Club.



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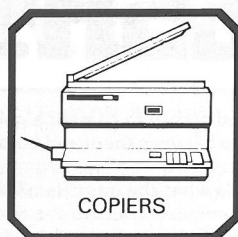
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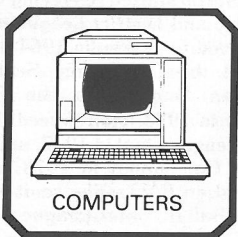
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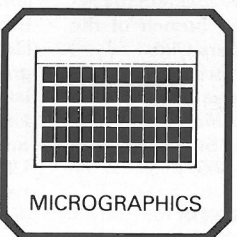
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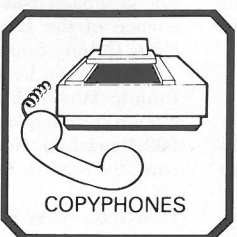
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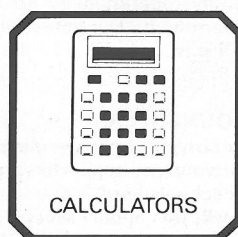
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HATTERS WHO'S WHO

Tony Pullein continues his series on former Luton players. This afternoon: John Aston.

John Aston joined Luton from Manchester United for £30,000 in 1972 and became part of the side which completed the club's recovery following the traumatic events of the 'sixties.

'I had no regrets about leaving Old Trafford for Luton,' said John. 'It was a very happy club and everyone at Kenilworth Road was full of optimism. The club had gone through some very bad times, and dropped right down into Division Four, but then they were in the Second Division and talking enthusiastically about winning promotion.'

The Hatters finished midway in the Second Division in his first season here but the 1973-74 campaign reached an exciting climax. A 1-1 draw at West Bromwich ensured promotion and a crowd of 20,285 turned up at Kenilworth Road to watch our final game with Sunderland.

'I was injured in the West Brom match and missed the Sunderland game,' recalled John. 'As it turned out we lost 4-3 but we still went up.'

But life in the First Division was always a struggle. We won only one of our opening 21 games and looked destined for relegation from an early stage. But the Hatters then made a splendid late recovery and in the end, with our fixtures completed, had to wait and see if Tottenham could collect the two points they needed to save themselves and put Luton down. Spurs beat Leeds 4-2.

TREMENDOUS SPIRIT

'The spirit at the end of the season was tremendous,' said John. 'We really didn't think we were bad enough to go down. But the experience was valuable and I recall everyone thought we would be going straight back to the First Division.'

In fact, the Hatters didn't make it back in John's time but he never had any regrets about stepping out of the First Division with United to come to Luton.

'I recall a couple of unhappy moments, particularly when we were beaten at Sunderland in the sixth round of the FA Cup in 1973. That, and relegation, were the only low points.

'I had a very happy association with the club and, when you stop to think, when you have a happy club it is easier to bounce back after disappointments. There was a sort of family atmosphere at Kenilworth Road and, when the going got tough, we all pulled together.

'After I left United I never felt sorry or wanted to be back there although of course, I enjoyed some great days there. Best of all was when we won the European Cup in 1968.'

FAMOUS VICTORY

It was John's own contribution which did so much to achieve that famous victory. His exhilarating runs down the wing had the Benfica defence in all sorts of trouble and it was a toss up between John and George Best for who could be described as the Man of the Match.

John then had the bad luck to break a leg. 'That was a terrible blow,' he said. 'I was only 21 at the time and it was quite the worst thing which had happened to me.'

Life was never quite the same at Old Trafford after that. And, as he fought to regain his first team place, he found another problem to overcome. His father John Aston senior – the former United hero and England left-back – was on the club's coaching staff at the time.

'It was a difficult situation,' he reflected. 'Not one I would recommend for any player ambitious to get on.'

'The time was right for me to go when I did. I never

regretted my decision to leave and from the time I signed for Luton the club had my undivided loyalty, even though I continued to live in Manchester.'

