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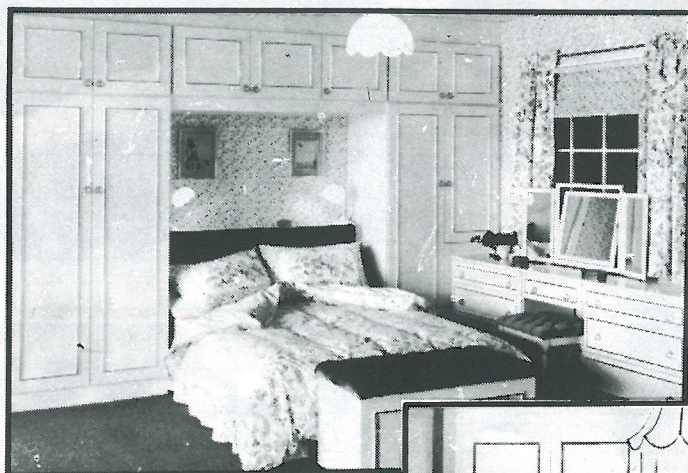
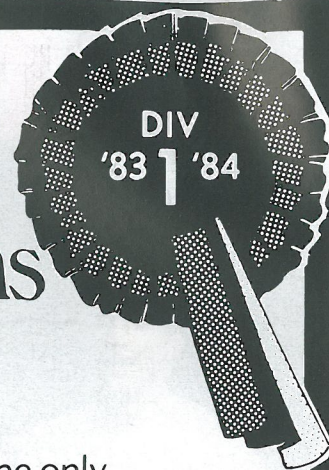
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MY VIEW

Today we see our penultimate home game in our second season in the First Division.

The only yardstick can be 'have we done our best'.

Some players are beginning to establish themselves.

Others have contributed solidly to our club effort for several years. The team spirit has always been good, and I have been with some working people in the game of professional football — David Coates, Trevor Hartley and John Moore are skilful management coaching and scouting teams in their own rights.

John Sheridan is an accomplished physiotherapist who is amply backed up by Stan Everitt and Ian Siggers on match days with Youth and Reserves. George Rodgers, John McCabe and Rennee McNamara, complete our everyday grafters, who make this Luton club tick over down in the dressing room and on the field.

But six years seem a long time, and it is difficult not to repeat the same pleas for patience, the importance of steady progress, the anxiety of that good backroom staff and the need for more support and even greater encouragement to survive and be successful in the First Division.

We must start with our visitors. Congratulations from all to your chairman, management, staff, and players on achieving a goal which we all strive for. To appear in a Cup Final is a dream we all cherish. In football, despite the life blood of competition and rivalry, we are all friends and I sincerely wish Graham Taylor and everyone at Watford every good wish on 19th May at Wembley.

This season, we have played Watford on three occasions. Today, we hope to achieve our third double. But it was in the Cup that true contrast of styles, good football and sportsmanship really stood out. In my view the game at Watford had everything — 4-3 after extra-time and a memory for ever.

Apart from great excitement, I thought I saw three potential England forwards that evening. Let us hope they can reach levels of consistency that are required to reach and remain at the top. Total dedication will gain its reward.

A word of praise for our groundsman — he is a much battered individual because he can't make a Wembley out of a dirt track. He worked damned hard to get it in shape for the Notts County game and the players responded. Our type of game demands a decent pitch. I was delighted with the 8,000 crowd for the Notts County game, some cynical Press has increased anxiety by transmitting thoughts of relegation to the locals. You can imagine the effect this can have on players and staff after last year's episode. So, well done, those 8,000 — the atmosphere was tremendous in that second-half, our lads battled for their pride, and I was thrilled with the applause before the game and ovation for the players afterwards.

Although it is early days, and there are still plans in the air regarding moving, we do hope to be playing in the First Division at Kenilworth Road next season. As a consequence, I hope our true supporters will purchase season tickets early in order to help the finances. We shall need to do some adjusting and it is a fact of football life that we need money to help purchase players. There will be a lot of hard work needed to be done in the summer, and I can only promise that next season we will do our best to play good football and win as many games as possible.

I hope today's game is exciting and enjoyable. I hope we win. But in the long run I hope we continue to be stimulated by the supporting rivalry that has blossomed during the last few seasons.

Good luck to you all.

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RUSH FOR RECORDS By TONY PULLEIN

Ian Rush goes into the final phase of the season hoping to top the First Division goalscorers' chart and smash a Liverpool club record. Before the Easter games, the Welsh international striker had scored 38 times for Liverpool in all competitions.

Rush was aiming for Roger Hunt's total of 42 goals in 1961-62 but he is unlikely to challenge Hunt's total of 41 goals in the League.

Rush had scored 25 times in League matches, six more than his closest challenger Gary Lineker (Leicester City) but that's already one more than last season when he came second to Luther Blissett in First Division matches.

The Liverpool man did have the chance of becoming the first player to hit 30 goals in open play in First Division matches since Ron Davies did it for Southampton back in 1966-67. Thirty-six of Davies' 37 goals came from open play.

Only two players have reached 30 in the First Division since then but both Francis Lee, who scored 33 for Manchester City in 1971-72, and Bob Latchford, who hit 30 for Everton in 1977-78, reached the target only with the aid of penalties.

SEMI-FINAL DEFEATS

● Everton ended a sequence of four successive FA Cup semi-final defeats when they beat Southampton 1-0 at Highbury with a goal in the 117th minute from Adrian Heath.

Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy was clearly bitterly disappointed about the Saints' Cup exit. 'We shall all go home now and think deeply about our positions,' he said. Some commentators interpreted that as a hint he would be leaving the Dell when his contract expires at the end of this season.

Defeat in a semi-final is one of the worst of all experiences yet Everton could provide ample consolation for the Saints. They have been beaten in 11 FA Cup semi-finals — more often than any other club.

● Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw spoke recently of his reasons for leaving the club at the end of the season. 'It hasn't happened intentionally, but the manager's job here has been eroded,' he said.

'In my opinion the manager should be the leading figure at any club, taking all the important decisions. Spurs has become more of a business with discussions on shares, annual turnovers, etc.

PROBLEMS AND TACTICS

'They seem to have forgotten about the players. I prefer to be concerned with players' problems and tactics and to provide a link with the supporters. The fans seem to be a forgotten part of the club now.'

Burkinshaw seems certain to remain in management. 'But I will only accept a club which will allow me to be in charge of its affairs,' he said.

He could find himself at Middlesbrough, subject to Jack Charlton's decision. Charlton returned to Ayresome Park following the departure of Malcolm Allison. 'The arrangement is only until the end of the season,' he stressed. 'We shall then meet to discuss the situation.'

If Charlton feels he does not want to return permanently to the managerial fold, Burkinshaw could be offered the job.

Another well-known face which will be missing from Tottenham next season could be Glenn Hoddle's. Current-

ly resting after a leg operation, Hoddle has apparently decided he would like a crack on the continent.

