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**LUTON TOWN**  
v  
**WEST BROMWICH ALBION**  
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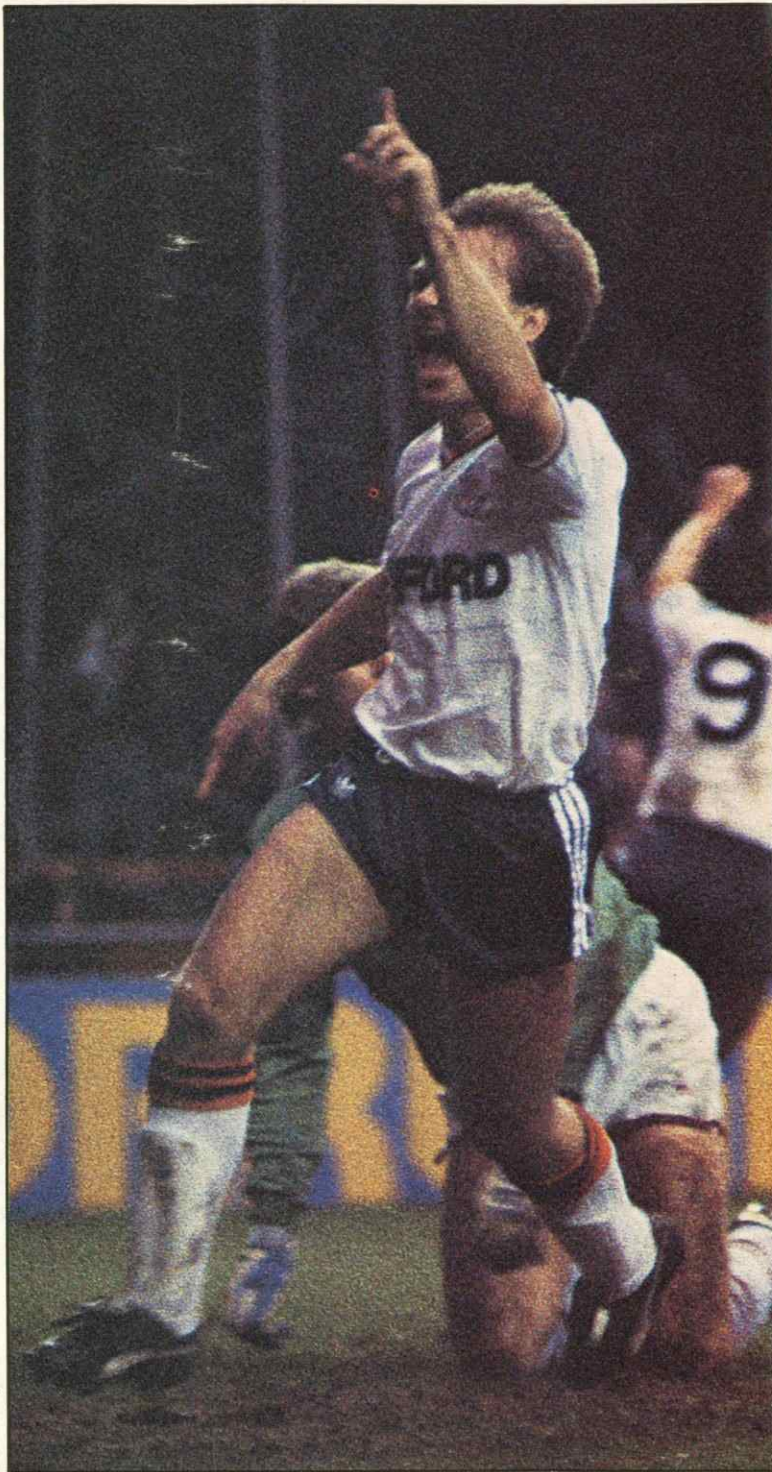


**LUTON TOWN 1  
ASTON VILLA 0**

- 1 Hatters new signing David Preece celebrates his debut goal against Villa.
- 2 Brian Stein puts Aston Villa's defender Gary Williams under pressure during a first-half build-up.
- 3 Frank Bunn's turn, to be brought down on the edge of the box as pressure builds up for Villa.



Pictures by Gareth Owen



I hope that this evening's game will prove to be a first class Christmas appetiser. Last season, we met our visitors on a Sunday afternoon, and we were pleased with both the crowd and the result. Circumstances have changed, and we are not in that apparently safe situation that we appeared in last season around this time. December was a good month for us, but the tide turned on the Christmas fixture with West Ham United when we lost 1-0.

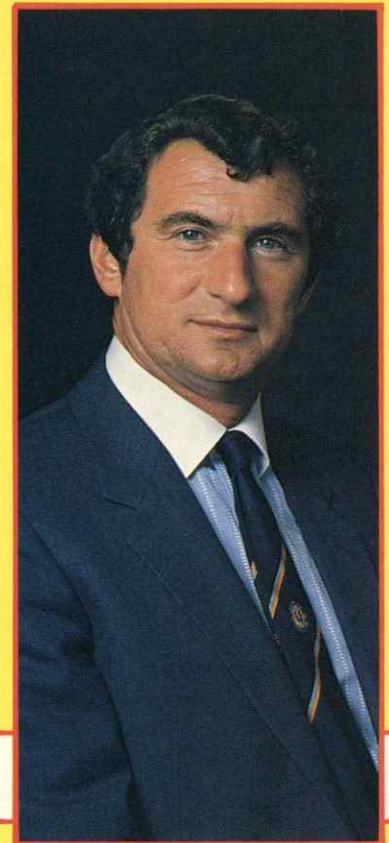
Now we have a different challenge — last season, we could not stay the pace, and we now have to show much better form in the second half of the season. I am sure we can do it with everyone giving the club full backing on and off the field.

The players know the challenge they face, only a tremendous effort will be good enough. The last thing that we have discussed at the club is the chance of slipping out — we all have a lot of pride

Over a period of time, I have seen David many times, and when Walsall gave the hint of a possible deal. I wasted no time in arranging a suitable package.

As you are aware, Steve Elliott has gone to the Midlands club. He played with all enthusiasm and was a solid target man, but I felt that he needed a little extra to bridge the gap from Third to First Division. Steve was a top class man, and a real team player, but I needed to alleviate the finances of the deal and Alan Buckley the Walsall manager was confident that Steve was the centre forward they needed. We wish Steve every success.

One of the most enjoyable games I have seen recently was the FA Youth Cup, with Tottenham, at Kenilworth Road. Although we lost 2-0, there were some massive signs of promise. Five of our boys will be able to play in this competition both next season and the following season. If



# WELCOME

and our determination to overturn the results of the first half of the season.

I would like to welcome David Preece from Walsall. He is 21, and loves playing football. His ambition should now be to make his mark in the First Division. Although only 5ft 4in he is a tireless worker who can spray balls around with accuracy. He will give a much needed balance to the situation and we will encourage him to 'look for goals'.

they join the staff in the summer and remain dedicated you can understand my cause for optimism. These players have also been the backbone of the South East Counties' side, which has soared to within two points of the top of the League with two games in hand.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone the most Happy Christmas possible, and that you have a 1985 of everything that you wish yourself. Luton Town's

changes during the last few weeks have meant that we can now look forward with recharged batteries to good times ahead.