John spent five years with the Hatters and then moved on to Mansfield Town at the beginning of the 1977-78 season. The Stags had just won promotion to the Second Division for the first time in their history and needed a player of John's ability.

Sadly, they were relegated at the end of the season and John moved on to finish his playing days with Blackburn Rovers.

LEAGUE RECORD:

		Apps	Goals	
Manchester United	1964-65	1	—	
	1965-66	23	4	
	1966-67	26(4)	5	
	1967-68	34(3)	10	
	1968-69	13(1)	2	
	1969-70	21(1)	1	
	1970-71	19(1)	3	
	1971-72	2(7)	—	
	Luton Town	1972-73	36	9
		1973-74	39	6
1974-75		32	5	
1975-76		28(2)	1	
1976-77		34(1)	10	
1977-78		2	—	
1977-78		24(7)	4	
Mansfield Town	1977-78	10(3)	2	
	1978-79	2	—	
Blackburn Rovers	1978-79	10(3)	4	
	1979-80	2	—	
		346(30)	62	

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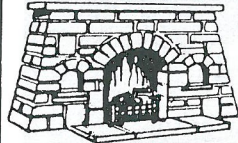
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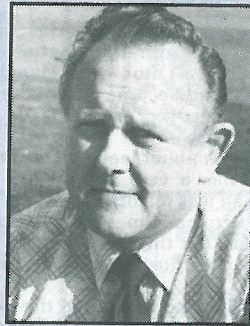


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JOHN WILKINSON - CLUB SECRETARY

Today we welcome our visitors from Meadow Lane. Their chairman, Jack Dunnett, is President of the Football League. We hope they have an enjoyable afternoon with us but, on the other hand, not too much as we need the points.

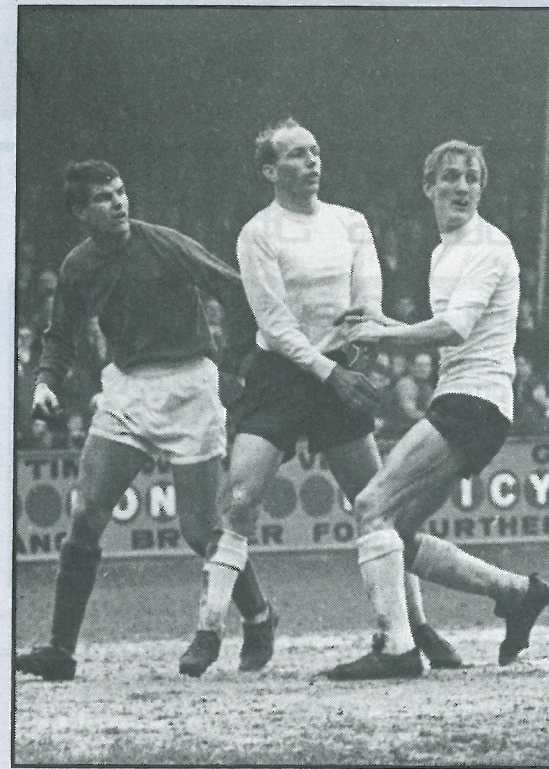
Formed in 1862, the Magpies are the oldest Football League club and they turned professional in 1885, the year our own club was formed. In that season they recorded their biggest victory when they hit 15 goals past the Thornhill United goalkeeper without reply.

I suppose their most famous player was big goalkeeper Albert Ironside who made 564 appearances between 1904-26. In later years they became the first club to pay £20,000 for a player. That was for Tommy Lawton who combined his playing duties with that of manager.

Of the present side, Pedro Richards has played nearly 300 games for the club and I am sure many of our supporters will remember the battles he had with our former outside-left John Aston.

I know I have said this before, but my most vivid recollection of a game at Meadow Lane was in November 1976 when our goalkeeper Keith Barber was taken to hospital with broken ribs.

John Aston was ready to take over in goal as was normal practice - when, running onto the pitch already wearing the green jersey, was Dixie Deans our Scottish international centre-forward. He gave one of the most unorthodox displays of goalkeeping seen and if my memory serves me correctly I think we scored five goals and Dixie kept a clean sheet.