FITNESS IN DOUBT

The problem is that some clubs will be reluctant to spend big money on him if his fitness is in doubt. And, as he is unlikely to be able to prove his match fitness before the end of the season, there could be a scarcity of interested clubs.

Tottenham's new manager, whoever he might be, might also try to persuade him to remain with the club.

● Queens Park Rangers virtually booked their place in next season's UEFA Cup when they won 2-0 at Birmingham, making it three victories in four games. But manager Terry Venables' joy was tempered by the regret at losing his Republic of Ireland international midfielder man Gary Waddock for the rest of the season.

Waddock broke an ankle in a tackle with Howard Gayle. 'Thankfully we have good competition for places so the loss will not be as bad as it could have been,' said the Rangers' manager.

Another problem for Venables is, if Rangers do qualify for the UEFA Cup, he will have to find another ground for home ties. 'Unless UEFA lift their ban on artificial pitches, we appreciate that we shall have to play our home games on another London ground.'

AWAY RECORD

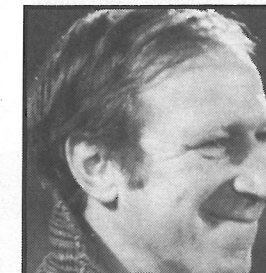
'This will not be too much of a hardship for if you look at our away record, it is among the best in the First Division. And we will have the crowd behind us.'

● West Ham, one-time challengers for the Championship, have suffered a rough period. After losing 1-0 at home to lowly Sunderland, the Hammers looked back on a run which had produced only one win in eight League matches. And now it's beginning to look doubtful that they will even qualify for the UEFA Cup although they improved their chances with a 3-1 victory over us last week.

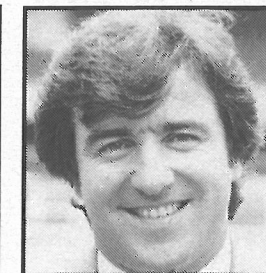
● Although Ipswich Town are in grave danger of relegation, manager Bobby Ferguson is full of praise for the team's attitude. After their 2-2 home draw with Nottingham Forest, the Ipswich boss declared: 'I'm proud of every player in the team. They have been showing true character, battling for every ball, never giving up.'

'That's the outlook I want and I hope it will enable us to pull clear of relegation.'

The club's South African born forward Mich D'Avray, who scored the equaliser against Forest in the dying minutes, was rewarded for an excellent season with a call to join the England Under-21 squad. He was told of his selection after the Forest game. He was named as replace-



JACK CHARLTON



TERRY VENABLES

ment for the injured Mark Hateley for the first leg of the UEFA Under-21 Championship semi-final against Italy at Maine Road.

● That England Under-21 squad contained one interesting selection — Oxford United's Kevin Brock. Only three outfield players from the Third Division had ever played for the England Under-21s and the last two, Luther Blissett and Gary Mabbutt, both went on to win full caps and play in the First Division.

REJECTED CHANCE

Brock rejected the chance to move into the First Division a couple of years ago when Brighton wanted to sign him.

When Liverpool sold Colin Russell to Huddersfield for £15,000 at the beginning of last season he dreamed of the day when he would have the chance to show the Reds they made a mistake in letting him go.

Huddersfield were in the Third Division at the time so he didn't expect the opportunity to come for some while. But a couple of weeks ago he took his vengeance. Colin was loaned to Stoke City and he scored the Potters' second goal which clinched their shock 2-0 victory over Liverpool.

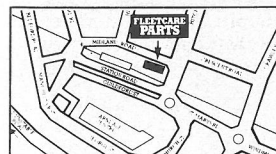
Russell joined Liverpool as a schoolboy and made his League debut for them, as substitute, against Sunderland in May 1981. But that was his only game in their First Division side.

● Wolves have now accepted that they will be returning to the Second Division next season. A run of four successive defeats up to the Easter holiday left them so far behind the rest of the pack that, even if they had won all their remaining games, they would have been unlikely to have stayed up.

One of the reasons for their demise was that Wolves managed only to score 26 goals in their first 35 League matches. That was just one more than Ian Rush had scored himself in League games for Liverpool.

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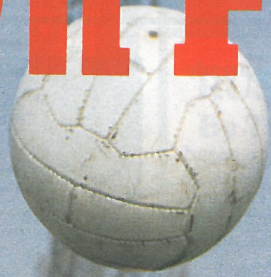
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Tim Breacker is another example of home produced players breaking into the Football League scene at Kenilworth Road.

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Only 18-years-old, Tim responded well to the challenge given to him by manager David Pleat and looks a youngster who could carve himself a fine future in the game.

Born in Bicester, he signed full-time professional forms with Luton almost 12 months ago and has waited patiently for his chance in the senior side after giving some outstanding performances in the Youth and Reserve sides at South East Counties League and Football Combination level.

He proved that, although a newcomer to the Football League scene, he wasn't afraid to grab his chance in the first team.



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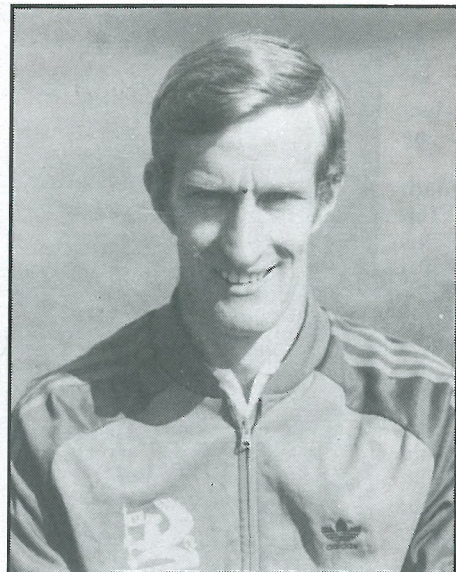
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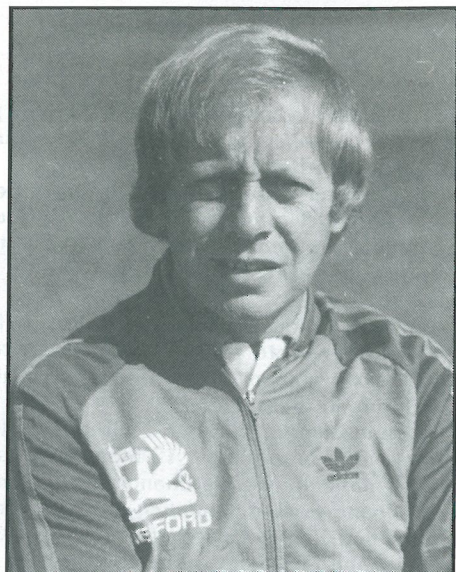
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We seemed in a confident and relaxed mood and were putting some good passing movements together, but our final pass or shot was letting us down.

The Southend goalkeeper was also proving a great obstacle in our search for the vital first goal. In fact when the goal arrived, it was at the end of a good move and a very good save from which we managed to score the rebound.