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# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

ecutives for a discussion so we can personally explain the situation in detail.

Two such meetings will be held at the club on the evenings of next Wednesday and Friday (December 19 and 21). They will commence at 6.30 for 7.00 pm with light refreshments followed by a presentation and open discussion between club executives and supporters.

Space means we must limit numbers to 100 per meeting. If you wish to attend, please telephone or call at the club for an admission ticket.

We all care deeply for our club. I hope to be able to meet you and discuss the future constructively together.

I would like to take this opportunity of inviting any constructive criticism, advice or assistance for the future well-being of the club. I hope you are all enjoying your Christmas and wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year and hope that in 1985 we will see your club go from strength to strength.



The following is a text of a letter I have sent to our shareholders and season ticket holders.

The invitation to attend the meeting is open to all supporters provided they obtain an admission ticket.

If you wish to attend please apply to the club for your ticket which will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

TEXT OF LETTER FROM DAVID EVANS — CHAIRMAN, LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB TO SHAREHOLDERS AND SEASON TICKET HOLDERS.

## LUTON TOWN FC THE REAL FUTURE

As Chairman of our club, I am naturally concerned at the increasing misunderstanding (among some supporters) over the current relocation situation.

The first loyalty of the club's Board and management has always been, and will remain, the security and success of Luton Town Football Club. Recently, however, we have been accused of distancing

ourselves from supporters, leaving you with a sense of frustration.

This is not the case, although I accept that on some occasions we have not been able to be as forthcoming with news as we would have liked, because of legal constraints.

We are now in a position to put the record straight, and I am writing to invite you to meet myself and other ex-

*David Evans*

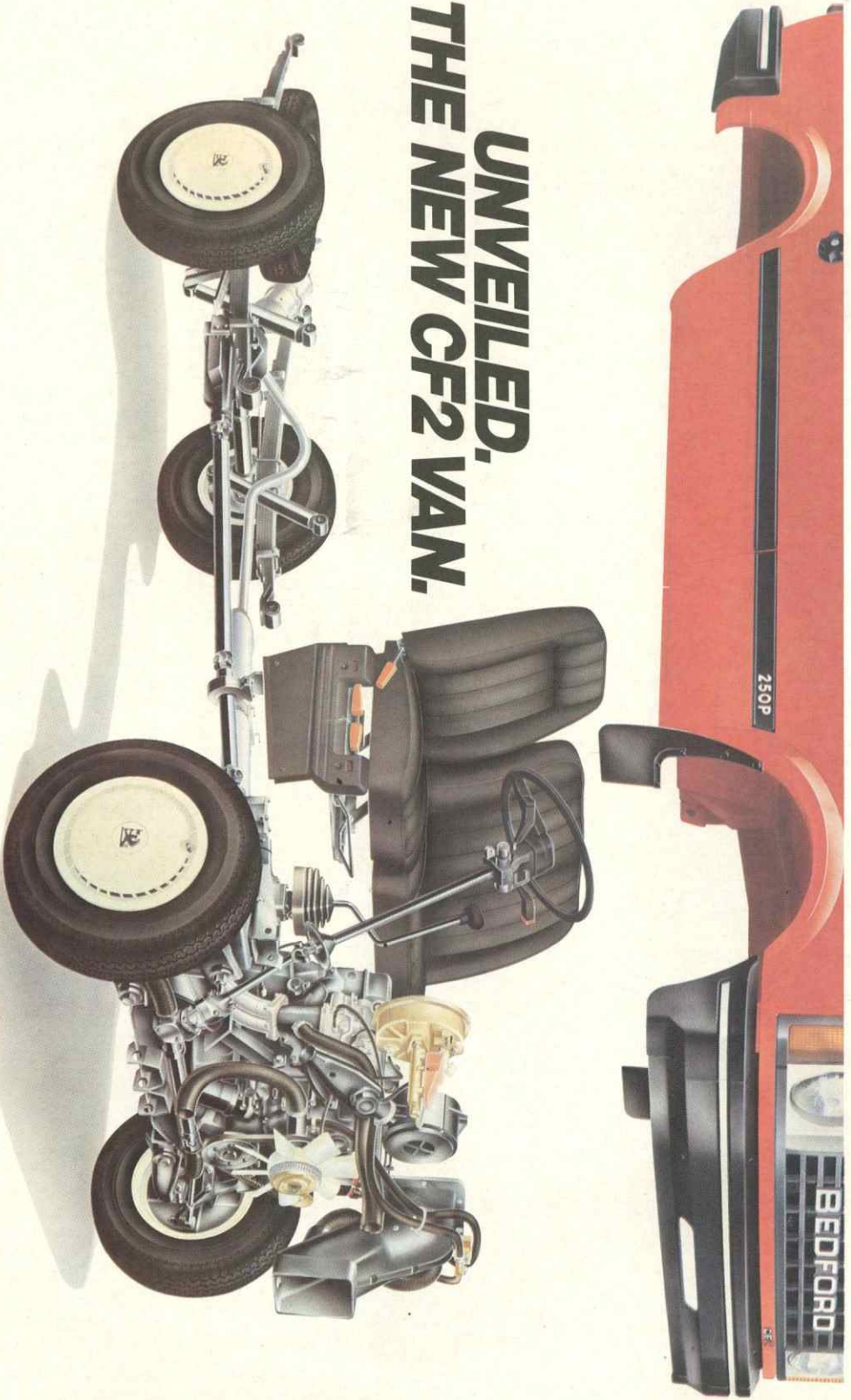
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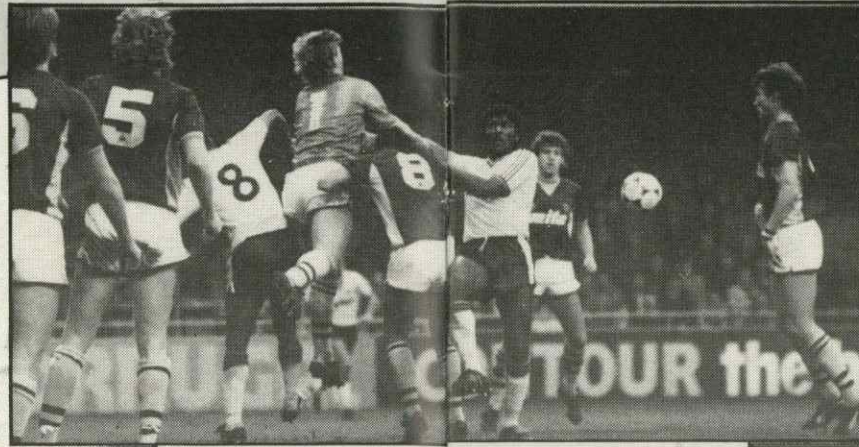
- 1 A half volley shot by Frank Bunn under pressure just goes wide of Villa's near post.
- 2 Steve Foster's command in the air keeps Villa's keeper Nigel Spink on his toes.
- 3 Villa close in for Hatters' corner, keeping Brian Stein and Ricki Hill at bay.
- 4 David Moss congratulates David Preece's first-half goal.