MEMORY LANE

THIS WEEK:

IAN BUXTON

Ian signed professional forms for Derby County in 1959 and stayed at the Baseball Ground until 1967. In that time he made 142 appearances and scored 42 goals. In September 1967 he joined the Hatters and made 49 appearances before joining Notts County in July 1969.

Only four months later he joined Port Vale where he made 16 appearances before retiring from League Football. Ian was also one of the footballer/cricketer brigade, playing county cricket for Derbyshire for many years and was also appointed club captain.

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Notts County

With their First Division future very much in the balance, Notts County have naturally been taking a more cautious approach.

Team manager Larry Lloyd has been concentrating on improving his defence and County's, in recent weeks, have been collecting some useful points. The sad thing is that the team's recovery may have come too late to save them from relegation.

After losing 5-3 at home to Watford in February, County's position was beginning to look hopeless. They had only twice managed to keep a clean defensive sheet in 26 League games and they were nine points behind the safety mark.

But, in their next eight games, Notts conceded only three goals and collected 13 points.

Mr Lloyd completely reorganised his defence. He recalled Mick Leonard in goal, signed centre-back Ken Armstrong on loan from Southampton and called in Simeon Hodson for his first taste of League football at right-back.

Leonard turned professional with Halifax in 1976 and soon established himself in their Fourth Division side. Notts County signed him for £30,000 in 1979 but, until now, he had made only occasional appearances in their first team.

SENIOR SIDE

Armstrong joined Kilmarnock when he was 14 and went on to complete around 100 games in their senior side. Southampton signed him for £50,000 last summer and held his place in their First Division side until the turn of the year.

Hodson served his apprenticeship at Meadow Lane and was given his first chance in Notts' First Division side at Norwich last month.

Left-back David Clarke is another comparative newcomer.

A former England youth international, he made his first appearances in their First Division side as a midfielder last season. The transfer of Nigel Worthington to Sheffield Wednesday in February gave David the opening to establish himself at left-back.

Pedro Richards usually partners Armstrong in the middle of the defence. Richards served his apprenticeship with the club and made his first League appearances in 1974-75.

Brian Kilcline, who made way for Armstrong, will be pressing strongly for a recall. Brian is a local lad who developed in the reserve team and who made his bow in League soccer at Bristol Rovers in October 1979. Last



MARTIN O'NEILL

season he was capped twice for the England Under-21s.

PLAYING IN DEFENCE

Mark Goodwin has also been playing in defence for most of the season filling different positions in the back four. Mark was a Leicester City player when he made his League debut in 1977-78 and he completed around 100 first team appearances for them before moving to Notts County for £50,000 towards the end of the 1980-81 season.

David Hunt, Martin O'Neill, Gordon Mair and Ian McCulloch are the usual midfield players.

Hunt opened his career with Derby County but, after making five appearances in their League team in 1977-78, he was transferred to Notts County for £10,000.

O'Neill who won his 61st Irish cap against England at Wembley last week, joined County from Norwich shortly before the start of this season. It was the rival Nottingham club Forest, who introduced him to League soccer after signing him from Distillery for £27,000 in 1971.

Martin won a European Cup winners' medal and a League Championship medal with Forest and played for them in three League Cup finals before transferring to Norwich for £250,000 in 1981.

When the Canaries were relegated later that year they fulfilled their promise to release him and he joined Manchester City for £275,000. But he remained at Maine Road for only a few weeks before returning to Norwich in a £150,000 deal.

LEAGUE DEBUT

Mair worked his way up from the youth team and earned his League debut in 1976-77.

McCulloch spent eight seasons

HAS COUNTY'S REVIVAL COME TOO LATE?

in Kilmarnock's League eleven and County invested a then club record fee of £80,000 when they signed him in 1978. In 1981-82 he was top scorer with 16 goals. He is a Scotland Under-21 international.

Rachid Harkouk was holding a place in midfield until he was injured last month. Rachid began his League career with Crystal Palace and was transferred to QPR in 1978. Notts County signed him during the close season of 1980.