Half-time: 0-1

In the second-half we still had most of the play, but as we pushed more players

forward in search of a second goal we started to leave some gaps at the back.

When our second goal arrived, it had to be a penalty before we again managed to beat their keeper.

One of the forwards must have despaired of ever beating him because even though he had a one against one situation with the keeper on three occasions, he still failed to beat him.

Finally, he did manage to beat him by a delightful chip from the edge of the box to seal a good result from a good all round team performance.

It was a commendable performance and one which pleased our coaches John Moore and Trevor Hartley.

But there was a setback only a few days later when we lost at Colchester United in the first leg of the Eastern Junior Cup Plate.

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Michael Terry of Wilstead is 10 and attends Abbey Middle School. He plays football for the school team and his interests are football, running and swimming.

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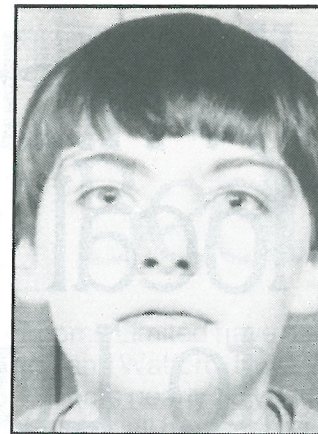
Andrew Stackport of Luton is 11 and is a pupil at Cardinal Newman School. His interests are computers and football.

Daniel Cook of Luton is 10 and attends Icknield Junior School. He plays football for his school and cubs. He lists his interests as playing and watching football, swimming, badminton and athletics.

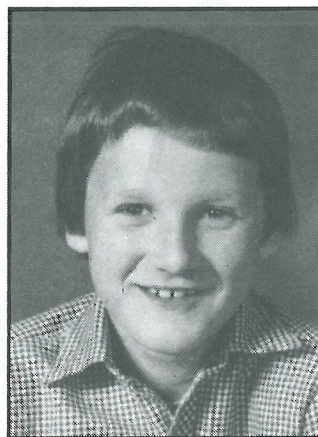
Peter Blessing of Luton is 14 and attends Cardinal Newman School. His interests are football, snooker, darts and swimming.

Justin Beacher of Luton is 14 and a pupil at Stopsley High School. His interests are skiing, football, basketball and cricket.

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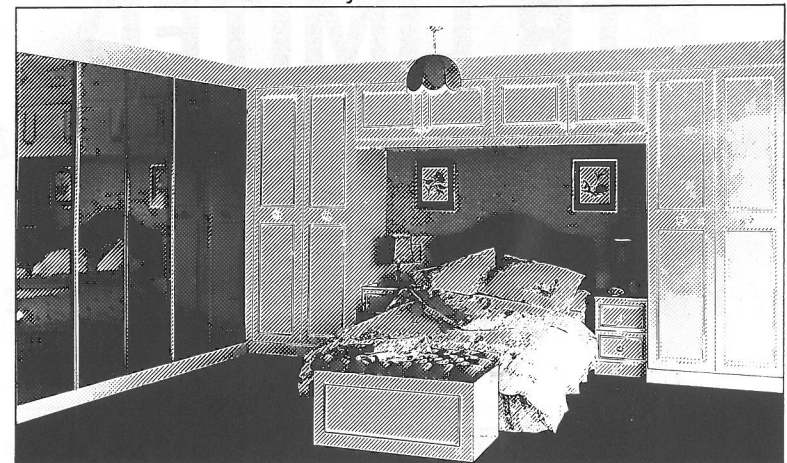
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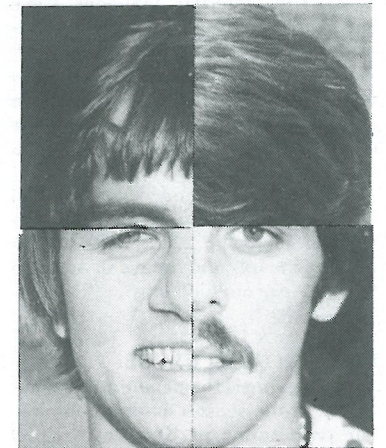
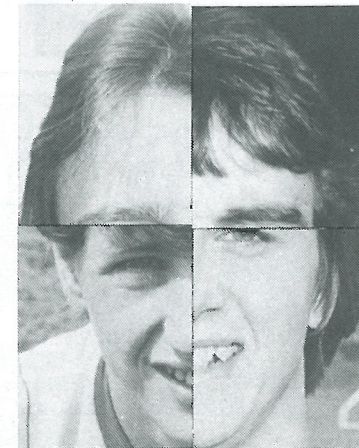
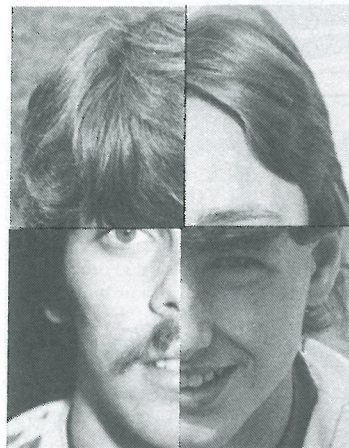
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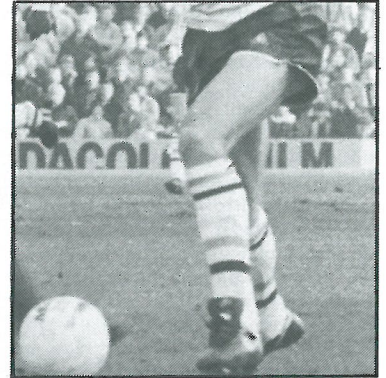
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Like ourselves, Watford are an ambitious club and their achievement in reaching Wembley is to be warmly applauded.

19th May will be a glorious day in Watford's history, and we would like to be included with the many clubs who sincerely hope it will be a day their manager, players, directors, officials and staff will enjoy and remember.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

There were good reasons for celebrations in the Hatters Club a few days ago when catering manager Clive Hustwitt and his wife Christine celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

What the couple thought would be a quiet celebration turned out to be a complete contrast when the entire catering staff surprised them with a suitable presentation.

As supporters and sponsors will know, Clive is responsible for arranging and supplying all the catering requirements on match days in addition to many private functions.

DRAWING TO A CLOSE

Today's game is the penultimate home match of the season and we complete our programme at Kenilworth Road

with a visit from Stoke City a week on Monday.

TIME OFF

Kirk Stephens and Jake Findlay took time off from their defensive duties when they visited the GIS double-glazing company's factory in Luton.

The two players made a thorough

inspection of the company's manufacturing methods before posing for our photographer.

CENTURY CLUB

Our visitors today need no introduction — our neighbours from down the road, Watford — coming in on the crest of their success.



We welcome them, and look forward to meeting our friends from Club '82 once more. We also congratulate them most heartily on having reached the final of the FA Cup and wish them every success when they step on to the turf at Wembley on 19th May.