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# THE LOCAL TASTE AND HOW TO SATISFY IT

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# POINTS OF VIEW

**EDITOR** – Amongst our mail bag we receive many supporters letters from all over the world. We thought it may be of interest for you to see a selection. You will note we have printed them as received, despite their understanding of the English language may not be 100 per cent but their feeling for Luton comes clearly through. **KEEP WRITING . . . we love you to.**

Dear Luton FC

I like British football the best and you are my favourite soccer team in Britain. I like your style of football very much. It is an attacking and thoroughly enjoyable kind of football. My favourite Luton FC players are Brian Stein and Mal Donaghy. I never miss a match when you are featured on BBC TV or 'Big League Soccer'. I saw your match against QPR this season and the 3-2 victory was superb. Every week I watch the highlights of the week's soccer in England on video at a hotel and there are quite a few other Luton supporters. I would really appreciate it if you could send me a match programme in which Luton featured. I'd love it. Thank you very much for your time, all the best for the rest of the season.

Hugo de Klerk  
Johannesburg, South Africa

Dear Sir

My name is Soanea Florin and I'm living in Baia-Mare, Romania. I'm older admirer of your team. I'm following passionately the matches of your eleven in championships. From five years when I have known the team Luton Town. The temperate, accurate and combined style that your eleven it's practising I like very much. I'm sure that the leadership and the organization of the club are excellent too, only thus I can explain the excellent results of your team. I'm writing you providing all the team for my esteem and my trust in its reserves and leadership of the club.

Your faithful supporter  
Soanea Florin  
Baia More, Romania

Club Luton Town  
President Fan Club

My name Alan Borowiat. I am Polen, I live in Sauzawmo – Zdroj. Me 11 years, I am competitor amateur club 'Zaglebie Walbrayoh'. For years interested England football and personally club Luton Town. In my opinion England this very an interesting country. I'd like once to visit Club Luton Town, personally everything catch sight, I wish I could. I'd like correspond with some dutch Luton fans. I should appreciate an early reply.

Polen Luton Town – fans  
Alan Borowiat

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GREGORY PARROTT DANIEL TATE



ALISON LANE MARTIN BLAKE



BEN CARR ROY DAVIES

A Merry Christmas to all Junior Hatters and their families and a special welcome to today's mascot Gregory Parrott and escorts Daniel Tate, Alison Lane, Martin Blake and Ben Carr. It was great to see so many Junior Hatters present at last week's Christmas Party, it was a great night and I was very grateful for the support given to us by Steve Gurney joint Managing Director of the Herald, Louie Martin of Chiltern Radio and my Chairman Mr David Evans.

The players were very disappointed at losing in the sports forum and I'll be looking to make some changes in my team for our return match in the meantime on behalf of Frank Bunn, Brian Stein and Emeka Nwajioji I would like to congratulate the Junior Hatter team of Douglas Morrice, Darren Butcher, Tracey Willmott and Paul Quinn on their victory. Finally an apology to Roy Davies an escort at our Aston Villa match due to an administration error the incorrect photo was inserted in the programme, sorry! Roy and to make amends I am including your photograph today.

*Subj  
Wife's*



# NEWSDESK NEWSDESK

The next time you walk into our commercial offices at Kenilworth Road, chances are that you will be greeted by Andrew Brooks our latest addition to the Football Club staff.



Andrew has joined us as Junior Administrator straight from Luton Sixth Form College which he attended for one year. He is a local lad who enjoys playing football, most sports and music. May we take this opportunity in welcoming Andrew to his new position and wish him a long and successful stay with the club.

## HATTERS TRAVEL CLUB

On the 29th December we travel to Anfield to play Liverpool. Three days later we return to the same city but this time to Goodison Park to take on Everton. Coaches for both these games will leave Maple Road Car Park at 9.15 am and the inclusive price for each respective game is £6.50. Why not join our Travel Club and forget driving and parking problems, just sit back and enjoy your trip. For membership details phone Luton 412418.

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## PLAYERS FOR THE FUTURE

Four youngsters joined Luton last week on Associated Schoolboy forms Daren McLean from Bedlington High School, Newcastle, Jason Bond from Grange Secondary School, Aylesbury, Graham Rhodes from The Onslow School, Hatfield, and Julian James from Tring School, Tring.

## REFEREE



**Eric Read**  
Executive Director. Married with one daughter. Commenced refereeing in 1962 progressing via Wiltshire County and Western Leagues. Refereed several local county finals, Football League Cup semi-final, FA Vase and Youth Cup semi-finals, Under-21 international and the Australia State Invitation Cup Final. Interested in keep fit, photography, travel, scuba diving and country and western music. Also electric and church organist, county snooker and lawn green bowls player.

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CANON LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

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Tuesday 27th November 1984

## Football Combination LUTON TOWN 4 PORTSMOUTH 2

The game started off badly for the Hatters going a goal down inside a minute, after a mix up between two defenders. Although the Town had some good build-ups, worse was to come after 12½ minutes, when from a free-kick Portsmouth scored their second goal to go two up.

However facing an uphill task, Luton set about it with a lot of spirit and determination, which finally paid off when they pulled a goal back through David Oldfield.

Other chances were created but not taken and the first half finished with the Town still a goal behind.

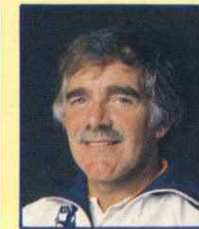
The second half began very poorly, and Luton found it very difficult to build attacks because Portsmouth were pressurising and not allowing any time to the player on the ball. Twenty-five minutes of the second half had gone and Luton had hardly crossed the half-way line. Gradually the Town started to penetrate into Portsmouth's back-four, and under a little threat from a good Town attack Pompey conceded a penalty. The penalty struck by David Moss hit the post and was put away from the rebound.

Given a boost by that second goal, the Town then went on to score two more excellent goals and seal a victory which had rarely looked likely at the start of the second half.

**Team:** Sealey, Johnson, Ellisdon, McEvoy, Thomas, North, Cobb, Stein, Oldfield, Daniel, Moss. **Sub:** Tuite. **Scorers:** Oldfield, Moss 2, Stein M.



JOHN MOORE



DAVID COATES

by repeating the hammering we gave Spurs, this time against the League leaders Oxford.

We went a goal up in 10 seconds when Aaron Tighe threaded a brilliant through pass for Gary Cobb to go and score. Oxford equalised almost immediately, after a blistering free-kick struck the post. Again we took the lead when an Oxford clearance off the line was volleyed back in by Marcus Tuite further goals from Ricky McEvoy (2) and Richard Harvey, a header following a corner, put us 5-1 up at half-time.

Praise for Oxford for fighting so hard during the second half and actually achieving territorial advantage. But every time we broke away we looked like scoring. Marcus Tuite made it six following a very quick counter attack after an Oxford corner-kick and later on Kingsley Black scored his first goal of the season. A well deserved reward for his top class wing display.