John Chiedozie and Trevor Christie are the two forwards.

Chiedozie is an exciting winger who commanded a £600,000 fee when he joined the club from Orient in 1981. John made his League debut for Orient in 1977 and is now a Nigerian international.

SCORING LIST

Christie began his career with Leicester City, making his debut in 1977-78 and leading their scoring list the following season. County

invested £85,000 in his transfer during the summer of 1979.

County have won four away games in the First Division — at Leicester (4-0), Southampton (2-0), Norwich (1-0) and Wolves (1-0).

They drew at Manchester United (3-3), Arsenal (1-1) and Birmingham (0-0), but all their other away games have ended in defeat at Coventry (1-2), Watford (1-3), West Ham (0-3), Nottingham Forest (1-3), Tottenham (0-1), WBA (0-2), QPR (0-1), Liverpool (0-5), Ipswich (0-1), Everton (1-4) and Stoke (0-1).

Notts have won at Aldershot (4-2) in the Milk Cup — later completing on aggregate 8-3 victory — and then earned a replay by drawing at Birmingham (2-2) in the third round. In what turned out to be a marathon tie, Notts played two more goalless games against Birmingham — both going into extra time — before finally losing 1-2 at St Andrews.

In the third round of the FA Cup

they were held to 2-2 at home by Fourth Division Bristol City and won the replay (2-0).

They then won 2-1 away to Huddersfield and 1-0 at home to Middlesbrough to earn a place in the sixth round. They finally went out 1-2 at home to Everton.

Founded in 1862, Notts County FC is the oldest of all the Football League clubs and they were one of the original members when the competition was formed in 1888.

TONY PULLEIN

Back Row (left to right): Jim McDonagh, Trevor Christie, Brian Kilcline, Rachid Harkouk, Aki Lahtinen, Mick Leonard.

Middle row: Larry Lloyd (Team Manager), Nigel Worthington (now Sheffield Wed.), Pedro Richards, David Hunt, Justin Fashanu, Tristan Benjamin, Ray O'Brien, John Short (Physio).

Front row: Gordon Mair, John Chiedozie, Jimmy Sirrel (Club Manager), David Clarke, Mark Goodwin, Ian McParland.





TOTTENHAM 2 LUTON TOWN 1
Above: Brian Stein still chasing as the Spurs keeper collects.
Below: Goalscorer Gary Parker moves into position for a late corner kick.



Above: Spurs defenders close in on Trevor Aylott and Brian Stein as they try for goal.
Below: Down, but not out – Brian Horton pushes a boot out to retain a loose ball.



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**TOTTENHAM 2
LUTON TOWN 1**

Once again we returned from Spurs pointless with the away-day fans witnessing only one goal — from Gary Parker. Pictured is a moment during the first half as David Moss takes a ball from Brian Horton with Frank Bunn running wide.