Those of our members and supporters who have loyally followed our team for many years will have nostalgic memories of the happy years which led to our visit to Wembley in 1959, when our team had the honour of representing club and town.

Sadly, we did not bring home the Cup, but the celebrations, support, and enthusiasm for the team, and the pride with which we associated ourselves with Luton Town were remarkable.

Last week, at the Notts County game we were happy to provide, for the second year, hospitality for the Danish visitors from Skovbakken Handball Club. Language barriers disappear when people with sporting interests meet, and we were happy to meet the Danes again.

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Married, with two children, he is an Administration Manager, and has interests in philately, railways and keep-fit. He is also a member of the management committee of the Bristol Referees' Association.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dozens of our players will willingly testify to the homely atmosphere provided by Cis Harrowell who has, over many years, become a 'mum' to many of them.

She has provided excellent digs in Rutland Crescent where players have been made to feel really at home.

We couldn't allow the occasion of her 75th birthday to escape our attention and ensured there was a large bouquet waiting for her on her special day.

Jim McNichol, one of our ex-players who stayed with Mrs Harrowell in his early days with the club, was also there to celebrate the occasion with his wife and their newest arrival.

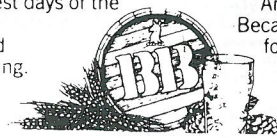


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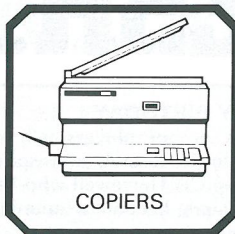
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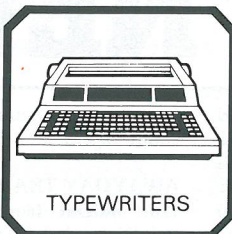
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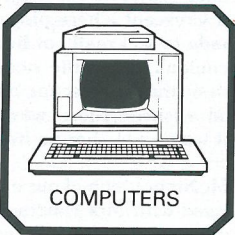
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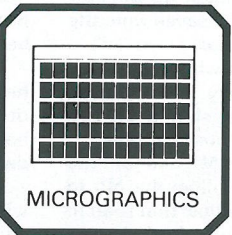
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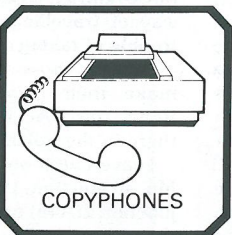
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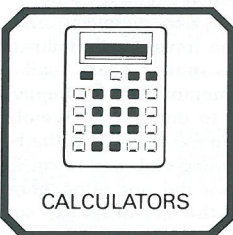
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HATTERS WHO'S WHO

Tony Pullein continues his series on former Luton players and, this afternoon, looks at Ron Baynham.

Ron Baynham's displays for Luton earned him the honour of becoming England's goalkeeper. Yet, like the comic who yearns to play Hamlet, he always secretly wished he could have been a centre-forward. Indeed only last month, almost 20 years after retiring from League football, he turned out at centre-forward in a local league match!

As a boy he always played in attack and it was quite by chance that he switched to goalkeeping. 'It was while I was doing my National Service in Germany just after the war that we found ourselves short of a goalkeeper so I volunteered to have a go,' he recalled.

Ron soon found he had a natural ability in this role and, after his demob, he signed for Worcester City. It was while he was playing in the Southern League that he was spotted by a Luton scout and it was in November 1951 that he arrived at Kenilworth Road.

He took over from Bernard Streten in the Hatters' goal during the early weeks of the 1952-53 season but he didn't find it easy to establish himself. He lost his place the following season and it wasn't until 1955 that he really began to establish himself in League football.

Yet, in less than a year, he became England's goalkeeper. He succeeded Bert Williams for the game against Denmark in Copenhagen in October 1955. 'Of course, that's an occasion I shall never forget,' smiled Ron.

FAMOUS PLAYERS

'We had such famous players as Billy Wright, Jimmy Dickinson, Jackie Milburn, Tom Finney and Don Revie in the side and we won 5-1.'

A couple of weeks later Ron was picked for the England 'B' team to play Yugoslavia at Maine Road and again his side won by a 5-1 margin.

Ron was back in the England side a month later. 'We played Ireland at Wembley and beat them 3-0,' he remembered.

A few weeks later found him in the Football League XI to meet the League of Ireland at Goodison Park. The League team in those days was virtually the England team and Ron found himself in the company of men like Roger Byrne, Jeff Hall, Ronnie Clayton, Johnny Haynes and Tom Finney.

Once again he came out on the right side with a 5-1 scoreline.

Ron won his third full England cap against Spain at Wembley, England winning 4-1. But, though he was never on the losing side in representative matches, he didn't get another chance.

MEMORABLE SEASON

'That 1955-56 season was certainly a memorable one for me,' says Ron. 'We were playing in the First Division for the first time and I had the honour of playing for England. You couldn't wish for more than that.'

Coventry's Reg Matthews was coming to his prime at the time

and he took over from Ron in the England goal.

One of his finest games for Luton came at Wembley in the 1959 FA Cup Final. The team as a whole failed to find its form but Ron was superb in goal, making a succession of fine saves.

'I had quite a lot to do that day,' he smiled. 'But it really was a big disappointment for us. We never really started to play as we could do and, though Nottingham Forest were reduced to 10 men when Roy Dwight broke a leg, we failed to capitalise. But it was an experience to have played in a Wembley final.'

The Hatters were relegated in 1960 and it was during the 1961-62 campaign that Ron lost his place. 'I hit a low spot at the time and was a bit depressed at playing in the Reserves. So I asked permission to play a few games at centre-forward,' he recalled.

CENTRE-FORWARD

'I had always wished that I could have made it as a centre-forward and I did quite well in the Reserve team.'

Indeed, Ron played so well that, when he returned to the Luton side to face Leyton Orient on Easter Monday 1962 he was wearing the number nine shirt!

'I suppose you could say I had realised my ambition to play centre-forward in League football,' Ron smiled.

But the experiment didn't last. Ron reverted to his goalkeeping job the next season but the campaign ended in further relegation.

'The club was going through a very difficult time,' says Ron. 'Morale was low and we were relegated again, to the Fourth Division, at the end of the 1964-65 season. I had had a good run and I decided that then was the time to pack up.'

Ron still lives in Luton and, as I mentioned above, that budding centre-forward still lives inside him. So when he was asked to play again to help out a local team, of course there was no way he was going to refuse!

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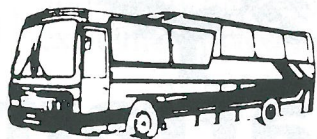
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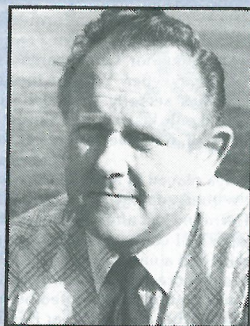


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Journal

JOHN WILKINSON – CLUB SECRETARY

Once again we come to the match the majority of supporters have been waiting for. If the game is anything like the two FA Cup-ties in January, we are in for a treat.