**Team:** S. Mokler, M. Doughty, D. Berry, I Scott, R. Harvey, M. Tuite, R. McEvoy, A Tighe, P. Lewis, G. Cobb, K. Black. **Subs:** M. Johnson, Sean Farrell. **Scorers:** Cobb, Tuite 2, McEvoy 2, Harvey, Black.

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES JUNIOR TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Oxford United	12	9	1	2	35	26	19
2. Luton Town	10	7	3	0	30	8	17
3. Brentford	11	5	2	4	31	18	12
4. Tottenham Hotspur	11	5	2	4	35	28	12
5. Brighton	10	4	3	3	14	11	11
6. West Ham United	10	5	1	4	22	21	11
7. Wimbledon	11	4	2	5	24	24	10
8. Reading	11	3	4	4	17	20	10
9. Crystal Palace	9	4	1	4	15	22	9
10. Swindon Town	11	2	3	6	7	22	7
11. Southend United	10	1	3	6	12	28	5
12. Bristol Rovers	10	1	1	8	10	24	3

Saturday 1st December 1984

## South East Counties League LUTON TOWN 7 OXFORD UNITED 1

After two cancellations and a Cup fixture we returned to League duty

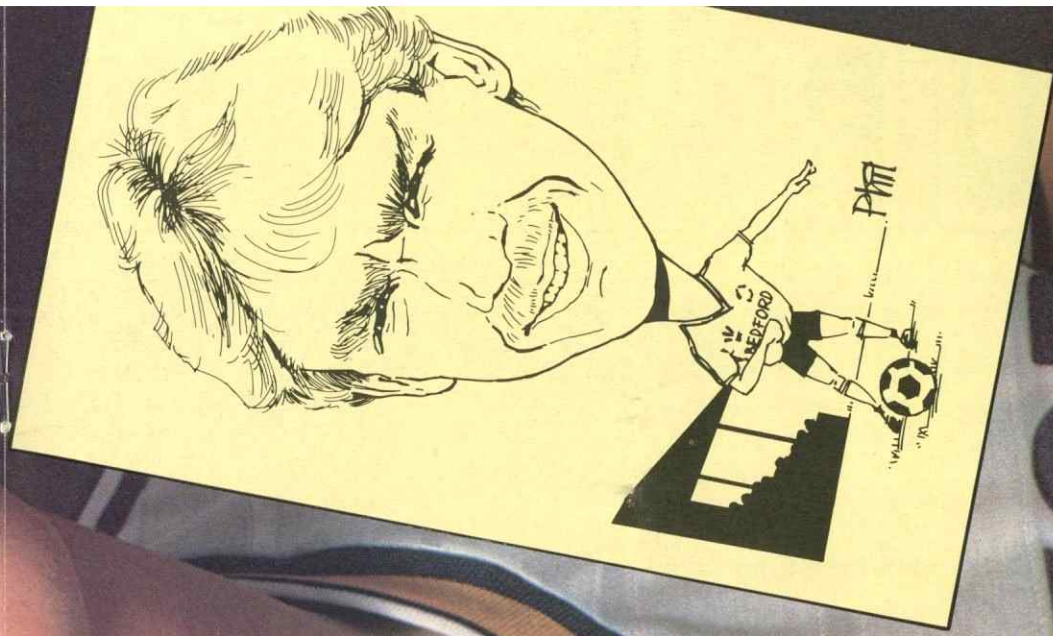
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## WEST BROMWICH ALBION



Albion could probably lay claim to the title of the First Division's yo-yo side over the first half of the season. The men from the Hawthorns have zoomed up and down the table, beating sides above them yet dropping points to teams they might have expected to have done well against.

It has been a curious three and a half months for manager Johnny Giles with the only consistent point about West Bromwich's form being their inconsistency!

It started on the opening day of the campaign when Albion went down 3-1 to Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road. Yet two days later they beat Everton 2-1 at the Hawthorns and then put four goals past Town to be third in the table when the first League placings of the season were published.

But then followed three successive draws and defeats at Leicester and at home to Manchester United so that by the end of September, Albion were only two points clear of the bottom three.

More recently however, there have been signs of another revival. A 5-2 win against Coventry at the end of last month was followed by a useful 2-0 win at West Ham when the team at last began to play with the fluency Giles has demanded.

The Irishman who returned to the Hawthorns for his second spell as manager last February has an impressive management team alongside him in Nobby Stiles and Norman Hunter and his three main signings since the season started brought tried and trusted players to the Hawthorns who had played with and against Giles in Canada.

Striker David Cross and winger Carl Valentine were members of the Vancouver Whitecaps side Giles managed in North America while Irish full-back Jimmy Nicholl had played in the NASL for Toronto.

Like his manager, Cross is back for a second stint at West Bromwich and he quickly made his experience felt at the Hawthorns, so much so that Albion were able to release England striker Cyrille Regis to Coventry City.

Valentine, after early injury problems, has begun to settle down in the First Division, his previous League experience being with Oldham Athletic, while Nicholl learned his trade at Manchester United and had a spell on loan with Glasgow Rangers last season.

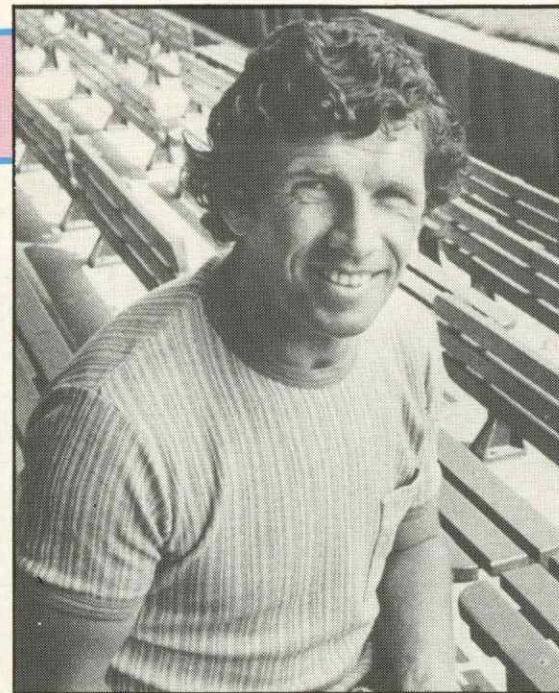
Apart from this trio of newcomers, Albion are pretty well as they were last season although Tony Godden who played 12 League games for Luton on loan here two seasons ago, has reclaimed the number one position from



Back row (left to right): Michael Perry, Garry Thompson, Martyn Bennett, Paul Barron, Tony Godden, Ken McNaught, Barry Cowdrill, Michael Forsyth, Gary Robson.

Centre row: Gary Leonard, Joe Tortolano, Clive Whitehead, Cyrille Regis, Steve Mackenzie, Nicky Cross, Wayne Ebanks, Michael Lewis.