TOWN RECORD '83/84

Opponents	Result	Attendance	Points	Position	Sealey	Stephens	Turner	Horton	Elliott	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Walsh	Bunn	Moss	Antic	Aylott	Daniel	Thomas	Parker	Johnson	Goodyear	Nwajobi	Breacker	Own Goals	
Goals Scored								2	2	2	2	9	14	3	3		9	2		2			2		3	
1983																										
August																										
27 Arsenal	1-2	39,348			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11											
31 Leicester City	3-0	11,929	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11												
September																										
3 Sunderland	*4-1	10,846	6	5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11											
6 Norwich City	2-2	11,905	7	5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12										
10 Manchester United	0-2	41,013	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12										
17 Wolverhampton W.	4-0	10,975	10	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11											
24 Nottingham Forest	0-1	16,296	10	13	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12										
October																										
1 Aston Villa	1-0	12,747	13	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12										
4 Rotherham (MC2-1L)	3-2	4,035		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		11										
15 Everton	1-0	14,325	16	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11											
22 Southampton	3-1	12,389	19	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	9									
25 Rotherham (MC2-2L)	0-2	6,755		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		10	9	11								
29 Liverpool	0-6	31,940	19	6	1	2	10	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11				3							
November																										
5 Queens Park Rangers	1-0	15,053	22	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12				11						
12 Birmingham City	1-1	11,111	23	5	1	2	10	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12				3	11	4					
19 Tottenham Hotspur	2-4	17,275	23	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12						4				
26 Watford	2-1	17,791	26	5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12										
December																										
3 Coventry City	*2-4	10,698	26	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	10									
10 Stoke City	4-2	10,329	29	8	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		10	11	3							
18 West Bromwich Albion	2-0	11,566	32	6	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
26 Notts County	3-0	9,789	35	3	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
27 West Ham United	0-1	16,343	35	5	1	2	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12										
31 Sunderland	0-2	19,482	35	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12										
1984																										
January																										
2 Nottingham Forest	2-3	12,126	35	9	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
7 Watford (FAC3)	2-2	15,007		1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12												
10 Watford (FAC3R)	3-4	20,586		1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12												
14 Arsenal	*1-2	16,320	35	10	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
21 Wolverhampton W	2-1	11,594	38	8	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
February																										
4 Aston Villa	0-0	18,656	39	7	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
12 Manchester United	0-5	11,265	39	8	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
18 Liverpool	0-0	14,877	40	8	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
25 Southampton	1-2	17,947	40	11	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
March																										
3 Queens Park Rangers	0-0	11,922	41	10	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
13 Ipswich Town	2-1	8,776	44	8	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
17 Norwich City	0-0	14,181	45	7	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
20 Birmingham City	1-1	9,592	46	8	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
24 Leicester City	0-0	10,509	47	11	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
31 Ipswich Town	0-3	10,570	47	11	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
April																										
7 Everton	0-3	9,224	47	12	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
14 Tottenham Hotspur	1-2	25,390	47	14	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		9			3	7					
17 West Ham United	1-3	15,430	47	15	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											
May																										
5 Coventry City																										
7 Stoke City																										
12 West Bromwich Albion																										