I can't recall seeing a better match than the replay at Vicarge Road. I have no doubt Watford will want to avenge the defeat we inflicted on them earlier in the season in the League.

We must, however, congratulate them on reaching Wembley for the first time in the club's history. Whether or not they win the Cup, it will be a day they will never forget. From first thing in the morning to last thing at night it is a day that is different from any other.

Every little detail will be remembered for years to come. At least that is how I see it and, having sampled it, the memories are still very strong. Congratulations also to the Watford and Plymouth supporters for the good behaviour and sportsmanship shown at Villa Park.

It's a pity the other two sets of fans at Highbury couldn't have shown the same spirit. If Arsenal have to erect fences, I believe the majority of the cost should be met by the Football Association.

After all, it was their decision to stage the semi-final there. I do not see how the two clubs can be blamed for the action of the so called supporters after the match. Once again it is the mindless minority who spoil it for the rest.



**MEMORY
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THIS WEEK:

SOS ALLEN

Sos played the majority of his local football with Limbury Boys Club but he came to the Hatters notice while playing for Alton Town in the Hampshire League. He signed amateur forms for Luton and was offered professional terms after fine displays in the Reserve side.

He signed only as a part-time player and kept his job as a lorry driver. He made only one appearance in the first team and was later allowed to leave to join Watford where he made six appearances, scoring once.

In later years he became a well known figure playing local Sunday football and was still playing nearing the age of 50 before his sudden death a few years ago. He is one of the few local players who have had a Cup competition named after him.

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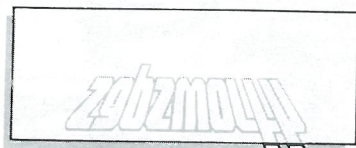
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We are proud to have taken part in the tournament every year since David Pleat became Luton manager, and the competition is regarded highly by the British clubs who take part every year.

Entry to the tournament is by invitation only which proves how highly the organisers think of Luton Town. It also means that all clubs have to be on their best behaviour on and off the pitch.

All competing players have to be of Youth age and, on the Continent, that can reach 21. Matches are of 15 minutes each way except in the Final which is 30 minutes each way.

English clubs which have taken part in recent seasons include Nottingham Forest, Notts County, Leicester City,

Coventry and Luton Town. Teams from Holland, Germany and Belgium help to make it a most competitive tournament.

Although Luton Town have never won the competition, we were runners-up last year. We have also won the Fair Play Award three times.

Among our players who have taken part are Paul Elliott, Ray Daniel, Brian Stein, Frank Bunn, Mitchell Thomas and Rob Johnson to name only six.

They have benefitted from the experience of playing against Continental opposition, and it is also good experience for the schoolboys who make up our squad.

We have made many friends in the years we have been playing in the competition. The Dutch organisers place a strong family theme on the tournament with hundreds watching the Final and matches for third and fourth places.

We are looking forward to meeting many old friends, and take this opportunity of producing a photograph of the Youth squad who will make the trip.

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WATFORD

Watford guaranteed another exciting climax to a season when they beat Plymouth Argyle 1-0 in the FA Cup semi-final to earn themselves a trip to Wembley for the first time — exactly 25 years after the Hatters enjoyed the same experience.

Last season, Watford finished runners-up in the First Division. Now they could well crown the current campaign by winning their first major trophy.

When he has been able to put the Cup out of his mind, manager Graham Taylor has been getting down to the job of building a new team. 'The side that took us into runners-up position last season had reached its limit,' he said. 'Now I have to plan to make Watford into a sensible and sound, First Division club at all levels.'

The Hornets' new-look attack has been including George Reilly, Maurice Johnston and Paul Atkinson.

Reilly, signed from Cambridge for £100,000 last summer, was a Corby amateur when Northampton spotted him. He soon became a consistent scorer with the Cobblers, topping their goals list with 23 in 1977-78 and 23 the following season. Cambridge then signed him for £180,000 and last season he was their best marksman with 11. It was George's header that took Watford to Wembley.

REMARKABLE RUN

Johnston has enjoyed a remarkable run since his arrival from Partick Thistle for £200,000 in November and he is now Watford's leading scorer with more than 20 goals.

Maurice made his Scottish League debut for Partick Thistle in 1981-82, leading their scoring list with 11 goals. Last season he really excelled himself when scoring 32 goals and he was introduced to the Scotland Under-21 side this season.

His scoring form for Watford earned Maurice his first full cap for Scotland in February and, true to form, he scored after being called on as substitute against Wales.

Atkinson spent the first half of the season in the Reserves following his £175,000 transfer from Oldham last Summer. Paul won England Youth honours in his early days at Boundary Park and quickly earned a reputation as

a great raider down the left flank following his debut in 1979.

Ian Richardson is another forward who could be named as substitute. He enjoyed a wonderful first team debut in September when he scored twice against Kaiserslautern in a UEFA Cup-tie. Watford had lost the first leg 3-1 but Ian's goals helped them to win the return 3-0 to take the tie on aggregate.

Nigel Callaghan, Les Taylor and John Barnes have been playing in mid-field.

ENGLAND CAPS

Callaghan received his League chance in 1980 and has been a regular for the past three years. He won the first of his seven England Under-21 caps against Denmark last season.

Taylor served his apprenticeship with Oxford United and was valued at £100,000 when Watford signed him in 1980. He has since been a key figure in midfield though, in his Oxford days, he also played at full-back.

Although Barnes made his League debut scarcely two years ago, he is already an England international winning four full caps last season to add to Under-21 honours. He won further full caps against Denmark, Luxembourg and France this season.

Among Watford's many versatile

players are Wilf Rostron and Kenny Jackett who could be seen in midfield or defence.

Rostron has been filling the left-back spot for some weeks after returning to midfield earlier in the season. Wilf played First Division football for Arsenal and joined Sunderland for £40,000 in 1977. Two years later he was transferred to Watford for £150,000.

UNDER-21 HONOURS

Following Welsh Under-21 honours Jackett won five full caps for Wales last season. He won his ninth cap against Scotland this season. Kenny has been in the Watford side since 1980.

Right-back Dave Bardsley was signed from Blackpool for £150,000 earlier this season. He served his apprenticeship at Bloomfield Road and made his first League appearance for them two seasons ago.

Steve Terry and Lee Sinnott have been operating in the middle of the defence.

Terry developed in the Watford Youth team and was first introduced to League football in 1979-80. Sinnott has made rapid progress since being blooded in Walsall's Third Division side two seasons ago.

Watford signed him for £100,000 at



John Barnes celebrates a goal

WEMBLEY GLORY FOR WATFORD

the beginning of this season and he is now establishing himself in First Division football.

LOAN SPELLS

Goalkeeper Steve Sherwood has played for Watford in all four Divisions. He began with Chelsea and spent loan spells with Millwall, Brighton and Brentford before signing for Watford in 1977.