Front row: Nobby Stiles (Coach), Alistair Robertson, Derek Statham, Gary Owen, John Giles (Manager), Steve Hunt, Tony Grealish, Tony Morley, George Wright (Physiotherapist).



JOHNNY GILES

ex-Crystal Palace keeper Paul Barron.

Derek Statham partners Nicholl at full-back with Martyn Bennett and Alistair Robertson in the centre of the defence and a midfield usually made up of Steve Hunt, capped twice by England last season, Eire cap Tony Grealish and Steve Mackenzie, and England Under-21 cap who is now beginning to fulfil the promise he showed in his early career at Manchester City.

With Valentine operating in a wide position, the main strike force comprises of Cross and Gary Thompson, the side's top scorer this season with 14 goals in League and Milk Cup games up to the start of this month.

Nicky Cross has worn the number 12 shirt fairly regularly in recent weeks and it's a sign of the strength of Albion's squad that there has been no room for experienced names like centre-half Ken McNaught, former England winger Tony Morley and striker Peter Eastoe. Morley and Eastoe have both spent spells away from the Hawthorns on loan, Morley rejoining his former Aston Villa boss Ron Saunders at Birmingham and Eastoe after a spell with Walsall, at Leicester where he also had a stint last season.

In the last few years Albion have tended to look like a side more capable of doing well in the Cup than putting in a sustained challenge for League honours and they fancied their chances of a lengthy Milk Cup run this season after putting out Wigan and then near neighbours Birmingham.

Their Wembley hopes ended with a heavy defeat at Watford in the fourth round though and one of Giles' major tasks at the Hawthorns is to find a consistent streak that will sustain a challenge for a European place over the second half of the season.

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A huge road map of Britain dominates the wall of Ron Howard's office at Kenilworth Road. And it shows Luton as its focal point, with routes and mileages neatly marked off to all four corners of the country.

For 54-year-old football fanatic Ron spends more than half his working life on the road, going to and from all sorts of games in the never-ending search for talent.

And the chief scout whose work is vital for the future of Luton Town FC hardly ever sees the team he supports. While the Hatters' squad is preparing for another First Division challenge, Ron will be anything up to 200 miles away, getting ready to watch players you have never heard of.

Ron's club Cavalier clocks around 40,000 miles a year taking him on his duties as chief scout. And it's a lonely life, because after years in the business he has come to the conclusion that the job needs 100 per cent concentration and single-mindedness.

'It gets a little lonely at times. But I have never ceased to be grateful for the way life has worked out for me,' he said. 'I can hardly believe how lucky I am to be earning a living in football.'

His love of soccer led to him being a fair player in senior amateur football, but a knee injury ended his playing days in his early twenties, and he took up coaching and refereeing.

A Londoner, he was born to be a QPR supporter, and gradually he became involved with Rangers. Gratefully he threw in his lot with Rangers when they offered him a full-time scouting job, and he has been weighing up players ever since.

He worked for seven managers at Rangers, including Tommy Docherty, Alec Stock and Dave Sexton. Then moved to Cambridge where six years of hard work included the formation of a Youth policy to bolster Cambridge's assets.

David Pleat persuaded Ron to come to Luton last summer, and the happy miles have rolled by just about every day since.

Like a lot of men in football he admits that he is blessed by an understanding wife. He married Joan 32 years ago, and they cheerfully cope with the strains that football puts on the marriages of those who get wrapped up in the game.

'Quite often I leave home in the morning without knowing where I'll be 12 hours later,' said Ron. 'You have to be married to a wife who expects the unbelievable and impossible to happen every day.'

He has lost track of the number of grounds he has visited on trips that are a mixture of business and pleasure. 'They joke about spending a wet night in Scunthorpe, but you have plenty of those. You can be sent to sit in comfort at Old Trafford one day, and then stand on a rainy windswept terrace on a non-League ground the next.'

Ask Ron to describe a typical week, and he admits he doesn't know where to start, because during the season there's no such thing as the end of a week for him.

Last Monday, for instance, Ron drove to Kenilworth Road from his home at Hatch End to be behind a mound of paperwork on his desk at 9.30. After a discussion with David Pleat about teams and players he had watched on Saturday and Sunday they decided on the game he should watch that night. It was 180 miles away, with a contact's tip-off to be followed up about a

## RON HOWARD'S TRAVELS



player who might just be an exciting prospect.

Three hours of driving took Ron to the ground, and after watching the game — carefully sitting on his own so that no friend could upset his concentration — Ron got back into the Cavalier for another three-hour ride home. He was back at Hatch End at about 1.30 am — and the player who was the target will probably have to be watched three or four more times before any realistic judgement can be made.

'That's an average sort of day for me,' said Ron. 'I did something similar — different ground, different player — on Tuesday and again on Wednesday.'

'On Thursday I try to do a bit of paperwork, and then I'm involved with the club's schools of excellence with young players.'

Saturday's itinerary takes in a schools or youth game in the morning, and another match in the afternoon. Sometimes it will be to a First Division ground, to prepare an assessment for David Pleat on opponents the Hatters are due to meet. Sometimes it will be to a local parks pitch, or to a Third or Fourth Division club.

'The only time I have seen our first team in action this season was when we played at Nottingham Forest on a Sunday. I enjoyed that — most Sundays I'm busy watching at least two games.'

'The real time we do our business in scouting is over the tea and biscuits at half-time.'

And the time the scouts do their hard thinking is during the long lonely hours on the motorways of Britain.

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Our picture above captures the tense atmosphere present at the end of one of the rounds of the Sports Forum between a team of Junior Hatters and our own Players team at the recent Junior Hatters Christmas Party. The two teams confer, the audience look on whilst in the background Steve Gurney, managing director of the Herald compiles the score card. See page 10 for a more detailed report of the evening in Ricky Hill's Junior Hatters column.

## MATCH SPONSOR

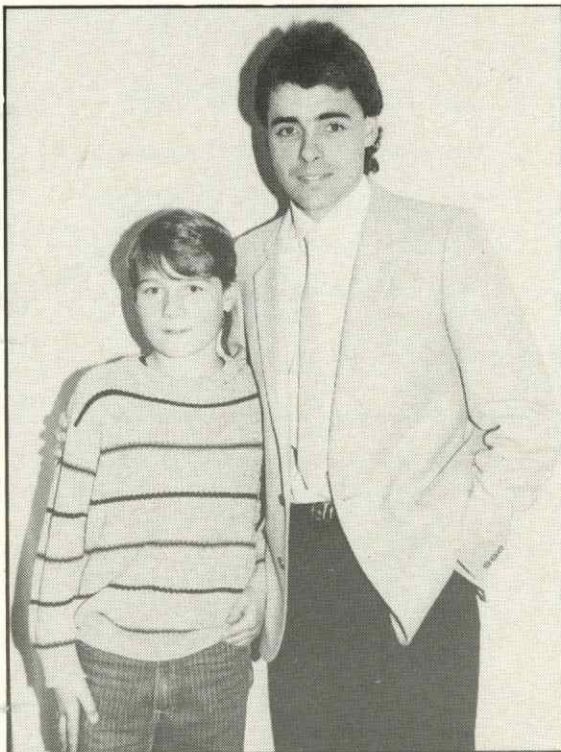
Tonight we have pleasure in welcoming as joint match sponsors T. J. Aldridge Ltd. Aldridge based in Luton, were formed in 1965 by their managing director John Aldridge and at the outset were concerned mainly with general building and roofing. In the 19 years since its formation the company has expanded to offer a complete building service including industrial and domestic repairs, plumbing, painting and decorating, carpeting and electrical work.