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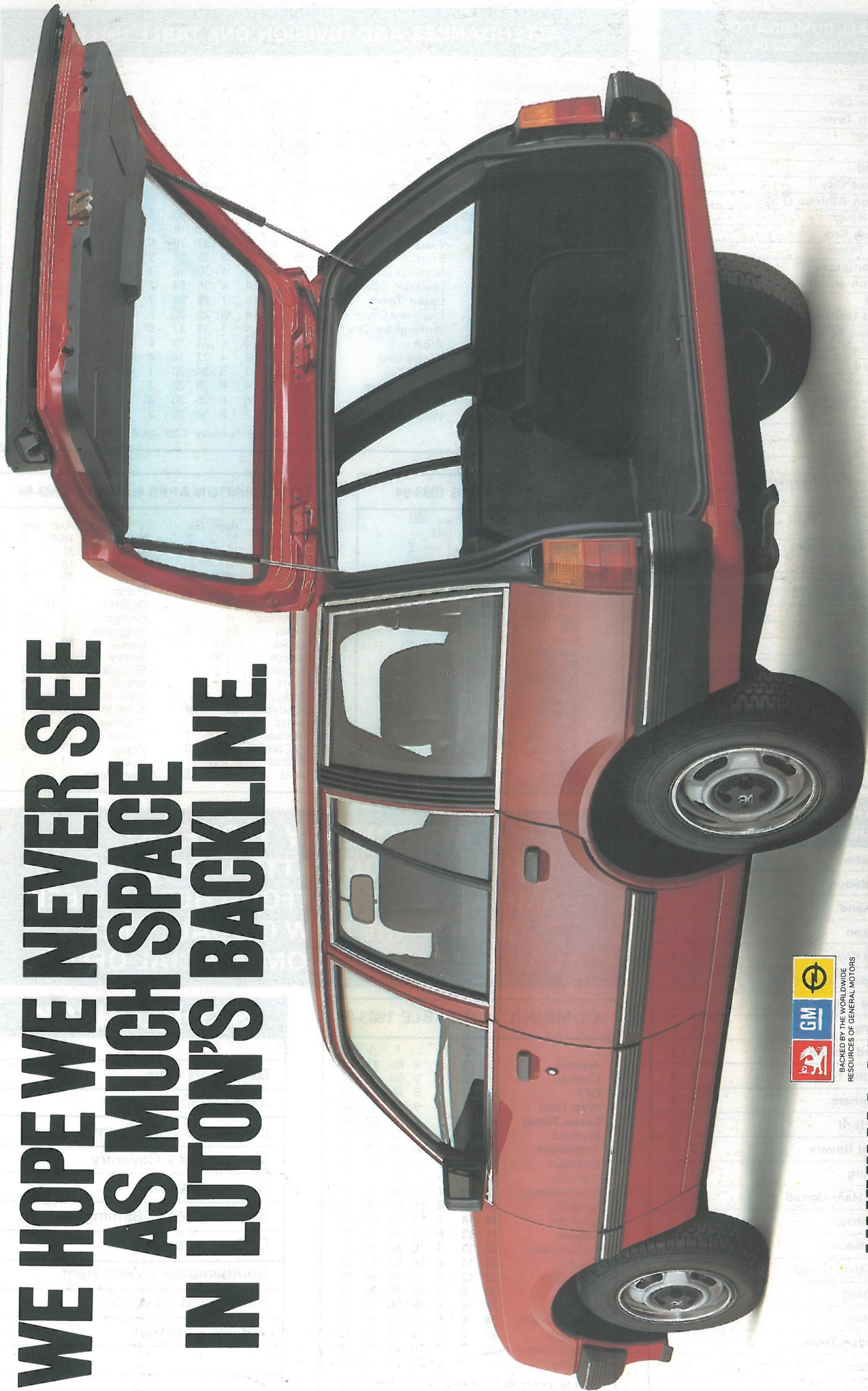
FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1983-84

Date	Opposition	F	A
Aug. 27	Chelsea	1	1
Sept. 7	Leicester City	1	0
Sept. 10	Ipswich Town	0	0
Sept. 14	Reading	4	1
Sept. 17	Arsenal	1	2
Sept. 20	Millwall	4	0
Sept. 24	Swansea City	3	1
Oct. 3	Charlton Athletic (7.30)	1	1
Oct. 8	Bristol Rovers	2	1
Oct. 11	Norwich City	0	0
Oct. 18	Crystal Palace	0	0
Oct. 25	Southampton	3	1
Nov. 5	Brighton and Hove A.	4	0
Nov. 9	Millwall	2	1
Nov. 22	Oxford United	0	1
Nov. 26	Swindon Town	4	1
Dec. 3	Tottenham Hotspur	2	1
Dec. 10	Watford	3	0
Dec. 17	West Ham United	2	1
Jan. 3	Queens Park Rangers	1	1
Jan. 17	Chelsea	0	1
Jan. 21	Reading	3	1
Jan. 28	Swansea City	1	2
Feb. 14	Charlton Athletic	2	4
Feb. 25	Queens Park Rangers	0	1
Feb. 28	Southampton	1	1
Mar. 6	Brighton & Hove A.	0	0
Mar. 9	Fulham	3	0
Mar. 17	West Ham United	1	5
Mar. 20	Fulham	4	2
Mar. 27	Crystal Palace	5	0
Mar. 31	Leicester City	2	2
April 2	Bristol Rovers	1	1
April 7	Ipswich Town	2	3
April 10	Birmingham City	3	1
April 20	Watford		
April 24	Arsenal		
April 28	Oxford United		
April 30	Norwich City		
May 5	Swindon Town		
May 9	Birmingham City		
May 12	Tottenham Hotspur		

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES 1983-84

Date	Opposition	F	A
Sept. 3	Wimbledon	3	2
Sept. 9	Southend	4	2
Sept. 17	Brighton	4	1
Sept. 24	Bristol Rovers	1	

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