With so many changes, it is not surprising that Watford have failed to sustain last season's level of performances in the First Division but they did come up with two fabulous achievements in the UEFA Cup.

They seemed well on the way to defeat after losing the first leg of round one to West German side Kaiserslautern 3-1. But in the return, young Ian Richardson scored twice on his Watford debut and the Hornets won 3-0 to win on aggregate.

Elimination looked certain when Watford missed a penalty and were held to 1-1 at home by Levski Sparta of Sofia. Yet, in the return game in Bulgaria, Watford recorded a shock 3-1 victory.

Their run finally ended in round three when they went out 7-2 on aggregate to Sparta Prague.

They took an early exit from the Milk Cup, losing 2-1 at Huddersfield and being held to a 2-2 draw in their home leg.

Their triumphant FA Cup run started here at Kenilworth Road where they held us to a 2-2 draw in the third round. Watford won the replay 4-3 after extra-time and then scored a 2-0 victory at Charlton.

Watford defeated last year's finalists Brighton 3-1 at Vicarage Road in round five but reserved one of their best performances for their sixth round trip to Birmingham where they won 3-1.

The Hornets have won six away League games — at Stoke (4-0), Wolves (5-0), Tottenham (3-2), Coventry (2-1), Notts County (5-3) and West Ham (4-2).

They drew at QPR (1-1) and Ipswich (0-0) but lost their other away games at Birmingham (2-0), WBA (2-0), Everton (1-0), Sunderland (3-0), Manchester United (4-1), Arsenal (3-1), Southampton (1-0), Liverpool (3-0), Leicester (4-1) and Norwich (6-1).

By TONY PULLEIN

GEORGE REILLY





LUTON 3 NOTTS COUNTY 2

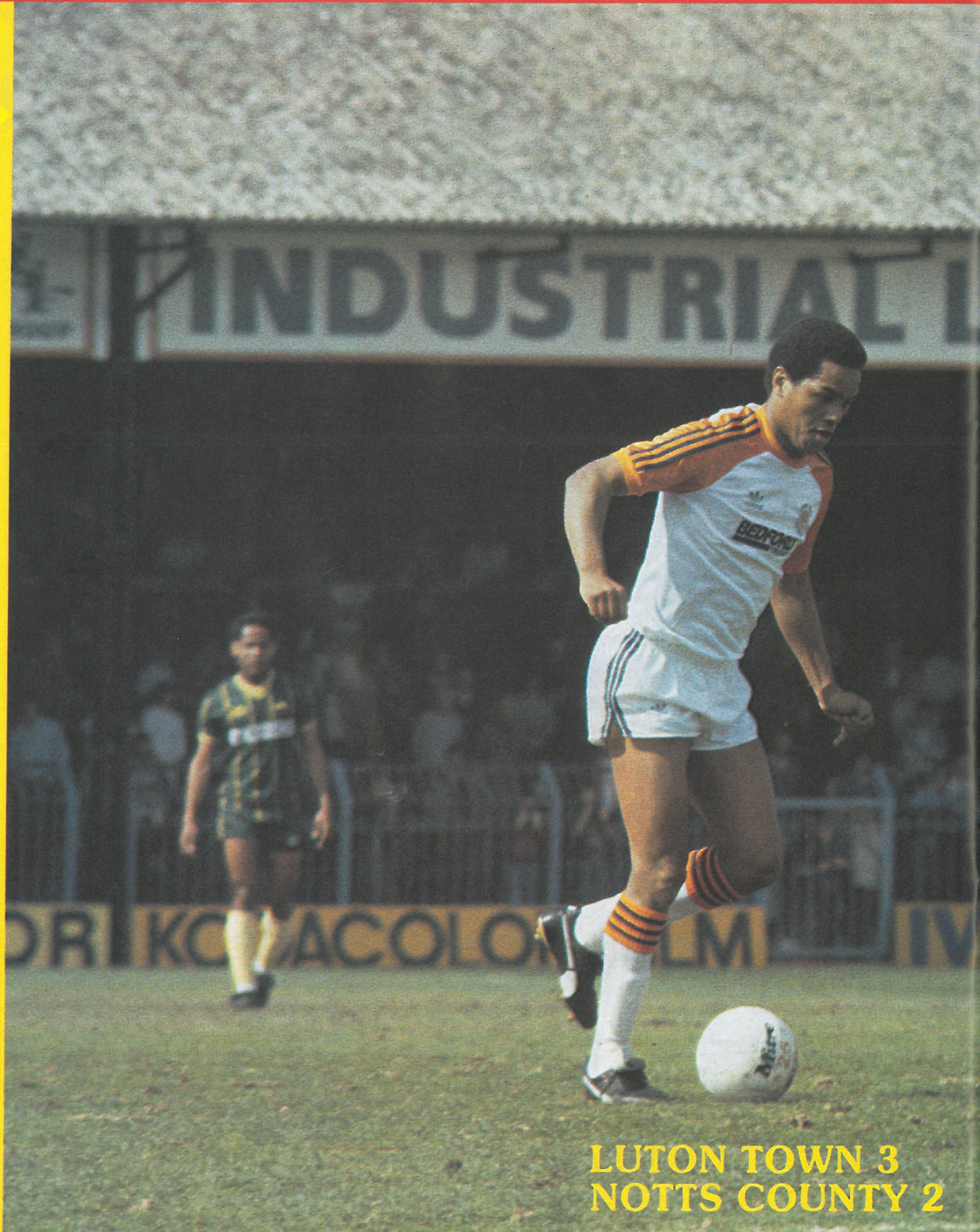
The sun shone down on Kenilworth Road last Saturday for our long awaited home win. Splendid second-half goals from David Moss, Brian Horton, Frank Bunn kept the sun-soaked supporters happy.