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We thank Aldridge's for their support and hope that they and their guests enjoy the match.

Whilst T. J. Aldridge are a new name to add to the long



list of advertisers and sponsors of Luton Town Football Club in contrast our other sponsor tonight Anachem Ltd are enjoying their third sponsorship already this season. Anachem's managing director Gerry Atkinson is a firm believer in using football as a platform to market his company and recognises the benefits of entertaining his company's important clients in the unique and intimate way that sponsorship offers. Pictured above with Mal Donaghy is Edward Tarelli junior son of Ted Tarelli scientist from National Institute for Biological Standards who were guests of Anachem earlier this season.

## MAN OF THE MATCH

When our match sponsors W. H. Allsops guests came to picking their Man of the Match award on Saturday against Villa. It came as no surprise to learn they picked out new Town signing from Walsall, David Preece — David was over the moon. With the tension and nervousness of playing your first match for your new club behind you plus a debut goal, what better way to celebrate then with a bottle of champagne. Our welcome and congratulations to you David.



Our picture shows Mr Allsop chairman and father of managing director Stewart Allsop presenting David his champagne.

## LUTON SCHOOLS

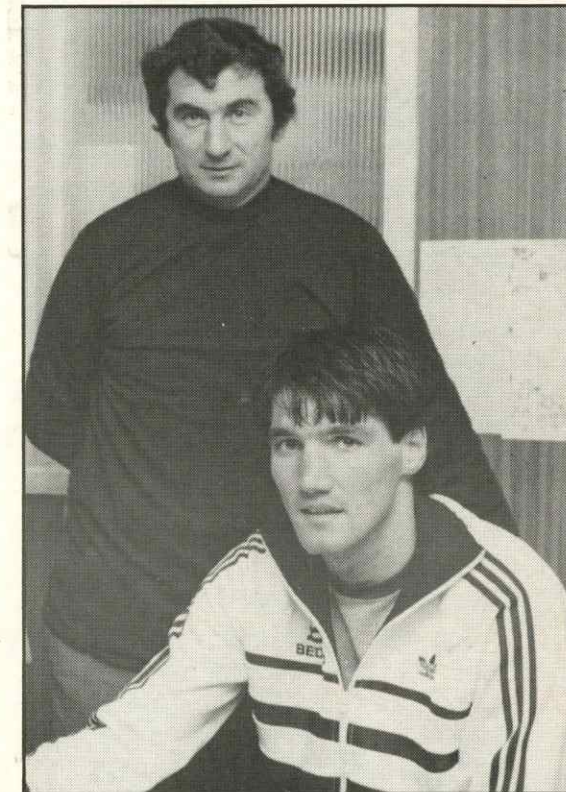
Luton Schools played their fifth round tie against Liverpool



schools on Tuesday evening at Kenilworth Road, in the English schools FA Gillette Trophy. Three hundred supporters saw Luton schools loose 1-0 from a simple tap in the first-half against a fine Liverpool schools side. Luton came very strong in the second-half but were unable to get that elusive goal. Luton schools must be congratulated for getting so far in this prestigious national competition beating Mid-Herts schools 3-1 second round Bedford schools in the third round and Worksop/Retford in the fourth round. Well done lads — entertaining football at grass root level.

## STRIKING PURCHASE

On 12th December we agreed a figure with Birmingham City for the transfer of their player Mick Harford. The deal was completed after competition from several First Division clubs and Harford's ambition to return to the top flight has been satisfied. In the summer a £300,000 deal which would have taken the player to QPR fell through.



25-year-old Mick is a strong front player who has exceptional aerial ability and controls and passes the ball with accuracy. We wish him every success. If he continues working on his strengths we have no doubts he could become an England contender.

Good luck Mick.

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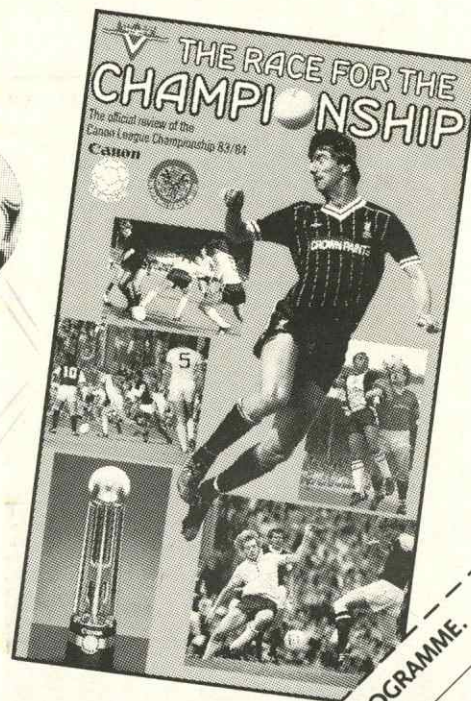
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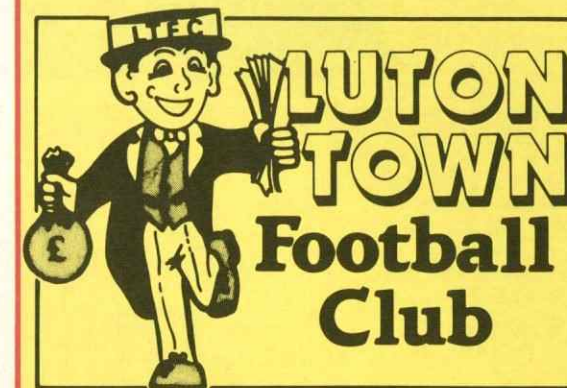
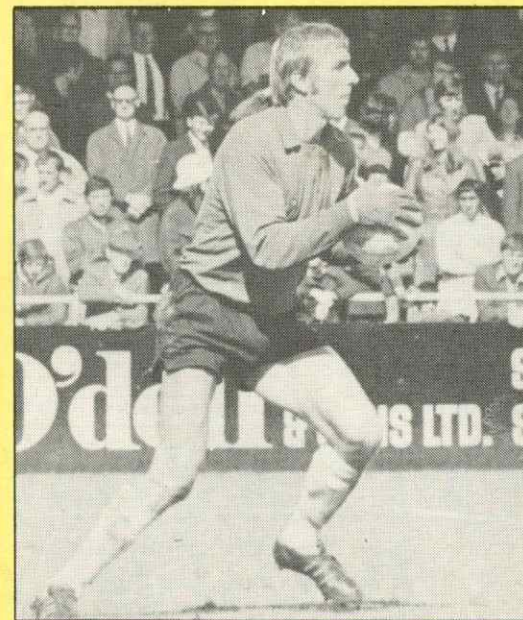


One of the most popular players at Kenilworth Road for many years, Tony first signed amateur forms for Wolverhampton Wanderers but later decided to join Sheffield Wednesday in January 1960.