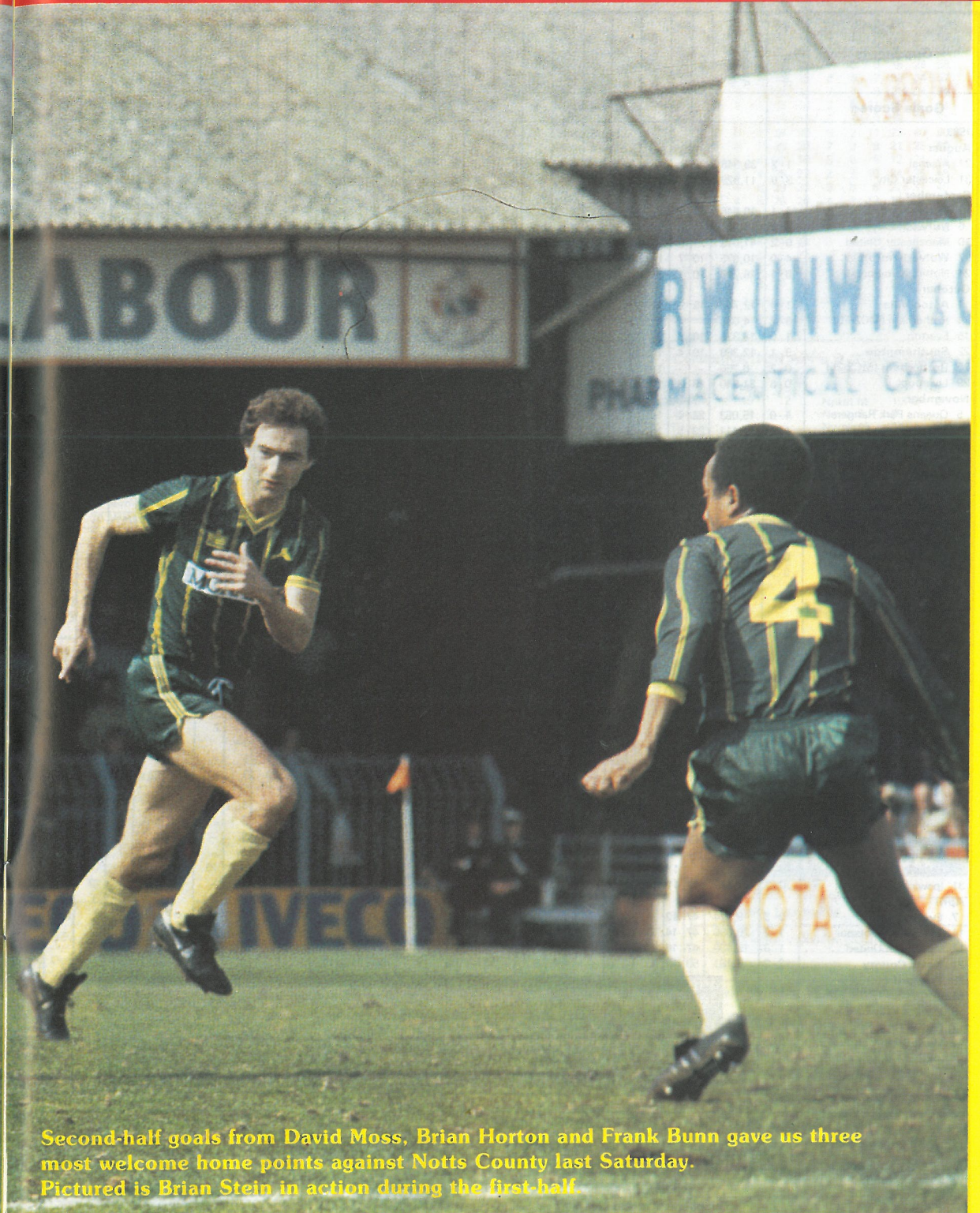
Top Left: The goalscorers – Brian Horton, Dave Moss and Frank Bunn.
 Bottom left: A fine reflex save by the County keeper stops Paul Walsh adding to the scoreline.
 Above: Paul Elliott makes connection with this corner kick for our striker waiting behind.
 Below: Gary Parker watches the penalty taker – Brian Horton make it 2-1.



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**LUTON TOWN 3
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Second-half goals from David Moss, Brian Horton and Frank Bunn gave us three most welcome home points against Notts County last Saturday. Pictured is Brian Stein in action during the first half.