He didn't make the first team at Hillsborough and when Peterborough United offered him terms in May 1964 he decided that this might be the move that would give him a chance to break into League football but he only made two appearances for them.

In March 1965 Luton signed him and from that date he did not look back. In the eight years at the club he made 195 appearances. Not all these appearances were between the posts because he had a run at centre forward when the Town forwards were becoming goal shy. He scored 12 goals from that position and his bustling style used to unnerve the opposition.

Tony still plays the occasional game turning out for the ex-Luton XI, who have raised hundreds of pounds for charity. He was mine-host of The Bell at Greenfield for many years but now he is working for the Legal & General Insurance. He was also well known in the Town as a motor-trader. Can be seen at Kenilworth Road every week as he is a member of our Century Club and also a member of the Hospital Broadcasting Scheme doing commentaries on the game to local hospitals.



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# RECORD

## FIRST TEAM RESULTS

Date	V	Opposition	F A	Att	Pos
Aug 25	H	Stoke City	2-0	8,626	—
Aug 28	A	Ipswich Town	1-1	15,331	—
Sept 1	A	West Bromwich Albion	0-4	11,720	10
Sept 4	H	Liverpool	1-2	14,127	13
Sept 8	H	Southampton	1-1	8,657	17
Sept 16	A	Nottingham Forest	1-3	18,605	19
Sept 22	H	Chelsea	0-0	16,066	19
Sept 25	A	Orient (MC2 1L)	4-1	4,500	—
Sept 29	A	Tottenham Hotspur	2-4	30,204	—
Oct 6	A	Queens Park Rangers	3-2	12,051	19
Oct 9	H	Orient (MC2 2L)	3-1	3,374	—
Oct 13	H	Sheffield Wednesday	1-2	10,285	19
Oct 20	H	Watford	3-2	10,192	19
Oct 27	A	Sunderland	0-3	19,280	20
Oct 30	H	Leicester City (MC3)	*3-1	8,015	—
Nov 3	H	Newcastle United	2-2	10,009	20
Nov 10	A	Norwich City	0-3	14,395	20
Nov 17	A	Manchester United	0-2	42,776	21
Nov 20	A	Sheffield Wed. (MC4)	2-4	18,313	—
Nov 24	H	West Ham United	2-2	10,789	21
Dec 1	A	Arsenal	1-3	26,366	21
Dec 8	H	Aston Villa	1-0	7,696	21
Dec 15	A	Leicester City	2-2	10,476	22

Dec 18	H	West Bromwich Albion	—	—	—
Dec 26	H	Coventry City	—	—	—
Dec 29	A	Liverpool	—	—	—
Jan 1	A	Everton	—	—	—
Jan 5	H	Stoke City (FAC 3)	—	—	—
Jan 12	H	Nottingham Forest	—	—	—
Jan 19	A	Stoke City	—	—	—
Jan 26	(FAC 4)	—	—	—	—
Feb 2	H	Tottenham Hotspur	—	—	—
Feb 9	A	Southampton	—	—	—
Feb 16	H	Norwich City (FAC 5)	—	—	—
Feb 23	A	Newcastle United	—	—	—
Mar 2	H	Sunderland	—	—	—
Mar 9	A	Watford (FAC 6)	—	—	—
Mar 16	A	Sheffield Wednesday	—	—	—
Mar 23	H	Queens Park Rangers	—	—	—
Mar 30	H	Ipswich Town	—	—	—
April 6	A	Coventry City	—	—	—
April 9	H	Everton	—	—	—
April 13	A	Chelsea (FAC SF)	—	—	—
April 20	H	Manchester United	—	—	—
April 27	A	West Ham United	—	—	—
May 4	H	Arsenal	—	—	—
May 6	A	Aston Villa	—	—	—
May 11	H	Leicester City	—	—	—

## 1984-85 RESULTS · ATTENDANCES · APPEARANCES · GOALSCORERS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Dibble	Thomas	Grimes	Breacker	North S	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B	Elliott S <sup>1</sup>	Bunn <sup>1</sup>	Moss	Turner	
Dibble	Thomas	Grimes	Breacker	North S	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B	Elliott S	Bunn +	Moss <sup>1</sup>	Nwajobi	
Dibble	Thomas	Grimes	Breacker +	North S	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B	Elliott S	Bunn	Moss	Nwajobi	
Dibble	Thomas	Grimes	Breacker	Elliott P	Donaghy <sup>1</sup>	Hill	Stein B	Elliott S +	Turner	Moss	Nwajobi	
Dibble	Thomas	Grimes	Parker	Elliott P	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B	Nwajobi	Turner +	Moss <sup>1</sup>	Bunn	
Dibble	Thomas	Grimes	Turner +	Elliott P	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B	Nwajobi	Bunn	Moss <sup>1</sup>	Parker	
Dibble	Thomas	Grimes	Turner	Elliott P	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B	Nwajobi	Bunn	Moss	Parker	
Dibble	Thomas	Grimes	Turner	Elliott P	Donaghy <sup>1</sup>	Hill	Stein <sup>2</sup>	Bunn	Hilaire	Nwajobi +	Parker <sup>1</sup>	
Dibble	Thomas	Grimes	Turner	Elliott P	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Bunn <sup>1</sup> +	Hilaire	Moss <sup>1</sup>	Parker	
Dibble	Thomas	Grimes	Turner	Elliott P <sup>1</sup>	Donaghy	Hill	Stein <sup>1</sup>	Elliott S <sup>1</sup>	Parker	Moss	Hilaire	
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Dibble	Thomas	Turner	Bunn <sup>1</sup>	Elliott P	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Elliott S	Hilaire	Moss +	Parker	
Findlay	Thomas	Turner	Parker	Elliott P	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Elliott S <sup>1</sup>	Bunn <sup>2</sup>	Hilaire	Breacker	
Findlay	Thomas	Turner	Parker +	Elliott P	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Elliott S	Bunn	Hilaire	Breacker	
Dibble	Breacker	Turner	Todd	Elliott P +	Donaghy <sup>1</sup>	Hill	Stein	Elliott S	Bunn	Moss <sup>1</sup>	Parker	
Dibble	Breacker	Turner	Todd	North S	Donaghy	Hill	Stein <sup>1</sup>	Elliott S	Parker <sup>1</sup>	Daniel +	Hilaire	
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Dibble +	Breacker	Turner	North S	Droy	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Elliott S	Bunn	Hilaire	Parker	
Findlay	Breacker	Turner +	North S	Droy	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Elliott S <sup>2</sup>	Bunn	Hilaire	Parker	
Findlay	Breacker	Donaghy	Turner	Droy +	North S	Hill	Stein <sup>1</sup>	Elliott S	Bunn	Nwajobi <sup>1</sup>	Parker	
Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Turner	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein <sup>1</sup>	Elliott S	Bunn +	Parker	Nwajobi	
Sealey	Breacker	Turner	Parker	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein	Bunn	Preece <sup>1</sup>	Moss	Nwajobi	
Sealey	Breacker	Turner	Parker +	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein <sup>1</sup>	Harford <sup>1</sup>	Preece	Moss	Thomas	