TOWN RECORD '83/84

Opponents	Result	Attend- ance	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
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●	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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●	—	10+	11	12	9●	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 Rotherham (MC2-2L)	0-2	6,755	—	—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	—	—	—	10	9	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—
29 Liverpool	0-6	31,940	19	6	1	2	10	4	5	6	7	8	9	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
November																									
5 Queens Park Rangers	1-0	15,053	22	4	1	2	3	4	5●	6	7	8	9	—	—	—	10	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—
12 Birmingham City	1-1	11,111	23	5	1	2	10	—	5	6	7	8●	9	—	—	12	—	—	3	11+	4	—	—	—	—
19 Tottenham Hotspur	2-4	17,275	23	10	1	2	3	—	5	6	7	8●	9●	—	—	11	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Watford	2-1	17,791	26	5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8●	9	11●	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
December																									
3 Coventry City	*2-4	10,698	26	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11+	—	12	10●	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10 Stoke City	4-2	10,329	29	8	1	2	—	4	5	6	7	8	9●	—	—	—	10	11●	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
18 West Bromwich Albion	2-0	11,566	32	6	1	2	—	4●	5	6	7	8	9	—	—	—	10●	11	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Notts County	3-0	9,789	35	3	1	2	—	4	5	6	7	8	9	—	—	—	10●	11●	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
27 West Ham United	0-1	16,343	35	5	1	2	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	—	—	—	10+	11	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
31 Sunderland	0-2	19,482	35	6	1	—	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	—	12	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1984																									
January																									
2 Nottingham Forest	2-3	12,126	35	9	1	2	—	4	5	6	7	8	9●	10+	—	12	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	11●
7 Watford (FAC3R)	2-2	15,007	—	—	1	2	—	4	5	6	7	8●	9	10+	—	12	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	11●
10 Watford (FAC3R)	3-4	20,586	—	—	1	2	—	4	5	6●	—	8	9●	11+	—	—	10	—	3	7	—	—	—	—	12
14 Arsenal	*1-2	16,320	35	10	1	2	—	4	5	6	—	8	9	11	—	—	10	—	3	7+	—	—	—	—	12
21 Wolverhampton W	2-1	11,594	38	8	1	2	—	4	5	6+	—	8	9●	11	—	—	10	—	3	7●	—	—	—	—	12
February																									
4 Aston Villa	0-0	18,656	39	7	1	2	—	4	5	6	—	8	9	11	—	—	10	—	3	7	—	—	—	—	—
12 Manchester United	0-5	11,265	39	8	1	2	—	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	—	12	10	—	3+	—	—	—	—	—	—
18 Liverpool	0-0	14,877	40	8	1	2	—	4	5	10	7	8	9	—	—	—	11	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
25 Southampton	1-2	17,947	40	11	1	2	—	4	5	6●	7	8	9	—	—	—	10	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	11+
March																									
3 Queens Park Rangers	0-0	11,922	41	10	1	2	—	4	5	10	7	8	9	—	—	11	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
13 Ipswich Town	2-1	8,776	44	8	1	2	—	5	7	—	8	9	11	—	4	10●	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
17 Norwich City	0-0	14,181	45	7	1	2	—	5	7	—	8	9	11	—	4	10	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
20 Birmingham City	1-1	9,592	46	8	1	2	—	5	7	—	8●	9	11	—	4	10	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
24 Leicester City	0-0	10,509	47	11	1	2	—	4	5	7	—	8	9	—	11	—	—	3	10	—	—	—	—	—	6
31 Ipswich Town	0-3	10,570	47	11	1	2	—	4	—	7	—	8	9	12	11	5	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	10
April																									
7 Everton	0-3	9,224	47	12	1	2	—	4	5	6	—	8	—	11	—	—	10	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	7
14 Tottenham Hotspur	1-2	25,390	47	14	1	2	—	4	5	6	—	8	—	10	11	12	9+	—	3	7●	—	—	—	—	—
17 West Ham United	1-3	15,430	47	15	1	2	—	4	5	6	—	8	9●	10+	11	—	—	—	3	7	—	—	—	—	—
21 Notts County	3-2	8,181	50	12	1	2	—	4●	5	—	—	8	9	10●	11●	12	—	—	3	7	—	—	—	—	—
May																									
5 Coventry City	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7 Stoke City	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12 West Bromwich Albion	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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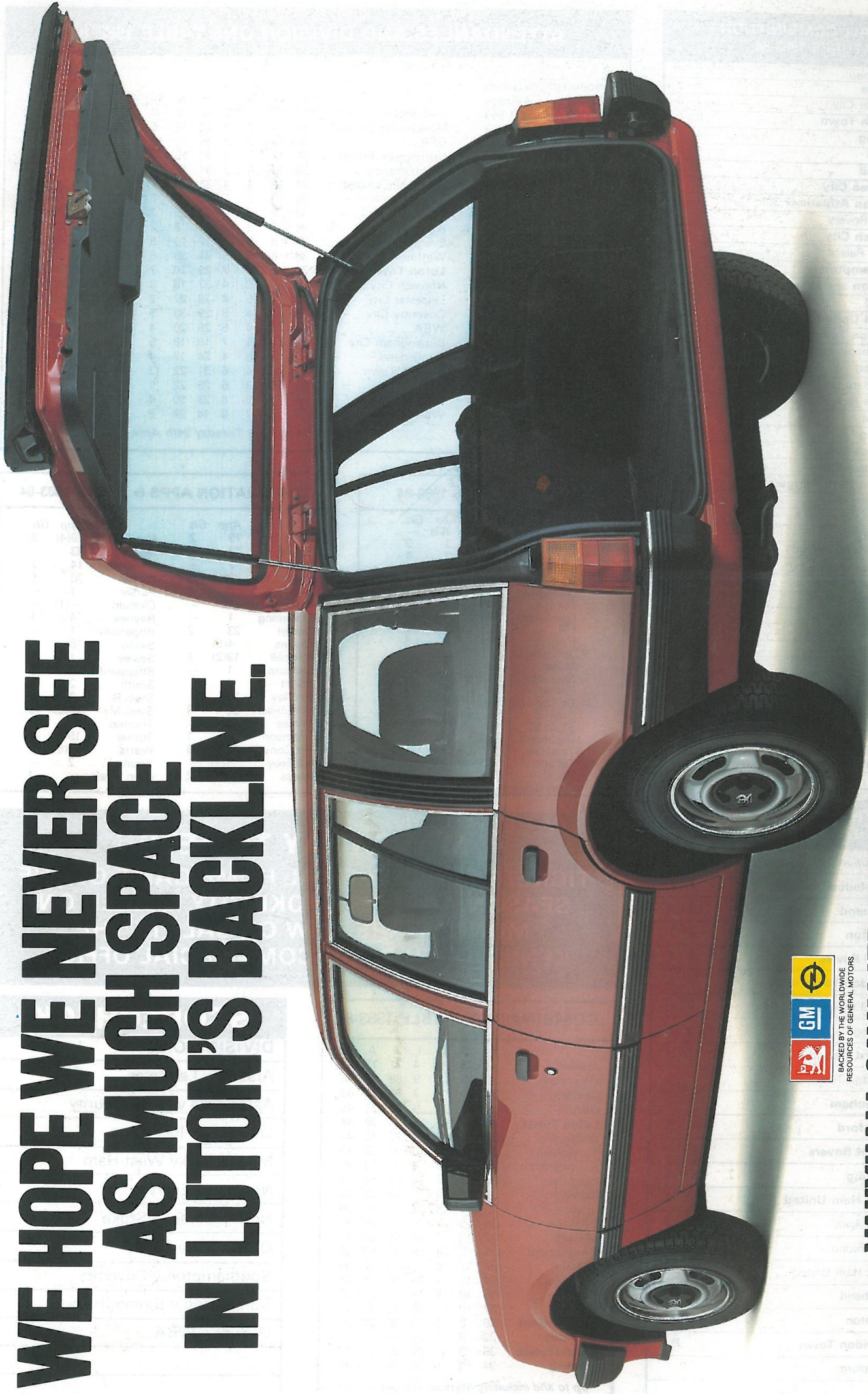
FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1983-84

Date	Opposition	F	A
Aug. 27	Chelsea	1	-
Sept. 7	Leicester City	1	-
Sept. 10	Ipswich Town	0	-
Sept. 14	Reading	4	-
Sept. 17	Arsenal	1	-
Sept. 20	Millwall	4	-
Sept. 24	Swansea City	3	-
Oct. 3	Charlton Athletic (7.30)	1	-
Oct. 8	Bristol Rovers	2	-
Oct. 11	Norwich City	0	-
Oct. 18	Crystal Palace	0	-
Oct. 25	Southampton	3	-
Nov. 5	Brighton and Hove A.	4	-
Nov. 9	Millwall	2	-
Nov. 22	Oxford United	0	-
Nov. 26	Swindon Town	4	-
Dec. 3	Tottenham Hotspur	2	-
Dec. 10	Watford	3	-
Dec. 17	West Ham United	2	-
Jan. 3	Queens Park Rangers	1	-
Jan. 17	Chelsea	0	-
Jan. 21	Reading	3	-
Jan. 28	Swansea City	1	-
Feb. 14	Charlton Athletic	2	-
Feb. 25	Queens Park Rangers	0	-
Feb. 28	Southampton	1	-
Mar. 6	Brighton & Hove A.	0	-
Mar. 9	Fulham	3	-
Mar. 17	West Ham United	1	-
Mar. 20	Fulham	4	-
Mar. 27	Crystal Palace	5	-
Mar. 31	Leicester City	2	-
April 2	Bristol Rovers	1	-
April 7	Ipswich Town	2	-
April 10	Birmingham City	3	-
April 20	Watford	1	-
April 24	Arsenal	2	-
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	-
Sept. 9	Southend	4	-
Sept. 17	Brighton	4	-
Sept. 24	Bristol Rovers	1	-
Oct. 1	Swindon Town (Cup)	1	-
Oct. 15	Oxford United	0	-
Oct. 22	Reading	0	-
Oct. 29	Oxford United	1	-
Nov. 5	Swindon Town	0	-
Nov. 19	Tottenham	1	-
Dec. 3	Brentford	1	-
Dec. 17	Bristol Rovers	3	-
Jan. 21	Reading	3	-
Feb. 11	West Ham United	3	-
Feb. 18	Tottenham	1	-
Mar. 10	Wimbledon	1	-
Mar. 31	West Ham United	2	-
April 7	Southend	3	-
April 14	Brighton	1	-
April 21	Swindon Town	P	—
April 28	Brentford		

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