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION FIXTURES 1984-85

Date	Opposition	F A
Aug 25	Swansea	7-2
Sept 1	Tottenham	0-3
Sept 5	Birmingham	4-1
Sept 11	Brighton	0-4
Sept 15	Southampton	5-1
Sept 22	Oxford	2-0
Sept 29	Charlton	9-1
Oct 2	Chelsea	1-2
Oct 6	Norwich	4-4
Oct 9	QPR	4-2
Oct 17	Reading	2-3
Oct 27	Fulham	3-1
Nov 10	Bristol Rovers	1-1
Nov 17	Ipswich	1-0
Nov 24	Watford	1-4
Nov 27	Portsmouth	4-2
Dec 8	West Ham	2-1
Dec 15	Arsenal	3-0
Dec 19	Millwall	—
Dec 28	Crystal Palace	—
Jan 12	Tottenham	—
Jan 15	Swansea	—
Jan 19	Birmingham	—
Jan 22	Brighton	—
Feb 2	Southampton	—
Feb 9	Oxford	—
Feb 12	Charlton	—
Feb 19	Chelsea	—
Feb 23	Crystal Palace	—
Feb 27	Bristol Rovers	—
Mar 5	Fulham	—
Mar 9	Reading	—
Mar 16	QPR	—
Mar 20	Norwich	—
Mar 26	West Ham	—
Mar 30	Portsmouth	—
April 13	Watford	—
April 16	Swindon	—
April 23	Ipswich	—
April 27	Millwall	—
May 11	Arsenal	—
T B A	Swindon	—

## CANON LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 84-85

	Home						Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Everton	19	6	3	1	26	10	5	1	3	14	13	37
Tottenham	19	6	2	1	25	10	5	1	4	14	9	36
Manchester United	19	7	3	0	25	6	3	2	4	13	18	35
Arsenal	19	8	2	0	23	6	3	0	6	15	19	35
Southampton	19	6	2	1	10	5	2	5	3	13	14	31
Chelsea	19	7	1	2	24	9	0	6	3	7	11	28
Sheffield Wednesday	19	5	3	1	20	11	2	4	4	9	10	28
Liverpool	19	3	4	2	11	7	4	3	3	13	12	28
WBA	19	6	2	1	22	9	2	6	10	19	28	
Norwich City	19	6	3	0	18	8	1	3	6	9	18	27
Nottingham Forest	19	6	1	2	18	11	2	6	11	20	27	
West Ham United	19	5	3	2	12	6	2	3	4	11	19	27
Sunderland	19	6	2	1	16	9	1	3	6	11	17	26
Newcastle United	19	5	3	2	17	11	1	4	4	15	24	25
Leicester City	19	5	2	3	23	15	1	2	6	10	22	22
QPR	19	5	3	1	19	10	0	4	6	4	22	22
Watford	19	3	3	4	21	20	2	3	4	16	18	21
Aston Villa	19	4	4	2	13	12	1	2	6	8	21	21
Ipswich Town	19	3	4	3	13	13	1	3	5	6	13	19
Coventry City	19	4	3	3	10	11	1	1	7	9	22	19
Luton Town	19	3	4	2	13	11	1	2	7	10	27	18
Stoke City	19	1	2	6	11	21	0	3	7	3	22	8

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1984-85

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford	19	13	3	3	49	27	29
Queens Park Rangers	18	11	4	3	51	24	26
Tottenham Hotspur	18	12	2	4	64	38	26
Luton Town	17	10	2	5	50	32	22
Arsenal	17	9	4	4	43	26	22
Southampton	17	9	4	4	40	33	22
Chelsea	14	9	3	2	27	15	21
Brighton	15	8	4	3	30	18	20
Ipswich Town	17	9	2	6	25	13	20
West Ham United	19	6	5	8	30	21	17
Oxford United	19	6	5	8	29	38	17
Millwall	16	6	4	6	22	26	16
Norwich City	19	4	8	7	36	41	16
Reading	16	6	0	10	25	40	12
Charlton Athletic	15	5	2	8	20	41	12
Swansea City	14	3	5	6	19	30	11
Crystal Palace	17	4	3	10	20	38	11
Swindon Town	15	4	2	9	15	34	10
Portsmouth	15	2	5	8	15	24	9
Fulham	13	3	2	8	14	19	8
Birmingham City	12	2	3	7	13	23	7
Bristol Rovers	18	2	2	14	24	59	6

Up to and including Saturday 8th December 1984

## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE FIXTURES 1984-85

Date	Opposition	F A	Date	Opposition	F A	Date	Opposition	F A
Aug 25	Swindon	0-0	Oct 20	Wimbledon	4-2	Jan 5	Brighton	—
Sept 8	West Ham	3-1	Nov 3	Tottenham	7-1	Jan 12	Bristol Rovers	—
Sept 15	Brentford	3-2	Nov 10	Brighton (LCR2)	3-5	Jan 19	Crystal Palace	—
Sept 22	Brighton	0-0	Nov 17	Reading	P	Jan 26	Wimbledon	—
Sept 29	Reading (LC1)	4-1	Nov 24	Southend	P	Feb 19	Tottenham	—
Oct 6	Bristol Rovers	2-0	Dec 1	Oxford	7-1	Feb 16	Reading	—
Oct 13	Crystal Palace	2-2	Dec 8	Swindon	2-0	Feb 23	Southend	—
Oct 19	Tottenham	3-6	Dec 22	West Ham	—	Mar 2	Oxford	—
(SJFC)			Dec 29	Brentford	—			

All statistics up to and including Saturday 15th December 1984

## FIRST TEAM APPS 1984-85

	League		Cups	
	App	Gls	App	Gls
Breacker	11(1)	—	2	—
Bunn	14(1)	5	4	1
Daniel	1	—	—	—
Dibble	13	—	3	—
Donaghy	19	1	4	2
Droy	2	—	1	—
Elliott P	9	1	3	—
Elliott S	12	3	3	3
Findlay	3	—	1	—
Foster	3	—	—	—
Grimes	9	—	2	—
Harford	1	1	—	—
Hilaire	5(1)	—	1(1)	—
Hill	19	—	4	—
Moss	13	4	2	1
North S	7	—	1	—
Nwajobi	4(5)	1	1	—
Parker	9(5)	1	(3)	1
Preece	2	1	—	—
Sealey	3	—	—	—
Stein B.	19	5	4	3
Thomas	13(1)	—	2	—
Todd	2	—	1	—
Turner	16	—	4	—
Own goal	—	—	—	1

Figures in brackets denotes substitute

## RES TEAM APPS 84-85

	App	Gls
Berry	1	—
Bunn	3	—
Breacker	8	—
Cobb	11(2)	3
Daniel	14	5
Doughty	3	—
Elliott P.	1	—
Elliott S.	4	2

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